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## Apache Corp. says it was defrauded \$1.5M Lawsuit accuses Odessa man, two former Midlanders of fraud

By Cale Ottens  
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Chad Walker, an Odessa man, was allegedly funding a life of luxury when he worked for Apache Corp., using the oil and gas company's money to pay for personal hunting trips and to commit other fraud.

Houston-based Apache Corp. recently filed a lawsuit, accusing Walker and two former Midlanders of stealing about \$1.5 million from the company by submitting fraudulent invoices for work never completed.

James Mann and his estranged wife Robbie Lea Ward own and operate oilfield service companies that rent tools, haul water and perform various other jobs for oil and gas companies. Walker, Apache alleges, hired multiple businesses owned by Mann as contractors.

One company, Stag Energy Services LLC, started providing services to Apache in February last year. In November, Walker hired another company Mann owns —

Double M Services LLC — to perform the same services, the lawsuit said.

Some Apache supervisors were concerned after they discovered both companies were affiliated with the same person. Suspicions grew around December, when Stag abruptly stopped operating, according to the lawsuit.

Walker, however, told his supervisors Stag had simply changed its name and they had nothing to worry about, Apache claimed.

But it was typical for Mann to change the name of his business, Apache security advisor Jess Malone said during an interview with the Reporter-Telegram. Mann altered his business' name about every six months or so, allowing him to fly under the radar, Malone said.

Last year, Apache stated it paid Stag about \$3.8 million between February and December. But, through an internal audit, Apache discovered multiple defrauding mechanisms. The most common scheme "was a classic work ticket shell game — Stag would submit a given

work ticket multiple times under different invoices," according to the lawsuit.

Before Apache fired him in February after it completed an audit, Walker was a construction foreman. Apache now accuses him of approving fraudulent invoices on behalf of the company and reaping personal financial gains.

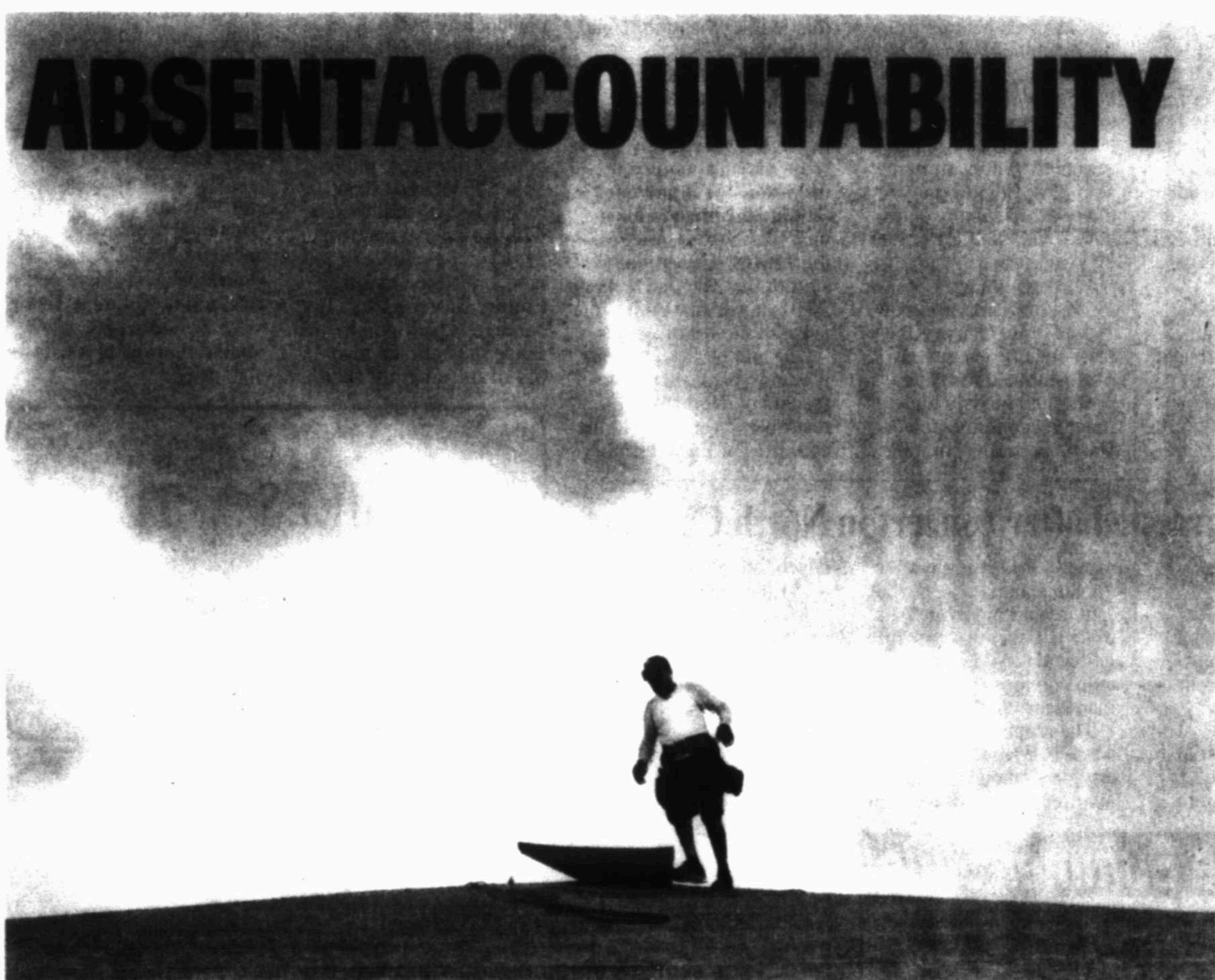
Apache said it overpaid more than \$1 million to Mann and Ward's companies and the pair pocketed the extra cash, supporting a "lavish lifestyle."

As drilling activity continues to flourish throughout the Permian Basin, Apache — a \$38 billion corporation and among the most active drilling companies — likely is not the only firm defrauded.

"Chances are if they did it to us, they did it to other large companies, as well," Malone said.

The Reporter-Telegram was not able to reach Walker, Mann or Ward before deadline, but attorneys representing

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Construction continues at the Betenbough Homes subdivision located on Champions Drive near the sports complex.

## Lax regulations allow anyone to build in Texas

Editor's note: This is the last part of a three-part series examining the impact of increased construction in Midland.

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A man in Nevada faces a felony charge because he allegedly agreed to complete a construction project and didn't have a license — something that wouldn't be a crime in Texas.

A dozen states, including Texas, do not require builders to be licensed before they construct new homes, according to the National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies.

Industry experts fear the lack of regulatory oversight could welcome sloppy builders and bad business practice, posing an array of potential problems for homeowners.

Home builders can be held more accountable if each state requires them to

obtain a license, said Angie Whitaker, NASCLA executive director.

"It's for public safety and the welfare for consumers," Whitaker said. "Protecting the public is the main concern."

While the Nevada felony case of Uona Taumalolo may be extreme, it is not uncommon.

The Nevada State Contractors Board posts mugshots on its website of its "most wanted" builders and contractors. More than a dozen names are listed, but the severity of the charge varies.

A contractor in Nevada is charged with a felony only if he or she breaks the law three or more times, said Scott Smith, a spokesman for the state's board. Nevada has some of the most strict regulations in America, he added.

To obtain a license, builders must pass a "trade exam," which ensures they're competent in the work they're doing, and a "law exam," to show they

understand business and building law, Smith said.

It costs \$300 to apply for a license and another \$600 to receive the license, pending exam results. The \$600 is paid every two years, Smith said, adding the contractor must have at least four years experience before they can take the exams.

"It's probably one of the most rigorous in the country — the hoops we make the contractors jump through before we issue them a license," he said. "It's done that way on purpose."

### Few regulations

Texas laws, on the other hand, are among the most lax, said Evin Dugas, an Austin-based attorney who focuses on home-defect lawsuits.

"We're in the 'Wild West,'" Dugas

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## 1 dead, 1 injured in shooting

By Tyler White  
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One woman is dead and a man was transported with life-threatening injuries to Midland Memorial Hospital on Saturday night following a shooting near downtown Midland, according to Joe Sampson, spokesman for the city.

Midland police officers responded to the shooting at about 8:50 p.m. near the intersection of Clay Street and New York Avenue.

Officers and emergency personnel found two people with gunshot wounds at the scene, with one being transported for treatment at the hospital.

As of press time, the man was in critical condition and identities were not released.

No other information was available late Saturday.

This is the third homicide investigation this year in Midland County.

## MPD: Gunman at La Bodega was attempting a robbery

By Tyler White  
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A manager at La Bodega Mexican Restaurant and Bar said he is grateful for the off-duty police officer who killed a gunman intending to rob the business' safe on Friday night.

Operations Manager Brian Schaez said no customers or employees were physically injured in the shooting and believes that's because of the efforts of the police officer who shot and killed 35-year-old Nyocomus Garnett. "He saved people's lives," said



Garnett

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# War to end all wars? No, but it did change them forever

By Steven Erlanger  
N.Y. Times News Service

ZONNEBEKE, Belgium

— To walk the orderly rows of headstones in the elegant graveyards that hold the dead of World War I is to feel both awe and distance. With the death of the last veterans, World War I, which began 100 years ago, has moved from memory to history. But its resonance has not faded — on land and geography, people and nations, and on the causes and consequences of modern war. The memorial here at Tyne Cot, near Ypres and the muddy killing ground of Passchendaele, is the largest British Commonwealth cemetery in the world. Nearly 12,000 soldiers are buried here — some 8,400 of them identified only as "A Soldier of the Great War, Known Unto God." Despite the immensity of this space, the soldiers represent only a tiny portion of the 8.5 million or more from both sides who died, and that number a fraction of the 20 million who were severely wounded.

In Europe's first total war, called the Great War until the second one came along, 7 million civilians also died. Yet the establishment of these grave sites and monuments, here and in villages all over the Western Front, is more than a reminder of the scale of the killing. World War I also began a tradition of memorializing ordinary soldiers by name and burying them alongside their officers, a posthumous recognition of the individual after the trauma of mass slaughter.

World War I could be said to have begun in Sarajevo on June 28, 1914, with the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife, Sophie, by a young nationalist seeking a greater Serbia. The 4 1/2 years that followed, as the war spread throughout Europe, the Middle East and Asia, reshaped the modern world in fundamental ways.

The war destroyed kings, kaisers, czars and sultans; it demolished empires; it introduced chemical weapons, tanks and airborne bombing; it brought millions of women into the workforce, hastening their legal right to vote. It gave independence to na-

tions like Ukraine, Poland and the Baltic countries and created new nations in the Middle East with often arbitrary borders; it brought about major cultural changes, including a new understanding of the psychology of war, of "shell shock" and post-traumatic stress.

It also featured the initial step of the United States as a global power. President Woodrow Wilson ultimately failed in his ambitions for a new world order and a credible League of Nations, setting off much chaos with his insistence on an armistice and his support for undefined "self-determination." And the rapid retreat of the United States from Europe helped sow the ground for World War II.

Historians still squabble over responsibility for the war. Some continue to blame Germany, and others depict a system of rivalries, alliances and anxieties, driven by concerns about the growing weakness of the Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman Empires and the growing strength of Germany and Russia that was likely to produce a war in any case, even if there was some other casus belli.

But the emotional legacies are different for different countries. For France the war, however bloody, was a necessary response to invasion. Preventing the German army from reaching Paris in the first battle of the Marne spelled the difference between freedom and slavery. The second battle of the Marne, with the help of last of U.S. soldiers, was the beginning of the end for the Germans. This was France's "good war," while World War II was an embarrassing collapse, with significant collaboration.

For Germany, which had invested heavily in the machinery of war, it was an almost incomprehensible defeat, laying the groundwork for revolution, revanchism, fascism and genocide. Oddly enough, says Max Hastings, a war historian, Germany could have dominated Europe in 20 years economically if only it had not gone to war.

The supreme irony of 1914 is how many of the rulers of Europe grossly overestimated military power and grossly underestimated economic power," Hastings said, a point he

now emphasizes when speaking with Chinese generals. The Germans, too, are still coming to terms with their past, unsure how much to press their current economic and political strength in Europe.

For Britain, there remains a debate about whether the British even had to fight. But fight they did, with millions of volunteers until the dead were mounded so high that conscription was finally imposed in 1916. The memory of July 1, 1916, the first day of the Battle of the Somme — when 20,000 British soldiers died, 40,000 were wounded and 60 percent of officers were killed — has marked British consciousness and become a byword for mindless slaughter.

"The sense that the war was futile and unnecessary still hangs over a lot of the discussion in Britain," said Lawrence Freedman, professor of war studies at King's College, London.

In Britain there is also a deep presumption that the generals were incompetent and cold to human sacrifice, that "lions" — the brave ordinary Tommies — were "led by donkeys" like Field Marshal Douglas Haig.

"That was almost certainly true at the start, but not true at the end," Freedman said. "But the notion that lives were lost on an industrial scale because generals kept trying to launch offensives for a few feet of ground is widespread."

In fact, the beginning of the war was mobile and extremely bloody, as were the last few months, when the big offensives of 1918 broke the German army. The rate of killing in the muck and mud of the trenches was much lower than during the mobile part of the war.

If the inheritance is mixed, the war still casts a long shadow, refracted through what can now seem the inevitability of World War II and our tumultuous modern history. This is also, after all, the 75th anniversary of the start of that war and the 25th anniversary of the collapse of the Berlin Wall.

The end of the Cold War was in a sense a return to the end of World War I, restoring sovereignty to the countries of Eastern Eu-

rope, one reason they are so eager to defend it now.

Analysts wonder if the period of U.S. and European supremacy itself is fading, given the rise of China and the return of traditional nationalism, not just in Russia but in the many euroskeptical voters in France, Britain and Denmark.

Inevitably, analogies are drawn. Some analysts compare Germany after the war to Russia now, arguing that just as Germany rejected the "Carthaginian peace" at the end of World War I, so Russia is now rejecting the "settlement" of the Cold War, seeing it as unjust, chafing over its defeat and prompting a new Russian aggressive and irredentism.

Some question whether the lessons of 1914 or of 1939 are more valid today. Do we heed only the lessons of 1939, when restraint was costly, and miss the lessons of 1914, when restraint could have avoided the war?

Some see a continuing struggle between Germany and Russia for mastery of Europe, a struggle that marked both world wars and continues today, and not just in Ukraine, where a century ago its people fought on both sides. Others see World War I, at least as it began in Sarajevo, as the third Balkan War, while the post-Cold War collapse of Yugoslavia and its multinational, multicultural, multireligious model continues to present unresolved difficulties for Europe, in Bosnia, Kosovo and beyond. Similar tensions persist in Northern Ireland, the rump of Ireland's incomplete revolution that began with the Easter Rising of 1916.

Others point to the dangers of declining powers faced with rising ones, considering both China and the Middle East, where the Syrian civil war and the advance of Islamic militants toward Baghdad are ripping up the colonial borders drawn up in the Sykes-Picot agreement by the French and British, with Russian agreement, in 1916, the middle of the war, when the Ottoman Empire was cracking. The carnage at Gallipoli helped shape the national identity of the inheritor state.

modern Turkey, let alone Australia.

Even the Balfour Declaration, which threw British support behind the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine, was signed during the war, in November 1917.

With the new interest in the centenary, mourners and tourists, schoolchildren and relatives, walk the living battlefields of Ypres, which still turn up human remains and live ammunition. And they walk the finely kept grass between the gray headstones here at Tyne Cot, laying bright red poppies upon the earth.

The poppy is one of the most obvious inheritances of the Great War — made famous in the 1915 poem by a Canadian military doctor, Lt. Col. John McCrae: "In Flanders fields, the poppies blow, between the crosses row on row, that mark our place." The short poem was written as a eulogy and a call to solidarity from the dead to the living, that they not "break faith with us who die."

Not far away is the tiny Flanders Field American Cemetery and Memorial, an exquisitely kept 6 acres containing only 368 graves, including 21 unknown, while the names of 43 more, missing in action, are carved on the walls of a small chapel.

If Tyne Cot is the largest military cemetery for the Commonwealth, this is the smallest U.S. military cemetery. The headstones tell the stories of first- and second-generation Americans, their names redolent of the Europe their parents left to make a better life, who returned here to die. Like Giuseppe Spano, a private from Pennsylvania, and Angelo Mazzarella, a private from West Virginia, and Emil P. Wiser, a private from Montana, and Ole Olson, a private from Wisconsin, and John Dziurzynski, a private first class from Ohio.

"The dead were and are not," the historian G.M. Trevelyan wrote in his autobiography. "Their place knows them no more and is ours today. Yet they were once as real as we, and we shall tomorrow be shadows like them."

## Rick Ross arrested after concert in North Carolina

Associated Press  
GREENSBORO, N.C. — Rapper Rick Ross has been released after his arrest following a North Carolina concert.

Greensboro Police Department spokeswoman Susan Danielsen said that Ross was taken into

custody Friday night after the SuperJam concert. She said a court had issued an order for his arrest because he failed to appear in court on a previous misdemeanor marijuana charge.

The rapper, whose real name is William L. Roberts, was taken into custody after his performance. Dan-

ielson said he was released on \$1,000 bond.

Messages seeking comment weren't immediately returned by a spokesman for Universal Music Group.

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said. "If you and I wanted to go build a house tomorrow and we didn't know anything about it, we could do it."

Midland's Building Official Steve Thorpe said he would like to require that contractors be licensed before the city allows them to build. The requirement would ensure competency and provide more accountability and consumer protection, he said.

"If we had a really bad builder, there is no way to reprimand them or force them to comply," Thorpe said. "I look at it as an unfortunate card that we're dealt."

Additionally, real estate developers and homeowners associations are not regulated by the state, according to the Texas Real Estate Commission.

The TREC only regulates real estate brokers and salespersons, private real estate inspectors, education providers for real estate and inspection classes, residential service companies, timeshare developers and easement or right-of-way agents.

## 'Bad builders'

A Reporter-Telegram investigation found Midland is not exempt from "bad builders," yet records do not indicate the issue runs rampant in the Tall City.

Within the last five years, two homeowners filed complaints to the city, claiming a property malfunction or hazard, an open-records request revealed.

Both claims were against Max Builders between 2010 and 2011 for leaving a home without completing work, leaving violations and a need for repairs, according to city records.

Thorpe said the company no longer conducts business in Midland. The city, however, could not penalize Max Builders, whereas it would have been able to revoke its license if the law allowed for it, he said.

But Midland likely will not add the requirement in the near future, primarily because the Permian Basin Builders Association is against the idea, Thorpe said.

"If you don't have the support of the trade association, it may be difficult to convince council that it's good for Midland," he said.

Susan Yanacek, PBBA president, did not return multiple interview requests from the Reporter-Telegram.

But the association does not believe there is a problem with Midland's builders, said Travis Pate, a PBBA member and chairman of the Parade of Homes committee.

"I totally understand the concern," he said. "Where's the concrete example though?"

The requirement would only be an inconvenience for builders, Pate said.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Construction is underway at the Betenbough Homes subdivision located on Champions Drive near the sports complex on June 20

### Consumer tip for homebuyers

Midland's Building Official Steve Thorpe suggests homebuyers hire a private real estate inspector before closing on any property. Even though it's a brand new house, there's nothing wrong with using a real estate inspector to make sure things are up to standards," he said. It can cost several hundred dollars to hire a private inspector, but Thorpe said it's worth the investment.

### Other Texas cities

San Marcos and Seguin, two relatively small cities in east Texas, are the only communities in Texas to require contractors to obtain licenses before building in their cities.

Abigail Gillfillan, the permit center manager for San Marcos, said the city adopted the requirement about a decade ago.

It costs \$100 to take the required test in San Marcos plus \$150 for the license, which expires at the end of each calendar year. It's another \$100 to renew the license annually and contractors must also show proof they completed six hours of "continuing education" courses each year.

Unlike in Midland, contractors in San Marcos must obtain a license before the city will issue building permits. If builders do not renew their license or if it's revoked, they essentially lose their right to build within city limits.

"That's something contractors don't want to lose, so it does provide more accountability for citizens," Gillfillan said.

The city, in general, is pleased with how the process is working out so far, she said.

"It's been real successful. It's a good opportunity for us to touch base with all of our contractors and talk about any new codes," Gillfillan said. "It pro-

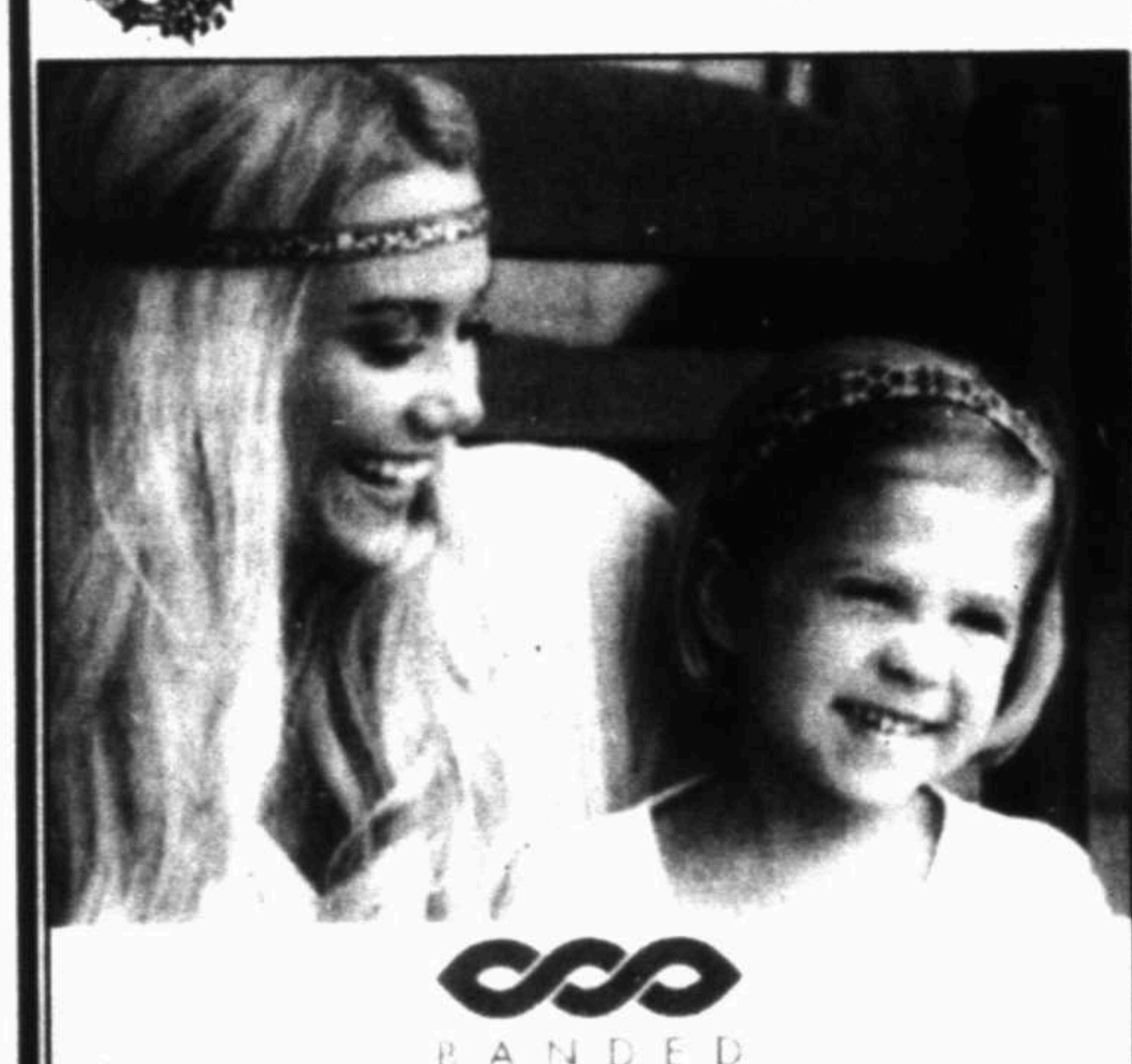
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 ■ Josh Tatum, 7:30-9 p.m., Museum of the Southwest, museumsw.org/lawn-concerts.

**Monday**  
 "Wilderness and Wildflowers: The Legacy of Lady Bird Johnson" exhibit opening at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib

**Tuesday**  
 Movie camp "Turbo," 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org

**Wednesday**  
 Wild Things Zootari Program, 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library downtown location and 1 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib

**Fourth of July**  
 ■ Freedom Run, 7:30 a.m., Midland County Courthouse. midlandtx-chamber.com.  
 ■ 52nd annual Children's Sidewalk Parade, 10 a.m., corner of Baird Street and Illinois Avenue. fourthmidland.com.  
 ■ Free patriotic concert with Midland Community Band, 4 p.m., Wagner and Brown Auditorium, Midland College. facebook.com/pages/Midland-Community-Band  
 ■ Star Spangled Salute, 6 p.m., Centennial Plaza. midlandtxchamber.com

**Friday through July 6**  
 Tex Mex Barrel Race at the Horse-shoe. midlandhorseshoe.com

### VBS this week

Monday through Thursday at Christ Church Anglican. ccanglican.com

### Support groups today

■ Overeaters Anonymous, noon Wednesdays and 4:30 p.m. Sundays B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road. Surfe 1-0-553-1031  
 ■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868  
 ■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926

### City pool hours

Doug Russell Pool, 900 N. Midland Drive, noon-7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Family swim is 7-9 p.m. Thursday. Doug Russell pool is closed Sundays.  
 Washington Pool, 1601 E. Indiana, 1-7 p.m. Sunday, noon-9 p.m. Tuesday and noon-7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Family swim is 7-9 p.m. Tuesday. Washington Pool is closed Mondays.  
**Admission cost**  
 Entry fee is \$2, kids under 2 are free. For more information, call 685-7356

### Hotel business

(Taxable receipts)

**April 2014**

Midland \$8,870,401  
 Odessa \$6,826,712  
 Abilene \$3,209,145  
 Lubbock \$7,153,403  
 San Angelo \$5,722,257

Midland in April 2013 \$7,390,654  
 Midland in April 2012 \$6,099,893  
 Midland in April 2011 \$3,761,809  
 Midland in April 2010 \$2,460,365  
 Midland in April 2009 \$3,096,656  
 Midland in April 2008 \$3,290,761

### Top Midland hotels

(total receipts)  
 DoubleTree by Hilton \$1,204,103  
 Hilton Garden Inn \$787,237  
 Residence Inn \$662,932  
 Holiday Inn Express \$538,084  
 Springhill Suites \$490,678  
 Sleep Inn \$476,609  
 La Quinta (Wall Street) \$443,995  
 Townplace Suites \$414,135  
 Midtown Hotel \$410,223  
 Courtyard by Marriott \$416,185  
 Grand Texan \$367,381  
 Best Western \$322,787  
 Plaza Inn (Big Spring Street) \$317,858  
 La Quinta (Loop 250) \$285,765  
 Hampton Inn and Suites \$279,852  
 Fairfield Inn \$263,865  
 Baymont Inn \$239,208  
 Comfort Inn-Midland \$235,145  
 Comfort Suites \$227,432  
 KJ Texas Properties \$222,261  
 Studio 6 \$198,932  
 Value Place \$196,827  
 West Texas Inn and Suites \$178,694  
 Best Value Inn \$141,520  
 America's Best Value Inn \$132,232  
 Victorian Inn \$129,683  
 Super 8 \$119,591  
 Travelodge \$116,784  
 Days Inn \$104,850  
 Note: H B Rentals was listed with \$179,030

**Top in Midland-Odessa**  
 DoubleTree by Hilton: \$1,204,103  
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 Hilton Garden Inn: \$787,237  
 MCM Elegante (O): \$694,423  
 Residence Inn: \$662,932

### Lottery

**Pick 3 morning:** 2-4-0  
**Pick 3 day:** 1-5-5  
**Pick 3 evening:** 1-2-6  
**Pick 3 night:** 4-1-9  
**Daily 4 morning:** 9-2-6-9  
**Daily 4 day:** 6-1-2-3  
**Daily 4 evening:** 2-4-4-0  
**Daily 4 night:** 4-4-1-9  
**Cash Five:** 2-6-7-15-16  
**Lotto Texas:** 6-9-24-26-42-51  
**Powerball:** 8-12-34-43-56 PB: 9  
**Power Play:** 2  
**All or Nothing morning:** 1-2-6-7  
**8-10-17-18-21-22-23-24**  
**All or Nothing day:** 1-3-4-6-7-9  
**11-13-15-16-22-23**  
**All or Nothing evening:** 3-4-5-6  
**8-12-14-16-17-22-23-24**  
**All or Nothing night:** 1-2-3-6-10  
**11-13-14-19-20-21-23**



MRT file photo

The Apache building is shown in this Nov. 13, 2011, photo. Chad Walker, an Odessa man, was allegedly funding a life of luxury when he worked for Apache Corp., using the oil and gas company's money to pay for personal hunting trips and to commit other fraud. Houston-based Apache Corp. recently filed a lawsuit, accusing Walker and two former Midlanders of stealing about \$1.5 million from the company by submitting fraudulent invoices for work never completed.

## LAWUIT

From 1A

Mann and Ward both said their clients were falsely accused in the lawsuit.

Walker's attorney did not respond to an interview request before press time, but the lawsuit states "Walker has admitted his role in this fraudulent scheme."

During a phone interview, Mark Murphy, a San Antonio attorney, said Ward "did nothing wrong."

Chuck Shipman, another San Antonio lawyer, said Mann denies the allegations.

"We are confident once all the facts are known, James will be completely vindicated," Shipman said in an email.

Meanwhile, U.S. Bankruptcy Court records indicate Apache is not the first company to accuse Mann of fraud.

Mann filed for bankruptcy under Chapter 7 in May 2009, public records show. Far West Capital, however, filed a lawsuit asking the court to deny Mann's case.

At the time, Mann and Ward lived in Midland.

records show. Far West Capital is an "invoice factoring" company, meaning it purchases accounts receivable from its customers to provide capital.

In January 2009, Mann submitted invoices to Far West Capital for work he claimed to finish for Anadarko Petroleum Corp. Far West Capital stated in the lawsuit it had purchased invoices from Mann totaling \$400,000.

Anadarko, however, refuted the invoices' validity and refused to pay Far West Capital, the bankruptcy court records stated.

Far West Capital, therefore, asked the court to deny Mann of bankruptcy, alleging he had defrauded his creditors. The lawsuit demanded more than \$779,000.

But to avoid a costly trial, records show Mann and Far West Capital settled on an agreement. The court ordered Mann to pay \$388,442 and the creditor, in turn, didn't file criminal charges. The former Midlander was then discharged, meaning the

court approved his bankruptcy, in October 2010.

Three months later, Mann tried to file bankruptcy again, but this time under Chapter 13. Records indicate he was nearly \$1.2 million in debt at the time. The court quickly dismissed the case because he had already filed within the past eight years.

The current lawsuit, filed in the 407th Judicial District Court in San Antonio, is in "the infant stage," Malone said, adding a trial date has not yet been set.

Malone said the Midland branch of the FBI is now investigating the case. FBI Special Agent Michael Martinez, a regional spokesman, was unable to confirm or deny that before press time.

Regardless, Malone said he hopes this lawsuit will prevent more fraudulent activity in the Permian Basin.

"We want to send a strong message to anybody that does this that we will act strongly and we will act swiftly," Malone said.

## US man rows across Atlantic, reaches Caribbean

By Danica Coto  
 Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Three times, Victor Mooney tried to row across the Atlantic. Three times he failed. One boat sank. Another lost its freshwater system. A third sprang a leak and left him drifting on a life raft for two weeks. As he planned for a fourth attempt, his wife made it clear it would be the last.

"I'm going to give you all the support you need, but this is it. We have to close the book on this one," Mooney recalled her telling him.

Now the 48-year-old Brooklyn native has finally completed the roughly 3,000-mile journey.

Mooney was recovering Saturday in the Dutch Caribbean island of St. Maarten, a day after reaching shore and ending a 128-day ordeal during which he lost 80 pounds.

The trip was fueled by his desire to bring attention to the need for HIV testing and to honor a brother who died of AIDS in 1983.

"Not everyone has to row across the Atlantic. You can wear a red ribbon," he said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "We all have a responsibility to do something."

On Feb. 19, Mooney left the Canary Islands off the coast of Africa in high spirits. But those faded as big waves and violent currents began to toss his 24-foot boat around, alarming nearby boaters who radioed him.

"It was a tanker who said, 'Do you know where you're at? Are you OK? Are you in your right mind?'" Mooney recalled.

He paused, and the devout Roman Catholic, who had placed crucifixes all over his boat, reminded himself to be still.

The weather began to improve, and Mooney also received help from an oceanographer and meteorologist, among those he chatted with by radio while crossing the ocean, saying he never felt alone.

The African-American recalled that his journey took the path of the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

"I asked my ancestors also for help to push me along," he said.

Mooney settled into a routine, awaking at 4 a.m., then rowing for about an hour at a time and taking 30-minute breaks until 7 p.m. But the ocean remained rough for most of the journey, often erasing his progress.

"Sometimes you can row 10 miles, and then you wake up and you're 15 miles behind," Mooney said. "You get those days, and you're like, 'Oh, man.'"

He would devour several portions of freeze-dried food in one sitting and eventually ran out. He resorted to fishing until his tackle line broke, so he began to scoop fish up with nets or rely on flying fish jumping into his boat.

Then a shark attacked his boat and punctured it.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Bystanders and nearby residents look on as Midland emergency personnel respond to shots fired at La Bodega restaurant on North Big Spring Street on Friday night.

## SHOOTING

From 1A

Schaetz, who took this as incident as a warning sign to other criminals in Midland. "We have a community that takes care of each other."

City PIO Sara Higgins said Garnett entered the back door into the restaurant's kitchen with a handgun in an attempt to commit robbery just after 9:30 p.m. Friday.

Garnett threatened numerous employees with the firearm before firing several rounds inside the kitchen. He then exited the kitchen and was confronted by an MPD detective who was eating in the restaurant and heard the shots. Garnett refused to comply with the detective's commands and then attempted to shoot the detective.

The detective then shot Garnett, who was pronounced dead at the scene. No other injuries were reported in the incident, Higgins said.

MPD evacuated the Mexican food restaurant, located in the 2700 block of North Big Spring Street, and performed a "secondary search."

Investigations by an MPD internal board and the Texas Rangers into the detective's use of force are ongoing, per normal protocol.

MPD has not released the detective's identity. Garnett had an extensive history with Midland County law enforcement. Garnett was arrested on a felony evading arrest

charge in 2013 and had been arrested several times on misdemeanor evading arrest and failure to identify charges during the past 15 years.

During those 15 years, Garnett was held at least three times — in 2003, 2004 and 2008 — for the United States Marshals Service at the Midland County jail.

He also was arrested on a state jail felony charge of manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance in 1997.





Schaetz recalled details from the shooting during an interview Saturday afternoon, stating the shooter wore a hoodie and a mask that covered his entire face. He doesn't believe Garnett knew the layout of the restaurant, as he was scrambling around the kitchen looking for the safe, based on surveillance footage that Schaetz viewed following the shooting.

He said Garnett pointed a handgun at several of his employees head before eventually firing several rounds into the kitchen ceiling.

When people began to quickly exit the restaurant, Schaetz said the officer quickly drew his firearm and began to search the area.

Schaetz said the shooting has brought his staff closer together and that his employees are coping in a productive way.

"They are working through it together as a family," he said.

<p><b>TODAY: Sunny</b></p>  <p>High: 101 Low: 78</p>	<p><b>MONDAY: Sunny</b></p>  <p>High: 102 Low: 74</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY: Mostly sunny</b></p>  <p>High: 96 Low: 71</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny</b></p>  <p>High: 94 Low: 71</p>
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**Local forecast**

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 101 and south winds between 15 and 20 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 75 and south winds around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday, look for sunny skies with a high around 102 and south winds between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Expect mostly clear conditions at night, with a low around 74 and south winds around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 96 and a low around 71. There is a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms during the day.

The high on Saturday reached 105, while the low dropped to 74. The record high for June 28 is 114 set in 1994. The record low is 52 set in 1985.

**National forecast**

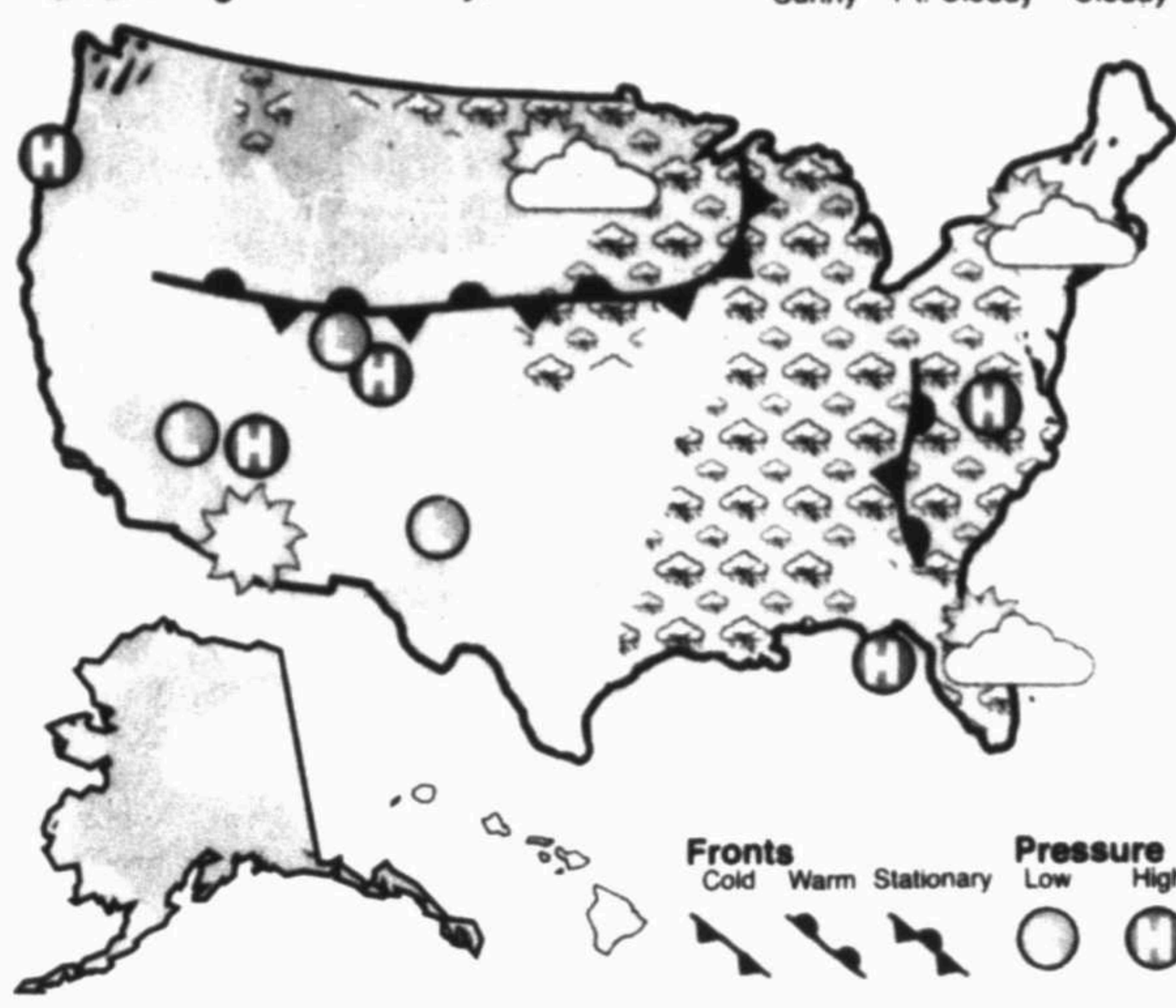
Another day with sunshine and low humidity is in store for much of the Northeast today as high pressure sits off the New England coast.

A few thunderstorms will move into western New York and Pennsylvania by the afternoon, but most areas will be dry.

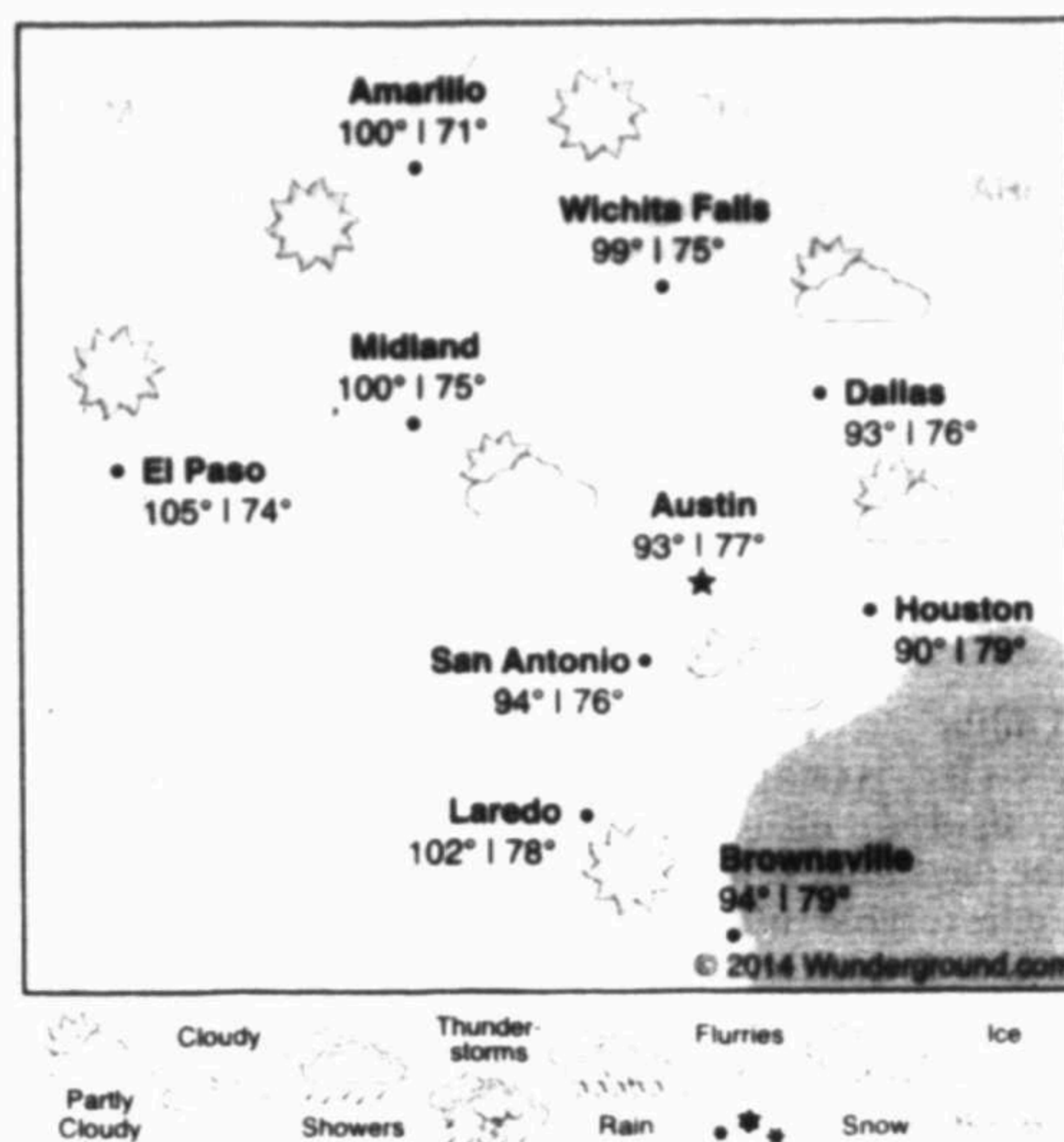
More numerous thunderstorms will be found in the warm and humid air mass across the Great Lakes, as well as the Ohio and Tennessee valleys. A few thunderstorms will also form in the Southeast, east toward the mid-Atlantic on Tuesday.

**National forecast**

Forecast highs for Sunday, June 29



<b>Precipitation</b>	<b>Saturday's temperatures</b>
Friday.....0.00 in.	High.....105
Saturday.....0.00 in.	Low.....74
Month total.....0.48 in.	Normal high.....95
Year total.....3.64 in.	Normal low.....69
Normal total.....5.94 in.	<b>Sunrise</b> .....6:46 a.m.
	<b>Sunset</b> .....8:59 p.m.



**Pelicans' northerly nesting grounds shrinking**

Associated Press

**BISMARCK, N.D.** — Rising lake levels are swallowing American white pelicans' nesting grounds at a guano-rich island in central North Dakota known as North America's largest refuge for the big-billed birds, federal wildlife officials say.

About 30,000 pelicans returned to 4,385-acre Chase Lake National Wildlife Refuge this year to find water had gobbled several acres of their main nesting island, creating increasingly cramped conditions for the giant birds, among the largest in North America. They weigh up to 20 pounds, have a wingspan of nearly 10 feet and measure 6 feet from bill to tail.

The decreased elbow room does not appear to have affected nesting activity so far, and the island continues to be filled with the grunts and squawks of thousands of white pelicans and their chicks, said Neil Shook, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist and refuge manager.

The first chicks hatch around mid-May, a month after their parents fly in from Gulf Coast states and as far away as Florida and California. The pelicans normally stay through September, feasting on fish and salamanders from small ponds within a 100-mile radius.

Shook said the island has been shrinking by a couple of acres annually since the early 1990s but appears to

have mysteriously decreased from 24 acres last year to about 15 acres this year, a loss in land mass equal to about nine football fields. The decrease of island real estate comes despite relatively average rain and snowfall — and it has even shrunk in dry years, he said. It's not clear why it's happening.

"As the water level at Chase Lake continues to rise, we're losing a little of the nesting island each year," Shook said.

Chase Lake historically has had high alkaline levels that made it unable to support aquatic life, but Shook said that's changing as the lake level increases.

"The lake is changing and becoming more of a freshwater lake even to the

point that it now has a few minnows and salamanders but not enough for the pelicans to feed on," he said. "I don't think change in water chemistry is enough to make the birds leave but losing nesting habit — that could be an issue."

Biologists aren't overly worried yet. The main nesting island was first used by pelicans in the early 1990s after an island previously preferred by the pelicans was swamped by rising lake water. But other islands over the decades have cropped up when parts of peninsulas are flooded, he said.

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**TECH BRIEFS**  
FROM WIRE REPORTS

**NEW YORK**  
**Aereo suspends service after Supreme Court ruling**

Online-streaming service Aereo Inc. is temporarily closing down its operation, three days after it was dealt an unfavorable ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court. "We have decided to pause our operations temporarily as we consult with the court and map out our next steps," Aereo's Chief Executive Officer Chet Kanojia wrote in a letter to customers posted on its website Saturday. "The spectrum that the broadcasters use to transmit over the air programming belongs to the American public and we believe you should have the right to access that live programming whether your antenna sits on the roof of your home, on top of your television or in the cloud."

The Supreme Court dealt Aereo, backed by Barry Diller, a major setback on Wednesday in ruling that the television-over-the-Internet service operates much like a cable TV company. As a result, the service violates copyright law unless Aereo pays broadcasters licensing fees for offering TV stations to customers' tablets, phones and other gadgets.

But although the Supreme Court expressed its thinking on the law, it's the U.S. District Court in New York that must issue a preliminary injunction stopping the service, as requested by broadcasters.

**LOS ANGELES**  
**Mars 'flying saucer' splashes down after NASA test**

A saucer-shaped NASA vehicle launched by balloon high into Earth's atmosphere splashed down in the Pacific Ocean on Saturday, completing a successful test on Saturday of technology that could be used to land on Mars.

Since the twin Viking spacecraft landed on the red planet in 1976, NASA has relied on the same parachute design to slow landers and rovers after piercing through the thin Martian atmosphere.

The \$150 million experimental flight tested a novel vehicle and a giant parachute designed to deliver heavier spacecraft and eventually astronauts.

Despite small problems like the giant parachute not deploying fully, NASA deemed the mission a success.

"What we just saw was a really good test," said NASA engineer Dan Coatta with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

Viewers around the world with an Internet connection followed portions of the mission in real time thanks to cameras on board the vehicle that beamed back low-resolution footage.

After taking off at 1:40 p.m. CDT from the Pacific Missile Range Facility on the Hawaiian island of Kauai, the balloon boosted the disc-shaped vehicle over the Pacific. Its rocket motor then ignited, carrying the vehicle to more than 30 miles high at supersonic speeds.

The environment that high up is similar to the thin Martian atmosphere. As the vehicle prepared to drop back the Earth, a tube around it expanded like a Hawaiian puffer fish, creating atmospheric drag to dramatically slow it down from Mach 4, or four times the speed of sound.

Then the parachute unfurled — if only partially — and guided the vehicle to an ocean splashdown about three hours later. At 110 feet in diameter, the parachute is twice as big as the one that carried the 1-ton Curiosity rover through the Martian atmosphere in 2011.

Coatta said engineers won't look at the parachute problem as a failure, but as a way to learn more and apply that knowledge during future tests.

**Tired of p@sswords? You @re N\*t @lone!**

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Good thing she doesn't need a password to get into heaven. That's what Donna Spinner often mutters when she tries to remember the growing list of letter-number-and-symbol codes she's had to create to access her various online accounts.

"At my age, it just gets too confusing," said the 72-year-old grandmother who lives outside Decatur, Illinois.

But this is far from just a senior moment. Frustration over passwords is as common across the age brackets as the little reminder notes on which people often write them.

"We are in the midst of an era I call the 'tyranny of the password,'" said Thomas Way, a computer science professor at Villanova University.

"We're due for a revolution."

One could argue that the revolution is already well underway, with passwords destined to go the way of the floppy disc and dial-up Internet. Already, there are multiple services that generate and store your passwords so you don't have to remember them. Beyond that, biometric technology is emerging, using thumbprints and face recognition to help us get into our accounts and our devices. Some new iPhones use the technology, for instance, as do a few retailers, whose employees log into work computers with a touch of the hand.

Still, many people cling to the password, the devil we know — even though the passwords we end up creating, the ones we CAN remember, often aren't very secure at all. Look at any list of the most common passwords making the rounds on the Internet and you'll find anything from "abc123," "letmein" and "iloveyou" to — you

guessed it — use of the word "password" as a password.

Bill Lidinsky, director of security and forensics at the School of Applied Technology at the Illinois Institute of Technology, has seen it all — and often demonstrates in his college classes just how easy it is to use readily available software to figure out many passwords.

"I crack my students' passwords all the time," Lidinsky said, "sometimes in seconds."

Even so, a good password doesn't necessarily have to be maddeningly complicated, said Keith Palmgren, a cybersecurity expert in Texas.

"Whoever coined the phrase 'complex password' did us a disservice," said Palmgren, an instructor at the SANS Institute, a research and education organization that focuses on high-tech security.

He's teaching a course on passwords to other tech

professionals later this summer and plans to tell them that the focus should be on unpredictability and length — the more characters, the better.

But it doesn't have to be something you can't remember. If a site allows long passwords and special characters, Palmgren suggests using an entire sentence as a password, including spaces and punctuation, if possible. "This sentence is an example."

He also suggests plugging in various types of passwords on a website developed by California-based Gibson Research Corp. to see how long it could take to crack each type of password: <http://www.grc.com/haystack.htm>

According to the site, it could take centuries to uncover some passwords, but seconds for others.

Lidinsky recommends using a "simple mental algorithm," including those that use a space, if a site

allows that. As an example, he said one might try "Ama95 zon" for an Amazon account, and "Yah95 oo" for a Yahoo! account, and so on. (But choose your own combination.)

There are other ways around the password headache.

Some people have taken to using password generators, which create and store passwords for various sites you use. Generally, all the user has to remember is a master password to unlock a generator program and then it plugs in the passwords to whichever account is being used. There are numerous password managers like this, including LastPass and Dashlane and 1Password.

Some wonder whether it's wise to trust services like this.

"But sooner or later, you have to trust somebody," said Palmgren, who uses a password manager himself.

**Sunni militants using social media to advance their cause and intimidate**

New York Times News Service

BAGHDAD — The extremist group battling the Iraqi government, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, may practice a seventh-century version of fundamentalist Islam, but it has demonstrated modern sophistication when it comes to using social media, particularly Twitter and other sites like WordPress and Tumblr.

On Twitter, ISIL has hijacked World Cup hashtags, flooding unsuspecting soccer fans with its propaganda screeds. It has used Facebook as a death-threat

generator; the text-sharing app JustPaste to upload book-length tirades; the app SoundCloud for jihadi music; and YouTube and Twitter for videos to terrify its enemies.

One Twitter account that purports to be linked to the group even altered a picture of Michelle Obama to boast about its capture of U.S.-made war materiel. The sign in her hands was changed from one saying "#Bring-

BackOurGirls," referring to the worldwide campaign to save the schoolgirls abducted in Nigeria, to one saying "#Bring Back Our Humvees."

The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant has out-fought both its Syrian rivals and the Iraqi government online, as well as on the battlefield. The Iraqi government's response has been to order Internet providers in the country to block most

social media sites.

What ISIL realized, more quickly and effectively than its rivals, was that "smart-phones and social media accounts are all that is needed to instantly share material in real time with tens of thou-

sands of jihadists," said Rita Katz, a terrorism analyst who on Friday published a study of ISIL and Twitter on the website of the SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors extremist activity online.

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# Clinton struggles in discussing her family wealth

Associated Press

DENVER — Hillary Rodham Clinton is a hardworking champion of women, children and the poor. Or she's a wealthy elitist more comfortable in Davos, Switzerland, than Davenport, Iowa.

Which is it? If Clinton decides to again run for president, how voters answer that question could play a role in whether she's able to win the White House.

"They raised the bar on these issues with Mitt in 2012," said Ron Kaufman, a longtime adviser to former Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, whose wealth and business record were targeted by Democrats. "Now their candidates for president have to get over the same bar."

Perhaps the biggest news to come from the recent launch of Clinton's memoir of her time as Secretary of State isn't what the book says about the terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya,

but what she's said about her personal finances while plugging the book.

It started with an interview with ABC News in which she said she and husband Bill were "dead broke" when they left the White House in early 2001, grappling with millions of dollars in legal bills. Then came an interview with The Guardian, in which Clinton appeared to draw a distinction by saying her family paid an "ordinary income tax, unlike a lot of people who are truly well off."

The couple's daughter, Chelsea Clinton, was pulled into the fray when Politico reported that she earned \$600,000 a year at NBC News, where she has infrequently appeared as a special correspondent.

Those statements don't mesh well with the fact the Clintons are, by almost any measure, quite wealthy, with an annual income that places them solidly among the top 1 percent of Americans. As secretary of state, Clinton's financial

disclosure report filed in 2012 showed the couple had an estimated net worth between \$5 million and \$25 million.

The former first lady and New York senator is by no means a billionaire but can command \$200,000 or more for a single speech — four times what the median American household takes home each year. The University of Nevada, Las Vegas, said Tuesday that Clinton would be paid \$225,000 to speak at the university foundation's annual dinner in October.

Being rich isn't necessarily a political liability for potential presidents. Democrats Franklin Delano Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy both entered politics after privileged upbringings. The last two Republican presidents, George H.W. Bush and his son, George W. Bush, could vacation at the family's Maine seaside compound or at the younger president's sprawling Texas ranch.

# How Hillary Clinton has talked about family wealth

Associated Press

A look at how former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and former President Bill Clinton have discussed their family's wealth in recent interviews.

■ Hillary Clinton to ABC News, broadcast June 9:

"We came out of the White House not only dead broke, but in debt. We had no money when we got there, and we struggled to, you know, piece together the resources for mortgages, for houses, for Chelsea's education. You know, it was not easy. Bill has worked really hard — and it's been amazing to me — he's

worked very hard. First of all, we had to pay off all our debts, which was, you know, he had to make double the money because of obviously taxes and then pay off the debts and get us houses and take care of family members."

■ Hillary Clinton to The Guardian, published June 21:

"They don't see me as part of the problem because we pay ordinary income tax, unlike a lot of people who are truly well off, not to name names, and we have done it through dint of hard work. We know how blessed we are. We were

neither of us raised with these kinds of opportunities, and we worked really hard for them. But all one has to do is look at my record going back to my time in college and law school to know not only where my heart is, but where my efforts have been."

■ Bill Clinton to NBC News, interviewed June 24:

"She's not out of touch. And she advocated and worked as a senator for things that were good for ordinary people. And before that, all her life. And the people asking her questions should put this into some sort of context."

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# US intervention in Libya now seen as cautionary tale

Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A group of U.S. diplomats arrived in Libya three years ago to a memorable reception: a throng of cheering men and women who pressed in on the startled group "just to touch us and thank us," recalled Susan Rice, President Barack Obama's national security adviser.

The Libyans were emotional because the U.S. and its allies had toppled leader Moammar Gadhafi in a military campaign that averted a feared slaughter of Gadhafi's foes. Obama administration officials called the international effort, accomplished with no Western casualties, a "model intervention."

But in three years Libya has turned into the kind of place U.S. officials most fear: a lawless land that attracts terrorists, pumps out illegal arms and drugs, and destabilizes its neighbors.

Now, as Obama considers a limited military intervention in Iraq, the Libya experience is seen by many as a cautionary

tale of the unintended damage big powers can inflict when they aim for a limited involvement in an unpredictable conflict.

"If Iraq and Afghanistan are examples of overkill and overreach, Libya is the reverse case, where you do too little and get an unacceptable result," said Brian Katulis, a Middle East specialist at the Center for American Progress, a think tank. "The lesson is that a low tolerance of risk can have its costs."

Though they succeeded in their military effort, the United States and its North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies fell short in the broader goal of putting Libya on a path toward democracy and stability. Exhausted after a decade of war and mindful of the failures in Iraq, U.S. officials didn't want to embark on another nation-building effort in an oil-rich country that seemed to pose no threat to Western security.

But by limiting efforts to help the new Libyan government gain control over the country, critics say, the U.S. and its allies have inadvertently helped

turn Libya into a higher security threat than it was before the military intervention.

Libya has become North Africa's most active militant sanctuary, at the center of the resurgent threat that Obama warned about in a May address at West Point. A 2012 terrorist attack against the U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi killed four Americans, including Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens.

Arms trafficking from Libya "is fueling conflict and insecurity — including terrorism — on several continents," an expert panel reported to the United Nations Security Council in February. Weapons smuggled out of Libya have been used by insurgents in Mali, by Boko Haram terrorists in Nigeria and by Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip.

More than 50,000 people, including refugees from Syria and migrants from North Africa, have flooded into Europe through Libya's porous borders, sharpening the continent's immigration crisis.

The latest U.S. State Department travel warning portrays Libya as a society in near-collapse, beset by crime, terrorism, factional fighting, government failure and the wide availability of portable anti-aircraft weapons that can shoot down commercial airplanes.

U.S. officials, now scrambling to reverse Libya's downward spiral, say blame rests with the Libyans who took control of a country that has proved more dysfunctional than expected.

"In Libya, the bottom line is still that a lot of lives were saved, and Gadhafi was removed from power," said Ben Rhodes, deputy national security adviser. "What it's going to take in the long term for Libya to succeed is strategies that build political coalitions and that train forces. Our military action alone wasn't going to be the end of the story. It was the beginning of a new chapter."

Those who argued against the 2011 intervention said problems were foreseeable.

## Benghazi suspect pleads not guilty

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Libyan militant accused of masterminding the deadly Benghazi attacks that have become a flashpoint in U.S. politics appeared briefly for the first time in an American courtroom, pleading not guilty Saturday to a terrorism-related charge nearly two weeks after he was captured by special forces.

In a 10-minute hearing held amid tight security, Ahmed Abu Khattala spoke just two words, both in Arabic. He replied "yes" when asked to swear to tell the truth and "no" when asked if he was having trouble understanding the proceeding.

Abu Khattala became the most recent foreign terror suspect to be prosecuted in American courts, a forum the Obama administration contends is both fairer and more efficient than the military tribunal process used at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The case was being tried in Washington despite concerns from Republicans in Congress who say he should not be entitled to the protections of the U.S. legal system.

A grand jury indictment handed up under seal Thursday and made public

Saturday said Abu Khattala participated in a conspiracy to provide material support and resources to terrorists in the attacks of Sept. 11, 2012, that killed U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans.

That crime is punishable by up to life in prison. The government said it would soon file more charges against Abu Khattala.

During his initial court appearance, the defendant listened via headphones to a translation of the proceedings. He wore a two-piece black track suit, had a beard and long curly hair, both mostly gray, and kept his hands, which were not handcuffed, behind his back.

He looked impassively at U.S. Magistrate Judge John Facciola for most of the hearing. Abu Khattala's court-appointed lawyer, Michele Peterson, entered the not guilty plea. Facciola ordered the defendant's continued detention, but the judge did not say where Abu Khattala would be held.

U.S. special forces captured Abu Khattala in Libya, marking the first breakthrough in the investigation. Officials had been questioning Abu Khattala aboard a Navy ship that transported him to the U.S.

## Hanging onto oil-rich Kirkuk may prove a challenge for Iraq's Kurds

McClatchy Foreign Staff

KIRKUK, Iraq — Piling into a pickup truck with their AK-47 assault rifles, the Kurdish militia fighters were eager to show off the series of checkpoints they'd set up to guard the approaches to the oil-rich city of Kirkuk.

The Kurds had long coveted Kirkuk for both

historical and economic reasons, and suddenly earlier this month it fell under their control when the Iraqi army collapsed and fled in the face of a surprise offensive by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.

Now, with ISIS gunmen roaming unchecked just miles from city, the famed Kurdish militia, the peshmerga, has established

a string of checkpoints and fortified positions intended to defend not only newly acquired Kirkuk, but also the approaches to the main Kurdish cities of Irbil and Sulimaniya, which have remained more or less untouched by the horrible violence that has roiled the rest of Iraq for much of the past 11 years.

Gen. Ayoub Sa' id, the peshmerga commander in Kirkuk who directs his forces from a former U.S. military base at the Kirkuk airport, is proud of his forces' array. He even encouraged visiting journalists to drive south toward the ISIS front lines

to inspect the peshmerga's defenses.

But after five minutes of high-speed driving down the nearly deserted highway to visit these last lines of defense, the pickup screeched to a sudden stop and made an abrupt U-turn. There was no sign of the peshmerga, who had left their positions despite their reputation as some of the best trained and most disciplined fighters in Iraq. The only thing standing between Kirkuk and the ISIS fighters, who control the nearby city of Tikrit and its outlying villages, was the pickup truck with its load of lightly armed

fighters and a few journalists.

Confusion still reigns along the nebulous front line between the two sides. So far, ISIS and its tribal allies appear content to control Sunni Arab villages and towns and have yet to challenge the Kurds, whose mostly peaceful region backs up against the border with Iran and now spans from Iraq's far north to Kirkuk. ISIS appears more focused on pushing toward Baghdad.

But Kirkuk, with its huge Sunni Arab population and oil wealth, is also an attractive target, and the front is tense, with

near daily clashes between Kurds and ISIS as they compete for control of strategic villages and crossroads.

"Daash was down there and there was no checkpoint," said one of the confused or slightly embarrassed fighters, using the common and disparaging term for ISIS. Just moments before, Gen. Sa' id had insisted the road was safe and had told the journalists they could visit the nonexistent checkpoint in their own car. Only reluctantly had he dispatched the armed escort after the journalists pleaded that it was unsafe.



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### OKLAHOMA CITY Man sentenced to death for killing pregnant wife

A man convicted of hiring someone to kill his pregnant estranged wife was sentenced to death this week in Oklahoma City.

A jury handed down the death penalty to 26-year-old Fabion DeMargo Brown on Friday, according to a story published Saturday in the Oklahoma City Oklahoman. Fabion Brown had been convicted a day earlier of killing Jessica Brown, 23, and her fetus in her Midwest City home on Jan. 11, 2012.

Prosecutors acknowledged that Fabion Brown did not pull the trigger, but instead paid someone \$250 to do it.

Judy Richardson, Jessica Brown's mother, said after the sentence was announced that she hopes no other family will have to go through the same thing. The couple's two children are in Richardson's custody.

"All they know is that dad is in time-out," she said.

### ALBUQUERQUE Albuquerque police sued over fatal camper shooting

The family of a homeless camper fatally shot by Albuquerque police in a shooting that generated national outcry and protests throughout the city, filed a wrongful death lawsuit Friday and is seeking to force the department to make dramatic reforms.

The lawsuit filed in state district court claims that the more than 40 officers dispatched to handle James Boyd had "no meaningful control" of the standoff, and their lack of training led to his death.

"Boyd, suffering from mental illness, was helpless to understand why officers were pointing guns at him, let alone able to comply with their orders,"

the lawsuit said. "APD's standards for hiring, training, policies, oversight, or lack thereof, contributed to the unjustified killing of (Boyd)," the complaint continued, "as did Albuquerque's failure to take any action in the face of what was plainly an out of control police department."

### INDIANAPOLIS New laws tackle guns, fair alcohol and veterans

Beginning Tuesday, guns will be allowed in school parking lots, beer and alcohol will be legal for sale at the Indiana State Fair and veterans will have more support from the state as they seek new careers.

The start of the state's new fiscal year also will bring sweeping changes to how much time convicted criminals spend in jail. That issue was so important that lawmakers returned for a day earlier this month to correct the legislation before it took effect.

The measures are among dozens of laws approved during lawmakers' short two-month legislative session this year. Many will barely be noticed by the public, while others are still months or more away from implementation.

Senate President Pro Tem David Long, R-Fort Wayne, said that, for a part-time legislature, Indiana's General Assembly is still able to accomplish a lot in a short amount of time.

"I think this year reflects a very typical, multi-faceted set of laws that affect every Hoosier in one way or another," Long said. "I don't think we were excessive. I think a large majority of the bills were filed did not see the light of day in the end. And that's the way it should be."

Many of the laws taking effect build on previous legislation.

# How to stop mass shootings

Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Deadly mass shootings occur with such alarming regularity that the American news-consuming public can be forgiven for believing there's no way to prevent them.

But lawmakers and experts concerned with the nexus between mental illness and violence insist solutions do exist.

True, expanded gun-purchase background checks — the most prominent proposal put forward in the wake of the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School rampage in Newtown, Conn. — failed in the Senate last year under intense lobbying by the National Rifle Association. Efforts to revive the measure seem unlikely in an election year.

Nevertheless, given many mass shooters' common back stories — young troubled males who slipped through cracks in the mental healthcare system — there are concrete ways to pinpoint the likes of Elliot Rodger (Isla Vista, Calif., six dead), Adam Lanza (Sandy Hook, 26 dead), James Holmes (Aurora, Colo., 12 dead), Jared Lee Loughner (Tucson, Ariz., six dead) and Seung-Hui Cho (Virginia Tech, 32 dead) before they start pulling triggers.

"You're never going to get to zero, which is too bad but that's the society we live in," said Josh Horwitz, executive director of the Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence. "There are no easy solutions. It's like a jigsaw puzzle; no one piece solves everything, but multiple pieces put together can make a difference."

These are a few of the top ideas, all of them embodied in legislative proposals now before Congress.

■ "Gun Violence Restraining Orders"

Modeled on domestic violence restraining orders, the gun-violence

order passed a California state Senate committee last week. It would permit family members and law enforcement to petition courts for temporary removal of firearms when individuals are suffering a mental crisis.

A similar law on the books in Connecticut resulted in seizures of 2,000 weapons based on 277 warrants issued between 1999 and 2009, according to one study. Last year, Texas Gov. Rick Perry signed a law that codifies police rights to take guns away from those in the midst of an episode, and provides a check system to make sure such people are in mental shape to get guns back.

On Capitol Hill, Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif., a Vietnam veteran and gun owner who chairs the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, introduced a measure that permits police to obtain gun-removal warrants from judges. Those in crisis would have a right to a hearing within 14 days to determine if police can continue to hold weapons.

"If law enforcement had the ability to remove firearms from someone who is a danger to themselves or others, it would go a long way toward defusing some of these problems," Thompson said. "In California, it would have worked well in the Elliot Rodger situation."

Police visited Rodger at the behest of his parents, only to be reassured by the troubled 22-year-old that all was well. Without the law, Thompson said, police had no incentive to check that Rodger owned at least two handguns and magazines loaded with over 400 rounds of ammunition.

The NRA called on its 5-million-plus members to oppose the Thompson bill, calling it a variation on measures being pursued in states by "the likes of (former N.Y. Mayor) Michael Bloomberg and his 'Everytown' gun-control

cabal."

■ "Assisted Outpatient Treatment"

AOT, as it's known in the mental-health world, would expand the power of judges to oversee and enforce treatment for persons with mental illness, even if they are resistant. It's officially on the books in 45 states, but only a few have effective enforcement mechanisms and dollars available for all-important social services to help those ordered into treatment.

New York spends \$32 million or more annually for a system that research reports credit with reducing the number of "revolving-door" mental patients — those who sidestep treatment and rotate in and out of jails, emergency wards and homelessness.

"AOT" is a euphemism, invented to make it seem less draconian," said Jeff Swanson, a psychiatry professor at Duke University who led one of the studies of Kendra's Law and is one of the nation's leading experts on mental illness and violence. "It's a treatment plan wrapped inside a judicial order."

Texas has AOT but Connecticut does not. California has a form of it, Laura's Law (the statutes are named after victims of mentally ill persons), but relies on counties to set up enforcement structures.

San Francisco's Board of Supervisors is on the verge of passing it despite protests that AOT tramples on civil liberties of people coping with mental illness. Indeed, many mental health advocates fear that AOT expansion would take the mental healthcare system back to the dark days of the 1950s, when mental patients were warehoused in 500,000 mental hospital beds. Since deinstitutionalization in the 1960s and 1970s, the number has dropped to around 50,000.

"We think (AOT) runs the risk of unintended consequences and moving us backward," said John

Head, communications director for the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law. "No one would say they want to go back to that, but we say look, see if what you're proposing points us in that direction. If it does, we're concerned about it."

Rep. Tim Murphy, R-Penn., a clinical psychologist and author of legislation that among other things would dramatically expand AOT, said fear of turning back the clock is a "false argument."

"It's not apples and oranges; it's apples and bricks," he said. And, he added, civil rights concerns are misplaced. "When you're in jail, homeless or in a coffin, what rights do you have?"

Murphy's legislation, the "Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act," also would lower healthcare privacy bars that prevent families from involvement in loved ones' treatment, and lower the threshold for treatment so those with mental illness get help well before they reach a crisis point.

■ Violent misdemeanor convictions as disqualification for gun purchase/possession

At present, federal law requires the names of those convicted of felonies be entered into the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). Under this proposal, the bar would be lowered to anyone convicted of less-serious violent misdemeanors.

Experts say this change would keep guns out of the hands of potential mass shooters who do not necessarily suffer from diagnosable mental illness.

"It's not just mental illness in and of itself," said Garen Wintemute, an emergency room physician at U.C. Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, Calif., and director of the U.C. Davis Violence Prevention Research Program.

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## Coersive government knows 'what's in a name'

■ There are people in the business of telling you what's offensive, and the Redskins' name controversy has them fired up

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Amanda Blackhorse, a Navajo who successfully moved a federal agency to withdraw trademark protections from the Washington Redskins because it considers the team's name derogatory, lives on a reservation where Navajos root for the Red Mesa High School Redskins. She opposes this name: the Native Americans who picked and retain it evidently do not.

The Patent and Trademark Office acted on a 1946 law banning trademarks that "may disparage" persons. "May" gives the agency latitude to disregard evidence regarding how many people actually feel disparaged, or feel that others should feel disparaged. Blackhorse speaks of "the majority of Native American people who have spoken out on this." This would seem implausible even if a 2004 poll had not found that 90 percent of Native Americans were not offended by the Redskins' name. A 2013 AP-GfK poll showed that 79 percent of Americans of all ethnicities opposed changing it, and just 18 percent of "non-white football fans" favored changing it.

The federal agency acted in the absence of general or Native American revulsion about "Redskins," and probably

because of this absence. Are the Americans who are paying attention to this controversy comfortable with government saying, in effect, that if people are not offended, they should be, so government must decide what uses of language should be punished?

In today's regulatory state, agencies often do pretty much as they please, exercising discretion unconstrained by law.

George Washington University law professor Jonathan Turley notes that in 2004 the Federal Election Commission held that the anti-George W. Bush movie "Fahrenheit 9/11" did not need to be regulated as an "electioneering communication" but in 2008 held that the hostile "Hillary: The Movie" was such a communication. In the regulatory state, the rule of law is the rule that law barely limits regulators' discretion.

Although the death penalty clearly was not considered a "cruel and unusual" punishment when the Eighth Amendment proscription of such punishments was

adopted, perhaps society's "evolving standards of decency" have brought this punishment under the proscription. Standards of decency do evolve: No sports team launched today would select the name "Redskins." Although Thomas Sowell is correct that "some people are in the business of being offended, just as Campbell is in the business of making soup," the fact that some people are professionally indignant does not mean offense may be given promiscuously to others.

The name "Redskins" is more problematic than, say, that of the Chicago Blackhawks or Cleveland Indians presumably because "Redskins" refers to skin pigmentation. People offended by this might be similarly distressed if they knew that "Oklahoma" is a compound of two Choctaw words meaning "red" and "people." Blackhorse, however, has two larger objections.

She says "someone" once told her that teams' mascots "are meant to be ridiculed," "to be toyed with," "to be pushed around and disrespected" and "have stuff thrown at them." She should supplement the opinion of that someone with information from persons more knowledgeable. But she considers "any team name that references Native Americans" an injurious "appropriation of our culture." Has an "appropriation" been committed by the University of Utah and Florida State University even though they have the approval

of the respective tribes for their teams' nicknames, the Utes and Seminoles?

William Voegeli, a senior editor of the Claremont Review of Books, writes that the kerfuffle over an NFL team's name involves serious matters. They include comity in a diverse nation, civil discourse, and "not only how we make decisions, but how we decide what needs to be decided, and who will do the deciding."

Time was, Voegeli writes, a tolerant society was one with "a mutual nonaggression pact": If your beliefs and practices offend but do not otherwise affect me, I will not interfere with them if you will reciprocate regarding my beliefs and practices. Now, however, tolerance supposedly requires compulsory acknowledgment that certain people's beliefs and practices deserve, Voegeli says, "to be honored, respected, affirmed and validated" lest they suffer irreparable injury to their sense of worth. And it requires compelling conformity for the good of the compelled.

When two Oregon bakers chose, for religious reasons, not to provide a cake for a same-sex wedding, an Oregon government official explained why tolerance meant coercing the bakers: "The goal is to rehabilitate." Tolerance required declaring the bakers' beliefs and practices intolerable. We are going to discover whether a society can be congenial while its government is being coercive regarding wedding cakes and teams' names.

### GUEST VIEW

## Solution to the border situation is immigration reform

Houston Chronicle

"The first thing I saw was a boy crying. Terrified and sobbing against the window of the holding cell, he couldn't have been more than 12 or 13. The room was full of other young boys, their curious eyes peering out at us as we walked by. These were the ones who made the trip alone."

— Gov. Rick Perry

"We are talking about large numbers of children, without their parents, who have arrived at our border hungry, thirsty, exhausted, scared and vulnerable. How we treat the children, in particular, is a reflection of our laws and values."

— Jeh Johnson, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Immediate reactions to the waves of unaccompanied children showing up on our southern border, including Gov. Rick Perry's poignant description of what he saw this week during a tour of a Border Patrol detention facility, says a lot about who we are as Texans. For many of the governor's GOP cohorts, the knee-jerk response was to call out the guard, as if an armed military was our first recourse to children so desperate they've left their homes and traveled for days across exceedingly dangerous territory to reach what they — and desperate parents who allowed them to leave — expect to be a welcoming promised land.

For state Sen. Dan Patrick, Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, the thousands of children throwing themselves on the mercy of this great country was a welcome opportunity to repeat his odious warning about the children as carriers of disease. The irony is that youngsters from Central America are as likely to be vaccinated against childhood diseases as their American counterparts, since a number of American parents have succumbed to the spurious claim that vaccines don't prevent diseases, they cause them.

For many other Americans, including many Texans, the arrival of the children offered an opportunity to ease their desperate plight. They've shipped blankets, food and clothing to the Rio Grande Valley, knowing that these children — who may be human trafficking victims or legitimate refugees under federal law — still need to be housed, fed and clothed, whatever their immigration status might be. The response of these decent, anonymous Americans is, in fact, "a reflection of our laws and values."

That being said, the sheer number of children at the border has overwhelmed any orderly process for dealing with them. Since the first of the year, more than 52,000 unaccompanied children have made their way to this country, primarily from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

Many are fleeing gang threats and pervasive violence. Their plight is, in Perry's words, "a mounting tragedy."

Johnson's response to the crisis, as he outlined this week in remarks to the House Committee on Homeland Security, is direct, sensible and humane. He told the committee that he is redirecting both DHS agency personnel and resources from other government agencies; adding processing and housing capacity in Arizona and Texas; building additional detention capacity for adults who cross the border illegally in the Rio Grande Valley with their children; conducting public health screenings; and working with government officials in Guatemala, Honduras and Salvador to address the underlying conditions that seem to be fueling the mass exodus. Johnson also said that DHS and the Justice Department are adding resources to go after the smuggling operations taking advantage of desperate people.

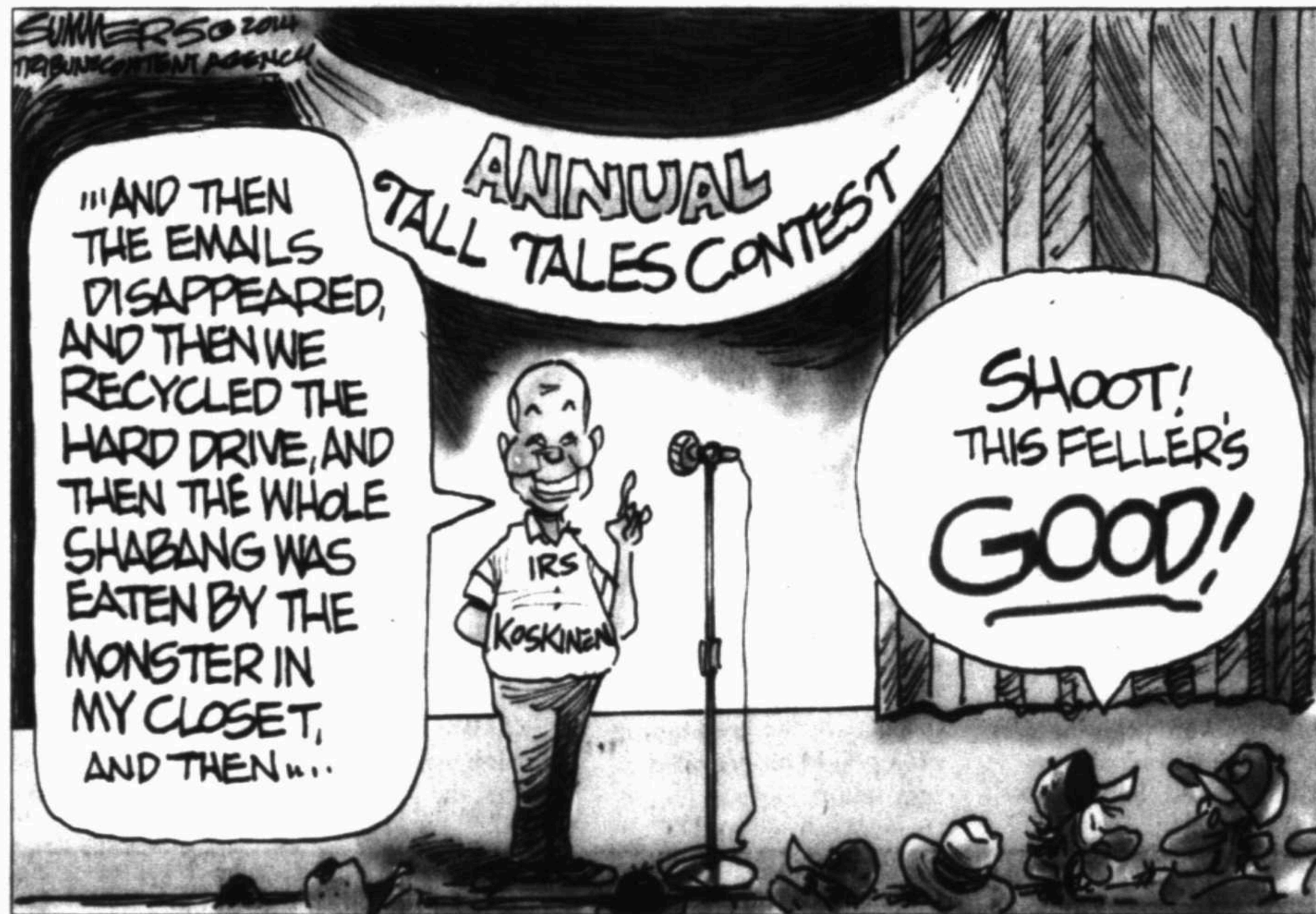
What the DHS secretary laid out is the immediate response. If lawmakers actually are serious about a long-term solution to the border crisis, they should immediately pass comprehensive immigration reform legislation, which has languished in the House since the Senate passed its version last year.

Reforming our immigration laws clears up any misunderstanding about how the American system works. It makes clear that recent arrivals will not be able to stay, unless their lives are deemed to be in danger back home.

The Senate bill also increases resources for court proceedings. Quicker court rulings for those applying for asylum or temporary residence make it less likely that children arriving at our doorstep simply fade into the system. And, of course, reform legislation sets up additional security measures and a legal guest-worker program.

"What's happening along our southern border is a mounting tragedy, its root cause Washington's failure, diplomatically and strategically, to address our border security and illegal immigration problem," Perry said in a statement yesterday.

He's right about Washington's failure, but he evades placing blame where it belongs. Until his fellow Republicans in the House accept border reality, the crises will continue.



## At the IRS, stuff happens

■ The Internal Revenue Service and White House haven't been forthcoming at all; no matter what the facts show

**RICH LOWRY**

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Lois Lerner managed to contain her disappointment when she learned in 2011 that she had lost two years' worth of emails — forever. After being told that her data was being sent to the "hard drive cemetery," never to return, Lerner replied with philosophical equanimity, "Sometimes stuff just happens."

Yes, the IRS is incredibly susceptible to stuff happening.

First, it happened when the agency singled out the applications of conservative groups for special scrutiny and delayed their applications for tax-exempt status prior to the 2012 elections.

Then it happened when then-IRS Commissioner Douglas Shulman went before Congress in March 2012 and denied that the targeting was taking place.

It kept happening last year, when Lerner arranged to reveal the targeting via a planted question at a tax conference, and proceeded to falsely blame a few rogue employees in the Cincinnati office.

It is still happening now, as the IRS failed to tell Congress about the missing Lerner emails until two weeks ago.

So much stuff happens at the IRS that top officials must routinely break mirrors, open umbrellas indoors and spill salt. They set out to fairly administer the nation's tax laws and through a series of bad breaks ended up applying them lopsidedly against their ideological enemies. They intended to cooperate fully and frankly with investigations into their unfair practices; through circumstances beyond their control, they haven't pulled it off.

Lerner had her computer meltdown in June 2011, around the time Sen. Orrin Hatch and Rep. Dave Camp asked the IRS about its treatment of the primary donors to one conservative 501(c)(4) group — in retrospect, one of the first signs of targeting conservatives.

That the emails were lost beyond recovery will strike most people as implausible, because it is practically an axiom of modern life that emails never go away. Of course, it's entirely possible that the IRS is so incompetent and its bureaucracy so archaic (it was using tape to back up emails) that it can't manage to preserve what most people can't get rid of. This, in fact, amounts to the IRS's

best defense.

But the IRS has hardly earned the benefit of the doubt. Its instinct when the scandal broke was to try to cover up the role of Lerner and other Washington officials who were intimately involved in the targeting.

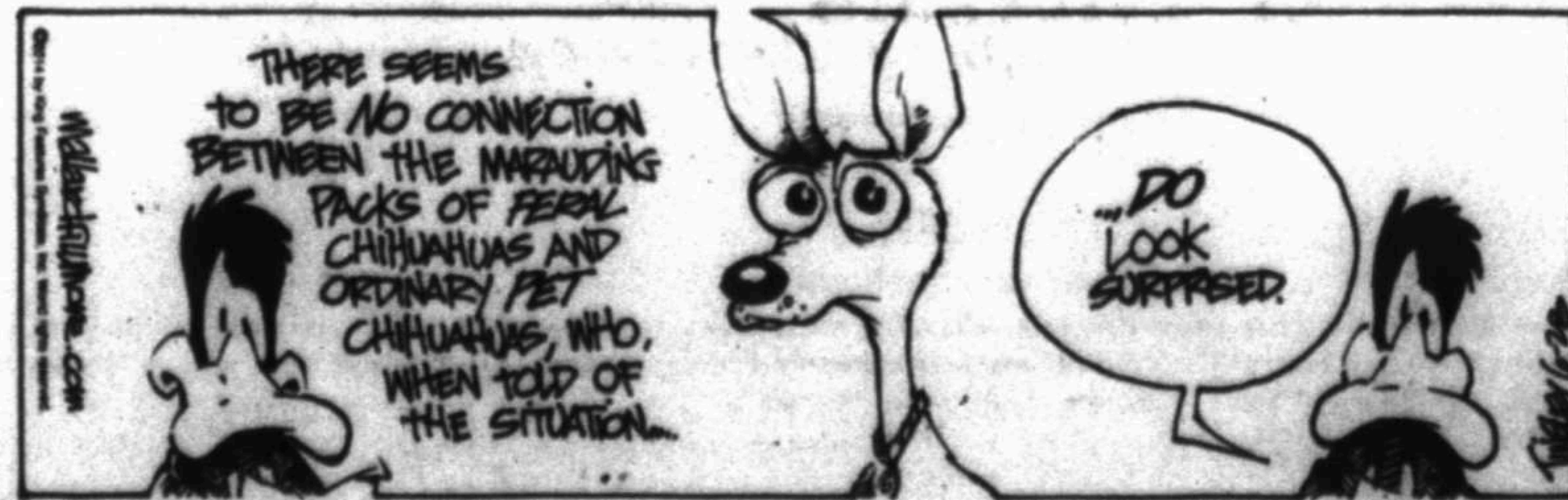
As for the missing Lerner emails, the House Oversight Committee requested them last year, then subpoenaed them twice. No one at the IRS bothered to mention that some of them no longer existed (the emails within the IRS have apparently been recovered, but the ones to other agencies and outsiders have not). When IRS Commissioner John Koskinen testified before Congress in March, he couldn't bring himself to let them in on the fact that there might be a problem with the emails.

Even if the destruction of Lerner's correspondence was an innocent coincidence, all of this reeks of bad faith and is itself scandalous. We aren't talking about getting to the bottom of wrongdoing at the U.S. Board on Geographic Names or the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization. This is the IRS, the most intrusive and demanding agency of the federal government. Yet it can't straightforwardly cooperate with an investigation into misconduct that — once upon a time — outraged even the president of the United States.

As time has passed, President Barack Obama has grown much mellow about this little unpleasantness at the IRS. He could order the White House and every other agency of government to undertake a search for emails received by Lois Lerner tomorrow. He could order the director of the FBI to undertake a forensic review of what happened to them. Instead, he is clearly hoping that the IRS scandal becomes another Benghazi, a watchword in the press for an irrational inability of Republicans to "move on."

Republican investigators will, regardless and rightly, keep asking questions. Knowing its rotten luck, the IRS won't be able to answer.

### From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



# Washington needs to understand that 'Texas works'

■ Democrats in the Senate and the administration should get on board with proposals that will keep Texans working and energy coming from home

**B**uilding the terminals we need to export natural gas would create jobs in Texas and make America stronger.

That is why I co-sponsored a bill, House Resolution 6, which the House of Representatives passed this week. The bill would expedite the construction of liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminals. We have abundant energy resources in Texas, and we have the technology to safely extract these resources. Our greatest challenge now is making sure we can get that energy to market. The conversation and, more importantly, action on exporting natural gas needs to begin now.

Our country should not drag its feet. Ac-

**REP. MIKE CONAWAY**  
*R-Midland*

tion would create jobs and take money out of our enemies' hands. LNG export terminals cannot be built overnight, so it is vital that we begin the process immediately and limit the redundant bureaucratic hurdles that the builders of these facilities need to clear. If we do not do this, the world will get its energy not from West Texas but from countries that hate our guts and could use that money in ways I would prefer not to think about. The Senate needs to take up and pass H.R. 6 immediately, and President Obama should sign it. This is just one of nearly 300 House passed bills that are wait-

ing for Senate action.

Besides the Senate's failure to act, the other great impediment for an energy industry that creates jobs in Texas and makes the world a safer place is our own federal agencies. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are creating rules that would hamper the energy sector.

The EPA's rules limiting power plant emissions are a direct attack on fossil fuels and will ultimately result in thousands of West Texans losing their jobs. Coal happens to be the target right now, but oil and natural gas are next on the EPA's list. EPA will do its best to stop hydraulic fracturing. They know that if they can stop fracturing, this energy renaissance that our nation is currently benefiting from will dry up and go away.

Like the EPA, the Fish and Wildlife Service is intent on hampering the energy industry and the economy of West Texas. The Fish and Wildlife Service have made

a scientifically questionable listing of the lesser prairie chicken as threatened.

If the Fish and Wildlife Service and the EPA have their way, it will be the West Texas economy and our national security, not the lesser prairie chicken, which are threatened.

I want to be clear that my opposition to these rules and commitment to having them overturned does not mean that I am not equally committed to preserving our land and water and keeping wildlife safe.

I was born in Borger, raised in Odessa and live in Midland. This is my home. I share the same concerns that many of you do about our water supply. I am confident in Texan's ability to make the decisions needed to make sure we have both a strong economy and livable communities.

My argument can be summed up in two words: Texas works. My hope is that this administration and Senate Democrats will allow it to continue to work, not only for the benefit of Texas, but for the entire nation.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Let the private sector pay for its projects

I am member of a group called Voice of Midland, and our main objective has been to bring awareness of the ERP Energy Tower in downtown Midland. I, as a part of that group have block walked, stood at voting centers, actively talked to others about the project, did a mail out and a telephone poll of registered voters.

I just came from the meeting concerning the twin buildings. I went into it feeling positive but that was quickly dashed by the same old stuff. ERP came prepared with an architect, lawyers, financial gurus, construction people and board members. They were able to speak and make a presentation where they discussed the million square feet of office space downtown they managed and how much more they would be managing when the towers was completed. They discussed what they had been doing in the last six weeks and presented several drawing/layouts of the project. Braggingly they brought up what projects they were working on, how much money they generated on all the projects they were affiliated with and what great people they all were.

What I heard: money. Rent money, construction money, interest money, points in the loan business money, and don't forget all the money made by some local people who own property downtown. We have past mayors, councilmen, commissioners and judges who all have a vested interest in the project and where does

that leave us, the citizens of Midland.

ERP, you are welcome to build the buildings, but don't use sales tax rebates and property tax incentives paid by the hard working people in the city of Midland. All the construction is what is making our evaluations go up due to the high cost of replacement. That's right, folks, your property is based on replacement value, not what you actually paid.

Don't be fooled, listen closely to the words of our City Council, mayor and ERP and then look at the numbers. If it's so wonderful and going to be such an asset to Midland then build it with your money.

Shout out to Mayor Morales and Mr. Lacy for some great questions.

**Carla Repman**

### What do we need in Iraq? Saddam

I am certain there is a problem in Iraq. As one gentleman, a former Marine officer, said, "We need a strong leader in Iraq. The leader needs to take control and guide Iraq to stabilization." Another gentleman from Washington, D.C., a former politician agreed, "We need a ruthless ruler who keeps Islamic extremists like al-Qaida and ISIS jihadist under control."

"Yeah," said one Republican senator. "We need somebody like Saddam Hussein." Although this was meant to be a joke, I can say it might be true. Iraqis interviewed tells news sources say, "One Saddam was better than a 100 Saddams."

**Dennis Wallace**

## Boehner sues Obama; silly season continues

■ Why should Republicans govern when they have no intention of passing programs that make sense for America?

**S**peaker John Boehner is in a real pickle. His caucus is in constant disarray. He frequently is unable to forge compromises, even within his own party. As a result, he can't make deals with the Democrats in Congress or the president of the United States. So what can he do?

Speaker Boehner decided to sue the president for "doing his job."

This is yet another in an endless line of "red herrings" — the dragging of a dead fish across a trail to distract hounds from pursuing the fox — that Republicans have dragged across the path of progress. They've mastered the misleading and irrelevant. And some partisan pundits and their allies in the media too eagerly follow the false trail rather than reporting how congressional Republicans are standing in the way of what the American people want.

Most leaders want a legacy of getting something done; Boehner apparently wants a legacy of getting nothing done.

Some Republicans leaders in Washington are secretly pleased to paralyze our government, to bring it to a grinding halt, as we have seen them do again and again. Twice Boehner has brought the United States to the brink of default to force, not a budget compromise, but a surrender to the far right extremists in his party's base.

When Republicans officeholders say Washington is broken, they are not complaining about it. They are bragging about it — because they broke it. If you can't win an election, the next best thing is to foot-drag so the changes and reforms people voted for can't get passed.

The list of popular items Republicans are holding up is long: closing corporate tax loopholes, putting higher education within reach of all, mandating background checks for gun sales to catch the mentally unstable, raising the minimum wage

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to a living wage, providing unemployment checks when there are still far more job-seekers than jobs ... all basic, common-sense measures to restore our economy. Yet they oppose all.

Republicans have held up the nominations of our ambassadors, creating a backlog so serious it has interfered with the president's efforts to constrain the advance of terrorists in Iraq.

Perhaps Speaker Boehner's biggest obstruction is on immigration reform — another thing he nonsensically blames President Obama for, saying his followers don't trust the president, so why do anything?

The Republican Party leadership behaves worse than hyperprivileged teenagers on a bad day. They have an excuse for everything and blame everyone but themselves.

If Boehner brought immigration reform up for a vote, it would probably pass because enough Republicans support it to pass it with the Democrats' help. Boehner refuses to allow a vote because he is bowing to the hard right-wing, no-compromise tea party Republicans who want our government largely abolished.

Boehner's lawsuit against the president has very little chance of succeeding. So what's behind it? As outgoing Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann said on Fox News, "What we can do is impeach the elected official."

To bring that about, Republican leaders engaged in extra-constitutional measures to thwart Obama from carrying out the voter's mandate.

Put aside the partisanship, read between the ideological lines, study the history of the separation of powers debate, and one is forced to conclude that Bachmann, Boehner and others,

in trying to make Obama bow to their agenda, employed measures beyond the Constitution's authority to do so. Nothing was off-limits, including shutting down the government itself and willfully bringing the nation to the perilous edge of financial default. Now, this.

After five years of Republican obstruction, Obama has been forced to turn to issuing executive orders to accomplish what the gridlocked Congress refuses to do. Executive orders are an old and Constitutionally tested way of doing business.

Obama himself taught Constitutional law. White House lawyers have treaded carefully, at his direction, to verify the orders' lawfulness. By contrast, President George W. Bush's lawyers basically told him that our laws did not apply to him in the security arena, and he issued more executive orders than Obama.

A study by the Brookings Institution of all the presidents found that they had to go back to Grover Cleveland to find one who issued fewer executive orders than Obama.

Some analysts believe Boehner is bringing the lawsuit to head off tea party Republicans pressuring him to order impeachment proceedings, a "cause" so outlandish it would energize those who voted for Obama in 2012 to vote Republicans out and end this nonsense.

Boehner apparently got the idea from a column written by my colleague George Will, who is famous as a baseball expert, but less so as a Constitutional law expert. Even Will acknowledges that courts have traditionally refused "disgruntled legislators" standing to sue the president.

As Rep. Mark Pocan, representing Wisconsin's 2nd Congressional District, said, "Speaker Boehner is allowing the tea party tail to wag the dog. ... Unfortunately, this Republican-controlled House of Representatives has no intention of actually governing and will continue to block any effort by President Obama at the expense of our constituents." And the American people will continue to pay the price.

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## Republic of Texas crowd offers lots to think about

■ Motorcycle rally wasn't family fun at its best — in a publicly funded facility — but it's their party and they are consenting adults, right?

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I spent the first weekend in June with the Republicans of Texas at their state convention in Fort Worth. I spent part of the second weekend in June with the Republic of Texas at its motorcycle rally at the Travis County Exposition Center.

Compare and contrast. One had a straw poll; the other had stripper poles. Both had T-shirts for sale, but only one had shirts on which "b—" was a term of endearment. One event had well-dressed women. The other had semi-dressed women, including some who apparently cannot afford a full set of clothing. So sad (or, in some cases, so sag).

The ROT Rally poses many important questions about life in 21st century America, not the least of which is should a public-owned facility be used for such goings-on?

At the rally, I watched (for journalistic purposes) a parade of women eagerly displaying what God (and, in some cases, skilled medical professionals) had given them. I'm pretty sure these daughters of the Republic of Texas were not the same Daughters of the Republic of Texas who ran the Alamo for a long time.

I attended with Travis County Commissioner Bruce Todd, who has concerns about whether the whole ROT Rally thing is a good idea. Travis County owns the Expo Center.

What I saw in four hours out there showed me it indeed had something in common with the GOP convention: Some people might see folks enjoying their constitutional right to express themselves. Other folks might see the on ramp to the one-way highway to the end of civilization.

When darkness fell at the ROT Rally, a parade of motorcycles and golf carts did laps through the grounds. I believe alcohol was being consumed, which is good for tax revenue, if not health care cost containment. Some vehicles carried women exchanging glimpses of themselves for beads. Men in roadside chairs screamed encouragement.

Some of the women seemed quite experienced at this, including two who hung upside down from the top of a golf cart, a pose that inspired several men to discuss gravity and things that can defy it. It's nice to hear folks discussing important scientific concepts.

The alcohol-infused frolicking was punctuated by Travis County deputies informing us of a tornado watch and encouraging us to seek shelter. Some folks retreated to their RVs. The rest of us headed to the building called the "Thunderdome" during ROT.

Inside, we were treated to a "comedy show." Being more of a Henny Youngman guy, it was not my brand of comedy. (FYI, Commissioner Todd was home by now.) The raunchfest was a hit with the crowd, including a guy wearing patches that said "RIP Porker" and "RIP Jermo" and a guy carrying a duck.

There also was a touching tribute to a Vietnam veteran who was touched by a woman who showed her patriotism by dancing and showing herself, up close and personal, to him as he sat in a chair on stage. Later, several men participated in a biggest belly contest. Impressive.

And Americans' love of T-shirts was on display when three women gave their all to win one in the fake orgasm contest. So good was the winner that, after she got up from the floor, an emcee questioned whether she had cheated by not faking.

She earned a T-shirt she can take off at next year's ROT Rally.

Which leads us to the question: Is this healthy? Should the Travis County commissioners be renting its facilities for this kind of stuff? Remember, these are the folks who ran off the gun show because they wanted operators to go beyond what the law requires for gun sales.

ROT paid \$114,654 this year, the third-highest rental fee at the Expo Center behind the \$232,048 paid by the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo and \$116,251 paid by the gun show.

Todd's concerns are about what goes on all around town during ROT, including traffic, noise and "virtually every year there's a death count." There wasn't one this year, which I'll score as a tribute to local law enforcement and ROT participants' willingness to be more careful.

ROT organizers say the event, which draws 40,000 motorcycles and 200,000 participants, generates about \$36 million in local economic impact. That compares to claimed economic impact of \$281 million for South by Southwest and \$183 million by ACL Music Festival (2013 numbers for each).

ROT spokeswoman Ashley DuPre noted this year's "family friendly" expansion downtown, in the Austin American-Statesman parking lot. In an email to staff, Managing Editor John Bridges said in addition to producing revenue, "being a community gathering place is a pretty good thing and generates goodwill — as long as everyone leaves their clothes on."

I don't know, there seemed to be

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From 11A

plenty of goodwill out at the Expo Center, even if everyone didn't leave their clothes on. But I was very uncomfortable about what I saw, including the mixture of alcohol and motorized conveyances.

However, as Todd noted, everybody out there knew what they were getting into. It was an 18-and-over venue, and admission was \$65, more to park an RV out there. Was some of it potentially dangerous? Sure, lots of stuff is.

And ROT draws a diverse crowd of motorcycle enthusiasts, including veterans' groups, Christian bikers and folks whose love of motorcycles does not extend into a full-time lifestyle. But for the night-time crowd at the Expo Center, it is something of a lifestyle, some might say a lowlifestyle.

"Three things seemed to occupy people's actions and interest," Todd said in a morning-after assessment. "One, beer. Two, cigarettes. And third, topless women. Two of these are bad for you. You pick."

Todd decided "we should not kick them out just because we find offensive things in there, so long as they do not knowingly permit illegal behavior."

"However, it would be legal and appropriate to require that nothing they do as an organization in any way interferes with the community outside the boundaries of the rodeo ground."

Todd likes the idea of improving the Expo Center to "attract other users more in line with the community interest."

Should ROT's use of the Expo Center be stopped? That gets me back to the GOP convention and when I think Repubs are at their worst, and that's when they try to overlay their standards of conduct on other consenting adults.

I'm sure there are some Repubs (and Dems and independents) who think ROT folks will rot in hell. Could be, but they seem to be having fun (their raucous brand of it) en route.

Me? I knew I was a geezer when my reaction to the stripper pole performances and related folderol was this: "Some-where there's a father ..."

**Fear of voting grips Senate Democratic chiefs**

By Andrew Taylor  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A fear of voting has gripped Democratic leaders in the Senate, slowing the chamber's modest productivity this election season to a near halt.

With control of the Senate at risk in November, leaders are going to remarkable lengths to protect endangered Democrats from casting tough votes and to deny Republicans legislative victories in the midst of the campaign. The phobia means even bipartisan legislation to boost energy efficiency, manufacturing, sportsmen's rights and more could be scuttled.

The Senate's masters of process are finding a variety of ways to shut down debate.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., now is requiring an elusive 60-vote supermajority to deal with amendments to spending bills, instead of the usual simple majority, a step that makes it much more difficult to put politically sensitive matters into contention. This was a flip from his approach to Obama administration nominees, when he decided most could be moved ahead with a straight majority instead of the 60 votes needed before.

Reid's principal aim in setting the supermajority rule for spending amendments was to deny archival Sen. Mitch McConnell a win on protecting his home state coal industry from new regulations limiting carbon emissions from existing power plants. McConnell, the Senate Republican leader, faces a tough re-election in Kentucky.

This hunkering down by Democrats is at odds with the once-vibrant tradition of advancing the 12 annual agency budget bills through open debate. In the Appropriations Committee, long accustomed to a free-wheeling process, chairwoman Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., has held up action on three



AP file photo

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada makes his way to speak to reporters Tuesday on Capitol Hill in Washington. After changing Senate rules to speed President Barack Obama's nominees through the Senate, Reid has started demanding 60-vote majorities for virtually everything else, most recently to deny Republican leader Mitch McConnell a chance to block rules limiting carbon emissions.

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spending bills, apparently to head off politically difficult votes on changes to the divisive health care law as well as potential losses to Republicans on amendments such as McConnell's on the coal industry.

"I just don't think they want their members to have to take any hard votes between now and November," said Sen. Mike Johanns, R-Neb. And there's "just no question that they're worried we're going to win some votes so they just shut us down."

Vote-a-phobia worsens in election years, especially when the majority party is in jeopardy. Republicans need to gain six seats to win control and Democrats must defend 21 seats to the Republicans' 15.

So Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, probably shouldn't have been surprised when his cherished bill to fund the Labor, Education and Health and Human Services departments got yanked from the Appropriations Committee's agenda this month. Word quickly spread that commit-

tee Democrats in Republican-leaning states feared a flurry of votes related to "Obamacare."

"It's not as if they haven't voted on them before," Harkin griped. "My way of thinking is, 'Hell, you've already voted on it. Your record's there.'" Harkin blamed Senate Democratic leaders.

Two other appropriations bills have run aground after preliminary votes. The normally non-controversial energy and water bill was pulled from the committee agenda after it became known that McConnell would have an amendment to defend his state's coal mining industry. McConnell is making that defense a centerpiece of his re-election campaign and his amendment appeared on track to prevail with the help of pro-energy Democrats on the committee.

Again, after consulting with Reid, Mikulski struck the bill from the agenda. McConnell pressed the matter the next day, this time aiming to amend a spending bill paying for five Cabinet

departments. Democrats again headed him off.

Democrats privately acknowledge that they're protecting vulnerable senators and don't want McConnell to win on the carbon emissions issue. They also see hypocrisy in McConnell's insistence on a simple majority vote for his top — and controversial — priority while he wants Democrats to produce 60 votes to advance almost everything else.

Another measure, financing the Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service, failed to get a committee vote last week after speeding through a subcommittee hearing. Mikulski blamed problems with timing. But it was known that Republicans had amendments on hot-button issues coming.

Fear of voting is hardly new. In the last two years of the Clinton administration, Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., blocked Democrats from offering a popular Patients' Bill of Rights, and more. At the time, Charles Schumer

of New York and Dick Durbin of Illinois were among the Democrats who cried foul.

These days, Durbin and Schumer hold the No. 2 and No. 3 Democratic Senate leadership posts and now that their party is running the place, they're backing Reid's moves to clamp down on GOP amendments.

"You've always got senators on both sides of the aisle of all political persuasions and all regions whining and complaining how they don't want to vote on this amendment or that amendment," Lott says now. "It always frankly agitated me because I felt like these are big boys and girls." He said "it has gotten worse and worse and worse."

Republicans say Democratic leaders are trying especially to protect Mark Begich of Alaska, Mark Pryor of Arkansas and Mary Landrieu of Louisiana. Landrieu says she hasn't asked for such help.

"I've taken so many hard votes up here," Landrieu said. "I could take more."

What's happening in Midland this weekend? Find out by reading **WEEKENDER**. Look for it inside Thursday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram.

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**Quick Peek: Dr. Hester**

Q. Where is your office located?  
A. At the Andrews highway campus, 4214 Andrews Hwy Suite 208

Q. What is your specialty?  
A. Lower extremity injuries. Specifically knee and foot & ankle injuries and replacements

Q. What is your education background?  
A. Graduated Boston University School of Medicine then completed Orthopedic Surgery residency and fellowship in foot and ankle surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio

Q. How long have you been in practice?  
A. Eleven years—time flies!

Q. What do you do in your free time?  
A. I spend time with my family

Q. Any kids? Are you involved in their activities?  
A. I have three boys, ages 14, 11 and 7. And yes! I'm involved in their baseball and golf activities

Q. Do you play any sports?  
A. I play golf and snow ski

Q. What's your focus?  
A. People—God and family

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This 2013 file photo shows Kris Perry, foreground left, kiss Sandy Stier as they are married at City Hall in San Francisco. On June 26, 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a pair of landmark rulings, one striking down a law that denied federal recognition to same-sex marriages and the other clearing the way for gay couples to wed legally in California. In the 12 months since the ruling, the ripple effects have transformed the national debate over same-sex marriage.

# Huge advances for gay marriage in an eventful year

One year ago, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a pair of landmark rulings, one striking down the statute that denied federal recognition to same-sex marriages and the other clearing the way for gay couples to wed legally in California.

In the 12 months since then, the ripple effects of those rulings have transformed the national debate over same-sex marriage, convincing many people on both sides that its spread nationwide is inevitable.

From the East Coast to the Midwest and the Pacific, seven more states legalized same-sex marriage, boosting the total to 19, plus Washington, D.C. The Obama administration moved vigorously to extend federal benefits to married gay couples. And in 17 consecutive court decisions, federal and state judges have upheld the right of gays to marry. Not a single ruling has gone the other way.

A look back at some of the notable developments since June 26, 2013:

## July

On July 1, five days after the high court rulings, two men who had been partners since 1989 tried to obtain a marriage license at a courthouse in Norfolk, Virginia. Timothy Bostic and Tony London were turned down, and filed a lawsuit a few weeks later arguing that Virginia's treatment of gays and lesbians was unequal and deprived them of the many benefits of marriage. Another gay couple was later added to the case, and in February a federal judge, Arenda L. Wright Allen, ruled in their favor, saying Virginia's ban on gay marriage was unconstitutional.

## October

Moments after midnight on Oct. 21, gay couples began exchanging vows in New Jersey as their state became the 14th to allow same-sex marriages. A state judge, in the aftermath of the U.S. Supreme Court decisions, had ruled in September that New Jersey's provisions for civil unions were not adequate to ensure equality for gay couples. The state's politically ambitious Republican governor, Chris Christie, had fought for years against gay marriage, but within hours of the first weddings he dropped the court ruling. "The governor will do

his constitutional duty and ensure his administration enforces the law," a statement from his office said.

## November

In the span of a week, the governors of Hawaii and Illinois signed laws passed by the legislature legalizing same-sex marriage.

In Hawaii, tourism officials looked ahead to the possibility of becoming a gay wedding mecca. Some activists looked back — recalling that Hawaii was an early battleground in the gay marriage debate.

The state Supreme Court had ruled in 1993 that gay couples should have marriage rights, triggering a backlash that included congressional passage of the Defense of Marriage Act in 1994. It was a key part of that act — forbidding the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriages — that the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a year ago.

In Illinois, Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn signed the marriage bill on a desk once used by President Abraham Lincoln. Among those speaking at the ceremony was state Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka, a Republican. "History will show that we got it right on this one," she said. "I am available to be a flower girl, and I'll even waive the fee."

## December

New Mexico became the 17th state to legalize same-sex marriage on Dec. 19 through a unanimous ruling by the state Supreme Court.

Some opponents discussed trying to overturn the ruling with a ballot measure, but that effort gained no traction. Republican governor Susana Martinez urged New Mexicans to "respect one another in their discourse" and turn their focus to other issues.

A day after that ruling, a federal judge in Utah created even bigger waves, striking down the ban on gay marriage that voters in the conservative state had approved in 2004. It was the first of more than dozen similar rulings to follow by judges in other states.

U.S. District Judge Robert Shelby, a former Army combat engineer, said in his 53-page decision that Utah failed to show how allowing same-sex marriages would harm opposite-sex marriages in any way.

"In the absence of such evidence, the state's unsup-

ported fears and speculations are insufficient to justify the state's refusal to dignify the family relationships of its gay and lesbian citizens," he wrote.

More than 1,000 gay and lesbian couples wed in Utah before Shelby's ruling was stayed.

## May

Late in the afternoon of Friday, May 9, a county circuit judge in Little Rock struck down Arkansas' 10-year-old ban on gay marriages.

A week passed before Judge Chris Piazza's ruling was stayed by the state Supreme Court, creating an opening in which more than 540 gay couples received marriage licenses — the first batch of gay weddings in the former Confederacy.

In Oregon, U.S. District Judge Michael McShane threw out the state's same-sex marriage ban on May 18. Oregon swiftly became the 18th state to allow gay marriage, since top government officials had refused to defend the ban.

The next day, on the other side of the country, U.S. District Judge John E. Jones III struck down Pennsylvania's marriage law.

"We are a better people than what these laws represent, and it is time to discard them into the ash heap of history," Jones wrote in his decision.

Republican Gov. Tom Corbett, though opposed to gay marriage, said he would not appeal, and Pennsylvania became the 19th state where gay couples could wed.

## June

As the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's marriage rulings approached, marriage-equality lawsuits were pending in all 31 of the states that still barred gays from marrying.

On Wednesday, a federal judge in Indiana struck down that state's ban. And more notably, the first ruling was issued at the level of the federal appellate courts. A 2-1 decision from the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with Shelby that Utah's gay-marriage ban was unconstitutional.

It's possible that in another year, the issue could be back before the U.S. Supreme Court — with the justices facing a clear-cut choice on whether to rule that gay marriage must be allowed in every state.

# Gay advocates rally at Texas Democratic Convention

Associated Press

DALLAS — About two dozen gay pride advocates have waved flags and signs during the final day of the Texas Democratic Convention in Dallas.

Members of the Stonewall Democrats on Saturday stormed the floor during a speech by state Sen.

Royce West, whose district is hosting the gathering. Activists waved rainbow flags and homemade signs, then posed for a group picture as West called from the stage, "We're here for you."

The demonstration focused more on state politics than gay marriage rights since, at the Texas

Republican Convention two weeks ago, delegates approved a party platform sanctioning therapy to turn gay people straight.

A federal judge has declared the Texas gay marriage ban unconstitutional and issued a preliminary injunction. The state is appealing.

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## Caudill trial verdict disappoints prosecutors

Accused's attorney calls it 'a simple case of self-defense' despite alleged alcohol use

By Rachael Gleason  
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Standing before a Midland jury with his arms up and hands out, prosecuting attorney Trey Robinson made a powerful plea during Christopher Caudill's murder trial last week.

Caudill admitted to fatally striking 25-year-old Andres Garcia with his pickup two years ago in the parking lot of Sedona Mexican Bar & Grill.

During the prosecution's closing remarks Friday, Robinson and Midland County Assistant District Attorney Andrew van der Hoeven asked jurors to find the 32-year-old Odessan guilty of murder.

They did it by mimicking what Caudill and witnesses testified they saw that night: Garcia — 15 feet in front of a lifted pickup — with his arms up, hands out.

After a nearly five-hour deliberation chock full of starts and stops, the jury found Caudill not guilty of murder, manslaughter or criminal negligence.

No one made a sound. The victim's family bowed their heads as 142nd District Court Judge George "Jody" Gilles polled the jury at the prosecution's request. Earlier that morning he asked the dozen jurors and two alternates to render a verdict without using bias, prejudice or sympathy. The latter is likely how Caudill was cleared. Garcia's uncle,

Juan, said outside the Midland County courtroom that afternoon.

"We would like to express our disappointment with the jury," he said, wondering out loud how they would be able to sleep that night. "The (District Attorney's Office) proved the case."

Caudill's family members cried and embraced as the courtroom emptied. He stayed calm — turning around only briefly during the rendering — and offered no comment after the trial.

Defense attorney Bob Garcia argued all week that his client's actions were reasonable given that Caudill thought he was being carjacked by the victim and his friends.

"This is a case about trying to show intent," he said during opening remarks. "You have to look at it from the standpoint of Chris Caudill. It's a simple case of self-defense."

Van der Hoeven questioned this statement in his closing remarks. Caudill testified that he drank as much as a friend that night, later worrying his friend would be arrested for driving under the influence.

"You don't get to claim self-defense if you're engaging in a crime: drinking and driving," he said during the court proceedings.

Both sides touched on the role of

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## AMATEUR RADIO HOUR



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

From left, Bill Bentley, N5POB, city councilman Jeff Sparks and David Overton, KF5WDJ, work on radios during the Midland Amateur Radio Club's annual ARRL Field Day on Saturday at Beal Park.

## Finding property tax cuts that taxpayers feel

ANALYSIS

By Ross Ramsey  
Texas Tribune

Go ahead and bet that somebody in Texas is going to get property tax relief next year, not that voters will notice.

The promises are in the air, even now that the primary elections and the runoff are over. Dan Patrick, the Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, advertised before the May runoffs that he would "cut property taxes for all Texans and eliminate all property tax increases for seniors." He has kept the issue alive, repeating the pledge on his Twitter feed.

He might be able to deliver should he beat Democrat Leticia Van de Putte and others in November. Even if he somehow loses, some kind of property tax cut probably stands a good chance, given the attractiveness of the idea and the fact that liberals and independents also complain about property taxes.

Texas does not levy a property tax — local governments do — so state lawmakers cannot change the rates paid.

The formula is simple: The value of a property multiplied by the tax rate equals the amount of tax owed. Local officials look at the total value of property and set a rate that yields the revenue they need. State efforts to limit the growth of property tax revenues have met with limited success; local officials dislike mandates from Austin as much as they hate decrees from Washington.

The state, however, can have some say in what kinds of property can be exempted from the tax base. Farms get a break. So do homeowners over 65. And state law allows local governments to do what Patrick is promising, by freezing residential property tax bills at the amounts paid by homeowners as of their 65th birthdays.

Lawmakers can draw a line right there. Older homeowners can also sign deferrals, agreeing to a freeze, reduction or elimination of their property taxes in return for liens that allow the collection of taxes from their estates after they die. The heirs might not like it, but such deferrals are available to people who are struggling to pay their bills and do not want to lose their homes.

If lawmakers wanted to, they could simply delete properties owned and occupied by anyone over a certain age, say 65, and counties, cities, school districts and other government bodies would have to find their property tax revenue elsewhere.

Short of that, the state could freeze appraisals or tax bills, cutting local governments out of some growth in property values. The exemption for older homeowners would be relatively easy to broaden to other types of owners or to deepen, so that the current beneficiaries get an even better deal.

But there would be a price: To keep revenue from dropping, local governments would have to raise the taxes paid by everyone who did not get a new exemption. A 68-year-old homeowner might get a break, but a 40-year-old next door would have to pay higher taxes to make up for it. (One interesting political benefit would be that older voters are more likely to show up at the polls than middle-aged and younger ones — a benefit to politicians handing out this kind of candy.)

You can see a bit of potential payoff going on. The state has tried a couple of times to lower local property taxes, increasing what the state pays for public education in the hope that local school districts would lower the property taxes that cover the local part of those expenses. A 2006 version was billed as a multibillion-dollar tax break.

Between increases in property taxes by other governments — the schools are not

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## Still longing for that July Fourth in Snyder

As far as summer events go, I don't think you can top America's July Fourth celebration. I really look forward to it every year.

There's just something about parades, fireworks and family picnics. My family loves July Fourth and all the activities that surround it.

One reason I am so attached to the July Fourth festivities is I'm from a small town, Snyder, which always had a big July Fourth party in the city park every year. For a kid growing up, that was a day of fun and adventure.

Of course, when I was in grade school, it was a day I learned how to set off firecrackers. I've still got burn marks on some of my fingers from those hard-learned lessons.

When I started dating, July Fourth was the best day of the year. Everyone tried to get a date for the July Fourth extravaganza. It was more important to have a date on July Fourth than it was for the junior-senior prom.

TERRY  
WILLIAMSON  
Real life columnist



First, you got to keep your date out all day, partaking in giant turkey legs, barbecue, Ferris wheel rides, and of course, the death defying hammer ride at the carnival. It was the hammer where your date always lost it and gladly permitted some extra attention and care from her escort.

You always had the expected picnic, which consisted of things Mom put together just for the occasion while secretly hoping you would actually find that special girl she had been thinking about for you.

There was swimming at the park

pool for the heat of the day while the mornings were saved for the parade and tractor-pulling contest. Miss Towle Park Pool was crowned before sunset. And the fireworks came after dark.

You would always carry a blanket in the car on July Fourth so you could lie on the side of a hill and gaze at the stars until the local fireworks display occurred.

July Fourth, for me, was always one of those never-ending days in the sun that always went by way too quickly.

It's now fun for me to watch my kids and grandkids experience the same type of July Fourth. It's harder and harder to find that kind of Fourth anymore, but we keep searching. Snyder is still holding its annual celebration, and I keep thinking I need to take my grandkids back over there to see if we can rediscover some of my past.

I told the wife just the other day that

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## Dad's surgery makes me think about mortality

So I started to write about patience and children. I have a sweet friend struggling with teaching her 2-year-old to wait a gosh-darned minute, but instead, my thoughts keep turning to patients. One patient in particular.

Houston, we've had a problem

I learned Monday that my dad's bazillionth stent procedure was now escalating into a shave him down like a newborn and crack him open like a walnut triple bypass surgery.

He suffered some pretty traumatic injuries to his heart due to the kickback of constant machine-gun fire during Vietnam. All these years later, about half of his heart muscle no longer works. And we learned this week that three of his major arteries are shot, and the rest are blocked between 60 and 80 percent. So a specialist in Houston will harvest three veins from his legs and chest, then clean out and stent the rest.

"The doctor said he will have me

MELANIE  
NICHOLAS  
MRT columnist



feeling like a million bucks!" Mack Daddy was in high spirits that night on the phone, seemingly unconcerned. I squeaked out a complete, "I love you, Pops."

"I love you, too, Melanie. I would love you more if you brought me a steak, though."

I came in peace

After his last "cardiac event" a few years ago, we went fishing. I didn't want to fish; I wanted to talk. He didn't want to talk; he wanted to fish.

"I have lived more than most men

ever get to. I've done everything I ever wanted to and then some. Every day I'm alive is gravy. Don't worry. Let's fish!"

So I am doubly glad the kids and I got to fish with him last month. But there are so many things we still haven't talked about. Maybe things just in my own head. As mentioned before, we are neither sensitive nor sentimental he and I. But there are still books I think we need to write and stories I want to hear. A little dog we need to hijack ...

We need more power

I am trying to remain upbeat and optimistic, but I did cry once this week. Puff. I hate to cry. Almost as much as I hate to feel scared. But my dad has always been larger than life to me, and thinking of him cut open and stuck in a hospital bed with only half a heart is just too awful to contemplate. His long stick legs dangling off the end of the

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## OTHER DEATHS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

### DALLAS

#### Businessman who helped start Southwest dies

Rollin King, a San Antonio businessman who helped start Southwest Airlines Co. and create a new age of competition in the airline industry, has died at 83.

King died Thursday in Dallas of the effects from a major stroke about a year ago, his son, Edward King, told The Associated Press.

Longtime Southwest CEO Herb Kelleher praised King for coming up with the idea of a discount airline that would serve Texas travelers. Kelleher said in a statement issued by Southwest on Friday that the notion of a low-cost, low-fare airline with quality service became a model not only in the U.S. but worldwide.

Interstate air service was heavily regulated by the federal government in 1967, when King sat down with Kelleher, his lawyer, to map out the idea for a no-frills airline that would fly between Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. Edward King said his father got the idea for a Texas-only carrier by studying the success of Pacific Southwest Airlines, which operated within California.

The fledgling carrier had to survive several legal challenges by Braniff International and other airlines before its first flight in 1971. It began flying outside Texas in 1979, after deregulation, and is scheduled to begin international flights next week. Southwest is the nation's fourth-biggest airline company, with 2013 revenues of \$17.7 billion.

### BOSTON

#### Robert Gardner dies at 88, filmed cultural practices

Robert Gardner, an intrepid filmmaker who specialized in anthropological documentaries, examining lives in remote societies around the globe, died June 21 in Boston. He was 88.

The cause was cardiac failure, his wife, Dr. Adele Pressman, said.

Gardner, who had been a student of art history at Harvard, began making films in the early 1950s after visiting Turkey with the archaeologist and scholar Thomas Whittemore and starting graduate school in anthropology at the University of Washington.

His work, known for its sophisticated visual language and sparse narration, unveiled ethnographically distinctive peoples and practices with patience and a kind of objective astonishment.

"For much of a career that has spanned more than a half-century and circumnavigated the globe," Manohla Dargis wrote in The New York Times in 2011, on the occasion of a partial retrospective of his work at Film Forum in Manhattan. "Gardner has trained the camera on people whose lives, rituals, beliefs and bodily ornamentation can seem so far from early-21st-century Western life as to be from another galaxy."

## Obituaries



### Doris Bunch

Doris Bunch, age 81, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, June 27, 2014, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

She was born November 20, 1932, to E. W. and Evelyn Inell (Brackett) Hough in Odessa, TX. She married Jasper Lee Bunch on July 7, 1948, and was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church of Odessa. She was loved dearly and will be missed greatly.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a sister Betty Ann Hough.

She is survived by her children Carolyn Joyce Stansell and husband, Bobby of Fluvanna, TX, Deborah Jane Moore and husband, Jerry of Odessa, Clarence Wayne Bunch of Odessa, TX, and James Steven Bunch and wife, Leslie of Midland; brother Clarence Wesley Hough and wife, Janice of Austin, TX; sister Norma Sue Young and husband, Lonnie of Midland, TX; eight grandchildren Greg and Mark Stansell, Cynthia Robinson, David Moore, Melissa Lewter, and Michael, Gage, and Tanner Bunch; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Monday, June 30, 2014, at Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at Dunn Cemetery, in Dunn, TX, with Rev. Elwin Collom officiating.

Services entrusted to Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors of Odessa.



### Jessie "Jack" Glaze

Jessie "Jack" Glaze, 95, of Tarzan, Texas died Friday, June 27, 2014, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM Monday, June 30, 2014 at the Downtown Church of Christ in Stanton. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Sunday, June 29, at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

"Jack" was born February 25, 1919, to George W. and Mary (Neville) Robertson in Grimes County. She married Joe Lee Glaze March 14, 1936 in Midland. He preceded her in death January 26, 1991.

They made their home in Midland and in 1942 moved to Tarzan. She worked as a bookkeeper for the Wolcott

Gin and also was the postal clerk for the Tarzan Post Office. She loved to bowl and was on teams in both Midland and Big Spring.

Jack was a member of the Tarzan Church of Christ.

She is survived by four daughters, Georgia Welch and husband, Eldon of Tarzan, Nancy Yates and husband, Sammy of Tarzan, Linda Nichols of Seminole, and Janice Penn and husband, Mike of Lufkin; 13 grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren; and 15 great great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Donald Nichols; three great grandsons, Clayton Henson, Chance Hughes, and Luke Slatter; one great granddaughter, Sierra May; six brothers; and three sisters.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).



### Ruby Laverne Wilabay

Ruby Laverne Wilabay, 91, Odessa was called home to our Lord, June 27, 2014.

She was born February 19, 1923 to John and Nanny Renfro in Colmesneil, Texas. Ruby was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Ruby was a great homemaker, wonderful cook, seamstress, and quilter. She was a longtime faithful member of Greenfield Acres Baptist Church.

She was survived by her daughters Janice Ripley and husband Rod of Midland, Texas; Sandra Crenshaw and husband Bobby of Fredericksburg, Texas, 5 grandchildren Terri Pope, Jeff Crenshaw, Penny Kayton, Shauna Todd and Kevin Ripley, 7 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents Lewie and Nanny Beasley; and her husband James Wilabay.

Graveside services will be Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at 10 am at Sunset Memorial Gardens with Rev. Mike Bartlett Officiating.

Memorials can be made to Greenfield Acres Baptist Church or Meals on Wheels.

Services are entrusted to Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.



### Terry Wayne Armstrong

Terry Wayne Armstrong, 62, of Midland passed away

on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 in Midland. The family will receive friends on Sunday, June 29, 2014 from 3:00-5:00PM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Memorial services will be held on Monday, June 30, 2014 at 10:00 AM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel.

Terry was born on January 1, 1952 to James and Johnnie Sue Armstrong in Midland, TX. Terry was the first baby born in Midland County in 1952. Terry married Shari Howell on June 20, 1980 in Odessa, TX. He loved hunting, firearms, gunsmithing and teaching others how to shoot. Terry was a World War II history buff and enjoyed reading WWII history books and watching documentaries. Terry's first love was that for his family and friends. He also loved music and dogs. Terry worked for many years as an oil field chemical salesman with various companies. He later became a professional gunsmith and started his own business.

He is survived by his wife, Shari Armstrong; son, Eric Armstrong and wife, Charlena of Odessa; daughters, Ashley Noblet and husband, Matt of Lubbock and Alayne Armstrong of Midland. He is also survived by sister, Melissa Hale and husband, John Patric; brothers, J.J. Armstrong, Ethan Clay Armstrong and wife, Nichole, Kenneth Kevin Armstrong and wife, Stacey; grandchildren, Maddox Noblet and Cory, Kasyn, Keatyn, Corbyn and Kendyn Armstrong and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his son, Jared Armstrong; parents, James and Johnnie Sue Armstrong; and brother, Wesley Shaw Armstrong.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be donated to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 1132, Fairfax, VA, 22038.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).



### Annie Irene Sparkes

Annie Irene Sparkes passed away on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at her home in Midland. A native of Newfoundland, Canada, Ann traveled a great distance to become an "adopted" Texan. Midland was her home since 1955 when she moved here with a young couple as a nanny for their baby boy.

After five years with the family, Ann went to work at a ladies' dress shop, Hinkles, in downtown Midland as a part-time cashier and checking and receiving clerk. She also worked for Ray's Big & Tall. But she is best remembered for the almost 30 years she was employed by S&Q Clothiers as a seamstress. "Sad to say, but they all went out of business" Ann lamented of the downtown stores.

Ann was born on October 4, 1926, in Lower Island Cove in Newfoundland and

raised there with three siblings. When she was only 16, she registered for World War II, although she never had to serve. After the war ended, she moved to the capital city of St. John's to work at the Pepperrell Air Force Base, a United States military base. It was there she met the family, who would bring her to Texas.

Ann resided next door to the George W. Bush Childhood Home, and although she was not an official volunteer, she remained one of their biggest ambassadors. She spread goodwill with her friendly attitude to out-of-towners, who had questions about the home when it was closed. They were known to approach her when she was in the yard, and on rare occasions, would ring her doorbell.

Having been a neighbor to the Bush Home for 33 years, Ann became a friend of Laura and President George W. Bush. Her most exciting moment was meeting the President when he visited his childhood home in 2008. It was Ann's birthday, and she always treasured the birthday hug she received from the president that day. Birthday greetings have followed from the presidential couple each year.

She joined the docents last November to travel to Dallas to tour the George W. Bush Library. The group were guests of President Bush, who joined them for an hour's visit before they toured the library/museum. Ann was proud to live on Ohio Street - at 1410 - sharing the daily excitement of the activities at the Bush Childhood Home at 1412.

In past years, Ann could be seen walking everywhere - to church, shopping, Centennial Plaza events, the bank, and doctor's appointments - in all kinds of weather. She walked even when she owned a car to save gas for her weekend travels around Texas and New Mexico. The past few years her many friends chauffeured her around Midland with her gratitude, but at the same time, reluctance to give up her independence. Heaven is now her walking ground.

The Dallas Cowboys have lost a loyal fan with Ann's passing, and the customers she had as a seamstress at S&Q were catalogued in a special notebook - never to be forgotten. The Midland Reporter-Telegram was her first source of news each day for 50 years. It was at the top of her necessity list.

Ann was a dear friend to all who knew her, to the George W. Bush Childhood Home, which she guarded as her own, and to the First United Methodist Church bus, which picked up those who needed a ride every Sunday morning to continue their many years in Sunday School and church.

Ann loved her life in Midland and chose to be a transplanted citizen, returning to her home in Newfoundland only one time to attend her father's funeral. She was quick to say that she had grown to love Midland and Texas, and never had the desire to leave, but she occasionally missed seeing the graceful icebergs in the spring; the summers, when it was berry picking time; and the trout fishing in her homeland. She kept in touch over the 59 years with her family through weekly phone calls.

Ann joined First United Methodist Church in 1963 and immediately became active in the Single Young Adult Sunday School Class. She always had fond memo-

ries of the group. One of her favorites was of the class's participation in a live nativity scene on the church lawn. She was one of the shepherds, and although it had snowed the night before their Sunday night tableau, the day of their performance was beautiful and sunny. However, by nightfall, it had turned bitterly cold. "I remember it seemed like my feet were frozen solid," Ann reminisced, "but it was fun and well-received by the large crowd who came by."

Ann's quiet but strong Christian faith was one of her most notable attributes. She loved the church and her church family. She was seen almost every Sunday in the late worship service. Her feeling of devotion extended to the Senior Adult Fellowship Luncheons and the "Wednesdays at First" dinners, which she said allowed her to become acquainted with people she never would have met otherwise. She particularly enjoyed the fellowship around the table.

She is survived by her brother, Phillip Sparkes, and two sisters, Ethel LeShane and Naomi Reid, all of Newfoundland, Canada.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father.

A graveside service was held on Thursday, June 26, at Fairview Cemetery, with the Rev. Macky Pitts officiating. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Thank you to the many caring friends, who helped make her life in Midland so special. Contributions may be made in her memory to First United Methodist Church of Midland.

## Death Notices

### Emilio H. Garza Sr.

Funeral services for Mr. Emilio H. Garza Sr. of Coahoma formerly of Lenora have been set for 10A.M. Monday, June 30, 2014 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton. Burial will follow at the Coahoma Cemetery. A Vigil will be held Sunday June 29, 2014 at the Stanton Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Emilio was born May 21, 1925 in Dilley, Tx and passed away June 27, 2014 in Midland, Tx.

Survivors include his daughters, Margarita Morales and Guadalupe Garza. Two sons, Emilio Garza Jr. and Antonio "Tony" Garza.

### Haidie Bonan Nelson

Haidie Bonan Nelson, 45, of Odessa, passed from this life on Monday, June 23, 2014 at Medical Center Hospital.

She was born in Masbate, Philippines, on May 22, 1969. She married Warren Nelson in Manila on April 4, 1986. She was a massage therapist and CNA, who loved school and learning. She was hard-working and thoroughly loved her job.

Survivors are her husband, Warren Nelson; daughter, Dahlia Land; sons, Jerome Nelson and Donald Nelson.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at Acres West Funeral Chapel.

### Juan Leyva Tejada

Juan Leyva Tejada, 70, of Odessa was called to Heaven on June 25, 2014, in Odessa.

Survivors are his wife, Rosa Leyva Tejada; three sons, Josue Tejada, Lazaro Tejada, and Julio Tejada; one brother and one sister.

Services will be held at a later date.

# Bobby Womack, R&B singer-songwriter, dies at 70

Associated Press

Bobby Womack, a colorful and highly influential R&B singer-songwriter who influenced artists from the Rolling Stones to Damon Albarn, has died. He was 70.

Womack's publicist Sonya Kolowrat said Friday that the singer had died, but she could provide no other details.

With an incomparable voice few could match, Womack was a stirring singer and guitarist in his own right and a powerful songwriter whose hits like "Across 110th Street," "If You Think You're Lonely Now" and "I Wish He Didn't Trust Me So Much" captured the imagination of future stars in rock 'n' roll and R&B.

"He had a style that nobody else could ever capture," longtime friend, gospel singer Candi Staton, said in a statement. "I loved him, and I will miss him so, so very much."

In a statement, musician Peter Gabriel said: "I'm very sad to learn of Bobby Womack's death. ... His songs and his voice have been so much a part of the fabric of so many musical lives. In recent years, it was great to see Richard Russell and Damon Albarn bringing his music back into our attention. He was a soul legend. Our thoughts and condolences are with his family and friends at this time."

Womack's death comes as something of a surprise. Though he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease two years ago and

overcame addiction and multiple health issues, including prostate and colon cancer, recently, he seemed in good health and spirits when he performed earlier this month at the Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival.

The soul singer cut a wide path through the music business as a performer and songwriter in a career that spanned seven decades.

"I must have listened to 'Facts of Life' for months, what an influence, what a voice, so long Bobby!!" Rod Stewart said in a statement to The Associated Press.

Womack was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2009, long after he'd lost his fortune and his career to addiction.

He spoke of kicking his substance abuse problems in a 2012 interview with The Associated

Press and all the friends he'd lost to drugs over the years.

"I think the biggest move for me was to get away from the drug scene," Womack said. "It wasn't easy. It was hard because everybody I knew did drugs. ... They didn't know when to turn it off. So for me looking at Wilson Pickett, close friends of mine, Sly Stone, Jim Hendrix, Janis Joplin, and I can go on and on and on, and I say all of them died because of drugs."

According to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame website, Womack was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and sang gospel music at a young age, performing with his brothers in The Womack Brothers. Under the influence of gospel and R&B legend Sam Cooke, who signed the group

to his personal label, Womack moved into secular music. In the early 1960s his group recorded "It's All Over Now," which was covered and by the Stones and became the band's first number-one hit.

His songs have been recorded by multiple artists, and he played as a session musician in Memphis in the 1960s.

Albarn and XL Recordings president Richard Russell helped Womack regain his career with 2012 comeback album "The Bravest Man in the Universe." The album was a departure for Womack, full of electronic music and beats. But it was lauded by critics for a simple reason: That distinctive voice of his still brought chills.

# Mexico develops its own southern border strategy, but will it suit the US?

By David McCumber  
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Increasingly, members of Congress are pointing to Mexico's southern border, not its border with the United States, as the place where the tide of illegal migration from Central America should be turned.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, has repeatedly called for more U.S. involvement in helping Mexico "secure its borders," saying, "The 500-mile border between Guatemala and Mexico is a sieve."

Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo, also sees it as a big part of the long-term solution. "It makes sense for us to be playing defense on that border instead of playing defense on our 1-yard line," he said.

But even though Mexico's government has developed a detailed multi-agency strategy to improve security on its southern flank, it's clear that Mexico's goals and those of the United States are not completely aligned.

According to a senior Mexican government official, the "guiding principles" of the southern border strategy, developed by Mexico's secretariats of governance, defense, navy and the attorney general's office, are "absolute respect to human rights; migrant protection through policies to regulate migratory flow and NOT to close the border; and a frontal fight against corruption."

While the strategy does refer to "detention and repatriation" of illegal immigrants possibly headed to the United States, it calls for "intense diplomatic activity" with Central American countries as part of the process necessary to accomplish that.

Mexican officials are particularly sensitive to the perception that the border strategy is being conducted in lockstep with Washington.

U.S. lawmakers refer frequently to the Mérida Initiative, a 2008 agreement calling for the United States to provide money and training to improve internal security in Mexico and other countries in the region.

Recently, additional State Department funds for the program were authorized in the House

Appropriations Committee after the Obama administration had proposed a 45 percent cut from last year's levels. On Thursday, Cuellar announced \$88 million in aid for Mexican border security "with a focus on the southern border."

But to some in the Mexican government, the implication is that the United States thinks the Mérida program gives it a lever to impose its priorities on Mexico.

Two Mexican officials who declined to be identified pushed back on that premise. One said privately, "We don't need the United States' money. All of the money we've received from the Mérida Initiative since 2008? Every year we spend nine times that much on security."

What has been invaluable, though, is the training. "For us to be able to send our people to Quantico (the FBI academy in Virginia) for advanced training is something we can't get elsewhere," one official admitted.

Much of the Mérida focus has been on drug cartel violence, and the Mexican government has dramatically and effectively stepped up its war on the cartels, with well-publicized campaigns in the states of Michoacán and, more recently, Tamaulipas.

"We view this simply as a shared problem," a senior Mexican government official said. "Of course, the United States has an interest in our security. We have an interest in the United States' security as well, particularly when it comes to the huge market for illegal drugs there. And if the United States used the same tactics internally that they ask Latin America to use, military or street law enforcement intervention to stop crime, there would be chaos in the streets."

Mexico's southern border with Guatemala and Belize presents many challenges, not the least of them geographical. Of the 713 miles of border, some 213 are defined by rivers, and much of the 500 remaining miles traverse jungle, a lot of it mountainous. The region is largely undeveloped.

The Mexican strategy is said to identify 11 formal crossings and more than 370 informal crossings, many of them little more

than footpaths through dense tropical forest canopies.

Also, agricultural activity in the Mexican border state of Chiapas has for decades depended greatly on migrant labor, much of it from Guatemala.

Mexican authorities "don't think of migration from Central America as necessarily bad," said Eric L. Olson, associate director of the Latin American program at the Wilson Center. "A million and a half Central Americans are crossing that border every year, the vast majority of them not to go to the United States but to go to work in Mexico."

Problems identified in the Mexican strategic plan include:

- Uncontrolled flow of migration, including illegal migration and human trafficking;

- Weapons and drugs crossing the border;

- Organized crime groups exploiting the border for their own purposes, and using extortion to gain impunity;

- Poor coordination among local, state and federal authorities;

- Law-enforcement corruption, and in some areas the absence of law enforcement.

Given those realities, the strategy's main goals are to increase security and law enforcement, control and regulate the flow of migration, and promote social and economic development in the region.

Despite the countries' differences, the Mexican government's evident attention to the border issues can only be construed as good news for the United States, regional experts say.

Christopher Wilson, senior associate at the Mexico Institute, another Wilson Center program, said, "Clearly Mexico is interested in stemming some of the migratory flow, but the bigger concerns are terrorism and drug trafficking. In that regard, there's a fair amount of overlap between U.S. and Mexican interests."

For example, Mexican officials recently expressed concerns that some unaccompanied minors from Central America were being recruited by the cartels, and were staying in Mexico and becoming involved in criminality.

One cartel, the Zetas, originally made up mostly of former members of the Mexican military, is now run by Central Americans.

Wilson said, "While I don't think they're interested in replicating the U.S. Border Patrol and our approach to border enforcement, they are achieving a pretty high number of apprehensions and deportations."

Mexico's plan includes setting up three bands of control.

The first is an initial "border control line," viewed as the initial point of contact with people wishing to enter Mexican territory. "We want to make migrants feel this is the safest way to enter, and there is nothing to be afraid of," a Mexican official said.

That will involve modifying the 11 formally established crossings. The strategy specifically calls for the oversight of more than one authority at each post in order to "inhibit corruption," the official said.

The plan is to build a database of migrants' biometric information at these centers to better regulate migrant flow.

Next, an "internal control line" between 18 and 60 miles from the border will be established to interdict illegal "people, weapons and drugs," and to offer migration services. This line will consist of control stations at the key points of Huixtla, Playas de Catazajá, Trinitaria and Palenque, secured by both the military and federal police. While some construction work has already been done on these stations, they are being rebuilt now to accommodate the multiple-authority principle for reduction of corruption.

Finally, at the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, a mountainous "choke point" that is the narrowest part of Mexico, a "contention line" will be established by mobile enforcement patrols, endeavoring to apprehend any illegal people or contraband that have made it past the first two lines.

Included in this is a heavier reliance on technology, including air surveillance and remote sensors — but the strategy makes clear that those tools are to be used to stop

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## Crime of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland County Sheriff's Office need your help solving a burglary.

On June 20, officers were called to Lariat Services and Sandridge Energy located at 13416 West Interstate 20 regarding a burglary of a building. The chain link fence had been cut, and a shop had been entered by unknown subjects.

Taken in the burglary were:  
■ Miller aluminum tig welder  
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■ large truck jack  
■ five 22.5-inch truck rims and  
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Photos of the type of equipment stolen can be viewed at [www.midlandcrimestoppers.com](http://www.midlandcrimestoppers.com).

The items stolen are valued at more than \$9,000. If you are the first person to call with information leading to the identity of these burglars, it will be worth a \$1,000 cash reward. You will remain anonymous and no caller ID is ever used.

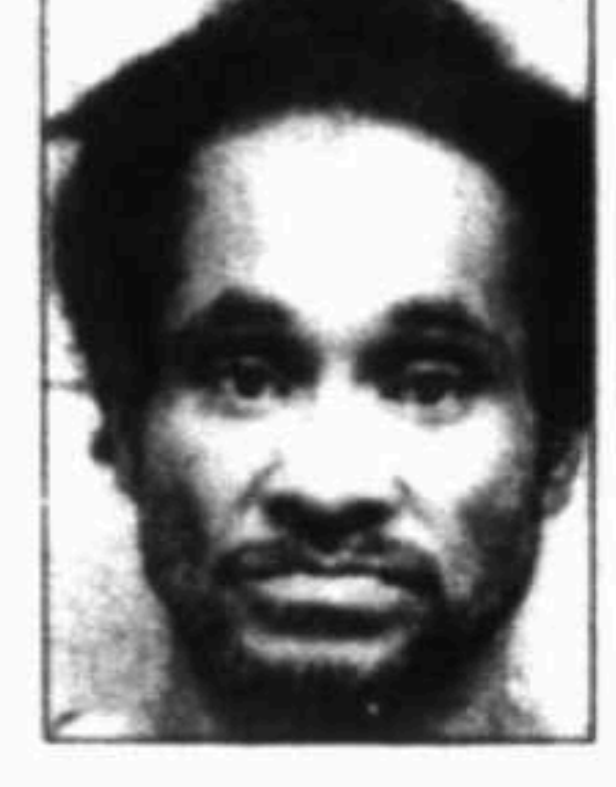
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## Crime Stoppers fugitive

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## FELONY ARRESTS

**Saul A. Arzate, 26,** of El Paso was charged Friday with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.  
**Bruce J. Butler, 27,** of Midland was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.  
**Ilda A. Gonzalez, 36,** of Midland was charged Friday with violation of probation.  
**Valerie A. Johnson, 48,** of Odessa was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.  
**William M. Johnson, 26,** of Midland was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.  
**Bradrick J. Lewis, 26,** of Midland was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.  
**Tyler C. McKinney, 22,** of Midland was charged Friday with manufacturing or delivering a simulated controlled substance representing a real controlled substance.

**Elizabeth M. Molinar, 53,** of Midland was charged Friday with theft.  
**Idania M. Molinar, 35,** of Midland was charged Friday with theft.  
**Odulaja S. Oduwole, 40,** of Midland was charged Friday with burglary of a habitation.  
**Christopher L. Olgin, 35,** of Midland was charged Friday with criminal mischief between \$1,500 and \$20,000.  
**Russell D. Wortham, 62,** of Midland was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

## TRIAL

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alcohol in the incident.

Garcia argued the victim had a blood alcohol content more than four times the legal limit at the time of his death, while defense attorney Woody Leverett said all of the prosecution's witnesses recalled what happened with "whiskey-tinted glasses."

Caudill's defense team put him on the stand Thursday, along with four character witnesses. But upon closing, van der Hoeben called his testimony the only inconsistent story in the entire case based on other witness accounts.

He showed photos of Caudill after the incident without any injuries to his

head or knuckles, despite being "coldcocked" in the left temple and later knocking out one of his assailants.

The prosecuting attorney also reminded jurors of a text message Claudill sent to his girlfriend about an argument he had with a female friend at Sedona Mexican Bar & Grill earlier that night.

Witness Manuel Tarango testified his friend Garcia approached Claudill's pickup after hearing an argument between a man and woman. After seeing a dome light go on, Tarango said they thought someone was trying to exit the vehicle.

Despite Caudill claim-

ing he was attacked first by carjackers, Tarango testified he jumped onto Caudill's pickup after the incident to stop the vehicle, which other witnesses on the scene corroborated, according to the court proceedings.

Jurors only had to consider whether the defendant intended to cause seriously bodily injury with his pickup, according

to the prosecution. Garcia's defensive pose — and Caudill's testimony that he "hit the gas and punched it" — showed that he did, van der Hoeven said.

A jury of his peers found Caudill not guilty of all charges, which included lesser counts of manslaughter and criminal negligence, beyond a reasonable doubt by 5 p.m. Friday.

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Because we feel it is important that you know how and where your donations to Helping Hands are spent, here is what was done in the past week:  
Electricity 3 families \$ 701.93  
Water 3 families \$ 1,295.05  
Rent 18 families \$22,629.63  
Transportation 2 families \$ 188.81  
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**TOTAL \$25,682.64**  
Pedro, Luisa, and their three children, Juan, Margarita and Jesus are a young family on the move. Each morning Pedro and Luisa busily prepare their children for the day ahead so they can get to work. The family stops at a local convenience store where quick breakfast burritos and sandwiches for lunch are bought for all of them. The two youngest, Margarita and Jesus are dropped off at a neighborhood pool, where they will spend the day frolicking with their friends. Juan, who recently turned 16, has a job at a local fast food restaurant. He is dropped off a few hours before his shift begins, but he will find friends to hang out with whom live nearby. Pedro turns the car over to his wife when he gets to his place of employment at a local roofing company, and Luisa takes the car to her job at a dry-cleaner.  
At the end of the day Luisa picks up her children, and finally her husband. They stop at a local fast food restaurant and purchase fried chicken, which they take to a local park. The children play on the swings and the older boy and his parents sit at the table discussing their day. As the sun begins to set the tone becomes somber — and when darkness falls they huddle together at the table and pray. Finally, the family climbs into their car and drives to the parking lot of a 24-hour department store. The car in the parking lot will be their home for the night.  
This family, who has lived in Midland for many, many years, lost their apartment when their lease came up for renewal and their rent was increased by \$400 per month. Their incomes could not absorb this dramatic increase and so they "moved" into their car. Their beds are their seats, and their clothes are carefully packed in the trunk.  
Families such as these are becoming more and more common in Midland. Families who work hard... who are our neighbors... who attend church with us, and whose children play with our children. They remain shrouded in secrecy because, if discovered by Child Protective Services, they might lose custody of their children. If you know of anyone in this situation, please tell them to call us. We want to help. Their identities will remain confidential with us.  
We were able to help this family move out of their car and into decent housing thanks to your wonderful generosity and a compassionate local landlord. Thank you for your help. Thank you very much!

# STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

## GALVESTON Seaweed raises more turtle concerns

Removal of larger-than-normal amounts of seaweed from beaches could affect Kemp's ridley sea turtles because their nests face being disturbed and trapped, experts say.

Kimberly Reich, director of the Sea Turtle Research Lab at Texas A&M University, believes all that seaweed is making it tough to spot the endangered turtles or their nests, the Houston Chronicle reported Friday.

"I still think we are losing turtles and I still think we are having nests covered up because of the sheer mass they are having to clear," Reich said.

Officials blame the seaweed on an unusually large influx of the marine algae since April. The seaweed, being removed by private contractors, comes during the winding down of turtle nesting season on the beaches.

Despite extraordinary efforts to avoid harming the turtles, the volume of seaweed may be so great in places that it's too difficult to spot turtles or their nests, Reich said.

The Galveston Park Board has hired six trained turtle monitors to walk in front of beach cleaning

machinery when operating to ensure the safety of turtles and nests. The board also asked for assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which has responsibility for turtles after they reach land, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which has enforcement authority.

"The district is working with federal and non-federal partners to evaluate the conditions and identify a way forward that would enable the removal or repositioning of the seaweed while minimizing risks to the environment and habitat in accordance with federal laws," said Alicia Rea, project manager for the Compliance Branch for the Corps' Galveston District.

## HOUSTON Group puts Baylor College of Medicine on probation

An accrediting group cited more than a dozen administrative areas of concern in placing Baylor College of Medicine on probation, a downgrade that school officials hope will be lifted within two years.

The Liaison Committee on Medical Education made the formal notification Friday. The probation is based on deficiencies involving administrative

processes and procedures, not instruction, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The president of the Baylor medical complex, Dr. Paul Klotman, said Baylor is still fully accredited and improvements have already been made.

"I am disappointed with the findings because I know they don't represent Baylor or the quality education provided by our institution," Klotman wrote the campus community. He subsequently held four town hall meetings on campus about the matter.

The Liaison Committee on Medical Education, formed in 1942 by the Association of American Medical Colleges and the American Medical Association, accredits 158 institutions in the U.S. and Canada. Under the group's timetable, Baylor could be removed from probation by February 2016.

The accrediting group's letter, provided to the newspaper by the school, says the action to put Baylor on probation was taken following a June 17 reconsideration hearing, at which the school appealed the recommendation in about 14 areas of concern.

Seven areas already have been fixed, three are in process of being updated and action plans are in development for the remaining four, he said.

## WILLIAMSON

From 1B

it would be nice to once more ride the hammer with her and lie out under the stars on a blanket before the fireworks.

"That would really be fun to do that again, honey," the wife answered, "but I doubt if we could even get you up if you tried that today."

I have to tell you that the wife's comeback pretty much took the vigor out of my July Fourth sail for this year. I guess I'll just have to put the grandkids on the blanket and watch them. It'll probably be my luck that the fireworks will scare them to death.

In that case, I'll once again be left with the wife trying to rediscover our

youth from the confines of a lawn chair. I wonder how that will work out.

At least, the lawn chairs are red, white and blue, but we can't get out of them without a little help.

*Thought for the Week:* "No one longs to live more than someone growing old."

—Sophocles

## NICHOLAS

From 1B

bed. His plaid lounge pants and "Jesus boots" flip-flops tucked into some Ikea-esque hospital closet. He will be helpless, which he will hate, and he'll be hard to be around. "Y'all say a prayer for Meemaw and the staff there, please."

But so far, so good. Mack Daddy's surgery went pretty well. His oldest stents were removed, he got some new ones, and the three new veins were weaved into his heart.

He had a little trouble getting off the ventilator and breathing on his own

Wednesday night. I know it sounds cliché, but the whole situation has me thinking a lot about my own mortality, the mortality of the ones I love the most. Even more so, it has me thinking about my own gray. I haven't ever really paid much attention to what I want in this life. Will I be able to look back in 40 years and say I did every thing I wanted to do?

By Thursday morning, Mack Daddy was stable and sitting in the ICU room's recliner. Anyone that knows my dad, knows he loves a recliner. So I took this as a good sign.

a sign of more gravy and more fishing trips to come. And as a sign that I start coming up with my own recipe for the life I want to live.

*Melanie Maxcey Nicholas is a full-time momma, writer and mommy blogger. She and The Hubster have two uh-mazing children, Parksalot, 5, 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.*

## BORDER

From 3B

criminal activities, but not against the flow of migrants.

Finally, the strategy calls for "sustainable development" of the region, including health care delivery systems for migrants and temporary workers, enforcement of laws against child labor, increased emphasis on education in the region, and supporting both traditional and innovative commercial activity, with the goal of reducing the region's extreme poverty.

"To me there's a central choice that Mexico hasn't resolved," the Mexico Institute's Wilson said. "Do you try to stop the migration or do you regularize it? I don't think Mexico's ready to fully commit to either stop or fully regularize the migratory flow. I'm still not convinced it's a really clear strategy."

He called Mexico's efforts "The beginning of what will be a decades-long process."

Wilson said that while the region is much more politically stable than it was 20 years ago, "at the same time you still have a lot of rural communities beyond the reach of the Mexican federal government, managing their own

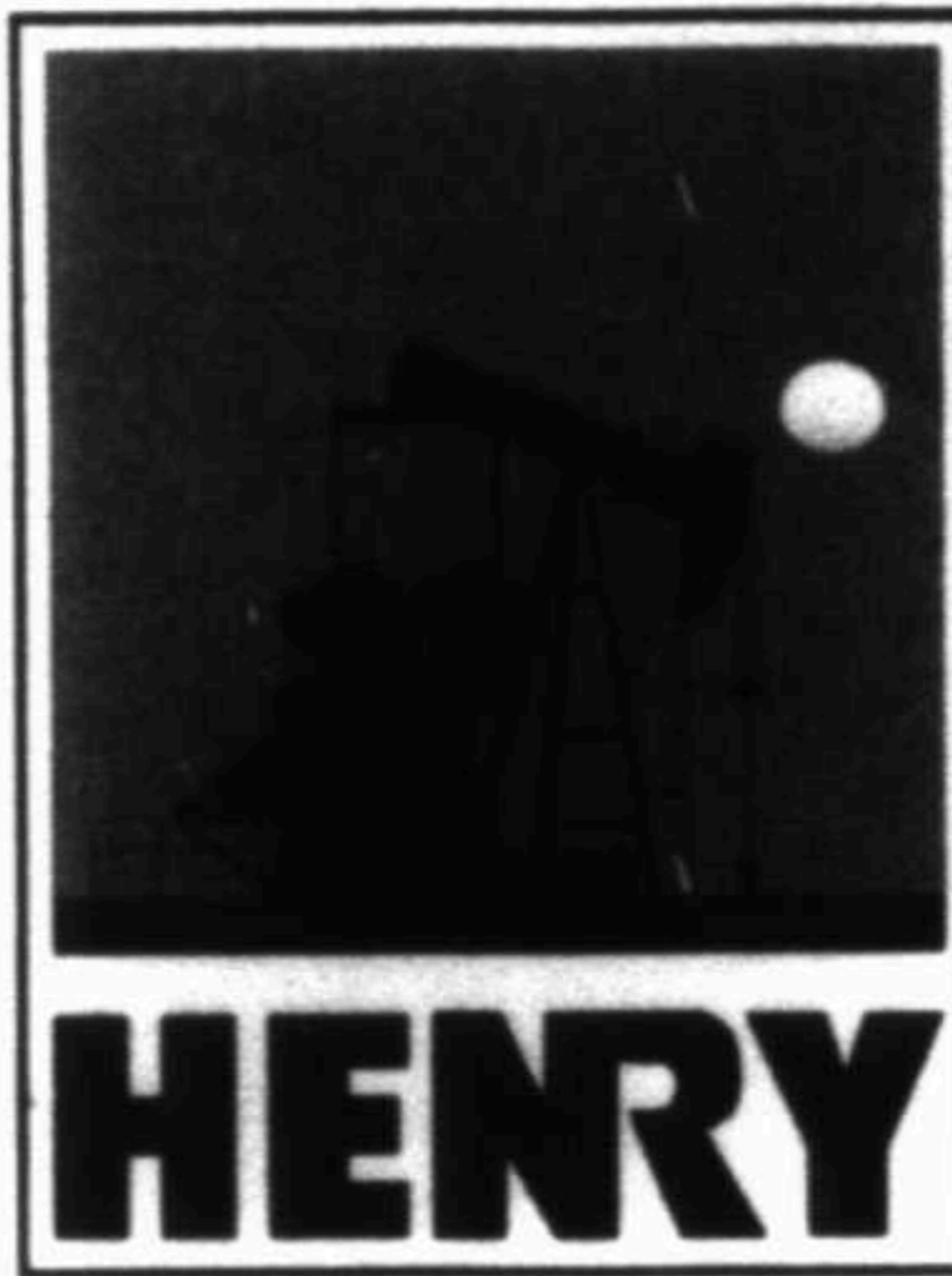
affairs with indigenous or traditional government."

"The southern border has been the forgotten border for decades," added the Wilson Center's Olson. "The fact that Mexico is thinking about how it wants to build security there, how it wants to work

with Guatemalans and other Central Americans, is an important step forward.

"But it's absurd to think that we in the United States can impose our view on a border that's not even ours," Olson added. "To think we can seal that border is a grand fallacy."

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# Houston church targets group not known for faith

By Allan Turner  
Houston Chronicle

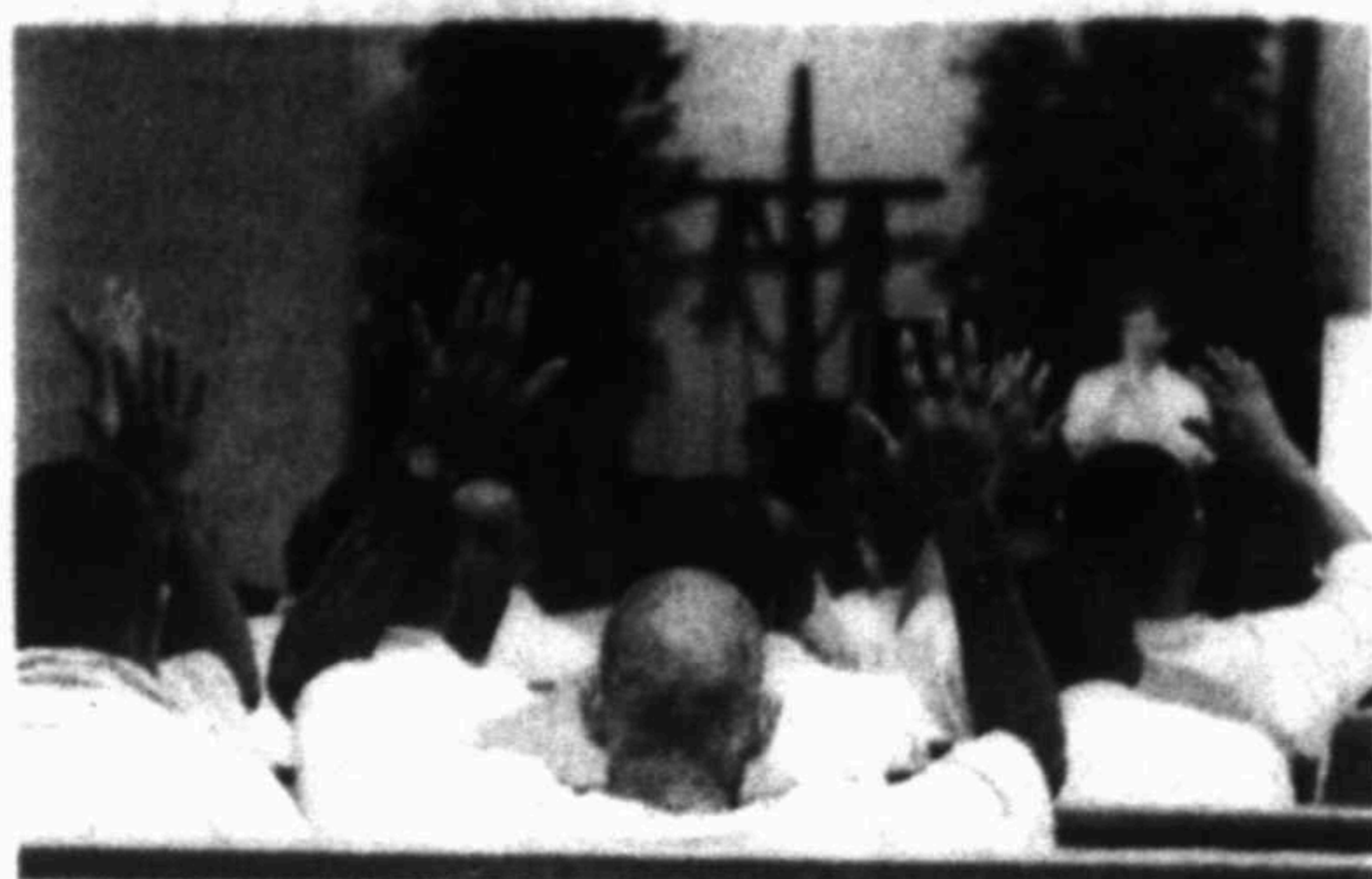
HOUSTON — First came the prayers and the congregational singing. Then the worshippers at Woodhaven Baptist Church tensed with excitement. Something special was about to happen. Recorded music boomed through the Spring Branch chapel as four middle-aged women, identically attired in eye-popping outfits, stepped up to the altar to deliver a meticulously choreographed rendition of a lively gospel tune.

The women, though, uttered nary a sound. The performance was greeted by a standing ovation. It, too, was silent. The lyrics and the resultant applause all were conveyed in American Sign Language. At Woodhaven, Houston's oldest church for the deaf, there is more than one way to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Woodhaven, which typically draws as many as 100 worshippers to its Sunday services, 60 percent of them deaf, this year will mark its 90th anniversary. Tracing its history to a Bible study group created by Houston's First Baptist Church, it has evolved into a multifaceted ministry, operating a multi-service center for the deaf, offering religious services to deaf prison inmates and actively supporting a missionary outpost in Ukraine.

In Houston and Texas, Baptist leaders say, it is a key player in an effort to serve the deaf, only a tiny fraction of who have been recruited to Christ. The Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services reports 3.5 percent of Texas' 27 million residents suffer from severe hearing loss.

Nationally, Southern Baptist efforts to evangelize deaf people in the United States date at least to the 1930s, said Woodhaven senior pastor, the Rev. Arthur Craig. Still, he told the Houston Chronicle, "In America,



James Nielsen/Houston Chronicle

Prison inmates attend service during Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church Prison Ministry sermon at Texas Department of Criminal Justice's W. J. "Jim" Estelle Unit on June 12 in Riverside. Tracing its history to a Bible study group created by Houston's First Baptist Church, it has evolved into a multifaceted ministry, operating a multi-service center for the deaf, offering religious services to deaf prison inmates and actively supporting a missionary outpost in Ukraine.

only about 2 percent of deaf people have a faith in God through Jesus. In Houston, you'd be hard-pressed to find 500 deaf people in church on Sunday mornings. There's just a communication barrier; a cultural barrier."

Ways to address such challenges will be the focus this weekend as leaders of the Texas Baptist Conference of the Deaf, an association of about 50 churches serving 5,000 worshippers, meet for their annual conference in Tyler.

Often such ministries start small, energized by a singularly dedicated person or group of people.

At Woodhaven, Craig said, the outreach to the deaf was facilitated by Lillian Beard, who was only 15 when she became American Sign Language interpreter for First Baptist's deaf class in 1924. Beard, he said, learned to use hand signals to communicate with the hearing-impaired when, as an orphaned child, she was adopted by a deaf couple.

Beard began interpreting for her mother, then extended the work to church. "I love deaf people," she said on the occasion of her 100th birthday. "It's a privilege to minister to deaf people."

Before her death at 101 in June 2010, Beard had

become a church emissary, interpreting for the deaf in hospitals and jails and traveling abroad to encourage the starting of deaf ministries.

"She was active right up to the end," Craig said. "She was an amazing lady. She wrote a book on signing music. She started many church and secular organizations. She was a mentor for many, many interpreters."

First Baptist's senior pastor, the Rev. Gregg Matte, credited Beard with helping the church grow into the religious and social institution it has become. Woodhaven functions as a semi-autonomous ministry of First Baptist.

"We took great joy in seeing this group grow into a vibrant church as it reached out to the deaf community in ways that a hearing community church family could not," Matte said.

Craig, 66, has been since 1983 senior pastor at the deaf church. He is assisted by associate pastor the Rev. Jim Derman and administrative pastor the Rev. Dan Mustain. Craig and Mustain can hear; Derman is deaf.

Craig said he entered the deaf ministry as a result of his wife's interest in learning sign language. An auto

accident that injured her arm derailed her plans, but the seed had been planted in Craig, who already was considering a ministerial career.

"The wreck gave it time to work on me," he said. "I went to a service one time and heard a man preaching about the deaf. He made the statement that deaf people without Jesus die and go to hell just like hearing people. That touched my heart. I realized that God was pointing me in that direction."

After obtaining his divinity degree from Fort Worth's Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Craig entered the deaf ministry.

Woodhaven's Sunday service begins at 11 a.m. and is accessible to the hearing, the deaf and the deaf and blind. During congregational sign

language singing, lyrics are projected on a large screen above the altar. For those who can neither hear nor see, special interpreters convey the message through a code involving touch. On a wall near the entrance is stenciled a passage from the biblical Book of Isaiah: "In that day, the deaf shall hear."

Sunday's service is just the beginning of the church's Christian outreach.

"Here at the church we provide a full range of services," said Craig, adding that many are provided through the multi-service center named in Beard's honor. "We provide life skills classes, job placement, food and clothing. We have a support group for the hearing parents of deaf children. We have a coffee house. Many also have spiritual needs, and

this is a gateway to the church."

Shortly after the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991, church delegates toured Russia and the Ukraine to assess religious needs of the deaf. As a result, Craig said, the church began actively assisting mission efforts in Ukraine.

In Texas, Woodhaven has played a significant part in ministering to deaf state prison inmates."

Craig and his Woodhaven associates have been active at the Estelle Unit near Huntsville for 27 years. Often as many as 120 of the unit's approximately 180 deaf prisoners will attend sermons or Bible study classes. Eleven years ago, Woodhaven began a halfway house for recently released deaf inmates.

Still, Craig conceded, bringing inmates to Christ is a challenge.

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Texas gubernatorial hopeful and state Sen. Wendy Davis smiles as she rides an escalator during the Texas Democratic Convention in Dallas on Saturday. Davis said talk of her underdog bid for Texas governor faces too steep a climb is "absurd."

## Wendy Davis: Talk that she can't win race 'absurd'

By Paul J. Weber  
Associated Press

DALLAS — Democrat Wendy Davis said Saturday it's "absurd" to suggest her chances of becoming Texas governor are fading as some supporters grow restless with a campaign fortified with national exposure and money that still lags against Republican Greg Abbott.

"We have four months left," Davis told reporters. "I trust that people are going to commit the energy to make this happen. I truly do."

The Fort Worth state senator is confronting new questions about a path to victory at a highly visible time in her underdog run. She marked the anniversary this week of her star-making filibuster that temporarily blocked new statewide abortion restrictions and headlined the Texas Democratic Convention that ended Saturday.

Davis maintained her star magnetism among 6,000 party delegates and fired up a convention hall with a keynote speech that mentioned Abbott 30 times. But delegates — even some decked in the same pink tennis shoes Davis famously wore during her nearly 13-hour filibuster last summer — also bemoaned a loss of momentum and speculated what it means that Davis switched campaign managers earlier this month.

Polls showing Davis

trailing Abbott by double digits have persisted despite robust fundraising and her being the most visible Democrat to run for governor in Texas since Ann Richards.

"I have run two very tough campaigns to win my election to the Senate. In the first one, I was further behind than this," said Davis, who was first elected to the Senate in 2009.

Abbott has begun trying to frame Davis as desperate after months of mostly hammering her on ethics allegations and her flying coast to coast to raise money. Abbott spokesman Matt Hirsch said Davis was running a "floundering campaign" and that her message isn't sticking with voters.

But Davis and party leaders insist the real race is only just beginning.

She said there was "no way" that Abbott could match volunteer support that she put at 18,000 people and counting. Davis has also yet to begin airing television spots and is expected to have the money to stay competitive with Abbott on the airwaves.

Davis said "this is the time when people begin to pay attention to message." She and Texas Democratic Party Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa also questioned polling that they said wasn't capturing all their support.

"You cannot gauge what's going to happen

by polling at this point in time," Hinojosa said. "I would rather (not) be 12 points behind in the polls. But I understand that a lot of work remains to be done and that we can close this gap in the period of time that it needs to be done."

Other Democrats aren't as optimistic.

Karen Eilert, a nurse from Seguin, arrived at the convention wearing one of the orange "Stand With Wendy" T-shirts that have been ubiquitous since the filibuster last summer. But of Davis' chances in November, Eilert said, "I don't believe Sen. Davis is going to win. I really think it's a tough road ahead."

Her mother, Catherine McAnarney, chimed in that she wished Davis was a little more like the spitfire Richards. Delegate Renee Watson of San Antonio said Davis' campaign has had "operational issues" but said she looked like a better candidate during an impassioned speech earlier this week to commemorate the filibuster anniversary.

Robert Shirk, a delegate from Austin, said that speech felt like a new start for Davis. His wife had an idea on how to recapture the campaign's momentum.

"Through getting people to stand up and scream for three hours," said Karan Shirk, 58, a nurse. "A powerful motivating message. You know, 'We haven't left you. We're still here.'"

## Midlander sentenced to 21 years after sexual assaulting two girls

From staff reports

A Midland man was sentenced Friday to 21 years in prison after he pleaded guilty of sexually abusing two girls under the age of 10.

Adrian Lara Munoz, 48, could have faced up to life in prison but his guilty plea reduced his sentence to 21 years, according to a press release from Midland County District Attorney Teresa Clingman.

Munoz sexually abused the girls — ages 8 and 9 — in 2012. The girls, relatives

of Munoz, often stayed at his house, the release said.

But Munoz fled to Mexico after he was first confronted by family members about the allegations. He was arrested while making an attempt to come back to the United States, the release said.

With his guilty plea, Munoz surrendered his right to appeal the case and, subsequently, the young victims were relieved from testifying in a court trial. He will not be eligible for parole until he has served at least half of the sentence, Clingman said.

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Here is another statement from the article, "There is the argument -- repeated this weekend by a city official -- that the money for incentives is just sales tax. This argument makes it sound as if sales tax collected doesn't have the value of property taxes. **This is failed thinking. Just because sales tax money doesn't always come from Midlanders doesn't mean it shouldn't be used for our greatest needs.**" Excellent point!

So why are some on our City Council wanting to give \$50M in TIRZ funding to Energy Related Properties when a **conservative government** would only allow FREE-MARKET capitalism to take place for several reasons? 1) Giving tax money to a favored developer is selecting a winner and not the city's job but in fact has a strong look of impropriety and conflict of interest. For this particular project this is something that does not just have a "look" but was proven last year after the secret meeting between the 2012 City Council and Energy Related Properties was exposed ([www.voiceofmidland.com](http://www.voiceofmidland.com) - "Government Corruption?"). 2) Growth is typically a Net Sum game so there will only be so many businesses coming to Midland and renovations downtown during this boom and we all know that most businesses have moved to the west and northwest parts of Midland. There is no reason to entice people with our tax money to come downtown. Let people have the freedom to make their own choices especially when certain city and county officials will benefit from this agenda because they own properties downtown. 3) Once the boom ends, the favored developer, if he has not covered himself by selling out the buildings, will benefit by lowering his prices with tax subsidies to help his profits. The remaining free market businesses downtown will suffer loss of customers to him. That does not serve Midland. Additionally, the city has agreed to give this developer the right to sue OUR city as to all agreements with developer including the city's obligations to provide tax reimbursements ([www.voiceofmidland.com](http://www.voiceofmidland.com) - Term Sheet Article 4b). Again, that does not serve us.

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Joel T. Rogers

## STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

### Democrats re-elect Hinojosa as party chairman

Texas Democrats have easily re-elected state party Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa, who remains the first Hispanic to hold the post.

More than 6,000 delegates overwhelmingly chose Hinojosa for the next two years Saturday, as they wrapped up the state Democratic Convention in Dallas.

A former county judge and Democratic National Committee member from Brownsville, the 61-year-old Hinojosa was challenged by a little-known party activist. But a series of top Democratic legislators took the stage to endorse him.

Hinojosa told the convention that, since first being elected in 2012, he and others have embraced Texas' diversity and taken "the party to unimaginable heights."

Democrats haven't won a statewide election since 1994. But Texas' booming Hispanic population means voter demographics could be on its side sometime in the near future.

DALLAS

### Dallas County to house up to 2,000 immigrant kids

A judge says as many as 2,000 unaccompanied immigrant children could be transported from the Texas-Mexico border to three temporary housing facilities in Dallas County by the end of next month.

Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins said youngsters would move from facilities in McAllen to his county. The plan is to have each spend about three weeks there, before being placed with relatives around the U.S.

Jenkins said the first county temporary housing facility is already being prepared, and that officials are working with federal authorities to find two more by late July.

A surge of immigrant families, mostly from Central America, has overwhelmed federal authorities.

Jenkins said immigration politics aside, Dallas County wants to help children who are "scared and trapped in not good conditions on the border."

## PROPERTY TAX

From 1B

alone here — and rapidly increasing property values, it is hard to find taxpayers who can remember all the money they saved. That is another troublesome feature of property taxes: Cuts, if they happen at all, are not delivered

as refunds, but as lower bills. For many, the entire transaction is buried in escrow in monthly mortgage payments. The homeowners — call them voters, for clarity — never get a slip of paper or a stack of money.

Why thank a politician for that?

# Feline sanctuary operators hope for healthy summer

By Danielle Grobmeier  
Dallas Morning News

WYLIE — Lisa Williams was making her usual rounds at In-Sync Exotics, escorting visitors through the habitats that house more than 60 large felines.

But Tuesday's tour was different. That morning, Kiro, a white tiger, had died. His habitat stood empty. A sign with his name and picture, hung on the enclosure's chain link fence, was just a humble reminder of the feline that used to play in the sanctuary's pools and make "chuffing" sounds at visitors and staff members.

Hugs and tears among the sanctuary's staff were not unexpected. A year ago, Kiro was one of the first cats at In-Sync to contract canine distemper. He survived the initial viral infection, and the sanctuary hasn't determined whether his death was related to the 2013 distemper outbreak that killed eight big cats and made more than 20 others sick.

The volunteers still refer to the virus as "the d-word," their euphemism for an epidemic that reduced powerful predators to frail and dying animals.

Williams remembered last summer's 24-hour watches over sick cats and the "pills and pills and pills" that she had to keep feeding them. Many of the cats who survived the virus still longingly look to Williams for affection and playtime.

"I love you!" she said to Rafiki, a lion, while playfully rattling an old coffee can near him.

Williams, who's volunteered at In-Sync for five years, said it's important that no one mistake the big cats for pets; however, the bond between the staff and the animals is special.

A lion will snuggle up against the fence around its enclosure to get close to Williams. Cincinnati, a tiger, likes to play peekaboo with Williams, peering at her over the rim of his large, metal bathtub. Williams can distinguish the cats by minute facial details, and she even knows how each one walks.

She gestured to one of the enclosures, which is shared by several tigers. It used to house one who died in the distemper episode.

"This is where Lucca's was."



Andy Jacobsohn/Dallas Morning News

A tiger named Mystery sits in the tiger play area at the In-Sync Wildlife Rescue and Educational Center in Wylie on June 17. Recently eight big cats at the rescue have died from canine distemper contracted by the presence of raccoons near the animal's enclosures.

Williams told The Dallas Morning News, pointing to an empty spot between three cats' pictures on the fence.

Though In-Sync's cats had been vaccinated against feline distemper, there is no vaccination to protect cats from the canine version of the virus.

She said she knew the epidemic was worsening last year when she stopped hearing coyotes around the sanctuary. Coyotes are canines, susceptible to distemper.

Since the outbreak, In-Sync has taken precautions to avoid lightning striking twice.

The sanctuary administered vaccines that guard against the ferret version of distemper, in the hope that it might help protect the big cats from the canine strain. Additionally, employees use a bleach foot bath when entering and exiting the cats' habitats to avoid tracking debris from one enclosure to another.

Williams said the sanctuary expects to break ground later this summer on an on-site veterinary clinic, where felines can receive medical treatment without leaving home. During last year's distemper outbreak, the sanctuary had to transport its sick animals to a nearby vet in Wylie. The new clinic will also include space where infected animals could be quarantined. Last summer, In-Sync had to make do with makeshift quarantine areas.

Normally, felines don't contract canine distemper. The virus was believed to have been transmitted last summer by infected raccoons, who would scurry across the chain-link tops of the cats' enclosures, sometimes defecating. The raccoon feces, in turn, could have infected cats who ate the grass or played in areas where it landed.

More than two decades ago, a far more destructive distemper outbreak struck the Wildlife

Waystation animal sanctuary in California's Angeles National Forest. The sanctuary, just north of Los Angeles, was forced to close for about a year after canine distemper claimed 17 big cats in just three months.

In all, about 65 of Wildlife Waystation's felines were affected by the illness at once, said Martine Collette, the sanctuary's founder and director.

"By the third day (of the outbreak), we knew we had something horrific on our hands, and we took the appropriate precautionary measures," she said. "It still did not help."

There, too, raccoons and other native wildlife were suspected of spreading the virus. The year the epidemic struck, there had been a boom in the raccoon and skunk population, Collette said.

A similar boom was observed last summer in parts of Collin County near In-Sync Exotics. The boom was followed by a

swift decline in the population, as distemper ravaged raccoon gazes. Plano Animal Services saw about 170 raccoons die during an outbreak from January to March 2013.

Cliff Moore, owner of Animal Services Inc., said these boom-bust disease cycles are a hazard for any wildlife population.

"We recognize when it's fixin' to happen," he said. "It hurts, there's no doubt about it."

Animal Services Inc., based in Van Alstyne, contracts with cities and other jurisdictions to manage wildlife problems.

In-Sync Exotics was founded in March 2000 by Vicky Keahey, a veterinary technician. Nine years earlier, someone had abandoned an 18-month-old cougar at the veterinary office where she worked. She turned to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for advice on how to care for a cougar, and established a rapport with people there.



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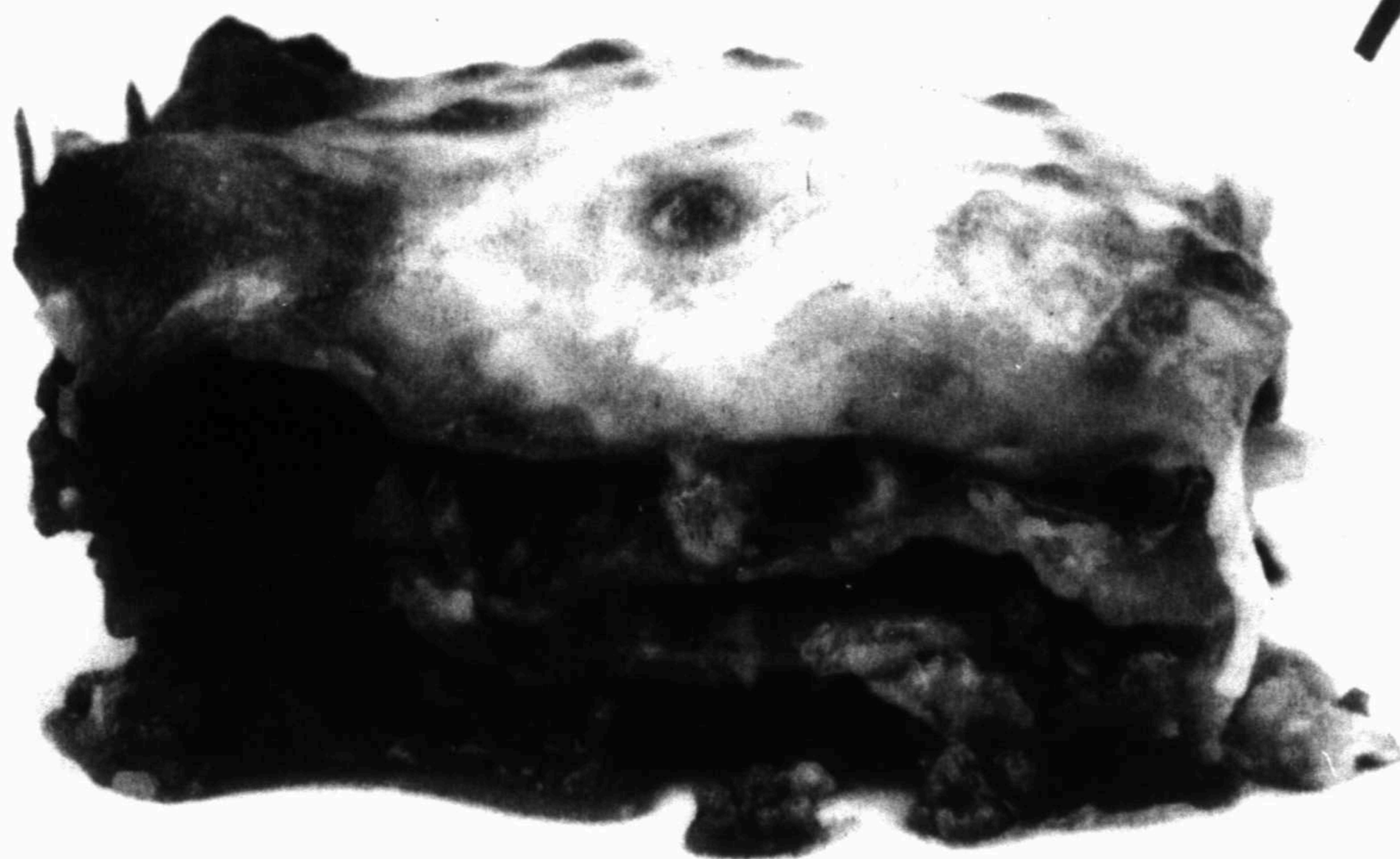
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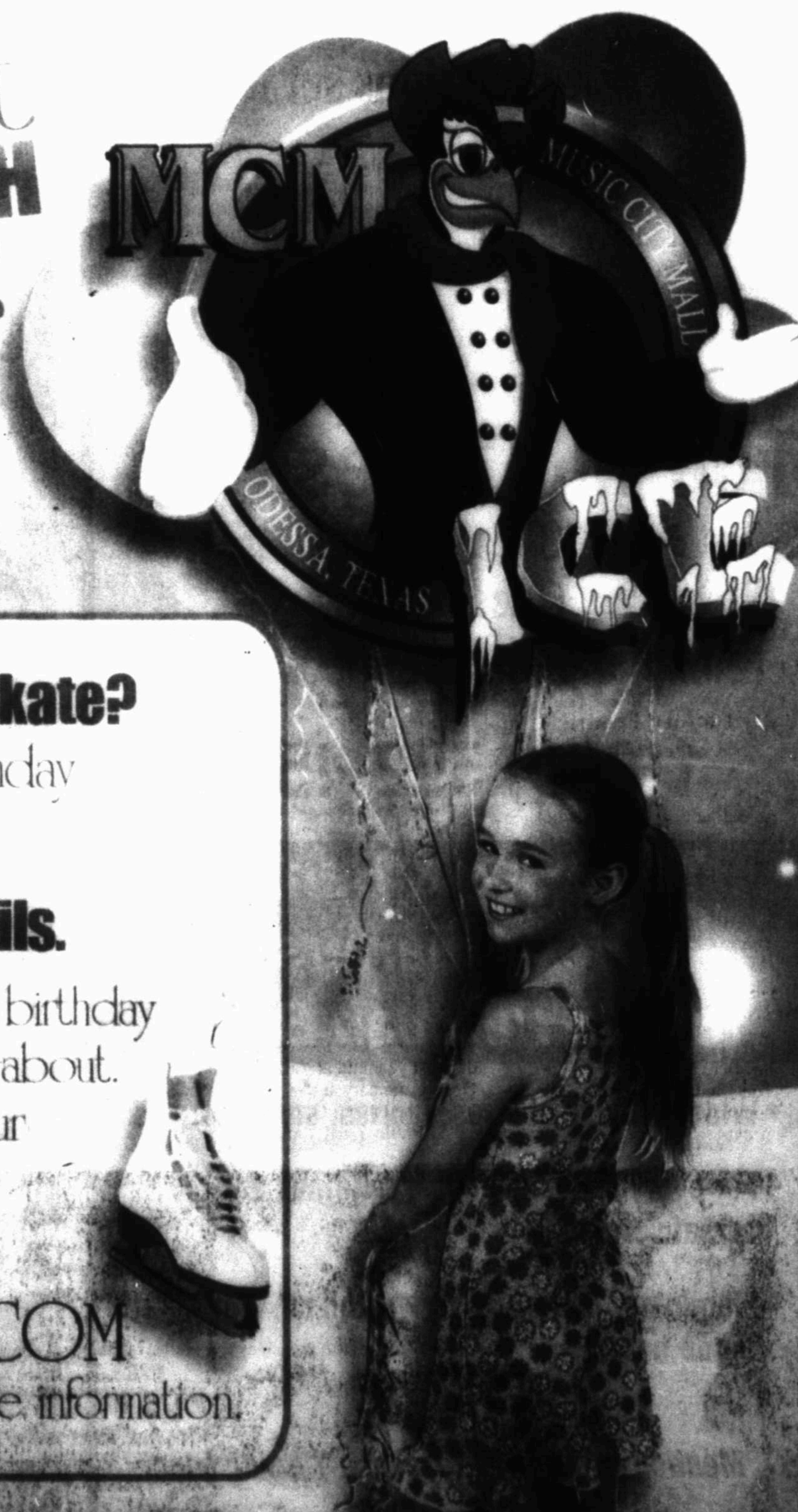
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## 'Hounds begin series by dropping 3rd straight game

By Len Hayward  
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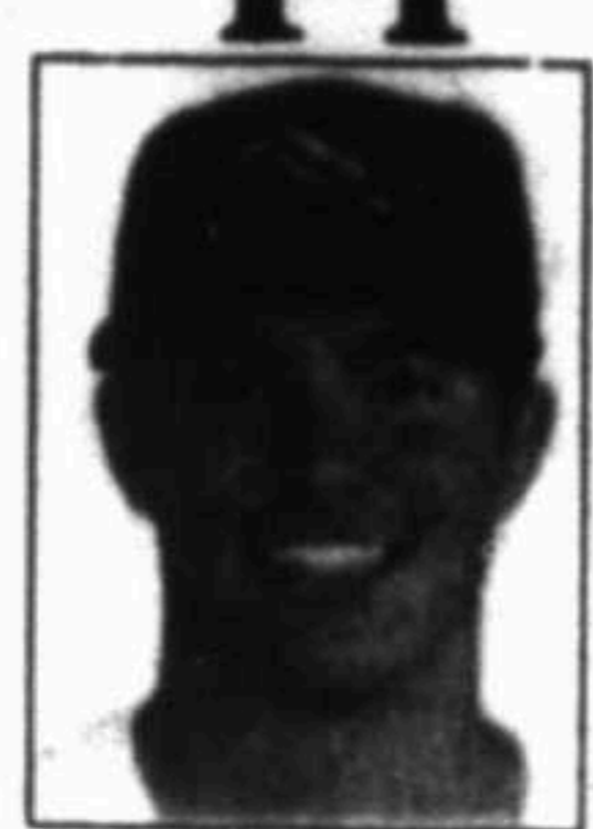
The Arkansas Travelers picked up on Saturday night where their in-state and Texas League North Division rivals Northwest Arkansas left off. The Travelers pounded out 18 hits and broke open a tight game with a four-run eighth inning that led to a 10-4 victory for Arkansas in front of 6,356 at Security Bank Ballpark on

Travelers ..... 10  
RockHounds ..... 4

Saturday night. The big blow was a three-run home run by Travelers catcher Jett Bandy in the eighth that turned a 6-4 advantage for Arkansas into a 9-4 lead. The RockHounds (5-4) have now lost three straight games since starting this week's home stand with an 8-0 victory against Northwest Arkansas on Wednesday. But since Wednes-



Burns



Yarbrough

day's victory, Midland has been outscored 24-10 and outhit 47-22. Bandy, who was hitting .236

entering the game, finished 2-for-4 with a double, the home run and a team-high four RBI. Alex Yarbrough, who was a starter for the North team in the Texas League All-Star game, was 4-for-6 with an RBI and all four hits were singles. Bandy and Yarbrough were two of six Traveler hitters with at least two hits on Saturday night. The Travelers pitching staff, which had a quick change on Saturday as Buddy Bosher had to make an emergency start,

kept the RockHounds in check after a rough start. Bosher gave up four runs in the first and second innings, including three in the first as Hiro Nakajima drove in two runs with a single and Miles Head had an RBI single. That helped the RockHounds take a 3-1 lead, and then they took a 4-1 lead in the second when Max Muncy drove in Billy Burns with a single to

Please see ROCKHOUNDS/3C

## New look at Hogan Park



### Major renovations set for Roadrunner Course

By Chris Hummer  
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Imagine your backyard if 50,000 people trampled on it per year without steady rainfall to keep the grass plush. That grim reality is the exact situation the Roadrunner Course at Hogan Park Golf Course faces thanks to the current three-year drought in Midland.

The grass and fairways in many areas at Roadrunner resemble the distinctive brown, cracked dirt that characterizes Midland rather than

the lush green fairways that formerly populated Hogan Park. It's an issue that sparked extensive renovations for Roadrunner in the coming months to alleviate problems surrounding the course's blend of Bermuda grass and as a preventative measure for future play.

The project is estimated to cost \$2 million with the funds coming from a Certificate of Obligation, meaning Hogan Park must repay the money it borrowed from the city to finance the renovations.

The main points to be addressed in the renovations for the 16-year-old

course include a complete overhaul of the fairway grass and back-half of the driving range with new grass seed, lowering and widening tee boxes, smoothing out mounds throughout the course and resurfacing the greens. Renovations at Roadrunner will begin Monday on the back nine. The front nine will remain open for public play. "It's just something the citizens deserve," Midland Community Services Director for Parks and Recreation Tina Jauz said. "They deserve to be able to play affordable golf in this

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Photo by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

## Brazil beats Chile in shootout at World Cup

Brazil ..... 2  
Chile ..... 1 (SO)  
Brazil won shootout, 3-2

By Karl Ritter  
Associated Press

BELO HORIZONTE, Brazil — Brazil advanced to the World Cup quarterfinals on Saturday with a 3-2 shootout win over Chile following a tense and thrilling battle that ended 1-1 after extra time.

Neymar, David Luiz and Marcelo scored in the shootout, and Brazil goalkeeper Julio Cesar saved two penalties before watching Gonzalo Jara's final attempt hit the post.

"My teammates are giving me a lot of strength on the field so I give my best," Cesar said. "We're just three steps away and I hope to give another interview with Brazil partying."

Brazil, which extended its 39-year unbeaten streak in home competitive matches to 61, will next face either Colombia or Uruguay in the quarterfinals.

Neither team managed to score at the Mineirao Stadium after first-half goals from Luiz and Sanchez, but Brazil came close to an early exit when Mauricio Pinilla's shot hit the crossbar in the final moments of extra time.

Chile also had the best chance in the second half, when Cesar's spectacular save on Charles Aranguiz's shot kept the score even.

Brazil has reached the quarterfinals of each World Cup since Argentina eliminated it in the second round in 1990. Getting knocked out at that stage in its own World Cup would have been a disaster.

But the Brazilians overcame their nerves in the shootout, with Neymar scoring the final penalty after Cesar stopped spot kicks from Pinilla and Sanchez.

When Jara hit the post, some of Brazil's players celebrated wildly while others fell to the ground, exhausted and emotionally drained. Willian, who missed a penalty for Brazil, sobbed uncontrollably, as Fred helped him to his feet.

Please see BRAZIL/4C

## Serena Williams loses in 3rd round at Wimbledon

By Howard Fendrich  
Associated Press

LONDON — All of a sudden, Serena Williams is failing to stick around for long at Grand Slam tournaments.

Betrayed by her backhand and, more surprisingly, her usually dangerous serve, five-time Wimbledon champion Williams lost to 25th-seeded Alize Cornet of France 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 Saturday in the third round at the All England Club.

"If I'm not playing a great, great match, these girls, when they play me, they play as if they're on the ATP Tour, and then they play other girls completely different," Williams said, rolling her eyes. "It's never easy

being in my shoes."

It's her earliest exit at the All England Club since 2005, when she also was beaten in the third round. Williams won the title in 2002, 2003, 2009, 2010 and 2012.

"I don't know how I did it," Cornet said. "Just with my heart — and the help of the crowd."

The No. 1-ranked and No. 1-seeded Williams owns 17 Grand Slam titles, one fewer than Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert, but she now has departed before the quarterfinals at four of the past five majors. There were fourth-round losses at Wimbledon last year and at the Australian Open in January, and a second-round loss at the French Open in May.

"Australia, I just couldn't play.

And Paris I played really bad. Here, I actually thought I played better," she said. "I'm going to have to watch this film."

Cornet also beat the 32-year-old American at the Dubai Championships in February. Still, this result was rather unexpected, given their Grand Slam careers. Cornet never had been past the third round at Wimbledon, and she only once before reached a major's fourth round, in 2009.

Saturday's match was halted in the third game because of rain. After a delay of about 4 1/2 hours, Williams was terrific, reeling off five games to grab the first set.

Please see WIMBLEDON/5C



Sang Tan/AP

Serena Williams gestures after losing a point to Alize Cornet on Saturday during their women's singles match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London.

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ROCKHOUNDS



SATURDAY'S SCORE

Arkansas 10, Midland 4

TODAY'S GAME

Arkansas at Midland, 6 p.m., Security Bank Ballpark

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RECORDS

Midland 5-4, Arkansas 6-4

Table with 5 columns: Friday, Saturday, Today, Monday, Wednesday. Rows show game results for Arkansas and Midland.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY WHAT'S ON TV

ATHLETICS U.S. Outdoor Championships, 3 p.m., NBC
AUTO RACING United SportsCar Championship, Six Hours of The Glen, 10 a.m., Fox Sports 1

CBS

Champions Tour, SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, final round, 2 p.m., TGC
LPGA, NW Arkansas Championship, final round, 4 p.m., TGC

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY PDL

Sockers FC at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League BOSTON RED SOX Selected NF OF Mike Betts from Pawtucket.
HOCKEY National Hockey League ARIZONA COYOTES Traded a third-round No. 73 draft pick to Montreal for a third- (No. 87) and fourth-round (No. 117) draft picks.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

July 2 At Las Vegas: Ryan Muzzey vs. Mike Alvaraz, 12 junior welterweight titles.
July 6 At Grizzly: Russia, Russian Chagayev vs. Mike Ogando, 12 for the vacant WBA World welterweight title.

MLS STANDINGS

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WNBA STANDINGS

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Sunday Morning Line

This and that as somehow a loss was celebrated like a win:

It's been a number of years since I've covered the RockHounds on a regular basis, but what's interesting is how speed has become a bigger factor in professional baseball these days.

Yes, you can start the talk about steroid testing having an effect, and I think it has, but even at this level stolen bases and bunts were not often used unless necessary.

It does help that the RockHounds have speedster Billy Burns, who might have been returning kicks for the University of Georgia instead of playing baseball, but other teams in the Texas League have players who can run.

Keselowski wins for 2nd time at Kentucky Speedway

By Gary B. Graves Associated Press

SPARTA, Ky. — Brad Keselowski dominated the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race Saturday night to become Kentucky Speedway's first repeat winner.

The Penske Racing driver and 2012 race winner followed his record-breaking pole effort to lead 199 of 267 laps en route to his second victory of the season and 12th of his career.

Keselowski won from the pole for the first time, pulling away after chasing down and passing leader Kyle Busch on Lap 248.

Busch was second, followed by Ryan Newman, Matt Kenseth and Dale Earnhardt Jr., who rallied from a 29th-place start.

A night after dominating the Nationwide Series race before finishing second behind Kevin Harvick, partly because of a pit-road speeding penalty, Keselowski saved his heavy foot for the bumpy, rough track.

Keselowski's post-race celebration was later marred after he cut his hand on a broken champagne bottle and was taken to the infield care center.

Teammate Joey Logano started second and led 37 laps and Busch 31 in a race that featured 12 lead changes — all but one featuring Penske drivers.

Keselowski, also the winner in Las Vegas, became the first driver



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the league in stolen bases this season with 38. No longer are teams waiting on that big hit. They are "manufacturing" runs, and even on Friday, Northwest Arkansas used a safety squeeze bunt to score a run.

"You can't teach speed," said Northwest Arkansas leadoff hitter Lane Adam, who has 26 steals this season. "Burns is one of the best runners in minor league baseball, and it's a weapon. Fortunately our team has some as well."

With as exciting as home runs can be, watching a player run the base paths and cause headaches for fielders can be as much fun. I'm not saying that speed has never been devalued, but I think now it's being valued more than ever.

After a few days of

trying to figure out FIFA's crazy tiebreakers for group play in the World Cup, I've narrowed it down to the fact that they value goals being scored more than actually winning a game, or I guess I should say, match.

The fact that if the United States and Ghana would've tied for the same spot in the group in points that Ghana might have gone to the next round on goal differential is crazy because the U.S. beat Ghana. So apparently actually beating a team you are tied with in the standings means nothing.

That should be the first tiebreaker. The old District 3-5A didn't have a head to head result rule at one point in time, and now it does, and common sense prevailed. Oh wait common sense

and FIFA is like vinegar and water.

I've got to give the NBA credit because they have figured out a way to rival the NFL in keeping their league in the news on a year-round basis.

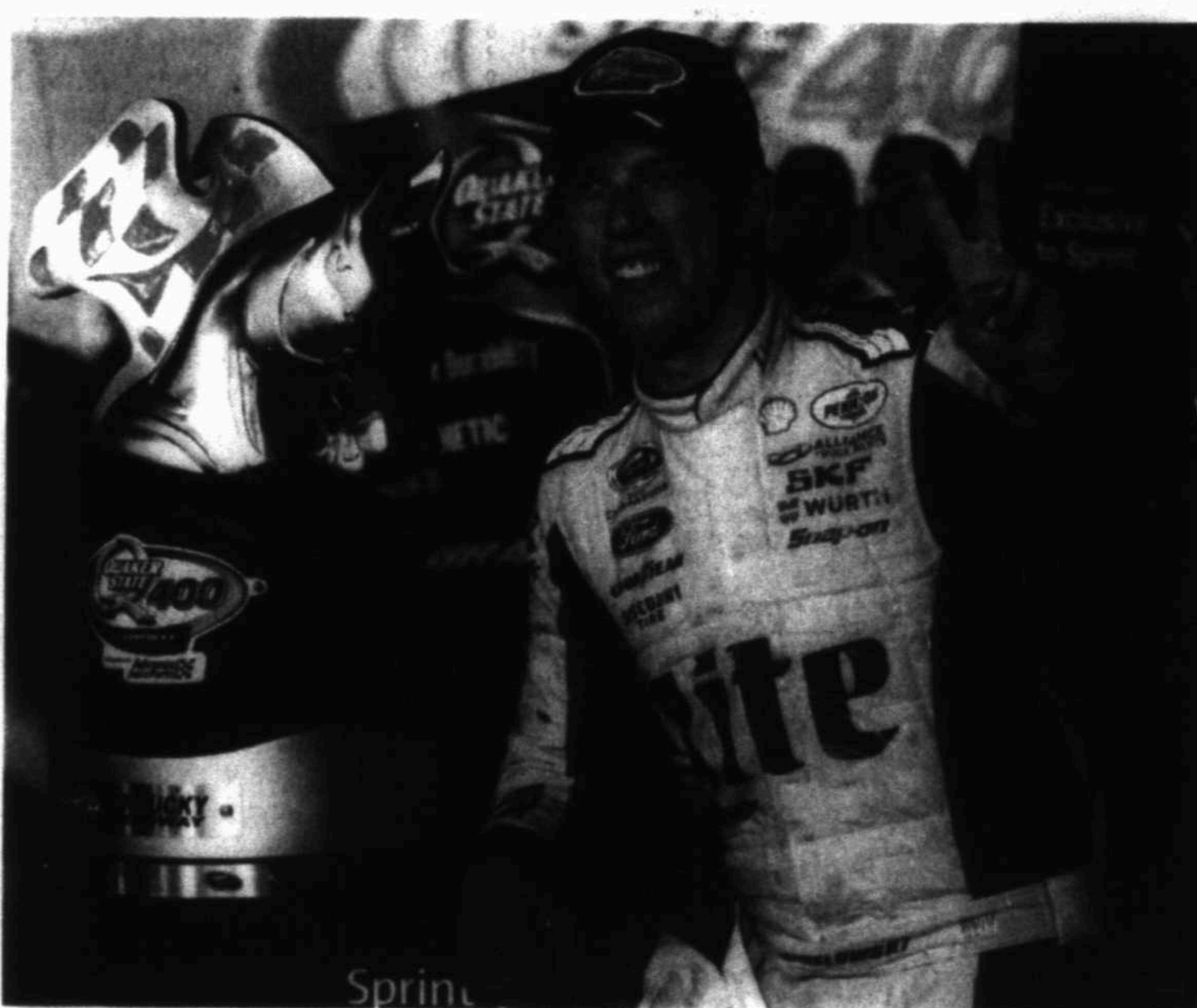
Thursday's draft helped, but every day there is news coming out about the league. It's something the NFL has mastered, and maybe the NBA is following suit.

Got to give kudos to Midland Classical Academy's Kayla Beattie for signing with Texas Women's University and being the first player from that program to sign with a college.

That program has been one of the area's better girls basketball programs and isn't afraid to play any opponent, and Beattie was one of the area's best players last year regardless of classification.

And finally, remember to have a safe and happy July 4th this week, and remember why we celebrate with all those fireworks.

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James Crisp/AP

Brad Keselowski poses with the trophy after winning a NASCAR Sprint Cup series race Saturday at Kentucky Speedway in Sparta, Kentucky.

this season with multiple victories on 1.5-mile tracks that make up much of the Chase for the Sprint Cup. The circuit won't see another such track until late August at Atlanta, and Keselowski made a case for being a favorite with arguably the most impressive run of his career.

It followed his track-record qualifying speed of 188.791 mph and 138 laps led in the Nationwide race, which also featured a furious late run between finishing second to Kevin Harvick, who was seventh in the 400-mile race. This

time he had enough laps to pass Busch.

But the tone was set from the start, as Keselowski and Logano justified their front-row qualifying sweep with a vengeance. Keselowski wasted no time with that agenda, taking charge at the green flag and leading the first 78 laps before Logano took over for five laps.

The two traded leads from there with nobody else to challenge them until Aric Almirola's wreck brought the sixth caution on Lap 213.

That sent the leaders down pit road and scrambled off produced the race's first non-Penske leader in Busch, whose No. 18 took over on Lap 217 and led the restart with Newman second.

The Penske duo needed just seven laps to draw a bead on both drivers and Keselowski was soon second and making a furious effort trying to chase down Busch, who had a 2-second lead at one point. Once Keselowski caught him in the backstretch, he again showed his Ford's superiority.

AUTO RACING RESULTS

Sprint Cup

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- At Kentucky Speedway Sparta, Ky. Lap length: 1.5 miles (Start position in parentheses) 1 (1) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 267 laps, 150 minutes, 48 points, \$251,183

NASCAR

Points Standings

- 1 (1) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 267, 78.6
- 2 (2) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 267, 85.8
- 3 (3) Matt Kenseth, Chevrolet, 267, 109.2

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- 1 (1) Dan Wheldon, Chevrolet, 267, 78.6
- 2 (2) Will Power, Dallara-Chevrolet, 79
- 3 (3) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Chevrolet, 46

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RockHounds

From 1C

right. Burns, who stole two bases and increased his league-leading total to 40, was 2-for-4 with two runs scored and was one of two RockHounds with multiple hits on the night. Travelers relievers Kevin Johnson and Michael Brady threw a combined six scoreless innings as Brady earned his second save of the season by

pitching three innings and striking out seven. Johnson earned the victory in relief, while Marcus Walden, in just his third appearance for the RockHounds this season, took the loss. The two teams will continue their three-game series at 6 p.m. today at Security Bank Ballpark. 'HOUNDS BITES: This series features two of the three top base stealing teams in

the Texas League. Entering Saturday night's game, the Travelers had 84 stolen bases and the RockHounds 83. Corpus Christi leads the league with 87 entering Saturday. Hounds right fielder Chad Oberacker had an impressive assist to end the third inning when he threw out Andrew Heid at home. ... Billy Burns stole his 40th base in the fourth inning, and on the same play tried to score because of a throwing error by the pitching. But Burns was thrown out at the plate by Travelers center fielder Adam Melker to end the inning.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Right-hander Nate Long (7-3, 3.45 ERA) will take the hill for the RockHounds today, and left-hander Michael Roth (6-4, 2.46 ERA) will pitch for Arkansas.

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MLB STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES

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Rangers 5 Twins 0

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Yu Darvish returned to his dominant form. The star pitcher allowed just four hits over eight sharp innings and the Texas Rangers beat Minnesota 5-0 on Saturday, handing the Twins their fifth straight loss. Darvish (8-4) allowed only one hit and one walk after the second inning in lowering his earned run average to 2.42 following two consecutive defeats and his home ERA to 1.83. With 10 strikeouts, he hit double digits for the fifth in his last eight starts. Adrian Beltre had three hits for the Rangers and scored Texas' first run, which proved to be all the Rangers needed, in the second inning. Shin-Soo Chin and Leonys Martin added two hits each.



Texas starting pitcher Yu Darvish works against the Minnesota Twins in the first inning Saturday in Arlington, Texas.

game weekend series with the Twins following a season-long eight-game losing streak. The shutout was Texas' 14 of the season, tops in the American League and one short of the St. Louis Cardinals' major league leading total. Beltre scored on a double by Chris Gimenez on a fly to straight-away center that sailed just beyond the reach of Sam Fuld. The Rangers added a second run in the third inning when Rougned Odor singled, stole second, advanced on an infield out and scored on a dribbler back to the mound by Elvis Andrus. The Rangers added three insurance runs in the eighth, one on a squeeze bunt by rookie Luis Sardinas. They chased Hughes, who went into the game with a 1.52 ERA in five previous career appearances at Globe Life Park. Darvish's strong outing followed a quality start by Nick Tepesch on Friday night to give Texas consecutive quality starts for the first time since June 14-15. The Twins put runners at second and third in the second inning on singles by Oswaldo Arcia and Parmelee. No. 9 batter Pedro Florimon, hitless in his previous 18 at-bats, flied out to center with two away to end what proved to be Minnesota's only threat of the game.

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"I thought he was Yu Darvish again," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "I don't care how good you are. There will be bumps in the road. There will be times when things don't go right. And that even can happen for Yu Darvish. It was good for him to go out there today and find his pitches that worked." Darvish, though, said he was unable to find a comfortable delivery throughout the game. "I just couldn't find the

right one today," he said through an interpreter. "but I managed to pitch those eight innings. I can't say I was disappointed." No matter the delivery, Darvish frustrated the Twins with a cut fastball that was particularly effective against lefties. "I'd say (Darvish's cutter) is probably his best pitch," said Twins DH Joe Mauer, whose first-inning single extended his hitting streak to a season-high nine games. "He can definitely make the ball

move in a lot of different directions." Phil Hughes (8-4) lost for only the second time in eight road starts this season, allowing all five runs on 11 hits in 7 2-3 innings. "It's not been going our way as of late," Twins leftfielder Chris Parmelee said, "but our hitting will come around." Neal Cotts finished for Texas in a non-save situation and retired the side in order. The Rangers have won the first two of the three-

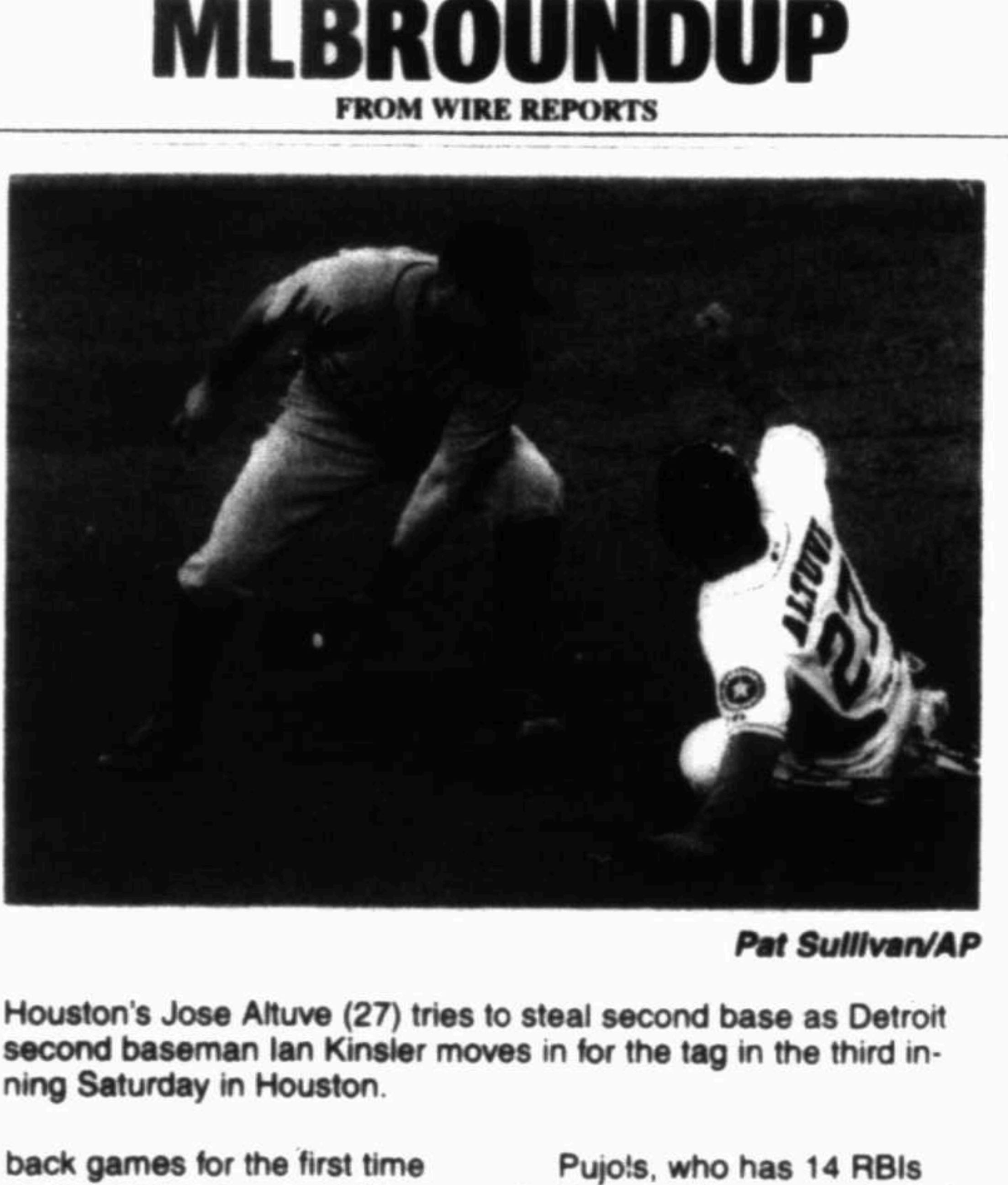
MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE TIGERS 4 ASTROS 3 HOUSTON — Ian Kinsler hit a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning to rally Detroit past Houston after Max Scherzer struck out a season-high 13 batters. The Tigers trailed by one before Kinsler connected off Jerome Williams (1-4) for a 4-2 lead. Kinsler also had a double in his seventh straight multihit game and 33rd this season. Nick Castellanos and Eugenio Suarez singled in the ninth before Kinsler connected. Suarez finished with three hits, including an RBI single in the fifth. Scherzer, last year's AL Cy Young Award winner, gave up two runs in the first before settling in. He yielded seven hits and one walk in seven innings. Phil Coke (1-1) pitched a scoreless eighth and Joe Nathan allowed Alex Presley's leadoff homer in the ninth before earning his 17th save in 22 chances. Presley also had a two-run single in the first. Detroit has won eight of nine.

RED SOX 2 YANKEES 1 NEW YORK — Mike Napoli stunned Masahiro Tanaka by hitting a solo home run with two outs in the ninth inning, lifting Jon Lester and the Boston Red Sox over the New York Yankees 2-1 Saturday night. Napoli hit struck out in his previous two at-bats before lining an opposite-field drive into the first row of the seats in right. Napoli, who also homered off Tanaka at Fenway Park in late April, raised his right arm as he rounded first base. The Red Sox won for just the third time in nine games. The victory made the defending World Series champions 37-44 at the midpoint of the season — it's the first time since 1997 that Boston has been under .500 at the halfway mark. Lester (9-7) held the Yankees hitless until the sixth. He gave up an unearned run and five hits in eight innings, striking out six and walking two. Koji Uehara saved a perfect ninth for his 17th save in 18 chances. Tanaka (11-3), the top winner in the majors and AL ERA leader, allowed seven hits in a complete game, striking out eight and walking one.

WHITE SOX 4 BLUE JAYS 3 TORONTO — Dayan Viciedo hit a three-run homer, Chris Sale pitched seven innings and Chicago beat Toronto. The White Sox won back-to-



Houston's Jose Altuve (27) tries to steal second base as Detroit second baseman Ian Kinsler moves in for the tag in the third inning Saturday in Houston.

BACK GAMES FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE WINNING TWO STRAIGHT OVER SAN FRANCISCO ON JUNE 17 AND 18. Chicago had dropped 11 of 14 before the consecutive victories. Held in check through the first six innings by rookie right-hander Marcus Stroman, the White Sox took the lead with a two-out rally in the seventh inning. Jose Abreu doubled, Adam Dunn walked and right-hander Dustin McGowan came on to face Vicedo, who drilled a second-deck home run on the reliever's first pitch. McGowan (4-3) blew his second straight save opportunity. Sale (7-1) allowed two runs and four hits, walked a season-high five and struck out six.

RAVES 5 ORIOLES 4 BALTIMORE — Desmond Jennings opened the game with the first of Tampa Bay's three home runs off Wei-Yin Chen, and the Rays got an impressive performance from former Orioles pitcher Erik Bedard. Tampa Bay built a five-run lead in the fourth inning, then held off a late comeback bid to improve to 3-8 against the Orioles this season.

ANGELS 6 ROYALS 2 KANSAS CITY, Mo. — David Freese drove in three runs, Albert Pujols had two RBIs and Los Angeles beat Kansas City after a long rain delay for its seventh victory in eight games. The first rain delay, after the first inning, lasted only 7 minutes. But the second one, after the fourth, went on for 3 hours, 58 minutes. The game didn't end until nearly 7 hours after it started.

METS 5 PIRATES 3 PITTSBURGH — Jonathon Niese extended his streak of solid starts with six gritty innings, rookie Eric Campbell had three hits while subbing for injured star third baseman David Wright and New York spoiled Gerrit Cole's return from the disabled list. Niese (5-4) gave up three runs and scattered seven hits. It was his 20th straight outing without allowing more than three runs, dating to last season. Jenny Mejia pitched a perfect ninth for his eighth save.

ATHLETICS 7 MARLINS 6, 14 INNINGS MIAMI — Josh Donaldson's two-out RBI single scored the go-ahead run from second base in the 14th inning to lift Oakland. For the second game in a row, the Athletics won despite squandering a 4-0 lead. They also overcame a blown save by Sean Doolittle, whose streak of 26 2-3 scoreless innings ended when Miami tied it in the ninth on Casey McGehee's single. Jim Johnson (4-2) pitched 2 1-3 scoreless innings and Jeff Francis came on with the bases loaded and one out in the bottom of the 14th to earn his first career save. Francis struck out Jarrod Saltalamacchia, and Donovan Solano flied out to end the game. AL West leader Oakland has won three in a row and is 6-1 in interleague play.

REDS 6 GIANTS 2 CINCINNATI — Brandon Crawford hit a three-run homer, Matt Kemp pitched seven innings and Cincinnati beat San Francisco 6-3. Matt Kemp pitched seven innings and Cincinnati beat San Francisco 6-3.

BRUINS 4 RED WINGS 3 DETROIT — Tyler Johnson scored the go-ahead goal in the third period, and the Bruins beat the Red Wings 4-3.

FLORIDA 5 TAMPA BAY 4 TAMPA BAY — Matt Garza pitched seven innings, struck out seven and walked one, and the Florida Marlins beat the Tampa Bay Rays 5-4.

ST. LOUIS 4 MILWAUKEE 3 MILWAUKEE — Ryan Braun hit a three-run homer, and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers 4-3.

PHILADELPHIA 10 PITTSBURGH 1 PITTSBURGH — Ryan Howard hit a three-run homer, and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 10-1.

ATLANTA 4 WASHINGTON 3 WASHINGTON — Bryce Harper hit a three-run homer, and the Atlanta Braves beat the Washington Nationals 4-3.

CHICAGO 5 CINCINNATI 3 CINCINNATI — Kris Bryant hit a three-run homer, and the Chicago Cubs beat the Cincinnati Reds 5-3.



Antonio Calanni/AP

Colombia's James Rodriguez, right, Mario Yepes, center, and Carlos Sanchez Moreno, left, celebrate after a World Cup round of 16 match Saturday at the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Rodriguez scored twice to put Colombia into the quarterfinals for the first time in a 2-0 victory over Uruguay.

# Colombia knocks off Uruguay

By Mattias Karen  
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — With a spectacular swivel-and-strike, James Rodriguez provided one of the highlights of the World Cup and gave Brazil reason to worry. Rodriguez scored one of the best goals of the tournament and added a second to put Colombia into the World Cup quarterfinals for the first time with a 2-0 win over Uruguay on Saturday — setting up a meeting with the host nation. Rodriguez added to his growing list of memorable moments in Brazil when he gave his team the lead with a long-range volley as he turned in the 28th minute. He scored the second from close range shortly after the break as Colombia dominated a Uruguay side that sorely missed banned striker Luis Suarez. "I think now the toughest is coming up," Rodriguez said of the quarterfinal match against Brazil. "I'm happy because we are making history and as a young man I dreamed of being here, and of course we want to do even more." Rodriguez now has a tournament-leading five goals in Brazil and further enhanced his status as perhaps the World Cup's biggest revelation. In the absence of injured star Ra-

Colombia ..... 2  
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damel Falcao, the Monaco winger has become the focal point of a Colombia team that won all three of its group games with impressive attacking play. Uruguay, meanwhile, simply couldn't find anyone to fill the absence of Suarez. The team struggled badly in attack and replacement striker Diego Forlan was substituted in the 53rd after a disappointing performance in what was likely his final World Cup appearance. Colombia is playing its first World Cup since 1998 and has already achieved its best-ever result. "Congratulations to all the Colombian people," said coach Jose Pekerman, who is from Argentina. "The people in Colombia deserve this." Colombia will play Brazil in the quarterfinals on July 4 in Fortaleza after the host nation beat Chile in a penalty shootout earlier Saturday. But Rodriguez showed once again that the Brazilians have every reason to be wary of Colombia. The opener was his most spectacular goal yet. He chested the ball down with his back to goal well outside the area and in one fluid motion turned around and fired a left-foot volley that went off the underside

of the crossbar and into the net. It was a goal that came seemingly out of nowhere and provided another example of the technique and creativity that has made Rodriguez one of the standout players of the tournament. Uruguay defender Alvaro Pereira tried to clear the ball with a diving header, but it went straight to Abel Aguilar, who headed it forward toward Rodriguez. His maneuver only took a split second and left goalkeeper Fernando Muslera flailing helplessly as the ball looped over him and into the net. Rodriguez ran over the corner flag and thrust both hands out to his sides in a "how about that" gesture. "I think he is the best player of the tournament so far," Uruguay coach Oscar Tabarez said. Rodriguez's second was a perfectly executed team move as Colombia worked the ball over from the right flank to the left, where Pablo Armero sent in a cross that was met by Juan Cuadrado at the far post. Cuadrado headed back across goal toward Rodriguez, who slotted in from just a few yards (meters) out. This time, the entire team ran over the corner flag for a celebratory dance.

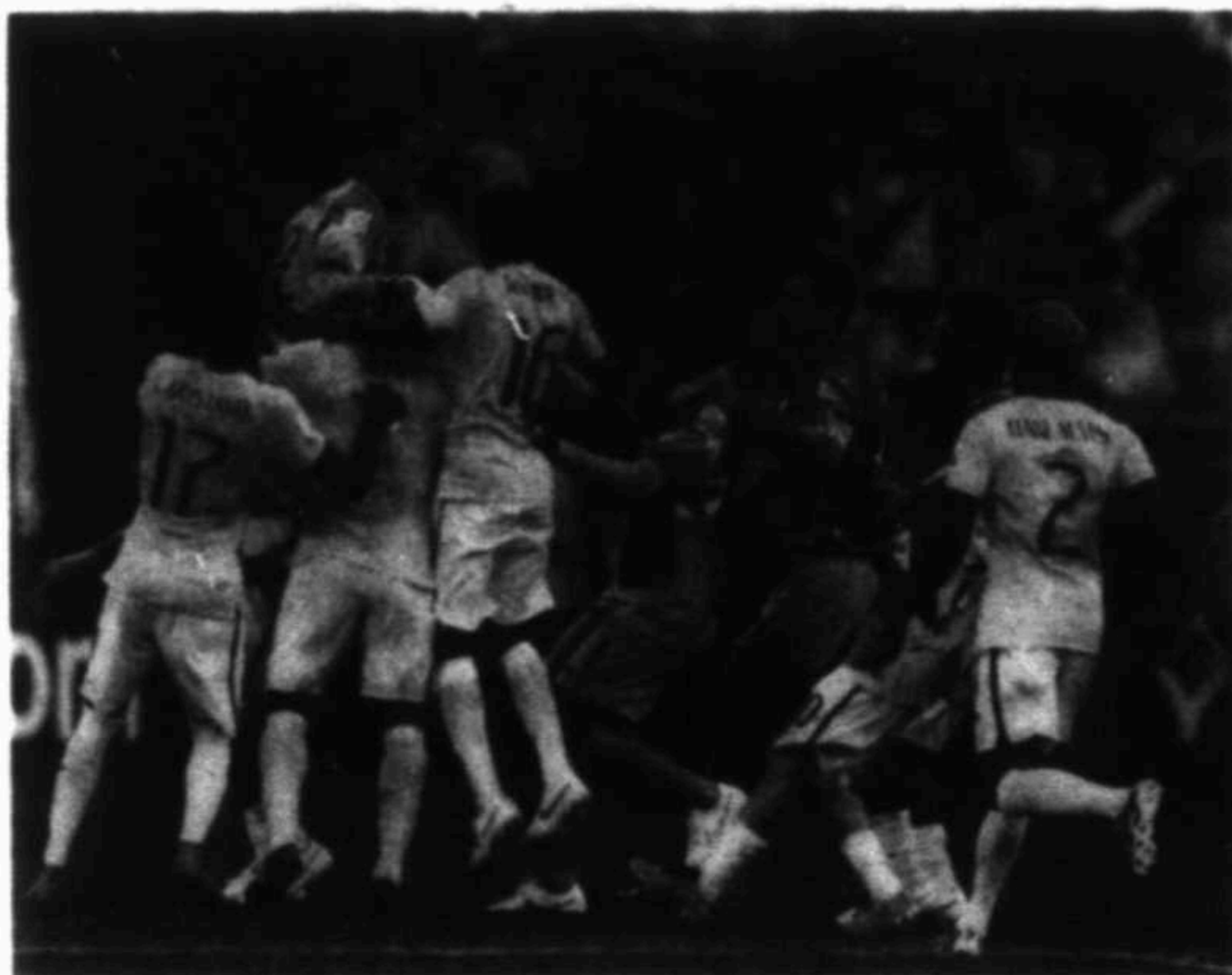


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Brazil goalkeeper Julio Cesar celebrates with teammates at the end of a World Cup round of 16 match between after Brazil beat Chile in a shootout on Saturday at the Mineirao Stadium in Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

# BRAZIL

From 1C

As the crowd roared, the Brazilian players joined hands in a human chain. The Chileans stood still, staring into the ground, wiping the sweat off their faces. "We tried to give everything, we tried to fight for a dream, and we didn't achieve it," Chile midfielder Arturo Vidal said. "But we gave all our effort on the pitch." Calling it a "harsh" loss, Chile coach Jorge Sampaoli said he had been convinced his team would come out the winner. "Do you think I can be satisfied with the result?" Sampaoli said. "We've played a hard 120 minutes even if everybody was against us in the stadium." Brazil went ahead in the 18th minute after Thiago Silva deflected Neymar's corner kick toward the far post. Luiz was given the goal but replays showed Chile defender Gonzalo Jara may have touched the ball before it went in. Brazil lost the lead when it failed to cope with Chile's aggressive pressure in a throw-in situation deep inside Brazil's half of the field. Eduardo Vargas intercepted Hulk's pass and found Sanchez on the

right side of the area. The Barcelona striker scored easily with a shot toward the far post. Neymar, Fred and Dani Alves had chances in the first half while a second-half goal from Hulk was disallowed when referee Howard Webb ruled he handled the ball. Chile has never beaten Brazil in Brazil but was hoping for another upset after eliminating defending champion Spain in the group stage. "We played the toughest

opponents in the tournament. Spain, Holland, Brazil, and we never played like a team that was weaker than anyone else," said Chile goalkeeper Claudio Bravo, who blocked Hulk's attempt in the shootout and watched Willian's shot go wide. "The truth is that we are very sad because we could have won the match before, we should have taken advantage of some good chances." Bravo said. "We felt we could win and we didn't."

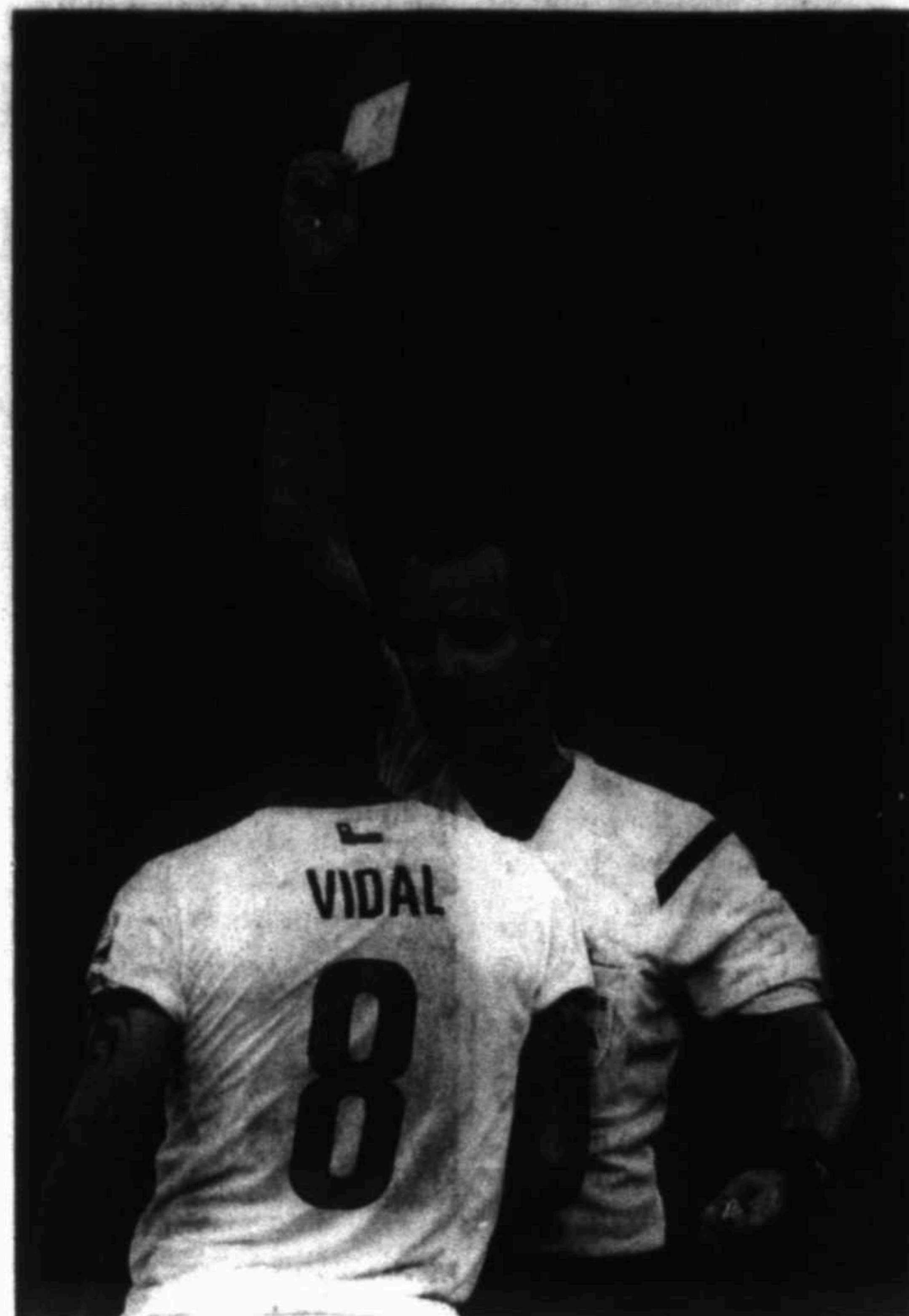
# GLANCE

<b>SECOND ROUND</b> Saturday, June 28 Game 49 At Belo Horizonte, Brazil Brazil 1, Chile 1. Brazil advanced 3-2 on penalty kicks. Game 50 At Rio de Janeiro Colombia 2, Uruguay 0 Today Game 51 At Fortaleza, Brazil Netherlands vs. Mexico, 11 a.m. Game 52 At Recife, Brazil Costa Rica vs. Greece, 3 p.m. Monday Game 53 At Brasilia, Brazil France vs. Nigeria, 11 a.m. Game 54 At Porto Alegre, Brazil Germany vs. Algeria, 3 p.m.	<b>Tuesday</b> Game 55 At Sao Paulo Argentina vs. Switzerland, 11 a.m. Game 56 At Salvador, Brazil Belgium vs. United States, 3 p.m. <b>QUARTERFINALS</b> Friday, July 4 Game 57 At Fortaleza, Brazil Brazil vs. Colombia, 3 p.m. Game 58 At Rio de Janeiro France-Nigeria winner vs. Germany-Algeria winner, 11 a.m. Saturday, July 5 Game 59 At Salvador, Brazil Netherlands-Mexico winner vs. Costa Rica-Greece winner, 3 p.m.	<b>At Brasilia, Brazil</b> Argentina-Switzerland winner vs. Belgium-United States winner, 11 a.m. <b>SEMIFINALS</b> Tuesday, July 8 At Belo Horizonte, Brazil Game 57 winner vs. Game 58 winner, 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 9 At Sao Paulo Game 59 winner vs. Game 60 winner, 3 p.m. <b>THIRD PLACE</b> Saturday, July 12 At Brasilia, Brazil Semifinal losers, 3 p.m. <b>CHAMPIONSHIP</b> Sunday, July 13 At Rio de Janeiro Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.
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# Geiger 1st US referee in World Cup knockout rounds

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Mark Geiger will become the first American to referee a knockout stage match at the World Cup. The 39-year-old former math teacher was selected by FIFA to handle the France vs. Nigeria match on Monday in Brasilia. Geiger, a Major League Soccer referee from Beachwood, New Jersey, and his regular assistants, American Sean Hurd and Canadian Joe Fletcher, were announced for the round-of-16 game by FIFA on Saturday. Geiger also worked Chile's 2-0 win over Spain and Colombia's 3-0 victory against Greece.



Bernat Armangué/AP

Referee Mark Geiger shows a yellow card to Chile's Arturo Vidal during a Group B World Cup match June 18 at the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Ricci of Brazil to referee Germany vs. Algeria on Monday in Porto Alegre. Ricci was the first World Cup referee to award a goal using goal-line technology, for France in its 3-0 win over Honduras.

# BRAZIL BEAT

# Police seek ear-biting assailant

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — British police say an England fan had part of his ear bitten off by a compatriot during a World Cup match in Brazil. Officers have been unable to find the perpetrator of the attack during the June 19 game against Uruguay in Sao Paulo. Chief superintendent Rachel Barber, who led the British operation in Brazil, said "during the course of our pursuit of the assailant, we located and interviewed

several witnesses ... but unfortunately they were unable to give us a name for the alleged attacker." Barber said "efforts are ongoing to identify the suspect and bring him to justice either in the U.K. or, if possible, back in Brazil where the offense occurred." The England team was eliminated at the group stage, leaving after Tuesday's match against Costa Rica.

France's lunchtime kickoff against Nigeria is going to shake up the players' eating habits, and that's not to everyone's liking. France played its three Group E games in the late afternoon, but Monday's round of 16 match in Brasilia kicks off at 1 p.m. This means players have to eat the equivalent of their lunch for breakfast. "That means eating pasta from 9 o'clock in the morning," France defender Bacary Sagna said. Sagna, however, is used to it from his playing days with Arsenal in England, where lunchtime kickoffs are fairly common and where most games start at 3 p.m.

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Reed builds 2-shot lead at Congressional

By Doug Ferguson Associated Press

BETHESDA, Md. — Patrick Reed is not interested in talking about being top five in the world. He only cares about PGA Tour victory No. 4. Reed, who turned off some of his peers when he won at Doral and said he was among the top five players in the world, held it together Saturday at steamy Congressional for an even-par 71 to build a two-shot lead in the Quicken Loans National. As if Congressional wasn't difficult, the rest of the field now has to chase a guy who has won all three previous PGA Tour events when he had at least a share of the lead going into the final round. On a day when making pars often meant moving forward, Reed overcame three bogeys in a seven-hole stretch by playing the last five holes at 1 under for a two-shot margin over Seung-yul Noh, Freddie Jacobson and Marc Leishman. "You can't get ahead of yourself," Reed said. "If you think about having the lead or if you think about what you're going to do coming down 18, you're going to lose focus on the rest of the holes." Reed was at 6-under 207. The final round will have a player in the last group with a red shirt, only it won't be tournament host Tiger Woods, who missed the cut. Reed has been wearing a red shirt and black pants on Sunday to pattern himself after Woods. He also cited Woods when asked which



Patrick Semansky/AP

Patrick Reed putts on the 15th green during the third round of the Quicken Loans National on Saturday in Bethesda, Maryland.

player was his idol in being confident. Reed took that to a new level when he won at Doral and said he felt he was among the top five in the world. He currently is No. 29.

"You can't play this game with lack of confidence," Reed said. "So just one of those things that, you know, we're all trying to strive for the same thing, and some guys get there and that's all we're trying to do." Dating to his first PGA

Tour win at the Wyndham Championship last August, the only top 10s Reed has had have been victories. He attributes his sporadic play to his wife having their first child last month. Now, Reed says his life is becoming settled and his game is rounding into shape. Noh finished off his 5-under 66 — the best score of the third round — about the time the leaders went off. He was at 4-under 209, which looked better by the hour.

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PGA Quicken Loans National Scores Saturday at Congressional Country Club, Bethesda, Md. Par: 72.00. Payout: \$12.5 million. Yards: 7,800; Par 71. Third Round. Patrick Reed 68-69-71=207, Seung-yul Noh 73-70-66=209, Freddie Jacobson 67-71-71=209, Marc Leishman 70-66-73=209, Richard H. Lee 74-66-68=210, Shawn Strickland 72-68-70=210, Ben Martin 74-65-71=210, Justin Parsi 71-68-71=210, Brendon de Jonghe 70-68-73=210, Hudson Swafford 72-70-69=211, Brendon Todd 72-70-69=211, Bill Haas 69-72-71=211, Brendon Staal 74-66-71=211, Ricky Barnes 72-72-68=212, Charley Hoffman 72-71-69=212, Gary Woodland 69-73-70=212, Billy Hurley III 71-69-72=212, Matt Evers 70-68-74=212, Billy Horschel 70-68-74=212, Oliver Goss 75-70-68=213, Scott Stallone 74-70-69=213, Andrew Loupe 74-70-69=213, Jordan Spieth 69-72-71=213, Rickie Fowler 71-73-69=213, Hunter Mahan 73-70-70=213, Robert Garrigus 70-72-71=213, Daniel Summerhays 71-71-71=213, Brady Watt 70-71-72=213, Tom Wilkinson 69-72-72=213, Michael Putnam 71-72-70=214, Stuart Appleby 71-74-69=214, Angel Cabrera 73-71-70=214, Ryan Palmer 73-71-70=214, Steven Bowditch 72-72-70=214, J.B. Holmes 74-69-71=214, Stewart Cink 70-72-72=214, Andres Romero 70-72-72=214, Geoff Ogilvy 70-71-73=214, Cameron Tringola 72-72-71=215, John Huh 75-69-71=215, Ben Curtis 72-73-71=215, Tyrone Van Aswegen 69-74-73=215, Patrick Rodgers 70-70-75=215, Brandt Snedeker 72-68-75=215, Peter Hanson 69-69-77=216, George McElroy 72-73-71=216, Webb Simpson 72-73-71=216, Brian Davis 74-71-71=216, Trevor Immelman 69-78-72=216, Greg Chalmers 72-72-72=216, Heath Stroman 71-73-72=216, Charles Howell III 69-74-73=216, Spencer Levin 72-76-74=216, Davis Love III 69-73-75=216, Erik Compton 69-73-75=216, K.J. Choi 69-71-76=216, Rafael Gonzalez 75-68-73=216, Marco Dominguez 74-69-74=216, J.J. Henry 72-69-77=217, Carl Peterson 74-71-73=217, John Merrick 78-72-74=218, Sean O'Hair 71-72-75=218, Roberto Castro 73-67-78=218, Russell Knox 74-74-71=219, Jamie Donaldson 73-71-75=219, Andrew Strobos 71-72-76=219, Kevin Chappell 74-71-75=220, Robert Streb 71-71-78=220, Bo Van Pelt 71-71-78=220, Jason Bohm 71-71-78=220, Kevin Kisner 75-69-77=221, Rory Sabbatini 71-74-77=222

PGA European BMW International Open Leading Scores Saturday at Gut Larchenfeld Golf Club, Pullheim, Germany. Par: 72.00. Payout: \$2.72 million. Yards: 7,238; Par 72. Third Round. Pablo Larrazabal 69-63-67=199, Richard Green 72-69-62=202, Francesco Molinari 71-66-65=202, Carlos Del Moral 68-66-66=202, Thomas Bjorn 70-66-66=202, Henrik Stenson 68-68-66=202, Robert Karlsson 69-66-68=202, Emiliano Grillo 69-66-70=202, Rafa Cabrera-Bello 64-68-70=202, Paul Casey 73-67-63=203, Oliver Fisher 72-66-65=203, James Donaldson 71-67-65=203, Alexander Levy 70-67-66=203, Gregory Havril 74-67-67=203, Jens Dantorp 68-66-67=203, Craig Lee 69-65-69=203, Alex Cejka 68-66-69=203, Danny Willett 69-70-71=203, Mark Foster 70-69-65=204, Fabrizio Zanotti 72-67-65=204, Romain Wattel 67-66-69=204, Paul Waring 72-63-69=204, Simon Dyson 69-66-69=204, Michael Hoey 66-69-69=204. Also Sergio Garcia, Spain 71-66-70=207, John Daly, United States 70-67-76=213

WIMBLEDON CORNET shows love for the grass

Associated Press

LONDON — Alize Cornet had never beaten a top-20 player at a Grand Slam tournament and never advanced past the third round in Wimbledon. It's now a done deal after the 24-year-old beat five-time champion Serena Williams 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 at the All England Club Saturday. After hitting a drop shot on match point that Williams sent back in the net, the 25th-seeded French

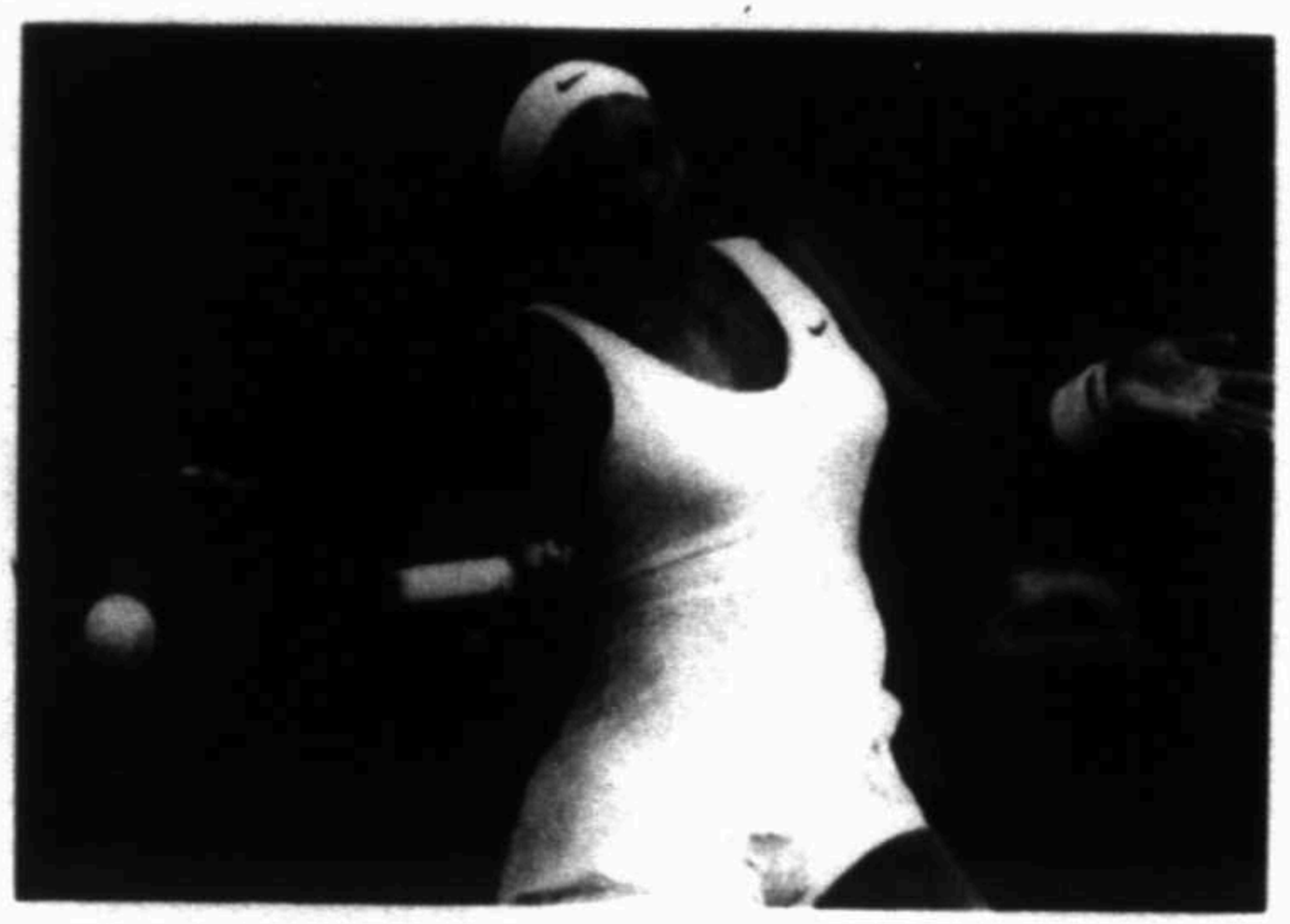
woman knelt and kissed the grass. That, also, was a first for Cornet, who had struggled on grass in the past.

"It was the first time in my life actually," she said. "I think it's very symbolic because it means now I love you grass and I didn't before. It's the best victory for me in a Slam. I was really looking for this second week, now I have it. It deserved a kiss, I think." Cornet was unable to spend as much time as she would have loved celebrat-

ing her victory. Williams, eager to return quickly to the locker room, stopped behind her and gave her a tap on the shoulder to speed her up as she was sitting on her chair.

"When I felt her hand I first thought it was a ball boy asking for my towel," Cornet said. "Then I saw and I felt bad because I was worried I was making her wait. I was not impressed during the match, but before and after, yes I was. Don't forget it's Serena!"

WIMBLEDON From 1C



Sang Tan/AP

Serena Williams plays a return to Alize Cornet during their women's singles match Saturday at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London.

Things changed dramatically. Cornet began putting shots right where she wanted them, while Williams had trouble finding the mark. Williams wound up with 29 unforced errors, 11 more than Cornet.

"She helped me a little bit," Cornet said.

Two particular strokes troubled Williams: Her serve let her down repeatedly, with a total of seven double-faults and five breaks; her backhand produced 12 unforced errors.

In the third set, Cornet led 5-2 but was broken serving for the match. On her second chance, she steadied herself, delivering a perfect drop shot on match point.

When Williams netted the response, Cornet pounded her chest with her fist. Then she hopped around Court 1, before kneeling to kiss the grass.

Cornet had been 0-13 against top-20 opponents in Grand Slam matches.

"I don't really know what I did wrong," said Williams, whose sister Venus lost Friday. "Usually I do. Usually I know I did this, this, and that."

It was by far the most significant — and surprising — outcome on a wet day full of starts and stops. Three other past Wimbledon champions won on Centre Court, where the roof was closed and soccer star David Beckham was in the Royal Box: Rafael Nadal,

Roger Federer and Maria Sharapova.

For his third match in a row this year at Wimbledon, two-time champion Nadal dropped the first set before coming back to win, this time beating 63rd-ranked Mikhail Kukushkin of Kazakhstan 6-7 (4), 6-1, 6-1, 6-1.

"From the very first points of the second set, he improved a lot. All his shots just started to be much more hard, powerful and more aggressive," Kukushkin said. "It was like a different player."

Sharapova, the 2004 champion, was up next in the main stadium, and she, too, overcame a slow start. But after falling behind 3-1, she won 11 consecutive games for a 6-3, 6-0 victory over 44th-ranked Alison Riske of the United States.

As for Federer, who has collected seven of his 17

major trophies at the All England Club, there really was never any trouble spot. He needed less than 75 minutes to eliminate 35th-ranked Santiago Giraldo of Colombia 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 and hasn't lost a set through three matches.

Nadal next faces 19-year-old Australian Nick Kyrgios; Federer meets No. 8 Milos Raonic, only the second Canadian man in the Open era to get to Wimbledon's fourth round; and Sharapova plays No. 9 Angelique Kerber.

Cornet, meanwhile, takes on No. 13 Eugenie Bouchard, a 20-year-old Canadian who was a semifinalist at the year's first two majors.

"It shows all of you who asked me if I'm ready to play Serena in Round 4," Bouchard said. "That's one of the reasons I don't look far ahead."

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GLANCE

LONDON — A look at Wimbledon on Saturday: Weather: Rain prevented play on the outside courts most of the afternoon, while three matches were played under the roof at Centre Court. Schedule: There is no play on the tournament's middle Sunday. Two men's singles matches originally scheduled for Saturday were postponed entirely until Monday; one men's match and two women's matches were suspended by darkness and are to resume Monday. Men's Seeded Winners: No. 2 Rafael Nadal, No. 4 Roger Federer, No. 8 Milos Raonic, No. 23 Tommy Robredo. Men's Seeded Losers: No. 15 Jerzy Janowicz. Women's Seeded Winners: No. 3 Simona Halep, No. 5 Maria Sharapova, No. 9 Angelique Kerber, No. 13 Eugenie Bouchard, No. 25 Alize Cornet. Women's Seeded Losers: No. 1 Serena Williams, No. 20 Andrea Petkovic, No. 24 Kirsten Flipkens. Stat of the Day: 90 — Points won by both Williams and Cornet in their third-round match; Cornet 1-6, 6-3, 6-4. Quote of the Day: "I think everyone in general plays the match of their lives against me." — Serena Williams. Monday's Fourth-Round Men's Matches: No. 1 Novak Djokovic vs. No. 14 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, No. 3 Andy Murray vs. No. 20 Kevin Anderson, No. 11 Grigo Dimitrov vs. Leonardo Mayer, No. 26 Marin Cilic vs. Jeremy Chardy. Monday's Fourth-Round Women's Matches: No. 4 Agnieszka Radwanska vs. No. 5 Maria Sharapova, No. 9 Angelique Kerber, No. 6 Petra Kvitova vs. Peng Shuai, No. 8 Alize Cornet vs. No. 13 Eugenie Bouchard, No. 16 Caroline Wozniacki vs. Barbora Zacharova Strycova, No. 23 Lucie Safarova vs. Tereza Smitkova. Monday's Forecast: Mostly sunny, high of 70 degrees.

RESULTS AND SCHEDULE

RESULTS Saturday At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club London Payout: \$42.5 million (Grand Slam) Surface: Grass-Outdoor Men's Third Round Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 7-6 (4), 6-1, 6-1, 6-1 Roger Federer (4), Switzerland, def. Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 Milos Raonic (8), Canada, def. Lukasz Kubot, Poland, 7-6 (4), 6-2 Nick Kyrgios, Australia, def. Jim Vesey, Czech Republic, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2 Tomasz Bednarek (20), Germany, def. Jerzy Janowicz (15), Poland, 6-2, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 4-6, 6-3 Simone Bolelli, Italy, vs. Ken Nishikori (10), Japan, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 3-3, susp. darkness. Women's Third Round Maria Sharapova (5), Russia, def. Alison Riske, United States, 6-3, 6-0 Eugenie Bouchard (13), Canada, def. Caroline Wozniacki (16), Denmark, 6-3, 6-2 Alize Cornet (25), France, def. Serena Williams (1), United States, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 Zarina Diyas, Kazakhstan, def. Vera Zvonareva, Russia, 7-6 (1), 3-6, 6-3 Angelique Kerber (9), Germany, def. Kirsten Flipkens (24), Belgium, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2 Sabine Lisicki (19), Germany, leads Ana Ivanovic (11), Serbia, 6-4, 1-1, susp. darkness. Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, leads Madison Keys, United States, 7-6 (7), 6-4, susp. darkness. Doubles Men's Second Round Alexander Peyushchenko, Austria, and Bruno Soares (2), Brazil, lead Martin Kližan, Slovakia, and Dominic Thiem, Austria, 2-1 (15-1), susp. rain Leander Paes, India, and Radu Panaitescu (5), Czech Republic, def. Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, and Scott Lipsky, United States, 3-6, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, 11-9, 9-7, 6-2, 6-2, susp. darkness. Show Court Schedules Monday At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club London Play begins on Centre Court and No. 1 Court 7 a.m. EDT; all other courts at 8:30 a.m. Centre Court Alize Cornet (25), France, vs. Eugenie Bouchard (13), Canada. Andy Murray (3), Britain, vs. Kevin Anderson (20), South Africa. Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, vs. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (14), France. No. 1 Court Ana Ivanovic (11), Serbia, vs. Lucie Safarova (23), Czech Republic. Grigor Dimitrov (11), Bulgaria, vs. Leonardo Mayer (Argentina). Angelique Kerber (9), Germany, vs. Maria Sharapova (5), Russia. No. 2 Court Stan Wawrinka (5), Switzerland, vs. Denis Istomin (Uzbekistan). Petra Kvitova (6), Czech Republic, vs. Peng Shuai (China). Lyudmyla and Nadia Kichenok, Ukraine, vs. Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (2), Italy. Dominic Inglot and Johanna Konta, Britain, vs. Bob Bryan and Jocelyn Rae, Britain. Peschke (2), Czech Republic. No. 3 Court Feliciano Lopez (19), Spain, vs. John Isner (19), United States. Ekaterina Makarova (22), Russia, vs. Agnieszka Radwanska (4), Poland. Feliciano Lopez, Spain, and Jürgen Melzer, Austria, vs. Jean-Julien Royer, Netherlands, and Horia Tecau (11), Romania. Rohan Bopanna, India, and Andrea Hewson (7), Czech Republic, vs. Colin Fleming and Jocelyn Rae, Britain. Mate Pavic, Croatia, and Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, vs. Horia Tecau, Romania, and Sana Mirza (6), India. Court 12 Madison Keys, United States, vs. Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, comp. of susp. match Caroline Wozniacki (16), Denmark, vs. Barbora Zacharova Strycova, Czech Republic. Julia Georges and Anna-Lena Groenefeld (10), Germany, vs. Eva Hrdinova, Czech Republic, and Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia. Ashleigh Barty and Casey Dellacqua (6), Australia, vs. Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, and Barbora Zacharova Strycova, Czech Republic. Heist Suweil, Taiwan, and Peng Shuai (1), China, vs. Yulia Beygelzimer, Ukraine, and Klavdija Jans-Ignacik, Poland, comp. of susp. match. Jamie Murray, Britain, and Casey Dellacqua (10), Australia, vs. Jesse Huta Galung, Netherlands, and Jessa Huta Galung, Slovenia.

5 Major changes at Hogan Park

1. Resurfacing of fairways and grass
Much of the grass at the Roadrunner Course will be replaced in favor of a hybrid 419 Bermuda grass...

2. Letting Native Areas Grow
Once the Roadrunner course reopens at total performance capacity, players will notice certain areas of the course looking a little more unkempt...

3. Mound reduction
Perhaps the most notable feature at Roadrunner, a links-style course, is the mounds that span the fairway and sit around the greens...

4. Practice facility upgrade
Both the driving range and practice green will have new areas for golfers to work on their game. The renovations call for both a practice bunker around the green and a bunker to be added to the driving range...

5. Bunker renovation
Roadrunner already features quite a few bunkers in its design, and after the renovations players will have even more sandy areas to land in.

The renovation plan calls for the addition of at least 30 new bunkers. There will also be a few bunkers on the course that are reduced in size and made in to a pod of bunkers...

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town. Just because it's affordable golf it doesn't mean it should have to suffer in quality...

Hogan Park head professional Greg Sikes and superintendent David Byrd recognized a need for these improvements four years ago at Roadrunner...

"Even though it's rough out there, it's not horrible," Sikes said. "It's just one of those things that if we don't do it, it's going to get worse and worse..."

The issue at the forefront of the renovations is the resurfacing of grass in the fairways and rough. Many areas see steady cart traffic as players enter and exit the cart path in pursuit of their ball...

These issues have been heightened by the drought Midland has faced the last three years. In addition, the grass on Roadrunner never took hold as it should have when the full course opened in 1998...

"The variety of grass on the course and fairways



needs to be changed," Byrd said. "The common (Bermuda) that we planted on the front nine is just not tough enough to withstand the traffic we're getting and the water quality..."

A new, more resilient, Bermuda grass — a hybrid 419 — will be installed to help combat deterioration in high-traffic areas. The blend has already proven effective at Roadrunner...

"It's a lot tougher, it's really aggressive," Byrd said.

"It grows really well and it spreads, and it'll take traffic too."

Along with the new grass, many of the mounds and tee boxes on Roadrunner will be widened and flattened, helping reduce the runoff and buildup each spot receives...

Another big change to the appearance of Roadrunner will be the return of native grass in areas. Most of the spots it will grow are between the tee box and fairway, a move designed to give the course more of a desert-style feel.



Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Golfers play on Hole 2 of the Roadrunner Course at Hogan Park. The hole is one of several holes that will be reconstructed beginning in July.

Like the desert climate, the change will also conserve water; native areas will not

require upkeep. Each of these moves, along with a reworking of

the sprinkler heads so only in-play grass is watered, are intended to conserve water.

"We're reducing the number of acres of actual turf that we're taking care of," Byrd said. "We're using what water we have on the actual playing surface..."

Most of the work at Roadrunner will occur on the front nine, which was built 20 years before the back nine opened in 1998...

The practice facility will receive an upgrade, adding a fairway and greenside bunker. The back half of the range will also be re-turfed.

In October, the greens will be resurfaced and reshaped in some areas, but the bent-grass foundation will remain the same. The alterations will allow water to runoff more efficiently...

The upgrades to the fairways and rough are expected to be finished by September. Roadrunner will maintain at least nine holes to play throughout the summer, and the Midland Men's City Championship will be held in its entirety on the Quail...

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Wade, Bosh tell Heat they will become free agents

By Tim Reynolds Associated Press

MIAMI — The "Big 3" have all made the same big decision, and now, it's up to the Miami Heat to keep their star trio happy.

Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh told the Heat on Saturday that they are opting out of their contracts and will become free agents on Tuesday...

Strange as it may sound, all those decisions to become free agents are considered good for the Heat, since those four moves alone free up about \$66 million in what would have been salary for next season...

"Today we were notified of Dwyane's intention to opt-out of his contract and Udonis' intention to not opt into his contract, making both players free agents," Heat President Pat Riley said...

"We look forward to meeting with Dwyane and Udonis and their agent in

the coming days to discuss our future together."

The Heat did not immediately confirm Bosh's decision. A person with knowledge of the move said Bosh told the Heat that not only is he opting out, but that he is hoping to find a way to stay in Miami.

"We want this to work out and I think we'll find a way to get it done," Bosh told The Associated Press shortly after the Heat fell in the NBA Finals to the San Antonio Spurs.

Haslem expressed the same sentiment. "We all want the same thing around here," Haslem said at the end of the season.

It's expected that each of the "Big 3" will talk to other teams when the free-agent shopping window opens Tuesday. James has already been mentioned as a target of the Los Angeles Clippers, the Chicago Bulls, the Houston Rockets — and, of course, the Cleveland Cavaliers...

But things are already looking good for Miami, which got the rights to former Connecticut guard Shabazz Napier on draft night — and Napier just happened to be James' favorite player in the draft.

In the deals they signed with Miami, all three had the option to become free agents either this summer or next. There's obviously no guarantee that all or any would return to the Heat now, but it's also hard to envision all three going their separate ways after making four trips to the NBA Finals together

and winning two championships.

"We've got a lot of room for flexibility," Riley said as the off-season was starting. "There is a tremendous amount of flexibility depending on what happens. We're ready. Now, do I feel any pressure? No, I don't. I don't feel any pressure at all. I'm going to do the best job that I can do and we will all do the best job we can do..."

"I'm not dropping championship rings on the table for those guys," Riley added, referring to his famous recruiting trick from 2010. "They can drop their own."

Wade took a considerable amount of criticism this past season, first for missing 28 regular-season games — largely because of what the Heat called a maintenance program for his long-problematic knees — and then for struggling in the NBA Finals. Wade averaged 24.3 points per game in his first 11 seasons and is unquestionably the most accomplished player in Heat history...

Riley calls Wade "an icon" and remains sold on his value to a championship team, though acknowledges that at 32 and with plenty of injuries in his past, some continued evolution to his game — and perhaps his role — could be needed.

"He does have pain but he doesn't have the debilitating injury that could end his career," Riley said.

LITTLELEAGUE

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ROUNDUP

NORTHERN SQUAD WINS LITTLE LEAGUE TITLE

ODESSA — The Northern 11-12-year-old All-Stars completed a dominating run at the District 3 Tournament on Friday with a 14-4 victory against Mid City at the Floyd Glavin Little League.

Behren Morton, Derek Sanchez and Travis Beeson each hit home runs and the team had 16 total hits. Morton and Beeson also had three hits, and Sanchez had two. Brandon Bleir and Reese Alford each pitched in the game.

Northern outscored its opponents, 52-11, in the District 3 tournament.

NORTHERN ALL-STARS WIN DISTRICT 3 10-11 TITLE

BIG SPRING — The Northern 10-11 year old all-stars defeated rival Mid City, 12-11, on Friday night in the championship of the District 3 Tournament at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Mid City rallied from an

early 5-0 deficit to take an 8-5 lead in the third inning, and extended the lead to 11-7 in the fifth inning.

Northern, though, rallied in the bottom of the sixth with five runs as Case Thompson hit an RBI single to score Jacob Patton to win the game. Trip Pennington also had a two-out double in the sixth inning.

The Northern All-Stars will next play in Lubbock at a sectional tournament, beginning July 5.

BRACKETS

- Little League District 3 Tournaments 9-10 Year Olds Hogan Park Saturday, June 21
Game 1: Northern 14, Odessa Sherwood 4
Game 2: Tower 21, Odessa Jim Parker 0
Game 3: Odessa Floyd/Glavin 15, South Odessa 5
Game 4: North Ector 10, Big Spring 4
Game 5: Northern 18, Mid City 7
Game 6: Sherwood 24, Jim Parker 5
Game 7: Sherwood 11, South Odessa 3
Game 8: Big Spring 16, Mid City 8
Game 9: Floyd/Glavin 18, Tower 0
Game 10: North Ector 10, Northern 3
Game 11: Northern 12, Sherwood 1
Game 12: Big Spring 15, Tower 5
Game 13: Floyd/Glavin 10, North Ector 5
Game 14: Northern 8, Big Spring 7
Game 15: Northern 23, North Ector 3
Game 16: Floyd/Glavin 7, Northern 5
10-11 year olds Roy Anderson Complex Big Spring Saturday, June 21
Game 1: Floyd/Glavin 8, South Odessa 1
Game 2: Eastern 12, Jim Parker 3
Game 3: Mid City 8, North Ector 3
Game 4: Northern 19, Big Spring 3
Game 5: Floyd/Glavin 12, Sherwood 4
Game 6: South Odessa 23, Jim Parker 2
Game 7: South Odessa 3, North Ector 2
Game 8: Big Spring 20, Sherwood 4
Game 9: Mid City 12, Eastern 0

- Game 10: Northern 12, Floyd/Glavin 0
Game 11: Floyd/Glavin 8, South Odessa 5
Game 12: Big Spring 15, Eastern 5
Game 13: Northern 13, Mid City 2
Game 14: Floyd/Glavin 14, Big Spring 4
Game 15: Mid City 12, Floyd/Glavin 8
Game 16: Northern 12, Mid City 11
Majors (11-12 year olds) Floyd/Glavin Little League Odessa Saturday, June 21
Game 1: Eastern 6, Tower 2
Game 2: Northern 17, Sherwood 0
Game 3: Mid City 7, North Ector 1
Game 4: Big Spring 10, Jim Parker 0
Game 5: Floyd/Glavin 15, Eastern 9
Game 6: Tower 14, Sherwood 3
Game 7: Tower 18, North Ector 15
Game 8: Eastern 5, Jim Parker 2
Game 9: Northern 12, Mid City 6
Game 10: Floyd/Glavin 6, Big Spring 0
Game 11: Big Spring 7, Tower 7
Game 12: Mid City 4, Eastern 3
Game 13: Northern 11, Floyd/Glavin 1
Game 14: Mid City 10, Big Spring 5
Game 15: Mid City 14, Floyd/Glavin 2
Game 16: Northern 14, Mid City 4
Internationals Roy Anderson Complex Big Spring Saturday, June 21

- Game 1: Midland 16, Big Spring 2
Game 2: Odessa East 10, Odessa West 9
Game 3: Big Spring 15, Odessa East 5
Game 4: Midland 15, Odessa East 5
Game 5: Big Spring 12, Odessa East 2
Game 6: Midland 9, Big Spring 5
Junior League Big Spring High School and Roy Anderson Complex Big Spring Saturday, June 21
Game 1: Odessa East 16, Odessa West 2
Game 2: Lee 16, Big Spring 14
Game 3: Odessa West 3, Midland High 6
Game 4: Big Spring 20, Odessa West 3
Game 5: Odessa East 12, Lee 2
Game 6: Midland High 15, Big Spring 3
Game 7: Midland High 10, Lee 9
Game 8: Odessa East 10, Midland 3
Senior League Big Spring High School and Roy Anderson Complex Big Spring Saturday, June 21
Game 1: Big Spring 6, Odessa West 2
Game 2: Odessa East 10, Midland 6
Game 3: Odessa West 10, Midland 2
Game 4: Big Spring 11, Odessa East 0
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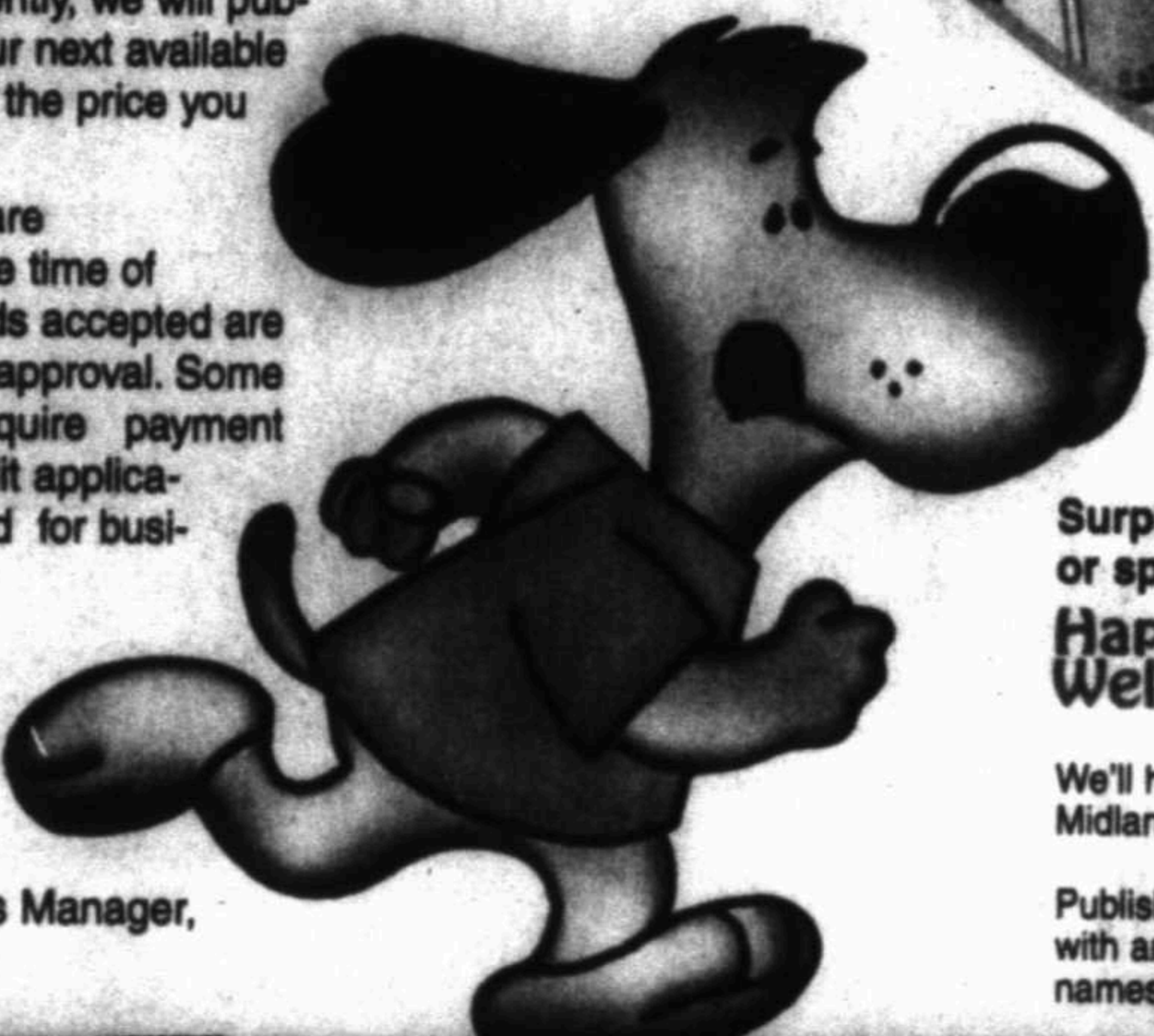
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# ONE TASK AT A TIME

By PATRICIA RIVERA  
CTW Features

Multitasking, once the sweetheart of productivity, has lost her allure.

Granted, it's happened gradually over time, but increasingly workers are learning that more is really less when it comes to tasking.

"The number one obstacle I see in my clients' effectiveness and success is the cultural norm of multitasking," says Jeanine Cogan, a certified leadership coach in Washington D.C. and founder of Cogan Coaching. "Because multitasking requires you to split your attention, people are left with this uneasy, half-baked feeling at the end of the day."

In this day and age, however, focusing on one task — also known as monotasking — feels downright foreign.

Leigh Steere, co-founder of the management research firm in Boulder, Colo. called Managing People Better, LLC, says some employers still write "must be an exceptional multitasker" in job descriptions and recruitment ads, even though a growing body of evidence points to the fact that multitasking diminishes productivity and safety.

Steere adds that it might take time before common practice shifts to observe monotasking as a best practice, but those interested in greater productivity could start changing their work patterns now. For instance, consider making staff meetings an electronics-free zone, she adds, with no phones, tablets or computers allowed, except for one designated note-taker. Steere says you could also schedule "office hours" where you are available to answer phone calls and emails and schedule in-person appointments. "Let everyone know that you will be doing all your phone and in-person communication during those times," she adds.

Cogan offers the following additional tips for how to support mindfulness or monotasking at work:

- Because email and instant messaging often demand immediate attention, schedule two or three set timeframes for writing and answering emails. Then, set a timer and stick to your time commitment.

- Manage your thoughts. As you focus on one task, notice when your thoughts start going into the future and planning another task. Bring your mind back to the task at hand. Tell yourself, "I am writing this report now; I will focus on that task later. Consider this training as it takes time to tame the busy mind."

- Take a five-minute walking break every hour. Get up from your desk. Stretch, walk around the office or take a few minutes to walk outside and breathe in the fresh air. When you do this, focus completely on your walk and enjoying your surroundings. This five-minute break is more energizing than a cup of coffee.

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## TEN THINGS TO DO IF YOU'RE FIRED



DON'T LET NEGATIVITY STOP YOU FROM THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR EMPLOYMENT JOURNEY

By CHRIS GELBACH  
CTW Features

Getting fired can be shocking and painful. How you respond to it in the white-collar world can make a big difference for your economic situation and career. Here are ten things you should do to make the most of this difficult situation.

1. Keep your cool. Your goal after being fired is to get more severance and post-termination benefits. "Sympathetic employers are more amenable to offering a generous severance package than irritated or angry ones. Stay calm and collected even if it kills you," says Steven Mitchell Sack, a New York employment attorney and the author of "The Employee Rights Handbook." (Legal Strategies Inc., 2010)

2. Don't sign anything. "One hundred percent of the time, don't sign a contract or resignation letter they put in front of you at that moment," says Donna Ballman, a Florida employee-side employment attorney and the author of "Stand Up for Yourself Without Getting Fired." (Career

Press, 2012) "Take that package home and review it when you're calm. If you don't understand it, take it to a lawyer to make sure you understand what you're signing."

3. Find an employee-side employment lawyer. Not all employment lawyers are alike — choose one that specializes on the employee side. The National Employment Lawyers Association has an online directory of employee-side lawyers. Your state's human rights commission can be another good resource for free answers to your legal questions.

4. Don't accept the initial offer. According to Sack, every firing is negotiable. "I try to get one month per year — that's what you should shoot for," says Sack. "If you can't get severance, maybe you want more notice pay. Or if they want you to sign a restrictive covenant, try to tie the length of the covenant to the time you get severance."

5. Weigh your healthcare options. Your former employer might offer to pay a month or two of your COBRA coverage in a severance agreement. But getting fired also makes you eligible

for enrollment in the Health Insurance Marketplace. Going on COBRA may disqualify you from switching to Marketplace coverage until the next open enrollment, leaving you stuck on costly COBRA coverage. "So if you want to be on Obamacare, you might want to push them to pay you cash for Obamacare instead," Ballman says. Either way, do your research.

6. Request a favorable letter of recommendation. Sack recommends that you request a written letter stating the dates of your employment, your positions held and that you performed all of your duties in a diligent and satisfactory fashion and are recommended for future employment. "A lot of companies will say, 'Don't worry, we'll give you a good reference,' and then two weeks later, if a prospective employer calls, they duck the call," says Sack. "This way, you have it in your hand as you leave."

7. File for unemployment immediately. It may take a while to receive it, depending on your state. The impact of severance on unemployment eligibility can also vary by state, so ask your

unemployment office.

8. Get what you're owed. "If you're within six months of a ten-year vested profit sharing or pension plan, the law in most states will not allow a company to fire you and deny you that pension or profit-sharing plan," Sack says. You should also request compensation for accrued vacation and sick days, bonuses and commissions due.

9. Blow off the exit interview. You have no obligation to attend, and you won't benefit by blasting your former boss. "Usually, you don't want to go," says Ballman. "I just don't see much upside to exit interviews on the employee side."

10. Brush up that résumé. Start planning for the next stage of your career, and take advantage of outplacement counseling if your former employer offers it. "Discrimination against the unemployed is legal in most states, so it's important to get something as quickly as possible," says Ballman. "The longer the employment gap, the more difficult it becomes."

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### RECESSION

## AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

Who suffered the most from the lay-offs of the recent recession?

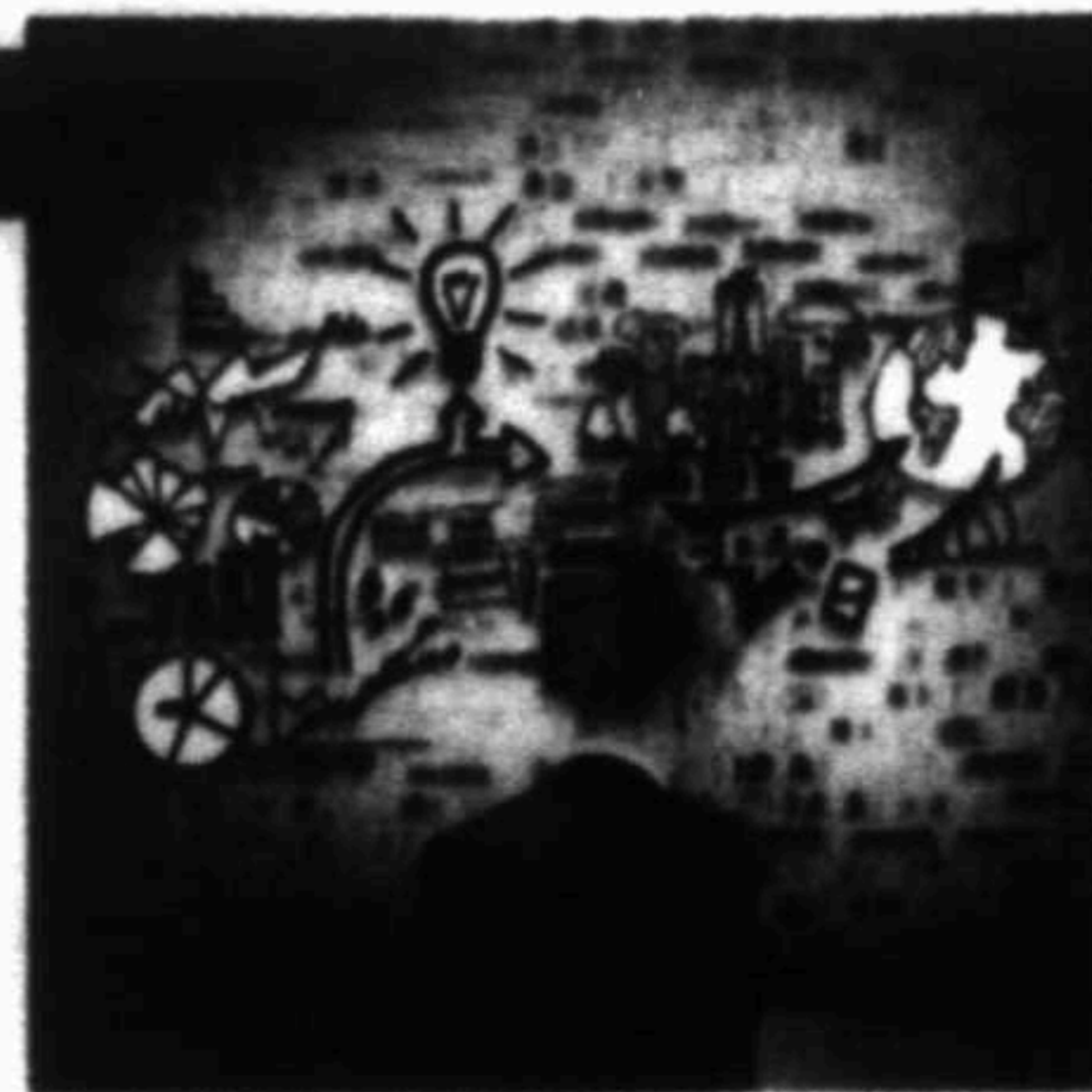
That dubious honor goes to older workers, says Tahira M. Probst, a Washington State University professor who released a study in late 2013 on the psychological impacts of shaky job markets.

Older workers — Baby Boomers and others close to that giant generational cohort — experienced the considerable physical and mental stress due to real and feared lay-offs because of "factors such as increased dependence on the income and the fact that age

discrimination issues increase as workers get older," Probst explains.

But it's younger workers who will be spending years in a market where "job insecurity is the new reality," Probst notes.

It's not an easy future to adjust to. "Research suggests newer workforce entrants still desire job security despite a decline in the amount of job security offered by organizations," Probst says. "The best thing [younger] employees can



do is position themselves to be marketable in the event of unforeseen lay-offs." "Keep your job skills current; take advantage of every professional development opportunity your organization offers you. Keep your résumé updated. It's easy to forget about all of your accomplishments — especially the impor-

tant details — if you only update your résumé when you find yourself looking for a new job."

That's exactly what younger workers are doing, notes Kathryn Minshew, founder of the job and networking site, TheMuse.com. "While it's a common perception that Millennials are lazy and entitled, what we see on The Muse is the opposite — a tremendous drive from this younger generation to push themselves to grow professionally and add new skill. The most talented young workers from The Muse community see their careers as an eclectic web of options, not as a linear path."

— Marilyn Kennedy Melia  
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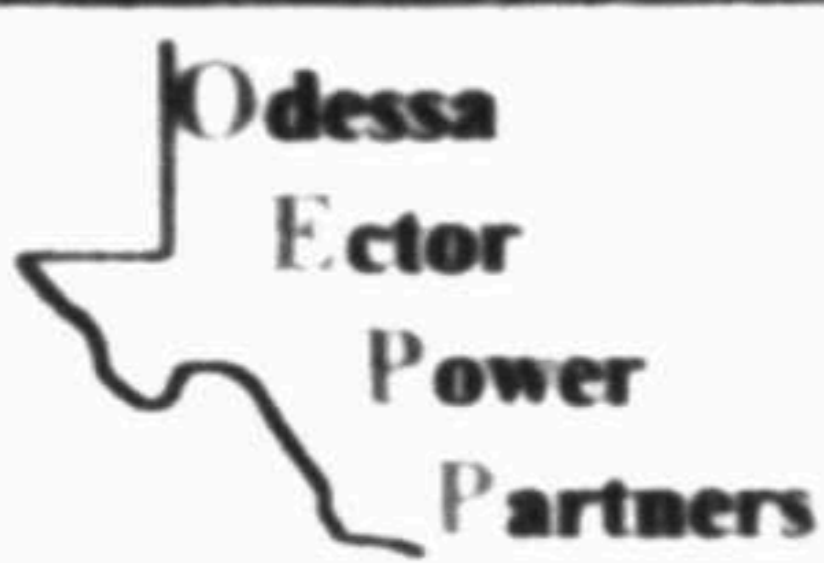
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**MAINTENANCE**

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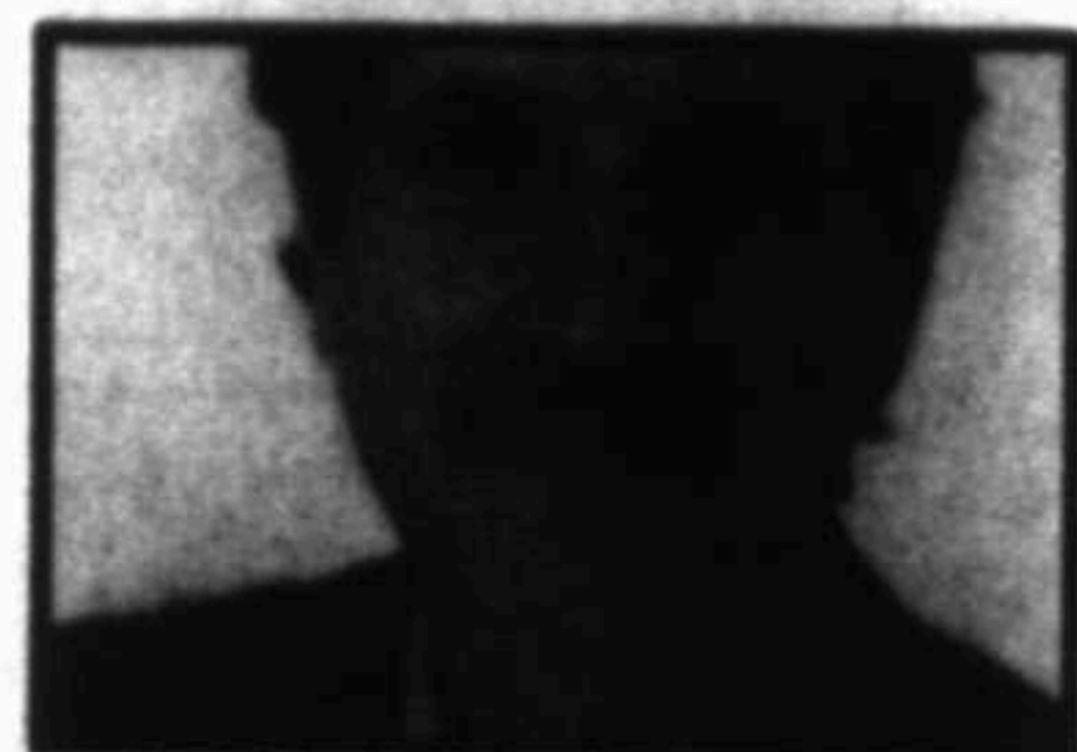
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**ANSWER:**

Selling the home as-is certainly is an option, but first you need to see what other choices are available.

Let's start with value. Can the property in its present state sell for more than the current debt plus marketing costs? The answer will depend on local market conditions. For specifics, speak with several local real estate brokers.

If you want to sell the home, then perhaps market it as a "handyman" special. There are lots of people who are good with tools and might like a chance to complete the work started at your property.

Does the property have to be sold? Can you continue to live in the property with the current mortgage? By any chance do you qualify for help under a government program, such as the Home Affordable Refinance Program or Home Affordable Modification Program?

If you qualify for these programs your monthly costs could decline substantially. Start with your current mortgage servicer - the company that collects your monthly payments - and see if you qualify for a loan modification. Keep careful records detailing your calls, including dates, times, with whom you spoke, what information they requested, etc. When sending material to them always send information by certified mail, return receipt requested, so you have a record of your exchanges.

If your mortgage servicer cannot help, speak with local lenders.

Is there another way to complete the repairs? For example, Rebuilding Together (<http://rebuildingtogether.org/>) says it "provides critical repairs and renovations for low-income homeowners across the United States." During the past 25 years it has helped more than 150,000 homeowners.

What about neighborhood groups, such as local religious congregations, unions or community housing organizations? Can they help finalize repairs? Ask around.

As to a foreclosure - that should be a last option. It may well be there are other choices that can be made, choices which will not damage your credit or require you to move.

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## ~~GAMMMAR~~ GRAMMMAR MATTERS

TYPOS, TRUNCATIONS AND ERRORS CAN RUN RAMPANT IN A REAL ESTATE LISTING. HERE'S WHY PROPER GRAMMAR IS VITAL TO SUCCESSFUL SELLING

By ERIK J. MARTIN  
CTW Features

In this fast-paced era when abbreviations, curiously worded slang and 140-character-or-less tweets dominate our modes of communication, it's easy to understand why many people value speed, reach and convenience over proper spelling and syntax. But that's a mistake when it comes to listing homes for sale, say real estate experts.

A joint study from Redfin and Grammarly, a grammar-check website, examined spelling and grammatical errors in more than 100,000 luxury listings (homes priced at \$1 million and up) in 52 metro areas in 2013. Among the key findings, compared to all listings included in the study, home listings with perfect spelling and grammar and no abbreviations:

- Had a higher sale-to-list price ratio
- Were more likely to sell above the list price
- Sold for 10 percent more
- Sold three days faster
- Were 5 percent more likely to sell within 30 days

"This is a reflection of the fact that a listing agent who took the time to proofread their listing and make sure it was perfect before hitting the market also did everything else right in terms of pricing, staging and marketing," says Karen Krupsaw, vice president of real estate operations for Redfin in Washington, D.C. "It also suggests that they will also be organized and efficient when it comes to negotiating offers and closing the sale."

A poorly written description leaves a bad first impression.

"It says that the agent, and, by extension, the homeowner, doesn't care enough about details," said Bill Golden, a Realtor with RE/MAX Metro Atlanta Cityside in Atlanta. "This, in turn, leads a prospective buyer to wonder what other details or important facts may have been overlooked or omitted."

Redfin data show that a home receives nearly four times more views online during its first week, so the first impression truly matters, says Krupsaw. "A polished, well-written listing description reflects that the list-

ing agent and sellers are detail-oriented and have likely taken good care of the home and will be easy to work with when it comes to negotiations and closing tasks," she adds.

Will Rogers, broker/Realtor with Fenwick Keats Real Estate in New York, says clean, well-composed text also makes a difference in other literature created about a home.

"Sale sheets that are distributed when viewing the home should have the same proper spelling and grammar as an online listing," Rogers says.

"However, it is perfectly acceptable to use abbreviations in literature and forms of communication that customarily use short cuts, such as classified ads and tweets."

Krupsaw agrees.

"Twitter and texting have earned their place in real estate as modes of quick and efficient communication in today's very fast-paced market," she says.

"Today, clear communication is about adjusting the style to the mode of communication, so listing descriptions and printed marketing materials are differ-



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ent from Twitter and texting.

To ensure that a home listing is well-written and grammatically correct, sellers should provide their agents with a list of details and special features about their residences, and the agents should carefully spell check and fact check things like proper names (e.g., "Jacuzzi" is a brand name, not a synonym for hot tub), says Ed MacLaughlin, agent with Shorewood Realtors in Hermosa Beach, California.

Keep in mind, however, that many multiple listing services have tight word or character limits, so agents often have to pack a lot of information in a small space, which is why abbreviations are common in such listings.

"Determine ahead of time which features are most important to describe or point out, and stick to abbreviations everyone knows and understands," Krupsaw says.

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### MORTGAGES

## HOME BUYING SCHOOL

A new government counseling and education program can lower mortgage fees to qualified homebuyers

The Department of Housing and Urban Development and Federal Housing Administration are preparing to aid prospective homebuyers by rolling out a new four-year pilot program called Homeowners Armed With Knowledge that will reduce the cost of FHA loans and provide housing education for those who qualify.

HAWK enrollees who complete approved housing counseling before purchasing a home will be eligible for a 0.50 percentage point decrease in the FHA's 1.75 percent up-front mortgage insurance

premium, in addition to a 0.10 percentage point reduction in the annual insurance premium, which can be as high as 1.35 percent of the loan. For a \$100,000 30-year FHA loan, for example, this can yield a savings of approximately \$7,700 over the life of the loan.

HAWK requires participation in three counseling and education sessions before these fees can be reduced:

- A pre-purchase course (completed before the home purchase contract is signed) that covers things like applying for a mortgage and improving your credit score.

- A pre-closing course (completed before the loan closes) that reviews mortgage loan information provided by the lender; and

- A post-closing housing course (completed during the first year of homeownership) that examines issues such as budgeting homeowner expenses and how to prevent delinquency.

"The idea is that homeowners who arm themselves with knowledge through HUD housing counseling will be better prepared for the true cost of homeownership and will have a higher likelihood of being successful and avoiding default," says Brian Faux, chief operating officer for 1st Alliance Lending in East Hartford, Connecticut.

The program has an estimated start date of Oct. 1, 2014.



For more details on the HAWK program and to find a list of HUD-approved home counseling agencies participating in HAWK, visit [HUD.gov](http://HUD.gov).

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of that condition can easily delay the loan. It is always important for buyer and seller to make sure all funding conditions are complete before handing over the keys.



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### How to Make Your Buying Process Less Stressful

Purchasing a home is one of the most exciting decisions one will ever make. Unfortunately, for many, that excitement is served up with a whopping side of stress. While you may never erase all of the stress associated with home-buying, with the right mindset, and the right toolset, you can certainly minimize the stress of finding and buying your dream home.

**1. Get pre-approved.** Making sure you are able to get a mortgage will reduce the stress of the home-buying process, because you know you're eligible before you even begin hunting, automatically taking that stress factor off your plate. That's not the only way pre-approval will reduce stress - it also makes the home search easier. Many sellers won't even work with a buyer who is not pre-approved, so you automatically open up your housing pool when you get pre-approved.

**2. Find the right budget and stick to it.** Money is a huge source of stress when buying a house. Figure out exactly how much house you can afford, and refuse to even consider a home outside of that budget.

**3. Make a Needs vs. Wants list.** Similar to sticking to a budget, understanding your needs (three bedrooms) in relation to your wants (a gourmet kitchen) can save you time and energy during the home hunt.

**4. Hire an agent you trust.** Working with a professional real estate agent is the number one way to reduce the stress of buying or selling a

home. Find an agent who specializes in your market and similar clients—first-time buyers, move-up clients, vacation homes, etc. While many think hiring an agent will make the home-buying process costlier, agents can help save money in the negotiating process. Regardless of money saved, working with an agent—who knows the process inside and out—will save you a great deal of stress.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

### What's the difference between a real estate agent and a REALTOR®?

When you're looking for a good restaurant, you might get some advice from a friend, co-worker, or family member. The same is true when you're searching for a real estate agent to help you buy or sell a home. In fact, referrals are one of the top ways that agents get new clients. When you get a recommendation, how much research do you do about that restaurant? What about that real estate agent?

You might simply visit the restaurant instead of scouring the Internet for confirmation of your friend's good recommendation. But when it comes to choosing a real estate agent, it's a good idea to do your own research since buying or selling a home is an important transaction.

The first thing you can do to vet a real estate professional is to find out if the agent merely holds a real estate license or is a REALTOR®. There's a difference between the two, and the difference matters.

#### Becoming a REALTOR®

Before a person can sell real estate in Texas, he must be licensed by the Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC) as a salesperson and sponsored by an established broker. He must also take 180 hours of required educational courses and pass the real estate licensing exam. Within two years, the licensee must complete an additional 90 classroom hours of real estate education.

But holding a real estate salesperson or broker's license from TREC does not make someone a REALTOR®. After earning the license, many agents elect to join their local association of REALTORS®, the state-level association, and the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR). Only after all these steps are taken can a person be called a REALTOR®. Membership in this three-level system gives REALTORS® (and their clients) advantages over agents who don't join.

#### Why use a REALTOR®?

REALTORS® must adhere to NAR's REALTOR® Code of Ethics, which clearly identifies their responsibilities to the consumer. The Code of Ethics is the cornerstone of what it means to be a REALTOR®. REALTORS® pledge that they will treat all parties fairly and protect their

clients' interests. It's a consumer-oriented code that holds REALTORS® to a higher standard of professional behavior.

Adhering to the Code of Ethics isn't the only way REALTORS® are set apart from real estate licensees. Texas REALTORS® in particular have a long track record of working with state and local officials, as well as other regulatory bodies. These highly organized and effective efforts are focused on four main areas: keeping the cost associated with real estate transactions reasonable; preserving private-property rights; protecting consumers from proposals that make homeownership more difficult; and maintaining the overall health of the real estate economy.

If that's not enough, Texas REALTORS® are plugged into the best information and education, so they know more about the process of buying and selling real estate. The Texas Association of REALTORS® provides educational opportunities for members to further their real estate knowledge and become more proficient in their industry.

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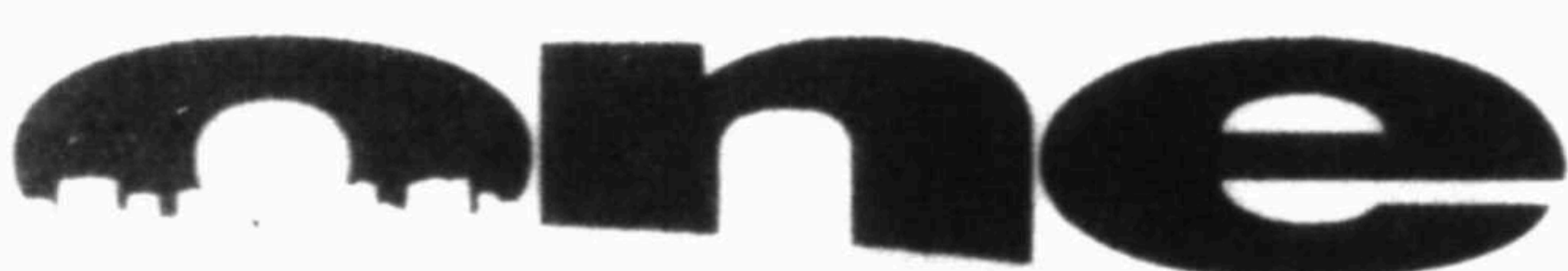


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### Mobile Homes for Sale

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### SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE

**OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 1:30 TO 2:30**

**2802 Humble Ave.** - Updated 5 bed/4 bath living area home on a tree-lined street in Old Midland! beautiful tile floors throughout! Gourmet kitchen with granite and stainless appliances! \$425,000

**2308 W. Pk.** - A backyard oasis will be found here at this 4 bed/3.5 bath home! Oversized living, sunroom, and bedrooms! Outdoor bath and sauna! \$395,000

**4483 Latham St.** - Wonderful and spacious 4 bed/3.5 bath low maintenance home! Large living area and updated gourmet kitchen! Lovely pool! \$359,000

**OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 3:00 TO 4:00**

**2484 Colquhoun Dr.** - NEW! Fantastic 4 bed/3 bath living home with updates everywhere! Gleaming hardwood floors in formal, recent carpet, stainless appliances, and paint! \$389,000

**6300 Greenhouse Ave.** - NEW! Spectacular 4 bed/3 bath home in Greenhouse! Gourmet kitchen with granite throughout! In-law plan! \$459,000

### 1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

**1513 S. Woodland St.** - NEW! Fantastic 3 bed/2.5 bath home with workshop! Spacious family room with spectacular custom bar! \$239,000

**789 Woodland Ave.** - Fabulous 4 bed/2 bath home on a huge lot with great curb appeal and a nice roof! Miles of the hardest floors and walls of windows throughout! \$219,000

**2103 Redway Dr.** - Fabulous Santa Fe style 3 bed/2 bath home with tons of updates! \$219,000

**2400 W. Sherman Ave.** - Spacious 4 bed/2 bath home in Pecos! 2 level/2 living with tile and wood laminate throughout! \$219,000

**4833 Spence Dr.** - NEW! Super clean 3 bed/2 bath home in Northgate! Hardwood floors and high ceilings! Large kitchen bar and granite! \$219,000

**5116 Cambridge Ave.** - Absolutely fabulous 3 bed/2 bath home in Northgate! \$219,000

**4313 Howard Ave.** - Newly updated 3 bed/2 bath home in backside! Fence with recent wood deck with flooring and interior paint! \$219,000

**1339 E. Pine** - NEW! Absolutely spectacular 2 story 3 bed/2 bath home with large backyard! Great mowing and covered front porch! \$219,000

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**2400 W. Pk.** - Stunning & updated 3 bed/2 bath home! \$219,000

**1630 S. Garland St.** - Move-in ready 2 bed/2 bath home sits on a large lot with beautiful curb appeal and mature trees! \$219,000

**2100 W. Woodley Ave.** - Fantastic, updated 2 bed/2.5 bath home! \$219,000

### COMMERCIAL LAND AND LOTS

**4187 S County Rd 1247** - RV Park with clubhouse and 2 cabins! 26 RV spots for \$675 a month! 2 cabins rent for \$1700 a month! \$2,500,000

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**2806 ROOSEVELT AVE. \$110,000**  
Some nice updates and ready for the new homeowner. Recent paint in most rooms, laminate wood flooring in living room, tile in kitchen, hall and bath. Don't miss the attached storage closet on the east side of the house. Additional storage shed in the huge backyard. Motivated sellers!  
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**2508 WESTSIDE DR., STANTON, TX. \$315,000**  
WOW! Barely lived in! Wonderful location in Stanton just a hop, skip & jump from 120, Midland, and Odessa. Good schools. Low taxes. Open floor plan w/seg. master. Fantastic kitchen w/granite, eat at bar. Large covered patio. Large rooms. Great master bath! Wood shutters! Parking galore! .98 acre! Storage shed could be 3rd garage. Foundation is post tension. Smart Panel in garage for cable/sat TV/router.  
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4311 E. CO. RD. 60. FACT ID #1008	\$725,000	2818 DENGAR AVE. FACT ID #1035	\$229,000
3804 WEDGWOOD. FACT ID #1019	\$559,000	2906 EMERSON PLACE. FACT ID #1035	\$225,000
1207 W. KANSAS AVE. FACT ID #1025	\$385,000	4311 N. CO. RD. 1130	\$219,900
4011 NORWOOD ST. FACT ID #1048	\$370,000	3222 DENGAR AVE.	U/C
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728 AUGUSTA DR.	U/C	3310 PARK LANE. FACT ID #1083	U/C
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1205 W. COUNTY RD. 137. FACT ID #1049	\$270,000	311 E. PINE. FACT ID #1099	\$121,000
3213 N. 1 ST. FACT ID #1097	\$200,000	<b>2 BEDROOM</b>	
1506 McDONALD ST. FACT ID #1077	SOLD	2806 ROOSEVELT AVE. FACT ID #1072	\$110,000
<b>3 BEDROOM</b>		3226 SYCAMORE AVE. FACT ID #1033	\$70,000
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35 LAFAYETTE PLACE. FACT ID #1070	\$370,000	6203 E. CO. RD. FACT ID #1029	\$300,000
3519 STANLIND AVE. FACT ID #1070	U/C	6000 N. CO. RD. 1246	SOLD
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43 LAFAYETTE PLACE. FACT ID #1070	SOLD	3821 HYDEN. FACT ID #1026	\$259,731
908 NEELY AVE. FACT ID #1070	U/C	2621 SAN FERNANDO DR. FACT ID #1086	\$169,500
4105 GLENEAGLES DR. FACT ID #1018	SOLD	1546 E. 50TH ST. FACT ID #1086	U/C
3406 SINCLAIR AVE. FACT ID #1088	SOLD	533 BOWDEN	U/C
11700 W. CO. RD. 40. FACT ID #1047	\$245,000	<b>STANTON</b>	
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*Featured Home Listing*  
SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2014

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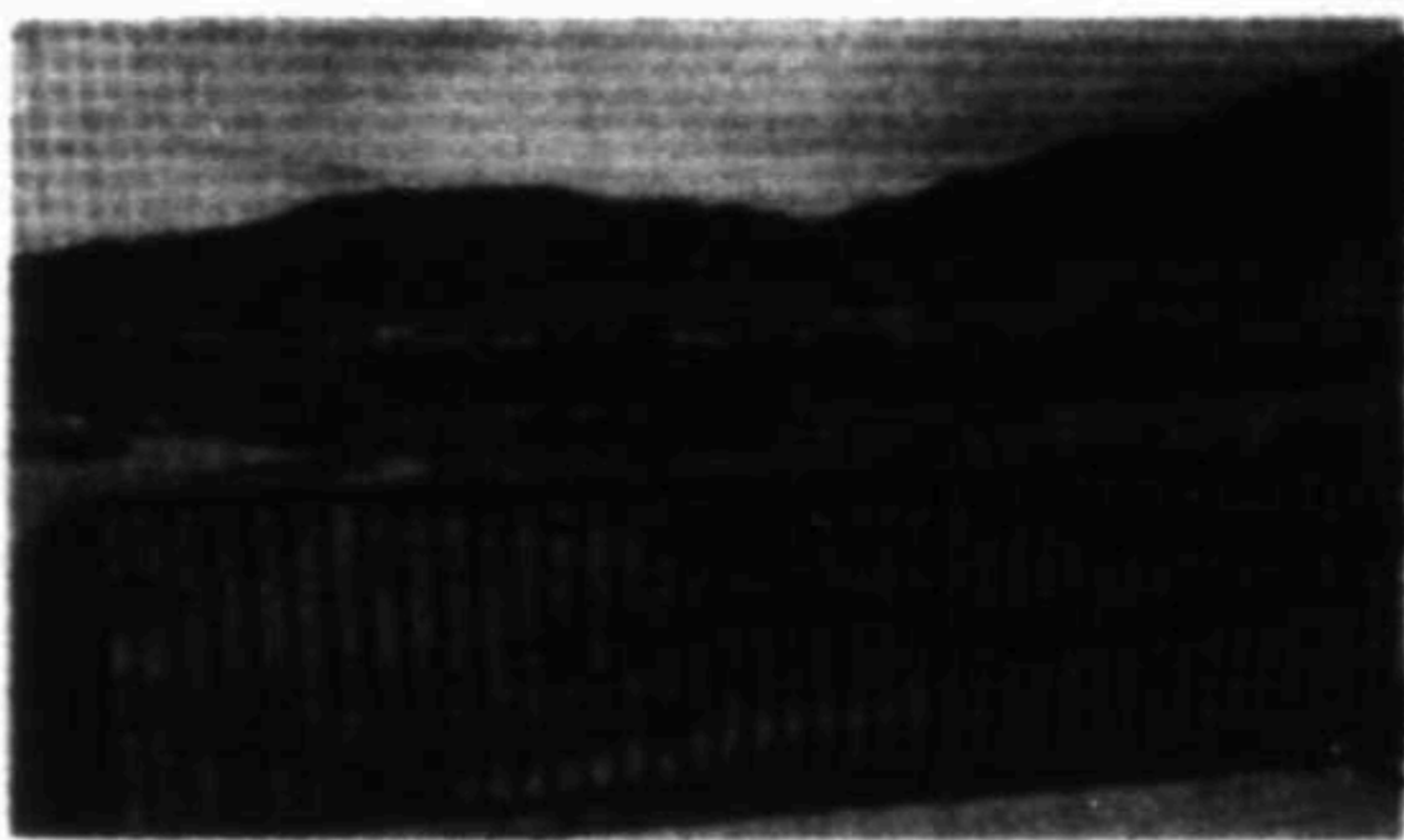
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2406 W. 8th St Odessa/3 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Carport \$80,000	1903 N. Fairgrounds Rd 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage U/C	2511 Regency Oaks Saenz Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage U/C
905 Golder Odessa/2 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Car Garage \$81,000	Madagal Construction/3 Bdrm/2 Ba SOLD	2510 Regency Oaks Saenz Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage \$600,000
400 Patterson Odessa/3 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Carport \$85,000	923 N. Edwards Gomez Construction/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage SOLD	6605 E. Co. Rd. 107 Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage \$595,000
3611 Travis Ave 2 Bdrm/1 Ba/Carport \$89,500	5515 San Clemente Dr. Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage U/C	6413 Saddle Horn Ln. Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage \$949,500
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15425 Hollyhock Ave Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba \$190,000	4498 Llano Ct. Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage \$365,500	
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### 610 Oak Point Drive

Lakefront Property, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ \$425,000

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# Sunday Featured Homes!



**710 Burleson, Stanton Tx**  
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Gorgeous landscaping!! 4 Bedroom 2 bath home with Sequestered master, separate vanities in master bath. Open living/ dining/kitchen! Nice sized bedrooms! Utility room! Move-in ready!!!!

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*Simply Adorable Home w/ Gorgeous Curb Appeal!*

2 Living areas, hardwood & tile floors, completely updated kitchen & hall bathroom, open living/dining/kitchen areas, awesome gas fireplace/firepit, crown moulding, tons of storage! Recent interior/exterior paint! Walk-in closet in master! Great sized bedrooms! Mature landscaping & trees! Move-in ready, must see!!! R/o, water softener owned!



**2003 Hughes St. - \$240,000**

*Wonderful Family Home In The Heart of Midland!*

Formal living/dining! Den w/fireplace is open to the kitchen which offers abundant cabinetry & breakfast bar! Enclosed patio makes a great playroom! Inground pool plus plenty of yard for dogs or playsets/trampoline! Roomy bedrooms! Nice bathrooms! Very well maintained! 2 Car garage!

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**OPEN 1:00-2:00**  
**3210 HAYNES - \$450,000**

SPECTACULAR total re-do! 5/4 1/2, 2 car garage, tiny yard, deck, even workshop.  
*Shown by Donna Omar*

**OPEN 1:30-2:30**  
**1810 PUEBLO - \$239,900**

3 bed, 2 bath, beautiful home, great neighborhood!  
*Shown by Reannah Wyatt*

**OPEN 1:00-2:00**  
**4723 PRINCETON - \$165,000**

Super cute 3 bedroom, 2 bath, with lots of charm!  
*Shown by Lisa Jansa*

**OPEN 2:00-3:00**  
**1900 FRINGEWOOD - \$499,900**

Grassland West, 4/3, 5 car garage OR 3 car with detached 2 car workshop (20'x30'). Immaculate and loved, 2 covered outdoor living spaces for relaxing (one by the fireplace), GREAT kitchen: a cook's delight!  
*Shown by Elisia Flatt*

**OPEN 1:30-2:30**  
**1000 ALMONT PLACE - \$475,000**

Immaculate 4 bed, 3 bath in Woodland Park! Gorgeous with unbelievable updates! 3rd car garage for shop. Must See!!  
*Shown by Angie McKay*

**OPEN 3:00-4:00**  
**3410 MEADOWRIDGE LN. - \$415,000**

Beautifully updated 5 bedroom in Trinity Meadows.  
*Shown by Kim Merrill*

**OPEN 1:30-2:30**  
**5416 BASSWOOD CIRCLE - \$550,000**

Wonderful property on the course boasts beautiful old world charm!  
*Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Amanda Gunter*

**OPEN 3:00-4:00**  
**4705 TIMBER LANE - \$160,000**

Wonderful 2 bed, 2 bath townhome in Crestgate! Large bedrooms & 2nd living/dining area! Don't miss!!  
*Shown by Angie McKay*

**OPEN 1:30-2:30**  
**3617 STANOLIND AVE. - \$225,000**

Simply adorable home w/gorgeous curb appeal!  
*Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Pam Dodd*

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Wonderful family home in the heart of Midland!  
*Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Reece Bivens*

**OPEN 1:30-2:30**  
**4525A FAIRGATE - \$179,900**

Updated 2 bed, 2 bath townhome, Great location.  
*Shown by Kim Merrill*

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**5911 OAK CREEK - \$370,000**

Gorgeous, like new, 4 bed, 3 bath home.  
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# HOMESTYLE

SIMPLE SOLUTIONS FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Sunday, June 29, 2014

## How to Ride the Summer Color Wave

By Maria R. Miller | CTW Features

A strong current of fresh, bright colors in new products and furnishings is headed for the home, strengthened by warmer summer temperatures and a sense of renewed consumer confidence.

Starting with the walls, decorating is moving away from white-on-white to varying shades of gray with bold accent colors.

"In a sense, there's a renewed confidence that people are experiencing. They are feeling better," says interior designer and color stylist Mark Woodman, immediate past president of the Color Marketing Group, an international color-forecasting organization based in Alexandria, Va.

When you're a little more comfortable with where you are, you allow yourself a little more experimentation.

It's common for seasonal changes to influence color trends. Bright colors radiate joy and help release anxiety, but they can also be a little scary because they have a lot of energy, Woodman says.

"We want to embrace the brightness of nature," he says. "There's more sun, more light. You're outdoors more, everything is blooming. The time of the year sort of drives that."

The soothing colors found in nature have made their way to Barclay Butera's interiors. The California designer's first collection for Highland House includes an ocean's worth of blues and greens.

They are fresh, clean and very serene, he says. "I think the colors, whether they are explosive brights or calming, washy shades, are so uplifting and create environments that are welcoming and inviting."

As people consider color, designer Maria Killam recommends saving bright paint for smaller spaces, such as guest rooms or a bathroom, and using no more than three colors in any room.



**Splash it up:** greens and blues run throughout designer Barclay Butera's new collection for Highland House, above. Kitchen Aid Artisan series stand mixer, right, in sea glass, a new shade introduced this spring.

"Wall color should pull your space together," says Killam, a Canadian blogger, decorator, and color expert. "The way to incorporate color is through upholstery and drapery. In main spaces, it makes sense to keep colors pale, with light grays on the wall as a nice, light backdrop."

To choose colors, Butera suggests examining your basic look and tastes. Are you sleek and modern? Traditional?

Your instincts will guide you to the best fabrics and textiles for upholstery, pillows, rugs," he says. "Pillows are a fabulous way to infuse color into your home."

Also a big fan of pillows, Killam says other easy accents include colorful gourd lamps, house plants, even a vase of fake flowers or a bowl of fake fruit. Toss the artificials if they get dusty, she says.

"Wow, won't that make you happy every time you walk in the room?" she says. "We spend too much time in our home for it not to be something that makes us happy when we walk in the



door. It's so easy to bring it in with lighting, flowers."

For those who are hesitant to make the plunge into a new palette, begin with baby steps, Woodman says. Add a bright area rug or throw that accents your main color scheme, or buy bold towels for the kitchen and bath.

Try a new hue in a room where you don't spend much time, he suggests. "Paint the inside of your closet. Bring in fun color in the kitchen with countertop appliances, even some of the tools," says

Woodman. "Add a little color joy while you're slicing your bread."

Neutral color schemes remain popular, but it is time for the pendulum to shift, Killam says.

"Gray provides a crisp backdrop, whereas beige looks dirty," she says. "It's too earthy to go with bright colors."

Gray, which has surged in popularity, started out as an industrial color, Woodman says. It works well in the home as a balancing color, since it's the middle ground between black and white.

View a color that interests you against a neutral gray, Woodman says. "Grays offer a great range that plays well with lots of other colors," he says. Slightly warmer "mushroom grays," or gray-browns, are popular now.

Typically sophisticated and modern, grays provide a great foundation for people who want to add bright accents in green, yellow or orange.

In the kitchen, a softened gray surface with a lemon yellow blender on top with the stainless steel, you get this really interesting color palette, everything looks new and clean," he says.

New appliances also get the gray treatment, going beyond stainless to include metallic shades such as dark platinum.

Less expensive ways to add color punch to a neutral kitchen include a custom sink, faucet, backsplash, lighting or accessories.

"Gadgets, towels and textiles in the kitchen are a fun way to give your kitchen a mini-renovation, especially when it comes to seasons," says Beth Robinson, senior manager of brand experience for KitchenAid.

This spring, KitchenAid added three new colors to its stand mixers: sea glass, bordeaux, a deep red, and lavender, a pale, ice cream color.

Selecting a color for the kitchen "is very personal," Robinson says. "It's a sense of your own personal style and creativity, a statement of yourself in their kitchen."

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## Boost Your Water IQ

By Bettina Chang | CTW Features

More than half of all water use inside a house takes place inside the bathroom. How efficient is yours?

The average American family of four uses 100 gallons a day - but can save up to 30 percent on water bills by using water-efficient products. These factoids from the EPA and the Alliance for Water Efficiency can help homeowners save water, money and energy.

Keeping waste materials (including toilet paper) out of the toilet can reduce water usage.

Place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl without flushing, that's an indication of a leak that needs to be fixed.

The EPA recommends that homeowners replace toilets installed before 1994 (1992 in Texas and California) with high-efficiency toilets.

Something as simple as turning off the tap while brushing teeth can save up to 8 gallons of water a day.

No need to replace the entire faucet - attachable aerators can also earn WaterSense labels and can make an existing faucet more efficient.

Don't forget that water waste is also energy waste because of the cost of heating water. Running the faucet for five minutes uses about as much energy as letting a 60-watt light bulb run for 14 hours.

If it takes a long time for the shower to heat up, collect the pre-showering water for other uses, like watering houseplants.

It's not always more efficient to take a shower rather than a bath, especially if the tub is only filled halfway. A shower that lasts 15 minutes or longer is considered non-efficient by the Alliance for Water Efficiency, even if a low-flow showerhead is used.



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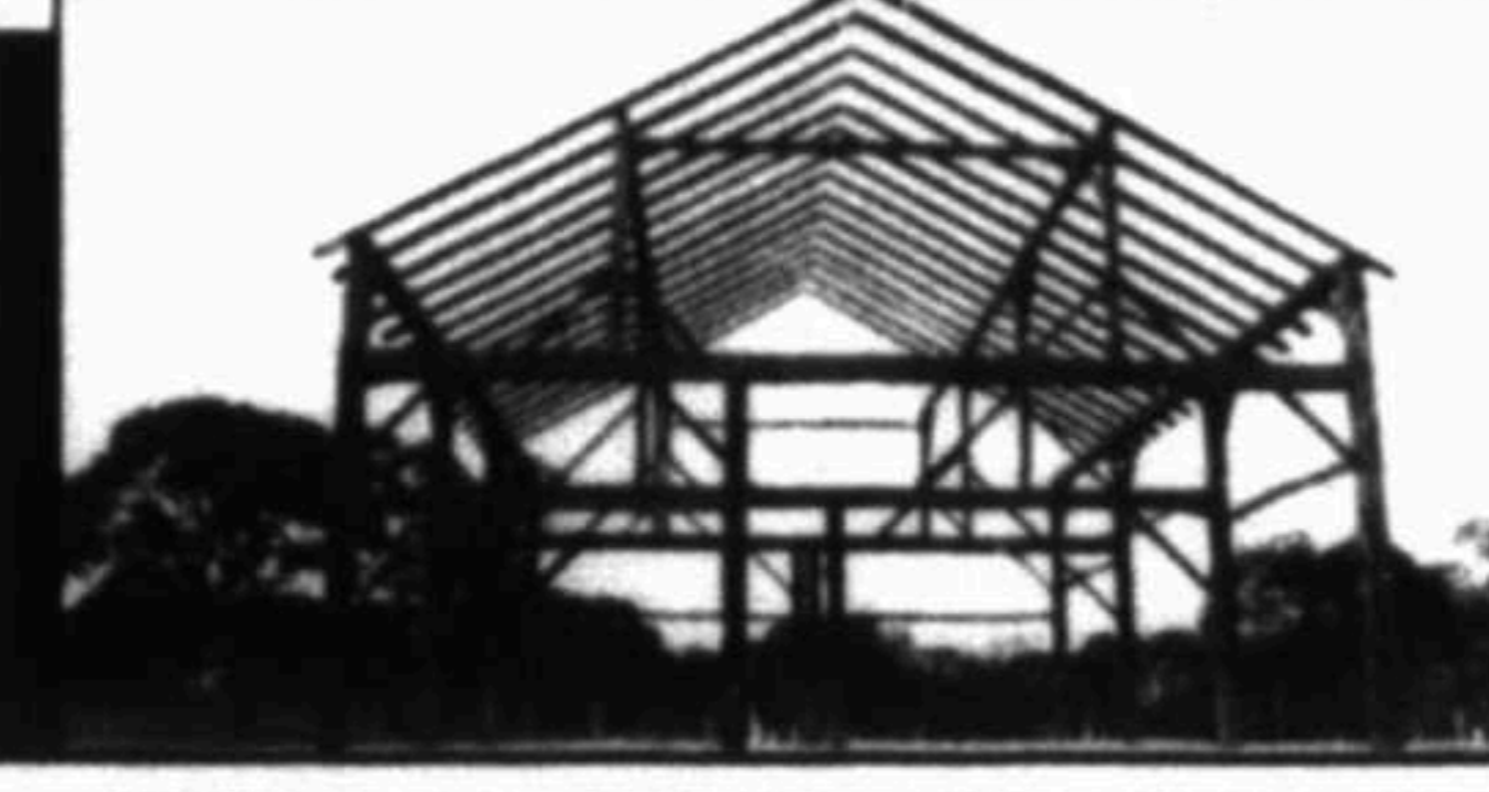
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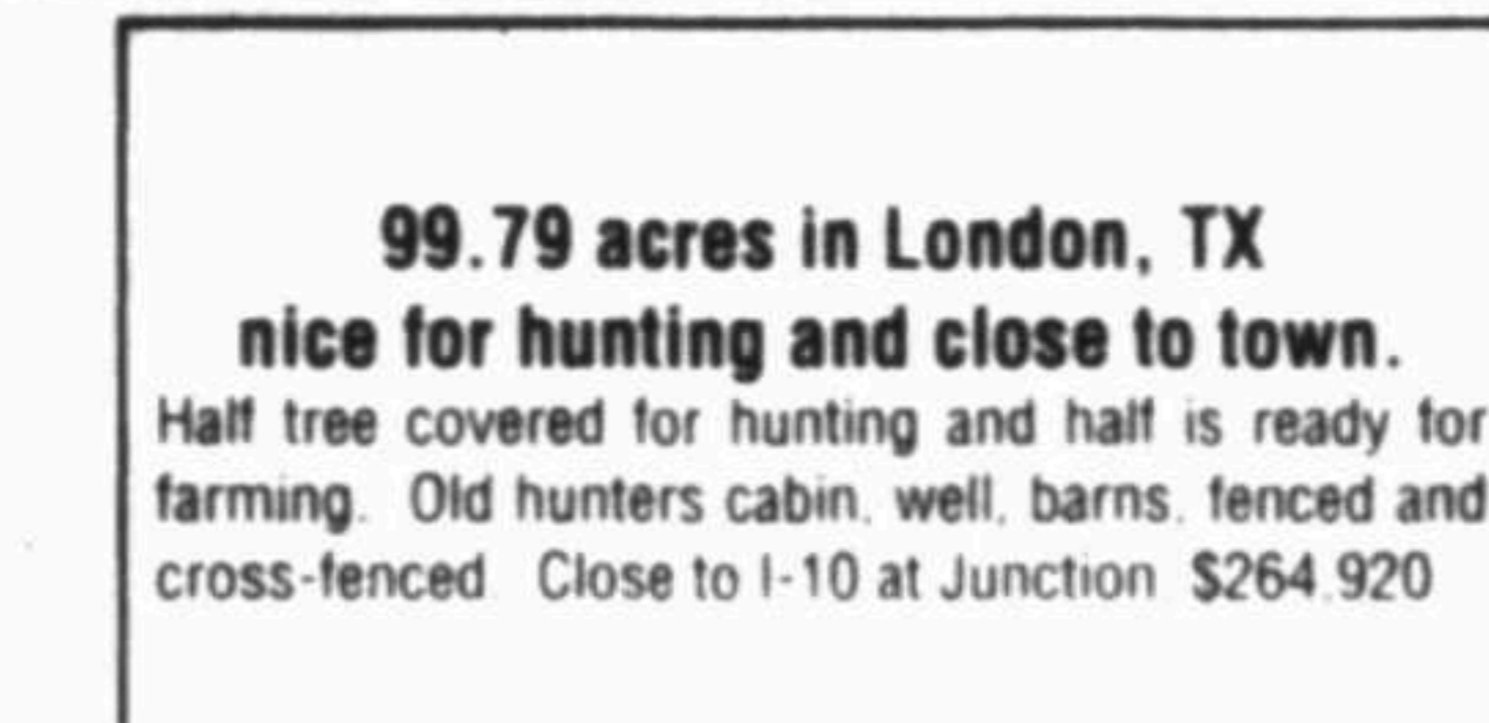
8.78 acres on Highway 16, 2 miles N of I-10 Kerrville.

With Hwy frontage. Great for home, business, winery or livestock



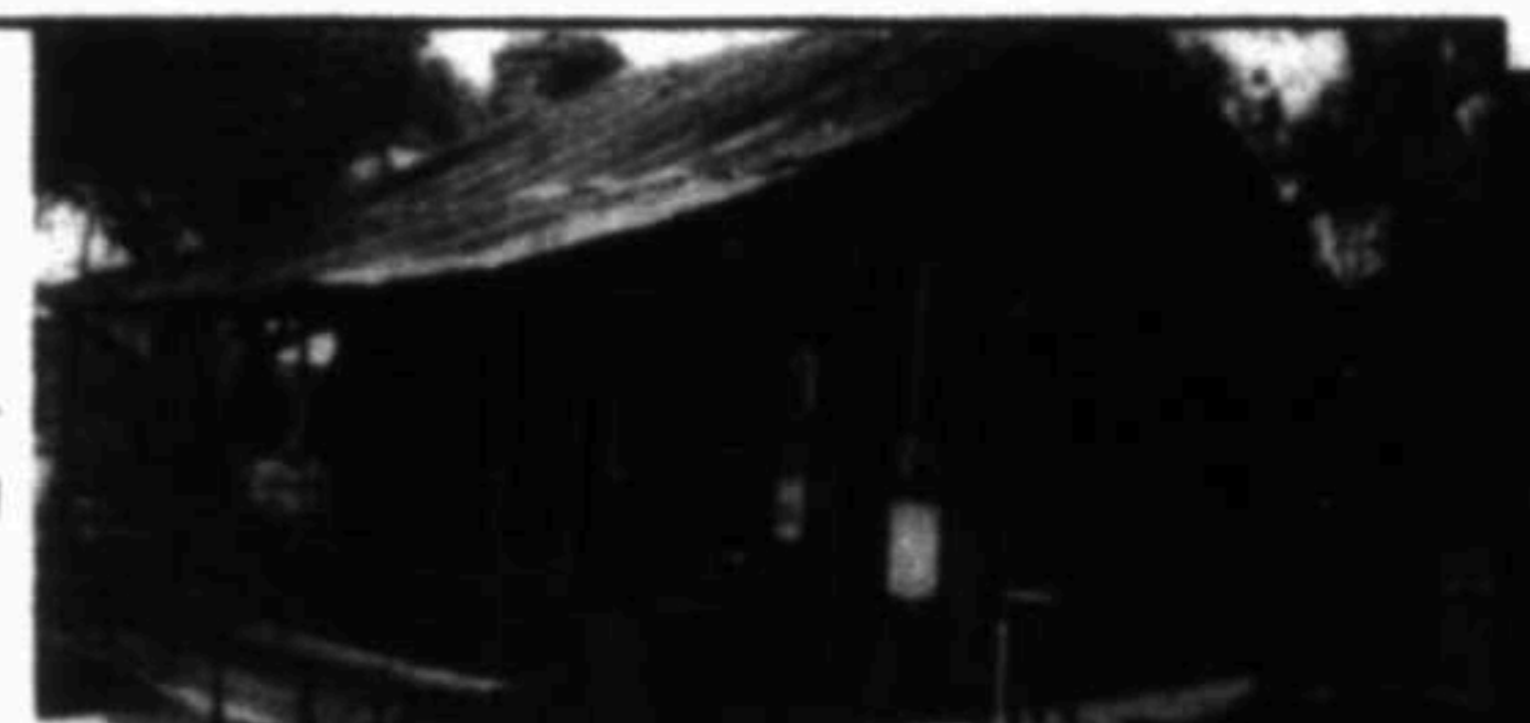
61 acres nicely treed property.

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1913 GLADEWOOD - \$665,000

GRASSLAND WEST WITHS OF LIVING SPACE! Formal dining! Large formal/family room! Den is open to large kitchen w/island, granite, tons of cabinetry & counterspace plus pantry! Sq master w/nice bath & closet space! Sq in-law plan!



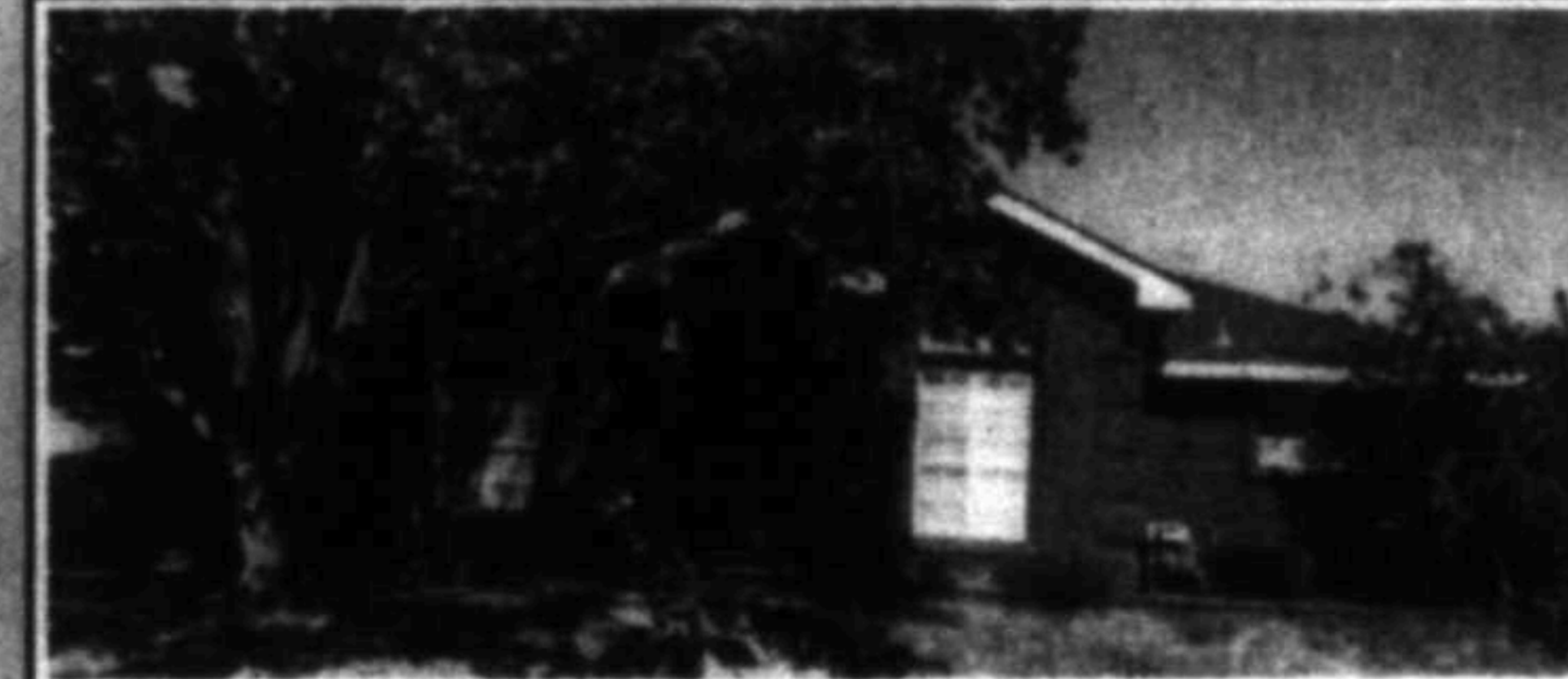
6516 GLADIOLA - \$500,000

COUNTRY LIVING CLOSE TO CITY! Beautiful design! Huge living room w/high ceiling, fireplace & space for formal dining! Kitchen w/island, breakfast bar, stainless appliances! Granite thru-out! Spacious seq master suite w/fabulous master bath has dual sinks, sep tub/shower & great closet!



1002 ECR 127 - \$395,000

4BR/3BA/2 STORY HOME ON OVER AN ACRE OF LAND! Features: 3 car garage, zipping areas, balcony w/whirl tub, hvac zoned, recent interior/exterior paint, bathroom remodel & upstairs jetted tub, recent windows, interior doors-4/14, roof-09! Portable arena panels, left & right bucking chute w/cat walk across & alley ways behind pens! 2-20X40&1-20X60 covered stalls, 2-10X10 covered stalls, 30x40 covered hay/tractor storage! Wow!



4906 HILLSBORO CT. - \$370,000

UPDATED 4 BEDROOM HOME W/3 FULL BATHS ON CUL-DE-SAC! Large living room w/built-ins, fireplace & high ceilings! Formal dining! Kitchen w/island, recent appliances & breakfast bar is open to the den! Spacious seq master suite w/nice bath offers dual sinks, sep tub & shower, 2 closets! Roomy bedrooms! Big utility rm! Enclosed patio is great sunroom/playroom! Pretty yard w/recent sod! Close to Comm pool!



2807 MARMON - \$300,000

GORGEOUS & SPACIOUS HOME W/UPDATES GALORE! Fantastic 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home w/2 living areas! Formal dining plus breakfast room! Gourmet kitchen is updated & offers formal dining plus custom cabinetry & lighting! All bedrooms are very spacious! Open floorplan! Jacuzzi tubs in both baths! Lush, mature landscaping! Covered patio! Move-in ready! 2 Car oversized garage! Inspections, repairs, appraisal all complete!



899 CHUKAR - \$265,000

WONDERFULLY UPDATED HOME ON 1.25 ACRE LOT! Fenced & close to downtown! Wood floors! Granite countertops! Crown moulding! Tons of windows! Roomy bedrooms & great bath! Garage has been converted for a wonderful game room/2nd living room! High efficiency windows, hvac & tankless water heater! Low-e vinyl insulated windows! City utilities!



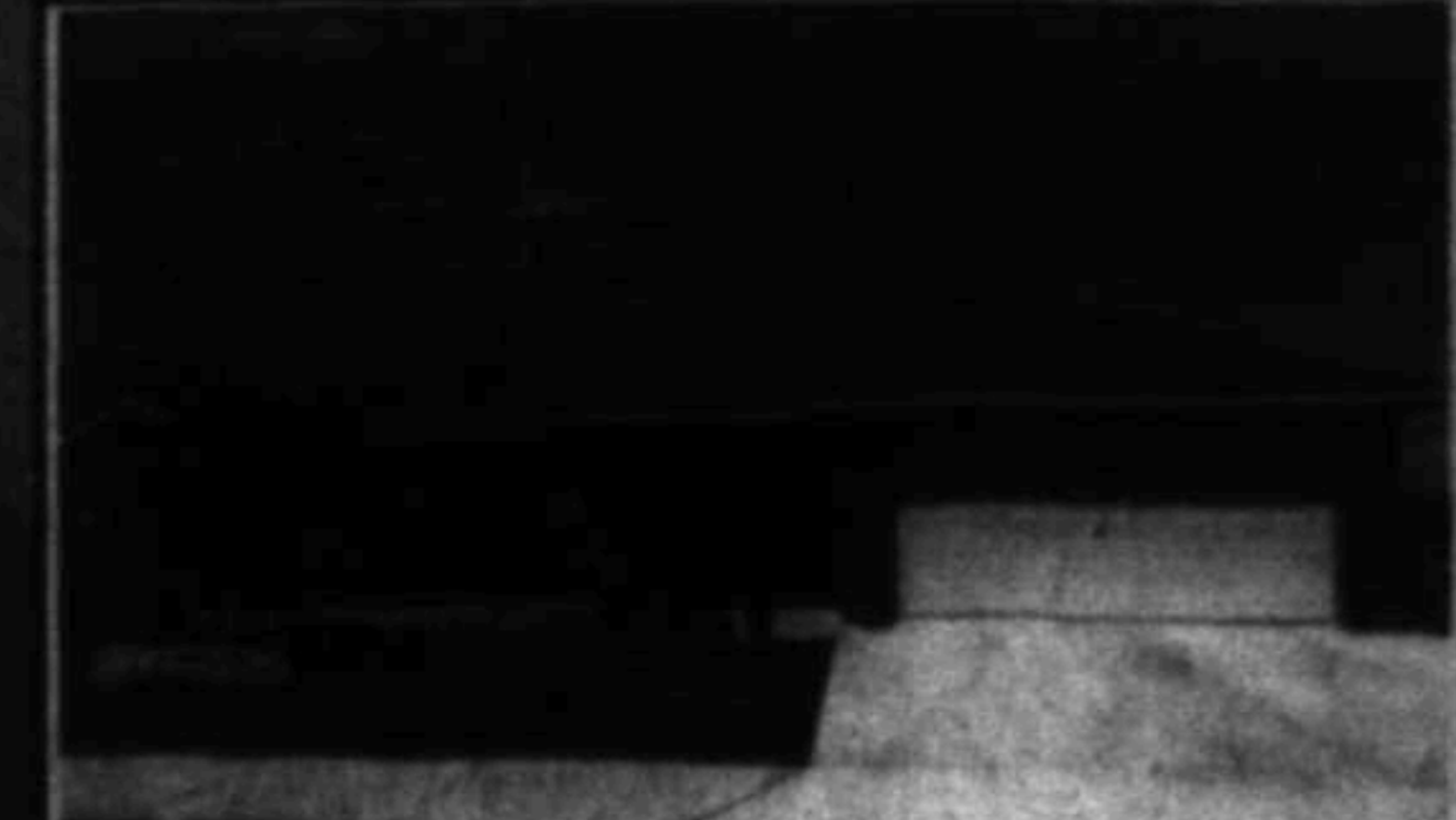
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710 DUNLESON, STANTON TX - \$294,700

WHY EXPECT TO BE IMPRESSED INSIDE & OUT! Gorgeous landscaping! 14 Bedroom 2 bath home with Sequestered master, separate vanities in master bath, Open living/dining/kitchen! Nice sized bedrooms! Utility room! Move-in ready!!!



1221 MARY ST., CRANE, TX - \$180,000

GREAT SPACIOUS HOME IN CRANE! Formal living room! Kitchen has abundant countertops, breakfast bar & breakfast nook! Cozy den with fireplace! Study/office too! 3 Roomy bedrooms! 2 Full baths! 4 Carports (2 on front & 2 on side) storage shed! Cinder block fence! Full! Corner lot! Nice front porch!



4305 PARKDALE DR. - \$140,000

ADORABLE AND AFFORDABLE! Nice 3 bedroom house with 2 full baths! Living area w/large window! Spacious dining room could also be a second living area w/large window! Beside the glass door! Kitchen w/lots of cabinets! Sequestered master with private bath! Utility room! Great backyard is perfect for pets or childrens play! Enclosed garage is great for office, gym or storage!

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## USED RARE OLD BOOKS



### Few Midland stores offer readers chance to browse used, rare books

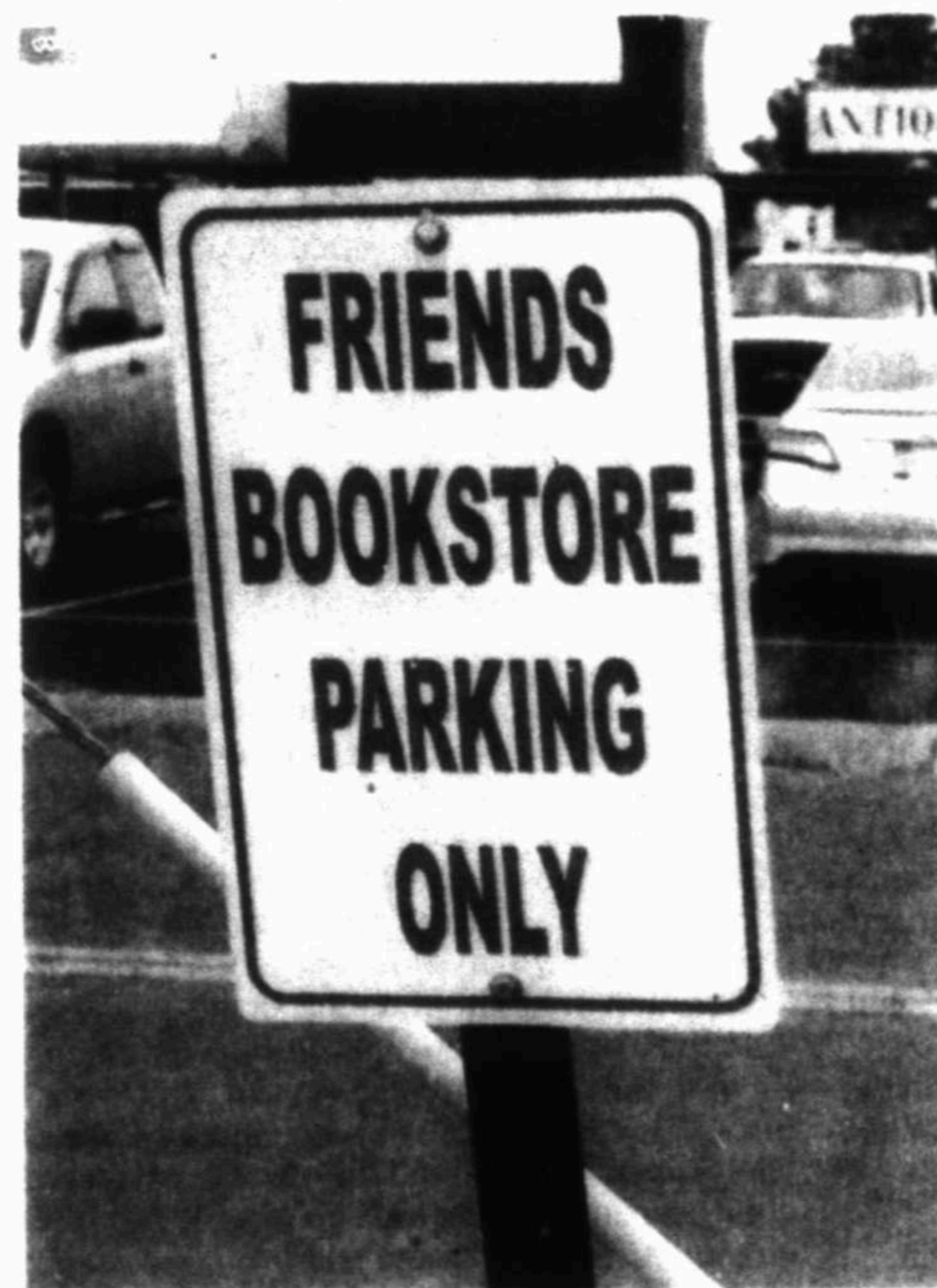
By Steve Kuhlmann  
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**W**ith the prominence of large chain bookstores and the increasing popularity of e-books, the independent bookstore has all but fallen out of favor with the casual reader. However, much like many of the used books housed on the shelves these quaint little shops, if given a chance, the stores have the ability to amaze. With only two independent book-

stores left in Midland, the opportunity to explore and discover books old and forgotten to fairly new and barely created — and at an affordable price range — has become very limited.

"I know that people are going to e-books, but I know that there are still people who like to hand real books," said Margaret Leonard, treasurer of the nonprofit Friend's Bookstore. "There are lots of people. I think, that like the feel of the book and the print and the look of it."

Friend's is not your typical bookstore. Open only a few select times during the week — the sign on the side of the building informs customers the



Shelves are filled with donated used books at Friends Bookstore

Photos by Steve Kuhlmann

Please see BOOKS/3E

## Pride Month: Family discusses being gay in West Texas

By Tyler White  
twhite@mrt.com

As millions of Americans celebrate Pride Month each June, Paula Waldrop said LGBT residents in the Permian Basin still face intimidation.

Waldrop said the political and religious fervor against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender residents is not nearly as bad today as it was a few years ago, but it's still apparent in everyday culture.

Many people believe LGBT residents are "sexual predators" looking to convert others to their way of life, she said.

Such misconceptions are based out of ignorance, Waldrop said, and she wants to help shake those beliefs from the region's vernacular.

Paula Waldrop's son, Justin, experienced a lot of harassment while growing up in West Texas.

Justin Waldrop remembers being pushed around and shoved into lockers at school because of his sexuality.

"I grew up pretty deeply in the closet," he said. "Being picked on was just part of the deal."

And while the town he grew up in has significantly changed since his school days, he said many people still abide by a "don't ask, don't tell" policy when discussing one's non-heterosexual orientation.



From left, plaintiffs Moudi Sbeity and Derek Kitchen, Kate Call, Laurie Wood and Kody Partridge, five of the six people who brought the lawsuit against the Utah's gay marriage ban, stand together Wednesday at a news conference outside their lawyers' office in Salt Lake City. Call's partner, Karen Archer, was not able to attend.

Justin Waldrop believes one of the ways to incite change in this community is for LGBT residents to come out of the closet, support each other and be proud of themselves.

"The only way we are going to be accepted anywhere is to act like it's not an

issue."

Justin Waldrop recalls several instances when PFLAG and other organizations almost put together pride parades. But he said there's a lack of leadership in the West Texas gay community.

Many gays will leave the Permian Basin

because of what's it's like to live here, and many of those people could have made a difference in the area, he said.

#### LIVING AS LGBT

Many LGBT individuals have experienced unique forms of rejection and harassment as youth and young adults.

LGBT youth are four times more likely to attempt suicide than their straight peers, according to the Trevor Project, a national nonprofit that focuses on suicide prevention for LGBT youth. Those suicide attempts are four to six times more likely to result in injury, poisoning or overdose that requires medical treatment, in comparison to straight peers. And each episode of LGBT victimization, such as physical or verbal harassment or abuse, increases the likelihood of self-harming behavior by 2.5 times on average.

Paula Waldrop said a lot of this harassment comes from dated stereotypes regarding LGBT people, including the belief that one's sexual orientation is a choice. But she said, from her own experience and through her work with other LGBT families, it is clearly not something you can decide for yourself.

"It couldn't have been a choice," she said. "Why would they knowingly choose a way of life that would be so horribly

Please see PRIDE/2E

## Kids' crafts become Fourth of July decor

By Jennifer Forker  
Associated Press

The Fourth of July typically is the first holiday during kids' summer vacation. And by now, they're bored. Here are three simple crafts that can involve them in preparations for the holiday's fireworks and picnics. Not only do you keep them busy, but you get decorations to reuse year after year.

"There's so much enthusiasm around this holiday," said Amanda Kingloff of New York City, author of "Project Kid: 100 Ingenious Crafts for Family Fun" (Artisan, 2014), who appreciates the inflexible color palette: It's red, white and blue — or nothing.

"Christmas has morphed into any color combination. What's trending in Christmas this year? It might be silver and gold," said Kingloff. "With July Fourth, you do not leave the path of red, white and blue."

Her book helps kids stay busy all summer — some projects are intentionally complicated. Like the yarn birdcage, they'll take time and patience to complete.

For Independence Day, she recommends two simple crafts: firework flowers and stars and stripes bunting.

The flowers take minutes to make, and the essential supplies are just cupcake liners and straws. Directions are below.

"Once a kid can use scissors they can do this project," said Kingloff.

The bunting requires no measuring: Cut out triangles from paper or fabric: Kingloff cuts 5-by-6-inch triangles from canvas drop cloth. Punch large or small stars out of thick, plastic-coated freezer paper, and either iron them on or the freezer-paper stencil to the fabric. Then paint it. Use painter's tape to mark out and paint thick and thin stripes. After the paint has dried, glue string or cord to the top back edge of each triangle, leaving at least 2 inches of string on either end for hanging.

The freezer paper provides crisper lines than a store-bought stencil, Kingloff said.

Cristin Drewes of Provo, Utah, recommends a flag craft that she's done with all six of her children. It's simple enough: Use little kids' hands to paint blue "stars" and their feet to paint red stripes, using acrylic paint and white craft paper found at teacher supply stores.

### Firework Flowers

from "Project Kid" by Amanda Kingloff

#### Supplies (all in red, white and blue):

- 2 cupcake liners
- Scissors
- 1 drinking straw
- Colored craft tape, such as washi
- Glue (optional)

#### Assembly:

1. Place the flattened cupcake liners face to face, with the color or pattern on the outside. Fringe only the ruffled part of the liners about every 1/8 inch to 1/4 inch, stopping when you reach the center flat circle.
2. Fold the liners in half, then in half again. Roll this "quarter circle" from the bottom and push the point you've created snugly into the straw. (If the flower tends to pop out of the straw, squeeze a dab of glue into the straw.)
3. Tear off a 2-inch piece of tape and center it on the shaft of the straw, folding it back across the straw and itself. (This is the leaf.)
4. Bend the neck of the straw to angle your flowers slightly outward.

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This undated photo provided by Scholastic shows author David Levithan in New York City. Levithan last year marked the 10th anniversary of his "Boy Meets Boy," a romantic teen comedy where the homecoming queen was once a guy and the gay-straight alliance was aimed at helping the straight kids learn how to dance.

## Writer speaks on LGBT books for youth

By Leanne Italie  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Writer David Levithan last year marked the 10th anniversary of his "Boy Meets Boy," a romantic teen comedy where the homecoming queen was once a guy and the gay-straight alliance was aimed at helping the straight kids learn how to dance.

And there was Paul, who meets Noah.

Since then, there's been a burst of books featuring lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning young people.

Levithan, also publisher and editorial director at Scholastic, offered his insights into parenting and books on LGBTQ-related themes for young people in an interview with The Associated Press.

AP: How does a parent who isn't involved in the LGBTQ community but would like to foster an awareness and tolerance in children go about doing that through books, and at what age does that process begin?

Levithan: It's never too early to foster kindness and equal treatment, for whatever group. So much of the pain that LGBT kids go through is because they feel distanced from all of the narratives they've been given. They've been told that everyone

grows up a certain way, and now their own way is diverging from that.

The best thing parents can do, whether their kids end up queer or straight, is to acknowledge all of the different options that are out there, and letting their kids know that they support them no matter which options end up being theirs.

Books are a wonderful signifier and a perfect conversation starter. With my novel "Boy Meets Boy," I've seen it work both ways: I've had kids who've left their copies around for parents to find, as a way of coming out to them. And I've had parents who've left their copies around for kids to find, so the kids would know they were supported and loved.

AP: Your fellow writer John Green said a Hollywood producer once told him: "The only thing audiences hate more than smart teenagers are gay teenagers." Does that extend to books for kids and teens today?

Levithan: That producer would be laughed out of one of my editorial meetings, for certain. Readers embrace all kinds of characters, as long as they are written with emotional truth.

Ten years ago, there may have been some hesitation on some people's part. But it's a different world now, and the best-seller list is full of novels with well-developed gay characters — not just in gay-themed novels like "Will Grayson,"

Will Grayson' (co-written by Green and Levithan) but in works by best-selling authors like Cassandra Claire, Maggie Stiefvater and Ellen Hopkins, where the queer characters are part of the multifaceted worlds they are creating or reflecting.

AP: Are LGBTQ kids and teens fairly represented in books for those age groups? Are there enough stories where LGBTQ themes are taken on but also books that just happen to include such characters but are not about that experience?

Levithan: There is constantly a need for diversity within the representations. It's just as limiting to say there's only one kind of gay story, just as it's limiting to say there's only one kind of straight one. As for how much being gay is central to the character's identity or story — as in life that totally depends on who the character is and what he or she is going through.

The important thing is for the characters to feel real, and to be given the humanity they are due. That granting of humanity is what separates a full portrait from a stereotype.

I think it's dangerous to talk about "Oh, that character just happens to be gay" as some kind of goal for us and our literature. The important thing is to show as much of the spectrum as possible, and to continue to investigate it.

## Mother tells son's wife to get lost during visit

DEAR ABBY: I recently took my children to spend a week with my mother-in-law. "Bea." Three days after we arrived, my husband flew in to join us. The next day, Bea handed me a hotel room key and told me to take as many of the children as I wanted, but I could not take my husband because she never gets to spend time with him!

I told Bea I was offended and that I should not have been invited if it wasn't a "family" trip. As I was packing to leave, my mother-in-law left and spent the rest of our visit in the hotel herself while my family and I stayed at her home.

My husband has now told me I will not be "allowed" to visit her again, and when she visits us next, it will be just him and the kids because I make his mother "uncomfortable." Must I stay away as he says, or should I pursue keeping myself included when they visit my mother-in-law? — MOM OF FOUR IN MARYLAND

DEAR MOM OF FOUR: Did this happen out of the blue, or have you always had a strained relationship with your husband's mother? (I'm

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guessing it's the latter.) If so, why? If the genesis of this is something you have said or done, and you can't mend fences, then perhaps it would be better if you made other plans while Bea visits. If it isn't, then face it: You married a mama's boy, and for that you have my sympathy.

Were I in your shoes, rather than inflict my presence on "Queen Bea," I'd grab the chance to treat myself to a well-earned vacation when the "lady" is in town — and ditto when your husband and the kids go to visit Granny. Check into a spa and let yourself have a good time!

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 13-year old boy who loves to play baseball and football. Because of my hard work and dedication over the years, along with the help of my coaches and my

dad, I'm pretty good at both sports.

The issue is, my mom does not support me and repeatedly tells me I'm not good at either one. When she says it, it cuts my heart out.

My parents have been divorced since I was 2, and Dad has always done everything for me. Even though he gives me encouragement, it still stings when Mom tells me I'm not good. She constantly says negative and bad things about my dad that I know are not true, but when I defend him she goes crazy with rage. What can I do to get her to stop being so negative? — VERY DISCOURAGED IN TEXAS

DEAR VERY DISCOURAGED: Your letter made me sad because there is nothing you can do to make your mother change her attitude. She appears to be an angry and unhappy person, who may perceive your closeness with your father as a threat to her. What you can do is stop placing so much importance on receiving her approval. If your coach thinks you're doing well, and these sports bring you a sense of closeness with your father, then you should enjoy them for those reasons.

## PRIDE

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difficult on them, and even dangerous in some instances."

### LAWS AND THE CHANGING TIDE

Texas state laws currently do not protect persons from employment discrimination based on their sexual orientation or gender identity. Nor do they protect persons from housing, public accommodations and insurance discrimination based on orientation or identity.

The San Antonio Express-News reported the city of San Antonio voted to add sexual orientation and gender identity to an anti-discrimination ordinance that already included race, religion and nationality. Such ordinances also are enacted in other Texas municipalities including Dallas, Austin, Houston, El Paso and Fort Worth. But nothing blankets the entire state in regard to non-discrimination based on those issues.

The absence of such laws causes LGBT residents to be hesitant in being open about their partners in the workplace for fear of possible termination or discrimination, Paula Waldrop said.

But she said the tide is changing, as many businesses are embracing openness in the workplace and employers now see little benefit in firing a person based on his or her gender identity or orientation.

A U.S. appeals court on Wednesday struck down a state ban on same-sex marriage for the state of Utah, the same day a federal judge ruled against Indiana's same-sex marriage ban.

Earlier this year Texas' ban on same-sex marriage was deemed unconstitutional, but the case is currently going through

the appeal process to see if the judge's decision will be upheld.

LGBT citizens can get married in 19 states, as well as the District of Columbia.

### LGBT OUTREACH IN WEST TEXAS

PFLAG Odessa serves the Midland-Odessa area with about 20 official members, but Paula Waldrop said there are more than 100 unofficial members who may attend various meetings and events held by the chapter.

She hopes to expand the number of PFLAG meetings in order to reach a wider audience in both Midland and Odessa.

Paula Waldrop said one of her goals as president of PFLAG Odessa is to reach the greater population of West Texas. PFLAG's website shows there are chapters in Abilene and Lubbock, but no PFLAG presence west of Midland-Odessa until El Paso. Waldrop said that's a large area on the map without a voice for the LGBT community. She has reached out to several newspapers in towns such as Andrews, Monahans, Pecos and Fort Stockton, but never received any interested responses.

"Those are the people that I want to reach," she said. Paula Waldrop's ultimate dream is to see PFLAG dissolve and not be a necessary resource for people facing discrimination, rejection and other issues connected to LGBT rights. But there's still a need for that outlet here in West Texas, and Waldrop wants to continue down the road of acceptance with other West Texas residents.

## Successful co-parenting requires putting kids' needs first

It is unfortunate that today so many marriages eventually end in divorce. As a result, more than one million children are involved in new divorces every year. When parents divorce, children also experience grief associated with a major loss. This is why the concept of co-parenting was created. Children need the family unit to continue even if the structure has changed.

Although divorce is the end of a marriage, it is not the end of the family. Parenting is a lifelong responsibility and there will be many events and activities in children's lives for which they want and need both parents to be involved. Some of these occasions may include school events, sports events, graduations, weddings, birth of their own children and induction into the armed services. In spite of the ending of a marriage, it is possible for the family unit to continue and for parents to develop good co-parenting skills.

Children need as much stability in their lives as possible. When parents divorce the entire family structure comes apart. Parents who develop a good co-parenting relationship can provide more stability and help children adjust to the changing family

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structure.

Co-parenting means parents make decisions that are in the best interests of their children. It also means shared responsibility and on-going communication. It is about coming to terms with sharing time with your children. Co-parenting is not about parents getting their own needs. It does not mean re-hashing relationship issues and problems with your co-parent or trying to maintain a level of conflict. It is not about getting back together with your co-parent or going back to husband and wife roles. Remember, a good co-parenting relationship will allow children to still have a family despite the end of the marriage.

Part of developing a good co-parenting relationship is to define clear boundaries for your communication with each other. For example, talk about the children, not each other's

lives. Decide how and when communication will occur. Can you talk on the telephone and be civil or should you use email to communicate?

Determine the best way to make joint decisions. Keep your emotions out of conversations and be civil to each other. Try to avoid issues you know will trigger negative responses. Don't bring family opinions into the conversation.

If you are in a situation where your ex-partner will not co-parent with you, there are some strategies that may be helpful. Try to stay focused on your relationship with your children. Continue to use appropriate co-parenting skills. Develop healthy communication with your children. Don't make excuses for the other parent and especially don't disrespect your co-parent in front of your children.

Developing good co-parenting skills can be difficult and takes time and practice. It requires focus and some degree of emotional detachment from your co-parent. It also demands that parents put children's needs above their own. Consider that how well parents function together as co-parents is the largest determining factor to the child's adjustment.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Therese Sitzman looks for books Wednesday morning at Miz B's Bookstore. Sitzman said she has bought books at the store for years after her mother first told her about it.

# BOOKS

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shop is open Saturdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon — the store is staffed entirely by volunteers.

"We're all volunteers here," said Leonard. "(Friend's Bookstore) offers a place for people to donate used books when they want to get rid of them, and really some people have really fabulous books that they are giving up for various reasons. We offer (the books) much cheaper since we don't have to pay for them."

As a nonprofit, Friend's donates all of its proceeds to various organizations, groups and people throughout the community.

"We have an account at Midland College so that students can come here and work and then they get up to \$800 per semester for their text books," said Leonard.

Grace Aguilar, president of the nonprofit organization, added it also donates books to other nonprofits, teachers and schools.

"What we're raising money for is to put it back out into the community," said Aguilar. "We want to get books into the hands of those who wouldn't normally be able to pay full price for a book."

Miz B's Bookstore has stood the test of time in Midland, holding the support of loyal customers for nearly 50 years.

Janna Hightower, a longtime customer, said it was the opportunity to find older books that she loved most about the shop.

"You know, if you've missed out on a series or something, (Miz B's) will more than likely have the first one or two and you can get caught up," said Hightower. "The older books that you can't get in the newer book stores are great."

Owner Alicia Olivieri-Madsen said the store focuses on customer service.

"(Miz B's) is really homey, we're extremely friendly, we're one-on-one contact, we're going to get up, we're going to (show) you exactly the book you're looking for, we offer

recommendations," said Alicia Olivieri-Madsen, who bought the bookstore from her mother-in-law two years ago. "There are a lot of great customers that are very loyal. They've been coming to us their whole lives. I hear middle-aged women say they grew up in this store and I think that is remarkable."

While it was recently rumored that the bookstore may be moving or closing, Olivieri-Madsen clarified it will remain open for business in its current location.

"I think it's important because there are no other half-priced book stores besides (Friend's), and we have such a large selection here, and it's

just nice for the people who like to read and don't want to spend \$8 to \$14 on a book," said Kayla Rowley, a part-time employee of the bookstore.

"We have a lot of really loyal customers that come in here every week. I think it's important for the community, it keeps people reading. It's just different holding a book than reading it on an iPad or Nook."

In addition to the two shops, those interested in browsing through used books can find much smaller collections at second-hand retail locations such as Goodwill, Twice Around Thrift Store and the Salvation Army.

## Former editor gives tips on raising bookworms

By Leanne Italie  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jason Boog was immersed in publishing for five years as editor of the MediaBistro blog GalleyCat. When he became a dad, he was curious how best to foster a love of books in his newborn daughter.

His solution was — what else? — writing a book about raising bookworms. "Born Reading," out in July from Touchstone. Boog, 37, lives in Los Angeles with his wife and now nearly 4-year-old daughter, Olive. He works for a film production company, connecting screenwriters with experts to assist story development.

Boog's book coincides with a policy issued Tuesday from the American Academy of Pediatrics asking doctors to stress that parents should read to kids every day, beginning in infancy.

AP: Isn't there enough guidance out there on fostering a love of reading in babies and young children?

Boog: When I was just starting to introduce my daughter to books, the iPad, lots of digital devices, were swamping the market. They entered the marketplace so quickly that I don't think we as parents, or even the child development experts — no one really — had enough time to process the whole change. There

was this rapid shift in the way we read, so I set out in the book to speak to scientists, child development experts on how best to handle the new landscape.

AP: Are parents too exhausted in their child's first year to read to them?

Boog: I started to read to my daughter from the very first few days of her life. On the one hand it's boring to have these newborns. They don't do very much. They kind of just sit there and you kind of need something to do to entertain them and entertain yourself.

Then when I started speaking to the experts about it, that act of reading, even if your child is not speaking and not pointing to things in a book, but the act and the sound of your voice is turning on switches in their brain constantly in those first two years of life. I didn't realize that.

So I would set her up in her bouncy chair and as she drank her bottle I would pull out a board book and read it to her. Every single day you would see a little bit more light in those eyes and you would see her start to follow the story a little bit.

AP: How do you feel about the recommendation of no screen time for children under 2?

Boog: Some parents ban it completely during those first two years. We definitely let Olive grab the iPhone or the iPad when we

were on airplanes or in long lines. We kind of used it as the pacifier of last resort. I still struggle on a daily basis with my daughter to balance my need for making her lunch, for doing my work or getting dressed.

She would play with the iPad all day if I let her, until she fell over and fell asleep. She has nothing in her brain that tells her to turn it off. It's a constant struggle for 21st-century parents to figure out what the perfect balance is for their child and devices.

Realistically, you can't have zero screen time the way the world works now, with parents using devices every day and children seeing them every day. They're going to be curious. They're going to want to touch them.

AP: Do you think parents, pediatricians, day care providers and others do enough to read to or expose babies and young children to reading?

Boog: Over the last 30 years we've developed this very rich body of research about the science of interactive reading. That is reading to your child in a way where you're asking questions, where you're having them compare it to their own experiences, where it's a very active, participatory experience. You can use a device, you can do it while watching 'Sesame Street,' with a song, but it's you and your child and not your child and a device.

## GLEN AARON

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## Fort Stockton vet's books on horse trading are fun, informative

Ben K. Green was a veterinarian in Fort Stockton, and as I understand it, wrote a number of books about horses and his experiences. The one I read provided about as much reading fun as you would find anywhere. The books have been reprinted many times, but the tales never grow old or lose interest.

"Horse Tradin'" is a series of 20 tales of Green's life around the corrals, livery stables and wagon yards of the West. Early in life and then again when he retired, Green participated in the highly competitive business of horse and mule trading. He claimed to have "with these bloodshot eyes and gnarled hands measured over 70,000 horses."

His tales range from feeding a horse arsenic in his feed where he writes "... if you didn't kill the horse, you could 'puff him up,' and the arsenic would cause him to have a good appetite and eat enough to make his hair look good" to all kinds of yarns with a touch of larceny.

Now days, lawyers spend thousands going to seminars to learn how to negotiate. I suspect if they read Green's books, with their tales of knavery, skill, salesmanship and pure con-man hokum of horse trading, they could save a bunch of money and not have to go to those negotiation seminars.

Imbedded in every tale is West Texas wit that will bring readers to their knees

laughing, along with the psychology of trading in plain, upfront language. Anyone who ever sold or bought a car could learn a lot from "Horse Tradin'." Anyone interested in the history of the combustion engine tractor replacing the mule or the heyday of the Crazy Hotel in Mineral Wells will love this book.

There is not a dull moment from start to finish. Green might have been a veterinarian, but he was also an accomplished story teller.

Green died in 1974 but left us with his favorite subjects, horses and the post-WWI American West. While he wrote anecdotes drawn from his own experiences, he actually used his critical thinking to the benefit of West Texas. He studied at Cornell University and in England to become a doctor of veterinary medicine. A large part of his work involved identifying plants that grew in alkali soil and contained substances poisonous to horses, cattle, sheep and hogs (lechuguilla, yellowweed, pinquey, locoweed). While he was well educated, don't expect his horse trading yarns to be in the queen's English. They are told in the way people talk in our part of the country.

Thanks to Rabbit Ledbetter of Midland College for introducing me to the likes of Green. "Horse Tradin'" and his other books can be purchased online at Amazon.com or at local book stores.

## BESTSELLERS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

### Hardcover fiction

1. "Written in My Own Heart's Blood" by Diana Gabaldon (Delacorte Press)
2. "Mr. Mercedes" by Stephen King (Scribner)
3. "The Target" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
4. "Unlucky 13" by Patterson/Paetro (Little, Brown)
5. "Ghost Ship" by Cussler/Brown (Putnam)
6. "The Matchmaker" by Elin Hilderbrand (Little, Brown)
7. "The Goldfinch" Donna Tartt (Little, Brown)
8. "The One & Only" by Emily Giffin (Ballantine)
9. "The Hurricane Sisters" by Dorothea Benton Frank (William Morrow)
10. "Field of Prey" by John Sandford (Putnam)

### Hardcover nonfiction

### Mass market paperbacks

1. "Hard Choices" by Hillary Rodham Clinton (Simon & Schuster)
2. "One Nation" by Ben Carson (Penguin/Sentinel)
3. "The Closer" by Mariano Rivera (Little, Brown)
4. "Good Call" by Jase Robertson (Howard Books)
5. "Capital in the Twenty-First Century" by Thomas Piketty (Harvard/Belknap)
6. "Rebbe: The Life and Teachings" by Joseph Telushkin (HarperWave)
7. "Think Like a Freak" by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner (William Morrow)
8. "Instinct" by T.D. Jakes (FaithWords)
9. "Killing Jesus" by O'Reilly/Dugard (Henry Holt)
10. "Flash Boys" by Michael Lewis (W.W. Norton)

### Trade paperbacks

1. "The 9th Girl" by Tami Hoag (Signet)
2. "Inferno" by Dan Brown (Anchor)
3. "Zero Hour" by Cussler/Brown (Berkley)
4. "The Last Boyfriend" by Nora Roberts (Jove)
5. "The Marriage Pact" by Linda Lael Miller (Harlequin)
6. "Hidden Order" by Brad Thor (Pocket Books)
7. "On a Clear Day" by Debbie Macomber (Mira)
8. "Deeply Odd" by Dean Koontz (Bantam)
9. "First Sight" by Danielle Steel (Dell)
10. "Confessions of a Murder Suspect" by Patterson/Paetro (Grand Central)

### Trade paperbacks

1. "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn (Broadway Books)
2. "And the Mountains Echoed" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)
3. "Heaven Is for Real (movie tie-in)" by Todd Burpo (Thomas Nelson)
4. "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown (Penguin)
5. "The Longest Ride" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central Publishing)
6. "Doctor Sleep" by Stephen King (S&S/Gallery)
7. "Lone Survivor (movie tie-in)" by Marcus Luttrell (Back Bay Books)
8. "The Silver Star" by Jeanette Walls (Scribner)
9. "Inferno" by Dan Brown (Anchor)
10. "The Ocean at the End of the Lane" by Neil Gaiman (William Morrow)

## WEDDINGS



### Montgomery - Lennox

Richard and Pamela Montgomery and Deborah Mayo are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Monica Danielle Montgomery, to Christopher Wayne Lennox, son of Jerry and Sheila Lennox, of Arlington, Texas.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. Edward Montgomery and the late Mrs. Rose Montgomery, of Lubbock, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mayo of New Deal, Texas, and the late Ms. Marsha Mayo, of Lubbock, Texas.

The prospective groom is the grandson of the late Mr. Leonard Lennox and the late Mrs. June Lennox of Dallas, Texas, and the late Mr. Eugene and the late Mrs. Theresa Dugger of Beebe, Arkansas.

Monica is a 2003 graduate from Midland High School. She graduated with Honors from Baylor University's Louise Herrington School of Nursing in Dallas in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and from The University of Phoenix in 2013 with a Master of Science in Nursing. She is currently enrolled in the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program at Texas Tech University and is expected to graduate as an Advanced Practice Nurse in 2015. She is employed as a Registered Nurse at Texas Children's Hospital on the Oncology unit.

Christopher graduated from Martin High School in Arlington, Texas in 1998. Chris attended film school in Santa Monica, California while working in the film and entertainment industry. He is currently employed with Service King Collision Repair in Houston, Texas.

The couple will be married on September 9, 2014 in a private ceremony on the Island of Turks and Caicos, with a reception to follow in Glen Rose, Texas on Saturday September 27, 2014.



### Baumann-Kennedy

Janet Lynn King of San Antonio, Texas, is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Rachel King Baumann, to James Hunter Kennedy of Dallas, Texas. Rachel is the daughter of Jan and her late husband, William Bernard Frederick Baumann. Hunter is the son of Leslie Shine Kennedy and John Lloyd Kennedy of Midland, Texas.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Jody Edmondson King of Lockhart, Texas, and the late Mr. Patton S. King, Jr. and the late Marie and Robert George Baumann, Sr. Rachel graduated from Reagan High School in San Antonio in 2002, from Austin College in Sherman, Texas, with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 2006, and from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, with a Master of Arts in Sustainability & Sustainable Development from the College of Engineering in 2012. She is employed by The Beck Group in Dallas as Talent Acquisition Manager.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mrs. Donnes Balch Shine of Temple, Texas, the late Mr. Harold Joseph Shine, Mrs. Dorothy Van Pelt Kennedy of League City, Texas, and the late Mr. James H. Kennedy. Hunter graduated from Trinity School of Midland in 2000 and from Austin College in Sherman, Texas, with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 2004. He is employed by Laredo Petroleum, Inc. in Dallas as a Landman.

The couple will marry August 2, 2014, at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas.

To submit wedding, engagement or anniversary announcements, email [weddings@mrt.com](mailto:weddings@mrt.com) or call 682-6222.

## Lemon-pepper pops in pulled chicken

By Alison Ladman  
Associated Press

For a fresh take on barbecued pulled pork we decided to reinvent it from the bottom up. And we started by ditching the pork.

As delicious as pork is, for this July Fourth offering we wanted something that didn't take hours upon hours on the grill. Instead, we went with chicken thighs. Nearly as lean as chicken breasts, thighs stay moist and are difficult to overcook. They also happen to be delicious when doused with a one-two punch of lemon-pepper sauce.

We start by marinating the thighs in a blend of lemon juice and zest, salt, pepper and olive oil. Do it for at least two hours, but you also can toss it together the night before. After that, you just pop the thighs on the grill for about 10 minutes, then shred them with forks. A second dose of lemon-pepper comes in the sauce you toss the shredded chicken with, a tangy blend of lemon juice and zest, mayonnaise and buttermilk.

The result isn't just delicious, it also is wonderfully versatile. Pile it onto rolls, or heap it onto a mess of baby greens.

### BARBECUED AND SHREDDED LEMON-PEPPER CHICKEN

Start to finish: 2 1/2 hours (30 minutes active)  
Servings: 6

2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs, trimmed of fat  
Zest and juice of 2 lemons, divided  
Kosher salt and ground black pepper  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
2 tablespoons light mayonnaise  
1/4 cup buttermilk  
Rolls or salad greens, to serve



In a zip-close plastic bag, combine the chicken thighs with the zest and juice of 1 lemon, plus a hefty pinch of salt, 1 teaspoon of pepper, and the olive oil. Close the bag, then turn and massage with your fingers to work the marinade into the meat. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours and up to overnight.

When ready to cook the chicken, heat the grill to medium-high. Use a vegetable oil-soaked paper towel held with tongs to oil the grates.

Grill the thighs for 5 to 6 minutes per side, or until cooked through. Transfer the chicken to a plate, then use 2 forks to pull and shred the meat into bite-size pieces.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, buttermilk and the remaining lemon juice and zest. Stir in the chicken and season with salt and an additional 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Serve the chicken piled on rolls or over a bed of greens.



## PATRIOTIC SPIRITS

This June 2 photo shows from left to right, Cristina Jerez Xeres Sherry, Appleton Estate Reserve Jamaica Rum, The Muse Angry Orchard "gluten free" carbonated apple wine and Blandy's Special Dry Madeira in Concord, N.H.

Matthew Mead/AP

## Fourth of July: Toasting the holiday in true colonial fashion

By Michelle Locke  
Associated Press

**Y**ou know George Washington and John Hancock as founding fathers. But what about George Washington, successful whiskey distiller? Or John Hancock, fortified wine importer?

Turns out some of that patriotic spirit came in bottles.

"I was surprised at how much people drank," said Corin Hirsch, who chronicled the drinking habits of colonial-era Americans in her recently released book "Forgotten Drinks of Colonial New England: From Fljps and Rattle-Skulls to Switchal and Spruce Beer."

"People were starting their days with alcohol and ending their days with alcohol," said Hirsch. "It was woven into the culture in fundamental ways."

Take John Adams, second president of the United States and father of the sixth,

who started each day with a tankard of cider. Adams also served as lawyer for Hancock, who got into a kerfuffle in 1768 when the British seized his sloop, the Liberty, in Boston Harbor, claiming — charges that didn't stick — that Hancock had avoided paying duties on most of his shipment of Madeira, a fortified wine.

Madeira made sense as a New World drink because it developed its character through being exposed to heat and sloshing around in barrels at sea. Sherry, also fortified, was also popular.

The one thing colonials weren't likely to drink was water, considered a very dubious beverage.

Where there are spirits there must be mixology. A simple colonial cocktail was rum dropped into cider, known as a Stone Wall or Stone Fence, says Hirsch.

"Flip" was the artisanal cocktail of the day, generally a mix of beer, rum, eggs, spices, sometimes cream, served warm and blended by being poured from one pitcher

to another until creamy and silky. To finish, a hot poker was plunged in, imparting a charred flavor and creating a froth and steam on par with today's bartending pyrotechnics.

Beer was the drink of the early immigrants. One of the reasons the Mayflower landed in Massachusetts rather than continuing south was because beer was running low, notes David Sipes, cider maker at Angry Orchard.

But colonists didn't have much success raising barley to make beer, so they turned to apples, which did grow well, and made hard cider. Alcohol levels were probably fairly low, in the 4 percent to 5 percent range, notes Sipes.

Today's ciders are a bit different. Angry Orchard, for instance, uses a mix of regular apples, known as culinary apples, and traditional cider (bittersweet) apples and clocks in anywhere from 5 to 10 percent alcohol.

If you're looking for a sparkler to break open on July 4, Angry Orchard has a new cider called The Muse, inspired

by slightly sweet sparkling wines, which is made from apples from Italy and France, comes in a cork-caged bottle and is just under 8 percent alcohol.

On the hard liquor side, Americans turned away from rum after the revolution and domestic whiskey production increased, said Steve Bashore, manager of trades at the distillery and gristmill site of Mount Vernon, Washington's estate in Virginia.

Most farmers had at least a small still and some made larger quantities. Washington got into the business in 1797 when he returned from the presidency and hired farm manager, James Anderson, a Scottish immigrant with extensive distilling experience.

Washington had all the ingredients for the whiskey business, including a water-powered grist mill and cooperage. He started with two stills in the cooperage, later built a distillery and by 1799 production was 11,000 gallons, likely the largest U.S. distillery of the time, said Bashore.

An astute businessman, Washington "ran a pretty tight ship at Mount Vernon," said Bashore and the tradition continues today with workers at the estate making whiskey the old-fashioned way in small batches from grain ground at the mill, all done by hand, including carrying water by bucket.

The research team worked through the ledgers from 1798 and 1799 noting the types of grain delivered to the distillery to develop the recipes — or "mash bill" — for Washington's whiskey, which is 60 percent rye, 35 percent corn and 5 percent malted barley. About half the whiskey is unaged, or "white" whiskey, as it would have been in Washington's time, and the rest is barrel-aged, with all bottles available only through in-person purchase at the estate.

The latest batch of aged George Washington Straight Rye Whiskey will go on sale over the July 4th weekend.

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# Go for the food: Try a 'rocket' in Massachusetts

By J.M. Hirsch  
Associated Press

HAVERHILL, Mass. — Sometimes the best time to visit a community is when it's struggling.

Because when a place is itching for a comeback, that's when exciting — and often delicious — things start happening. And that's the case with Haverhill, a northern Massachusetts city of 60,000 people that after years of sliding down market clearly is hungry for a bit of renewal and reinvention.

Truth is, as you head into town, you won't be much impressed. That's OK. Keep going until you hit the city center. You're looking for a rectangle of streets — Washington Street, Essex Street, Wingate Street and Railroad Square — which form a retail and restaurant hub that's trying to lead the way in the city's revival.

It's a neighborhood on the cusp. Wide, brick-lined sidewalks take you past funky stone buildings, converted mills and old warehouses that have been refurbished into a pleasant tangle of restaurants, pubs, art galleries, shops and an almost shocking number of old-school barber shops. Though there also are many vacant storefronts, the vibe manages to be of progress, not decay.

An alley off Washington Street with an archway labeled "Entrance Riverfront Park" leads to a boardwalk along the Merrimack River. Above, several restaurants offer massive decks from which to enjoy the view of the water ... and a cocktail or two.

Not ready for the hard stuff just yet? Continue along Washington Street until you can bang a left onto Essex, and there

you'll find the welcoming Wicked Big Cafe coffee shop. Here you can absorb a pleasantly hipster mojo from a comfy chair while tanking up on caffeine (all the usual suspects). They also offer a nice selection of sandwiches, pastries, bagels and other snacks.

Thus fortified, you can explore art galleries and shops around the corner, or if your timing is right catch some community theater at the Spotlight Playhouse across the street.

Surely by now you'll be ready for something more potent, right? Back on Washington Street, look for a large stone building that looks like a bank. In fact the Barking Dog Ale House is in a former bank, complete with sky-high ceilings and ample space for a crowd. You'll be greeted at the door and handed a flyer with the pub's list of always changing — at least once or twice a week — beers and hard ciders on tap, 40 in all, organized by style, complete with descriptions.

It's a friendly place, the sort of place where you might expect folks to yell "Norm!" when you walk in. (And if you don't get that reference, you're probably too young to be drinking.) As I stared at the list from the doorway, I muttered about having never tried one of the ciders it mentioned.

"Oh my god! You've got to try it!" was the chorus from several staffers I didn't realize were listening. And before I knew it, I had a seat at the bar and sample at my lips. It's that friendly.

When you're done drinking, it's time for some sustenance. As charming as the downtown is, head up Washington Street half a mile and into a quasi-



Elise Amendola/AP

Diners sit at a table June 3, inside the Essex Street Grille in Haverhill, Mass. Haverhill is a northern Massachusetts city of 60,000 people that after years of sliding down market clearly is hungry for a bit of renewal and reinvention.

residential-commercial zone that really has nothing going for it aside from Benedetti's Deli, home of the so-called "rocket."

That's the deli's name for massive subs, generous and delicious creations that have been a family affair since 1961. There are

no tables or chairs, just a counter, a few drink coolers, and plenty of banter among the three siblings who run the business.

These are big, bodacious subs, made for decades on soft white rolls baked across the street by the Fantini Bakery. This is not

the place to be a vegetarian. The rockets are mostly meaty monsters, such as "the stud" — ham, roast beef, turkey and provolone — or "the hearty stopper," which adds a hefty helping of bacon to the mix.

But the rocket you must try is the Nero (substituted

the "ultimate Italian"). Your roll will be jammed with pepperoni, mortadella, ham, Genoa salami, sweet capicola and provolone cheese. You'll have your choice of veggies, plus mayo or oil, but oil is the only way.

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## HINTS FROM HELOISE

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### Freezing jars of grease makes for easy disposal

**Dear Heloise:** I always pour excess cooking fat into a glass jar rather than putting it down the sink, so it won't clog drains. What I haven't been able to figure out is how to dispose of the jar once it's full. Do you have any hints? — Barbara V. in Virginia

I do! Keep the jar in the freezer so the grease hardens, then simply place it in the trash on garbage day.

When you collect the fat and grease from cooking certain foods and place it into a glass jar with a lid, first make sure the grease is completely cooled before putting it into the jar and then into the freezer. — Heloise

it, add some crushed nuts and drizzle chocolate syrup over it. Cover with a piece of plastic wrap, and then a final cover of aluminum foil, and place in the freezer. I usually make four or so at a time. Kids and husbands love them, and they are always ready! — Barbara in Florida

This is such a great hint! If anyone in your family has dietary restrictions, you can personalize the treats! Frozen fruit, graham-cracker crumbs and a little drizzle of honey can make for a healthier dessert, or even using frozen yogurt in place of ice cream. Be creative! — Heloise

**NO MESS**  
**Dear Heloise:** I like cupcakes and muffins, but I hate the mess to clean up afterward. One evening, I was getting ready to mix up a package of muffin mix when I had to move a quart-size, plastic, zipper-top bag. A light bulb went off!

I put the mix into the bag, added the wet ingredients, slid it shut and mixed by squeezing and pressing the bag together. I then cut the corner off the bag and squeezed the mix into the muffin cups. I pitched the bag into the garbage and put the muffins into the oven. No mess, no cleanup and no dishes to do. — Joanne F., via email

**CHIP BAG**  
**Dear Heloise:** When eating out, I occasionally like to get a small bag of chips with my lunch. I open the bag at the top and then pull the bag apart down the back seam. This gives the chips a larger surface to lie on without having to dump them out, and I can pick up a chip without shoving my hand in the bag. — P.W., via email

**CRISPY CRUST**  
**Dear Heloise:** I got tired of frozen pizzas with white, limp-bottom crusts. My "thinking cap" was utilized, and I found a simple solution. I now put the baking-sheet pan into the oven while it heats. Then the frozen pizza goes on a hot pan, and the bottom crust bakes beautifully. — Betty B. in Florida

**SWEET RECYCLING**  
**Dear Heloise:** This is my favorite hint for tasty, always-available desserts, and it involves recycling. Use a cleaned-out yogurt cup, put several scoops of ice cream or sherbet into

Send a hint to Heloise at P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, 78279-5000, fax 210-HELOISE or email heloise@Heloise.com.



The 52nd annual Children's Sidewalk Parade will kick off at 10 a.m. Friday at the corner of Baird Street and Illinois Avenue.

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# CALENDAR

Compiled from staff reports and from the Arts Council of Midland | [acmidland.org](http://acmidland.org)

### SUNDAY

Midland Amateur Radio Club ARRL 2014 Annual Field Day. Sunday morning at Beal Park. [arrrl.org](http://arrrl.org).

RockHounds game Faith and Family Night, 6 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. [mlb.com](http://mlb.com).

Josh Tatum, 7:30-9 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. [museumsw.org/lawn-concerts](http://museumsw.org/lawn-concerts).

Free Admission Sunday made possible by Cimarex Energy Co. 2-5 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. [museumsw.org](http://museumsw.org).

### MONDAY

"Wilderness and Wildflowers: The Legacy of Lady Bird Johnson" exhibit opening at Midland County Public Library downtown location. [www.co.midland.tx.us/lib](http://www.co.midland.tx.us/lib)

RockHounds game, 6:30 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. [mlb.com](http://mlb.com).

Tall City Cloggers dances, every Monday at M-Squarena. Call Lynn Myers at 697-6416 or [danznfool@grandecom.net](mailto:danznfool@grandecom.net)

### TUESDAY

Movie camp "Turbo" 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. [petroleummuseum.org](http://petroleummuseum.org)

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

Wild Things Zofari Program, 10:30 a.m. at Midland County Public Library downtown location and 1 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. [www.co.midland.tx.us/lib](http://www.co.midland.tx.us/lib)

Marfa Film Festival, through July 6 in Marfa. [marfafilmfestival.com](http://marfafilmfestival.com)

### THURSDAY

West Texas Dance Club, 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 697-0281.

### FRIDAY

Freedom Run, 7:30 a.m.

at Midland County Courthouse. [midlandtxchamber.com](http://midlandtxchamber.com).

52nd Annual Children's Sidewalk Parade, 10 a.m. at corner of Baird Street and Illinois Avenue. [fourthinmidland.com](http://fourthinmidland.com).

Free patriotic concert with Midland Community Band, 4 p.m. at Wagner and Brown Auditorium, Midland College. [facebook.com/pages/Midland-Community-Band](http://facebook.com/pages/Midland-Community-Band).

Star Spangled Salute, 6 p.m. at Centennial Plaza. [midlandtxchamber.com](http://midlandtxchamber.com).

Tex Mex Barrel Race, through July 6 at the Horseshoe. [midlandhorseshoe.com](http://midlandhorseshoe.com).

Summer Mummer's "Desert of the Dead," through Aug. 30 at Yucca Theatre. [summermummers.com](http://summermummers.com).

### SATURDAY

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 501 W. Texas Ave. [midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com](http://midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com).

Pink Flamingos, 8 p.m. at Basin Burger House. [basinburgers.com](http://basinburgers.com).

### SAVE THE DATE

Summer Art Camp, June 16-Aug. 1 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. Register now. [noelartmuseum.org](http://noelartmuseum.org).

Summer Science Classes, June 13-Aug. 1 at Petroleum Museum. [petroleummuseum.org](http://petroleummuseum.org).

Summer Bug Camp and Mini Day Camp, June through August at Sibley Nature Center. Register now. 684-6827.

### ON DISPLAY

ArtQuest Studios' Reserved Studio Time, \$35 per month, 700 Andrews Highway. [heronartconnection@sbcglobal.net](mailto:heronartconnection@sbcglobal.net), 553-0420, [www.artquesttx.com](http://www.artquesttx.com).

Blakemore Planetarium's permanent exhibits are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Sky shows throughout the week. 1705 W. Missouri Ave. 683-2882.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum's "Healing Blade" through Aug. 24. "In the Making: The Art of Tracy Krumm." Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. [www.noelartmuseum.org](http://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.

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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.

Midland Arts Association presents oil/watercolor of Maxine Hannifin in the Community National Bank Lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave. during June.

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 Medalion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 682-5447.

Museum of the Southwest's exhibits West Texas Triangle: Ken Little through

Aug. 24, Kathy Sosa's "Identidad" through June 27.

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-Lineberry House is open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions. 802 S. Main St. 685-7368.

Arts Council of Midland maintains a calendar of all submitted arts-related activities. To submit events see use form from [www.acmidland.org](http://www.acmidland.org).

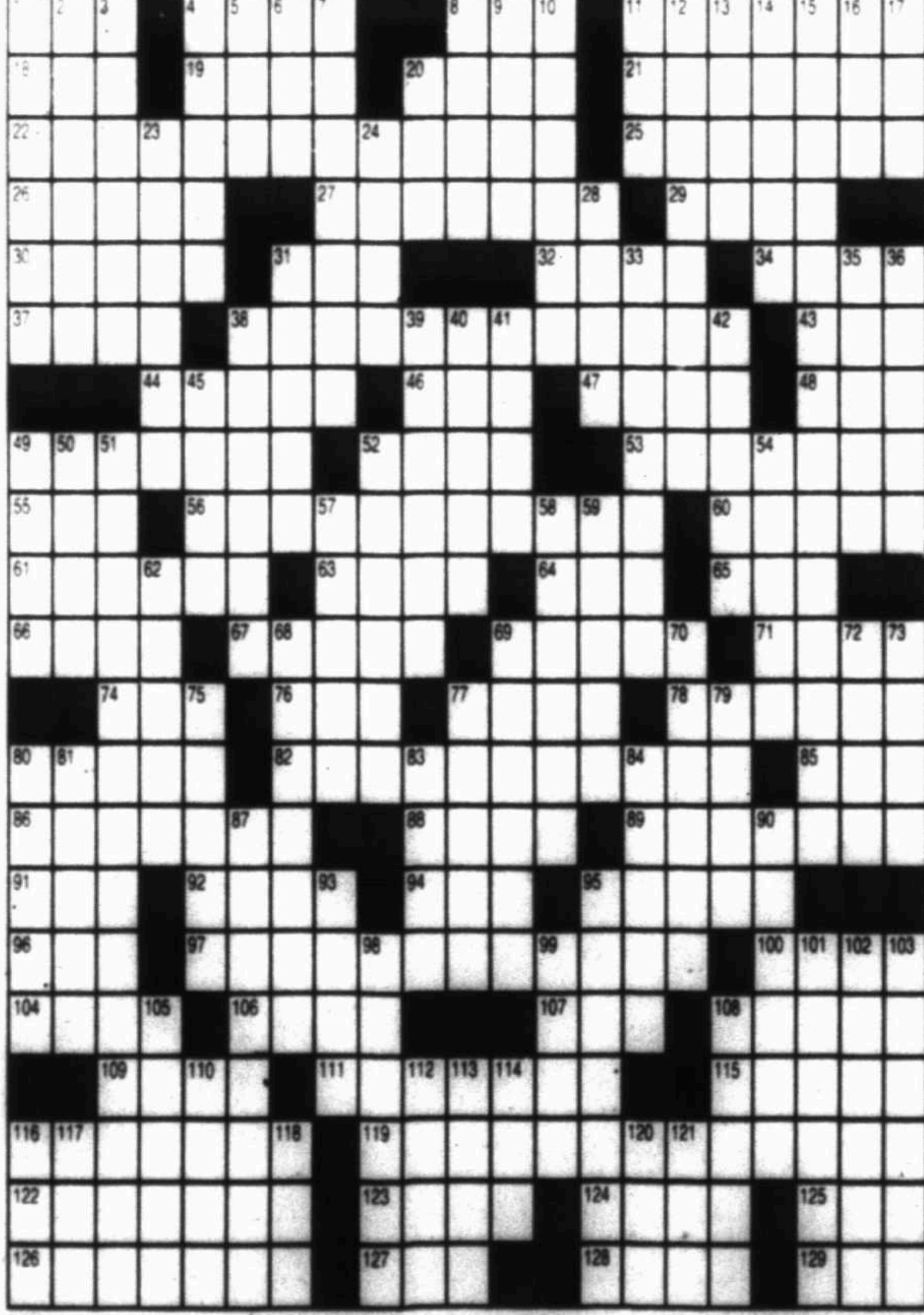
## Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

LET'S PARTY By GAIL GRABOWSKI

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## GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

### Perfect count

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Opening lead: Four of

Two balanced hands are often unable to diagnose an unstopped suit. South, who had seen this all before, took a look at the lead and dummy's hearts, and thought, "Oh well, here we go again."

East won the opening heart lead with the ace and continued with the queen, then shifted to the queen of spades. South was delighted to win his ace, knowing that East would have continued hearts if he could. — West was marked with six hearts. A 3-2 split in either minor would give South his contract. He started by cashing the king and queen of clubs, East discarding a spade. West was now also marked with four clubs. South did a little sleuthing by cashing the king of diamonds

followed by the king of spades. South had a perfect count! West was known to have started with 2-6-1-4 distribution. With that knowledge, the solution was simple. South cashed the queen of diamonds and crossed to dummy with the ace of clubs. East shedding another spade. South exited dummy with a spade, end-playing East. The defender could cash another spade, but then had to lead a diamond into dummy's ace-10 to give declarer nine tricks. Bob Hamman, one of the all-time great players, once said: "Most of the miracles that happen in bridge happen in three no-trump." This hand hardly qualifies as a miracle, but you get the idea.

## JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Sunday, June 29, 2014: This year you experience a different perspective, and you enjoy your life much more as a result. Add to the quality of your life.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You'll be ready for some fun with a loved one. You might want to cancel plans and revamp your day. Tonight: Let the day float into the night.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You usually have the right words, and now is no exception. Shop for a special gift. Tonight: Entertain from home.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You could be chattier than you might want to be. If you are keeping a matter hush-hush, you will want to be careful. Tonight: Visit with friends.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You might decide that it's time to make a major purchase. You'll wonder whether you are making a solid decision. Tonight: Make it your treat.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You could feel as if there is no end to the possibilities right now. You could be amazed at the amount of invitations heading your way. Tonight: Lead actor.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Bring friends and family together. You could be delighted by everything you hear from loved ones. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Honor a change of pace. Encourage friends to join you at a somewhat unknown natural setting for a picnic. Be spontaneous. Tonight: In the moment.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You could be pushing someone away without realizing it. You will be sure about what you want. Tonight: Dinner for two.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Keep your eye on the long term. Now might not be the right time to discuss a special vacation with a loved one. Tonight: Out late.

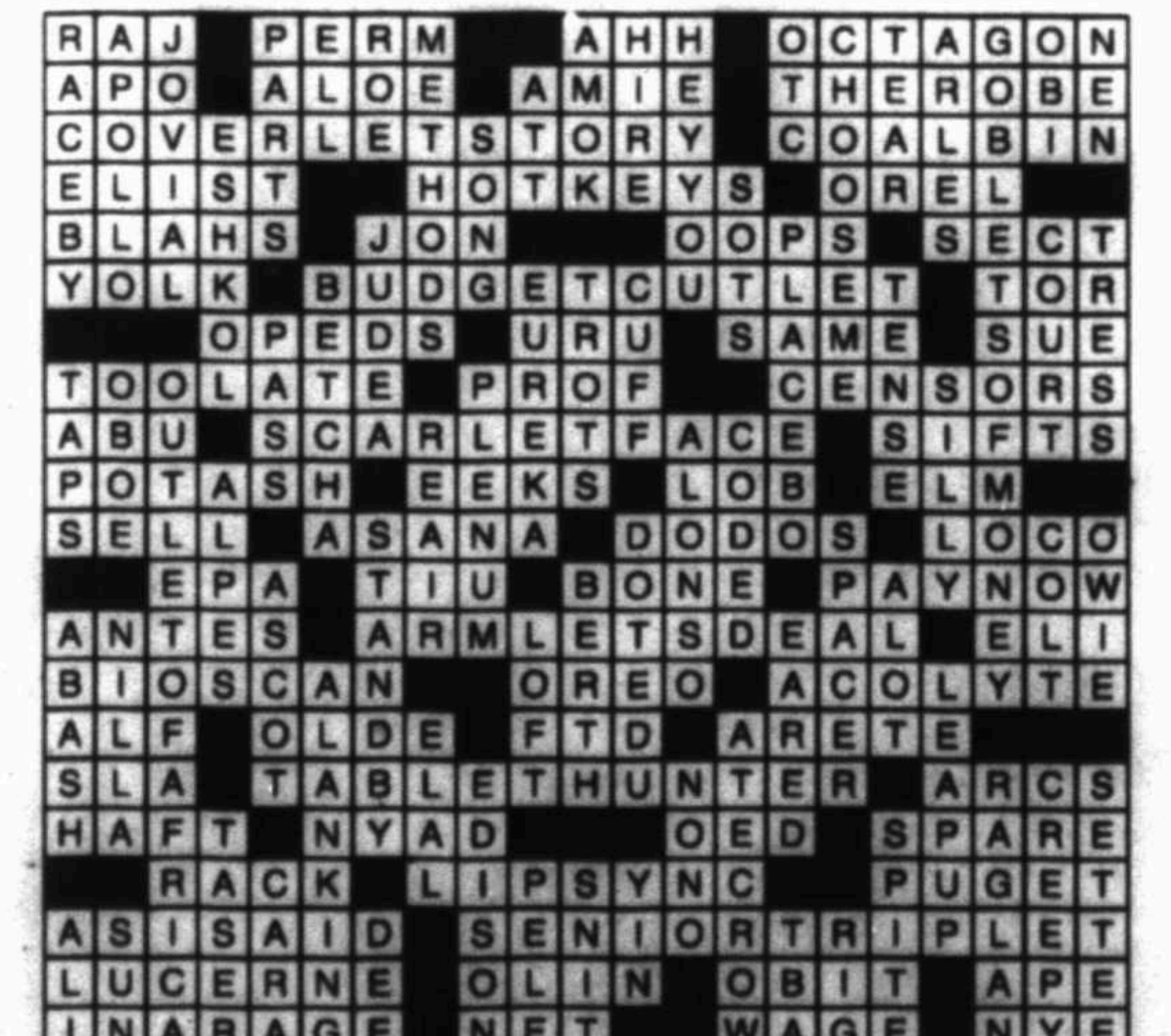
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Listen to a loved one, as he or she might want to share a premonition. Tonight: Togetherness.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Defer to someone. You might see a situation differently. Tonight: Forget tomorrow. Live it up today.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Use your imagination to create a day of luxury and indulgence. Count on your intuition. Tonight: Continue with the same theme.

**BORN TODAY** Novelist Antoine de Saint-Exupery (1900), rodeo performer Louis Burton Lindley Jr. (1919), singer Little Eva (1943)

### ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

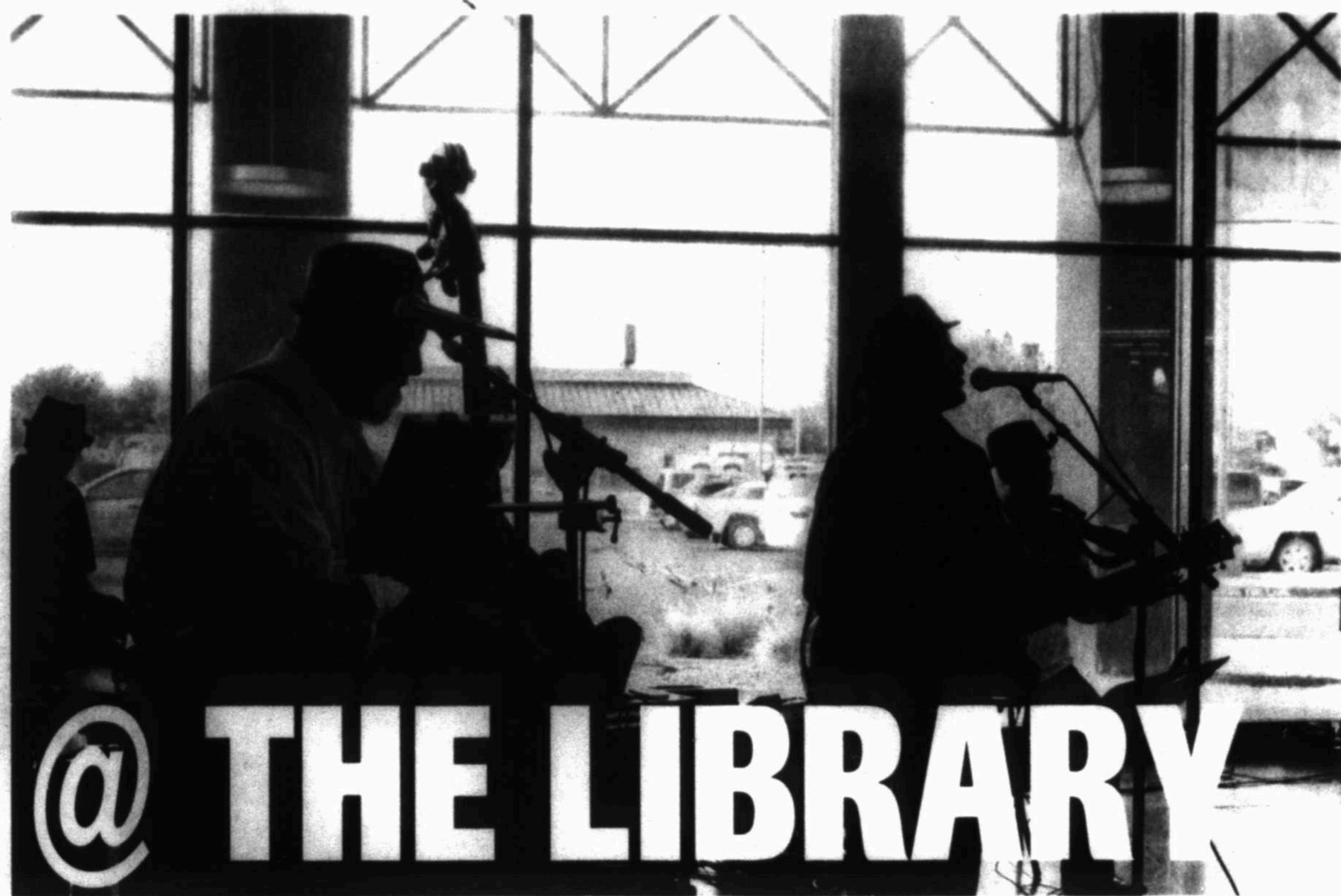


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# LIVE @ THE LIBRARY

The Texas Gypsies performed June 21 at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch for the first show in the Live @ the Library concert series. Following acts in the series include the country blues of the E Flat Porch Band, regional Mexican pop singer Sesi and more through September.

Photos by Tyler White | Reporter-Telegram



## PIANIST

From 8E

amazed with all of the hard work and dedication that it took to get there and it was a wonderful experience."

Last August, Figel transferred to the Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan, a school founded with the objective of providing "year-round training in the arts coupled with challenging and comprehensive college-preparatory academics," according to its website. "Interlochen has been fantastic," said Figel. "It has been completely different from anything ever experienced. I've been surrounded by a diverse community that has been really motivated and inspiring to be around. They have just given

me so many opportunities to get myself out there, like performances and master classes."

The school's academic schedule emulates that of a college block schedule where courses do not meet every day. This past year, Figel was enrolled in courses such as British literature, tribalism vs. globalization, pre-calculus and economics.

In addition to academics, Figel practiced between four to six hours daily and had weekly one-on-one instruction with a teacher as well as a weekly group lesson in which the piano students would meet to perform for each other.

As he prepares to enter his senior year, Figel is looking toward his future. He plans to



Mathew Figel

apply to several conservatories (with hopes for either The Juilliard School or Eastman School of Music) where he will pursue a bachelor's degree in music.

Beyond that, Figel hopes to balance his career between performing as a concert pianist

and teaching the piano.

"I've received such amazing instruction through these years," said Figel. "I want to be able to help the rising pianists. It's just (a way) for me to give back what I have received."

## HEALING

From 8E

Gram stain?"

Gram staining is where certain types of bacteria take up a chemical stain (Gram positive) while others do not (Gram negative). The cultures and Gram stain become "confirmatory tests" which still leaves us with the decision -- which antibiotic does one choose?

What occurred to me was the parallels between engaging with the dark forces of infection and the game I had been playing. We are able to make very reasonable assessments in regard to which antibiotics (weapons) to use against the forces we suspect are attacking an individual's body. If there ever was an aha! moment regarding the "Healing Blade" concept, that was it.

MRT: What was the inception for this idea of combining animation/illustration art with medicine?

Mathews: The inspiration for "Healing Blade" came from something that we like to refer to as "conceptual blending." As gamers ourselves, we love being able to dive deeply into worlds that other game designers have created. The particular software house that enthralled us was Bioware Interactive. Founded by three physicians, it has earned a dedicated following by creating consistently excellent mainstream role-playing games that feel extremely well thought out and fully immersive.

A particular favorite was a game called Mass Effect, a masterpiece of the genre that skillfully blends storytelling, character development and

traditional role-playing game elements with action-based tactical engagements with enemy combatants. Players can assess weaknesses and enemies they encountered and appropriately make strategic decisions to improve the probability of victory.

MRT: Once conceived, what was your role with the rest of the team that put "Healing Blade" together?

Mathews: My role was a combination of coordination and assistance with the various creative people involved with the project. Dr. Kong, my wife and I would also be tasked with doing a great deal of the fact checking with the medical metaphors used in the game.

MRT: How was the approach to selecting the "good and bad guys" to illustrate and why those in particular?

Mathews: We re-envisioned bacteria as creatures that we referred to as Lords of Pestilence and the antibiotics as heroes called Apothecary Healers. While this seems a straightforward "good guys vs bad guys" approach, the reality is somewhat more interesting. In our backstory, we highlight that at first, only the Lords of Pestilence (bacteria) existed, and that they ravaged the world, which we named Soma, coming from the Latin root word for body. The Apothecary Healers then showed up to save the day and an uneasy balance was then formed between the two factions. Unfortunately, then an entity known only as Vallejo enters the fray, teaching the Lords of Pestilence the magic of resistance, throwing the world out of balance and trig-

gering and all-out war

MRT: You mentioned this appealed to the nerd or geek part of you and like "Healing Blade" would do that for many people. Could you elaborate on that and also what in that culture (comics, gaming, etc.) will people see in this exhibition?

Mathews: We like to consider this exhibition as a love letter of sorts to the works of Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, R.A. Salvatore, etc. While there is an epic overarching theme of two sides locked in struggle, each character brings a wonderful backstory that adds richness to the Soma tapestry. Fused into this are cinematic allusions to films that we care greatly about, including "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" and "Rashomon." There was a time that the terms "nerd" or "geek" were quite derogatory. Times are changing. In my view, these terms simply reflect individuals that are passionate about particular forms of art. And passion is something that we need to nurture, not discourage.

MRT: Could you talk about your hopes on what people take away from the exhibition?

Mathews: Our sincere hope is that the fascinating world of microbiology and antibiotics is made a little bit more accessible to the general public. We wanted to use the art as a mechanism to bring light to the very real issue of antimicrobial resistance and engender a real appreciation for the modern marvel that is antibiotics. Conversely, we also hope to demonstrate that the over-use of antibiotics is one of the primary drivers of bacterial resistance

and that we need to be stewards of these types of medicine.

MRT: Is there really a game card deck that accompanies the exhibition?

Mathews: Yes! All of the art for the "Healing Blade" originated in purpose for a table-top card game and is currently out of stock. I'm pleased to report the third edition rule-set of the game, "Healing Blade: Defenders of Soma" is intended for pre-order via Kickstarter in the fall.

MRT: What would you like the future of "Healing Blade" to be? The exhibition seems to have potential as a traveling one and even be perpetuated by other physiological/mythical characters?

Mathews: We're very committed to building the world of Soma. We recently did a Kickstarter crowdfunding campaign for "Bacterionomicon," a compendium of all of our art as a coffee table book. Next to each image is a one page backstory that has multiple clues pointing to the real-world features of each bacterium/antibiotic. We were very surprised to reach our fundraising goal within just four days of a 30 day campaign! Eventually, we'd like to consider developing expansion packs such as the "Rise of the Wyrms" (parasitology) and the Viral Cataclysm.

I know, we're super nerds.

"Healing Blade: The Fantasy Art in Medicine" runs through Aug. 24 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Noelartmuseum.org.

who knows me knows that I drink a beer with a shot of whiskey when I sit down. From there, Manhattans take over ... one after another.

MRT: What's in your music player right now?

Ricker: Rock 'n' Roll! I bought the new Black Keys album a couple weeks ago and haven't taken it out of my car stereo since. Those guys rock!

## RICKER

From 8E

mood for? Whiskey, tequila, wine?"

Then we move on to the flavor profile of what they are searching for (sweet, tart, bitter, strong or weak). By this time I've accumulated enough info for my imagination to take and run with what I think they will enjoy. A lot of times I hear "Hey man, I trust you, whatever you think." Which I believe, truly, is a compliment.

MRT: Describe your ideal last meal.

Ricker: I love seafood. Last summer I was in New Orleans for the international conference Tales of the Cocktail. (Blue Door owners) Cody and Erica Reeves and I had dinner at Brennan's. It was there I ate the best salmon I have ever had in my life. Ideally, that will be the quality of my last meal.

MRT: Your not-so-secret indulgence

Ricker: I like this one, this is how you know who your friends really are. Everyone

## GEORGE JACOB

Ellen Noel Art Museum



### Atlanta unveils \$103 million Civil Rights Museum

The \$103 million 44,069-square-foot National Center for Civil and Human Rights opened June 23 in downtown Atlanta, located near the Georgia Aquarium and the World of Coke near the Centennial Olympic Park. Ten years ago the former United Nations ambassador Andrew Young and civil rights activist Evelyn Lowery approached then-Mayor Shirley Franklin with the idea for a museum in a city that was already a home to memorials and historic sites honoring Atlanta native Martin Luther King Jr. They believed such a museum would look beyond King's legacy and address the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that impact the global community.

Driven by the concept of unity in interlocking hands, the museum was designed by architect Philip Freelon/HOK draped in terra cotta rain screens that allude to the long history of brick architecture in the South. The different shades of brown speak to the different races coming together to create a better world. Over a decade in design and development, it provides an exterior skin that is environmentally sustainable and resonates with its ambient environment. The LEED Silver Certified building recycles storm water through green roofs, bio-swales and reflecting pools.

Phil Freelon's design achievements include some of the finest American cultural, civic and academic institutions. He leads the design team for the \$500M Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in the making on the National Mall, and is the architect for the Museum of the African Diaspora in San Francisco. Emancipation Park in Houston and multiple library buildings in Washington. Freelon is a presidential appointee to the National Commission of Fine Arts, a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects and recipient of the Thomas Jefferson Award for Public Architecture.

With powerful and somber exhibit themes of segregation, violence, reconciliation, resilience and jubilation, the museum gives visitors a venue to step out and reflect in the central courtyard that offers stunning views of the city. The museum celebrates Atlanta as a cradle of civil rights history and also displays King's historic papers.

Museums are souls of civil societies and places of inspired thinking. They add to the quality of life, spur the economy in myriad ways and augment the education system by offering engaging platforms of visual stimulation and discussions.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum continues to offer one such platform for the Permian Basin and is on the cusp of a capital expansion to address the growing needs of the communities it serves.

# THE ARTS

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## SCIENCE & ART

### Fantasy art, health science come together for exhibit

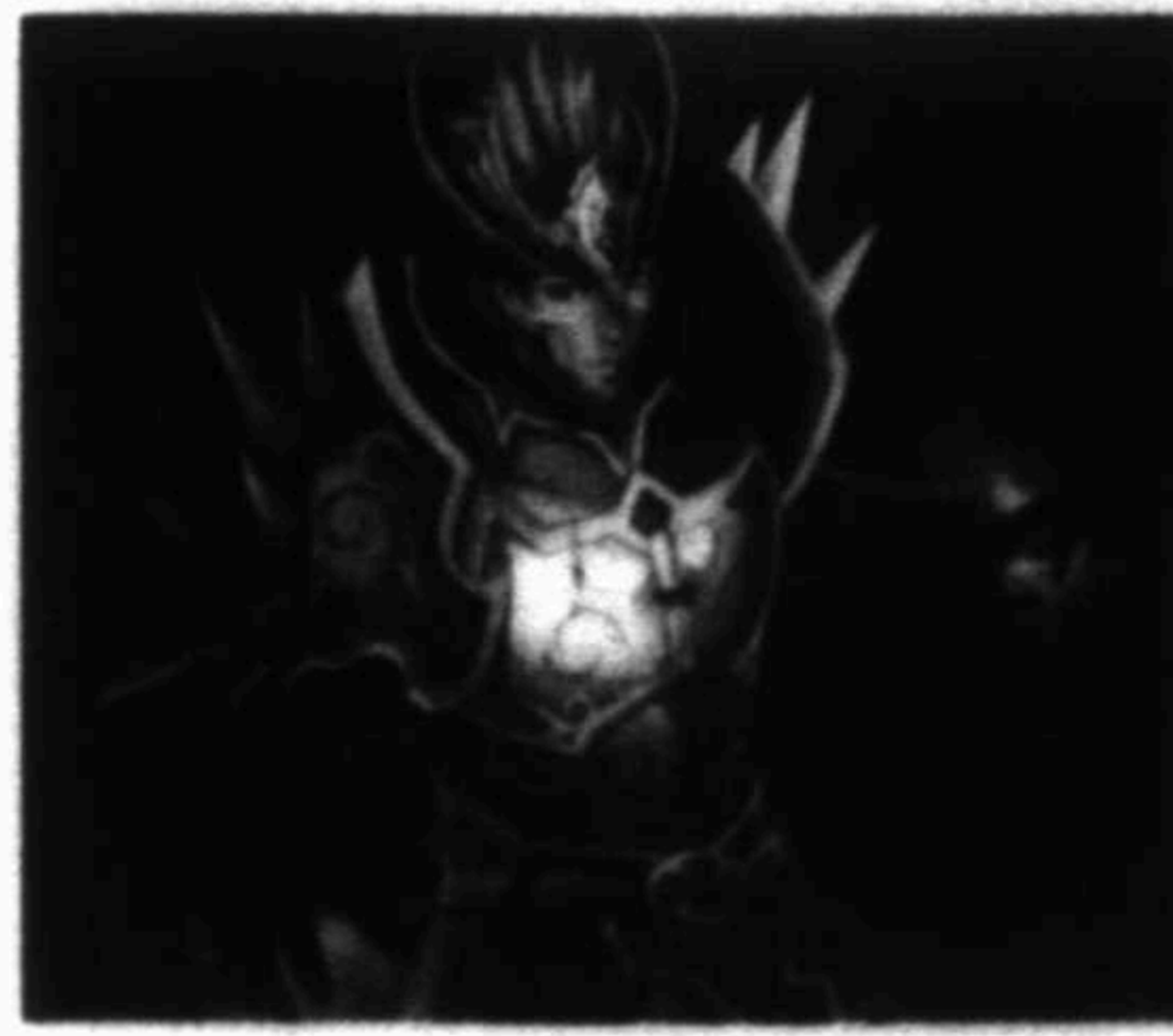
By Rich Lopez  
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When two Permian Basin physicians collaborate with a team of artists both international and local, the result is "Healing Blade: Fantasy Art in Medicine" on display now at the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin. With depictions of bacteria as villains and antibiotics as heroes, the exhibition details the facts behind each piece while providing a backstory to each character in a universe named Soma. As part of the team that created "Healing Blade," Dr. Arun Mathews of Medical Center Hospital in Odessa and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center of the Permian Basin discussed both his approach to the exhibition as well as how it speaks to a range of people from medical professionals to comic book enthusiasts. Along with Mathews, the team included doctors Francis Kong and Zeeba Mathews.

**MRT:** Perhaps the obvious first question to most people is how and when did you come up with this idea?

**Mathews:** One morning after a night of involved video-gaming some years back, I was completing rounds in the medical intensive care unit with the nurse and a student. The question came up: "How does one choose the appropriate antibiotic for an infection when the infection has not been proven by way of cultures or

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Photos by Rich Lopez

#### Meet the Artist

### 5 questions with Dylan Ricker

Whether it's shaken or stirred, Dylan Ricker can handle it. His mixology skills are ever-present at the Blue Door where he's bartended since the hip Midland spot opened and now is also part of the management team. He's even demonstrated and shared his knowledge with a Mixology 101 class at Celebration of the Arts detailing the art of mixing the perfect cocktail. The Blue Door is located at 4610 N. Garfield St.



**MRT:** What is your proudest achievement as a mixologist?

**Ricker:** My proudest achievement is that I have been able to communicate with my guests in way unlike any other. Every day I walk into work I know I have something to offer. Something that is authentic, creative and most of all delicious. I love being able to provide something from my soul each and every day.

**MRT:** When someone doesn't know what to order, what do you recommend and why?

**Ricker:** I ask them a series of questions. Such as, "What are you in the

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### Native Midlander, pianist performs at Carnegie Hall

By Steve Kuhlmann  
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Carnegie Hall, located in Midtown Manhattan, is one of the most prestigious and world-renowned concert venues in the world, and on May 18, Midland native Mathew Figel, 17, joined a long list of accomplished musicians who have performed there.

Figel was presented with the opportunity after being chosen from among more than 300 applicants to the Bradshaw & Buono International Piano Competition. He was one of only four high school students and 22 musicians total to be awarded the first prize of performing in Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall.

For his recital, Figel performed "Jeux d'eau" by Maurice Ravel and "Transcendental Etude No. 10 in F Minor" by Franz Liszt.

"It's always been my dream to perform there and it was just the most wonderful opportunity," said Figel. "The two pieces that I performed have always been really close to

me personally. And I've worked on them a lot, studying them for about two years now. I just thought that those were the two pieces that resembled me best at the time."

To enter, applicants were required to submit a CD, DVD or cassette tape containing a performance piece by the pianist along with a completed application and a \$150 fee. The competition consisted of five categories: elementary school (4-11 years), middle school (12-14 years), high school (15-18 years), amateur adults (19-plus without a professional degree in music), and college/adult (those currently pursuing a music degree or those who have already begun a professional career).

In addition to the opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall, winners were also offered a seminar by the directors on creating a career in the classical music industry.

"It was really amazing," said Julia Figel, Matthew's mother. "We were really excited when he got the opportunity and we were just

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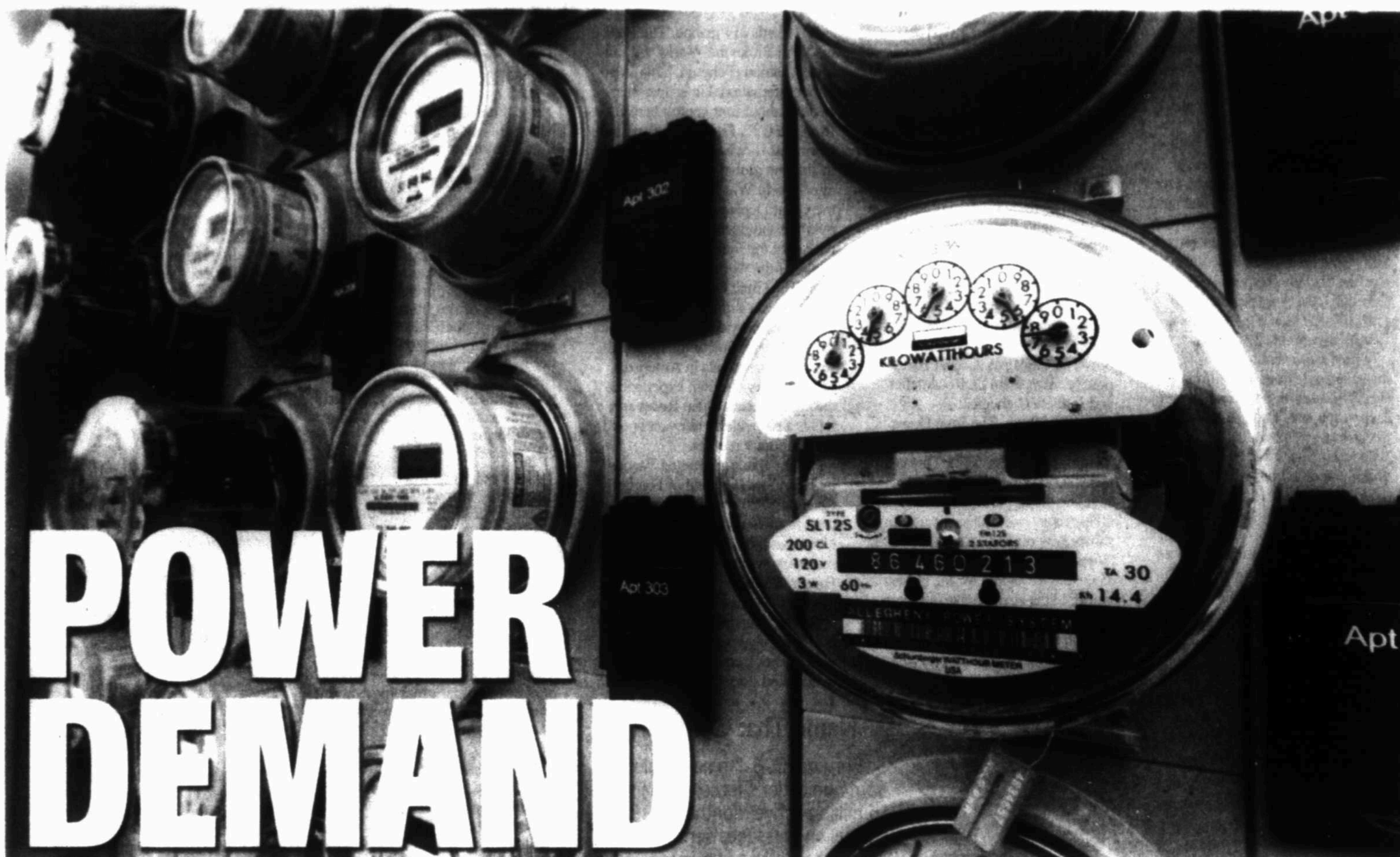
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# BASIN BUSINESS

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## Businesses urged to be aware of peak times

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One 15-minute interval can have a significant impact on a business owner's electric bill.

"The amount of electricity a mid-sized or large company actually uses is just one factor in their monthly bills," said Scott Harrison, director of engineering and innovation for TXU Energy. "Monthly demand charges from the local utility company pay for the cost of maintaining the poles, wires and other infrastructure needed to power a company's busiest 15 minutes of the month — or in some cases, the busiest 15 minutes of the past 12 months."

The Texas electricity system measures demand in 15-minute increments. In one way or another, Harrison said, in deregulated markets, retail electricity providers pass monthly charges from local Transmission and Distribution Utilities, such as Oncor and Centerpoint, to retail customers without mark-up. Even regulated providers like co-ops have demand charges, he said. For some businesses, those monthly demand charges can exceed the cost of the electricity actually used. Utilities such as Oncor or Centerpoint can base as much as 60 to 70 percent of their bill on that demand peak.

In the Permian Basin, demand has grown substantially in recent years amid the oil boom, Harrison said.

"The issue is not just office buildings; it's primarily gas processing facilities, salt water disposal wells, pumps," he said. "That's driving demand up."

In many cases, he said industrial users will have consistent demand all year long. But others, like office buildings,

will see demand peak as air conditioning or heaters come on along with lights and computers, or the heavy machinery in shops.

Controlling that demand peak can save commercial customers significant money, Harrison said.

It can be a challenge acknowledging that a lot of commercial customers have little control over demand, he said. Demand charges can be especially challenging for commercial customers such as churches or seasonal sporting complexes that operate at their peak levels for very limited times.

An operator with a lot of wells, for example, may have little control over when the pumps on those wells come on. But he said they can put plans in place to have only 20 wells come online at a time.

An easy way is to stage when equipment is turned on and operated rather than turning everything on at once, he said. Some companies have thermal storage they can utilize.

"There are different technologies to implement," he said, adding that there are a number of engineering firms who can perform energy audits and advise customers on ways to manage peak demand, thus reducing demand charges.

Customers can also implement energy efficiency changes like changing their lighting systems or upgrading HVAC systems.

He advised customers to keep the return on investment in mind when evaluating demand levels and making changes.

TXU is working to raise awareness of the issue and its impact on a company's finances.

"Our goal is help our commercial customers manage their electricity spending so they can invest more in their businesses," Harrison said.

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## NAMES IN THE NEWS

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### MINNEAPOLIS

#### Westwood promotes oil and gas leadership

Westwood Professional Services Inc., a surveying firm for the oil and gas pipeline industry, has announced promotions within its oil and gas division leadership team.

**Corey Weber** has been appointed to Oil & Gas Division Leader. He succeeds **Dale Beckmann**, who has been named Strategic Business Advisor to the President. Most recently oil and gas director operations, Weber will lead the company's largest business division in his new position.

**Patrick Johnson** is now Director of Business Development for Major Projects. In his new role, he will continue to focus on growing Westwood's portfolio of major pipeline and basin projects throughout the U.S., while also supporting business development strategies for major projects in the firm's other markets. Johnson joined Westwood in 2010 and was recently appointed as a shareholder of the firm.

### FLORIDA

#### MiX Telematics names Americas CEO

BOCA RATON — MiX Telematics Limited, a global provider of fleet and mobile asset management solutions delivered as Software-as-a-Service (SaaS), including the oil and gas industry, has appointed **Skip Kinford** president and chief executive officer of the MiX Americas business.

Kinford brings more than 20 years of experience in business and sales leadership to his new position at MiX Telematics. He was most recently executive vice president for U.S.-based Inthine Technologies, a telematics solution provider to various industries in the USA and around the world.

MiX Telematics products and services provide enterprise fleets, small fleets and consumers with solutions for safety, efficiency, risk and security.

MiX Telematics North America assists businesses with fleet management and vehicle tracking. Its technology serves a broad range of commercial applications within oil and gas, utilities and local service industries.

## WNB is now officially Frost Bank

Midland-Odessa residents now have a new banking option as Western National Bank has completed its merger with Cullen/Frost Bankers Inc. of San Antonio.

Effective Friday, June 20, the Western National Bank locations in Midland and Odessa began operating under the Frost name.

"This merger strengthens our Texas franchise and gives us an entry into the dynamic Permian Basin markets of Midland and Odessa," said Dick Evans, chairman and CEO of Cullen/Frost in a statement.

Wesley Bownds, president of the Midland market for Western National Bank, is now region president of Frost's newly created Permian Basin region. Jack Wood, president of Western National Bancshares, Inc., will be added to the Cullen/Frost Board of Directors at its July meeting.

Completion of the merger brings the number of Frost financial centers statewide to more than 120. WNB's San Antonio location closed with the name change as Frost already has 22 financial centers in its headquarters city. At closing at the end of May, the

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Western National Bancshares, Inc. acquisition added \$1.8 billion in assets, \$1.6 billion in deposits and \$668.3 million in total loans to Cullen/Frost. WNB customers can now access the full range of Frost financial services.

Founded in 1868, Frost has \$24.7 billion in assets at March 31, 2014 and locations in the Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Permian Basin, Rio Grande Valley and San Antonio regions.

#### More shopping options

Houston's Real Energy Solutions has expanded in West Texas, opening a Midland office in Imperial Shopping Center, 3211 W. Wadley Ave. RES focuses in small, mid-size and

industrial businesses. The company pulls a business's electric load data and submits it to multiple retail electric providers (REPs) who then submit price proposals based on the specific company's usage. RES will then submit the proposals to the customer, who makes the choice.

The company notes that having multiple options lets businesses customize their electric solutions, whether it's seeing an REP that offers online payments or a specific grace period. Customers who may already have a contract with an REP can opt for "Forward Locking" a new contract for up to the next year. Customers can also switch to a new REP before their next scheduled meter read under the "Quick Start" option.

In addition to its Houston headquarters and new Midland office, RES has offices in Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Laredo, Mission, Victoria and in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Hoboken, New Jersey.

Hours at the Midland office are 8 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. More information is available by calling 262-3604 or online at resyes.com.

## Iraq-fueled oil price spike threatens global economy

By M. Ray Perryman  
Economist

Tensions have escalated in Iraq, with the militant group Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, which is also known as the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria or ISIS) capturing territory and laying siege to refineries and other key Iraqi infrastructure. Essentially, the group aims to put together an Islamic state covering a region stretching from southern Turkey through Syria to Egypt, including Lebanon, Israel, the Palestinian territories, and Jordan. Apart from the humanitarian, politi-

cal, and other crucial elements of the conflict, there is also the potential for significant fallout for oil markets and, hence, the global economy.

Spikes in oil prices are often a harbinger of bad economic times to come. A general rule of thumb is that every \$10 increase in the price of crude oil leads to a 0.2 percentage point drop in global economic growth. Since recent forecasts for overall economic growth are about 2.8 percent, that means if the price of oil goes up \$10 and stays there, we can expect global expansion to fall back to just 2.6 percent. Other analysts point to an oil price of \$120 per barrel as a

threshold which would significantly impair the global business complex. The recovery is frustratingly slow already, and stepping down the pace of growth would prolong economic and fiscal problems ongoing in many countries.

So far (as we go to press), oil prices have stayed below the level at which we would expect to see major economic fallout. Markets are reacting, but not dramatically. However, Iraq is an important source of crude, producing more than 3 percent of the world's daily supply. Moreover, Iraq

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Your SRI Options

How do I invest in socially responsible companies? — B.K., Canton, Ohio

First, understand that the term can mean different things. A company may have many women in management and not produce firearms, but it might pollute the environment. It's hard to find completely objection-free organizations.

Still, you do have several options for socially responsible investing (SRI). You might, for example, invest in a socially responsible mutual fund. As with most funds, not all SRI funds have above-average records.

Learn more about SRI investing and issues at ussif.org, socialfunds.com, csrwire.com and corpwatch.org. You can also visit the websites of firms that run responsible funds, such as calvert.com, dominion.com and paxworld.com.

Alternatively, seek out companies whose practices you approve of. You can research various companies' social track records at socialfunds.com/csr. Check out these books, too: "Socially Responsible Investing for Dummies" by Ann Logue (For Dummies, \$25) and "Investing for Change: Profit From Responsible Investment" by Augustin Landier and Vinay B. Nair (Oxford, \$28).

How can I give small gifts of stock to my grandchildren? — T.B., Palm Beach, Florida

First, focus on companies they know and like, such as Apple or Nike. (The Motley Fool owns and has recommended both.) Next, consider opening direct investment plan accounts. Often called "Drips" or DSPs, they let you bypass brokers when buying stock. Learn more at fool.com/school/drips.htm, dripinvestor.com and directinvesting.com.

Got a question for the Fool? Send it in — see Write to Us



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More American Economic History

Last week we listed some outstanding books on American economic history, and this week we add a few titles focused on more modern times. Each offers insights that can make you a better investor — or thinker.

(1) "American Colossus: The Triumph of Capitalism, 1865-1900" by H.W. Brands (Anchor, \$18). This well-written and highly engaging book explores the lives and times of powerful capitalists such as J. Pierpont Morgan, John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie.

(2) "The Prize: The Epic Quest for Oil, Money & Power" by Daniel Yergin (Free Press, \$22). This is an excellent starting place for understanding the importance of oil in 20th-century world history. Yergin shows how oil and natural gas "toppled King Coal from his throne as the power source for the industrial world."

(3) "Lords of Finance: The Bankers Who Broke the World" by Liaquat Ahamed (Penguin, \$20). Also rather international in scope, this book is about four central bankers — from the U.S., France, England and Germany — who played key roles in shaping global economic policy after World War I.

(4) "The Great Depression: A Diary" by Benjamin Roth (Public Affairs, \$16). Roth provides an extraordinary perspective on one of the most painful economic events in American history. After our own experiences during the recent Great Recession, this is a particularly relevant book for contemporary readers.

(5) "The Battle of Bretton Woods" by Benn Steil (Council of Foreign Relations, \$20). In 1944, representatives from 44 nations gathered in New Hampshire to design a global monetary system. American Harry Dexter White and Englishman John Maynard Keynes "set out to create the economic foundations for a durable postwar global peace."

My Dumbest Investment

Home, Dumb Home

My family vacationed in Maine in 1987. With some savings burning a hole in my pocket, I purchased a waterfront duplex there as an investment. Living in Washington, D.C., though, it soon became apparent that we weren't going to spend much time in Maine, and rent payments didn't come close to paying the mortgage.

The Fool Responds: You're illustrating some warnings we've issued over the years — that it's best not to think of your home as an investment, and that owning rental properties is not as easy as it may appear. There are good reasons to buy properties, but keep in mind that they can lose value over time and be hard to sell.

The Motley Fool Take

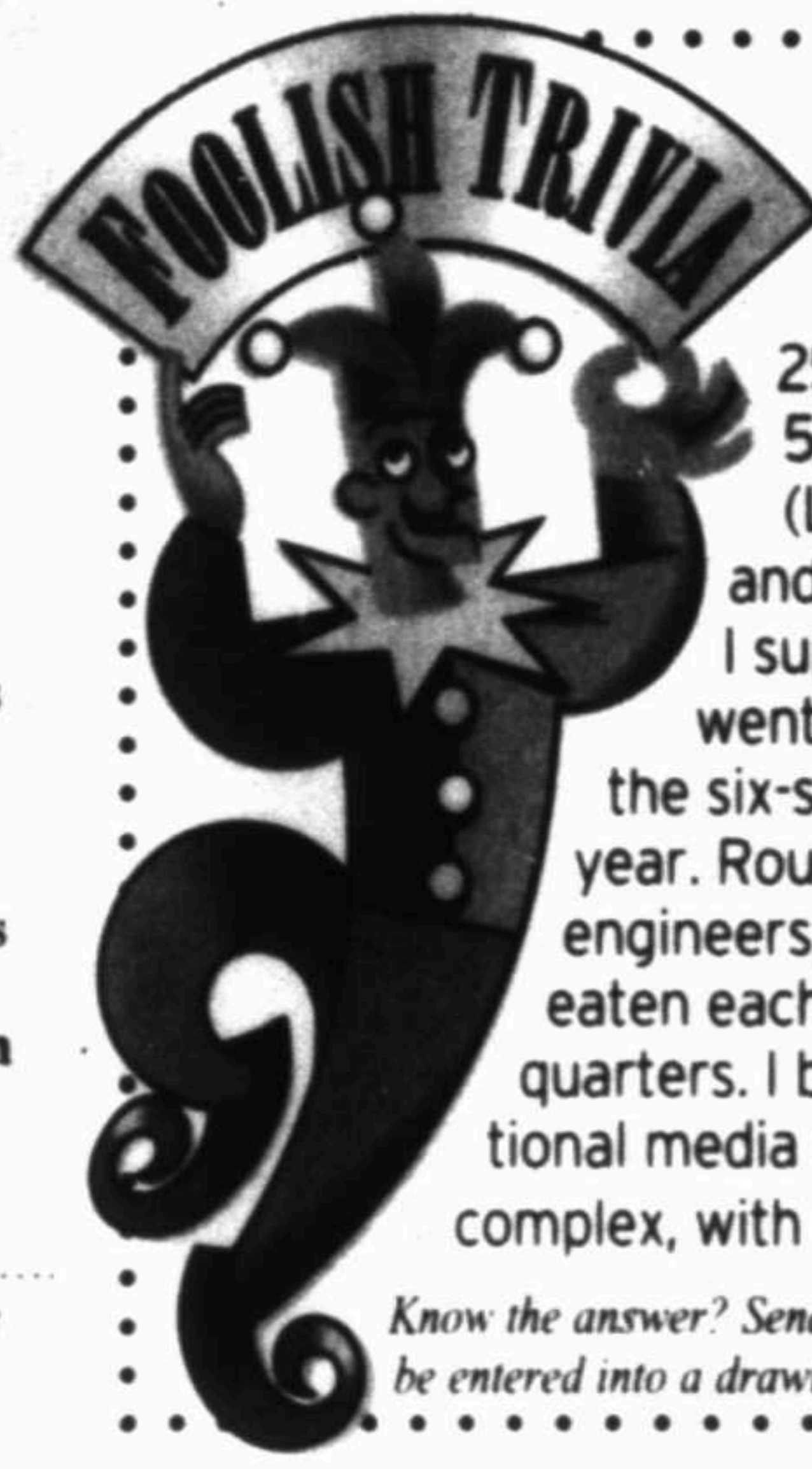
Drilling for Dollars

Global energy production is booming, and one of the best ways to profit without being hurt by commodity-price volatility is to invest in the companies servicing and supplying the oil and gas industry.

National Oilwell Varco's first-quarter 2014 results featured its backlog of orders for rig technology equipment hitting an all-time high of \$1.64 billion (up 27 percent year-over-year), revenue rising 9 percent and net income jumping 18 percent.

The company isn't perfect, as it does face risks such as competition, and its profit margins have been shrinking a bit in recent years. It expects a modest near-term slowdown, too. Still, National Oilwell Varco can benefit enormously from an anticipated spending spree worth hundreds of billions of dollars in new energy production infrastructure investment.

National Oilwell Varco stock is fairly inexpensive, recently with a price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio near 14 and a dividend yield close to 2.4 percent. (The Motley Fool owns and has recommended shares of the company.)



Name That Company

Born in 2006, I'm now a global communications force, with about 255 million active monthly users and 500 million messages sent daily.

I support more than 35 languages. I went public in 2013 and launched Vine, the six-second video company, the same year. Roughly half my 3,000 employees are engineers, and 1,440 hard-boiled eggs are eaten each week at my San Francisco headquarters. I break a lot of news before the traditional media does. If I wrote a novel, it would be complex, with 140 characters. Who am I?

Know the answer? Send it to us with Foolish Trivia on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize!

Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to The Motley Fool c/o My Dumbest Investment. Got one that worked? Submit to My Smartest Investment. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to a London shopkeeper in 1833, and my full name reflects a 1907 merger. As of last year, I employed about 92,000 people and produced more than 3 million barrels of oil equivalent daily. I have interests in about 30 refineries, 1,500 storage tanks and 150 distribution facilities, and my market value recently topped \$250 billion. I'm busy in upstream and downstream activities, including deepwater drilling and fracking. I have a mullusk for a logo and am headquartered in a country known more for tulips than oil and natural gas. Who am I? (Answer: Royal Dutch Shell)

Write to Us! Send questions for Ask the Fool, Dumbest (or Smartest) Investments (up to 100 words), and your Trivia entries to Fool@fool.com or via regular mail c/o this newspaper, attn: The Motley Fool. Sorry, we can't provide individual financial advice.

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is projected to account for much of the growth in total supply from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Strategic waterways in the region are also essential in transporting a vast swath of Middle Eastern oil to the market.

If ISIL is able to capture territory further south (where most of the infrastructure for producing and exporting oil lies), the situation could change. Also, if the conflict spreads to other oil-producing nations, problems would worsen. While I'll leave the political and military analysis to experts in those fields, even the possibility of such scenarios is enough to curtail investment in Iraq and increase uncertainty around the world.

On a positive note, U.S. domestic oil supplies continue to grow. Thanks to hydraulic fracturing and other advances, we are now producing more of the crude we need right here at home. The American economy is therefore a little less vulnerable to supply shocks. A short-term slowdown in Iraqi production is obviously undesirable, but not as damaging as it would have been in the past.

For Texas, as a major oil-producing state, higher prices provide incentives to keep up (or even escalate to the extent possible) the pace of exploration and production. The Lone Star State benefits from this activity, both in the form of jobs and other economic stimulus and through higher tax receipts. At the same time, elevated fuel

prices extract a toll on the rest of the Texas economy, resulting in a net plus for some regions and industries (such as the Permian Basin, South Texas, and any energy-related industry) and a net minus for most others.

World leaders are contemplating their responses with care. The Obama Administration and U.S. Congress are exploring options, and debate is raging over the best course of action. Oil markets are likely to react to each day's headlines, and we can expect some volatility until the situation in Iraq stabilizes. Unless the situation worsens dramatically, however, the global economic recovery will likely continue.

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Building permits June 9-June 20

Table with columns for address, permit type, and value. Includes entries like 5900 Wagner Drive, 4826 Billingsley Blvd, etc.

How to avoid lottery and sweepstakes scams

Better Business Bureau

To avoid falling victim to a lottery or sweepstakes scam, beware of these five red flags:

1. You can't win a contest you didn't enter. You need to buy a ticket or complete an application to participate in a contest or lottery.

2. You are offered 'too-good-to-be-true' prizes. It is almost always a large sum of money, but there is always a catch. Scammers attempt to make it sound easy to claim your prize.

3. You have to give personal information. Anytime someone tries to get your bank account number, Social Security Number or other sensitive information, that should be an automatic red flag.

4. You have to pay to win. Don't be blinded by the promise of a large sum of money in the future. If they are asking you to give them money first, that's a red flag. 5. You have to wire money or use prepaid debit cards. If you are asked to use these transfer methods in order to get a prize or any other large sum of money, that's a major red flag.

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For each of the three words below, change one letter to an E, and then rearrange the letters to spell a word that contains one pair of Es.

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KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Religious	M. Lyon	CBS Sunday Morning	FaceNat.	First Baptist Church	First Baptist	First Baptist	Odessa			
KWWT CW	5	14	5	14	Beaver	Green	Green	History	Hunters	Safari	Edgemont	Gilligan	Gilligan	BradyB.	BradyB.		
KPEJ FOX	8	5	8	3	Consumer	W.Minist	F.Hardin	Fox News Sunday	Odessa	FaithAve	Rain	Consumer	Consumer	Consumer	Consumer		
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	(5:00) Light of South	Walking	LifeBynd	In Touch Ministries	Zion	Day Disc.	N/Manusc	HaYesod	Nueva Vida			
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FLIX	340	65	165	(5:00) A Simple Y...	(5:30) Possession	(6:45) Circle of Friends	(7:00) Notting Hill	Hugh Grant.									
HBO	300	68	14	14	(5:30) Big Tom Hank	(5:45) Boxing After Dark	(6:15) Making	Leftovers	(7:00) The Wolverine								
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(11:15) Jack the Cl...	Education	(5:45) 2014 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame									
HBO5	304	70	16	102	(5:05) Pure Count...	(5:30) Me, Myself and Irene	Jim Carrey.	(7:00) Disconnect	(13, Thril)	Jason Bateman.							
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:05) WarGames	(5:30) Scary Movie	(5:30) 2 Guns	(13, Act)	Denzel Washington.	(25) The Hangover Part III						
MAX2	382	72	18	122	(11:15) The Paper	(11:15) House of Wax	Elisha Cuthbert.	(11:30) Snitch	Dwayne Johnson.	(20) Batman Be...							
PLEX	96				(5:45) Back to the Future	(5:45) Boiling Boiling Jerry Lewis.	(25) Blue Hawaii	(18) The Bellboy									
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(11:30) Powder	(35, Fani)	Mary Steenburg.	(5:30) Dangerous Minds	(5:45) Alex Cross	(12, Act)	Matthew Fox.	Movie				
TMC	336	67	22	135	26	(5:45) Fox's Apt Pupil	(5:45) The River Wild	Meryl Streep.	(35) The Ghost Writer	Ewan McGregor.	Movie						
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	C.Minds "Retaliation"	Criminal Minds	C.Minds "Parasite"	Longmire	Longmire	Wahlburg	Wahlburg					
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Mad Men	Mad Men "The Fog"	Halt and Catch Fire	(5:30) The Matrix	(9, Act)	Laurence Fishburne, Keanu Reeves.						
BET	58	26	40			(5:00) BET Inspiration		(5:30) Jumping the Broom	(11, Com)	Laz Alonso, Paula Patton.	Why Did I Get ...						
BRAVO	65	63	41			Listing Miami	(35) Housewives	(35) Housewives	Real Housewives	Married to Medicine	Married to Medicine						
CNBC	46	45	39	72		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				
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ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	O.Lines	Report	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	FIFA Soccer	World Cup (L)				
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Bassmaster Elite	Fishing Bassfest	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	O.Lines	Report	SportsN	SportsCenter				
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FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Outdoors	Outdoors	LHSA Ch	SoonerTV	Paid	18 Holes	Swing	Courtside	Dumbest	Game365	Polaris	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(5:00) Reign of Fire (02, Act)	Christian Bale.	(5:30) AVPR: Aliens vs. Predator - Requiem			(5:30) Predators	(10, Sci-Fi)	Adrian Brody.				
HALLMARK	54	49	58	34	34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Lucy	Lucy	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Outlaws	"Dirty Money"	Appalachian Out.	Appalachian Out.	Outlaws	"Fit for Fat"	Outlaws	"Hunted"	Appalachian Out.			
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries	Amazing	David Jer...	J.Osteen	Paid	FrankM	Little Women: LA	Little Women: LA	Women	Women		
MSNBC	47	51	49	73		MSNBC In Business	Up With Steve Kornacki			Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends	Alex Witt		
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SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid Program	Paid Program	Power	Power	Power	Power	Bar Res.	Chumps	Bar Res.	"Tiki Curse"		
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TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Rizzoli	"Goodbye"	Perception	"Painless"	The Last Ship	Falling Skies	Law & Order	LawOrder	"Magnet"			
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KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Best of the GSL	PGA "The Life" (N)	PGA Golf Quicken Loans National Site: Congressional Country Club (L)								
KWWT CW	5	14	5	14	BradyB.	BradyB.	The Love Boat	Remington Steele	Streets Francisco	Canon	The Rockford Files					
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KUPB UNI	4	4	4	16	(10:30) FIFA Fútbol	República Deportiva	FIFA Fútbol	Copa Mundial Site: Arena Pernambuco	Nacional	Noticiero						
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# 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Children's Sidewalk Parade

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## 2014 Star Spangled Coloring Contest

COURTESY OF THE MIDLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & THE MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM

### CONTEST RULES:

1. Eligibility: Contest is open to children ages 2 to Grade 6 (completed). Children of employees of the Midland Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) or the Midland Reporter-Telegram (MRT) are not eligible for cash prizes, but may participate to have their entry distributed to an active duty member of the Military or Veteran (See Rule 6).
2. How to Enter: Limit: 1 entry per child. Cut out coloring sheet on reverse side. Have child color using crayons, colored pencils or markers. Submit entry to the Chamber office, 109 N. Main St., NO LATER THAN 5 PM on Tuesday, July 1, 2014. Entry must have the entry form attached (use staples only - no tape or paperclips). DO NOT include identification information on the coloring sheet.
3. Judging: Submissions will be judged by an independent panel based on artistic quality, creativity and representation of theme: Patriotism. Entrants will be judged in the following categories: (A) Ages 2 - Kindergarten (Completed); (B) Grades 1 - 3 (Completed); and (C) Grades 4 - 6 (Completed).
4. Prizes: The following prizes will be awarded in each category - 1st Place - \$20 gift certificate; 2nd Place - \$10 gift certificate; 3rd place - \$5 gift certificate.
5. Notification: All entries will be displayed at the 2014 Star Spangled Salute presented by Devon Energy. Winning Entries will be marked with the appropriate ribbon and displayed inside the "Kid's Zone" in Midland Center prior to the pre-show concert (approximately 7:00 p.m.). Following the 2014 Star Spangled Salute presented by Devon Energy, winners will be contacted via the email and/or phone number provided on the form.
6. Distribution: Entries WILL NOT be returned. Instead, entries will be distributed to active duty military and/or local Permian Basin area Veterans. Entry Form will be removed prior to distribution.
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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Category (Circle one):

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Parent's E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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# ENERGY'S RIPPLE EFFECT

## Study details industry's widespread impact

By Mella McEwen  
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A look around the Permian Basin clearly displays the positive impact the thriving oil and gas industry is having on the region's economy.

Advances in the nation's oil and gas industry have come at such speed that many analysts have been caught by surprise, said the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in the report "Energy Works For US," prepared by its Institute For 21st Century Energy.

"What stands out to me is that in 2012, Texas government — both state and local — got \$10.3 billion (in revenues from the state's oil and gas industry)," said Christopher Guith, vice president, policy with the instate. Relating how he likes to unexpectedly find a \$20 bill in a pocket while doing laundry, "Austin found a \$10.3 billion bill in its pocket."

Those revenues went toward education, transportation, first responders and other needs, Guith said, who was in Midland last week to discuss the institute's study with various groups.

The institute's report forecasts domestic energy through 2035, and he reported that Texas' unconventional resource activity will employ more than 733,000 workers directly and indirectly by that time and will pay \$791 billion in federal and state taxes, not including \$9.1 billion to private landowners.

Rising domestic energy production — thanks to strong commodity prices, strong demand and technological advances — is just the first in a series of dominoes to fall, said Guith.

The machinery-intensive and labor-intensive nature of the industry has spread beyond oil, he said. The industry's growth is the first domino to fall.

The second domino that is still falling is the \$50 to \$60 billion in investments to expand the nation's midstream and downstream infrastructure, whether it's



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pipelines, gathering lines or rail. That, he said, has impacted the steel industry, resulting in shuttered mills being reopened. Other manufacturers are also being drawn back to the U.S. because their primary feedstock — natural gas — is both plentiful and cheap. This, he noted, has occurred at a time when natural gas and ethane are becoming more expensive in developing countries like China and India. These countries, once so attractive because of their cheap labor, are having to raise wages to compete in the global

marketplace.

The downstream industry — refineries and petrochemical plants — are driving demand for all the oil being pulled out of the ground, he said. After the midstream industry completes its build-up, he said the downstream industry will begin expanding. By 2020, he said the petrochemical industry could invest \$120 billion in expanding, upgrading and building plants. And after that's done, traditional manufacturers will follow suit.

"There is not a single state in the lower

48 that is not benefiting," Guith said. Even Wisconsin has seen the addition of 20,000 jobs from the domestic energy industry's success.

"Everything that's happening is because of the Permian Basin, the Eagle Ford, the Bakken," he said. "Without the energy industry, we'd still be in a recession."

Despite this upbeat assessment, Guith said some dark clouds on the horizon.

"We at the chamber are concerned about

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## Analysis plays bigger role in drilling, completion decisions

By Mella McEwen  
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With the cost of drilling Permian Basin wells rising, especially as producers increasingly turning to horizontal drilling, the pressure is on to accurately pinpoint the best drilling locations.

Currently, a unit of ALS Oil & Gas, 15 to 20 percent of frac stages, 35 to 40 percent of perforation clusters and up to 75 percent of fracture lengths are inefficient, said Dreadless Stubbs, geoscience advisor with Empirica.

Stubbs was in Midland this week as part

of a daylong symposium offered by ALS Oil & Gas that focused on advances in geosciences, geochemicals and advanced coring.

Stubbs said the industry is implementing technology like the BTX Profiler, which is being used by the Mars Rover, for analysis at the drill site.

"We can measure the exact type of oil, which helps choose where you want to drill and the intervals to perforate and fracture," he said. "Where you drill, you analyze the materials available and from there were to perforate."

The BTX Profiler provides combined 2-D XRD and ED-XRF analysis for full

compositional analysis.

Performing analysis on-site rather than sending samples off to a laboratory is faster and increasingly easier because technological advances are making the equipment smaller and easier to utilize on location, Stubbs said.

"I call this the next process improvement in unconventional resources," he said.

He said he could not stress enough that companies should make sure they know where the samples come from, prepare the samples using laboratory procedures, eliminate cross contamination and run geological reference to ensure quality.

Rob Potter, commercial marketing specialist with ALS Oil & Gas, noted that operators need, and are willing to pay for, more detail in their data. That is increasingly important in the Permian Basin, which he called a very dynamic region where geosteering and horizontal drilling activity is "exploding," he said.

As he watched the group of mostly younger technicians move through the halls of Midland Center's lower levels to the various presentations, Potter said he was pleased with response to the company's first Midland-based symposium.

"We attracted the right audience," he said.

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\$430; Out of State, \$455  
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#### Drilling Fluid Essentials

Instructor: Gary Gaye  
July 21-August 14, Mon-Thu, 6-10 p.m.  
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July 29-30, Tue-Wed, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
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## From the Balkans to the Basin Lufkin showcases Romanian-made pumping units

By Mella McEwen  
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Lufkin Industries last week showed off its first C320 beam pumping unit to arrive in the Permian Basin from its facility in Ploiesti, Romania.

Jerry Skweres, general manager, North America, for Lufkin Oilfield, said reaction from its Permian Basin customers who attended the open house at its facility at 7601 E. Interstate 20 in Odessa was positive.

The goal, he said, was to assure customers that the units, though they were built in Romania, were the same solid, robust Lufkin design.

"We set up a unit for them to look at; we had the gear set open so they could see that, regardless of where it came from, they got a unit with the same design," he said.

Skweres said that the company, which has been part of GE Oil and Gas for the past year, could not keep up with demand for its units at its Lufkin manufacturing facility.

"Previously, the Lufkin management team, and I've only been with Lufkin about two years, had decided to build a plant in Romania," he said. "The strategy was that they needed to build capacity because Lufkin couldn't meet demand. Also, they wanted to grow globally."

The plant has been in operation about 18 months, he said, and is helping the company maximize capacity and bring more units into the market, helping Lufkin go after a larger slice of the market.

Because the C320 is the most popular size pumping unit in the Permian Basin, he said the decision was made to have the Romania facility focus on that size while the Lufkin facility focused on larger sizes.

"Outside the Permian Basin, what's happened is the average size of the unit we sell has increased significantly," Skweres said. Larger units like the 640 and 912 are going to other basins like the Eagle Ford and Bakken, though he said the larger units are increasingly making their way into the Permian Basin.

He said there is no cost difference whether the units come from Lufkin or Romania. The only challenge is it takes 32 days



for the units to come from Romania to Texas, he said, so "we have to manage that lag in time."

The original plan was to bring in 300 units, he said, but that plan will be adjusted higher or lower depending on the results.

The Odessa facility, which opened about four years ago, is a significant part of the company,

he said. The manager oversees over 200 employees who service Lufkin units as well as the automation — the computer boxes that control the units and send information to customers.

"We're trying to grow that service capability," he said. Odessa staff inspect, install, maintain and service units, and

Skweres estimated they are working on about 6,000 existing units. Some have been in operation 20, 30 or even 40 years. "That's a big base of units," he said.

The Odessa facility "is a world class facility that showcases our product," he said. "Of course, we're trying to hire more people."

## Energy industry takes leading role in water conservation

As Texas grapples with the implications of one of the worst droughts in recent memory, a surprising leader has emerged in the area of the water conversation: the oil and gas industry.

It turns out the same companies that have been fueling our state's economic boom are driving innovation in technologies that drastically reduce fresh water usage. I look forward to the long-term impact of those same technologies on our state's water challenges across the board.

Thanks to a federal government set on undermining our State's energy industry and a concerted effort by environmental activists, many people are being led to believe that oil and gas producers consume a disproportionate share of water, specifically in the hydraulic fracturing process. In the course of the typical fracturing project, which involves injecting water mixed with chemicals and sand into rock formations to release trapped minerals like oil and natural gas, a company will use between two and five million gallons of water. When viewed in comparison to other human activities, in light of the benefit to our economy, and with an eye to the increasing amount of recycled water, that's a drop in the bucket.

According to recent data from the Texas Water Development Board, the oil and gas industry uses less water than any other category in their Water Use Survey. A 2013 report found that irrigation is the biggest user of water, accounting for 61 percent. Municipal use, manufacturing, steam electric power, and livestock make up the next 38 percent. The last 1 percent of water use is made up of oil and gas and other mining activities.

When it comes to our economy, Texas energy producers create some of the highest-paying jobs in Texas and carry a large portion of our state's tax burden. In fiscal year 2013, Texas producers paid \$4.5 billion in severance taxes on the production of oil and gas, which expanded the state's rainy day fund. The industry also pays far more in state and local

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taxes and royalties on a per-worker basis than the average private-sector company, so the 2.1 million direct and indirect jobs it has created in Texas have a bigger than average impact on funding for Texas public schools, roads and first responders. Oil and gas producers are also driving desalination technology that promises to bring down the cost of converting salt water to fresh water for broader applications worldwide. Texas producers are adopting heat distilling or filtration processes that allow the reuse of up to 80 percent of the returned fracture fluids typically unusable due to its high salt content. Other companies are reporting the successful development of a fully closed loop production system, using 100 percent recycled water.

Water recycling has gradually become a way of life for most Texans since education and conservation efforts began at the turn of the century. While the Texas Legislature and other state officials work to execute the statewide and regional water plan to assist those efforts, the energy industry is working diligently to reduce water demand. To their credit, the oil and gas industry in Texas has managed to improve and incorporate water recycling technology in its production processes in just the past two to three years.

Once again, Texas has assumed a leadership role on a pivotal issue — that water conservation and energy production can and must co-exist. With continued careful stewardship by energy companies and sensible oversight by state government, Texans can expect to enjoy the benefits of both our water and underground mineral deposits, for years to come.

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the above-ground risks," he said. "There is massive support for current oil price levels, but it's easy to envision a scenario where we shoot ourselves in the foot."

The biggest bullet aimed at our feet is the proposed regulations released last year governing emissions from new electric generating plants and, most important, the proposals released last month covering existing power plants, he said.

The Department of Energy estimates that between now and 2016, because of the regulations, 70 to 80 gigawatts of power will be shut, equal to 10 percent of the nation's total power generating capacity and 20 percent of the nation's coal-fired generation capacity. That translates to several hundred plants. During the multiple polar vortices that froze much of the country early this year, those plants were operating at 95 percent capacity, Guith said. What's going to happen in 2017, he asked, when the next polar vortex comes through and those plants are offline?

President Obama has called natural gas a bridge fuel and promotes the use of natural gas for power generating plants, he said, but around 2025, natural gas plants will fall under those regulations as well. "At some point in time, we can't produce power from coal or natural gas."

The Clean Air Act, passed in the 1970s, was very successful in removing mercury from the atmosphere and has been effective in reducing other harmful emissions, Guith said. But he noted that as the regulations steadily ratchet down emissions levels, that final 5 percent can be the hardest to attain

— even harder than the first 5 percent or even the first 50 percent reduction. The proposed regulations shorten the time plants have to ratchet down emissions, he said.

"We're betting our future on there being a technological breakthrough," he said. Furthermore, the administration's justification is that as the U.S. leads in eliminating greenhouse gas emissions and combating climate change, the rest of the world will follow, he said.

But there are 1.6 billion people without access to electricity in developing countries, he said, and the main concern in those nations is getting electricity to the people, he said. That concern is second only to access to water.

"Coal is still the cheapest and most effective way to bring power to the masses," Guith said. "We're on the verge of coal becoming the top fuel source. When the White House says we're going to lead the rest of the world, I say that's impossible. Developing countries won't follow the Western lifestyle of having 13 different televisions when they don't even have electricity. They'll take our money, but they won't pony up the costs of making massive changes."

Even developed countries like Germany are backtracking on their reliance on renewable fuels because the costs have risen so high it threatens their economies, he said.

Guith is hopeful Congress will step in and either eliminate the proposed regulations or restructure them so they won't damage the nation's economy. Americans understand that, "like it or not, we're dependent on fossil fuels for energy; there's nothing to replace them," he said.

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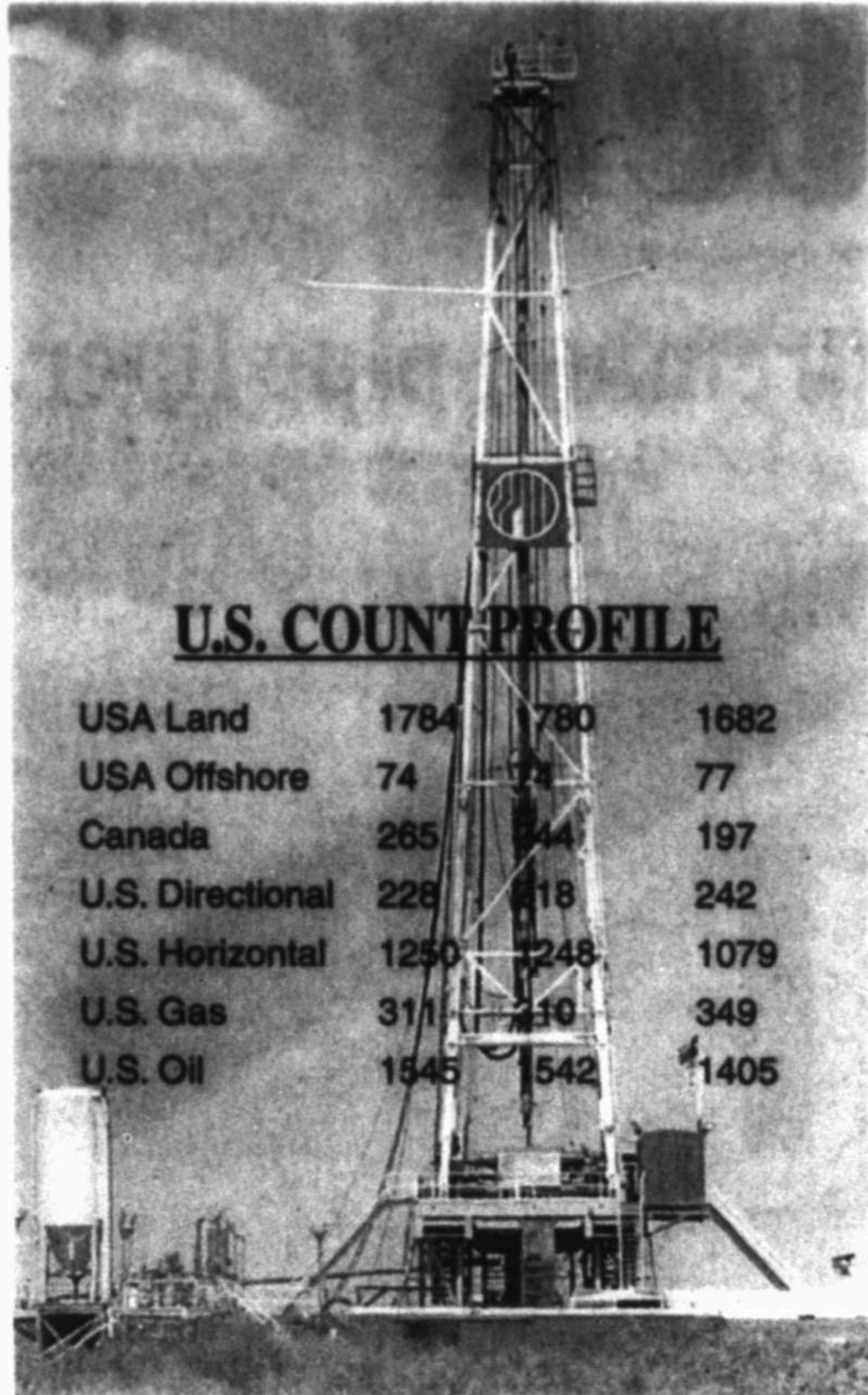
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Schleicher	0	Reeves	55	Scurry	8
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Culberson	11	Cottle	0	Eddy	45
		Crosby	1	Lea	35
		Dawson	3	Roosevelt	1
		Dickens	0	N.M. TOTAL	81

**Export decision deals blow to some Gulf Coast refiners**

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy  
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — The Commerce Department's decision to allow two Texas companies to export a minimally distilled variety of ultralight oil is a win for Eagle Ford Shale crude producers, at the expense of refiners and companies planning to build processing plants along the Gulf Coast.

Analysts at Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. told clients the Commerce Department rulings likely will put a chill on the announced splitter projects. Although Total's Port Arthur splitter is already up and running, several others were expected to go online in the next few years. Kinder Morgan's planned facility near the Houston Ship Channel was slated to start running in November.

The agency effectively declared those types of ultralight oil — called condensates — are a petroleum product free for export as long as they have been run through a distillation tower. The ruling is likely to change the economics of some of the Gulf Coast's more expensive processing plants.

Splitting is less expensive, easier to permit and can be built much more quickly than large refineries. For example, Magellan said it expected to have a planned Corpus Christi splitter online and operational by late 2016, at a price tag of about \$250 million.

Magellan Midstream Partners, Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, Total and Targa Resources Partners all have built or announced plans to build such splitters in Texas in a bid to capitalize on the flood of ultralight condensates coming out of the Eagle Ford Shale and the 39-year-old ban on most crude exports.

But that's still a big price jump from the small-scale distillation towers that can be located right near active wells and cost less than \$50 million.

Because unprocessed condensates are barred from export under that ban, the splitters have been viewed as one option for taking that condensate and producing naphtha, gasoil and other products that can, in turn, be transformed with additional materials into gasoline and diesel.

While splitting is less capital-intensive than refining, new light distillation units are closer to stabilization units, Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. analysts said in a note to clients. This "decision likely puts further splitter projects on ice."

But the potential value of those splitters is undermined by any broad changes in the crude export ban — or even modest rulings that allow Eagle Ford oil producers to sell lightly processed condensate after running it from the wellhead to their own nearby, much cheaper, distillation towers.

Refiners, too, were feeling some pain in trading early Wednesday, on expectations that any move to ease the export of condensate — whether straight from the field or lightly distilled — could lift the price for domestic crude they now buy at a steep discount.

"This will put the announced condensate splitters at risk," Wood Mackenzie analysts wrote in an email Wednesday, adding that the move jeopardizes 450,000 barrels per day in announced condensate

Stock prices for San Antonio-based Valero Energy Corp. and Tesoro Corp. and a host of other refiners fell in trading Wednesday. Valero shares were down 9.6 percent to \$50.62 midday and Tesoro had fallen 5.5 percent to \$57.52. Phillips 66 was trading down 4.6 percent at \$81.03. Marathon Petroleum Corp. was down 7.4 percent to \$80.05 and HollyFrontier Corp. was down 8.3 percent to \$44.90.

**MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES**

Posted	\$102.95
Flint Hills	\$103.00
Resources*	\$103.12
Phillips 66	\$103.10
Plains*	\$103.10
Shell Trading	\$103.10
Sun*	\$103.00
NYMEX futures	\$106.48*Net price without transportation charge

Note: Posted prices as of June 25, 2014



**SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE**

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)			
	First of the month price	Closing price 6/25/14	Same period one year ago
NYMEX future price	\$4.619	\$4.553	\$3.905
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	\$4.280	\$4.470	\$3.690
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	\$4.273	\$4.368	\$3.565
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	\$4.250	\$4.470	\$3.637
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	\$4.510	\$4.465	\$3.600
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent	\$4.240	\$4.370	\$3.625
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	\$4.560	\$4.458	\$3.760

**ENERGY BRIEFS**

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**HOUSTON Report: Independent producers leading growth**

U.S. oil and gas reserves increased 9 percent last year, according to a newly released analysis, and almost all of it was due to independent producers — not major, integrated oil companies.

The report by audit firm EY analyzed data reported by the 50 largest publicly traded companies based on their 2013 end-of-year reserve estimates. It analyzed proved reserves which, according to federal finance standards, are reserves that companies plan to drill within five years.

U.S. oil reserves increased by 2.1 billion barrels last year to nearly 25.4 billion, according to the report. That figure marks a 52 percent increase since 2009.

The gains were attributable almost entirely to the work of independent producers — companies only involved in exploration and production, with no refining business. Those companies, such as Anadarko Petroleum Corp. and Devon Energy, are the most prominent actors in the country's shale plays.

Companies with integrated refining operations, such as Shell Oil Company and Exxon Mobil Corp., face challenges when it comes to finding and

pumping oil and gas in shale regions, said Herb Listen, U.S. oil and gas assurance leader at EY.

"In shale plays, it's important to have economies of scale," Listen said. "What we found is independents and large independents are a bit more nimble at being able to get it, acquire the acreage, and build their footprint," Listen said.

The report also found that as natural gas prices have increased, so too have gas reserves. Gas reserves also were up 9 percent in 2013, to more than 178 trillion cubic feet.

That's significant, since in 2012 there was a dip in natural gas reserves, as companies shifted their focus to more profitable oil production and revised reserve estimates downward 28 trillion cubic feet over the course of the year.

**HOUSTON US shale boom offsetting oil lost in Middle East unrest**

Nearly every new barrel of oil gushed out of U.S. shale in the past three years has been offset by a barrel lost to international supply disruptions in the Middle East, a BP economist said late Tuesday.

That's why the price of international benchmark crude has averaged above \$100 a barrel for three years, the longest span

in the history of the oil industry — and the most stable period for prices since 1970.

Without the surge in U.S. crude production, markets would have demanded higher prices, threatening the economic recovery, and the United States probably would have released oil reserves from its strategic stocks.

"But as it is, the market has settled on this eerie calm," said Mark Finley, general manager for global energy markets at BP, who presented BP's annual Statistical Review of World Energy at the University of Houston.

Social unrest in Libya, international sanctions on Iran and other disruptions in the Middle East and North Africa pushed global oil production down by 3 million barrels per day in the fourth quarter of 2013. New shale plays in the U.S. grew oil production by the same amount, according to BP data.

In addition to keeping extreme oil prices and potential economic turmoil at bay, the London-based oil company found that the U.S. shale energy boom is part of a wave of market forces starting to correct large global trade imbalances, Finley said.

Economists, he said, often point to the United States' heavy reliance on imported goods and China's high level of exports as one of the biggest

risks to the international economic system. But increased dependence on energy imports have cut China's trade surplus nearly in half, and the shale boom has allowed the U.S. to significantly decrease its energy imports.

Energy, which accounts for about 15 percent of global trade, "is acting as a constructive force for the international economic system by helping work out some of these structural imbalances," Finley said. Still, he added, there's a long way to go: Energy still accounts for about half of the U.S. trade deficit.

**NORTH DAKOTA Company gets shipping commitments on pipeline**

BISMARCK — A Texas company says it has obtained enough shipping commitments from oil companies to build an 1,100-mile pipeline from western North Dakota to Illinois.

North Dakota Pipeline Authority Director Justin Kringstad said it's the largest-capacity pipeline proposed to date to transport North Dakota crude.

Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners LP said the "Bakken Pipeline" would move 320,000 barrels of North Dakota crude daily to an existing pipeline in Patoka, Illinois, where shippers are able to

access Midwest and Gulf Coast markets.

The company said it also plans a rail terminal facility in Illinois to access East Coast refineries.

Energy Transfer Partners says it is ordering steel and negotiating construction contracts for the proposed pipeline.

The company said it hopes to place the pipeline in service in 2016.

**CALIFORNIA Feds nix eagle penalties for wind farm**

FRESNO — A California wind farm will become the first in the nation to avoid prosecution if eagles are injured or die when they run into the giant turning blades, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said Thursday.

The Shiloh IV Wind Project LLC, 60 miles east of San Francisco, will receive a special permit allowing up to five golden eagles to be accidentally killed, harmed or disturbed over five years. Previously, such a violation could potentially draw criminal charges and discourage private investment in wind farms known for catching birds in their rotors.

Agency Director Daniel Ashe said the permit encourages development of renewable energy while requiring the wind company to take steps to

protect eagles from turbines and power lines. The move will help California reach its goal of producing one-third of its energy from renewable sources by 2020, he said.

"We can't solve the problem of eagle mortality at wind farms overnight," Ashe said in a statement. "But this commonsense solution merits the support of all who advocate for the long-term conservation of eagles."

Under President Barack Obama, wind energy has exploded as a pollution-free energy source that can help reduce the greenhouse gases blamed for global warming. But it is not without opposition from wildlife advocates.

The American Bird Conservancy sued the Obama administration this month over the permit, arguing the government failed to evaluate the consequences and ensure it would not damage eagle populations. The government has offered five-year permits since 2009 to wind companies, but none other has obtained one. The permits are not required, and federal prosecutors have only once filed criminal charges against a wind farm, in Wyoming.

Shiloh IV Wind Project, a subsidiary of EDF Renewable Energy, is a 102-megawatt wind farm made up of 50 turbines on more than 5 square miles in Solano County.

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## Proprietary software, solar panels, interface, run pump jacks off solar power

NOTE: This is a correction for the story that ran in this space last week. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

In a traditional pumpjack environment a lot of energy is wasted, says John May of Solar Energy Solutions, LLC. With the abundant Texas sunshine, we can now harvest the power needed to run most electrical motors. A traditional motor creates wasted electricity which in turn heats up and burns up the motors faster. With Solar Energy Solutions system they can harvest the excess energy and feed it back to the motor only when needed, thus reducing the heat and wear and tear on your electric motors.

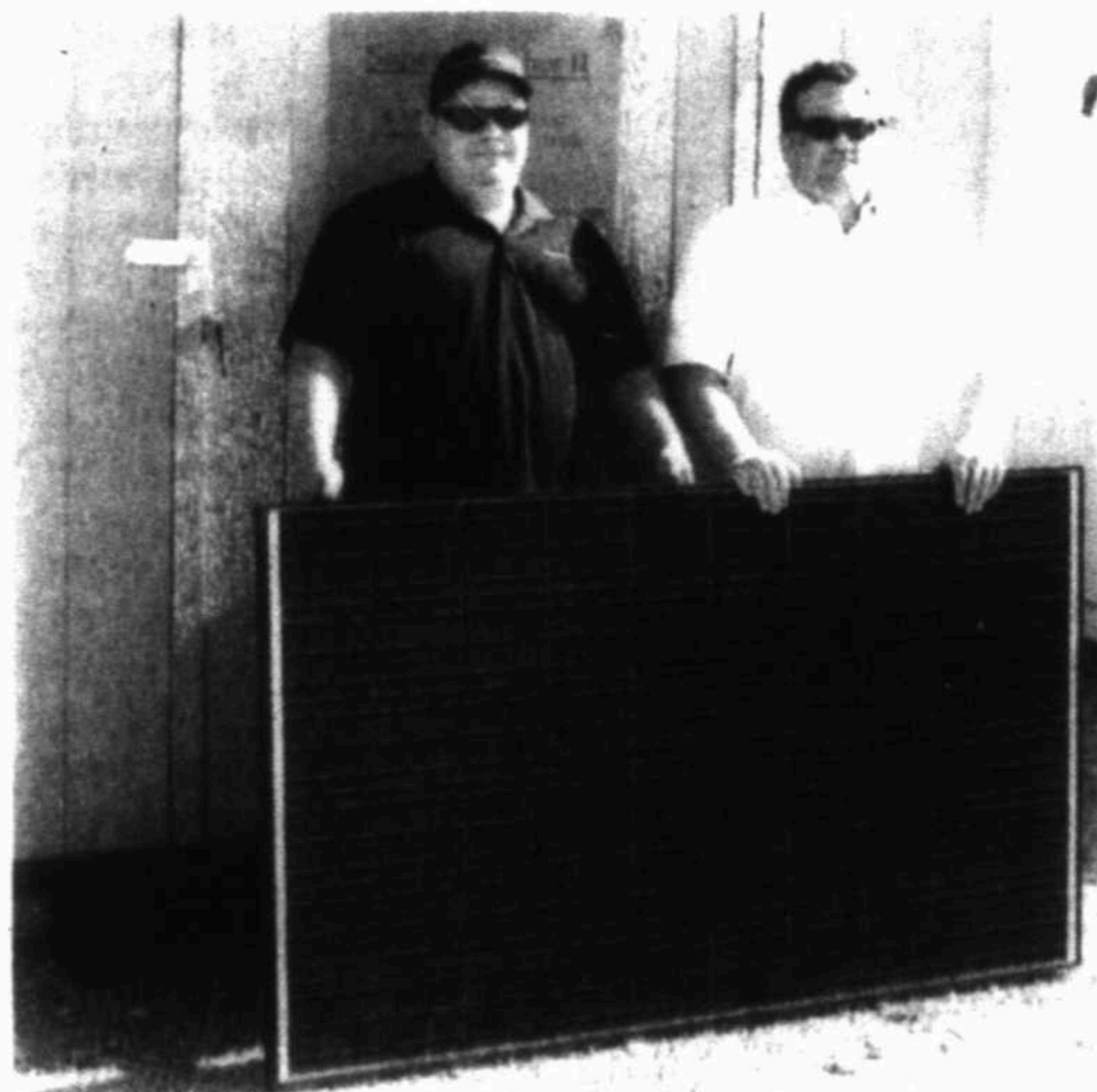
The Solar Energy Generator (SEG) has run up to 100 HP electric motors and can be customized to meet your motor requirements. It offers power factor correction because it always powers the pump motor from the battery array. That feature alone provides many benefits, but there is much more. It also harvests the power created in the pump's downstroke, and these combined features reduce power consumption and extend motor life and performance.

Its versatility makes the SEG useful under any power input conditions, from none to two-phase to three-phase. Yes, it can run completely off the grid with the use of solar panels and the occasional boost from a small generator. On a sunny day the combination of solar panels and downstroke power capture fully charges the batteries so that they can run the pump jack at night. Should the batteries get low, the generator kicks on.

Solar Energy Solutions' Billy Rose points out that most off-grid pumps rely on diesel generators that can use up to \$400 worth of fuel per day. The SEG is projected to use about \$10 in that same 24-hour period. Heavy usage of large diesels also creates demanding and costly maintenance schedules, which are also completely eliminated with the SEG. No more weekly oil changes, diesel fill ups, and costly generator maintenance!

It also offers huge savings when connected to the grid, even if the locally available power is less than required. For example, a motor using three-phase power can run off the SEG even if only two-phase is available because the unit always runs off the batteries. Those batteries are mostly charged by the solar panels and by the downstroke, so power from the grid is only introduced in small amounts if the batteries run low.

So, whether using no grid or an inefficient grid, the SEG saves the operator the expense of running 3 Phase power lines to the well site.



John May, left, and Billy Rose say the Solar Energy Generator captures waste pumpjack energy and solar power to reduce pumpjack electrical costs by up to 40 percent. Call 432-413-7153 to find out how.

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May, who is the company's CEO, and Billy Rose, the firm's president of operations, are excited about the possibilities for this system. Call them this week to learn more.

For more information on Solar Energy Solutions' Solar Energy Generators, call John May at 432-413-7153 or Billy Rose at 432-559-6017 email [info@permian-solar.com](mailto:info@permian-solar.com)

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## The Victaulic VE206 roll grooving tool provides even more upstream flexibility

For field personnel charged with connecting miles and miles of pipe, flexibility and portability are two key factors for their equipment. The new Victaulic VE206 roll grooving tool provides that and more.

First, it is important to note the advantages to grooved end joints. They can be installed up to 10 times faster than traditional methods of threading or welding pipe joints. The grooving process is cleaner, simpler and more efficient.

The Victaulic VE206 is the ideal tool for use in preparing grooved end piping systems up to 6"/150mm. This tool is distinguished from other Victaulic grooving tools in that it can be installed either on a tripod or on the back of a roustabout truck, allowing it to be moved quickly wherever it needs to go. Previous units were made for stationary field or shop operation.

With this tool the crew can drive their truck, with the tool mounted, to wherever the pipe is located instead of hauling miles of pipe to a fixed location.

In addition to portability, its versatility makes the VE206 even more useful. It can be powered by multiple types of drives such as the Victaulic VPD752, Ridgid drive numbers 300 or 700, or the Rems Amigo II. Since many crews encounter various drives at different jobsites and, sometimes, at one jobsite,

this versatility makes the VE206 ready for just about any situation.

The tool can be operated from either the left or right side, based on user preference, as long as the tool is set to have the pipe rotate away from the operator.

This tool is available with designated roll sets to groove pipe for any system requiring carbon steel, stainless steel, light-wall stainless steel, copper and end-seal type pipe material.

It can groove 1-1/4-6"/32-150mm pipe, up to schedule 40. Any roll set used with the Victaulic VE106 grooving tool is also compatible with the VE206.

The Victaulic system has been in use in oilfield and industrial applications since it was developed in 1919, 95 years ago. The company has had an office in the Permian Basin since the 1950s.

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These two views of the Victaulic VE206 show its portability. It can be mounted on a tripod, as shown, or on the back of a roustabout truck, so it can go to where the pipe is rather than requiring pipe to be brought to it. Call Victaulic at 432-332-1489 to learn more about this versatile new machine.

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An oil truck sits in a dirt lot near a new housing development in Watford City, N.D., in February. The United States is still growing older, but the trend is reversing in the Great Plains, thanks to a liberal application of oil.

# Oil boom fuels drop in age in Great Plains states

By Jesse J. Holland  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Want to reduce the effects of aging? Try oil. The United States' population is still getting older, but that's changing in the Great Plains because of the attraction of working in the booming oil and gas industries.

The aging baby boom generation helped inch up the median age in the United States last year from 37.5 years to 37.6 years, according to data released Thursday by the Census Bureau. But a closer examination of those numbers shows that seven states — Alaska, Hawaii, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wyoming — actually became younger.

Credit for the de-aging of the mainland states between 2012 and 2013 goes to the increase in oil and gas exploration in the Great Plains. The Census Bureau offered no reason for the decrease in the median age in Alaska and Hawaii.

"We're seeing the demographic impact of two booms," Census Bureau Director John Thompson said. "The population in the Great Plains energy-boom states is becoming younger and more male as workers move in seeking employment in the oil and gas industry, while the U.S. as a whole continues to age as the youngest of the baby boom generation enter their 50s."

Williams County, North Dakota, which the Census Bureau called the center of the country's Bakken shale energy boom, had the largest decline in age in the United States — 1.6 years.

Energy production is one of the fastest-growing industries in the United States. The boom in the U.S. follows the use of new technologies, such as hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling, to tap oil and gas reserves.

The age changes for the mainland states were mostly minuscule: Montana dropped from 39.962 to 39.898; North Dakota from 35.881 to 35.270; Oklahoma from 36.233 to 36.226; South Dakota from 36.841 to 36.818; and Wyoming from 36.854 to 36.828.

Alaska dropped from 33.606 to 33.246, while Hawaii dropped from 38.138 to 37.963.

The county with the highest median age was Sumter County, Florida, at 65.5. The county with the lowest median age was Madison, Idaho, at 23.1.

What's changing about America?

Non-Hispanic whites are still by far the largest racial

group in the United States, with a population of 197.8 million. (All other racial and ethnic groups make up 37 percent of the population, or 118.3 million.) But Asians, not Hispanics, were the fastest-growing group in 2013.

The country's Asian population rose by almost 2.9 percent to 19.4 million, an increase of about 554,000. That increase was fueled by immigration, which accounted for 61 percent of the population increase.

While the number of Asians grew the fastest last year, Hispanics still are the second-largest ethnic group in the United States, making up 17.1 percent of the total population in 2013. The Hispanic and Latino population grew by 2.1 percent to more than 54 million, a rise fueled by more births, which accounted for 78 percent of the of the total population change.

Native Hawaiians had the second-highest rate of increase at 2.3 percent, while American Indians grew by 1.5 percent and blacks by 1.2 percent. Non-Hispanic whites grew by 0.1 percent during that same time period.

Census officials estimate that whites will no longer be the majority in the United States in 2043, when it is estimated that the total number of minorities will be more than the total number of whites.

The median age for non-Hispanic whites was 42.9, while the median age for minorities was 30.5 years.

### Where can you find the most ...

If diversity is what you want, California is the place you want to be.

Census figures showed that California had the nation's largest number of non-Hispanic whites (15 million); Hispanics (14.7 million); Asians (6.1 million); and American Indians and Alaska natives (1.1 million). New York,

meanwhile, had the largest number of blacks (3.7 million), and Hawaii had the largest number of native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders at 366,000.

The locations change when you look at the percentage of each race by state.

Maine had the largest share of whites at 94 percent; Alaska had the largest percentage of American Indians and Alaska natives at 19.4 percent; Hawaii — the nation's only majority-Asian state — had the largest share of Asians at 56.3 percent and native Hawaiians at 26.1 percent; Mississippi led the nation in blacks at 38.1 percent; and New Mexico led in Hispanics at 47.3 percent.

The states change again when looking at the largest numerical increases of each race and ethnicity.

The Hispanic, black and white populations grew the fastest in Texas, which gained 213,000 new Latinos last year, 78,000 new blacks and 51,000 new whites. California had the largest numerical increase of Asians (142,000); American Indians and Alaska natives (13,000); and Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders (7,000).

### Battle of the sexes

The Census Bureau said there were only 10 states that had more men than women in 2013: Alaska at 52.4 percent, North Dakota at 51.1 percent, Wyoming at 51 percent, Hawaii at 50.5 percent, Nevada at 50.4 percent, Utah at 50.3 percent, Colorado, South Dakota, and Montana at 50.2 percent and Idaho at 50.1 percent.

The states with the highest percentages of women were Delaware at 51.6 percent, Rhode Island at 51.6 percent, Massachusetts at 51.5 percent and Maryland at 51.5 percent. The District of Columbia had a higher percentage of women than all the states at 52.6 percent.



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An oil truck drives past a cemetery gate in Winner Township, N.D., in February.



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## OKLAHOMA CITY Horizontal drilling fuels latest oil boom

More than 4,600 oil and natural gas wells were completed in Oklahoma last year as part of a domestic boom that is affecting many parts of the nation, according to reports filed with state regulators.

Corporation Commission records indicate companies applied for more than 6,000 drilling permits for the second consecutive year. That figure is up from about 4,100 permits in 2009. The Oklahoman reported June 22.

Mike Terry, president of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association, said horizontal drilling has opened vast new resources across the country and has renewed activity in Oklahoma's historic oil fields.

"The Mississippi Lime in northern Oklahoma was considered all but drained just five years ago, but today is it one of the country's most active areas for oil and gas exploration," Terry said.

Drillers sought more than 100 permits in 16 counties, most in the western half of the state, according to regulators, while 14 counties received no interest at all.

"Crude oil production in Oklahoma has doubled in the past five years thanks to technological advancements in drilling and well completion methods," Terry said. "Production will continue to climb as innovation continues and producers take advantage of regulatory and legislative decisions that encourage investment in new oil and natural gas wells."

The largest oil and gas producers based in Oklahoma also are among the state's most active drillers.

Oklahoma city-based SandRidge Energy Inc. has largely tied its future to its acreage in northern Oklahoma and southern Kansas. The company initially focused on the Mississippi Lime formation, but since has expanded its operations to reach multiple formations in the Mid-Continent.

SandRidge completed 310 wells in 2013, according to its quarterly reports.

Deyon Energy Corp., also based in Oklahoma City, has been active in Oklahoma for quite some time, but it has moved its attention to several counties in northern Oklahoma where its wells can access either the Mississippian or Woodford Shale.

Devon has eight rigs in Garfield, Logan, Noble and Payne counties, where the company plans to invest more than \$300 million this year.

The company also is working to boost production from its existing wells in the Cana Woodford Shale in western Oklahoma. It has worked over about 70 wells, tripling production to more than 3 billion cubic feet of natural gas equivalent a day.

## WYOMING Cheyenne weighs projects for excess tax revenue

CHEYENNE — Cheyenne city officials are

proposing spending nearly \$900,000 in excess sales tax revenue on roadway landscaping and energy efficiency.

The Wyoming Tribune Eagle reported Thursday money would also be used on the first phase of a lake remediation project in Holiday Park.

The levy, known as the fifth-penny sales tax, was projected to generate about \$40 million between 2011 and 2014. Officials say it actually generated about \$9 million more.

Eighty percent of excess revenue is automatically designated for road maintenance and construction, and 10 percent for human services. The rest is undesignated.

City staff members presented a plan to the City Council this week to use the money for landscaping, energy efficiency and lake improvements. The council must approve the plan before any money can be spent.

## NEW ORLEANS Algiers electric bills to rise over 4 years

Monthly electric bills for resident in the Algiers neighborhood of New Orleans will climb by 31 percent over the next four years. That's according to a resolution approved Wednesday by the New Orleans City Council's Utility Committee endorsing an agreement reached in principle between the council's utility advisers and officials with Entergy Louisiana.

The New Orleans Advocate reported the agreement also directs Entergy Louisiana to seek approval to transfer its Algiers electric service to Entergy New Orleans.

Entergy Louisiana serves about 22,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in Algiers.

The company submitted a new rate plan for Algiers residents more than a year ago. The company initially sought to raise rates by 42 percent. The parties settled on a \$9.3 million increase, phased in over four years.

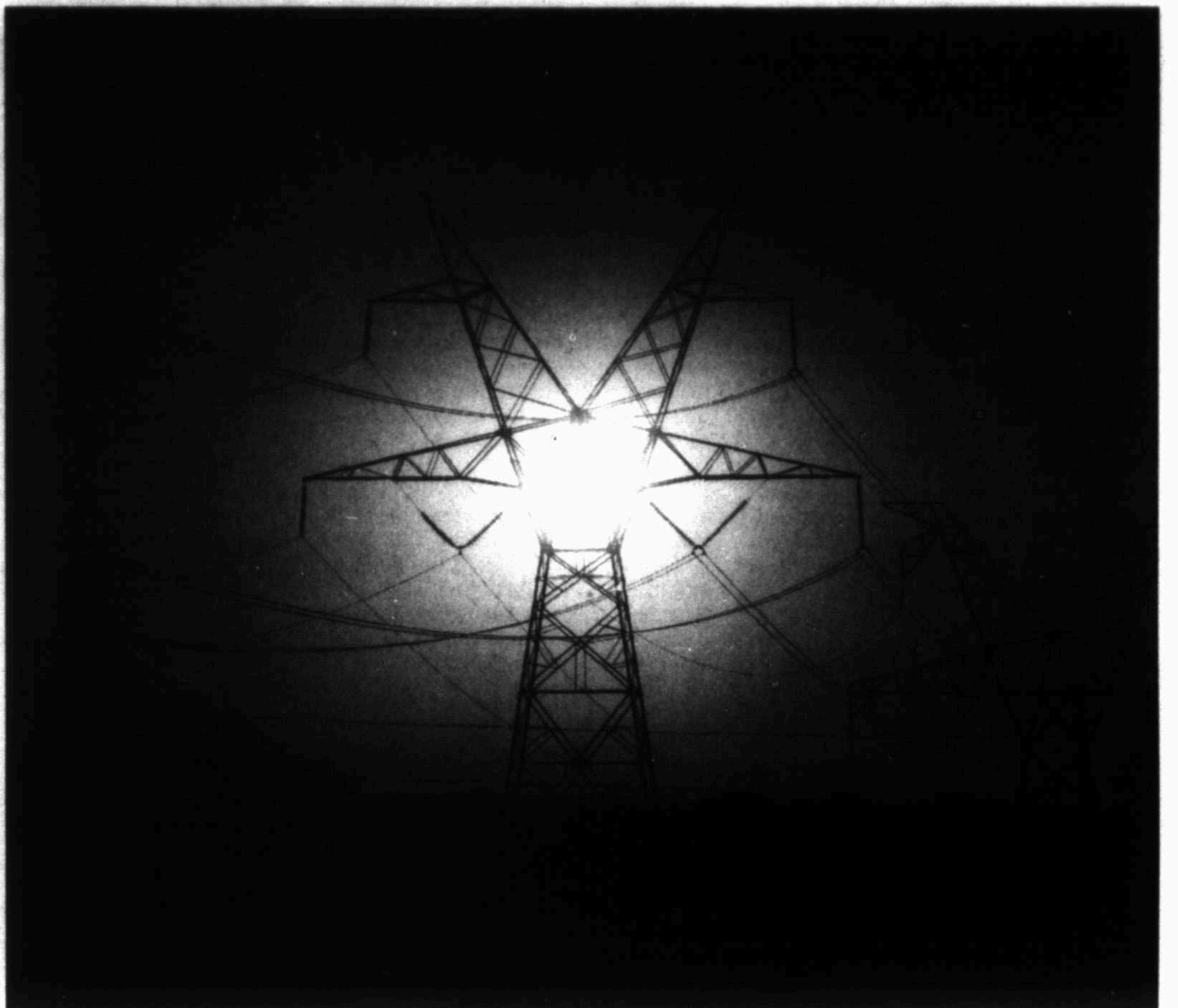
The AARP and the Alliance for Affordable Energy also participated in the discussions and signed off on the agreement in principle.

Before it can take effect, the increase must be approved by the full council and the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

Rates were last changed in Algiers in November 2000. Entergy officials said the increase is needed in part to cover costs associated with restoring the company's system following several hurricanes, including Katrina, that occurred after 2000.

Under the plan submitted to the council, the monthly bill of a typical customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity would rise by \$7.77 in the first year, \$5.69 in year two, \$5.67 in year three and \$5.26 in year four, according to figures released by the utility.

The average Algiers customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity now has a monthly Entergy bill of \$79.23, an Entergy Louisiana spokeswoman said. That monthly bill would rise to \$103.62 at the end of the four years.



# Report gives wind power lines high marks

By Ryan Holeywell  
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — The installation of new transmission lines across Texas has reduced the amount of time wind generators aren't able to transmit power across the state due to congestion, the U.S. Energy Information Administration wrote this week.

Through a \$7 billion project completed last year, 3,500 miles of transmission lines were laid out across Texas, connecting rural regions — where there are wind farms are most prevalent — to the urban centers with high demand for electricity. The project was dubbed Competitive Renewable Energy Zones, or CREZ.

CREZ has reduced incidents of "curtailment," in which wind generators can't transmit power through the grid because there's not enough free space on power lines. That amounts to wasted energy, since the power of wind that's blowing can no longer be used.

The state experienced a rapid expansion of its wind capacity from 2006 to 2009.

That created congestion on the state grid since the wind plants were concentrated in the rural western and Panhandle parts of the state, far from where there was growing power demand. As a result, the state grid operator, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, had to sometimes curtail those wind generators' operations.

The lack of transmission capacity also prompted an unusual pricing situation, in which rural regions were so oversupplied with wind power — and unable to move it — that there were negative prices for wind power. Generators were willing to pay for the ability to keep producing electricity because federal tax credits and other incentives offset the negative price.

The situation prompted the CREZ build-out, which was seen as big benefit to the state's wind power industry.

The EIA reports that since the CREZ transmission lines were completed, incidents of both wind curtailment and wind-related negative electricity prices have decreased, suggesting the projects have largely succeeded at their mission.

CREZ lines helped Texas set a wind power generator record one night in March, when wind power generation hit 10,000 megawatts.

Renewable energy generation in Texas increased 12 percent last year. Virtually all of the state's renewable power generation come from wind.

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# New plan looks to ID transportation bottlenecks

By Jessica Holdman  
The Bismarck Tribune

BISMARCK, N.D. — A new state plan could identify and help fix slow spots for truck traffic, saving companies time, fuel and, ultimately, money.

"We're trying to have a system that doesn't create a barrier to business in the state," said Ben Ehreth, administrative transportation planner for the North Dakota Department of Transportation.

With oil production booming in the west and the economy booming across the state, a lot of growth has happened related to freight, Ehreth said. That has created a lot of demand on North Dakota's transportation system. The North Dakota State Freight Plan is NDDOT's response.

"With the increase in vehicle miles traveled, it became apparent this needs further examination," Arik Spencer, executive vice president of the North Dakota Motor

Carriers Association, told The Bismarck Tribune.

The freight plan is the first plan of this nature the North Dakota Department of Transportation has undertaken. It takes into account rail, air, pipeline and road transport and identifies "bottlenecks" slowing down transport, Ehreth said.

For example, the plan looks at travel numbers and determines what level of congestion is most likely to cause delays. In those areas, roads may be expanded to address it.

The plan notes elements, like low bridges or load capacities, that might be keeping trucks off a certain road. If trucks have to take a less direct route, the shipping expense is increased.

"Developing a freight plan is going to help direct (infrastructure) investment (by the state)," Spencer said. "When looking at investment, any time you take a high level view, it's better than addressing issues as they come up."

That is what the plan is meant to do. It does not identify one particular road or another. Instead, it takes trends into account and identifies what factors cause or could cause a slowdown in the system.

"The plan gives direction to defining barriers," Ehreth said. "Each problem will have a unique circumstance. The plan takes a more comprehensive view."

By looking at all factors, the plan also makes sure all problems are addressed on each project so infrastructure doesn't have to be rebuilt multiple times.

Those stretches of road that meet the criteria in the plan will be the most likely to receive state and federal money to make improvements. While the oil boom has focused a lot of attention to road needs to the west, the agriculture and manufacturing industries also are driving need in the east.

Trends identified by the plan include the predicted doubling of natural gas production by 2017, increased consumer-related

freight to meet the needs of more people coming to the state, increased agricultural traffic, new freight movement from companies supporting the state's energy and manufacturing industries and a predicted increase in air freight due to globalization, among other things.

Public meetings held in Fargo, Bismarck and Williston each attracted 10-20 people, mostly fertilizer companies, rail officials and local politicians. Ehreth said comments have so far been consistent with the trends and needs already identified.

Ehreth said the purpose of public comment on the plan is to bring together many different interests to develop it.

"We don't make our living moving freight," he said. "Our job is to help those that do. This gives us a better understanding."

The NDDOT executive team will consider the plan for adoption in the coming months.

# Developer in Indiana plans to convert manure into electricity

By Jeff Parrott  
The Elkhart Truth

GOSHEN, Ind. — A developer is bringing a new project to Elkhart County aimed at reducing the environmental impact of dairy farms and helping the nation's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Brian Furrer is building a \$7 million facility on a former gravel mining site in rural southwest Goshen that will turn cow manure into electricity. The project, called Green Cow Power, will be up and running by September if construction goes smoothly. The Elkhart Truth reported.

The facility at 24242 C.R. 40 is believed to be the eighth such operation in Indiana. It's not the first one in the county to turn animal waste into energy, but it will be the largest. Culver Duck, a duck processor near Middlebury, also operates such a digester, using the blood, heads, tails and innards the parts not used for food products — to generate methane that makes electricity.

Culver Duck produces about 800 kilowatts per hour of electricity, which is less than one-third of the 3 mwh that Green Cow plans to send into the grid.

Furrer has done this before. His company, Bio-Town Ag, operates a larger facility in the White County town of Reynolds, about 25 miles north of Lafayette. It's producing about twice the electricity that the town of Reynolds uses.

He committed to the Reynolds project in 2005, started construction in 2010 and became operational in 2011.

Furrer, from White County, said he decided to try the concept in Elkhart County because it has so many dairy farms and it's served by electric utility NIPSCO. By contrast, Rural Electric Membership Corporations, or REMCs, serve many rural areas but haven't been willing to pay high enough prices for electricity, he said.

"NIPSCO is doing the best job of working with dairy farmers of anyone in the state," Furrer said. "We needed a dairy farm, a lot



AP file photo

of cows, and we needed NIPSCO, so that's why we're here."

The utility industry calls such energy "biomass" and is looking to buy more biomass, solar and wind energy, all renewable sources, as new federal environmental regulations allow less use of coal. Through its Feed-in Tariff Program, NIPSCO bought about 6,200 megawatts in the program's first year, 2011, and last year bought about eight times as much, or 49,000 megawatts — enough to power about 6,000 homes per year, said NIPSCO spokeswoman Kathleen Szot.

Biomass power genera-

tion grew about five-fold, rising from 6,200 to 31,600 megawatts during that time.

Renewable sources in the FIT pilot program still make up a tiny fraction of electricity produced in coal- and natural gas-heavy Indiana, about 0.3 percent last year, but that will change eventually, Furrer predicted.

"We're going to use less dirty coal in this country," Furrer said. "That is just a fundamental fact of life. We have a governor that's fighting that and U.S. legislators and state legislators, but the reality is we're going to reduce our carbon footprint in this

country. We're going to do it through many different mechanisms. This is one mechanism that's going to help."

Furrer said the Reynolds facility has been a success, but he and his staff are still learning how to improve it. If things go well at Green Cow Power, he will look to launch another project elsewhere. He declined to

say where.

"It has a huge amount to do with how well we can make the digester perform," Furrer said, noting that some anaerobic digesters have lost money while others barely break even. Based on what he's learned in Reynolds, he figures it will take about seven years to recoup the \$7 million in capital costs.

"It's a biological process and there's not a tremendous amount of science behind the biology of methane digestion," he said. "When we have trouble, it's really difficult to troubleshoot it."

For example, in Reynolds last winter, methane production fell way off.

"We never figured out what caused the problem and we're not sure what we did to fix it," Furrer said. "We made a few changes and it came back up and it's working great again."

At Green Cow Power, the manure will be pumped into two underground sealed tanks, called anaerobic digesters, that hold a combined 5 million gal-

lons. Bacteria break down the manure and methane gas is separated. Heat from the methane gas powers engines that turn generators to make electricity. Solids from the waste will be separated, dried and used as bedding for the cattle barns. Leftover liquids will be sent into a 25-million-gallon open lagoon, where it will be stored until the dairy farmers can spread it on crops as fertilizer. Manure will remain in the digester for 22 days.

Furrer said there should not be much odor coming from the lagoon because fatty acids, which cause the most odor, are removed in the digester.

At Reynolds they're trying to perfect the process so that it results in water that's clean enough for cattle to drink. In Goshen that water might be used to grow crops if the process works.

"You have to remember that astronauts recycle their own urine," Furrer said with a chuckle. "If they can do it."

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University of Texas -233- #7  
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Irion County

FIML Natural Resources LLC  
Windy Point "D" #86K  
Spraberry (Trend Area); 677 fnl, 1079 fwl, Sec 86, Blk 1, Abst. 1153, T&P RR, 14.3 n Barnhart; TD 8730; Comp 5/27/2014; producing from 4699-8286, fracture stimulated; pump 34 BO, 188 MCF, 178 BW, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-35536

Exco/HGI JV Assets LLC

Sugg "SA" #16  
Lonesome Reef (Wolfcamp); 1560 fwl, 467 fwl, Sec 5, Blk 27, Abst. 179, H&TC RR, 19 nw Mertzon; TD 7443; Comp 6/10/2014; producing from 5872-6869; flow 134 BO, 93 MCF, 70 BW on 20/64 inch choke, FTP 220 psi, 39.04 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34837

Exco/HGI JV Assets LLC

Sugg-Jane Taylor "E" #23E  
Lonesome Reef (Wolfcamp); 1196 fwl, 162 fwl, Sec 1, Abst. 759, J. Taylor, 20 nw Mertzon; TD 7920; Comp 6/7/2014; producing from 5940-6868; pump 3 BO, 13 MCF, 13 BW, 42.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34587

EOG Resources Inc. Mayer #4513H

Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 4995 fnl, 7738 fwl, Sec 45, Abst. 686, WC RR, 2.1 nw Barnhart; TD 6632 TVD, 15135 MD; Comp 5/30/2014; producing from 6825-15051, fracture stimulated; gas lift 385 BO, 409 MCF, 703 BW on open choke, FTP 380 psi, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-35660

Reagan County

FIML Natural Resources LLC  
Rocker "B 67" #1263NH  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1711 fwl, 1563 fwl, Sec 126, Blk 1, Abst. 688, T&P RR, 7 ne Big Lake; TD 7343 TVD, 16157 MD; Comp 5/29/2014; producing from 8460-16100; flow 563 BO, 345 MCF, 1073 BW on 48/64 inch choke, FTP 75 psi, 39.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-38568

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Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1751 fwl, 1564 fwl, Sec 126, Blk 1, Abst. 688, T&P RR, 7 ne Big Lake; TD 7345 TVD, 16153 MD; Comp 5/29/2014; producing from 8670-16100; flow 471 BO, 730 MCF, 1025 BW on 48/64 inch choke, FTP 100 psi, 39.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-38567

Upton County

Diamondback Exploration & Production LLC  
Kendra "C" Unit #3H  
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 217 fwl, 100 fwl, Sec 7, Blk 2, Abst. 329, MK&TE RR, 4.7 ne Rankin; TD 8829 TVD, 16596 MD; Comp 6/10/2014; producing from 9150-16436, fracture stimulated; flow 199 BO, 500 MCF, 3931 BW on 39/64 inch choke, FTP 42.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-39003

XTO Energy Inc. McElroy Ranch #3213WB

Spraberry (Trend Area); 541 fwl, 762 fwl, Sec 132, Blk 3, Abst. 1465, CCSD&RGNG, 10.4 ne Crane; TD 10721; Comp 5/28/2014; producing from 10432-10691, treated with acid; pump 52 BO, 94 MCF, 545 BW, 47.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-39231

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Andrews County

Capstone Natural Resources LLC  
R.K. DeFord "A" #4 Block A-34(Glorieta); 648 fwl, 824 fwl, Sec 13, Blk A-34, Abst. 1837, PSL, 12 n Andrews; TD 6178; Comp 6/4/2014; producing from 5981-5991; pump 286 BO, 248 BW, 32.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46112

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC

University "48A" #9 Fuhrman-Mascho; 995 fwl, 1003 fwl, Sec 48, Blk 13, Abst. 440U, ULS, 9 nw Andrews; TD 4770; Comp 5/30/2014; producing from 4392-4577, fracture stimulated; pump 3.9 BO, 1 MCF, 355 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-45835

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC

University "13-39" #23 Fuhrman-Mascho; 330 fwl, 1650 fwl, Sec 39, Blk 13, Abst. 431U, ULS, 9 nw Andrews; TD 5004; Comp 5/30/2014; producing from 4607-4820, fracture stimulated; pump 18 BO, 8 MCF, 211 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46087

Forge Energy LLC

Fisher "76" #2H Shafter Lake North (San Andres)-Horizontal; 2440 fwl, 1210 fwl, Sec 7, Blk A-36, Abst. 1953, PSL, 8 nw Andrews; TD 4775 TVD, 11925 MD; Comp 6/15/2014; producing from 4872-11256, fracture stimulated; pump 342 BO, 96 MCF, 1756 BW, 32 Oil

Gravity; API #42-003-45629

Glasscock County

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21202 Vector "19 A" #2

Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 819 fwl, 1149 fwl, Sec 19, Blk 34, T-3-S, Abst. 226, T&P RR, 7 nw Garden City; TD 10420 TVD, 10420 MD; Comp 5/31/2014; producing from 7905-10251, fracture stimulated; pump 105 BO, 123 MCF, 149 BW on 24/64 inch choke, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-36342

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Morgan Ranch #3401 Deadwood (Fusselman); 960 fwl, 1550 fwl, Sec 34, Blk 32, T-1-S, Abst. 1158, T&P RR, 7 se Big Spring; TD 9840; Comp 6/6/2014; producing from 9735-9758, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 9 BO, 25 MCF, 20 BW, 45.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-227-37660

Martin County

W&T Offshore Inc. Cereza #2

Spraberry (Trend Area); 470 fwl, 470 fwl, Labor 1, League 259, Abst. 590, Borden CSL, 15.3 nw Tarzan; TD 11524; Comp 5/27/2014; producing from 7008-10770; pump 47 BO, 33 MCF, 339 BW on 24/64 inch choke, FTP 250 psi, 35.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-39145

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Ward-Estes North; 367 fwl, 7559 fwl, Sec 1, Blk O, Abst. 119, G&MMB&A, 7 sw Monahans; TD 2731; Comp 6/4/2014; producing from 2426-2560, treated with acid; flow 1 BO, 1 MCF, 300 BW on open choke, FTP 175 psi, 37 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-36634

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Clark Wood Ranch #1027

Hoople (Clearfork); 2971 fwl, 4865 fwl, Sec 10, Blk D-19, Abst. 1049, D&SE RR, 8.3 ne Slaton; TD 4357; Comp 5/29/2014; producing from 4114-4249, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 74 BO, 370 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-107-31578

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11T17S R30E; 330/S & 480/E; EL 3722 GL, TD 6095, PBDT 6020; Spud 10-7-14, Comp 1-3-14; production is through treated perfs: 5482-5892. Treat: 5250 gals 15% NEFE acid, 176 BS, Frac w/1,256,304 gals slickwater, 31,720# 100 mesh, 361,100# 40/70 sd. IP: 1-14-14 Pump 24 hrs 157 BO, 754 BW, 665 MCF, Gty 38.3. Csg: 10 1/2 @ 517 w/400 sx, 7 @ 6095 w/2050 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5367; API #30-015-41541

COG Operating LLC

Electra Federal #50

Loco Hills; Sec 10

T17S R30E; 2490/N & 1140/W; EL 3720 GL, TD 6088, PBDT 5980; Spud 12-19-10, Comp 1-18-11; production is through treated perfs: 4510-4790, 5010-5210, 5280-5480, 5550-5750. Treat: Acdz w/13,500 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/376,509 gals gel, 586,764# 16/30 white sd, 139,171# 16/30

siberprop. IP: 1-26-11 Pump 24 hrs 183 BO, 420 BW, 269 MCF, Gty 38.7. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 453 w/1000 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1202 w/600 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6076 w/1000 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5744; API #30-015-37411

COG Operating LLC

Dexter #14

Loco Hills; Sec 22 T17S R30E; 1650/S & 1650/W; EL 3648 GL, TD 6428, PBDT 6371; Spud 1-18-11, Comp 2-22-11; production is through treated perfs: 4700-4850, 6100-6310. Treat: Acdz w/6500 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/225,734 gals gel, 283,213# 16/30 white sd, 49,300# 16/30 CRC. IP: 3-3-11 Pump 24 hrs 56 BO, 739 BW, 78 MCF, Gty 37.3. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 460 w/1000 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1318 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6418 w/1500 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6204; API #30-015-37352

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R31E; 858/S & 250/W. BHL: 838/S & 332/W; EL 3884 GL, TD 10,180, PBDT 10,180; Spud 3-18-13, Comp 11-26-13; production is through perfs: 5555-9755. IP: 1-25-14 Pump 24 hrs 70 BO, 1234 BW, 256 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 587 w/600 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3500 w/1935 sx, 7 @ 4750 w/620 sx, 4 1/2 @ 4975; API #30-015-40577

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East Shugart Delaware Unit #33

Shugart; Sec 24 T18S

R31E; 2080/N & 1935/E; EL 3707 GL, TD 5514, PBDT 5423; Spud 10-9-13, Comp 11-2-13; production is through treated perfs: 5064-5159. Treat: 1,088 bbls gel fluid, 40,720# 16/30 mesh, 30,060# 16/30 SLC. IP: 11-13-13 Pump 24 hrs 14 BO, 222 BW, 8 MCF, GOR 571, Gty 41.4. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 982

w/537 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5514 w/928 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5349; API #30-015-41623

EOG Resources Inc.

Parkway 23 State

Com #3

Turkey Track; Sec 23 T19S R29E; 2050/N & 50/W. BHL: 2098/N & 759/E; EL 3311 GL, TD 11311 MD, 7154 TVD, PBDT 11275; Spud 4-10-11, Comp 7-9-11; production is through treated perfs: 7400-11250. Treat: Frac w/36.8 mgal 10% HCL, 549 m gals gel, 1201 Mlbs 20/40 sd, 337 m lbs 20/40 CRC, 661 m gals H2O. IP: 7-19-11 Flow 24 hrs 373 BO, 408 BW, 431 MCF, CP 380, GOR 1155. Gty 39.5. Csg: 11 ? @ 375 w/300 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3300 w/800 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11311 w/1800 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6370; API #30-015-37207

COG Operating LLC

Canvasback 13 Federal #4

East Poker Lake. Sec

13 T24S R31E; 190/N & 2130/E. BHL: 340/S & 2071/E. EL 3582 GL, TD 12835 MD, 8385 TVD, PBDT 12753 MD, 8385 TVD; Spud 9-15-13, Comp 11-6-13; production is through treated perfs: 8616-12625, 12725-12735. Treat: 48276 gals 7.5% acid 2243453# sd, 1958670 gals fluid. IP: 11-15-13 Pump 24 hrs 691 BO, 1292 BW, 850 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 897 w/750 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4535 w/1700 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12797 w/2275 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7845; API #30-015-41552

RKI Exploration & Production LLC

RDX Federal 21 #44

East Brushy Draw.

Sec 21 T26S R30E; 1150/S & 990/E. EL 3027 GL, TD 7415, PBDT 7368; Spud 7-22-13, Comp 9-28-13; production is through

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treated perfs: 5674-6128, 6202-6458, 6610-6705, 6922-7169. Treat: 434,879 gals 15% HCL acid, 504,429# Prem & CRC 16/30. IP: 10-1413 Pump 24 hrs 167 BO, 601 BW, 231 MCF, Gty 35. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 968 w/1090 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3430 w/1040 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7415 w/880 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5636; API #30-015-41193

### Lea County

CML Exploration LLC  
CW 14 State #1  
Sanmal; Sec 14 T17S

R33E; 1975/S & 2225/E; EL 4129 GL, TD 12,220, PBTD 12,121; Spud 5-17-13, Comp 9-10-13; production is through treated perfs: 11,198-11,228, 11,943-12,112. Treat: 10,200 gals 15% HCL, 228k gals 20# gel, 4,400# 100 mesh, 96# 30/50. IP: 10-2-13 Pump 24 hrs 33 BO, 19 BW, 33 MCF, GOR 1000, Gty 40. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1558 w/1535 sx, 8 5/8 @ 4615 w/1610 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12213 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 11008; API #30-025-41151

Devon Energy Production Co. LP  
Butter Cup 36 State

### Com #2

Airstrip; Sec 35 T18S R34E; 1600/S & 250/E. BHL: 2082/S & 4940/W; EL 3971 GL, TD 15,630 MD, PBTD 15,587 MD; Spud 2-7-13, Comp 6-30-13; production is through treated perfs: 10520-15,558. Treat: 8 stage frac: 1,410,101# 30/50 WS, 905,950# 20/40 WS, 144,000 gals 15% HCL, 1,483,284 gals XL fluid. IP: 7-3-13 Pump 24 hrs 424 BO, 387 BW, 313 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1935 w/1862 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5385 w/1875 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15630 w/2590 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10345; API #30-025-40641

### Apache Corp.

North Monument G/ SA Unit #389  
Eunice Monument; Sec 30 T19S R37E; 1180/N & 2475/W. BHL: 1349/N & 2601/E; EL 3647 GL, TD 4067, PBTD 4022, Top Pay (GB/SA) 3733; Spud 6-25-13, Comp 7-15-13; production is through treated perfs: 3733-3906. Treat: 6610 gals 15% acid. IP: 9-19-13 Pump 24 hrs 271 BO, 166 BW, 101 MCF, GOR 373, Gty 33. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1325 w/470 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4067 w/850 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3923; API #30-025-41042

COG Operating LLC

### Goose State #1

Wildcat; Sec 32 T20S R34E; 190/N & 1980/W. BHL: 4961/N & 2052/W; EL 3717 GL, TD 15665, PBTD 15660; Spud 6-5-13, Comp 8-6-13; production is through treated perfs: 11432-15524. Treat: Acdz w/33222 gals 7.5%, Frac w/3327083# sd & 2445702 gal fluid. IP: 8-31-13 Pump 24 hrs 407 BO, 1410 BW, 343 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1799 w/1130 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5421 w/2050 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15664 w/1790 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10587; API #30-025-41106

### Apache Corp.

Northeast Drinkard Unit #566  
North Eunice; Sec 10 T21S R37E; 1255/S & 870/E; EL 3449 GL, TD 6959, PBTD 6923; Spud 9-17-13, Comp 10-18-13; production is through treated perfs: 5599-6011, 6062-6133, 6485-6682. Treat: 142,000 gals acid, 213,554 gals SS-35, 477,826# sd, 16,086 gal gel. IP: 10-22-13 Pump 24 hrs 30 BO, 181 BW, 141 MCF, GOR 4700, Gty 37. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1305 w/550 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6959 w/1330 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6798; API #30-025-41156

### From 10

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

QUANTUM ENERGY, LLC N CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

QUANTUM ENERGY, LLC N CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

QUANTUM ENERGY, LLC N CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

QUANTUM ENERGY, LLC N CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

QUANTUM ENERGY, LLC N CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

QUANTUM ENERGY, LLC N CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

QUANTUM ENERGY, LLC N CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

QUANTUM ENERGY, LLC N CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

QUANTUM ENERGY, LLC N CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

QUANTUM ENERGY, LLC N CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

QUANTUM ENERGY, LLC N CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

QUANTUM ENERGY, LLC N CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

QUANTUM ENERGY, LLC N CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

QUANTUM ENERGY, LLC N CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

QUANTUM ENERGY, LLC N CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

QUANTUM ENERGY, LLC N CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

QUANTUM ENERGY, LLC N CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

QUANTUM ENERGY, LLC N CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

QUANTUM ENERGY, LLC N CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

QUANTUM ENERGY, LLC N CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

QUANTUM ENERGY, LLC N CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 142 S WILKINSON, 2178 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

## DEVELOPMENTAL WELLS

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#### Coke County

CHOLLA PETR., INC. ACR (CANYON) (O/G) DRILL (DIR) REC) Well# 1 PRICE NE, 2349 FNL 585 FWL, SEC 303 BLK 1A, H&TC SUR., A-371 5999', 14 N ROBERT LEE

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO. LLC JAMESON DRILL (INJ) Well# 1186W JAMESON REEF UNIT, 1864 FNL 1771 FEL, SEC 16, LR MATHERS SUR., A-1771 6900', 16 NW ROBERT LEE

#### Iron County

BROAD OAK ENERGY II, LLC LIN (WOLF) Well# (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# S546HU FARMAR D, 1619 FNL 2134 FNL, SEC 54 BLK 1, H&TC/GB CATHEY SUR., A-905 6500', 8 W MERTZON

BROAD OAK ENERGY II, LLC LIN (WOLF) Well# (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# S506HU FARMAR A, 1579 FNL 2155 FNL, SEC 50 BLK 1, H&TC/M LINDLEY SUR., A-960 6500', 11 W MERTZON

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC LIN (WOLF) Well# (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 12H NOELKE 1243, 2861 FEL 190 FSL, SEC 1244, GC/AE COCREHAM SUR., A-1088 7300', 11 NE BARNHART

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC LIN (WOLF) Well# (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 11H NOELKE 1243, 2896 FEL 190 FNL, SEC 1244, GC&S/AE COCREHAM SUR., A-1088 7300', 11 NE BARNHART

#### Menard County

PAINT ROCK OPER., LLC LITTLE DOG (CAMAR) (O) DRILL Well# 42 RUSSELL, 1757 FEL 701 FSL, SEC 1602, JH ZOLLNER SUR., A-829 4000', 9 NE FT MCKAVETT

#### Reagan County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2D SAU 43, 1155 FNL 200 FEL, SEC 43 BLK B, L&SV SUR., A-304 8300', 24 NW BIG LAKE

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3E SAU 41-3, 200 FNL 1300 FWL, SEC 41 BLK B, L&SV SUR., A-303 8400', 27 SW GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1D SAU 8, 400 FNL 2400 FWL, SEC 8 BLK E, L&SV/G SUTHERLIN SUR., A-807 8200', 21 NW BIG LAKE

BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2S COATES B, 2479 FNL 1826 FEL, SEC 5, JW BILLS SUR., A-31 7500', 9 NE BIG LAKE

BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1S COATES B, 2480 FNL 1786 FEL, SEC 5 BLK 1, JW BILLS SUR., A-31 7500', 9 NE BIG LAKE

BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3N COATES B, 2652 FSL 1805 FEL, SEC 5, JW BILLS SUR., A-31 7500', 9 NE BIG LAKE

BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2N COATES B, 2651 FSL 1765 FEL, SEC 5, JW BILLS SUR., A-31 7500', 9 NE BIG LAKE

BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3S COATES B, 2478 FNL 1866 FEL, SEC 5, JW BILLS SUR., A-31 8000', 9 NE BIG LAKE

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H RINGO 10, 200 FNL 510 FWL, SEC 10 BLK D, L&SV/RE RINGO SUR., A-788 8540', 9 NW STILES

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC LIN (WOLF) Well# (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 907H

UNIVERSITY 49, 1779 FWL 2707 FNL, SEC 9 BLK 49, UNIV LANDS SUR., A-U346 8601', 6 SE BIG LAKE

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3MY SNOW DRAW A, 1516 FSL 4145 FEL, SEC 3 BLK A, FM MATHEWS SUR., A-354 10000', 22 NE BIG LAKE

LAREDO PETROLEUM-DALLAS INC. E RED HOUSE (ELLEN) (O) DRILL Well# 111N SUGG B, 467 FSL 1550 FWL, SEC 111 BLK 2, T&P SUR., A-828 12500', 24 N BIG LAKE

LAREDO PETROLEUM-DALLAS INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1863SU GRAHAM-CH SUGG (ALLO) SL, 467 FNL 1650 FWL, SEC 186 BLK 2, T&P/RD FERGUSON SUR., A-141 9000', 26 N BIG LAKE

LAREDO PETROLEUM-DALLAS INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1862SM GRAHAM-CH SUGG (ALLO) SL, 467 FNL 1015 FWL, SEC 186 BLK 2, T&P/RD FERGUSON SUR., A-141 9000', 26 N BIG LAKE

#### Runnels County

DEL MAR ENERGY, INC. COCKATOO (GARDNER) (O) DRILL Well# 1 BROWN, 350 FWL 951 FSL, SEC 319 BLK 64, H&TC SUR., A-320 5000', 5 NE WINTERS

#### Upton County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3730HM CC, 343 FSL 2510 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/GW WALKER SUR., A-1320 9750', 22 NE CRANE

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 5408 KYNDALL, 660 FSL 710 FEL, SEC 54 BLK Y, TC/W TAYLOR SUR., A-1525 12000', 9 N RANKIN

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 930TH CORDES, 560 FEL 560 FSL, SEC 94 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG/P HAMILTON SUR., A-812 12000', 18 NW RANKIN

HIGH ROLLER WELLS, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 HWY 349 SWD, 410 FWL 1490 FSL, SEC 46 BLK 39 T4S, T&P/E MARSHALL SUR., A-1345 5000', 25 SE MIDLAND

HUNT OIL COMPANY SHEEP MOUNTAIN (CONS) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 UNIVERSITY 3-36, 467 FNL 2275 FWL, SEC 36 BLK 3, UL SUR., A-U36 10100', 4 NE RANKIN

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC DAVIS (PENNSYLVANIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 MARY 18, 467 FEL 1650 FNL, SEC 18 BLK 39 T5S, T&P/JG HALL SUR., A-1405 11800', 10 W MIDKIFF

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 8HR UNIVERSITY 3-33, 100 FSL 1641 FWL, SEC 4 BLK 4, UL SUR., A-U40 10500', 7 E RANKIN

XTO ENERGY, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 23WB MCELROY RANCH CO 111, 2004 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 111 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-66 11850', 13 E CRANE

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#### Andrews County

APACHE CORPORATION THREE BAR (WICHITA) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1504H CARMICHAEL, 300 FNL 950 FEL, SEC 16 BLK A41, PSL/N POWELL SUR., A-1608 7500', 17 SW ANDREWS

CAPSTONE NATURAL RES., LLC MEANS (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# 12W DEFORD-WHITE OIL UNIT, 2831 FWL 2589 FNL, SEC 13 BLK A34, PSL/JV GOWL SUR., A-2261 5400', 12 NW ANDREWS

CAPSTONE NATURAL RES., LLC BLK A-34 (GLORIETA LO) (O) DRILL Well# 4

DEFORD-WHITE OIL UNIT, 2580 FNL 1320 FWL, SEC 13 BLK A34, PSL/JV GOWL SUR., A-2261 9000', 12 NW ANDREWS

CAPSTONE NATURAL RES., LLC N SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# 1 FISHER D, 1910 FNL 1906 FWL, SEC 16 BLK A36, PSL/ MRS M HENSON SUR., A-1959 6500', 8 NW ANDREWS

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2807 JE MABEE A NCT-1, 2163 FSL 1697 FWL, SEC 28 BLK 39 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-91 12270', 19 NW ANDREWS

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2808 JE MABEE A NCT-1, 570 FEL 2230 FSL, SEC 28 BLK 39 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-91 12485', 19 NW ANDREWS

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H UL BUMBLE UNIT 5-36, 550 FEL 300 FSL, SEC 25 BLK 5, UL SUR., A-U129 11000', 12 E ANDREWS

RING ENERGY, INC. BLK A-34 (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 8 FISHER A, 990 FWL 1650 FNL, SEC 24 BLK A34, PSL/MRS B FISHER SUR., A-1928 5100', 10 NW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 6 LEONA B, 59 FSL 1686 FEL, SEC 11 BLK A41, PSL/JC BURKETT SUR., A-860 4900', 15 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 28 UNIVERSITY 13-35, 1650 FNL 990 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U427 5200', 10 NW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 33 UNIVERSITY 13-35, 330 FNL 2310 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U427 5200', 10 NW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 17 UNIVERSITY 13-35, 1140 FSL 840 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U427 5200', 10 NW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 7 LEONA A, 100 FNL 450 FEL, SEC 20 BLK A41, PSL/JW WOOLDRIDGE SUR., A-1654 5200', 15 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 7 SAM B, 330 FWL 400 FSL, SEC 11 BLK A41, PSL/JC BURKETT SUR., A-860 9000', 13 W ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 7 LEONA E, 100 FNL 2474 FWL, SEC 20 BLK A41, PSL/JW WOOLDRIDGE SUR., A-1654 5200', 15 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 25 UNIVERSITY 47, 990 FSL 1650 FWL, SEC 47 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U439 5200', 8 NW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC N SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (O) DRILL Well# 11 UNIVERSITY 48A, 330 FNL 1650 FEL, SEC 48 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U440 5200', 9 NW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 8 LEONA B, 490 FNL 2475 FEL, SEC 20 BLK A41, PSL/JW WOOLDRIDGE SUR., A-1654 5200', 15 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 1 UNIVERSITY 38, 990 FNL 990 FWL, SEC 38 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U430 5200', 9 NW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 2 UNIVERSITY 38E, 990 FNL 2310 FEL, SEC 38 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U430 5200', 9 NW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 30 UNIVERSITY 13-34, 990 FSL 330 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U426 5200', 10 NW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC N SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (O) DRILL Well# 6 UNIVERSITY 48C, 2310 FSL 1650 FEL, SEC 48 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U440 5200', 8 NW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 10 CC CITIES SERVICE B, 2200 FWL 2310 FSL, SEC 11 BLK A41, PSL/JC BURKETT SUR., A-860 5200', 13 SW ANDREWS

#### Crane County

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP SAND HILLS (WLF-CMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 500H HAVARA, 447 FSL 480 FEL, SEC 8 BLK B21, PSL/MB MCKINNY SUR., A-1113 9000', 21 NW CRANE

HENRY RESOURCES LLC UNIV 31 W (U DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 1713 UNIV LINDSAY, 1980 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 17 BLK 31, UL SUR., A-U65 12500', 10 NW CRANE

#### Culberson County

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. DERBY

DEVELOPMENTAL WELLS

From 10G

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 141 S WILKINSON, 2064 FNL 1476 FEL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T1N, T&P/EM ROSS SUR., A-1342 12000', 10 S KNOTT

ELEMENT PETRO. OPER. II, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H CLARK UNIT 24-13, 325 FSL 538 FWL, SEC 24 BLK 33 T2N, T&P/WD ARNETT SUR., A-1105 10000', 12 NW BIG SPRING

PALADIN PETRO. III, L.L.C SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 B MARSHALL, 1980 FSWL 1980 FNL, SEC 18 BLK 31 T1S, T&P/WT ROBERTS SUR., A-1330 10000', 6 SE BIG SPRING

QUANTUM RES. MGMNT, LLC N COAHOMA (FUSSEL) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 HN READ D, 467 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 16 BLK 30 T1N, T&P/L COFFEE SUR., A-1030 10000', 6 NW COAHOMA

Loving County

APACHE CORPORATION WHEAT (CHERRY CNYN) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1SW MOCKINGBIRD 9, 2687 FSEL 2587 FNEL, SEC 9 BLK 2, W&NW SUR., A-204 7000', 4 N MENTONE

RKI E&P, LLC SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H PECOS STATE 46, 200 FNL 1625 FEL, SEC 46 BLK 56 T1, T&P/WR TYLER SUR., A-1334 16000', 7 NE ORLA

SHELL WESTERN E&P PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3SL RAMSLAND 1-61 LOV, 317 FSWL 922 FSEL, SEC 61 BLK 1, W&NW SUR., A-185 12200', 6 W MENTONE

Martin County

BURLESON PETRO., INC. LACAFF (DEVONIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 9 MABEE, 467 FNL 3454 FEL, SEC 5 BLK H A, JH O'BRIEN SUR., A-945 13500', 13 NW STANTON

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 WILBANKS-16A, 1980 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 16 BLK 35 T2N, T&P/S KING SUR., A-1025 11500', 15 NE STANTON

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP RK (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 7 CAMPBELL, 1617 FSL 3970 FEL, SEC 247, HARTLEY CSL SUR., A-599 11300', 6 NW TARZAN

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP RK (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 15 JONES-HOLTON, 3750 FNL 6900 FEL, SEC 246, WHEELER CSL SUR., A-610 11000', 23 NW STANTON

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP RK (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 4 CAMPBELL, 467 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 134 BLK A, S HOLLOWAY/ KH ANDERSON SUR., A-1055 11300', 5 NW TARZAN

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP RK (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 10 JONES-HOLTON, 3856 FSL 5129 FEL, SEC 246, WHEELER CSL SUR., A-610 11000', 6 NW TARZAN

ENERVEST OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 50 MABEE C, 1979 FEL 2209 FSL, SEC 6 BLK 39 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-408 14000', 12 W TARZAN

HIBERNIA RESOURCES, LLC LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 11 DOROTHY FAYE A320, 5131 FWL 6094 FNL, GARZA CSL LG 320 LAB 14 SUR., A-999 12500', 8 W TARZAN

HIBERNIA RESOURCES, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 13 DOROTHY FAYE A320, 467 FNL 467 FWL, GARZA COUNTY SCHOOL LAND SUR. 12500', 8 W TARZAN

HIBERNIA RESOURCES, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H DOROTHY FAYE K, 366 FEL 2437 FNL, GARZA CSL/LG 319/LB 6 SUR., A-998 10100', 11 NW TARZAN

LINN OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 150 GAITHER 15, 467 FSL 2235 FEL, SEC 15 BLK 35 T1N, T&P SUR., A-48 11500', 15 NW BIG SPRING

LINN OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3G ALLAR 3, 2180 FNL 1800 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 35 T1N, T&P SUR., A-42 11200', 17 NW BIG SPRING

W & T OFFSHORE, INC. BIZCO (MISSISSIPPIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 2 CEREAZA, 470 FNL 470 FEL, BORDEN CSL/LEAGUE 259/LABOR 1 SUR., A-590 12500', 15 NW TARZAN

Midland County

ATHLON ENERGY OPER. LLC PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 18 RAB DAVIDSON A, 1320 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 27 BLK 40 T4S, T&P SUR., A-306 11300', 23 S MIDLAND

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Joshua Dugan, left, and Michael Jenkins work on an oil rig running on Anadarko's Raybank Well on June 2, 2011, near the west Texas town of Mentone, about 90 miles west of Midland.

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LLC PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 WINDHAM 33, 1036 FSL 2173 FEL, SEC 39 BLK 40 T3S, T&P SUR., A-292 11250', 19 S MIDLAND

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO. STA (ATOKA) (O) (FDTFR) Well# 7 KENDRA, 1040 FNL 2190 FEL, SEC 1 BLK 41 T2S, T&P SUR., A-346 11900', 12 SW MIDLAND

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3401M SCHARBAUER C, 560 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 40 T2S, T&P/J BOSHER SUR., A-1018 12000', 9 SW MIDLAND

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3408M SCHARBAUER C, 840 FSL 884 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 40 T2S, T&P/J BOSHER SUR., A-1018 12000', 9 SW MIDLAND

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3920H ROY PARKS B, 1980 FNL 2640 FWL, SEC 39 BLK 41 T2S, T&P SUR., A-350 12000', 6 SE ODESSA

COG OPERATING, LLC PEGASUS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 191H PEGASUS FIELD UNIT 3, 2301 FSL 1220 FEL, SEC 19 BLK 40 T4S, T&P SUR., A-302 12000', 23 SW MIDLAND

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 4 ALLEDER 28, 475 FWL 475 FSL, SEC 28 BLK 38 T2S, T&P/JC EVERTSON SUR., A-1274 12000', 9 SE MIDLAND

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 3 ALLEDER 28, 475 FWL 1880 FSL, SEC 28 BLK 38 T2S, T&P/JC EVERTSON SUR., A-1274 12000', 9 SE MIDLAND

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2507 ST NW, 2307 FEL 2349 FNL, SEC 25 BLK 41 T1S, T&P SUR., A-337 12000', 7 W MIDLAND

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 4013 ST, 332 FSL 341 FWL, SEC 40 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/W LARGENT SUR., A-801 11258', 4 SW MIDLAND

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 505 ST S, 1352 FWL 2320 FNL, SEC 5 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR., A-49 11069', 4 SW MIDLAND

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 3410 CUMBERLAND, 2250 FEL 2172 FSL, SEC 34 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/

W LARGENT SUR., A-803 11225', 4 SW MIDLAND

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 3407 CUMBERLAND, 2230 FEL 1650 FNL, SEC 34 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-803 10906', 4 SW MIDLAND

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 506 ST S, 330 FWL 2323 FNL, SEC 5 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR., A-49 10899', 4 SW MIDLAND

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 4116 ST, 820 FEL 330 FSL, SEC 41 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-260 11110', 4 SW MIDLAND

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 804 ST S, 467 FWL 467 FNL, SEC 8 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-700 11158', 4 SW MIDLAND

FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 514 FEE BE, 2099 FSL 2200 FWL, SEC 5 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-1282 12000', 7 NW MIDLAND

FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD. W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 602 FEE BE, 200 FSL 2470 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/CW JONES SUR., A-1130 12000', 7 NW MIDLAND

RSP PERMIAN, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4817WB SPANISH TRAIL, 2484 FSL 1640 FEL, SEC 48 BLK 40 T1S, T&P/J SCHARBAUER SUR., A-830 12000', 5 SW MIDLAND

RSP PERMIAN, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 208 STO SEC 2, 2192 FSL 1250 FEL, SEC 2 BLK 40 T2S, T&P/AW COLLINS SUR., A-1022 12000', 6 SW MIDLAND

Mitchell County

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP S GARDEN CITY (WLF/CM) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BYRNE, 470 FNL 2500 FWL, SEC 53 BLK 12, H&TC SUR., A-187 12500', 14 SE MITCHELL

SCHLACHTER OPER. CORP. SHARON CRAWFORD STRAIN UNIT, 2964 FEL 1215 FSL, GJ REIGER/TRACT 11 SUR., 10 NW COLORADO CITY

Pecos County

SAVIOR OIL COMPANY TOBORG (O) DRILL Well# 122 KAREN (OCCIDENTAL), 164 FNL 1970 FWL, SEC 104 BLK 194, TC/J MONROE SUR.,

A-6743 600', 2 W IRAAN

Reeves County

APACHE CORPORATION W WAHA(CHERRY CNYN) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 WAHA 4 SWD, 10 FNL 2640 FEL, SEC 4 BLK C5, PSL/TJ MCILVAIN SUR., A-4819 7000', 20 SE PECOS

APACHE CORPORATION TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2HM WAHA 8, 577 FNL 260 FEL, SEC 9 BLK C5, PSL/TJ MCILVAIN SUR., A-4821 11000', 20 SE PECOS

OXY USA WTP LP WOLF-BONE (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H YOW STATE 38, 201 FNL 1210 FWL, SEC 38 BLK 51 T7S, T&P/TB LEWIS SUR., A-2279 11500', 12 SE PECOS

OXY USA, INC. COLLIE (DELAWARE) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 28 LAYDEN A, 5270 FSWL 370 FNL, SEC 1 BLK 6, H&GN SUR., A-15 6500', 3 E PECOS

ROSETTA RES. OPER. LP WOLF-BONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H CITY OF PECOS 13, 200 FNL 2442 FWL, SEC 24 BLK 5, H&GN/JN NEWELL SUR., A-1460 13000', 3 S PECOS

SAN GABRIEL RES. LLC PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H ARMSTRONG STATE 59-3, 467 FNL 500 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 59, PSL/WR WEST SUR., A-2778 10520', 27 NW PECOS

Ward County

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5 DC PONDER, 300 FNLW 220 FSWL, SEC 102 BLK 34, H&TC/TE PONDER SUR., A-668 11200', 9 SW PYOTE

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6 DC PONDER, 1585 FNLW 200 FSWL, SEC 102 BLK 34, H&TC/TE PONDER SUR., A-668 11200', 9 SW PYOTE

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H UNIVERSITY 18-41 B, 350 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 41 BLK 18, UL SUR., A-U120 11575', 14 NW PYOTE

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H UNIVERSITY 18-41 B, 350

FSL 1950 FEL, SEC 41 BLK 18, UL SUR., A-U120 11915', 14 NW PYOTE

JETTA OPERATING CO., INC. SCOTT (CHERRY CNYN) DRILL (INJ) Well# 20D BARSTOW 17, 324 FSEL 2801 FNEL, SEC 35 BLK 33, H&TC SUR., A-162 7000', 8 E PECOS

Winkler County

SHELL WESTERN E&P PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1HN UNIVERSITY 20-3 WINK, 230 FNL 2620 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 20, UL SUR. 12500', 10 W WINK

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Borden County

PPC OPER. CO. LLC JO-MILL (SPRABERRY) (O) DRILL Well# 3069 CANON RANCH UNIT, 2611 FNL 1179 FWL, SEC 26 BLK 33 T5N, T&P/WA BEDELL SUR., A-1550 8500', 15 SW GAIL

PPC OPER. CO. LLC JO-MILL (SPRABERRY) (O) DRILL Well# 3068 CANON RANCH UNIT, 2527 FNL 95 FWL, SEC 26 BLK 33 T5N, T&P/WA BEDELL SUR., A-1550 8500', 15 SW GAIL

Dawson County

ESTANCIA O&G, LLC JO-MILL (SPRABERRY) (O) DRILL Well# 4 SCHOLLER, 2100 FSL 1200 FEL, SEC 43 BLK 33 T5N, T&P SUR., A-33 8000', 12 SE LAMESA

RAW O&G, INC. POWE (SPRABERRY) (O) (RE-ENTER) Well# 1 MCAULEY 18, 808 FSL 472 FWL, SEC 18 BLK 34 T6N, CCSD&RGNG/IE WASSON SUR., A-687 8200', 8 NE LAMESA

Dickens County

BUCK WHEAT RESOURCES, LP TUMBLEWEED (LO TANN) (O) DRILL Well# 1701 BEGGS AAA, 649 FWL 1193 FNL, SEC 17 BLK H, HT&B SUR., A-229 4100', 19 SE SPUR

CREED OPERATING CO., LLC KELLER RDG (LO TANN) (O) DRILL Well# 5 FOSTER RANCH, 824 FWL 1892 FSL, SEC 3 BLK WC, JC KELLER SUR., A-1247 5000', 16 E SPUR

Gaines County

CAPSTONE NATURAL RES., LLC NOLLEY (WOLFCAMP) (RE-ENTER) (INJ)

Well# 6 HR COPE, 481 FWL 1693 FSL, SEC 313, GAINES CSL SUR., A-1060 9000', 14 N ANDREWS

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON 72 (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 5608 GAINES WASSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1449 FNL 547 FWL, SEC 45 BLK AX, PSL/D CUNNINGHAM SUR., A-1041 8200', 1 S DENVER CITY

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON 72 (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 5614 GAINES WASSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 285 FNL 1532 FEL, SEC 50 BLK AX, PSL/B ANDERSON SUR., A-995 8200', 3/4 SW DENVER CITY

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. N ROBERTSON (CLFRK) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1229 CENTRAL ROBERTSON (CLFK) UNIT, 2640 FNL 1370 FEL, SEC 12 BLK A24, PSL/MRS N COLTHARF SUR., A-1748 7300', 9 SW SEMINOLE

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON 72 (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 5611 GAINES WASSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 384 FNL 719 FEL, SEC 50 BLK AX, PSL/B ANDERSON SUR., A-995 8200', 3/4 SW DENVER CITY

STRAND ENERGY, LC RUSSELL (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 2 HIGG RANCH 30, 850 FWL 1692 FSL, SEC 30 BLK AX, PSL/B ANCELL SUR., A-988 7900', 11 SW DENVER CITY

XTO ENERGY INC. RUSSELL (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 551 RUSSELL CLEARFORK UNIT, 25 FSL 1900 FEL, SEC 453 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-36 8100', 8 SW DENVER CITY

XTO ENERGY INC. N ROBERTSON (CLFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 157 ROBERTSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1150 FNL 1220 FWL, SEC 4 BLK AX, PSL/MRS IM WESCOTT SUR., A-1162 7600', 8 SW SEMINOLE

XTO ENERGY INC. N ROBERTSON (CLFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 351 ROBERTSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 680 FNL 3100 FWL, SEC 4 BLK AX, PSL/MRS IM WESCOTT SUR., A-1162 7400', 8 SW SEMINOLE

Garza County

ROYAL AMERICAN O&G SW SIMS (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 1 SEALE, 853 FEL 725 FNL, SEC 1304, BS&F/J HAYS SUR., A-668 3990', 7 SE SOUTHLAND

Hockley County

CANAN MOWREY OPER., LLC WDA (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 GLENN, 1618 FSL 8240 FEL, HOWARD CSL/LEAGUE 15/LABOR 23 SUR., A-12 13000', 5 SW SMYER

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. LEVELLAND (O) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 351 LEVELLAND UNIT, 659 FSL 666 FWL, BAYLOR CSL/LG 30/LB 6 SUR., A-2 5200', 4 SE LEVELLAND

Lubbock County

JUNO OPER. CO. II LLC W BROADVIEW (CLFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 3275 BOOZFER, 467 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 32 BLK JS, EL&RR/W TUBBS SUR., A-1016 6000', 11 NW LUBBOCK

Lynn County

REATTA ENERGY INC. NE DRAW (SPRABERRY) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1H COPELAND, 467 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 397 BLK 9, EL&RR SUR., A-1490 9036', 18 SE TAHOKA

Yoakum County

APACHE CORPORATION WASSON (O/G) DRILL Well# 4547 ROBERTS UNIT, 2630 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 833 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-71 5500', 5 NW DENVER CITY

APACHE CORPORATION WASSON (O/G) DRILL Well# 4546 ROBERTS UNIT, 1320 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 833 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-71 5500', 6 NW DENVER CITY

New Mexico

Eddy County

Yates Petroleum Corp. Chamaeleon BIN St Com #2 Undesignated; Sec 25 T26S R27E; 10N & 990E; 14 mi SE Black River; Rot 14628 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42059

COG Operating LLC SRO State #61 Delaware River; Sec 15 T26S R28E; 90N & 2310E; 12 mi S Malaga; Rot 12851 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42057

Cimarex Energy Co. Hackberry 23 Fed Com #3 NW Hackberry; Sec 24 T19S R30E; 2130S & 180W; 12 1/2 mi NW Halfway; Rot 19010 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42078

Devon Energy Production Co. LP Antares 23 Fed #13 W Lusk; Sec 23 T19S R31E; 2400N & 190W; 8 mi NW Halfway; Rot 13607 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42076

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An oil rig running on Anadarko's Raybank Well is shown June 2, 2011, near the west Texas town of Mentone, about 90 miles west of Midland.

### DEVELOPMENTAL WELLS

**From 11G**

Mewbourne Oil Co.  
Derringer 18 SWD #1  
SWD-Re-entry Marathon  
Yates Fed #1 Orig TD 11800;  
Sec 18 T20S R29E, 660/S &  
1980/W, 11 mi NE Carlsbad;  
Rot 13200 Devonian, API #30-  
015-30828

Devon Energy Production  
Co. LP  
Lone Tree Draw 14 St #3  
NW Fenton; Sec 11 T21S  
R27E; 335/S & 960/E; 6 mi NE  
Carlsbad; Rot 11320 Bone  
Spring; API #30-015-42083

Devon Energy Production  
Co. LP  
Lone Tree Draw 13 St #11  
E Carlsbad; Sec 13 T21S  
R27E; 150/N & 2130/W; 6 mi  
NE Carlsbad; Rot 11320 Bone  
Spring; API #30-015-42084

Devon Energy Production  
Co. LP  
Ark 36 State #1  
Livingston Ridge; Sec 36  
T22S R31E; 200/S & 795/W;  
14 mi S Halfway; Rot 14491  
Bone Spring; API #30-015-  
42082

Mack Energy Corp.  
Otis SWD #1

SWD-Re-Entry Mobil Bindel  
St #1 Orig TD 12235; Sec 4  
T23S R27E, 1947/S & 1971/E;  
1 mi SW Otis; Rot 15110 Dev/  
Mon/Smp/Ellenburger, API  
#30-015-21145

Mack Energy Corp.  
Paradise Fee #1  
Cass Draw; Sec 12 T23S  
R27E; 1650/N & 2090/E; 2  
mi SE Otis; Rot 9500 Bone  
Spring; API #30-015-42086

Mack Energy Corp.  
Sonora Fee #1  
E Dark Canyon-Re-entry  
Phillips Drag C #3 Orig TD  
5600; Sec 19 T23S R27E;  
658/S & 1968/W; 4 mi SW Otis;  
Rot 5600 Delaware; API #30-  
015-24961

Strata Production Co.  
Roadrunner Fed #4  
Forty Niner Ridge; Sec 23  
T23S R30E; 1980/N & 900/E;  
14 mi E Loving; Rot 12140  
Delaware; API #30-015-42080

Cimarex Energy Co.  
Riverbend 13 Federal #1  
N Hay Hollow; Sec 13 T25S  
R28E; 75/N & 380/E; 6 mi  
SE Malaga; Rot 12054 Bone  
Spring; API #30-015-42077

**Lea County**

ConocoPhillips Co.  
Emerald Federal #8  
West Maljamar; Sec 17  
T17S R32E; 330/N & 990/E;  
7.5 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 7042  
Yeso; API #30-025-41654

Yates Petroleum Corp.  
Capella BOP Federal #6  
Lost Tank; Sec 17 T21S  
R32E; 2140/S & 2360/W; 5 mi  
SE Halfway; Rot 13194 Dela-  
ware; API #30-025-41659

Yates Petroleum Corp.  
Caravan State Unit #7  
East Triste Draw; Sec 33  
T24S R33E; 50/N & 420/W;  
8 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 15872  
Bone Spring; API #30-025-  
41655

Yates Petroleum Corp.  
September Grass BSG  
State Com #2  
North Berry; Sec 5 T21S  
R34E; 2625/S & 760/W; 15 mi  
SE Halfway; Rot 16350 Bone  
Spring; API 30-025-41658

Yates Petroleum Corp.  
Belfast BSL State Com #2  
North Berry; Sec 6 T21S  
R34E; 2475/S & 990/E; 14 mi  
SE Halfway; Rot 15707 Bone  
Spring; API #30-025-41656

Yates Petroleum Corp.  
Belfast BSL State Com #4

North Berry; Sec 6 T21S  
R34E; 2575/S & 1980/W; 14  
mi SE Halfway; Rot 15588  
Bone Spring; API #30-025-  
41657

EOG Resources Inc.  
Jolly Roger 16 St #1  
North Red Hills; Sec 16  
T24S R34E; 150/N & 2250/W;  
2.5 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 13891  
Bone Spring; API #30-025-  
41665

COG Operating LLC  
Sebastian Federal Com #2  
North Red Hills; Sec 18  
T24S R34E; 190/N & 1830/W;  
4 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15428  
Bone Spring; API #30-025-  
41666

Yates Petroleum Corp.  
Cranberry BSU State Com  
#5  
N Berry; Sec 11 T21S  
R33E; 15/S & 680/E; 12 mi  
SE Halfway; Rot 15690 Bone  
Spring; API #30-025-41670

Yates Petroleum Corp.  
Date BTB State Com #8  
N Berry; Sec 14 T21S  
R33E; 15/N & 680/E; 12 1/2 mi  
SE Halfway; Rot 15697 Bone  
Spring; API #30-025-41671

Yates Petroleum Corp.  
Hunt APO State #3

N Grama Ridge; Sec 4 T21S  
R34E; 2655/S & 660/E; 16 mi  
SE Halfway; Rot 15449 Bone  
Spring; API #30-025-41684

Yates Petroleum Corp.  
Sitka BSI State Com #3  
N Grama Ridge; Sec 4 T21S  
R34E; 2625/S 660/E; 16 mi  
SE Halfway; Rot 16356 Bone  
Spring; API #30-025-41683

Yates Petroleum Corp.  
Belfast BSL State Com #3  
N Berry; Sec 6 T21S R34E;  
2625/S & 1980/E; 15 mi SE  
Halfway; Rot 15501 Bone  
Spring; API #30-025-41669

Yates Petroleum Corp.  
Berry APN State #4  
N Berry; Sec 5 T21S R34E;  
2755/S & 330/E; 15 mi SE  
Halfway; Rot 15451 Bone  
Spring; API #30-025-41668

Yates Petroleum Corp.  
Berry APN State #5  
N Berry; Sec 5 T21S R34E;  
2655/S & 1980/W; 15 mi SE  
Halfway; Rot 15542 Bone  
Spring; API #30-025-41672

Yates Petroleum Corp.  
Boston BSN State Com #3  
N Berry; Sec 6 T21S R34E;  
2445/S & 990/E; 14 mi SE  
Halfway; Rot 18783 Bone  
Spring; API #30-025-41677

GMT Exploration Co. LLC  
Merchant Livestock 19 St #2  
S Ojo Chiso; Sec 19 T22S  
R35E; 40/S & 2260/W; 12 mi  
SW Oil Center; Rot 16100  
Bone Spring; API #30-025-  
41675

GMT Exploration Co. LLC  
Merchant Livestock 30 St #2  
S Ojo Chiso; Sec 30 T22S  
R35E; 40/N & 2260/W; 13 mi  
SW Oil Center; Rot 16100  
Bone Spring; API #30-025-  
41676

EOG Resources Inc.  
Thor 21 #1  
Red Hills; Sec 21 T26S  
R33E; 230/S & 380/E; 13 mi  
SW Ochoa; Rot 14047 Bone  
Spring; API #30-025-41667

EOG Resources Inc.  
Ophelia 27 #4  
Red Hills; Sec 27 T26S  
R33E; 2420/N & 1520/E; 14 mi  
SW Ochoa; Rot 14514 Bone  
Spring; API #30-025-41679

EOG Resources Inc.  
Ophelia 27 #5  
Red Hills; Sec 27 T26S  
R33E; 2420/N & 1550/E; 14 mi  
SW Ochoa; Rot 14148 Bone  
Spring; API #30-025-41680

### WILDCATS

**Texas RRCD 8**  
**Pecos County**

KEROGEN TX ENER-  
GY OP LLC WILDCAT  
(O/G) (R-NTER) (ST)  
Well# 1 WILLIAM ED-  
WARDS, 685 FNL 760  
FEL, SEC 1 BLK 129,

T&STL SUR., A-3522  
15000', 35 SE FORT  
STOCKTON

**New Mexico**  
**Eddy County**  
COG Operating LLC  
Darthrow State #2  
Wildcat; Sec 19 T20S

R30E; 400/N & 190/W;  
16 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot  
12748 Bone Spring; API  
#30-015-42085

Yates Petroleum Corp.  
Perfecto BOX St #2  
Wildcat; Sec 14 T25S  
R27E; 1980/N & 15/W; 5  
mi SE Black River; Rot

12463 Bone Spring; API  
#30-015-42087

Mewbourne Oil Co.  
Dela Ranch 12MD  
Fed #1  
Wildcat; Sec 12 T26S  
R28E; 230/S & 710/W;  
11 mi SE Malaga; Rot  
10652 Wolfcamp; API

#30-015-42081

**Lea County**  
COG Operating LLC  
Osprey 20 State Com #4  
Wildcat; Sec 20 T21S  
R34E; 2450/S & 330/W;  
16 mi SE Halfway; Rot  
18157 Bone Spring; API

#30-025-41674

Cimarex Energy Co. of  
Colorado  
Red Hills Unit #11  
Wildcat; Sec 32 T25S  
R33E; 160/N & 1310/W;  
11 mi SW Ochoa; Rot  
14462 Bone Spring; API  
#30-025-41673