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MISD to file fewer class-size waivers

Planning helps the district cut waivers from 109 two years ago to less than 5

By Tessa Duvall
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Midland ISD is expected to ask the Texas Education Agency for fewer than five class-size waivers for the 2014-15 school year, a dramatic change from two years ago when the district requested 109.

The reduction in class-size waivers is an example of how better predicting and planning for growth has the district starting the year off on a stronger note.

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MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren also told the Reporter-Telegram the district expects it will be necessary to reassign fewer than five teachers to another campus and fewer than five teachers within the same campus. The district also has plans to hire five or six additional elementary school teams and seven to 10 secondary teachers, Warren said.

MISD's total enrollment was 24,156 students as of Friday, which is an increase of around 600 from the start of school last year and a 1,200-student increase since May.

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Vehicles splash through standing water on "A" Street after a shower on Friday.

Painter tells CNN: 'We'll send (Islamic State) to hell'

By Tyler White
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Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter offered candid remarks to CNN on Friday regarding the militant group Islamic State, stating his office is prepared for terrorist cells attempting to cross the border into Texas.

When CNN anchor Don Lemon asked what message Painter wants conveyed to the terrorist group, he firmly stated, "If they rear their ugly head, we'll send them to hell."

"What needs to happen is that there needs to be enough bombs dropped on (ISIS leaders), that every time they hear a jet propeller they urinate themselves down both legs."
Sheriff Gary Painter

Painter previously spoke with a Midland TV station regarding Islamic State, and he said CNN likely contacted him in response to that story.

The sheriff said he received an alert bulletin that the Islamic State may have

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Hearing set for judgment in train wreck

■ Union Pacific calls for judgment based on train speed and warning signal time claims

By Joseph Basco
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Union Pacific is looking to bring some closure to the Nov. 15, 2012, fatal train wreck lawsuit by seeking judgment for two claims against the company. If granted, this will narrow the scope of the Jan. 26 jury trial.

Motions for judgment on the two claims will be heard at a pre-trial hearing Friday morning at the Midland County Courthouse. Judge James Rush from Ector County has been appointed to the case.

UP filed two separate motions for a partial summary judgment on Aug. 14 — one for the claim that the UP train involved in the train wreck was speeding, and another for the claim that the warning signal times at the South Garfield Street railroad crossing were not adequate.

UP is attempting to get partial judgment to end evidence gathering, or discovery, related to the two claims.

"This case is well past the point of initial discovery," UP states in a court document. "There have already been over 60 depositions, over 200 multiple part discovery instruments served, and Union Pacific has produced over 22,000 pages of documents."

Though the lawsuit branched off into Dallas County and was refiled in Midland County earlier this year, the original form of the suit began almost two weeks after the train wreck.

Other than judgment, UP is also requesting additional relief that it believes it is entitled to.

If Rush judges in favor of UP on Friday, then the train speed and inadequate warning signal time claims will be removed from the jury trial.

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Housing bias dispute could return to Supreme Court

By Sam Hananel
Associated Press

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This photo taken Aug. 30 shows the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in Austin. Over the past two years, civil rights advocates have managed to prevent the Supreme Court from deciding an issue after the justices agreed to hear a case by coaxing settlements in a pair of high-profile housing discrimination cases weeks before the court was set to hear oral arguments. Those last-minute settlements may have pushed the issue down the road but the court could decide as early as this month whether to take up another disparate impact case, in which Texas officials are accused of racial bias for steering low-income housing into mostly black neighborhoods.

WASHINGTON — It's not easy to prevent the Supreme Court from deciding an issue once the justices have agreed to hear a case.

But over the past two years, civil rights advocates have managed to do just that by coaxing settlements in a pair of high-profile housing discrimination cases weeks before the court was set to hear oral arguments.

The advocates' goal was to remove any chance that court conservatives might undermine a powerful legal doctrine the Obama administration and others have used increasingly to enforce the Fair Housing Act.

While those last-minute settlements pushed the issue down the road, the Supreme Court could decide as early as this month whether to take up yet another case challenging so-called "disparate impact" lawsuits.

In disparate impact cases, plaintiffs rely on statistics to show that seemingly neutral housing or lending practices can disproportionately harm racial minorities, even if there is no proof of intent to discriminate. The theory has been used for years to show bias in employment cases, but Texas officials are urging the justices to find that it doesn't apply in housing discrimination cases.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is seeking to overturn a lower court ruling that found disparate impact could be used to show the agency illegally steered low-income housing into mostly black neighborhoods.

If the high court doesn't take up the Texas case, at least two other cases are also moving through federal courts challenging the Department of Housing and Urban Development's adoption last year of regulations that specifically recognize disparate impact claims in housing cases.

"It became clear early on in the (Chief Justice John) Roberts court era that the best way for liberal groups to win before the Supreme Court on issues aside from gay rights is not to play," said Rick Hasen, a professor at the University of California-Irvine School of Law.

But Hasen said he doesn't expect the game of keep away to last on the housing issue because opponents keep bringing legal challenges and the justices clearly are interested.

Disparate impact has been used for more than four decades since the Supreme Court embraced it in a landmark employment discrimination case in 1971. But the theory has emerged in recent years as a centerpiece of the Justice Department's effort to crack down on illegal housing practices.

In 2011, the government won a record $335 million settlement from Bank of America to resolve allegations that its Countrywide unit discriminated against black and Hispanic customers by charging them higher fees and steering them into higher-risk subprime loans.

The lawsuits have drawn the ire of banks and mortgage companies, which contend that federal housing laws should punish only intentional acts of discrimination. Civil rights groups say the disparate impact argument is needed to counter forms of discrimination that are less overt but still have the effect of hurting racial minorities.

In the Texas case, a fair housing group alleged that the state's system for handing out low-income housing tax credits had a disparate impact on racial minorities. A federal appeals court agreed that the group could use statistics to show the state was approving more low-income housing in black neighborhoods than in white areas. Such policies perpetuate segregated neighborhoods, fair housing advocates say.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs says allowing disparate impact claims would open nearly every housing decision, from zoning rules to use of credit scores, to potential litigation. The agency also says it puts housing officials in the awkward position of seeking out race-neutral results without actually taking race into account.

In 2012 the justices were poised to take on the housing issue in a Minnesota case questioning whether the city of St. Paul's aggressive enforcement of housing code violations in low-income properties disproportionately affected black residents. But Justice Department lawyer Thomas Perez, now labor secretary, persuaded the city to drop its appeal.

Perez has said the case, Magner v. Gallagher, contained "bad facts" because landlords of run-down apartments were trying to use the law to keep their tenants in squalor. Critics suggested the case revealed the flaws of disparate impact, making it a perfect vehicle to overturn use of the theory in housing cases.

Last year, the court was set to hear another disparate impact case from New Jersey in which residents of a mostly black and Hispanic neighborhood sued the township of Mount Holly over a redevelopment plan that would have forced them to move. A last-minute settlement resulted in the case being dismissed.

There is no indication so far of any settlement talks in the Texas dispute, though that could change if the Supreme Court decides at its Sept. 29 conference to hear the case. The Obama administration has not weighed in on the case. Gordon Anderson, spokesman for the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, referred questions to the state attorney general's office, which declined comment.

Betsy Julian, president of the Texas-based Inclusive Communities Project Inc., which brought the case, also declined comment. In court filings, the group says the court should wait for one of the other cases challenging the new HUD regulations.

While the court often takes up cases where there is a split among appeals courts, every appeals court to address the issue has held that the housing law does allow disparate impact claims.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Mortgage Bankers Association and other groups representing the finance and lending industry have urged the justices to take up the Texas case.

"Lenders don't want to face the risk of being sued," said Paul Hancock, an attorney who filed a friend of the court brief on behalf of the business groups. "This standard makes them have to justify normal business practices that don't facially discriminate."

But John Henneberger, co-director of the Texas Low Income Housing Information Service, said disparate impact is essential to address problems of systemic discrimination that have existed for decades in Texas and elsewhere.

"When you look at a map and you look at where the state made apartments available, the pattern is crystal clear," he said. "Whether the state wants to say they did it deliberately or not, the effect is the same."

At a glance

The Supreme Court could decide this month to take up another housing discrimination case that challenges a legal doctrine known as disparate impact.

Two previous housing bias cases were settled out of court in 2012 and 2013, just before the justices were set to hear oral arguments.

A look at how disparate impact works.

■ Disparate impact cases often use statistics to show that certain policies can harm racial minorities even when there is no intent to discriminate. Under the theory, even a policy that appears neutral on its face can have a disproportionate impact on minority groups. For example, a mortgage lender's use of credit scores to determine interest rates might seem neutral. But in practice, that policy could mean higher interest rates for black and Hispanic borrowers who tend to have lower credit scores than whites.

■ Disparate impact has been around for more than 40 years, since the Supreme Court first upheld the doctrine in 1971. It formally was enacted as part of employment discrimination laws in 1991, but opponents say it's not specifically allowed in housing policy under the language of the Fair Housing Act.

■ Banks, mortgage lenders and other opponents say it's not fair to prosecute them for housing bias if there is no motive to discriminate. They say nearly every business decision could be subject to a disparate impact lawsuit. That includes down payment requirements, debt-to-income ratio rules and other risk-based rules for buying a home.

■ Civil rights advocates argue that banks and landlords may not intend to discriminate, but it is crucial to look at the impact of their policies. They say courts must look at the actual effect, and not the intent, of the policies to determine whether they discriminate. Without disparate impact, civil rights groups say it would be much harder to combat discrimination that is not overt but still has the effect of hurting racial minorities.

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For Joan Rivers, victory comes from loss in late night

By Frazier Moore
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joan Rivers bombed in late night for the world to see, on an upstart network no one thought would last. In the process, she infuriated Johnny Carson, the titanic TV star who had long supported her and, 20 years before, made her an overnight star.

Or, put another way: In October 1986, Rivers made TV history as the first woman to host a late-night broadcast talk show. She was the first face of the Fox network, headlining its first program, "The Late Show Starring Joan Rivers." She was a winner.

And through getting fired after eight months on the air, then losing her husband to suicide three months after that, Rivers displayed epic fortitude. She picked herself up, recreated herself and renewed her career.

"The beauty of Joan is that, despite the tragic loss of a friendship, of a show and of a husband, she was resilient. And after all that, she became part of pop culture once again — or more so than ever before," said Henry Bushkin, Carson's one-time legal adviser.

In retrospect, her flier in late-night TV should occupy only one, brief chapter in a long, storied career — a trailblazing run that ended Thursday, all too soon, days after Rivers, a dynamic 81, went into cardiac arrest at a doctor's office during a routine procedure. A private funeral is set for Sunday.

With "The Late Show," she took her place as one in a string of Carson's fallen challengers, who also included Joey Bishop, Merv Griffin, Dick Cavett and Alan Thicke.

AP file photo

In this Oct. 30, 1986, photo, talk show host Joan Rivers, right, talks with guest, first lady Nancy Reagan, during her appearance on "The Late Show Starring Joan Rivers," in Los Angeles. In October 1986, Rivers made TV history as the first woman hosting a late-night broadcast talk show. She was the first face of the Fox network, headlining its first program, "The Late Show Starring Joan Rivers."

"It's nobody's fault," Rivers told the audience on her last "Late Show," adding, "I've been in this business for 23 years. I'm going to be in it another 23 years."

She did that and then some. But never again on "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson." Rivers' debut appearance with Carson in 1965 propelled her into the national spotlight. And after dozens more appearances through the years, both as a guest and subbing for Johnny at his desk, she was named the show's first "permanent guest host" in 1983.

Then, unbeknownst to Carson, Rivers signed with Fox for a show to compete against him.

Bushkin, who then was among Carson's inner circle, recalled the day he learned about her deal.

"I got a call from a reporter — 'Did you know ...?'" said Bushkin, who recently published "Johnny Carson," a book about working with the legendary host. "I didn't know, and I immediately called Johnny to let HIM know before he found out somewhere else."

What was Carson's response to the news?

"I'll edit it," said Bushkin. "He was very upset."

Despite Rivers' attempts to smooth things over with her friend and mentor, Carson, who died in 2005, never spoke to her again. And his de facto blacklist seemed to last long after his retirement. Rivers returned to "The Tonight Show" only this year, when incoming host Jimmy Fallon welcomed her back to the same NBC studio where she had made her first appearance 49 years earlier.

"I didn't think it was necessary for Johnny to get so upset or for Joan's side to handle things so badly," said Dick Cavett, a late-night veteran who said he was friends with both Rivers and Carson. Of her show, he said, "I didn't want to see her every night. But whenever I tuned in, I found her hilarious."

But in 1986, Carson commanded a vast viewership and ruled the land of late night with an iron fist. Rivers thought there was room for a new player. So did Fox.

The brash new network and its first offering, a raucous new talk show, were announced that May. Fox President Jamie Kellner declared Rivers' show would be "the cornerstone" of the network.

Today, Kellner still sees "The Late Show" as having scored its own brand of success.

"It got us moving forward with the network," he said from Santa Barbara, California, where he produces not TV but wines under the Cent'Anni label. "It was a good show to cut our teeth on, and we had potential there."

He recalled the premiere. David Lee Roth and Pee Wee Herman were guests. Rivers joined Elton John at the piano to sing "The Bitch Is Back."

"There was a lot of energy and a lot of excitement that night," Kellner said. "Who knows why it didn't work? But Joan did a great job."

Nonetheless, on a Friday in May 1987, Rivers hosted her last show, which in its brief life had failed to grab an adequate audience while behind-the-scenes conflicts raged. Two months earlier, Edgar Rosenberg, Rivers' husband and the show's executive producer, had been barred from daily duties by the network. Now Rivers was off the air.

"They raped me," Rivers told a reporter several days later.

Then, in August, Rosenberg, battling health problems and despondent over the failure of their show, committed suicide.

It would be another two years before Rivers found steady work — and when she did, she came back fabulously, with a new weekday syndicated talk show. In 1990, the show garnered her a daytime Emmy Award — and she bested powerhouses that included Phil Donahue and Oprah Winfrey.

"Everything is cyclical," Rivers told The Associated Press during a chat last year. "So I just enjoy the good times. And when the bad times come, I know it isn't forever. It's happened to me three or four times in my life. But I moved forward."

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formed a terrorist cell in or near Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, a Mexican border city across from El Paso. He said the alert warned law enforcement agencies to be on the lookout for such activity.

The Reporter-Telegram contacted the FBI for a statement on the reports, but the organization is currently not commenting on the subject.

This is a serious issue for Painter, the former president of the Sheriff's Association of Texas. He said the situation is made worse by Texas' open border.

Painter said a reported 10 million to 15 million "undocumented aliens" have crossed the border. However, like the Islamic State report, there is scarce evidence to support both claims, he said.

But Painter said the reports should be treated as a real threat. Islamic State fighters, he said, might already be inside U.S. borders and planning a potential attack on American soil.

"I think it'd be naive to say that (Islamic State is) not here," he told CNN.

Painter said he worked near the border at Presidio for eight years, and during that time, he noticed areas where people could easily slip into the U.S. He said many immigrants in the U.S. with visas might go unchecked when renewal time comes around and there are lax efforts for keeping tabs on people entering the country.

"Where is the safety and where is the security for this nation if that's not taking place?" he asked.

Midland County deputies go through emergency management training twice a year in coordination with other local and federal law enforcement agencies. He said the multi-agency partnership is beneficial in creating a prepared response.

"You have to work with each other," he said to CNN. "There's no way you can do your job without depending on the public and without depending on each other."

Gov. Rick Perry previously warned that terrorist forces from Iraq might already have crossed into the United States through an unsecured border with Mexico. He said this is an important issue that needs to be resolved, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

Painter said that President Barack Obama and the federal government need to take quick and appropriate action to weaken Islamic State leadership. For Painter, that means striking Islamic State hard at the source: Iraq and Syria.

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City Council
10 a.m. Tuesday
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Midland College
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■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

Community calendar

■ The Midland County Republican Women will host a luncheon at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday at the Midland Country Club.
Guest speakers will be Sheriff Gary Painter, District 4 City Councilman J. Ross Lacy, At-large City Councilman Spencer Robnett, Justice Jeffrey S. Boyd, Republican candidate for Texas Supreme Court Place 7, and Karen Watson, author of "Being Black and Republican in the Age of Obama."
The meeting is open to the public. The cost is $20 with a reservation and $25 at the door. To RSVP, call 520-3500 or email: mcrwomen@aol.com. Go to www.mcrw.us for more information.
■ Vicente Fox, the former president of Mexico, and his wife, Marta, will be the guests for Midland College's Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series. The lecture will be moderated by Ruben Navarrette Jr., whose nationally syndicated column is published in the Reporter-Telegram.
The event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Sept. 16 at Chaparral Center. For more information, call 685-4526.
■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Sept. 18. This month's featured book is "Finding the Golden Ruler."
Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served. To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

City auctions

■ Chairs, desks, cabinets and other office furniture are currently for sale in an online auction featuring items currently housed in the previous Midland County Courthouse.
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■ Vehicles, heavy equipment and furniture is currently on display in a city of Midland online auction that will last through Wednesday.
The items include military dump truck, pickups, a van, SUVs, cars, motorcycle, air conditioning system for ambulance, air hockey table, emergency vehicle accessories and office furniture.
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Pick 3 day: 5-7-6
Pick 3 evening: 3-4-0
Pick 3 night: 6-3-6
Daily 4 morning: 0-2-9-8
Daily 4 day: 6-8-7-6
Daily 4 evening: 4-0-0-1
Daily 4 night: 5-4-5-5
Cash Five: 6-7-11-14-36
Lotto Texas: 17-18-28-32-38-52
Powerball: 9-29-31-43-50
PB: 18 Power Play: 2
All or Nothing morning: 2-3-4-5-7-8-12-15-19-22-23-24
All or Nothing day: 3-5-6-7-8-9-10-12-14-16-17-23
All or Nothing evening: 2-3-5-7-8-12-14-15-17-20-22-23
All or Nothing night: 1-2-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-20-22

Today in history

On Sept. 7, 1964, the controversial "Daisy" commercial for President Lyndon Johnson's election campaign aired on NBC-TV. (The ad, featuring a little girl plucking flower petals followed by footage of a nuclear explosion, was perceived as an attack on Republican nominee Barry Goldwater, who is never shown or mentioned.)

MISD enrollment

Midland ISD Enrollment 2014-15 Info
2013-14 Fall PEIMS (Public Education Information Management System) Snapshot enrollment as of the last Friday in October: 23,560
MISD enrollment in May 2014: About 23,000
Aug. 27: 24,224 students*
Aug. 28: 23,523 students
Aug. 29: 23,808 students
Tuesday: 24,072 students
Wednesday: 24,090 students
Thursday: 24,140 students
Friday: 24,156 students
*includes "no-show" students who were automatically re-enrolled in MISD following 2013-14 but did not return for 2014-15

Campus by Campus enrollment figures as of Friday:

Secondary schools
Lee Senior High: 2,173
Midland Senior High: 2,181
Lee Freshman High: 798
Midland Freshman High: 797
Early College High School: 286
Coleman High: 145
Midland Alternative Program: 29
Alamo Junior High: 798
Abell Junior High: 1,017
Goddard Junior High: 1,053
San Jacinto Junior High: 707

Elementary schools
Bonham: 849
Burnet: 652
Crockett: 390
DeZavala: 525
Fannin: 674
Henderson: 505
Houston: 576
Jones: 497
Lamar: 603
Long: 608
Milam: 502
Emerson: 618
Rusk: 576
South: 453
Travis: 806
Parker: 544
Santa Rita: 660
Scharbauer: 836
Carver: 429
Bush: 663
Greathouse: 740
Washington: 464
Pease: 532
Bowie: 470

Most densely populated grades as of Friday:
1. First grade: 2,069
2. Second grade: 2,060
3. Kindergarten: 1,996
4. Ninth grade: 1,906
5. Third grade: 1,893

Source: MISD

MISD

From 1A

State law mandates a 22-student-to-1-teacher ratio in kindergarten through fourth grades, and any waivers must be submitted to the board of trustees and then the TEA. Warren said any MISD classes receiving a waiver will be about 23 or 24 to 1.

The news from central office means the number of waivers will drop for the second straight year. MISD requested 19 waivers last school year, and 109 in 2012-13, according to Reporter-Telegram archives. Last year, ECISD asked for 160 class-size waivers.

"The biggest thing for us is protecting those classroom sizes," Warren said, "so we'll get as much coverage as possible with the classroom teachers."

Though the district makes predictions about how many new students will arrive and the number of additional teachers it will need, accommodations still often have to be made after the year starts.

MISD needed to hire about 30 teachers after the 2013-14 school year began, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report. This year, the hires Warren hopes to make will span across grade levels at elementaries and across core subjects at secondary schools.

"The first couple of years I was here, we had to hire way up because we didn't shoot high enough," Warren said. "Of course, we thought we shot higher last year and we still had to hire more. We did both, in our budgetary planning and our personnel planning, which intertwine; we did plan up. We're not seeing as much movement that we have to do."

But hiring qualified teachers after the school year has started will be difficult. Warren still wanted to make the district would not just hire "warm bodies."

"They're going to have to prove that they're the right people for the classrooms if we're going to select them. So that's No. 1," Warren said. "And then No. 2, we've been in school for now seven days and we understand that movement like this can be hard, especially on the elementary kids. They've already started bonding with teachers and vice versa."

Finally, MISD expects to add no more than three new two-classroom portables, said James Riggen, MISD chief operations officer.

MISD leases the additional portables it needs, and many vendors might not have them in stock this time of year, which means they will have to be constructed then transported to Midland, Riggen said. From the time a portable is ordered, produced, delivered, put in place, inspected by the city, furnished and technology is installed is a minimum of four weeks but could to take up to eight, Riggen said.

Some elementary campuses are running out of the land for portables, especially those already with portable classrooms and construction taking place, he said. MISD added an additional six portable buildings over the summer and will have a total of 173 in use when the new ones are installed.

ON THE STUMP

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Kathie Glass, Libertarian candidate for Texas governor, speaks to the media during a volunteer workshop at Abuelos restaurant in Midland. "As Texas governor, I can secure the border, enforce the Constitution, and resist cronyism" Glass said. Glass came through Midland on a two-day bus tour starting in Abilene and finishing in San Angelo.

HEARING

From 1A

In both partial summary judgment motions, UP is stating the two claims are pre-empted by federal regulations. For the train speed, UP is arguing the train was within the federal speed limit. And for the warning signal time, UP is arguing that the time given at the crossing, 20 seconds, was the federally regulated time.

In a court document hundreds of pages long, UP made its case that the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970 pre-empts the claim that UP was negligent by operating the train at a fast speed while the parade was passing through. UP contends the train was traveling 62 mph, under the designated 80 mph speed limit for the crossing.

In previous documents, the plaintiffs argue UP did not slow down in accordance with its internal rules that call for a slower speed depending on adverse conditions.

In another document hundreds of pages long, UP once again made the case that federal law preempts the claim that UP was negligent by having a crossing warning signal time of 20.4 seconds. UP stated the federal regulation is that crossings never give less than 20 seconds of warning time, then cited the National Transportation Safety Board's findings that the crossing gave between 20 to 21 seconds of warning time.

In previous documents, the plaintiffs alleged UP failed to properly maintain the system that activates the warning signals. If maintained, the system would have given 30 seconds of warning time.

Military veterans and spouses being honored during nonprofit Show of Support's Hunt for Heroes annual parade on Nov. 15, 2012, were injured in a collision that occurred at the South Garfield Street railroad crossing. One of two parade floats carrying veterans and spouses was navigating through the crossing as a Union Pacific train approached.

Four veterans died as a result of the collision.

Most of the veterans, spouses and family members affected by the wreck sued Union Pacific and Smith Industries — owners of the tractor-trailers that doubled as parade floats — shortly afterward. The city of Midland, Midland County and Show of Support have not been sued but have been named responsible third parties by UP.

Photo credit

Simone Battle of the band G.R.L. is shown July 22 at The Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, Calif. Battle was found dead in her West Hollywood, Calif., home Friday morning. Battle gained notoriety through performances on the television show "X Factor," and her band G.R.L. had been signed by mega-hit maker Dr. Luke. The Los Angeles County Coroner's Department says an autopsy will be performed today.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LOS ANGELES

Singer Simone Battle found dead at West Hollywood home

Girl group singer Simone Battle was found dead in her West Hollywood home, authorities said Saturday.

Battle gained notoriety through performances on the television show "X Factor." Her five-member band — G.R.L., originally a reboot of the Pussycat Dolls — had been signed by mega-hit maker Dr. Luke.

Battle, 25, was found dead at home Friday morning, according to Los Angeles County Coroner's Department Lt. David Smith. An autopsy will be performed today, he said.

The death was first reported by the celebrity website TMZ.

G.R.L. was originally the new lineup of the Pussycat Dolls, but the group established its own identity after signing with Grammy-nominated producer Dr. Luke.

In a written statement, G.R.L.'s record companies RCA and Kemosabe called Battle "an exceptional young talent and human being."

OHIO

Comedian Drew Carey offers reward in bucket prank

BAY VILLAGE — Comedian Drew Carey is offering to help police find those involved in dumping a bucket of urine and feces on a special-needs teen in Ohio who was reportedly told the prank was part of the "Ice Bucket Challenge."

The Cleveland native posted on his Twitter account Saturday that he's willing to donate $10,000 if police in suburban Bay Village want to start a reward fund.

The 14-year-old boy's mother found a cellphone video of teenagers dumping the bucket on her autistic son.

Bay Village High School organized a vigil for the teen before a football game on Friday and school officials have condemned the prank.

Carey is the host of the popular game show "The Price is Right" and starred in the comedy "The Drew Carey Show."

MAINE

Lobstermen catch 2 albino lobsters in week

OWLS HEAD — It's no white lie: Two lobstermen in Maine caught a pair of rare albino lobsters within a week.

The Portland Press Herald reported Bret Philbrick caught the curious crustacean off of Owls Head on Thursday and Joe Bates caught one off the Rockland breakwater days earlier. Albino lobsters are believed to be about one in 100 million.

The lobsters are in a crate at Owls Head Lobster Co. One will go to the Maine State Aquarium in Boothbay Harbor, and the other to Brooks Trap Mill in Thomaston. The lobsters are under legal size and would normally have to be returned to the ocean but the Marine Patrol made an exception.

Bates also caught a one-in-30 million yellow lobster Monday.

MIAMI

Couple exchanges vows, rappel down Miami hotel

A couple exchanged marriage vows atop a Miami hotel before rappelling down the high-rise building along with hundreds of others for a charity fundraiser.

Melissa Lopez and Chris Cruz won a contest to rappel down the JW Marriott Marquis. Before the couple said "I do" on Friday, dozens of others rappelled down the building, including Emmy Award-winner Joe Morton from the TV show "Scandal."

The event was opened to the general public Saturday for people who raised at least $1,500. It was arranged to benefit Miami Children's Initiative, an organization focused on breaking the cycle of poverty in Miami's impoverished Liberty City neighborhood.

NEVADA

County to send anti-federal message by horseback

ELKO — A rural Nevada county will send a message the old-fashioned way to Washington about what it calls federal overreach on public lands: by horseback.

Elko County Commissioner Grant Gerber said riders will begin the 2,800-mile ride at Point Reyes, California, around Sept. 26 and reach the U.S. Capitol about 20 days later.

Multiple riders covering 5 miles each at a time will carry the commissioners' resolution touching on various issues including livestock grazing, water rights and wild horses.

The theme of the Cowboy Express ride is "regulation without representation is tyranny," he said, and commissioners hope its outcome will be an increase in local voices on public land decisions.

"It's extremely serious, but we're trying to make it fun as we go," Gerber told the Elko Daily Free Press.

He said he organized the ride in response to the federal Bureau of Land Management's decision to temporarily close some areas of the Argenta grazing allotment in Humboldt and Lander counties because of severe drought.

Bureau officials have said federal regulations require them to take such actions if grazing poses likely damage to rangelands during a drought.

Gerber, a lawyer who has represented dozens of plaintiffs in lawsuits against the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, said riders will follow along freeways and on frontage roads as they cross the country. Supporters in a few vehicles will assist them.

"We'll be riding from 13 to 24 hours (a day) depending on the moon and such," he said. "I expect most of the time we'll be looking at riding 15, 16, 17 hours."

This past spring, Gerber staged a 70-mile horseback trek from Elko to Battle Mountain to protest livestock grazing reductions on U.S. lands.

His protests follow the federal government's run-in with southern Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy earlier this year.

TODAY: Mostly cloudy	MONDAY: Mostly sunny	TUESDAY: Sunny	WEDNESDAY: Sunny	THURSDAY: Partly sunny	FRIDAY: Mostly cloudy
High: 81 Low: 68	High: 91 Low: 71	High: 96 Low: 73	High: 96 Low: 71	High: 90 Low: 64	High: 75 Low: 60

Local forecast

Etpect mostly cloudy skies today with a high around 81 and northeast winds around 5 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 68 and southeast winds around 5 mph.

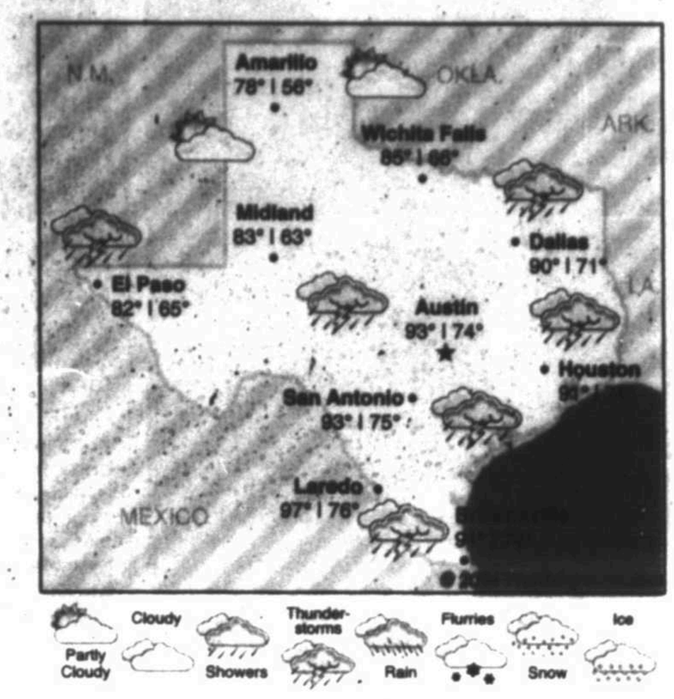
Monday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 91 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 71 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Tuesday, the forecast calls for sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 96 and a low around 73.

The high on Saturday reached 74, while the low dropped to 65. The record high for Sept. 6 is 104 set in 1948 and 2000. The record low is 50 set in 2011.

National forecast

In the wake of the cold front bringing showers and thunderstorms to the Northeast on Saturday, today will be a beautiful way to end the weekend. A more fall-like air mass will move in behind the storms, bringing lower temperatures and sunshine from the Great Lakes through the Mid-Atlantic and New England.



Precipitation

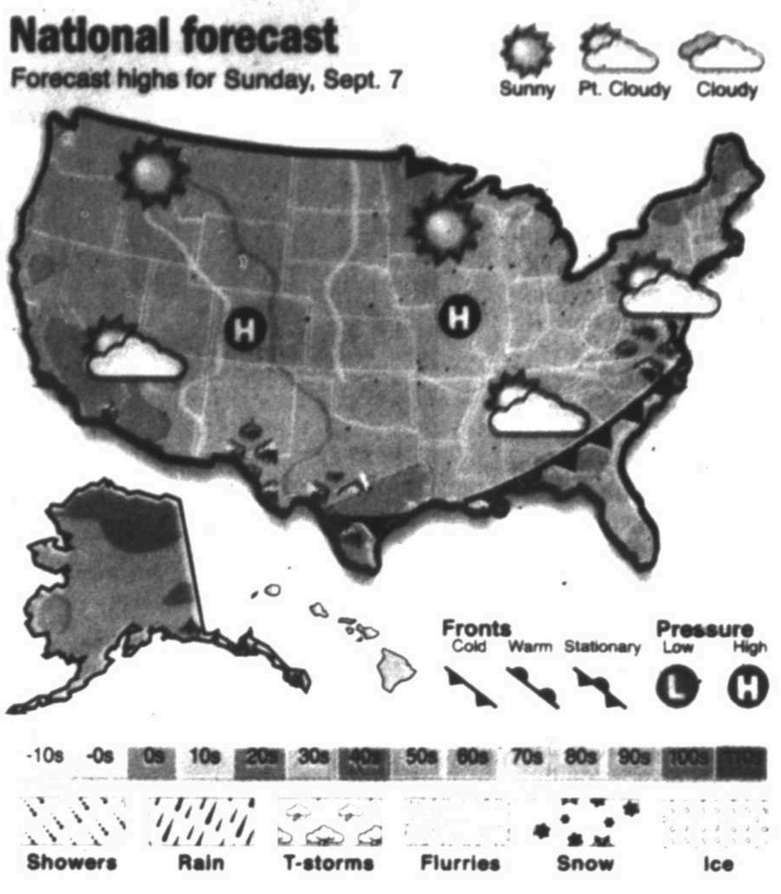
Friday	0.00 in.
Saturday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.06 in.
Year total	4.80 in.
Normal total (year to date)	10.11 in.

Saturday's temperatures

High	74
Low	65
Normal high	90
Normal low	65
Sunrise	7:28 a.m.
Sunset	8:05 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, Sept. 7



California homes lack water meters during drought

Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — Although California is locked in a third year of historic drought, many homeowners and businesses still don't have meters telling them just how much water they are using.

That's changing, but some say it's not fast enough. State law requires water meters by 2025, but the State Water Resources Control Board says dozens of water districts, many in the thirsty Central Valley, aren't totally metered.

More than 235,000 homes and businesses in the state are not equipped with meters, according to the most recent figures for 2013 collected by the State Water Board. An Associated Press analysis found that Californians who live in 10 water districts with the highest number of unmetered home or business all used more water each day than the state average.

The number of unmetered homes and businesses represents a small fraction of water services statewide, but officials say every drop counts. Gov. Jerry Brown in January declared a drought emergency, and state officials in July approved fines up to $500 for residents caught wasting water. Some communities have put water cops on patrol.

The state's unmetered homes and businesses are another example of California's struggle to track water use.

A recent AP story revealed that many state agencies don't know if they are meeting the governor's goal of conserving 20 percent. Another found that state regulators do not know how many trillions of gallons have been used by corporations, agricultural concerns and others with senior water rights. And only now is California moving to regulate groundwater pumping.

Peter Gleick, who studies global water issues as president of the Pacific Institute in Oakland, said he would like every home and business to be fitted with a meter today, rather than waiting more than a decade for the deadline.

"It's inappropriate in the 21st century for us not to be carefully measuring and monitoring our water use," he said.

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Job growth drops to 142K, slowest in 8 months

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A surprising drop in hiring and in the number of people seeking work in August sent a reminder that the U.S. economic recovery is still prone to temporary slowdowns.

Employers added just 142,000 jobs last month, well below the 212,000 average of the previous 12 months. The unemployment rate fell to 6.1 percent from 6.2 percent. But that was because more people without jobs stopped looking for one and were no longer counted as unemployed.

Analysts took Friday's Labor Department report in stride. They noted that other gauges of the economy — from manufacturing and construction to auto sales — remain solid. Layoffs have dwindled, too. Analysts also noted that month-to-month volatility in hiring is common even in a healthy economy.

But the dip in hiring also suggests that, though the Great Recession officially ended more than five years ago, the economy has yet to shed some of its lingering weaknesses. Held back by sluggish pay growth, for example, consumers continue to spend cautiously.

Most economists foresee an economy that's poised to make further strides, punctuated at times by modest setbacks.

The figures "will inevitably spark speculation that the US recovery is somehow coming off the rails again," said Paul Ashworth, an economist at Capital Economics. "However, we're not too concerned by what is probably just an isolated blip."

The report showed the smallest job gains in eight months. The weaker-than-expected numbers make it unlikely that the Federal Reserve will speed up its timetable for raising interest rates. Most analysts expect the first rate hike around mid-2015.

The Dow Jones industrial average initially fell, but stocks returned to positive territory by Friday afternoon. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note dropped to 2.43 percent from 2.45 percent late Thursday. That suggests that some investors sought the safety of bonds and foresee no Fed rate increase anytime soon.

At least two temporary factors weighed on hiring in August, government officials said. A strike at Market Basket, a grocery chain in the Northeast, contributed to an unusually large drop of 17,000 jobs at food and beverage stores. That strike has since been resolved, which could lead to a rebound in hiring this month.

Associated Press

Freddy Jegez, of Hollywood, Fla., fills out a job application during a job fair in Sunrise, Fla. on Aug. 19. The government issued the August jobs report Friday.

Officials also noted that the number of auto-manufacturing jobs fell 4,600 in August after a surge of nearly 13,000 in July. Auto jobs can be volatile during summer because carmakers often temporarily close factories in July to retool them for new models. That didn't happen this year, which boosted July's auto job numbers and held down August's usual rebound.

Yet auto sales were strong in August, and last month's job losses in that sector are unlikely to be repeated, analysts said.

The overall jobs slowdown "certainly hasn't been confirmed by any of the other indicators that we've seen," said Liz Ann Sonders, chief investment strategist at Charles Schwab. "It did smack of an outlier."

August's job figures tend to be unusually volatile and are typically revised later as government statisticians adjust for unusual seasonal factors such as the reopening of school and the Labor Day holiday, said Patrick O'Keefe, director of economic research at the accounting and consulting firm CohnReznick.

The biggest drops in hiring last month occurred in retail, which shed 8,400 jobs after gaining 21,000 in July, and in manufacturing, where employment was flat after a gain of 28,000 in July. Transportation and warehousing added just 1,200 jobs after gaining a robust 19,100 in July.

There were some brighter spots. Higher-paying fields, including accounting, engineering and management, posted solid job gains. And the number of people working part time who want full-time work fell more than 200,000 to 7.3 million. That was down from 7.9 million a year ago, though still far above healthy levels.

A broader measure of unemployment, which includes workers who have given up looking for jobs and the part-timers who want full-time work, dipped to 12 percent from 12.2 percent in July. That's the lowest level since 2008, though far above the pre-recession figure of 8.8 percent.

Fed Chair Janet Yellen has said such figures show the job market hasn't regained full health. And until those figures are closer to levels typical of a strong economy, pay growth likely won't pick up.

Wage gains have been sluggish since the recession ended in 2009, and consumers have remained cautious. In August, average hourly pay rose 6 cents to $24.53, 2.1 percent higher than a year ago but barely ahead of the overall 2 percent inflation rate.

That could be weighing on consumers' willingness to spend and slowing the economy. Consumer spending dipped in July, the first decline since January.

Still, more jobs ultimately help propel economic growth.

Consider Louise Smith, 30, who began a permanent job at an information technology outsourcing firm in Tyson's Corner, Virginia, in June. She had worked there on a temporary basis since the year began.

She credits the temp job for giving her a chance to prove herself to the company, NT Connections. Now that her job as a help-desk supervisor is permanent, she's seeking an apartment and planning to move out of her parents' home, where she's lived for the past year.

Economists note that such moves typically lead to purchases of furniture, appliances and electronic gear that can stimulate growth.

US unemployment rate falls for younger workers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Though U.S. job growth slowed last month, the unemployment rate fell, especially for younger demographic groups.

Jobless rates also fell for recent war veterans and for high school graduates and dropouts.

Rates held steady or rose for nearly every other group.

The overall unemployment rate slipped to 6.1 percent in August from 6.2 percent in July, the Labor Department said Friday.

This occurred even though employers added just 142,000 jobs, significantly below the 212,000 average over the previous 12 months.

So what caused the unemployment rate to drop wasn't robust hiring. It was that more people either stopped working, abandoned their job search or never started it. In calculating the unemployment rate, the government counts as unemployed only people who are actively seeking jobs, so those departures caused the rate to fall.

Unemployment demographics

Unemployment rate by group (Numbers in percentages)

	August 2014	July 2014	August 2013
White	5.3	5.3	6.4
Black	11.4	11.4	12.9
Asian*	4.5	4.5	5.1
Adult men	5.7	5.7	7.0
Adult women	5.7	5.7	6.2
Teenagers	19.6	20.2	22.6
20-24 years old	10.6	11.3	12.8
25-54 years old	5.3	5.2	6.3
55 and over	4.6	4.5	5.1
Veterans of Iraq/Afghanistan*	8.1	9.2	10.0
No high school diploma	9.1	9.6	11.3
High school graduate	6.2	6.1	7.5
Some college	5.4	5.3	6.1
College graduate	3.2	3.1	3.5
Duration of unemployment			
Average length (weeks)	31.7	32.4	37.0
Jobless 6 months of more (pct.)	31.2	32.9	38.0

* Not seasonally adjusted

Source: Labor Department

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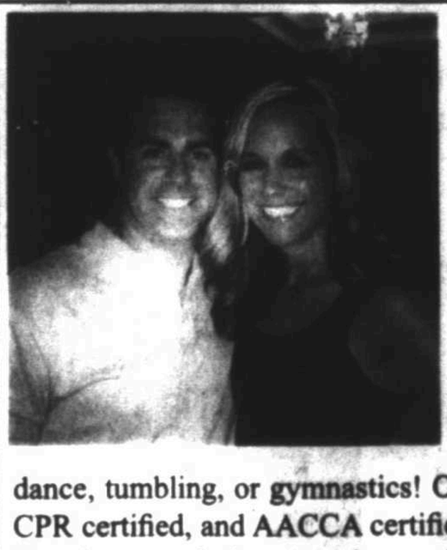

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Jeans face an uncertain future amid yoga wear rage

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Americans' obsession with jeans is beginning to wear thin.

Jeans long have been a go-to staple in closets across the country. After all, not many pieces of clothing are so comfortable they can be worn daily, yet versatile enough to be dressed up or down.

But sales of the iconic blues fell 6 percent during the past year after decades of almost steady growth. The decline is being driven by women, but men's interest in jeans also is fading. Why? People more often are sporting yoga pants, leggings, sweatpants and other athletic wear instead of traditional denim.

The shift is partly due to a lack of new designs since brightly colored skinny jeans were a hit a couple years back. It's also a reflection of changing views about what's appropriate attire for work, school and other places that used to call for more formal attire.

"Yoga pants have replaced jeans in my wardrobe," said Anita Ramaswamy, a Scottsdale, Arizona high-school senior who is buying more leggings and yoga pants than jeans. "You can make it as sexy as skinny jeans, and it's more comfortable."

To be sure, the jeans business isn't dead: Customer Growth Partners, a retail consultancy, estimates denim accounts for 20 percent of annual sales at the nation's department stores.

But sales of jeans in the U.S. fell 6 percent to $16 billion during the year that ended in June, according to market research firm NPD Group, while sales of yoga pants and other "active wear" climbed 7 percent to $33.6 billion.

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A.N.A. relaxed fit woven jogger pants, left, are displayed Aug. 19 at a J.C. Penney store, in New York. Sales of jeans in the U.S. fell 6 percent to $16 billion during the year that ended in June, according to research firm NPD Group, while sales of yoga pants and other "active wear" climbed 7 percent to $33.6 billion.

And Levi Strauss, which invented the first pair of blue jeans 141 years ago, is among jean makers that acknowledge their women's business has been hurt in part by what the fashion industry dubs the "athleisure" trend. That's led them to create new versions of classic denim that are more "stretchy" and mimic the comfort of sweatpants.

Birth of the blues

It's one of the few times jeans haven't been at the forefront of what's "trending." Businessman Levi Strauss and tailor Jacob Davis invented jeans in 1873 after getting a patent to create cotton denim workpants with copper rivets in certain areas like the pocket corner to make them stronger. By the 1920s, Levi's original 501 jeans had become top-selling men's workpants, according to Levi's' corporate website.

Over the next couple of decades, the pants went mainstream. In 1934, Levi's took advantage of the rise in Western movies and launched its first jeans aimed at affluent women who wanted to wear them on dude ranches. Then teens boosted popularity of the pants, first among the greasy-hair-and-leather-jacket set in the 1950s and then, the hippies in the 1960s.

But teens' biggest contribution to jeans' rise was the name itself: Until the 1950s, the pants were called overalls or waist overalls, but in the following decade, teens started referring to them as jeans. During that time, jeans took on a bad-boy image — popularized by actors like James Dean and Marlon Brando in such roles — which led many schools to ban kids from wearing them to class.

In 1960, Levi's began using the 'jeans' name in ads and packaging. And over the next few decades, jeans became even more of a way for people to express themselves. In the 1960s to early 1970s, hip-huggers and bell bottoms became an anti-establishment statement. Then in the 1970s and early 1980s, jeans became a status symbol when designer brands like Jordache rolled out more chic versions. More recently, names like 7 For All Mankind made $200 jeans, helping to push sales up by 10 percent to $10 billion in 2000, NPD said.

Ironing it out

Jeans have faced other rough patches. One came in the mid-1970s, when denim sales fell 3 to 4 percent, while corduroy pants surged in popularity, with sales rising 10 to 12 percent, according to NPD estimates.

NPD declined to offer more historical sales data because of changes it made in its methodology recently, but the group's chief industry analyst Marshal Cohen said jean sales fell about 3 percent again with the resurgence of khakis '12 years ago. That was the last decline until now.

Fashion watchers say the latest decline could be the longest. The "athleisure" trend is the biggest threat jeans have faced because it reflects a fundamental lifestyle change, said Amanda Hallay, assistant clinical professor of fashion merchandising at LIM College in Manhattan. "Everyone wants to look like they're running to the gym, even if they're not," she said.

The trend is mostly being driven by women. U.S. sales of women's jeans fell 7 percent in that period, while the men's jeans business fell 3 percent, NPD said.

As a result of jeans' waning popularity, retailers and designers are focusing more on activewear and less on denim. For instance, J.C. Penney recently has doubled its selections in casual athletic styles for the back-to-school season and scaled back growth of its denim business.

And designers are pushing new versions of jeans. Both Levi's and VF Corp., the maker of Wrangler and Lee jeans, are rolling out jeans that they say are stretchier. And many brands are making so-called jogger pants, a loose-fitting sweatpant style that has elastic cuffs at the bottom of the leg.

"If casualization is what everyone is looking for, we can push the innovation," said James Curleigh, president of the Levi's brand.

It's too early to tell whether the new styles will help jeans regain popularity. Jennifer Romanello, for one, said she's not interested in them.

"If I want yoga pants, I will buy yoga pants," said the publishing executive from Rockville Centre, New York. "I just don't see jeans crossing the line to be yoga pants."

A history of jeans

1873: Businessman Levi Strauss and tailor Jacob Davis invent the first pair of jeans after getting a patent to create cotton-denim workpants with copper rivets in certain areas like the pocket corner to make them stronger.

1920s: Levi's overalls become the best-selling product in men's work pants in the Western states. In 1928, the company registers the Levi's name as a trademark.

1934: Levi's takes advantage of the rise in Western movies and launches its first pair of what we call jeans. They were aimed at affluent women who wanted to wear them on dude ranches.

1950s: The pants move into the mainstream, helped by teens who embrace them as a rebellious statement. Teens start calling them 'jeans.' Until this decade, they were called overalls or waist overalls. Jeans take on a bad boy image, popularized by teen rebels like James Dean and Marlon Brando.

1960s to early 1970s: Levi's replaces the word "overalls" with the word "jeans" in advertising and packaging. The hip-hugger, bellbottom blue jeans become an anti-establishment statement.

Mid 1970s to early 1980s: In the mid-1970s, blue jeans are trumped by the popularity of colored corduroy pants. In the late 1970s, jeans become a status symbol when designers like Jordache and Calvin Klein roll out more chic versions.

Mid 1980s to 1990s: Hip hop-inspired baggy jeans become the rage. The relaxation of dress codes in the 1990s made jeans more acceptable for work.

2000 -2006: An influx of new brands that sell for $200 or higher help fuel jeans sales.

2006 to present: The rise of skinny jeans and brightly colored jeans help boost sales until athletic wear gains popularity.

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Colleges re-thinking sexual assault education

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — As freshmen descend on college campuses, they enter the "red zone" — a period between Labor Day and Thanksgiving during which they are most vulnerable to sexual assault.

This year is different, though. It is the first since the U.S. Department of Education released a list of colleges and universities under federal investigation for their handling of rape and sexual assault complaints, and many schools are making sexual assault awareness programs mandatory for incoming students.

The list, which includes 77 schools under investigation, was released in May. It represents one piece of a national conversation that gained unprecedented political momentum in April, when the newly minted White House Task Force to Prevent Students from Sexual Assault released its first report, alongside a website designed to advise colleges on how to combat rape on campus. Since then, Sen. Claire McCaskill, a Missouri Democrat, has introduced a bill to require annual surveys of students, and require schools to staff confidential advisers on campus.

Oklahoma State University, which is on the list, announced last month that students who do not complete a new 40-minute online course on sexual assault awareness will be barred from registration. Vice President for Student Affairs Lee Bird said the school took the unusual step of asking to be under federal review.

"Sexual violence has been a huge topic for years, but the politics around it and trying to find remedies is what's changed," Bird said, adding that the school offers "hundreds" of alcohol, drug and sexual assault awareness programs throughout the year. "This has been an issue for my 36 years and I imagine it will be an issue on campus for the next 30."

University of California at Berkeley, which is under investigation, has started two new mandatory programs. Freshmen and transfers must attend a sexual awareness program known as Bear Pact, as well as complete an online course, called Haven, about sexual assault, harassment and stalking. The school has also designated a confidential advocate whose role is to assist students who have been sexually assaulted.

While the U.S. Education Department doesn't release what prompts an investigation, UC Berkeley was the subject of a blistering state audit in June that revealed the school's failure to adequately train resident advisers, athletic coaches and even campus law enforcement on how to handle sexual assault allegations. The audit also found that the administration did not ensure attendance at sexual assault education workshops for freshmen. Based on the school's own data, only 52 percent of the incoming class attended the programs in 2013.

"For us, it's looking at what we need to do to be in federal compliance and follow best practices," said UC Berkeley spokeswoman Janet Gilmore. "It's a continuing effort. We've done a lot, and we know that there's more we can do."

Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, another school under federal investigation, also requires its freshmen to complete Haven. The school adopted a policy in June requiring an independent investigation into sexual assault complaints, and calls for mandatory expulsion for convicted students.

Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore is one of the most recent additions to the list of schools under investigation for possible Title IX violations. It was added Aug. 12.

Title IX is a federal law prohibiting gender discrimination. It regulates institutions' handling of sexual violence and is the same law that guarantees female athletes equal access to sports. Schools that violate Title IX can lose federal funding.

Johns Hopkins is under investigation for its handling of an alleged gang rape of a Towson University student at a fraternity house, Pi Kappa Alpha, in the spring of 2013. Since the allegation became public in May, more Hopkins students have come forward to share their own sexual assault stories, said Laura Dunn, an advocate with nonprofit organization SurvJustice who helped file the initial complaint.

One of those students is a rising junior who asked that her name be withheld. The Associated Press does not identify alleged victims of sexual assault.

In June, she told the AP that she was sexually assaulted in 2012 during her first few days on campus. She said her alleged attacker had taken her keys and phone, dragged her into his room and assaulted her.

A few days prior, the student said she had gone to a sexual assault awareness workshop offered to incoming freshmen.

"At the workshop they said anything after you say no is sexual assault. I said to him, 'Don't you remember what we saw yesterday? This is going to be rape.'"

"Then he said, 'I didn't go to that stupid thing.' That's when I really got scared."

The workshop she attended, Sex Signals, is on this year's orientation schedule and not labeled as mandatory. Hopkins spokesman Dennis O'Shea said freshmen are required to attend with their resident advisers, and those who do not sign up for it will be registered for a makeup session later in the year.

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New Republican pitch to female voters: over-the-counter birth control

By Cathleen Decker
Los Angeles Times

Elections have consequences, and those consequences are most acutely felt, it seems, in closely contested elections.

In at least four hot races across the nation, Republican candidates have adopted a new approach to birth control: It should be available over the counter.

"More rights, more freedom," Republican Cory Gardner says in a new TV ad airing in Colorado, where he is in a tight race with first-term Democratic incumbent Sen. Mark Udall.

The strategy is particularly notable because some of the candidates have in the past not supported ready access to birth control.

Gardner has been slapped around for months by Udall and his allies for his past support of "personhood" ballot measures that would have established life as beginning at the point of conception. Only this year, when he entered the Senate race, did Gardner renounce the measures, saying that he had belatedly learned that they could restrict some forms of birth control.

Republican Thom Tillis, running against first-term Democrat Kay Hagan for a Senate seat in North Carolina, had previously said that it was within the state's rights to ban birth control altogether — although he would not say whether he supported such a move. Still, in a debate on Wednesday night, he declared that birth control pills should be available over the counter.

"First, I believe contraception should be available—and probably more broadly than it is today," said Tillis, the speaker of the state House. "I think over-the-counter oral contraception should be available without a prescription. If you do those kinds of things, you will actually increase the access and reduce the barriers for having more options for women for contraception."

Previously coming to the same conclusion were Republican Senate candidates Ed Gillespie in Virginia, who made his announcement in a July debate with Democrat Mark Warner, and Mike McFadden, seeking the Senate seat now held by Al Franken in Minnesota.

The moves, which bear the strong scent of election-year choreography, appear intended to blunt criticisms from Democrats that the GOP is engaged in a war on women, as demonstrated by party efforts to, among other things, strip contraceptive coverage from the Affordable Care Act and defund Planned Parenthood facilities that offer birth control as part of their services.

Women, not incidentally, are among the most targeted voter groups in the fall midterm elections—particularly single women, many of whom who have more than a passing familiarity with birth control.

Voting by single women typically drops off in non-presidential years; in the last midterm races in 2010, 22 million fewer unmarried women voted than in 2008 even though the number registered is growing, according to a study by the Voter Participation Center and Lake Research Partners.

Nationally and in contested states, women have strongly gravitated to Democratic candidates, so their dropoff bodes ill for a party already struggling under an unpopular president and a Republican cast to the states in play this year.

For the moment, the GOP candidates' newly espoused views on contraceptives make them strange bedfellows with women's groups that have in the past advocated over-the-counter release of birth control measures and have fought — against Republicans — for the freer release of emergency contraceptives.

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>
> **Melissa Reed,** Planned Parenthood Health Systems Action Fund

Planned Parenthood, for one, was unwilling to play ball.

"If Thom Tillis and others were serious about expanding access to birth control, they wouldn't be trying to repeal the no-co-pay birth control benefit or cut women off from Planned Parenthood's preventive health services. This is simply a cynical political attempt to whitewash his terrible record and agenda for women's health," Melissa Reed, a spokeswoman for the Planned Parenthood Health Systems Action Fund, said in a statement released after the North Carolina debate.

Reed noted the convergence of support for over-the-counter birth control pills by the Republican candidates and Planned Parenthood.

"At the same time, it is important that voters know the truth about these claims by politicians running for office: They are empty gestures. In a desperate attempt to appeal to women voters, Thom Tillis is clearly following in the footsteps of other out of touch candidates like Cory Gardner in Colorado and Ed Gillespie in Virginia," she said.

The Affordable Care Act has changed the terms of the debate. Under the health-care law, contraceptives are to be available without a co-payment. If the medication becomes available over the counter, most will not be covered by health insurance, meaning that drugs that have become more affordable would suddenly be less so.

That is not the argument from the GOP candidates. In his ad, Colorado's Gardner asserts that "the pill ought to be available over the counter, round the clock, without a prescription — cheaper and easier, for you."

He cast Udall as someone who "wants to keep government bureaucrats between you and your health-care plan. That means more politics and more profits and drug companies."

That represents a turn on its head of the argument that Democrats have long made—that the health-care law was needed to protect access to services such as contraceptives, which the administration has waged a legal battle to extend in cases brought by organizations asserting religious rights to exclude birth control coverage.

Those organizations have been backed by Republicans, who have cast dozens of votes to repeal the president's signature domestic policy achievement. But for four candidates, at least, the contraceptive component appears to have been brushed off the table, at least until November.

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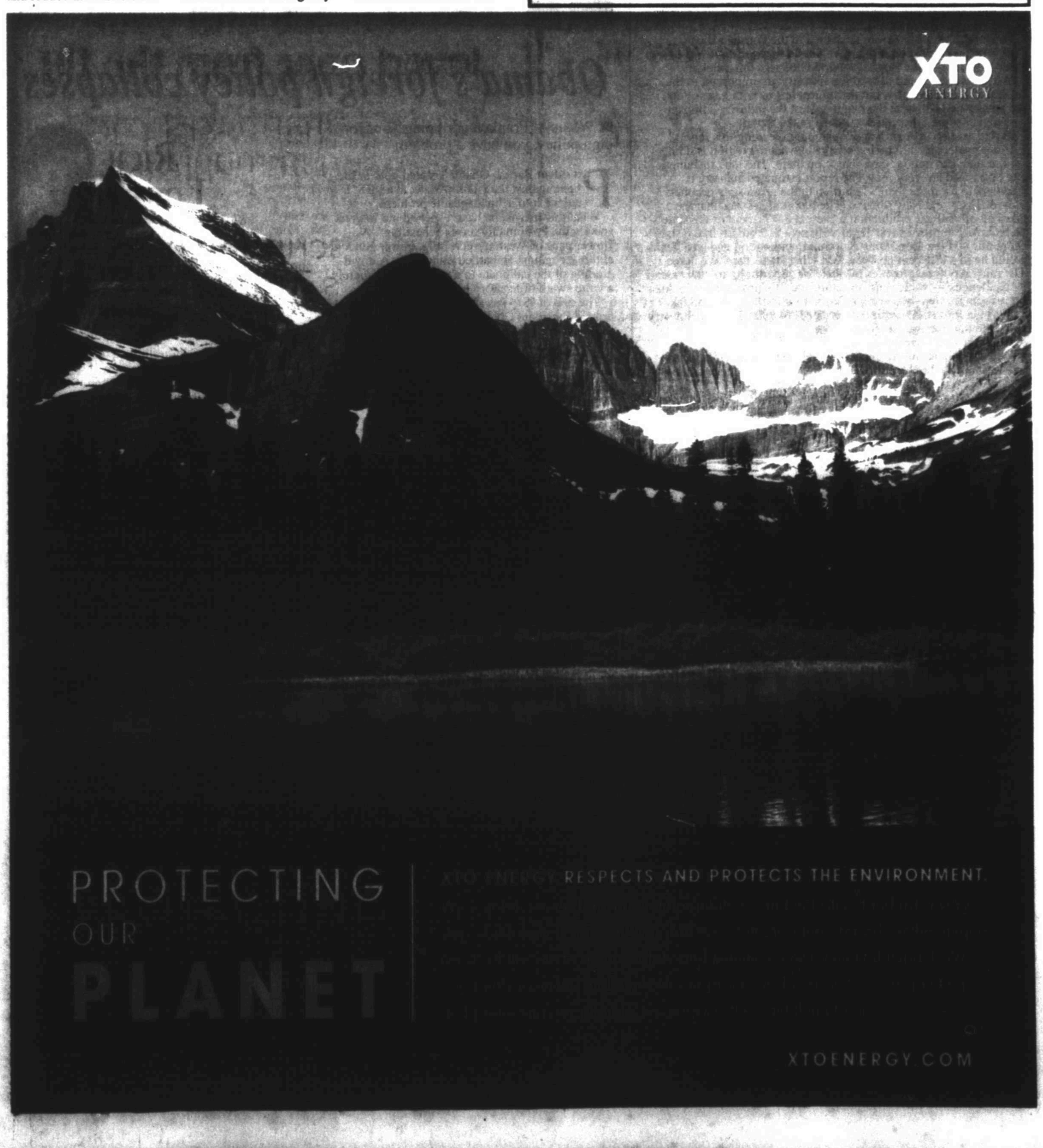

NATO state of mind appears to be no more

■ As Putin makes trouble in Europe, countries seem more reliant on US.

GEORGE WILL

Washington Post Writers Group

Speaking on Aug. 29 — at a fundraiser, of course — Barack Obama applied to a platitude the varnish of smartphone sociology, producing this intellectual sunburst: "The truth of the matter is, is that the world has always been messy. In part, we're just noticing now because of social media and our capacity to see in intimate detail the hardships that people are going through." So, if 14th- century Europeans had had Facebook and Twitter, they would have noticed how *really* disagreeable the Hundred Years' War was.

Obama did have a piece of a point: Graphic journalism, now augmented by billions of people with cameras in their pockets, can give an inflammatory immediacy to events. His intention was to dispel the impression that the world has become not just unusually "messy" but especially dangerous. Unfortunately, this impression derives not from social media static but from stark facts, including this one:

A nation with nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles is dismembering another nation. And the nuclear power is governed by an unconstrained despot fueled by a dangerous brew of disappointment, resentment and contempt.

Writing for The Federalist website, professor Tom Nichols of the Naval War College describes Vladimir Putin as neither a realist nor a nationalist but rather someone saturated with Soviet nostalgia. In 1975, Nichols writes, the world seemed to be going the Soviet Union's way. Extraordinary U.S. exertions in Vietnam had ended in defeat, a president had resigned and the economy was sagging into stagflation. "By contrast," Nichols says, "the Soviets were at the top of their game," with a modernized military and a new generation of missiles: "The correlation of forces, the great wheel of History itself, was finally turning in their favor," and because History's ratchet clicks only in a progressive direction, "it would never turn back."

In 1975, Putin, 23, joined "the most elite Soviet institution," the KGB, which would guarantee "he would be *somebody* in the brave new Soviet future." But in the 1980s, "he watched the Soviet descent to oblivion begin, accelerate, and then end in a humiliating wreck." Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher and a Polish pope ignited a Western resurgence — military, economic and moral. By 1990, Putin was 38 and aggrieved. Today, "Putin's speeches and public utterances," Nichols notes, "tend to show more nostalgia for his Soviet youth than his Russian adulthood." Remember "the explosion of bad taste and Soviet kitsch" in the 2014 Sochi Olympics.

A participant in NATO's 1949 founding famously said that the alliance's purpose was to protect Europe by keeping "the Russians out, the Americans in and the Germans down." When the Cold War, which prompted NATO's creation, ended, the alliance began to gingerly undertake what it calls "out-of-area operations," as in Afghanistan. Now, however, it is back to its original business of keeping Russian forces out of NATO members, which now include Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, the last two being contiguous to Russia.

If NATO's meeting in Wales was, as one European defense intellectual said, a "credibility summit," it was at most a semi-success. The decision to augment by around 4,000 an existing rapid response force of around 13,000 is a far cry from Poland's request that 10,000 NATO troops be stationed with heavy weapons in that country. Watching NATO flinch from this, Putin might reasonably conclude that NATO is ambivalent about Article 5 (an attack on any member will be considered an attack on all) and therefore wants its means of responding to remain some distance from where events might require a response.

Although ambiguity has its uses, a British diplomat of the early 20th century, Lord Curzon, reportedly advised that it is generally wise to know your own mind *and make sure your adversary knows it, too*. Putin might read NATO's mind in what Gideon Rachman of the Financial Times calls "the learned helplessness" of American allies who "have come to rely excessively on the U.S. to guarantee their security."

Time was, Rachman writes, America accounted for roughly half of NATO's military spending; now it accounts for about 75 percent. Only four of NATO's 28 members (America, Britain, Estonia and penurious Greece) fulfill their obligation to spend at least 2 percent of GDP on defense, and Britain may soon fall below that threshold as its army shrinks to about 80,000, its smallest size since after Waterloo (1815). As Putin casts a cold eye on his enemies, he might reasonably infer from their atrophied military muscles that they have palsied wills.

OUR VIEW

Texas Tech University report opens eyes about Permian Basin

On Friday, the Reporter-Telegram brought you the findings of a Texas Tech University report — "Economic Impact of Permian Basin Oil and Gas Industry."

We know that anyone in Midland who isn't aware of the reliance this community and region has on oil and gas has their head in the sand. It's been that way, it is that way, it will always be that way.

Still, to have someone put a number to the industry's impact — in this case, Texas Tech University — was eye-opening. Permian Basin Petroleum Association President Ben Shepperd was right. The impact was off the charts.

■ A $42 billion economic impact in Midland County.

■ $137 billion in economic output generated in the 46 counties of the Permian Basin in 2012.

■ More than 546,000 jobs sustained in the Permian Basin.

■ The largest rig count of any region in the world (469 as of Dec. 27, 2013; Baker Hughes reported 563 rigs this week)

We know the oil and natural gas industry are important to the region, state and country, but the figures left us with a sense that we greatly understimate the magnitude of the industry's impact.

Here are some other quick takes from the report.

■ Are leaders in Austin and Washington reading this report?

If our leaders are not taking seriously what the region is doing for the state and nation, then shame on them. The jobs sustained and taxes paid are very real. The report estimates industry is responsible for more than $71 billion to the gross state products of both Texas and New Mexico. The report also states that the taxes on oil and gas production represent 8.4 percent of the state's budget. As Shepperd says, Texas will have $13 billion in the state's economic stabilization (rainy day) fund; without oil and gas, Texas would be in a different position, one other states face. We agree. The rainy day fund provides the state an opportunity to take care of its challenges — water, infrastructure, etc. It's time leaders in Austin recognize what the Permian Basin does for the state and take care of the infrastructure and other needs to make sure the industry can continue running on all cylinders.

■ Where does diversification fit?

When one looks at the impact oil and gas has on Midland, one obvious take is there aren't enough diversification opportunities in America to replicate what the industry does. But even Shepperd says efforts for development and diversification are necessary because they provide more opportunity for retail, housing, employment and travel for area residents.

■ This isn't just another boom.

The report states there is evidence of sustainability and stability that didn't exist with previous booms. Again, we are not surprised by this. Chevron, Pioneer, Concho, Fasken, EOG, Oxy, among others, wouldn't invest tens of millions of dollars (minimum) in major capital projects if they didn't believe this was for the long term. Their leaders have told us this will continue for decades, and we believe them. The report does remind us that local, state and federal governments need to make sure the infrastructure (pipeline, roads, etc.) is there to continue this economic success story.

■ Texas Tech strengthens its brand in Midland, Permian Basin.

Times are good in Midland and the Permian Basin, and Texas Tech University is again making its presence felt. The Permian Basin Petroleum Association commissioned the report, and Texas Tech University and its Rawls College of Business answered the bell. We are seeing more of Texas Tech in Midland-Odessa, whether you're talking about medicine, oil and gas or athletics. These are good times in the Permian Basin, and Tech knows it benefits their brand to be connected to that.

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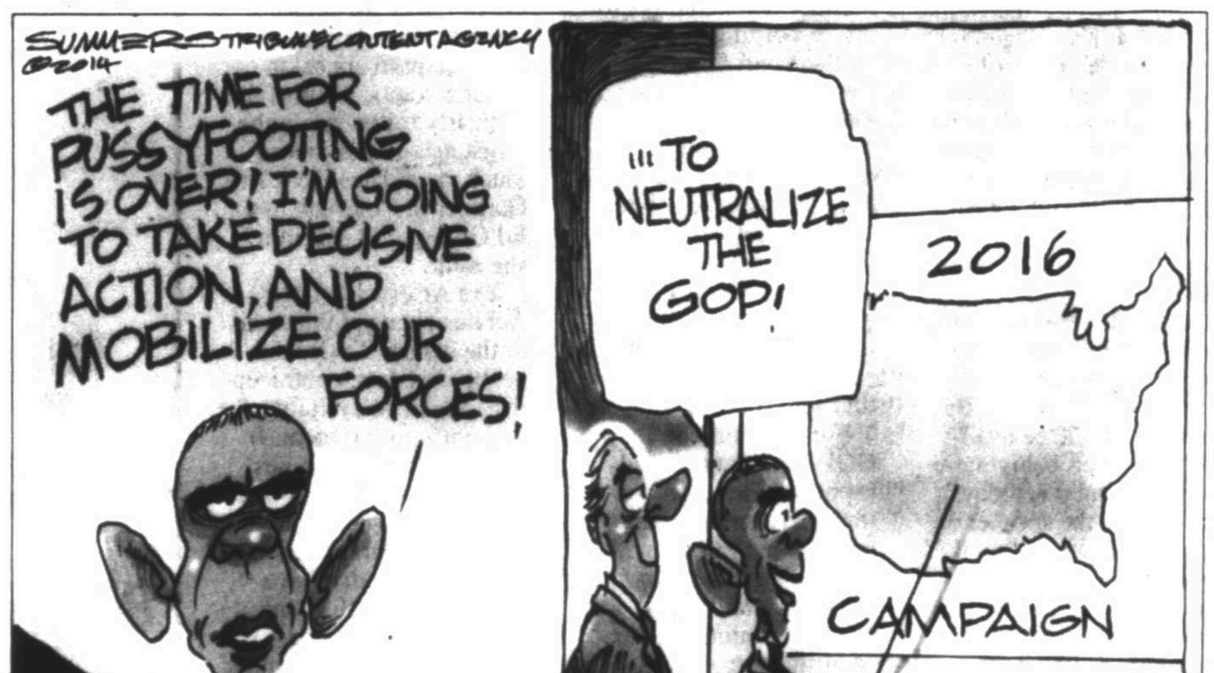

Obama's foreign policy collapses

■ When Al Franken is ripping your foreign policy, you have a problem

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President Barack Obama's stated goal in the fight against the Islamic State, aka ISIS, is to reduce it to a "manageable problem."

What this means, he hasn't spelled out in great specificity. Presumably fewer beheadings. A slower pace of Western recruiting. Fewer genocidal threats against embattled minorities. A downgrading of the caliphate to a mini-state, or merely a large swath of territory in Syria and Iraq.

The evil of ISIS has stirred nearly everyone around President Obama to ringing statements of resolve. Vice President Joe Biden says, "We will follow them to the gates of hell." The president himself? He says it will be "degraded to the point where it is no longer the kind of factor that we've seen it being over the last several months."

Put to the rhythms of Winston Churchill's famous call to arms in Parliament in June 1940, the Obama posture is, "We shall degrade you, we shall lessen you as a factor, we shall make you manageable, we shall hope that the attention of this great continental nation ... turns to something else soon."

What we have been witnessing the past few weeks is the intellectual collapse of Obama's foreign policy, accompanied by its rapid political unraveling. When Al Franken is ripping you for lacking a strategy against ISIS in Syria, you have a problem.

The hoary hawkish cliches about the stakes in Iraq — repeated over and over again by Sens. John McCain and Lindsey Graham through the years — have proved correct. In 2007, McCain argued that if we failed in Iraq, "these people will try to follow us home and the region will erupt to a point where we may have to come back or we will be combating what is now, to a large degree, al-Qaida."

And so it is that seven years later, we are bombing Iraq as we battle an offshoot of al-Qaida amid fears that the terrorists will attack us here at home.

It is not that the latest events in Iraq and Syria necessarily vindicate a rigorously McCainite foreign policy. You can believe ISIS must be defeated and still think that the Iraq War was a mistake and McCain and his allies are too recklessly interventionist. But events have vindicated the surge that devastated the forerunner of ISIS and demonstrated the folly of Obama's total pullout from Iraq.

The strife-torn Middle Eastern country for which the "don't do stupid stuff" doctrine has been most consistently applied is Syria. Yet, in a country of roughly 22 million people, nearly 10 million are refugees or internally displaced, roughly 200,000 have been killed, and ISIS has established a base from which to launch operations in Iraq. This is not only a humanitarian catastrophe but a disaster for our interests, and more and more people are recognizing it as such.

The political worm has turned so completely that even Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, the strictest of noninterventionists, now supports war in Iraq and Syria.

The most prominent figure who is out of step with this new zeitgeist is President Obama. The other day, he explained that things aren't as bad as they seem because social media is amplifying events. He has gone from blaming Bush to blaming Instagram.

Does anyone really believe that if we were reading about a radical terror group of unspeakable savagery sweeping through the Middle East in the print editions of newspapers instead of on Twitter it would seem any less alarming?

The social-media excuse is another evasion by a president who wants to avoid speaking too forthrightly about the threat of ISIS, lest he commit himself to the forceful action necessary to defeat it.

When the only tool you have is a hammer, President Obama has said of President Bush's alleged approach to the world, every problem looks like a nail. By the same token, when the only tool you have is retreat, every problem looks "manageable."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Henry Resources delivers with Daily Promise

I just want to publicly express my appreciation to Henry Resources for the Daily Promise published daily and to Barbara Truitt for selecting the verses to be published. It is the first thing that I look for as I scan my morning paper. Thanks.

Paul W. Cooper

Homeowner dissatisfied with contractor's work

This serves as a wake-up to Midlanders who are having home repairs or are thinking about hiring a "contractor." I thought that I had followed the steps outlined for safe home repairs, but I did not, and it has resulted in shoddy work and probably an overpayment for the inferior work that was performed.

I will call the city's building code department and have them inspect the work that was performed by the "contractor." I got a great reference from a very reliable source, but it did not go far enough to protect me from the scams, which were published by the police department in September 2013.

If the scenario I have outlined fits your "contractor," I urge you to call the city's fraud unit, 685-7108, and get professional assistance to handle your "contractor" and to prevent you from becoming a scam victim.

■ Get in writing what is included in your contract bid. Demand that work be "satisfactory and guaranteed" be included in the contract.

■ The "contractor," even after you gave to him a down payment, keeps coming back for more money stating that he needs it for more supplies. If the contractor requests a down payment, show the "contractor" the door, as this is a sure sign that you are setting yourself up for a scam. (This is legal advice from an attorney.)

■ Contact the BBB and request comments that have been posted about your "contractor."

■ Google your "contractor" to be sure that he has not been arrested for a building scam and already has a police record.

■ A sign you have a "contractor" who is a "shyster" is if he tries to borrow money from a previous customer until he can collect money from one of his present customers to finish a job. (No professional contractor would do this unless he is desperate and has no credit.)

If you follow these helpful hints, you will have a successful and worry-free remodeling. If you do not, welcome to the "contractor" from hell and hold on to your checkbook.

I am the voice of experience.

Janice Courtney

B&B Trucking responsive to previous letter

Last week, I wrote a letter to the editor about the problem I was having with commercial trucks parking in front of my house and I named B&B Trucking. Since then, I have talked to the trucking company and found them to be very responsive to the problem. They promised to talk to the driver and since then, I haven't had any problems.

I want to thank B&B for their quick and efficient response to my problem. I appreciate the quick action they took and want to say that they were as nice as any anyone could have been.

So, I'm sorry I didn't talk to them before I wrote the letter. I apologize to B&B.

Judy Benton

Take time to look at situation differently

This letter is in response to a recent complaint about a company that was mentioned in the Aug. 31 edition.

Although no discretion against the name of the business was used, I will keep the response generalized, as I think should have been done for B&B Wrecker and Recovery. The letter mentioned B&B Wrecking Co., which I assume is the towing service that has been here since the '80s. I wanted to speak my mind about towing operators, and how the name has such a bad connotation associated with it.

The public fails to realize that a tow truck is an emergency vehicle, just like a police car or fire truck. Wrecker drivers are running 24 hours a day, on rotating shifts. They have to respond to accident scenes within 10 minutes. Do I think tow trucks should have more leniency when it comes to parking? Yes. I hardly doubt the owner of B&B — who was our town's newsmaker of the year in 2004, according to the Reporter-Telegram readers — would not handle the situation in the up-most professional way. I may seem biased, but I am not.

I simply want to bring awareness to the situation. It is unusual if a tow truck sits for 24 hours. Most of the time the trucks run 24/7 on a rotating shift of drivers. Tow companies around town also monitor apartment complexes and other places around town to tow unauthorized vehicles. They are the ones that come and get the car that is parked on your flower bed. I just think maybe seeing the situation through a different point of view is fair.

Carlie White

The big question: Was Gov. Perry arrested?

■ The answer depends on who you ask

KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

Reader Jim K. Hudson asks: "Was Rick Perry arrested? If yes, and if acquitted, will he still have an arrest record? Interested parties would like to know."

Good question, reader Jim, and where better to pose it than to a know-it-all columnist who is paid a living wage (with benefits) because he knows it all.

The answer: I don't know.

Let's review the facts. Our governor was indicted Aug. 15 on two felony charges stemming from his 2013 veto of state funding for the Public Integrity Unit in the Travis County DA's office. Perhaps you've heard about that.

On Aug. 19, under an agreement worked out by his lawyers and officialdom, Perry surrendered, had his glamour shot taken, filled out paperwork, made bond and walked out.

So was he ever arrested or under arrest? Let's ask Travis County Sheriff's office spokesman Roger Wade, who knows about this stuff.

"Since he is escorted by DPS troopers all the time could he be considered under arrest by them?" Wade asked in response to what I asked.

Well, no, I wouldn't think so. The troopers, I believe, are on his side.

"Interesting question for a lawyer," Wade said. "As far as I know, he very publicly turned himself in to the jail where he was booked and then released" after agreeing to a personal recognizance bond and paying a $20 administrative fee.

I took Wade's advice and turned to a lawyer — not just any lawyer, but Gary Cobb, director of the grand jury/intake division at the local DA's office.

"Hmmm," was Cobb's initial response. "I believe they consider that being in custody," he said of Perry's status during the 15 minutes or so between when he turned himself in and walked himself out.

"I do think they consider that being in custody," Cobb said, not exactly answering the arrest question.

You and I think of arrest as that interim between when they slap the cuffs on you and when you're free to go. This was something other than that, but it seems Perry wasn't free to walk out until bond was posted. David Botsford, Perry's defense lawyer, did not get back to me to share his view on whether his client was arrested.

So does Perry forever (regardless of the outcome of the case) have to check the "yes" box on job applications that ask if he's ever been arrested? Probably yes, according to Cobb.

And, as of this week, Perry also would have to answer yes if asked this question: "Has your booking mug shot ever been featured on the cover of 'A-Town Busted,' a 16-page compendium of such photos?"

Sure enough, our well-coiffed governor is a cover boy on the current issue, beaming radiantly alongside five coiffure-challenged mugees who seem less pleased about the moment, including a guy with tattoos on his face and one identified by a colleague of mine as the love child of Mick Jagger and Keith Richards.

One more Perry-related note: If the president thing doesn't work out (and assuming he doesn't serve a significant prison sentence), I've found a possible product endorsement gig for him. Turns out there's a product called "Oops!"

"Don't worry! Say Oops!" Oops says.

It's sold as an "all-purpose remover and cleaner," useful on "carpets, woodwork, vinyl floors, glass, metal, concrete, fiberglass, upholstery and most fabrics."

There's nothing about whether it can remove an indictment or a DA.

Can Obama come up with an ISIS strategy?

■ He shouldn't listen to arm-chair quarterbacks but continue to be thorough in his decision-making

DONNA BRAZILE
Universal Uclick

If we are going to have a meaningful, productive, national debate on what our foreign policy and reactions should be to ISIS, we need to have unbiased information. Right now, we simply are not getting it.

Let's begin with what this organization actually is. ISIS stands roughly for the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. President Obama and most foreign leaders still call it ISIL, or the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

That name, ISIS, reflects an expanded claim on territory. Indeed, ISIS has no defined geographical boundaries. It has no borders, no national government, no international recognition as a state, and it most emphatically has no recognition as an agent of the Islamic faith.

Hussein Ibish, a Middle East expert and senior fellow at the American Task Force on Palestine, said in a Twitter exchange, that "(ISIS) is NOT a state, but it's more than a non-state actor too. Sui generis & deadly."

Merriam-Webster defines "Sui generis" as meaning "in a class or group of its own; not like anything else." That perfectly describes ISIS. While it is not a national government, it has a system of administering — however brutally — the cities it captures. Its four main councils made certain that city services are delivered, and in some cases, have done better than the elected officials did before they were killed brutally.

They have a military council, which, by all appearances, ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi gives pretty much free reign to plan and execute military strategy. The combined militia forces of ISIS number between 8,000 and 20,000. A recent published claim that it has 100,000 fighters is bizarre and nowhere near accurate.

President Obama does have a strategy for ISIS in Iraq. It's to encourage the Iraqi leaders to form a more inclusive government that is representative of the entire population, including religious minorities. There's little doubt Obama had a hand in the rapid loss of support for former Iraqi President Nouri al-Maliki. That's a major foreign policy achievement. It represents the removal of a roadblock to a stable Iraqi government, which leaves no vacuum for ISIS to fill.

Talking about dealing with ISIS in Syria, Obama explained that "Syria is not simply a military issues, it's also a political issue." When asked if he needed "Congress' approval to go into Syria" — a question that presumes there will or should be military action — Obama responded, "We don't have a strategy yet" (Oh, the gaffe that wasn't!) and left out the implied "for military action that would need Congressional approval." He clarified that in the next couple sentences, referring to the assessment of the military itself (if and what) and the need to develop clear plans.

Until the beheading of a second American correspondent, Congress was very cautious about any involvement in Syria. Many have taken ISIS' bait to draw the U.S. into combat in Syria.

It is horrifying to see a conscious person have his neck slit open, and sawed off with a knife. ISIS knows the Western reaction to this won't be just revulsion.

After the second beheading, Congressional critics with more of an eye for an attempted public stampede than for what's wise are trying to exert enormous pressure on Obama to bomb, bomb, bomb. Obama, who has been criticized by his persistent detractors as leading from behind or for being "feckless," has been resolute in resisting hasty reactions. Is he cautious, as Sen. Dianne Feinstein stated? Of course.

Perhaps a better description of President Obama's foreign policy approach is "thoughtful and deliberate" — to "think things through," as political writer Steve Benen puts it, before acting.

While Obama puts together a multi-pronged Syrian-ISIS strategy, we should remember one of the consequences of military action: possible engagement of troops on the ground. Such a direct on-the-ground-engagement would raise ISIS in terrorist organizations' eyes, and attract thousands of young wannabe Jihadist recruits to Syria.

For now, the U.S. airstrikes in Iraq to stop the excursion of ISIS, and the support of both Kurdish and Iraqi troops on the ground, will continue to serve as the foundation of our actions until can we gather the intelligence to do more in Syria.

In the meantime, President Obama must encourage Turkey to close its border and monitor the foreign fighters entering Syria, and work with the Saudis and others to ensure they cut off all funding to ISIS.

Far from the madding crowd of pundits and publicity-addicted politicians, Obama will continue to pull together a comprehensive strategy to defeat, destroy and shrink ISIS. He will be, again, deliberate and thorough and cautious in putting together a multinational coalition that involves U.S. friends and allies in the Middle East.

If he's successful in the short term, the U.S. will be victorious in the long term.

Obama fools Hispanics on immigration again

■ The president continues to make promises to Hispanics that he can't keep

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No one likes political expediency when it doesn't go their way.

When President Obama announced his Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program in June 2012 — which allowed young illegal immigrants to obtain temporary legal status, driver's licenses and work permits — his supporters weren't complaining about it being a political ploy to secure re-election.

But make no mistake about it: DACA was designed to energize young Hispanics — both voting-eligible and not — and shore up Hispanic support in a summer campaign battle during which Obama was struggling to rally his base with more hope.

At the time, young immigrants were either cautiously optimistic about being granted a reprieve from priority deportation or mistaken in their belief that the DREAM Act was being unilaterally made law by the president. (Recap: the president failed to secure the five Democratic hold-out votes that would have passed the full DREAM Act, with its path to citizenship, in 2010.)

Very few were talking then about all the young people who wouldn't qualify under DACA or what would happen should the president not win re-election. Certainly none of Obama's biggest supporters and allies had many criticisms about Obama's move — except to say he should have made the guidelines for DACA more generous to allow even more illegal immigrants to qualify for it.

But today it looks as though the president may not make good on his promise to provide administrative relief to the undocumented population via executive order. And his past cheerleaders are upset that he appears to be making the political calculation to delay these changes until the midterm elections in order to help Democrats' chances.

For months, close observers have been calculating the risks to Democratic officeholders from any unilateral move on immigration. Though there's been some chatter about a potential wide-ranging legalization having a net positive impact on Democratic chances of keeping the White House in 2016, most of the coverage has focused on this year's Senate races and the chance that Republicans could capture the majority in that chamber.

Democrats have articulated these worries about races across the country for well over a year. Yet until just days ago, the president kept insisting that the end of summer 2014 would bring relief to immigrants in the country illegally.

Now many Obama supporters are desperately e-blasting the media with their pleas for him to keep his word on immigration. And some are even slamming his broken promises.

Community organizers here in the president's hometown, and birthplace of the massive immigration marches in 2006 and 2007, were planning protests to express their disappointment that the president "prefers politics [over] legacy."

They weren't the only ones troubled that Obama is, yet again, putting potential immigration solutions on the back burner.

On "Meet the Press" Sunday, Washington Post columnist Ruth Marcus put it best: "(He's) herky-jerky. We just see him veering in one direction and then the other. ... He told the Hispanic groups and the labor groups, which are very focused on this issue, that he was going to act essentially by the end of the summer. All of a sudden he's changing his mind. He's now in a position where he's going to aggravate everybody. ... Why was this not thought through when he made the announcement on June 30th that he would be getting recommendations and acting, essentially, by the end of the summer?"

The real question is how anyone could be the least bit surprised that the president may again be going back on his word. He's been doing this for years, starting when he was an Illinois state senator, promising prominent Hispanic supporters to champion their cause and then voting in ways that perplexed or angered immigrant activist groups.

Blame the president for being politically expedient — it's what politicians do — but don't be shocked.

Obama's loyalists may be feeling whiplashed by the uncertainty. But maybe these immigrant advocates should start seeing the president and his party as the immigration issue opportunists they really are.

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Obama to delay executive action on immigration

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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama will delay taking executive action on immigration until after the midterm elections, bowing to pressure from fellow Democrats who feared that acting now could doom his party's chances this fall, White House officials said Saturday.

The decision is a reversal of Obama's vow to issue broad directives to overhaul the immigration system soon after summer's end, and sparked swift anger from immigration advocates. The president made the promise on June 30, standing in the Rose Garden, where he angrily denounced Republican obstruction and said he would use the power of his office to protect immigrant families from the threat of deportation.

"Because of the Republicans' extreme politicization of this issue, the president believes it would be harmful to the policy itself and to the long-term prospects for comprehensive immigration reform to announce administrative action before the elections," a White House official said. "Because he wants to do this in a way that's sustainable, the president will take action on immigration before the end of the year."

Cristina Jimenez, the managing director for United We Dream, an immigration advocacy group, accused Obama of "playing politics" with the lives of immigrant families and said, "The president's latest broken promise is another slap to the face of the Latino and immigrant community."

Administration officials insist that Obama is more determined than ever to take action — eventually. But the president and his top aides have concluded that an immigration announcement before November could anger conservatives across the country, possibly cripple Democratic efforts to retain control of the Senate and severely set back any hope for progress on a permanent immigration overhaul.

In particular, advisers to Obama believe that an announcement before the midterm elections in November would inject the already controversial issue into a highly charged campaign environment that would encourage members of both parties to take more hard line positions on the issue than they normally would.

That could drive away support for what the president's advisers believe are common-sense changes to the immigration system, even among Democrats. One adviser said that if immigration was seen as costing Democrats control of the Senate — even if other issues were really to blame — immigration could become toxic for years in both parties, much like gun control did after the issue was blamed for Democratic losses in 1994.

Associated Press

In this June 30, file photo President Barack Obama, accompanied by Vice President Joe Biden, pauses while making an announcement about immigration reform in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington. According to White House officials Saturday, Obama has decided to delay any executive action on immigration until after the November congressional elections.

The combustible nature of the immigration debate was demonstrated over the summer, when the border crossings of unaccompanied children from Central America quickly became a highly charged partisan issue. Democrats on Capitol Hill warned the White House to deal with that issue before announcing broader immigration changes.

Obama acknowledged that the surge in unaccompanied children at the border undermined public support for a broader immigration overhaul. He said delaying any executive action would give the administration more time to get the policy right and explain it to the public.

"I'm going to act because it's the right thing for the country," Obama said in an interview with NBC's "Meet the Press" to be broadcast today. "But it's going to be more sustainable and more effective if the public understands what the facts are on immigration, what we've done on unaccompanied children, and why it's necessary."

The president and his team believe that waiting until after the election season is over will allow him to unveil sweeping and sustainable changes to the immigration system that could potentially shield millions of illegal immigrants from deportation and provide work permits for many.

"The president is confident in his authority to act, and he will before the end of the year," one official said, speaking anonymously to discuss White House strategy.

The president made calls to political allies and others to discuss the decision during Friday's long flight on Air Force One as he returned from Europe after a NATO summit meeting.

On Saturday, Republicans quickly attacked Obama's decision, calling it a cynical ploy to avoid letting voters express their opinions on his plan to use executive power on the issue.

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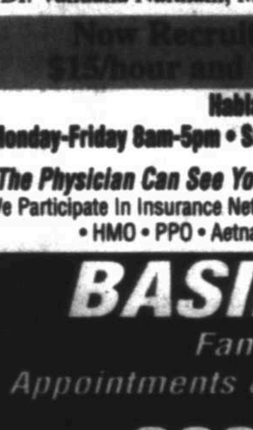
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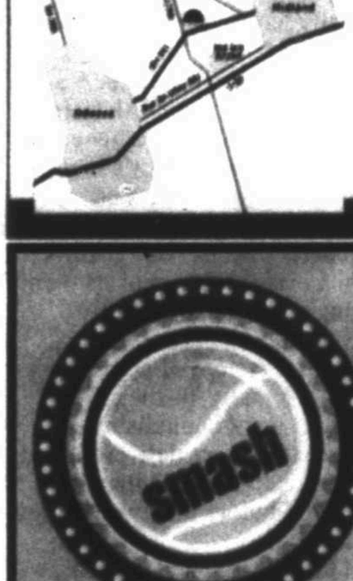
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IRS says it has lost emails from 5 more employees

By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service has lost emails from five more employees who are part of congressional probes into the treatment of conservative groups that applied for tax-exempt status, the tax service disclosed Friday.

The IRS said in June that it could not locate an untold number of emails to and from Lois Lerner, who headed the IRS division that processes applications for tax-exempt status. The revelation set off a new round of investigations and congressional hearings.

On Friday, the IRS issued a report to Congress saying the agency also lost emails from five other employees related to the probe, including two agents who worked in a Cincinnati office processing applications for tax-exempt status.

The disclosure came on the same day the Senate's subcommittee on investigations released competing reports on how the IRS handled applications from political groups during the 2010 and 2012 elections.

The Democratic report, released by Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, said both liberal and conservative groups were mistreated, revealing no political bias by the IRS. The Republican report, issued by Sen. John McCain of Arizona, said conservative groups were clearly treated worse.

The IRS inspector general set off a firestorm last year with an audit that said IRS agents singled out tea party and other conservative groups for inappropriate scrutiny when they applied for tax-exempt status.

Lerner's lost emails prompted a new round of scrutiny by Congress, the Justice Department, the inspector general and at least two federal judges.

The IRS blamed computer crashes for all the lost emails. In a statement, the IRS said all the crashes happened well before Congress launched its investigations.

The IRS first told Congress in June that other employees involved in the probe also had computer problems. At the time, IRS Commissioner John Koskinen promised lawmakers a report on whether any had lost emails. The report was issued Friday.

"Throughout this review, the IRS has found no evidence that any IRS personnel deliberately destroyed any evidence," said the IRS statement. "To the contrary, the computer issues identified appear to be the same sorts of issues routinely experienced by employees within the IRS, in other government agencies and in the private sector."

When Congress started investigating the IRS last year, the agency identified 82 employees who might have documents related to the inquiries. The IRS said 18 of those people had computer problems between September 2009 and February 2014. Of those employees, five probably lost emails — in addition to Lerner — the agency said Friday.

Lerner, who was placed on leave and has since retired, has emerged as a central figure in congressional investigations. The other five employees appear to be more junior than she.

In addition to the Cincinnati workers, they include a technical adviser to Lerner, a tax law specialist and a group manager in the tax-exempt division.

In general, the IRS said the workers archived emails on their computer hard drives when their email accounts became too full. When those computers crashed, the emails were lost.

"By all accounts, in each instance the user contacted IT staff and attempted to recover his or her data," said the IRS statement.

The IRS has said it stored emails on backup tapes but those tapes were re-used every six months. The inspector general's office is reviewing those tapes to see if any old emails can be retrieved.

"The IRS has lost thousands of emails, but worse yet, completely lost the American people's trust," said Sarah Swinehart, a spokeswoman for House Ways and Means Republicans. "The DOJ must appoint a special prosecutor so the full truth can come out."

Attorney General Eric Holder has turned down numerous requests from congressional Republicans for a special prosecutor, citing numerous investigations already underway.

Friday's reports by the Senate subcommittee on investigations mark the conclusion of just one investigation. The Justice Department and three other congressional committees are continuing their probes.

Levin is chairman of the investigations subcommittee and McCain is the ranking Republican. Their staffs routinely work together on investigations, and while they don't always agree on the results, it is highly unusual for them to issue such diverging reports.

"The investigation found that the IRS used inappropriate selection criteria, burdensome questions and lengthy delays in processing applications for 501(c)(4) tax exempt status from both conservative and liberal groups," Levin said in a statement.

Only two committees in Congress have the authority to see confidential taxpayer information: the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee. Those two committees are continuing their probes.

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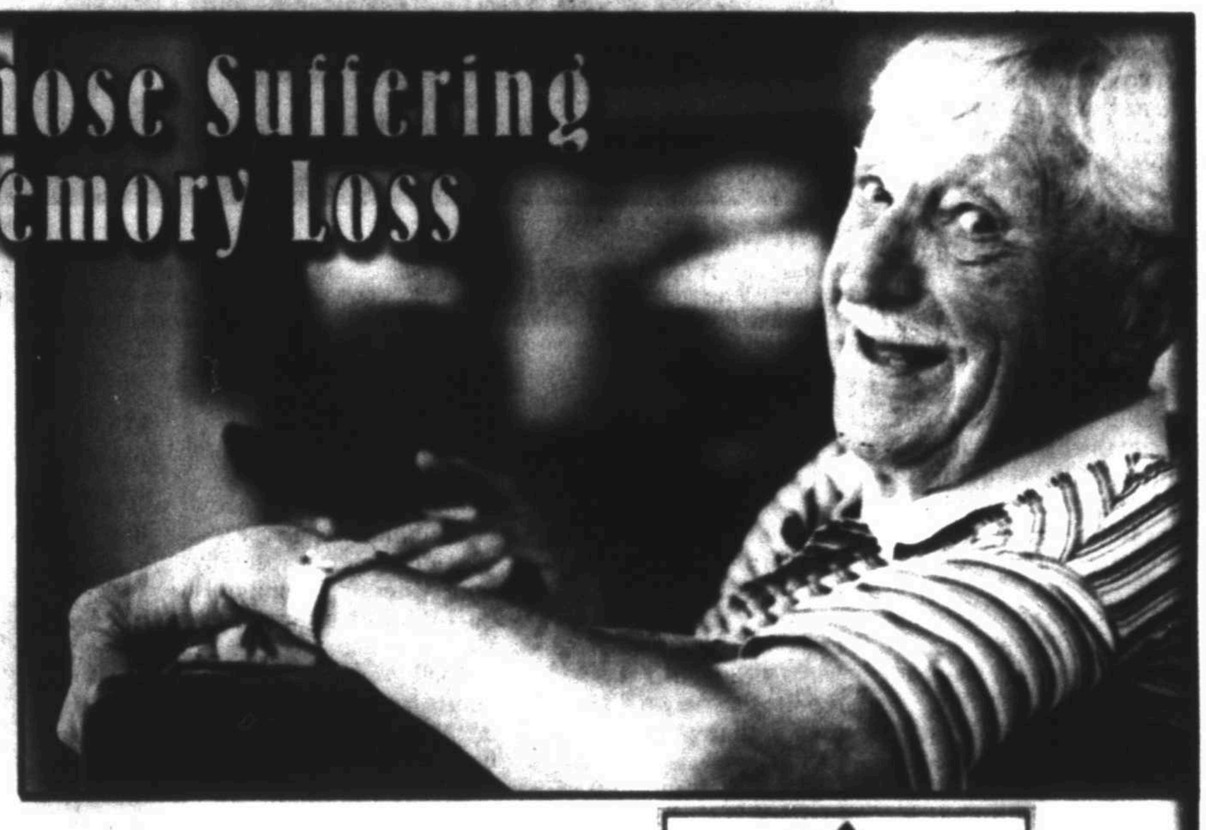

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Todd beginning new era at 'Meet the Press'

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — If he's to succeed as the new moderator of "Meet the Press," Chuck Todd said viewers need to be thinking about the show more than just on Sunday mornings.

Todd begins his effort to lift the long-running public affairs program out of its doldrums this weekend with the biggest "get" possible for one of those shows — an interview with President Barack Obama.

Todd replaces David Gregory, let go by NBC with "Meet the Press" sinking into third place in the Sunday morning ratings.

Todd, a fixture of NBC's political coverage since 2007, said he wants the "Meet the Press" brand at work all week with digital and online reports, and analysis provided to other NBC News shows. He's given up his "Daily Rundown" morning show on MSNBC to concentrate on the effort.

"I don't want to over-promise here," he said. "I feel that in three or four months, you're going to be able to say, 'good grief, 'Meet the Press' is turning out stuff almost hourly. It's not a weekly anymore.' If you're not feeling that in four to six months, then that's not good."

That's a long way from the slogan Tim Russert voiced during his years as moderator: "If it's Sunday, it's 'Meet the Press.'" Russert, who died in 2008, thoroughly dominated the genre, beating his closest competitor by more than a million viewers a week.

This year, "Meet the Press" averages 2.71 million viewers, or about a million fewer than Russert in his last year. CBS' "Face the Nation" with Bob Schieffer is averaging 3.09 million and ABC's "This Week" with George Stephanopoulos is at 2.9 million.

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In this Aug. 31 photo released by NBC News, Chuck Todd, moderator of "Meet the Press," appears on set in Washington. Todd, a fixture of NBC's political coverage since 2007, said he wants the "Meet the Press" brand at work all week with digital and online reports, and analysis provided to other NBC News shows.

Gregory's exit was ugly. After a story in April said NBC hired a "psychological consultant" to interview Gregory's wife and friends — NBC said it was a brand consultant — there was a steady drip of news reports that he would be fired until it was done last month.

"Nobody wants to start in that fashion," Todd said. "But this is a tough business. Everyone who's in it knows what you're getting into. It doesn't change how I put together the show."

He takes over at a time when many people have tuned out Washington politicians and journalists, said Frank Sesno, a George Washington University professor and former Washington anchor for CNN. Yet programs like "Meet the Press" are needed more than ever to provide context, especially with fewer opportunities on TV for long-form interviews, he said.

Todd is an inspired choice with a deep knowledge of Washington dating back to when he was editor of National Journal's "The Hotline," Sesno said.

"His challenge is to take his insider knowledge and make it appealing to people outside the Beltway," he said. —

Fortunately for Todd, "I view Chuck as an outsider," said Alexandra Wallace, senior vice president at NBC News in charge of the Washington programming. She's been looking at a map, figuring out places across the country where Todd will be sent to report over the next few months.

"Meet the Press" also was built for a different time, when people couldn't get news and analysis instantly and newsmakers needed the Sunday shows to get their messages across.

The show needs to adjust, Wallace said. NBC never thought the brand had outlived its usefulness, she said.

A panel planned for Sunday with mayors from across the country is an example of a broader look that is being sought, Wallace said.

"It's important to point out to Washington places where politics is actually working," Todd said.

NBC announced that "Morning Joe" host Joe Scarborough will join "Meet the Press" as a regular member of a roundtable discussion.

Tim Russert's son, Luke, will begin regularly reporting for the show his father led. Other changes, such as a new set, will be introduced gradually, Wallace said.

Todd is anxious to begin, his anxiety amplified by not having his MSNBC show as an outlet this week.

"I've been trying to get three hours of sleep a night," he said. "It's been difficult."

NBC says 'Morning Joe' host has role expanded

Associated Press

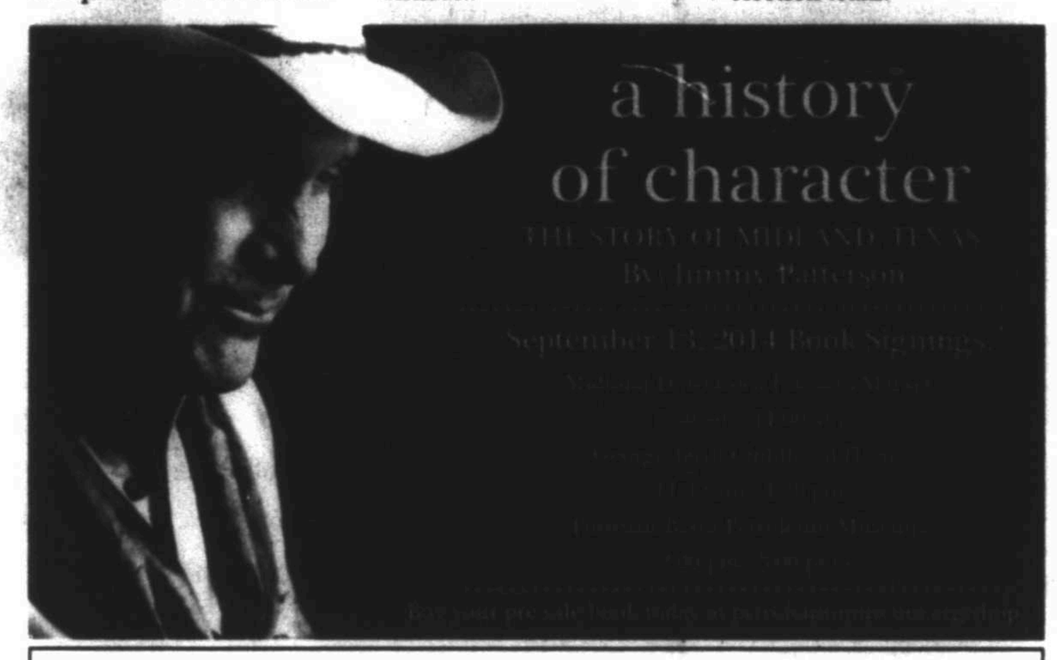
NEW YORK — NBC News says "Morning Joe" host Joe Scarborough will be a senior political analyst for the network with regular roles on "Meet the Press" and the "Today" show.

Scarborough co-hosts the political talk show on MSNBC with Mika Brzezinski. Generally, over the past year, NBC News has sought to distance itself from MSNBC, where a politically liberal viewpoint dominates, but that isn't the case with Scarborough, a former Republican congressman. He'll continue on "Morning Joe."

Scarborough

NBC said Friday that Scarborough will be a regular contributor to roundtable discussions on "Meet the Press," where new moderator Chuck Todd replaces David Gregory on Sunday.

Scarborough will offer analysis on other NBC News broadcasts and work as part of the network's election team.



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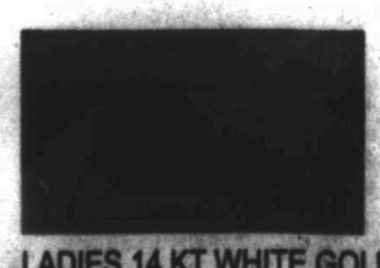
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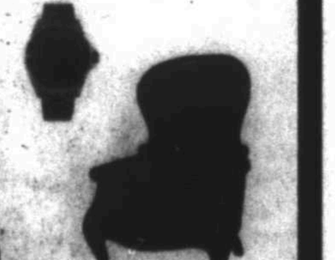
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Music acts look to Groupon, LivingSocial for help

By Mesfin Fekadu
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Websites like Groupon have become the go-to place for folks looking for that half-off deal on a manicure, a two-for-one offer for a fancy dinner or that all-inclusive trip that won't break the bank. But increasingly, it's also becoming the place for music fans to scoop up deep discounts on concert tickets, CDs and more for top-name acts.

From big-name acts Arcade Fire to faded performers such as Color Me Badd, the industry is turning to Groupon and LivingSocial to connect with more fans — and sell more products.

Groupon struck a deal with Live Nation in 2011 to help sell out concerts, and a year later, LivingSocial partnered with AEG to do similar work.

"That ability to give this shot of adrenaline to the marketing promotion is a big deal," said Alex Michael, LivingSocial's general manager for its entertainment and restaurants division. "You get massive brand exposure and ultimately you get sales and so that combination is powerful."

Michael said Google informed LivingSocial that after the site offers deals on tickets, regular tickets sales also go up.

"We do it in a big way by delivering it to people's doorsteps and inbox. ... Awareness is probably the biggest issue with people going to stuff," he said.

When selling concert tickets, Groupon typically offers a 30 percent to 45 percent discount. Greg Rudin, vice president and general manager for GrouponLive, said it mainly focused on last-minute inventory when it signed with Live Nation. It took a year to persuade the promoter to let Groupon start selling tickets in advance, and "as a partner, not just when you're in trouble."

"The Groupon audience is significantly broad ... we've reached them in a really simple way, giving them the easy opportunity to say yes and buy a ticket on the spot. ... And I think that if we weren't frankly reaching the casual fan that was not necessarily going to buy a ticket anyway, that we wouldn't have a strong relationship with our partners," Rudin said.

Business is going so well for Groupon that it doesn't even offer that great of a deal anymore.

"We've increasingly seen that we don't have to discount as much as we might have originally thought we did, and we have a big initiative internally within our group ... to discount less," Rudin said. "The people that buy are not necessarily significantly price sensitive, they just don't know about it."

LivingSocial has sold concert tickets in ways ranging from a one show-deal with Bruce Springsteen to a six-week exclusive to sell tickets for Oprah Winfrey's upcoming tour. Michael said consumers come to the site to buy tickets because of the added value and bundles that are offered.

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>
> Chad Butler, Switchfoot drummer

"Whereas with others sites you may just get a ticket, you may just get a discount, but what we want to provide you with (is) a ticket and an experience or a value item," he said, such as a T-shirt, drink ticket or access to an act's sound check in a bundle deal. "Everyone wants something that's a little more personalized these days."

LivingSocial worked with platinum-selling rock band Switchfoot last year when it offered a concert ticket along with a ticket to the band's documentary. It worked so well that LivingSocial was the home for pre-sale tickets for Switchfoot's tour this year, offering a signed poster and download of the band's latest album with tickets.

"These are our opportunities, through LivingSocial specifically, that we've used this last year to reach more people and to let people know what we're doing," Switchfoot drummer Chad Butler said. "We're reaching people that have never been to a Switchfoot concert ... or recognize our band's name."

Rapper Wiz Khalifa, who has partnered with Groupon for tour dates, said he was open when the idea of working together presented itself.

"I liked the idea of it because there are tons of people who are too busy or they're out of the loop," he said. "So it makes it much easier (for fans)."

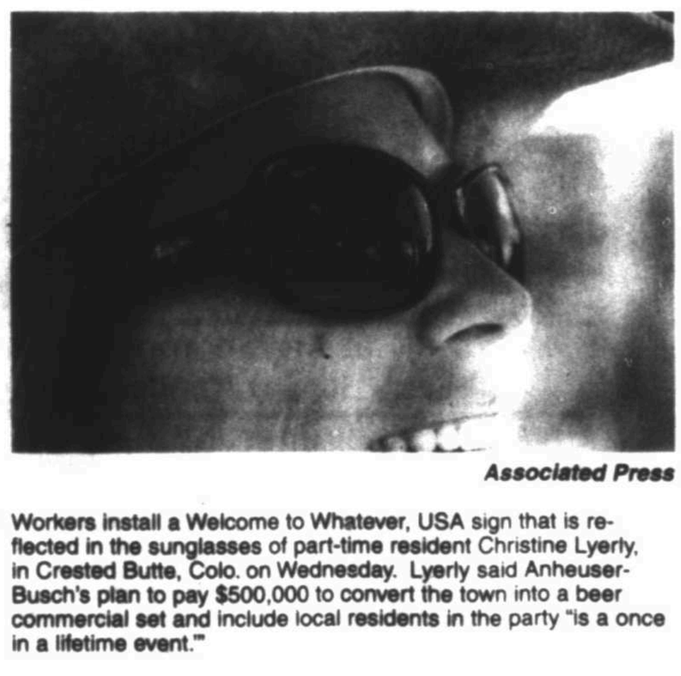
Groupon has also sold CDs. Last year, it offered two of commercially struggling singer Ciara's albums for $13.99. Groupon is currently selling Beyonce's best-selling latest album, her HBO documentary and a live concert DVD as a bundle for $49.99.

Rudin said the company is looking for more ways to package deals — maybe even becoming the go-to place for debuting music.

"A lot of times if people are fans already they've got the album, so we're looking for new content, and we're kind of in the process now where we're trying to convince folks if there is a new single, they should release it through us along with selling tickets," he said.

Colorado town becomes Bud Light commercial set

By P. Solomon Banda
Associated Press



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Workers install a Welcome to Whatever, USA sign that is reflected in the sunglasses of part-time resident Christine Lyerly, in Crested Butte, Colo. on Wednesday. Lyerly said Anheuser-Busch's plan to pay $500,000 to convert the town into a beer commercial set and include local residents in the party "is a once in a lifetime event."

CRESTED BUTTE, Colo. — Up for whatever? For some in the tiny and tony Colorado resort town of Crested Butte, that would be a no.

They aren't too thrilled with a virtual takeover by Anheuser-Busch this weekend to film an over-the-top commercial for Bud Light beer and its "Up for Whatever" ad campaign.

Some didn't take too kindly to the secretive event, arranged between Anheuser-Busch and town leaders. Others embraced it.

The beer giant agreed to pay $500,000 to Crested Butte to paint several blocks of a central street blue. Dozens of workers installed a sand volleyball court, a multistory cowboy boot statue, a gorilla and a director's chair that comfortably seats six people. Some 1,000 revelers were to be flown in for the event — and outsiders were banned for the duration.

And for two days, Crested Butte was becoming Whatever, USA. All painted in "Bud Light Blue."

"It's been a very divisive thing in town, for sure," said Shaun Horne, owner of the Oh-be-Joyful Gallery. "Some people are not into putting a corporate label on the town."

Further upsetting some: The whole plan was secret until about two weeks ago. Business owners worried about losing customers over the weekend. And their town's character, even if for only two days.

Crested Butte, population 1,500, is more of a craft beer town, home to art galleries, artists and second-home owners. It can be reached by one paved highway or two dirt roads over mountain passes. There are no fast food restaurants or chain stores.

Anheuser-Busch scrambled to build support for "Whatever."

"There was a level of fear around the uncertainty of what we were trying to do, and we completely understand that," company spokesman Nick Kelly said. "We worked closely with the town, and we also worked closely with a lot of individuals on a one-to-one basis to make sure we can answer those questions and concerns."

The commercial is a sequel to a Bud Light "Up for Whatever" Super Bowl ad that featured Don Cheadle, Arnold Schwarzenegger and OneRepublic.

A steady stream of residents lined up Thursday to get a bracelet to join the party. Several noted that Crested Butte has hosted the Winter X Games and survived.

"It's a once in a lifetime thing. The community is everything you would want for a party town," said Christine Lyerly, a part-time resident.

And as for Bud Light Blue, "it's not an actual color like school bus yellow," Kelly joked.

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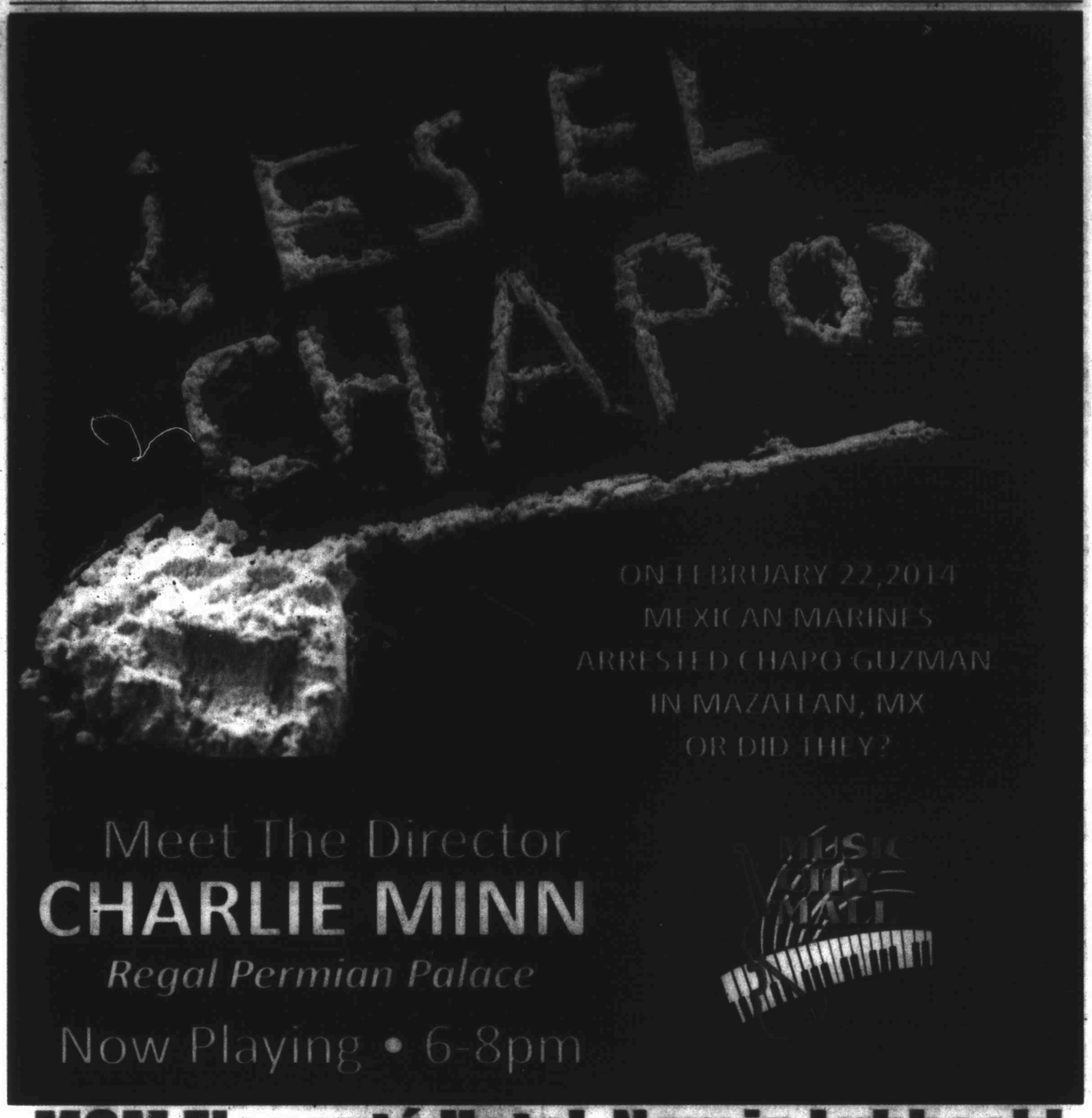

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MISD to host seventh annual recovery walk

Event aims to get dropouts back in school through volunteer work

By Tessa Duvall
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Sometimes all it takes is a simple face-to-face interaction and a show of concern to give a teenager the push they need to finish their education.

Those two acts are the driving factors behind the success of the district's annual Recovery Walk said Deborah Acosta, Midland ISD's director of graduation and at-risk student populations

The Seventh Annual Recovery Walk — where school and community volunteers visit the homes of students who have dropped out — will take place 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Volunteers interested in participating should attend an information meeting 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday at the MISD administration building, room 101.

If you want to volunteer

- Volunteer information meeting: Monday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in MISD administration building room 101, 615 W. Missouri Ave.
- Recovery Walk 2014: Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; meet at the MISD administration building and then disperse to neighborhoods

"I think our students are surprised, and they say, 'Wow, you actually came out here on a Saturday morning? You're not getting paid for this? You're out here because you want to be out here? You really want to do this?'" Acosta said. "It's almost like they want to pay these volunteers back by trying it out one more time and hoping that they can actually graduate. It's really quite moving..

"We've even had some students who do end up tearing up because they're, like, 'Wow, I didn't know you wanted me back. I didn't know I could come back.'"

The walk targets students who didn't come back from the previous year, all students who have not graduated yet and are in a cohort that will graduate in coming years, or students who should have graduated in the previous two years, Acosta said. MISD is able to help students as old as 20 obtain their diploma, although it has no impact on the district's accountability rating. Acosta said she sees that as a benefit to both the community and student, as some employers still prefer a high school diploma to a General Educational Development certificate, commonly referred to as a GED.

Jeff Horner, executive director of Secondary Education, said the walk provides an avenue to let kids and their parents know they can still come back.

"Sometimes that little extra pat on the back or conversation with that kid is what it takes," he said.

On the day of the walk, volunteers will be provided a breakfast and attend a pep rally kick-off before dispersing into groups around Midland neighborhoods. Volunteers will get a list of no more than 10 names, which are organized by neighborhood. There are typically about 100 volunteers and 800 to 900 names of students to visit.

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Denium Prescott, 5, works a water hose with help from Midland College Fire Academy student Dirk Lary, and children play ,below, during Midland Fire Department's annual Kids Boot Camp event Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium. Activities in the event included a tug-of-war, obstacle courses, calisthenics and relays, and a "smoke house" activity that allowed kids to practice escaping a house full of smoke.

Davis reveals tale of two abortions

By Manny Fernandez
N.Y. Times News Service

HOUSTON — For more than 11 hours last summer, Wendy Davis stood on the floor of the Texas Senate, reading letter upon letter from women describing their personal ordeals in deciding to end their pregnancies and seek abortions.

Davis spoke of terminating her own pregnancy after experiencing a complication known as an ectopic pregnancy that occurs when a fertilized egg implants outside the uterus. But she made only a brief reference to the procedure during her ultimately unsuccessful attempt to stop Republican lawmakers from passing tough new abortion restrictions.

More than a year later, Davis has revealed her own deeply personal abortion story, writing in a memoir that goes on sale this week that in addition to the ectopic pregnancy in 1994, she ended another pregnancy in the 1990s for medical reasons. Davis' descriptions of the abortions — she and her then-husband named one of her unborn children Tate Elise Davis, who had a severe brain abnormality and to whom Davis dedicates the book in part — has rallied Texas Democrats to her campaign.

Davis, a Fort Worth state senator, has been vying to become the first Democratic governor of Texas in two decades. She has been trailing her Republican opponent, Greg Abbott, the Texas attorney general, in the polls and has struggled to turn her star power, army of volunteers and fundraising success into something more than an underdog campaign.

Eight weeks before the election, Democrats and Republicans debated the political impact of her book, called "Forgetting to Be Afraid," with Democrats saying that it would reinvigorate her base and Republicans skeptical that it would make a difference.

"Voters look for a whole bunch of stuff in their candidate, but one key thing they look for is authenticity and

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TERRY WILLIAMSON

Real life columnist

Marriage works when the wife directs

I've been accused from time to time of taking pot shots at the wife through this column.

Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, I only deal in the truth here. This is a space where we deal in the facts of real life. I have to be frank, and sometimes blunt and to the point.

The truth is that I love the wife very much. She has made me the man I am today. That's just the plain and simple truth.

I love the institution of marriage. It gives me boundaries in which to function and play out my life. Without marriage I

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MELANIE NICHOLAS

Columnist

Nursing bug back to health son's cause

Imagine our surprise last week when we wheeled into the driveway and piled out of the car for the after-school dash. Backpacks, check. Water bottles, check. Morning warm milk cups, not stinky yet — score! Shoes, socks, purse, check. Phone, check. Piggy and Bunny, check. Things 1 and 2, check and check.

Run, run, run! Only have about 45 minutes to get it all inside, put it away, change Baby Girl for dance, refill her water bottle and pack car snacks.

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Obituaries

Bennie E. Wester

Bennie E. Wester, 84, of Midland, Texas, went to be with his heavenly father on September 4, 2014, after a long and courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by all his family and loved ones.

Ben was born November 15, 1929, in Erick, Oklahoma, to Johnnie and Mattie Wester. He grew up, and graduated from Erick High School in 1948. From there he went on to attend Southwestern College where he received his degrees in business and athletics.

Ben loved and played all sports throughout high school and college and then proceeded to play a few seasons of professional baseball with the Pirates and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Ben proudly served his country in the Air Force stationed in Wichita, Kansas. During this time he met and married Norma Jo Irwin from Sayre, Oklahoma. Ben carried on his love for baseball by coaching high school and college ball for many years.

After the service Ben worked as an Insurance Claims Adjuster in Amarillo, Texas. In 1958, he and Norma moved to Midland, Texas, to raise their family. Here he bought Farmers Insurance Group and became District Manager for the West Texas Area for over 40 years, where he made many lifelong friendships that have lasted until this day. While with Farmers Insurance he managed the largest region in the United States.

Bennie was also a cattleman with ranches in Oklahoma. Besides cattle, he also enjoyed his many horses that he went on to race in Ruidoso, New Mexico. Ben enjoyed golfing, hunting, and fishing, which he shared with his family and friends. He loved his wife Norma of over 60 years, and his family. He enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and the rest of his loving family who will cherish all of those memories. He passed along his love for the outdoors and sports through teaching and coaching his family and friends.

Bennie was not only a friend but a mentor and guide to many, throughout his life. Many will tell you that Ben is best remembered for his generosity and kindness to all. He believed that everyone deserved a second chance and sometimes even a third. Ben also had three other loves, "the Good Man upstairs" as he would call our Lord, his trademark cigars, and his favorite companion, "Tyson", his collie. There wasn't anything Ben wouldn't do for his family and friends. He will be forever cherished and missed until we meet again.

Bennie is preceded in death by his parents, Johnnie Wester, and Mattie Wester.

Those he leaves behind to cherish his memory are his wife, Norma Wester; son, Rick Wester; daughters, Debbie Wester McCord and Shanna Wester Deer; sister, Darlene Marrs; grandchildren, Crystal Mitchell, Michelle Richards, Sage Kinney, Tori Wester, and Bennie Wester; as well as numerous great grandchildren, family, and friends.

A visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2014, at Ellis Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at Kelview Heights Baptist, with Reverend Jerry Berry officiating. Entombment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Cancer or Alzheimer's research. A great thanks to the love and care given by Nolan Nursing Home and Sweetwater Hospital.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com.*

Dorothy Mae Phillips

Dorothy Mae Phillips, 83, of Midland, passed away on August 29, 2014. She was born in Artesia, New Mexico on September 26, 1930.

She married Alton L. Phillips on March 25, 1950.

When her children were small, she took in ironing to help support her family so that she could stay home with her children. Later on, she worked for several restaurants. She enjoyed quilting and word puzzle books.

She devoted her life to her children, grandchildren, and her dog, Pancho.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Martin Parkis and Maggie Essary Parkis; her husband of 56 years, Alton L. Phillips; her son, Gary Lee Phillips; and infant son, David Martin Phillips.

She is survived by her son, Donald Wayne Phillips of Midland; two daughters, Kathleen Oden and her husband Jimmy, and Patricia "Trisha" Morgan and her husband Gaylan, all of Midland; three grand daughters, Stephanie Nunez and Tiffany Morgan, both of Midland, and Brittany Morgan Cobb and her husband John of Weatherford; a grandson, Kevin Oden of Lubbock; and by a great grandson, Nathan Nunez.

A graveside service will be held for both Dorothy and her son, Gary Lee Phillips, on September 13, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland. Pastor Bob Porterfield will officiate.

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Gary Havner

Gary Havner, our loving brother, went home on September 4, 2014.

He was born to the late, Connie and Aubrey Havner on April 26, 1961, in Midland.

Those left to cherish his memory are his long time companion, Dallas O'Neill of Midland; son, Brandon and Allison Havner; son, Matthew and Michelle Havner, both of Odessa; brother, Jackie Havner of Midland; brother, Shawn and Brittany Havnet, of Midland; sister, Debbie Evans and Larry Braswell of Big Spring; sister, Lori and Darrell Daylong of Midland; and two grandchildren.

Viewing will be Monday, September 8, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the family receiving visitors from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Funeral service will be held at American Heritage Chapel, September 9, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. Interment immediately following at American Heritage Cemetery.

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

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The Healing Starts Here.

Gary Lee Phillips

Gary Lee Philips, 60, of Midland, passed away on August 13, 2014. He was born in Dallas on September 23, 1953 to Alton L. Phillips and Dorothy Mae Phillips.

After graduating from Midland High School in 1972, he earned an Associate's degree from Midland College in 1975 and then graduated from Commercial College in 1978 with a drafting degree.

After working several years at HNG and later for ARCO, he started his own business - Renaissance Designs, a commercial art and drafting firm that he opened in 1999. He loved music, and played in several area bands, as well as teaching guitar lessons.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alton L. Phillips; and by an infant brother, David Martin. His mother, Dorothy Mae Phillips, passed away on August 29, 2014.

He is survived by his brother, Donald Wayne Phillips of Midland; two sisters, Kathleen Oden and her husband Jimmy, and Patricia "Trisha" Morgan and her husband Gaylan, all of Midland; three nieces, Stephanie Nunez and Tiffany Morgan, both of Midland, and Brittany Morgan Cobb and her husband John of Weatherford; a nephew, Kevin Oden of Lubbock; and a great nephew, Nathan Nunez.

A graveside service will be held for both Gary and his mother, Dorothy Mae Phillips, on September 13, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland. Pastor Bob Porterfield will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Gary's memory to the American Diabetes Association.

Jay Brock

Jay Brock, 74, of Midland passed away on the morning of September 4, 2014, at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock, Texas.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 6, 2014, at First Baptist Church Chapel of Midland at 3:00 p.m. Reverend David Johnson officiated.

Jay was born on March 15, 1940, in Buffalo, Oklahoma, to Robert and Laura Brock, the youngest of ten children. He was raised in Laverne, Oklahoma, and graduated from Laverne High School in 1958.

Jay married Rozann Hunter in 1961, in Woodward, Oklahoma, and they had four children during their thirty-two years of marriage together.

He worked for Phillips Petroleum Company in the West Texas area for thirty years, starting as a roustabout and retiring as a supervisor at the Sprayberry plant. Jay loved to restore old cars and shared his knowledge and passion for vehicles with his son, Paul.

He married Melba "Jody" Sanders in 1994, further extending those who were blessed to be a part of his family. Jay and Jody had twenty wonderful years together, traveling, working on special projects, and bowling.

Following his retirement, Jay continued to use his skills, helping his children with a number of construction and home improvement projects. He loved working with his hands, and was a truly skillful craftsman.

He is survived by his daughters, Lauri Smith and husband, Jack, Cheri Brock, Melani Terrill and husband, Mike; his son, Paul Brock and wife, Carla; step-daughters, Sandy Bradley and husband David, and Tonnie Milligan and husband, Brad; his brother Basil and wife, Ivalee.

He had nine grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Laura Brock, and wife, Melba "Jody" Brock.

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

Jo Ann Marek Maloney

Jo Ann Marek Maloney, loving wife and mother, passed away Sunday, August 24, 2014, in Ennis, Montana at the age of 63.

She is survived by her husband, Mark Maloney of Ennis and Midland, Texas; and son, Sean D. Maloney of Bozeman, Montana.

She is also survived by her brother, Michael Marek; and sister Jennifer Marek, of Houston, Texas; and Jennifer's children, Corey and Hayley Hamilton; as well as her beloved Labs, Layla and Cody Bull.

Born December 8, 1950, in Houston, Jo Ann spent her early life there, where her father was a life-long employee of Marek Brothers Builders, a family run business founded by her father's cousins, John L., Bill and Ralph Marek, shortly after World War II.

She was predeceased by her parents, Joe E. Marek and Dora Dean (Barfield) Marek; and her brother, Gerald Marek, who died earlier this year.

Our deepest condolences to the extended Marek and Barfield families, as well as Mark's extended family, who share in our loss of Jo Ann.

Jo Ann and Mark met in Midland, Texas, in 1980, which was also the year that Jo Ann first came to and fell in love with the Madison Valley, when she and Mark visited the late Richard E. (Rick) Henderson for a week-long trip that included her first float trip down the Madison and subsequent horse (and riding mule) camping trip to the high country (near Expedition Pass).

Married in Midland in 1981, they resided there until 1988, shortly after Sean's birth in September of 1987, when they moved to Roswell, New Mexico, where Mark continued his work as an independent petroleum landman. They stayed in Roswell until 2007, when Mark retired after thirty years as an indpendent landman.

Fulfilling a lifelong dream, Jo Ann and Mark purchased their Montana home in 2006, (which was Rick Henderson's old place) while Sean was attending Montana State University in Bozeman.

They moved to Ennis "full time" in the summer of 2007, and Jo Ann never lost her love for the Madison Valley and the wonderful people and places in Montana.

There is a picture hanging in their cabin in Montana that's an old photograph of a lioness and her cub asleep between her front legs. It was bought at an Estate sale that Mark attended with his mother, the late Randy (Mrs. C.C.) Maloney, in Midland, years ago. The inscription reads: Mama Lion, from Sean Dylan. It pretty much sums up the life-long relationship between Jo Ann and Sean.

Jo Ann and Mark had a life full of adventures and travel, hunting and fishing with friends and family in the desert and mountains of the Southwest and off-shore in Mexico and Costa Rica, a life like all, full of ups and downs. Their shared love and strengths prevailed through the years, until parted in death this past week.

In keeping with her wishes, Jo Ann's body was cremated and private services will be held at a later date.

For those who wish to do so, the family requests that Memorials be made to Guiding Eyes for the Blind, P.O. Box 709. Yorktown Heights, New York, 10598-0709, the Madison Valley Medical Center Foundation, P.O. Box 993, Ennis, Montana, 59729, or to the charity of one's choice.

Lois Welch

Lois Welch born December 29, 1918, passed away on Thursday, August 28, 2014, in Katy, Texas.

In the early years she was a star basketball player in High School. She married Ralph Welch and formed a family with the arrival of their daughter, Donna, and moved to California. Returning to Texas they were active in the Pettit farming community.

They retired and moved to Midland, Texas, where she was later prominent in the 55 plus dance club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Welch.

Mrs. Welch is survived by her daughter, Donna Welch Skillern; granddaughter, Sharla Binnicker; two grandsons, Steve Skillern and Mike Skillern; seven great-grandchildren; and brother, Curtis Erwin.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2014, at George Price Funeral Home, 1400 Avenue J., Levelland, Texas, 79336.

Graveside service and interment will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2014, at the City of Levelland Cemetery.

Death Notices

Emilio Zubia

Emilio Zubia, 42 of Midland, passed away on Friday, September 5, 2014, at a local hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Manuela Zubia; sons, Emilio Zubia Jr. and Jesus Zubia; step-sons, Israel Marquez and Chris Marquez; daughters, Jasmin Zubia and Jaqueline Zubia; step-daughter, Danina Gonzalez; five brothers; and one sister.

A rosary will be held Monday, September 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel.

Funeral mass is set for Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Giles S. Medearis

Giles S. Medearis, 73, of Midland, died at his residence in Midland on September 3, 2014.

He is survived by sons, Rodney Medearis, Isaiah Medearis, Giles Medearis, and Cedric Medearis; daughter, LaDonna Medearis; three brothers; and six sisters.

Viewing will be held prior to the funeral service at American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home beginning at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2014.

Funeral service will follow at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m.

Lubbock police find woman's stolen prosthetic leg

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — A New Mexico woman whose $7,000 prosthetic leg was stolen from her SUV outside a West Texas hotel will get her artificial limb back.

Lubbock police on Friday announced they've recovered the prosthesis belonging to Mary Alice London of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Police investigating a series of burglaries detained two suspects on unrelated charges and located the prosthetic leg at a residence.

Investigators said London reported the limb was in a suitcase that was stolen Aug. 2 from her vehicle parked outside a Lubbock hotel. London said her health insurance did not cover the specialty limb, which can get wet — such as for use while showering.

Sgt. Jason Lewis said officers will make sure the prosthetic leg is returned to London. Police didn't immediately provide additional details Saturday.

WILLIAMSON

From 1B

would be adrift in a sea of open pleasures that are way beyond my skill sets. Marriage keeps me centered while the wife keeps me honest.

I'm just not strong enough on my own to face this world of temptation alone. I must eat my own little apple in my own little corner of the world. I would be a total disaster if my personal sandbox was extended beyond my set boundaries, which are mandated by the wife and marriage.

I once saw it written that marriage is love and love is blind. I'm sure all of you have heard these words of wisdom more than once. They have become our guide in the definition of love and marriage.

However, have you ever stopped to consider what those words mean? If marriage is love and love is blind, I can only conclude that marriage is an institution for the blind. And that's where I happily find myself. I'm serenely embedded in the cocoon of marriage, safe and secure and away from harm.

That's as long as I don't open my eyes. Then I might be tempted to follow the ways of the world.

You see, Eve recorded the first sin. Some say she dragged man down with her and took over control of the marriage. Some say man lost his bachelor's degree from that incident and never regained it. Woman, however, obtained her master's degree, giving us the modern day marriage.

Now the wife tells me what to do, and I do it. She tells me when I'm right and wrong, and I make corrections as warranted — by the wife. She tells me when to eat, what to buy and what chores need to be done. She also tells me in which hand to place my paycheck.

In other words, my life is in perfect order. As a reward for being a good husband, the wife lets me watch a little football and baseball along the way. What more could I possibly want out of life?

If your marriage is working properly, the wife pretty much has control of all the strings. It's just the simple order of things.

The wives of the world rule because we really don't want the job of being headmaster. We would rather watch football. And we like being in our own little world where decisions are made for us.

I'm sure some of you men out there would like to stand up and take a stand in your marriage.

You would like to change the natural progression of real life.

I support you in your endeavor, but I'll just sit back and watch. I'll even let you sleep in my front yard if you bring your own sleeping bag. As for me, I like football too much to take on the wife in any real makeover of the marriage.

"Hey, honey, could I have some money to play golf? OK, I didn't think so. Just asking."

Thought for the Week: "My wife says I never listen to her. At least I think that's what she said." — Author Unknown

NICHOLAS

From 1B

have you stopped? Come on, Son!"

"But look!"

"Look at what? We don't have time."

And there it was.

This huge, beautiful black and blue butterfly, trapped on the ground somehow. It couldn't fly, only sadly flap its little wings in a desperate attempt at lift-off.

Little Son was instantly moved to nurture it. And by nurture it, I mean pick it up very gently and thrust it to me for closer inspection. But I don't do bugs. Even the pretty ones. Yes, it was beautiful, but when it touched me with its long fuzzythick black feet I nearly wretched. Holy cow, that was AWFUL.

I stifled a scream and fought the rising bile.

"No, we are NOT bringing it inside, Son."

"Could we build it a habitat in the garage then?"

Habitat? Huh? Seems that he was learning quite a bit about bugs in Mrs. Mary's pre-school class last year.

We found it a box.

Presenting me with a tiny bouquet of crushed wildflowers picked from the side yard, "Did you know butterflies eat nectar?"

Ummm, no. No I did not.

He arranged them in a neat little pile in the box.

"Next, we need water. But not too much, Mom. We don't want it to drown."

OK … so I filled a small snack-size Tupperware lid with water and put it next to the flowers.

Then we trooped inside to find some butterfly first aid tips on the computer. I was not down with what I found.

Here is an excerpt: "If the proboscis does not extend naturally, help it out by uncurling it with a toothpick. Carefully place the toothpick into the center of the curled proboscis. It will look like a coiled watch spring. Then gently uncurl it until it makes contact with the feeding pad. You may have to hold it in place for a minute or so before the butterfly begins feeding. Once the drinking tube is extended, watch for any up-and-down pumping action of the proboscis. If no motion is detected, take the forefinger and thumb of each hand and hold the butterfly's front wings near the front edges. Hold each front wing, one between each set of your fingers, as close to the butterfly's body as possible."

Oh hell no. There was not going to be any handling of a pumping proboscis by this gal.

Nurse Hubs came home shortly thereafter, and I explained the situation. I left the first aid page up on the computer screen. "Can you try to fix the butterfly while we are at dance?"

He looked at me and tilted his head. (Did I mention he was a hospice nurse for more than a decade?)

"Sometimes, Melanie, we just have to let go. This may be the end of its natural lifespan." All low and calm, reassuring.

Cut the caring act with me, mister. I don't like bugs. Makes no matter to me, but your son seems to be getting invested here.

Little Son has stopped circling the box on his bike. He has now dragged a chair beside it, and he is hanging over the edge of the box crooning at the darned thing.

Bodacious, who is not remotely interested in the butterfly, and I head off to dance. And then McDonald's. Because I deserved some fries after this long day! We get home. Surprise! Guess who is still in the garage, watching over his butterfly? Guess who checked on it three more times before I forced him into bed? Guess who was pretty proud of himself for rescuing one of God's creatures?

When we ran out the door the next morning for school, I noticed that the butterfly was not inside.

Whoohoo! It's a miracle! We were all excited about the thought of the butterfly happily flying along out there. We're buckled in and ready for take-off.

"Mom, could you go check in the box to make sure it's not trapped under one of the flaps?"

Well of course I can! But that would just be silly, that bug has made it! But I go the box, happily inspecting the wilted flowers, the water in the lid. Lift a flap all good, lift a second flap. Not all good. There that critter is, trapped sideways and it looks, ummmm, diminished somehow. Like it has been trapped under that flap in my stifling garage for a very long time.

But, y'all, I just could not tell him the truth when I got back to the car. It's his second day of kinder in a new school and he knows no one.

"Did the flowers look like the butterfly drank their nectar all up? Do you think he is happy and going to find his family?"

So I lied. Like a rug. And when I got back after dropping the kids off, I gently overturned the box and dumped the still sort of flapping butterfly onto the concrete.

When I left to run errands, it was still there. When I came back, still there. Then it was time to go get the kids again. Man! Still there! What to do? I could not take another night of watching my son watch over a suffering bug. I scootched it to the grass. The wind blew it back to me. I could leave it there for the kids to find again or I could leave it there for one of the neighborhood birds to munch on.

I didn't know which was more cruel: breaking Little Son's heart or leaving it like not-quite-dead road kill. Hospice Hubs always said pain management played an essential role in the dying process. Hearing his words in my head about the natural end of life for the butterfly, I reached for my flip flop. Quick, with a prayer and the outside trash can. "God speed, little bug. God speed."

When I picked Little Son up, his first question was about the butterfly. "Did he come back home, Mom? Or do you think he found his family?"

And the way he says family is so cute, like fam-i-wee.

"Yes, he did. He has joined with all the members of his family who went before him, Son."

Melanie Maxcey Nicholas is a full-time momma, writer and mommy blogger. She and The Hubs have two uh-mazing children, Parkslot, 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.

Exhibit examines making of 'Gone With the Wind'

Associated Press

AUSTIN — While public debate raged over who should play Southern belle Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone With the Wind," producer David O. Selznick was trying to figure out how to get the movie past Hollywood's morality censors by tamping down the novel's racist overtones while portraying the South in the Civil War.

Thousands of fans sent letters about wanting to play Scarlett, and the Ku Klux Klan offered to serve in an advisory role on the film. Black activists implored Selznick not to make the movie, with the African Youth Congress calling it "un-American, anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, pro-KKK and a glorification of Southern lynch society."

Of course, Selznick pressed on and made one of the most popular films in history. And on Tuesday, hundreds of items that he saved, including dresses worn in the film, scripts, story boards and other things, will go on display at the University of Texas' Harry Ransom Center as part of a 75th anniversary tribute, "The Making of Gone With the Wind."

The Selznick collection is one of the largest at the Ransom Center, which has been gearing up for the exhibit for about four years. In 2010, the center launched a fundraising campaign to help preserve several of the original costumes. That effort raised more than $30,000 with donations coming in from across the globe.

Among the costumes on display will be three original gowns worn by Vivien Leigh as Scarlett, including her iconic green curtain dress.

The exhibit, which runs through Jan. 4, 2015, takes visitors on a journey from the 1936 purchase of movie rights through production and the film's eventual premiere. It examines the casting of the moving and the decision to remove any mention of the Klan from the screenplay and avoid the use of racial slurs, which Margaret Mitchell used throughout her novel.

Associated Press

Conservator Mary Baughman helps prepare the green curtain dress from the movie "Gone with the Wind" for display at the University of Texas' Harry Ransom Center in Austin on Aug. 27. Beginning Tuesday, hundreds of items from the film will be on exhibit through Jan. 4, 2015, as part of a 75th anniversary tribute called "The Making of Gone With the Wind."

Selznick's insistence on barring racial slurs, most notably the n-word, likely saved the movie, said Steve Wilson, the Ransom Center's film curator.

"If that word had stayed in, it would probably have been so offensive we wouldn't even be watching it anymore," he said.

Censors also warned Selznick not to include scenes depicting rape or even the pain and trauma associated with childbirth.

Much of the exhibit is dedicated to the casting of Scarlett and the rumors that swirled about the candidates from Bette Davis to Katherine Hepburn before Selznick finally settled on British actress Leigh.

Several letters in a section titled "I am Scarlett" showcase the personal connection Southern women felt with the Scarlett character, Wilson said.

The letters included hard luck stories from women who detailed their low-income or even homeless living conditions, or heartbreak in their personal lives. One woman got an entire town to do a letter-writing campaign on her behalf. Selznick's crew received more than 75,000 letters by the end of 1936.

"There's something in this character that really grabbed people," Wilson said. "A lot of women feel they are right to play the part because they've had the same kind of romantic problems Scarlett had. More often it seems they've had the hardships Scarlett survived."

In one telegram, the United Daughters of the Confederacy noted that the group would "protest vigorously against any other than a native born Southern woman" for the part.

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West Texas solar plant comes online

By Jim Malewitz
Texas Tribune

Less than eight months after breaking ground, the company constructing one of the state's largest solar plants says it has begun harnessing West Texas' intense rays.

First Solar, based in Arizona, announced Thursday that it had completed the first phase of its Barilla Solar Project, adding about 18 megawatts of solar capacity to Texas' electric grid. The company expects to have a total of 30 megawatts installed by the end of the year, said Colin Meehan, its director of regulatory affairs.

On average, one megawatt-hour of solar energy can heat and cool as many as 100 Texas homes for an hour during the hottest summer days. During average temperatures, it can power many times more.

The 200-acre project sits in Pecos County, part of the Permian Basin, a region better known for its prolific oil production.

"Projects like this bring good jobs to the local economy, while diversifying our energy sources," state Rep. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, said in a statement.

Joe Shuster, the Pecos County judge, said he hopes folks will one day call his slice of the region the "Texas solar patch."

Barilla is not the largest solar project in Texas. CPS Energy's Alamo project in San Antonio (41 megawatts, with plans for additional plants that would total 400 megawatts) and Austin Energy's 30-megawatt Webberville facility have it beat. And last May, Austin Energy signed a deal with a California company to build a 150-megawatt solar farm somewhere in West Texas.

But the Barilla project is unique in Texas because its developers – confident that their electricity can compete on the open market – have forged ahead without signing a power purchase agreement, which would guarantee a buyer for their energy.

Texas, because of its size and intense radiation, leads the nation in solar energy potential. Much of that resource is in the state's western half, according to the State Energy Conservation Office. The industry has long struggled to get a foothold in the state, as policymakers have provided fewer incentives than other states, and solar energy currently makes up a tiny fraction of Texas' energy portfolio.

But improving technology has driven down the price of solar power, making it more competitive with other resources? – even without incentives, developers say. And West Texas is a particularly attractive location for solar plants because of its wide-open spaces and proximity to power lines. The region's transmission structure has been bolstered by the $7 billion Competitive Renewable Energy Zone project, built to send wind power from the west to Texas' growing cities in the east.

"It's just like any other resource rush," Meehan said. "We're going to see something like we saw with wind."

TEA releases 2013-14 financial accountability ratings

From staff reports

The Texas Education Agency on Friday released its financial accountability ratings for Texas school districts and charters.

The 2013-14 ratings are based on 2012-13 financial reports provided by districts and charters to TEA, according to a press release.

Midland ISD, Greenwood ISD and Ector County ISD are among the 912 districts — of 89 percent — that obtained a "superior" rating from the TEA.

Nearly 99 percent of districts and 79 percent of charters passed with a rating of standard or above. Just 12 districts and 40 charters were rated substandard.

The financial accountability rating system, created in 2001 by the 77th Texas Legislature, is called FIRST, or the School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas.

FIRST is "designed to encourage public schools to better manage their financial resources in order to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes," according to the TEA release.

Area ratings

Midland ISD	Superior
Greenwood ISD	Superior
Ector County ISD	Superior
Big Spring ISD	Superior
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New math standards mean learning earlier

Associated Press

DALLAS — Some Texas children are finding their teachers are moving at a faster pace after a shift in math test standards has forced educators to cover more ground.

The Dallas Morning News reported Saturday that the changes moved some content that previously was covered in higher grades to lower grades. And students in upper grades will have to scramble to get up to speed with content that they should've covered in previous years under the new standards.

For instance, using a protractor to measure an angle was a skill learned at a sixth-grade level. Now students in fourth grade will learn to do it. Therefore, children currently in fifth and sixth grade are assumed to know how to use it, even if they did not cover it in previous years.

Last year's State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness tests results showed that 9 percent of fifth-graders and 11 percent of eighth-graders did not pass the tests they needed to get automatic promotion.

A chart produced by the Richardson Independent School District shows that 46 percent of fifth grade students' curriculum remained the same, 28 percent was moved down from the sixth and seventh grade and 26 percent is new content.

Children will also be required to cover more content on financial literacy since kindergarten.

Math standards for higher grades won't change until next fall.

The changes have been coming since 2011, when the Texas Education Agency recommended major shifts to meet college and career readiness.

However, STAAR tests this year will not count for promotion because the new exams will not have been field tested and the state needs to know how the students score before it sets a passing standard.

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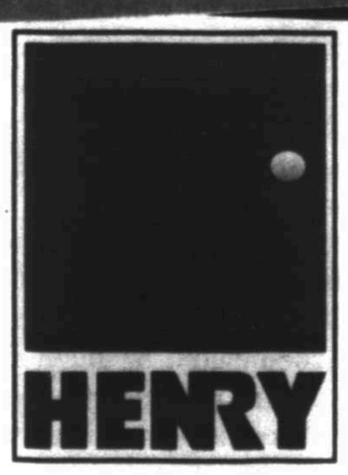

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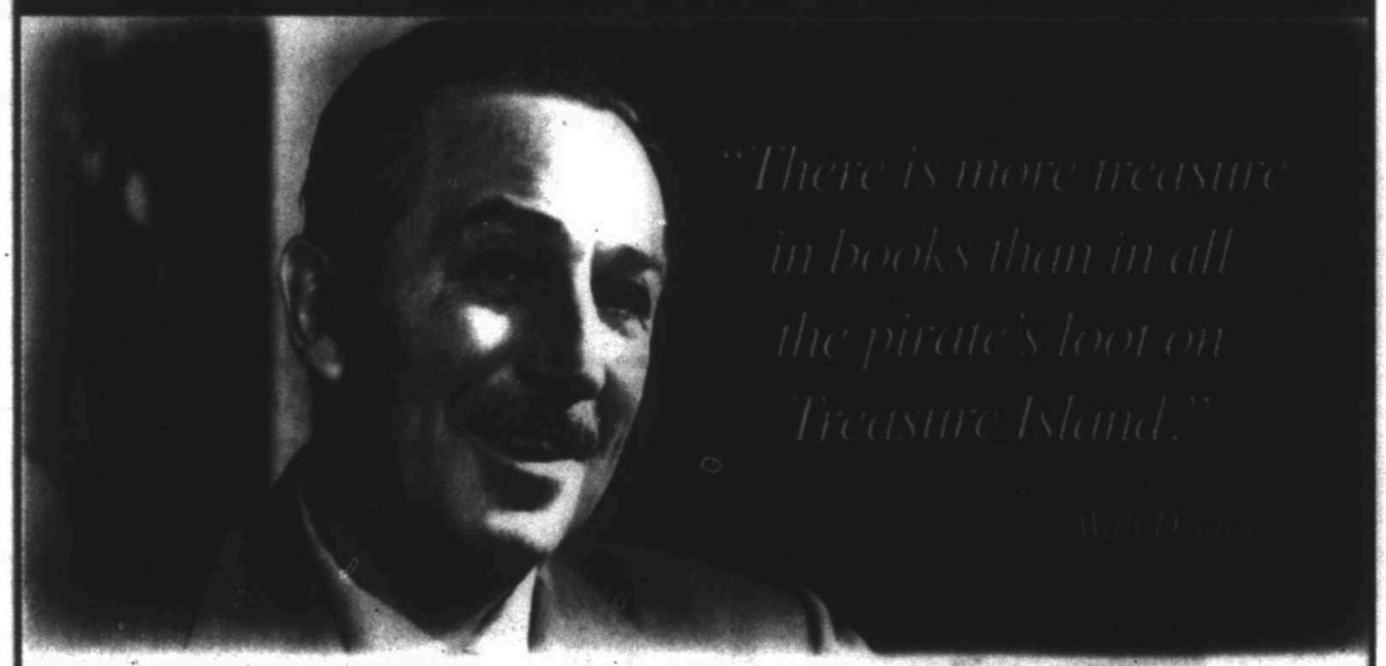

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DAVIS MEMOIR

From 1B

another key thing they look for is relatability," said Harold Cook, a Democratic strategist in Austin and former executive director of the Texas Democratic Party. "And I think on both counts, this helps her and might help her a lot. I would challenge you to find very many politicians in America willing to share that level of personal pain with voters, I think it takes a special brand of guts and bravery to do it at all."

Mark W. White Jr., a former Democratic governor of Texas, said he had new respect for Davis. "She's not afraid to let people know what she's been through," he said. "What I hope it does is let people who are not decided, independents, stop and think again."

Republicans, however, said the book would not change the dynamics of the race, but in a sign of the delicate nature of the abortion debate, they offered a careful response. They have shown no great restraint in their past depictions of Davis — some had labeled her "Abortion Barbie" — but many have been reserved in talking about her memoir.

In a statement on Saturday, the day after reports about her memoir surfaced, Abbott largely avoided commenting on the political aspects of Davis' revelations.

Matt Mackowiak, a Republican political consultant in Austin who once served as a spokesman for former Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, was more blunt, albeit carefully so.

"It's one thing to bare your soul and put it in your memoir and hope that your own life is something that reaches other people," Mackowiak said. "It's another to have your campaign on ready alert, doing everything they can to maximize what is ultimately a tragic decision. There just seems to be something untoward about trying to promote what ultimately was an abortion."

Davis' book is out this week, and she is taking part in a series of book-signings around Texas. Her opponent, Abbott, has been leading a courtroom battle to enforce the state's abortion law. About a week ago, a federal judge in Austin struck down some of the toughest restrictions in the law, ruling that it put an unconstitutional burden on women seeking abortions. A hearing on the state's appeal of the ruling is set for Friday.

At times, she had been reluctant to take up abortion rights as a rallying point, part of an attempt to appeal to moderate voters and convince Texans that she is more than a single-issue candidate. In June, in a speech in Austin marking one year after the filibuster, Davis used the word "abortion" once, casting her fight instead as a battle against Texas insiders who were abusing their power by getting in between a woman and her doctor.

She has two daughters, and she writes in her book that in 1996, during the second trimester of a pregnancy, she and her husband at the time, Jeff Davis, learned that their unborn daughter whom they named Tate had a severe brain abnormality. Doctors told her that if the baby survived delivery, she would be deaf, blind and in a permanent vegetative state.

"In our doctor's office, with tears flowing down both our faces, Jeff and I looked at our baby daughter's beating heart on the sonogram screen for the last time," Davis wrote, according to an excerpt from the book published by The San Antonio Express-News. "And we watched as our doctor quieted it. It was over. She was gone. Our much-loved baby was gone."

Davis' two abortions were performed by doctors in their offices. The abortion restrictions she filibustered against prohibit doctors from performing abortions in their offices and require them to be done in hospital-style surgical centers. Davis terminated her pregnancies in a manner that would no longer be available to women if the law takes full effect, a point not lost on abortion rights advocates.

Abbott says he grieves for Davis' family

AUSTIN — Republican Greg Abbott says he grieves for Democrat Wendy Davis after his gubernatorial opponent revealed that she once had an abortion upon learning that the fetus had a severe brain abnormality.

Abbott said Saturday in a statement that "the unspeakable pain of losing a child is beyond tragic for any parent." He said he grieves for the Davis family and the loss of life.

Davis discloses the abortion for the first time in her new memoir "Forgetting to be Afraid." She had become pregnant in 1996 but had the abortion after doctors told her the child would be deaf, blind and in a permanent vegetative state.

Davis said she fell under an "indescribable blackness" afterward.

Abbott, who opposes abortion, and Davis are vying to replace Gov. Rick Perry next year.

Associated Press

RECOVERY WALK

From 1B

When at the home, volunteers will ask the individuals why they dropped out and what can be done to help them get back in school; and door hangers are left when no one is home.

By participating in the walk, volunteers are able to learn what students and their families need to be successful. Acosta said this is how the district found out it needed to open its A+ Labs — which allow for credit recovery work — later during the week because some students couldn't come during a traditional 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. school day. The addition of MISD's three crisis counselors has helped students cope with their emotional needs and struggles so they can focus on academics.

"The Recovery Walk does all that," she said. "It exposes and lets us know the needs, and it helps us research what else we can do."

It's hard to say how many students have come back to school as a direct result of the Recovery Walk, Acosta said. However, MISD's longitudinal dropout rate, which looks at all students who started ninth grade and follows a four-year span to see if they graduated, consistently declined for the classes of 2007 through 2012, from 16.1 percent to 9.9 percent, respectively. The class of 2013 rate spiked back up to 13.5 percent.

"What would you attribute to that? There are so many factors, I couldn't just mark one thing," Acosta said. "It could be that we have more population, it could be there's more struggle when it comes to the rigor and the testing that's going on. It could be the lure of jobs out there paying really good money right now that they figure, 'I'll just go get this job and worry about school, deal with it later.' There's so many factors out there that each individual student is tackling themselves."

Horner said keeping students in school when they can get a well-paying job without a diploma can be tough. Sometimes, a student's job — such as working a late night or early morning shift — can affect their attendance, he said.

"Sometimes, if they don't see the light at the end of the tunnel, we lose them," he said.

Acosta said her goal is getting the district dropout rate to 5 percent. But even then, there will still be a Recovery Walk.

"This can never stop," she said. "We will always continue the Recovery Walk, even with one or two names on that list."

Anyone wishing to re-enroll in MISD can contact Acosta at deborah.acosta@midlandisd.net or 689-1980.

MISD rates by class

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Longitudinal dropout	16.1%	13%	11.9%	11.6%	10.66%	9.9%	13.5%
Graduation	74.1%	74.1%	75.8%	79.5%	83.3%	83.9%	81.2%

Source: MISD

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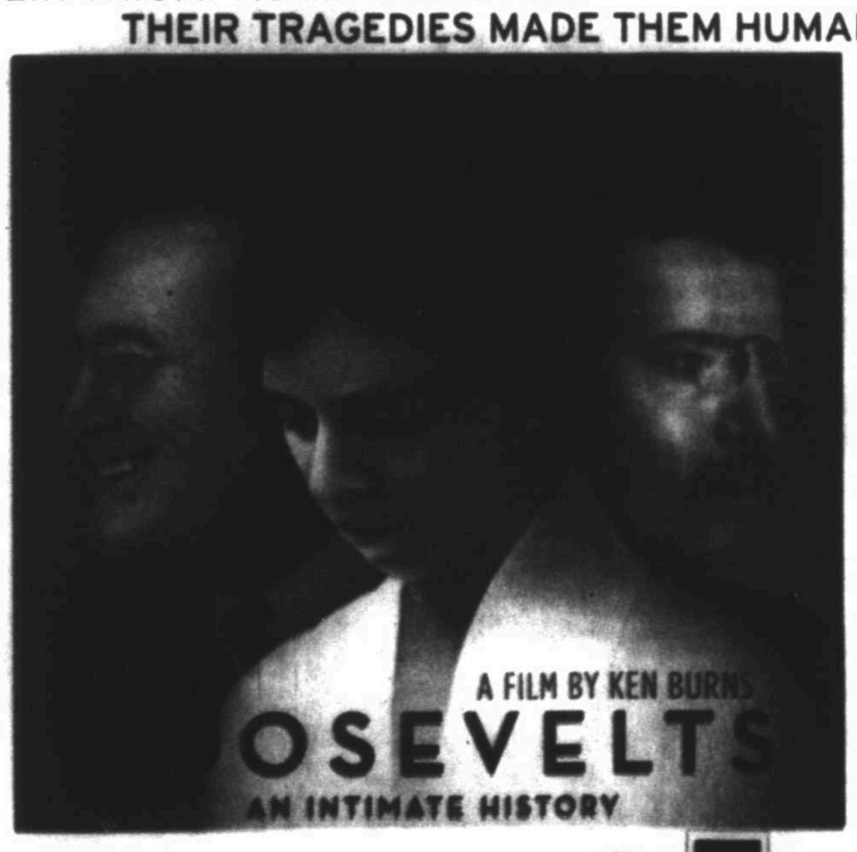

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Robert J. Bennett, 26, of Midland was charged Friday with violation of probation.

Michael Bowick, 49, was charged Friday with abandoning or endangering a child with imminent danger of bodily injury.

Jonathan A. Elliott, 19, of Midland was charged Friday with fraudulent use or possession of identification information items.

Elpidio Garcia Jr., 51, of Midland was charged Friday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Abel Gonzales, 45, of Odessa was charged Friday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Timothy F. Gould, 17, of Midland was charged Friday with fraudulent use or possession of identification items.

Arturo C. Juarez Jr., 20, of Midland was charged Friday with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Joshua M. Junker, 18, of Midland was charged Friday with fraudulent use or possession of identification items.

Michael Kelly, 17, (no place of residence listed), was charged Friday with fraudulent use or possession of identification items.

James D. Kemp, 26, of Midland was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Patrick W. Langley, 43, of Midland was charged Friday with forgery of a government financial instrument.

Adrian C. Lopez Jr., 21, of Midland was charged Friday with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Jose G. Miranda-Ortiz, 30, of Midland was charged Friday with three counts of indecency with a child via sexual contact.

Bryan U. Sewell, 41, of Midland was charged Friday with burglary of a building.

Shawn L. Woodard, 26, of Stanton was charged Friday with fugitive from justice.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Crime Stoppers fugitive

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- As always, you will remain anonymous
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Crime of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland County Sheriff's Office need help solving a cold case.

Pamela Larned McDonald of Midland went missing on April 2, 2009. Her car was located in Ward County near Monahans soon after she disappeared. Her skeletal remains were found in January 2012 in Upton County not far from the Midland County line off of South Highway 349.

Important information has been obtained through Crime Stopper leads, but the sheriff's office is seeking the final pieces of information.

If you are the first person to call with information and the person(s) responsible and it leads to an arrest, you will be eligible for a $2,500 cash reward. You will remain anonymous and no caller ID is ever used.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Ex-teacher gets probation for student lap dance

A former Houston-area teacher accused of doing a lap dance for a boy at school to celebrate his 15th birthday has been put on three years of probation.

Felicia A. Smith of Spring was sentenced Wednesday after pleading guilty to having an improper relationship with a student during the February incident.

Officials with the Aldine Independent School District removed the 42-year-old Smith from campus following her April arrest. A district statement said the instructor at Stovall Middle School was not allowed to return during the criminal investigation.

Several other students were present during the lap dance and at least one videotaped the incident on a cellphone.

TYLER

Jail inquiry turns up falsified records

An inquiry into inmate welfare-check records at an East Texas county jail has led to four officers resigning and three other being put on administrative leave.

Smith County Sheriff Larry Smith said the investigation came about in late August when a new employee reported what was happening at the jail in Tyler.

Jail-check logs keep track of times when officers checked that all inmates are accounted for and not in distress. All cells must be checked every 45 minutes and suicide watch cells must be checked every 10 minutes. Some suicide watch inmates require constant supervision.

Online records Saturday did not list Smith as employed by the school. A message left Saturday for an administrator wasn't immediately returned.

"These jail logs are also documentation, which we are required by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards to maintain. Additionally, they are considered government documents, and entering false information into these documents constitutes a third-degree felony offense," the Sheriff told the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

The Texas Rangers are conducting a criminal investigation into the falsification and the Smith County Sheriff's Office of Professional responsibility is doing an internal investigation.

At least 20 employees have been interviewed about the practice that, according to Smith, had been happening for about five years.

As a result of the criminal and administrative investigation, one detention sergeant and three detention officers have resigned. Additionally, one detention sergeant and two detention officers have been placed on administrative leave.

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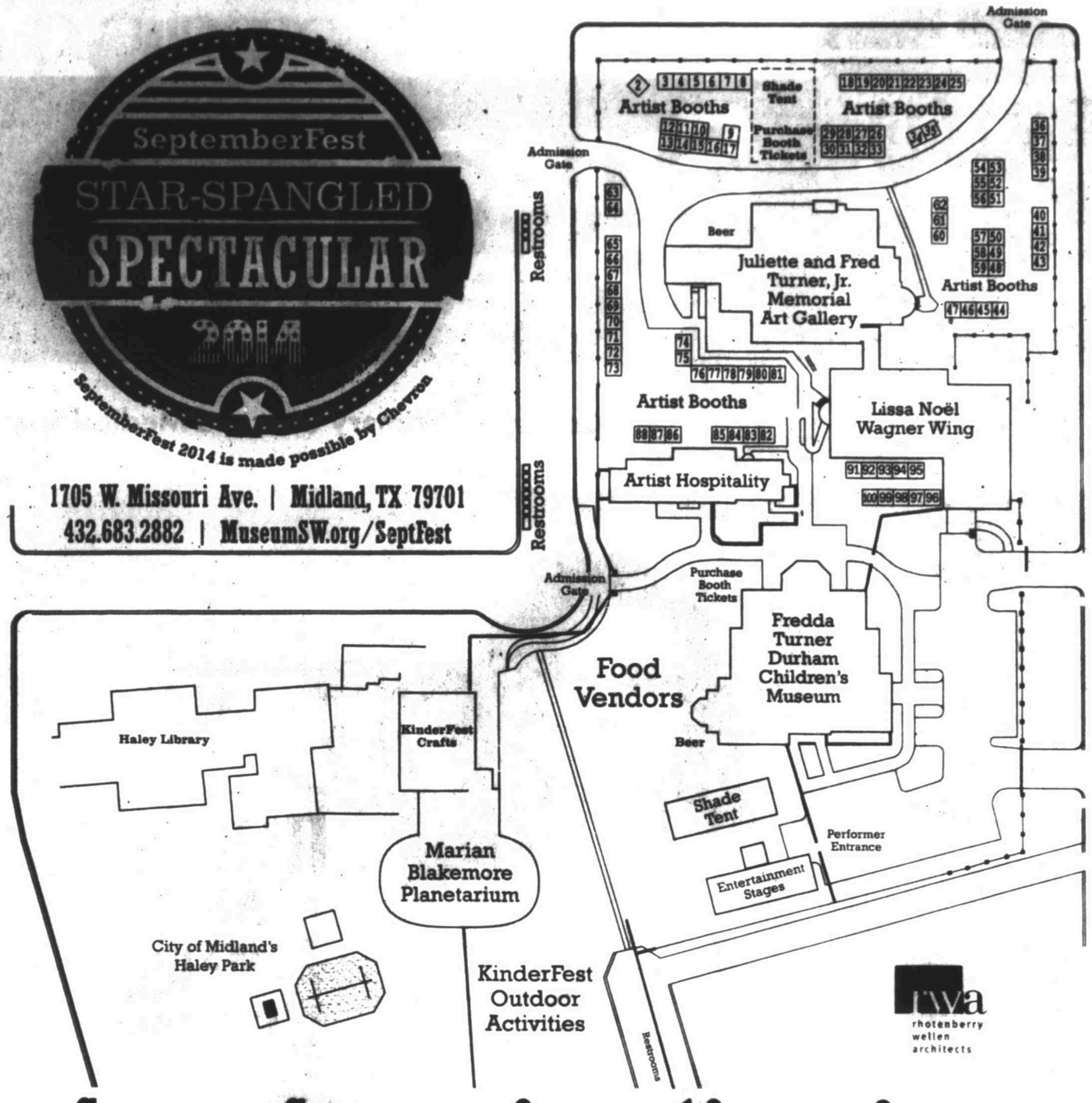

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Sneak Preview

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READERS' CHOICE 2014

THE READERS HAVE SPOKEN!

Winners of the 2014 Readers' Choice edition revealed Sunday, Sept. 14

Hill's 3 TD runs lead BYU romp over Texas

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — BYU and Taysom Hill bashed Texas again.

The stats weren't nearly as gaudy this time, but the score was worse.

And take note: the Cougars have a playmaking quarterback and a muscular defense that could take them far this season on a barnstorming independent schedule they'll play from coast to coast.

Hill ran for three touchdowns in the third quarter, hurdling a defender near the goal line on a 30-yard score, leading the Cougars to a 41-7 win on Saturday night. He also passed for 181 yards

"It's a great statement for us," Hill said. "It shows we can compete with anybody."

Online

Saturday's game between Texas Tech and UTEP started too late to get into today's Reporter-Telegram. To see a game story, go to mrt.com.

BYU rolled up 550 yards rushing in a win over Texas in 2013. This time, the Cougars stuffed a Longhorns offense that started new quarterback Tyrone Swoopes behind a line missing three starters because of injury or suspensions.

The Cougars (2-0) allowed Texas (1-1) just 249 total yards in handing Texas its worst home defeat since a 66-3 loss to UCLA in 1997.

"The way to be respected nationally is to play as many of these games and win," BYU coach Bronco Mendenhall said. "Upward mobility depends so much quarterback play. I like our chances."

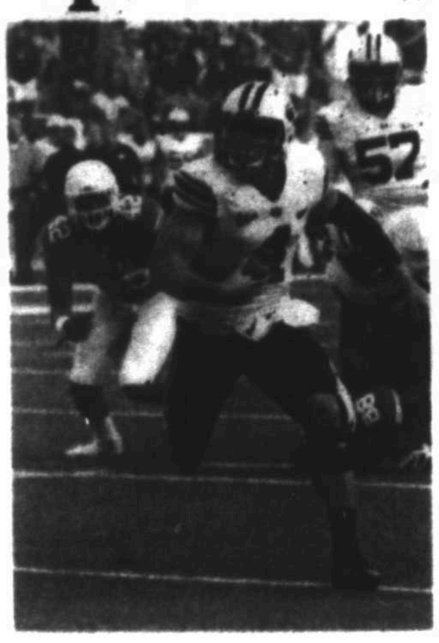
Cougars	41
Longhorns	7

Hill's long touchdown came on a scramble after he was almost sacked. Once free, Hill leaped over diving Texas safety Dylan Haines to get to the end zone. He also had scoring runs of 2 and 1 yard to push the score to 34-0.

"I knew I was one-on-one with the safety and they'd been diving at me all game," Hill said.

Swoopes started in place of injured

Please see **LONGHORNS**/7C



Michael Thomas/AP

BYU quarterback Taysom Hill runs the ball during the first quarter of Saturday's game against Texas in Austin. Hill had three touchdown runs as the Cougars shredded the Longhorns in a 41-7 victory.

RockHounds advance

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland's Daniel Roberston and Jeremy Barfield hug while celebrating a win against Frisco in Game 4 of the Texas League South Division Championship Series on Saturday at Security Bank Ballpark. The Rockhounds won the series with a 5-4 victory.

Midland beats Frisco, advances to TLCS

By Len Hayward
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The Midland RockHounds might have won a playoff series in the most unconventional way possible. But it was still a series win.

Midland took advantage of some key Frisco RoughRiders' errors to take the lead in the fifth inning and then held on for a 5-4 victory to win the Texas League South Division Championship Series on Saturday night at Security Bank Ballpark.

"We got out-hit but we got on base a lot, and we capitalized on their errors," said Jeremy Barfield who was 1-for-1 and scored a run in the fifth inning on an error by Frisco catcher Jorge Alfaro.

RockHounds	5
RoughRiders	4

Midland wins series, 3-1

"We made all the defensive plays that we needed to and played fundamental baseball for the most part. That's how you win a ballgame, especially in the playoffs."

The victory was Midland's third straight against Frisco in the series as the RockHounds won it 3-1. It was Midland's first divisional series win since the 2010 season when the RockHounds lost to Northwest Arkansas in the Texas League Championship.

The RockHounds will next play Tulsa in the best-of-five Texas League Championship Series beginning Tuesday in Tulsa. Tulsa advanced with a 3-1 series win over Arkansas on Saturday night.

The RockHounds were out-hit 10-3 in the game, and one of Midland's hits was a solo home run from Max Muncy in the first inning.

Frisco took a 3-1 lead in the fourth inning when J.T. Wise hit a two-run single and Jorge Alfaro drove in a run on a fielder's choice.

An inning later the RockHounds battled back by scoring three runs (two of them unearned) on one hit and two Frisco errors.

The RockHounds loaded the bases in the fifth when Matt Chapman reached on

Please see **ROCKHOUNDS**/4C

49ers open with 1st visit to Cowboys' showplace

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — After weeks of talk about players who won't be on the field for San Francisco's first regular-season visit to the $1.2 billion home of the Dallas Cowboys, the time has come to focus on those who will.

There's Tony Romo taking his first meaningful snap since throwing a touchdown pass with a herniated disk to set up a winner-take-all finale that he had to miss because of back surgery.

The game

SAN FRANCISCO AT DALLAS

When: 3:25 p.m. today
Location: AT&T Stadium, Arlington
TV: Fox
Radio: KNFM (92.3 FM)

The Dallas quarterback will oppose Colin Kaepernick, who was an unknown rookie on the sideline three years ago when Romo beat the 49ers while playing with a punctured lung.

Or how about the San Francisco quartet of linebackers Dan Skuta, Michael Wilhoite, Corey Lemonier and rookie Chris Borland being among those filling in today for the suspended Aldon Smith and the injured NaVorro Bowman.

Dallas also has many questions on defense, but one of the answers won't be Michael Sam.

The league's first openly gay player made news again this week by signing with the Cowboys' practice squad after his release in St. Louis — still a step shy of appearing in a regular-season game.

"There are certainly some things you feel good about going into the opener," Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said. "There are some other things there are some questions about as we go forward. That's the exciting part

Please see **COWBOYS**/5C

Federer, Djokovic both lose in US Open semifinals

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Roger Federer could not pull off another big escape at the U.S. Open, losing 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 in the semifinals Saturday against Croatia's Marin Cilic.

It was the second significant surprise of the day, coming after Novak Djokovic was beaten 6-4, 1-6, 7-6 (4), 6-3 by Japan's Kei Nishikori, who became the first man from Asia to reach a Grand Slam singles final.

Instead of the No. 1-seeded Djokovic against the No. 2-seeded Federer — who have combined to win 24 major championships — in Monday's final, it will be No. 10 Nishikori against No. 14 Cilic, neither of whom has ever appeared in a Grand Slam title match.

"That's going to be a sensational day for both of us," said Cilic, who at 25 is a year older than Nishikori.

For the first time in nearly a decade — since Marat Safin beat Lleyton Hewitt at the Australian Open in January 2005 — a men's final at a major tournament will be contested without at least one of Federer, Djokovic or Rafael Nadal, the 2013 U.S. Open champion who did not attempt to defend his title because of a right wrist injury.

That trio won 34 of the past 38 Grand Slam trophies, including two months ago at Wimbledon, when Djokovic edged Federer in a five-set final.

In the quarterfinals at Flushing Meadows on Thursday night, Federer dropped the first two sets against 20th-seeded Gael Monfils and wound up facing two match points, but managed to sneak away with a victory. There would be no such comeback this time against

Please see **OPEN**/2C

Julio Cortez/AP

Marin Cilic celebrates after defeating Roger Federer during the semifinals of the U.S. Open on Saturday in New York.

FAIR 66

The 66th Annual St. Ann's Family Fair
Saturday, September 27th
Carnival also runs on Thursday, Friday and Sunday.
For more info on all the fair activities visit: WWW.STANNSFAIR.ORG

HOUNDSWATCH

SATURDAY'S SCORE
Midland 5, Frisco 4

TUESDAY'S GAME
Midland at Tulsa, TBA

RADIO/INTERNET
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KFZX (102.1 FM)

SERIES
Midland wins, 3-1

Friday	Saturday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
TL Playoffs Midland 3, Frisco 2	TL Playoffs Midland x, Frisco x	TL Championship Midland at Tulsa	TL Championship Midland at Tulsa	TL Championship Tulsa at Midland

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY
WHAT'S ON TV
CFL

Hamilton Tiger-Cats at Montreal Alouettes, Noon, ESPNews

Saskatchewan Roughriders at Winnipeg Blue Bombers, 3 p.m., ESPN

FIBA WORLD CUP

Round of 16, 9 a.m., NBATV

Round of 16, 11 a.m., NBATV

Round of 16, Noon, ESPN

Round of 16, 1 p.m., NBATV

Round of 16, 3 p.m., NBATV

GOLF

European PGA, Omega European Masters, Final Round, 6 a.m., TGC

PGA, BMW Championship-, Final Round, Noon, TGC

PGA, BMW Championship, Final Round, 2 p.m., NBC/TGC

Web.com, Chiquita Classic, Final Round, 4 p.m., TGC

Champions, Quebec Championship, Final Round, 6 p.m., TGC

MLB

Royals at Yankees, 12:30 p.m., TBS

Pirates at Cubs, 1:15 p.m., WGN

Mariners at Rangers, 2 p.m., FSSW

Giants at Tigers, 7 p.m., ESPN/ESPNDEP

SOCCER

UEFA Euro 2016 Qualifier, Hungary vs. Northern Ireland, 10:45 a.m., FS2/FOXDEP

UEFA Euro 2016 Qualifier, Denmark vs. Armenia, 10:50 a.m., ESPNDEP

UEFA Euro 2016 Qualifier, Germany vs. Scotland, 12:30 p.m., FS1

UEFA Euro 2016 Qualifier, Portugal vs. Albania, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2/FOXDEP

Serbia vs. France, 1:30 p.m., FS2

UEFA Euro 2016 Qualifier, Gibraltar vs. Poland, 1:30 p.m., FOXSOCP

MLS, Chivas USA at Columbus Crew, 2 p.m., UniMas/UniDep

MLS, Portland Timbers at San Jose Earthquakes, 3:45 p.m., ESPN2

Copa Centroamericana, Costa Rica vs. Panama, 3:55 p.m., UniDep

MLS, Portland Timbers at San Jose Earthquakes, 4 p.m., ESPNDEP

Liga MX, Leones Negrs at CD Guadalajara, 5 p.m., UniMas

Copa Centroamericana, Guatemala vs. Belice, 5:55 p.m., UniDep

Copa Centroamericana, Honduras vs. El Salvador, 7:55 p.m., UniDep

MOTORSPORTS

Formula 1, Italian Grand Prix, 6:30 a.m., NBCSN/UniMas/UniDep

FIM Superbike World Championship, Jerez, Race 1- beIN

GP2, Monza, Race 2, 1 p.m., NBCSN

NFL

Raiders at Jets, Noon, CBS

Redskins at Texans, Noon, FOX

49ers at Cowboys, 3:25 p.m., FOX

Colts at Broncos, 7:30 p.m., NBC

TENNIS

US Open: Men's Doubles Final, 11:30 a.m., ESPN2

US Open: Women's Singles Final, 3:30 p.m., CBS

WNBA

Finals, Game 1: Chicago Sky and Phoenix Mercury, 2:30 p.m., ABC

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Illinois at Stanford, 1 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/P12 LA

Women's Soccer

Dayton at Ohio State, 8 a.m., BTN

Central Arkansas at Oklahoma, 1 p.m., FCSC

South Dakota at Northern Arizona, 2 p.m., FCSP

Notre Dame at Stanford, 3 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/P12 LA

Cal Poly at California, 6 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/P12 LA

Montana at Texas, 7:30 p.m., LHN

WHAT'S ON RADIO
NFL

Raiders at Jets, Noon, KCRS (550 AM)

49ers at Cowboys, 3:25 p.m., KNFM (92.3 FM)

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
GOLF

Midland Invitational Tournament, at Midland Country Club

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

NEW YORK YANKEES — Recalled C Austin Romine from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).

National League

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Selected the contract of OF Roger Bernadina from Albuquerque (PCL). Transferred RHP Josh Beckett to the 60-day DL.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Recalled OF Michael A. Taylor and RHP Ryan Mattheus from Syracuse (IL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released LB Desmond Bishop.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed G Brandon Fusco to a contract extension.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed DL Kelcy Quarles to the practice squad. Released TE Allen Reisner from the practice squad.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS0 — Agreed to terms with CB Cortez Allen on a five-year contract.

COLLEGE

NEW JERSEY CITY — Named Thomas Rayfield athletic communications graduate assistant.

MLS STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
D.C.	14	8	4	46	42	30
Sporting Kansas City	12	10	6	42	39	34
New England	11	12	3	36	37	37
Philadelphia	9	9	9	36	43	41
New York	8	8	10	34	41	39
Toronto FC	9	11	6	33	35	42
Columbus	8	9	9	33	35	34
Houston	9	13	4	31	31	48
Chicago	5	6	14	29	32	37
Montreal	5	16	5	20	29	48

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	16	7	3	51	48	35
Los Angeles	14	5	7	49	54	27
Real Salt Lake	11	5	10	43	40	31
FC Dallas	12	8	6	42	45	34
Portland	8	8	10	34	44	43
Vancouver	7	6	12	33	33	34
Colorado	8	13	6	30	37	46
San Jose	6	10	8	26	29	33
Chivas USA	6	14	6	24	23	44

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie

Wednesday's Scores
Philadelphia 1, Toronto FC 0
New England 3, Sporting Kansas City 1
Seattle FC 4, Chivas USA 2

Friday's Scores
Los Angeles 6, Colorado 0

Saturday's Scores
Philadelphia 2, Toronto FC 0
New York 2, Sporting Kansas City 1
Houston 3, Montreal 2
D.C. United at Vancouver, late
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake, late

Today's Games
Chivas USA at Columbus, 2 p.m.
San Jose at Portland, 4 p.m.
Chicago at New England, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 10
Los Angeles at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
D.C. United at New York, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 12
Real Salt Lake at Seattle FC, 9:30 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Chivas USA, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 13
New York at Philadelphia, 2 p.m.
Montreal at New England, 6:30 p.m.
Columbus at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at FC Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Colorado, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 14
Los Angeles at San Jose, 2 p.m.

HS FOOTBALL

TOP
CLASS 6A

1. Allen (2-0) beat Dutch Fork, S.C. 58-53.
2. Katy (2-0) beat Fort Bend Travis 55-0.
3. Cedar Hill (2-0) beat Arlington Bowie 48-30.
4. DeSoto (2-0) beat Eastern Christian, Md. 54-34.
5. Euless Trinity (2-0) beat Rockwall-Heath 17-14.
6. Southlake Carroll (2-0) beat Union, Okla. 42-41, OT.
7. Cibolo Steele (2-0) beat Laredo United South 62-2.
8. Pearland (2-0) beat Houston Memorial 34-3.
9. Denton Guyer (1-1) beat Ennis 45-42.
10. Manvel (2-0) beat Galena Park North Shore 42-17.

CLASS 5A

1. Aledo (1-1) lost to Bishop Amat, Calif. 42-7.
2. Tyler (2-0) beat Longview 41-25.
3. Temple (1-1) lost to Austin Westlake 46-48.
4. Mansfield Timberview (2-0) beat Midlothian 20-13.
5. Lufkin (2-0) beat Tyler Lee 43-19.
6. Richmond George Ranch (1-1) lost to Friendswood 38-35.
7. Cedar Park (1-1) beat Leander Rouse 33-14.
8. Ennis (0-2) lost to Denton Guyer 45-42.
9. Lancaster (2-0) beat FW Nolan 33-17.
10. WF Rider (1-1) lost to Amarillo 35-20.

CLASS 4A

1. Stephenville (2-0) beat Gatesville 49-6.
2. Navasota (2-0) beat Houston Yates 66-13.
3. Graham (2-0) beat Brownwood 40-15.
4. Argyle (2-0) beat Denison 42-35.
5. La Marque (1-1) lost to Texas City 30-21.
6. West Orange-Stark (2-0) beat Port Neches-Groves 33-27, OT.
7. Gilmer (2-0) beat Longview Pine Tree 68-20.
8. Celina (2-0) beat Dallas Adams 46-14.
9. Carthage (1-1) beat Lindale 22-13.
10. La Vernia (2-0) beat Port Lavaca Calhoun 35-7.

CLASS 3A

1. Cisco (2-0) beat Wall 33-27.
2. Wall (1-1) lost to Cisco 33-27.
3. Franklin (2-0) beat Madisonville 59-31.
4. Rockdale (2-0) beat Taylor 24-21.
5. Corrigan-Camden (2-0) beat Groveton 64-12.
6. Cameron Yoe (1-1) beat Lexington 47-13.
7. Waskom (1-1) beat Omaha Pewitt 63-12.
8. Hallettsville (0-2) lost to Yoakum 34-21.
9. Sonora (1-1) lost to Denver City 36-29.
10. Kirbyville (2-0) beat Orangefield 42-27.

CLASS 2A

1. Refugio (2-0) beat Mathis 56-13.
2. Mart (2-0) beat Normangee 60-8.
3. Tenaha (2-0) beat Bullard Brook Hill 21-15.
4. Canadian (2-0) beat Memphis 43-6.
5. Albany (2-0) beat Dublin 6-0.
6. Bremond (2-0) beat Thorndale 54-28.
7. Shiner (2-0) beat Victoria St. Joseph 46-0.
8. Falls City (1-1) lost to Poth 12-7.
9. Mason (2-0) beat De Leon 55-7.
10. Hico (0-2) lost to Crawford 34-13.

SATURDAY'S STATEWIDE SCORES
CLASS 6A
Odessa Permian 44, Mission Memorial 8
Rockwall 57, Hurst Bell 20
San Angelo Central 35, Byron Nelson 28

CLASS 5A
Houston Madison 28, Fort Bend Bush 24

PRIVATE SCHOOLS
Dallas Bishop Lynch 35, Fenwick, Ill. 32
Dallas Lakehill 88, Irving Universal 20

Sunday Morning Line

LEN HAYWARD
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This and that as some welcome rain makes its way to the Permian Basin:

■ Midland High and Lee both had interesting tests on Friday night, one week before major tests. Midland High passed, but coach Craig Yenzer was certainly far from giving his team an A.

Lee, meanwhile, couldn't keep up against El Paso Coronado and is now looking at regrouping.

Both teams have some work to do this week heading into games against Metroplex schools.

The Rebels face the monumental challenge of trying to stay close to Southlake Carroll, which has played two close ones this season, and both were wins.

Midland High returns to Pennington Field in Bedford to try to exorcise some demons against Hurst L.D. Bell from last year.

It's two interesting matchups, but beyond what happens on the field, it looks as if there will be as much mental coaching going on as physical this week. It's all about how a team responds.

■ I've got to give props to Big Spring for their 2-0 start this year. Some were expecting Big Spring to have success this season, but to win two cardiac games against two quality opponents shows that the Steers could be a team to watch in District 3-4A Division I.

Yes, it's the same district as Stephenville and Abilene Wylie, but with Tobyn Tannehill at the controls, Big Spring has a chance in any game.

■ The NFL season starts today, and I still stand by my statement of a few weeks ago. It could be a long season for Texas NFL teams.

The Cowboys still can't play defense, and the Texans are just not very good right now. Will they get better? Who knows? I could be wrong on both, which wouldn't be the first time, but neither team showed anything in the preseason that showed there was hope.

■ Regardless of what happens in the Texas League South Division Championship Series, the Midland RockHounds have certainly provided some exciting moments this season, and they've even had some in this playoff series with rival Frisco.

Both the RockHounds and RoughRiders have gone through major roster changes as the season has progressed, and the RockHounds even went through some in the playoffs, but to still keep winning says a lot about the players and the organizations.

■ Golfers in the annual MIT partnership tournament at Midland Country Club were greeted with some interesting conditions on Saturday with the rain and some wind. Plus, the players in the championship flight were playing from the back tees. Here's hoping we can get similar weather next spring when the Web.com Tour returns.

■ And finally, a 10 p.m. central time start for a college football game involving two teams from the middle part of the country is a little ridiculous. Oh wait, it's about television. Now, I get it.

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Team of Peterson-Board continue to lead MIT

From staff reports

Jon Mark Peterson and Martin Board teamed up to fire a second-round 68 and hold the lead after two days of the 2014 Midland Invitational Tournament at Midland Country Club.

Peterson and Board combined to shoot an eight-under 64 during Friday's first round and their 4-under 68 on Saturday gives them at 132 for the tournament and a two-stroke lead over Michael Pruitt and Ryan Rogers.

Rogers and Pruitt shot 67 over the last two days.

The teams of Jon Ironside-Ken Patterson and Beau Davis and Conway Jordan are tied for third, each with 136 over the two days.

The partnership tournament will conclude today at Midland Country Club.

2014 MIT
Midland Country Club
Saturday's Scores
Championship Flight

1. Jon Mark Peterson-Martin Board 64-68-132; 2. Michael Pruitt-Ryan Rogers 67-67-134; 3. (tie) John Ironside-Ken Patterson 69-67-136; Beau Davis-Conway Jordan 68-68-136; 5. Lane Branum-Byran Word 65-72-137; 6. (tie) Scott Rundell-Shawn Reeves 66-72-138; Ben Clark-Jon Lummus 71-67-138; 8. Will Christensen-Brady Shivers 73-66-139; 9. (tie) Josh Ham-Brian Madison 69-71-140; Rick Houston-Trey Womack 69-71-140; 11. Bobby Whiteside-K.T. Livingston 69-73-142; 12. (tie) Jay McHugh-Blake Braun 73-73-146; Christopher Hall-Chance Hall 73-73-146; 14. (tie) David Dickerson-John Estes 71-76-147; Jeremiah Luttrell-Adolph Garza 74-73-147; 16. Brett Douglas-Daniel Webb 74-75-149; 17. Tracy Witherspoon-Scott Tilson 77-75-152; 18. Chase Sammons-Brian Scherer 83-72—155

President's Flight

1. Clay Whitehead-Kyle Redman 70-68-138; 2. Matthew Phillips-Ryan Williams 67-72-139; 3. Tim Kohn-Braxton Dunaway 71-69-140; 4. Eric Griffin-Tim Thompson Jr. 74-68-142; 5. Jim Hill-James Grip 72-71—143

First Flight

1. Crawford Smith-Michael Evans 68-74-142; 2. Bubba Bailey-Craig Aldridge 71-72-143; 3. (tie) Rogers-Patton 77-70-147; Rick Gasser-Monty Rogers 72-75-147; Jeff Hansard-Sam Hansard 75-72—147

Second Flight

1. Tyler Nobles-Blake Brazelton 74-76-150; 2. Paul Lucas-Rob Porter 72-79-152; 3. (tie) Bob Dimit-Gary Wallace 76-77-153; Joe Wanta-Scott Parkison 79-74-153; 5. Kevin Petty-Jeremy Earl 75—154

HSVOLLEYBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

LEE KNOCKS OFF SEMINOLE

The Lee volleyball team defeated Seminole 25-22, 20-25, 25-15, 25-25 at the Lee High School gymnasium on Saturday afternoon.

Haley Sparks had 12 kills, Bree Jetter had 12 assists and digs, Alicin Lathram had 11 assists, Rachel Pitchford had 29 digs, Bentleigh Dunavan had 16 digs, Jen Jeter had 14 digs, Lexi Watts had 12 digs, and Darby O'Grady had nine blocks to lead the Lady Rebels (14-10).

Lee next travels to Wolfforth Frenship for a dual match with Frenship and Lubbock Coronado at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

LEE DEF. SEMINOLE
25-20, 20-25, 25-15, 25-23
Lee statistics

Kills — Haley Sparks 12, Bentleigh Dunavan 9, Alissa Erdwrum 8, Jen Jeter 5, Taylor Warren 4, Darby O'Grady 5, Rachel Pitchford 2, Bree Jeter 1

Assists — B. Jeter 12, Alicin Lathram 11, Taylor Hopkins 9, J. Jeter 2, Sparks 2, Warren 1

Digs — Pitchford 29, Dunavan 16, J. Jeter 14, Lexi Watts 12, B. Jeter 12, Lathram 9, Hopkins 8, Sparks 6, Warren 2, Erdwurm 2, O'Grady 1

Blocks — O'Grady 9, J. Jeter 4, Sparks 4, Erdwurm 3, Madi Petrich 3, Dunavan 2, Warren 1

Aces — J. Jeter 2, O'Grady 1

Record: Lee 14-10

Next: Lee at Wolfforth Frenship, 5 p.m. Tuesday

MCS WINS GOLD CONSOLATION BRACKET

DALLAS — The Midland Christian volleyball team won the Gold Consolation bracket of the Prince of Peace Dallas Tournament Saturday after going 3-1.

The Lady Mustangs fell to P.T. Warriors (22-25, 25-21, 25-18) before bouncing back with wins over Fort Worth Christian (25-22, 21-25, 25-23), P.T. Warriors (25-23, 13-25, 25-21) and Prestonwood (25-21, 25-20).

Carleigh Moore had 32 kills on the day, Annie Fisher had 30 kills and 52 digs, Madi Blanchard had 59 digs, and Bailey Wright had 115 assists to lead Midland Christian.

P.T. WARRIORS DEF. MIDLAND CHRISTIAN
22-25, 25-21, 25-18
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN DEF. FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN 25-22, 21-25, 25-23
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN DEF. P.T. WARRIORS
25-23, 13-25, 25-21
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN DEF. PRESTONWOOD
25-21, 25-20
Midland Christian cumulative statistics

Kills — Annie Fisher 30, Claire Hardeman 17, Bailey Wright 3, Laycie Duncan 27, Carleigh Moore 32, Emma Holder 12

Assists — Wright 115, Holder 3

Digs — Fisher 52, Madi Blanchard 59, Hardeman 5, Megan McClendon 31, Wright 26, Duncan 9, Megan Ashton 34, Moore 13, Holder 13

Blocks — Hardeman 8, Wright 6, Duncan 3, Moore 13, Holder 11

Aces — Blanchard 2, Wright 1, Ashton 1

Next: Grapevine Faith at Midland Christian, 7 p.m. Sept. 12

US OPEN RESULTS

Saturday
At The USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
New York
Purse: $38.3 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Semifinals

Kei Nishikori (10), Japan, def. Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, 6-4, 1-6, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

Marin Cilic (14), Croatia, def. Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Champions Doubles
Women
Championship

Martina Navratilova, United States, and Jana Novotna, Czech Republic, def. Tracy Austin and Gigi Fernandez, United States, 6-4, 6-4.

Junior Singles
Boys
Semifinals

Omar Jasika, Australia, def. Jan Choinski, Germany, 6-3, 4-1, retired.

Quentin Halys (5), France, def. Francis Tiafoe (6), United States, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (6).

Girls
Semifinals

Anhelina Kalinina (9), Ukraine, def. Katerina Stewart, United States, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Marie Bouzkova, Czech Republic, def. Caroline Dolehide, United States, 6-3, 6-1.

Junior Doubles
Girls
Championship

Ipek Soylu, Turkey, and Jil Belen Teichmann (6), Switzerland, def. Vera Lapko, Belarus, and Tereza Mihalikova, Slovakia, 5-7, 6-2, 10-7.

Wheelchair
Singles
Quad
Round Robin

Lucas Sithole, South Africa, def. Nicholas Taylor, United States, 7-5, 6-3.

David Wagner, United States, def. Andrew Lapthorne, Britain, 6-3, 6-1.

Women
Championship

Yui Kamiji, Japan, and Jordanne Whiley (1), Britain, def. Jiske Griffioen and Aniek van Koot (2), Netherlands, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

American Collegiate Invitational
Men
Championship

Marcos Giron (1), UCLA, def. Peter Kobelt, Ohio State, 6-1, 6-3.

Women
Championship

Jamie Loeb (1), North Carolina, def. Julia Elbaba, Virginia, 7-5, 6-1.

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Cilic, who was forced to sit out last year's U.S. Open while serving a doping suspension.

Cilic had only played one previous major semifinal, at the 2010 Australian Open, while this was Federer's 36th. And Cilic came into the day with an 0-5 head-to-head record. But on this particular day, Federer never was able to solve the big serves and substantial wingspan of his 6-foot-6 (1.98-meter) opponent.

Cilic hit serves at up to 132 mph (213 kph) and finished with 13 aces, including three in the final game. That he would serve effectively was no surprise. What truly stood out, though, was the way Cilic managed to hang with Federer in exchanges from the baseline.

The start of Federer-Cilic was delayed for about an hour because of rain; the whole match only took 1 hour, 45 minutes, making it the fourth-fastest Grand Slam loss in Federer's long and distinguished career.

"Just an amazing day for me. I feel amazing," Cilic said. "To be able to play like this, I never dreamed of."

Cilic is the first man from Croatia to get this far at a major since his coach, Goran Ivanisevic, won Wimbledon in 2001.

That's nothing compared to Japan's wait.

As it is, Nishikori was the first man from his country to reach a Grand Slam semifinal since 1933. Now he made it a step further.

"Very happy to make history," Nishikori said.

He weaved his way through a pair of five-setters totaling more than 8 1/2 hours in the previous two rounds — beating No. 5 Milos Raonic, then No. 3 Stan Wawrinka — yet appeared to be much more lively than Djokovic, a guy widely considered as fit as they come in men's tennis these days.

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Rangers say Darvish won't pitch again this year

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Yu Darvish's season is over.

Texas Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said Saturday the 28-year-old right-hander won't pitch again this year.

The three-time All-Star has not appeared in a game since Aug. 9 due to elbow inflammation.

Texas began Saturday a major league-worst 53-88 and sees little reason to rush back the pitcher.

"That would be silly on our part," Daniels said. "There's just not much to be gained from it at this point."

Daniels said Darvish has made some progress recently and no longer feels pain, but he hasn't been cleared by team physician Dr. Keith Meister to resume throwing. Daniels said there is no tear or sprain.

Darvish said he has accepted the club's decision, though he's disappointed.

"I think we've all made the right decision in shutting it down," he said through a translator. "Even if I wanted, the medical staff are experts in what they do, so I have to go by what they say. I'm glad that we were able to detect this at the early stage."

Darvish said he doesn't plan to alter his offseason routine, and he is sure he'll be ready for spring training in February.

Daniels plans for Darvish to get an MRI before leaving for Japan following the season.

"Hopefully, at that point it'll be clear, and we will have him start throwing, stretch out a little bit, just for peace of mind for him and for us," he said.

Darvish finished 10-7 with a 3.06 ERA and 182 strikeouts in 22 starts.

After leaving Japan to sign a $56 million, six-year contract with the Rangers, he was 16-9 with a 3.90 ERA and 221 strikeouts in 2012, then led the major leagues with 277 strikeouts last year while going 13-9 with a 2.83 ERA.

Astros blow lead in loss to Athletics

Athletics 4
Astros 3

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Houston Astros had the lead in the ninth inning against the Oakland Athletics, so they gave the ball to closer Chad Qualls.

Bad idea.

Qualls surrendered a game-ending RBI single by Jed Lowrie, sending the Astros to a 4-3 loss on Saturday.

Josh Reddick hit a two-run double off Qualls (1-5) before Lowrie drove him in with a single to left. Oakland is hitting .571 (16 for 28) against Qualls this year.

"It's been happening all year, I'm tired of it," Qualls said. "Four of my five losses are against them. Four of my five blown saves are against them. I'm over it. There's pretty much nothing to write."

Lowrie, Josh Reddick and Coco Crisp had two hits apiece as Oakland snapped a three-game losing streak. Josh Donaldson started the A's three-run ninth with a leadoff single, stopping an 0-for-15 slide.

Luke Gregerson (4-3) pitched a scoreless inning for the win.

"We were looking a spark," Lowrie said. "I think that's the type of play that can start something big."

The Astros had won five in a row.

Houston wasted a solid start by Scott Feldman, who was charged with three runs, two earned, and seven hits in 8 1-3 innings. The right-hander is 4-2 with a 2.91 ERA in his last eight starts, including two complete games.

"He was good, he was mixing his pitches, he was going in and out," Astros manager Tom Lawless said. "He had them off stride. It's tough for him because he did such a nice job."

The Astros grabbed a 2-1 lead on Jose Altuve's two-run double in the sixth against Scott Kazmir. Altuve extended his hitting streak to a career-high 13 games and leads major league baseball with a .340 batting average and 197 hits.

Eric Risberg/AP

Houston center fielder Dexter Fowler watches a ball hit by the Oakland Athletics' Josh Reddick bounce off the wall in the ninth inning Saturday in Oakland, Calif. Reddick doubled on the play to drive in two runs to tie the game. Oakland ended up completing the rally for a 4-3 win.

The All-Star second baseman has hit safely in 22 straight games against the A's and in 34 of 37 contests against Oakland in his career.

Kazmir gave up three runs and three hits in 6 1-3 innings. He struck out eight and walked five.

Brandon Moss' sacrifice fly in the third gave Oakland a 1-0 lead. But Houston increased its advantage to 3-1 on Robbie Grossman's sacrifice fly in the sixth.

BONDS VISITS ASTROS

Home run king Barry Bonds watched Astros batting practice from behind the cage as a guest of outfielder Dexter Fowler, and spent most of his time giving tips to Houston first baseman Jon Singleton.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: Lawless said outfielder Alex Presley (right oblique strain) is expected to start Sunday and play five innings, marking his first extended action since returning from the disabled list Tuesday.

Athletics: Closer Sean Doolittle (intercostal strain) played long toss and is scheduled to throw a bullpen on Monday in Chicago. ... Catcher Stephen Vogt (sprained left ankle) wore a walking boot in the clubhouse and will be sidelined for "a little while," according to manager Bob Melvin. ... C John Jaso (concussion) is on track to be activated from the disabled list soon but likely won't be catching.

UP NEXT

Astros: LHP Dallas Keuchel (10-9, 3.03 ERA) has pitched at least seven innings in seven of his past eight starts.

Athletics: RHP Jason Hammel (2-5, 4.98 ERA) is 2-1 with a 2.40 ERA his past five outings after going 0-4 with a 9.53 ERA in his first four starts with the A's.

MLB STANDINGS, BOX & LINESCORES

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	82	59	.582	—
New York	73	67	.521	8 1/2
Toronto	72	68	.514	9 1/2
Tampa Bay	69	74	.483	14
Boston	62	79	.440	20
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	78	62	.557	—
Detroit	77	65	.542	2
Cleveland	73	67	.521	5
Chicago	63	78	.447	15 1/2
Minnesota	61	81	.430	18
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	86	55	.610	—
Oakland	80	61	.567	6
Seattle	77	63	.550	8 1/2
Houston	62	80	.437	24 1/2
Texas	53	88	.376	33

Saturday's Scores
Tampa Bay 3, Baltimore 2
San Francisco 5, Detroit 4
Oakland 4, Houston 3
N.Y. Yankees 6, Kansas City 2
Cleveland 3, Chicago White Sox 1
L.A. Angels 8, Minnesota 5
Toronto at Boston, late
Seattle at Texas, late

Today's Games
Chicago White Sox (Carroll 5-9) at Cleveland (Carrasco 6-4), 12:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Ventura 11-9) at N.Y. Yankees (Greene 4-2), 12:35 p.m.
Toronto (Dickey 11-12) at Boston (R.De La Rosa 4-5), 12:35 p.m.
Baltimore (B.Norris 12-8) at Tampa Bay (Hellickson 1-3), 12:40 p.m.
L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 10-9) at Minnesota (Darnell 0-1), 1:10 p.m.
Seattle (Paxton 5-1) at Texas (D.Holland 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Houston (Keuchel 10-9) at Oakland (Hammel 2-5), 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco (T.Hudson 9-9) at Detroit (Lobstein 0-0), 7:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	79	61	.564	—
Atlanta	74	68	.521	6
Miami	68	72	.486	11
New York	67	75	.472	13
Philadelphia	66	75	.468	13 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	78	64	.549	—
Milwaukee	74	68	.521	4
Pittsburgh	73	68	.518	4 1/2
Cincinnati	67	75	.472	11
Chicago	64	78	.451	14
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	79	62	.560	—
San Francisco	78	64	.549	1 1/2
San Diego	66	74	.471	12 1/2
Arizona	59	82	.418	20
Colorado	57	84	.404	22

Saturday's Scores
San Francisco 5, Detroit 4
Pittsburgh 5, Chicago Cubs 3, 11 innings, comp. of susp. game
Philadelphia 3, Washington 1
Pittsburgh 5, Chicago Cubs 0
Cincinnati 2, N.Y. Mets 1
Atlanta 4, Miami 3, 10 innings
St. Louis 5, Milwaukee 3
San Diego at Colorado, late
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games
Atlanta (Teheran 13-10) at Miami (Hand 2-6), 12:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Za.Wheeler 9-9) at Cincinnati (Latos 5-4), 12:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hamels 8-6) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 7-9), 12:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 16-9) at Milwaukee (J.Nelson 2-6), 1:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cole 7-5) at Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 8-11), 1:20 p.m.
Arizona (Cahill 3-10) at L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 13-8), 3:10 p.m.
San Diego (T.Ross 13-12) at Colorado (F.Morales 5-7), 3:10 p.m.
San Francisco (T.Hudson 9-9) at Detroit (Lobstein 0-0), 7:07 p.m.

SATURDAY'S AL WEST BOXES
ATHLETICS 4, ASTROS 3

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Grssmn lf	2	0	0	1	Crisp cf	4	0	2	0
Presley lf	1	0	0	0	Moss 1b	3	0	0	1
Altuve 2b	4	0	1	2	Dnldsn 3b	4	1	1	0
Fowler cf	4	0	0	0	A.Dunn dh	4	0	0	0
Carter dh	2	0	1	0	DeNrrs c	4	0	1	0
MDmn 3b	4	0	0	0	BBurns pr	0	1	0	0
Mrsnck rf	2	1	0	0	Reddck rf	4	1	2	2
Guzmn 1b	3	0	0	0	Lowrie ss	4	0	2	1
Corprn c	4	1	1	0	Fuld lf	3	1	0	0
Villar ss	2	1	1	0	Sogard 2b	3	0	1	0
Totals	28	3	4	3	**Totals**	33	4	9	4

Houston .... 000 002 100—3
Oakland .... 001 000 003—4

One out when winning run scored.
E—Villar (14). DP—Houston 1. LOB—Houston 7, Oakland 5. 2B—Altuve (40), Reddick (13). SB—Carter (3), Marisnick (2), Villar (15), Crisp 2 (19). S—Grossman, Marisnick. SF—Grossman, Moss.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Feldman	8 1-3	7	3	2	0	6
Qualls L,1-5	0	2	1	1	0	0
Oakland						
Kazmir	6 1-3	3	3	3	5	8
Otero	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Gregerson W,4-3	1	0	0	0	1	0

Qualls pitched to 2 batters in the 9th.
T—2:40. A—28,668 (35,067).

ANGELS 8, TWINS 5

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
Calhon rf	5	1	1	0	DaSntn cf	0	0	0	0
Trout cf	4	1	0	0	Parmel ph-lf	4	1	2	1
Pujols 1b	5	3	3	3	Hrmnn pr	0	0	0	0
HKndrc 2b	5	1	4	3	Dozier 2b	5	0	0	0
Aybar ss	3	0	0	1	Mauer 1b	3	0	2	0
Freese 3b	4	1	2	0	KVargs dh	4	0	0	0
JMcDnl 3b	1	0	0	0	Plouffe 3b	3	1	0	0
Iannett c	3	0	0	0	Arcia rf	3	0	0	0
Boesch lf	4	0	0	0	KSuzuk c	4	1	1	0
Cowgill lf	0	0	0	0	EdEscr ss	4	2	2	2
Cron dh	4	0	2	1	A.Hicks lf-cf	3	0	2	2
Campn pr-dh	0	1	0	0					
Totals	38	8	12	8	**Totals**	33	5	9	5

Los Angeles .... 111 000 023—8
Minnesota .... 021 200 000—5

E—Dozier (12). DP—Los Angeles 2. LOB—Los Angeles 7, Minnesota 6. 2B—Pujols (33), H.Kendrick (28), Freese (23), Mauer (23), Edu.Escobar (34). 3B—H.Kendrick (4). HR—Pujols (25), Parmelee (7), Edu.Escobar (5). SB—A.Hicks (3). CS—A.Hicks (2). SF—Aybar.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Cor.Rasmus	1 2-3	2	2	2	3	0
Roth	2	3	3	3	0	3
Y.Herrera	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Bedrosian	2	0	0	0	1	2
LeBlanc	1	0	0	0	0	2
J.Smith W,7-2	1	1	0	0	1	1
Street S,13-15	1	2	0	0	0	0
Minnesota						
P.Hughes	7	7	3	3	0	8
Fien	1	2	2	2	0	1
Burton L,2-5	2-3	3	3	1	0	
Swarzak	1-3	1	0	0	1	1

HBP—by P.Hughes (Iannetta).
T—3:20. A—28,924 (39,021).

AMERICAN LEAGUE
RAYS 3, ORIOLES 2

Baltimore .... 010 000 010 —2 7 1
Tampa Bay .... 002 000 001 —3 5 1

Gausman, Matusz (8), Brach (8), A.Miller (9) and Hundley; Smyly, Jo.Peralta (7), Beliveau (7), McGee (8), Boxberger (9) and Casali. W—Boxberger 5-1. L—Brach 5-1. HRs—Baltimore, C.Davis (26).

YANKEES 6, ROYALS 2

Kansas City .... 001 000 100 —2 6 1
New York .... 102 120 00x —6 11 1

D.Duffy, Hendriks (1), C.Coleman (5), Finnegan (6), L.Coleman (8) and S.Perez; McCarthy, Kelley (7), Betances (8), Dav.Robertson (9) and J.Murphy. W—McCarthy 6-4. L—Hendriks 1-1.

INDIANS 3, WHITE SOX 1

Chicago .... 001 000 000 —1 5 1
Cleveland .... 000 100 20x —3 9 1

Quintana, Putnam (7), Lindstrom (8) and Flowers; Kluber and Y.Gomes. W—Kluber 14-9. L—Putnam 4-3. HRs—Cleveland, C.Santana (25).

INTERLEAGUE
GIANTS 5, TIGERS 4

San Francisco .... 400 010 000 —5 9 0
Detroit .... 201 000 010 —4 11 1

Bumgarner, Machi (7), Romo (8), Casilla (9) and Susac; D.Price, Coke (9) and J.McCann. W—Bumgarner 17-9. L—D.Price 13-11. Sv—Casilla (15). HRs—San Francisco, Posey (20). Detroit, Mi.Cabrera 2 (21), V.Martinez (30).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PIRATES 5, CUBS 3, 11 INNINGS

Pittsburgh .... 100 200 000 02—5 9 2
Chicago .... 002 010 000 00—3 7 2

Worley, Ju.Wilson (5), J.Hughes (6), Watson (7), Melancon (9), Holdzkom (11) and R.Martin; Wada, Villanueva (4), Grimm (6), N.Ramirez (7), Strop (8), H.Rondon (9), Schlitter (10), W.Wright (11), Fujikawa (11) and Jo.Baker. W—Melancon 3-4. L—W.Wright 0-3. Sv—Holdzkom (1).

PIRATES 5, CUBS 0

Pittsburgh .... 101 000 111 —5 11 0
Chicago .... 000 000 000 —0 6 1

F.Liriano, Ju.Wilson (7), J.Hughes (8), Cumpton (9) and C.Stewart; Doubront, Straily (6), Rosscup (8), Fujikawa (8), Vizcaino (9) and Castillo. W—F.Liriano 4-10. L—Doubront 1-1. HRs—Pittsburgh, Mercer (10).

PHILLIES 3, NATIONALS 1

Philadelphia .... 002 001 000 —3 6 0
Washington .... 000 010 000 —1 7 0

A.Burnett, Giles (8), Papelbon (9) and Nieves; Roark, Detwiler (7), Blevins (8) and W.Ramos. W—A.Burnett 8-15. L—Roark 12-10. Sv—Papelbon (35). HRs—Philadelphia, D.Brown (9).

REDS 2, METS 1

New York .... 010 000 000 —1 7 0
Cincinnati .... 000 001 10x —2 7 0

Gee, Eveland (8) and T.d'Arnaud; Cueto, Ju.Diaz (8), A.Chapman (8) and B.Pena. W—Cueto 17-8. L—Gee 6-7. Sv—A.Chapman (30). HRs—Cincinnati, Frazier (25), Heisey (8).

BRAVES 4, MARLINS 3, 10 INNINGS

Atlanta .... 000 300 000 1 —4 11 0
Miami .... 000 100 020 0 —3 7 0

A.Wood, J.Walden (8), D.Carpenter (8), Kimbrel (10) and Gattis, Bethancourt; Eovaldi, Da.Jennings (7), Hatcher (7), A.Ramos (8), Cishek (9), Morris (10) and Mathis. W—D.Carpenter 6-3. L—Morris 7-1. Sv—Kimbrel (43). HRs—Atlanta, Gattis (22).

CARDINALS 5, BREWERS 3

St. Louis .... 200 300 000 —5 4 3
Milwaukee .... 200 001 000 —3 7 0

Lynn, S.Freeman (7), C.Martinez (7), Rosenthal (9) and Y.Molina; Lohse, Estrada (5), Gorzelanny (7), Jeffress (8), W.Smith (9) and Lucroy. W—Lynn 15-8. L—Lohse 12-9. Sv—Rosenthal (43). HRs—St. Louis, Ma.Adams (14), Taveras (3).

FRIDAY'S LATE AL WEST BOXES
ASTROS 4, ATHLETICS 3

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Grssmn lf	3	0	0	0	Crisp cf	5	0	1	0
Presley lf	1	0	0	0	Gentry rf	4	1	0	0
Altuve 2b	4	2	2	0	Dnldsn 3b	3	1	0	0
Fowler cf	4	0	0	0	DeNrrs c	4	0	1	1
Carter dh	4	1	2	3	JGoms lf	3	0	0	0
JCastro c	4	0	1	0	Fuld ph-lf	1	0	0	0
MGnzlz ss	4	0	1	0	A.Dunn dh	3	0	1	1
MDmn 3b	4	0	0	0	Lowrie ss	4	0	1	0
Snglton 1b	3	1	1	1	BBurns pr	0	0	0	0
Mrsnck rf	3	0	0	0	Parrino ss	0	0	0	0
					Freemn 1b	4	0	1	0
					Callasp 2b	4	1	2	0
Totals	34	4	7	4	**Totals**	35	3	7	2

Houston .... 001 102 000—4
Oakland .... 003 000 000—3

E—Fowler (5), Marisnick (1). DP—Houston 1. LOB—Houston 3, Oakland 8. HR—Carter (36), Singleton (13). SB—Altuve (51), Crisp (17).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Oberholtzer W,5-10	6 1-3	7	3	3	2	1
Veras	2-3	0	0	0	0	2
Sipp S,3-4	2	0	0	0	0	4
Oakland						
Samardzija L,4-5	7	6	4	4	0	9
Cook	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	3
Abad	2-3	1	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Oberholtzer (A.Dunn). WP—Sipp.
T—3:08. A—21,130 (35,067).

ANGELS 7, TWINS 6, 10 INNINGS

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
Calhon rf	6	4	3	2	DaSntn ss-cf	6	2	3	0
Trout cf	6	0	2	2	Dozier 2b	2	1	0	0
Pujols 1b	5	0	1	1	Mauer 1b	4	0	1	0
HKndrc 2b	5	0	1	0	KVargs dh	4	0	1	1
Aybar ss	4	0	0	1	Plouffe 3b	5	0	1	2
Freese 3b	3	1	2	0	Nunez pr-3b	0	0	0	0
Conger c	1	0	0	0	Arcia rf	4	1	1	1
Boesch dh	4	1	2	0	Pinto c	4	2	2	0
Cron ph-dh	1	0	0	0	Hrmnn lf	3	0	0	0
Iannett c	3	0	1	1	JSchafr lf	1	0	0	0
Campn pr-lf	1	1	1	0	EdEscr ss	1	0	0	0
ENavrr lf	1	0	0	0	A.Hicks cf-lf	5	0	2	2
Cowgill ph-lf	1	0	0	0					
JMcDnl ph-3b	1	0	0	0					
Totals	42	7	13	7	**Totals**	39	6	11	6

Los Angeles .... 110 100 030 1—7
Minnesota .... 110 101 002 0—6

E—Plouffe (12), Arcia (4). DP—Los Angeles 1. LOB—Los Angeles 14, Minnesota 10. 2B—Calhoun (27), Trout (36), Freese (22), Plouffe (40), Pinto 2 (8). 3B—Calhoun (3). HR—Arcia (15). SB—Calhoun (5), Trout (14), Da.Santana 2 (15). CS—Pinto (1). S—E.Navarro, Jo.McDonald. SF—Aybar, K.Vargas.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Shoemaker	4	6	3	3	3	2
Morin	1	0	0	0	0	0
Salas	1	2	1	1	0	1
Y.Herrera	2-3	1	0	0	1	1
LeBlanc	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
J.Smith	1	0	0	0	0	0
Street W,1-1	1	2	2	2	2	0
Jepsen S,2-4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota						
Nolasco	5	8	3	2	1	5
A.Thompson	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Swarzak	1 1-3	0	0	0	1	1
Fien	0	1	2	2	1	0
Pressly	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Duensing	0	1	1	1	0	0
Tonkin	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Thielbar	1	1	0	0	1	0
Burton L,2-4	1	1	1	1	2	1

Fien pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.
Duensing pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
WP—Shoemaker. PB—Pinto.
T—4:30. A—23,477 (39,021).

FRIDAY'S LATE LINESCORES
PHILLIES 9, NATIONALS 8, 11 INNINGS

Philadelphia .... 000 001 123 02 —9 11 2
Washington .... 200 120 200 01 —8 14 3

Je.Williams, Lu.Garcia (6), Mi.Adams (7), C.Jimenez (7), De Fratus (8), Giles (9), Diekman (10), Papelbon (11) and Ruiz; Strasburg, X.Cedeno (7), Storen (7), Barrett (8), Thornton (8), R.Soriano (9), Clippard (9), Stammen (11), Blevins (11) and W.Ramos. W—Diekman 4-4. L—Stammen 4-5. Sv—Papelbon (34). HRs—Philadelphia, Howard (21), Ruiz (6), Revere (2). Washington, LaRoche (21).

GIANTS 8, TIGERS 2

San Francisco .... 132 101 000 —8 15 1
Detroit .... 000 020 000 —2 8 2

Peavy, Kontos (7), Lincecum (9) and Posey, Susac; Porcello, E.Reed (4), Farmer (6), K.Ryan (8), McCoy (9) and Holaday. W—Peavy 4-4. L—Porcello 15-10. HRs—San Francisco, Sandoval (16).

DODGERS 2, DIAMONDBACKS 1

Arizona .... 000 010 000 —1 4 0
Los Angeles .... 011 000 00x —2 7 0

Nuno, E.Marshall (8) and M.Montero; Haren, P.Baez (7), Howell (8), B.Wilson (8), Jansen (9) and A.Ellis. W—Haren 12-10. L—Nuno 0-5. Sv—Jansen (40). HRs—Los Angeles, Kemp (18).

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

RAYS 3
ORIOLES 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Yunel Escobar scored on Nick Hundley's passed ball with two outs in ninth inning Saturday, giving the Tampa Bay Rays a 3-2 win over the Baltimore Orioles.

Escobar reached first on a throwing error by shortstop Ryan Flaherty leading off the ninth, took second on Kevin Kiermaier's sacrifice bunt and advanced to third on Curt Casali's fly ball.

After Ben Zobrist was intentionally walked by Brad Brach (5-1), Andrew Miller relieved and threw a ball to Ryan Hanigan as Zobrist moved up on defensive indifference. Miller then threw an outside pitch that glanced off Hundley's glove and rolled to the backstop as Escobar sprinted home.

It was the first time Tampa Bay ever won on a game-ending passed ball.

YANKEES 6
ROYALS 2

NEW YORK — Brandon McCarthy won for the second time in six starts, and the New York Yankees feasted on Kansas City's bullpen in a 6-2 win Saturday after Royals starter Danny Duffy left because of an injury after just one pitch.

A night after an 8-0 loss in the series opener dropped them 4 1/2 games back for the AL's second wild card, the weak-hitting Yankees scored as many as six runs for the first time since Aug. 29.

McCarthy (6-4) allowed two runs and six hits in 6 2-3 innings with four strikeouts and a walk. He was 3-10 with a 5.01 ERA in 18 starts before the Yankees acquired from Arizona on July 6.

Shawn Kelley, Dellin Betances and David Robertson combined for hitless relief. New York relievers have thrown 11 innings of scoreless, three-hit relief in their last four games with 14 strikeouts and no walks.

INDIANS 3
WHITE SOX 1

CLEVELAND — Corey Kluber pitched a five-hitter to win for the first time in a month, rookie Jose Ramirez hit a go-ahead triple in a two-run seventh inning and the Cleveland Indians beat the Chicago White Sox 3-1 Saturday night.

Kluber (14-9) allowed an unearned run, struck out eight and walked none in his third big league complete game — all this season. He had been 0-3 in four starts since winning at the New York Yankees on Aug. 9 and in his previous start allowed a career-high three homers in a 12-1 loss to Detroit on Monday.

Third-place Cleveland closed within five games of first-place Kansas City in the AL Central. The Indians are four games back of Seattle, which played later Saturday, for the AL's second wild card.

ANGELS 8
TWINS 5

MINNEAPOLIS — Albert Pujols homered and hit a tiebreaking, two-run double in the ninth inning for his 2,500th hit, leading the Los Angeles Angels over Minnesota 8-5 Saturday night for their third straight win over the Twins.

Pujols hit a solo homer in the third off Phil Hughes for a 3-2 lead, scoring his 1,500th run on his 25th home run this season.

With the score 5-all in the ninth and two on, Pujols doubled to deep left off Jared Burton (2-5) and scored on Howie Kendrick's single against Anthony Swarzak.

Joe Smith (7-2) pitched a one-hit eighth and Huston Street finished for his 37th save in 40 chances.

National League

SUSPENDED GAME
PIRATES 5
CUBS 3, 11 INNINGS
GAME 2
PIRATES 5, CUBS 0

CHICAGO — Francisco Liriano struck out nine in six innings, and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat Chicago Cubs 5-0 on Saturday for their second win of the day.

The Pirates also got a 5-3 victory in 11 innings in the resumption of the suspended series opener. Josh Harrison hit a tiebreaking RBI single and finished with four hits.

Pittsburgh had lost four in a row before the pair of victories at Wrigley Field. It began the day in third in the NL Central, five back of the Cardinals, and two games behind in the wild-card race.

REDS 2
METS 1

CINCINNATI — Todd Frazier and Chris Heisey homered, and Johnny Cueto went seven innings on Saturday, leading the Cincinnati Reds to a 2-1 victory that ended the New York Mets' winning streak at three games.

Frazier's second homer in two days tied it in the sixth against Dillon Gee (6-7). Heisey pinch-hit for Cueto with two outs in the seventh and broke the 1-all tie with his eighth homer. It was Heisey's fourth pinch-hit homer of the season.

PHILLIES 3
NATIONALS 1

WASHINGTON — A.J. Burnett allowed one run in seven innings, Ryan Howard had two RBIs and the last-place Philadelphia Phillies beat Washington 3-1 Saturday to secure their first winning season against the Nationals since 2010.

Dominic Brown homered for the Phillies, who have won their last five games against the NL East leaders and hold a 10-8 advantage in the series that ends Sunday.

CARDINALS 5
BREWERS 3

MILWAUKEE — Matt Adams and Oscar Taveras homered, and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers 5-3 on Saturday night to open a four-game lead in the NL Central.

Lance Lynn pitched six effective innings as St. Louis won for the seventh time in its last eight games. Trevor Rosenthal got three outs for his 43rd save in 48 chances.

BRAVES 4
MARLINS 3, 10 INNINGS

MIAMI — Evan Gattis hit a leadoff homer in the 10th inning to give the Atlanta Braves a 4-3 victory over the Miami Marlins on Saturday night.

Gattis drove the first pitch from Bryan Morris (7-1) to the top of the wall in center. Gattis motored into third with a triple when the ball was originally ruled in play, but a replay review showed it hit the wall above a yellow line for his 22nd homer.

Interleague

GIANTS 5
TIGERS 4

DETROIT — Andrew Susac hit a two-run double in San Francisco's four-run first against David Price, and the Giants beat the Detroit Tigers 5-4 on Saturday.

Buster Posey had a solo homer among his three hits as San Francisco won for the eighth time in nine games against Detroit, including a sweep of the 2012 World Series. Madison Bumgarner pitched six innings for his fourth consecutive win, giving him a career-high 17 on the year.

FRIDAY'S LATE TEXAS SCORE
ASTROS 4, ATHLETICS 3

OAKLAND, Calif. — Chris Carter hit his 36th homer and drove in three runs against his former team to help the Houston Astros beat the slumping Oakland Athletics 4-3 on Friday night.

Carter added an RBI single, Jon Singleton also homered and Jose Altuve had two hits for Houston, unbeaten in three games since firing manager Bo Porter on Monday. It was the Astros' fifth straight win overall, two shy of their season high.

HSFOOTBALL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ANDREWS 60, LUBBOCK HIGH 8

LUBBOCK — Torey Kelly rushed for three touchdowns and Jase Hammack threw for three touchdowns to lead Andrews to a non-district victory over Lubbock High on Saturday afternoon at Lowrey Field.

The Mustangs (2-0) took a 34-8 lead at halftime, and out-gained the Westerners, 460-257. The Mustang defense also forced three turnovers.

Hammack was 19-of-31 passing for 263 yards with the three touchdowns and no interceptions. Kelly finished with 127 yards on 19 carries.

ANDREWS 60, LUBBOCK HIGH 8

Andrews	14	20	13	13	—60
Lubbock High	0	8	0	0	—8

First Quarter

Andrews — Torey Kelly 17 run (Braden Grimsley kick), 6:03.

Andrews — Caleb O'Connor 7 pass from Jase Hammack (Grimsley kick), 0:03.

Second Quarter

Lubbock — D'Aedrion Morgan 30 run (D'Aedrion Morgan run), 9:46.

Andrews — Kelly 1 run (Grimsley kick), 9:19.

Andrews — Hammack 9 run (Grimsley kick), 7:20.

Andrews — Kelly 31 run (kick failed), 1:06.

Third Quarter

Andrews — Grimsley 13 pass from Hammack (Grimsley kick), 10:10.

Andrews — O'Connor 16 pass from Hammack (kick failed), 0:00.

Fourth Quarter

Andrews — Jobi Lopez 10 pass from Marc Garcia (kick failed), 10:25.

Andrews — Kenny Bills 2 run (Grimsley kick), 3:54.

	Andrews	Lubbock
First Downs	30	15
Total Yards	460	257
Rushes-Yards	33-177	31-109
Passing Yards	283	148
Comp.-Att.-Int.	21-35-0	23-48-2
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-1
Punts-Avg	5-36	6-36
Penalties-Yards	3-25	4-40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — Andrews: Torey Kelly 19-127, Kenny Bills 5-22, Eduardo Gabaldon 1-16, Jase Hammack 8-12. Lubbock: D'Aedrion Morgan 3-64, Alex Loredo 4-42, Blake Robins 1-10, Devin Trevino 4-0, James Garcia 9-(-7).

PASSING — Andrews: Jase Hammack 19-31-0—263, Marc Garcia 2-4-1—20. Lubbock: James Garcia 23-48-2—148.

RECEIVING — Andrews: Braden Grimsley 5-91, Caleb O'Connor 5-66, Jace Cordell 3-49, Kelly 4-20, Eduardo Gabaldon 1-19, Keegan Thompson 1-18, Jobi Lopez 1-10, Robert Ridge 1-10. Lubbock: Devonte Greathouse 4-49, Alex Loredo 5-40, D'Aedrion Morgan 3-29, Elijah Garcia 1-16, Jordan High 2-12, Tyberious Doss 1-2.

PERMIAN 44, MISSION MEMORIAL 8

ODESSA — Odessa Permian had no trouble in its non-district victory against Mission Veterans Memorial Saturday afternoon at Ratliff Stadium.

Quarterback Heath Wood was 8-of-12 passing for 143 yards with two touchdowns and one interception to lead the Panthers (2-0). Wood also ran for a score. Brandon Bailey added 112 yards rushing and three touchdowns for Mojo.

Permian jumped out to a 21-0 first quarter lead and had a 28-2 lead at the half.

PERMIAN 44, MISSION VETERANS MEMORIAL 8

Memorial	0	2	6	0	—8
Permian	21	7	16	0	—44

First Quarter

Permian — Brandon Bailey 1 run (Dakoda Delao kick); 6:26.

Permian — Jordan McCoy 34 interception return (Dakoda Delao kick); 5:46.

Permian — Kobe Robinson 9 pass from Heath Wood (Dakoda Delao kick); 0:31.

Second Quarter

Permian — Brandon Bailey 45 pass from Heath Wood (Dakoda Delao kick); 9:27.

Memorial — Safety (Adrian Flores blocked punt through back of end zone); 2:48.

Third Quarter

Permian — Brandon Bailey 2 run (Dakoda Delao kick); 9:28.

Permian — Safety (snap over punter's head and through back of end zone); 8:10.

Permian — Heath Wood 1 run (Dakoda Delao kick); 4:34.

Memorial — Santos Villarreal 7 run (pass failed); 2:48.

	Memorial	Permian
First Downs	19	19
Rushes-Yards	32-93	48-201
Passing Yards	183	150
Comp.-Att.-Int.	19-46-2	9-14-1
Punts-Avg.	4-32.0	3-20.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	11-71	6-53

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — Veterans Memorial: Santos Villarreal 19-50, John Garcia 9-44, Johnny Martinez 3-13, Roman DeLeon 1-(-14). Permian: Brandon Bailey 23-112, Kobe Robinson 6-50, Marquiest Allen 7-21, Heath Wood 8-18, Bryan Rhea 1-4, Trey Potter 1-0, Fabian Cruz 2-(-4).

PASSING — Veterans Memorial: Santos Villarreal 18-44-2-180, Diego Hernandez 1-2-0-3. Permian: Heath Wood 8-12-1-143, Trey Potter 1-2-0-7.

RECEIVING — Veterans Memorial: Roman DeLeon 6-48, John Garcia 3-37, Adam Solis 3-37, Bobby Tovar 4-35, Jay DeLeon 2-23, David Luna 1-3. Permian: Dexter Neboh 2-52, Brandon Bailey 1-45, Taylor Thompson 3-25, Kobe Robinson 2-21, Zach Stance 1-7.

INTERCEPTIONS — Veterans Memorial: Scout Sanchez 1-0. Permian: Jordan McCoy 1-34, Jax Welch 1-0.

District 3-6A football

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Abilene High	0	0	2	0
Midland High	0	0	2	0
Odessa High	0	0	2	0
San Angelo Central	0	0	2	0
Odessa Permian	0	0	2	0
Lee	0	0	1	1

Friday's Scores

El Paso Coronado 46, Lee 32

Midland High 34, El Paso Montwood 21

Abilene High 38, San Antonio Warren 7

Odessa High 42, Lubbock Coronado 38

Saturday's Scores

San Angelo Central 35, Trophy Club Byron Nelson 28

Odessa Permian 44, Missions Memorial 8

Friday, Sept. 12

Southlake Carroll at Lee, 7:30 p.m.

Midland High at Hurst L.D. Bell, 7:30 p.m.

Abilene Cooper vs. Abilene High, 7:30 p.m.

El Paso Franklin vs. San Angelo Central, 7 p.m., Hobbs, N.M.

Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa High, 7:30 p.m.

Odessa Permian at El Paso Americas, 8 p.m.

SA CENTRAL 35, BYRON NELSON 28

ARLINGTON — San Angelo Central quarterback Braden Hucks threw for 262 yards and accounted for four touchdowns in the Bobcats' victory over Trophy Club Byron Nelson Saturday at AT&T Stadium.

Hucks completed 26 of his 33 passes and one touchdown to go with 93 yards rushing and three TDs, including the game winning 6-yard TD run with 10 minutes remaining in the game.

CENTRAL 35, BYRON NELSON 28

Central	7	7	14	7	—35
Byron Nelson	14	14	0	0	—28

First Quarter

BN — Courtney Miles 19 run (Mason Shank kick), 11:14 remaining.

Central — Braden Hucks 4 run (Jacob Bible kick), 3:47

BN — Lucas Murray 30 pass from Preston Haire (Shank kick), 1:55

Second Quarter

Central — Hucks 1 run (Bible kick), 9:03

BN — Joe Gruetman 37 pass from Haire (Shank kick), 6:31

BN — Brandon Bowen 27 pass from Haire (Shank kick), 2:32

Third Quarter

Central — Cody Fielder 43 pass from Hucks (Bible kick), 9:03

Central — Khalil Antoine 2 run (Bible kick), 2:18

Fourth Quarter

Central — Hucks 6 run (Bible kick), 10:00

	Central	BN
First downs	24	18
Rushing Yards	39-156	31-121
Passing Yards 262	208	
Comp-Att-Int	26-33-0	12-27-0
Fumbles-lost	1-0	2-0
Punts-avg.	2-35	3-28.7
Penalties-yards	13-117	10-77

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — Central – Braden Hucks 17-93, Khalil Antoine 9-37, Monroe Lacy 9-34, Luke West 1-2, TEAM 3-(-10). Byron Nelson – Courtney Miles 28-99, Preston Haire 3-22.

PASSING — Central – Hucks 26-33-0, 262; Landon Sawyer 0-1-0, 0. Byron Nelson – Haire 12-27-0, 208.

RECEIVING — Central – Nick Lambert 10-75, Sawyer 7-54, Cody Fielder 3-46, Kaczarick Ware 2-42, Grindstaff 2-23, Antoine 1-15, Marcel Leak 1-7. Byron Nelson – Brandon Bowen 4-76, Joe Gruetman 3-60, Lucas Murray 1-30, Dan Ngoy 2-21, Chas Flickinger 2-21.

FRIDAY'S LATE BOXES

BROWNFIELD 21, GREENWOOD 6

BROWNFIELD — Greenwood was held to 261 total yards and turned the ball over five times in a non-district loss to Brownfield Friday night at Cub Stadium.

The Rangers rushed for 243 yards, led by Jake Rogers with 183 yards on 28 carries.

Zach Redwine was just 5-of-19 passing for 18 yards and two interceptions, and he scored the only touchdown for Greenwood (1-1) on a run.

BROWFIELD 21, GREENWOOD 6

Greenwood	0	6	0	0	—0
Brownfield	14	7	0	0	—0

FORSAN 57, PLAINS 0

PLAINS — Forsan rolled to a non-district victory over Plains on Friday night as quarterback Jesse Cervantes scored three rushing touchdowns.

Terry Carter added 97-yard TD run for the Buffaloes (1-1), who had 202 of their 263 total yards on the ground.

FORSAN 57, PLAINS 0

Forsan	14	23	13	7	—57
Plains	0	0	0	0	—0

STANTON 35, WINK 26

Stanton	0	10	14	11	—35
Wink	6	6	8	6	—26

First Quarter

Wink — Garza 1 run (pass failed), 2:12

Second Quarter

Stanton — Estevan Chavez 52 run (Chavez kick), 4:42

Wink — Hardin 12 pass from Augusta (pass failed), 1:55

Stanton — FG Chavez 43, 0:01

Third Quarter

Stanton — Jonathon Tomlinson 36 pass from K.J. Glaspie (Chavez kick), 11:49

Wink — Ortega 11 pass from Augusta (Ortega pass from Augusta), 6:33

Stanton — Glaspie 4 run (Chavez kick), 2:48

Fourth Quarter

Wink — Augusta 3 run (pass failed), 11:50

Stanton — Alex Martinez 10 pass from Glaspie (Chavez pass from Glaspie), 9:10

Stanton — FG Chavez 35, 6:13

	SHS	WHS
First Downs	14	8
Rushes-Yds.	31-132	32-135
Passing Yds.	240	222
Comp.-Att.-Int.	11-20-0	17-31-2
Punts-Avg.	2-27.0	0-0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yds.	14-79	11-64

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING — Stanton, Chavez 12-112; Wink, Augusta 16-75

PASSING — Stanton, Glaspie 11-20-240; Wink, Augusta 17-31-2-222

RECEIVING — Stanton, Tomlinson 4-130; Wink, Hardin 8-76

GARDEN CITY 75, EDEN 14

Eden	0	14	x	x	—14
Garden City	37	38	x	x	—75

First Quarter

GC — Ismael Ramirez 15 run (Oscar Gutierrez kick)

GC — Ramiraz 65 run (Gutierrez kick)

GC — Angel Zuniga 51 run (kick blocked)

GC — Isaac Enriquez 36 fumble return (Gutierrez kick)

GC — Ramirez 9 run (Enriquez run)

Second Quarter

GC — Enriquez 28 run (kick failed)

GC — Enriquez 8 run (Enriquez run)

GC — Safety, quarterback tackled in end zone

GC — Zuniga 45 kickoff return (Jose Gallegos run)

EHS — Andrew Cervantes 21 pass from Ryan Browne (Browne kick)

GC — Enriquez 2 run (Gutierrez kick)

GC — 53 run (Gutierrez kick)

EHS — Browne 1 run (kick blocked)

	EHS	GC
First Downs	9	7
Rushes-Yds.	21-(-3)	21-347
Passing Yds.	142	25
Comp.-Att.-Int.	10-18-1	1-1-0
Punts-Avg.	2-29.0	0-0
Fumbles-lost	5-2	0-0
Penalties-Yds.	3-17	4-35

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING — Eden, Ryan Browne 14-32; Garden City, Ismael Ramirez 5-105, Angel Zuniga 3-91

PASSING — Eden, Browne 4-9-1-86; Garden City, Riley Eggemeyer 1-1-0-25

RECEIVING — Eden, Andrew Cervantes 4-71; Garden City, Isaac Enriquez 1-25

SANDS 60, VERIBEST 14

Veribest	0	14	0	x	—14
Sands	24	30	6	x	—60

First Quarter

SAN — Dayton Eddleman 5 run (Sergio Plata kick)

SAN — Dayton Eddleman 29 run (Plata kick)

SAN — Juan Diaz 1 run (Plata kick)

Second Quarter

SAN — Dyllan Tindol 74 pass from Eddleman (kick failed)

VER — Joseph Carmona 44 pass from Alex Valen Zuela (kick failed)

SAN — Dayton Eddleman 16 run (kick failed)

VER — Valen Zuela 37 run (Carmona kick)

SAN — Eddleman 11 run (kick failed)

SAN — Eddleman 16 run (kick failed)

SAN — Dyllan Tindol 30 pass from Eddleman (kick failed)

Third Quarter

SAN — Eddleman 60 interception return (no PAT attempted)

	VHS	SHS
First Downs	5	17
Rushes-Yds.	14-64	20-249
Passing Yds.	93	175
Comp.-Att.-Int.	4-12-1	7-14-0
Fumbles-lost	3-1	1-0
Penalties-Yds.	1-0	3-34

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING — Veribest, Alex Valen Zuela 12-69; Sands, Dayton Eddleman 13-180

PASSING — Veribest, 3-6-0-76; Sands, Eddleman 7-14-0-175

RECEIVING — Veribest, 3-76; Sands, Dyllan Tindol 4-126

RockHounds

From 1C

a throwing error. One batter later, Daniel Robertson hit into what should have been a sure out at home, but Alfaro dropped the ball, allowing Barfield to score.

Dusty Coleman scored on a wild pitch and then Conner Crumbliss drove in the final run with a sacrifice fly to center for a 5-3 Midland lead.

The crazy inning was similar to the top of the ninth in the Game 2 on Wednesday when the RockHounds scored three runs on a wild pitch and a balk to win and even the series.

"I looked at (third base umpire) Matt Czajak and told him this series has been crazy, this game has been crazy," Midland manager Aaron Nieckula said. "It was not necessarily fundamentally sound on either side. We only got three hits, but that's not the important column. It's the run column. We found a way to win."

Midland's bullpen helped keep Frisco in check after starter Shawn Haviland gave up three runs in four innings. Deryk Hooker, Frank Gailey, Ryan Dull and Jose Flores combined to give up four hits and one run. Gailey struck out Joey Gallo with two on and two outs in the seventh, and then Flores earned the save by inducing Gallo to pop out to Chapman to end the game.

Hooker earned the win by pitching 2 2/3 innings, giving up one run on three hits with three strikeouts and two walks.

"That just goes to show the character of this clubhouse and the guys that are on this team," Nieckula said. "We have good chemistry going on in that clubhouse and you can never count out the RockHounds. They find a way to stay in a game or get back into it."

'HOUNDS PLAYOFF BITES: RockHounds catcher Blake Forsythe left the game in the fourth inning after a collision with Frisco catcher Jorge Alfaro at the plate. Alfaro was out on the play but Forsythe had to be carried off the field with a leg injury. He was walking with a crutch after the game on Saturday. Bruce Maxwell replaced Forsythe in the top of the fifth inning. … The two newest Midland RockHounds, Matt Chapman and Daniel Robertson, have fit in well over the last week. Chapman has gone 4-for-10 during the series and Robertson 1-for-7 in his Double-A debut. Chapman also had three key defensive plays at third in the ninth. Chapman made a nice play on a hard Odubel Herrera grounder for the first out, and then scooped up a bunt to throw out Guilder Rodriguez. Then he caught Joey Gallo's pop fly to end the game along the fence in Frisco's dugout.

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ROCKHOUNDS 5, ROUGHRIDERS 4

Frisco	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Herrera 2b	4	1	0	0	Crumbliss dh	3	0	0	0
Rodriguez 3b	5	0	1	0	Wilson cf	3	0	0	0
Adams lf	4	1	2	1	Muncy 1b	4	1	1	1
Gallo dh	3	1	0	0	Matthes lf	3	1	0	0
Wise 1b	4	1	2	2	Barfield rf	1	1	1	0
Williams rf	4	0	2	0	Coleman ss	3	1	1	0
Alfaro c	4	0	1	0	Chapman 3b	3	0	0	0
Cantwell ph-c	0	0	0	0	Robertson 2b	3	1	0	0
Martinez cf	3	0	2	0	Forsythe c	1	0	0	0
Alberto ss	4	0	0	0	Maxwell c	2	0	0	0
Totals	35	4	10	4	Totals	26	5	3	2

Frisco	000	300	100	—4
Midland	100	031	000	—5

E — Muncy (3), Hooker (1), Thompson (1), Alfaro (4), Hamren (1). DP — Frisco 1, Midland 1. LOB — Frisco 9, Midland 5. 2B — Martinez (1), Barfield (2). HR — Muncy (1). S — Chapman, Coleman. SF — Crumbliss.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Frisco						
Thompson L, 0-1	4.0	2	4	2	2	1
Ortiz	1	0	0	0	1	0
Hamren	0.2	0	1	0	2	0
Rodebaugh	0.1	0	0	0	0	0
Lamb	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
Lotzkar	0.2	1	0	0	0	0
Kela	0.1	0	0	0	0	1
Midland						
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REBEL HOMECOMING 2014

Parade - Thursday, Sept. 11th - 6:00pm

Parade route: Sunburst Dr. to Wadley Ave. to Midland Dr. to Neely to LHS

Pep Rally immediately following the Parade, LHS Gym

Friday, September 12

Lee vs Southlake Carroll High — 7:30 pm Grande Stadium

Griffin vs. Watt, Clowney debuts in Texans' opener

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press

HOUSTON — J.J. Watt's contract is done, so now the focus is on football and Robert Griffin III.

RG3 and the Washington Redskins play in Houston today, an opener matching two teams looking to bounce back from disappointing seasons with first-time NFL coaches. Jay Gruden takes over for Washington and Bill O'Brien for the Texans.

Under Gruden, Griffin has looked shaky at times in the preseason as he learns the system and tries to become more of a pocket passer. Ready or not, it's time for the real thing and figuring out a way to avoid Watt, who leads the NFL in quarterback hits (108) and tackles for loss (74) since he entered the league in 2011.

"Hopefully we'll cross paths on Sunday, you know?" Watt said.

Watt is fresh off signing a six-year, $100 million extension. Gruden, of all people, knows how much he earned it. Before he became Redskins coach in January, Gruden was Cincinnati's offensive coordinator and watched Houston's star defensive end take over playoff games against the Bengals in 2011 and '12.

"If you're going to pay a defensive player that type of money, you'd want him to have the tenacity and the production that J.J. has," Gruden said. "He is a great leader and plays hard every single snap, and is the most disruptive defensive lineman in the business."

As if Watt isn't enough to prepare for, the Texans added another potential top pass rusher in first overall draft pick Jadeveon Clowney, who'll play outside linebacker. Gruden, also the Redskins' offensive coordinator, doesn't have a feel for where the two will line up because he only saw them on the field together for about 20 snaps in the preseason.

The game

WASHINGTON AT HOUSTON

When: Noon, today
Location: Reliant Stadium, Houston
TV: CBS
Radio: KCRS (550 AM)

The Redskins can counter the Texans' rushers with one of the league's most effective ground attacks. Alfred Morris has been the workhorse over the past two years, with 2,888 yards and 20 touchdowns.

"It's going to be very important for us to establish some kind of running game," Gruden said. "If we get behind and it turns into a drop-back pass fest, it won't be pretty. So it's very important for us to stick with the run, run the ball and do the best we can in that regard to take some pressure off our quarterback and our linemen, for that matter."

The Texans, meanwhile, will break in Ryan Fitzpatrick, who was chosen the starter by O'Brien during summer minicamp. He has effective weapons with star receiver Andre Johnson back for a 12th season and DeAndre Hopkins looking for a breakout year after catching 52 passes for 802 yards and two touchdowns as a rookie. Arian Foster will join Fitzpatrick in the backfield, seeing his first action since hurting his back in the middle of last season.

"There is a lot of excitement," Fitzpatrick said. "Just getting out there and playing a full game and going through all of the different situations and having all those guys at my disposal for a full game. I think we're excited about that."

Here are some things to watch in today's game:

QB SHUFFLE: If Fitzpatrick comes out, the Texans will turn to Ryan Mallett. The 26-year-old Mallett, acquired in a weekend trade with New England, saw almost no game action with the Patriots backing up Tom Brady for three seasons. But he has a head start on learning the Texans' offensive calls after working with O'Brien and quarterbacks coach George Godsey in New England. O'Brien was the Patriots' offensive coordinator in Mallett's rookie year and Godsey was an offensive assistant there in all three of Mallett's seasons.

"It makes it easier," O'Brien said. "Obviously, when you have a guy that knows the basis of your offense, how to call a play, the cadence, the formations, the motions, the shifts, the different personnel groupings, how we call defense, it makes it a lot easier when you have a guy that you think can help you as a backup quarterback."

STAR POWER: DeSean Jackson was the Redskins' biggest offseason acquisition. Since 2008, Jackson leads the NFL in touchdown catches (17) and receptions (22) covering 50 or more yards.

FIRST TIMER: Gruden is the 29th coach in Redskins' history. His predecessors are 10-14-3 in their debuts. He replaces the fired Mike Shanahan.

RAMBO, PART II: Bacarri Rambo didn't have much of a rookie season for the Redskins. He won the starting job out of training camp, then lost it because he simply couldn't tackle.

Now, with Brandon Meriweather suspended for the first two games for another helmet-to-helmet hit, Rambo could get another chance. He's been working with the starters this week, and he says his play is like "night and day" as compared to last year.

"It's like I'm not as worried or frustrated or stressed or thinking a lot," Rambo said. "It's like I'm more confident in myself this year."

Cowboys

From 1C

about Week 1."

Even without Smith, Bowman and possibly defensive tackle Ray McDonald after his arrest in a domestic violence case, the 49ers have the proof of three straight trips to the NFC championship game behind one of the league's best defenses.

The Cowboys had the NFL's worst a year ago, and have been scrambling all offseason to settle on a front seven. It certainly doesn't help that cornerback Orlando Scandrick will miss the first four games on a drug suspension.

Dallas will use a rotation on the defensive line, hoping free agent pickup Henry Melton will be a key even though he missed all the preseason games with a groin injury.

End George Selvie, grabbed off the scrap heap at training camp last year, is the only Dallas lineman who had more than two sacks a year ago. And his status is in doubt because of a shoulder injury.

"They're a fast team," 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh said. "I'm sure they'll have things for us in the first game that you don't expect, that they've been preparing for."

Here are some things to watch in a game that will break a 16-16-1 tie in a series that includes six NFC championship games:

ROMO'S ROLLOUT: Romo took it easy in the offseason and got frequent days off during training camp following December surgery. He had already injured his back when he led a drive to beat Washington, only to watch from his house when a third straight season ended with a loss to an NFC East rival that left the Cowboys at 8-8 and out of the postseason. "I feel very comfortable going into the season and I feel as well as I could possibly hope for at this point," Romo said.

SAN FRAN'S FRONT: The 49ers' offensive line had problems protecting Kaepernick during the preseason, though the tight-knit unit has hardly had any continuity so far. Right guard Alex Boone ended his holdout just in time for Week 1, though it was unclear whether he or right tackle Anthony Davis — dealing with a minor hamstring injury — would start and play. Jonathan Martin, who got a fresh start under Harbaugh, his coach at Stanford, after a bullying scandal in Miami, could be called upon.

McCLAIN BACK ON FIELD: Dallas linebacker Rolando McClain will play his first game since 2012, the last of his three seasons with Oakland after the Raiders picked him eighth overall in 2010. He walked away from the game twice with Baltimore after the Ravens acquired his rights. The Cowboys got him in a trade before training camp after a season-ending knee injury to Sean Lee, and now it looks as if McClain will start at Lee's spot in the middle.

CRABTREE HOMECOMING: San Francisco receiver Michael Crabtree, who played for a Dallas high school and Texas Tech, worked concessions at old Texas Stadium with his youth football teammates. He walked to his locker in a Texas Tech T-shirt on Thursday before pulling on a 49ers hoodie. Now, he has purchased 70 tickets for family members to attend Sunday's game. "It's going to be fun, and it's going to be challenging going back home seeing my family," he said.

IN THIS CORNER: Scandrick's absence gives former top 10 pick Morris Claiborne a chance to prove his worth as a starting cornerback after an injury-filled 2013. Claiborne is battling a shoulder sprain this time, but should play. Tramaine Brock is back after leading the 49ers with five interceptions last season.

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	000	0	0
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	0	0	0	000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	000	0	0
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	0	0	0	000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	000	0	0
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	0	0	0	000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	000	0	0
Oakland	0	0	0	000	0	0
San Diego	0	0	0	000	0	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	0	0	0	000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	000	0	0
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	0	0	0	000	0	0
Carolina	0	0	0	000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	000	0	0
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	0	0	0	000	0	0
Detroit	0	0	0	000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	000	0	0
Green Bay	0	1	0	000	16	36
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	36	16
Arizona	0	0	0	000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	000	0	0
St. Louis	0	0	0	000	0	0

Thursday's Score
Seattle 36, Green Bay 16

Sunday's Games
Minnesota at St. Louis, Noon
Buffalo at Chicago, Noon
Washington at Houston, Noon
Tennessee at Kansas City, Noon
New Orleans at Atlanta, Noon
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, Noon
Jacksonville at Philadelphia, Noon
Oakland at N.Y. Jets, Noon
Cincinnati at Baltimore, Noon
New England at Miami, Noon
San Francisco at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 3:25 p.m.
Indianapolis at Denver, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
N.Y. Giants at Detroit, 6:10 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 9:20 p.m.

Thursday, Sep. 11
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday, Sep. 14
Dallas at Tennessee, Noon
New England at Minnesota, Noon
Miami at Buffalo, Noon
Jacksonville at Washington, Noon
Arizona at N.Y. Giants, Noon
New Orleans at Cleveland, Noon
Atlanta at Cincinnati, Noon
Detroit at Carolina, Noon
Seattle at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 3:05 p.m.
Houston at Oakland, 3:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.
Chicago at San Francisco, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Sep. 15
Philadelphia at Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.

NFL INJURY REPORT

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS at ATLANTA FALCONS — SAINTS: OUT: S Marcus Ball (hamstring), RB Erik Lorig (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: WR Kenny Stills (quadriceps). FALCONS: PROBABLE: DT Corey Peters (Achilles), S Dezmen Southward (concussion).

MINNESOTA VIKINGS at ST. LOUIS RAMS — VIKINGS: OUT: RB Zach Line (ankle), LB Michael Mauti (foot), LB Brandon Watts (). QUESTIONABLE: DE Everson Griffen (illness), T Mike Harris (shoulder). PROBABLE: CB Jabari Price (shoulder), WR Rodney Smith (neck). RAMS: OUT: CB Trumaine Johnson (knee), C Barrett Jones (back). QUESTIONABLE: DE Eugene Sims (knee). PROBABLE: S Maurice Alexander (not injury related), LB Jo-Lonn Dunbar (shoulder), DE William Hayes (chest), T Jake Long (knee).

CLEVELAND BROWNS at PITTSBURGH STEELERS — BROWNS: OUT: DE John Hughes (hamstring), G Paul McQuistan (ankle). DOUBTFUL: DE Desmond Bryant (wrist). PROBABLE: CB Pierre Desir (knee), CB Joe Haden (foot), S Jim Leonhard (knee), LB Eric Martin (concussion), CB Buster Skrine (thumb), LB Christian Yount (shoulder). STEELERS: OUT: CB Brice McCain (groin), WR Lance Moore (groin). DOUBTFUL: WR Martavis Bryant (shoulder). QUESTIONABLE: C Cody Wallace (finger). PROBABLE: TE Matt Spaeth (hamstring), LB Sean Spence (knee), C Greg Warren (knee).

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS at PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — JAGUARS: OUT: TE Clay Harbor (calf), RB Storm Johnson (ankle), G Austin Pasztor (hand). QUESTIONABLE: WR Cecil Shorts III (hamstring), T Josh Wells (shoulder). PROBABLE: P Bryan Anger (right groin), G Zane Beadles (calf), C Luke Bowanko (quadriceps), DT Sen'Derrick Marks (shoulder), WR Allen Robinson (hamstring), K Josh Scobee (right quadriceps). EAGLES: OUT: WR Josh Huff (shoulder), T Matt Tobin (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: RB Chris Polk (hamstring), CB Jaylen Watkins (hamstring). PROBABLE: WR Riley Cooper (ankle), WR Brad Smith (groin).

OAKLAND RAIDERS at NEW YORK JETS — RAIDERS: OUT: CB Chimdi Chekwa (knee). QUESTIONABLE: LB Nick Roach (concussion). PROBABLE: TE David Ausberry (knee), K Sebastian Janikowski (right quadriceps), CB Taiwan Jones (knee), QB Matt Schaub (right elbow), T Menelik Watson (hip), DE LaMarr Woodley (not injury related). JETS: OUT: S Josh Bush (quadriceps), DE Ikemefuna Enemkpali (foot), CB Dee Milliner (ankle). PROBABLE: S Antonio Allen (concussion), LB Nick Bellore (calf).

CINCINNATI BENGALS at BALTIMORE RAVENS — BENGALS: OUT: RB Rex Burkhead (knee), WR Marvin Jones (foot). DOUBTFUL: LB Sean Porter (hamstring), WR James Wright (concussion). QUESTIONABLE: CB Dargueze Dennard (hip). PROBABLE: LB Vontaze Burfict (hamstring), TE Tyler Eifert (shoulder), RB Cedric Peerman (hip), G Mike Pollak (knee), T Andre Smith (concussion). RAVENS: QUESTIONABLE: CB Lardarius Webb (back). PROBABLE: RB Bernard Pierce (concussion).

BUFFALO BILLS at CHICAGO BEARS — BILLS: DOUBTFUL: S Jonathan Meeks (neck), TE Lee Smith (toe). QUESTIONABLE: RB Anthony Dixon (hamstring), CB Stephon Gilmore (groin). PROBABLE: LB Randell Johnson (ankle), LB Brandon Spikes (knee), WR Sammy Watkins (ribs). BEARS: OUT: QB David Fales (right shoulder). QUESTIONABLE: RB Tony Fiammetta (hamstring). PROBABLE: S Chris Conte (concussion), C Brian de la Puente (knee).

WASHINGTON REDSKINS at HOUSTON TEXANS — REDSKINS: OUT: LB Akeem Jordan (knee), CB Tracy Porter (hamstring). QUESTIONABLE: LB Brian Orakpo (ankle), TE Jordan Reed (thumb). TEXANS: QUESTIONABLE: TE Garrett Graham (back), S Shiloh Keo (calf). PROBABLE: CB A.J. Bouye (shoulder), T Tyson Clabo (ankle), LB Brian Cushing (ankle), DE Tim Jamison (groin), CB Johnathan Joseph (foot), LB Mike Mohamed (quadriceps), C Chris Myers (toe), NT Louis Nix III (knee), RB Jay Prosch (hand), G Xavier Su'a-Filo (back), LB Justin Tuggle (knee).

TENNESSEE TITANS at KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — TITANS: QUESTIONABLE: DT Mike Martin (hamstring). PROBABLE: RB Jackie Battle (shoulder), QB Charlie Whitehurst (right finger). CHIEFS: DOUBTFUL: RB De'Anthony Thomas (hamstring). QUESTIONABLE: CB Marcus Cooper (ankle), C Eric Kush (shoulder). PROBABLE: S Eric Berry (heel), DE Mike DeVito (hand), LB Tamba Hali (knee), WR Junior Hemingway (hip), WR A.J. Jenkins (concussion), LB Josh Martin (hip), RB Anthony Sherman (back), DE Vance Walker (hand), WR Albert Wilson (ankle), LB Frank Zombo (groin).

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS at MIAMI DOLPHINS — PATRIOTS: OUT: DE Michael Buchanan (ankle), DT Chris Jones (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: QB Tom Brady (calf), TE Rob Gronkowski (knee), DT Sealver Siliga (hand). DOLPHINS: OUT: DE Terrence Fede (knee), C Mike Pouncey (hip), LB Jordan Tripp (chest), LB Philip Wheeler (thumb). DOUBTFUL: T Billy Turner (foot). PROBABLE: S Walt Aikens (hand), LB Chris McCain (hip), LB Koa Misi (shoulder), CB Jamar Taylor (hip).

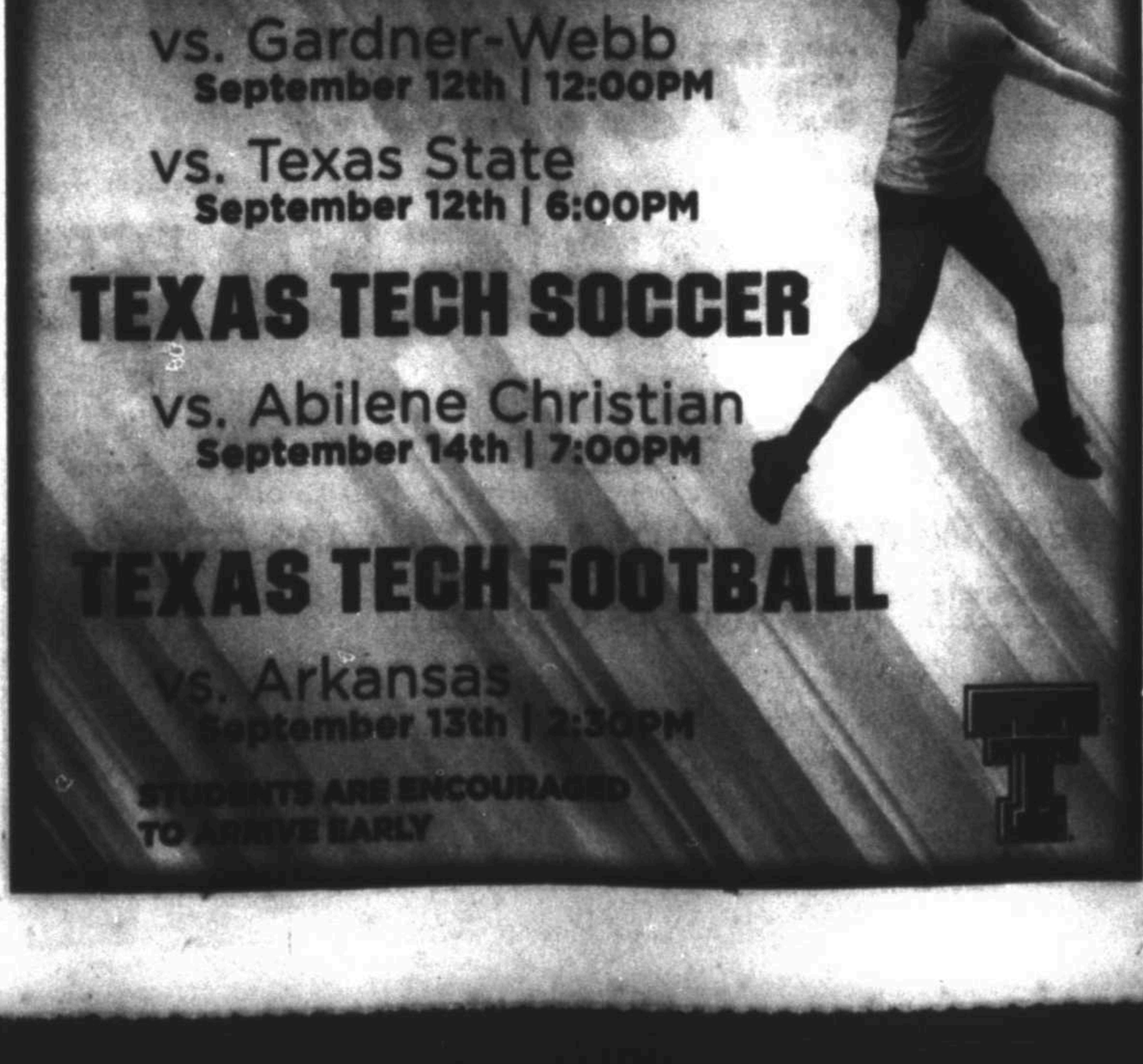
CAROLINA PANTHERS at TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — PANTHERS: QUESTIONABLE: QB Cam Newton (ribs). BUCCANEERS: OUT: DE Da'Quan Bowers (abdomen), DE William Gholston (shoulder), S Bradley McDougald (knee), CB Rashaan Melvin (ankle), WR Louis Murphy Jr. (back). PROBABLE: RB Mike James (shoulder), CB Mike Jenkins (hamstring), RB Jorvorskie Lane (hand).

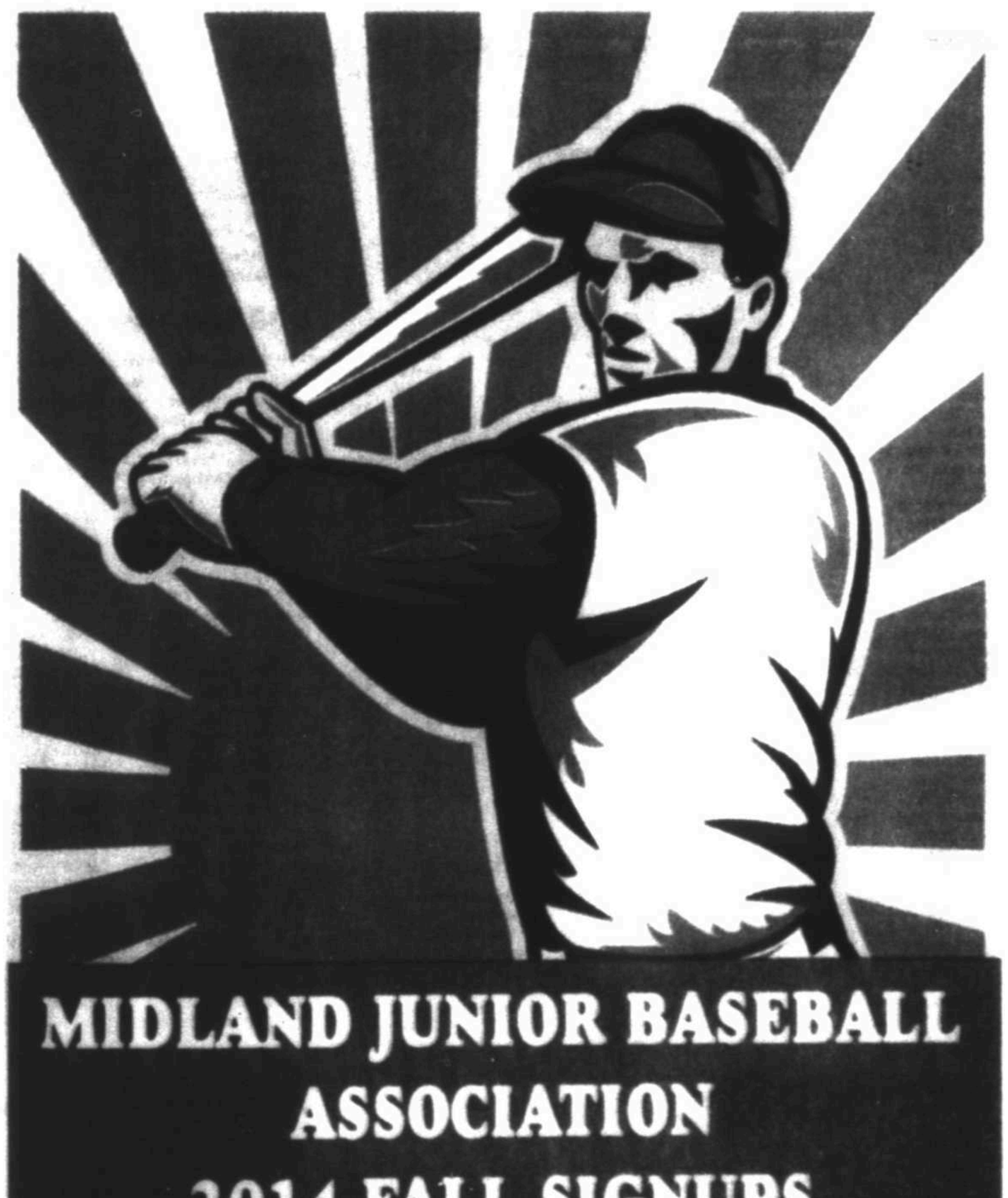
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS at DALLAS COWBOYS — 49ERS: OUT: T Anthony Davis (hamstring), C Marcus Martin (knee). QUESTIONABLE: WR Michael Crabtree (calf). PROBABLE: CB Chris Culliver (ankle), TE Vance McDonald (hamstring). COWBOYS: OUT: DE Anthony Spencer (knee), T Darrion Weems (shoulder). QUESTIONABLE: G Zack Martin (foot), DT Terrell McClain (ankle), WR Terrance Williams (back). PROBABLE: QB Tony Romo (back), DE George Selvie (shoulder).

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS at DENVER BRONCOS — COLTS: OUT: G Joe Reitz (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: S Sergio Brown (shoulder), C Khaled Holmes (ankle), LB Erik Walden (abdomen). PROBABLE: T Gosder Cherilus (not injury related), C Jonotthan Harrison (hand), S LaRon Landry (not injury related), WR Reggie Wayne (not injury related). BRONCOS: OUT: G Ben Garland (ankle), LB Danny Trevathan (lower leg). PROBABLE: WR Isaiah Burse (illness), CB Chris Harris Jr. (knee), DE Malik Jackson (not injury related), DT Terrance Knighton (knee), WR Emmanuel Sanders (thigh), G Louis Vasquez (back), CB Kayvon Webster (ankle).

NEW YORK GIANTS at DETROIT LIONS — GIANTS: DNP: WR Odell Beckham Jr. (hamstring), T James Brewer (back), DT Markus Kuhn (ankle). LIMITED: LB Jon Beason (foot), T Charles Brown (shoulder), G Brandon Mosley (back). LIONS: DNP: S Don Carey (hamstring). LIMITED: S James Ihedigbo (knee, neck), DT Caraun Reid (shoulder).

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS at ARIZONA CARDINALS — CHARGERS: DNP: S Jahleel Addae (hamstring), CB Chris Davis (ankle). LIMITED: DE Lawrence Guy (shoulder), DT Sean Lissemore (ankle), LB Manti Te'o (foot). FULL: WR Keenan Allen (ribs), C Nick Hardwick (not injury related), CB Jason Verrett (shoulder). CARDINALS: DNP: RB Andre Ellington (foot), LB Alex Okafor (thigh). FULL: G Jonathan Cooper (toe), WR Larry Fitzgerald (knee), S Tyrann Mathieu (knee), LB Kevin Minter (chest), DE Frostee Rucker (back).





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Horschel takes a 3-shot lead at BMW Championship

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE, Colo. — Billy Horschel needed less than a week to give himself a second chance. If he keeps playing this well, his next shot at closing out a tournament won't be nearly as stressful as the last one.

Horschel made a 32-foot birdie putt Saturday to close out the third round with a bogey-free, 7-under 63 and take a three-shot lead over Ryan Palmer heading into the final 18 holes of the BMW Championship.

On Monday at the Deutsche Bank Championship, Horschel had a 6-iron in hand on the 18th fairway and a chance to win or force a playoff, but he chunked the shot, made bogey and settled for a disappointing second-place tie.

"It happened," said Horschel, who stands at 13-under 197. "It's not a big deal. Just a bad swing at the wrong time. You can't dwell on things like that."

Five days later, he gave himself a cushion, rolling in a 22 footer for birdie on 14, then an 8-foot birdie on 15 to vault into the lead. He closed it out with the long one on 18 — the uphill, par-4 477-yard closing hole that is the third toughest on the course and has surrendered only 18 birdies all week.

Horschel had one of 14 rounds of 67 or better at mile-high Cherry Hills, where soaking rains and cool weather over the last two days have softened the course and chipped away at some of its defenses. There were 15 67s or better through the first two days. The course played 1.7 shots easier Saturday than it did Thursday.

"The greens are so much more soft than the first day," said Morgan Hoffman, who briefly flirted with 59 before settling for an 8-under 62. "You can really throw it at the flags and keep it there."

Masters champion Bubba Watson shot 66 to draw into a third-place tie at 8 under with U.S. Open champion Martin Kaymer, who made seven birdies over the last 12 holes to shoot 64.

"Should have been eight," said Kaymer, who three-putted from inside 20 feet on the par-5 17th and settled for par.

Wasn't the worst display on the greens, though.

Rory McIlroy made a 60-footer on the fourth to get into a brief tie for the lead but gave all that back and more with a four-putt from inside of 5 feet on No. 12 — bringing gasps from the crowd. It was McIlory's first triple-bogey or worse since the first hole of last year's BMW Championship.

The world's top-ranked player shot 2-over 72 and goes into Sunday nine shots off the lead.

And second-round leader Sergio Garcia also struggled. He lipped out a 4-foot par putt on No. 7 — the hole he eagled on Friday — and closed out his round with an approach shot that struck a fan in the grandstand. His 2-over 72 left him seven off the lead.

Keselowski routs Richmond field to grab top seed

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Brad Keselowski routed the field Saturday night for his fourth win of the season, a victory that gives him the top seed in NASCAR's Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

Keselowski led all but 17 of the 400 laps at Richmond International Raceway, where the last race of the regular season never shaped up to be the thriller NASCAR hoped. A new win-and-in format this year could have created a dramatic final push for a driver to make the Chase, but nobody had anything for Keselowski.

"What a night. I pulled into Victory lane and I pinched myself once to make sure I wasn't dreaming," said Keselowski, the 2012 champion. "These are nights you don't forget as a driver and you live for."

Keselowski came to Richmond a year ago needing a strong finish to make the Chase field, but failed and was not eligible to defend his title. Now he'll try to give Team Penske a season sweep — Will Power gave the organization the IndyCar championship a week ago.

"I think last year was a bit of a kick in the butt," Keselowski said. "It was enough to really push us all and find another level. We did a great job in 2012, but in the sports world you've got to keep progressing. Everyone else progressed and we didn't."

There were two spots up for grab in the 16-driver Chase field, but Ryan Newman and Greg Biffle pretty much entered the race in control of their own fate. Newman never left anything to chance with a strong ninth-place finish, and Biffle slid into the final spot with a 19-place finish.

"When you are that far off, it is the hardest thing in the world to drive," Biffle said. "This is the toughest thing I've ever done in my life, drive and try to stay in the top 20."

Jeff Gordon, the points leader for much of the regular season, finished second. Clint Bowyer, who needed to win to guarantee his Chase berth, was a disappointing third.

"I knew coming in here, it was a long shot at best," Bowyer said. "We put it all out there. I raced as hard as we could. At our very best, we were a third-place race car tonight at my very best race track."

Bowyer was caught in the middle of a scandal at this race a year ago when his late-race spin set in motion a chain of events that helped then-teammate Martin Truex Jr. make the Chase at the expense of Newman. NASCAR eventually threw Truex out of the Chase, put Newman in and added Gordon as an additional driver.

He was dejected Saturday night after coming up short, but said his Michael Waltrip Racing team wasn't championship-level, anyway.

"If you make the Chase, you want to compete for a championship," he said. "Truth be told, we're not there right now."

Defending NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson finished eighth but was apparently suffering from dehydration when he exited the car. He first laid down next to his car, then had to be helped to a cart by his Hendrick Motorsports crew. He was taken to the infield care center.

Johnson was scheduled to compete Sunday in a sprint triathlon for his foundation.

"I know there was a couple times throughout the race where I felt like I was cramping, as well," said Gordon. "It's hot out there. It's hard to keep your fluids."

Tony Stewart, in his second race back since he sat out three after his sprint car struck and killed Kevin Ward Jr. at a New York dirt track, finished 15th. He would have been eligible to compete in the Chase if he won Saturday night's race based on a waiver NASCAR gave him upon his return last week. The three-time champion had cracked the top 10 but his crew missed a lug nut on a late pit stop that took him out of contention.

GOLFROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Champions

QUEBEC CHAMPIONSHIP: At Quebec City, defending champion Esteban Toledo shot a 6-under 66 to take a one-stroke lead over Brad Faxon in the Champions Tour's Quebec Championship.

The 51-year-old Toledo, the only Mexican winner in the history of the 50-and-over tour, had a 10-under 132 total at La Tempete in the first PGA Tour-sanctioned event in the area since 1956. He won the then-Montreal Championship last year at La Vallee du Richelieu for his second Champions Tour victory.

Faxon had a 68.

Web.com

CHIQUITA CLASSIC: At Davidson, N.C., Greg Chalmers birdied two of the last four holes for a 5-under 67 and a one-stroke lead in the Chiquita Classic, the second of four events in the Web.com Tour Finals.

Chalmers, the 40-year-old Australian who finished 132nd in the PGA Tour's FedEx Cup standings, had a 15-under 201 total at River Run. He had eight birdies and three bogeys in the third round.

PGA European

EUROPEAN MASTERS: At Crans-Montana, England's Graeme Storm had a hole-in-one and shot a 6-under 64 to take a one-stroke lead in the European Masters.

Storm used a 6-iron on the 217-yard 11th hole and won a hybrid sports car valued at $186,000. He had a 16-under 194 total on Crans-sur-Sierre's Seve Ballesteros Championship Course.

Amateur

WOMEN'S WORLD AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: At Karuizawa, Japan, Minjee Lee shot a 7-under 65 in her last amateur round and Su Oh had a 66 in Australia's record comeback victory in the Women's World Amateur Team Championship.

Seven strokes behind leader Canada entering the day, Australia took the lead through six holes and finished at 29-under 547 for a two-stroke victory. Shelly Shin had a 74 for Australia, with only the top two scores each day counting in the team total.

TODAY'S F1 LINEUP

Formula 1

Italian Grand Prix Lineup
After Saturday qualifying; race today
At Autodromo di Monza
Monza, Italy
Lap length: 3.6 miles
Third Session

1. Lewis Hamilton, England, Mercedes, 1 minute, 24.109 seconds.
2. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 1:24.383.
3. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Williams, 1:24.697.
4. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Williams, 1:24.865.
5. Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, McLaren, 1:25.314.
6. Jenson Button, England, McLaren, 1:25.379.
7. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Ferrari, 1:25.430.
8. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Red Bull, 1:25.436.
9. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull, 1:25.709.
10. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Force India, 1:25.944.

Eliminated after second session

11. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 1:26.110.
12. Jean-Eric Vergne, France, Toro Rosso, 1:26.157.
13. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Force India, 1:26.279.
14. Adrian Sutil, Germany, Sauber, 1:26.588.
15. Esteban Gutierrez, Mexico, Sauber, 1:26.692.

Eliminated after first session

16. Pastor Maldonado, Venezuela, Lotus, 1:27.520.
17. Romain Grosjean, France, Lotus, 1:27.632.
18. Kamui Kobayashi, Japan, Caterham, 1:27.671.
19. Jules Bianchi, France, Marussia, 1:27.738.
20. Max Chilton, England, Marussia, 1:28.247.
21. Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Toro Rosso, 1:26.070.
22. Marcus Ericsson, Sweden, Caterham, 1:28.562.

GOLF SCORES

PGA

BMW Championship Scores
Saturday
At Cherry Hills Country Club
Cherry Hills Village, Colo.
Purse: $8 million
Yardage: 7,352; Par 70
Third Round

Billy Horschel	68-66-63—197
Ryan Palmer	69-64-67—200
Martin Kaymer	68-70-64—202
Bubba Watson	70-66-66—202
Rickie Fowler	71-66-66—203
Sergio Garcia	68-64-72—204
Jim Furyk	70-68-67—205
Jordan Spieth	67-70-68—205
Graham DeLaet	68-68-69—205
J.B. Holmes	71-68-67—206
Morgan Hoffmann	72-72-62—206
Chesson Hadley	68-70-68—206
Adam Scott	71-66-69—206
Rory McIlroy	67-67-72—206
Bill Haas	72-68-67—207
Hideki Matsuyama	69-67-71—207
Seung-Yul Noh	70-71-67—208
Ben Crane	70-70-68—208
Gary Woodland	67-73-68—208
Jimmy Walker	72-67-69—208
Ernie Els	70-69-69—208
Charl Schwartzel	72-66-70—208
Harris English	71-71-67—209
Camilo Villegas	70-71-68—209
Angel Cabrera	71-72-66—209
George McNeill	71-69-69—209
John Senden	73-66-70—209
Henrik Stenson	68-69-72—209
Kevin Chappell	68-72-70—210
Justin Rose	69-71-70—210
Tim Clark	71-69-70—210
Jerry Kelly	71-73-66—210
Freddie Jacobson	73-71-66—210
Chris Stroud	69-73-69—211
Geoff Ogilvy	73-69-69—211
Cameron Tringale	70-73-68—211
Brian Stuard	71-69-71—211
Carl Pettersson	73-70-68—211
Stuart Appleby	71-71-70—212
Chris Kirk	71-70-71—212
Matt Every	68-73-71—212
Charles Howell III	69-72-71—212
Marc Leishman	74-69-69—212
Kevin Na	74-69-69—212
K.J. Choi	69-74-69—212
Brendon Todd	73-67-72—212
Zach Johnson	71-71-71—213
Kevin Stadler	74-69-70—213
Daniel Summerhays	75-68-71—214
Matt Kuchar	71-73-70—214
Graeme McDowell	73-72-69—214
Webb Simpson	73-72-69—214
Russell Knox	74-69-72—215
Brian Harman	73-71-71—215
Charley Hoffman	72-71-73—216
Erik Compton	69-74-73—216
Hunter Mahan	75-70-71—216
Matt Jones	73-73-70—216
Will MacKenzie	75-72-69—216
William McGirt	71-71-76—218
Russell Henley	68-74-76—218
Patrick Reed	77-70-71—218
Ryan Moore	80-69-69—218
Steven Bowditch	72-77-70—219
Jason Bohn	74-71-75—220
Kevin Streelman	75-70-76—221
Keegan Bradley	71-72-WD
Phil Mickelson	70-76-WD

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Chiquita Classic Scores
Saturday
At River Run Country Club
Davidson, N.C.
Purse: $1 million
Yardage: 7,317; Par 72
Third Round

Greg Chalmers	69-65-67—201
Adam Hadwin	63-72-67—202
John Peterson	65-70-68—203
Scott Pinckney	66-68-70—204
Heath Slocum	72-69-64—205
James Nitties	71-66-68—205
Tom Hoge	73-63-69—205
Kyle Reifers	67-68-70—205
Carlos Sainz Jr	70-72-64—206
Roberto Castro	72-67-67—206
Colt Knost	67-70-69—206
Max Homa	70-68-68—206
Spencer Levin	72-65-69—206
Sam Saunders	71-66-69—206
Alex Prugh	72-67-68—207
Hudson Swafford	66-73-68—207
Johnson Wagner	70-69-68—207
Aron Price	72-66-69—207
Richard Sterne	69-69-69—207
Derek Fathauer	66-66-75—207
Will Wilcox	71-70-67—208
Harold Varner III	68-72-68—208
Jim Herman	72-67-69—208
Richard S. Johnson	69-69-70—208
Roland Thatcher	70-67-71—208
Chase Wright	71-72-66—209
Ryan Blaum	71-70-68—209
Jonathan Randolph	70-70-69—209
Nick Taylor	67-73-69—209
Tyrone Van Aswegen	71-69-69—209
Jamie Lovemark	67-72-70—209
Oscar Fraustro	67-71-71—209
Peter Tomasulo	72-71-67—210
Steve Wheatcroft	72-69-69—210
Greg Owen	73-67-70—210
Whee Kim	69-69-72—210
Brett Stegmaier	68-66-76—210
Eric Axley	69-74-68—211
Zack Sucher	71-71-69—211
David Lingmerth	67-75-69—211
Casey Wittenberg	68-73-70—211
Chez Reavie	73-68-70—211
Tony Finau	67-73-71—211
Alex Cejka	73-67-71—211
Brad Fritsch	68-70-73—211
Matt Davidson	69-74-69—212
John Rollins	76-66-70—212
Andrew Loupe	71-71-70—212
Manuel Villegas	72-69-71—212
Mathew Goggin	71-71-70—212
Michael Kim	69-72-71—212
Justin Thomas	72-68-72—212
Hunter Haas	74-69-70—213
Roger Sloan	71-72-70—213
Blayne Barber	74-68-71—213
Travis Bertoni	71-70-72—213
Tom Gillis	73-68-72—213
Harrison Frazar	71-71-72—214
Chad Collins	71-71-72—214
Kevin Tway	69-73-72—214
D.H. Lee	69-72-73—214
Kelly Kraft	70-70-74—214
Sebastian Cappelen	76-66-73—215
Steven Alker	70-72-73—215
Byron Smith	71-72-73—216
Kris Blanks	71-72-73—216
Shane Bertsch	73-70-73—216
Kyle Stanley	72-71-73—216
Steve Allan	71-70-75—216
Martin Piller	68-72-76—216
Mark Hubbard	69-73-75—217
Y.E. Yang	69-72-77—218
Henrik Norlander	69-71-78—218
Gary Christian	73-70-78—221
Dawie van der Walt	74-69-78—221
Doug LaBelle II	71-70-83—224

Champions

Quebec Championship Scores
Saturday
At La Tempete Golf Club
Quebec City
Purse: $1.6 million
Yardage: 7,065; Par: 72
Second Round

Esteban Toledo	68-66—134
Brad Faxon	67-67—134
Loren Roberts	67-69—136
Wes Short, Jr	69-68—137
Jay Haas	68-69—137
Scott Simpson	69-68—137
Duffy Waldorf	66-71—137
Kirk Triplett	70-68—138
Lee Janzen	71-67—138
Jim Carter	70-68—138
Scott Dunlap	72-66—138
Corey Pavin	69-69—138
Olin Browne	69-69—138
P.H. Horgan III	67-71—138
James Mason	71-68—139
David Frost	70-69—139
Doug Garwood	71-68—139
Jay Delsing	69-70—139
Mark Mouland	69-70—139
Jeff Sluman	69-70—139
Keith Clearwater	69-70—139
Fred Funk	68-71—139
Billy Andrade	70-70—140
Michael Allen	70-70—140
Bill Glasson	70-70—140
Jim Rutledge	71-69—140
Jeff Hart	69-71—140
Joe Daley	69-71—140
Grant Waite	73-67—140
Chip Beck	65-75—140
Craig Thomas	66-74—140
Anders Forsbrand	70-71—141
Mike Hulbert	70-71—141
Trevor Dodds	70-71—141
Joel Edwards	70-71—141
Gene Sauers	70-71—141
Dick Mast	73-68—141
Tommy Armour III	69-72—141
Jeff Freeman	70-72—142
Joey Sindelar	71-71—142
John Cook	71-71—142
Bart Bryant	71-71—142
Willie Wood	72-70—142
Hale Irwin	72-70—142
Bobby Wadkins	73-69—142
Steve Jones	69-73—142
Gary Hallberg	68-74—142
Tom Byrum	70-73—143
Remi Bouchard	72-71—143
Bobby Clampett	70-73—143
David Eger	69-74—143
Roger Chapman	72-71—143
Sandy Lyle	73-70—143
Rod Spittle	75-68—143
Blaine McCallister	68-75—143
Mike Reid	71-73—144
Mark Calcavecchia	71-73—144
Scott Hoch	70-74—144
Greg Bruckner	71-73—144
Rick Fehr	72-72—144
Brian Cairns	72-72—144
Chien Soon Lu	73-71—144
Jeff Coston	69-75—144
R.W. Eaks	69-75—144
Ronnie Black	73-71—144
Mark Brooks	74-70—144
Andy Bean	71-74—145
Ben Bates	75-70—145
Mike Goodes	77-69—146
Ron Streck	72-75—147
Yvan Beauchemin	71-77—148
Lonnie Nielsen	73-75—148
John Inman	76-72—148
Jim Gallagher, Jr.	73-76—149
Bob Gilder	74-75—149
Jon Corliss	74-75—149
Craig Stadler	75-75—150
Marc Hurtubise	76-77—153

PGA European

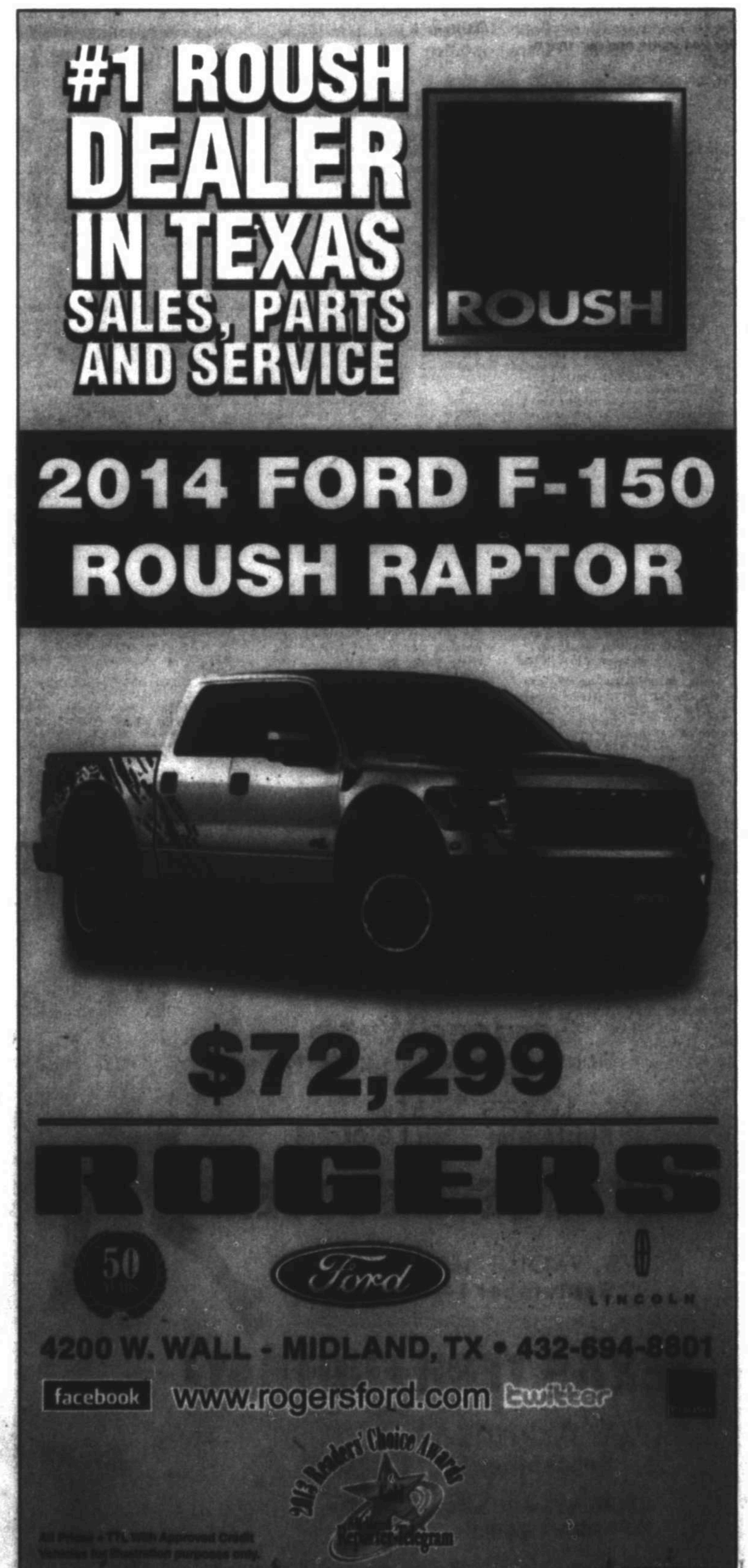
European Masters Leading Scores
Saturday
At Seve Ballesteros course at Crans-sur-Sierre GC
Crans-Sur-Sierre, Switzerland
Purse: $3.02 million
Yardage: 6,848; Par: 70
Third Round

Graeme Storm, England	64-66-64—194
Tommy Fleetwood, England	64-68-63—195
Brooks Koepka, United States	65-65-66—196
David Lipsky, United States	67-64-66—197
Tyrrell Hatton, England	67-66-65—198
Jamie Donaldson, Wales	65-64-69—198
Richie Ramsay, Scotland	62-66-70—198
Shane Lowry, Ireland	66-65-68—199
Marco Crespi, Italy	69-69-62—200
Gareth Maybin, Northern Ireland	64-67-69—200
Edoardo Molinari, Italy	62-70-68—200
Victor Dubuisson, France	65-67-68—200
Peter Lawrie, Ireland	69-70-62—201
Danny Willett, England	67-70-64—201
Lee Slattery, England	68-68-65—201
Jyoti Randhawa, India	72-65-65—202
Romain Wattel, France	68-69-65—202
Richard Green, Australia	71-64-67—202
James Morrison, England	66-69-67—202
David Lynn, England	65-68-69—202
Seve Benson, England	65-67-70—202
Also	
Nicolas Colsaerts, Belgium	68-67-69—204
Matteo Manassero, Italy	68-71-65—205
Thomas Bjorn, Denmark	66-72-68—206
Paul Lawrie, Scotland	70-68-69—207
Padraig Harrington, Ireland	66-71-72—209

Amateur

Women's Amateur Team Championship Scores
Saturday
At Karuizawa, Japan
o-Oshitate Course: 6,309 yards, par 72
i-Iriyama Course: 6,311 yards, par 72
Final

Australia	144i-136o-134o-131i—547
Canada	135o-139i-135o-140i—549
South Korea	137i-140o-134o-139i—550
Denmark	143i-139o-136o-138i—556
Sweden	143o-135i-141o-138i—557
United States	142o-140i-136o-139i—557
Mexico	142i-139o-139o-140i—560
England	147i-134o-139o-142i—562
Japan	144i-132o-139o-147i—562
Philippines	143o-143i-135o-142i—563
France	140i-142o-143o-139i—564
Germany	143i-136o-140o-145i—564
Spain	142i-136o-139o-149i—566
China	146i-140o-139o-142i—567
Italy	141o-147i-136o-146i—570
Norway	148o-143i-138o-142i—571
Finland	145i-144o-139o-144i—572
India	141i-140o-143o-148i—572
Netherlands	143i-145o-138o-147i—573
Argentina	145i-146o-145o-140i—576
Taiwan	146o-148i-139i-143o—576
Belgium	147o-145i-145o-144i—581
Slovenia	148i-146o-146i-141o—581
Austria	146o-142i-145o-149i—582
Colombia	147i-142o-148o-146i—583
Puerto Rico	147i-146o-145i-145o—583
Wales	146i-144o-145o-148i—583
Thailand	152i-145o-139i-148o—584
Hong Kong	146o-151i-143i-148o—588
Iceland	149i-147o-144i-148o—588
South Africa	142o-144i-152o-150i—588
Switzerland	146o-149i-150i-147o—592
Ireland	141o-150i-146o-156i—593
New Zealand	154i-136o-149o-154i—595
Czech Republic	150i-154o-149i-146o—599
Brazil	150o-151i-153i-147o—601
Poland	148o-154i-148i-151o—601
Singapore	150i-146o-147i-158o—601
Russia	149o-153i-148i-156o—606
Scotland	154i-151o-152i-151o—608
Venezuela	153o-153i-155i-149o—610
Guatemala	151o-149i-155i-159o—614
Turkey	155o-157i-155i-150o—617
Slovakia	151o-153i-159i-155o—618
Portugal	167o-154i-157i-151o—629
Guam	164o-168i-160i-155o—647
Bolivia	162o-165i-163i-161o—651
Serbia	171o-174i-176i-171o—692
Ukraine	185o-196i-183i-184o—748
Gabon	183o-198i-181i-187o—749



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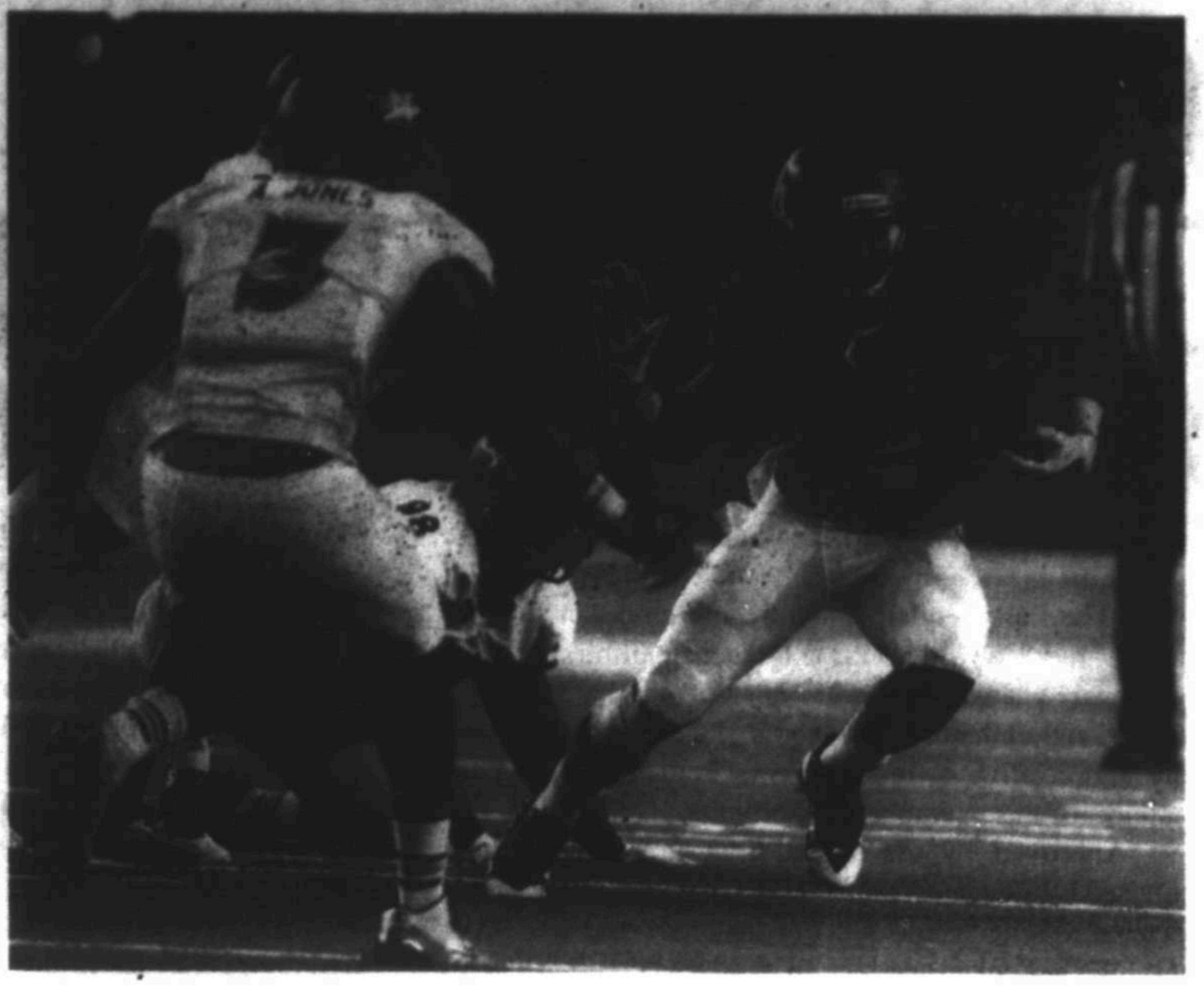

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Northwestern State linebacker Adam Jones (3) defends as Baylor running back Johnny Jefferson (2) finds running room during the second half of Saturday's game in Waco.

Big 12

NO. 10 BAYLOR 70
NORTHWESTERN STATE 6

WACO — Baylor backup quarterback Seth Russell threw for 438 yards and five touchdowns while playing only the first half, freshman KD Cannon caught three of those scores and No. 10 Baylor overwhelmed FCS team Northwestern State 70-6 on Saturday night.

Cannon went streaking past the secondary for TD catches of 50, 81 and 42 yards in the first quarter for the Bears (2-0) He finished with six catches for 223 yards, the second-most in school history.

Senior quarterback Bryce Petty, the reigning Big 12 offensive player of the year, didn't play a week after cracking two small bones in his back on the first series of the season opener.

The Bears were also without several top receivers, but still won their 12th straight home game, scoring at least 69 points for the sixth time in that streak.

Northwestern State (0-2) has lost 17 games in a row against FBS teams.

NO. 4 OKLAHOMA 52
TULSA 7

TULSA, Okla. — Sterling Shepard had a career-high 177 yards receiving to help Oklahoma rout Tulsa.

Trevor Knight passed for 299 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another score. Alex Ross ran for 90 yards and a touchdown, Keith Ford rushed for 87 yards and two scores and Blake Bell, a converted quarterback who now plays tight end, caught his first career touchdown pass for the Sooners (2-0).

It was Oklahoma's sixth straight win overall and eighth in a row in the series against Tulsa (1-1).

Tulsa's Dane Evans passed for 204 yards, and Keevan Lucas caught 10 passes for 84 yards.

NO. 20 KANSAS STATE 32
IOWA STATE 28

AMES, Iowa — Jake Waters scored on an 8-yard run with 1:30 left to push Kansas State past Iowa State.

Waters threw for 239 yards and ran for a career-high 138 yards for the Wildcats (2-0, 1-0 Big 12). They trailed 28-13 late in the first half.

Jarvis West caught and threw touchdown passes and ran a punt back for a TD for Iowa State (0-2, 0-1).

OKLAHOMA STATE 40
MISSOURI STATE 23

STILLWATER, Okla. — Daxx Garman went 16 of 26 for 244 yards and two touchdowns to help lead Oklahoma State to a 40-23 victory over Missouri State Saturday.

Garman entered the contest late in the first quarter, for injured starter J.W. Walsh, with OSU leading 10-6. It was his first game action since his junior year of high school in 2009.

Tyreek Hill ran for 62 yards for Oklahoma State (1-1), while Rennie Childs added 39 yards and two touchdowns.

Kierra Harris threw for 206 yards and two touchdowns on 14-of-21 passing, and ran for 45 yards, for Missouri State (1-1), which falls to 1-30 against FBS opponents.

Oklahoma State excelled on special teams, blocking three Missouri State kicks — a field goal attempt, a point-after attempt and a punt — in the first half to set a new school record.

KANSAS 34
SE MISSOURI STATE 28

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Montell Cozart threw three touchdown passes, two to Nick Harwell, and Kansas withstood a furious fourth-quarter rally by Southeast Missouri State for a 34-28 victory Saturday night.

De'Andre Mann ran for 121 yards and freshman Corey Avery added 91 yards and a score, helping the Jayhawks (1-0) survive after blowing most of a 24-0 first-quarter lead down the stretch.

The Redhawks' Kyle Snyder threw three touchdown passes, all in the fourth quarter, the last of them a 26-yard pass to Paul McRoberts on fourth down with 1:33 left. The Redhawks (1-1) tried an on-side kick, but Harwell hopped on the loose ball, allowing Kansas to run out the clock.

Snyder wound up throwing for 269 yards, though he also tossed three interceptions.

Texas

NO. 12 LSU 56
SAM HOUSTON ST. 0

BATON ROUGE, La. — Anthony Jennings threw three scoring passes to Travin Dural, running back Leonard Fournette scored his first touchdown, and 12th-ranked LSU overwhelmed Sam Houston State 56-0 on Saturday night.

All three of Dural's catches went for touchdowns, including a 94-yarder on the first offensive play LSU (2-0) ran. Fournette carried 13 times for 92 yards, highlighted by a 40-yard run. The highly hyped freshman struck a Heisman Trophy-like pose after his 4-yard touchdown reception, drawing a stern lecture from coach Les Miles.

LSU freshman quarterback Brandon Harris ran for a 46-yard score and threw his first touchdown pass to fellow freshman Malachi Dupre.

Jared Johnson completed only 8 of 25 passes for 142 yards for Sam Houston (1-2), which plays in the second-tier Football Championship Subdivision. Johnson threw two interceptions twice, the second picked off by Rickey Jefferson at the LSU 2.

NORTH TEXAS 43
SMU 6

DENTON — Reggie Pegram rushed 21 times for 81 yards and a touchdown, and Jarrian Roberts had a 31-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown to lead North Texas to a 43-6 blowout win over SMU.

Pegram's and Roberts' scores came in a 20-point second quarter for the Mean Green (1-1) that included two short field goals by Trevor Moore.

Mustangs' quarterback Kolney Cassel threw two interceptions, and the SMU offense was held to just eight yards rushing.

SMU (0-2) was held scoreless for seven consecutive quarters to begin the season, before finally getting on the board on the final play of the game. The touchdown in the final seconds avoided a third shutout loss in four games for SMU coach June Jones, who had never been shut out previously.

N ARIZONA 27
ABILENE CHRISTIAN 21

ABILENE — Kyren Poe passed for 293 yards and one touchdown and ran for another to lead Northern Arizona to a 27-21 win over Abilene Christian on Saturday night.

Poe hit Alex Holmes, who had nine catches for 119 yards, for a 24-yard score in the second quarter than then ran 3 yards to make it 17-7 just 17 seconds before the half. Corbin Jountti had a 1 yard run for a touchdown in the third quarter as the Lumberjacks (1-1) opened a 24-7 lead.

Parker McKenzie, who had a 1-yard run in the second quarter to give Abilene Christian (0-2) a 7-3 lead, found Cedrick Gilbert for a 39-yard score later in the third quarter to make it 24-17. After a NAU field goal, McKenzie hit Cade Stone for a 40-yard TD with 8:46 remaining.

De'Andre Brown ran for 109 yards for the Wildcats.

HOUSTON 47
GRAMBLING STATE 0

HOUSTON — Kenneth Farrow ran for 130 yards and a touchdown to help Houston beat Grambling State 47-0 Saturday night.

Houston jumped on top quickly, with Greg Ward scoring just 48 seconds into it with a 12-yard run — set up by a 55-yard run by Farrow. A pair of Kyle Bullard field goals — of 42 and 38 yards — made it 13-0.

Farrow scored from 2 yards out, Ryan Jackson had a 12-yard run and Ward hauled in a 10-yard scoring strike from John O'Korn as Houston made it 34-0 at intermission. O'Korn went 14 of 25 for 200 yards.

Online

Saturday's game between Texas A&M and Lamar was delayed by lightning and didn't end in time to get into today's Reporter-Telegram. Go to mrt.com to see a game story.

SCORES

AP TOP 25 FARED
SATURDAY

No. 1 Florida State (2-0) beat The Citadel 37-12. Next: vs. No. 23 Clemson, Saturday, Sept. 20.

No. 2 Alabama (2-0) beat FAU 41-0. Next: vs. Southern Miss., Saturday.

No. 3 Oregon (2-0) beat No. 7 Michigan State 46-27. Next: vs. Wyoming, Saturday.

No. 4 Oklahoma (2-0) beat Tulsa 52-7. Next: vs. Tennessee, Saturday.

No. 5 Auburn (2-0) beat San Jose State 59-13. Next: at No. 20 Kansas State, Thursday, Sept. 18.

No. 6 Georgia (1-0) did not play. Next: at No. 21 South Carolina, Saturday.

No. 7 Michigan State (1-1) lost to No. 3 Oregon 46-27. Next: vs. Eastern Michigan, Saturday, Sept. 20.

No. 8 Ohio State (1-0) vs. Virginia Tech. Next: vs. Kent State, Saturday.

No. 9 Texas A&M (1-0) vs. Lamar. Next: vs. Rice, Saturday.

No. 10 Baylor (2-0) beat Northwestern State 70-6. Next: at Buffalo, Friday.

No. 11 UCLA (1-0) vs. Memphis. Next: vs. Texas at Arlington, Texas, Saturday.

No. 12 LSU (2-0) beat Sam Houston State 56-0. Next: vs. Louisiana-Monroe, Saturday.

No. 13 Stanford (1-1) lost to No. 14 Southern Cal 13-10. Next: vs. Army, Saturday.

No. 14 Southern Cal (2-0) beat No. 13 Stanford 13-10. Next: at Boston College, Saturday.

No. 15 Mississippi (2-0) beat Vanderbilt 41-3. Next: vs. Louisiana, Saturday.

No. 16 Notre Dame (2-0) beat Michigan 31-0. Next: vs. Purdue at Indianapolis, Saturday.

No. 17 Arizona State (2-0) beat New Mexico 58-23. Next: at Colorado, Saturday.

No. 18 Wisconsin (1-1) beat Western Illinois 37-3. Next: vs. Bowling Green, Saturday, Sept. 20.

No. 19 Nebraska (2-0) beat McNeese State 31-24. Next: at Fresno State, Saturday.

No. 20 Kansas State (2-0) beat Iowa State 32-28. Next: vs. No. 5 Auburn, Thursday, Sept. 18.

No. 21 North Carolina (2-0) beat San Diego State 31-27. Next: at East Carolina, Saturday, Sept. 20.

No. 21 South Carolina (1-1) beat East Carolina 33-23. Next: vs. No. 6 Georgia, Saturday.

No. 23 Clemson (1-1) beat South Carolina State 73-7. Next: at No. 1 Florida State, Saturday, Sept. 20.

No. 24 Missouri (2-0) beat Toledo 49-24. Next: vs. UCF, Saturday.

No. 25 Louisville (2-0) beat Murray State 66-21. Next: at Virginia, Saturday.

SATURDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Pine Bluff 31, Concordia-Selma 0
Arkansas 73, Nicholls St. 7
N. Arizona 27, Abilene Christian 21
North Texas 43, SMU 6
Oklahoma 52, Tulsa 7
Oklahoma St. 40, Missouri St. 23
UT-Martin 24, Cent. Arkansas 17

SOUTH

Alabama 41, FAU 0
Catawba 35, Davidson 7
Charleston Southern 16, Newberry 10
Charlotte 56, Johnson C. Smith 0
Clemson 73, SC State 7
Coastal Carolina 31, NC A&T 30
FIU 34, Wagner 3
Florida 65, E. Michigan 0
Furman 25, Mercer 20
Georgia Southern 83, Savannah St. 9
Georgia Tech 38, Tulane 21
Jacksonville St. 26, Chattanooga 23, OT
Kentucky 20, Ohio 3
Liberty 17, Norfolk St. 0
Maryland 24, South Florida 17
Mississippi 41, Vanderbilt 3
Mississippi St. 47, UAB 34
NC Central 34, Elizabeth City St. 7
NC State 46, Old Dominion 34
New Mexico St. 34, Georgia St. 31
Presbyterian 69, Bluefield South 14
Southern U. 56, Cent. Methodist 14
Tennessee 34, Arkansas St. 19
Tuskegee 30, Alabama A&M 17
Virginia 45, Richmond 13
W. Carolina 45, Brevard 21
William & Mary 42, Hampton 14

MIDWEST

Bowling Green 48, VMI 7
Butler 22, Wittenberg 16
Cent. Michigan 38, Purdue 17
Dayton 23, Georgetown 14
E. Kentucky 17, Miami (Ohio) 10
Illinois 42, W. Kentucky 34
Indiana St. 49, Tennessee Tech 14
Iowa 17, Ball St. 13
Kansas St. 32, Iowa St. 28
Minnesota 35, Middle Tennessee 24
Missouri 49, Toledo 24
N. Illinois 23, Northwestern 15
Nebraska 31, McNeese St. 24
S. Dakota St. 44, Cal Poly 18
South Alabama 23, Kent St. 13
South Dakota 41, William Penn 16
Wisconsin 37, W. Illinois 3
Youngstown St. 34, Duquesne 23

EAST

Army 47, Buffalo 39
Bryant 40, Merrimack 14
Bucknell 22, Marist 0
Colorado 41, UMass 38
Holy Cross 29, Morgan St. 26
James Madison 31, Lehigh 28
Navy 31, Temple 24
Penn St. 21, Akron 3
Rutgers 38, Howard 25
St. Francis (Pa.) 27, Clarion 13
UConn 19, Stony Brook 16
Villanova 50, Fordham 6

FAR WEST

California 55, Sacramento St. 14
Montana 48, Cent. Washington 14
Southern Cal 13, Stanford 10
Utah 59, Fresno St. 27
Washington 59, E. Washington 52

SATURDAY'S TEXAS BOX
BYU 41, TEXAS 7

BYU	3	3	28	7	—41
Texas	0	0	7	0	—7

First Quarter

BYU—FG Samson 21, 3:30.

Second Quarter

BYU—FG Samson 29, 6:34.

Third Quarter

BYU—T.Hill 30 run (Samson kick), 12:06.
BYU—Hine 16 run (Samson kick), 9:22.
BYU—T.Hill 2 run (Samson kick), 5:51.
BYU—T.Hill 1 run (Samson kick), 4:33.
Tex—Harris 13 pass from Swoopes (Rose kick), 2:29.

Fourth Quarter

BYU—Hine 8 run (Samson kick), 8:05.
A—93,463.

	BYU	Tex
First downs	28	15
Rushes-yards	59-248	35-82
Passing	181	176
Comp-Att-Int	18-27-1	20-31-1
Return Yards	54	6
Punts-Avg.	4-47.3	8-42.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-3
Penalties-Yards	6-40	6-64
Time of Possession	34:13	25:47

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—BYU, T.Hill 24-99, Williams 19-89, Hine 4-29, A.Brown 6-29, N.Carter 2-4, Lasike 1-2, Team 3-(minus 4). Texas, J.Gray 14-47, Maicol Brown 14-28, Swoopes 7-7.

PASSING—BYU, T.Hill 18-27-1-181. Texas, Swoopes 20-31-1-176.

RECEIVING—BYU, Leslie 7-85, A.Brown 4-40, M.Mathews 4-24, Houk 1-14, Williams 1-12, Mahina 1-6. Texas, Harris 8-77, Shipley 5-36, M.Johnson 2-20, Swaim 2-14, Joe 1-22, J.Gray 1-5, Maicol Brown 1-2.

Michael Thomas/Associated Press

Texas receiver John Harris (9) dives into the end zone for a Texas touchdown during the third quarter Saturday against BYU in Austin.

TOP25ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NO. 1 FLORIDA STATE 37
CITADEL 12

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston threw for 256 yards and two touchdowns as the top-ranked Seminoles cakewalked to a 37-12 victory over FCS opponent The Citadel.

The 18th consecutive win set a FSU school record.

Winston completed 22 of 27 passes and the offense scored touchdowns on all four first-half drives and field goals on his two third-quarter drives. The Heisman winner sat down with a 34-0 lead.

The Citadel quarterback Aaron Miller completed 3-of-11 passes for 46 yards and a touchdown and ran for 61 yards. The Bulldogs (0-2) had eight rushers carry in their triple-option offense as the ground game accounted for 250 of the team's 322 offensive yards.

NO. 2 ALABAMA 41
FLORIDA ATLANTIC 0

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Blake Sims had 214 passing yards and Jake Coker threw for 202 to lead Alabama past Florida Atlantic in a game halted by lightning.

Both quarterbacks got a chance to stake a claim to the starting job for the Crimson Tide (2-0) in the one-sided game. Both schools agreed to end the game with 7:53 left.

Sims passed for two touchdowns and ran for a third in his second straight start and didn't play in the fourth quarter. He was 11-of-13 passing.

NO. 3 OREGON 46
NO. 7 MICHIGAN STATE 27

EUGENE, Ore. — Marcus Mariota threw for 318 yards and three touchdowns and No. 3 Oregon's blur offense overwhelmed No. 7 Michigan State's stout defense in a 46-27 victory Saturday night.

Mariota's three touchdown passes — two to speedy redshirt freshman Devon Allen — gave him 69 for his career, an Oregon record.

After falling behind 27-18 early in the third quarter, Oregon (2-0) scored four straight touchdowns, two on runs by freshman Royce Freeman. He finished with 89 yards on 13 carries.

VIRGINIA TECH 35
NO. 8 OHIO STATE 21

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Michael Brewer passed for two touchdowns and Virginia Tech's defense stood tough at the end and the Hokies stunned No. 8 Ohio State 35-21 on Saturday night.

Keyshoen Jarrett had two interceptions and Donovan Riley returned another 63 yards for a TD in the final minute as a record crowd of 107,517 at enlarged Ohio Stadium watched.

NO. 14 USC 13
NO. 13 STANFORD 10

STANFORD, Calif. — Andre Heidari kicked a career-long 53-yard field goal for Southern California with 2:30 left, and J.R. Tavai forced a fumble to end Stanford's comeback bid.

With Stanford threatening to tie or take the lead, Tavai came from Kevin Hogan's blindside to jar the ball loose. Scott Felix recovered at the 26 with 19 seconds to play, sealing new coach Steve Sarkisian's first major victory at USC (2-0, 1-0) and upending the two-time defending Pac-12 champions.

NO. 15 MISSISSIPPI 41
VANDERBILT 3

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Bo Wallace threw for 320 yards and a touchdown, and Mississippi routed Vanderbilt in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams.

The Rebels (2-0) have beaten Vanderbilt in Nashville in consecutive seasons after the Commodores (0-2) had won five of the previous six.

NO. 16 NOTRE DAME 31
MICHIGAN 0

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Everett Golson threw three touchdown passes and Notre Dame said so long to Michigan with Fighting Irish's most dominant performance in the historic rivalry that will take a hiatus.

Game No. 42 between in a rivalry that has been off-and-on for more than 100 years is the last scheduled. Notre Dame broke off the series a couple years ago to make room on its schedule to accommodate its new arrangement with the Atlantic Coast Conference. Michigan didn't take it well.

NO. 17 ARIZONA ST 58
NEW MEXICO 23

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Taylor Kelly threw for two touchdowns and ran for another and D.J. Foster rushed for a career-high 216 yards on Saturday night as No. 17 Arizona State beat New Mexico 58-23.

The Sun Devils (2-0) grabbed a 22-0 first-quarter lead behind rushing touchdowns from Deantre Lewis, Kelly and Kalen Ballage.

NO. 18 WISCONSIN 37
WESTERN ILLINOIS 3

MADISON, Wis. — Tanner McEvoy overcame a slow start to throw for three touchdowns and run for another, and Wisconsin pulled to beat Western Illinois.

Melvin Gordon ran for just 38 yards on 17 carries for the Badgers (1-1) with the Fighting Leathernecks (1-1) consistently stacking the box against one of the country's best rushers. McEvoy shook off a couple bad throws early to finish 23 of 28 for 283 yards with one interception.

NO. 19 NEBRASKA 31
MCNEESE ST. 24

LINCOLN, Neb. — Ameer Abdullah's 58-yard touchdown dash on a pass from Tommy Armstrong Jr. broke a tie with 20 seconds left in Nebraska's victory over McNeese State.

McNeese State erased a 10-point deficit to tie it at 24 with 4:21 to play. The Huskers' winning possession started with 1:14 left, and they were facing third-and-6 when Abdullah made the play of his career.

NO. 21 SOUTH CAROLINA 33,
EAST CAROLINA 23

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Mike Davis ran for 101 yards and two touchdowns and South Carolina bounced back from an embarrassing opening-week loss to Texas A&M.

The Gamecocks (1-1) trailed 13-7 early on with the Pirates (1-1) threatening to put another Aggies-style beating on them. But behind Davis' grinding runs and the defense's improving play, South Carolina found its footing in its first win of the season.

NO. 23 CLEMSON 73
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE 7

CLEMSON, S.C. — Cole Stoudt completed 22 of his 31 passes for 302 yards and Clemson had its highest point total in 33 years.

The Tigers (1-1) gained 735 yards and held the outmatched FCS Bulldogs (1-1) to 44 yards.

NO. 24 MISSOURI 49
TOLEDO 24

TOLEDO, Ohio — Maty Mauk threw for 325 yards and five touchdowns, and Missouri gave coach Gary Pinkel a win against his former program.

Mauk also ran for a touchdown, and the Tigers (2-0) never trailed against the Rockets (1-1) in what was expected to be a tricky road game against one of the top teams in the Mid-American Conference. Pinkel coached Toledo from 1991-2000 before taking over at Missouri. He is the winningest coach at both schools.

NO. 25 LOUISVILLE 66
MURRAY STATE 21

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville backup quarterback Reggie Bonnafon ran for two touchdowns and passed for another and the No. 25 Cardinals scored on nine straight possessions in a 66-21 victory over Murray State on Saturday night.

After an opening-game test by Miami on Monday night, Louisville (2-0) cruised past its downstate opponent. The Cardinals followed a first-possession punt with the offensive outburst first-year coach Bobby Petrino envisioned, and the list of contributors was long.

LONGHORNS

From 1C

David Ash and was 19-of-30 passing for 171 yards and one interception.

The potential for a blowout was set up early in the week when Texas coach Charlie Strong announced that Ash would be out with concussion symptoms and two days later suspended starting tackles Desmond Harrison and Kennedy Estelle. That left Swoopes getting his first start behind a makeshift line that totaled five career starts.

The result was predictable. BYU pushed Texas around up front, stifling a running game that was supposed to be Texas' strength. Swoopes completed his first eight passes but early drives stalled without the ability to grind out tough yards.

Swoopes was one of the highest-rated recruits in the country in high school two years ago, but struggled badly in the spring game and couldn't push Ash — who missed 10 games last season because of concussions — for the starting job in training camp.

BYU embarrassed Texas last season with its school record rushing totals in a 40-21 win. That game got former Texas defensive coordinator Manny Diaz fired the next day and lit a season-long fire under Longhorns head coach Mack Brown, who was pushed out at the end of the season.

Strong came in and pointed to the rematch as a measuring stick for his program. In the offseason, he showed his new players "lowlight" films of how badly they played last year.

The result was another humiliation, this time at home.

"It is an embarrassment," Strong said. "It is an embarrassment to this program and an embarrassment to the university."

The Texas defense kept the Longhorns close in the first half. Hill had a long touchdown run negated by a holding penalty in the first quarter and the Cougars had to settle for a 6-0 halftime lead behind field goals of 21 and 29 yards from Trevor Samson.

Hill broke things open with his big run in the third. Sacked four times in the first half, Hill looked like he was going down for another when he moved to his left, stepped out of one tackle and took off.

The touchdown sucked the energy out of the home crowd and BYU pounced.

The Cougars kept pounding Texas from there. After forcing a quick punt, the Cougars pushed the lead to 20-0 on a 16-yard touchdown run by Adam Hine.

"It almost feels like we went back to Utah," Texas wide receiver John Harris said.

Texas avoided its first home shutout since 1976 when Swoopes hit Harris for a touchdown pass with 29 seconds left in the third quarter.

"We gave up 28 points in the quarter," Strong said. "You can't do that if you think you're going to play great defense."

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UTPB receives grant from Meadows Foundation

The Meadows Foundation has awarded $217,000 for the expansion of the rural early college high school project. The grant will assist in the integration of technology and distance learning serving students living in rural West Texas.

Texas' first entirely virtual early college high school – a partnership between The University of Texas of the Permian Basin and Presidio Independent School District has gotten off to a strong start. Initially funded through a $215,000 grant from The Meadows Foundation and guided by Educate Texas, this program has provided guidance and community focus to underserved rural communities.

Texas' first virtual Early College High School (ECHS) began as a partnership between The University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB) and Presidio Independent School District. The partnership now includes four West Texas districts: Presidio, Balmorhea, Marfa, and Rankin and Texas State Technical College (TSTC).

"The Early College High School model created by the partnership with UTPB and other small rural schools is already changing lives of our students," said Andrew Peters, superintendent of schools of the Marfa ISD. "We are appreciative of the Meadows Foundation for their support of this exemplary opportunity."

Approved by the Texas Education Agency and advised by Educate Texas, "This virtual ECHS program expands higher education opportunities and improves the high school experience in rural Texas," said David Watts, UTPB president. College courses are free to ECHS students, who may earn up to 60 hours of college credit by graduation.

The participating districts conduct intensive tutoring to help students. The virtual, internet-based ECHS curriculum is supported by face-to-face interaction between students from the four districts and UTPB faculty through district and university campus visits, capped by the Summer Bridge Program that introduces ECHS students to the university. For eight hours a day, high school students improve their reading, writing and math skills to prepare for Texas Success Initiative (TSI). "It is the bridge component that adds the human element to the virtual world, giving the students a complete college experience," stated Presidio superintendent Dennis McEntire.

"Thanks to the Meadows Foundation, small, rural schools are now given the opportunity to graduate every student with college credit and real involvement with higher education," added Watts. "This is an exciting model that will benefit students who would not otherwise have the opportunity to earn college credit simply because of where they live."

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STEM Academy News

The UTPB STEM Academy will be accepting applications for the wait-list in each grade level beginning September 2nd to fill openings as they arise for this school year. Please call 552-2580 if you are interested in being placed on the wait-list. We are a kindergarten through 6th grade, university based charter school. School hours are 7:55-12:15 pm daily.

More information can be found at utpbstemacademy.org or UTPB STEM Academy on Facebook.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C — Rule38 Case No.7C-0291008
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Aug 15, 2014 — Status/Permit No. 789847
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Sep 19, 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. <N/A>, Blk. <N/A>, THROCKMORTON CSL / LGE 1 Survey, A-542, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 19.5 miles N direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an effected 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 Sep 19, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO 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:	XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE
Lease/Unit Well No.:	1170H
Lease/Unit Acres:	17433.41
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	100.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	224.0
Lease Lines:	7593.0 F north L, 4752.0 F east L
Survey Lines:	6325.0 F south L, 4752.0 F east L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 7593.0 F NORTH L, 4752.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: Block: Abstract: 542
Survey: THROCKMORTON CSL / LGE 1
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 4797.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 4797.0 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 11180 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, DAVID VINCENTI, at (972) 969-3935.

General Announcements

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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 3:00 P.M., Local Time, December 1, 2014. The proposals will be opened and acknowledged at 3:05 P.M., Local Time, December 1, 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 14MCO499 - INTEGRATED CASE MANAGEMENT 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.

Kristy Engeldahl
Midland County Purchasing Agent

Legal & Public Notices

Notice of Application for Fluid Injection Well Permit

McClure Oil Company, Inc., 500 W Texas, Suite 700, Midland, TX 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Upper Leonard formation, Archer Lease, Well Numbers 8 & 9. The proposed injection wells are located 6 miles SW of Garden City, TX, in the Veterans (Upper Leonard) Field, in Glasscock County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4833 to 5010 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended; Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended; and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., September 17, 2014 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 8273-15

For: Pivot Irrigation System

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

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Bid No. 8339-15

For: Emulsified Asphalt CSS-1H

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

Legal & Public Notices

Request For Bids

Lee Lewis Construction, Inc., as construction manager, will be receiving bids for the Ector County Hospital District ProCare Women's & Maternity Clinic.

A Pre-Bid meeting will NOT be scheduled.

Bids are due by September 17, 2014 on or before 3:00 pm.

Location:
Lee Lewis Construction, Inc.
7810 Orlando Ave.
Lubbock, Texas 79423
Phone: 806-797-8400
Fax: 806-797-8492

Bid packages will be available at the following locations:
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XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 200 N. Loraine Street, Suite 800, Midland, Texas 79701 applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to convert an existing producing well to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clear Fork Formation in the Goldsmith C. A., Et al Lease, well number: 1909. The proposed injection well is located .5 miles southwest from the city of Goldsmith in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969' - 7867' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended; Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended; and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for
ONE or TWO REFURBISHED GE 64 SLICE CT IMAGING SYSTEMS, 2007 or NEWER
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Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Wednesday, Sept. 03, 2014**.

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 Noon on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014**.

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1142 - 090314**.

Under no circumstances will faxed or emailed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected for a period of **twelve (12) months**.

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION - DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP

The State of Texas § L SHANE STOKES, Applicant's Attorney
County of Midland § 300 NORTH MARIENFELD, STE 700
§ MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

To all persons interested in the estate of

SONYA KAY JACOBSEN MCCARLEY, Deceased
Cause No. P17861
In COUNTY COURT, Midland County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above-numbered and entitled estate filed an Application to Determine Heirship in this estate on 9/03/2014, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of SONYA KAY JACOBSEN MCCARLEY, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00a.m. 9/15/2014, which is the first Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of posting this citation, at the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas 79701.

All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to this Application should they desire to do so. **To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention, or response in writing** with the County Clerk of Midland County, Texas on or **before the above-noted date and time.**

Given under by hand and seal of the COUNTY COURT of Midland County, Texas at the office of the Midland County Clerk in Midland, Texas on September 04th 2014.

(SEAL) Cheryl Becker
County Clerk, Midland County, Texas
P.O. Box 1350, Midland, Texas 79702

By: SHON BRENT, Deputy

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C — Rule38 Case No.7C-0291021
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Aug 15, 2014 — Status/Permit No. 789873
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Sep 19, 2014
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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Austin, Texas 78711-2967
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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. 1, Bk. , THROCKMORTON CSL Survey, A-542, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 19.5 miles N direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848**.

IF YOU 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 Sep 19, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name: XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE
Lease/Unit Well No.: 1171H
Lease/Unit Acres: 17433.41
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 100.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 103.0

Lease Lines: 7592.0 F north L, 4722.0 F east L
Survey Lines: 6325.0 F south L, 4722.0 F east L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 7589.0 F NORTH L
4297.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L
4297.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L
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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 11180 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, DAVID VINCENTI, at (972) 969-3935.

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DISTRICT 7C — Rule38 Case No.7C-0291014
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Aug 15, 2014 — Status/Permit No. 789846
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Sep 19, 2014
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Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 16.0

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Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
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5297.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location
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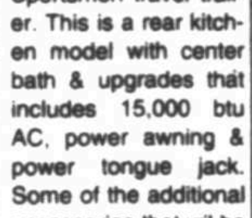

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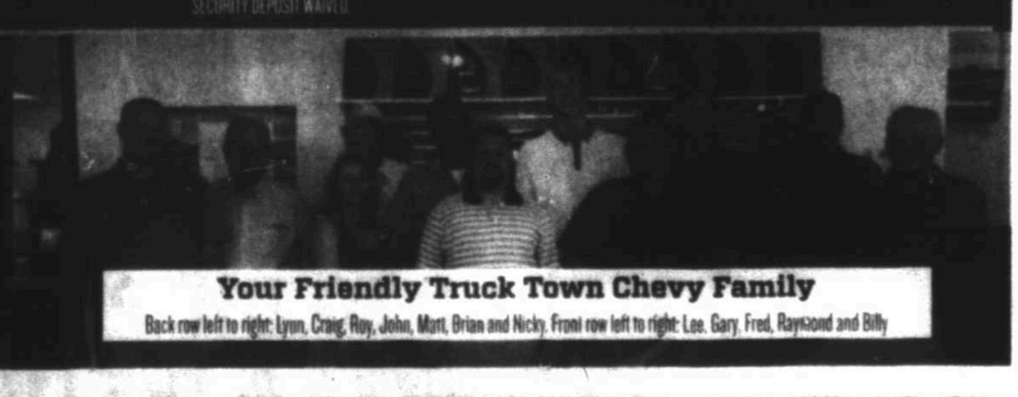

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- Note problems and/or recommend courses of actions to supervisor in order to decrease costs and increase production.
- Monitor rates and pressures on injection and disposal wells; make necessary adjustments; monitor chemical use; and test safety systems daily to maximize daily production.
- Perform work in a manner that ensures the secure and environmentally safe operation of all wells and leases.
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- Must meet and maintain eligibility requirements to drive a Company vehicle.
- High school diploma or GED equivalent, and a minimum of two years lease operating work experience.
- Must have an interest in gaining knowledge of engineering principles and an understanding of subsurface and surface equipment and operations.
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- Demonstrated proficiency with PC based computer applications.

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- Note problems and/or recommend courses of actions to supervisor in order to decrease costs and increase production.
- Monitor rates and pressures on injection and disposal wells; make necessary adjustments; monitor chemical use; and test safety systems daily to maximize daily production.
- Perform work in a manner that ensures the secure and environmentally safe operation of all wells and leases.
- Conduct other tasks as required by supervisor which are unique to the assigned geographic area.

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- Must meet and maintain eligibility requirements to drive a Company vehicle.
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- Must have an interest in gaining knowledge of engineering principles and an understanding of subsurface and surface equipment and operations.
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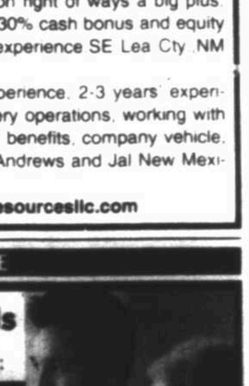

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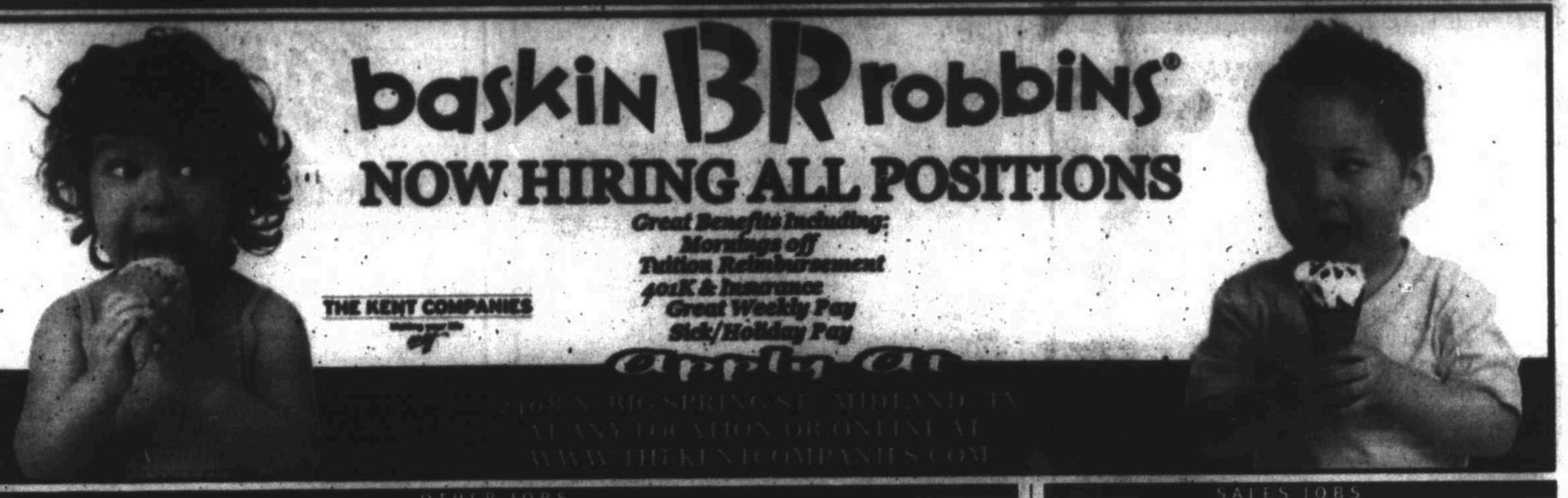

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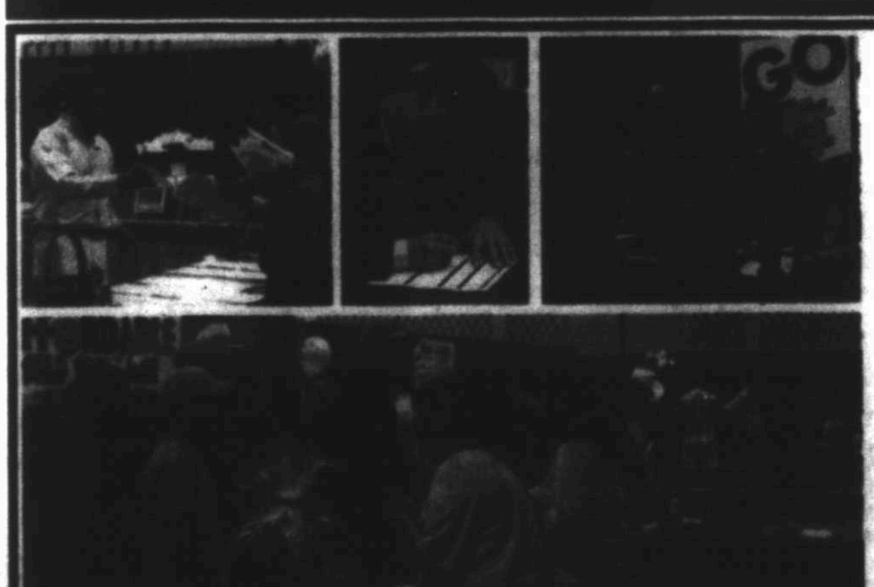

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By PATRICIA RIVERA
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If you're a college senior and you wait until spring to start actively looking for a job, you may miss out on the best opportunities.

Ensure that you'll land the job that you want by starting the job search process in September, says Steven Rothberg, president of College Recruiter, niche job board based in Minneapolis.

"Most students wait until a few weeks before graduation. By then, most of the larger companies have filled any openings that they might have," he says.

He offers the following six steps to take in the fall:

1. Make an appointment at your career services center. Counselors are available for a variety of services, including resume reviews, skills assessments and interview preparation. But depending on the size of your school, you may need to wait a few weeks to get an appointment. Don't think you'll be able to walk in and receive the undivided attention of a counselor for any length of time without scheduling it.

2. Create or update your resume. You should have one resume on a Word document that tells what you have done and accomplished. Avoid a chronological approach. Focus on your skills and knowledge as they relate to your chosen industry. Then you can customize your resume for each job that you apply to, using key terms stated in the job description. "Your resume should help you say, 'This is what I have done, therefore, I feel confident that I can do the job well for you,'" Rothberg says.

3. Work on your LinkedIn account. You must create a professional profile and make at least 60 connections. That's enough contacts to help you network with the right people. Unlike Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, which can hurt your chances of getting hired if hiring managers find questionable behavior or remarks, LinkedIn is a must-have to get noticed by recruiters on LinkedIn.

4. Sign up for on-campus interview. Fortune 1000 companies start visiting campuses as soon as classes begin in the fall. In the spring, the smaller businesses start to interview. If you want to work with a larger corporation or nonprofit, attend the on-campus interviews now.

5. Register with general and niche online boards. Rothberg says you should register with about 10 boards, including five niche boards that focus on college grads or industry-specific jobs. There is no need to check the boards regularly, but sign up for notifications that match what you want.

6. Network, network and network some more. True networking is about determining how you can help others. It's not about asking for a job, Rothberg says. Pursue opportunities to learn about what others do and find out how you might volunteer to assist. People are more likely to recommend you for an opening once they have seen the type of work that you do.

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NOT SO GOOD ADVICE

NOT ALL WORK ADVICE IS CREATED EQUAL. HERE ARE THE COMMONLY REPEATED PROFESSIONAL SUGGESTIONS MOST EXPERTS DON'T ACTUALLY LIKE.

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
CTW Features

Parents, career counselors, mentors and colleagues all mean well when they give career advice. But sometimes their advice – as well as the prevailing conventional wisdom about career success and satisfaction – is just plain wrong. "I've seen countless managers and budding individual contributors fall victim to shoddy career advice," says Kevin Berchelmann, CEO of the management consulting firm Triangle Performance.

Career experts disdain the following advice, and so should employees and jobseekers.

• Work hard and you'll be rewarded. "This is the worst. Absolute malarkey!" Berchelmann says. "Not only is hard work not rewarded, it's generally not even noticed. Nobody cares, and they shouldn't. Ever been to a staff meeting where the boss went around the table asking, 'So, Tom, how hard did you work last week?' Of course not. The boss wants to know what you have done – what value you provided – not how hard you worked. Provide real value to either your boss or to the organization as a whole, and you'll be rewarded, regardless of effort exerted."

• Find the right fit. Variations include "pursue your passion" and "do what you love and the money will follow." The problem is, "If you wait for the perfect job, you may miss many good or great opportunities that come your way," says Chris Szpryngel, acting dean of the Malcolm Baldrige School of Business at Post University in Waterbury, Conn.

What's more, until the "perfect" job comes along or your passion pays off, "it is important to recognize that you may have to accept other work to pay the bills or save some money," Szpryngel says. These jobs aren't just way stations but offer a chance to develop skills and relationships "with those who can bring you closer to finding and landing your dream job," he adds.

As for passions, not all of them are profitable. And when they are, it's due to "hard work, motivation and consistent, persistent action," says certified career coach Hallie Crawford. "The money just doesn't appear."

• Do whatever it takes to get the job. While it's a good idea to appeal directly to hiring managers and follow up with them, "sometimes people take that to the extreme and are too much of a pest with employers," says Crawford, adding that eager beavers also risk coming across as desperate. "You can be assertive and creative in your follow-up, but always be professional and don't be a stalker."

The interview is the time for candidates to impress upon an employer how much they want "this" job (as opposed to just "a" job), why it's a good fit and what they would bring to the position. These same specific points can be made in follow-up correspondence, which should emphasize what the candidate offers rather than wants.

• Don't get involved in office politics. "Politics is simply influence," Berchelmann says. Employees who want to get ahead better know who has it and how to go about getting it.

"Hard work may not always be rewarded, but the ability to influence outcomes will be," Berchelmann says. And the way to influence outcomes is by building and leveraging the right relationships – in other words, playing politics.

• Treat a job search like a full-time job. This advice backfires not because it's bad, necessarily, but because of how it's interpreted. Since so many workdays consist of sitting at a desk, jobseekers tend to do the same – and get nowhere. "People sit at home and send out lots of resumes online, and we're such computer people that it's possible to do this and still feel connected," says Judi Lansky of Lansky Career Consultants in Chicago. "But they need to build a network of contacts by connecting with real people."

A jobseeker would be better off stepping away from the computer and getting involved in things in the outside world, be it a church committee, volunteer organization or Meetup group. It need not be career-related to generate leads. Case in point: "I had a client who got on the finance committee at her synagogue and as it turned out, a guy on it owned a small advertising agency," which is her line of work, Lansky says.

Having worked alongside her, he offered her a job, but might not have based on her resume.

• Just be grateful you have a job. The recession is over. Employees don't have to count themselves lucky just because they have a steady paycheck. "Don't stay in a job you hate," Crawford says. "You won't be fulfilled, you won't be successful and, eventually, it will negatively impact your health and wellbeing."

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JOB ADVICE

IT'S GREAT TO DELEGATE

Delegating, at any stage of your career, is a powerful way to make more time to focus on what you do well.

In fact, the recruiting and placement firm Robert Half International recently found that 35 percent of executives surveyed identified delegation as the secret to maximizing work hours.

Yet, employees shy away from delegating and liken it to "dumping" on co-workers, says Dawn Fay, a district president with Robert Half International in New York.

"Nonmanagers are afraid that they may look like they are slacking when they propose to delegate. But delegating actually helps people develop new skills and stay engaged in their work," she adds.

Without realizing it, employees who delegate might also be cross training co-workers and themselves for other jobs in the company, thus creating more team work and cooperation.

Fay says employees at any rank can derive the benefits of delegating by talking with management about sharing responsibilities or tasks with others that better match their skill sets. It's important to identify assignments to delegate that don't require managerial approval or subject-matter expertise.

Before handing off a project, talk with your supervisor and colleagues about the assignment, deadline, available resources, expectations and performance evaluation. Fay says offering guidance and information at the forefront will help others to do well with the task.

To effectively sell delegation, you need to promote it as an initiative that will allow you and others to use your time and skills doing something that is more beneficial to the company.

"You want to delegate so that you can contribute in other meaningful ways. This should never be about handing out tasks that you simply don't want to do," Fay says.

– *Patricia Rivera*

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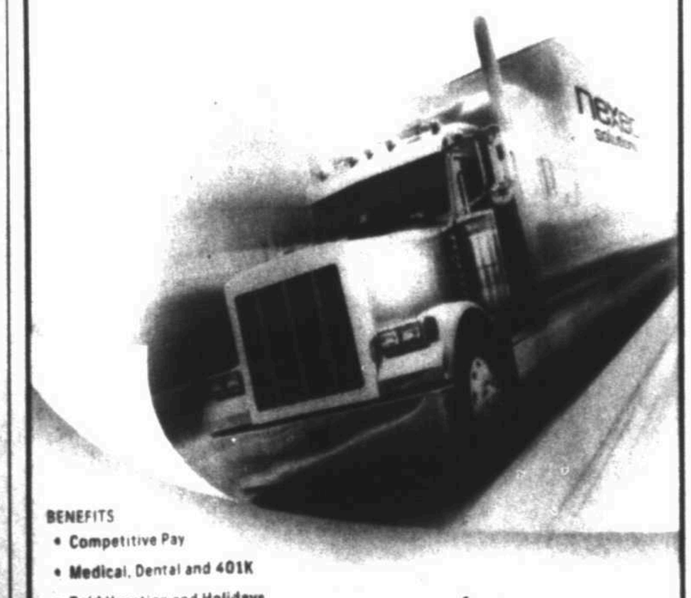

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3101 Auburn

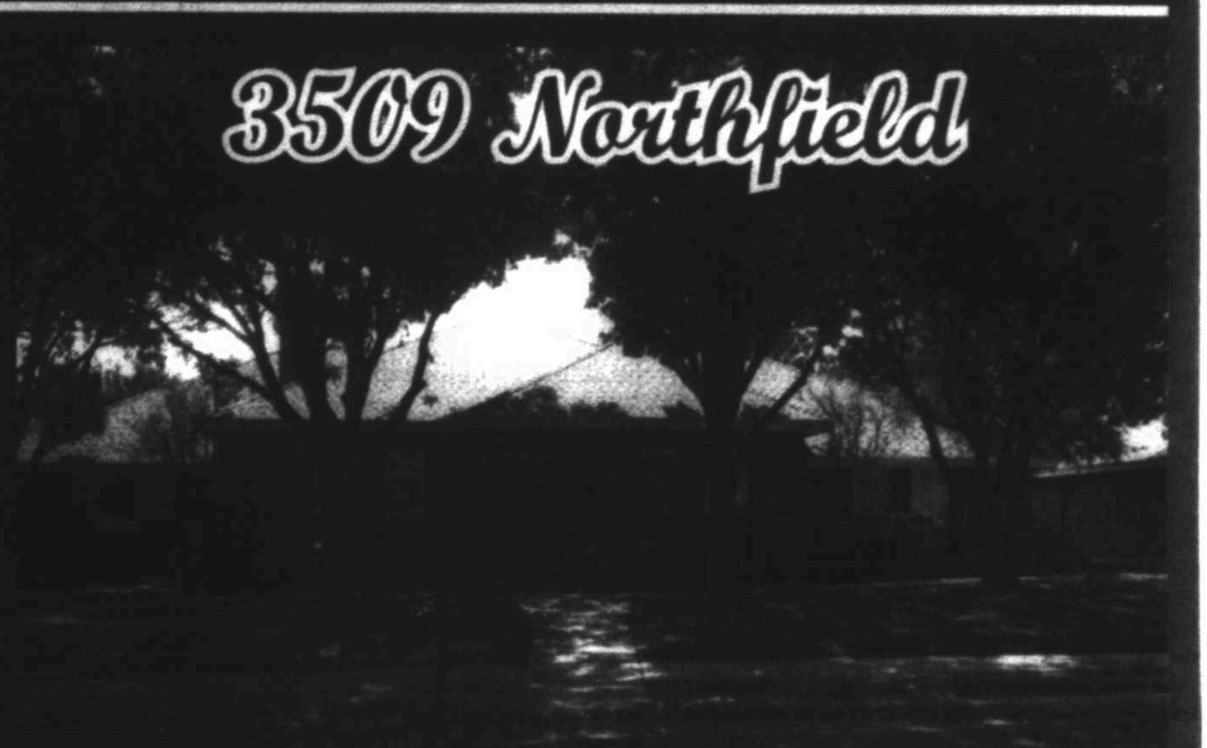
Ready and waiting just for you!! Fresh paint has made this house light and bright and a perfect backdrop for your family! This home, built in 1972 with 2,736 square feet (per MCAD) has four bedrooms, two full bathrooms, one half bath, three living areas and a two-car garage. Located on a corner, the home has mature landscaping and excellent curb appeal. Schools for this area include Emerson Elementary, Goddard Jr. High and Midland High.

Formal living and dining are to the right of the entry. Plantation shutters cover the windows and decorator style cement floors flow throughout the home. Ahead of the entry is the den where a corner fireplace and wet bar add ambiance to the room. The enclosed patio that makes a fun playroom or sun room for anyone to enjoy. Continue through the den to the kitchen where black and stainless appliances and richly painted cabinets create a great workspace. A half bath is conveniently located nearby as well as a spacious laundry room and access to the two-car garage.

Bedrooms are down the hall to the left of the entry and feature large closets and ceiling fans. A hall bathroom has dual sinks and storage cabinets. The master is at the end of the hall and has two walk-in closets, dual sinks and dressing areas and more storage!

Additional amenities include automatic garage door opener, skylights, wet bar, automatic sprinkler and tons of storage! This move-in ready home is listed at $295,000. MLS#99928

3509 Northfield



Location, location, location! This home has quick access to shopping, dining and schools! 3509 Northfield in Trinity Meadows was constructed in 1988, with 2,885 square feet (per appraiser) and features four bedrooms, three full baths, two living areas, two dining areas and a three car garage. Children living here may attend Parker Elementary, Alamo Jr. High and Lee High School.

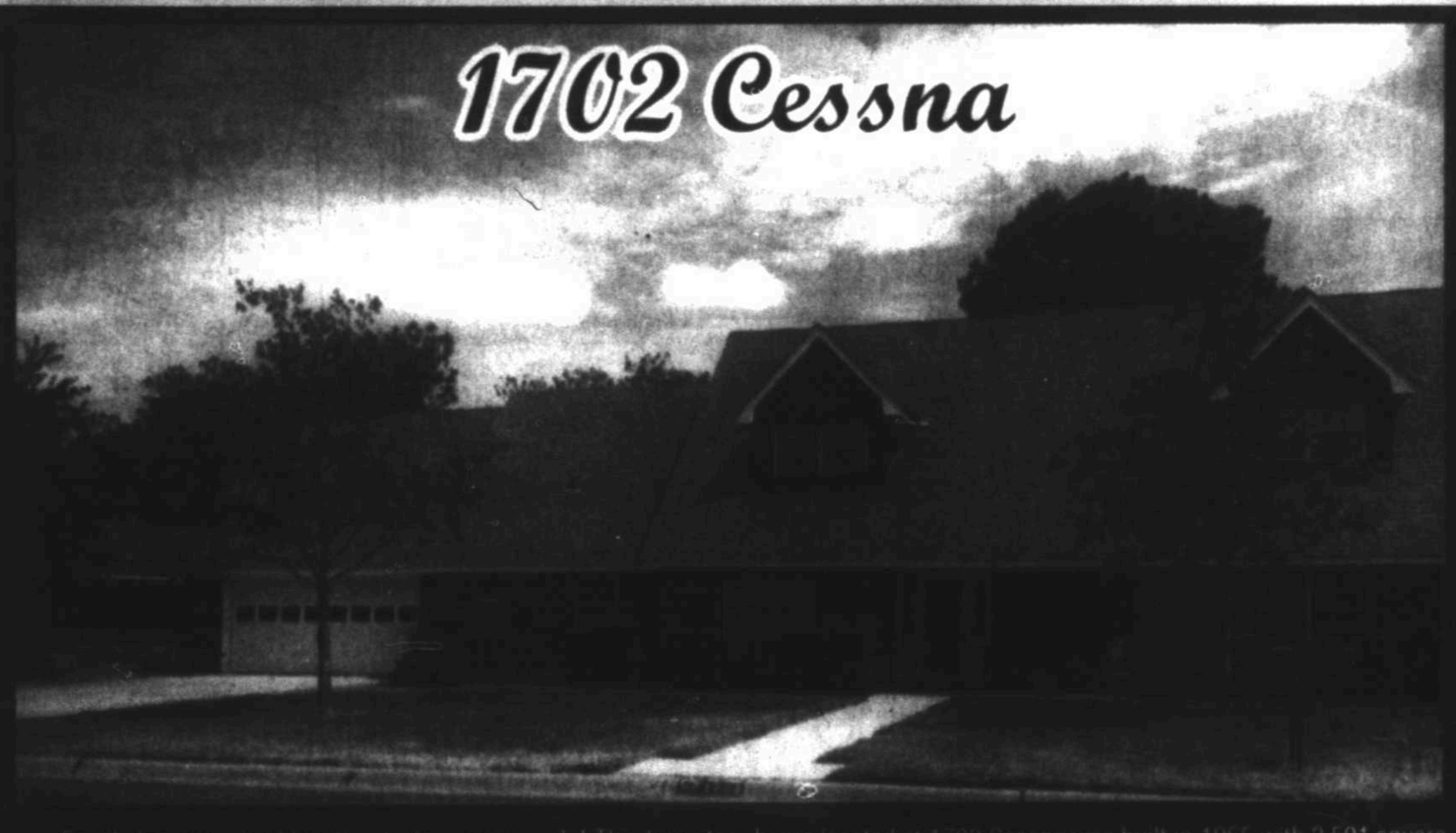
Entertain in the formal living room or move to the den where you will see a fireplace surrounded by bookshelves and another large built-in bookshelf which is perfect for displaying favorite items. A wet bar has bonus storage, built-in wine rack and a sliding window feature to pass food and drinks out to those enjoying the large covered porch!

Informal dining is by the den or pull a barstool up to the kitchen counter. The new granite and backsplash in addition to black appliances and walls of cabinets make this a great workspace. A nearby laundry room also leads to the three car garage. Two bedrooms are down the hallway by the kitchen and share a Jack and Jill bathroom. Both rooms have walk in closets and ceiling fans.

Enjoy your spacious sequestered master! Two dressing areas, each with a sink and storage in addition to two walk-in closets will keep everyone organized. Exterior doors lead to the covered patio and backyard. Another bedroom faces the front of the house and is open to a hall bathroom.

Additional amenities include: sequestered master, automatic sprinkler, crown molding, tall ceilings and more! This house in the perfect location is listed at $355,000. MLS# 100427

1702 Cessna



Family home in great location and move-in ready! This two-story home located at 1702 Cessna was built in 1965 with 2,591 square feet (per MCAD) and has four bedrooms, three full baths, two living areas, two dining areas and a two-car garage. Schools for children living here include Fannin Elementary, San Jacinto Jr. High and Midland High.

Imagine Christmas and children running down the stairs on Christmas morning—that is exactly what you can have in this home! Stairs near the entry lead to two upstairs bedrooms. A hall bathroom is there for sharing. Downstairs are two more bedrooms as well as two bathrooms. Location of the master is up to you—downstairs, you have two bathrooms that are attached to a room providing private bathrooms, and the extra bedroom makes a perfect nursery or office. Up or down, you will enjoy any of them!

Formal living and dining are to the left of the entry while the informal den is ahead of the front door. A fireplace will keep you extra warm in the winter and windows provide a view of the backyard. Nearby a kitchen is open to the den, black appliances and loads of cabinet space will keep your small appliances and dishes tucked away.

Additional amenities include: automatic sprinkler, automatic garage door opener, security system, two-story and great location. A family home is listed at $237,000. MLS#98932

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Credit Score Math Will Change

The creator of one of the most widely used and influential credit scores, FICO, said that the latest version of its score would no longer weigh medical debts — which account for about half of all unpaid collections on consumers' credit reports — as heavily as it did in previous iterations. The newer FICO scores, available this fall, will also ignore any overdue payments that have already been made. Previously, the scores factored paid and unpaid collections equally, though it ignored amounts under $100.

FICO credit scores, which have become consumers' financial passport to just about everything from rental apartments to most loans such as mortgages, are based on the information in an individual's credit reports, which are generated by the three major credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. The scores are based on a 300- to 850-point scale. Because of the new scoring model, individuals with a median score of 711 — and an otherwise clean credit history, except for unpaid medical debts — may see their FICO score rise by 25 points.

As a result, many consumers may qualify for more attractive interest rates on various loans, potentially resulting in thousands of dollars in savings. "It probably doesn't mean the difference between an approval and a denial, but it can mean the difference in a more advantageous rate," said John Ulzheimer, a credit expert at Credit Sesame, a consumer credit website, and a former FICO employee. But consumers whose credit files are tarnished only by unpaid medical debts that went to collection agencies — but were ultimately settled or paid — are likely to see a much greater increase in their scores. "That is when you could expect to see your score go through the roof," said Mr. Ulzheimer.

Source: NY Times

Not sure where your score puts you with regard to being eligible for a home purchase or refinance? A quick and simple analysis may let you know how to get in position to take advantage of these upcoming changes. Just contact me and I will help you get started.

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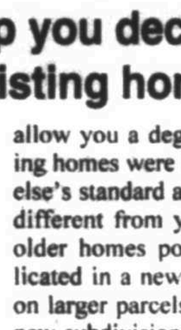

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How Technology Can Give Your Home a Competitive Advantage

In today's market, it's important to make sure your home stands apart from the crowd, sparking buyers' imaginations and enticing them to make a return visit or place a bid on your home. Incorporating technology into the deal is a surefire way to give your property a competitive edge against the other homes on the market. Although you may not recuperate 100 percent of the cost, having a few "toys" will definitely generate interest and ensure that touring buyers remember your home.

For example, impress your buyers with an automated home control system. There are wireless systems available to fit any price range and need. Set your lights to turn on every night while you're away, or set them to turn on before someone enters the house. You can also automate other electrical appliances in the house too. The convenience and safety from programmable remotes and timers will boost your home's appeal. Whoever buys your home will never have to return to a cold, dark home.

Entertainment additions usually catch a buyer's eye as well. Flat panel television sets mounted on the walls particularly draw attention. TVs don't necessarily have to be large; there are plenty of sizes available to fit any budget. Have your cable provider install the receiver or cable jack near the wall where you will be mounting the TV. Many buyers like small, flat panel TVs in the kitchen, near counter space. Consider this when planning to mount a screen around the kitchen or main floor of your home.

A whole-house audio system is also a nice feature to have. A multi-room sound system that lets you listen to the same music in all different parts of the house is appealing to buyers, especially in warmer weather. By wiring up the entire house, and adding some outdoor speakers near a patio, you could draw in some beneficial attention from music-loving buyers. Extra features such as a flat-screen TV or surround-sound system give your property a slight advantage in buyers' minds. Although these additions may not be the ultimate reason your home sells, they will definitely help your house stand out among a long list of homes for sale.

Other tech-oriented ideas you may want to consider are a sensor-activated deadbolt lock, motorized drapes, or maybe even a weather forecaster that displays current conditions like wind speed, UV index, temperature and more. It's all about what you can offer. Although it's unnecessary to completely exceed your budget, having one or two fun features may give your home that little extra push needed to overcome your competitors.

Some homes may have a few of these technologies already, and if so, they will only stand to support your sales efforts. Whether adding anew or working with what you already have, speaking with a real estate professional about how to sell the many different aspects of your home is vital to your success.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Five questions to help you decide between a new or existing home

You've decided that you're ready to buy a home. While there are many decisions you'll have to make during the process, one will be whether you should go for an existing home or a newly constructed property. With advantages and disadvantages to each, you'll likely have to make tradeoffs no matter which you choose. Your local REALTOR® can help you identify what's most important to you, but here are five questions you should ask yourself when you are deciding between new and existing properties.

When do you want to sell?

Even though you're buying right now, it's wise to think about the future. After all, you'll be the seller one day and you want to get the best possible return on your investment. Consider, for example, that a home you're interested in is one of the first finished in a subdivision. There won't be much of a market for your home as long as new homes are still being built. Given two similar choices in the same neighborhood, most buyers opt for a brand-new house as opposed to one that's been lived in. Additionally, builder incentives can make the new home down the street more attractive to buyers. If you decide to go with a newly built home, make sure you're comfortable with staying put for a few years.

What are you really looking for?

Besides the investment, remember that you have to live in this house. Central air, large pantries, walk-in closets, multi-car garages, more and bigger bathrooms and other amenities are typical options in newer homes. There are not many 50-year-old homes with a master suite with a spa and two walk-in closets. New homes are also built with infrastructure tailored to modern life, such as being pre-wired for security, surround sound and Internet connections. Additionally, there are stricter building codes and significant advances in construction materials and techniques. These improvements result in safer and more energy-efficient homes.

However, home maintenance comes with homeownership. There is no house, new or old, that is maintenance- or defect-free. In fact, it's common to find at least one construction defect that must be addressed in a brand-new house. So, if you do opt for a new home, make sure you understand the builder's warranty and the process for identifying and fixing problems.

Do you like charm?

A builder may offer options—color schemes, flooring, kitchen cabinets, appliances—that allow you a degree of personalization. Existing homes were built and designed to someone else's standard and taste, which is bound to be different from yours. On the flip side, many older homes possess charms not easily replicated in a new home. Some older homes sit on larger parcels of land than the lots in most new subdivisions. You also may find an existing home that has been remodeled in a way that suits your needs perfectly.

What do you think of the neighborhood?

Residential builders need large tracts of vacant land to create new subdivisions. It's more cost-effective to lay infrastructure and build if there are no obstacles. That kind of open space isn't usually available close to downtown or existing business districts. Also, a newly built home may be far from grocery stores, shopping malls and restaurants. Similarly, if you like mature trees lining the streets, an older neighborhood may be more your style.

When can you move in?

If you purchase a home before it's completed, builder delays or other holdups could prevent you from moving in on schedule. This may end up being no big deal, but if the timing's wrong, you may have to find temporary housing while the setbacks are resolved. This could mean delaying closing on the sale of your current home, finding a place to rent, staying with friends or family, or placing your belongings in storage.

Talk to someone who can help

When you're deciding between a newly built home and an existing home, decide based on your needs. A local REALTOR® can help you sift through the options. Sit down with him or her and let them know what's important to you. To find a list of all local REALTORS® visit our website at www.pbbor.org.

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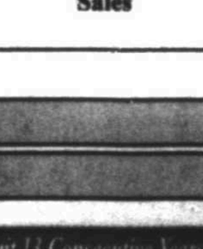

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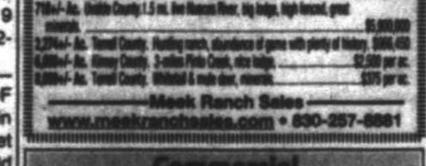

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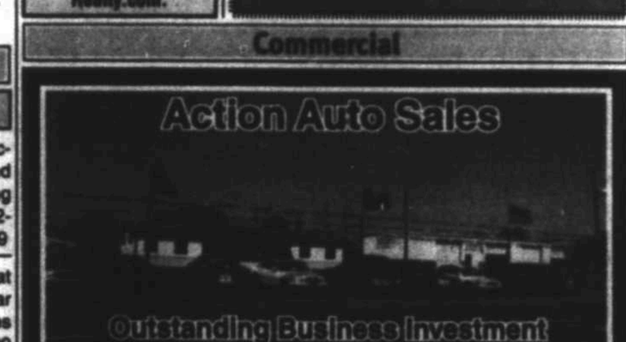

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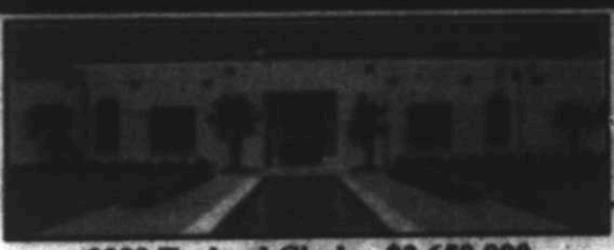
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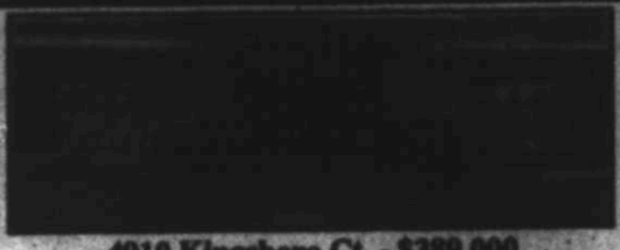
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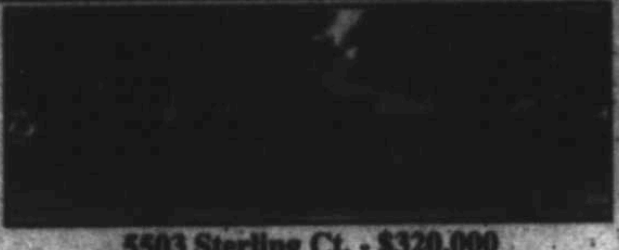
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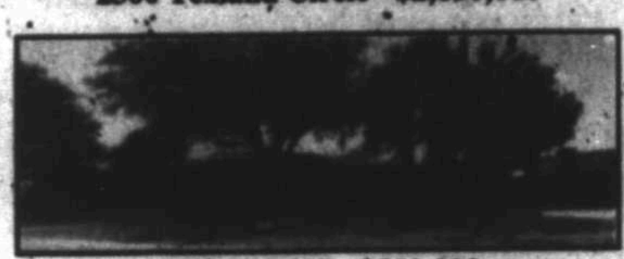
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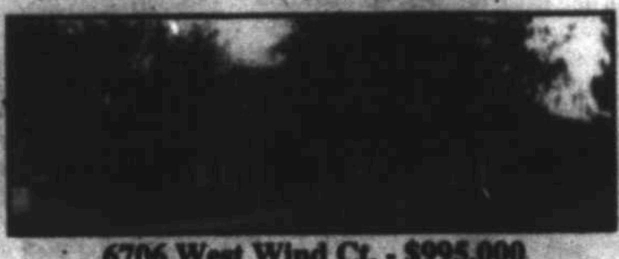
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- **805 Woodland Park Ave.**-Located in Fabulous Woodland Park subdivision complete w/Pond, Walking trail and Pool is this 4 Bdrm/2.5 Bth, gorgeous home $380,000
- **4904 Stoneleigh Dr.**-Immaculate 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, in-law plan plus sequestered master, hardwoods $365,000
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- **5200 East County Rd. 130**-3 bdr/2.5 bth home on 2.25 acres with all the bells and whistles! $345,000
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- **3103 Elma Dr.**-Spacious 3 bdrm/2 bth home in lovely quiet neighborhood with mature trees and easy access to shopping and restaurants $270,000
- **5000 S. Co. Rd. 1130**-Large, spacious 4 bdrm/2 bth manufactured home on 1 acre $149,000
- **2901 Michigan Ave.**-Darling well maintained 3bdrm/2bth home located close to hospital and shopping, will go fast $145,000

One Bedroom

- **600 Lidden #54**-Low maintenance condo! $85,000

Two Bedrooms

- **2722 Rocky Lane Rd.**-Open, light and bright! Beautifully updated 2 bedroom, 2 bath home in Odessa .... U/C $187,500
- **1902 A&M W. Kentucky Ave.**-Great investment property. Unit A is 2 bdrm/1 bth. Unit B is 3 bdrm/2.5 bth $150,000

Three Bedrooms

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- **7100 E. Co. Rd. 110**-Wonderful M.R. Lary custom build w/1.38 acres located in the new Chaney Ranch Addition! $390,000
- **4910 Kingsboro Ct.**-Spacious and charming 3 bedroom, grand kitchen and pretty updating $389,000
- **2803 Frontier Ave.**-Walk to Fannin Elementary, great floors, pretty yard, open plan $300,000
- **12 Metz** $285,000
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- **3502 Oakmont Dr.**-Lovingly maintained 3bdrm/2bath home in Fairmont Park .... U/C $229,900
- **4608 Conley Ave.** 3 Bdrm/2 Bth Home in ODESSA $215,000
- **5006 S. County Rd. 1130**-.3 Bdrm./2bath home on 1 acre. Nice open kitchen, nice size bedrooms $210,000
- **3401 Princeton Ave.**-Fantastic property for the price. Lovely quiet neighborhood spacious 3bdrm/2 bath home w/open kitchen/den area .... U/C $195,000
- **200 Cabrillo Dr., Odessa**-Move in ready! .... U/C $186,000
- **700 Sinclair Ave.**-Great price for this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with double garage, large metal shop, and water well! .... U/C $176,500

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Four Bedrooms

- **2803 Winfield**-"Heart of Warwick" Gorgeous landscaping, great amenities $1,100,000
- **4505 Bent Tree**-Lovely home in Green Tree North with pool! $757,000
- **805 Crested Butte Ct.**-Incredible world style 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 3 living area, 4 car garage in Woodland Park. Wood beams, upgrades galore .... U/C $699,900
- **2508 Callaway Dr.**-Beautiful spacious Grassland Gem! $655,000
- **5705 Cranston Place**-Updated in every way! Great plan, pretty floors, cul-de-sac location, even a workshop! Hurry to see .... U/C $479,500
- **1203 Breckenridge**-Wonderful 4 bedroom, 3 bath home in Woodland Park with great open plan .... U/C $470,000
- **5606 Oak Valley Dr.**-Spectacular open plan, high ceilings, hand scraped wood floors, granite, shutters, double sided fireplace, 2 living areas - Wow! .... U/C $459,000
- **4605 Rustic Trail**-Open spacious 4bdr/3bth updated home on #2 Tee Box. Tons of storage! A must see! .... U/C $450,000
- **1600 Bedford**-Updated Old Midland! Fantastic pool, 4BR, 3BA .... U/C $440,000
- **1505 Douglas**-Remodeled 4 bdrm/3 bth/4 car garage plus shop in coveted area .... U/C $435,000
- **3100 Shell Ave.**-Wonderful 4 bedroom custom home at the end of cul-de-sac sprawls on 1/2 acre lot $434,500
- **1214 Humble** .... U/C $429,000
- **5013 Polo Parkway**-Beautiful 4 or 5 bedroom home with that pottery barn style! Hardwood floors/tile floors, versatile plan and in move-in condition .... U/C $419,000
- **5002 Heather Rd.**-Spacious home with over 4500 sq. ft. all new neutral paint, 4BR/3.5BA, 3LA. Great family home $399,500
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- **5206 Greathouse Ave.**-Inside/out perfection, 4/2/2, high ceilings, great updates, patrot pergola to enjoy outdoors .... U/C $355,000
- **2211 Huntington**-4/3 w/great updates, stone fireplace, open kitchen/den, pool, yard like a park! $329,900
- **5503 Sterling Ct.**-Beautiful neighborhood boast this 4 bdrm/2.5 bth home located on a cul-de-sac w/mature trees and landscaping $320,000
- **3202 Rea Dr.**-Texas sized 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 3 living, updated kitchen .... U/C $310,000
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Five or More Bedrooms

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- **6706 West Wind Ct.**-Elegant, family friendly 5/6 bedroom, 5.5 bath, 4/5 living areas, 5 car garage, parking pad, gorgeous pool/spa, koi pond, plus family yard on #6 Tee Box Green Tree North $995,000
- **2803 Sinclair**-Fabulous 5BR in Warwick, 4LA, pool-spa, gameroom, beautifully updated $949,000
- **2508 Callaway Dr**- Beautiful spacious Grassland Gem $649,000
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- **5013 Polo Parkway**-Beautiful 4 or 5 bedroom home with that pottery barn style! Hardwood floors/tile floors, versatile plan and in move-in condition .... U/C $419,000

New Construction

- **Chaney Ranch**-Call Holly Cohen to build your dream home. Greenwood subdivision w/acreage 630-3090

For Lease

- **2101 Westwind**-For Lease: 2 bdrm/2 bath patio home in a very central location $2,400/MONTH

Lots, Land and Acreage

- **3903 Racquet Club Dr.**-Only lot in Racquet Club! $1,000,000
- **Chaney Ranch**-Call Holly Cohen to build you dream home 630-3090
- **S. Co. Rd. 1120**-Could be a great location for cattle and livestock, truck yard, pipe yard, etc. on 160 acres in Greenwood $2,400,000
- **S. Co. Rd. 1040**-Perfect area for subdivision development - 325.8 acres in Greenwood $2,280,000
- **I-20, West Murphy & Loop 338 in West Odessa**-1116.28 acres, terrific frontage. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Noll 682-1111 .... $2,000,000
- **4000 Bluebird**-20 acres in Greenbelt, ready for development $700,000
- **5703 E. Co. Rd. 60**-2784 sq. ft. w/in-law plan $300,000
- **64 Lincoln Park**-San Angelo lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy $170,000
- **7813 W. Co. Rd. 52**-Water well $160,000
- **6213 Dunbarton Oaks Blvd** - .97 acre, lot in Mockingbird Oaks $155,000
- **1902 A&M W. Kentucky Ave.**-Great investment property. Unit A is 2 bdrm/1 bth. Unit B is 3 bdrm/2.5 bth $150,000
- **Mockingbird Oaks**-1 Acre lot $130,500
- **11010 W. County Rd. 56 1/2 W** - 6 acre, in a great residential neighborhood $114,000

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- **5000 Block of N. Midkiff**-2.0+/- acres for development, great for office complex. Call Bill Scott $575,000
- **1701 E. Co. Rd. 140**-Approx. 3,960 sq. ft. industrial building on 1 acre. Perfect for light manufacturing. Call Bill or Brandee @ 682-1111 .... $260,000
- **1120 N. Big Spring**-Great office location! Close to downtown! $225,000
- **0 Cotton Flat Rd.**-Zoned Industrial Park $100,000
- **12920 West I-20**-For Lease, Approx. 4,080 sq. ft., light or medium duty manufacturing or as warehouse space. Call Bill or Brandee @ 682-1111 .... $6,000/Month
- **1400 Connell St.**-For lease, approximately 6,000 sq. ft. Industrial/warehouse building. All city utilities w/2 rest rooms & completely paved. Call Bill Scott 559-4249 or Brandee Noll 230-4488 .... $6,000/Month

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6707 W. CO. RD. 41	FACT ID #1094	$650,000
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5608 DREXEL COURT	FACT ID #1079	SOLD
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4011 NORWOOD ST	FACT ID #1048	U/C
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3213 N. I ST	FACT ID #1097	U/C
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5205 TEAKWOOD TRACE	FACT ID #1058	$299,900
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1602 CASTLEFORD RD	FACT ID #1070	$247,000

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2818 DENGAR AVE	FACT ID #1097	U/C
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3310 PARK LANE	FACT ID #1083	U/C
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3226 SYCAMORE AVE	FACT ID #1033	U/C
6201 E. CO. RD. 86	FACT ID #1587	$79,900
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2812 HYDEN		U/C
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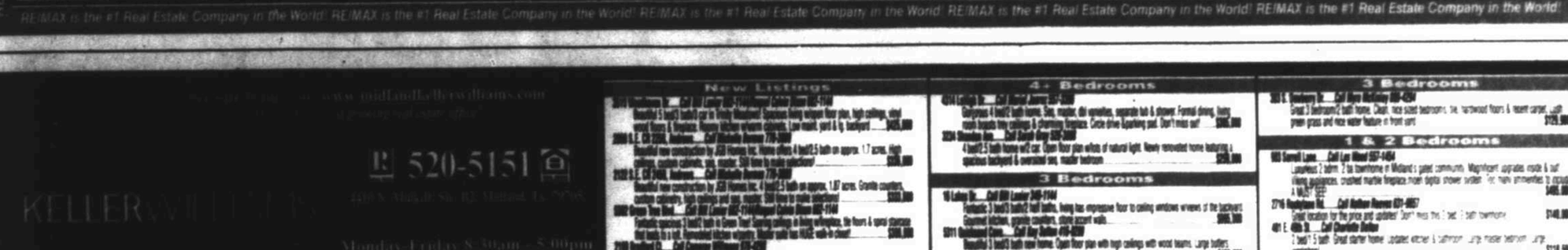

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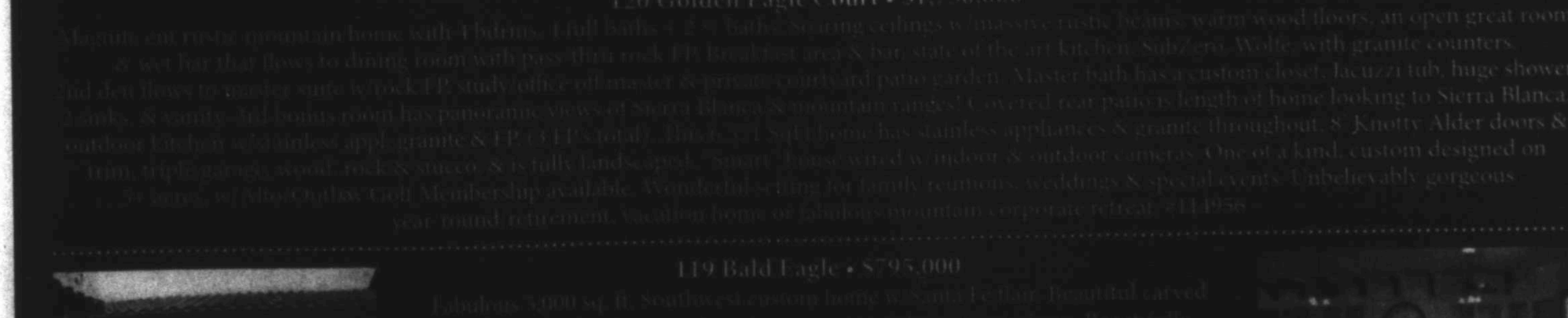

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TROUBLE WITH 2 LENDERS

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My wife and I bought our house with an 80/20 mortgage. After losing my job we're using savings to make payments, but we will soon reach the point where we can no longer cover the mortgage. If we make payments to only one lender, what actions can the other lender take?

ANSWER:

When you purchased the home you bought with no money down. Let's say the sale price was $300,000. You got one loan for $240,000 (80 percent) and a simultaneous second loan for $60,000 (20 percent). You were (hopefully) qualified on the basis of two incomes, and now there is one.

The first step now is to contact your mortgage servicer and ask if you can get modification help such as an interest-rate reduction, a loan extension or a combination of the two.

Next, in this scenario you have a loss of income, but have been making payments. If you have some household income you should look into the government's Home Affordable Modification Program. If you meet the program's standards and have sufficient income to make the new and lower payments you may be able to get a loan modification.

If that doesn't work then contact your state attorney general. That office may be able to direct you to a state-based assistance program.

You want to make payments to both lenders to preserve your credit and thus present the best picture for a modification. If you stop payments then either lender has the option to foreclose.

If there is a foreclosure, then every penny from the foreclosure sale must go to the first lien holder. Only after the first lien holder has been completely paid off can the second lien holder get any money. Because of the way foreclosure money is paid out the second lien holder may not want to foreclose and have a huge loss on its books, but you can't count on such inaction.

If there is no new job ahead then you have to consider your options. One choice is to list the home with a local real estate broker and have it sold. If you can sell for enough to pay off the lender, and if you have been making your payments, then it's simply a home sale, and that's the end of it.

However, if the property is worth less than the existing mortgage balance you may need a short sale, a transaction that requires lender approval because you're asking the lender to accept a loss.

If the lender is facing a loss it may want to sue for a deficiency judgment to get back its money, but can it sue? Speak with an attorney or legal clinic to determine if a deficiency claim is allowed in your situation.

Because a short sale can drag on for months, you might want to consider an auction as an alternative. In any case, before going further speak with an attorney or legal clinic as well as a tax professional to understand your rights and options.

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The national average cost to operate a motor vehicle, based on the annual costs of gasoline, insurance and repairs. Wyoming ($2,705) and Iowa ($1,942) are the most and least expensive states.

Source: Bankrate.com report

FINDING YOUR NICHE

HOW TO LOOK INTO A POTENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD TO MAKE SURE IT'S THE RIGHT FIT FOR YOU

By MARILYN KENNEDY MELIA
CTW Features

Along with three bedrooms and three baths, another top priority in Dawn and Scott Berry's home search was, "a community feel where neighbors trust each other and help each other out if and when needed," relates Dawn, of Vista, California.

Such elusive, subjective information isn't usually noted in home listings. The sales staff in the new housing development the Berry's were interested in also didn't offer any answers.

Indeed, even if they hold opinions, real estate professionals are guarded about sharing them, since federal fair housing rules prohibits any steering customers to or away from any area.

But a serendipitous encounter with the construction supervisor of the development filled in the blanks for the Berry's, giving them the comfort to buy. "He told us the who, what, when and where's of the neighborhood ... who gets along, who hangs out, who doesn't pick up after their dog, who moved from where," she relates.

"Nothing replaces walking the streets" of a prospective neighborhood, and chatting up anyone who appears willing to dish, says Paul Purcell, managing director of real estate brokerage William Raveis in New York.

While he recommends that buyers walk a neighborhood – not just once, but on a weekday, weekend, and day and night, because neighborhood character can change within hours – Purcell acknowledges that foot exploration provides limited information, especially when no one is around to supply news.

LISTEN TO VIRTUAL NEIGHBORS

Plenty of residents blog about neighborhood and block-by-block news. All one has to do is "google a neighborhood name and blogs and listings will come up," Purcell says.

Sometimes, online sleuthing impacts the buying decision, says Lee Williams, a broker with Charles Rutenberg LLC in New York. For instance, StreetEasy (owned by Zillow) offers more than 500 different neighborhood discussions, and reports of building residents complaining about pets or issues with building management can convince clients to look elsewhere. Moreover, once someone lives in an apartment complex or neighborhood, there's often an internal email group. But those conversations are limited to current residents, so that gripes and complaints won't damage values, says Purcell.

PEERING IN SHADOWS

Simply because populations are more dense, in urban areas neighborhood blogs are more plentiful. For every ZIP code in the country, though, there's a treasure trove of data, says Andrew Schiller, founder of NeighborhoodScout.com.

Each of the dozens data points he's collected for distinct areas don't directly indicate the character of a place, but taken together "we can learn a lot about the shadow of that data," Schiller says.

Areas with a similar character, such as "family-friendly" or "urban sophisticates" have similar data points, like the percent of the population in certain professions or the number of single-person households, and taken together the data cast a "shadow" indicating what predominant lifestyle is in the place, Schiller explains.

Schiller's service offers free descriptions of areas when users input an address or town name. Under "Boise, Idaho," for instance, the part of the description reads: "One thing noticeable about Boise, although not a huge city, is that it has a large population of people who are young, single, educated, and upwardly mobile career starters."

HAPPINESS IN NUMBERS

"There is no 'bad' place," says Schiller, "but there are locations that are going to make some people happy and others not."

It's healthier to live in a happiness-inducing place, according to at least one study published in 2013 in the journal Social Science & Medicine. Researchers asked 6,740 people age 50 and over how friendly they felt their neighborhood was, and whether they felt they belonged there.

Those with positive neighborhood perceptions had a 48 percent reduced risk of stroke compared to those without favorable attachments.

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THE YOUNG & THE RISK-AVERSE

Despite low returns, cash is the preferred investment choice for many young Americans

A focus on saving cash is a great plan to build a down payment for a home, but for a retirement savings, it may not be the best tactic. Yet, that is what many young Americans are choosing.

Thirty-nine percent of young American adults, age 18 to 29, say cash in their top choice for investing money they won't need for at least a decade, according to a Bankrate.com report. The cash preference was three times the number that said they prefer the stock market despite many cash-investment yields remaining below 1 percent, whereas the S&P 500 has gained 17 percent over the past year.

"The preference for cash and aversion to the stock market among young adults is very troubling considering this age group has the biggest retirement burden," said Greg McBride, Bankrate.com's chief financial analyst, in a statement. "They won't get there without being willing to assume a little short-term price risk in their long-term money."

Further, young adults may be waiting to add real estate to their portfolios.

Though the typical first-time homebuyer is 31, according to the National Association of Realtor, nearly a quarter of the experts in Zillow's most recent Home Price Expectations Survey, nearly a quarter of experts expect the median age of first-time buyers would rise to 34 or older in the next decade.

Overall, a quarter of Americans prefer cash investments for money they won't need for at least 10 years, followed by real estate (23 percent), stocks (19 percent), gold and precious metals (14 percent) and bonds (5 percent), according to the Bankrate report.

"The stock market records are getting the attention of some investors, as the percentage favoring the stock market increased to 19 percent from 14 last year. But overall, Americans are still risk-averse when it comes to how they invest their money," McBride added.

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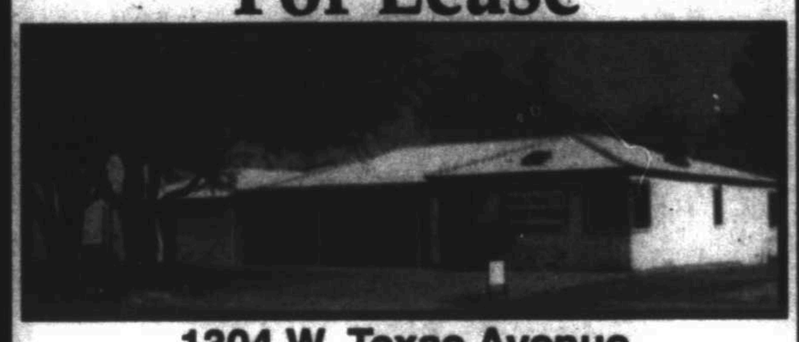

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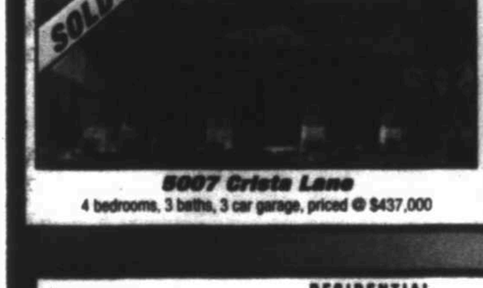

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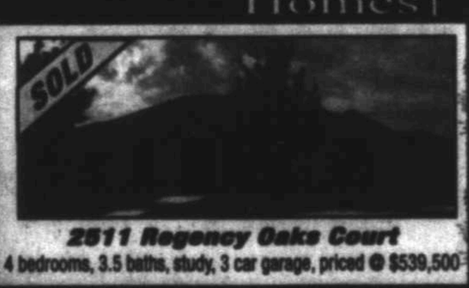

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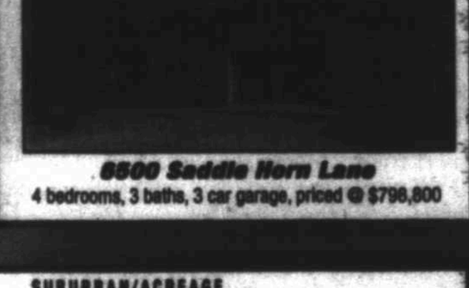

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4305 Coronado Ct	Saenz Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$414,000
6007 E. Co. Rd. 110	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/Greenwood	SOLD
5314 Brown Heart Ln	Rome Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$479,800
6005 E. Co. Rd. 107	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
6500 Saddle Horn	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$798,800
6413 Saddle Horn Ln	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	U/C
6100 Dunbarton Oaks	James Isbell Homes/4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$1,095,000

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

W. Co. Rd. 146	16 Acres	U/C
5312 S. Co. Rd. 1216	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home	$149,000
Lone Rose Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
6720 E. Co. Rd. 94	Greenwood/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Approx. 20 Acres	$250,000
12044 Goldenrod Ave	Reping Acres/14.5 Acres	$295,000
2340 FM 1208	Stanton/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
7001 Trenton Drive	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$629,000
Highway 87	Big Spring/RV Park	$1,295,000
6911 FM 307	Approx 160 Acres/Greenwood	$1,192,000

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Lone Rose Estates	W. Co. Rd. 307/5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

3008 Elkins Rd.	3.29 Acres/Office/Storage	$1,700,000

FEATURED PROPERTIES

610 Oak Point Drive

Lakefront Property,
3 bedrooms, 3 baths,
2 car garage,
priced @ $425,000

6500 Saddle Horn Drive

4 bedrooms, 3 baths,
3 car garage,
priced @ $798,800

5006 Hilltop Drive

4 bedrooms, 3 baths,
3 car garage,
priced @ $419,900

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Sunday Featured Home!

2 Live Oak Drive - $1,395,000

Fabulous house nestled in the center of the cul-de-sac and surrounded by trees. 3 living areas, double sided fireplace, game room area with wet bar. His and her offices. Spacious kitchen with sub-zero fridge, massive copper vent-hood, commercial size gas cook top and abundant cabinet space. Huge master bedroom with fireplace and spa-like master bath. Backyard boasts several patios, lush landscaping, heated pool and outdoor/restroom/dressing room/and kitchen area. 3 car garage with extra parking pad.

Janice Murrell
618-4663

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN 2:00-3:00
4509 DENGAR AVENUE
$218,500
4 br, 2 bath, 1 large living area; charming backyard.
Shown by Kay Bivens

OPEN 3:30-4:30
809 E. CO. RD. 123
$265,000
Charming 4br, 2 bath w/barn & stable, 1.6 acres.
Shown by Kay Bivens

OPEN 2:00-4:00
5200 CASTLE PINE ROAD
$419,900
Quiet cul-de-sac location!
Shown by Cherith Hamilton

OPEN 2:00-3:00
2024 FRINGEWOOD
$574,500
Beautiful landscape.
Shown by Amanda Gunter

OPEN 2:00-4:00
5312 CHELSEYCT.
$749,000
Absolutely stunning on cul-de-sac in Green Tree North. Spacious 4 bed, 3.5 bath, 3LA, 2DA, sparkling pool and lush landscaping.
Shown by Sandy J. Hanson

OPEN 1:00-4:00
4008 EDGEBROOK
$449,900
Gorgeous home in Mockingbird Heights. Study & workout room, built-ins & new wood floors.
Shown by Melissa Williams

OPEN 1:30-2:30
408 W. 1ST ST., STANTON, TX
$175,000
Wonderful open layout, large covered patio for entertaining.
Shown by Leah Watkins

OPEN 1:30-2:30
#1 CHATHAM CT.
$335,000
Located on a quiet cul-de-sac.
Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 3:30-4:30
5115 SUNNYSIDE DR.
$199,500
Workshop & oversized carpott!
Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 1:00-2:00
5301 ANETTA
$289,900
Shown by Ashley St. John

OPEN 2:00-3:00
2414 MAXWELL
$319,900
Shown by Madison Shaw

OPEN 3:30-4:30
5108 GREATHOUSE
$395,000
Fabulous 4 bedroom home close to Greathouse Elementary School!
Listed by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 1:30-2:30
4607 PINE MEADOW #2
$295,000
Spacious home in great area!
Listed by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 3:30-4:30
3117 AUBURN
$275,000
Tons of space inside & outside of this 2-story home!
Listed by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 1:30-2:30
2803 W. SHANDON
$265,000
Light and bright! Move- in ready!
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HOMESTYLE
SIMPLE SOLUTIONS FOR EVERYDAY LIVING Sunday, September 7, 2014

Keeping Up with Kids' Bedrooms

Designers amp up the color, scale down the size and add a tech-spin to just about everything

By Marla R. Miller | CTW Features

It's no longer just about what mom wants - if it ever was. Decorating decisions in youth bedrooms are driven by what children, tweens and teens consider cool and modern.

Colorful, multifunctional furniture and designs to accommodate kids' tech-focused lives were central to new collections introduced at the furniture market in High Point, N.C. this spring. Seen everywhere: built-in charging stations and storage units for TVs, gaming units and electronic devices.

Shabby chic, cottage collections, faux fur, jeweled and industrial accents and two-toned finishes were among the freshest looks for kids in collections just now being introduced in stores.

Unexpected colors and electronic-friendly gear "keep everything exciting" in the children's market, says James Millner, vice president of merchandising and design for My Home Furnishings. The Mount Airy, N.C. furniture distributor specializes in furniture for youth and second bedrooms.

A bed, dresser, chest and desk are standard pieces for a bedroom collection, says Millner, a furniture designer, but the hot trend in youth furniture are multi-tasking pieces with a compact footprint.

For example, a storage day bed has been a standout seller for the company Millner says. "You get a lot of storage and you keep it in a small area." Nightstands feature built-in charging ports.

Many children's rooms are small - 8 feet by 10 feet or 10-by-10 - so youth lines make the most of limited space. Pieces that multi-task are popular: bunk beds, captain's beds, mid-loft beds, bookcase headboards and sleep-study units with hideaway desks are. Interchangeable drawer piers and removable shelves make it easy to add storage to beds, dressers and media units, creating custom room arrangements that can be modified over time.

Most collections of kids' furniture include pieces with well-planned functionality: trundle drawers and beds or ottoman footboards designed for extra storage and seating.

Younger consumers have more impact on style selections than ever before.

"You have two driving forces, one is what the kids want and one is what the parents want," says Debbie Dilbeck, sales and merchandising assistant at Standard Furniture, Bay Minette, Ala. "Today more weight is being placed on what the kids want. They want fun, colorful, cool features and lines. By the same token, parents want furniture that can grow with the child and possibly even be used as a guest suite or when they go off to college."

Many groups can be used as a child grows, by adding a bigger bed or desk or a decorative piece or larger dresser, says Dilbeck.

The company focuses on new materials, finishes, colors, shimmery fabrics, faux fur and jeweled accents to cater to the younger "princess" market and to fashion-forward tweens. Its new Vogue collection includes white, hot pink and black with blinged-out hardware and faux croc accents.

"Two-toned and textured finishes are big," Dilbeck says. "We're moving away from dark colors into cool fashion colors. We have several groups with colorful, printed vinyl laminate that gives the pieces durability and a cool texture."

Gray driftwood and mid-tone wood finishes are popular for unisex lines and older youth, Dilbeck says. Cooperstown, one of Standard's newest collections, is a light cherry wood finish that can work for a young child all the way into college.

To accentuate the furniture, lighter walls with polka dots, neon colors or one accent wall painted a bright color is a hot trend for younger girls, says Rachel Kate of Rachel Kate Design.

Rachel Kate Design

Kids rule: Younger consumers have a big say in bedroom décor.

Kate, a Minneapolis interior designer, was a finalist on the seventh season of HGTV's popular "Design Star" series and has a new line of youth accessories and bedding for Rizzy Home, a rug and luxury bedding supplier based in Calhoun, Ga.

"I love designing kids rooms," Kate says. "You can be as playful as you want to be."

The tween age group likes the graphic patterns and bright colors, along with blue and gray tones with white, Kate says.

Another popular trend for interior designers - or DIYers - is to create intimate spaces with teepees, little tents or lofts, and stringing lights or hanging a swing or chair from the ceiling, she says.

"It's somewhere to read, get away and have their own little private area," she says.

Flowers, butterflies and novelty prints in primary colors work for elementary age girls and a Parisian theme is popular with tweens and teens, Kate says.

Fraternity and varsity themes, patchwork and plaid prints and flag banners are huge in every age, she says. Fun, colorful lamps, area rugs, ottomans and storage cubes are other popular accessories.

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My Home Furnishings

Multi-tasking kids' furniture: A day bed with drawers and bookshelves adds storage to a small room.

Standard Furniture

For a fashion-forward girl: Shimmery fabric, faux fur rug and jeweled accents add glamour to a teen's room.

Get Enlightened! Be Eco-Friendly

Set the mood without wasting energy with efficient lighting ideas

By Kate Sullivan | CTW Features

Interior Design 101 tells us that lighting can completely transform the look and feel of a space. And it's scientifically proven that lighting affects the way residents and guests feel in that space as well.

"Focusing on mood lighting and not just primary lighting, creates the right atmosphere in any part of the house," says Howard Feldstein, marketing manager of Mark Feldstein & Associates, Inc., of Maumee, Ohio. Lighten the mood the eco-friendly way with these energy-efficient ideas.

Savor the sun

Santa Monica, Calif.-based LEED certified interior designer Lori Dennis, says the quickest way to stop wasting energy comes from maximizing nature. "Let in as much natural light as possible by opening all window coverings. Sunlight is not only inexpensive but it's flattering light for everyone," she says.

Set the mood

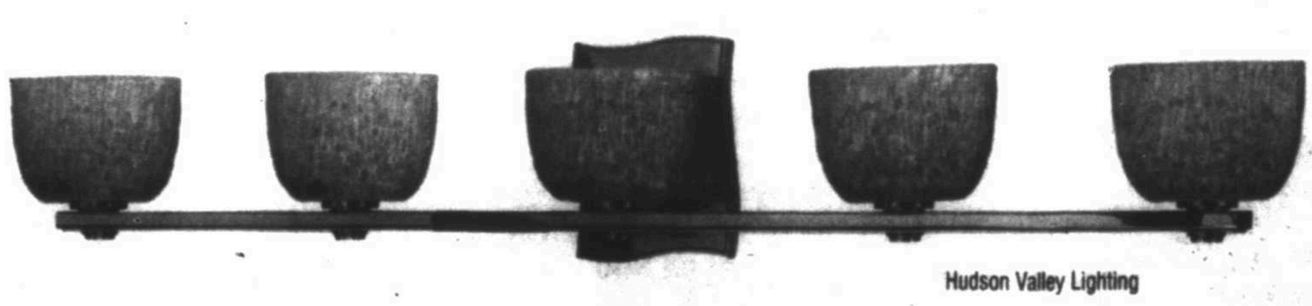
Feldstein is a big fan of solar lights set in mosaic glass fixtures. "Try solar mosaic lighting for the patio or energy-efficient LED flameless candles to capture the romance of candles without the wax," he says.

Make the most of motion

Some people forget to turn off the light switch when they leave the bedroom and don't return until hours later. Installing motion sensors eliminates careless carbon imprints.

More romantic, more saving

Dimmer switches are an effective, inexpensive way to save on the electric bill and look good at the same time. Use a dimmable CFLs and save even more.



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5312 CHELSEY CT.

This immaculate updated home sits on a cul-de-sac in Green Tree North with all the amenities you can imagine! Natural light filters through the many trees and abundance of windows into all 3 living areas. A giant gameroom with beverage bar and immediate access to the extended patio with hot tub, pergola and sparkling pool with gorgeous stamped concrete. Attractive ceiling lines, wonderful storage and killer master bath are a few more things this home has to offer. 4 legged pets? Yes, they have their own room off master, dog run and plenty of grass for exercise. LOVELY! MLS #100725 $749,900

FEATURED LISTINGS

5312 Chelsey Ct.	-Cul-de-sac & pool		MLS #100725	$749,000
3501 Pinemont Dr.	-Walk to park		MLS #100726	$274,900
3320 Providence DR.		UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #100577	$179,900
1103 SCR 1110	-40 + acres		MLS #100342 NEW PRICE	$689,000
2101 Evans Ln.		UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #99937	$379,900
2305 Metz Pl.	-Cul-de-sac		MLS #100051	$379,500
2502 Frontier		UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #100054	$219,599
10310 SCR 1210	-1.21 Acres w/hanger		MLS #98671	$625,000
306 ECR 140	-1.76 Acres	$5000 BUYER'S INCENTIVE	MLS #98742	$329,900
4202 ECR 130	-6.795 Acres	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #98691	$136,000
000 ECR 130	-6.795 Acres		MLS #98687	$115,500
FM 715	-22 Acres		MLS #96888 NEW PRICE	$444,000
405 ECR 127	-2.66 Acres	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #96749	$364,900
3312 Haynes Ave.	-Low Maintenance		MLS #100575	$299,000
Sundridge Ranch Estate	-New Homesites			3+ acre lots $135,000

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Mark Payne Homes

5904 Rio Grande
$315,500

4 bedrooms, 2 baths and a study are included in this home in Heritage Oaks. Kitchen features custom built cabinets, granite throughout and a gas cooktop. This home is a must see!

1102 Castle Rock
$612,500

You don't want to miss this gorgeous home in Woodland Park. It includes 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, a formal dining and large game room. Within walking distance to the pond and trails; you will love this view!

Mark Payne Homes Available Homes

6001 Oak Creek- 3 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, Game Room, 3 Car Garage	$368,500
5906 Rio Grande- 3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage	$271,500
6001 Rio Grande- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, 2 Car Garage	UC
6000 Wichita- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, Game Room, 3 Car Garage	$431,500
6006 Wichita- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, Game Room, 3 Car Garage	$401,500
6008 Wichita- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, Game Room, 3 Car Garage	$388,500
811 Trinidad- 3 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, Game Room, 3 Car Garage	$456,500
1102 Silverton- 5 Bed, 4 Bath, Study & Game Room, 3 Car Garage	$910,000
1206 Silverton- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, Game Room, 3 Car Garage	UC
1208 Silverton- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, Game Room, 3 Car Garage	$452,500

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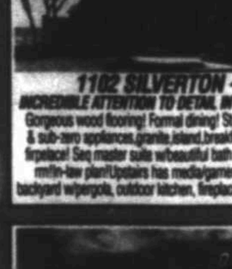

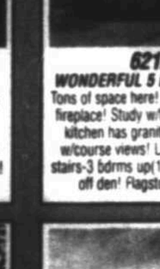

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1102 SILVERTON - $314,000
INCREDIBLE ATTENTION TO DETAIL IN THIS BRAND NEW HOME!
Gorgeous wood flooring! Formal dining! Study! Gourmet kitchen w/wall & sub-zero appliances, granite! Jen Air 5 cook! Living/fam w/ fireplace! Sep master suite w/beautiful bath & huge closet! Great laundry rm/in-law plan/options has media/gameroom,+ bedrms! Gorgeous backyard w/pergola, outdoor kitchen, fireplace, 2 patios & brick fence! 3 Cg!

4114 TAMPORAH AVE. - $668,000
IMPRESSIVE!
Extraordinary! Tons of trees make this fabulous house! Tons of living & entertaining space! Cozy living rm w/fireplace! Formal dining! Kitchen w/granite & stone! Breakfast nook! Master bedroom w/dbl fireplace to bath! Wonderful backyard w/huge outdoor kitchen, firepit-extended patio! Each bdrm upstairs has private bath+study/playroom! Gameroom! 3 Cg + rv garage! Charming touches thru-out! Must see!

6212 ORIOLE - $668,000
WONDERFUL 3 BEDROOM ON THE COURSE AT GTCC!
Tons of space here! Formal dining! Living room w/high ceilings & fireplace! Study w/tons of built-ins! Cozy den w/fireplace! Large kitchen has granite, island, tons of cabinetry! Breakfast nook w/course views! Large utility rm! Master & guest bdrm down-stairs-3 bdrms up(1 w/private bath)! Hardwood floors! Courtyard off den! Flagstone patio! Beautiful views! Golf cart gar!

2104 N. I ST. - $560,000
UNBELIEVABLE SPACE IN THIS CLASSIC HOME!
Formal dining! Formal living w/views of pool! Cozy den w/fireplace is open to the kitchen/breakfast bar! Glass sundroom! 2 Roomy bedrooms w/hall bath downstairs! Master bedroom w/private bath & great closet on mid-level! 2 Great bedrooms & hall bath on upper level! Soooooooo much storage in this one! Pool w/diving board & slide! Hot tub room outside! Fabulous location!!!

1913 GLADEWOOD - $550,000
GRASSLAND WEST W/TONS OF LIVING SPACE!
Formal dining! Large formal/family room! Den is open to large kitchen w/island, granite, tons of cabinetry & counter-space plus pantry! Sep master w/nice bath & closest space! Sep in-law plan! Lve outdoors too w/great patio & beautiful pool! Roomy bedrooms w/jack&jill bath! Awesome utility rm! High ceilings! Circle drive! 4 Car garage!

5416 BASSWOOD CIRCLE - $550,000
WONDERFUL PROPERTY ON THE COURSE BOASTS BEAUTIFUL OLD WORLD CHARM!!!
Gourmet kitchen w/island, breakfast bar, pantry, granite! Huge formal dining! Living rm w/beautiful tile, fireplace, wet bar & access to backyard! Media room! Weight room/gym! 2 Bedrooms/2.5 Baths downstairs! 2 Complete master suites upstairs w/balcony access! Gorgeous golf course views! Great outdoor living space! Covered patios! & open patios! 3Cg!

2000 COMMUNITY LN. - $525,000
AMAZING HOME IN THE HEART OF OLD MIDLAND!
Gorgeous landscaping & fabulous trees!Corner lot!4 Spacious bdrms!3 Full baths!In-law plan!Living room w/gorgeous windows!Formal dining!Updated kitchen w/island!Tons of cabinetry!Cozy den w/fireplace & beamed ceiling!Updated master bath!Plantation shutters!Unbelievable back yard w/fenced pool & hot tub!Tons of yard!Storage bldg! Underground drip irrigation!

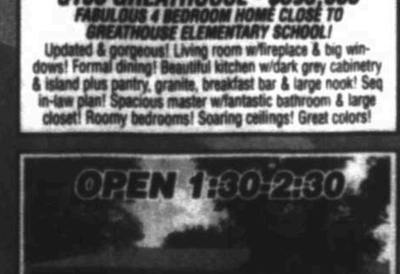
6516 GLADIOLA - $500,000
COUNTRY LIVING CLOSE TO CITY!
Beautiful design! Huge living room w/high ceilings,beams & fireplace & space for formal dining! Kitchen w/island,breakfast bar,stainless appliances! Granite thru-out! Spacious sep master suite w/fabulous master bath has dual sinks,sep tub/shower & great closet! Each guest bdrm has private bath access! Fantastic workshop w/full bath & mini kitchen,large rv door! 5 Car garage!!

5609 ECR 120 - $500,000
WONDERFUL HOME IN GREENWOOD!
3 large bedrooms with their own bathrooms!!! ½ bath for guests!!! open floor plan !!! huge living area with fireplace !!! fabulous kitchen great for entertaining! outside offers nearly 5 acres, inviting pool, fire pit area and covered patio!! circle drive 2 car garage!!!

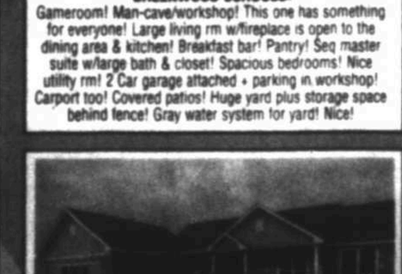
3908 IRVIN DRIVE - $435,000
ROOTS TO BRICKS- THIS ONE HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!
Wonderfully updated & vibrant house w/2 large living areas! Formal dining! Spectacular entertaining spaces! Covered patio w/fireplace overlooks gorgeous pool w/waterfall! Barn & acreage for the horses!
3 Roomy bedrooms! Spacious master w/private bath! Darling kitchen w/breakfast nook! Office overlooks back-yard! High ceilings! Wood floors! 2 Car garage! Wow!

3100 SEABOARD - $400,000
FABULOUS HOME IN GREAT LOCATION!
4 Bedrooms/ 3.5 Baths! Entertain in this spacious kitchen w/granite, island & breakfast bar! 3 Living areas include formal living, great family room w/fireplace & beamed ceiling plus gameroom! Formal dining! Roomy bedrooms! Large master w/nice bath! Walk-in closets & tons of storage thru-out! Mature trees! Cinder block fence! Corner lot! 3 Car garage!

1002 ECR 127 - $390,000
ABSOLUTELY STUNNING HOME ON OVER AN ACRE OF LAND!
Features: 3 car garage, 2 living areas, balcony w/hot tub, hvac zoned, recent interior/exterior paint, bathroom remodels & upstairs jetted tub, recent windows, interior doors-4/14, roof-09! Portable arena panels, left & right tacking chute w/hay walk across & alley ways behind pens! 3'-20X40 & 1-20x60 covered stalls, 2-10x10 covered stalls, 30x40 covered hay/tractor storage! Wow!

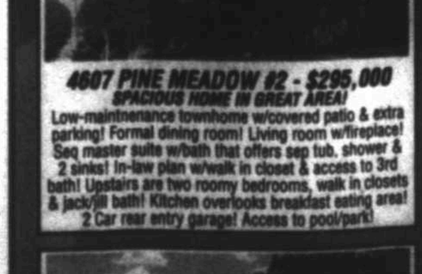


5106 GREATHOUSE - $395,000
FABULOUS 4 BEDROOM HOME CLOSE TO GREATHOUSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!
Updated & gorgeous! Living room w/fireplace & big win-dows! Formal dining! Beautiful kitchen w/dark grey cabinetry & island plus pantry, granite, breakfast bar & large nook! Sep in-law plan! Spacious master w/fantastic bathroom & large closet! Roomy bedrooms! Soaring ceilings! Great colors!

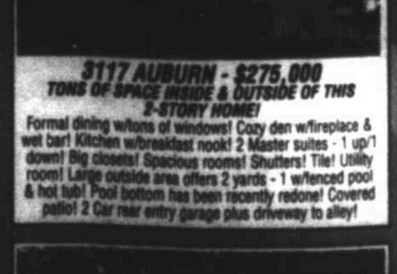


10706 ECR 100 - $385,000
GREENWOOD SCHOOLS!
Gameroom! Man-cave/workshop! This one has something for everyone! Large living rm w/fireplace is open to the dining area & kitchen! Breakfast bar! Pantry! Sep master suite w/large bath & closet! Spacious bedrooms! Nice utility rm! 2 Car garage attached + parking in workshop! Carport too! Covered patios! Huge yard plus storage space behind fence! Gray water system for yard! Nice!

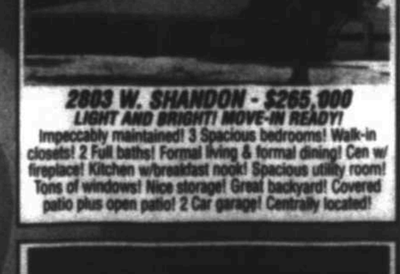
3900 CRESTLINE AVE. - $365,000
SPACIOUS HOME & GORGEOUS POOL!
Formal living & dining! large den with fireplace & wet bar! gourmet kitchen with corian countertops, island & skylight! breakfast nook! sequestered master suite offers great bath with dual vanities, sep tub/shower & large walk in closet! hall bath + jack/jill bath! sun room with sitting area looks out to the sparkling pool with fountain, pretty landscaping & sitting areas! 2 car garage!



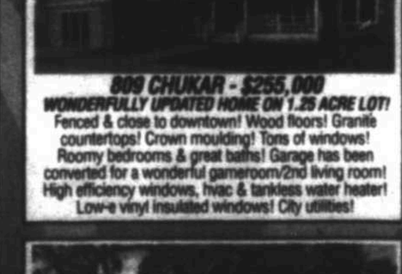
4607 PINE MEADOW #2 - $295,000
SPACIOUS HOME IN GREAT AREA!
Low-maintenance townhome w/covered patio & extra parking! Formal dining room! Living room w/fireplace! Sep master suite w/bath that offers sep tub, shower & 2 sinks! In-law plan w/walk in closet & access to 3rd bath! Upstairs are two roomy bedrooms, walk in closets & jack&jill bath! Kitchen overlooks breakfast eating area! 2 Car rear entry garage! Access to pool/park!



3117 AUBURN - $275,000
TONS OF SPACE INSIDE & OUTSIDE OF THIS 2-STORY HOME!
Formal dining w/tons of windows! Cozy den w/fireplace & wet bar! Kitchen w/breakfast nook! 2 Master suites, 1 up/1 down! Big closets! Spacious rooms! Shutters! Tile! Utility room! Large outside area offers 2 yards + 1 w/fenced pool & hot tub! Pool bottom has been recently redone! Covered patio! 2 Car rear entry garage plus driveway to alley!



2903 W. SHANDON - $265,000
LIGHT AND BRIGHT! MOVE-IN READY!
Impeccably maintained! 3 Spacious bedrooms! Walk-in closets! 2 Full baths! Formal living & formal dining! Cen w/fireplace! Kitchen w/breakfast nook! Spacious utility room! Tons of windows! Nice storage! Great backyard! Covered patio plus open patio! 2 Car garage! Centrally located!



800 CHUKAR - $265,000
WONDERFULLY UPDATED HOME OR 1.25 ACRE LOT!
Fenced & close to downtown! Wood floors! Granite countertops! Crown moulding! Tons of windows! Roomy bedrooms & great bathe! Garage has been converted for a wonderful gameroom/2nd living room! High efficiency windows, hvac & tankless water heater! Low-e vinyl insulated windows! City utilities!

4903 PURPLE SAGE COVE - $245,000
GREAT LOCATION!!
Tons of potential!! Nice 3 bedroom house with 2 full baths! Living area has high ceilings and great fireplace! Large dining room could also be a second living area!! Spacious kitchen!! Sequestered master with private bath! Utility room! Great backyard is perfect for pets or childrens play!

5104 HUGHES ST. - $232,500
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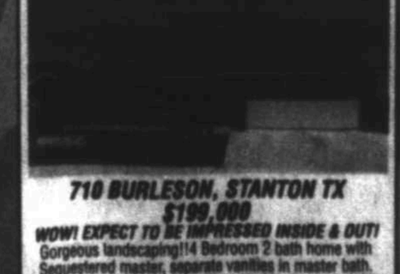

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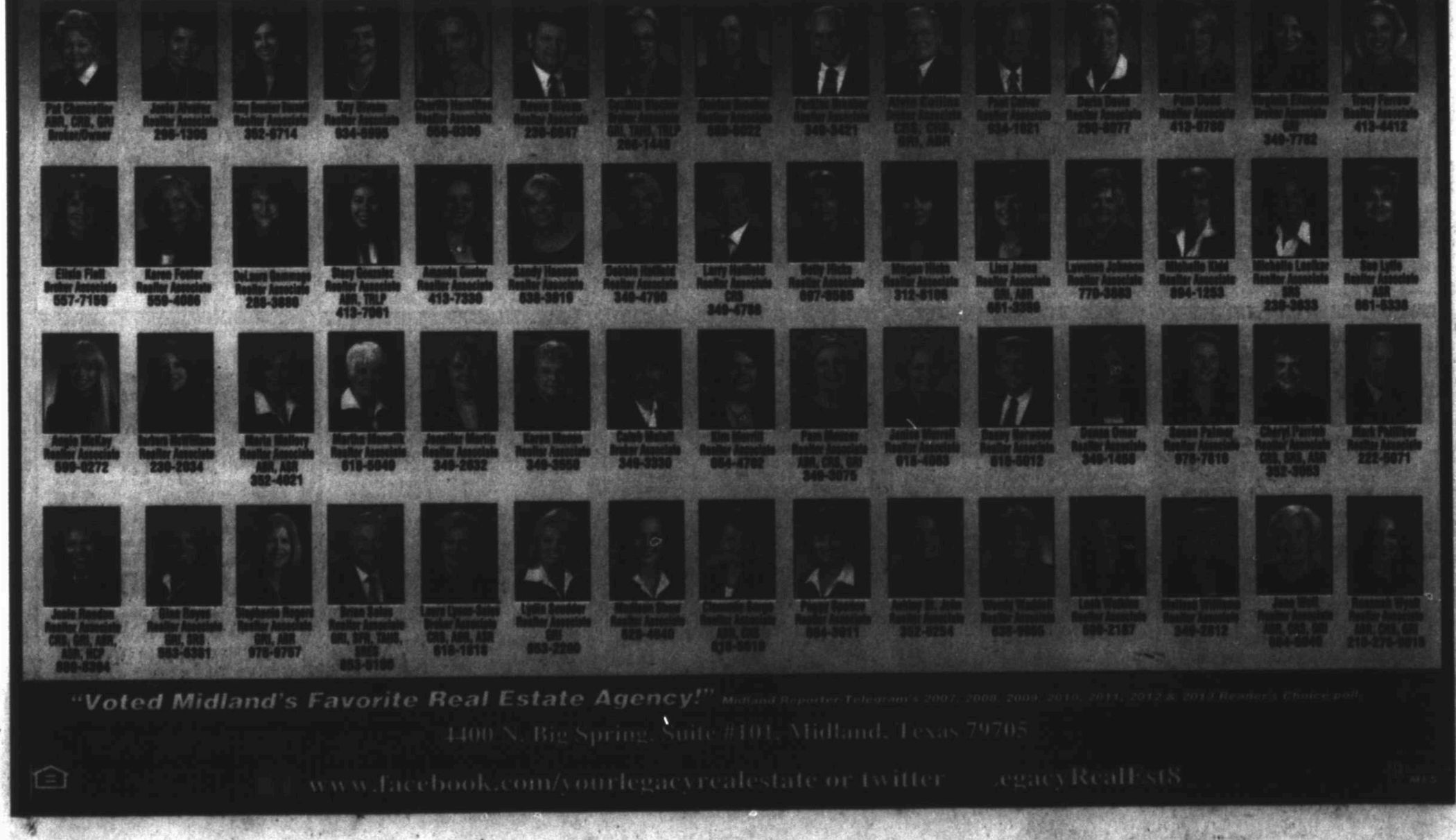

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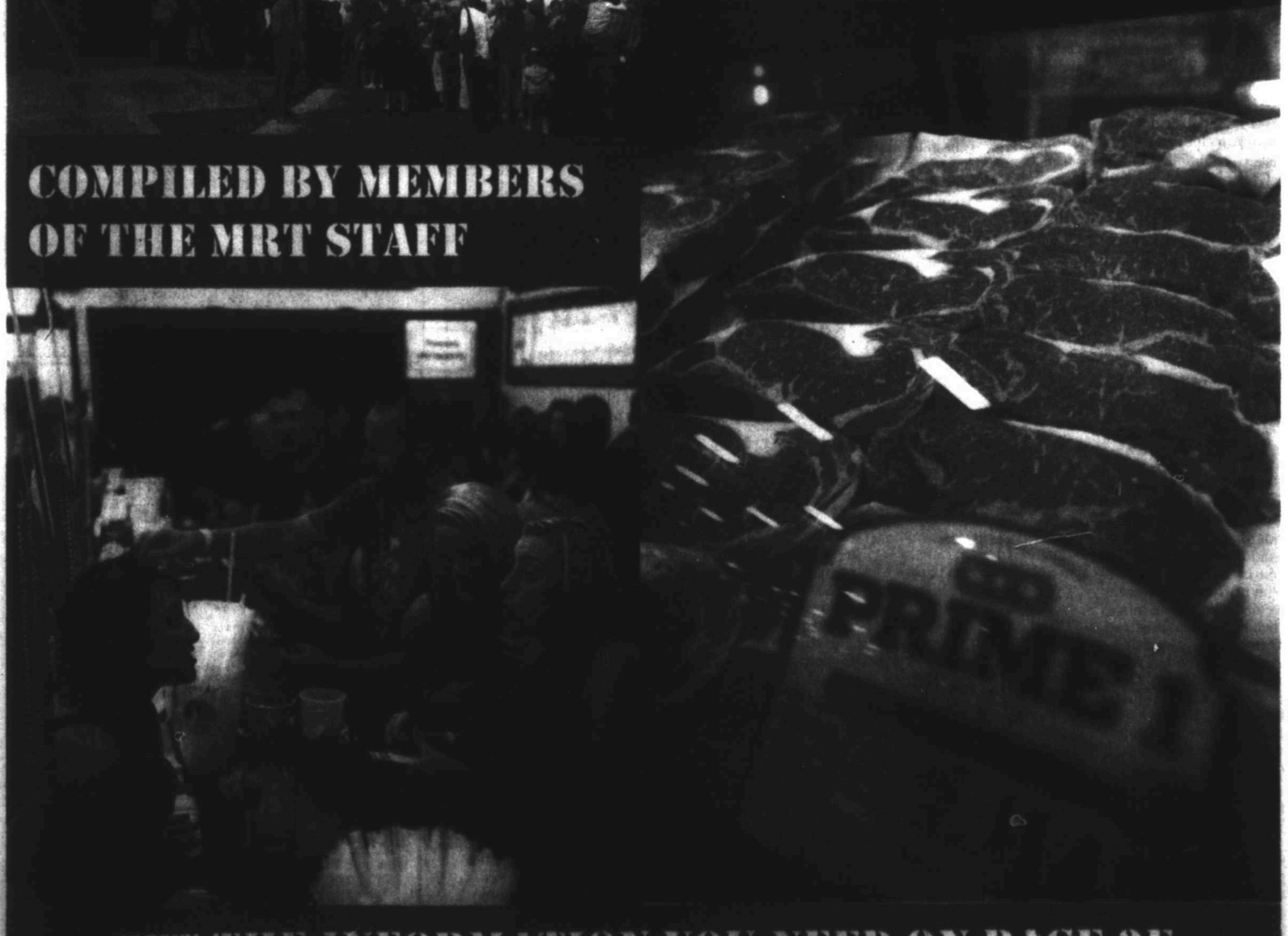

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MIDLAND SURVIVAL GUIDE 2014

Here's what you need to know to make your way in the Tall City

Compiled by staff

Whether for school or for work, Midland is in the midst of a population boom. Just recently, the Reporter-Telegram reported that the workforce surpassed 100,000 and that the city's population is growing at up to a 4 percent annual rate. That's fast for a city the size of Midland. And for those newcomers, well, Midland can be somewhat of a shock. Just ask many of the editorial staff who have come from other cities both big and small.

And so we did.

This year alone, our editorial staff has seen six reporters come in from different parts of the country and state. We also queried a handful of people from other organizations. We've compiled a lengthy — but fun — list of those little things we wish we had known. Now we impart our knowledge (in no apparent order) to other newcomers.

■ Practically every shop or restaurant has a "Now hiring" sign, and yes, posted hourly wages for fast-food establishments may have you reconsidering your career options. Part-time jobs can easily net you some extra cash, but it could also help fill up the time if you don't yet know many people in Midland.

■ Restaurants run out of items — a lot. This doesn't mean you can't expect a ham and cheese on honey oat bread from Subway, but as a favorite of one of our contributors, he's learned to not be surprised if one of those items isn't available.

■ Don't try to drive down Wadley Avenue when it rains ... or Garfield Street ... or Illinois Avenue. Actually, just stay home because almost every road floods. You've been warned.

■ Know-that the pumpjack is a muse for fine art.

■ When one writer's car overheated, after pulling over, a random stranger pulled up to see if all was OK. For big-city people, that could almost warrant a 911 call. But in Midland, folks are genuinely compassionate, helpful and welcoming.

■ People will ask you where your church home is. You can choose to look at this as charming or intrusive, and it's probably both. Chalk it up to local flavor for conversation. Just consider your response, or it could lead to lengthy conversation. Looking for a church? There are more than 150 covering (by last count) 34 denominations.

■ Rent truly is an arm and a leg. Donating an organ might get you through next month, but some complexes do have assistance programs for those who qualify based on their salary. Sometimes, renting an apartment has to happen fast if you've taken a job. Try hard to see the apartment first or you could be throwing down $1,000 a month for a sketchy space and locked into it for a year.

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Martinez Bakery, located at 206 E. Florida Ave.

■ There are lots of volunteer opportunities. The quickest way to make friends and to overcome loneliness is to get involved. We'll put you to work mentoring kids, decorating for Christmas or handing out food.

■ Sometimes Midland is lucky enough to experience both a dust storm and rain at the same time, creating the very unpleasant experience of muddy water being dumped from the sky.

On that note, unless you're willing to regularly wash your car, you might as well just accept that it's going to be perpetually dirty.

■ Yes, people do pay $3-plus for a gallon of gas and sit in fast-food drive-thrus for half an hour — for fast food. The line will even extend to the streets causing traffic — for fast food.

■ H-E-B is the go-to grocery store in Midland. This means the store is always busy. Always. So much so that H-E-B isn't just the place for grocery shopping, but also a social spot. Invariably, people are having conversations in the middle of the aisle. You will likely become one of these people. There are down times to H-E-B, but they will never seem to coincide with your schedule. Just accept it. But also, don't rule out the three Albertsons, Super Mercado or Fiesta for grocery shopping.

■ You're bound to run into your co-workers, pastor, mayor, etc. at least once when you're out and about. Even on those quick trips to H-E-B when you run in for just one thing ... in your PJs.

■ As the sun sets, Midlanders head out for strolls around the Wadley Barron Duck Pond on A Street, where ducks swim lazily across the peaceful scene. In its own quiet way, this is Midland at its best.

■ Be prepared for ice. Yes, we live in West Texas, but we do get those freak winter storms where Loop 250 actually freezes over and they've had to shut it down. We've warned you.

■ Summer Mummers is over for the season, but you will no doubt hear about it soon after getting here. You will try to figure out exactly what it is. You won't. The annual melodrama has a 66-year tradition and is staged at the downtown Yucca Theatre. There's popcorn, heroes, villains, strip teases, comedy, and it's a must for any and everybody living in Midland.

Speaking of, the Yucca. It's a gorgeous stage house in downtown with vintage appeal. The theater hosts Mummers, concerts and comedy.

■ The Midland County Public Library is impressive, but the Centennial branch is the feather in its cap. With modern design, the location is a testimony to the library's place in today's modern society. Centennial not only features a high-tech approach, it also hosts art, historic and educational exhibitions, concerts, video game and cosplay events and of course, free Wi-Fi.

The library has no late fees. We know, right?

■ It is the desert. If you are accustomed to verdant fields bursting forth with their seasonal bounty, you better buy a colorful wall calendar. Midland really and truly is the desert. But don't be discouraged. The desert can be quite beautiful. Unusual wildlife, dry heat, and incomparable sunsets are just some of the compensations. And if you really find yourself at your wit's end, visit Cafe at the Gardens, a restaurant set in the middle of a garden center with fountains, koi fish, and lots and lots of green!

■ Midland has undergone an influx of people and natives are bewildered by all the people and the traffic jams. Big city folks need not worry. Traffic here just means getting across town in 10 minutes instead of seven.

■ Try the sweet breads at Martinez Bakery, just not all at once. Do not miss their polvorón cookies or the gingerbread pigs that are baked onsite. And have a cold glass of milk handy for dunking.

■ There is this thing between Midland and Odessa. Don't try to understand it. Just nod your head, chuckle, be glad you live in Midland and move on.

■ Embrace the football fanaticism, because it's quite something to see and feel. The buzz of it is practically palpable.

■ Driving past a school when it lets out can result in a too-long traffic jam. Try alternate routes.

■ If you want to stand out from the crowd, check out The Cat's Meow, a vintage shop on Andrews Highway. The proprietor, Steven Porterfield, is an expert in the bygone days of more elegant looks. He also specializes in vintage jewelry and has a great collection of far-out ties for gentlemen.

■ Yield signs don't mean yield; they mean stop, especially off the loop. You will try to change that. You will honk your horn. You will not win.

■ Athletic types can partake in not-so-usual sports via the Texas Cricket Club or the Basin Roller Derby Club. Additionally, there are two area skate parks: Beal Park and on the grounds of Rock the Desert.

■ There is a public radio station here, so NPR is not lost.

■ Explore the eateries off Florida Avenue. People may dissuade you from the "south side," but some of the most delicious food can be found there with a side helping of character.

■ Want to skip the lines at Starbucks? If time allows, head to the DoubleTree by Hilton downtown. Inside the lobby, Steam serves up a reduced menu of Starbuckian coffee drinks.

■ You might ask yourself, "How did that sand get into my apartment?" Wind storms carry sand to from the desert into the nooks and crannies of your dwelling. Also, don't bother dusting or sweeping.

■ It may seem like CrossFit has taken over Midland, but if you still like to exercise with a good, old-fashioned run, you're in luck. Fall is race season here, and there's likely to be a 5K or 10K every weekend from now until Christmas.

■ Foodies can find local and artisanal items at the downtown farmers market that is weekly during the summer and then monthly in other seasons.

■ The term "turn signal" does not exist in Midland.

■ Some people live for the weekends when they can road trip it out of Midland, and wisely so. Midland is two hours from Lubbock, three hours from Marfa, and a few hours from Santa Fe, Roswell, Dallas, Austin.

■ If big city hipsters make it to Midland, they may not find their vinyl records, kitschy eyewear or vegan bacon, but they can find Topo Chico mineral water at any of the Mexican markets.

■ Midland is big on music festivals. Don't expect the likes of Bonnaroo or Coachella, but locals and beyond come out for CrudeFest, Texas Thunder, Tall City Blues Fest, Tejano Blowout and Christian music festival Rock the Desert.

■ Remember all those chain restaurants in the city from which you moved? You either frequented them or dismissed their corporate culture. You will miss those immediately when discovering they aren't in Midland. Taco Bueno, Boston Market, Panera and others are all just wishes many hearts make but never come true.

■ Locals will tell you not to wait to get sick when finding a doctor. The same goes with dentists. Try to establish those ASAP so that when the time comes and that fever or toothache hits, you can get an appointment in a few days rather than a few weeks.

■ Are you fashion forward but also destitute after your rent check clears? The best kept secret in Midland is the thrift shopping. If you have far-out taste that hews more to the West Village than Wadley, worry not. As you may have heard, there's a lot of money floating around this town, which means a lot of grand dames buy fabulous duds and give them away when they tire of them. You definitely have to scour, but you can find some amazing pieces.

COVER PHOTOS Clockwise from top left: The Duck Pond at Wadley Baron Park, Lee High School football, a dust storm downtown, meat at H-E-B grocery story, theatergoers at "Summer Mummers" and the Midland County Library Centennial branch.

Communication holds the power to transform emotions

"Is anyone listening to me?" You may find yourself asking this question on a daily basis because of the lack of response from family, friends and peers. It is common for individuals to feel as if they are not understood or heard. This can change through better communication.

With lack of communication being tabbed as one of the leading reasons for divorce in America, it is obvious that communication holds the power to transform emotions. What most people don't recognize is that it not only includes the things that are said, but it also includes things that are not said.

Communication is divided between verbal and non-verbal expressions. It is believed that non-verbal communication makes up at least 90 percent of our communication with others. Laughing, crying, facial expressions, and even absence are among examples of non-verbal communication. On a daily basis I speak with clients who have interpreted the actions or words of others offensively, triggering sadness that leads to anger and anger that leads to bitterness and bitterness that leads to resentment. It is often determined that the individual on the other end of the communication has been misinterpreted and never realized it.

COURTNEY SAMUEL
Centers for Children & Families

Because communication is so important, how can we make it count?

■ Recognize your non-verbal tendencies. How do you typically act toward or around others, considering your emotional responses? This includes stereotypes toward specific populations.

■ Use the verbal communication you do share to express emotions and thoughts honestly not abrasively.

■ Maintain "I" language. You can only express interpretations from your point of view. Keep the blame out it! Example: "I was disappointed when I didn't see you at the game" instead of "You weren't at my game."

■ Share it, don't stuff it. You never know when you have misinterpreted things and never will if you don't say something.

■ Everyone wants to be heard, especially you, so listen completely before jumping to your response. The primary reason for relationships is to support one another.

If you feel that you need someone to listen and don't have the resources in your daily life, then contact Centers for Children and Families to set up an appointment with one of our therapists.

If 10 percent of communication is verbal, "say what you mean" and don't waste your energy.

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Child's burial sparks buried anger after 20 years

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: Twenty-three years ago my husband and I lost our firstborn son. As my husband was active duty military, we could have buried him anywhere in the United States. At the time, we were in a place where my sister swore to me she would always live, and she would always be there to take care of him. I knew with my husband's career we had many more moves ahead of us, and it helped to ease the loss knowing that he would be taken care of.

Well, that lasted all of three years. My husband and I are now at a point where we have settled down and we know where we should have buried our precious angel, instead of trusting my sister.

We want to have him exhumed, cremated and placed in a veteran's cemetery, but my question is this: Do I have the right to ask my sister to pay part of the costs as she "broke" her promise to help care for my son? — HEARTBROKEN MOTHER

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your son. While it's clear that there are many hurt feelings about what happened after his original interment, I think it's time to forgive your sister.

It's a fact of life that sometimes unforeseen circumstances prevent people with the best of intentions from keeping promises they make. Forgive her if you can, but don't ask her for money. She may owe you an apology, but she does not owe you any money.

DEAR ABBY: I'm very close to my family. We visit each other's homes often. But for the past year or so, something has begun to bother me. It's cellphone chargers.

Whether people come for a week or just for dinner, out come the chargers. The kids all start plugging in their cellphones and tablets, and the adults follow suit with their cellphones and laptops.

I started asking around and it's not just happening to me. A lot of my friends have the same gripe. Lamps, toasters, pencil sharpeners — you name it — their cords are left dangling long after the guests have departed. After the last weekend, I installed a power strip in the TV room and will direct the traffic there in the future.

Would you please let people know how rude this is? Also mention that the host is not responsible for an electronic item plugged in on a kitchen counter, or anywhere for that matter. Example: "Aunt Sarah, who got my iPad wet?" (It was fine, but it had been plugged in on the most-used surface in the kitchen.) — UNPLUGGED IN SALEM, N.Y.

DEAR UNPLUGGED: While the power strip you installed is the practical solution, the problem is that the people you have described are thoughtless. Polite guests leave their host's home in the same condition it was in when the guests arrived. In this instance, it means being considerate enough to plug in any appliances that the guests unplugged, so the host doesn't have to wonder why the darned thing isn't working after everyone has departed.

And as for electronic items foolishly left on a wet counter, if there was any damage, the fault would not be yours. Your niece/nephew was lucky.

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Which one is which? No rule dictates use of salt, pepper shakers

Hints from Heloise

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Dear Heloise: We got some new salt and pepper shakers. One has a few tiny holes; the other has lots of bigger holes. Which one holds the salt? — Cynthia M. in Tennessee

This is an interesting question, and one that comes in often. According to the Salt and Pepper Shaker Museum, it is your preference. There is no law that I know of, so don't worry if someone tells you otherwise.

Since many people are watching their sodium intake, it is generally agreed that the shaker with fewer holes is for salt. The other thought is that because salt flows more easily than pepper, it should be placed in the shaker with smaller holes, so the pepper has the larger holes to come out of. Bottom line, though, is that it is your decision — unless you buy shakers that are clearly marked "S" and "P," saving you from having to decide anything. — Heloise

English muffins

Dear Heloise: Here is a hint for readers who like English muffins but prefer to eat only one half at a time: Separate the muffins in halves and stack them, back to front. Place them back in the plastic sleeve and then freeze. One half at a time can easily be separated from the rest and toasted as needed. — L.N. in Maryland

Tomato juice

Dear Heloise: Could you please tell me the ratio of water to tomato paste when attempting to make tomato juice? With the cost of canned tomato juice, it would be nice to be able to mix this up instead of paying the high cost of tomato/vegetable juice. — Cydney M. in Texas

This is easy as pie and will save you a lot of money! Mix 3 parts cold water with 1 part tomato paste. Now all you have to do is make your own adjustments so it tastes the best to you. Place this mixture and any other ingredients in a blender and blend until it is smooth.

Try adding salt, pepper, other vegetables and spices to really make this juice your own. — Heloise

Mini peppers

Dear Heloise: Sweet mini peppers are my newest addiction. Packaged in bags, they are red, orange and yellow. Mini peppers have lots of flavor, which makes them a great snack. These have hardly any seeds and can be eaten right from the bag, but I always rinse mine before eating them. I toss some on the grill and use them in salads to add color and crunch. — Juan in Laredo, Texas

Reuse cups

Dear Heloise: The individual plastic cups for applesauce and other fruit treats are perfect for gelatin. I place six in my muffin tin and make gelatin as usual. I fill the gelatin to the rim of the plastic cup. Since I now live alone, I find this a handy way to portion out my meals. The same process can be used for instant puddings. — Thelma D. in California

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Green chili sauce adds kick to quesadillas

By David Tanis
N.Y. Times News Service

During late August and early September in New Mexico, the air is filled with the pungent aroma of roasting green chilies. Just the thought of it makes me nostalgic for the years when I lived in Santa Fe.

For if there is one ingredient necessary for traditional New Mexican cooking, it is the long, spicy, local green chili. Well, and also its ruddy twin, the dried red chili. It's exactly the same chili, allowed to ripen completely and turn bright red. Red chilies are braided into the garlands called ristras, which are hung up to dry for later use.

But back to the green. Most people there buy their green chilies in quantity, by the bag or the bushel, and then stand in line waiting their turn to have them roasted by seasonal professionals who set up in parking lots or roadside stands. The freshly picked chilies are tossed into a roaster — essentially a perforated metal drum rigged to spin over a powerful flame just long enough to blister the skins. The heat cooks the chilies a bit in the process.

Once you get your roasted chilies home, the modern tradition is to make up small packages in zippered plastic bags and store them in the freezer, taking out a couple of bags to thaw as necessary. Some people peel and seed them before freezing; others opt to perform that chore afterward. It can seem less daunting doing one bag at a time. With a good supply on hand you'll be able to make green chili sauce, green chili stew, green chili enchiladas, even green chili cheeseburgers, whenever you wish.

The most famous green chilies are known as Hatch chilies, grown in the southern part of the state. A true Hatch chili can only come from the Hatch Valley. Beware of mislabeled counterfeits.

But there are perfectly good green chilies grown outside that specific region. You can search the Internet for companies that ship Hatch chilies, both fresh and frozen. If you can't find the real deal, look for the widely available Anaheim chili, developed in California, which makes a pretty good substitute. Just roast them under the broiler or over hot coals for a small batch. When cool, scrape away skins and seeds with a paring knife.

Try this recipe for a basic green chili sauce. It will add a New Mexican kick to nearly anything, but it is especially nice spooned liberally over a hearty breakfast quesadilla.

Green Chili Breakfast Quesadillas

Time: 1 hour
Yield: 4 servings

For the green chili sauce:

2 tablespoons butter, lard or vegetable oil
1 small onion, finely diced
Kosher salt
4 garlic cloves, minced
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 cups chicken broth or water
2 cups chopped Hatch or Anaheim green chilies (roasted, peeled and seeded), from about 2 pounds chilies
1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds, toasted and coarsely ground
1/2 teaspoon oregano

For the quesadillas:

4 large flour tortillas, plain or whole wheat
8 ounces grated cheese, such as Oaxaca string cheese or Monterey Jack
2 tablespoons butter
2 medium-size cooked peeled potatoes, cut in small cubes, about 1 1/2 cups (optional)
6 to 8 eggs, lightly beaten
Salt and pepper
4 ounces queso fresco or cotija cheese, crumbled
Handful of cilantro sprigs
1 firm-ripe avocado, sliced
Radishes, optional, for garnish

Make the green chili sauce: Put butter in a heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium heat. Add onion, season lightly with salt and cook, stirring, until softened but not browned, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook for 1 minute more. Sprinkle in flour and stir to coat.

Add broth a little at a time, whisking constantly until thickened, about 2 minutes. Add chopped chili, cumin, oregano and about 1/2 teaspoon salt. Lower heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 15 to 20 minutes. You should have about 3 cups medium-thick sauce. (May be prepared in advance and refrigerated for up to 5 days.) Keep sauce warm.

Make the quesadillas: Heat oven to 350 degrees. Set a large cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat. Warm tortillas on both sides, one at a time, without allowing them to crisp or brown much. Place tortillas on a baking sheet (you may need 2) and sprinkle each with 2 ounces of the grated cheese. Put in oven to melt cheese.

Melt butter in a small skillet over medium heat. Add potatoes if using, heat them through and let lightly brown. Season eggs with salt and pepper, pour over potatoes and quickly stir mixture until eggs are soft-scrambled. Remove tortillas from oven and place 1/4 of the cooked egg mixture at the center of each. Fold tortillas in half and transfer to 4 warm plates. Spoon 1/4 cup warm green chili sauce over each quesadilla. Sprinkle with queso fresco and top with cilantro sprigs and avocado slices. Garnish with whole or halved radishes if desired. Serve immediately.

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ENGAGEMENTS

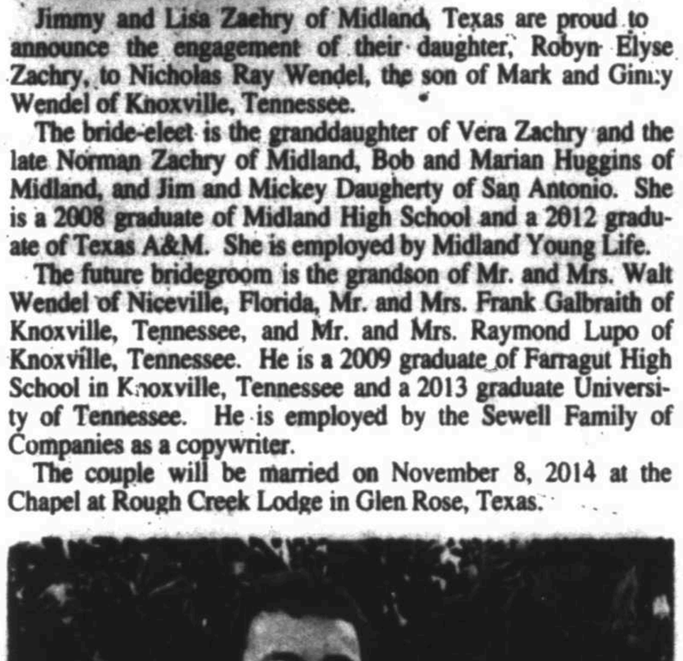
Zachry - Wendel

Jimmy and Lisa Zachry of Midland, Texas are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Robyn Elyse Zachry, to Nicholas Ray Wendel, the son of Mark and Ginny Wendel of Knoxville, Tennessee.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Vera Zachry and the late Norman Zachry of Midland, Bob and Marian Huggins of Midland, and Jim and Mickey Daugherty of San Antonio. She is a 2008 graduate of Midland High School and a 2012 graduate of Texas A&M. She is employed by Midland Young Life.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Wendel of Niceville, Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Galbraith of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lupo of Knoxville, Tennessee. He is a 2009 graduate of Farragut High School in Knoxville, Tennessee and a 2013 graduate University of Tennessee. He is employed by the Sewell Family of Companies as a copywriter.

The couple will be married on November 8, 2014 at the Chapel at Rough Creek Lodge in Glen Rose, Texas.



Ebeier - Rees-Jones

Ms. Candace Hall Stoltz of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Robert James Ebeier of Fort Worth are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Hall Ebeier of Fort Worth to Mr. Trevor Richard Rees- Jones of Dallas. Trevor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Trevor David Rees-Jones of Dallas.

Jennifer is the granddaughter of Mrs. Deane Hall Stoltz and the late Deane Hall Stoltz of Midland and Mrs. Gerard John Ebeier and the late Gerard John Ebeier of San Antonio.

Miss Ebeier graduated from Langley High School in McLean, Virginia and Texas Christian University in Fort Worth where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She is currently employed with the Presbyterian Night Shelter in Fort Worth where she is in charge of fundraising and event planning.

Trevor is the grandson of Mrs. Betty Sue Bartula and the late Richard Louis Bartula of Richardson and the late Mr. and Mrs. Trevor William Rees-Jones of Dallas.

Mr. Rees-Jones graduated from Highland Park High School in Dallas and Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. He is employed with Cook Canyon Aviation in Dallas.

The couple will be married on October 18,2014 at Cook Canyon Ranch in Ranger, Texas.

Spears-Pickerel

Kane Lyn Spears and Joshua Lee Pickerel, both of Midland, will be united in marriage on October 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Kessler's Hall in Midland, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Lisa Spears-Price of Lovington and J.W. Spears, Jr. of Lovington, New Mexico. The groom is the son of Larry and Norma Pickerel of Eunice, New Mexico.

The bride is a graduate of Lovington High School and Texas Tech University and is employed by Plains All American Pipeline of Midland.

The groom is a graduate of Eunice High School and employed by Wildcat Services of Midland.

The couple plans a wonderful honeymoon and afterward will return to their home in Midland.

All family and friends are invited to come and celebrate this wonderful occasion.

WEDDINGS

Fikes - Hofstra

Lindsey Jane Fikes and Richard Ray Hofstra were united in marriage on July 19, 2014. The ceremony was held at Ashton Gardens in Dallas, Texas and was officiated by Dr. Jim Denison. A dinner reception was held immediately afterward at Ashton Gardens.

The bride is the daughter of Stan and Deborah Fikes. She graduated with honors in May 2014 from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture.

The groom is the son of Richard and Donna Hofstra of Plano. He also graduated with honors from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

The Maid of Honor was Stacey Fikes, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids included Amy Albright, Lindsey Dusek, Hannah Erwin, Alice Harman, Caitlyn Hawn, Megan Hunt, Megan Oehrlein, Kindall Stephens, and sisters of the groom, Annee Hofstra and Samantha Hofstra. The flower girl was Malia Pfeiffer, cousin of the groom.

The Best Man was Spencer Gay. Groomsmen included Graeme Bloodworth, Grady Cook, Jacob Motl, Brian Parsons, Andrew Peterson, Joel Peterson, Kyle Thiele, Taylor Troutman, Spencer Wilson, and Britt Talbott, cousin of the bride. The ring bearer was Landon Stoub, cousin of the groom.

After a honeymoon trip to St. Lucia, the couple resides in Shenzhen, China, where the groom is on scholarship in the Electrical Engineering Graduate School program of Georgia Tech University. The bride is employed as an architect with the BMP Architects in China and Hong Kong.

ANNIVERSARIES

Sanchez 50th Anniversary

Sylvia and Nick Sanchez of Midland, Texas, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 16th, with a mass at St. Ann's Catholic Church. The service was followed with a dinner and dancing at Green Tree Country Club hosted by their children and grandchildren.

Sylvia and Nick grew up in Midland, Texas, graduating from Midland High School as high school sweethearts. They were married on September 5, 1964, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. They have two daughters, Pat and her husband, Alex Mata; Michelle and her husband, Bruce Ingram and one son, Nick Sanchez III. Sylvia and Nick also have five grandchildren: Alex, Jacob and Sarah Mata; Hunter and Luke Ingram.

They enjoy vacationing at the beach, camping and swimming. Spending time with family and following their grandchildren to their many sporting events and activities is the biggest blessing of Sylvia and Nick's 50 years together.

Meet the genes in the beans of your coffee

By Geoffrey Mohan
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Wake up and smell the genome.

Researchers have pieced together the genetic atlas of the two most commonly cultivated species of coffee plant and uncovered a rather independent streak in their evolution.

Coffee developed its caffeine-generating capacity independently from its cousin, cacao, according to the first whole genome study of the plant behind the brew quaffed every morning by about 100 million Americans, published online Thursday in the journal Science.

There's been a lot of genetic sleuthing on coffee, most of it far from the tree. We have a good idea about how caffeine affects animal (particularly human) genes and alters brain chemistry. We know which of our own genes seem to draw us toward consuming coffee, tea or chocolate as well. And there's also been a heady, if somewhat contradictory, brew of studies purporting to demonstrate caffeine's beneficial and deleterious effects on humans.

But how caffeine production got kick-started has been as hard to see as a spoon in a demitasse of espresso.

The international team that spent years piecing together coffee's massive genome suggests that the caffeine chemical factory developed independently at least twice, in cacao and coffee, in what's known as convergent evolution. (Koalas and humans, for instance, have fingerprints, and widely divergent animals have developed prickly outsides to protect their gooey insides.)

Compared with its close relatives and ancestors, coffee harbors larger families of the genes linked to aroma and bitterness and has a wider array of genes linked to caffeine production, the study found.

How those new genes popped up and proliferated appears to be a series of small, fortuitous accidents, the study suggests. Neighboring genes were duplicated by a process roughly equivalent to erratic coding and processing in a computer. Unlike computers, biological systems are ruthless housekeepers, shucking duplicates like excess baggage. Sometimes duplicates develop their own specialty, which appears to be what happened in the case of coffee, the authors suggest.

"A small percentage of them survive, either by splitting functions or evolving new ones," said study co-author Victor A. Albert, an evolutionary biologist at the University at Buffalo, part of the State University of New York. "In the case of caffeine genes, we have a series of duplications that occurred all next to each other, which gave rise to enzymes that catalyze different steps" in caffeine production.

Chefs, breeders pair up to produce tastier veggies

By M.L. Johnson
Associated Press

VERONA, Wis. — There's a good chance that many of the suddenly trendy vegetables that foodies latch on to in the next decade will benefit from research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

While plant breeders at many public universities focus on improving field corn, soybeans and other crops used in food manufacturing or livestock feed, those in Madison want to produce better-tasting vegetables.

The university has long had ties to the vegetable processing industry, as Wisconsin is among the top two or three states in producing canned or frozen sweet corn, green beans and peas. But vegetable breeders say the local food movement has created additional opportunities with a boom in organic farms, farmers markets and farm-to-table restaurants. The challenge is coming up with varieties consumers like, even if they can't always articulate what makes one ear of corn better than another.

"Apples are almost the only fruit or vegetable that when you go to the grocery store, you see 30 different apples all by name," said Bill Tracy, a sweet corn breeder who chairs the university's Department of Agronomy. "We could do the same thing for corn, and I'm not saying we need 30, but we could have a corn that's perfect for roasting, or soup use."

Horticulture professor Julie Dawson is leading a project in which vegetable breeders work with local farmers and chefs to figure out what makes vegetables taste great and then produce easy-to-grow varieties with outstanding flavor. Participating chefs receive weekly deliveries of produce that they evaluate on a five-point scale for qualities like sweetness and texture.

Dan Bonanno, the chef at A Pig in a Fur Coat, estimated he's tasted 80 varieties of tomatoes — "I never knew there were so many different tomatoes" — since mid-July. For him, the big find has been a sweet corn bred to have a less sugary taste and firmer texture than most popular varieties.

"I ripped open the husk, took a bite, and it was like eating a pear," Bonanno said. "It was so juicy ... I'm like, wow, you can make a very nice sauce or gelato with it because it's already naturally sweet and buttery and it had so much water."

Very sweet corn, which most Americans have become accustomed to, becomes mushy when stirred into a dish like risotto, Tracy said, and the sugary taste may conflict with other ingredients.

"If we understand what chefs want, we can produce it," he said. And, Tracy is confident chefs will be able to sell those new varieties to the public, given how they have popularized ramps, broccolini and other once-obscure fruits and vegetables.

Chefs, farmers and members of the public recently sampled and rated Tracy's corn, along with multiple varieties of tomatoes, peppers and melon at a university farm in Verona. Dawson will use the information to see how closely the chefs' opinions match that of regular eaters and develop an evaluation system that can be used early in the breeding process to select the best-tasting prospects from hundreds of cultivars.

"The flavor is much harder to fix at the end," she said. "If you have the flavor, the other things are easier to fix."

Click now, sip later with crowdsourced wines

Associated Press

Ever taken a sip of wine and thought, "I could do better?" Now's your chance.

Two wineries — Columbia Crest in Washington and La Crema in California — recently launched crowdsourced wine projects in which online voters get to decide everything from the types of grapes used to produce the wine to the design of the label on the bottle. Being a home winemaker just got a lot less messy.

"It's groundbreaking for our industry," said Caroline Shaw, chief marketing officer and executive vice president of Jackson Family Wines, parent of La Crema. She sees the project as "lifting that curtain that I think gets people so intimidated when they see a wine list."

In the La Crema project, which launched last month, voters already have decided to make pinot noir, which beat out chardonnay by a mere 78 votes, and have further picked the Russian River appellation as a source of the grapes. Within three weeks of launch, the effort had attracted nearly 15,000 registered visitors and about 135,000 page views.

Decisions yet to come on the wine, which will be released in fall 2015, include fermentation style, what kind of barrel aging should be used, what the wine should be called and how it should be labeled.

Crowdsourcing has been used elsewhere to make everything from a better ice scraper to a more comfortable shirt. But it's relatively new to wine, an industry that hasn't generally been in the vanguard of digital marketing.

CALENDAR

Compiled from staff reports and from the Arts Council of Midland | acmidland.org

SUNDAY

Midland Community Theatre - 6:30-9:30 p.m. - Auditions for "A Streetcar Named Desire" in Mabee Theatre II. For more information: 570-0750 or go online to www.mctmidland.org.

MONDAY

Sibley Nature Center Brown Bag Luncheon - 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - Woody Plants of the Trans-Pecos Presented by Annaliese Scoggin. For more information 684-6827

Bridge lessons at Midland College. 685-4518.

Tall City Cloggers dances, every Monday at M-Squarena. Call Lynn Myers at 697-6416 or danznfool@grandecom.net.

TUESDAY

Midland Quilters Guild - 6:30-9 p.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church. "Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement" with Suzi Perron.

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

Midland Quilters Guild - 1:30-3 p.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church. "Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement" with Suzi Perron.

THURSDAY

The Maverick Players present "Real Close to Broadway" at the VFW Hall. Opening reception at 7 p.m.; show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are $10. For Reservations Call 522-5225.

Midland Community Theatre -- Improv at the Yucca's Thirsty Thursday: Doors open at 7 p.m.; show at 8 p.m. Tickets: $12 to $15 . Recommended for mature audiences. Contact the Box Office at 570-4111 or go online to www.mctmidland.org. The Yucca Theatre 208 Colorado.

West Texas Dance Club, 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 697-0281.

FRIDAY

The Maverick Players present "Real Close to Broadway" at the VFW Hall. Show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are $15. For Reservations Call 522-5225.

Septemberfest at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Panhandle Reining Horse Show at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

"Urinetown The Musical" at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

"Real Close to Broadway" Maverick Players production at VFW Hall. maverickplayers.org.

Permian Basin Fair and Expo at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

SATURDAY

Soprano Susan Graham opens the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale's 52nd season, 7:30 p.m. Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Tickets: $20 - $30, General Admission Call: 1-800-514-3849. For more information visit MOSC.org or call 563-0921.

Odonata Celebration of dragonflies and damselflies, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sibley Nature Center. Will feature art and jewelry of local artist and Sibley member Susan May and James Lasswell, co-author of "A Dazzle of Dragonflies" and the "Dragonfly Field Guide of Texas." More information sibleynaturecenter.org or 684-6827.

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ON DISPLAY

ArtQuest Studios' works of Rachel Long on display through Sept. 1. Reserved Studio Time. $35 per month. 700 Andrews Highway. heronartconnection@sbcglobal.net, 553-0420, www.artquestltx.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" opening reception, 5:30 p.m. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. www.noelartmuseum.org. 550-9696.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum's exhibit "Galactic Golf" through Sept. 21. Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., Admission charged. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

George Bush Childhood Home's tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 685-1112

Haley Library and History Center's hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free. 1805 W. Indiana Ave. 682-5785

Kamiposi Gallery. 510 S. Big Spring St. 230-0256. Facebook.com/kamiposi.

Midland Arts Association presents the artwork of Sara Braswell in the Community National Bank Lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave. during August.

Midland County Historical Museum's exhibit honoring World War II veterans in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 W. Missouri Ave. 2-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Free. 682-2931 or 688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 682-5447.

Midland County Public Library's exhibits "Wilderness and Wildflowers: The Legacy of Lady Bird Johnson" through Sept. 15 at the downtown location. "Matt Lankes Austin photographer" through Friday at Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Museum of the Southwest's exhibits West Texas Triangle: Edward Curtis in the Southwest through Oct. 5. Winslow Homer and the American Pictorial Press exhibit opening Friday at Museum of the Southwest. 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. 685-7368

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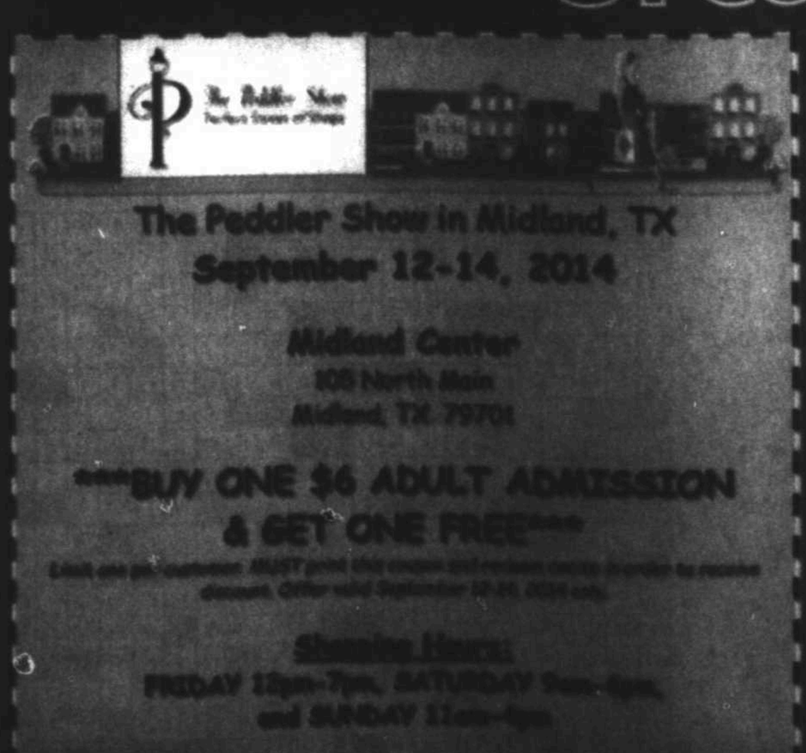

SEPTEMBER
4th Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting
12th-14th The Peddler Show
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OCTOBER
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Author's fascination with city's history becomes his passion

By Steve Kuhlmann
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A few years and more than 100 interviews later, Midlander Jimmy Patterson will soon release his new book, "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas." It chronicles the stories of the people who have — and continue to — shape the city of Midland.

Patterson said that his fascination with the city's history and its people grew into a passion as he explored both the well-known and the largely forgotten stories that have molded Midland into the city it is today.

"I just like the way that the people in this town have often turned negatives into good," said Patterson, who has lived here since 1988. "We aren't exempt from the warts of society that all towns deal with, but in many cases we've taken those and learned from them and made our town better."

The book — which includes stories from Patterson's conversations with several notable Midlanders such as President George W. Bush, Clayton Williams, Clarence Scharbauer Jr. and Tuffy McCormick — also features profiles of more than 60 influential Midlanders. Many of these profiles were contributed by members of the community who had a personal connection to the stories or people.

While Patterson said that the book covers some of the darker areas of the city's history that "we wouldn't necessarily be proud of — segregation and discrimination among others — he made clear that the predominate focus would be on the "character of the people who have lived here."

Including at least a taste of the good and the bad of Midland's history is a part of Patterson's drive to create an accurate portrayal of the city's history.

MRT file photo

Clayton Williams, left, and Jimmy Patterson talk about Williams' book, "Claytie," which was published in 2007. The Midland oilman is one of the many people Patterson interviewed for "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas." The book will be available begnning Saturday.

Learn more

"A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas" will be available Saturday. For more information, visit historyofcharacter.com.

BOOK SIGNINGS

Saturday
8-11 a.m.: Farmers Market, downtown Midland
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: George W. Bush Childhood Home
2-5 p.m.: Permian Basin Petroleum Museum
Sept. 14
St. Ann's Catholic Church Commons, following the 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Masses.
Sept. 19
3-6 p.m.: Hastings
Sept. 20
8:30 a.m.: Farmers Market Author's Day
TBD
Midland Memorial Hospital

"It's important to get it right; you can't just write something that you think is right and hope that it is," Patterson said. "You want to not only inform people, but you want to leave them with what all our town has become, the history and the way we've learned from our past and continued to make the town better."

Despite striving to provide a rounded image of Midland, Patterson made clear that by no means does the book tell the city's entire story.

"That would be a book that would be impossible to write," Patterson said. "Most of the stories deal with the quality of the people. I hope that what I've done is sort of capture an overview of who we are and our high quality of character."

The book spans from more than a century ago to the current boom, he said.

While much of the book focuses on influential Midlanders of the past, Patterson said it is also important to remember that the figures who have shaped the city aren't just relegated to the past, but are still champions who have taken up the mantle today.

"(I hope readers take away) a greater appreciation of where they live and a greater understanding of why we are who we are because of the people who come before us and many of the people who have not only come before, but remain among us," Patterson said. "There are a number of giants here in this town today — or have left us only recently — that are still shaping this community every single day and those people are contributing critical things to this city to make it last even longer."

The late Judge John Hyde, who Patterson cited as a major influence in encouraging him to pursue the book, was one of Midland's contemporary influential figures.

"(Hyde) did so much for Midland through perpetuating its memory through his history presentations and his vast knowledge that he had," Patterson said. "He just championed Midland like few others and the book is dedicated to his memory and what he meant for Midland history."

Patterson, who grew up in Irving, said that Midland is special to him because of the role that it has played in helping to raise his family. If someone takes one of the "many opportunities" that Midland offers to become a part of the community, Patterson said, the city will "become a part of you."

"The people that Midland has in it all kind of work together and that's why I have such a great affection for this town," Patterson said. "It may not be much to look at — and a lot of people criticize it for its lack of beauty, but those are the ones that don't get off the highway."

BOOKBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

Record producer pens poems for children

Nick Cannon has been keeping a notebook for much of his life, and next year the public get to see some of the entries.

The 33-year-old entertainer and record producer is working on a book of poems for children.

Scholastic announced Tuesday that Cannon's "Neon Aliens Ate My Homework and Other Poems" will be published in March 2015. According to the publisher, "Neon Aliens" will feature black-and-white illustrations from several street artists and will reflect Cannon's desire to combine poetry and hip-hop. Cannon said in a statement issued through Scholastic that he has been writing poems and stories since he was 8.

Cannon also has a children's book scheduled for October, "Roc and Roe's Twelve Days of Christmas," inspired by the twins he had with his wife, Mariah Carey. The couple is reportedly estranged.

NEW YORK

Coffee table book features Streisand photos

How obsessive are Barbra Streisand's fans? A coffee table book may provide an answer.

Publisher Taschen announced Wednesday that "Barbra: Streisand's Early Years in Hollywood, 1968-1976" will be published in December. According to Taschen, the book will include more than 240 images, many of them never published before. The text will feature a conversation between photojournalists Steve Schapiro and Lawrence Schiller, both of whom were commissioned to work with Streisand after she arrived in Hollywood.

But the main Collector's Edition is limited — 1,000 copies. And the price is worthy of seats at a Streisand concert: $750. Two "Art Editions" are even more limited, 100 copies each, and cost $1,800. One set of "Art Edition" books features a print signed by Schapiro, the other a print signed by Schiller.

NEW YORK

Soccer star Tim Howard writes memoir

American soccer hero and international celebrity Tim Howard has advanced to the next round of fame: a book deal.

Howard has penned a memoir that will be published Dec. 9 by HarperCollins Publishers. The publisher said late last month that "The Keeper" will be available in adult and young adult editions.

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comic. But she will call herself a businesswoman. The bottom line for her is that she's delivering a product.

"A comedian's goal is to get people laughing no matter what the expense. I'm just telling stories that people can relate to and are funny," she said.

Her more popular anecdotes include "Don't Go to Vegas Without a Baptist," "Don't Bungee Jump Naked" and "Don't Send a Man to the Grocery Store" which can all be seen on YouTube.

Roberston was quick to comment on the recent passing of Joan Rivers, who she deemed as a pioneer even in Robertson's own career.

"This woman really worked her way to the top and she found ways to stay relevant," she said. "She knew what she wanted and she kept right on going even when she had it tough. I'm so sorry to hear that she's passed. She truly opened doors for women."

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"I OWE YOU ONE"
By JULIAN LIM

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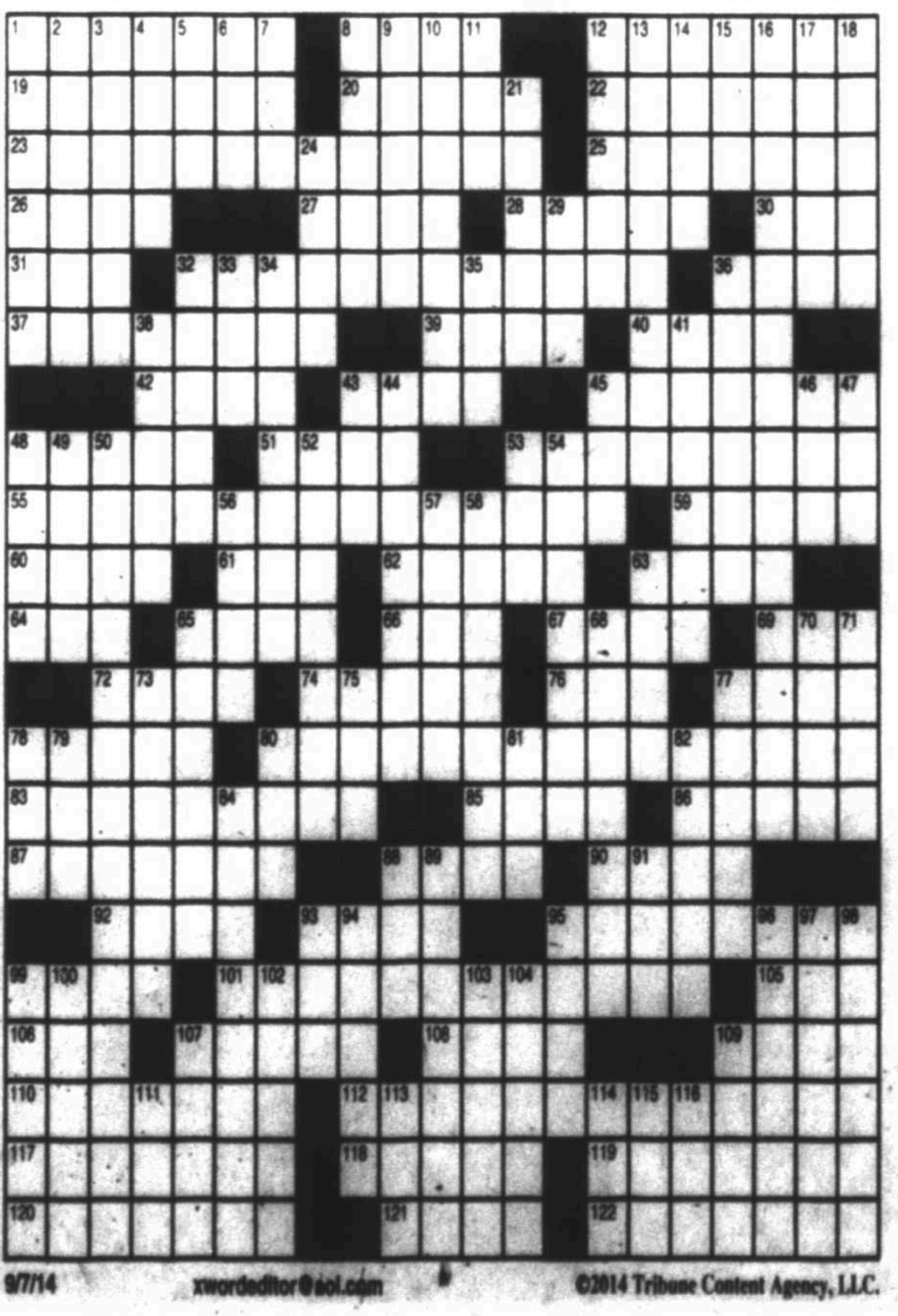
37 Boxer with titles in eight different weight classes
39 Went hastily
40 "Curses!"
42 Sch. with the mustachioed mascot Hey Reb!
43 Kept the dance floor busy, briefly
45 Gets down
48 __ nod: acting honor
51 Biblical name meaning "hairy"
53 Biol. majors' awards
55 Spanish neighborhood known for its kisses?
59 CNN medical correspondent Sanjay __
60 Ring punch
61 Pay ending
62 Exemplary
63 Hertz opening?
64 Scale fifth
65 "Holy __!"
66 Chaney of old horror films
67 River of Germany
69 Put the cuffs on
72 Author Dinesen
74 Refine, as ore
76 Montréal moniker
77 Texas NLer
78 Pained shrieks
80 Contest to win an objet d'art?
83 Colluding
85 User's reversal
86 Ancient Indo-European
87 Canadian french fries dish
88 "Why not?"
90 Mudville number
92 __ butter: cosmetic moisturizer
93 Ersatz
95 Drug-induced hostility
99 Book after John
101 Brit's New York signoff?
105 Sound file suffix
106 However, informally
107 Blow a gasket
108 Like weak handshakes
109 Exude
110 Leaf-wrapped Mexican dish
112 TV station mascot?
117 "Once more ..."
118 Tune with many high notes
119 Winter beverages
120 Jewel case holders
121 Rebel against
122 Expand, as a home

DOWN
1 50-50 shot
2 Last syllable
3 Northwest airport named for two cities
4 Sensible
5 Fish-chips link
6 Down Under school
7 Emmy-winning sportscaster Patrick
8 Familiar fruit logo
9 Show again
10 Diplomat's case
11 Tang dynasty poet Li __
12 Subject of corroboration
13 Do some necking
14 Skin malady, perhaps
15 __-Wan Kenobi
16 Contact a provisions room on a shortwave?
17 Get into gear?
18 Perfect Sleeper maker
21 Moto portrayer
24 Pet for Pedro
29 "That's strange"
32 2013 Literature Nobelist Alice
33 Cough and sneeze, say
34 Comprehensive command
35 Hinder's opposite
36 Do-it-yourself floor covering
38 Farmyard sound
41 Sailor, at times
43 2000 Peace Prize recipient Kim __-jung
44 Anniversary bash
45 Tumult
46 Asian New Year
47 Govt. ID issuer
48 Protest singer Phil
49 "Go away!"
50 Buyer of "Gangsta's Paradise"?
52 Patronizes, as a motel
53 Sports __
54 Sandwich ingredient for many?
56 "Check it out!"
57 Adidas founder Dassler
58 Let
63 Internet __: viral item
65 Five iron, old-style
68 Pay homage (to)
70 Domingo number
71 Godsend
73 Harvester's paths
75 Party leaders
77 More certain
78 Pup squeak
79 Roxy Music alum
80 Sushi topper
81 Temp. takers, at times
82 "I'm on it!"
84 Resting
88 "__ Aeterna": Requiem Mass song
89 Omit
91 Sundial number
93 Fancy dresser
94 Not at all settled
95 Forfeited wheels
96 Asleep no more
97 Watch in awe
98 Yet
99 Top story
100 Vitamin-rich veggie
102 Gets eaten away, in a way
103 HDTV part, for short
104 Post of good manners
107 Gas partner: Abbr.
109 Prefix with -pus
111 Mental health org.
113 "The Unknown" director Browning
114 Half a dance
115 Coal scuttle
116 "__ be sad if ..."



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Louie and Larry

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K 7
♡ A J 10 8 2
♢ K J 6 3
♣ 9 4

WEST
♠ Q J 10 2
♡ 6 4
♢ 5 4
♣ K 10 8 7 3

EAST
♠ 9 6 5 4
♡ 5
♢ Q 10 7 2
♣ J 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A 8 3
♡ K Q 9 7 3
♢ A 9 8
♣ A Q

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♡	Pass
6♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

*Game forcing raise, at least four hearts

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

North's four-heart bid showed a minimum, so South settled for a small slam — a simple auction repeated at many tables in the club's Saturday duplicate.

When Hard Luck Louie played the hand, he drew trumps and then cashed the king and ace of diamonds. Neither the queen nor the 10 appeared, so he played a third round of the suit hoping for a 3-3 split or the length with West. Alas, East held the remaining diamonds and Louie had to rely on the club finesse. Down one! Louie was extremely unlucky to find such a foul lie of the cards, as he was quick to point out to everyone who would listen.

Lucky Larry arrived in the same contract and received the same lead. He won the king of spades at trick one, drew trumps, then cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade, eliminating that suit from his hand and the dummy. This was followed by a low diamond from the table and Larry inserted his eight when East played low! When that held the trick, Larry had 12 tricks and could try several things for a possible overtrick. Six hearts bid and made!

Did Larry catch a glimpse of East's cards? Of course not. Had West been able to win the eight of diamonds with the 10, he would have been end-played — forced to yield a ruff-sluff or play a minor suit back into South, conceding the contract either way. Well played!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014:
This year you add a unique quality of endless creativity and dynamic energy. This could catch many people around you off guard.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Pressure builds, and it might add a volatile quality to the day. A theme of friendship seems to permeate your interactions. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You could be triggered more than you would like to be. If you're smart, you will detach from the situation completely. Tonight: Play the night away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a situation. You are much more visible than you usually are. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ See what is going on. If you can detach from your immediate hassles, you will be able to develop some new patterns. Tonight: Go for exotic food.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★
You could be exhausted by your repeated attempts to pacify a roommate or family member. Tonight: Make peace, not war.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Venus in your sign allows greater give-and-take. Your ability to help calm down others is likely to come into play. Tonight: Be gracious.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★
You'll move in a new direction. An element of confusion that surrounds you might prevent you from expressing yourself. Tonight: In sync with the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Your temper, strength and determination might be working against you. Tap into your creativity. Tonight: Out late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Sit on a matter that comes across to you as unusually irritating, explosive and unmanageable. Tonight: Order in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Start the day with optimism. A friend could be quite difficult, and you might want to distance yourself. Tonight: Say "yes."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ No matter which way you turn or what you do, you could see a child or loved one as demanding and unreasonable. Tonight: All smiles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could witness a friend's temper rise. Try to help this person neutralize his or her feelings. Tonight: Refuse to get deeply involved.

BORN TODAY
Artist Grandma Moses (1860), musician Buddy Holly (1936), Queen Elizabeth I (1533)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	J.Jones	This Week		Church	Paid	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Hunt	Rain	M. Lyon	CBS Sunday Morning			FaceNat.	First Baptist Church		The NFL Today (L)	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	D.Reed	Beaver	Green	Green	History	Hunters	Safari	Edgemont	Gilligan	Gilligan	BradyB.	BradyB.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Support	W.Minist	F.Hardin	Consumer	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	FaithAve	Rain	Edition	Fox NFL Sunday (L)	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	(5:00) Light of south		Walking	Stringer	In Touch Ministries		Zion	Day Disc.	R/Manusc	HaYesod	Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Whack	Secrets	Storm	W.America	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		First Baptist Church		W.America	Mercury
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	C.George	C.George	D.Tiger	D.Tiger	Sesame	DinoTrain	DinoTrain	Peg + Cat	Cat/ Hat	Wild K.	Wild K.	Arthur
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Mercury	Mercury	Para volver a amar		Hotel todo incluido		Al punto		Republica deportiva			
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Spaces	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	Bucket	Trobador	Paid	Paid
FLIX	340	65		165		Movie	(:35) ★★ Outside Providence			(:15) ★★ Houseguest ('95, Com) Sinbad.				(:05) ★ Shadow Conspiracy Charlie Sheen.			
HBO	300	68	14	14		Knocks	★★★ Nanny McPhee			(:15) ★★★ The Bourne Legacy Jeremy Renner.					★★ Mission: Impossible		
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	(:40) ★★ Fever Pitch Drew Barrymore.				(:25) ★★ Rock of Ages Tom Cruise.				★★★ 8 Mile Eminem.		
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(:10) Real Sports		(:10) ★★★★ The Way Way Back				Mama Jessica Chastain.			(:45) ★★ Beautiful Creatures		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:25) Moonrise K...		★★★★ The Watcher			(:45) Slums of Beverly Hills			(:15) R.I.P.D. ('13, Act) Ryan Reynolds.			
MAX2	382	72	18	122		★★★ True Lies ('94, Act) Jamie Lee Curtis.					The Incredible Burt Wonde...			(:10) ★★★ Lethal Weapon 3 Mel Gibson.			
PLEX			96			(:20) ★ Date With an Angel				(:10) ★★★ Racing With the Moon				(:05) ★★ Love N' Dancing			Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:00) Bad News B...		Inside the NFL		Boxing Showtime Championship							Access
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(:20) ★★★ Nixon (1995, Political) Joan Allen, Bob Hoskins, Sir Anthony Hopkins.							(:40) Agent Cody Banks 2: ...			(:20) Ain't Them...	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Criminal Minds		C.Minds "Memoriam"		Criminal Minds		C.Minds "52 Pickup"		★★★ Goodfellas ('90, Cri) Ray Liotta.			
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Mad Men		Mad Men		Hell on "Bear Man"		★★★ Eddie and the Cruisers				(:15) The Fugitive	
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Bobby Jones Gospel		Lift Voice	★★ A Thin Line Between Love and Hate				
BRAVO	65	63		41		Jersey Belle		Top Chef Duels		Million Dollar List		Housewives NJ		Wives of Melbourne		Real Melbourne (N)	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	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	Bering Sea Gold		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Jake	McStuffins	Stuffins	Sofia 1st	The Princess and the Frog			(:45) Mickey	Austin	I Didn't	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sunday NFL Countdown (L)					
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Football Scoreboard		OLines	Report	Colin's Football (L)		SportsCenter		Fantasy Football Now (L)			ITF Tennis
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★★ Dolphin Tale ('11, Fam) Morgan Freeman.					★★ The Karate Kid ('84, Dra) Pat Morita, Ralph Macchio.						Movie
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		Media Buzz		News HQ	Housecall
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Giada	Barefoot	Rachel Ray's...		Pioneer	Southern	Barefoot	Giada	BBQ (N)	Big Bite	The Kitchen	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Outdoors	Outdoors	Big 12 Live		Paid	NCAA Big 12		TBA	Countdown (L)		Hometwn	Polaris
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Ellen	Buffy "Beer Bad"		★★ Underworld: Awakening				★★★ Immortals ('11, Act) Henry Cavill.				
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	The Lost Valentine ('11, Dra) Betty White.			
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		FlipFam	FlipFam
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Big Rig	Big Rig
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Lockup	Business	Up With Steve Kornacki				Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	39				Racing	F1 Auto Racing Italian Grand Prix (L)					F1 Extra	OffGrid	1 (2013, Sport)		/Drive	/Drive
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Fanboy	KungFu P	Rangers	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Parents	Parents	Lalaloopsy	Girls (N)
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	Bar Res.	Bar Rescue		BarRes.
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program				Twilight	★★★★ Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan					The Bourne Ult...	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	F.House	Full House	Sullivan	Friends	★★ Just Married Ashton Kutcher.				★★ Just Like Heaven Reese Witherspoon.			
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(:15) ★★ Tugboat Annie			(:45) ★★★ Ruggles of Red Gap				★★★ I'm No Angel			Suspicion	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Jay Jay	Noodle	De chica	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Videos	Enfoque	Movie
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Rizzoli & Isles		Franklin & Bash		Falling Skies		Falling Skies		Law & Order		Law & Order	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	BradyB.	(:50) BradyB.	(:25) Brady Bunch		Candid Camera		Hot In	Hot In	Hot In	Hot In	Hot in	(:35) Hot In
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Rush		Rush "Get Lucky"		Law&O.:SVU "Retro"		SVU "Closure"	
WGN	19	18				Lord	Paid	Key David	Tomorr.	In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		Law & Order: C.I.	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Paid	World of X Games		WNBA Basketball Playoffs (L)					News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NFL Football New England Patriots at Miami Dolphins Site: Sun Life Stadium (L)							ITF Tennis U.S. Open (L)				
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 (L)						NFL Football (L)					
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Biblical	Mani Erfan	Dr. Will	Sal.	Light of the Southwest Best of Week				J.McGee	Dollars	House Call	Dr. R.B.
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Havas	Ryder Cup	PGA Golf BMW Championship Site: Cherry Hills Country Club -- Englewood, Colo. (L)								Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Cyberch.	Maya&M.	Fitness	BioCent	Platts	Beads	Sewing	Quilt Arts	Get Away	Peregrine	News. (N)	W.Week
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	★★★★ Voces inocentes Carlos Padilla.				Tras la Verdad		Chavo	Cita Con	Como dice el dicho		Nacional	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Paid	Paid	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	Forces River Parade		Flipside	Insider	Access Hollywood	
FLIX	340	65		165		★★ China Strike Force			(:35) ★★ Sahara Matthew McConaughey.				(:40) ★★ Consenting Adults Kevin Kline.				Movie
HBO	300	68	14	14		Movie	★★★ The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug					(:15) ★★★ The Bourne Legacy Jeremy Renner.					Movie
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	★★ Just My Luck			(:15) 700 Sundays ('14, Bio) Billy Crystal.				(:15) ★★★ Con Air ('97, Act) Nicolas Cage.			
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Movie	(:50) ★★★★ Warm Bodies Nicholas Hoult.				★★ The Truth About Charlie			(:15) ★★ Big Momma's House 2			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	★★ This Is 40 ('12, Com) Paul Rudd.				(:15) The Knick		(:10) ★★ Two for the Money Al Pacino.				(:15) Jack the Gi...	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★★★ Lethal Weapon 4 ('98, Act) Mel Gibson.					★★★ Life of Pi ('12, Fant) Suraj Sharma.				(:40) ★★★ The Rock		
PLEX			96			(11:45) ★★★ Roxanne			(:35) Hercules in the Unde...			(:10) ★★ Mandela and de Klerk				(:10) Racing Wit...	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	60 Minutes Sports		★★ Bad News Bears Billy Bob Thornton.				Access	(:45) ★★★ When a Man Loves a Woman				
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(11:20) Ain't Them...		Welcome to the Punch			(:40) ★★★ Gosford Park ('01, Dra) Michael Gambon.					Save the Last D...	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	(10:00) Goodfellas		(:15) ★★ Black Hawk Down ('01, Act) Eric Bana, Josh Hartnett.							Epic Ink	Epic Ink	Married
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(11:15) ★★★ The Fugitive Harrison Ford.				(:15) ★★★ Walking Tall				Breaking Bad		BreakBad /BreakBad	
BET	58	26		40		★★★ Funny Valentines ('99, Dra) Alfre Woodard.					★ Carmen: A Hip Hopera Beyoncé Knowles.					I Can Do Bad A...	
BRAVO	65	63		41		The Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...	Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	To Be Announced		Collectors	Collectors	Collectors	Collectors	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked "Jungle Love"	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	Dog Blog	Dog Blog	Dog Blog	Austin	Austin	Austin	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Dog Blog	Dog Blog
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	FIBA Basketball World Cup				Football Final		CFL Football Saskatchewan Roughriders at Winnipeg Blue Bombers (L)					
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(11:30) ITF Tennis U.S. Open (L)			UEFA Soccer Euro '16 Qualifier Alb./Por. (L)				(:45) MLS Soccer San Jose vs Portland (L)				
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(11:30) ★★ The Karate Kid Part II				★★ The Karate Kid Part III ('89, Act) Ralph Macchio.					★★ Secretariat Diane Lane.		
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	Southern	Pioneer	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Food Truck Race	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Lunch Rangers (N)		Insider	Pre-game	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Texas Rangers (L)						Rangers	Game365
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★★ Avatar (2009, Fantasy) Sam Worthington, Giovanni Ribisi, Zoe Saldana.								★★ Battleship ('12, Sci-Fi) Taylor Kitsch.			
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	★ New in Town Renée Zellweger.				A Ring by Spring Rachel Boston.				Second Chances Alison Sweeney.			
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	FlipFam	FlipFam	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Big Rig	Big Rig	Big Rig "Tracked"		Big Rig Bounty		Big Rig Bounty		Big Rig "On the Line"		Big Rig Bounty	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	★★ Flightplan ('05, Thril) Jodie Foster.				Abandoned ('10, Dra) Brittany Murphy.				★★ 28 Days ('00, Dra) Sandra Bullock.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		Meet the Press		MSNBC News Live		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	39				F. Drift	Racer TV	F1 Auto Racing		F1 Auto Racing Italian Grand Prix					F1 Extra	Motorsport Hour (N)	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sophia Grace &...		iCarly	iCarly	Thunder	Hathaway	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sam Cat	Sam Cat
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	BarRes.	(:40) Bar Rescue		(:40) Bar Rescue		(:45) Bar Rescue		(:50) Bar Res. "A Bar Full of Bull"			(:55) Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(11:00) The Bourne Ultimatum			★★ Quantum of Solace ('08, Act) Daniel Craig.					★★ Waterworld ('95, Act) Kevin Costner.			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	MLB Baseball Kansas City Royals at New York Yankees Site: Yankee Stadium (L)							Friends	Friends	Friends	Knocked Up	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	Movie	(:45) ★★★★ East of Eden ('55, Dra) James Dean.					★★★ Sex and the Single Girl				The Thrill of It All	
TELE	20	8	10	20		(11:30) Amores perros ('00, Dra) Emilio Echevarría.					Paris en la Mira ('10, Act) John Travolta.				Op. Repo	Happy Feet: El ...	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	48 Hours: Evidence		48 Hours: Evidence		48 Hours: Evidence		48 Hours: Evidence		48 Hours: Evidence		48 Hours.. "Ransom"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order "Chattel"		★★★ Man on Fire ('04, Act) Denzel Washington.					★★★ Inglourious Basterds ('09, War) Brad Pitt.				
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:10) Hot In	(:50) Hot In	(:25) Hot in Cleveland		Hot In	(:35) Hot In	(:10) Hot In	(:50) Cosby	(:25) The Cosby Show		Cosby	Cosby
USA	26	30	42	27	49	SVU "Remorse"		SVU "Victims"		SVU "Haunted"		Law&O.:SVU "Rage"		SVU "Ripped"		Law&O.:SVU "Swing"	
WGN	19	18				Law & Order: C.I.		Leadoff /(:15) MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Chicago Cubs (L)						(:15) 10th..	Parks and Rec		Videos

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	The ABC's of Schoolhouse Rock (N)		Wipeout "Fraternity vs. Sorority" (N)		Wipeout "Tournament of Champions" (SF) (N)		Shark Tank		KMID News	(:35) MISD Coaches	(:05) Cowboys	(:35) W.Collar
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Big Brother (N)		Unforgettable "True Identity" (N)		Reckless "And So It Begins" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Black Sheep Squadron		Columbo A seemingly bumbling detective solves murders.				Man Frm U.N.C.L.E. "Prince of Darkness"		Mission: Impossible "The Cardinal"		Get Smart	Get Smart
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(3:00) NFL Football	The OT (L)	Utopia Fifteen people get to create their own civilization. (P) Pt. 1 of 3 cont'd Sept 9 (N)				Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Modern Family	Modern Family	Texans Weekly	Jack Van Impe
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	Dr. Rik Wadge	Light of the Southwest				Zola Levitt	Update News	Day of Discovery	Dollars & Sense
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Football Night in America (L)		(:20) NFL Football Indianapolis Colts at Denver Broncos Site: Sports Authority Field at Mile High -- Denver, Colo. (L)							NewsWest 9 at 10	Country Reporter	Whacked Out
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Home of the Terracotta Warriors		Secrets of Westminster (N)		Masterpiece Mystery! "Breathless" 3/3 from Aug 31 (N)			Vicious	Austin City Limits		Backstage Pass	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aqui y Ahora		Va por ti (P) (N)						Familia P. Luche	Noticiero Univision	Tras la Verdad	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Ent. Tonight		Burn Notice		The Closer		Private Practice		30 Rock	Sunny	Office	Trobador
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:25) Roadracers		★★ Being John Malkovich				★★★ The Object of Beauty			(:45) A Low Down Dirty Sha...		
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:40) ★★★ 12 Years a Slave				Boardwalk E. (N)		The Leftovers (N)		LastWeek	Boardwalk Empire		Leftovers
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(:15) ★★ The Hangover Part III				Veronica Mars ('14, Com/Dra) Kristen Bell.				★★ 2 Guns			Williams
HBOS	304	70	16	102		★★ The Heat ('13, Com) Sandra Bullock.				★★★★ The Way Way Back				★★ Beautiful Creatures			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:15) Jack the Gi...		(:15) ★★★ Rush Hour Jackie Chan.				R.I.P.D. Ryan Reynolds.			(:40) Hidden Treasures		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(4:40) The Rock		The Knick		Rush ('13, Act) Daniel Bruhl.				(:05) Guide	(:35) The Knick		Movie
PLEX			96			(5:10) Racing Wit...		★★★ Roxanne Steve Martin.			(:50) ★★★ Relative Strangers				(:25) ★★ Love N' Dancing		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Masters of Sex		Donovan	Homeland	Ray Donovan (N)		Masters of Sex (N)		Ray Donovan		Masters of Sex	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) Save the La...		★★★ Monster ('03, Bio) Charlize Theron.				On the Road ('13, Adv) Sam Riley.				(:05) Killing The...	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Married	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck	Duck	Wahlbrg	Wahlbrg	Married	Married	Duck Dy	Duck Dy
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	BreakBad /(:20) Breaking Bad			Breaking Bad		BreakBad /BreakBad		BreakBad /(:50) Breaking Bad			Breaking Bad	
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) ★ I Can Do Bad All by Myself				★★ Set It Off ('96, Act) Queen Latifah, Jada Pinkett Smith.						BET Inspiration	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ (N)		Jersey Belle		Below Deck		Watch (N)	Wives NJ "Guilt Trip"		H.Wives
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Greed	Money	America's Gun		Marijuana USA		Cocaine Cowboys				Cocaine Cowboys II	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNN Special Report		The Hunt		Death Row Stories		Death Row (N)		Death Row Stories		Death Row Stories	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid		Naked "Primal Fear"		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid (N)		(:05) Naked		(:05) Naked	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Girl	Girl	★★★★ Tangled			ToyStory	(:55) Jessie	DogBlog	(:55) Jessie	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at Detroit Tigers (L)						SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Baseball Tonight		SportsC.	Sportscenter (N)		NHRA Drag Racing		T&Spills	ESPN FC		NCAA Football	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(4:30) Secretariat		★★★ Forrest Gump ('94, Com/Dra) Sally Field, Tom Hanks.						Daddy	Young	J.Osteen	Jeremiah
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report Sunday		Huckabee		Fox News Reporting		Stossel		Huckabee		Fox News Reporting	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Kids Cook-Off		Kids Cook-Off (N)		Food Truck Race (N)		Cuthroat (N)		Cutthroat Kitchen		Food Truck Race	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	West Customs (N)		Sooner Football (N)		WPT Poker		UFC Unleashed (N)		Cowboys	School (N)	WPT Poker	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(4:00) Battleship		Chronicle ('12, Dra) Dane Dehaan.				The Strain (N)		The Strain		The Strain	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Puppy Love (2012, Family) Victor Webster.				The Lost Valentine ('11, Dra) Betty White.				G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	Bargain	Bargain	Flip/ Block (N)		Free Vacation (N)		HouseH	House (N)	Flipping the Block	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Mountain Men		Mountain "Stranded"		Mountain Men (N)		(:05) Truckers (N)		(:05) 10 Things (N)		Mountain "Stranded"	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	The Brittany Murphy Story ('14, Biography)				Witches East End (N)		The Lottery (N)		The Brittany Murphy Story ('14, Bio)			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		CaughtCam "Fear"		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	39				FLW Outdoors (N)		Hunter	Deer TV	Babe W.	Huntin'	PSCA (N)	NA: List	NA: List	Sports Report		F1 Racing
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SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Hungry Investors (N)		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Hungry Investors	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(4:00) Waterworld		★★★ Terminator 2: Judgement Day Arnold Schwarzenegger.						Drive Angry ('11, Act) Nicolas Cage.			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(5:00) Knocked Up		★★ Bad Teacher Cameron Diaz.				★★★ Knocked Up ('07, Com) Seth Rogen.					Movie
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) The Thrill o...		★★★ Planet of the Apes				★★ Beneath the Planet of the Apes				Within Our Gates	
TELE	20	8	10	20		(5:00) Happy Feet:...		Yo soy el artista		★★ Mas Rapido Mas Furioso				Titulares	Op. Repo	La Busqueda	
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TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	(:35) Cosby	Queens	Queens	(:25) King of Queens		Queens	(:35) Hot In	(:10) [illegible]	(:50) Ray
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Midland artist's work unveiled at Baylor stadium

By Rich Lopez
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Midland native Tom White and his wife and business partner, Marcey White, recently were present at Baylor University's McLane Stadium Aug. 31 when his newest sculpture was unveiled. White had been commissioned to create a statue of Robert Griffin III, Baylor's first Heisman Trophy recipient.

The unveiling of the statue was part of weeklong festivities opening the stadium. The Whites watched the Aug. 31 game — against Southern Methodist University — as guests of Baylor President Ken Starr.

"We were invited to join all of Robert's family and several dignitaries such as President George W. and Laura Bush, Sen. Ted Cruz, George P. Bush, and Sen. John Cornyn and his wife in President Starr's box to watch the game," Marcey White said.

The Whites, who live in Prescott Valley, Arizona, recently revealed that they have been in talk with the George Bush Childhood Home for a commissioned piece. Should the fundraising go through, that would be White's first sculpture in his hometown.

"That's been a dream of mine," he said. "I have works all over but this is my home and I always wished to have a piece here."

Courtesy photos

5 QUESTIONS

With Debbie Brookins | artist

We stepped out a bit to meet Debbie Brookins, who was born and raised in Midkiff, where she lives with her husband, Joe. Brookins has three children and is director of nursing at Parkview Nursing and Rehab in Big Spring, but in her free time, she creates her own brand of art that she sells at Old Sorehead Trade Days and on Facebook at "Little Big Ranch Midkiff Texas."

MRT: Who are your artistic heroes and inspirations?
Brookins: Growing up, Granny Whisman taught me drawing and painting as well as sewing, cooking, crocheting, knitting and gardening. All of those experiences with Granny contributed to my current artistic adventures. Dad was my biggest fan and always encouraging. My first paintings were done with paint-by-number kits. Mom would buy the kits but I never followed the numbers. I'd paint my own creations on the backs.

MRT: Describe your ideal meal.
Brookins: That would include any holiday meal made from old family recipes and shared with family and friends.

MRT: What is your proudest achievement in art?
Brookins: That would be when my husband and kids became involved in creating and building art. It is truly a family affair.

MRT: Your not-so-secret indulgence.
Brookins: Making every effort to spoil my grandkids.

MRT: What's in your home/car player right now?
Brookins: Either have a book on tape (for the long drive each day from Midkiff to work in Big Spring) or it will be silenced for road prayer time. I drive 128 miles a day round trip to work and that provides a lot of time for prayer.

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Humor is big business for Jeanne Robertson

By Rich Lopez
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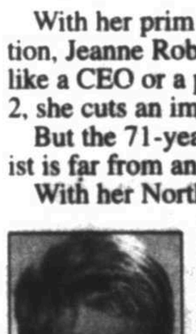
See the show

Jeanne Roberston performs 4 p.m. today at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $22-$42. Wagnernoel.com.

With her prim and proper sophistication, Jeanne Robertson comes off more like a CEO or a politician. And at 6 foot, 2, she cuts an imposing figure.

But the 71-year-old speaker and humorist is far from any of that.

With her North Carolina drawl, Robertson's comedy is homespun with personal stories about herself and her family and friends. Her husband has morphed into the familiar character Left Brain. But her material all started from her days as a beauty queen.



Robertson

"I won Miss North Carolina forever ago so I dropped out of college and do my engagements throughout the state," she said. "I would say things, people would laugh and I loved that! And being a pageant queen gave me so much material."

But Robertson didn't go the obvious comedy route.

First, during the 1960s, comedy by women wasn't happening much. She found her niche speaking at conventions and never looked back. That was 50 years ago. In that time, Robertson carved her career as both a business speaker and humorist mixed with theater shows such as her appearance today at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

"For business conventions or seminars, I talk about using a sense of humor as an asset and I use bullet points along the way. I have to leave them with something that will help them," she said. "But if people are coming to a theater show like in Midland, they are going to be entertained."

Robertson does about 50 business appearances and then another 50 ticketed shows a year. She travels close to 250 days a year. She's about to tape her eighth DVD, manages a YouTube channel and Facebook page and has a radio show.

If all goes to her plan, she won't be stopping anytime soon.

"I'm a grandma gone viral and I love it," she said, laughing. "That is where I get my material. The more you can engage in people, then that's where you get it from. I'm just trying to see what all I can do."

Although she wouldn't call herself a comedian, Robertson does see how her career is a counterpart to the professional

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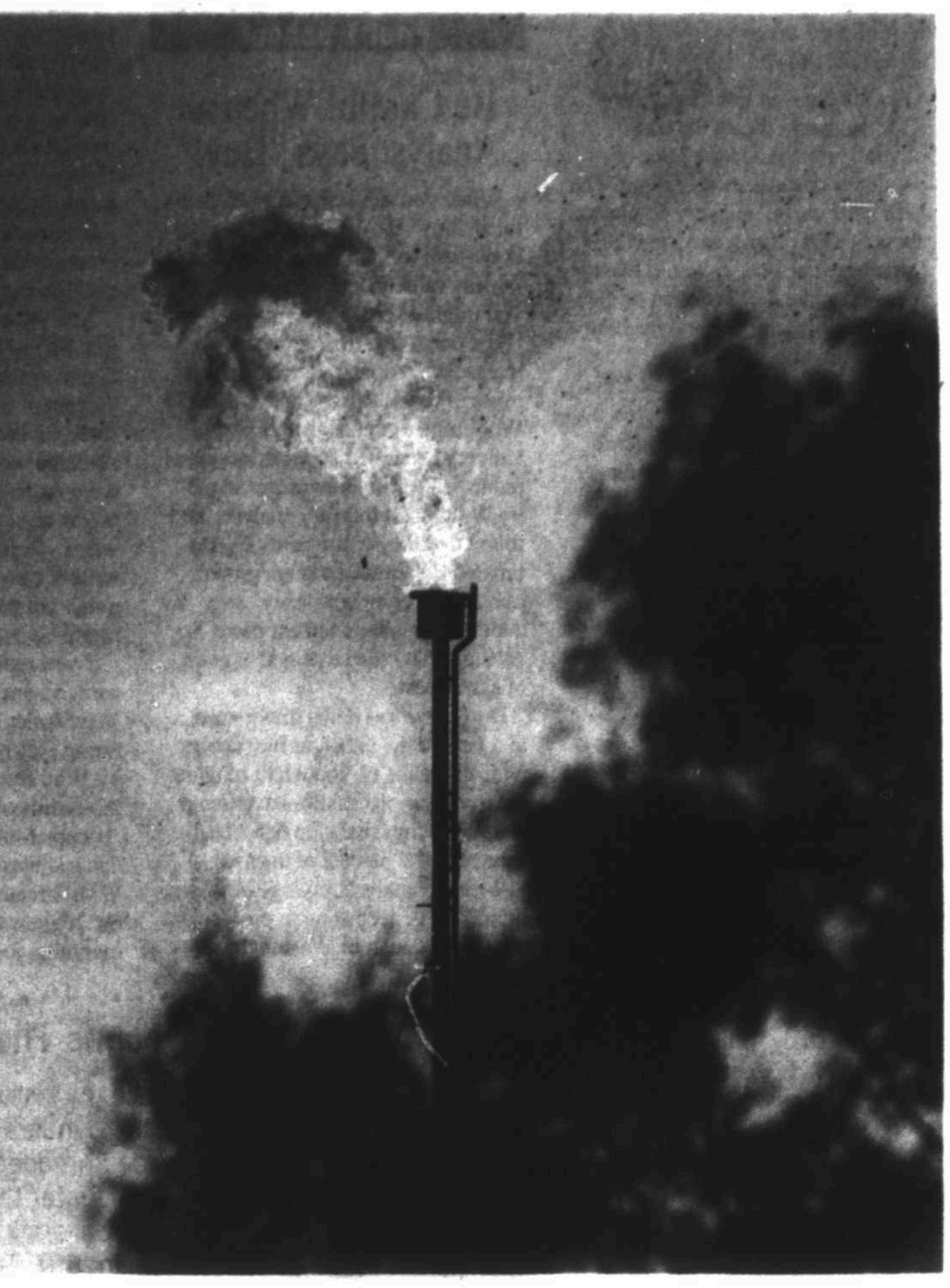
WHO'S TO BLAME?

Investigation reveals top flaring sites lack state oversight



By Jennifer Hiller and John Tedesco | San Antonio Express-News

The Railroad Commission of Texas, the agency that oversees the oil and gas industry, says every major source of flaring in the oil patch goes through a permitting process that requires energy companies to explain why natural gas can't be collected from a well.

Even if a company flares without permission, officials say their computer system automatically catches the violation.

"Our trained staff works closely with operators to ensure compliance with commission rules," the agency states on a web page it published to address questions about flaring.

Yet in scores of cases in the Eagle Ford Shale, that oversight never happened.

Some of the top flaring sites in South Texas failed to ask the Railroad Commission for permission to flare, records show, even as they wasted more than a billion cubic feet of gas in 2012.

That's enough gas to fuel CPS Energy's O.W. Sommers power plant in San Antonio for a month of peak summer demand.

The Railroad Commission didn't notice the missing requests until the San Antonio Express-News asked for copies of permits for the 20 Eagle Ford leases that flared and vented the most gas in 2012.

State officials said seven of the 20 leases lacked necessary flaring permits. The agency later fined two companies more than $60,000 and is considering taking enforcement action against the others.

The lack of flaring permits was news to Barry Smitherman, chairman of the Railroad Commission's three-member board.

"That surprises me," Smitherman said. "We get a report from the executive director at every one of our meetings about the progress to be made in processing permits of all kinds.

"Everyone should follow the rules. There should be no exceptions."

Milton Rister, the Railroad Commission's executive director, blamed the problem on a flood of drilling paperwork that swamped the agency.

"The Eagle Ford Shale was an unexpected boom for South Texas and the state," Rister said. "And you know, it creates some technology and staffing challenges for us."

Rister said the agency was taking steps to deal with its backlog and identify companies that have failed to apply for state-mandated flaring permits.

He said the commission conducted its own analysis of flaring data in December 2012 and found 82 companies in the shale region of South Texas and other parts of the state had failed to apply for flaring approvals.

The Railroad Commission threatened to shut those wells if companies didn't follow state flaring regulations, Rister said, and all the companies eventually complied.

Since then, the agency has stepped up its efforts to bring companies into compliance.

In 2013, officials sent 212 warning notices to potential flaring violators. In the first six months of this year, they have sent 480 notices. Most companies complied with the flaring rules, according to the Railroad Commission.

"We can't deny that we've had some backlogs," Rister said. "But we've been working very aggressively on reducing those backlogs."

Most of the oil and gas operations that lacked flaring permits were in La Salle County, where energy companies flared and vented more gas in 2012 than any other county in Texas.

At the Briggs Ranch south of the county seat of Cotulla on Interstate 35, Hess Corp. flared 360 million cubic feet of gas from multiple wells next to the camping and hunting grounds of the Chaparral Wildlife Management Area, a rustic property owned by the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife that is surrounded by drilling activity.

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ABOVE: Texas Railroad Commissioner Barry Smitherman speaks at an editorial board meeting at the San Antonio Express-News. **TOP:** A flaring stack burns off excess gas in La Salle County near Cotulla.

"There are smog days down here," Chaparral Manager Stephen Lange said. "It can get just as smoggy in the big city, and you're out in the middle of nowhere."

The Railroad Commission said Hess Corp. hadn't applied for any flaring permits at the site.

"As this is currently being reviewed by the Railroad Commission, it would be inappropriate for us to comment on it at this time," Hess spokesman John Roper told the San Antonio Express-News in an email. The company sold its operations at Briggs Ranch to another company in 2013.

A week after the Express-News interviewed Rister and Smitherman, Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick, who was speaking at an oil and gas industry event in Houston, warned the agency would start enforcing its flaring rules.

She said the Eagle Ford was a particular area of concern, and the agency in February sent letters to operators to remind them of flaring regulations.

Those rules came from hard-fought litigation in the 1940s when the Railroad Commission cracked down on wasteful flaring in Texas oil fields.

Under state regulations, energy companies can flare for 10 days after a well is completed. After that, they must apply for a permit if they flare more than 50,000 cubic feet of gas per day — roughly the annual usage of an average San Antonio household.

Companies must explain why flaring is necessary and demonstrate they're making a "good faith effort" to address the problem.

The flaring permit allows energy producers to flare for 45 days and can be renewed three times, up to 180 days. After that, companies must request a hearing with the Railroad Commission.

But even if Hess and other companies had applied for flaring permits, there's no indication they would have been turned down. State officials can't offer a single example of ever denying a request to flare natural gas — even for companies that want to flare longer than 180 days.

Tom "Smitty" Smith, state director of the consumer watchdog group Public Citizen, said the missing flaring permits merely are a symptom of a larger problem: Texas' lackluster oversight of the oil and gas industry.

"It's the classic hear no evil, smell no evil, say no evil, period, about regulation in Texas," Smith said.

Frenetic drilling in the Eagle Ford since 2009 sparked a surge in gas production — more than 3 trillion cubic feet. But many companies drilling in the shale in rural South Texas had no easy way to collect the irreplaceable natural resource.

While oil can be transported by tanker trucks, natural gas needs to be transported through pipelines to processing plants, which are time consuming and expensive to build. Even in some areas with existing infrastructure, skyrocketing gas production overwhelmed the system.

Energy producers dealt with the problem by building tall metallic structures known as flare stacks. Gas flows up the stacks and pilot lights on top ignite it, creating columns of fire. The heat burns impurities in the gas and transforms it to carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that scientists say contributes to climate change.

Then the burned gas is released into the Texas sky.

Sometimes, raw gas is accidentally vented, unburned, straight into the air. The primary component of raw natural gas is methane, which traps 20 times as much heat as does carbon dioxide in the earth's atmosphere.

While Railroad Commission officials say it's better to collect a natural resource than let it go to waste, questions about the agency's ability — and willingness — to police the oil and gas industry have long dogged it.

The Railroad Commission is the only state agency overseen by a board of three commissioners who run for political office and accept campaign contributions from the very industry they're supposed to regulate.

"Elected officials rely on campaign contributions to seek office, re-election or otherwise, creating an opportunity for regulated entities to provide campaign contributions to commissioners they believe will be sympathetic to their issues," states a 2013 report by the Sunset Advisory Commission, which reviews the operations of state agencies in Texas.

The three Railroad Commissioners have raised $11 million from campaign donors since 2010. At least half that money came from employees, lobbyists and lawyers connected to the oil and gas industry, according to campaign finance records.

As flares spread across the Eagle Ford and released greenhouse gases, Smitherman publicly dismissed concerns about climate change over the past year during a failed campaign to be the next Texas attorney general.

In speeches and on his campaign website, the oil and gas regulator criticized "global warming alarmists" and the Obama administration's efforts to curb carbon dioxide emissions.

"It cracks me up to hear environmental wackos talk about global warming," Smitherman was quoted as saying by the Burleson Star newspaper during a speech he gave to the Reagan Legacy Republican Women near Dallas last year. "The real issue is American energy dependence."

While attending a conference nearly a month later in July 2013, Smitherman wrote on Twitter: "Don't be fooled — not everyone believes in global warming."

Smitherman's comments conflict with the vast majority of climate scientists who agree the earth is warming and that human activity is largely to blame.

"This agreement is documented not just by a single study, but by a converging stream of evidence over the past two decades from surveys of scientists, content analysis of peer-reviewed studies and public statements issued by virtually every membership organization of experts in this field," states a 2014 report about the dangers of climate change published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

In an interview with the Express-News, Smitherman struck a softer tone while still expressing doubts about the impact of carbon dioxide pollution on the earth's climate.

"It used to be 'global warming,'" Smitherman said. "Now they changed it to 'climate change' so that they can attempt to use it to blame everything that happens, whether it's Super Storm Sandy or more snow storms or less hurricanes or whatever."

Asked whether he viewed flaring as a problem given his skepticism about climate change, Smitherman said the principle goal of the Railroad Commission is avoiding waste. Smitherman called natural gas "a wonderful commodity," noting "it's the cleanest of all fossil fuels."

"We want to get as much pipeline built and interconnected to the wellhead as we can in order to reduce flaring and get this valuable commodity to market," Smitherman said. "That's the ultimate solution."

Flaring without a permit can potentially lead to a $10,000 per-day fine. But in practice, the Railroad Commission rarely pursues such penalties.

Between 2010 and 2012, inspectors found more than 1,150 possible flaring or venting violations across the state, including 154 in Eagle Ford counties, according to public records requests and an Express-News analysis of the commission's enforcement data.

The data don't show how many violations resulted in financial penalties. But agency spokeswoman Ramona Nye told the Express-News that in most cases, the Railroad Commission threatens to shut down oil and gas operations to bring them into compliance.

"One of the first steps the commission takes before pursuing enforcement action is to notify the operator that its lease will be sealed, which would effectively prevent that operator from transporting oil or gas or receiving waste from a lease," Nye wrote in an email.

The problem with this approach, according to the Sunset Commission, is that it does little to deter repeat offenders.

"The commission pursues enforcement action in a very small percentage of the thousands of violations its inspectors identify each year," the Sunset Review found. "Part of the reason for the large number of violations is that the commission's enforcement process is not structured to deter repeat violations. The commission also struggles to present a clear picture of

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Stocks to Blow You Away

Q I'm optimistic about the growth of wind power. Which companies that are involved in it might I invest in? — *B.M., Honolulu, Hawaii*

A Wind power has been growing, partly due to the cost of wind turbines and the price of wind-powered electricity falling. The U.S. wind energy industry employs about 50,000 people, and the U.S. Department of Energy would like to see wind generate 20 percent of the nation's electricity demand by 2030 — or at least get close.

General Electric (NYSE: GE) is far from a pure play in wind, but it's the largest wind turbine supplier in the United States and is expanding internationally, too, such as in India. The U.S. leader in wind energy, though, is NextEra Energy (NYSE: NEE), with more than 10 gigawatts of wind capacity across 19 states. Dominion Resources (NYSE: D), meanwhile, is buying many big offshore wind leases from the U.S. government.

(The Motley Fool has recommended shares of Dominion Resources and owns shares of General Electric.)

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Q Old Navy doesn't seem to be a publicly traded stock — so I can't invest in it, right? — *P.T., Syracuse, New York*

A Not exactly. A little research (such as Googling or just calling the company) will reveal that Old Navy, along with Banana Republic, Athleta, INTERMIX and Piperlime, belong to Gap, which is publicly traded.

Many companies are divisions of other companies. Pottery Barn is part of Williams-Sonoma, as is West Elm and Rejuvenation. TJX Companies owns T.J. Maxx, Marshalls, HomeGoods and Sierra Trading Post. Yum! Brands owns Taco Bell, Pizza Hut and KFC. Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway owns Dairy Queen, See's Candies, GEICO, Benjamin Moore, Fruit of the Loom and The Pampered Chef, among many other companies.

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When you run across a stock that's rated "buy" by Wall Street analysts, don't rush to snap up shares. There's far less value in analyst ratings than you might expect.

For one thing, their growth estimates for companies are overly optimistic. Patrick Cusatis and J. Randall Woolridge of Pennsylvania State University studied 20 years' worth of published earnings estimates made by Wall Street industry analysts, and found that they consistently overestimated the future earnings growth rates of the companies they cover. By a lot — around 40 percent more. So take analysts' forecasts with a grain of salt at best.

Don't give too much importance to a buy rating, either, as buy ratings typically make up about half of all ratings, and various studies have found that sell ratings make up between 1 percent and 7 percent of the total.

Why are analysts saying "buy" so often? Well, according to professor Ohad Kadan of Washington University: "Analysts tend to herd. There's no big penalty if you're wrong, because everyone else is wrong. You've got cover. You're not going to lose your job. If you take a different opinion, either you get a big prize if you're right, or you lose your job. An analyst needs to be really courageous to say something different from most other analysts."

Analysts are frequently wrong, too. The folks at NerdWallet found that over the course of 2012, only 51 percent of analyst ratings for the 30 stocks in the Dow Jones Industrial Average were correct. (Hold ratings were far less likely to be correct than buy ratings.) It all makes some sense when you realize that many analysts work for investment banks that would rather not tick off companies that might be customers one day.

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My Dumbest Investment

Not Too Late

We all know that hindsight is 20/20, but I had plenty of information and still did not take advantage of investing in Home Depot or Wal-Mart when I first learned about them. I was just too timid and indecisive, as I didn't know enough about investing. The stocks have split numerous times since then, and I missed out on those. — *J.P., Ellendale, North Dakota*

The Fool Responds: It's not necessarily best to invest in promising companies as soon as you hear about them. Instead, spend time researching them, their rivals and their industry, gaining confidence in your decision.

Consider that investors in Wal-Mart have averaged annual gains of 11 percent over the past five years and also the past 20 years. Better still, Home Depot stock has grown faster in the past few years than in many previous ones. Neither seems like a screaming bargain right now, but their businesses are likely to keep growing, and you might buy either stock on a pullback. Remember, too, that stock splits are close to meaningless, not changing the value of a holding. (The Motley Fool has recommended Home Depot.)

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There's much to like about MetLife, such as its push into fast-growing emerging and developing markets and its cost-cutting plans to boost profitability. Operating earnings in its European, Middle Eastern and African business (excluding Western Europe) grew 16.1 percent on average over the last two full financial years.

The company is also aiming to reduce operating earnings volatility and improve free cash flow by shifting its business focus "from market-sensitive, capital-intensive products toward protection-oriented, capital-efficient products," according to its most recent 10-K report. Growing its global employee benefits business is a priority. If interest rates rise in coming years, as they're expected to, that will serve as another growth catalyst.

MetLife's valuation is also appealing. Its price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio was recently 17, well above its five-year average of 11, but its forward-looking P/E, based on next year's expected earnings, is 9. It's a financial giant with a diversified international platform, economies of scale and a well-known brand — and a solid dividend, too.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to the 1899 founding of the submarine-building Electric Boat Co. My current name is the result of a 1952 combination of the Electric Boat Co., the Consolidated Vultee ("Convair") aircraft company and several other companies. Today I'm an aerospace and defense giant, raking in more than $30 billion annually. My offerings include combat vehicles, weapons systems, shipbuilding services and technology solutions. I bought Gulfstream in 1999, and business jets are now a big part of my business, making me less dependent on military contracts. Based in Virginia, I employ about 90,000 people. Who am I? (Answer: General Dynamics)

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While the gas burns, companies explore solutions

By Jennifer Hiller and John Tedesco
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KARNES COUNTY — On a recent spring day, a crew from the Norwegian energy company Statoil arrived at a gravel pad in Karnes County where three brand new wells hissed with the sound of pressurized gas.

"Hear that money?" foreman Jerry Williams joked as he parked a pickup.

Hydrocarbons moved from each well through a pipe to a large metal cylinder that separated gas from oil and the brackish water that flows up through the well.

Each substance was measured, remixed and piped miles away to a central processing plant connected to dozens of other Statoil wells.

The site didn't have a flare. Statoil didn't need one.

Before the company works on a well in the Eagle Ford Shale, it installs pipelines to capture the entire stream of natural gas — gas that otherwise would be flared and wasted.

"This is a world of keeping all flaring to zero," said Ben Mathis, Statoil's Eagle Ford drilling and completion manager. "It's much more efficient."

Mathis said some other operators are moving to this sort of system. But it's unclear whether this is what the future holds for the Eagle Ford, where operators flare more gas than in any other Texas oil field.

The industry group South Texas Energy & Economic Roundtable, known as STEER, was formed by the Eagle Ford's biggest operators, including Statoil.

The organization is looking at ways to reduce flaring in South Texas, but it's a problem without simple solutions, said Haley Curry, director of external affairs for STEER.

Statoil has contiguous acreage, most of it along one highway, making it easier for the company to plan pipelines and gathering systems. Some other companies hold acreage that look like a broken jigsaw puzzle.

"Every acreage is different. What's coming up from the wells is different. All the pipeline infrastructure is different. All the times on the leases are different. So it's not a one-size-fits-all approach and it never will be," Curry said.

"Drilling into the rock here is different than drilling into that rock over there," she said, pointing at the wildflowers and scrub brush near the Statoil wells.

More flaring

Gas flaring in the Eagle Ford increased in 2013 and released 25,560 tons of air pollution, up 65 percent from the year before, according to a San Antonio Express-News analysis of the state's oil field production data and pollution formulas used by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

So far, there's no sign the industry's interest in the Eagle Ford is waning. More than 9,600 wells have been drilled, and nearly 5,700 others are permitted.

New Environmental Protection Agency regulations in 2015 will force companies to eliminate flaring and venting during natural gas well completions — the time after drilling and before production when mostly wastewater flows up a well.

Capturing the gas and other hydrocarbons during that process is called a "green completion," and many gas drillers across the country already have made that switch.

But the EPA rules will apply only to natural gas wells, making for a limited impact in the Eagle Ford, where many companies pursue the more lucrative crude oil. That's where most of the flaring occurs.

Some reports predict flaring from oil fields such as the Eagle Ford is likely to grow.

The nonprofit environmental advocacy group Ceres modeled increasing oil production in the Bakken, Eagle Ford and Permian Basin in West Texas to predict the U.S. is in for more flaring, not less, through around 2020.

"It suggests that if development is continuing to happen in all of these plays on the outskirts of the gathering system reaches, it's likely we'll see flaring continue to grow," said Ryan Salmon, manager of the oil and gas program at Ceres.

A key finding in a report by the consulting firm ICF International was that methane emissions would grow 4.5 percent from 2011 to 2018, with most of it coming from flaring and venting of gas in the oil sector.

The report was commissioned by the Environmental Defense Fund, a group that works closely with industry, and looked at whether it was economic and realistic for companies to do things such as reduce air emissions through leak detection and repair, which improve operational efficiency.

Some of the options would cost a penny for every thousand cubic feet of gas produced, others would require a large upfront investment.

"We want to be respectful of the fact that operating conditions can vary. These are affordable options," said Ben Ratner of the Environmental Defense Fund. "We don't think the right attitude is, 'This is a cheap resource so it's OK if we waste it.' We want American entrepreneurs to meet this head-on."

Getting to scale

Texas regulators say that a rise in natural gas prices will eventually reduce flaring because more companies could then afford pipelines.

Others in the industry argue that natural gas prices have nothing to do with it — the solution lies in using the gas in the field itself.

Allen Gilmer, chairman and CEO of the research firm Drillinginfo, said that because South Texas drilling is profitable on oil alone, the best way to use flared gas is by skipping pipelines altogether.

"The problem is that the state and the royalty owners look at that stranded natural gas as an asset and not a waste product," Gilmer said. "There are some folks that see this problem as a commercial opportunity."

Irving-based Pioneer Natural Resources has likened using natural gas in the field to a farmer eating his own produce. The company built its own natural gas fueling station in Pawnee in Bee County, with plans to power its drilling rigs with compressed natural gas from its Eagle Ford wells.

Other companies such as Apache Corp. have tried running hydraulic fracturing operations on natural-gas-fueled equipment instead of diesel and say it can be done economically.

Robert Stewart, president of Houston-based oil field companies Lime Instruments and Bingo, has a modular, portable unit that can take wellhead gas and process it for use during drilling and hydraulic fracturing operations.

Stewart calls it a "carny circus" approach to natural

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gas processing "in order to survive the environment" of moving equipment from remote ranch to remote ranch.

Stewart hasn't been able to test the system in South Texas but has watched the development of several wells in the region.

"They start and they flare and then stop. They get another permit. Whenever they can it's just easier for them to burn it," he said. "We can reasonably, reliably and affordably use this kind of system, and we're taking $4.50 diesel out of the equation."

Salmon said other companies, too, have technologies to capture the gas for use on site.

"It seems like there's some innovation that could be happening," Salmon said. "Can it get to scale?"

A recent University of Texas at Austin paper said flared gas could provide enough power on site to treat the wastewater that flows up a well after hydraulic fracturing.

Using flared gas to clean wastewater for reuse would address two of the oil field's most visible controversies: gas flaring and water use and disposal.

Hydraulic fracturing used 14 billion gallons of water in 2012, the approximate annual usage for 153,000 San Antonio households, a 2013 analysis by the Express-News shows.

The UT paper, published in the American Chemical Society's Environmental Science & Technology Letters, said that, in theory, flared gas could help treat enough water to frac another 9,400 to 28,000 wells, reducing the energy industry's water use in a "nontrivial way."

Why haven't these sorts of ideas been put into practice already?

"They're busy, in a hurry, not required to do it, it adds cost, it's not their top concern, and so forth," said Michael Webber, deputy director of the UT Energy Institute, and one of four co-authors of the paper. "It might need some policy help to get it taken care of."

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Mark Mutz stands by pumpjacks on family land in Kosciusko on July 15. The property sits on the edge of the Eagle Ford Shale play in Wilson County. Although the family is seeing money from wells on their property, production is low in the area for companies to build a gas pipeline. Instead the natural gases are burned off through flaring.

New pipelines, plants

The sharp increase in gas flaring in the Eagle Ford has happened even as the industry has made multibillion-dollar infrastructure investments.

Existing South Texas pipelines that used to carry product inland were reversed to carry gas and oil to Gulf Coast refineries.

In 2012 alone, new pipeline construction in 14 Eagle Ford counties directly employed more than 11,300 workers, according to the University of Texas at San Antonio's Institute for Economic Development.

The Woodlands-based Anadarko Petroleum Corp. last year opened a $100 million, 150-acre plant south of Cotulla in La Salle County to process up to 200 million cubic feet of gas per day from its Eagle Ford wells — one of several projects to carry gas to market.

Steve Everley of the industry website EnergyInDepth said companies are trying to reduce emissions, but he said flared gas and other sources of air pollution are a manageable risk.

Texas oil production likely will surpass every OPEC country except Saudi Arabia by the end of the year, "so we're talking large quantities of energy produced, but only exceedingly small quantities — on a relative basis — of flared gas," Everley said.

Some Eagle Ford operators including Marathon Oil Corp. and ConocoPhillips participate in the World Bank's Global Gas Flaring Reduction Initiative, while Pioneer Natural Resources has reduced flaring during completion operations by 79 percent, he said.

"When you have an influx of economic activity and opportunity, you're typically going to get increased emissions, whether it's oil and gas, automobile manufacturing, new hospital construction, or any industry," Everley said.

Regulatory bans or restrictions on flaring would be an oversimplified response, he said. If they weren't able to flare gas and had to build pipelines in advance, there's no way companies could afford to drill exploratory wells in Texas — the kind sunk in hopes of discovering fields like the Eagle Ford.

"Companies just don't operate with that sort of mentality," Everley said.

A 'continuing issue'

In DeWitt County last winter, Sister Elizabeth Riebschlaeger drove south along a web of farm roads and small highways as a blue norther arrived in South Texas. Dust rose like a blanket of fog across the landscape. The sky turned gray and wind pushed against her white Honda Civic.

The appearance of a blustery winter front often makes oil and gas flares trail black smoke, but Riebschlaeger wanted to drive past a few flare stacks that always seem to burn perfectly no matter the conditions.

"Now see," she said, pointing at one that happens to be across the highway from her cousin's hayfield. "That's a good flare."

Outside the fence line of an EFS Midstream facility, Riebschlaeger rolled down her window and listened to the hollow sound the flare made, like someone blowing across the top of an empty soda bottle.

"They've done a lot of drilling in this area. I want to be fair to these people. Those who do it right should get just as much credit or maybe more than people who don't," she said. "I've never seen black smoke coming out of this flare."

Reibschlaeger, a nun with Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, grew up in Cuero, the DeWitt County seat. With her cousins and sister she owns mineral rights to 300 acres in La Salle County to the west, one of the busiest areas for drilling in the Eagle Ford Shale.

A few years ago when her family wanted to sign a mineral lease with an oil and gas company, Reibschlaeger balked at signing. But when she realized she was outnumbered and the drilling would happen with or without her, she brushed up on the oil and gas industry, especially its impact on the environment and health.

"I thought, well if it's going to happen, then I have a double moral obligation to make sure this is done right with the least amount of damage to the environment and for the sake of the health of my fellow citizens. And so I consider it a special responsibility for that reason."

Riebschlaeger winds a regular path across the Texas coastal prairie, each week making the trek from her apartment in Victoria to San Antonio to the prison in La Salle County where she ministers to inmates. Her Honda has 140,000 miles so far.

Along the way, she stops and visits with residents. She keeps track of new oil and gas wells and facilities. She looks up which hazardous material a truck is hauling — the number 1267 written in a triangle on the back for crude oil, 1993 for fuel oil, including diesel — in the bright orange Emergency Response Handbook in her backseat. If she sees a dirty flare, she takes pictures. She calls the Texas Railroad Commission.

"I felt an obligation to report them," she said.

On this winter day, she drives south toward Yorktown and points out new restaurants, their parking lots filled by white contractor pickups adorned with the logos of oil field companies.

"If you had said 10 years ago they were building two new hotels in Yorktown, I would have laughed in your face," Riebschlaeger said. "It's really helped the small business community in the Eagle Ford towns, which is why a lot of them don't want to complain. I keep telling them, "It's not like they're going to get mad and leave. What they want is under our feet and they know that and they're not going to go anywhere else to get it'."

At an event last fall in Panna Maria in Karnes County, the oldest permanent Polish settlement in America, Reibschlaeger told a small gathering of residents to carefully document and report to the state agencies things such as dirty flares and strange smells, and whether not they were getting ill.

"It's not just a one-time event. It's a continuing issue," she said.

"This is a very conservative part of the state. Do not be afraid to stand up for what you know is the truth. Let's call a spade a spade."

An unlit flare

Bret Wells, an assistant professor at the University of Houston Law Center, in a recent paper called the flaring of natural gas a "tragedy of the commons" — an economic theory in which people act rationally and in their self interest, but deplete a common resource to the community's long-term detriment.

He said that the Texas Railroad Commission could prevent much of the gas flaring in the Eagle Ford, but is failing in its mission to preserve the state's natural resources. Rules that allow companies to flare whenever they want end up encourage flaring. Companies must race to produce faster than their competitors.

"They're going to compete to win," said Wells, who worked for years in the oil and gas industry. "The Eagle Ford Shale is just a replay of our history. We shouldn't have this problem."

Some South Texas landowners think that flaring may be a permanent part of their landscape.

Mark Mutz lives in Kosciusko in southern Wilson County, a spot where his Polish great grandfather first settled what's now near the productive edge of the Eagle Ford. Mutz has noticed pipeline construction to the south and southeast.

"Here?" he asked. "Here, I don't know if they're ever going to do infrastructure."

Mutz said many wells just north of his family's farm were unsuccessful, making it unlikely that operators will spend the money for pipelines nearby.

"Smell that?" Mutz asks at a site with two pumpjacks and an unlit flare stack that rushes with the whoosh of escaping gas. "Smells like a hard night of drinking and eating boiled eggs."

Mutz has never seen the flare stack lit. He's a machinist who calls himself "oilfield trash," the joking nickname that many oil field workers give themselves.

Some of his neighbors have complained of headaches from flares. Last year, his brother, who has a house on a different part of the family's farm, was one of several people who had to evacuate briefly when the operator of a nearby well said there was a risk of a hydrogen sulfide release.

Mutz worries the well that feeds their stock pond — deep and clear and filled with redfish, black bass and blue catfish — could get contaminated.

But like most in South Texas, Mutz acknowledges the good that comes with drilling.

"I'm excited about the money from heaven. That's what we call it," Mutz said. "We lived a good life without it. We never missed any meals. We've done well. This is good money that we just put away and forget about. I'm just concerned about the long-term effects of this."

"I like the money. I don't like what it does to the air. I worry about the water. I need air and water more than I need oil."

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its enforcement activities, frustrating the public."

In the field, inspectors have found unlit flare stacks, leaking gas lines, stuck valves and wells with open casings that all vented raw gas into the atmosphere.

In some cases, the vented gas was not being measured, so there's no way to know how much was lost.

The Railroad Commission has nearly doubled the number of inspectors since 2009. Its 159 inspectors in 2013 conducted 125,000 inspections — about 786 per person.

Nye said the agency does an effective job with its existing resources, but plans to ask for more inspectors during the 2015 Legislative session.

Commission inspectors caught some energy companies flaring gas without a permit. Others, such as the Hess site in La Salle County, escaped notice as they flared without the necessary approvals.

But unapproved flaring isn't supposed to happen at all.

The Eagle Ford Shale Task Force Report — issued last year by a 24-member group organized by Railroad Commissioner David Porter — assured concerned residents that flaring doesn't occur without the permission of regulators.

The report described an automated computer program that flags excessive amounts of flaring in monthly production reports filed by energy companies.

"If flared or vented amounts of gas are reported above the level requiring a permit, another automated check is performed to verify the existence of a permit to flare or vent," the report says. "If no permit exists, the lease is held in violation."

That scenario didn't happen at scores of drilling operations in the Eagle Ford Shale.

At a remote rural property that spans the border of Karnes and Live Oak counties, wells operated by Dallas energy company Cinco Natural Resources Corp. produced more than 620 million cubic feet of gas in 2012. But the company flared or vented nearly 60 percent of it — more than 380 million cubic feet, or the energy equivalent of more than 65,000 barrels of oil.

Cinco had applied for and obtained flaring permits in August 2012 that allowed the company to flare for 45 days concurrently at two wells. But there's nothing on file for the other months, and the Railroad Commission didn't notice the missing permits.

"We firmly believe we had the required permits to do the kind of flaring that we did," said Cinco's chief financial officer, Wayne Stoltenberg, who declined to answer questions about the period when Cinco flared gas with no permits on file.

For the 45-day period covered by the permits, Stoltenberg said the flaring was necessary because of well tests and the temporary shutdown of a neighboring gas processing plant.

"We hate to flare," Stoltenberg said. "That's money going up in the incinerator. That's like burning dollars. We hate to do it, but there are instances where you have to. You try to do it as short as you possibly can."

Porter didn't respond to an email request for an interview.

Officials at the Railroad Commission said Cinco failed to follow flaring regulations. On Aug. 12, the agency fined Cinco nearly $37,000 for unauthorized flaring.

In La Salle County, EP Energy E&P Co. LP flared or vented nearly 175 million cubic feet of gas, which amounted to 4 percent of its gas production. The Railroad Commission fined the company nearly $26,000 in July.

Nye said officials are considering enforcement actions against three other operators of leases that ranked in the top 20 Eagle Ford flaring sites in 2012. Matador Production Co. operated three leases in La Salle and Karnes counties that produced 1.6 billion cubic feet of gas — and flared or vented nearly 40 percent of it without applying for flaring permits, according to the commission.

Another firm, Carrizo (Eagle Ford) LLC, flared or vented all the gas it produced at its lease in La Salle County in 2012 — 167 million cubic feet.

The burning and wasting of natural gas is an old problem in Texas.

Decades ago, officials at the Railroad Commission struggled to deal with rampant flaring when oil was king and gas was cheap, much like today in the Eagle Ford Shale.

After years of ineffectively encouraging energy firms to cut down on flaring, the Railroad Commission took the extraordinary step in the 1940s of shutting down thousands of wells in entire oil fields until companies collected the natural gas.

Outraged oil producers sued. But the Texas Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Railroad Commission.

"The Railroad Commission got tough. That was a huge shock," said David Prindle, a professor at the University of Texas at Austin and author of the book "Petroleum Politics and the Texas Railroad Commission."

"It was one of those, 'We finally got your attention' moments," Prindle said.

A growing market for natural gas, the threat of federal intervention and crusading petroleum engineer William Murray helped transform the Railroad Commission into what Prindle called a "conservation tiger."

Murray, who had worked for the commission and was shocked by the amount of flaring in the Texas Panhandle, was appointed to the board in 1947 and set a new tone at the agency, said Prindle, who extensively interviewed Murray for his book.

Today, no William Murrays at the Railroad Commission are calling for the widespread shutdown of thousands of oil wells. But after the Eagle Ford Shale Task Force published its findings last year, Commissioner Porter announced a "flaring initiative" to modernize state regulations, reduce the waste of natural gas and make sure flaring was an "option of last resort."

"I've directed commission staff to apply a higher level of scrutiny to applications for flaring and venting operations and to shorten time frames for compliance when violations are reported," Porter was quoted as saying in the task force report.

But at a contentious public meeting in Austin on March 26, 2013, Smitherman expressed his displeasure with Porter for announcing greater scrutiny of the industry without consulting his fellow commissioners, who hadn't yet read the report.

"I think one of the hallmarks of good regulation is to be consistent and predictable," Smitherman told Porter. "I'm trying to figure out how you, unilaterally, have directed staff to apply a higher level of scrutiny to these (flaring) applications."

Since then, no one at the Railroad Commission has taken any steps to revise its flaring regulations. Yet the volume of flared natural gas in the Eagle Ford continued to climb in 2013.

Energy firms wasted more than 35 billion cubic feet of gas that year — a 65 percent increase from 2012, when flaring and venting totaled more than 21 billion cubic feet.

At a recent presentation in San Antonio, Scott Tinker, director of the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas at Austin, showed a satellite photo of South Texas from 1994 when the sky was dark.

Then he showed a newer NASA image of the Eagle Ford taken in 2012.

"You see this city that just got built, as big as Houston?" Tinker asked the audience. "That's the Eagle Ford. That's flares and lights at night for the rig.

"For flaring? Really. Can't we do something different than flare today? That was kind of last century."

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A team of geological consultants man an operations center to provide remote geosteering decision support to the well site drilling team. *Photo courtesy Horizontal Solutions International*

SEEKING THE PERFECT WELL

Drilling, operations teams have differing goals

By Mella McEwen
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Aiming to extract even more crude and natural gas from Permian Basin shales, operators are increasingly turning to horizontal drilling and technological advances, from geonavigation techniques in drilling longer laterals to data analysis.

Those horizontal wells may yield high initial potentials, but they are more expensive than the traditional vertical wells that have long dotted the Basin's landscape.

That has given rise to what is essentially a tug-of-war between the desire to maximize production while minimizing costs.

"That's exactly what it's doing," said K.C. Oren, who will teach a day-long workshop The Trade-Offs in Drilling the 'Perfect' Horizontal Well on Wednesday.

Sponsored by the Petroleum Technology Transfer Council, the workshop will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Midland College's Advanced Technology Center, 3200 W. Cuthbert Ave.

If you go

The Trade-Offs in Drilling the 'Perfect' Horizontal Well workshop, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday at ATC Blankinship Lecture Hall, 3200 W. Cuthbert Ave. Register online at http://bit.ly/1IDAXAP.

"The goal in a horizontal well is to spend as much time in the producing formation as possible," said Oren, vice president for sales and marketing of Horizontal Solutions International's TrueTime Solutions. He is based in Frisco, Colorado.

Oren, who has over 30 years experience in the industry noted that if a driller is not able to maintain position in that producing formation, the well may be non-productive, at least in that interval.

"It requires extra time and cost to maintain that position," he said.

That can conflict with the driller's goal of drilling a well as fast and inexpensively as possible, a goal shared by the operator, he said. "But if you don't stay in that producing zone, the well's not as productive."

Each formation is different, and Oren said the biggest factor in how productive a well is lies with hydraulic fracturing, stimulating the well and the proppants used.

The ultimate goal is to strike a balance between the two positions, Oren said. He added, "If we do our job well, it may not cost any extra."

The class is being offered to ensure all disciplines, from drillers to geologists, understand the trade-offs.

He will take a look at the personalities and motivations in drilling a well and the history of how wells have been drilled.

With the rise of horizontal drilling today, he said geologists need to be "intimately involved" in a well," whereas before, drillers were left to drill wells as they saw fit.

"You used to be able to drill well, there was a static plan — you had a set method for drilling wells. Now you have to make adjustments. That's where geosteering comes in," Oren said.

Both geoscientists and engineers can benefit, he said.

By the end of the course, participants should have an understanding of best practices for avoiding problems in drilling horizontal wells, the various drivers by department or discipline and the trade-offs in achieving common goals and working together as an asset team: the four key principles of geo-navigation; leveraging data for sound geosteering decision support, horizontal well targeting techniques and recommended best practices and overcoming subsurface position uncertainty and how it impacts geosteering decisions.

Endurance Resources sees growth spurt

By Mella McEwen
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Close to 18 months after opening its Midland office in Wall Towers West, Endurance Resources is preparing for its coming-out party.

Don Ritter, chief executive officer and company co-founder with Garrett Smith, chief financial officer, visited the Midland office this week to work on some acquisitions and lease additional office space for the growing company.

"We're in our coming-out phase," said Ritter. He said with employment and office expansion underway, leases acquired and plans to double its activity next year, the Dallas-based company was ready to make its presence known in Midland.

Since opening the Midland office, Ritter said production has grown from 300 barrels of oil equivalent per day to 3,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day and five employees have been added to the staff. The company is preparing to hire nine more, with positions open "across the board," from drilling superintendent to pumpers to geotechs.

Endurance last year received a $100 million growth equity commitment from Lime Rock Partners.

The company targets the Bone Spring in the Delaware Basin, drilling wells in Eddy and Lea counties, New Mexico. Ritter said Endurance is looking for acreage in West Texas, with a focus on Loving and Reeves counties.

"We're essentially their Delaware Basin team and don't really plan to play in other areas," Ritter said.

The company was high bidder in the recent lease sale held by the Bureau of Land Management, spending $32.5 million on acreage in Lea County.

Since opening in Midland, Endurance has drilled 11 wells and participated in another six. Ritter said the company will add a seeond rig the first of next year with plans to drill 20 wells. All the new wells are horizontal, he said. With about 300 horizontal locations, he said the company has about 10 years of drilling inventory.

"We've been drilling mostly Second Bone Spring and we just completed our first Third Bone Spring well, and we plan on drilling some Avalon wells next year," he reported.

The company almost exclusively uses ceramic proppants, said Ritter. He explained that the ceramic holds up better under the high pressures found in the deeper wells.

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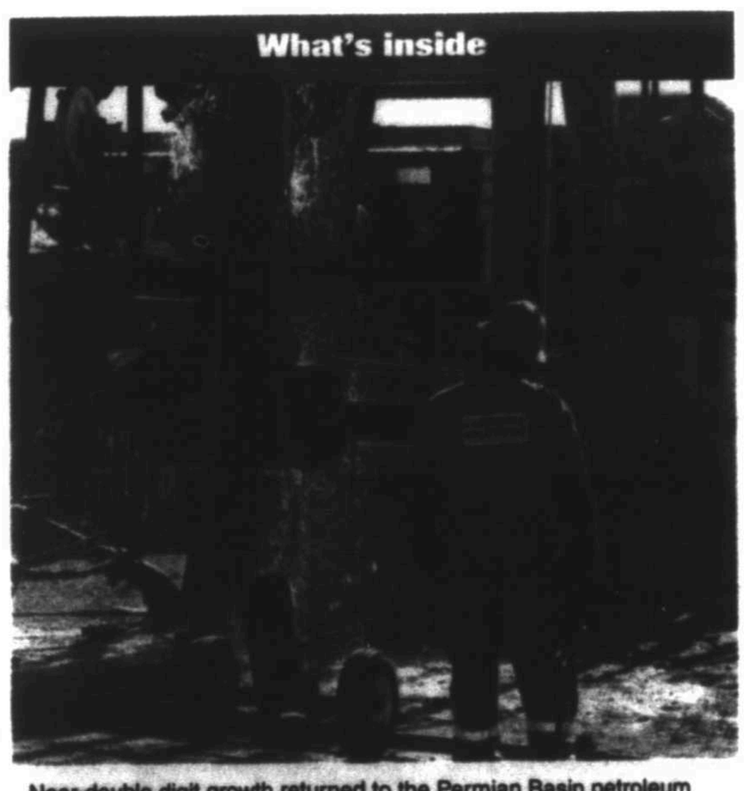

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Higher commodity prices fuel rise in oilpatch activity

By Mella McEwen
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Near-double digit growth returned to the Permian Basin petroleum industry in July as strong crude prices fueled rising activity.

According to Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index, the July index was 9.9 percent higher than July 2013 levels.

A surge in crude prices above $100 had helped boost drilling activity, he said. July prices retreated modestly, he said, averaging $98.96, down 2.3 percent from $101.27 last July. For the year, prices are averaging $97.58, up 5.8 pereent from $92.27 in the first seven months of 2013.

"Prices have been behaving interestingly," said Ingham, who said he began the year expecting prices to retreat to about $90 or even the high $80s in 2014. He said political concerns, such as tensions between Ukraine and Russia and unrest in the Middle East, have markets worried about supplies, boosting prices. He said he still believes crude prices should be seeing downward pressures.

"If ever we end up in a period where the markets are not being buffeted by events across the globe," he said. "We still don't have a world absent political worries. Scary things are going on and that tends to result in the oil markets shifting higher."

Those prices have translated into rising values for Permian Basin crude production, which Ingham said totaled $3.4 billion in July, up 8 percent from $3.17 billion last July. For the year, production is valued at $23.6 billion, up 18.9 percent from $19.8 billion a year ago.

That cash has flowed into drilling activity, Ingham said. He said the rig count for the three Railroad Commission districts that comprise the West Texas portion of the Permian Basin averaged 467 rigs in July, up 21.6 percent from last July's 384 rigs. For the year, the rig count is averaging 435 rigs, up 11 percent from 392 last year.

That high rate of drilling continues to boost Permian Basin oil production volumes, which were up 10.5 percent in July compared to last July and 12.4 percent so far this year compared to a year ago.

There has also been a 42 percent increase in the number of drilling permits issued by the Railroad Commission, Ingham reported. The commission issued 1,099 permits in July, up 42 percent from 774 last July. The commission has issued 6,569 permits so far in 2014, up 5.2 percent from 6,242 last year. Ingham said the sharp increases in permits issued in May, June and July brought the year-to-date total back into positive territory. In fact, he said, the year-to-date total is a record.

Operators reported 1,401 oil completions in July, down 4.4 percent from 1,465 last July. But operators have completed 11,649 oil wells so far this year, up 50.7 percent from 7,729 last year.

Natural gas also continues to improve, Ingham said. Natural gas prices averaged $4.40 per Mcf in July, up 21.5 percent from $3.62 last July. Prices are averaging $4.57 so far this year, up 25.7 percent from $3.64 a year ago.

Operators reported 17 natural gas completions in July, up 466.7 percent from three last July. For the year, operators have completed 81 gas wells, up 19.1 percent from 68 a year earlier.

Natural gas production volumes in July were 7.1 percent higher than the previous July and are up 7.2 percent this year compared to last year.

The value of Permian Basin natural gas production in July was $478.6 million, up 30.2 percent from $367.7 million last year. To date, production is valued at $3.38 billion, up 34.8 percent from $2.5 billion a year earlier.

Ingham said growth in oil and gas employment surpassed 10 percent for the first time this year, with the number of employed, 33,645, up 10.8 percent from 30,370 last July. Year-to-date employment is averaging 32,095, up 8.2 percent from 29,650 a year ago.

Even though he said he expects downward pressure on commodity prices, Ingham said not to lose sight of the bigger picture.

"Don't lose sight of the global perspective here. The Permian Basin is certainly a high profile crude producing region and now much more so. It gets bigger by the day, more important by the day. It's on its way to becoming one of the top two or three oil fields on the planet and maybe the top oil field on the planet. The economy of Midland-Odessa has stretched and stretched in the process of the Permian Basin becoming a critically important oil hub."

While natural gas producers were so successful in producing unconventional shale gas that they "produced themselves right out of a favorable market, there's a long way to go before oil does the same," he said.

AP file photo

Water gushes out of a drilling pipe as it is pulled up to be replaced with a fresh pipe at a hydraulic fracturing site in Midland in September 2013.

ENERGYBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

WTGS hosts BEG professor

The West Texas Geological Society will meet Tuesday at Midland Center beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Kitty Milliken from the Bureau of Economic Geology will speak on "Mudrock Shale Heterogeneity: Insights from High-Resolution SEM Imaging."

Cost is $15, including lunch. Additional information may be found at www.wtgs.org under 'Upcoming Events.' Reservations are encouraged and can be made by calling 683-1573 or email at wtgs@wtgs.org.

PBGS sets September meeting

Members of the Permian Basin Geophysical Society will meet Wednesday at Midland Center beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The technical presentation will be given by Jim Rutledge of Schlumberger. He will speak on "The Signature of Shearing Driven by Hydraulic Opening."

Cost is $15, which includes lunch and the technical presentation. Reservations can be made by noon Monday at http://pbgs.seg.org, by email at pbgs@pinnacleseismic.com or calling 682-3685.

HOUSTON

Buckeye Partners buying Eagle Ford assets

Buckeye Partners L.P. will enter the fast-growing Eagle Ford region with an $860 million deal to acquire an 80 percent interest Trafigura AG's South Texas midstream assets.

The deal will create a new joint venture – called Buckeye Texas Partners – to operate a deep-water shipping terminal on the Corpus Christi ship channel, a condensate splitter and storage complex in Corpus Christi and three crude oil and condensate gathering facilities in the Eagle Ford region. When completed, Buckeye will be able to move condensate, a type of very light oil, from the Eagle Ford area directly to the terminal in Corpus Christi, the company said in its announcement.

The deal is expected to close later this month, according to a release from Buckeye. Buckeye will acquire an 80 percent majority interest in the assets held by Trafigura Terminals LLC, while Trafigura will retain a 20 percent stake.

Buckeye also plans to spend $240 million to $270 million on improvements to the system that will bring the total liquid petroleum products storage capacity of the Corpus Christi site to 5.6 million barrels. The company is also building a 50,000-barrel-per-day condensate splitter that is expected to be completed by 2015.

The Corpus Christi terminal has five vessel berths, three of which are deep-water docks. The site also includes truck and rail car loading and unloading facilities.

Trafigura AG is an international commodities trading and logistics company. Houston-based Buckeye Partners is a master limited partnership that owns a number of midstream assets focused on the transportation, storage and marketing of liquid petroleum products.

Buckeye also announced it will offer 5.5 million limited partnership units for sale. The proceeds from the offering will finance a portion of the Trafigura deal.

IDAHO

State rejects oil company request to exclude feds

BOISE — Idaho officials have rejected a Texas company's request to exclude federal lands and potential royalties from what is believed to be a profitable natural gas field in the southwest part of the state.

The Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission on Thursday voted 3-2 in a decision that went against Houston-based oil company Alta Mesa's petition to omit 187 acres of federal land from a 615-acre drilling unit.

GROWTH

From 1G

Endurance has been seeing good recovery rates, with its most recent well reporting an initial potential of 3,500 BOE in the Second Bone Spring. Like other companies, Ritter said the wells have a 99 percent decline rate in the first year but then stabilize.

"We've done well, we have a nice acreage position and hope to expand. There's a bit of a tight spot with pipeline takeaway and the Midland price differential, but we have a long-term view," Ritter said.

The only real challenge he sees is getting what he called right-sized acreage. Parcels have been either too small or too large with not much in between, he said. The company's target is 3,000 to 5,000 acres.

"We're looking primarily for acreage and some acquisitions, primarily acreage with shallow production and deeper rights," Ritter said. "What we see is our ability over time to improve recovery rates, either through ceramic proppants or improved geomechanics.

"We're a very small company but we employ a lot of technology that helps us get a lot out of our wells," he said.

For now, Ritter said there are no plans to change how the company operates.

"I think, probably, there are a couple of natural spots that, if we grow to a certain level, we'll need to change the structure of the company One level is 10,000 barrels of oil equivalent a day or $1 billion in asset value," he said.

Petroleum Professional Development Center

Special event

PTTC: The Trade-offs in Drilling the "Perfect" Horizontal Well
Instructor: K. C. Oren
September 10, Wed, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Midland College ATC Blankinship Lecture Hall, 3200 W. Cuthbert Avenue, Midland
Register on the PTTC Website below:
http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-trade-offs-in-drilling-the-perfect-horizontal-well-tickets-12393131189

PPDC courses

On-Line Division Orders Certificate Program: Module 4 of 6 Modules: Calculations
Instructors: Sherry Robinson
Start Date: September 8; End Date: September 30-Registration Deadline: Noon, September 8th
New Registrants: $599; Out of State, $624
The required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

Basic Drilling for Non-Drilling Engineers
Instructor: Tommy Lent
September 9-10, Tue-Wed, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
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Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Basic Oilfield Operations Training
Instructor: Albert Garza
September 10-11, Wed-Thu, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
$475; Out of State, $500
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Introduction to Log Interpretation and Quality
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
September 15-17, Mon-Wed, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
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Instructor: Celia Payne
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Well Service and Pressure Control
Instructor: Mike Cure
September 16, Tue, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
$375; Out of State, $400
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Introduction to Well Completion Design
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
September 18-19 Thu, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri, 8 a.m.-Noon
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Well Servicing Rig Management
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September 22, Mon, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
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Instructor: Ernie Gilkerson
September 24, Wed., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Lunch 1-1/2 hours)
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Instructor: Kerry Sublette
September 29, Mon, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
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Introduction to Coiled Tubing
Instructor: Jeff Harris
October 2, Thu, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
$350; Out of State, $375
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Well Control Drilling/Workover (WellCAP)
Instructor: Larry Chapman
October 6-8, Mon-Wed, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thu, 8 a.m.-Noon
$900; Out of State, $925
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 1 of 6 Modules
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: October 6; End Date: October 31-Registration Deadline: Noon, October 6th
Returning Registrants: $599; Out of State, $624
New Registrants: $649; Out of State, $674; (includes $50 manual (AAPL Land Reference Guide).
If you plan to register for additional modules, the $50 materials fee is a one-time charge

Comprehensive Hydraulic Fracturing (combination of 2 classes below)
Instructor: Dr. Ali Daneshy
October 6-10, Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
$4,900; Out of State, $4,925
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Fundamentals of Hydraulic Fracturing
Instructor: Dr. Ali Daneshy
October 6-7, Mon-Tue, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
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Air Emission Analysis for TCEQ and EPA Quad O Compliance
Instructor: Dr. Peter Galusky
October 7, Wed, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
$325; Out of State, $350
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Advanced Horizontal Well Fracturing
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October 8-10, Wed-Fri, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
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Optimizing Oil Field Water Management Using Stimulation Modeling Software
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October 9, Tue, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
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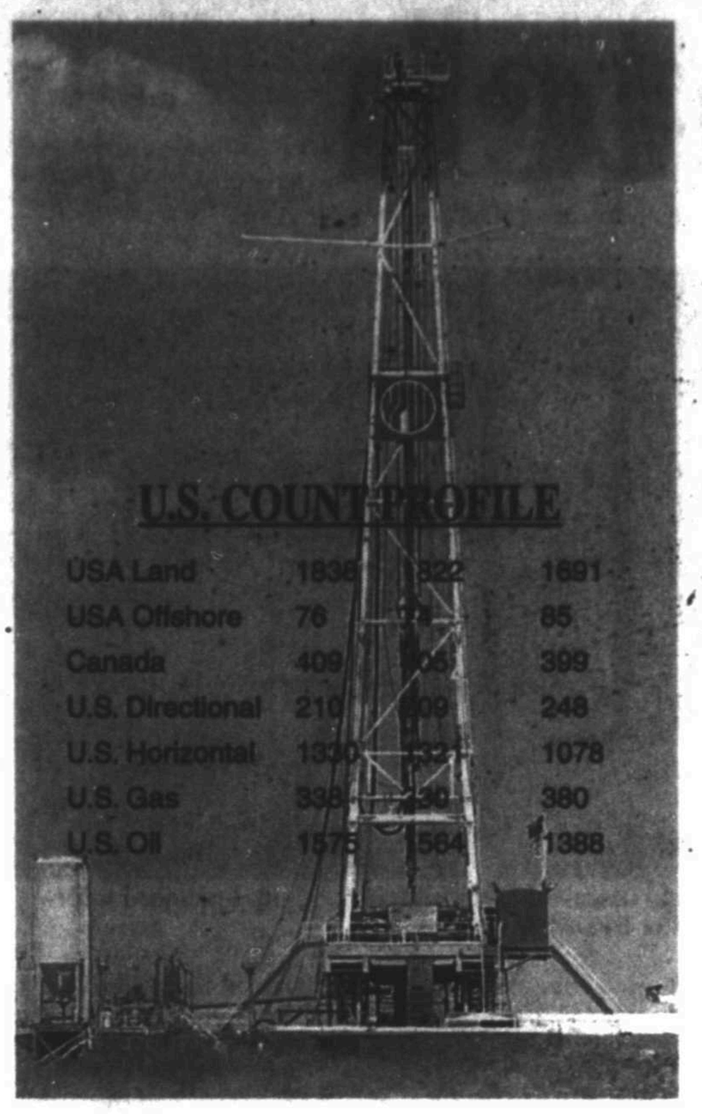
PETRA (Fundamentals)
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
October 9-10, Thu-Fri, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
$625; Out of State, $650
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Corrosion Control for the Oil and Gas Industry
Instructor: Becky Ogden
October 14-15, Tue-Wed, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
$750; Out of State, $775
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Production Chemicals: Establishing an Effective Chemical Program
Instructor: Becky Ogden
October 16, Thu, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
$325; Out of State, $350
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois



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Concho	0
Crockett	6
Irion	18
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	0
Reagan	34
Runnels	1
Schleicher	1
Sutton	0
Terrell	1
Tom Green	1
Upton	34

DIST. #8

Andrews	32
Brewster	0
Crane	6
Culberson	13
Ector	19
Glasscock	34
Howard	24
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	21
Martin	43
Midland	41
Mitchell	2
Pecos	12
Presidio	0
Reeves	54
Sterling	1
Ward	14
Winkler	2

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Crosby	1
Dawson	4
Dickens	0
Floyd	0
Gaines	14
Garza	1
Hale	0
Hockley	2
Kent	0
King	1
Lamb	0
Lubbock	0
Lynn	1
Motley	0
Scurry	7
Terry	1
Yoakum	5

TEXAS TOTAL 455

New Mexico

Chaves	0
Eddy	37
Lea	43
Roosevelt	1

NEW MEXICO TOTAL 81

MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	**$91.50**
Flint Hills Resources*	**$92.00**
Phillips 66	**$92.16**
Plains*	**$92.00**
Shell Trading	**$92.20**
Sun*	**$92.00**
Nymex futures	**$94.98***

Net price without transportation charge
Note: Posted prices as of Sept. 3, 2014

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price 9/3/14	Same period one year ago
Nymex future price	**$3.808**	**$3.847**	**$3.666**
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	**$3.690**	**$3.910**	**$3.565**
Composite Field Prices For RockyMountains	**$3.729**	**$3.803**	**$3.428**
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	**$3.757**	**$3.880**	**$3.540**
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	**$3.730**	**$3.875**	**$3.205**
CompositeField Prices For Midcontinent	**$3.610**	**$3.805**	**$3.490**
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	**$3.741**	**$3.948**	**$3.530**

Growing Chinese appetite ignites methanol renaissance

By Rhiannon Meyers
Houston Chronicle

China's growing appetite for methanol has ignited a renaissance in North America, where vast supplies of cheap natural gas from the U.S. shale boom are attracting Chinese investments into new methanol plants.

The methanol market has accelerated rapidly in recent years as the Chinese throw their money behind new projects to expand North America's capacity to produce methanol.

Made from natural gas, methanol is used in a wide range of products, including plastics, paints, solvents, refrigerants and pigments.

Other countries also use methanol as a replacement or an additive to gasoline, but the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has not approved it as a transportation fuel.

According to projections, the world will add 50 million metric tons of new methanol capacity within the next decade, with about one-third of that coming from North America, according to a new report by Houston-based energy analyst firm IHS.

"This is more than six times today's output, and heralds the return of the North American methanol industry as a production powerhouse," said Mike Nash, global director of syngas chemicals at IHS Chemical in a statement.

North America is now poised to become a net exporter of methanol in 2017, IHS said.

Still, Nash urged caution, saying some projects may not come to fruition as a surge of new Gulf Coast refining and petrochemical investments creates stiff competition for materials and highly skilled labor. That will likely lead to project delays and cost overruns that may ultimately force some companies to scrap plans for new plants and expansions.

"It's so easy to look at all these press announcements and then say the world is going to be swimming in methanol, but that's not necessarily the case," Nash said.

Demand for methanol is rising in China, which has an exploding population and a booming economy. The country is by far the world's largest methanol consumer, eating up about 51 percent of the global stock and producing 30 percent. The country's growing demand for more methanol can be traced to its emerging new methanol-to-olefins technology, which converts merchant methanol into ethylene, propylene and other derivatives that can then be used as chemical building blocks.

With supplies unable to keep pace, China has turned its focus to imports, which are projected to increase six-fold in the next decade, IHS said.

The Chinese-fueled methanol resurgence can be seen in places like Texas City, which last month announced that it's one of two Gulf Coast locations in the running for a $4.5 billion methanol manufacturing and exporting plant under development by a Chinese company.

At full capacity, the plant under consideration would produce 7.2 million tons of methanol each year for export to China, making it one of the largest in the world, according to industry consultants.

The announcement came on the heels of another by a Dutch fertilizer company, which said in November that it planned to build the United States' largest methanol plant, a $1 billion facility in Beaumont capable of producing 1.75 million tons of methanol per year. The proposed Texas City plant would be four times as large.

Nash said the "tidal wave" of new U.S. projects also includes the re-start or relocation of old plants.

Cyberattacks prompt need for change in insurance coverage

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

A massive data breach into Target's computer systems last year claimed millions of customer credit card numbers, a CEO's job and $148 million so far to clean up the mess.

If hackers ever manage to hit an oil and gas company with a major cyberattack — compromising key systems at a deepwater platform or an oil refinery — losses could dwarf the retailer's tab.

Yet most U.S. energy companies have to scrape together a collection of insurance policies to protect themselves against property, environmental and other damages from cyber-attacks that could run into the billions of dollars.

For the past decade the insurance industry has narrowed the kinds of cybersecurity damages it covers under liability policies, even as U.S. officials are pushing companies to obtain coverage so they can fund quick responses to security breaches, said Glenn Legge, a partner at Houston law firm Legge, Farrow, Kimmitt, McGrath & Brown, who specializes in commercial litigation areas including energy and insurance coverage.

"Imagine what could happen if a large refinery or petrochemical facility's safety monitoring systems were hijacked near an urban area, or a subsea control module was no longer able to be controlled by the people who should be controlling it," Legge said. "As we've all seen from Deepwater Horizon, those risks and damages can be astronomical. It requires an immediate response."

That deadly 2010 blowout and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico was an accident, but London-based insurer Aon says energy companies are at particular risk for cyberattacks because hackers only began targeting them in recent years, so many are just beginning to develop effective security.

ABI Research forecasts that the oil industry will pay $1.9 billion on cybersecurity defense systems by 2018. But less than a fifth of U.S. companies overall are covered for cyberdamages.

General cybersecurity policies cover privacy breaches and other data-related claims, but attacks that cause property or pollution damage from an oil and gas company's facilities typically fall in a gray area under different property damage policies.

Legge spoke with the Houston Chronicle about recent developments in the cybersecurity insurance market and how the oil industry and the insurance industry might come closer together on cybersecurity policies. Excerpts, condensed and edited for clarity:

Q: Why is cybersecurity insurance becoming a bigger issue for oil and gas companies?

A: Perhaps this is just the new normal. Upstream, midstream and downstream companies are all increasing their reliance on what has been called big data.

There's also an increased reliance upon remote production monitoring and controls, as they're looking at shale production throughout South Texas or North Dakota and deep-water exploration. Managing and protecting this has become a real challenge.

There's no doubt that the speed with which response to a cyberattack can occur will have a significant impact on keeping the resulting damages low. It's just like responding to a blowout. The sooner you find an effective means to cap that blowout, the sooner you can reduce the damages.

Q: When did energy companies start paying more attention to potential cyberattacks?

A: We saw that in 2012 when Saudi Aramco was subjected to a virus that affected thousands of its facilities overseas. Fortunately, none of the production safeguards were impacted, but the fact that the energy industry experienced a very real cyberattack got the attention of the companies and their insurers.

Then this year the U.S. government issued an executive order telling U.S. industries that we need to have a heightened degree of vigilance and safeguards against cyberattacks. The Department of Energy also released guidelines for the oil and gas industry on cybersecurity.

Almost contemporaneously, we've got an insurance industry association in the United States coming out with enhanced exclusions under their policies for such risks.

Q: Aren't insurers skeptical of energy companies' cyberdefenses?

A: To be fair, I think we've seen a fast-paced response by the oil and gas industry, with respect to an information-sharing group they formed this year. It's an organization where they can share what they are doing to guard against cyberattacks. There have been attempts by the Insurance Services Office (an organization that calculates risk and develops insurance policy forms) since 2001 to further narrow the coverage for losses resulting from a cyberattack. A company could have a very well-placed, well-secured and broad liability policy — property, third party claims, pollution, underground resources damages — but it may have a cyberrisk exclusion on top of it.

Q: From your perspective, what's the answer here?

A: I can't tell you what the playbook is, but I would expect to see the energy sector continue to increase the level of sophistication and technology they're using to guard against cyberattacks. That's reflected in directives by the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Energy. The gap will be narrowed as the insurance industry keeps abreast of those developments. An underwriter in the London market said, "We want to provide insurance coverage, but insurance coverage is not a replacement for security." I think that's a very apt and correct statement.

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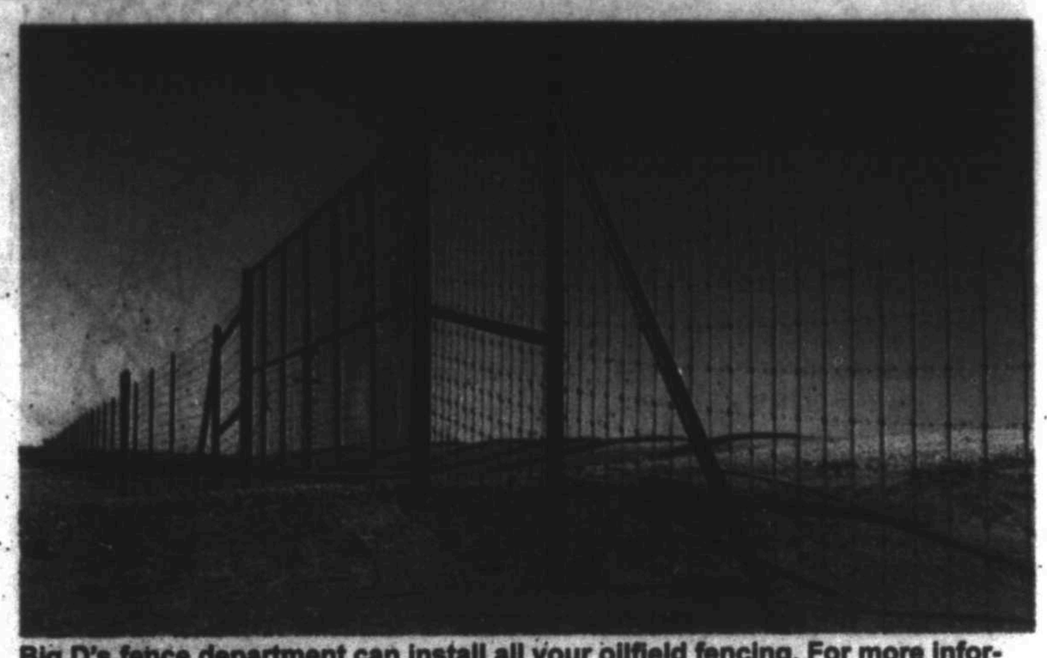

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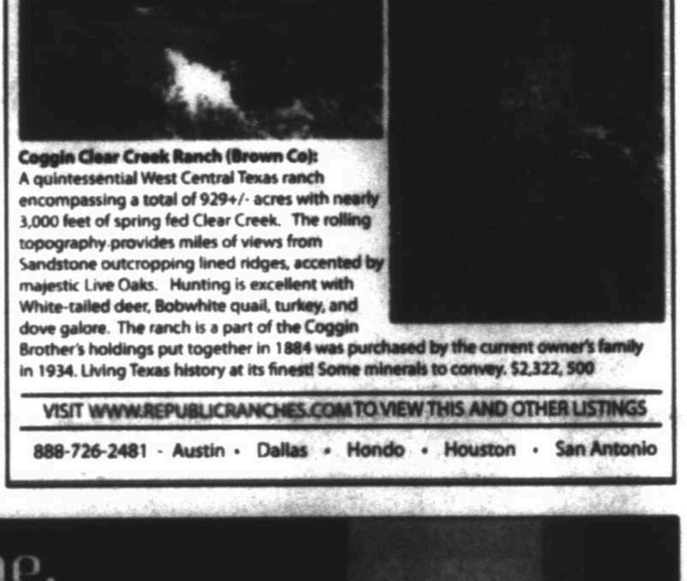

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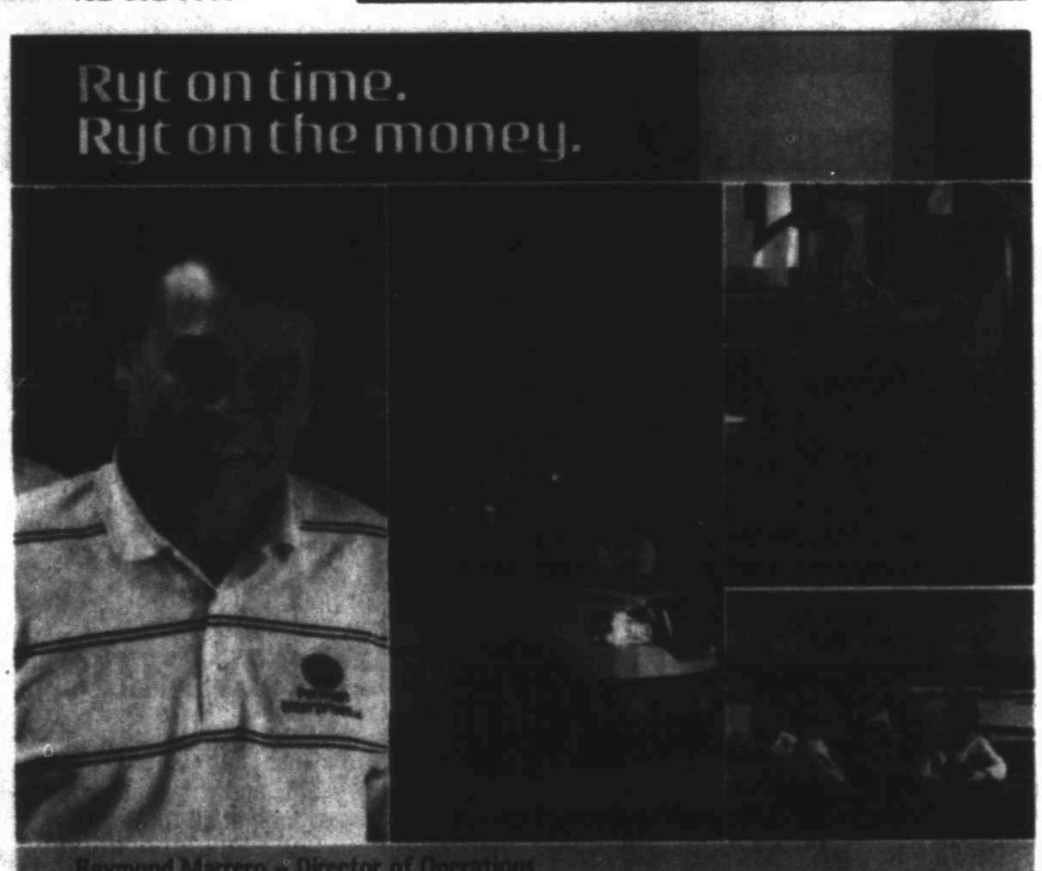

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When installing HDPE pipe, the top priorities are to do it in a timely manner and to get secure connections. The Victaulic plain end HDPE pipe joining system excels at both.

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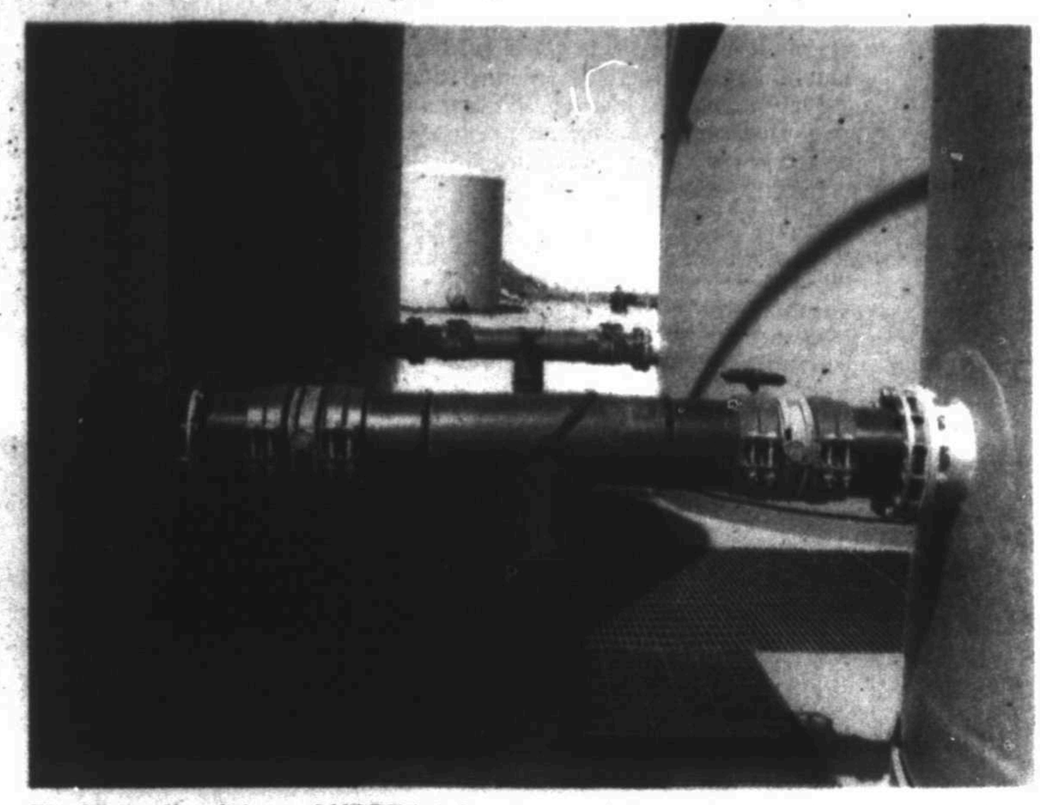

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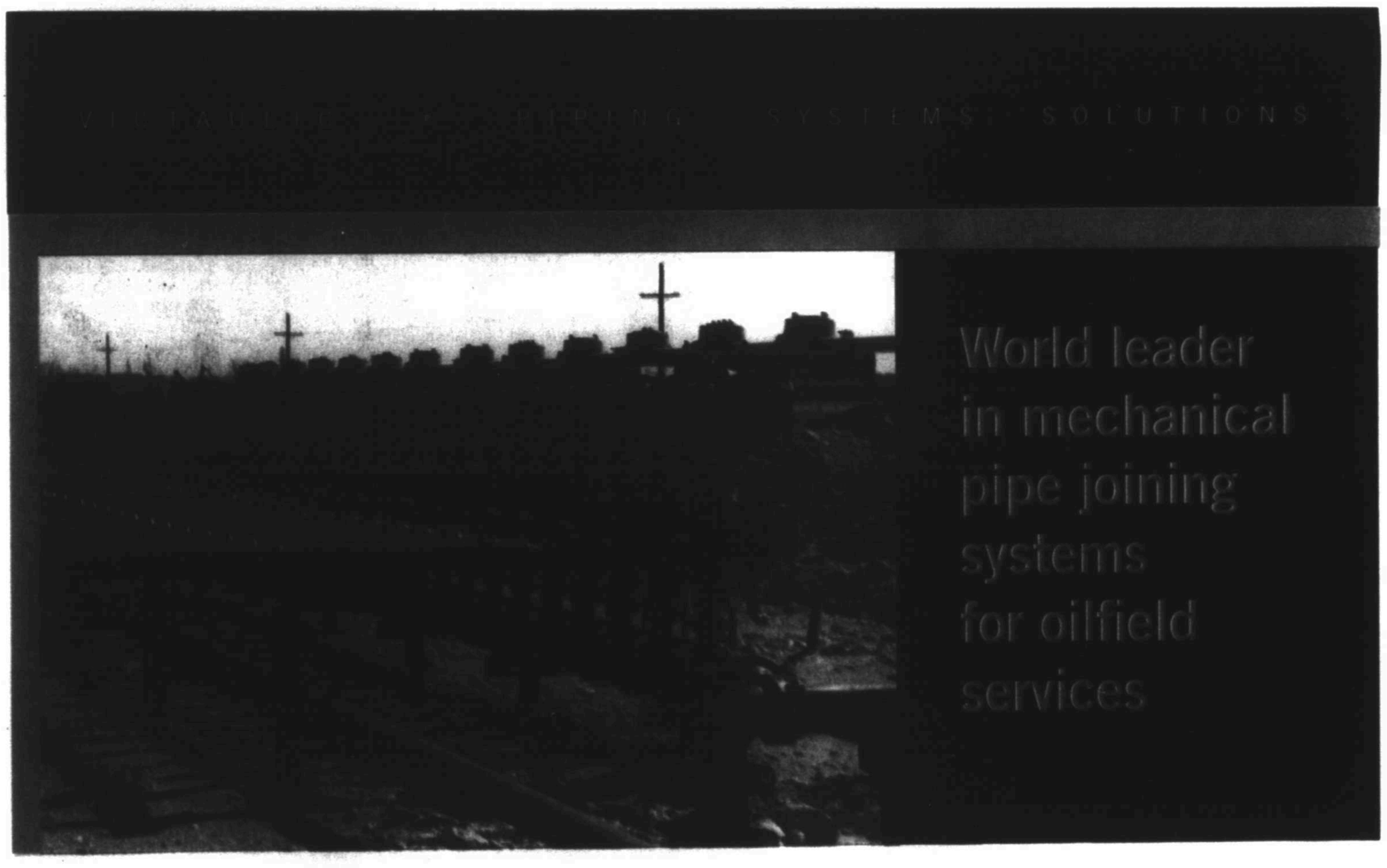

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Natural gas flaring protects public health, safety

ALEX MILLS
Columnist

Many people outside the oil and gas industry wonder why producers seem to be wasting natural gas by flaring it into the air for no apparent reason.

There happens to be a number of very good reasons, as pointed out by Omar Garcia, President of the South Texas Energy and Economic Roundtable, in a recent article in the San Antonio Express News.

A key reason for flaring is safety. "When equipment or pipes become over-pressured, safety valves within the equipment automatically engage to send gas into flare stacks until pressures reach a safe level," Garcia said.

Oil and natural gas wells are drilled miles beneath the Earth and under extreme temperatures and pressure. All precautions must be taken to prevent a blowout, an uncontrolled gushing of fluids that threatens lives and property. When pressures reach certain levels, the safety valves release natural gas and it ignites, creating a flare.

Flaring involves burning off natural gas in a pre-approved manner that is regulated by the Texas Railroad Commission.

Flaring prevents potential health and safety problems. Natural gas in its raw form can be very harmful if breathed by humans and animals. It must be monitored, tested and controlled. Natural gas is very volatile, too. If not properly handled, it can ignite and cause massive explosions.

Therefore, natural gas cannot be released into the atmosphere. It must be flared.

During the drilling and completion process, each well undergoes a variety of tests to determine quantity and quality of the oil and gas encountered. In most cases, there are no pipelines in the area during the drilling process, making it necessary to flare during these tests.

As a matter of fact, it may take months to get a pipeline connection. If this is the case, the operator of the well must obtain a permit from the Railroad Commission to flare the gas.

Obviously, flaring of natural gas is a waste, but a necessary waste to protect everyone's health and safety. Producers want to get a pipeline connection as soon as possible so they can begin selling the natural gas.

The industry also has been developing the technology to recover the natural gas and use it at the well site.

After the pipeline has been constructed, the natural gas is injected and transported for consumer use and it becomes a part of the revenue stream. Garcia points out that according to the Texas Railroad Commission more than 16,000 miles of pipeline were added across the state between 2010 and 2013.

Natural gas production in Texas has increased 40 percent since 1995, and the outlook favors continued increases in production of this precious resource. The future of natural gas has arrived.

Alex Mills is President of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers. The opinions expressed are solely of the author.

EPA looks at new mandates on methane

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency is considering a broad strategy to clamp down on methane emissions tied to oil and gas development, with a mix of both voluntary steps and regulatory mandates possible.

The Obama administration has previously said the agency will make a decision on whether new rules are needed this fall.

But EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy just gave a strong signal that the agency is poised to decide something is needed to combat methane emissions tied to oil and gas development. And, she suggested, the next step might not be regulation.

"There are lots of things we can do regulatorily under the Clean Air Act, and there are lots of things we can do to expand our voluntary programs," McCarthy said, speaking to executives and analysts at the Barclays Energy-Power Conference in New York on Tuesday. "We are looking at what are the most cost-effective, targeted regulatory and/or voluntary initiatives that we may be able to put on the table that significantly takes a chunk out of the methane emissions from the oil and gas sector."

Methane, the main component of natural gas, is about 30 times more potent as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide over 100 years, even though it dissipates much more quickly in the atmosphere. The Obama administration is taking aim at methane as part of its overall climate action plan.

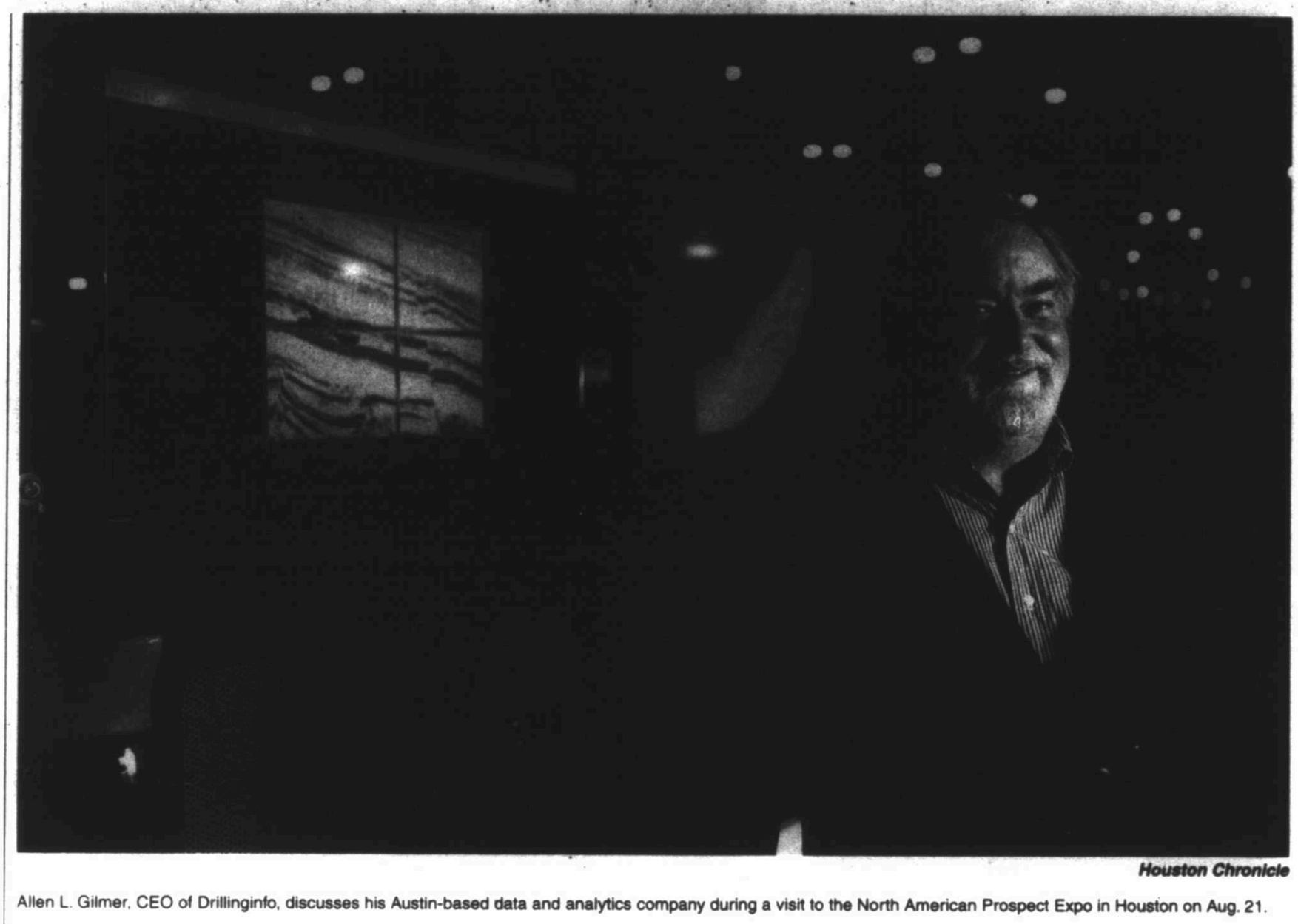
McCarthy stressed that no decisions have been made on the next steps. The agency already released a series of white papers on methane leakage, and it has been soliciting input from stakeholders about the scale of the problem and the resources available to tackle it.

McCarthy said she was encouraged that current technology already exists to stem leaks, including those tied to new oil wells, where methane can escape as part of the hydraulic fracturing process or when gas is vented or flared at the sites.

"We don't need to innovate; what we need to do is commit," McCarthy said. "We need to commit to getting the methane leaks out of the system, to capturing the product and delivering the benefits that consumers expect."

McCarthy made a business case for capturing methane, stressing the economic opportunity in trapping the gas that might otherwise be vented and flared at oil wells.

"It's a product that's being wasted," she said. "If that isn't an opportunity waiting to happen, I don't know what is. The less methane is leaked and gets away from you, the more profitable your business will be and the better it is for our families' health, and we need to do more about it — something more than we are doing today."



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Allen L. Gilmer, CEO of Drillinginfo, discusses his Austin-based data and analytics company during a visit to the North American Prospect Expo in Houston on Aug. 21.

Company helps smaller oil companies use bigger data

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

Allen Gilmer says there's no feeling in the world like having an uncomfortable amount of money invested in a hole in the ground, waiting to see if any oil will squeak out.

Gilmer, a roughneck-turned-number-cruncher, speaks from experience. Fifteen years ago, he made a different sort of investment when he and fellow former wildcatters set out to build a company that would digitize and analyze the many geological and engineering data points that spew out of the oil patch.

He said he waded into a field dominated by Big Oil's big grip on information analytics, and found that thousands of U.S. independent oil producers — which he calls the mom-and-pop shops of the oil business — needed their own data clearinghouse.

Gilmer now is CEO of Austin-based Drillinginfo, which makes applications and databases for more than 3,000 oil companies that Gilmer says can wring money out of the most difficult rocks, with the right data set. The company is planning to consolidate and expand its office in Houston, home to many of its biggest clients.

Gilmer spoke with the Chronicle about what has changed in digital oil prospecting and the inevitable industry takeover by a more tech-savvy generation. Excerpts, condensed and edited for clarity:

Q: Tell me about the past decade: What can oil companies do with data that they couldn't do back then?

A: Our first killer app was used for things as simple as keeping up with what people are doing around their property: If someone drills a well next to a property and finds something, they've now "de-risked" the whole thing. Today, one of the things we're doing is putting in seismic data and, in real time, extracting where the unique spaces are that have the most porosity or where you have more hydrocarbons.

Q: What is the data telling us about shale plays?

A: What we found was the unconventional plays are very dynamic; there are so many variables that go into it. As the rock starts to decline, the bang for the buck goes down quite a bit. That's where you see a difference between the best, average and worst operators in any play. It's hard to do really badly in the best rocks, but the best operators produce 20 percent to 30 percent more than the average operator and two or three times more than the worst. Rocks can make one guy a fortune, and they can bankrupt another guy.

Q: What was Drillinginfo doing when the first shale plays emerged?

A: In the beginning, we were really trying to understand the shale plays that existed, to see if there were any general rules you could extract. When you hear some guys talk about how shale plays are illusory, the reason is they're taking every well that's ever been drilled by good and bad operators and averaging them together. But if 20 percent of those operators are extracting the highest amounts, it doesn't matter if the 80 percent below them aren't. Those assets are eventually going to end up in the hands of the better operators.

Q: Why aren't the big oil companies doing as well in the shale plays as the smaller operators?

A: These unconventional plays aren't the oil business. It's a mining business. You have to drill a whole big area, drill 10,000 wells, and you're going to have to bring it into an assembly line and start putting in efficiencies. That's a mining operation. The majors solve nearly intractable problems, like, how do you drill in 20,000 feet of water? How do you drill off the coast of Greenland? The major oil companies are the best in the world at taking on those kinds of space program problems. There's no competition out there for them. It's a completely different skill set.

Q: What's next?

A: We're moving away from the silos of land and geology, geophysics and engineering. There's a great crew change going on. The industry didn't hire anybody for 25 years, so now you have a whole lot of smart kids coming out of college, 30 and younger, and you have the 55-plus, and no one in between. The guy walking out of the Colorado School of Mines with a geophysics degree is far more knowledgeable about rock properties and all the things an engineer can act on than people coming out of college in my generation. We're going to be handing over to this next generation more undrilled proven locations than have ever existed before on earth. And they're going to have to do it with half the number of people. Technology has to be the binder to help these very smart people do the work.

Dominion creates joint venture for $5B East Coast pipeline

By Robert Grattan
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Dominion Resources has formed a joint venture with three other East Coast energy companies to build a $4.5 billion to $5 billion natural gas pipeline serving Virginia and North Carolina.

The partnership, called Atlantic Coast Pipeline LLC, will own and operate the proposed 550-mile pipeline running southeast from West Virginia through Virginia and on to central North Carolina. The partnership comprises Richmond, Va.-based Dominion Resources; Charlotte, N.C.-based Duke Energy Corp.; Charlotte-based Piedmont Natural Gas ; and Atlanta's AGL Resources.

Dominion will own 45 percent of the venture, Duke Energy 40 percent, Piedmont Natural Gas 10 percent and AGL Resources 5 percent, according to Piedmont's announcement of the partnership. Dominion will build and operate the pipeline. Construction is expected to begin shortly after Dominion secures Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approval, expected in the summer of 2016, with the first gas flowing in late 2018, Piedmont stated.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulates the interstate transmission of electricity, natural gas, and oil.

When completed, the pipeline is expected to have an initial capacity of 1.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day, Piedmont said.

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ENGINEERS WAGE COLD WAR

Cryogenics could lead to more oil fractured from shale

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

Gas fields in Colorado soon may serve as a laboratory for testing a different way to fracture shale rock formations — one that doesn't pump millions of gallons of water underground or yield contaminated wastewater.

Even as environmentalists rekindle efforts to ban hydraulic fracturing in the state, petroleum engineers in Colorado are working out the kinks in a process called cryogenic fracturing, which replaces water with searing cold liquid nitrogen or liquid carbon dioxide.

Fracturing with water has turned the United States into one of the biggest energy producers in the world.

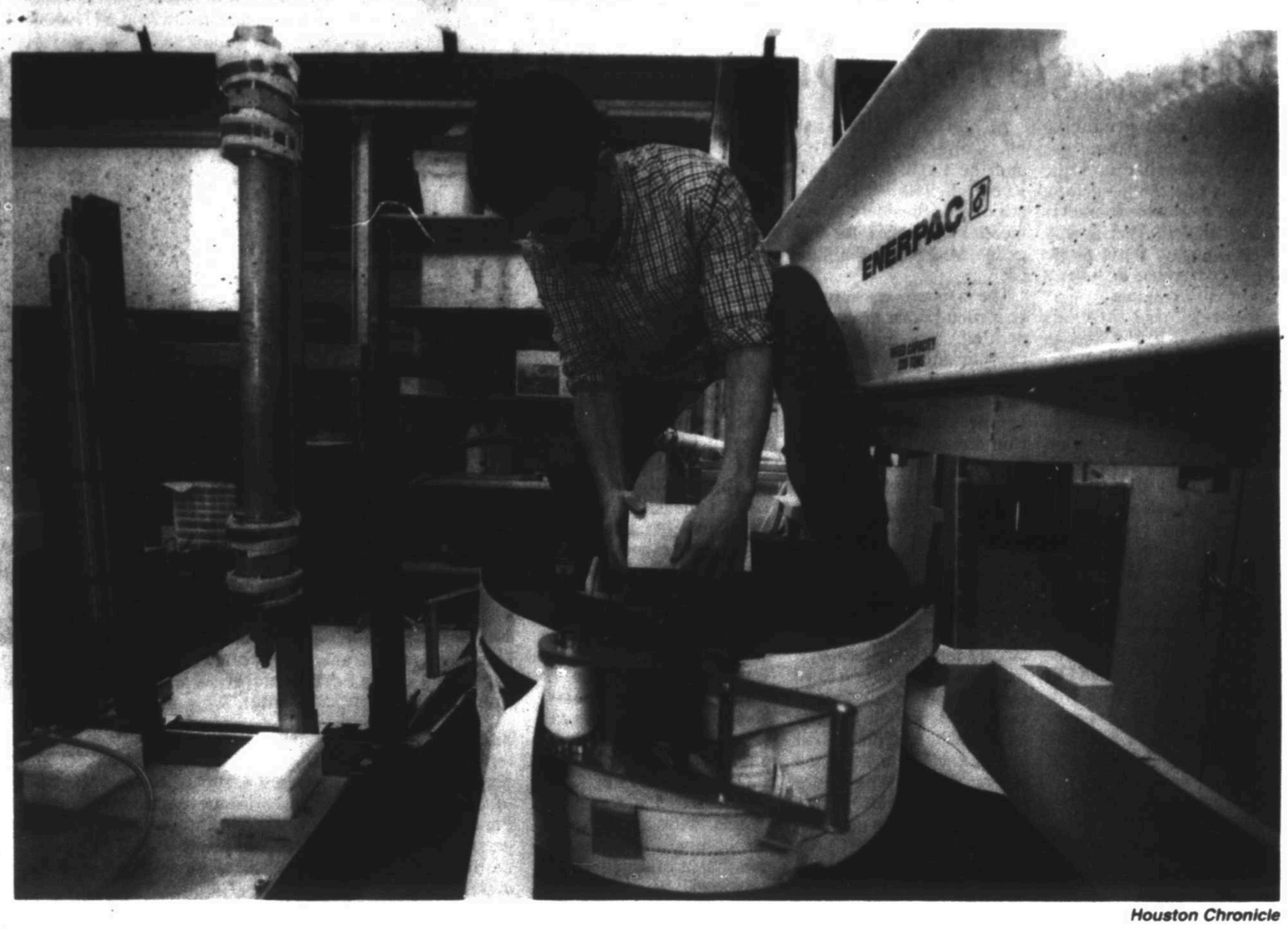
Scientists at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden hope that the ultracold thermal shocks that occur when liquid nitrogen meets shale rock will have a similar effect as water, creating enough stress to crack open the subterranean stores of oil and gas.

Swearing off water could calm some of the environmental opposition to fracturing.

And because the liquid nitrogen would evaporate underground, cryogenic fracturing could form bigger canals for oil and gas to flow through than water-based fracturing, boosting oil and gas production.

"Essentially, some shale absorbs water very quickly, and the entire formation swells in size and closes up any pathways," said Kent Perry, vice president of onshore programs at the Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America, which administered a $2.6 million Department of Energy research contract for the project.

"When you're using water in shale formations, even where you're successful with the development, recovery is still low, and part of that is water trapping."



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Colorado School of Mines research professor Minsu Cha sets up an experiment to test liquid nitrogen for fracturing.

Drastic difference

In concept, cryogenic fracturing works like hot water pouring onto a frozen car windshield — producing a sharp temperature change that can crack the glass.

In practice, liquid nitrogen or liquid carbon dioxide would be poured down a well through steel or fiberglass tubing as a fracturing fluid, in place of the water that typically is blasted underground along with chemicals and sand or man-made proppants to hold the fractured rock apart.

It's a spin on fracturing experiments with gaseous nitrogen that oil companies tried in the 1970s and 1980s, with disappointing results, and a follow-up to more recent attempts with liquefied nitrogen that proved too costly.

Seeking better results

Since the U.S. shale bonanza began a few years ago, oil companies have extracted only a small percentage of the hydrocarbons sitting in the sometimes mile-deep rock formations. And rapid decline rates in shale oil and gas production have prompted the industry to look for ways to enhance output.

In 2011, the Department of Energy chose 11 research projects worth a combined $12.4 million to bolster oil and gas recovery and cut into the environmental effects of fracturing. The engineers at the Colorado School of Mines, which was selected for one of the largest projects, partnered with a national lab and several companies, including Dallas-area oil producer Pioneer Natural Resources and Houston-based proppant maker Carbo Ceramics.

Though fundamental lab work still is being completed, Perry said, field testing has to begin next year to keep the project on schedule, probably at Pioneer Natural Resources' wells in the Pierre Shale in southeastern Colorado. Pioneer declined to comment.

Public domain

Rather than commercializing the cryogenic fracturing process, he said, the Research Partnership to Secure Energy for America would put the intellectual property into the public domain so that oil companies could use it and improve it.

Some energy and fracturing experts are skeptical about the cryogenic method.

Liquid nitrogen, like many of the alternatives to water that the oil industry has tried, lacks the energy capacity — called viscosity — to carry sand and proppants, said Ramanan Krishnamoorti, a professor of petroleum engineering at the University of Houston.

"You can't energize the fluid efficiently because the viscosity of the fluid is significantly lower than water, which you can put a lot of energy behind," Krishnamoorti said. "People have been thinking about this for a while. It's still a long way before it can truly be applied."

Krishnamoorti said oil field service companies have reported some success with waterless fracturing technologies, "but never where they're comparable to hydraulic fracturing."

Higher forces

Yu-Shu Wu, a professor at the Colorado School of Mines, wrote in a paper for the Research Partnership that while cryogenic nitrogen and carbon dioxide lack significant viscosity, it's possible to create stronger forces in a fluid's flow "by increasing the velocity of the fluid allowing for adequate transportation of the proppant."

Perry said after other laboratory work on the thermal shock effect of liquid nitrogen, the scientists will attempt to work out how much pressure they will need to pump the liquid nitrogen and proppants into wells.

"That's an issue that needs to be addressed," Perry said. "Lightweight proppants are a step in the right direction."

A spokeswoman for oil field services company Halliburton declined to comment beyond relaying fracturing experts' thoughts that cryogenic fracturing is cost-prohibitive now.

Substitutes elusive

Fracturing with water substitutes has largely eluded the industry for decades, and hydraulic fracturing remains its tool of choice.

Liquid nitrogen is expensive, and less than 5 percent of the U.S. fracturing market used replacements for water in 2011 and 2012, said Mukul Sharma, a professor of petroleum, geosystems and chemical engineering at the University of Texas.

"I personally have difficulty seeing how it could be commercially applied, given the cost and difficulty in handling the fluid," Sharma said.

Still, he added, cheaper fluids and certain foams might get more use as operators move into difficult shales likely to tighten up in water.

Other attempts

Besides nitrogen, oil companies have tried water alternatives including propane, butane, helium and methanol, but they present many of the same difficulties.

A gas at temperatures higher than minus-321 degrees Fahrenheit, nitrogen must be kept more than twice as cold as the coldest winter ever recorded in Antarctica to keep its fluid state.

It's used to generate theatrical fog, to freeze off warts and malignant skin cells, and to make ice cream. In its gaseous form, nitrogen is the most abundant element in Earth's atmosphere.

Keeping it liquid

Keeping it liquid would be a challenge, even in transporting it by truck to an oil field — much less pumping it through thousands of feet of much warmer dirt and rock, said Bob Chase, a petroleum engineering professor at Marietta College in Ohio.

But if it works, cryogenic fracturing would have clear environmental benefits.

"Almost everyone who has studied the risks of fracking, either narrowly or broadly defined, is more concerned about the risks of managing flow-back fluid than they are about the potential environmental effects of fracturing itself," said Scott Anderson, a senior policy director in the climate and energy program at the advocacy group Environmental Defense Fund.

"To the extent it reduced the need to dispose of water, it would reduce the likelihood of disposal-induced earthquakes, which are a bigger risk than fracturing-induced earthquakes," Anderson said.

Investors like the idea

Fracturing shale rock without water is an attractive proposition not just to environmentalists, but also to investors.

Earlier this month, Houston-based Chimera Energy was charged with securities fraud for promises that it would commercialize a water-free fracturing technology, which, according to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, never existed. The owner of Chimera, a shell company, sold $4.6 million in shares, the SEC said.

A smooth transition?

Meanwhile, the Colorado scientists are working to develop real water-free fracturing using cryogenics. And if it proved a viable substitute for hydraulic fracturing, the industry probably wouldn't need to invent anything or make big investments to assimilate it into its toolbox, Perry said.

"If you can create enough of a fracture to allow gas to flow at commercial rates, the rest of it will follow pretty quickly," he said. "We'd try to get everyone interested in it."

Feds urged to auction Atlantic waters

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — Oil development in Atlantic waters from Africa to Canada should encourage the Obama administration to sell drilling leases in waters hugging the East Coast, a leading industry trade group said Wednesday.

The American Petroleum Institute made the plea for new offshore drilling options in comments filed with the Interior Department and in a conference call with reporters.

The Interior Department's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is accepting comments through Friday as it takes the first step toward assembling a broad plan for selling offshore drilling leases from 2017 through 2022.

Required by federal law, the five-year plan dictates the schedule and territory covered by those lease sales, which are a critical first step to oil and gas exploration on the United States' outer continental shelf. The current schedule, spanning 2012-2017 includes 15 sales of territory in the Gulf of Mexico and auctions of waters around Alaska, but no acreage along the East and West coasts.

The American Petroleum Institute wants that to change in the next five-year plan.

Otherwise, said API senior policy adviser Andy Radford, the United States is closing off potential opportunities — and oil and gas resources — lurking under U.S. Atlantic waters.

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All attendees will want to hear the keynote speakers, starting with the opening session with Lee M. Tillman, president and CEO of Marathon Oil, who will discuss his company's ramping up in the Eagle Ford and its close look at the Austin Chalk.

At noon on Tuesday, September 16, prepare to be inspired by Salvatore "Sal" Giunta, recipient of the Medal of Honor and many other awards for his bravery in Afghanistan.

At 2:00 p.m. the topic will be "Condensate Splitting and the Eagle Ford" with Robert L. (Robb) Barnes, senior vice president, Commercial Crude Oil, for Magellan Midstream Partners, LP.

The 2:30 p.m. session will be a round table discussion entitled, "Solving for Processing and To-Market in the Eagle Ford." Panelists will include: Josh Weber, senior vice president of Commercial and Business Development for Howard Midstream Energy Partners LLC; Tim Murray, managing director of GSO Capital Partners; and Gerardo Rivera, vice president of Natural Gas Liquids for Southcross Energy Partners, LLP.

New and expanded facilities are raising the processing capacity for Eagle Ford growth. In this discussion you will learn the specifics, how these projects will impact the Eagle Ford and of ongoing solving under way for expectations for continued capacity-demand growth.

A 3:45 p.m. panel will share thoughts on the multiple transportation options available for oil, condensate, NGLs and natural gas in the Eagle Ford. These options include, rail, truck and marine choices. The panel will also look at a project using Eagle Ford gas as LNG in field operations. Panelists will include representatives from Twin Eagle Resource Management LLC, HEYCO Energy Group, Inc. and from Raymond James and Associates, Inc.

Wednesday the midstream track continues with a welcome from Paul Hart, editor-in-chief of Hart Energy's *Midstream Business* at 8:30 a.m., immediately followed by a keynote address from Jim Webster, general manager of midstream for Phillips 66, will deliver the opening spotlight, "Additional Transportation, Splitter- and Fractionation-Capacity Opportunities for Eagle Ford Producers." New expansion projects will boost daily Eagle Ford crude and condensate pipeline capacity to the Gulf Coast by hundreds of thousands of barrels. Webster will explain his company's plans for growing its midstream business in this booming play.

The midstream track finishes strong, with a panel discussion that will examine refining and other end-use possibilities for all types of Eagle Ford production. Panelists will include experts from Energy Transfer Partners LP, Cowen & Co. and A.T. Kearney.

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The conference is just over a week away, so register now to reserve your seat.

The midstream track is just one of the many reasons to register now for the 2014 DUG Eagle Ford conference, September 15-17 at San Antonio's Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

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Cobra Oil & Gas Corporation
Gaskins "21" #3
Spraberry (Trend Area); 933 fnl, 467 fel, Sec 21, Blk 34, T-2-N, Abst. 400, T&P RR, 1.6 sw Knott; TD 10465; Comp 8/15/2014; producing from 7394-10298; pump 77 BO, 202 MCF, 125 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-227-37957

Trilogy Operating Inc.
Homar #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1180 fsl, 467 fel, Sec 24, Blk 35, T-1-S, Abst. 1640, T&P RR, 13 sw Big Spring; TD 10800; Comp 8/5/2014; producing from 9290-10370, fracture stimulated; pump 66 BO, 125 MCF, 165 BW, 39.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-227-37995

Pecos County

Jilpetco Inc.
WWJD "C" #2
White & Baker; 1255 fnl, 1231 fel, Sec 12, Blk 17, Abst. 48U, ULS, 4.7 se Bakersfield; TD 1980;; Comp 8/16/2014; producing from 1816-1828; pump 1.5 BO, 7 MCF, 3 BW, 33 Oil Gravity; API #42-371-39020

Jilpetco Inc.
WWJD "C" #3
White & Baker; 638 fnl, 2233 fwl, Sec 12, Blk 17, Abst. 48U, ULS, 4.7 se Bakersfield; TD 2000; Comp 8/18/2014; producing from 1820-1850; pump 2.5 BO, 10 MCF, 2 BW, 33 Oil Gravity; API #42-371-39029

Jilpetco Inc.
WWJD "C" #4
White & Baker; 764 fnl, 667 fel, Sec 12, Blk 17, Abst. 48U, ULS, 4.7 se Bakersfield;; TD 1990; Comp 8/20/2014; producing from 1818-1832, treated with acid; pump 2 BO, 10 MCF, 2 BW, 33 Oil Gravity; API #42-371-39033

Ward County

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation
Hutchings Stock Association #29R
Ward-Estes North; 4950 fsl, 6930 fwl, Sec 1, Blk O, Abst. 119, G&MMB&A, 5 se Wickett; TD 3230; Comp 8/6/2014; producing from 2472-2538, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; flow 0.5 BO, 1 MCF, 300 BW on open choke, FTP 175 psi, 37 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-10119

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Crosby County

Juno Operating Company II LLC
Clark Wood Ranch #1227
Hoople (Clearfork); 1319 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 12, Blk B-9, Abst. 480, EL&RR, 9.3 ne Slaton; TD 4293; Comp 8/12/2014; producing from 4002-4126, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 13 BO, 552 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-107-31840

New Mexico

Eddy County

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Merak 7 Federal #3
Loco Hills; Sec 7 T17S R30E; 1650/S & 2310/W; EL 3662 GL. TD 5016. PBTD 4950. Spud 9-17-13. Comp

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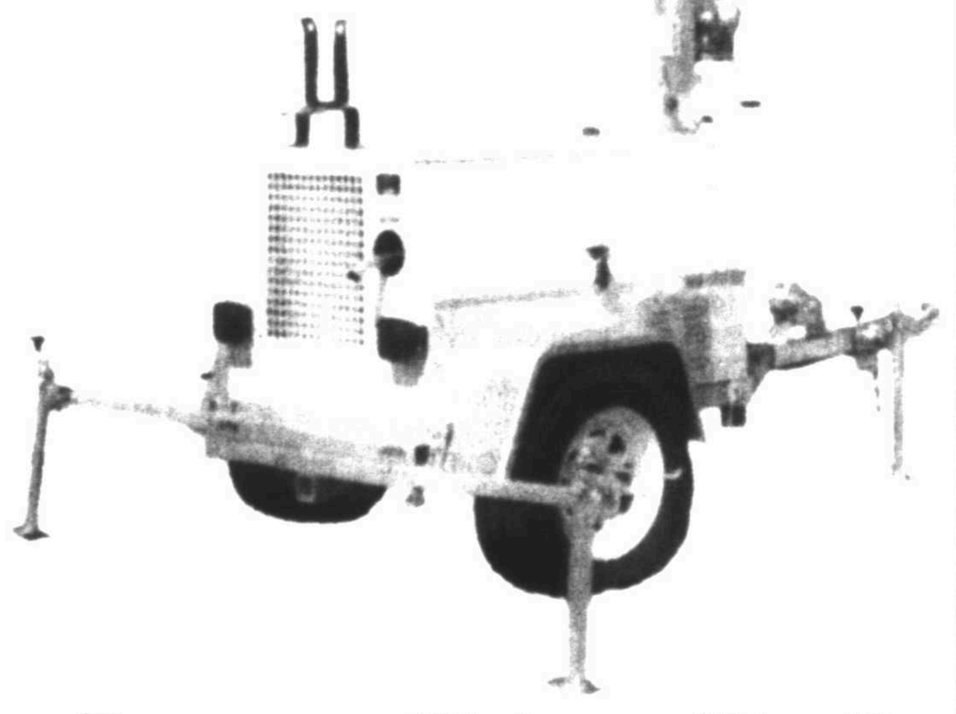
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10-15-13; production is through perfs: 4231-4950. IP: 10-23-13 Flow 24 hrs 41 BO, 1594 BW, 21 MCF, 64/64 Ch, TP 118, CP 110. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 335 w/500 sx, 5 1.2 @ 5016 w/85J sx, 2 7/8 @ 4239; API #30-015-40609

Apache Corp.
Loco Federal #8
Loco Hills; Sec 21 T17S R30E; 2310/N & 1650/E; EL 3652 GL, TD 6400, PBTD 6360; Spud 12-8-13, Comp 1-27-14; production is through perfs: 4390-5732. IP: 2-25-14 Pump 24 hrs 63 BO, 157 BW, 105 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 362 w/800 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1255 w/1174 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6400 w/1030 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5817; API #30-015-40616

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Gissler A #46
Loco Hills; Sec 23 T17S R30E; 330/N & 330/E; EL 3677 GL, TD 6100, PBTD 6053; Spud 8-26-13, Comp 1-13-14; production is through treated perfs: 5000-5254, 5338-5636, 5737-6035. Treat: 1,719,362 gals SW, 74448# 100 mesh, 748,415# 40/70 sd, 4000 gals 15% NEFE & 72 BS. IP: 1-29-14 Pump 24 hrs 215 BO, 799 BW, 483 MCF, Gty 38.3. Csg: 10 1/2 @ 431 w/500 sx, 7 @ 6100 w/1800 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4825; API #30-015-41544

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Jackson A #49
Cedar Lake; Sec 24 T17S R30E; 330/N & 550/E. BHL: 330/N & 330/E; EL 3751 GL, TD 6080, PBTD 6031; Spud 11-29-13, Comp 2-16-14; production is through perfs: 5562-5860. IP: 2-25-14 Pump 24 hrs 103 BO, 223 BW, 308 MCF. Csg: 10 1/2 @ 515 w/400 sx, 7 @ 6085 w/2000 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5444; API #30-015-41799

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Jackson B #66
Loco Hills; Sec 24 T17S R30E; 330/N & 1800/W; EL 3711 GL, TD 6121, PBTD 6073; Spud 11-6-13, Comp 2-7-14; production is through perfs: 5468-6024. IP: 2-25-14 Pump 24 hrs 80 BO, 262 BW, 401 MCF. Csg: 10 1/2 @ 517 w/600 sx, 7 @ 6121 w/2200 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5364; API #30-015-41750

Apache Corp.
Lea Federal #65
Cedar Lake; Sec 17 T17S R31E; 240/S & 990/E; EL 3708 GL, TD 6400; Spud 11-15-13, Comp 12-1-13; production is through perfs: 4620-6192. IP: 1-27-14 Pump 24 hrs 170 BO, 220 BW, 205 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 322 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3540 w/3880 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6400 w/1010 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6271; API #30-015-41109

Apache Corp.
Lee Federal #76
Cedar Lake; Sec 17 T17S R31E; 1090/S & 2520/E; EL 3679 GL, TD 6414, PBTD 6375; Spud 12-27-13, Comp 2-13-14; production is through treated perfs: 4758-6233. Treat: Frac w/195,552 gals 20# & 290,326 gals 16/30 sd, Flush w/4620 gals 10# linear gel. IP: 3-5-14 Pump 24 hrs 128 BO, 221 BW, 164 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 350 w/430 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3510 w/1440 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6410 w/870 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6324; API #30-015-41551

Apache Corp.
Lee Federal #72
Cedar Lake; Sec 20 T17S R31E; 1585/S & 1650/E; EL 3715 GL, TD 6410, PBTD 6378; Spud 12-14-13, Comp 2-5-14; production is through perfs: 4749-6227. IP: 2-27-14 Pump 24 hrs 97 BO, 194 BW, 101 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 339 w/505 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3502 w/1160 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6410 w/930 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6329; API #30-015-41253

Apache Corp.
Lee Federal #73
Cedar Lake; Sec 20 T17S R31E; 1570/S & 465/E; EL 3746 GL, TD 6362, PBTD 6327; Spud 11-2-13, Comp 1-1-14; production is through perfs: 4604-6087. IP: 1-29-14, Pump 24 hrs 172 BO, 232 BW, 182 MCF. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 371 w/720 sx; 8 5/8 @ 3417 w/1090 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6382 w/1100 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6211; API #30-015-41113

Apache Corp.
Lee Federal #74
Cedar Lake; Sec 20 T17S R31E; 550/S & 1670/W. BHL: 977/S & 1666/W; EL 3676 GL, TD 6441 MD, 6425 TVD; Spud 12-3-13, Comp 2-4-14; production is through perfs: 4714-6204. IP: 3-4-14 Pump 24 hrs 10 BO, 312 BW, 47 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 375 w/730 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3523 w/1100 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6443 w/1060 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6305; API #30-015-41421

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Antares 23 Federal #2
West Lusk; Sec 23 T19S R31E; 1080/N & 225/W. BHL: 2265/N & 329/E; EL 3541 GL, TD 14,193 MD, 9242 TVD; Spud 9-2-13, Comp 12-24-13; production is through perfs: 9400-14047. IP: 12-24-13 Pump 24 hrs 96 BO, 1106 BW, 86 MCF. Csg: 20 @ 679 w/1700 sx, 13 3/8 @ 2613 w/1940 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4305 w/1400 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14193 w/2605 sx; API #30-015-41106

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Sharps 3 HE Federal #1
Parkway; Sec 3 T20S R29E; 1890/N & 150/E. BHL: 1907/S & 334/W; EL 3316 GL, TD 12780 MD, 8050 TVD, PBTD 12735 MD; Spud 1-1-14, Comp 3-13-14; production is through perfs: 8557-12735. IP: 3-15-14 Pump 24 hrs 420 BO, 1792 BW, 542 MCF. Csg: 20 @ 385 w/700 sx, 13 3/8 @ 1551 w/950 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3151 w/1130 sx, 7 @ 8481 w/1100 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8223-12752, 2 7/8 @ 7761; API #30-015-41749

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Apache 25 Federal #18
Los Medanos; Sec 25 T22S R30E; 1080/N & 330/E. BHL: 1996/N & 332/W; EL 3372 GL, TD 15461 MD, 10954 TVD, PBTD 15409; Spud 9-3-13, Comp 1-3-14; production is through treated perfs: 11230-15392. Treat: 48,649 gals 15% HCL acid, 876,372# 100 mesh, 816,674# 40/70 white sd, 297,387# 40/70 SLC. IP: 2-21-14 Flow 24 hrs 918 BO, 553 BW, 1597 MCF, TP 2275. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 520 w/710 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3862 w/1460 sx, 7 @ 11097 w/1555 sx, 4 1/2 @ 10138-15457 w/510 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10106; API #30-015-41395

Lea County

COG Operating LLC
Branex COG Federal #13
West Maljamar; Sec 9 T17S R32E; 1650/S & 2310/W; EL 3076 GL, TD 7034, PBTD 8941; Spud 3-14-13, Comp 4-17-13; production is through treated perfs: 5530-5780, 5920-6120, 6220-6420, 6520-6728. Treat: Acdz w/8000 gals 15% acid, Frac w/453,900 gals gel, 557,747# 16/30 white sd, 113,623# siberprop. IP: 5-6-13 Pump 24 hrs 71 BO, 504 BW, 74 MCF, GOR 1042, Gty 38.1. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 945 w/850 sx, 8 5/8 @ 2275 w/775 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7019 w/1200 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5664; API #30-025-40980

ConocoPhillips Co.
Ruby Federal #24
West Maljamar; Sec 18 T17S R32E; 2310/S & 1650/W; EL 3952 GL, TD 6890, PBTD 6830; Spud 8-9-13, Comp 10-9-13; production is through treated perfs: 5406-5426, 5808-6548. Treat: 650,060# proppants. IP: 10-18-13 Pump 24 hrs 58 BO, 282 BW, 109 MCF, Gty 36.2. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 707 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6878 w/1350 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6626; API #30-025-41205

Chevron USA Inc.
Central Vacuum Unit #437
Vacuum; Sec 25 T17S R34E; 570/S & 2180/W. BHL: 652/S & 2608/W; EL 4004 GL, TD 5160, PBTD 5153; Spud 8-9-13, Comp 8-24-13; production is through treated perfs: 4389-4781. Treat: Acdz w/476.5 bbls 15% acid, Frac w/732.4 bbls. IP: 8-31-13 Pump 24 hrs 69 BO, 220 BW, 220 MCF, GOR 1563. Csg: 11 1/2 @ 1578 w/1035 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3222 w/595 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5153 w/1150 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4520; API #30-025-40997

Chevron USA Inc.
Central Vacuum Unit #251
Vacuum; Sec 36 T17S R34E; 704/N & 311/E; EL 3993 GL, TD 5123, PBTD 5024; Spud 1-9-13, Comp 2-8-13; production is through treated perfs: 4757-4979. Treat: Acdz w/426 bbls acid. IP: 4-6-13 Pump 24 hrs 45 BO, 143 BW, 80 MCF, GOR 1777. Csg; 11 1/2 @ 1512 w/1300 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3215 w/750 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5086 w/1150 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4734; API #30-025-40462

Chevron USA Inc.
Central Vacuum Unit #249
Vacuum; Sec 31 T17S R35E; 1019/N & 1414/W. BHL: 475/N & 1835/W; EL 3984 GL, TD 5197, PBTD 5127; Spud 1-23-13, Comp 3-8-13; production is through treated perfs: 4820-5066. Treat: Acdz w/20,000 gals 15% acid. IP: 9-23-13 Pump 24 hrs 2 BO, 1834 BW, 68 MCF, GOR 37944. Csg: 11 1/2 @ 1525 w/1300 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3205 w/750 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5187 w/1150 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4742; API #30-025-40461

XTO Energy Inc.
Perla Negra Federal Com #1
Lea; Sec 24 T19S R34E; 330/S & 400/W. BHL: 329/N & 399/W; EL 3779 GL, TD 15,220 MD, 10,823 TVD, PBTD 15,165 MD, 10,823 TVD; Spud 8-1-13, Comp 10-11-13; production is through perfs: 8116-11010 TVD, 11134-15117 MD. IP: 10-16-13 Flow 24 hrs 769 BO, 853 BW, 559 MCF 17/64" Ch, TP 1800. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1500 w/1870 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3815 w/1150 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15211 w/2055 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10278; API #30-025-41131

ConocoPhillips Co.
Buck 17 Federal #5
Jennings; Sec 20 T26S R32E; 843/N & 1102/E. BHL: 276/N & 1124/E; EL 3150 GL, TD 14446 MD, 8826 TVD, PBTD 14446 MD, 8826 TVD; Spud 11-12-12, Comp 3-27-13; production is through treated perfs: 9932-14263. Treat: Acdz w/45,000 gals NEFE, 2,212,969# proppants. IP: 4-29-13 Pump 24 hrs 277 BO, 1807 BW, 593 MCF, Gty 49. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1030 w/900 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4448 w/1405 sx, 7 @ 9205 w/482 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8654-14286, 2 7/8 @ 8641; API #30-025-40840

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Crockett County

APPROACH OPER., LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 834HB UNIVERSITY 45, 2190 FNL 1030 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 45, UL SUR. 7800', 18 NW OZONA API# 42-105-41996

APPROACH OPER., LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 828HB UNIVERSITY 45, 2190 FNL 1730 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 45, UL SUR., A-U412 7800', 18 NW OZONA API# 42-105-41994

APPROACH OPER., LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 832HC UNIVERSITY 45, 2190 FNL 1050 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 45, UL SUR. 7800', 18 NW OZONA API# 42-105-41995

APPROACH OPER., LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 826HC UNIVERSITY 45, 2190 FNL 1750 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 45, UL SUR., A-U412 7800', 18 NW OZONA API# 42-105-41993

BONFIRE OPER. LLC, S PURE-BEAN (O) DRIL Well# 16 PEARSON, 330 FSL 1891 FEL, SEC 88 BLK OP, GC&SF/JA HARVICK SUR., A-4843 1650', 9 NW OZONA API# 42-105-41961

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6H SHANNON ESTATE Q-13, 1500 FNL 380 FEL, SEC 13 BLK Q, JH GIBSON SUR., A-2068 9000', 31 NW OZONA API# 42-105-41997

Irion County

BROAD OAK ENERGY II, LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# N712HU FARMAR A, 999 FWL 2143 FSL, SEC 71 BLK 1, H&TC SUR., A-266 9000', 11 W MERTZON API# 42-235-35727

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3040E MALLARD, 1981 FNL 651 FWL, SEC 3040 BLK 24, H&TC/ RW LEWIS SUR., A-952 10000', 24 NW MERTZON API# 42-235-35674

Reagan County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1343HM SRH NORTH, 232 FNL 4180 FWL, SEC 13 BLK A, DG MAY SUR., A-355 8200', 18 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38631

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1346HC SRH NORTH, 292 FNL 4180 FWL, SEC 13 BLK A, DG MAY SUR., A-355 9520', 18 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38635

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3P CHICO COMPANY, 792 FSL 976 FEL, SEC 3, GC&SF SUR., A-185 10000', 1 S BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38678

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 17L BRUSHY DRAW, 1995 FSL 661 FWL, SEC 17 BLK 1, T&P SUR., A-481 10000', 18 NE BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38679

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 372NU E GLASS C-E GLASS D (ALLOC), 467 FSL 1065 FWL, SEC 37 BLK 35 T5S, T&P SUR., A-645 10000', 15 S GARDEN CITY API# 42-383-38666

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC. , SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 372NM E GLASS C-E GLASS D (ALLOC), 467 FSL 1040 FWL, SEC 37 BLK 35 T5S, T&P SUR., A-645 10000', 15 S GARDEN CITY API# 42-383-38665

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., FRYSAK FARMS (DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 13F JUSTIN LEE MCMASTER A, 2950 FNL 1591 FWL, SEC 13 BLK O, TC SUR., A-469 12000', 30 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38668

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., E RED HOUSE (ELLEN) (O) DRILL Well# 15K N WILDE OIL UNIT, 1700 FNL 3270 FWL, SEC 15 BLK O, N BOHANNAN SUR., A-44 12500', 31 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38680

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1D EISNER-CHRISTY 15, 270 FSL 481 FWL, SEC 15 BLK H, L&SV SUR., A-348 5000', 23 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38661

Runnels County

HIDALGO OIL & EXPL. CORP., DEANIE B (JENNINGS SD) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 CLARA, 2259 FWL 768 FSL, SEC 144 BLK 64, ET/JH WILSON SUR., A-1287 4000', 6 NE BALLINGER API# 42-399-35418

Tom Green County

BANNER OPERATING, LLC, FUNK (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 3904 DEVON, 2310 FSL 990 FWL, SEC 39 BLK 5, H&TC SUR., A-921 2000', 21 NW SAN ANGELO API# 42-451-32804

BANNER OPERATING, LLC, JUNE ANN (ELLEN) (O) DRILL Well# 2 TURNER RANCH TD 27, 1980 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 27 BLK 5, H&TC SUR., A-915 9000', 20 NW SAN ANGELO API# 42-451-32803

Upton County

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., N KING MTN (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 2732U FOUR CORNERS TXL FEE, 1324 FNL 1251 FEL, SEC 27 BLK 42 T4S, T&P SUR., A-511 12000', 12 SE ODESSA API# 42-461-39249

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, DAVIS (PENNSYLVANIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 QUAIL HOLLOW 174, 467 FNL 680 FEL, SEC 174 BLK E, CCSD&RGNG/MRS RE WEBB SUR., A-1289 10500', 17 N MCCAMEY API# 42-461-39318

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, ROBLE GRANDE (STRWN) (O/G) DRILL (WDFRD) Well# 2 HALFF 2A, 680 FEL 1860 FNL, SEC 2 BLK Y, GC&SF/JT BLAIR SUR., A-725 11800', 15 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-39317

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1402H PEMBROOK UNIT, 790 FWL 350 FNL, SEC 19 BLK N, HE&WT SUR., A-246 8400', 20 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-39322

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 6D XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE, 6550 FSL 248 FEL, SEC 3, THROCKMORTON CSL SUR., A-544 5500', 18 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39319

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1401H PEMBROOK UNIT, 745 FWL 350 FNL, SEC 19 BLK N, HE&WT SUR., A-246 8650', 20 NE RANKIN API# 42-461-39321

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1D ROBBINS 4, 2003 FNL 2046 FEL, SEC 4, EL&RR/ WW MILLER SUR., A-822 5000', 1 SE RANKIN API# 42-461-39323

SM ENERGY COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1831H DORCUS JANEY ALLOCATION, 330 FWL 2440 FSL, SEC 19 BLK 41 T4S, T&P SUR., A-777 9800', 24 W MIDKIFF API# 42-461-39314

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Andrews County

APACHE CORPORATION, SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2301H SHAFTER LAKE SAN ANDRES UNIT, 600 FNL 115 FEL, SEC 27 BLK A36, PSL/B KERBY SUR., A-1778 5000', 5 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46045

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC, FUHRIMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 10 UNIVERSITY 37, 2310 FSL 1650 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 13, UL SUR. 5200', 7 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46047

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LLC, FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 13 NIX CL, 1120 FNL 990 FWL, SEC 20 BLK A47, PSL/LS MUNGER & EC NIX SUR., A-1999 5200', 13 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46066

TEXLAND PETROLEUM, LP, FULLERTON (SAN ANDRES) DRILL (INJ) Well# 2023 SCARBOROUGH UNIT, 630 FNL 1334 FEL, SEC 20 BLK A31, PSL/ WF SCARBOROUGH SUR., A-2130 4800', 23 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46075

TEXLAND PETROLEUM, LP, FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 2010 SCARBOROUGH UNIT, 420 FNL 820 FEL, SEC 20 BLK A31, PSL/ WF SCARBOROUGH SUR., A-2130 7700', 23 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46076

Crane County

BURNETT OIL CO., INC., SAND HILLS (MCKNIGHT) (O) DRILL Well# 1228 MCKNIGHT SAND HILLS UNIT, 138 FEL 2315 FNL, SEC 10 BLK B21, PSL/MB MCKNIGHT SUR., A-1114 3700', 20 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36315

BURNETT OIL CO., INC., SAND HILLS (MCKNIGHT) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1230 MCKNIGHT SAND HILLS UNIT, 98 FEL 2285 FSL, SEC 10 BLK B21, PSL/ MB MCKNIGHT SUR., A-1114 3700', 20 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36317

HENRY RESOURCES LLC, UNIV 31 W (U DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 4715 UNIV HANNAH, 467 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 47 BLK 31, UNIV LAND SUR. 12500', 5 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36313

HENRY RESOURCES LLC, UNIV 31 W (U DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 4705 UNIV ALICIA, 1960 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 47 BLK 31, UL SUR. 12500', 5 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36314

Culberson County

COG OPERATING, LLC, W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (RE-ENTER) (INJ) Well# 10SW DR STATE EAST, 1980 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 60 T1-S, T&P SUR. 3358', 49 NW PECOS API# 42-109-31422

COG OPERATING, LLC, SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 604H DEETS, 150 FSL 470 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 59 T1S, T&P/WE BROWN SUR., A-4771 8000', 62 N KENT API# 42-109-32663

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 402H BRONCO WC, 300 FSL 475 FEL, SEC 4 BLK 58 T2S, T&P/JT ALLEN SUR., A-20 10600', 10 NW ORLA API# 42-109-32656

Ector County

APACHE CORPORATION, LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2320H AUGUSTA BARROW, 233 FSL 1525 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 42 T1S, T&P/ JE GRAHAM SUR., A-553 11500', 10 N ODESSA API# 42-135-42972

APACHE CORPORATION, LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2319H AUGUSTA BARROW, 433 FSL 2753 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 42 T1S, T&P/ JE GRAHAM SUR., A-553 11500', 10 N ODESSA API# 42-135-42971

APACHE CORPORATION, LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1421H AUGUSTA BARROW, 433 FNL 425 FWL, SEC 23 BLK 42 T1S, T&P SUR., A-95 11500', 10 N ODESSA API# 42-135-42970

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, SALLIE ANN (SPRA-WC) (O) DRILL Well# 4 MAYBERRY, 660 FNL 2080 FEL, SEC 20 BLK 42 T3S, T&P/J HARVEY SUR., A-565 12000', 7 SW ODESSA API# 42-135-42966

OXY USA WTP LP, GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 11 CUMMINS J, 594 FNL 1290 FEL, SEC 15 BLK 45 T1N, T&P SUR., A-341 7000', 9 NW GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-41745

RESOLUTE NATURAL RES. CO., LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 210H CHIVAS REGAL, 200 FNL 500 FEL, SEC 2 BLK 41 T1S, T&P/BN AYCOCK SUR., A-121110500', 14 NE ODESSA API# 42-135-42913

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, GOLDSMITH (O) (RECOMP) Well# 4309 DOUGLASS PARKER, 1700 FSEL 990 FNEL, SEC 43 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-291 6100', 8 N PENWELL API# 42-135-40510

Glasscock County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1608 RED SNAPPER-NEAL, 1840 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 16 BLK 33 T3S, T&P/ J CURRIE SUR., A-745 10600', 7 E GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36434

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 LLOYD 23, 1980 FNL 680 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 35 T2S, T&P SUR., A-304 10975', 15 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36351

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 BRUNSON 38, 467 FEL 1980 FSL, SEC 38 BLK 36 T3S, T&P/ SC ARMISTEAD SUR., A-914 11300', 13 W GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36432

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 WEYMAN 26, 1980 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 36 T3S, T&P/ F STRIPLIN SUR., A-1058 11200', 14 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36431

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 BRUNSON 5, 660 FWL 1980 FNL, SEC 5 BLK 35 T3S, T&P SUR., A-314 11100', 13 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36433

RANGE PRODUCTION CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (FDTFR) Well# 4219 EDMONDSON A, 75 FSL 1475 FWL, SEC 19 BLK 32 T5S, T&P SUR., A-92 9420', 13 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-34885

RANGE PRODUCTION CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (HORZ) (FDTFR) Well# 291H EDMONDSON A, 2460 FSL 1500 FWL, SEC 29 BLK 32 T5S, T&P SUR., A-95 9508', 14 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36005

RANGE PRODUCTION CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (HORZ) (FDTFR) Well# 191H EDMONDSON A, 660 FEL 987 FSL, SEC 19 BLK 32 T5S, T&P SUR., A-92 9010', 13 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-34010

RANGE PRODUCTION CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (FDTFR) Well# 3830 EDMONDSON A, 2745 FSL 1400 FWL, SEC 30 BLK 32 T5S, T&P/ WJ MEDLIN SUR., A-1026 9635', 14 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-34414

Howard County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 GRIFFIN RANCH 22, 467 FSL 1800 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 27, H&TC/OD COOK SUR., A-1116 8230', 13 NW COAHOMA API# 42-227-37895

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 GUITAR 15, 2173 FSL 1088 FEL, SEC 15 BLK A, BAUER & COCKRELL SUR., A-564 10300', 8 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-37893

COBRA OIL & GAS CORP., HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 NICHOLS 17, 2173 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 17 BLK 34 T2N, T&P SUR., A-529 12000', 2 SW KNOTT API# 42-227-37891

MERIT ENERGY CO., HOWARD GLASSCOCK (O) DRILL Well# 32CF GO CHALK, 1304 FNL 1291 FEL, SEC 114 BLK 29, W&NW/ TE HARRAL SUR., A-1131 4300', 7 NE FORSAN API# 42-227-37898

NABORS COMP. & PROD SERV CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 2 BIG SPRING, 630 FNL 1031 FWL, SEC 31 BLK 32 T1N, T&P SUR., A-143 1900', 2 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-37894

Loving County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H WHEAT TRUST 1-52, 1575 FWL 500 FSL, SEC 51 BLK 1, W&NW SUR., A-180 14000', 6 SE MENTONE API# 42-301-32142

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H WHEAT TRUST 1-52, 600 FWL 500 FSL, SEC 51 BLK 1, W&NW SUR., A-180 14000', 6 SE MENTONE API# 42-301-32140

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H WHEAT TRUST 1-52, 1625 FWL 500 FSL, SEC 51 BLK 1, W&NW SUR., A-180 14000', 6 SE MENTONE API# 42-301-32141

APACHE CORPORATION, TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H CHAPARRAL 89, 150 FSWL 1344 FNWL, SEC 13 BLK 2, W&NW SUR., A-206 9530', 4 NW MENTONE API# 42-301-32136

APACHE CORPORATION, TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H CHAPARRAL 89, 50 FSWL 510 FNWL, SEC 13 BLK 2, W&NW SUR., A-206 9530', 4 NW MENTONE API# 42-301-32137

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL(HORZ) Well# 2H BRUNSON 22A, 660 FEL 100 FSL, SEC 22 BLK C25, PSL/ GS BRUNSON SUR., A-1007 14000', 20 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32135

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H GRASSHOPPER 53-28, 1917 FNL 300 FWL, SEC 28 BLK 53 T2, T&P/ WD JOHNSON SUR., A-1077 11500', 8 NE MENTONE API# 42-301-32139

Martin County

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 GUSTAV 25, 520 FWL 1700 FNL, SEC 25 BLK 35 T3N, T&P SUR., A-96 12000', 5 SE FLOWER GROVE API# 42-317-39212

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 2 LARGESSE 8, 655 FSL 2040 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 36 T2N, T&P/F BEALL SUR., A-693 12000', 4 NW LENORAH API# 42-317-39213

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2602H NAIL RANCH, 1200 FEL 210 FSL, SEC 26 BLK 38 T1N, T&P/DE GOSNEY SUR., A-751 10000', 12 NW STANTON API# 42-317-39277

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1 CYPERT 57, 2196 FEL 1980 FSL, SEC 57 BLK A, BAUER & COCKRELL SUR., A-333 12000', 4 SW KNOTT API# 42-317-36139

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., BIZCO (MISSISSIPPIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 7 FRYAR 9, 2130 FNL 1630 FWL, SEC 9 BLK 36 T2N, T&P SUR., A-155 12300', 4 NW LENORAH API# 42-317-39297

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 201H JONES HOLTON, 4000 FSL 3740 FEL, WHEELER CSL/LG 246 SUR., A-610 9500', 5 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-39268

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., BIZCO (MISSISSIPPIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 8 FRYAR 9, 2060 FNL 803 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 36 T2N, T&P SUR., A-155 12300', 4 NW LENORAH API# 42-317-39298

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., BIZCO (MISSISSIPPIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 6 FRYAR 9, 904 FNL 2192 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 36 T2N, T&P SUR., A-155 12300', 4 NW LENORAH API# 42-317-39296

PIEDRA OPERATING, LLC, LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 37 HOLT RANCH, 660 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 248, HARTLEY CSL/ LABOR 22 SUR., A-600 12500', 8 NW TARZAN API# 42-317-39302

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2 SLAUGHTER 19D, 660 FSL 810 FWL, SEC 19 BLK 35 T3N, T&P SUR., A-93 11100', 23 NE STANTON API# 42-317-39293

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 PHILLIRS 22, 557 FNL 1957 FWL, SEC 22 BLK 35 T1N, T&P/ H LOVING SUR., A-773 10550', 9 N STANTON API# 42-317-39292

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 12 SALE RANCH D, 1980 FEL 767 FSL, SEC 12 BLK 37 T1N, T&P/ SW HARRINGTON SUR., A-648 11100', 11 NW STANTON API# 42-317-39230

RELIANCE ENERGY, INC., LOWE (SILURIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 101 NAIL, 660 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 1 BLK 39 T1S, T&P SUR., A-314 13000', 18 SW STANTON API# 42-317-39290

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1017LS JOHNSON RANCH, 200 FNL 1890 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 39 T1N, T&P/WM DUNN SUR., A-726 12000', 21 W STANTON API# 42-317-39234

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1017WB JOHNSON RANCH, 200 FNL 1620 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 39 T1N, T&P/WM DUNN SUR., A-726 12000', 21 W STANTON API# 42-317-39237

Midland County

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4114M SCHARBAUER C, 1980 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 41 BLK 39 T2S, T&P SUR., A-326 12000', 8 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-39219

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4104M SCHARBAUER C, 1980 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 41 BLK 39 T2S, T&P SUR., A-326 12000', 8 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-39221

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4115M SCHARBAUER C, 660 FSL 810 FWL, SEC 41 BLK 39 T2S, T&P SUR., A-326 12000', 8 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-39226

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4111M SCHARBAUER C, 1853 FSL 2189 FWL, SEC 41 BLK 39 T2S, T&P SUR., A-326 12000', 8 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-39220

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4116M SCHARBAUER C, 1047 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 41 BLK 39 T2S, T&P SUR., A-326 12000', 8 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-39224

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4107M SCHARBAUER C, 660 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 41 BLK 39 T2S, T&P SUR., A-326 12000', 8 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-39225

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4106M SCHARBAUER C, 1980 FNL 1930 FWL, SEC 41 BLK 39 T2S, T&P SUR., A-326 12000', 8 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-39218

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4113M SCHARBAUER C, 1980 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 41 BLK 39 T2S, T&P SUR., A-326 12000', 8 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-39217

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4006H ST, 744 FEL 240 FNL, SEC 45 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-262 11000', 4 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39231

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4007H ST, 714 FEL 240 FNL, SEC 45 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-262 11000', 4 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39232

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, MID-MAR (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 8 ELKIN 26, 1980 FWL 2180 FSL, SEC 26 BLK 8 T1S, T&P/ SP CARROLL SUR., A-1019 12000', 6 NW GREENWOOD API# 42-329-39207

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 TEXACO 25, 2173 FWL 1325 FSL, SEC 25 BLK 40 T3S, T&P SUR., A-285 11000', 16 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-39227

FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD., W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 516 FEE BE, 1535 FSL 978 FWL, SEC 5 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-1282 12000', 7 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39125

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, LOWE (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 ELAINE 36, 1975 FWL 467 FSL, SEC 36 BLK 40 T4S, T&P/ T WINDHAM SUR., A-1429 12000', 23 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-39240

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4907H KING D, 262 FSL 829 FEL, SEC 49, JM KING SUR., A-792 10000', 9 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39132

Mitchell County

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., WESTBROOK (O) (RECLASS) Well# 4201 NORTH WESTBROOK UNIT, 616 FSL 2605 FEL, SEC 12 BLK 28 T1N, T&P/ JJ HANDLEY SUR., A-1842 3500', 10 NW COLORADO CITY API# 42-335-35367

Reeves County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H RIVERTON 57-2-21, 330 FSL 550 FEL, SEC 21 BLK 57 T2, T&P SUR., A-628 14000', 3 NW ORLA API# 42-389-34165

BHP BILLITON PET (TXLA OP) CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H HILL AND MEEKER 56-T2-22, 1740 FEL 407 FSL, SEC 15 BLK 56 T2S, T&P SUR., A-582 14000', 4 E ORLA API# 42-389-34170

BRIGHAM RES. OPER., LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H LOCKER 307, 250 FSL 1630 FEL, SEC 306 BLK 13, H&GN/AF BYARS SUR., A-3189 16000', 8 SE SARAGOSA API# 42-389-34169

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H WOOD STATE 57-26, 200 FSL 500 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 57, PSL/ WJ SWEENEY SUR., A-2490 11680', 22 NW PECOS API# 42-389-34166

OXY USA, INC., COLLIE (DELAWARE) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 13 PRIEST E, 10017 FSWL 335 FNWL, SEC 4 BLK 6, H&GN/ G SANDER-

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DEVELOPMENTAL WELLS

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FORD SUR., A-5521 6700', 5 E PECOS API# 42-389-34161

PATRIOT RES., INC., WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 7H BONGO 13, 1500 FWL 500 FSL, SEC 12 BLK C1, PSL/L EDDINS SUR., A-4541 13000', 19 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34171

RESOLUTE NATURAL RES. CO., LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 302BH RENEGADE, 150 FNL 4239 FWL, SEC 3, 4 BLK C-21, PUBLIC SCHOOL LANDS SUR., A-2320 10500', 26 NW PECOS API# 42-389-34184

ROSETTA RES. OPER. LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 BILLY MINER 27, 467 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 27 BLK 5, H&GN SUR., A-434 13000', 6 S PECOS API# 42-389-34175

Ward County

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H UNIVERSITY 43-18, 1917 FNL 464 FWL, SEC 43 BLK 18, UL SUR. 11500', 5 W PYOTE API# 42-475-36680

JETTA OPERATING CO., INC., SCOTT (CHERRY CNYN) (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 5 BARSTOW 18, 2385 FNL 2282 FWL, SEC 155 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-255 7000', 3 SE BARSTOW API# 42-475-36666

JETTA OPERATING CO., INC., SCOTT (CHERRY CNYN) (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 8 BARSTOW 23, 3026 FEL 1638 FNL, H&TC SUR., A-255 7000', 3 SE BARSTOW API# 42-475-36679

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Borden County

PPC OPER. CO. LLC, JO-MILL (SPRABERRY) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 3059 CANON RANCH UNIT, 283 FEL 247 FNL, SEC 34 BLK 33 T5N, T&P/WA BEDELL SUR., A-1460 8500', 15 SW GAIL API# 42-033-32323

TALL CITY OPERATIONS LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H CASSIDY 26-23, 347 FSL 1320 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 31 T3N, T&P/ GY WILSON SUR., A-1281 9000', 16 SE GAIL API# 42-033-32322

Cochran County

SILVER CREEK O&G LLC, LEVELLAND (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H DOC HOLIDAY, 6231 FWL 1934 FSL, SHACKELFORD CSL LGE 85 SUR., A-69 4950', 5 NW WHITEFACE API# 42-079-33316

Gaines County

HESS CORPORATION, SEMINOLE (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 6222 SEMINOLE SAN ANDRES UNIT, 2063 FSL 2090 FWL, SEC 211 BLK G, WT SUR., A-298 6100', 2 W SEMINOLE API# 42-165-37986

HESS CORPORATION, SEMINOLE (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 3113R SEMINOLE SAN ANDRES UNIT, 2173 FSL 1977 FWL, SEC 251 BLK G, WT SUR., A-180 6100', 5 NW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-37987

PARALLEL PETROLEUM LLC, CARMANN (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 426 CARM-ANN SAN ANDRES UNIT, 2597 FSL 183 FWL, SEC 11 BLK A22, PSL/E MURPHY SUR., A-1374 5500', 11 S SEMINOLE API# 42-165-37992

PARALLEL PETROLEUM LLC, HARRIS (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 1518B HARRIS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 1075 FNL 1650 FEL, SEC 15 BLK A22, PSL/LB ELAM SUR., A-1559 5500', 12 S SEMINOLE API# 42-165-37994

PARALLEL PETROLEUM LLC, CARMANN (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 1322 CARM-ANN SAN ANDRES UNIT, 233 FSL 2412 FEL, SEC 21 BLK A22, PSL/ER CREWS SUR., A-426 5500', 13 S SEMINOLE API# 42-165-37989

PARALLEL PETROLEUM LLC, CARMANN (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 504 CARM-ANN SAN ANDRES UNIT, 2428 FSL 466 FEL, SEC 12 BLK A22, PSL/JW BYRD SUR., A-1178 5500', 11 S SEMINOLE API# 42-165-37990

PARALLEL PETROLEUM LLC, CARMANN (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 23 THOMPSON B, 233 FSL 2069 FWL, SEC 21 BLK A22, PSL/GM SHELTON SUR., A-2179 5500', 13 S SEMINOLE API# 42-165-37991

PARALLEL PETROLEUM LLC, HARRIS (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 1630B HARRIS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 1472 FNL 1461 FWL, SEC 16 BLK A22, PSL/LB ELAM SUR., A-728 5500', 12 S SEMINOLE API# 42-165-37995

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, SE TEX-MEX (WICH ALB) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 3 KNIGHT, 1620 FNL 385 FWL, SEC 3 BLK A28, PSL/D BOONE SUR., A-363 8100', 25 SW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-37998

Hockley County

MEMORIAL PRODUCTION OPER. LLC, ANITA (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 13 BOSWORTH FARM, 1362 FEL 1337 FNL, A TAYLOR/STATE CAPITOL LAND/LG 722/LB 14 SUR., A-231 7800', 3 SE WHITHARRAL API# 42-219-37321

PPC OPER. CO. LLC, E ROPES (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 110 E ROPES (CLEARFORK) UNIT, 1324 FSL 1235 FEL, JONES CSL LEAGUE 3 LABOR 21 SUR., A-152 8000', 5 SE SMYER API# 42-219-37322

Kent County

PATTON EXPLORATION, INC., VICKI B (TANNEHILL) (O) DRILL Well# 5 BEGGS, 2008 FSL 1915 FEL, SEC 2 BLK H, HT&B/GA PURSLEY SUR., A-1295 4200', 8 N JAYTON API# 42-263-32084

Scurry County

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL Well# 9-14A SACROC UNIT, 217 FSL 2654 FWL, SEC 450 BLK 97, H&TC/ BL PATTERSON SUR., A-1531 7250', 10 N SNYDER API# 42-415-35012

Yoakum County

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# 2801WC DENVER UNIT, 442 FNL 439 FWL, SEC 826 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ W WILKERSON SUR., A-660 5800', 3 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-02391

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2954 DENVER UNIT, 1320 FNL 1575 FWL, SEC 825 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JS WEBBER SUR., A-492 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-34726

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) DRILL Well# 3373 BENNETT RANCH UNIT, 1469 FNL 190 FEL, SEC 631 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ PH MASON SUR., A-553 5600', 10 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-36358

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2908 DENVER UNIT, 993 FNL 984 FEL, SEC 825 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ JS WEBBER SUR., A-492 5800', 4 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-01731

New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC Cottonwood 2 State SWD #1
SWD; Sec 2 T26S R26E; 400/S & 1400/E; 9 mi SW Black River; Rot 14600 Devonian; API #30-015-42356

Lea County

COG Operating LLC Albatross State Com #1
Airstrip; Sec 30 T18S R35E; 190/N & 990/E; 5.5 mi S Buckeye; Rot 14463 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41809

Cimarex Energy Co. Mallon 27 Fed Com #3
South Quail Ridge; Sec 27 T19S R34E; 260/S & 2080/W; 12 mi SW Arkansas Jct; Rot 15386 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41808

Cimarex Energy Co. Cordoniz 28 Fed Com #4
South Quail Ridge; Sec 28 T19S R34E; 150/S & 750/E; 13 mi SW Arkansas Jct; Rot 15394 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41834

COG Operating LLC Tiger 11 Federal #2
Lea; Sec 11 T20S R34E; 180/N & 1270/W; 12.5 mi NE Halfway; Rot 15862 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41833

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Bilbrey 33 Fed #3
Bilbrey Basin; Sec 33 T21S R32E; 2600/S & 1350/E; 8.5 mi SE Halfway; Rot 18371 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41806

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Bilbrey 33 Fed #4
Bilbrey Basin; Sec 33 T21S R32E; 2600/S & 1300/E; 8.5 mi SE Halfway; Rot 18310 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41807