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Car-ride service Uber launches in Midland-Odessa

Service celebrates with week of free rides for customers through Friday

By Mella McEwen
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With a tap of the app on his smartphone, Odessa native and former National Football League player Roy Williams became Rider Zero as Uber Technologies launched service in the Midland-Odessa area.

To celebrate the arrival of its smartphone app that connects riders and drivers, Uber is offering free rides in the Midland-Odessa area through Friday. Riders must enter the promocode "MLDFREE" into the Uber app to be eligible for free rides.

"Availability may be limited at times while we're offering free rides," said Leandre Johns, Uber general manager, in a prepared statement. "Just refresh your Uber app after a few minutes to request a ride, and you'll be on your way."

Debbee Hancock, spokeswoman for Uber, said users from Midland who used the service when traveling in Dallas or Houston, and Dallas and Houston residents who traveled to Midland on business, requested that it become available in Midland.

She said the company has been pleased with the enthusiasm of those who want to drive for the service.

There is no set route or schedule because Uber drivers can drive where and when they want, and it makes it easier to hail a ride in areas where taxis or other mass transportation aren't traditionally available.

Uber cited the experience of Odessa resident Amy Hendrick, who said the service allows her special needs son in Austin to move around the city in ways he couldn't on his own, while her daughter, a student at TCU, uses it to get to events where parking

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SLOW BREAKDOWN

Demolition of the Mid-America Building is shown Tuesday. *Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram*

Downtown demolition prompts road closures

By Cassie Burton
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Drivers on 310 W. Illinois Avenue might have noticed unconventional new windows on the property in the form of large chunks of exterior wall missing.

What is being called the "soft" demolition of the Mid-America Building began last week. It is the first of a three-part demolition project of vacant, city of Midland-owned properties.

Midland Executive Center, located at 301 N. Colorado St., is next on the demolition schedule, followed by the County Courthouse along Wall Street.

City spokeswoman Sara Bustilloz said all three buildings will be taken apart piecemeal, with the Mid-America building demolition expected to last until Thursday. Residents can expect to see heavy equipment at Mid-America next week.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, a "soft" demolition

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MISD projects as many as 68 waiver requests

■ Waivers are for student-to-teacher ratios; district continues hiring new teachers

By Cassie Burton
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Midland ISD is prepared to ask for as many as 68 waivers, according to Chief Academic Officer Patrick Jones.

State law requires school districts to have no more than 22 students per teacher in kindergarten through fourth grade or else they must request a waiver from the Texas Education Agency and explain.

Requesting nearly 70 waivers would reverse a trend for the school district, which requested 18 last school year and 19 in 2013-14, according to Reporter-Telegram archives. During the 2012-13 school year, MISD requested 109 waivers.

The magnet schools — Washington Math and Science, Bowie Fine Arts Academy and Pease Communications and Technology Academy — are expected to need the most waivers. Jones said the district projects 15 per campus with the remaining 23 spread among the district's other elementary schools.

Transfer requests and waiting on proof of residences are also playing a factor in determining the students-per-teacher ratio. The number could fall or rise and will likely not be known until the start of school, according to Jones.

"You never know until you see the whites of their eyes on the first day how many kids we're going to have," Jones said. "Of course, we want to have as few waivers as possible."

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Low oil prices pose threat to Texas fracturing bonanza

By Clifford Krauss
N.Y. Times News Service

KARNES CITY — No place in Texas produces more oil than Karnes County, but suddenly the roaring economy here is cooling fast, chilled by the plunging price of crude.

Workers who migrated from far and wide to find work here, chasing newfound oil riches, are being laid off, deserting their recreational vehicle parks and going home. Hay farmers who became instant millionaires on royalty checks for their land have suddenly fallen behind on payments for new tractors they bought when cash was flowing. Scores of mobile steel tanks and portal e[illegible]ets used at the ubiquitous wells are stacked, unused, along county roads.

"Everybody is waiting for doomsday," said Vi Malone, the Karnes County treasurer. "Everything was good, and everybody was getting these big checks, and everybody waited for their land to be leased, and then it all came to a screeching halt around the beginning of the year."

That screeching was the price of oil cracking — to under $45 a barrel from more than $100 a barrel last summer. After a brief revival in the spring, the benchmark American price has swooned again by more than 25 percent, plunging this week to a new low since the recession.

Record production in the United States, along with a drilling frenzy in Iraq and Saudi Arabia, as well as the prospect that Iranian oil will again flood world markets, have spooked traders into abandoning their positions. What's more, the very productivity here in the heart of the Eagle Ford shale fields, and the efforts by the oil companies to make them increasingly efficient, are contributing to the glut, as well.

The plunge has rippled far beyond the markets, sending the economy here and across the entire oil patch into turmoil. Nowhere is the sharp turn in fortunes as evident as in places like Karnes County and other parts of Texas, North Dakota, Louisiana, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Arkansas and Ohio that had little oil or natural gas production until drillers figured out how to tap into hard shale rocks deep underground.

"People didn't have to work anymore," said Elliott Skloss, a sign maker for the county road and bridge department. "Now they'll have to work or panhandle if the oil price doesn't go back up." His family farms had five oil and gas wells that earned monthly checks worth $50,000 just a year ago, but they now earn one-tenth as much because of the decline in prices and well production.

Mineral rights that once sold for $40,000 an acre for the field's sweet spot here in Karnes County now go for $15,000. The total county tax base dropped this year for the first time since 2010, by more than 20 percent.

Many oil companies, including Royal Dutch Shell and Chevron, have had to slash their payrolls this summer. Chesapeake Energy, which has prized assets here in the Eagle Ford, recently scrapped its dividend to save cash. Another Eagle Ford producer, Linn Energy, an energy producing partnership structured as a limited liability company, stunned Wall Street recently by announcing its intention to suspend payments to investors to conserve cash.

Producers that have been shielded by contracts that allowed them to sell oil at higher than benchmark prices are gradually being exposed as those agreements expire. The depressed oil price is limiting the ability of companies to borrow as they have to write down field assets that are used as collateral for loans.

One result, analysts say, will be a painful consolidation among oil producers as the weak and indebted are forced to sell to the strong.

The consulting firm IHS recently studied 66 companies and found that, in the first quarter of the year alone, they had to write down nearly $29 billion in the value of their assets, easily exceeding the total for the full year of 2014. The sale of cheapened assets from one company to another has already begun here in the Eagle Ford, and more consolidation is expected.

Swift Worldwide Resources, an oil industry recruiter based in Houston, estimates that worldwide oilfield layoffs have reached more than 176,000.

Just five years ago, Karnes County was a speck in the oil patch, its production a rounding error in a state historically tied to oil.

Then came hydraulic fracturing and the surge in oil production it unleashed.

Crumbling towns here reinvented themselves with new restaurants, markets and hotels as money and jobs poured in. Construction began on several new schools and a major hospital to accommodate the new residents.

Today, even with the price of oil plummeting, no county in Texas comes close to producing as much crude as Karnes County — 6.8 million barrels in June alone. Twenty rigs operated by giants like ConocoPhillips, EOG Resources and Murphy Oil continue to churn through hard rock thousands of feet below ground.

Most local officials say the county is still far better off today than before the shale boom, when it was one of the poorest in the state. Back then, the biggest employer was the local jails, and local ranches were forced to sell off their livestock after years of drought.

Despite the downturn, the oil still flows, thanks to producers' advances in efficiency.

During the second quarter of the year, Marathon Oil, for instance, averaged 32 percent more oil and natural gas production in the Eagle Ford than in the same quarter a year before.

But even those days are set to end. With the number of rigs now drilling in the core Eagle Ford counties dropping to 79 from a peak of 206 only nine months ago, and with production from a shale well declining as much as 60 percent the year after it is completed, output is bound to begin a steep decline in the coming months unless prices rebound.

"With the amount of oil we're sitting on top of, it's devastating that we can't go get it," said Matt Kibodeaux, the local project manager for Energy Maintenance Services, a Houston company. The company, which lays pipes to connect well pads to larger pipelines here, employed 186 people here a year ago but is now down to 18.

In a shed behind Mr. Kibodeaux's office, a group of workmen hung out on the back of a pickup truck the other day trying to stay in the shade to endure the 100-degree heat.

"When you come to work, you don't know if they'll tell you to go home," said Omar Marquez, 69, a project safety coordinator who had just returned from inspecting workers who spray-paint pipes. "I'm working to pay off my debts, but now that looks slim the way the oil

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IMF: China is managing transition to more stable growth

By Paul Wiseman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The International Monetary Fund delivered a reassuring economic assessment of China on Friday, at the end of a week that saw the Chinese currency plummet and global stock markets buckle at the prospect of more bad news from the world's second-biggest economy.

In its annual checkup of the Chinese economy, the IMF predicted China's economy would grow 6.8 percent this year and 6.3 percent in 2016, unchanged from previous forecasts. China last year registered 7.4 percent growth, already the slowest since 1990.

On Tuesday, China rattled global financial markets by devaluing its currency, the yuan, by 1.9 percent, biggest one-day drop in a decade. Beijing said the yuan was overvalued and the devaluation was meant to catch up to market forces, not counteract them. The IMF praised China for giving investors more say in its foreign-exchange rate.

But financial markets tumbled along with the yuan. Investors feared the devaluation meant that China's economy was weaker than expected and that Chinese authorities were desperately trying to jump-start growth. A lower yuan helps China's exporters by making their products cheaper around the world.

In its report, though, the IMF sounded relatively upbeat about China's economic prospects. It sees the country's economic deceleration as part of a deliberate plan to wean China from overdependence on exports and often-wasteful investment in real estate and factories, and toward slower but steadier growth built on consumer spending.

The fund expects investment growth to slow to 5.8 percent this year from 7.6 percent in 2014 and for consumer-spending growth to clock in at 7.1 percent this year, up from 6.9 percent in 2014.

Steve Barnett, the IMF's division chief for China, Asia and the Pacific, told reporters that China's "labor market is holding up well" despite the slowdown. That's partly because the economy is shifting away from manufacturing and toward services, which employ more people.

The IMF also predicted that a recent sell-off in Chinese stocks won't damage China's economy.

Beat the heat with AC repair company you trust

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Summer is nearly over, but the temperatures are just warming up. This month, Texas residents have seen temperatures reach 100 degrees and higher. It comes as no surprise that consumers have their air conditioners on full blast.

Unfortunately, your electricity bill is proof that it costs to stay cool through the summer. Also, constantly running the air can result in a broken or damaged air conditioner unit.

According to Energy.gov, air conditioners use about 5 percent of all electricity produced in the U.S., which costs homeowners more than $11 billion per year.

If your air conditioner needs a bit of work or is not cooling properly, annual maintenance can help improve efficiency and prolong the life of your unit. Common air conditioner problems include low or leaking refrigerant, issues with the thermostat, a clogged drain or a dirty filter. Better Business Bureau (BBB) serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin advises businesses and homeowners get their air conditioning units checked or repaired by a trustworthy professional.

Nationally, BBB received more than 700 complaints against commercial and residential air conditioning contractors and repair companies between May and Sept. 2014. Most complaints against air conditioning contractors and businesses report issues with customer service, services performed and repair.

To avoid getting burned by an air conditioning business, BBB advises that you:

■ Consult your owner's manual. Before doing anything, check the warranty on your current air conditioning unit to determine whether any tune-ups, repairs or replacements may be covered. Know the model of your system and the problem — this will make it easier for the contractor to find the source of the problem and fix it faster.

■ Hire a professional to maintain your heating and cooling system. Arrange for annual maintenance with a qualified technician. This includes checking the airflow through the evaporator coil, testing for leaks and for the correct amount of refrigerant, checking the accuracy of the thermostat and ensuring proper airflow to each room.

■ Research the company. Visit bbb.org for the BBB Business Review of any air conditioning service or energy auditor you plan to hire to learn details about the company, like its history of complaints. Also, ask around for references. To find a BBB Accredited air conditioning contractor you can trust, go to checkbbb.org.

■ Check Licensing. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation requires a license for heating, ventilation and air conditioning technicians and electricians. Ask to see a copy of the license before work starts.

■ Compare prices. Get at least three estimates in writing. All bids should provide a full description of the services provided and the materials used. When you have chosen a contractor, be sure the contract is in writing.

Tips for maintaining your air conditioner:

■ Replace air filters. Routinely replace or clean your air filters — it can lower your air conditioner's energy consumption by 5-15 percent.

■ Inspect window seals. For window air conditioners, check the seals to make sure cool air is not escaping.

■ Check the air conditioner's evaporator coil every year. Also, clean it as necessary. If your coil fins are bent, use a "fin comb" to straighten them.

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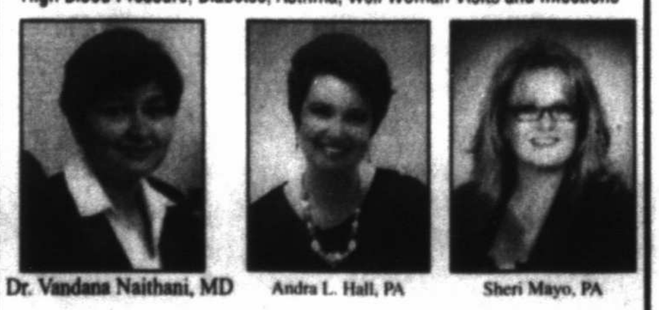
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Hurricanes disrupt, disturb and damage but recovery does occur

THE ECONOMIST

By M. Ray Perryman

Hurricane season is once again upon us, and as Shakespeare noted so eloquently (love the spelling) in King Lear ("... hurricanoes, spout till you have drenched our steeples ..."), so is the potential for the ensuing floods and other aftereffects. From 2004 to 2013, 77 hurricanes hit the United States causing $310 billion in damages — according to researchers at the University of North Carolina — with 35 of them classified as "major." Of the 30 costliest hurricanes in U.S. history, 15 occurred between 2004 and 2013, including Katrina (August 2005), Rita (September 2005), and Ike (September 2008).

Ten years ago, Hurricane Katrina made landfall on the Gulf Coast, predominantly striking the city of New Orleans with wind speeds exceeding 100 miles per hour. Overflow from Lake Pontchartrain breached the levees, flooding approximately 80 percent of the city and creating the most devastating natural disaster in our nation's history. The storm killed more than 1,800 people and demolished more than 200,000 homes; New Orleans alone accounted for nearly 1,000 of the deaths and 134,000 of the homes destroyed. Immediately after, the city's population was less than half of what it had been in 2000. The most recent data indicate that the population has recovered only to 79 percent of its pre-Katrina levels.

Although estimates vary, the storm is believed to have caused more than $100 billion in property damage, far higher than any other natural disaster the United States has experienced. The full economic costs were even higher (possibly as high as $250 billion) when other effects such as disrupted oil production and stunted economic growth are considered. About 100,000 jobs were lost in New Orleans a year after the storm, but remarkably, the city appears to have made a full recovery. Federal spending after the disaster (totaling $120.5 billion) for emergency relief and rebuilding efforts clearly played a vital role in the economic recovery. While intangibles such as the emotional trauma and mental distress were not taken into consideration, it is encouraging and little short of amazing that the city has not suffered substantial long-term economic harm.

About 1.5 million people from Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama were displaced by Katrina, resulting in a large influx of evacuees to neighboring states, including Texas. Houston was among the metropolitan areas to receive the most evacuees (an estimated 250,000), and it has been estimated that nearly 40 percent of Louisiana evacuees who did not return to their pre-Katrina parishes migrated to Texas, along with nearly 10 percent of Mississippi evacuees who did not return to their previous counties. This migration significantly affected the labor force and social services of the state of Texas.

Only three weeks after Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Rita made landfall along the Texas-Louisiana border. As the storm traveled across the Gulf of Mexico, it upgraded to a category 5 hurricane with winds in excess of 150 miles per hour. For a time, 98 percent of oil and natural gas production in the Gulf was shut down as rigs were evacuated. In the end, Hurricane Rita caused significant damage to oil rigs and platforms in the Gulf, destroying a total of 66 platforms and extensively damaging 37, significantly worse than Katrina's destruction of 47 platforms and extensive damage to 20. Rita destroyed approximately 23,000 homes in Louisiana and Texas, and 120 people lost their lives during the disaster. Damage estimates exceed $10 billion, placing Rita as the third most expensive natural disaster in U.S. history.

Texas was particularly affected by hurricanes Rita and Ike. Rita resulted in more than $2 billion in insured property losses in Texas, while Ike caused insured property damage of about $10 billion. The energy sector was particularly hard hit, as Katrina, Rita and Ike all led to temporary shutdowns in crude oil and natural gas production in the Gulf of Mexico. Katrina and Rita destroyed nearly 115 offshore oil and gas platforms, damaged almost 460 oil and gas pipelines and caused nearly 114 million barrels of oil production capacity to go unused between August 2005 and January 2006 (roughly 20 percent of the annual output of the Gulf of Mexico). Hurricane Ike also damaged oil pipelines and rigs throughout the Gulf of Mexico, causing a shutdown in 22 Texas land-based oil refineries.

Economists have debated for years about the long-term effects of hurricanes and other natural disasters, and have come up with four basic hypotheses. One camp believes that there is a short-term decline in output per capita followed by growth, but there is no recovery over the long-run to the original trend. Others agree that there is a short-term decline in output, but argue long-term recovery to the trend line.

An argument that persists says that disaster causes a short-term decline in the economy, but actually stimulates growth over the long-run to above the trend line as the increased investment to replace the destroyed assets leads to greater growth than would otherwise be achieved. Some even espouse the idea that disasters improve the economy by eliminating outdated infrastructure. The evidence does not back these "disaster is good" theories, and some researchers speculate that major storms can suppress growth for decades. (I agree.) Of course, the human toll defies calculation.

The next few months will doubtless see the formation of hurricanes that will threaten the United States and possibly the Gulf Coast. From an economic perspective, these storms disrupt, disturb and damage. Rebuilding can take time, but it clearly does happen. Here's hoping the 2015 season is a relatively quiet one.

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Cash is best option for buying new car

ASK DAVE

Dave Ramsey, financial expert

DEAR DAVE: I'm 61 and on disability, but I'm completely debt-free and I have more than $1 million in assets. I even try to spend no more than 4 percent of the principal each year so that I don't dip into it. I need to buy a better car, and I realize that I have three options — pay cash, do a lease or finance the vehicle. What do you suggest? — Linda

DEAR LINDA: There's no way I'll ever tell you to lease or finance a car. You have a nice, peaceful financial life, and you don't want to mess that up.

New car leases are one of the biggest rip-offs on the planet. Consumer Reports and my calculator, both say leasing is the most expensive way to operate a vehicle. And why would you want the hassle of car payments when you're in such good shape with your money?

I'm alright with you buying a new car, because, for someone like you, it's such a small portion of your overall financial picture. I advise people to always buy good, used cars unless they have a net worth or $1 million or more, and you definitely fall into that category. Still, my advice is to pay cash or don't do the deal. You're more than able to do this every few years and not move the needle where your finances are concerned.

Go get that new, better car, Linda. Just don't go into debt to make it happen!

DEAR DAVE: My wife and I are recent graduates with advanced degrees. We also have about $300,000 in student loan debt. We're thinking about buying a rental property, and the plan is to get a mortgage with monthly payments of $400 and charge $800 in rent. We could use the extra to help pay off our debt. Do you think this is a good idea? — Jeremy

DEAR JEREMY: Are you serious? You're in a financial crisis, and you ask if it's OK to buy a rental property? No, no, no!

Right now, you guys are acting like Congress. You have a huge mess on your hands, and you're both going to have to work like crazy to clean it up. That means living on rice and beans for the foreseeable future. It means no vacations, and you should not see the inside of a restaurant unless you're working there to make extra money.

Again, no! You should not buy a rental property. Even if you did, this plan assumes that it's constantly occupied and the renter actually pays. Those are two pretty big assumptions. Use whatever money you have to get out of debt, and live simple, inexpensive lives until you get this behind you.

Stop trying to borrow your way through all of your dreams, Jeremy. Doing that will only turn those dreams into nightmares!

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THREAT

From 2A

business is going."

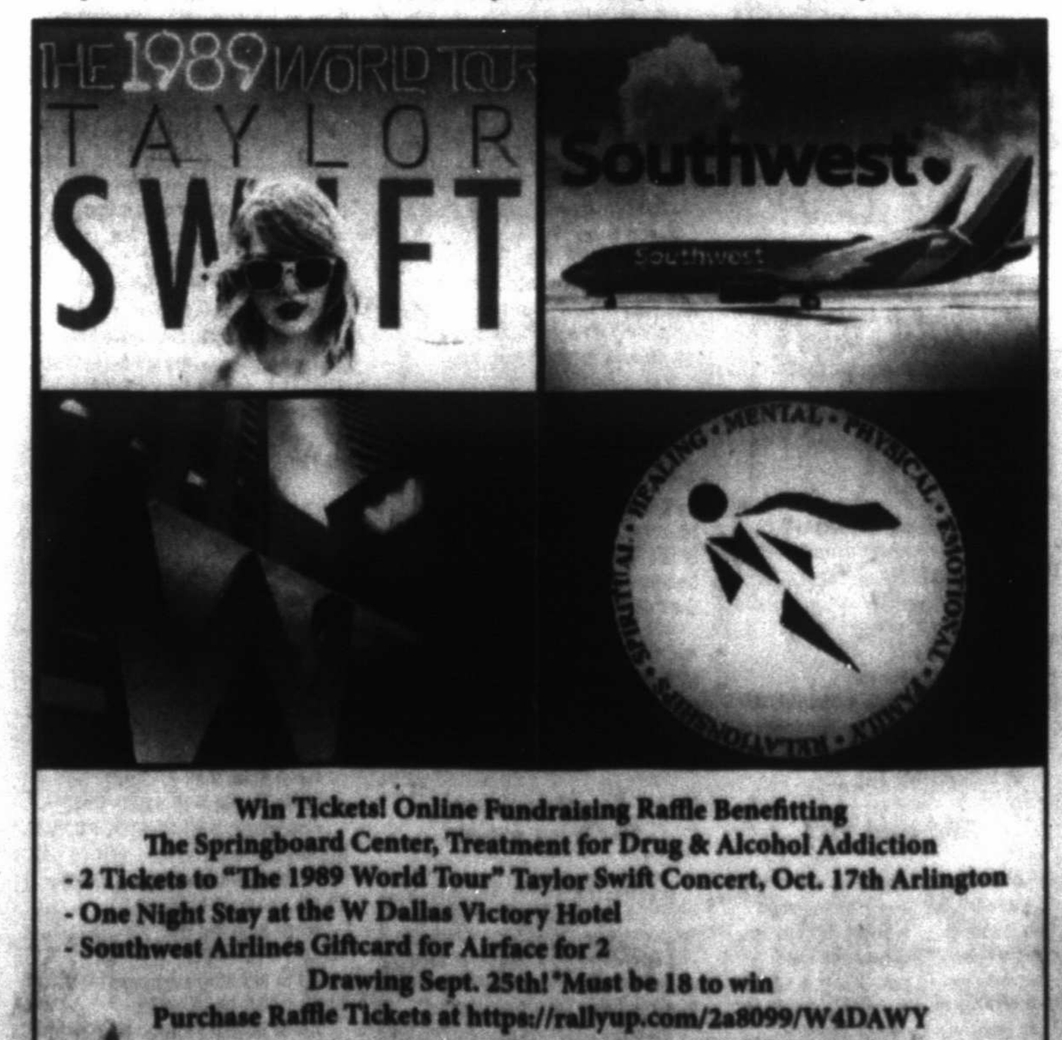
The local service companies are suffering because the major operators are cutting costs by forcing them to slice their prices and fees.

Supreme Vacuum Services, which hauls fracturing fluids and oil well waste water, is being paid 20 percent less this year for its services. With revenue and profits down considerably, it has reduced the hours of its drivers, released the least efficient drivers and installed new software in the office to replace secretarial help. From an average payroll of 92 last year, it is down to 75, according to the local management.

"There is a point where I can't reduce my prices anymore," said Brooks Holzhausen, the company's chief operating officer here. "Any more cuts, you sacrifice safety and quality, and I am not going to do that."

For all the grief, local officials here say their county is still destined to have a great future once the oil price recovers, as they say it surely will.

"We will probably be the last field to decline, or bust, if you will," said Don Tymrak, the city manager of Karnes City. "But we will also be the first to feel the recovery."



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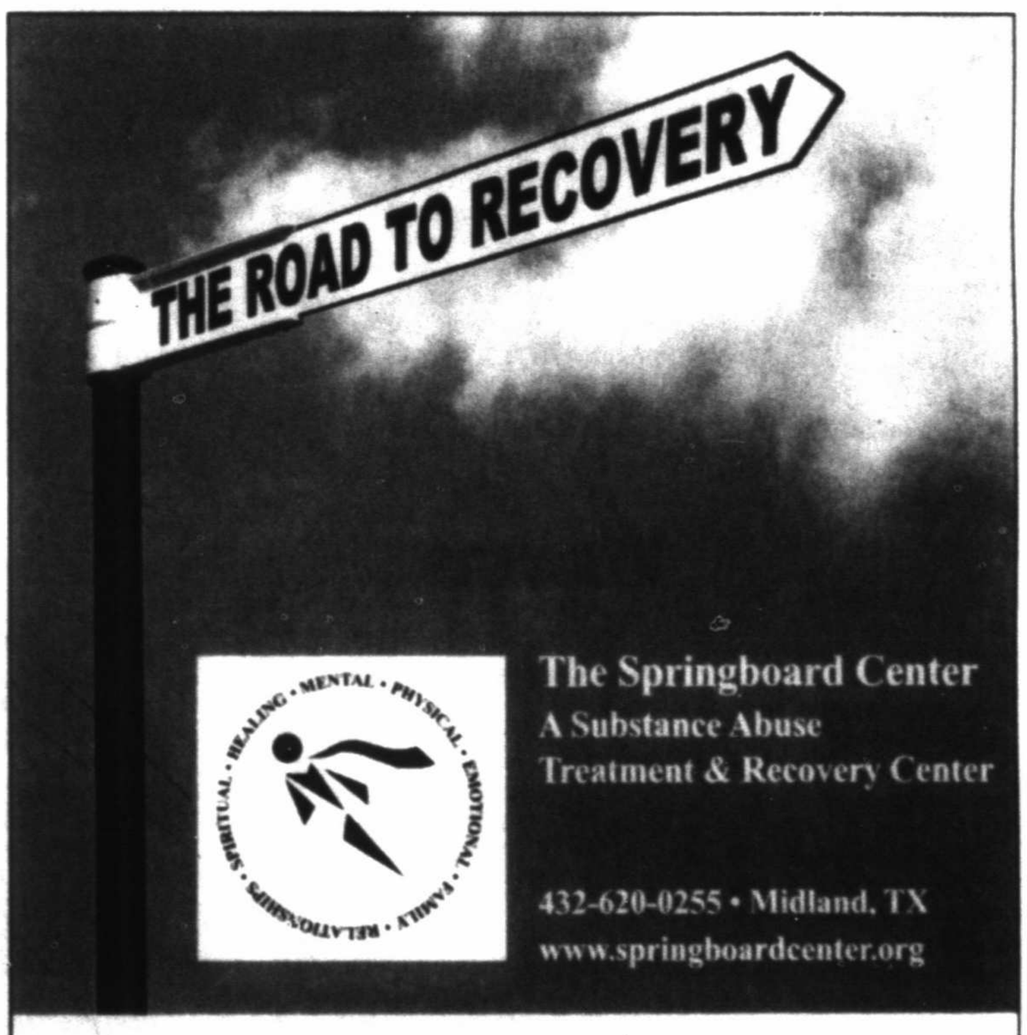

Families & Addiction: Cause or Solution

"Is it my fault? I should have raised him different. I can't tell my friends or other family members. Doesn't she know she'll lose her kids? He'll get arrested if he keeps hanging out with his using friends. No matter what I do it's getting worse. If I say "no" I'll lose her forever. Why can't he stop? Doesn't she know what this is doing to us? Whatever I say he turns it around and I'm the problem. This is making me sick."

Do any of these statements or questions ring true? Guilt, shame, embarrassment, anger, grief, and hopelessness are common emotions family members experience when a loved one is battling addiction. Where do you go for answers?

The Springboard Center Family Program is designed to promote the healing and well-being of family members who live with or care about an adult struggling with addiction. Research tells us that those individuals who involve family members in their treatment experience have higher rates of recovery than those who do not. The Family Program is designed to help family members better understand the disease of addiction, as well as provide an opportunity to actively participate in the treatment and recovery process itself.

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In addition to the intensive Family Program, the Springboard Center has initiated a weekly aftercare group for family members. This support group lead by a licensed counselor meets on Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm. Also meeting at the same time is the weekly aftercare session for alumni clients. Both groups are open ended and family members and clients may attend as long as they would like.

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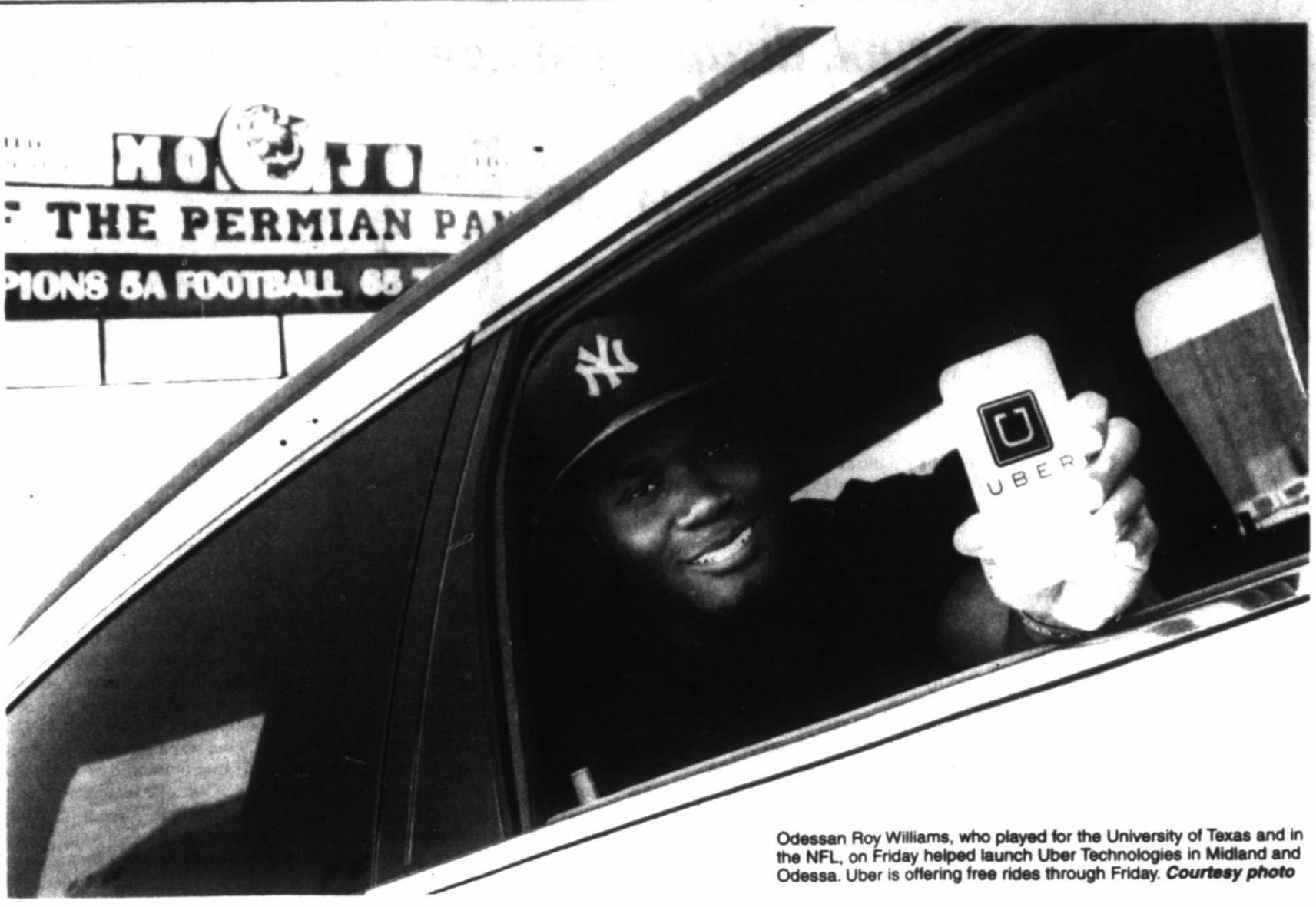

Odessan Roy Williams, who played for the University of Texas and in the NFL, on Friday helped launch Uber Technologies in Midland and Odessa. Uber is offering free rides through Friday. *Courtesy photo*

UBER

From 1A

is limited. Hendrick and her husband use it while traveling and look forward to using it in Odessa.

Drivers can use their personal vehicles to make extra money and the company estimates Uber has created over 20,000 jobs in Texas in less than three years. It can benefit anyone from stay-at-home moms who can offer rides while out running errands or veterans transitioning to civilian life after leaving the military. It's estimated the majority of drivers work less than 10 hours a week.

When a rider requests a ride, available cars are displayed on a map giving their current location. The nearest driver is given the rider's pick-up location, and the rider is given detailed information about the driver, from name to photo to the vehicle's make, model and license plate number. To ensure safety, riders are urged to match the photo, vehicle and license plate before getting in the vehicle. Riders can also "share my ETA" with friends or family members who can track the trip while it's in progress and ensure the rider arrives safely.

Drivers undergo comprehensive background checks, and Uber provides a $1 million commercial liability policy.

Riders rate and provide comments about their experience at the end of every trip and drivers also rate riders. A safety team monitors the feedback constantly in order to immediately address any issues.

New users can download the smartphone app for free on Uber's website at www.uber.com. It can be used in more than 300 cities and 60 countries.

High pressure system cranks up the heat across the West

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Much of the West was smothered in a blanket of heat Saturday with triple-digit temperatures hitting Phoenix, Los Angeles and other cities.

Above-normal temperatures were expected through the weekend as a high-pressure system centered over New Mexico acted like a lid to block cooler air, leaving valleys, deserts and mountains high and very dry.

Authorities warned people not to leave small children or pets in cars, where temperatures can quickly soar. Los Angeles and other cities were keeping libraries and other facilities open late to serve as cooling shelters for those without air conditioning.

Phoenix broke a daily record Friday, reaching 117 degrees, and the expected Saturday high of 116 would top a 1992 record by 4 degrees, National Weather Service meteorologist Dan Leins said.

"Stay inside if you can," he said. "It's dangerous, regardless of how acclimated you are to the climate, because it can be deadly."

Mike Stephens took precautions for an early-morning run in Estrella Regional Park, a desert and mountain wilderness area in Phoenix. He carried 1 ½ liters of water and was careful not to overdo it.

"You have to know what your body can do," he said.

In the desert 50 miles south of Phoenix Saturday afternoon Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies rescued three migrants who had been out of water for at least three days. Teams were searching for about 17 others who were heading from the Mexican border north.

The National Weather Service issued warnings of excessive heat throughout Southern California into Saturday night, with some areas expected to see highs of 10 to 15 degrees above normal, said Scott Sukup, a weather service meteorologist in Oxnard.

The mercury hit 96 degrees in downtown Los Angeles, with the San Fernando Valley and other inland valleys ranging up to 108. Palm Springs hit 116 and Death Valley's high could reach 120 to 125, according to the weather service.

WAIVERS

From 1A

The deadline for waiver requests is mid-October.

The district based its projections off the expected enrollment decline of 3 percent, or 695 students, and how many teachers the district's budget can afford to pay.

At this past week's board of trustees meeting, a proposed budget was approved that dedicated more than $2.15 million to raises for all staff members in the district. A district budget analysis also showed the district saved $2.2 million in staff reductions, including those reductions that will create the need for waivers. Midland ISD Superintendent Ryder Warren said a raise was needed to make MISD more competitive compared to comparable school districts when it came to teacher pay.

"We have budget concerns where we're having to give back to the state via the Robin Hood law, and you compound that with a year where you are having an enrollment decline … so of course you want to project conservatively," Jones said.

Jones said the district cabinet will meet at the end of each day during the first two weeks of school to look at the numbers and determine which teachers or students can be switched.

The district is currently trying to hire more teachers. Executive Director of Human Resources Ed Zachary reported at last Monday's board of trustees meeting that more than 80 teaching positions still need to be filled before the first day of school on Aug. 26.

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DEMOLITION

From 1A

technique — which involves workers dismantling a significant portion of a building — allows for the recovery of materials for reuse and recycling.

Once demolition on the Midland Executive Center begins, Bustilloz said multiple lanes on Illinois Avenue and northbound Big Spring Street are expected to close starting 9 p.m. Friday. The roads should reopen by 5 a.m. Aug. 24.

"We are not quite starting the next building until we've completed the building before," Bustilloz said. "Those (road closures) are expected to happen over the weekend, just so it doesn't affect the weekday commuters."

Bustilloz said that the courthouse should be fully demolished in September.

Before demolition, residents might have seen activity at these buildings because the city has been salvaging, mainly at the County Courthouse. The city auctioned off items found in the courthouse that neither the city of Midland nor Midland County needed to offset the costs of demolition.

The courthouse could be replaced by the 120-room Santa Rita Hotel, a project that includes private investment paid for by private developers in excess of $70 million. Project amenities include a 5,000-square foot Epicurean market, more than 7,000 square feet of meeting space, restaurants and lounges, a full-service fitness center with spa services, and a yet-to-be determined amount of office space.

As part of an agreement between the developers of the Santa Rita and the city of Midland, an estimated $9.6 million will be invested in improvements to Centennial Plaza, landscaping and infrastructure downtown, according to numbers provided by Bustilloz.

Mayor Jerry Morales said it is part of City Council's effort to turn downtown into the "15-hour day."

"The whole block would be renovated," Morales said. "This really creates a place where people can go to work, get off work, shop and dine downtown and then go home."

The public funding for the Centennial Plaza includes the Midland Development Corp.'s $3.5 million in infrastructure improvements. The city will sell the County Courthouse to the Midland Development Corp. for an estimated $2.2 million and combine that money with an estimated $1.8 million in city funding.

The Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1 will fund the demolition of the courthouse, an anticipated $1.4 million, according to city numbers.

Some ideas for Centennial Plaza include putting in a splash pad, a better amphitheater and a stage for outdoor events.

The City Council is also debating the direction of a new Midland Center.

"I think the council is just trying to focus on revitalizing the downtown," Bustilloz said. "We've been slowly moving in that direction but that's ultimately what all of this is about, is trying to change the face of the downtown so that it has something to offer people other than a business district like it historically has been."

TODAYINMIDLAND

Things to do

Sunday

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

■ The Shades at Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts, 7:30 p.m., Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Tuesday

■ Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series with Greg West on "The Heart of the Bride," 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Thursday

■ Mysteries at the Museum: An Evening of Science Experiments at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Thursday through Aug. 23

■ Midland County Fair at the Horseshoe Arena, Pavilion and Outdoor Arena. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Friday through Aug. 23

■ Texas Thunder with Florida Georgia Line, Brad Paisley and Big & Rich in Gardendale. texasthunderfest.com.

Meetings this week

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

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

■ City Council tax rate hearing
9 a.m. Tuesday
Council Chambers City H all
300 N. Loraine Ave.

■ Midland College
4 p.m. Tuesday
Gibson boardroom, Administration Building
Midland College campus

■ Airport Planning and Development Board
10 a.m. Wednesday
Third floor media room, Midland International Airport
9506 LaForce Blvd.

■ Midland Hospital District tax-rate hearing
11:45 a.m. Wednesday
MHH Administration board room
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway

■ Midland County tax-rate hearing
9 a.m. Thursday
Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom.
500 N. Loraine Ave.

Pools today

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 N. Midland Drive, 1-7 p.m.

■ Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., 1-7 p.m.

Note: Today is the final day city of Midland pools will be open for the season.

Start of school

■ Midland Christian School, St. Ann's School, Monday

■ Midland Academy Charter School, Tuesday

■ Trinity, Wednesday

■ Midland College, Midland Classical Academy, Hillander, Greenwood ISD, Aug. 24

■ Midland ISD, Aug. 26

Midland 101

Midland 101 — a series of monthly classes that provides information on city government — begins in October and continues through April. The classes meet 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday and are taught by city spokesperson Sara Bustilloz.

Applications are available at www.midlandtexas.gov under the Documents and Forms tab or in the City Manager's Office, 300 N. Loraine. Deadline to submit application is 5 p.m. Sept. 11. For more information call 685-7200 or email Bustilloz at sbustilloz@midlandtexas.gov.

JBS Lecture series

Alex Sheen, founder of the non-profit Because I Said I Would, is to be speaking Aug. 24 at at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center as part of the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute's Shepperd Distinguished Lecture Series.

His organization is dedicated to the "betterment of humanity through promises made and kept," according to a press release from UTPB.

The free lecture, "The Power of a Leader's Promise," begins at 7 p.m.

Applications for free meals

Midland ISD's Child Nutrition Services is accepting applications for free and reduced-price meals. The application is available at www.midlandisd.net under "Child Nutrition Services" and "Meal Applications."

Parents/guardians may submit the application electronically or complete a paper copy, available at campus offices and at the CNS office, 801 S. Moran St., Building No. 2.

Lunch prices will increase by 15 cents compared to last year. Elementary school lunches will be $2.75, and secondary school lunches will be $3. Reduced-price lunches for elementary and secondary schools will be 40 cents. Adult lunches will be $3.65.

Lottery

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Daily 4 evening: 3-0-0-9
Daily 4 night: 0-1-4-5
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Lotto Texas: 3-15-19-26-32-52
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Western wildfires: Wind, heat, dry land fueling large blazes

Associated Press

Winds in the West are helping stoke wildfires sweeping across the Northern Rocky Mountains, Pacific Northwest and elsewhere, posing problems for firefighters trying to contain the flames fed by drought.

Firefighters across the Pacific Northwest are working to protect property from fast-moving wildfires that destroyed multiple homes in eastern Oregon, cut off power in Washington and forced thousands of evacuations throughout the region.

Drought conditions, winds and dry brush are combining to fuel wildfires throughout the West.

A look at conditions:

Oregon

Two large fires in Oregon have burned through buildings and forced evacuations as strong winds pick up, sending guests of a resort fleeing.

A fire on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation in rural central Oregon exploded to more than 50 square miles Friday, forcing evacuations of a rural subdivision and a resort that had 400 guests booked Thursday night.

The fire was expected to keep growing as strong winds push it through dry grassland. Sparks from a passing vehicle started the flames earlier this week that destroyed three structures, including a mobile home.

In eastern Oregon, a 34-square-mile, lightning-sparked fire Friday burned 20 to 25 structures south of Canyon City and forced evacuations of residents in the area, while others were warned to be ready to leave quickly, KTVZ-TV in Bend reported.

Northern Rocky Mountains

Smoke from wildfires has prompted the Montana Department of Environmental Quality to issue an air quality alert for counties in the southwest part of the state, including Missoula.

The alert was in effect until 4 p.m. Saturday.

Large fires are burning in western Montana forests and grasslands, sending up heavy smoke. Fires are burning in several national forests, including Glacier National Park, the state's biggest.

Some rain on Friday fell around the wildfire, which has burned nearly 21 square miles in Glacier.

Meantime, red flag warnings have been posted for much of northern Montana, including Great Falls and Helena.

Cooler weather is moving into the state, which should help ease the fire threat.

California

Crews contained a blaze that threatened Southern California homes but a second blaze remained out of control after destroying several cabins and nearly four square miles of forest near Los Angeles.

A half-dozen campgrounds remained evacuated in the Angeles National Forest above the Los Angeles suburbs of Glendora and Azusa, where a 2,500-acre blaze burned three cabins and an outbuilding on Friday.

Fire crews were clambering along rocky ridges in 95-degreetures. Six were treated for heat exhaustion, dehydration and injuries.

Firefighters were mopping up a 189-acre fire that erupted Friday in Simi Valley, northwest of Los Angeles.

The blaze, which burned on rolling hills close to subdivisions containing 500 homes, was contained overnight without any building damage.

In Northern California, firefighters made more gains against a wildfire 100 miles north of San Francisco that forced mountain-town dwellers to evacuate for the second time in days. Winds shifts sent smoke from the fire all the way to the San Francisco Bay Area, where residents turned to social media to report the haze. The National Weather Service said smoky conditions were likely to remain in the area throughout Saturday.

Associated Press photos

CLOCKWISE: Garden Valley firefighter Chris Schwegler walks by flames along Morgan Valley Road near Lower Lake, Calif., on Thursday. Crews battling the wind-stoked blaze took advantage of cooler temperatures Thursday to clear brush and expand containment lines with bulldozers and hand tools. Fire consumes trees along the Clearwater River in north central Idaho on Saturday. The fire is part of the Lawyer complex of wildfires caused by lightning earlier in the week. The steep slope above U.S. Highway 12 and right up to the Clearwater River west of Kamiah, Idaho, smolders Thursday while firefighters battle a fire complex. Wildfire season accelerated in Idaho on Thursday as evacuations were ordered in the northern part of the state.

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Shopping for back-to-school deals? It's all in the timing

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The start of the school year is just around the corner, and you haven't shopped yet?

Don't fret. To get the best deals, it's all in the timing.

Need sweater? Wait until later in the fall. Backpacks? Hold off until late September, if you can.

"I think it is knowing and planning ahead of time. What am I going to need in the next six months?" said Kristin Cook, managing editor of Ben's Bargains, an online deal site that put together a list of the worst things to buy right now for the back-to-school season.

Of course, some discounters have consistently low prices. Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which pushes everyday low prices, has launched extra discounts for the back-to-school shopping period. Earlier this month, it launched thousands of new price cuts, including on the 10 most-searched items online so an assortment of $12.88 backpacks are now $7.

And you should take advantage of limited free shipping offers. Target Corp. is temporarily waiving the minimum purchase order of $25 for free shipping on all items until Saturday. However, oversized handling fees may still apply.

There are also other gimmicks. J.C. Penney, which operates 800 stores nationwide, is offering $10 haircuts for kids for grades kindergarten through sixth until Aug. 31.

You can also take advantage of tax-free back-to-school shopping. Seventeen states have such sales tax "holidays."

Here are the best times to buy the following types of items:

AP file photo

Tori Smith, center, director of the Southwest Branch of the Boys and Girls Club in Wichita Falls and employees of Academy Sports and Outdoors help several club members pick out new backpacks for school on Aug. 5. To get the best back-to-school deals, experts say it's all in the timing.

School supplies

Start shopping now for pens, notebooks and other supplies.

Staples brought back its "Less List," which offers basics like one-subject notebooks for 25 cents and two-pocket folders for 15 cents, as well as a 24-pack Crayola crayons for 50 cents.

Wal-Mart rolled back prices on all three Texas Instrument calculators to $88. These graphing calculators are for high school and above and are normally $96 to $125.

Target is testing a new way to shop for supplies online called School List Assist, which is an online hub that offers a selection of the most common supplies for grades kindergarten through eighth grade.

For those stores with high spending thresholds for free shipping, just go to the store, said Benjamin K. Glaser, features editor at DealNews, because you'll just spend more trying to meet that $50 minimum.

Clothing and accessories

Now is a good time to stock up on summer clothing, taking advantage of clearance sales. Gap's Old Navy, for example, is offering up to 60 percent off on summer tops. Macy's is highlighting light-weight casual dresses for teens that are $29.99 and under.

But it's best to wait to buy jeans, boots, sweaters and until well after school starts.

Gregorksi monitored circulars at 13 stores including J.C. Penney, Macy's, Sears, Target and Wal-Mart the past two years.

"The key takeaway here is that the best chance to get a deal on these fall clothing items is in October," said Gregorski. "Not only are there more products on promotion, but the deals are as good and often better than the back-to-school months."

If you can hold off on buying boots a little longer than that, just take advantage of the Black Friday sales, Cook said.

Computers and smart phones

Hold off on upgrading Apple iPhone and Apple iPad because Apple typically announces new launches later in the fall.

But Glaser notes late August is the best time to buy a laptop before Black Friday sales hit. Right now, the average discounts for laptops are 15 percent, but you can get 25 percent off by the end of the month, he said.

"Laptops are making a comeback, especially the sub-$200 models, due to the influence of Google's Chromebook," Cook says. "In fact, sub-$150 models are popping up as of late and should continue through the end of the year."

Are there signs of Kardashian Fatigue? Ask John Brown

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Blame the bunny.

Kylie Jenner's new bunny, to be exact. Kylie Jenner's new bunny is called Bruce, the same name that used to belong to her parent, Caitlyn Jenner, who racked up massive ratings for the premiere of her new reality show as a trans woman after racking up massive sales of Vanity Fair with her recent coming-out cover.

That's the same Caitlyn who is the stepparent of Kim Kardashian, who — also recently — took on haters claiming she's faking her latest pregnancy when she posed naked at six months along for her zillionth social media selfie.

That's the same selfie that has more than 1.7 million likes on Instagram.

You get the picture. But back to the rabbit.

John Brown, an anchorman in Florida on Fox's "Good Day Orlando," reached his limit of non-story Kardashian stories three days ago when he walked off the set upon news of the rabbit, and the rabbit's name.

"I don't care! I'm sick of this family. I can't take it anymore," he ranted.

That's the same rant that scored John Brown nearly 3 million views on YouTube, a mention on late-night TV and numerous follow-up interviews. Those are the same interviews that have John Brown so busy doing interviews that he now has a Fox corporate public relations person scheduling all his interviews.

You get the picture.

Brown's mad-as-hell moment, along with a 22-year-old entrepreneur's new "KardBlock," an Internet browser extension that filters out the Jenners and the Kardashians, has some people wondering about Kardashian Fatigue and whether it's finally setting in, both among fans and those of us who don't stalk said Klan on social media, shop at their boutiques, watch their TV shows or worship at the celebrity gossip altar.

"I'm not saying anything that a lot of other people haven't said," Brown explained to his big-league counterparts on Fox's "Good Day LA" in his rant's aftermath. "Why it resonated with people right now, I have no idea. ... I have nothing against the Kardashians. They're doing what they should do, right? They're a business. My point is why do we feel the need to cover every single story, including the naming of a rabbit?"

Why, indeed, John Brown. But what is more important, at least to some, is this question: Will the Kardashians ever fade away? Like, for good.

Tom Nunan, a lecturer at the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television with a long resume in film and TV entertainment, doesn't think so. He has a two-word explanation for the world's prolonged Kardashian-Jenner moment. It's "sui generis," or Latin for don't hold your breath.

Not really. What it means is this moment is unique, in a class of its own.

"It's so vast," he said Wednesday by phone from Los Angeles. "Because there are so many members of this clan, our attention can bounce from one to the next to the next to the next."

What he means is: Kardashian Fatigue may not lead to a permanent exit because it can be regularly relieved by dropping one Kardashian/Jenner for another.

"But I think there's something else going on here that makes this a completely unusual and one-of-a-kind supernova, if you will," Nunan offered. "They have this uncanny ability to mix celebrity with taboo behavior in a way that has the mainstream completely embracing them."

Not all, of course, embrace the Js and the Ks, but enough do to make non-fans queasy.

"If they start to actually not pose naked when they're pregnant, then we might lose interest, but the more they just keep pushing the envelope, we'll continue to check it out, because we're all too afraid to do the things that they do. And they're pretty when they do it," Nunan said.

Not John Brown's rant, not young James Shamsi's KardBlock tool (two months old with more than 2,400 downloads) and not celebrity blogger Perez Hilton's vow of a week-long "Kardashian Kleanse" can convince Nunan that recent evidence of K-fatigue will lead to The End.

"I don't think there is sign enough," he said. "The temptation that is the Kardashians is really tough. They represent pure temptation, whether you're an alcoholic, a drug addict or a Kardashian addict. It's like eating ice cream all day long, every day. There's nothing good in that for you whatsoever."

For his trouble in attempting to help out on the K-fatigue front, Shamsi said he has received three deaths threats and one phone call to "watch out" after word of his KardBlock spread recently.

He came up with the idea because "pretty much every news site I visited was the Kardashians," he said via email. "It frustrated me because there are so many more important things happening in the world."

Mary Murphy is a senior lecturer at the University of Southern California Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism. She has also been an entertainment reporter for more than two decades. Millennials will decide when K-mania is over because they're among the most passionate K-people, she said.

"And they don't take a break because of fatigue. They just drop people off the face of the Earth. It's like one minute you're in, one minute you're out," Murphy said.

Even in these wild viral times, she added, there IS such a thing as overexposure.

"The Kardashians are going to make some mistake that does not translate with young people," Murphy said, "or maybe the end will come when they start suing each other. But when it happens, the descent will be rapid."

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DNA proves President Harding fathered child out of wedlock

By Brett Zongker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — DNA testing all but confirmed Thomas Jefferson slept with his slave Sally Hemings. Now it's rewriting another lurid chapter in presidential history, this one from the Roaring '20s.

Genetic analysis has proved that President Warren G. Harding fathered a child with long-rumored mistress Nan Britton, according to AncestryDNA, a DNA-testing division of Ancestry.com.

Britton set off a Jazz Age sex scandal when she went public with her tale of forbidden love in the White House, boldly publishing her story in a 1927 best-selling memoir, "The President's Daughter." But historians long questioned her claims, and Harding defenders vilified her as a liar for nearly 90 years.

Based on DNA from Britton's grandson and descendants of Harding, the results are 99.9 percent certain, Ancestry.com said. The findings were first reported Thursday by The New York Times.

The child born of their union, Elizabeth Ann Blaesing, was the only known offspring of the 29th president. She died in 2005. Britton died in 1991.

James Blaesing, 65, who grew up hearing the story of his grandfather, the president, from Britton, his grandmother, told The Associated Press he long wanted to prove she was telling the truth. He was delighted by the DNA results.

"You know what this is? It's a love story," he said of his grandparents. "It was true love, especially on her side, and I know he felt the same way. And he got trapped."

Harding was a heartthrob U.S. senator from Ohio when the affair began. The relationship continued when Harding was president, with Britton later writing of how they made love in a White House coat closet. It ended with Harding's sudden death during his presidency in 1923.

Harding's family long maintained that Britton's book was a lie or a childhood fantasy or was perhaps dreamed up by Democratic opponents of the Republican president. Some people maintained that Harding was sterile because he had mumps as a child.

AP file photo

Nan Britton and poses with her daughter, Elizabeth Ann Britton, 12 in Toledo, Ohioon Oct. 28, 1931. DNA testing is rewriting a chapter in presidential history, this one from the Roaring '20s. AncestryDNA, a division of Ancestry.com, says genetic analysis has confirmed President Warren G. Harding fathered a child out of wedlock with his long-rumored mistress Nan Britton. She set off a scandal when she went public nearly 90 years ago with her tale of forbidden love in the White House.

The Library of Congress recently published love letters between Harding and another woman, Carrie F. Phillips, opening further doubts about the family's denials.

Peter Harding of Big Sur, California, a grandnephew of the former president, wanted to know the truth, along with his cousin, Abigail Harding of Worthington, Ohio, who had already begun studying her family history on Ancestry.com.

But other parts of the family didn't want anyone digging into the potentially salacious details of the past.

"People have a right to know who their parents and grandparents are," said Peter Harding, a retired psychiatrist. "I think that's just a human right. There was a whole family that didn't know for sure who their father and grandfather was. They deserved to know."

Peter Harding and James Blaesing connected and agreed to do a DNA test. When the results came back, Blaesing called Abigail Harding and greeted her by saying, "Hi, cousin." The families plan to hold a reunion and get better acquainted.

But it will take time for other family members to feel comfortable with the discovery.

Historians rank Harding low among the presidents, and he is known mostly for the Teapot Dome scandal that took place during his administration. Family members who researched his history said he was in a sexless marriage and had several mistresses.

Blaesing said that if his mother and grandmother were alive today, they would be pleased by the DNA findings.

"My grandmother — right now she has the biggest smile on her face," he said. "She is so happy that this is out there."

AncestryDNA spokesman Stephen Baloglu said the Harding story shows the power of DNA in rewriting history.

"The family connection is definitive," he said. "We were happy to help the Harding family members solve this longstanding family mystery."

In the Jefferson case, a DNA analysis published in 1998 found evidence that a member of the Jefferson family fathered at least one of Hemings' six children.

On the basis of that and documentary evidence — namely, the whereabouts of Jefferson's male relatives at the time — historians have generally agreed that Jefferson and Hemings had a sexual relationship, as had long been rumored.

Questions over Harding's affairs and out-of-wedlock daughter have circulated for years. Visitors to the Harding home in Marion, Ohio, often ask whether he had a secret daughter. Tour guides have answered with a shrug and said there's evidence it's true.

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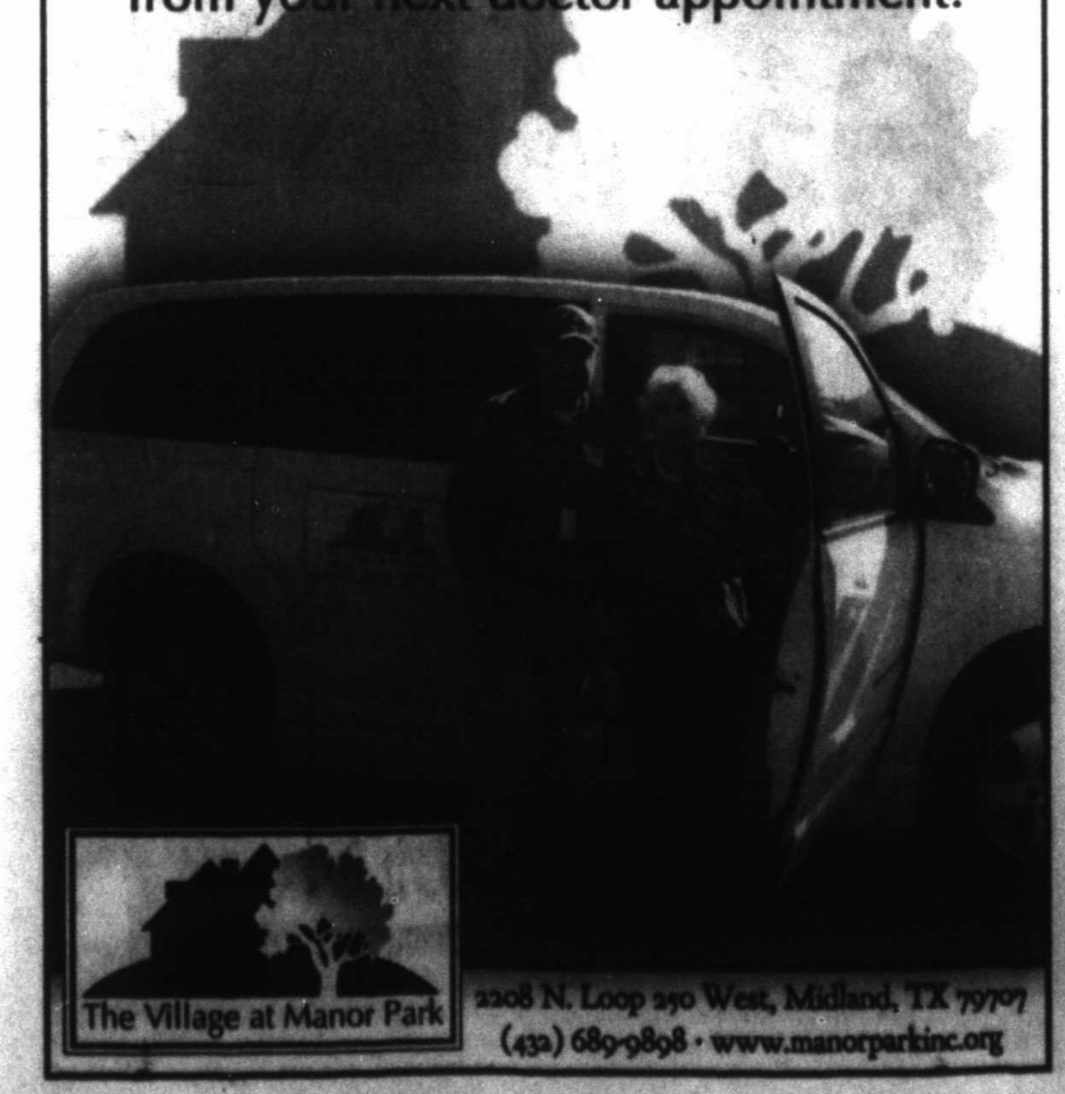

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Things to know about Social Security at 80: Overhaul time?

By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Social Security turned 80 on Friday, and the massive retirement and disability program is showing its age.

Social Security's disability fund is projected to run dry next year. The retirement fund has enough money to pay full benefits until 2035. But once the fund is depleted, the shortfall's projected to be enormous.

The stakes are huge: Nearly 60 million retirees, disabled workers, spouses and children get monthly Social Security payments, and that number that is projected to grow to 90 million over the next two decades.

And the timing is bad: Social Security faces these problems as fewer employers are offering traditional pensions, forcing older workers to think hard about how they will afford retirement.

"This is a program that's been immensely popular since it began," said Nancy LeaMond, executive vice president of AARP. "Increasingly, people recognize that saving for retirement is becoming harder and harder, and Social Security is becoming even more important."

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act on Aug. 14, 1935. Here are things to know about the federal government's largest program on its 80th birthday:

AP file photo

President Franklin Roosevelt signs the Social Security Bill in Washington on Aug. 14, 1935. Social Security turns 80 Friday, and the massive retirement and disability program is feeling its age. Social Security's disability fund is projected to run dry next year. The retirement fund has enough money to pay full benefits until 2035. But once the fund is depleted, the shortfalls are enormous.

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Why is Social Security at risk?

Social Security's long-term financial problems are largely a result of demographic changes. Every day, about 10,000 people in the U.S. turn 65. These are the baby boomers.

Typical boomers, however, didn't have as many children as their parents did. As a result, relatively fewer workers are left to pay the payroll taxes that support Social Security.

In 1960, there were more than five workers for every person receiving Social Security. Today there are fewer than three. In 20 years, there will be about two workers for every person getting benefits.

Americans are also living longer. In 1940, someone who was 65 could be expected to live about 14 more years, on average. Today, they can expect to live an additional 20 years, on average.

Benefits

Last year, Social Security paid benefits of nearly $850 billion — about a quarter of all federal spending. The average monthly payment is $1,221. That comes to about $14,700 a year.

For most retirees, Social Security accounts for the majority of their income, according to the Social Security Administration.

What happens in 2016?

The trust fund that supports Social Security's disability program is projected to run dry in late 2016 — right in the middle of the presidential election. If Congress allows that to happen, it will trigger an automatic 19 percent cut in benefits to the 11 million people who receive Social Security disability.

Lawmakers could redirect tax revenue from Social Security's much bigger retirement program, as they have done in the past.

If the tax revenue were redirected, the retirement fund would lose one year of solvency, so both the retirement program and the disability program would have enough money to pay full benefits until 2034. At that point, Social Security would collect enough in taxes to pay 79 percent of benefits.

Republicans are balking at the fix. They see the funding crisis as an opportunity to improve a disability program that they believe is plagued by waste and abuse.

"Social Security retirement funds have been raided far too many times for far too many years," said Rep. Tom Reed, R-N.Y.

Reed sponsored a rule adopted by House Republicans that would prevent the House from redirecting the tax revenue without making changes to improve the overall financial health of Social Security.

Democrats are much more eager to defend the disability program, noting that its modest benefits keep millions of disabled workers and their families out of poverty.

"The issue is whether you're going to cut services and benefits to Americans who paid for them by saying that the Social Security program doesn't have the money, when in fact it has nearly $3 trillion," said Rep. Xavier Becerra, D-Calif. "It manufactures a crisis."

Becerra has introduced a bill that would merge Social Security's trust funds.

How big is the long-term problem?

The numbers are beyond comprehension.

Social Security uses a 75-year window to forecast its finances, so the projections cover the life expectancy of every worker paying into the system. Over the next 75 years, Social Security is projected to pay out $159 trillion more in benefits than it will collect in taxes, according to agency data.

That's not a typo.

Adjusted for inflation, the shortfall comes to $35.3 trillion in 2015 dollars. That's nearly twice the national debt, which took the entire federal government 239 years to accumulate.

Did Congress already spend the trust fund?

Yes. For much of the past three decades, Social Security produced big surpluses, collecting more in taxes than it paid in benefits. Social Security invested those surpluses in special U.S. Treasury bonds, which are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government.

They are now valued at $2.8 trillion.

But as Social Security was generating surpluses, the rest of the federal government was running deficits, for all but a few years around the turn of the century.

To finance deficit spending, the Treasury borrowed from the public and from other federal programs, including Social Security.

Didn't Congress fix Social Security under Reagan?

Yes. Social Security was on the brink of insolvency in the early 1980s when Congress and President Ronald Reagan agreed to gradually increase payroll taxes and to reduce benefits, in part by gradually raising the retirement age. Those changes didn't permanently fix Social Security, but they provided enough revenue to pay full benefits for about 50 years.

In today's political climate, another feat like that would be historic.

Ted Cruz sees path to White House running through the South

By Bill Barrow
Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — Ted Cruz sees his way to the White House, and it runs between the hedges, through waters patrolled by the "Volunteer Navy" and a spot on the Mississippi River nicknamed Death Valley.

Confused? Not if you're one of the voters the Texas senator is counting on to carry him to the Republican presidential nomination.

They'll know that's all part of college football lore in the Southeastern Conference, whose make-up roughly matches the states that will hold primaries next March — right after the kickoff contests in the four early voting states.

"The role of Arkansas and the other states throughout the SEC is to make sure the next Republican nominee for president is a real and genuine conservative," Cruz told backers this week in Little Rock.

Cruz assures his supporters he is "all in" on the early states, which include South Carolina — an SEC state that's accustomed to its prominent role in picking the president. But the "SEC primary" is a new phenomenon, with Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas and others moving up their contests to join Georgia for a Southern-tinged Super Tuesday on March 1.

The tight turnaround, Cruz said in an interview this week, will make it impossible for second-tier candidates to focus exclusively on Iowa or New Hampshire with hopes that an "unexpected victory" can translate into national momentum.

The Southern stretch is unlikely to put any candidate over the top, since the Republican Party requires that delegates selected in contests held before March 15 be split proportionally among leading vote-getters. Only afterward can a state party opt to award all of its delegates to the top vote-getter.

Cruz certainly has competition. Mike Huckabee and Rick Santorum won Southern primaries in their previous White House bids, and retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson and businessman Donald Trump boast notable followings. And Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal is from Baton Rouge — the home of Louisiana State.

But Cruz and his aides argue the early March primaries will cull the field ahead of the winner-take-all states, and a strong performance there could pit Cruz as conservative standard-bearer against one or two establishment favorites — defined by the Cruz camp as Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio and Scott Walker.

And so Cruz spent his week following the first GOP debate making that pitch at more than a dozen stops on a multi-state bus tour through the South.

Cruz started his tour in South Carolina and concluded Thursday in Oklahoma, talking college football and tailoring his rallies to local culture: "Sweet Tea with Sen. Cruz" in Memphis and a "Boots and BBQ" lunch in Oklahoma City.

The first-term senator, who built his national profile as a tea party favorite in his 2012 election and subsequent role in partially shuttering the federal government the following year, fills his rallies with humorous takedowns of Obama and Clinton and even GOP leaders.

He takes aim at 2012 Republican nominee Mitt Romney, who publicly chided Cruz for hammering Obama as a "state-sponsor of radical Islamic terrorism" because of the administration's nuclear deal with Iran.

"If we nominate Democrat-lite, we will lose again," Cruz said, a line that drew approval from voters at every stop.

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2 jumbo phones from Samsung ahead of expected new iPhone

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Samsung has unveiled two new Android smartphones with jumbo screens as it seeks to recapture some of the sales lost to Apple after larger iPhones came out last year.

Samsung said Thursday that the new Galaxy Note 5 and S6 Edge Plus will start shipping Aug. 21 in the U.S. and Canada. Usually, Note phones don't come out until well after Apple's new iPhone models in September.

The timing reflects a shift in fortunes for a company that pioneered jumbo phones with the original Note in 2011. Now, Samsung needs to beat Apple to the punch, or risk seeing its products drowned out by all the attention on the iPhone, IDC analyst Ramon Llamas said.

The new phones from Samsung have screens measuring 5.7 inches diagonally, the same as last year's Note 4, yet both are lighter and thinner. They are comparable to Apple's 5.5-inch iPhone 6 Plus, the larger of the two new iPhones. Samsung's Galaxy S6 and S6 Edge phones, which are closer in size to the regular iPhone 6, came out in April.

The Note 5 will cost $696 to $740 without a contract, depending on the carrier. The Edge Plus will cost about $75 more. The iPhone 6 Plus sells for about $750. T-Mobile is throwing in a year of Netflix with both phones, while Sprint is giving away a low-end Samsung tablet with a two-year contract. Advance orders begin in the U.S. on Thursday.

Samsung Electronics Co. also said its Samsung Pay mobile payment service will debut in its home country of South Korea on Aug. 20. Testing in the U.S. will begin Aug. 25, with a formal launch on Sept. 28.

Samsung also teased an upcoming smartwatch, the Gear S2. It will have a round face, rather than the rectangular design in Apple Watch and previous Samsung watches. A video from Samsung suggests snazzy graphics to rival Apple Watch. More details will come at the IFA tech show in Berlin next month.

As for the phones, Samsung is looking to play to its strengths.

Galaxy Note 5

Though it appeals to a niche audience, the Note is popular for including a stylus to take notes and annotate images on the screen. The update provides quicker access to apps and features that use the stylus. A clicking mechanism makes the stylus easier to pull out.

One new feature ends the need to print out and rescan electronic forms to sign or fill out. Just write on the PDF document directly before saving and sending.

Screenshots can get annoying when you're just snapping what's visible on the screen. An article or list of directions you're trying to save might take four or five shots. A new feature called scroll capture combines all those shots into one image, though you still need to snap them one section at a time.

Galaxy S6 Edge Plus

The screens on Samsung's Edge phones are curved on both sides. The feature proved popular in this spring's S6 Edge, which used one of those sides for quick access to friends and other frequent contacts. Now, you can use it for quick access to favorite apps, too.

Common to both phones

The new phones incorporate the improved camera technology found in this spring's S6 phones. Added is live streaming of video you're capturing, a practice made popular by Meerkat and Twitter's Periscope apps. Samsung's video will appear on YouTube. The front cameras take sharper selfies, at 5 megapixels rather than 3.7.

The new phones also borrow design elements from the S6. They sport aluminum frames and glass backs rather than plastic. The back of the Note 5 is slightly curved for a better grip, while the Edge gets its curve on the front. Either way, it doesn't feel as boxy as the regular S6.

Borrowing another page from Apple's playbook, the phones are coming out just a week after they are announced. It used to take Samsung a month or longer.

The landscape

After the larger iPhones came out, Samsung could no longer proclaim to have "The Next Big Thing."

The S6 phones this spring emphasized design instead, but sales fell below expectations, as Apple dominated the high-end market. Meanwhile, rival Android phone makers have been able to offer decent cameras, displays and speeds for less money than Samsung phones. Although it's still the leading smartphone maker, Samsung has reported five consecutive quarters of profit decline.

"There's an urgency to show that Samsung can still stand up to the challenge that is Apple and everybody else out there," Llamas said. "For a while, Samsung was the 'be all and end all' of Android devices. Now, it's a different market."

Q&A: A look at Samsung Pay, other mobile payments

NEW YORK — Samsung is hoping its new mobile-payment service will let you leave your wallet at home.

It's a claim Samsung Pay's rivals — Apple Pay and Google's Android Pay — aren't able to make because they work with fewer merchants. Those rival services require merchants to have newer payment equipment with wireless technology known as near-field communication, or NFC.

Samsung Pay can mimic the old-school, magnetic signals produced by card swipes. That means it should work with most existing equipment.

Nonetheless, most people won't leave their wallets home anytime soon. Plastic credit and debit cards aren't difficult to carry around and hand over, so there isn't an urgency to sign up for any of these services. And while Samsung Pay works with more merchants, acceptance isn't universal because of technical and behavioral constraints.

Samsung Pay will debut in South Korea on Aug. 20. It will start in the U.S. on Sept. 28, with a test period beginning Aug. 25. Samsung plans to expand to the U.K., Spain and China as well. Android Pay will come out later this year in the U.S., while Apple Pay launched in the U.S. last October and expanded to the U.K. last month.

Here's a closer look at Samsung Pay and how it compares with Apple Pay and Android Pay.

What are the advantages over plastic?

Although taking out plastic isn't difficult, using the phone is more convenient if you already have it out — say, to check Facebook while waiting in line. It's also great in cabs: When you pull out your wallet late at night, your keys might accidentally slip out.

The bigger advantage is security. With all three services, you're assigned a substitute card number unique to the phone. The store gets this number, so if its system gets hacked, your main card number isn't compromised. To work, the substitute number must be paired with a one-time code generated by that device. Hackers getting that number will also need physical possession of your phone.

What are the disadvantages?

Because Apple Pay and Android Pay require NFC payment equipment, there's a good chance it won't work where you're trying to buy something. Samsung Pay's magnetic technology serves as a backup. You don't need to worry about what your merchant has. The phone figures it out automatically.

Despite promises of wide acceptance with the magnetic technology, Samsung Pay won't be universal. You're not likely to give the waiter your phone — let alone your passcode — to pay the check at a restaurant. The technology also won't work where you need to insert your card into a machine, such as gas pumps and ticket kiosks.

Why is Samsung doing this?

The company says it won't get any direct revenue from transactions. However, it is hoping the service will be compelling enough for people to choose a Samsung phone over a rival's.

How will Samsung Pay work?

When you're ready to pay, just swipe up from the bottom to see a list of your cards. The card you used most recently is there by default, though you can swipe left or right to choose another card. You hold the phone near the store's payment terminal and place your finger over the home button to authorize the transaction with your fingerprint.

This can be done whether you're on the lock screen or the home screen, or if the screen is off (but the phone is on). If you're in an app such as Facebook, you need to get to the home screen first. That's one big difference with Apple Pay, which works from any app and doesn't require the initial swipe up. Android Pay will work like Apple Pay, except it won't work with the screen off.

What will you need?

The service will initially work with just four Samsung phones — the Galaxy S6 or S6 Edge from this spring and the upcoming Note 5 or S6 Edge Plus. Android Pay will work with a broader range of Android devices — those with an NFC chip and at least the KitKat version of Android, which came out in 2013. That includes these four Samsung phones.

Your card also needs to be from a bank that has signed on. A full list isn't available yet, but it will include cards from Bank of America, Chase, Citi and U.S. Bank, along with scores of store-branded cards, including Sleepy's and PC Richard.

If these phones can use either, why choose one over another?

Samsung Pay will work with a broader range of merchants. On the other hand, it's for in-store use only.

Android Pay can be used within selected apps for online transactions, so you don't have to re-enter card numbers and shipping addresses. You also have security from sharing just the substitute number. Apple Pay has in-app support, too, but Samsung Pay does not.

Samsung Pay will also take a few more steps to use. With NFC, the phone can detect when it's near a payment terminal and automatically launch the payment service. Because Samsung Pay has a magnetic component, which is a one-way technology, you need to activate it first by swiping from the bottom.

What does this mean for Apply Pay?

Apple Pay has a head start and will still be the only service to work on iPhones and the Apple Watch. More competition might promote greater acceptance of mobile payment in general, as it's a concept not familiar yet to most consumers and merchants.

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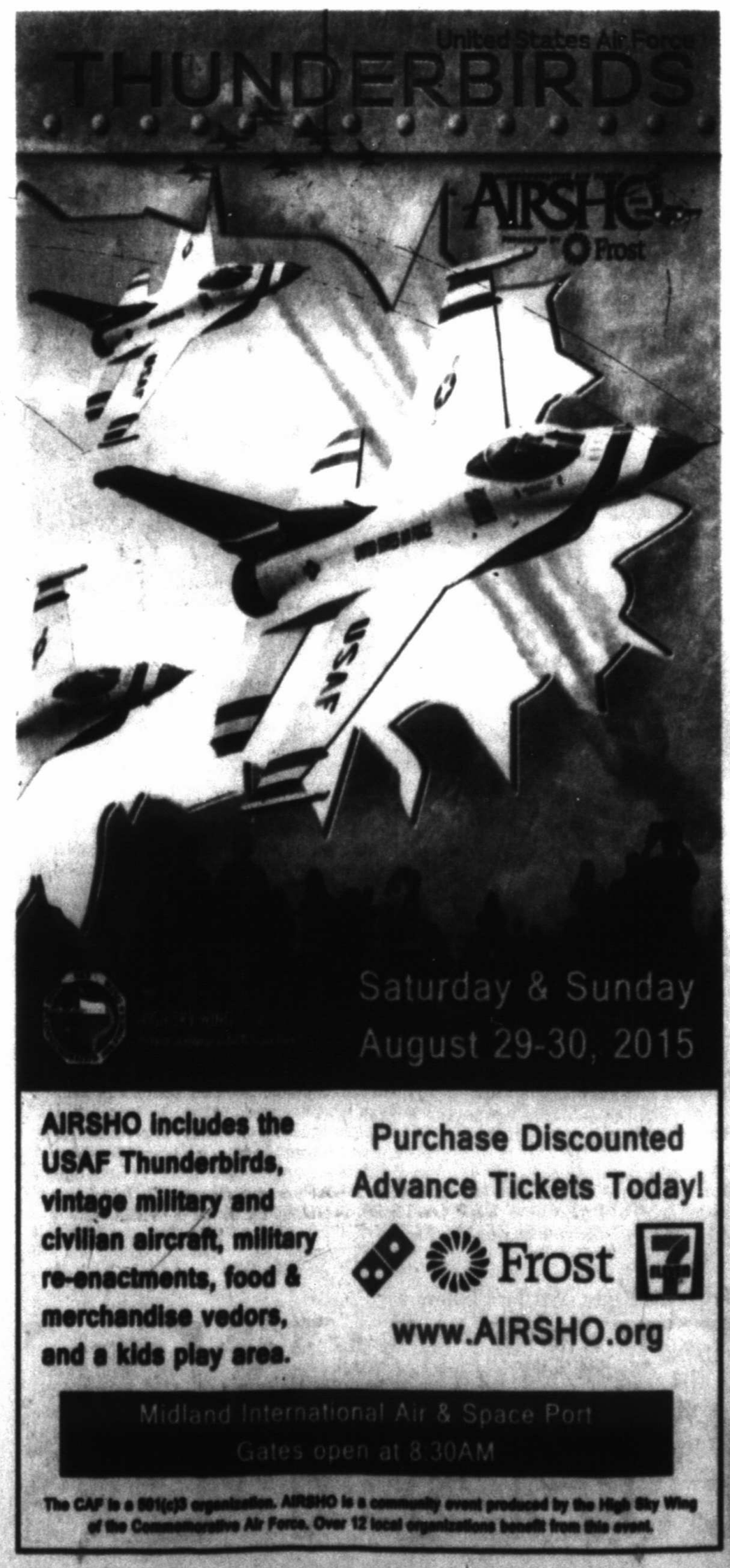

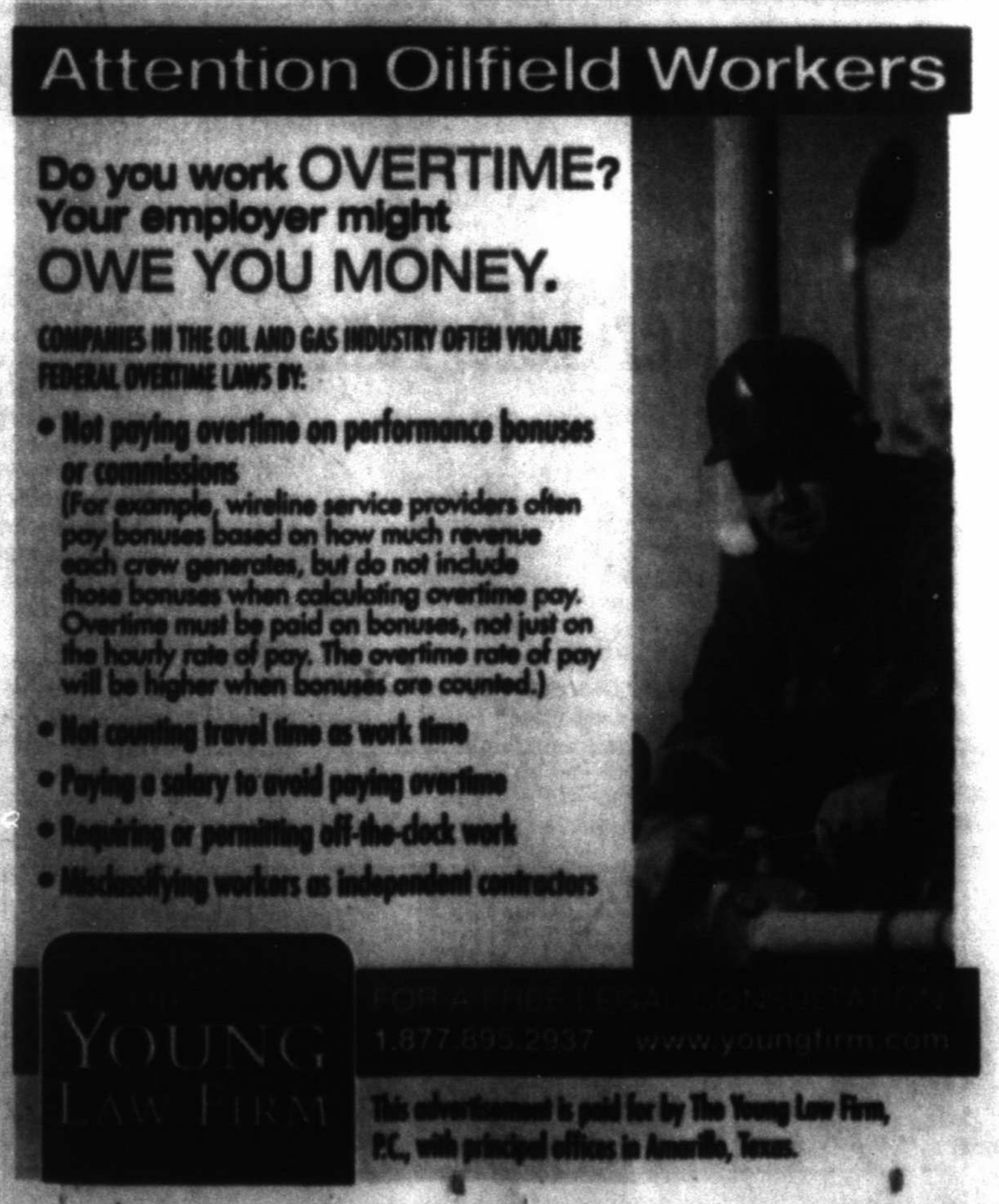

OPINION

'The Cartel' reads like A love letter to Mexico

■ Not since James A. Michener's "Mexico" has there been a book with so much love

ESTHER CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

Don Winslow's epic new novel, "The Cartel," about Mexican drug lord Adan Barrera's desperate moves to stay on top of a quickly changing political and competitive landscape, couldn't have been released at a better time.

The book, which begins with a Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman-esque prison break, came out mere weeks before the real Guzman, the head of the Sinaloa cartel, disappeared from a Mexican prison cell through a tunnel.

This wasn't solely coincidental — "The Cartel," along with Winslow's 2005 novel "The Power of the Dog," is well-researched and chronicles the recent history of the Mexican drug cartels from 1975 to 2004.

Having recently visited Ciudad Juarez on a reporting trip to evaluate its nascent rebound from a drug-war nadir when it was known as a murder capital of the world, I couldn't help but dig into Winslow's fierce portrayal of the lives of those attempting to survive the horror.

Winslow once called his reporting on the drug war "a little tour of hell each day," and it's fair to say this latest novel offers a little tour of hell on practically every page — begging the question of why anyone would want to read it.

Well, love.

Not love-interest storylines, though there are a few of those — between war-traumatized Mexican journalists, between the American agent out to take down the drug lord and an ultra-patriotic Mexican national, and even between the principal kingpin himself and the three important women in his life. But the big heartthrob here is the author's love for Mexico.

Not since James A. Michener's "Mexico" have I read a book by an *estadounidense* — an American — so desperately intoxicated with furious love for the *Tierra Azteca*.

In addition to lush descriptions of places, smells, scenery, tastes and temperature sensations, Winslow's characters spout their adoration for their country with unmitigated passion.

Pablo Mora, a journalist and native of Ciudad Juarez, rails against the drug-fueled killings: "This my city of *Avenida 16 Septiembre*, the Victoria Theater, cobblestone streets, the bullring, La Central, La Fogata, more bookstores than El Paso, the university, the ballet, *garapinados*, *pan dulce*, the mission, the plaza, the Kentucky Bar, Fred's — now it's known for these idiotic thugs."

Pablo goes on a rant invoking no fewer than 39 writers, poets, architects, painters, sculptors and other notables of art and culture, ending with the disgusted observation that "now the names are 'famous' narcos — no more than sociopathic murderers whose sole contribution to the culture has been the *narcocorridas* sung by no-talent sycophants. Mexico, the land of pyramids and palaces, deserts and jungles, mountains and beaches, markets and gardens ... is now known as a slaughter ground. And for what? So North Americans can get high."

In Winslow's universe, there is U.S. and Mexican government corruption, institutional incompetence and no shortage of greed. But there's also no question about what is at the root of the problem.

"Just across the bridge is the gigantic marketplace, the insatiable consumer machine that drives the violence here. North Americans smoke the dope, snort the coke, shoot the heroin, do the meth, and then have the nerve to point south (*down*, of course, on the map), and wag their fingers at the 'Mexican drug problem' and Mexican corruption. It's not the 'Mexican drug problem,' Pablo thinks now, it's the North American drug problem."

And what a problem it is. The depths of depravity of the small-time thugs and monsters who carry out the orders of the cartel bosses are illustrated here in sickening, alarming, unflinching detail.

The courageous women of Juarez who defend their broken city, organize to take political power on town councils and demand action from the Mexican government to stop the violence are just as vividly and realistically depicted.

At the beginning of the story, our protagonist DEA agent, Art Keller, declares that in the drug trade, "There's no seller without a buyer. The solution isn't in Mexico and never will be."

Winslow's task is not to advance policy proposals but to entertain and inform, and he does a stunningly marvelous job of taking us within the Mexican side of the drug wars. But if the solution lies here in the U.S., I sure hope he has another few books in him to help us figure out what it is.

OUR VIEW

School is set to begin; there are a few issues to address

Summer is coming to a close, and students will start returning to schools in Midland County. Midland Christian and St. Ann's schools begin their 2015-16 academic year on Monday.

A week from today Midland College, Hillander School and Greenwood ISD are among the schools set to begin.

Midland ISD's first day of school is Aug. 26.

And with the beginning of the school year comes the time-honored tradition of re-rerouting the morning and sometime afternoon commute to streets without school zones. Let's be conscious that our roads will be a little busier as school starts.

And with the new school year on the horizon, let's talk about a few topics.

■ **Nonprofit organizations can use your help.** Whether it's Casa de Amigos, Boys and Girls Club of Midland or any number of nonprofits in Midland, there are opportunities to give of your time or other resources for student-related programs.

We also hope you will consider supporting the Midland ISD Education Foundation, which annually presents a concert to help raise money for teacher and student programs. This year, the foundation is bringing in the band "Kansas" to play Aug. 27 at Chap Center. Tickets are still available.

■ **Schools also can use your help**. If you want to get directly involved with the schools, contact a campus to see how you can help.

■ **Don't wait for October.** The texting-while-driving ban in Midland goes into effect on Oct. 1, but we hope drivers don't wait for that day to change their habits. It is already against the law to use a cellphone in a school zone when those zones are in operation, but we hope Midlanders will start putting away the cellphone while driving around town. Even if you are making a call, if you can't drive "hands free," don't be driving.

■ **Have you noticed a quicker commute?** We want to congratulate the city of Midland for its traffic synchronization program that seems to be working better. Now comes the hard part for city officials: make the synchronization program — on which the city has spent millions of dollars — work as well when traffic on the roads increases.

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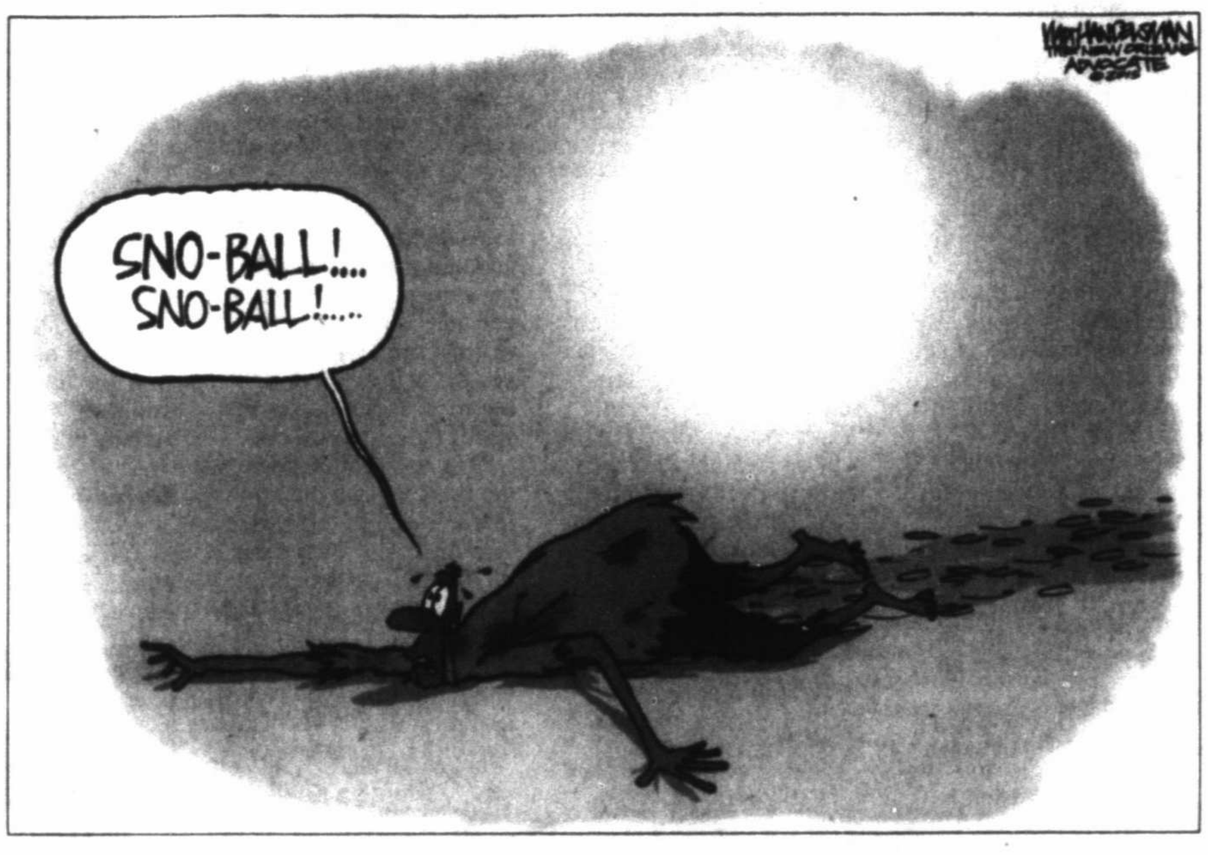

There's no better time to think

■ Washington is deserted, and there's some needed time off needed after a recent scare

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It is that sane and glorious time when the nation's capital dispenses its human cargo to places of origin and locations of respite.

"I don't know why everyone leaves," I remarked to my neighbor. "There's so much great parking." (Don't muddle; it's a joke.)

There is, indeed, great parking, as well as less traffic. With the political contingent largely gone, the Hill is as quiet as a morning after and "normal" people are dining out.

Most awesome: One has time to think.

August, often viewed as the end of things — summer, vacation, camp and children underfoot — marks for Washingtonians the arrival of peace. The usual, rapid chatter becomes a low, slow hum. Fewer sirens stab the air and the ever-present helicopters finally buzz off.

In this near-sudden silence, one realizes that Washington is more often Fallujah than Paris — a war zone where armies of reporters, pundits and politicos wage war with words in theaters of green rooms and bunkers of makeup.

What's that sound? Ah, cicadas. Would that Washington would burrow beneath the toil of urgent matters and keep quiet for years at a time. August is good for dreaming, too.

Look at me. I buried the lede and almost forgot everyone's favorite part of all: Journalists leave town, too. When the three branches of government shutter the windows and lock the doors, what's left to do?

(The car-alarm coverage of Donald Trump may provide a hint.)

Alas, where Trump goes, the media go. Rumor has it he's heading to Iowa so it's off to the Hawkeye State we go. Friday morning, "Meet the Press'" Chuck Todd was reporting from the Iowa State Fairgrounds in a groundhoggian image of what these days we call "authentic." The real people of America will soon enough let us know what they think of all this and that.

Personally, I wonder what they think of all those Trump buses stationed in Wal-Mart parking lots around the state — sans The Donald? For Trump, you see, Being There isn't actually required. The name is all.

Look, Trump's in town! Even when he's not, really. When he does materialize, equal parts Liberace and P.T. Barnum, folks will show up if only to lay eyes on the real McCoy. Will Trump press the flesh? What a disgusting thought for a reputed germaphobe. Will he kiss babies, those messy little bundles of orificial emissions?

Such are the musings of an August morn — and a clear indication that my own vacation begins in just a few sentences more. For your indulgence and patience, I will share a secret I've kept mostly to myself the past year or so. It has to do with my absence for several months last summer and fall, which some of you may have noticed. If not, you are forgiven.

My syndicate issued an explanation to my then-500 papers that I'd had an accident and would be taking a break to recover. I wasn't eager to share the details for reasons that will become apparent. Basically, I slipped and fell down a steep staircase in May 2014, which resulted in a concussion — more aptly named a traumatic brain injury — that put me out of work and circulation. It was, indeed, traumatic, as well as terrifying. Thanks to months of therapy and many helping hands, it is over.

My mentioning it now has to do with two things: One, I'm back to my old self, more or less. My goal was to return to two columns a week and to reappear on news shows before I admitted that for a long time I didn't know who I was. My editors, Alan Shearer with the Washington Post Writers Group, and Fred Hiatt, editorial page editor of the Washington Post, were both anchor and sail, keeping the boat afloat and buoying my spirits until the brain had finished its business.

Two, I'm about to enjoy time off that I can consciously experience. Last year, I had bought a book titled "No Time to Think." And then suddenly I could neither read nor think. This time, I can and shall do both.

I will also continue work on a book I'm writing about what happened to me. My hope is that others might benefit from what I experienced and from what I learned about friends and family, seasons and time, rhythms and essence. It was quite a trip, about which more to come — in good time.

Meanwhile, enjoy the cicadas — because you can.

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Robbing Midland to pay Dallas and vice versa

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Taxing out-of-towners may be a popular way to support local tourism, but experience teaches that the costs and benefits are not so straightforward.

Summers are always a great time to vacation. Even if the destination is but two towns away, there's something to be said about having the chance to leave responsibility behind. The humdrum of daily labor doesn't seem so unbearable when it's tempered by the memory of relaxing by the beach or exploring the hiking trails of the state's still untouched wilderness.

Texas doesn't make vacationing easy, though. Oh, there are attractions aplenty. One of the state's top slogans is "Texas. It's like a whole other country." And as USA Today playfully reminded, "it ain't braggin' if you can back it up." Travelers never want for distractions when they share in Texas' heritage. Residents, likewise, never have to journey far in order to sample the wonders that the Lone Star State has to offer.

The challenge is being able to afford the price of a hotel, especially when state and local governments insist on foisting heavy taxes on paid room accommodations because they believe it will spur economic growth at little cost to residents.

Hotel occupancy taxes are a mechanism by which lawmakers support the state's tourism industry. Travelers pay a premium on top of their hotel bill, which is then fed into marketing campaigns, convention centers and special events.

The idea behind the tax is that travelers would subsidize the very projects that enticed them to visit Texas in the first place. Tourism has been a great boost to the economy, and hotel occupancy taxes attempt to expand the industry and then filter the revenue down into the local population.

There are at least three practical problems with this approach.

First, the tax can disrupt the travel arrangements of Texans the same way it affects out-of-towners. Hotel occupancy taxes have inched upward of 17 percent in some cities, in part because the taxes mainly target non-constituents.

On a city-by-city basis, that may be true. A substantial portion of the tourism industry, however, is driven by Texans who cannot afford to travel to more exotic locales or who simply wish to experience for themselves the landmarks in which Texans take such great pride.

Cities, therefore, can siphon money from non-residents, but their residents face the same burden when embarking on their own getaways. Every Texan becomes a tourist once he or she visits another city, and every dollar exhausted on accommodation expenses makes their metaphorical suitcase one pound harder to carry. The cities aren't tapping into free money so much shuffling it between each other.

Second, jacking up accommodation costs often spurs travelers to curtail their spending elsewhere on the trip. This is basic household economics. If travelers earmark a set budget for their vacation, then their likely reaction to an uptick in hotel prices — via hotel occupancy taxes — is to shorten their stay or to minimize the number of excursions. The U.S. Travel Association found that 49 percent of surveyed travelers altered their plans on account of high taxes.

Maybe this crimp on Texas vacations would be worth it if the tax achieved all that its supporters said it would, but that brings us to problem No. 3.

Hotel occupancy taxes do not always have enough of an impact on tourism to offset the decline in spending. Convention centers habitually fail to attract the projected number of visitors that justified their construction. In addition, much of the money is allocated to events that would've taken place in Texas with or without the incentive.

Put another way, the burden is often disproportionate to the gain, and there are too few safeguards in place to ensure that the money is not wasted.

Texans are blessed in that they can have wonderful vacations in-state. But, when governments impose burdensome taxes, pennywise trips can become just as inaccessible as an exotic adventure. The hotel occupancy tax can push a planned vacation into a higher price-range, getting in the way of Texans and the holiday of their choice.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Social Security is in for some changes

Dallas Morning News

Social Security's retirement system is like a speeding train full of happy passengers. It's a comfy ride for the current leg of the journey. But the passengers might be clueless — or maybe don't care — that a bridge is out just over the next rise.

Absent changes to the system, Social Security is headed into a chasm for the next generation. Baby boomers who've paid into the system for decades have begun drawing money out in big numbers, but there will be too few working Americans to keep the retirement fund in the black beyond 20 more years. The math just doesn't work.

That's the not-so-happy birthday message as Social Security celebrates its 80 anniversary this month.

The good news is that there is enough time to avert major pain if Washington takes steps early enough. It would take the kind of biparisan bargain that the Obama White House and GOP leaders in Congress could only yak and fantasize about.

The time is now — during the 2016 presidential campaign — to lay the groundwork for that politically dicey bargain.

Some in the Republican presidential field would bring common-sense reforms to the table. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, for example, say they'd gradually boost the retirement age for younger people. Christie gets specific, saying full retirement eligibility should be delayed two years. He's specific, too, on whether wealthy people should draw from the system. Christie says no, multi-millionaires with retirement income over $200,000 don't need monthly government checks to sustain them.

It's hard to see how Social Security solves its math problems without these kinds of bold strokes. Bill Gates, Warren Buffet and Ross Perot don't need government to keep them out of poverty, which was the original intent of the Social Security system.

Meanwhile, the presidential field contains many defenders of the status quo on Social Security, both Democrat and Republican. On the GOP side, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee would build a wall around Social Security as part of sweeping tax reform. That stance is not far from the recent statement from Democratic frontrunner Hillary Clinton: "We don't mess with it."

Even less realistic was a position outlined by 71 congressional Democrats in a letter to President Barack Obama last month; they asked his support to "expand Social Security benefits for millions of Americans." The signees were joined by Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, who's challenging Clinton for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Nowhere did the letter say how proponents would fund more generous benefits. It's delusional and irresponsible to ignore the math like that.

The facts are these: In 1960, five workers supported every Social Security recipient. Today, it's fewer than three. In 20 years, it'll be about two.

The financial stress will be enormous on people in the next generation, and it's up to today's leaders to make sure they don't get crushed.

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Secretary of State John Kerry listens during a meeting with members of the Gulf Cooperation Council in Doha, Qatar, on July 3.

Three US defeats: Vietnam, Iraq and now Iran

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The purpose of war — military or economic — is to get your enemy to do something it would rather not do. Over the past several years the United States and other Western powers have engaged in an economic, clandestine and political war against Iran to force it to give up its nuclear program.

Over the course of this siege, American policy makers have been very explicit about their goals. Foremost, to prevent Iran from becoming a nuclear power. Second, as John Kerry has said, to force it to dismantle a large part of its nuclear infrastructure. Third, to take away its power to enrich uranium.

Fourth, as President Obama has said, to close the Fordo enrichment facility. Fifth, as the chief American negotiator, Wendy Sherman, recently testified, to force Iran to come clean on all past nuclear activities by the Iranian military. Sixth, to shut down Iran's ballistic missile program. Seventh, to have "anywhere, anytime 24/7" access to any nuclear facilities Iran retains. Eighth, as Kerry put it, to not phase down sanctions until after Iran ends its nuclear bomb-making capabilities.

As a report from the Foreign Policy Initiative exhaustively details, the U.S. has not fully achieved any of these objectives. The agreement delays but does not end Iran's nuclear program. It legitimizes Iran's status as a nuclear state. Iran will mothball some of its centrifuges, but it will not dismantle or close any of its nuclear facilities. Nuclear research and development will continue.

Iran wins the right to enrich uranium. The agreement does not include "anywhere, anytime" inspections; some inspections would require a 24-day waiting period, giving the Iranians plenty of time to clean things up. After eight years, all restrictions on ballistic missiles are lifted. Sanctions are lifted once Iran has taken its initial actions.

Wars — military or economic — are measured by whether you achieved your stated objectives. By this standard the U.S. and its allies lost the war against Iran, but we were able to negotiate terms that gave only our partial surrender, which forces Iran to at least delay its victory. There have now been three big U.S. strategic defeats over the past several decades: Vietnam, Iraq and now Iran.

The big question is, why did we lose? Why did the combined powers of the Western world lose to a ragtag regime with a crippled economy and without much popular support?

The first big answer is that the Iranians just wanted victory more than we did. They were willing to withstand the kind of punishment we were prepared to mete out.

Further, the Iranians were confident in their power, while the Obama administration emphasized the limits of America's ability to influence

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Why there's hope for easing Texas' voter ID law

It was ironic but perhaps fitting that the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals issued its ruling challenging the constitutionality of the restrictive Texas voter identification law on the eve of the recent 50th anniversary of the landmark 1965 Voting Rights Act.

After all, the 2011 Texas law exemplifies current efforts to undermine that still relevant act.

But though the three-judge panel concluded the Texas law has a "discriminatory effect" on the poor and minorities, the nature of the ruling and the prospects for appeal suggest this is less than the sweeping judicial success for which opponents hoped.

Indeed, its Republican sponsors made clear that, despite this defeat, they still hope to win the war in the Supreme Court, if necessary. That's hardly surprising, given the fact that Chief Justice John Roberts has repeatedly questioned the continuing validity of the 50-year-old Voting Rights Act.

Though the appeals court concluded the law's "effect" was discriminatory, it said a lower court had not proved its conclusion the measure "was imposed with an unconstitutional discriminatory purpose." Ultimately, this case may depend on answering this question: "If it walks like a duck, and it quacks like a duck, how much proof do you need that it is a duck?"

The Texas case marked the first federal appeals court rejection of one of the growing number of voter ID laws that have sprouted since sweeping Republican election victories for governorships and state legislatures in 2010.

Rick Hasen, law professor at the University of California, Irvine and a leading voting law expert, called it "a narrow but important victory." But, as he also noted, the judicial panel was "relatively liberal" for the generally conservative Fifth Circuit, comprising two African-American Democratic nominees and a George W. Bush choice from Dallas, Catharina Haynes, who wrote the unanimous opinion.

Longtime court reporter and analyst Lyle Denniston wrote on SCOTUSblog the ruling "left a good deal of doubt about how much of the Texas law will actually be nullified."

The court directed U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzalez Ramos, the Barack Obama nominee who initially ruled against the law, to determine an "appropriate remedy." It acknowledged that "evaluating motive, particularly the motive of dozens of people, is a difficult enterprise" and said she should consider both the legislature's requirement for some sort of photo identification and the appeals court's conclusion the law discriminates against African-Americans, Hispanics and the poor.

During oral arguments, Judge Haynes noted it was "unlikely that someone's going to get up and say overtly: 'Let's discriminate.'" But the court said "it is also unlikely that such a motive would permeate a legislative body and not yield any private memos or emails."

In fact, it's not hard to figure out what is going on here, including claims of fraud that are, in a word, fraudulent. Though Gov. Greg Abbott claimed while he was attorney general that "evidence of voter fraud abounds," a 2013 Politifact investigation found just 18 confirmed cases from 2002 to 2012 in Texas. Bush's Justice Department likewise had trouble finding many examples.

The wave of voter ID laws dates from the GOP's 2010 election victories, following the Supreme Court's 2008 affirmation of an Indiana voter ID law, and perhaps inspired by the outpouring of young and minority voters who helped to elect Obama that year. Fourteen of the 15 states that have passed them had Republican governors, legislatures or both. Other GOP-run states, such as Florida, tightened laws encouraging early voting.

The Supreme Court exacerbated the trend in 2013 when it threw out the section of the Voting Rights Act requiring certain states, including Texas, to gain Justice Department pre-clearance of voting law changes because of past discrimination. It said Congress could fix the problem by updating the provisions designating those states, but GOP congressional leaders have shown no interest in doing so.

And no wonder: laws making it harder for young people and minorities to vote can counteract somewhat the biggest long-term threat to the Republican Party: the country's growing diversity and the GOP's failure to expand its minority support, especially in presidential elections.

The Texas decision offers some hope of checking this trend, provided all the key players — Judge Ramos, the Texas GOP and the Supreme Court — agree to substantial easing of the state's voter ID law.

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NY's Cuomo reluctant to dig deep for new Hudson rail tunnel

By David Klepper
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — He committed billions of dollars to overhaul LaGuardia Airport and build a new Tappan Zee Bridge — but New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has taken a wary approach to building a new Hudson River rail tunnel, even though the stakes could be even higher for the state and the nation.

The existing Amtrak tunnel connecting New York City and New Jersey is a century old and in disrepair. Electrical wires corroded by Superstorm Sandy's floods prompted hours-long delays last month that highlighted the tunnel's condition and previewed what could become a chronic problem if nothing is done.

Yet Cuomo sees little light ahead in this tunnel project.

The Democrat balked at an invitation from U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx to meet with him and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie to discuss the construction of a new tunnel, saying there was "no reason to meet now." He told reporters recently that the outlook for the tunnel is "not especially bright."

If that's true, then it's bad news for millions of commuters, not just the 200,000 people who ride trains through the tunnel each day. Amtrak estimates that the existing tunnel — which has a single track in two tubes, one for either direction — has a life expectancy of about 20 years. Closing one tube for a year of repairs would reduce the number of trains using the tunnel from 24 to 6 per hour at peak times, forcing tens of thousands of people onto ferries, buses or cars and further clogging the region's already congested streets.

Longer term, failing to build a new tunnel could strangle the Northeast Corridor between Boston and Washington right at its most critical chokepoint, drive down home prices in New Jersey and cut tax revenues for New York City, according to Richard Barone, director of transportation programs at the Regional Plan Association. A new tunnel, part of a $14 billion plan to improve or replace outdated infrastructure in New Jersey and New York, would likely take a decade to build.

"We're likely to see the region's economy take a serious hit," he told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "We'll be scrambling to adapt to an untenable situation where there aren't any good options. It would be a terrible outcome — for New Jersey, for New York and — I don't think this can be overstated — a problem for the nation."

Nonetheless, there are several reasons why Cuomo is reluctant to start up the tunnel boring machine. He said the project won't work unless Washington commits a sizeable investment. An earlier tunnel proposal included $3 billion in federal funds but was axed by Christie in 2010. Now Cuomo said the federal government is only promising loans.

"If the federal government is serious that this is critical, which it is — this is the entire northeast Amtrak route — we need federal funds," Cuomo said last week. "They need to put their money where their mouth is."

Christie has said he would support a new tunnel project if part of the cost was borne by the state of New York or New York City, neither of which pledged funds for the previous one.

Cuomo's tunnel stance is a departure for a governor who has seemed to revel in taking on big infrastructure projects. He used federal loans to finance the $3.9 billion Tappan Zee Bridge. Last month he joined Vice President Joe Biden to announce a $4 billion plan to rebuild LaGuardia's cramped terminals.

There are several key differences between those projects and the tunnel, Cuomo notes. Private airlines will cover roughly half of the cost of the new LaGuardia. And while the Tappan Zee is a state bridge, the new tunnel would be owned by Amtrak and used for New Jersey trains.

"It's not my tunnel. Why don't you pay for it?" he told reporters this past week.

Critics of carbon regulations using mine spill to skewer EPA

By Michael Biesecker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Authorities say rivers tainted by last week's massive spill from an abandoned Colorado gold mine are starting to recover, but for the Environmental Protection Agency the political fallout from the disaster could linger.

The federal agency's critics are already seeking to use its much-maligned handling of the mine spill to undercut the Obama administration's rollout of major regulations aimed at cutting greenhouse gas emissions at the nation's power plants. Members of oversight committees in both the House and Senate say they are planning hearings after Congress returns from its August recess.

"The EPA is supposed to help prevent environmental catastrophes, not cause them," said Rep. Steve Scalise, R-La., a member of the House leadership and the Energy and Commerce Committee.

EPA and contract workers accidentally unleashed 3 million gallons of contaminated wastewater as they inspected the idled Gold King mine on Aug. 5, just two days after Obama unveiled his Clean Power Plan during an event at the White House.

The timing could hardly be worse for the beleaguered regulatory agency, a frequent target for congressional Republicans and pro-industry groups. Attorneys general for at least 15 states say they plan to sue over the new carbon restrictions, and such coal-mining backers as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., are urging states to simply ignore new carbon rules from Washington.

Over the last week, even Democrats representing states affected by the spill have publicly criticized the agency's response as anemic. That has forced top administration officials off-message just as they were launching an effort to sell the new carbon rules to the American people.

On Tuesday, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy gave a policy speech about the new carbon-reduction program at an event in Washington. But at a news conference afterward, every question was about the mine spill. McCarthy said her agency takes full responsibility for the accident and expressed deep sorrow for the environmental harm caused to the Animas and San Juan rivers.

Following bipartisan pressure from the congressional delegations of Colorado and New Mexico, the EPA chief then departed Washington for a two-day fence-mending trip out West aimed at showing that her agency is responsive and competent.

For Republicans, it was an opportunity to put the EPA on the defensive.

"I think we have seen what happens when the EPA comes after private industry — they come after them with heavy hand," said Sen. Cory Gardner, R-Colo. "Now, the shoe is on the other foot, and we have seen a lack of communication and coordination. ... This goes to the core competency of the EPA."

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other nations. It's striking how little President Obama thought of the tools at his disposal. He effectively took the military option off the table. He didn't believe much in economic sanctions. "Nothing we know about the Iranian government suggests that it would simply capitulate under that kind of pressure," he argued.

The president concluded early on that Iran would simply not budge on fundamental things. As he argued in his highhanded and counterproductive speech Wednesday, Iran was never going to compromise its sovereignty (which is the whole point of military or economic warfare).

The president hoped that a deal would change the moral nature of the regime, so he had an extra incentive to reach a deal. And the Western, Russian and Chinese sanctions regime was fragile while the Iranians were able to hang together.

This administration has given us a choice between two terrible options: accept the partial-surrender agreement that was negotiated or reject it and slide immediately into what is in effect our total surrender — a collapsed sanctions regime and a booming Iranian nuclear program.

Many members of Congress will be tempted to accept the terms of our partial surrender as the least bad option in the wake of our defeat. I get that. But in voting for this deal they may be affixing their names to an arrangement that will increase the chance of more comprehensive war further down the road.

Iran is a fanatical, hegemonic, hate-filled regime. If you think its radicalism is going to be softened by a few global trade opportunities, you really haven't been paying attention to the Middle East over the past four decades.

Iran will use its $150 billion windfall to spread terror around the region and exert its power. It will incrementally but dangerously cheat on the accord. Armed with money, ballistic weapons and an eventual nuclear breakout, it will become more aggressive. As the end of the nuclear delay comes into view, the 45th or 46th president will decide that action must be taken.

Economic and political defeats can be as bad as military ones. Sometimes when you surrender to a tyranny you lay the groundwork for a more cataclysmic conflict to come.

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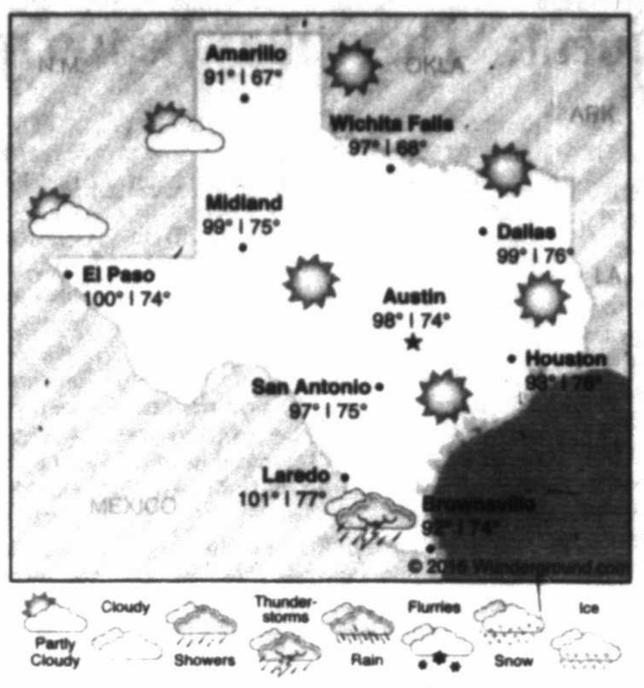

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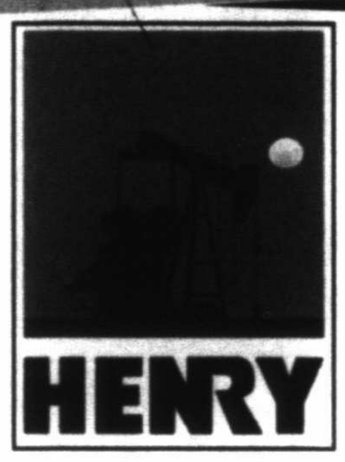

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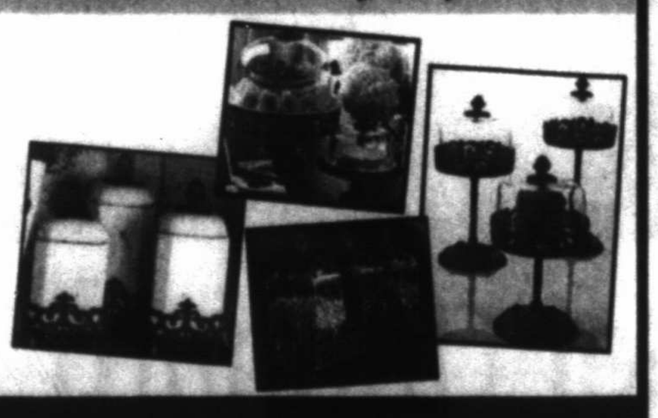

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Leno: Accusers of Bill Cosby face unfair double standard

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Jay Leno says an unfair double standard is being applied to the dozens of women accusing Bill Cosby of decades-old sexual assaults.

"I keep reading the comments, 'liars,' and 'why didn't they come forward before?'" the former "Tonight Show" host said Thursday.

But men who delay sharing stories of abuse or rape are readily believed, even when it's a religious figure such as a priest involved, Leno said.

The experience should be viewed as the same for women and men who hid an assault out of shame and finally addressed it years later.

"When women do it, somehow it's a scam," Leno said, attributing the kneejerk reaction to "ingrained" sexism.

Leno spoke to The Associated Press after a panel at the Television Critics Association summer meeting at which he discussed his new CNBC show, "Jay Leno's Garage," premiering Oct. 7.

He didn't comment directly on the validity of the more than two dozen sexual assault claims, with many of Cosby's accusers alleging the comedian drugged them beforehand.

Cosby, 78, and his attorneys have denied some of the allegations and no criminal charges have been filed against him.

A Cosby spokesman did not immediately respond Thursday to a request for comment.

Asked if Cosby and his career can rebound, Leno invoked another entertainer's experience.

"Americans will forgive anything except hypocrisy," he said. "I remember I had Charlie Sheen on ('Tonight') and he said, 'Look, I like hookers and coke. What am I going to do?' And the audience applauded. It's terrible, but at least he's honest.

"As soon as you deny it, that's your downfall," Leno said.

Showtime president: 'There may be too much good TV'

By Frazier Moore
Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — The theme song for the annual rollout of fall and winter television shows could have been that cowboy classic "Home on the Range," where "seldom is heard a discouraging word" (seldom, anyway, from the throngs of producers and stars pitching their shows), "and the skies are not cloudy all day" (and even if they were, who would know, since the 17 days of sessions hosted by a vast array of networks were sequestered in the Beverly Hilton's International Ballroom, otherwise the home of such glitzy affairs as the Golden Globes).

The marathon TCA meetings, which concluded Thursday, proved to be fun for the gathering of scores of TV critics and reporters. Until their fun became an endurance contest — both for the journalists and the networks and streaming services presenting.

"Lucky me, winning this coveted spot on Day 16 of your tour," cracked David Nevins as he met the reporters' weary eyes. "That's what I was hoping for!"

Nevins, who is president of Showtime Networks, came with a number of fine shows to promote. But wretched excess haunts the television landscape.

"There may be too much good TV," Nevins conceded, though quickly adding, "There's never enough great TV. And we're trying hard to make great TV."

His assessment came days after FX Networks boss John Landgraf forecast that, during 2015, the growing number of scripted series on the air is likely to surpass 400.

"I long ago lost the ability to keep track of every scripted TV series, as I know you do, even though we all do this for a living," he told the crowd. "But this year, I finally lost track of the ability to keep track of every programmer who is in the scripted programming business."

Landgraf was building on remarks delivered six months ago at the Winter TCA meeting: "The amount of competition is just literally insane," he said at the time.

Now he's predicting a course correction in the next year or two — a reversal of the escalating numbers of shows as well as the networks that provide them.

That was a rare discouraging word. Or, maybe, just a reality check.

Other highlights from the 100-plus TCA sessions:

■ Stephen Colbert, who premieres as host of CBS' "The Late Show" next month, amused his audience during his question-and-answer session, and himself — even pausing to share a wisecrack about Donald Trump to the outside world through his Twitter feed.

■ Trevor Noah, soon to take over from Jon Stewart the anchor chair on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show," told the room that the biggest pressure he's feeling is to live up to Stewart's expectations. "I never dreamed that I would be sitting here talking to you now about hosting the show," he said. "But I always loved it, and I guess Jon knew something about me that I didn't know at the time."

■ With streaming outlets like Crackle and Amazon Prime joining the Old Guard broadcast networks, CBS president Nina Tassler declared, "Distinctions between television companies and streaming companies miss the point: Pretty much everybody you've seen here in the last couple of weeks are both." And inasmuch as the Tiffany Network wants to retain its gleam in the new world of media, "We want to be wherever people want to watch," she said. "It doesn't matter if it's on TV, a tablet, or even their phone, as long as they're watching." (Last fall CBS launched a stand-alone digital subscription package of its shows.)

■ Reporters raised questions about the name for Fox's new comedy "The Grinder," with Fred Savage as a fuddy-duddy small-town lawyer whose brother, played by legendary handsome guy Rob Lowe, is a TV star famous for his role as a larger-than-life lawyer. Inspired by the Grindr hook-up app, Savage joked that a series with "The Grinder" for its title should launch its own app, "where you could find Rob Lowe anywhere and have sex with him: Like, 'I'm 400 feet from Rob. And there's an alley.'"

■ Straight from the frog's mouth, reporters heard the sad news of Kermit's recent breakup with Miss Piggy. At the session for ABC's "The Muppets," Kermit disclosed that "Piggy and I have gone our separate ways romantically." But no one within earshot believed this breakup could be permanent. At TCA, hope springs eternal.

ENTERTAINMENTBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LOS ANGELES

HBO to carry 'Sesame Street'; PBS to continue airing show

The Muppets, longtime residents of PBS, are getting a second home at HBO.

The premium cable channel and Sesame Workshop, which produces "Sesame Street," on Thursday announced a five-year deal that will expand the "Sesame Street" footprint and its amount of programming.

The next five seasons of the respected children's series will be available on HBO and its related platforms, including HBO GO and HBO On Demand. The deal will allow the Sesame Workshop, a nonprofit educational organization, to produce almost double the content of previous seasons, HBO and the workshop said.

New episodes will go to HBO first, with PBS stations getting the episodes for free but to rerun nine months later. There won't be any interruption for "Sesame Street" on PBS, with the current season airing until new shows become available.

CALIFORNIA

Rihanna to advise 'The Voice' coaches on upcoming season

BEVERLY HILLS — Rihanna is headed to "The Voice."

NBC Entertainment Chairman Bob Greenblatt announced Thursday that the singer will serve as a key adviser to all the coaches on the new season of the singing competition show.

Blake Shelton, Gwen Stefani, Adam Levine and Pharrell will serve as coaches. The network previously announced that country star Brad Paisley would be an adviser to Shelton.

Season nine of "The Voice" begins Sept. 21 at 8 p.m.

CALIFORNIA

NBC officially fires Trump from 'Celebrity Apprentice'

BEVERLY HILLS — NBC entertainment chairman, Bob Greenblatt, had two words Thursday on whether Republican presidential hopeful Donald Trump would ever return as host of "The Celebrity Apprentice:" Absolutely not.

Greenblatt said that the show will not be back next season, but will return in the future with a new host.

NBC cut ties with Trump in June days after he made critical comments about Mexican immigrants and NBC canceled its airing of the Miss USA pageant, which Univision also decided not to air.

Greenblatt said he enjoyed working with Trump when the network was still in business with him.

"He is a lovely guy. He was very much a collaborator and worked with us closely on 'Celebrity Apprentice' and, you know, there's a really effusive great guy. We weren't in any sort of adversarial position."

CALIFORNIA

Neil Patrick Harris hypes NBC live show 'Best Time Ever'

BEVERLY HILLS — Neil Patrick Harris wants his live variety show "Best Time Ever with Neil Patrick Harris," to be must-see TV that will get people talking.

"You'll get to see a bunch of cool (expletive) and it will be live, so you will be able to reference it the next day after you see it," he told a panel of television critics Thursday.

The show will feature stunts, surprises, music and games, but details are being purposely kept quiet.

"Best Time Ever" premieres Sept. 19 at 9 p.m.

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PDAP works to help addicts, alcoholic people

Program aims to improve quality of life by providing path to recovery

By Erin Stone
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It's about 6:30 on a Tuesday evening, and Dwayne Gallentine, aka D-Day, has shed his workday mask of a collared shirt and dress pants in favor of his usual: jeans and a T-shirt, black boots and a leather jacket with a patch on the back that screams "Messengers: Clean and Sober."

Gallentine revs up the motor on his Harley Davidson Screaming Eagle Road Glide (with a custom-built motor), turns Linkin Park up real loud and kicks off toward the still-high sun over downtown Midland. He's headed for a place maybe you wouldn't expect a tattooed, shaved head, long-bearded, hard-rock-lovin' biker to be headed: a Palmer Drug Abuse Program (PDAP) meeting for alcoholics and drug addicts trying to get sober across the Permian Basin.

Gallentine is part of a unique tribe of people, a tribe that still faces harsh stigmas. But as part of the Messengers Clean and Sober Riding Club, which has chapters in the Lubbock and Odessa areas, he proudly displays his status as an alcoholic.

Not everyone is so open, and that is part of the reason why programs like PDAP and Alcoholics Anonymous are just that: anonymous.

Addiction is difficult to talk about and shameful for most who struggle with it. When it comes to mental health and substance abuse issues, the perception that there is nowhere to find help is stronger than for physical health issues such as diabetes, or heart disease, because of this stigma. "We've got to overcome the stigma of asking for help in behavioral health," said Ramona Thomas, CEO of the Permian Basin Community Center, which has provided free and affordable mental healthcare to members of the community.

Asking for help is probably the most difficult step in the pathway to sobriety for an addict. And for many addicts, the choice is made for them: either by the law or by some other external force.

Gallentine originally quit drinking to prove something. He specifically wanted to prove that his marriage wasn't difficult just because of his drinking habits. He walked into PDAP two years ago and met Chad Small, counselor for ages 26 and up at PDAP.

"I walk into PDAP, and I meet Chad, and one pupil's this big, the other one's this big and I'm like, you're not high?! And he's like, no man, this is life! So I thought this is a guy I can listen to for a minute," Gallentine said.

Small was the first person Gallentine met who was in recovery. One night in April 2013, Gallentine was having a few beers as usual, and decided to give Small a call.

"I was a little bit drunk, and I said, 'I'm drinkin' today but — and he said, 'No buts. Don't talk to me when you're drinkin'.' Gallentine said. "That kinda hit me hard. I was like, 'Wow, this guy doesn't want anything to do with me if I'm drinking.' So I drank that night, and it was the last night I ever drank."

Ever since April 26, 2013, Gallentine hasn't had a drop of alcohol. His plan was to stop drinking for 90 days, buy an 18-pack, then file for divorce. He didn't stick to that plan.

Though substance abuse professionals here said the rate of substance abuse is no different than the rate across the country, Gallentine noticed his drinking reached a new level when the oil company he works for was relocated from Long Beach, California, to Midland.

"When you just moved here fresh, or even if you're a teenager coming out of high school, you're like 'There's nothing here,'" said Gallentine. "There's a bar at nearly every other corner. So it takes a little bit of extra effort to find things to do that get you out of thinking the bar is the only answer. I was drinking back when I lived in Southern California, but when I got out here … once a month I get a week off work the way my rotation is. So that's seven full days. My alcoholism didn't necessarily skyrocket, but it definitely hit another level when I got out here. It seemed like that was the answer, everybody was always going out to drink."

Substance abuse Midland-style

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FRESH-PICKED PRODUCE

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Brandon Dieringer picks some tomatoes for a patron Saturday at the Dieringer Farms table at the Midland Farmer's Market.

Job's the same whether in small Illinois town or the Tall City

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It's about 1,050 miles from my parents' doorstep to my new one here in Midland. You learn a lot when you make that kind of a move.

I come from a town in Illinois a lot smaller than Midland, and my college's town is even smaller than my hometown. Numerous people have told me in the month I've been here that Midland has that small-town feel. If you knock out the increased traffic flow and the actual landscape (huge office buildings and the desert sand), they're pretty on par.

Oh, and the bugs — they're bigger. I am still bashing it out with them about what can live in my apartment and what can't.

So far, however, I have no regrets. I've thought for a long time that it's better to know what is and isn't right for you than to never dare to try.

I've heard some great stories over the years and done my best to write them: World War II veterans who landed on the beach at Normandy or advanced steadily through the Pacific, college alumni who talked about the professor who inspired their million-dollar donation, pot-smoking high school students who explained why they started when they were 11 years old — and so on.

There are always the articles that I don't quite remember writing or weren't enthralled by them personally, but I always wrote them, and I always did so to the best of my ability.

Now I'm in Midland, Texas, and I'm covering your government and education system. Education is old hat in some regards, because I've written for school newspapers since I was 14. Schools, money and state government aren't issues just in Texas. The government beat, while I've treaded it occasionally, is already making me exercise areas of my brain. I welcome the challenge.

Even as I've navigated new faces and names and jargon, it's solidified one key thing: As a journalist, your responsibilities stay the same. Do the work, ask questions and try to keep everyone — including yourself — on their toes.

Mentors, friends and family are sometimes more confident in my abilities than I am, and this journey that began when my drive here ended is making me realize why. It's chipping away at doubts.

Please see **BURTON**/2B

TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist

Hot and cold are a matter of perception

It seems like we have had a run of 100-degree days and I'm hot. I've got sweat drops on top of my sweat drops. It's hotter than Jerry Lee Lewis' piano keys.

When it gets this hot, I'm ready for summer to be over. Nothing can be accomplished when it gets this hot.

I've had people argue with me that it can get hotter. They talk about back when we had a two-week run with the temperatures ranging over 110 degrees.

Well, I don't buy that. I spent a year in Vietnam, and it got up to 120 degrees at times, but I'm here to tell you that once it gets over 100 degrees, hot is just hot. Eggs cook on a rock either way.

My air conditioner is so confused by all this heat that it refuses to cut off. I could drown in my own pool of sweat if I decided to stay too long in one spot.

It has become a baseball term in use, but there is a reason this month has been called the "Dog Days of August."

Football coaches used to love August. They thought the heat was absolutely necessary to make you tough enough to endure the season.

It was thinking I never understood. Coaches would tell us if we work hard in the heat, we will beat other teams in the fourth quarter. Well, guess what? Every other team in the state was working out in that same heat. I'm pretty much guessing that there wasn't any advantage to working out in the heat.

Considering how hot I am, I'm shocked at how some other people don't necessarily agree with me.

For instance, I presented my malady to the wife the other day. She listened intently — as she put on her winter sweater. I couldn't believe she was wearing a winter sweater in the middle of this heat wave.

We were entering a restaurant at that point in time and the wife said, "Well, I get cold wherever we go to eat. They always turn down the air conditioner and you could hang beef in some of these establishments during the summer."

In fact, we've noticed that businesses never touch the controls of the air conditioner no matter what time of year it is. We've been in places where the air conditioner is running wide open and it's in the low 40s outside.

We've found out in our travels around the world that hot and cold is subjective.

The wife and I were in Puerto Vallarta,

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Taos ski patrol members to vote on union representation

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Members of the ski patrol at the Taos Ski Valley resort have set a date in November to vote on unionizing, with a veteran member saying the group of about 45 seasonal workers wants more of a say about pay and benefits as new management makes changes.

The vote comes two years after hedge fund billionaire Louis Bacon bought the resort from the family of its founder, Ernie Blake.

Long-time ski patrol member Rey Deveaux told the Albuquerque Journal that the union vote is not a "hostile-type thing."

"We love what we do. We love the mountain," said Deveaux, a patrol member for 43 years. "We just want to make it better for everybody."

Taos Ski Valley CEO Gordon Briner said in a statement that the resort can better address ski patrol members' issues without going through a union.

"We genuinely believe that the insertion of a third party — with its own interests and agenda — will damage our long-term working relationship that has provided our community and guests excellent, safe and committed service," Briner said.

The new ownership has added a high-altitude ski lift and is redoing the base-area village, with plans for a new hotel, retail space, equipment rentals, restaurant and spa.

"With all the changes with new management and new ideas and the challenges that come with that, we want to be part of the process," said Deveaux, 63. "We feel like we're qualified and should have a voice."

Tribal holiday honors Navajo men who stumped Japanese in war

Associated Press

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The Navajo Nation honored the men who stumped the Japanese in World War II using a code based on their native language.

A parade and ceremony took place Friday morning in the tribal capital of Window Rock for Navajo Code Talker Day. Tribal lawmakers designated Aug. 14 a tribal holiday in 2006.

Navajo President Russell Begay thanked Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey and Sen. John McCain for attending.

"Today is a national day of celebration and pride for the significant role that our Navajo Code Talkers played during World War II and we are pleased that the Arizona political leadership was here to join us in honoring our Nation's greatest warriors," Begay wrote in a statement.

"Their pride and patriotism for this country was as unbreakable as their code that helped the Allied Forces win the war. For that, we owe them a debt that can never be repaid," Ducey said.

McCain tweeted about the event.

"Deeply honored to salute the Navajo Code Talkers today — our nation owes these heroes a debt we can never fully repay," he wrote.

About 16 of the hundreds of Navajos who served as Code Talkers during the war are still alive today. The code was developed by an original group of 29 Navajo men recruited from the reservation.

Their role in the war wasn't declassified until 1968.

Navajo Nation government employees got Friday as a day off.

WILLIAMSON

From 1B

Mexico, one Christmas and our guide was profusely apologizing for it being so unseasonably cold.

She said, "I know all of you came here to get the sun, but it is so cold today. I usually never have to wear a coat like I am today."

The wife and I looked at each other, wondering what she was talking about. It was just under 80 degrees and there wasn't a cloud in the sky. It was the most beautiful weather I had ever seen.

The summer before that we had been in Alaska, where we were wearing warm jackets in Ketchikan. We got another apology from a local for it being so hot. It was in the high 60s and we needed a jacket.

Well it won't be long until the dog days will be only a distant memory. Just saying the word "football" somehow makes the air seem cooler. Just remember: Hot and cold are a matter of perception.

I do know, however, that the wife will always carry that trusty sweater with her. She never leaves home without it regardless of the temperature. She says it will always be cold somewhere.

Thought for the Week: "It ain't the heat, it's the humility." Yogi Berra, Hall of Fame catcher.

BURTON

From 1B

solidifying into concrete and aided by every article I write here. It's simple: Whether it's new or old or somewhere in between, I can do the work because only the landscape changed. I didn't.

It's kind of a dreamy concept, isn't it? The idea that you can just pack up, leave who you were behind and find a brand-new self that magically appears as soon as you get the key to a new apartment.

But it's just a concept. It's false. I'm in a new city. I'm learning its story through the concerns and hopes of its residents, and of course, the opposing views that keep it interesting. But I am the same — all of my experiences, all of my work, all of my brain and heart — and I can tackle any challenge thrown at me (with a little help from old and new friends).

I once heard that a great writer never finishes; she just runs out of time. I'd like to add another one: A great writer never finishes, she just gets better. I'm looking forward to seeing what story Midland and I can write together.

Follow Cassie on Twitter at @Cassie_Burton51 or on Facebook at /CassieBurton15.

Obituaries

Alejandro Silva Carrasco

Alejandro Silva Carrasco went home to be with his heavenly Father on Friday August 14, 2015. He was born to the late Juan De Dios and Conception Silvas Carrasco on July 17, 1926 in Barranco De Guadalupe Ojinaga Chih., Mexico

He was a hard working and loving father who enjoyed his family. His hobbies were riding horses, shooting pool and playing his guitar.

He is preceeded in death by his sons, Roberto Carrasco, Enrique Carrasco, and Juan De Dios Carrasco.

He is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Manuela Bermea Carrasco; his children, Alejandro Carrasco Jr. and wife Linda of Midland, Elisa Carrasco Mendiola husband Joe of Fort Worth, Margarita Trevino and husband Manuel of Grand Prairie, Vicente Carrasco and wife Sara of Euless, Elida Carrasco of Midland, Juanita Carrasco Quriozand husband Ysidro of Springdale, AR, Lydia Fuentes and husband Ruben of North Richland Hills, Noe Rodriguez of Fort Worth; 21 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren and several nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers will be Michael Hernandez, Albert Trevino, Stephen Carrasco, Nathan Carrasco, Jonathan Carrasco and Jason Carrasco.

Rosary will be at 7:00pm Sunday at Thomas Funeral Home.

Funeral Mass will be Monday August 17 at 1:00 pm at Our Lady Guadalupe Catholic church. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetary.

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Danny Lee Wilson

Danny Lee Wilson, 66, of Midland passed away on July 26, 2015. A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 22nd, 2015 at 1:30 pm at Memorial Christian Church (1001 Andrews Highway), with the Rev. Terry Rothermich officiating. A private committal service will be held at the Texas State Veteran's Cemetery at Abilene on Friday, August 21st.

Danny was born on August 3, 1948 in Tulot, Arkansas and later moved to Lovington, NM. He was preceded in death by his father, Johnnie Wilson. He is survived by his mother, Ruby Wilson; the love of his life, Beverly Crosson; children Julie Jackson and husband, Ozell, Steven Wilson, Corey Wilson, Erik Wilson and partner, Melissa Blydenburgh; brothers, Johnny and wife, Karen, Garry and wife, Betty, Michael and wife, Valerie Nye, and sister Karen. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Sara and Malcolm Jackson, Elizabeth Wilson, Katie Wilson, Amaya Wilson and Hailey Cobb as well as nieces, nephews, great- nieces and great-nephews. Danny also leaves behind Jessyca Jones and Chris Rubio, whom he helped raise.

Danny proudly served his country in the US Army from 1969 to 1972. He worked in the oil field industry in New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma. In recent years, he served as a Foster Grandparent at Bush Elementary, where he was much loved by staff and students. He had a passion for cars, drawing, cooking and telling stories. Danny courageously faced many challenges and sacrificed for his family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Bush Elementary, 5001 Preston Drive, Midland, TX. 79707.

Miguel Gonzalez Garcia

Miguel "Mike" Gonzalez Garcia, 81 of Midland, Texas passed peacefully on Thursday August 13, 2015, at his residence. He was born October 28, 1933 in Wink, Texas to the late Hilario and Margarita Garcia. He was also raised and educated in Monahans, Texas.

Miguel met and later married the love of his life, Berta Calderon, on June 9, 1957 in Grandfalls, Texas. The couple settled in Midland in 1959. Mike worked for the City of Midland for many years. He then worked for the Texas Coca-Cola Bottling Company until his retirement.

Miguel enjoyed fishing, and watching wrestling with his granddaughter. He also enjoyed spending time with his loving family. He was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and he will be missed greatly by all his family and friends.

Miguel was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Victoria G. Stringer; his grandson, Robbie Rodriguez and his great grandson, Robin Rodriguez. He is survived by his loving wife, Berta C. Garcia; sons, Miguel Garcia Jr and Jaime Garcia all of Midland, TX; daughters, Elizabeth Jimenez and husband Gilbert of San Antonio, TX and Sandra Rodriguez and husband Ysidro of Midland; his sister, Margarita G. Reyes and husband Anastacio (Tacho) of Midland; 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Viewing for Mr. Garcia will start on Sunday, August 16th from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm with a rosary starting at 7:00 pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will take place on Monday August 17, 2015 at 9:00 am at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Felix Archibong officiating. Interment will follow to Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pallbearers for the service will be Ysidro Rodriguez, Randy Rodriguez, Gilbert Jimenez, Alex Rangel, Mike Garcia, Jaime Garcia, Oscar Reyes and Eric Everhart. Honorary pallbearers are Ronny Rodriguez, Jeremy Jimenez and Matthew Garcia.

The Garcia Family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the staff of Hospice of Midland, the staff at Accolade Home Care, the Senior Citizens Community Centers and to all his family and friends for their love and support.

Funeral mass is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net or you can visit our website at *lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin
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Mike Hagan

Michael (Mike) Scott Hagan, 59, of Midland, Texas, died peacefully in his sleep on August 12, 2015.

Mike was born in Lubbock, Texas, on January 19, 1956. He graduated from Monterey High School and went on to play football and graduate from the University of Colorado Boulder. He received a bachelor's degree in geology and worked as an environmental scientist. Among other organizations, Mike was a member of the Midland Shooters Association.

He is survived by his wife, Chris Hagan; his son, Jonathan and wife Krystal Hagan; his daughter, Keely and husband Darren Stevenson; his brother, Russell Kent and wife Michiko Hagan; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and loving friends.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, August 20, 2015, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Memorial donations may be given to a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be offered at *ellisfunerals.com*.

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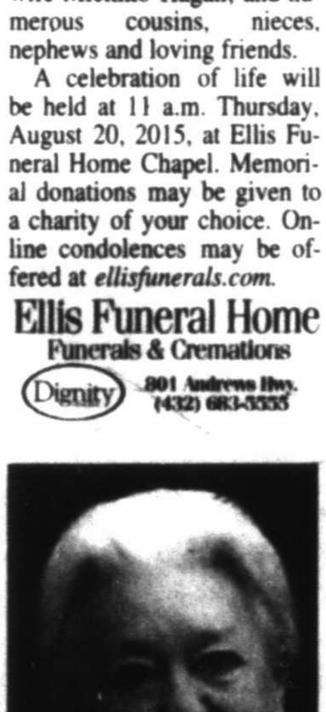

Ruth Joan Rhodes

Ruth Joan Rhodes was born September 13th, 1932 in Denison, Texas to Jay and Maebelle White and soon moved to Harlingen, Texas in the Rio Grande Valley. Joan graduated from Harlingen High School and then attended The University of Texas where she graduated Suma Cum Laude. Joan and Cecil met while attending U.T. and married after graduating in 1952. They moved to Midland, where Cecil worked as a geologist and Joan as a housewife and later as a mother of Celia Rhodes Wilson, Lisa Rhodes and William Jay (Dusty) Rhodes. Joan and Cecil stayed in Midland for the next 62 years with frequent vacations to Europe, Africa, South America, and the Orient.

Joan Rhodes was predeceased by her son, William Jay (Dusty) Rhodes. She is survived by her daughters, Celia Rhodes Wilson (Word B), and Lisa Rhodes, grandchildren, Toffee Wilson McAlister (Jake), Chelsea Wilson Sheppard (B. Blaine) and Dusty Rhodes Olson (Travis). She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Rhodes Heal; McAlister, English Marie McAlister, and Joan Rhodes Olson.

Her family would like to express their gratitude to Summer Merritt for all of her love and support of Joan and her family.

Honorary pallbearers were Word B Wilson, Jake McAlister, Blaine Sheppard and Travis Olson.

Joan was beautiful inside and out and was loved by all that knew her. She was a wonderful wife, mother, daughter, friend, grandmother, and great-grandmother that will never be replaced in our hearts.

In lieu of flower, donations should be made to the charity of your choice.

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

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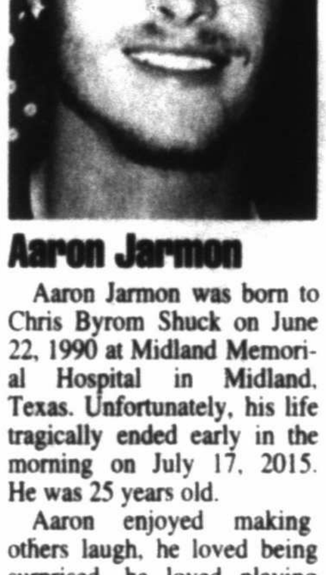

Aaron Jarmon

Aaron Jarmon was born to Chris Byrom Shuck on June 22, 1990 at Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland, Texas. Unfortunately, his life tragically ended early in the morning on July 17, 2015. He was 25 years old.

Aaron enjoyed making others laugh, he loved being surprised, he loved playing music on his bass guitar and riding motorcycles. He worked hard and found great joy in giving of himself; his time; and his money when he could.

While growing up in West Texas, he enjoyed the youth group at 2nd Baptist in Midland, he watched anime and played video games with his sister and friends, and was part of the Junior ROTC while attending Lee High School. He is known for his warm smile, big heart, and charismatic personality. Due to a series of unfortunate events, Aaron lost his life tragically and suddenly.

Aaron was a spiritual person, who may have loved God, but did not like organized religion. He would give the shirt off of his back to you, even if it were his last shirt. He will be terribly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his mom, Chris Shuck; dad, Roy Shuck; brother, Garrett Stewart; sister, Royanna Shuck; and many friends.

A memorial service is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2015 at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

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

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Death Notices

Secundino Bitolas Lara, Jr.

Secundino Bitolas Lara, Jr., 61 of Midland, passed away on Friday, August 14, 2015.

Services are pending with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home & Chapel.

Court records say Diocese of Gallup has almost no assets

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A judge is considering requests to let three civil cases move forward against the Diocese of Gallup, which has been in bankruptcy proceedings since 2013.

The Albuquerque Journal reports court records show the Diocese of Gallup has "virtually non-existent" assets and was either uninsured or underinsured when many of the 57 claims of clergy sex abuse were made.

Los Angeles attorney James Stang says allowing the three trials to go forward would set valuations for the abuse cases to ensure the claimants are offered reasonable payments.

But diocese attorneys are urging U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge David T. Thuma to stop the cases, saying that Stang is seeking the trials as a way of "gaining tactical advantage" should mediation talks resume.

Mediation between the two parties broke down in June, and attorneys for the diocese say Stang is trying to gain an advantage if talks resume.

There are 25 sexual abuse claims from 1965 to 1977 that are now covered by New Mexico Property and Casualty Guaranty Association after Home Insurance Co., which previously covered the diocese, became insolvent and went into liquidation proceedings in 2003.

1902 Marlin house to sell for $1 to winning essay writer

By Regina Dennis
Waco-Tribune Herald

MARLIN — The owners of a charming 4,500-square-foot Victorian home in Marlin have launched an essay contest to sell the house, with the writer of the winning entry paying $1 to purchase the property.

But there is a catch — potential homebuyers must submit a nonrefundable $100 fee with their essay to be considered for the "Marlin Dollar House" contest.

Homeowners April and Gabriel McDermott aim to collect enough essay fees to cover their initial investment in the two-story 1902 Victorian Folk home, which features four bedrooms, five bathrooms, hardwood floors, three fireplaces, a two-car garage and a pool on 0.9 acres of land.

If the McDermotts do not receive the 1,000 essay submissions they are seeking by that time, they will cancel the contest, refund all the fees to the applicants and do a traditional listing to sell the house. The couple will accept submissions through Oct. 1, though they reserve the right to extend the deadline by 30 days to allow for more entries.

But they see the contest as a way to potentially help a family achieve homeownership without the burdens of a mortgage or the hassle of using real estate agents.

The couple purchased the home three years ago with cash from their savings and had planned to renovate the fixer-upper property.

"I love not having a mortgage. I don't agree with debt," April McDermott, a stay-at-home mom, told the Waco Tribune-Herald. "I kind of figured that this was a way that maybe someone could have the same thing and give them a little bit of a leg up and have them spend the money that maybe they would spend on a mortgage repairing it."

The McDermotts do not plan to hold an open house or viewing of the property, but they have started an online blog featuring pictures of the home and the contest rules at www.marlindollarhouse.wordpress.com.

McDermott said she was inspired to start the contest after researching similar ones online. The Boston Globe reported that a Maine woman who had acquired the Center Lovell Inn in 1993 through an essay contest repeated the process when she decided to sell the property, netting more than 7,500 entries to cover the $900,000 value of the bed and breakfast.

A Houston real estate agent in March attempted to sell his two-bedroom home in the Heights neighborhood but ultimately failed to garner enough submissions for the $400,000 value of the house and had to refund all of the entry fees, according to the Houston Chronicle.

McDermott said she is not discouraged by the failure of the Houston property, noting that contest sought 3,000 applicants while her family only aims to reach 1,000.

Waco Realtor Trammel Kelly said he hadn't heard of essay contests being used to sell homes, adding that it's a highly unconventional approach given that the current market is highly favorable to sellers.

For example, Kelly said he has sold four homes this year in which a contract had been offered within 12 to 48 hours of the house being listed.

Kelly said interested residents should make sure they understand the rules of the contest before entering.

"I hope it works for them. It's just highly unusual," Kelly said.

"Today's market is really, right now, so good, with home sales being very fast-paced. I've been doing this for almost 30 years, and I've never seen a market like this. I'm all for creativity in marketing, but I'm not seeing anything like this that they're trying to do."

Kelly said the rapid home sales transactions have mostly involved move-in-ready properties and that it might take longer to sell an older home that would need some upgrades.

The McDermotts bought the home intending to remodel the space to better suit their family's needs. For example, they began to renovate the three bedrooms and four full bathrooms on the first floor, removing wood paneling and installing new drywall.

The couple also planned to renovate the upstairs to make the whole level a master suite. The second floor was listed as having two bedrooms when the McDermotts purchased the house, but the couple found that only one was large enough for their bedroom, while the adjoining room is being used as a closet and playroom for their four children.

The original plan was to knock down the walls dividing the bedrooms and create an open-floor- concept living space. A master bathroom with a spa tub, separate shower and his-and-her wash closets already exists, but McDermott said she would have wanted to transform the upstairs laundry room into a kitchenette.

Still, McDermott said there are plenty of features she enjoys about the house, which is filled with natural lighting from windows lining the walls of each room. Much of the home features original floors and wood details, and the house has three porches — one in the front yard, another extending off the kitchen and one off the master bathroom overlooking the backyard.

"It could be a really fantastic house for people who want a good family home," McDermott said. "But that notion of having that house that the kids grow up in, that's not us."

Prior to purchasing the house, the McDermott family lived in an RV for more than three years and traveled across the country as they pleased. April homeschools the children, who range in age from 10 to 15, while her husband works as a chief engineer on an oil supply vessel.

The family previously owned a 5,000-square-foot new construction home in The Woodlands but sold it after five years, deciding to embrace a more mobile lifestyle free of mortgages and home maintenance. Gabriel McDermott had suggested buying a home again to plant some roots for the family, and April found the Marlin property listed as a bank-owned foreclosure.

"I wanted something with a little bit more character," McDermott said. "Of course, there's the romantic notion of hardwood floors, which you don't really think about how much you're going to have to actually clean them, especially after spending three years in an RV, where it's, like, 40 minutes a day and I'm done cleaning."

Now, after starting some of the renovations, the family has decided that they prefer the freedom and flexibility of the RV lifestyle. McDermott said they already have started downsizing, selling off furnishings and other items from both the Marlin house and things they had in storage from their former home in The Woodlands.

"We do like the house, and if we weren't going to be traveling, then we would stay here," McDermott said. "We've actually talked about just keeping it, because we don't owe a note on it. But it's just one more thing for us to maintain. Why keep a house if we're not going to really be in it?"

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ABUSE

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Oceans is a behavioral hospital in Midland with inpatient and outpatient facilities for ages 12 and up. Administrator Kristin Harris said that she's noticed the impact on mental health because of the "influx of a transient population" that Midland experiences with oil booms and busts.

"A lot of people who have heard about the low unemployment rate and think that this is the land of opportunity get here and maybe research has not been done on how expensive the housing market is, or how now we're seeing the downturn on oil field jobs, etc.," Harris said. "I think the No. 1 trend that we see in the adolescent group is that they've been transplanted here from different communities, they're adjusting to the communities because Mom or Dad have been relocated for their position and that's very tough for kids in their teens, especially in the high school and junior high school ages."

That adjustment is not reserved for adolescents. Many people who come to work here leave their families and communities to do so.

"Let's say there's a guy from Nebraska or wherever and he hears about all this oil field money and he comes down here to make a killing," Small explained. "And he does but he's working 90 hours a week. His family oftentimes is back home. He's lonesome, he doesn't know anybody and social isolation is very difficult for the adolescent group, but it's difficult for the adult group too. How do you meet people? You have a few drinks, you run into somebody that's got something and next thing you know you're doing it."

There is a distinction between use and abuse. Addiction is a thing reserved for some, not all. About 15 percent of the U.S. population has the genetic predisposition for addiction, said Steve Thomason, executive director of the Springboard Center, one of the large substance abuse treatment and recovery centers in Midland

"The stigma that society put on addiction for hundreds of years was, it's a weakness of will and it's poor character," Thomason said. "Still there's the belief out there that says addiction is a choice. It's a choice to pick up a drink or that first marijuana cigarette or line of cocaine that millions of people try with impunity. But without the genetic predisposition for addiction, it doesn't become an addiction. Saying it's a choice is like telling a diabetic to just get over it. It is a disease. It is centered in the brain."

It's a disease that often causes people to lose everything, rather than gain support from strangers like someone who may be suffering from a cancer.

Just admitting one's addiction can jeopardize a career if the drug of choice is illegal, another reason that impedes people from getting help. "Mark," who chose to remain anonymous for this reason, joined PDAP four months ago and has been off alcohol ever since. But he can't seem to ditch marijuana.

"I'm a full-fledged alcoholic, no if's, and's or but's," Mark said. "I've smoked (marijuana) every day since I was 16 years old." Mark's now in his mid-30s and he worries that something drastic may need to happen for him to quit the drug.

The saying goes that you have to hit "rock bottom" before you can make a true change. The big book of Alcoholics Anonymous says you have to have the "desperation of a drowning man" before sobriety is truly an option.

This is both true and not true, Thomason said.

"The studies tell us that there's only two types of motivation for the purpose of this argument: external and internal," Thomason said. "Internal motivation is I have to do this or I'm going to die. External is you have to do this or I'm going to fire you or I'm going to divorce you. It's very counterintuitive, but whether people start treatment 100 percent externally motivated or 100 percent internally motivated, the positive treatment outcome numbers are the same."

The Springboard Center is based on a 12-step program with the goal of getting the addict to a point of internal motivation. While this isn't necessary to first get sober, it's necessary to stay sober in the long run.

Mark said he is motivated to quit smoking marijuana for an external reason: fear of losing his job because it's an illegal drug. "I'll go four or five days without smoking and then it hits that I don't have to go through this anymore if I don't want to," Mark said. "I know I need to. But it's a deal that my mind goes … what's one toke? With alcohol I quit cold turkey. I got through the first month and I just thought, dude you've made it this far why would you turn back now? Why would you want to start the whole process again? I don't want to hurt like that anymore. Those first four weeks were probably the hardest weeks I've ever been through and I've been through a lot of things."

It comes down to being able to face a certain amount of pain, Mark said.

"If you can get past a certain amount of pain, that'd be great," Mark said. "But I guess my question is, what's on the other side of that hill? Do I like it better? Do I like this side better? I've never been on that side so I don't know. But every time I get close to it I know that it makes me feel so uncomfortable that I resort back to smoking."

Mark's four months in, already a huge accomplishment for any addict. But the fear remains: can you really do this the rest of your life? Fight every day against that one beer, that one toke, that one line that could make it all fall down again?

The answer is: yes. It gets easier. Gallentine has two years, going strong. He's gotten out of a difficult marriage, he still does his step-work, he still goes to meetings almost every day. He still has his hard days.

"I'd never dealt with the things that kept me from falling asleep at night, because I was drinking," Gallentine said. "Things that bother you in the night or in the morning that you wish would just go away. These things don't just go away. But I've a learned a new way to live where if something comes up that's big or small, instead of hiding from it I'm going to hit it face on. Because if I hit it face on, at least I'm taking care of some of the problem. It may not always make it better, but at least I know where I'm at with it."

Thomason himself is also in recovery: 12 years sober. After only a year here in Midland, he's expanded the service at The Springboard Center which now sees about 20 people a day, instead of the 9 or 10 it did before.

"You always hear this very depressing melodramatic statement that this is going to be the rest of your life," Thomason said. "Well, is that any different from anyone else who's a human being? Isn't it part of being a human that you spend that time trying to become a better human being? It's no different for the addict."

The "rock bottom" idiom irks Thomason too.

"There are enough barriers to getting into treatment or into recovery that our society has put out there, like 'you have to hit rock bottom,'" he said. "What we haven't followed up with and educated the public about is, what the heck do you think an intervention is? Intervention was designed to raise the bottom. If we can help a family put down some healthy boundaries before (the addict) gets into a car wreck and kills somebody, or overdoses and is permanently disabled, or ends up in jail, isn't that better than getting to that rock bottom?"

Small certainly doesn't want any of his clients to get to where he was before he got sober.

"I just kept trying to die. And I just couldn't die," he said. "I didn't blow my head off because I didn't want my kids to have to understand that. But they all knew I was a junkie. So an overdose, well, that makes perfect sense. But I kept waking up. I couldn't live and I couldn't die, so that doesn't leave you a lot of choices."

Now Small is helping people who were just like him. In actuality, there are quite a few people working hard to help those suffering with addiction in the Midland-Odessa area. The solution, these treatment centers believe, comes down to creating a safe (and affordable) space for people of all walks of life.

"The thing that makes PDAP so amazing is just unconditional love," Small said. "I'd always heard that term my whole life and I never knew what it was until I came here. The concept of loving on somebody until they have the ability to love themselves."

Small is a big guy, he's got tattoos up and down his arms and legs and a bushy red beard. The love he emanates is unconditional, almost overwhelming. Small is a former junkie and an alcoholic. He has "living amends" tattooed on the backs of his arms because he'd never shoot up there. He'd heard of the junkies who'd burned up all their veins, and he wanted to still be able to shoot up the last 10 or 15 years of his life. He, too, still does step-work and meets with his sponsor.

"A lot of people get in this because of their job or family or kids, but at some point in early sobriety you have to want it," Small said. "It has to be very personal to you. Because it's tough. It gets easier, but it doesn't get easier for a while. There are a lot of people suffering from mental illness and chemical dependency that don't even know there's help. I didn't. I knew there was AA, and I knew rehab existed. But I had conceded to myself that I was going to die a junkie. I didn't understand there was real help, that there was a solution to this problem."

Local substance abuse treatment centers

Palmer Drug Abuse Program:
Location: 1208 W. Wall St.
Free services including individual counseling, group counseling, sober social events, group retreats. There is also an Employment Assistance Program $120

Permian Basin Community Center for MHMR: (multiple locations)
Call 844-420-3964 for any kind of behavioral health issue and the phone will be answered by a live person 24/7 to direct you to services.
Call 432-570-3300 to find services in Midland.
Programs offered:
The Co-Occurring Psychiatric and Chemical Dependency (COPSD) program serves those diagnosed as having both a major mental illness and chemical dependency. Screening, integrated assessments, counseling, case coordination, and linkages with other providers are provided, as well as face-to-face contacts to ensure the client remains drug-free and psychiatrically stable so as to not require hospitalization or residential care.
Fresh Start: Provides outpatient substance abuse treatment services for adults
She's for sure: Provides outpatient substance abuse treatment for adult women who have a history of chemical dependency or who are currently chemically dependent
Toprank Youth: Provides outpatient substance abuse treatment services for adolescents aged 13-17 years old
Turning Point: Provides residential substance abuse treatment services for adults

The Springboard Center: A Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery Center
Location: 200 Corporate Dr.
Insurance: All insurance and sliding scales for indigent care.
Services: They intake at three different levels: Detoxification straight to residential program (30 days), intake into the residential program, an 8-week outpatient program, free "aftercare" group therapy for life. They're also working on adding extended care and sober living programs.

Oceans Behavioral Hospital
Location: 3300 South Farm-to-Market Road 1788
Services: Provides 20 geriatric beds in a secured unit for ages 55 and above who require inpatient hospitalization for psychiatric illness. We also provide 28 adult beds in a secured unit for ages 18 and above who require inpatient hospitalization for psychiatric illness.

Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin: Behavioral Health and Psychiatry
Location: 301 N. N St.
Cost: All insurance, sliding scale for indigent care
Services: Group therapy, individual counseling, telepsychiatry
Midland Memorial Hospital has a 24-hour hotline: 68 NURSE

Brothers sentenced to life in prison for 2013 murder

Associated Press

FARMINGTON, N.M. — Two Farmington brothers face a life behind bars for the 2013 murder of Johnny "Benji" Vialpando Jr.

Alejandro Ramirez, 24, and Luis Ramirez, 30, were each given an effective life sentence by Judge John Dean on Friday, the Farmington Daily Times reported.

The murder charge guaranteed a life sentence with the possibility of parole after 30 years, but Dean gave both brothers and additional 69 years and six months in prison.

Alejandro Ramirez was convicted of murder for gunning down Vialpando while he sat with his family in a vehicle outside the Animas Valley Mall. Luis Ramirez was convicted of murder as an accessory for driving a getaway vehicle.

Vialpando's wife and three step-children were in the vehicle when he was shot nine times in the head and upper torso.

His wife had to wash her husband's blood off the kids after the murder, Benji's father Jonnie Vialpando told the judge during the sentencing hearing.

"Not only did they take Benji's life, they did it in front of his family," he said.

Alejandro Ramirez said during the sentencing that he had been reading the Bible and told others not to become a "victim of hate."

"Hate can be a dangerous thing for the person who holds it in their heart," he said, adding later, "I say this to anyone who is listening. It's a message I take with me wherever I go."

His brother Luis did not speak at the sentencing.

New type of paralysis, with unknown cause, striking children

By Anna Kuchment
The Dallas Morning News

MCKINNEY — From the cool shade of the dugout, Marcus Robinson watched his son Kingston come up to bat for the Horned Frogs.

Kingston, 4, aimed his bat at the T-ball and connected, powering a hit to midfield. The parents and siblings who filled the bleachers at Plano's Archgate Park cheered as Kingston, tall for his age and slim, trotted off to first base.

"I'm still amazed he's out here doing anything," Marcus, shaking his head and squinting against the midafternoon sun, told The Dallas Morning News.

One year ago, Kingston lost his ability to walk, stand and raise his right arm after coming down with a sore throat and fever.

He spent 20 days in the hospital fighting to regain his health. At one point, he told his parents he thought he'd never walk again and his father, too, began to lose hope.

Kingston, who is from McKinney, is one of more than 115 children in 34 states who became paralyzed last year after developing what seemed like an ordinary cold.

Experts at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are still unsure of what caused the illnesses, which peaked in September before falling off.

The cases coincided with the largest-ever outbreak of enterovirus D68, a virus that is related to polio but typically causes only flu-like symptoms. The agency is tracking cases like Kingston's and bracing for the possibility of a new spike in paralysis cases this summer and fall, when enterovirus D68 usually makes its rounds.

On June 27, 2014, Kingston's mother, Courtney, took him to the doctor for a fever and achy throat. His pediatrician diagnosed strep throat and bronchiolitis, an inflammation of the airways leading to the lungs, and put him on antibiotics.

A few days later, Kingston's fever came down, but he still felt unwell.

He seemed unsteady on his feet. After tripping and falling, he told Courtney, "Mommy, I don't have any energy."

On the night of July 1, Courtney and Marcus had their first inkling that something more serious was happening. Marcus was in Kingston's bedroom changing him into pajamas. When Marcus tried to pull off Kingston's shirt, he found that his son couldn't raise his right arm.

Marcus called Courtney into the room to have a look. They decided to take him to an aftercare clinic. Doctors there took X-rays. They said Kingston probably had a muscle tear, and they placed his right arm in a sling.

Concerned, Courtney took Kingston the next day to his regular doctor, where his symptoms grew worse.

He forgot the name of his favorite toy from the movie "Planes" — Ripslinger — and asked Courtney several times to repeat it.

Then, as Courtney and the doctor were talking, Kingston, who had been standing up and playing, lost his balance and fell.

"'Here, let me help you up,' his doctor said, walking over to him.

Once he was up, he fell again.

His doctor told Courtney to take Kingston to the emergency room at Children's Medical Center Plano. She called the hospital to let them know one of her patients was on his way.

Kingston's initial round of X-rays and blood tests came back negative, so the Plano team transferred him by ambulance to Children's Medical Center Dallas.

In Dallas, Kingston could still walk, though he was weak. Doctors told Courtney and Marcus that they were trying to rule out childhood stroke.

Courtney knew that something major was going on, but when doctors used the word "stroke," she felt stunned.

It would be 24 more hours before experts would have a better picture of what was happening to her son.

As early as 2013, doctors at Children's Medical Center Dallas had noticed some unusual symptoms in the patients they were seeing.

Dr. Benjamin Greenberg, a neurologist at Children's Health and at UT Southwestern Medical Center, is an expert on rare forms of paralysis. Patients with muscle weakness fly from across North America to see him.

He noticed that a small but growing group of patients were coming in with limbs that were floppy — not stiff as in many cases of paralysis — and MRI scans of their spines showed a distinct pattern.

Greenberg specializes in transverse myelitis, a type of spinal cord inflammation, and runs one of only two clinics in the country dedicated to the condition. Transverse myelitis is exceedingly rare, affecting between 1 and 8 people out of a million. Officially, it is an "orphan disease," one with so few patients that drumming up research funding and attracting scientists to the field is a challenge.

Transverse myelitis — myelitis means inflammation of the spinal cord — has traditionally been thought to damage only the cord's white matter, which insulates the nerves traveling down the spinal cord from the brain. Doctors believe it sets in when a person's immune system mistakenly attacks a patient's body, possibly in response to an infection.

But the newer group of patients Greenberg had started noticing had damage to a different part of their cord: the gray matter, which carries signals from the spinal cord to the muscles.

Physicians in other states were noticing a similar phenomenon. In February 2014, doctors in California reported that "a mysterious polio-like illness" had been found in five children. All had lost muscle function in an arm, leg or in multiple limbs. All had inflammation in the gray matter of their spinal cords, and many had recently had colds.

More concerning was that, unlike patients with transverse myelitis, few of these newer patients improved with treatment.

On July 3, 2014 — at 11:30 a.m., Courtney wrote in her iPhone — doctors performed an MRI scan on Kingston and took a sample of his spinal fluid.

By evening, they had the results: The gray matter in Kingston's spinal cord was inflamed, disrupting signals to his muscles.

To Courtney and Marcus, the diagnosis came as a relief after days of uncertainty. "I think we came away from it, like, 'OK, they know what it is. Let's go!'" said Marcus.

Following the protocol for transverse myelitis, the condition most closely related to Kingston's that physicians knew how to treat, doctors started Kingston on a five-day course of steroids to ease the inflammation. He would need physical therapy, too.

The next morning, Marcus and Courtney awoke in Kingston's hospital room. They had sent their 6-month-old daughter, Savannah, to live with Courtney's sister while they nursed Kingston through his illness. Courtney had taken a leave from work.

Marcus walked to Kingston's bed and helped him up, thinking they would start on some of the exercises the physical therapists gave him. But when Marcus let go of his son, Kingston crumpled to the ground. He could no longer walk or stand.

Marcus and Courtney looked at each other and tried not to panic.

The Robinsons struggled to keep their nerves in check through several days of steroid treatments and seemingly fruitless physical therapy sessions.

Kingston dreaded physical therapy. He grew increasingly frustrated as his limbs refused to do what he asked of them. He was afraid of falling and getting hurt.

Doctors resorted to a range of incentives to keep his spirits up: They gave him Incredible Hulk hands to wear while working out and brought Zippy, a hospital robot, to his room to distract him from the stress of trying to stand and walk.

By the fourth day, Kingston was no better.

Marcus, who had always considered himself the spiritual leader of the Robinson household, felt his faith faltering.

He turned to Courtney for support.

Sitting in the hospital hallway one day, Marcus asked her, "Do you think he'll get back to 100 percent?"

To Marcus' surprise, Courtney didn't hesitate.

"Yes," she said. She knew she was going to do everything in her power to help her son walk again.

After five days of steroids, Greenberg came to Kingston's hospital room late in the evening. The therapy had failed, but Greenberg remained optimistic about Kingston's prospects.

The group decided on a new course of treatment known as IVIG, or intravenous immunoglobulin. The treatment floods the patient with "good" antibodies from donors. The healthy antibodies are thought to block the action of "bad" antibodies, rogue agents of the immune system that attack a patient's own body.

Soon, Kingston turned a corner.

Courtney steered her son into the hospital's playroom aboard a red wagon, which served as Kingston's main mode of transportation. She held him up so he could practice standing, and he said, "Mommy, don't touch me. I can walk by myself."

He took four or five steps.

He continued to improve. After two weeks at Children's, Greenberg and his team transferred Kingston to Our Children's House at Baylor Dallas, where he did in-patient physical and occupational therapy for one week and then went home.

In September 2014, the CDC issued a bulletin warning physicians about a spike in limb weakness among children. While it's typical for a handful of patients per year to develop unexplained limb weakness, doctors were seeing far more cases than usual.

The CDC initially called the new disorder acute flaccid paralysis, then changed the name to acute flaccid myelitis (AFM) and asked doctors to report any new cases to the agency. By April, the CDC had counted 118 cases across the U.S.

In a statement to The Dallas Morning News, the CDC said that the cause of AFM remains unknown but that there is a strong correlation between AFM and the outbreak of enterovirus D68, which sickened more than 1,100 children in 49 states last year.

A study published in June in the journal Lancet Infectious Diseases found that 12 of 25 patients diagnosed with AFM in California and Colorado between January 2012 and November 2014 had D68 in their nasal passages.

Kingston wasn't tested, because he was diagnosed before the test for D68 became more widely available. Greenberg says there is a greater than 50 percent chance that Kingston, too, had D68, possibly in combination with strep throat.

In June, researchers at the University of Virginia School of Medicine identified a new virus that may have been responsible for some of the paralysis cases: enterovirus C105, which is even more closely related to polio than D68.

The Dallas Morning News via AP

Courtney Robinson chases after her son, Kingston Robinson, 4, during a game of soccer at their home in McKinney. Kingston Robinson has had a near miraculous recovery from Acute Flaccid Myelitis. Kingston, is one of more than 115 children in 34 states who became paralyzed last year after developing what seemed like an ordinary cold.

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Each set of letters below is arranged alphabetically, and the ? is in the correct alphabetical position. Figure out what letter the ? represents, and then rearrange the letters to spell a six-letter word. For example, in HH?RTY the ? could be an H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q or R. Here it represents an M, which can be combined with the other letters to spell RHYTHM.

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Yesterday's Answer: EARWAX, SOBFUL; HARASS, PACIFY; NAPALM, IODINE

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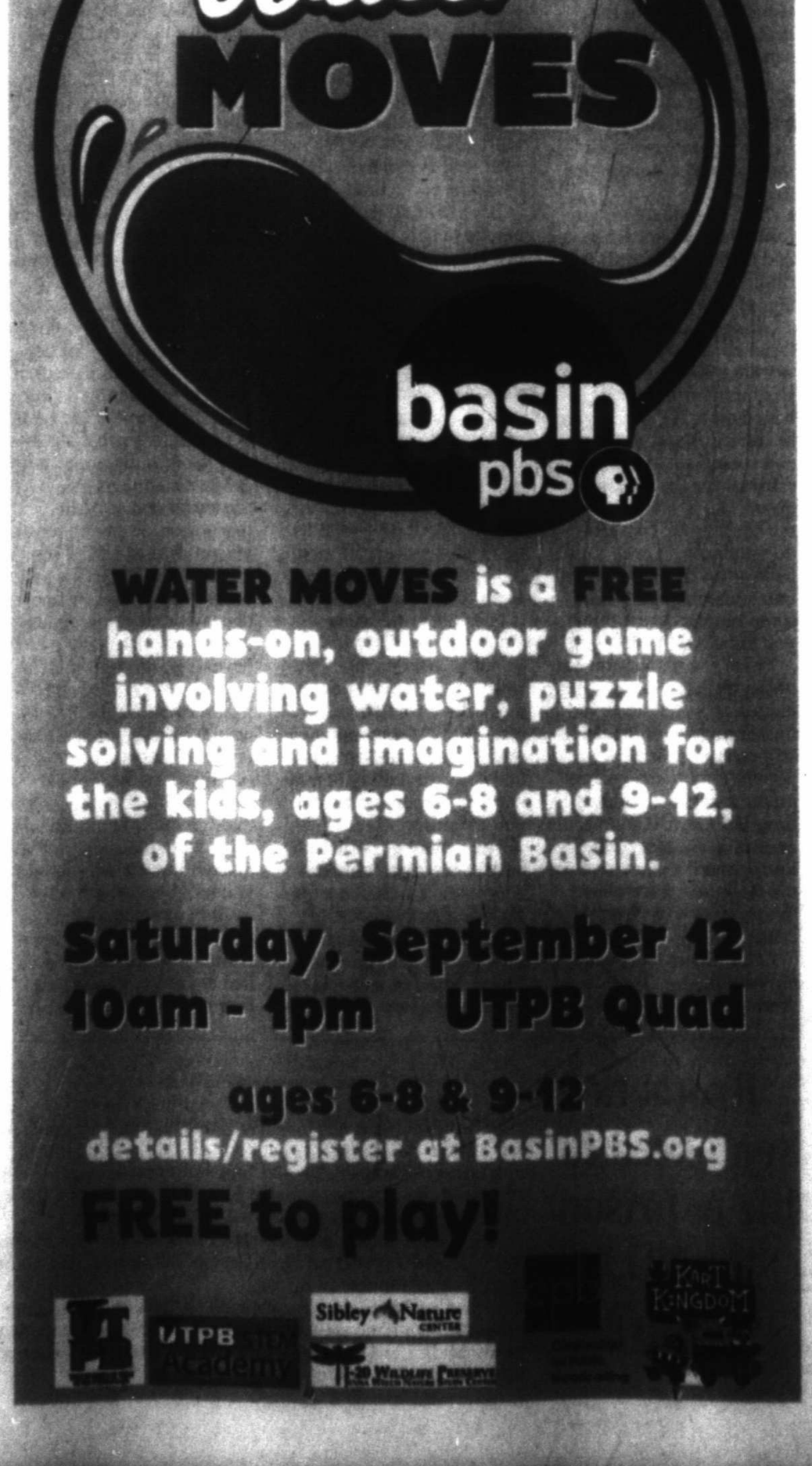

Nagasaki bombing survivor shares her story

By Joy Hampton
The Norman Transcript

OKLAHOMA CITY — Yoshiko Nakamura was 15 years old when the atomic bomb detonated over her hometown, at 11:02 a.m., on Aug. 9, 1945, in Nagasaki, Japan. It was the second and last use of a nuclear bomb in combat and the second detonation of a plutonium bomb. It was also the last act of World War II. The Japanese surrendered on Aug. 15, 1945.

Yoshiko was a high school student working at the train station parcel mail room, putting in a 24-hour day before then having the next day off. As in America during WWII, women were called into the Japanese work force to keep things running while the men were gone to war, The Norman Transcript reported.

That job saved her life. Had she not been at work that day, Yoshiko would not have survived. Fortunately, her parents, three sisters and two brothers were all spared from the blast that took thousands of lives. Estimates range from 40,000 to as many as 100,000 people dead as a result of the bombing.

War is a harsh reality for a teenage girl, but Yoshiko had become used to the B-59 bombers that habitually flew over the city, blowing up various buildings. Historical records indicate Nagasaki was never a primary target for a nuclear bomb. Cloud cover and a fateful series of events led to the Boeing B-29 Superfortress Bockscar dropping the atomic bomb with a plutonium core —codename Fat Man — over Nagasaki.

Yoshiko remembers a loud swish followed by very bright light like a flash of strong lightening causing her to dive under her desk for cover.

"I can tell right away, bomb," she said. "That's why I hide."

As the ceiling rained down around her, only the desk shielded the frightened 15-year-old from the blast. Minutes later, she emerged, miraculously uninjured. Her friend, another high school friend who worked with her at the train station, had bleeding cuts covering the left side of her head.

Stunned and fearful, Yoshiko walked outside where she encountered a young man of similar age. He had been working outside doing landscaping with his shirt off. His body was blackened and covered with burns.

She took his hands for a couple of minutes, asking if he was OK, but he did not speak. As the young man stood there immobile with shock, she realized she could do nothing to help him. It was an encounter she said she will never forget.

Yoshiko ran for the hills.

"I worried about my house and my family," she said. "When I looked down at the town, the whole town was on fire."

Her home had been destroyed. Afraid that another bomb would be dropped, she ran to another mountain, seeking out a cave where the townspeople hid during bombing raids.

"I don't have nothing, no drink, no eat. I just run and keep running," she said.

Meanwhile, Yoshiko's mother had realized their home was destroyed. Fearful her daughter was already home sleeping after a long shift at work, she had been searching for her daughter, checking the hospitals.

By the time Yoshiko reached the cave, many people had already gathered there, including her family. Her mother embraced her and the rest of the family cried with happiness.

"We stayed (in the cave) three days because nobody can go home because there is no house," she said.

Driven by hunger and desperation, Yoshiko and others ventured down the hill, scavenging for what they could save among the burned ruins of their city.

"Our family is lucky because nobody died," she said. "My life is so a miracle. Life is sacred."

In 1960, Yoshiko joined a Buddhist lay organization dedicated to world peace, the Soka Gakkai, which means value-creating society. Founder Tsunesabura Makiguchi had died during the war, a martyr to religious freedom who was imprisoned by the Japanese government for not renouncing his religious beliefs. His colleague and close friend, Josei Toda carried on his work as an educator and peace activist, serving as the second president of Soka Gakkai from 1951 to 1958.

By the time Yoshiko became involved with the Buddhist group, a young man, Daisaku Ikeda was carrying the message of hope for world peace. She knew when she met him, she had found her mission to carry the message of world peace.

Yoshiko married Howard Campbell in Yokohama in 1973 when he was stationed in Japan with the Air Force. Howard eventually retired with 20 years of service in the military and the couple ended up in Southeast Oklahoma City.

Yoshiko's chosen American name when she became an American citizen is Jill.

"Now I'm 85 years old," she said "Life is good. I never get sick. Most of the people in the bomb (area) lose hair, get sick. Most of the people got cancer."

Jill Yoshiko Nakamura Campbell has dedicated her life to speaking out against nuclear weapons.

"We have a mission," she said. "My husband died, but I'm still happy. Inside, I am happy. My life is so good."

Now 85, Jill Campbell, with the help of friend Kay McConathy, shared her story with Buddhists and guests on a recent Saturday at a community dialogue exploring topics of nuclear abolition, racism and climate change.

Today, Soka Gakki International is a worldwide organization committed to world peace through the inner transformation of individuals. SGI advocates for nuclear disarmament and the elimination of weapons of mass destruction as part of its mission to respect all living beings. Based on the 700-year-old tradition of Nichiren Buddhism, the movement is characterized by its emphasis on individual empowerment and social engagement to advance peace, culture and education.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Charles Bowden, 35, of Midland was charged Aug. 7 with abandonment/endangerment of a child.

Jesus A. Chavira, 22, of Midland was charged Aug. 7 with evading arrest and possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Chasiti L. Cutchall, 27, of Odessa was charged Aug. 7 with theft.

Shaylon M. Massey, 27, of Midland was charged Aug. 7 with theft less than $20,000.

Shambernyka L. Montgomery, 22, of Midland was charged Aug. 7 with possession of a controlled substance less than 4 grams.

Dusty L. Morgan, 24, of Midland was charged Aug. 7 with tampering with/fabricating physical evidence.

Kenneth M. Moseley, 48, of Dallas was charged Aug. 7 with forgery.

Christopher J. Gonzales, 30, of Midland was charged Aug. 8 with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and tampering with/fabricating evidence.

Winter A. Gonzalez, 26, of Midland was charged Aug. 8 with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Daniel W. Puckett Jr., 51, of Odessa was charged Aug. 8 with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Arturo Reyes-Velazquez, 48, of Midland was charged Aug. 8 with assault of a family/house member.

David J. Wilson, 25, of Midland was charged Aug. 8 with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Jose L. Jimenez, 36, of Midland was charged Aug. 9 with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Abraham Ramirez, 20, of Midland was charged Aug. 9 with tampering/fabricating physical evidence and possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Jonathan L. Beaty, 35, of Midland was charged Aug. 10 with evading arrest/detainment and tampering with/fabricating physical evidence.

Leslie C. Belcher, 37, of Midland was charged Aug. 10 with possession of a controlled substance less than 4 grams.

Heidi K. Brown, 32, of Midland was charged Aug. 10 with possession of a controlled substance less than 4 grams.

Renwic J. Hopkins, 28, of Midland was charged Aug. 10 with burglary.

Jerivan D. Mcdaniel, 36, of Midland was charged Aug. 10 with assault of a house/family member with previous conviction.

Rita Moreno, 34, of Midland was charged Aug. 10 with forgery of a financial instrument.

Nhan T. Nguyen, 29, of Midland was charged Aug. 10 with possession of a controlled substance less than 4 grams.

Gabriela Pando, 24, of Midland was charged Aug. 10 with driving while intoxicated with a child.

Charlie L. Rhodes, 28, of Trinity was charged Aug. 10 with manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance less than 4 grams.

Eugene M. Williams, 52, of Midland was charged Aug. 10 with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Correa J. Andrews, 38, of Midland was charged Aug. 11 with tampering with/fabricating physical evidence.

J.R. Sager, 42, of Midland was charged Aug. 11 with theft under $20,000 and possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Casey Vasallion, 32, of Midland was charged Aug. 11 with burglary and possession of dangerous drug.

Taylor L. Wright, 22, of Midland was charged Aug. 11 with assault resulting in bodily injury of a family/house member and violation of bond/protective order.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

REGION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

City may give old cell phones to shelter

ALBUQUERQUE — The Albuquerque City Council is considering a proposal that would donate old city cell phones to a domestic violence shelter.

KRQUE-TV reported reported that the resolution would give out-of-date or unusable portable devices to S.A.F.E. House New Mexico. The organization provides shelter and services to domestic violence survivors.

Councilor Brad Winter introduced the proposal and says there are several unused devices in city hall.

S.A.F.E. House executive director Michele Fuller said many people who come there don't have phones of their own, which are sometimes taken from them by an abuser.

The group provides cell phones as a basic safety measure.

Fuller said the organization can also recycle extra phones for cash and use that for program funding.

NEW MEXICO

4 teens indicted in fatal shooting last month

LAS CRUCES — Four Las Cruces teenagers have been indicted in a fatal shooting during a home invasion last month.

Prosecutors say a Dona Ana County grand jury indicted three 18-year-old boys and a 17-year-old boy in the case.

All four face multiple charges including first-degree felony murder in the death of 17-year-old Jaycob Alba.

Authorities say Alba and the suspects went to a mobile home park on July 31. The suspects allegedly shot into a vehicle and a home.

The home's occupant was asleep and suffered a gunshot wound to the foot.

Authorities say Alba was outside when he was shot in the head.

They say the four other teens fled the area but were later arrested by county sheriff's deputies.

Prosecutors said they intend to try the teenagers as adults.

NEW MEXICO

Health Dept. investigating case of plague in a Santa Fe dog

SANTA FE — The New Mexico Department of Health is investigating a confirmed case of plague in a dog in Santa Fe.

The dog most likely was exposed to plague by infected rodents and their fleas while walking with its owner along the Santa Fe River.

Plague is a bacterial disease of rodents and is generally transmitted to humans through the bites of infected fleas.

But it also can be transmitted by direct contact with infected animals including rodents, wildlife and pets.

GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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

July 27-31

Ricardo Alvarez Jr, 26, felony driving while intoxicated, two years TDCJ; evading arrest and detention in a motor vehicle, 10 months state jail.

Queston Nabi Barton, 38, assault family violence with previous conviction, three years TDCJ.

Reynato Correlez, 20, assault family violence, reduce to misdemeanor, 90 days county jail.

Colton Ray Corser, 18, aggravated assault, four years deferred, fine, court cost, restitution, 200 hours community service.

Martha Lozano Delagarza, 36, theft of property greater than $1,500 with previous conviction, eight months state jail.

Annette Huchton Dix, 55, forgery of a financial instrument, two years state jail.

Eduardo Juarez Galindo, 25, burglary of a building, community supervision extended one year, TAIP.

Duane Malik Haqq, 23, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, deferred adjudication four years, fine, 300 hours community service, anger management classes.

Jason Markus Holt, 27, burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault, five years TDCJ.

Joe Dale Horton, 29, theft of property more than $1,500 but less than $20,000, nine months state jail.

Agustin Jaime Jacquez-Arreola, 28, fraudulent use of/possession of identifying information, deferred adjudication five years, 30 days jail, fine, 250 hours community service.

Ian Kepple, 19, injury to a child, two years TDCJ; criminal mischief greater than $20,000 but less than $100,000, two years TDCJ; robbery, two years TDCJ.

Heath Lee Livingston, 32, prohibited substance or item in a correctional facility, two years TDCJ suspended for five years community supervision, fin, 200 hours community service, TAIP.

Jose Guadalupe Lopez Jr., aka Javier Casado, 21, forgery, six months state jail; failure to appear, two years TDCJ; escape from custody, two years TDCJ.

Yvonne Denice Marion, 32, abandoning or endangering a child, community supervision extended two years; abandoning or endangering a child, community supervision extended two years; abandoning or endangering a child, community supervision extended two years.

Xavier Ervey Marquez, 18, tampering with physical evidence, three years deferred, fine, court cost, 100 hours community service.

Ambrosio Maya Martinez, 40, theft of property greater than $20,000 but less thet $100,000, deferred adjudication five years, pay restitution, 200 hours community service.

Rashel Lynn Minor, 34, retaliation, extend supervision three years, 30 days jail, 150 hours community service, driver's license suspended 180 days, TAIP.

Billy George Nelson, 55, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, 15 months state jail; possession of a controlled substance, 15 months state jail.

Julian Patricio Partida, 21, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, three years deferred, fine, court cost, 150 hours community service.

Amy Lynn Baum Pate, 38, felony driving while intoxicated, 10 years TDCJ suspended for 10 years community supervision, pay fine, 250 hours community service, driver's license suspended for 720 days, interlock device, 90 days jail, treatment program.

Anthony Tyrell Perkins, 23, possession of a controlled substance, six months state jail; prohibited substance in a correctional facility, two years TDCJ.

Jose Anthony Rodarte III, 45, evading arrest with a motor vehicle, two years TDCJ.

Jose Rodriguez, 22, failure to appear, two years TDCJ; failure to appear, two years TDCJ.

Rodney Shane Rogers, 41, tampering with physical evidence, four years TDCJ; failure to appear, four years TDCJ; possession of a controlled substance, four years TDCJ.

Ramon Frankie Terrazas, 30, theft of property greater than $1,500 but less than $20,000, one year state jail; engaging in organized criminal activity, four years state jail.

Christy Lynn Terry, 37, aggravated robbery, continue supervision, 90 days jail, pay $1,200 delinquent fines, fees and court cost; two counts aggravated robbery, continue supervision, 90 days jail, "Scram" for first six months of modification, pay $1,200 delinquent fines, fees and court cost, two AA meetings a month for first four months; aggravated robbery, continue supervision, 90 days jail, "Scram" for first six months of modification, pay $1,200 delinquent fines, fees and court cost, two AA meetings a month for first four months; aggravated robbery, continue supervision, 90 days jail, "Scram" for first six months of modification, pay $1,200 delinquent fines, fees and court cost, two AA meetings a month for first four months.

Benjamin Campos Varela Jr., 29, possession of a controlled substance, 15 months state jail.

Christopher Scott Volz, 47, possession of a controlled substance, two years deferred adjudication, $750 fine, 160 hours community service.

Aug. 3-7

Fernando Jesse Alvarado Jr., 20, burglary of a habitation, three years TDCJ, pay restitution; burglary of a habitation, three years TDCJ.

Silas Mark Babcock, 34, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, 70 years TDCJ. 70 is cq

Andy L. Bautista, 28, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, six years TDCJ.

Charles Earl Bridges Jr., 24, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, two years state jail, driver's license suspended 180 days; failure to appear, six years TDCJ; possession of a controlled substance, two years state jail, driver's license suspended 180 days.

Theron George Carpenter, 36, unlawful carrying of a weapon, $1,000 fine.

Alex Hernandez Carrillo, 20, possession of a controlled substance, five years deferred adjudication, $1,000 fine, $180 restitution.

Colton Ray Corser, 18, aggravated assault, four years deferred adjudication, court cost, restitution, 200 hours community service.

Rene Eli Cruz, 27, possession of a controlled substance, deferred adjudication five years, pay restitution, 150 hours community service, driver's license suspended 180 days.

Brett Ross Cunningham, 21, possession of a controlled substance, four years TDCJ; evading arrest with a motor vehicle, four years TDCJ.

Bobbie Jo Diaz, 34, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, 10 months state jail.

Michael Angelo Gutierrez, 47, possession of a controlled substance, seven months state jail.

Leahun Dewayne Lenard, 26, possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone, two years TDCJ, pay restitution, driver's license suspended 180 days.

Oscar Arin Montoya, 23, possession of marijuana in a drug-free zone, four years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, 150 hours community service.

Edward Anthony Martinez, 27, continuous family assault violence, three years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, Project Adam, 150 hours community service.

Robert Winzel McAfee Jr., 21, possession of a controlled substance, seven months state jail.

Antonio Munoz, 41, theft of property more than $50 but less than $500, 120 days county jail.

Tony Lujan Munoz, 52, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, one year state jail; unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, one year state jail; forgery of a financial instrument, one year state jail; forgery of a financial instrument, one year state jail.

Denzel I. Okafor, 23, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, deferred adjudication six years, 45 days jail, fine, pay restitution, 300 hours community service, driver's license suspended 365 days, TAIP.

Angel Ortiz, 33, tampering with physical evidence, two years TDCJ probeted four years community supervision, fine, 200 hours community service.

Paul Manuel Olguin, 34, assault family violence with a previous conviction, 10 years TDCJ suspended three years probation, fine, court cost, Project Adam, 150 hours community service.

Manuel Alaniz Oropeza, 34, failure to comply with sex offender registration, three years TDCJ.

Victor Alexander Patton, 19, forgery, two years deferred adjudication, court cost, 100 hours community service.

Jesus Rodriguez Ramos Jr., 24, burglary of a habitation, three years TDCJ.

Edgar Reys, 23, driving while intoxicated with a child under 15, two years state jail probeted three years community supervision, 30 days jail, pay restitution, 120 hours community service, driver's license suspended 365 days, fine, TAIP, interlock device, DWI classes.

Javier Reyes Jr., 30, six counts forgery by passing, 12 months state jail.

Addison Hayden Reynolds, 19, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, extend probation three years, 45 days county jail, TAIP; failure to appear, extend probation three years, 45 days county jail, TAIP.

Rochell Ilette Richardson, 28, possession of a controlled substance, three years TDCJ; tampering with government records, three years TDCJ.

Randy Rodriguez Jr., 27, failure to appear, 10 years TDCJ probated three years community supervision, 150 hours community supervision.

Samuel Sanchez Rodriguez, 27, tampering with physical evidence, two years TDCJ.

Schuylar Romero, 25, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, extend probation three years, SAFTF.

Marcus Anthony Rubio, 27, evading arrest with a vehicle, two years state jail; retaliation, three years TDCJ.

Jordan Keyshawn Sansom, 19, burglary of a habitation, six years TDCJ suspended six years probation, fine, court cost, anger management, 100 hours community service.

Jonathan Saucedo, 23, indecency with a child sexual contact, deferred adjudication 10 years, fine, 500 hours community service, special driver's license for sex offense.

Michael Andrew Sawyer, 25, burglary of a habitation with intent to commit aggravated assault, five years TDCJ.

Juravian Dewarren Shaw, 30, aggravated robbery, extend community supervision two years, SAFTF.

Melvin Dewayne Stevenson, 41, tampering with physical evidence, 10 years TDCJ; assault on a public servant, 10 years TDCJ.

Terrance Earl Stewart, 24, assault on a public servant, continue supervision, 75 days jail, SAFTF; arson, continue supervision, 75 days jail, SAFTF.

Christopher Adrian Taing, 21, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, deferred adjudication five years, fine, 250 hours community service, ISP.

Gary Dwayne Tilley, 44, possession of a controlled substance, 180 days state jail, driver's license suspended 180 days.

Frank James Tryon Jr., 52, sexual assault, three years TDCJ.

Barry Bruce Turnbull, 53, terroristic threat, 15 days county jail.

Terry Turner Jr., 48, prohibited substance or item in a correctional facility, deferred adjudication, four years community supervision, pay fine, 120 hours community service, 90 AA meetings in 90 days. cq

Stacey Ann Valadez, 34, theft of property more than $20,000 but less than $100,000, three years TDCJ; failure to appear, three years TDCJ; hindering apprehension or prosecution, three years TDCJ.

Edmundo Lopez Villarreal, 50, driving while intoxicated, two years TDCJ.

Annie Rezell Worsham, 31, theft of property greater than $1,500 but less than $20,000, extend supervision one year, 15 days jail.

Christy Lachelle Yarbrough, 41, failure to appear, two years TDCJ; possession of a controlled substance - cocaine, 12 months state jail.

Antonio Zapata Jr., 30, two counts criminally negligent homicide, deferred adjudication, three years community supervision, 240 hours community service.

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

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SAN ANTONIO

4th case of chronic wasting disease confirmed

A fourth case of chronic wasting disease has been confirmed in deer in South Texas.

The latest infected deer was raised in Medina County at the same ranch as the other three animals, prompting an increase in testing of both captive-bred and hunter-harvested deer statewide.

New rules that take effect Aug. 24 establish conditions that must be met before breeders, most of whom have been banned from shipping deer since July, can sell or transport deer in advance of hunting season. The season starts in October.

CWD affects the brains and nervous systems of animals and isn't considered a threat to human health or livestock.

Texas is limiting release of captive-raised deer to properties enclosed by high fencing to protect against spreading the disease, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

"We're the only state that allows people to liberate breeder deer," Clayton Wolf, director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's wildlife division, said at a meeting in Hondo earlier this week. "This year, we're not going to allow any low-fenced liberation."

The disease is believed to be spread through saliva, blood, urine, carcasses and infected plants and soil.

An estimated 30,000 wild deer have been tested since 2003, but the only positive CWD results were from seven mule deer in far West Texas diagnosed since 2012, Wolf said.

Texas will require deer testing at sites where animals from breeder herds are released. Voluntary testing will be available for hunter-harvested deer at state checkpoints and drop-off sites.

DALLAS

Motorcyclist dies in fall from elevated section of I-45

Dallas police said a motorcyclist had been killed when he fell from atop an elevated section of Interstate 45 while trying to avoid an accident.

Senior Cpl. Demarquis Black said the rider was dead at the scene Saturday morning near downtown Dallas.

Police said the rider was trying to avoid an accident when he lost control of his motorcycle and fell off I-45 onto traffic below on Live Oak Street.

Police did not immediately say how far the victim fell or details on why he apparently swerved his bike. His name wasn't immediately released.

Further details weren't immediately available.

VAN

Students in tornado-damaged town getting free school supplies

Students in a tornado-damaged East Texas town are preparing to return to school with donated books and portable classrooms.

Some businesses are coming to the education rescue of children in Van, about 70 miles southeast of Dallas.

Two people were killed and more than 40 hurt when a tornado slammed the Van Zandt County town on May 10. The twister heavily damaged Van's elementary and intermediate schools, along with an administrative building.

Backpacks with school supplies are being donated by the Kids In Need Foundation. The items will be presented during a back-to-school celebration Thursday night. Classes resume Aug. 24 in the Van Independent School District.

A Tyler publishing company, Mentoring Minds, last week donated more than 1,000 reading and math books to the Van ISD.

BOERNE

Officer fatally shoots armed man during disturbance

A Central Texas police officer has fatally shot an armed man during a disturbance call at an apartment complex.

Police in Boerne said the shooting happened Friday night. The officer has been placed on administrative leave.

Boerne police said two officers responded to two 911 disturbance calls at the complex. A person who summoned police said one of the suspects had a gun.

Police said the arriving officers confronted several subjects. Authorities said one man ignored a police order to turn around, and when he did he pointed a weapon toward an officer and refused commands to drop the gun.

The officer opened fire. The suspect died at the scene.

Names of the officer and the suspect weren't immediately released.

Boerne is 25 miles northwest of San Antonio.

GEORGETOWN

Central Texas district attorney serving 10 days for contempt

A Central Texas prosecutor has begun serving 10 days in jail for contempt of court for violating a gag order in a 2009 murder case.

Williamson County jail records show District Attorney Jana Duty was being held Saturday. An attorney for Duty originally said the jail sentence and $500 fine would be appealed, but the prosecutor surrendered Friday at the jail in Georgetown.

A judge on Aug. 6 cited Duty for violating a gag order in the case of Crispin Harmel. He's accused of strangling Jessica Kalaher.

The gag order blocked lawyers involved with the case from speaking with the media. Duty has said she contacted a reporter to deny allegations that she withheld evidence.

Duty, who was booked then freed on bond, gets credit for time served.

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Funeral held for 19-year-old killed by Texas police officer

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — More than 1,000 people on Saturday attended the funeral of a college football player who was shot and killed by a North Texas police officer answering a burglary call at a car dealership.

The service for Christian Taylor at Koinonia Christian Church in Arlington was attended by his family members, friends and teammates.

The black 19-year-old attended Angelo State University in San Angelo in West Texas, where he was to start his sophomore year on the team. The crowd gave Taylor's teammates a standing ovation during the funeral.

Arlington Mayor Jeff Williams and Police Chief William Johnson also were at the service.

A neighbor of Taylor's family who was at the funeral, Billy Gipson, called Taylor "a modest kid who had a promising future." He said the young man was outgoing, loving and family-oriented.

"The person you see on TV isn't the individual I knew," Gipson said, referring to video footage that showed Taylor behaving erratically as he wandered around the dealership in Arlington.

Taylor was unarmed when shot Aug. 7 by an Arlington police officer responding to an after-hours burglary call. Security footage of the dealership lot shows Taylor busting out a car windshield, then driving his vehicle into the showroom. He was shot while inside the business.

The officer was fired Tuesday.

Family and friends said Taylor had started going to church and sharing his faith through text messages shortly before his death.

The Rev. Ronnie Goines, senior pastor at Koinonia Christian Church, said in the last two months of his life "the only thing Taylor talked about was helping young people meet Jesus."

Goines asked those attending the service to pray for the family but also for police officers and firefighters who "are willing to lay down their lives" for others.

22 adults removed from alleged illegal Texas group home

Associated Press

AUSTIN — More than 20 adults have been removed from a 1,400 square-foot-house in Austin where investigators say an illegal group home was operating without air conditioning.

Emergency medical personnel say several of the 22 adults were transported to a hospital Friday afternoon, to be checked, as temperatures reached near triple-digits.

Investigators believe the operator a few days ago moved the people from a similar home in Belton, about 60 miles north of Austin, which also was shut down by regulators amid poor living conditions.

Texas Department of Aging and Disabilities Services spokeswoman Cecilia Cavuto says the home is believed to be operated by a woman barred through a temporary restraining order by the attorney general from running assisted living facilities in Texas.

Cavuto said her agency and others were working to find new housing.

Names of the residents weren't released.

Cavuto said it's not uncommon for the agency to get tips about a possible unlicensed group home. Often, investigators find the claim to be untrue. No licensing is required if a home doesn't provide assistance with dressing, bathing, feeding, and providing medications.

Cavuto said the Austin home was providing those services.

Austin Police Department said they took into custody the person who was interfering with the investigation at the scene.

Last week, the agency got a tip about a home allegedly operating illegally in Belton and it was closed.

Sometime this week, Cavuto said, the people from the Belton home were brought to the home in Austin.

No one has been charged in the incident so far. Cavuto said monetary penalties and criminal prosecution are possible when someone is found to be operating an unlicensed group home.

Dallas-area taxpayers paid more than $825K in Ebola costs

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dallas-area taxpayers paid more than $825,000 in costs related to last fall's Ebola outbreak that left a foreign visitor dead and two hospital nurses infected, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Most of the costs, approximately $623,000, were paid by Dallas County, according to The Dallas Morning News. The figures came from documents obtained by the newspaper under the state's open records laws.

The city of Dallas paid more than $160,000 in direct costs, including the expense of hazardous response teams and supplies. The rest includes some school districts paying for hazardous materials responses and cleanup.

Thomas Eric Duncan, visiting Dallas from Liberia, died at Texas Health Presbyterian Dallas on Oct. 8. Two nurses caring for Duncan, Nina Pham and Amber Vinson, contracted Ebola but survived.

"It was very fast-paced," said Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins, who with Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings led the response to the Ebola crisis. "It was less expensive than it could have been as far as the dollars spent."

Rawlings acknowledged "moments of expense and drama" but said the bottom line was better than expected.

"Anxiety does not equal expense," Rawlings said. "There was plenty of anxiety but that does not cost us money. ... In the big scheme of things, this did not cost taxpayers from a city budget standpoint all that much."

The biggest single local cost was $257,000 incurred by Dallas County for decontamination of areas visited by Duncan, who prior to being hospitalized had stayed in an apartment complex, the newspaper reported. The state reimbursed the county for most of those costs.

The city's expenses included care and monitoring of Pham's pet dog, Bentley, a Cavalier King Charles spaniel that also contracted Ebola, but survived.

City costs associated with the canine's care, more than $27,000, were later largely covered by private donations, Rawlings said.

"That was not a controversy in my book," Rawlings said. "I knew one thing — we had to keep that dog alive. There was no debate about that. ... That was the best money we spent."

Private submarine used in proposed Gulf sanctuary expansion

Associated Press

GALVESTON — The crew of a private submarine has gathered data at Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary as government officials consider expanding the site off the Texas coast.

The effort targeted deep pockets in the Gulf of Mexico, the Galveston County Daily News reported Saturday.

Stockton Rush, a co-founder of Seattle-based exploration company OceanGate, says the sub plunged 1,500 feet and the five-member crew took videos in the proposed sanctuary expansion area. University researchers and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department officials joined the group on its various dives, Rush said.

"We saw worms, crabs and several different invertebrates," he said. "It's such an unusual experience to be in a different world."

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration earlier this year asked for public input about proposed expansion of the Flower Garden, which protects three separate areas with coral reefs about 115 miles off the coast.

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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 last week:

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TOTAL		$25,608.09

We met recently with a 43-year-old woman who we will name Doris. She and her 13-year-old son live with her mother, who is 65 years old and confined to a wheelchair. Both the older woman and Doris receive Social Security, the mother because she can no longer walk, and Doris because of some brain damage that was the result of a stroke she suffered a few years back. She still has trouble thinking clearly at times and she seems almost to be mentally slow. Together, the two women receive $750 each month.

Doris shopped carefully for her son's "back-to-school" needs. She is always careful with her money because after she pays the $450 rent each month the remaining $300 goes to cover food, utilities and incidentals for the entire month. In July, she received a letter from her landlord. He told her that, regretfully, with rising costs of property taxes and maintenance and upkeep on his rental properties it was necessary that he increase the rent beginning August 1. The rent would increase from $450 to $650. With what she had spent on her son's school needs, there was no way that she could absorb the $200 increase in rent. The extra money needed for the increase had already been spent.

Knowing that she could not pay the $650 in August, she kept the $450 she would have spent on the rent and kept it for September. She explained the dilemma to her landlord and asked if he would be patient with her while she tried to find a way to pay for August. He agreed, and said he would not charge late fees provided that she get the payment handled in a timely manner.

She called our helpline and we met with her a few days ago. We were very impressed with her positive attitude. While many people would have been angry at the landlord, she smiled and told us what a wonderful man he was – how he had given them such a good deal on their house, which she knew was unheard of in Midland. She fully understood the need to increase the rent and she was grateful for having had such a low payment for as long as she did. While the increase would leave the family with only $100 to spend each month, she felt confident that she could come up with a way to make it work. Doris felt assured that God would be there to help her and her family.

We counseled her on getting assistance with food. With the 13-year-old in the house and their extremely limited income, there should be no problem with qualifying for SNAP (food stamp) assistance. We asked her to bring in her electric bill when she receives it. We will look over her rate plan and see if we can get her on a program to help ease the expense. And of course, we did pay her August and also her September rent to give her some leeway in adjusting to her new financial situation and we gave her a ride home so she would not have to take the bus. We will keep an eye on Doris and her family from time t time, to be sure that they are able to make it. But knowing her, we think she will be okay.

What is so striking about Doris; what impressed us so much, was her ability to handle adversity with such grace. Rather than dwelling on the negative, she sees only the positive. She is confronting her future with much patience and faith. What a lesson in positive living she is for us! We pray for Doris and her family, for her landlord who has done so much to help the family have affordable living (and we know it is at his own expense), and we thank all of you who allow us to help people such as Doris by your support of Helping Hands. God bless you!

REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

OKLAHOMA

Woman shot in Oklahoma, husband arrested in Kansas

FREEDOM — Oklahoma authorities said a man wanted in the shooting and wounding of his wife in northwest Oklahoma has been arrested following a standoff with police in central Kansas.

The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation said Saturday that 39-year-old Chris Solida was arrested in Great Bend, Kansas, after the standoff in which he sat with his two young children inside a vehicle in a motel parking lot. The OSBI says the children are in state custody in Kansas. No injuries are reported.

The OSBI said Solida is wanted for questioning in the Friday shooting of 33-year-old Brandy Solida at the couple's home near Freedom in Woodward County., The agency said Brandy Solida is hospitalized in good condition with a gunshot wound to the head.

Great Bend is about 140 miles north of Freedom.

OKLAHOMA

Cyril man pleads guilty to manslaughter in drug death

LAWTON — A Cyril man has pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the death of an Elgin man who was injected with methamphetamine while he was unconscious.

Court records show 52-year-old Michael Ball pleaded guilty Friday in Comanche County District Court to both the manslaughter charge and to possession of a controlled dangerous drug. He was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Ball was charged in connection with the August 2014 death of Chester Curtis Morris III. Investigators say Morris was unconscious after being injected with heroine when he was later injected with meth.

The man suspected of injecting the methamphetamine into Morris remains jailed pending trial on charges of manslaughter and distribution of a controlled dangerous substance.

LOUISIANA

Man charged for allegedly shooting at St. James deputies

CONVENT — A St. James Parish grand jury has indicted a 46-year-old man on an attempted murder charge for allegedly shooting at two uniformed deputies in Convent in late May.

The Advocate reported that St. James Parish deputies had responded to a call about a man walking in the road brandishing a firearm when the gunfire occurred.

The District Attorney's Office said in a news release that the grand jury on Tuesday indicted Ron C. Youngblood, whose home town was unavailable, on two counts of attempted first-degree murder and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

LOUISIANA

Driver killed after crossing into ambulance path

LIVONIA — State police said a 61-year-old man has died in a head-on collision with an ambulance on Louisiana Highway 411 in Pointe Coupee Parish.

Investigators said Brett Bergeron, of Lottie, was traveling southbound about 7 p.m. Friday when his pickup truck, for unknown reasons, crossed the center line. It struck a northbound Acadian Ambulance.

Bergeron was fatally injured. A state police news release said the Pointe Coupee Parish Coroner's Office pronounced him dead at the scene.

The ambulance driver and a passenger had minor injuries.

Oklahoma man visits Nepal, climbs Everest

By Sidney Van Wyk
Tahlequah Daily Press

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. — Chris Espinosa landed in Katmandu in late November with the goal of making it to the south base camp on Mount Everest.

He first started traveling internationally 10 years ago.

"It makes everything make a little more sense," Espinosa said. "You see the world happening, not just our little daily economies or priorities."

During his travels, he asked others where to go, and the most common response was Nepal and Myanmar, the Tahlequah Daily Press reported. So he went to Nepal to climb the tallest mountain in the world.

"It's more difficult to renew your tag than it is as an American to travel most places," Espinosa said. "There are 194 recognized countries, and you can go to 190 of them without blinking an eye with an American Blue and Gold passport."

He headed to Everest upon arriving with a German doctor he met in Katmandu. That man had taken the trek alone in a little over a week.

"I took my time, but it was amazing," said Espinosa. "They call it the third pole."

The height of the mountain facilitates multiple glaciers. One of Espinosa's goals was to see a glacier, which he did when visiting Everest Acumbua Ice Fall.

"That was a bucket list thing," said Espinosa.

Climbing Everest was no easy feat.

"When you go to the mountains, you visit more than one mountain range. When you go through, you've got to acclimate," said Espinosa.

That means taking shorter treks to help the body adjust to the altitude and the temperature of each section of the climb.

"You want to quit sometimes because when you are hiking through the lower mountains, it's like desert, really, so it's hot — really hot," said Espinosa.

From there, the weather changes again to a green mountain range.

During different treks, Espinosa also went through tropical and temperate climates.

"I went through a jasmine forest at one point," said Espinosa. "There were rhododendron trees the size of a redwood forest; I never knew such a thing existed. You can imagine walking through the rain in a jasmine forest with rhododendron trees. You travel because you want to go to that big old mountain over there, but then, all these other things happen."

Afterward, trekkers hit the snow. Nights are cold and the terrain is steep — much more so than other mountain ranges.

"Even a layperson can tell the difference," said Espinosa. "You can clearly tell a Himalayan peak."

Time before and after each trek must be considered.

"Each trip takes at least two or three weeks. Then it takes three or four days to plan, and make sure you have trail food, and the right socks, clothing layers, park permits and all this stuff and that takes several days. And when you get back you're kind of a wreck," Espinosa said.

On the trip, he met a Finnish producer, and together they produced an album in Kathmandu. As they made their way down Everest, they stopped at a checkpoint for food, and saw a single guitar.

Together they played the instrument, four hands working together to make a combination of melodies.

Espinosa knew they had a special musical chemistry and suggested they try to record something once they were back down the slopes.

"I really just Googled it," said Espinosa, describing how they found the recording studio.

The quality of the equipment amazed the producer. Over the next few weeks, they put together an album more cheaply than they could have in Europe or the U.S.

After his time in Kathmandu, Espinosa decided to climb other mountains in Nepal.

The second trip was to Annapurna. Espinosa climbed to the peak of Kala Patthar, the tallest peak he has ever reached, at 18,518 feet high. He accompanied a group to the top of the mountain in the dark, and watched the sun rise over Everest. He was about to give up when he met the other hikers, and he later encouraged them to push to the top.

His third trip was to Janakpur for the Holi festival.

"I like the food, the people, the religions, the rituals. The reasons people get up in the morning are often so similar, yet completely backward to what we are use to," said Espinosa.

His final trip was to Langtang.

"Langtang village was wiped out in the earthquake, which was the last place I visited," said Espinosa. "Nobody survived, just five weeks later."

Several dozen people also died at the Everest south face base camp.

Espinosa had a chance to go back up the mountain in Langtang and lead another group of trekkers, but something didn't feel right.

He also felt he should go see his grandfather in Hawaii, so he returned to Katmandu and left Nepal.

He left behind a separate life, with fellow travelers who became close friends, and locals he ate with, lived with and even celebrated holidays with during his time in Nepal.

"I had friends, I had my own restaurant spot," said Espinosa. "You get to know people."

The official count of those who died in the earthquake is 8,000. Espinosa believes that number is impossibly low, with countless undocumented Tibetan refugees living in the Nepalese borderlands.

Espinosa would not put it past the government to lie about death toll.

People asked him if it was surreal — that the earthquake happened so soon after he left Nepal.

"There was nothing surreal about it; I was like, 'Oh my god, I hope my friends are alive,'" said Espinosa. "For the record, it's only surreal from your perspective; it's all too real."

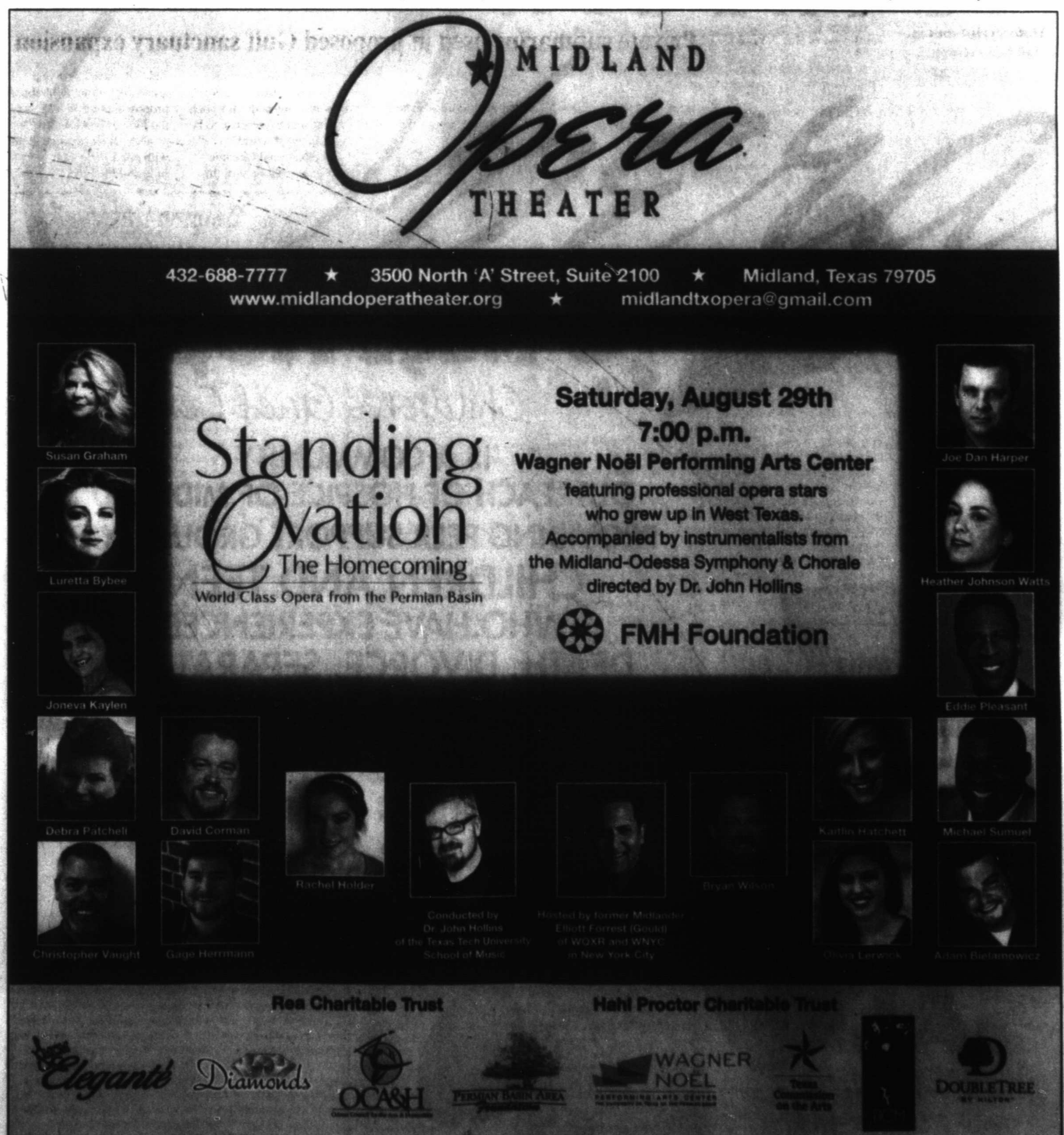
He went to Facebook for the Nepal earthquake survivors to check in as safe. His close friends checked in as safe, and Espinosa began to work through what happened.

Espinosa would still like to return to Nepal.

"There are times I wake up in the morning and think, 'Could that have really happened?'" he said.

He also said traveling internationally is not for everyone, but those who enjoy it can experience a new place and culture.

"Don't fear traveling if you think staying home is safer, because that's absolutely false," said Espinosa.



The Deming Headlight/AP

Ready for the journey from Deming to San Lorenzo are, from left, Rogelio Baeza, Victor "Li'l Big BoBo" Montano, Victor "Chapo" Montano, Charles Ruble and Ruben Montano, Aug. 5.

Chapo's final walk: 79-year-old begins final 58-mile journey

By Bill Armendariz
Deming Headlight

DEMING, N.M. — It's a three-day journey of hope.

Victor "Chapo" Montano and his followers are prepared for an annual walk from Deming to San Lorenzo — some 58 miles over Chihuahuan Desert, lush valleys and jagged rocks.

"I do it for my Jenita (wife)," Montano said in a gravelly voice.

It has become a pilgrimage for Montano over the past 33 years. Members of his family and those seeking a closer connection in faith have taken the journey. They pray for hope along the way and arrive in the Mimbres village of San Lorenzo on Sunday just in time for Mass and to participate in the Fiesta de San Lorenzo.

"I have kept this promise for 33 years, and now its time to let somebody else carry the promise," said Montano. At 79, he set off at 5 a.m. last Thursday morning on his journey with two sons and two friends.

In 1983, Montano's wife Marci was diagnosed with cancer. He was told a risky operation would give Marci a second chance at life, but the procedure had a 20 percent success rate.

"I took the elevator in the Las Cruces hospital, but I pressed the wrong button and wound up on the top floor," Montano recalled on that day in 1983. "I came to a big picture window and stared out at a clear blue sky.

"This small cloud appeared to the northwest and it caught my eyes. The more I looked into this cloud, the more I could see a shape ... A shape of a saint. ... Maybe the Virgen de Guadalupe, or Santa Nino de Atoche ... No ... It was San Lorenzo."

Chapo said he prayed looking out that window and asked for his wife's health, with a promise that he would visit San Lorenzo every year and honor the guardian saint of Holy Catholic treasures. San Lorenzo was a third-century, Spanish-born deacon who was put to death for his Christian faith in Rome. "It's been 33 years, and Marci is cancer free," Chapo said with tears welling up in his eyes.

Armed with walking sticks, sleeping bags and water, his four followers accompanied Chapo on what will be his last pilgrimage to San Lorenzo.

One stop along the way will be a camp site on the late Gene Simon's Rio de Oro Ranch. It's in Faywood, N.M., between Deming and San Lorenzo. "We stop there, make camp, eat and sleep," Chapo said. "We thank Libby (Gene Simon's wife) for letting us stay there. She has been so good to us and we pray for her."

Chapo said he will pray for the sick and for friends in despair. "We pray for all so that light may be shed for those living in darkness," he said.

Making this year's walk are: sons, Victor "Li'l Big BoBo" and Ruben Montano, Rogelio Baeza and Charles Ruble. Ruben is making his 27th trip and BoBo is making his first after a long incarceration.

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McFadden finally joining race to replace Murray

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif. — Darren McFadden is ready to give Joseph Randle a run for the job of replacing NFL rushing champion DeMarco Murray in Dallas.

And the top five pick by Oakland in 2008 is looking to put seven mostly disappointing and injury-plagued seasons with the Raiders behind him. And he's facing plenty of skeptics after missing the first two weeks of his first training camp with the Cowboys because of a hamstring issue.

"Everybody's entitled to their own opinion," the 27-year-old running back said Saturday after taking handoffs in practice for the first time. "So that's something I'm not going to dwell on or worry about. I'm just going to go out there and play ball and show everybody Darren McFadden."

He hasn't shown the Cowboys much since signing in March, days after Murray picked NFC East rival Philadelphia in free agency.

McFadden had always had a natural tie to Cowboys owner Jerry Jones with Arkansas, their mutual alma mater. Jones couldn't resist the suggestion that McFadden might finally fulfill his promise running behind one of the NFL's best offensive lines, with three first-round picks from the past five drafts.

But the Cowboys tempered that talk after McFadden sat out most of the offseason with a hamstring issue, then reported to camp with another hamstring problem. After two weeks of conditioning work on the side, he finally took some handoffs in the morning walkthrough Saturday.

"I'm the type of guy I want to be out there hustling with my teammates and putting in the work with them," McFadden said. "So it's very hard for me. But I'm out there now. So I'm just looking forward to being out there and hustling with them."

Lance Dunbar also returned to practice Saturday after missing a week with a sprained right ankle. And Randle, who has been the clear leader to replace Murray almost by default, was slowed slightly before the preseason opener at San Diego with a strained muscle in his side.

Because of his injury, Randle

Please see MCFADDEN/2C

Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys running back Darren McFadden talks with a teammate as he takes the field during Dallas Cowboys' NFL training camp Thursday in Oxnard, Calif. McFadden, who has been plagued with a hamstring issue over the past couple of weeks, took handoffs during Saturday's morning walkthrough practice.

OH WHAT A DAY

Associated Press

Jason Day of Australia makes his way to the 16th green during the third round of the PGA Championship golf tournament Saturday at Whistling Straits in Sheboygan, Wis. Day heads into today's final round in the lead.

Aussie star in the lead, but Spieth on his heels

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. — With six straight 3s on his card, Jason Day looked determined as ever Saturday to finally get that first major. He had a 6-under 66 and built a two-shot lead in the PGA Championship, the third straight major he has at least a share of the lead going into the final round.

One look at the leaderboard at the name right behind him — Jordan Spieth — made it clear it won't be easy.

Spieth was five shots behind and had two holes to play when he capped off a stunning charge along the back nine at Whistling Straits with six birdies over his last eight holes, including three in a row at the end that gave him a 7-under 65 to get into the final group.

"Very pleased to have a chance to win another major," Spieth said.

He is trying to join Tiger Woods (2000) and Ben Hogan (1953) as the only players to win three majors in one year, and Spieth hopes to rely on his experience of having already won the Masters and U.S. Open this year.

Day showed plenty of moxie, though. After making a double bogey that cut his lead to one shot, and then failing to birdie the par-5 16th, he poured in a 25-foot birdie putt and pumped both arms to show how much it meant.

"One more day left," Day said before heading off to the practice range before the sun set on this wild day along Lake Michigan. "I got to keep pushing forward, keep grinding, keep doing the best I can out there and see how it goes tomorrow."

Saturday featured abundant sunshine and endless action, starting in the dead calm of the morning when Matt Jones finished the storm-delayed second round with two birdies for a two-shot lead. In the hunt at a major for the first time, Jones kept his cool even when his drive landed in a hospitality tent left of the ninth fairway and he chose to play off the blue carpet, over the white fence and just off the green.

But he imploded at the end, dropping four shots over the last four holes for a 73.

Day looked like he was headed that direction. One moment it looked as though the 27-year-old Australian was pulling away. The next minute he was pulling himself together.

He played a six-hole stretch around the turn in 6 under, which included a 15-foot eagle at No. 11 for his first lead of the round. When he stuffed another approach close on the 14th hole for birdie, he was 16 under.

One swing changed everything.

He tugged a 5-iron into a bunker left of the 15th green and was surprised by the amount of sand. The first shot didn't make it up the slope and rolled back into the sand, and Day wound up with a double bogey right about the time Spieth shifted into another gear.

Spieth was trying to stay close enough to have a chance today. The volunteers were slow to post Day's double bogey on the large leaderboard on the 18th green, which Spieth couldn't help but notice as he lined up his 7-foot putt.

"I saw Jason was at 16 under and I said, 'You've got to be kidding me. When is he going to slow down?'" Spieth said.

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See the complete list of leaders at the PGA Championship and read sports columnist Jim Litke's story about a Samoan golfer who went from the mean streets to the green links.

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Hoyer throws TD pass, helps Texans beat 49ers

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By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Brian Hoyer made the most of his limited opportunity Saturday night.

Hoyer threw a 58-yard touchdown pass to Cecil Shorts III on Houston's first drive in the Texans' 23-10 victory over the San Francisco 49ers in the preseason opener for both teams.

Hoyer

Competing with Ryan Mallett for the starting job, Hoyer also connected with DeAndre Hopkins for a 2-point conversion to give the Texans an 8-0 lead. Hoyer finished 2 for 4 for 67 yards.

Mallett completed his first eight passes and was 10 of 11 for 90 yards, but the Texans didn't score on any of his four possessions.

Colin Kaepernick failed to move the offense on his only drive, going 1 for 3 for 14 yards before a punt.

Mallett took over for Houston's second drive and moved the Texans down to the 1-yard line before the offense stalled. Houston had eight chances to score after that thanks to a pass interference call, but couldn't convert.

Blaine Gabbert was 8 of 11 for 86 yards and a touchdown for San Francisco.

Former Australian professional rugby player Jarryd Hayne, who was playing in his first NFL game, had a 53- yard run early in the second quarter. Hayne, who was signed as an undrafted free agent in March, burst through the line before juking a defender and dashing to the 13. Gabbert found Garrett Celek two plays later on a 10-yard touchdown pass to make it 8-7.

Jaelen Strong, a rookie third-round pick, caught a 10-yard touchdown pass from Tom Savage to give Houston a 15-10 lead early in the third quarter.

Texans linebacker Jason Ankrah sacked rookie Dylan Thompson in the end zone for a safety to extend the lead to 17-10 later in the third.

Houston's Alfred Blue had nine carries for 59 yards, highlighted by a 32-yard trot in the first quarter. He'll likely start for the Texans with Arian Foster out indefinitely after groin surgery last week.

Defensive end J.J. Watt, last year's Defensive Player of the Year, was in uniform, but didn't play.

Kyle Busch's expectations modest after crash in practice

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — This was exactly the kind of scenario Kyle Busch needs to avoid.

Busch slid onto the grass after coming through a turn during NASCAR Sprint Cup practice Saturday, damaging his No. 18 Toyota. He returned to the track in a backup car, but he now faces the prospect of having to start from the back Sunday in the 400-mile, 200-lap race at Michigan International Speedway.

"I was just running along, everything was fine and I was actually feeling pretty good about it," Busch said. "Just started to get a little free up off of (turn) four."

Busch has won four times this year, but he's only 30th in points because he missed 11 races after breaking his right leg and left foot in February. He needs to be in the top 30 at the end of the regular season to make the Chase for the Sprint Cup, and right now he's six points ahead of 31st-place Cole Whitt.

In other words, he needs to avoid major mistakes during these last four races of the regular season. Busch was sixth in qualifying Friday, but going to the backup car will force him to start from the back in today's race.

"If top 20 is it, then that's it," Busch said. "Michigan is not a place that I had circled on the list to go win at, so let's just make it through (today) and carry on."

The day wasn't a total loss for Busch. He won the Truck Series race at MIS shortly after wrecking his Cup car.

There was damage to the front of Busch's car after he went onto the grass. The Joe Gibbs Racing star has said in the past he thinks there's no reason to have grass near racing surfaces, and he addressed the issue again Saturday — with a heavy dose of sarcasm.

"I think at all these racetracks we need more grass — I think more grass would be beneficial," Busch said. "I think we should have more grass, and it should be taller."

Here are a few more things to watch in today's race:

Rule's package

Drivers are dealing with a

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Denny Hamlin, left, talks with Kyle Busch, center, and Matt Kenseth after qualifying Friday for the Sprint Cup race at Michigan International Speedway, in Brooklyn, Mich. Busch crashed during practice Saturday and might be forced to start today's race at the back of the pack.

'HOUNDSWATCH

SATURDAY'S SCORE
Midland 5
Tulsa 4

TODAY'S GAME
Tulsa at Midland, 2 p.m.

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SECOND HALF RECORDS
Midland 33-18
Tulsa 24-25

Friday	Saturday	Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
Tulsa 2 Midland 1 (6)	Midland 5 Tulsa 4	Tulsa at Midland	Midland at Springfield	Midland at Springfield

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

Beach Volleyball
AVP: Manhattan Beach Open, 3:30 p.m., NBC

Golf
2015 PGA Championship, Final Round, 11 a.m., TNT
2015 PGA Championship, Final Round, 1 p.m., CBS
US Women's Amateurs, Final, 3 p.m., FS1
LPGA: Cambia Portland Classic, Final Round, 4 p.m., GOLF

Gymnastics
P&G Men's Championships, 2 p.m., NBC

High School Baseball
Perfect Game All-American Classic, 7 p.m., MLB

Little League World Series
New England Championship, Noon, ESPN
Mid-Atlantic Championship, 3 p.m., ESPN

Major League Baseball
Pittsburgh at NY Mets, Noon, TBS
Detroit at Houston, 1 p.m., ROOT
Tampa Bay at Texas, 2 p.m., FSSW
LA Angels at Kansas City, 7 p.m., ESPN/ESPNDEP

Men's Soccer
English Championship: Wolverhampton Wanderers vs Hull City, 5:55 a.m., beIN
English Premier: Crystal Palace vs Arsenal, 6:30 a.m., NBCSN
Scottish Championship: Alloa Athletic vs Rangers, 6:30 a.m., FOXSOC+
Ligue 1: Stade Reims vs Olympique de Marseile, 6:55 p.m., beIN2
Bundesliga: Wolfsburg vs Eintracht Frankfurt, 8:30 a.m., FS1/GolTV
English Premier: Manchester City vs Chelsea, 9:30 a.m., NBCSN/TELE
Ligue 1: Lorient vs Bastia, 9:55 a.m., beIN/beIN2
Bundesliga: Stuttgart vs Koln, 10:25 a.m., FOXSOC+/FOXDEP
Liga MX: Toluca vs Guadalajara, 11:50 a.m., UNIV/UDN
Uruguay: Cerro vs Penarol, 1 p.m., GolTV
Brazil: Cruzeiro vs Internacional, 1:55 p.m., ESPNDEP
Ligue 1: Paris Saint-Germain vs GFCO Ajaccio, 1:55 p.m., beIN/beIN2
MLS: Orlando City at Seattle, 4 p.m., ESPN2/ESPNDEP
MLS: Chicago at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., FS1/FOXDEP

Motorsports
MotoGP: Grand Prix of the Czech Republic, 6:30 a.m., FS1
Sprint Cup: Pure Michigan 400, 1:30 p.m., NBCSN

National Football League
Exhibition: Indianapolis at Philadelphia, Noon, NFL

Rugby
NRL: Cronulla-Sutherland vs Melbourne, 4 a.m., FS2

Softball
National Pro Fastpitch Championship, Gm 1: Akron/Chicago vs Dallas/USSSA, 2 p.m., CBSSN

Tennis
WTA: Rogers Cup, Final, Noon, ESPN2
ATP: Rogers Cup, Final, 2 p.m., ESPN2

WNBA
Connecticut at Atlanta, 2 p.m., NBAtv
Chicago at Los Angeles, 4 p.m., NBAtv
Indiana at Phoenix, 7 p.m., ESPN2
San Antonio at Seattle, 8 p.m., FSSW+/FSSWSA/NBAtv

Women's Soccer
Friendly: USA vs Costa Rica, 1 p.m., FS1

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Tampa Bay at Texas, 2 p.m., KBST 95.7 FM (Big Spring)

Texas League Baseball
Tulsa at Midland, 2 p.m., 550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned OF Junior Lake to Norfolk (IL). Recalled OF Henry Urrutia from Norfolk.
BOSTON RED SOX — Placed RHP Steven Wright on the 7-day DL, effective Friday. Recalled 3B Garin Cecchini from Pawtucket (IL). Agreed to terms with LHP Rich Hill on a minor league contract. Sent RHP Rick Porcello to Lowell (NYP) for a rehab assignment.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned RHP Shawn Armstrong to Columbus (IL).
MINNESOTA TWINS — Recalled RHP Tyler Duffey from Rochester (IL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Designated LHP Chris Capuano for assignment. Recalled RHP Caleb Cotham from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Designated RHP Taylor Thompson and LHP Brad Mills for assignment. Optioned RHP Arnold Leon and RHP Aaron Brooks to Nashville (PCL). Recalled RHPs Pat Venditte and Dan Otero from Nashville. Sent 2B Tyler Ladendorf to Nashville for a rehab assignment.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned RHP Mayckol Guaipe to Tacoma (PCL). Recalled RHP Danny Farquhar from Tacoma.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Reinstated OF Desmond Jennings from the 60-day DL.
TEXAS RANGERS — Sent LHP Derek Holland to Round Rock (PCL) for a rehab assignment.

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Optioned RHP Ryan Kelly to Gwinnett (IL). Claimed RHP Danny Burawa off waivers from the N.Y. Yankees. Agreed to terms with RHP Edwin Jackson on a one-year contract.
CHICAGO CUBS — Optioned LHP Zac Rosscup to Iowa (PCL).
CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned RHP Michael Lorenzen to Louisville (IL). Recalled LHP John Lamb from Louisville.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Recalled LHP Ken Roberts and RHP Gonzalez German from Albuquerque (PCL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Placed RHP Juan Nicasio on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Monday. Reinstated RHP Chris Hatcher from the 60-day DL. Transferred RHP Carlos Frias to the 60-day DL.
MIAMI MARLINS — Placed OF Christian Yelich on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Monday. Recalled OF Marcell Ozuna from New Orleans (PCL).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Recalled RHP David Goforth from Colorado Springs (PCL).
NEW YORK METS — Sent LHP Steven Matz to St. Lucie (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Sent RHP Tim Hudson to San Jose (Cal) for a rehab assignment.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with OF Brendan Webb on a minor league contract.

American Association
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed INF James Boddicker.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed C Juan Medina.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Released RHP Luis Pardo.

Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed INF Ryan Gebhardt.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS — Waived LB DeDe Lattimore. Signed WR Jeremy Kelly to a one-year contract.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Waived/injured WR Tommy Streeter. Re-signed WR Tyler McDonald.

WNBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	16	7	.696	—
Chicago	15	10	.600	2
Indiana	13	9	.591	2½
Washington	13	9	.591	2½
Connecticut	12	11	.522	4
Atlanta	8	15	.348	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	18	6	.750	—
Phoenix	15	8	.652	2½
Tulsa	11	14	.440	7½
Los Angeles	7	16	.304	10½
San Antonio	7	17	.292	11
Seattle	6	19	.240	12½

x-clinched playoff spot

Scores & schedule

Friday's scores
New York 90, Connecticut 78
Minnesota 84, Atlanta 82
Chicago 94, Seattle 84

Saturday's score
Tulsa 81, New York 76

Today's games
Connecticut at Atlanta, 2 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 3 p.m.
Chicago at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Seattle, 8 p.m.

MLS GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
D.C. United	13	8	5	44	35	29
New York	11	6	6	39	38	25
Columbus	9	8	7	34	38	39
Toronto FC	9	10	4	31	37	41
New England	8	9	7	31	32	36
Montreal	8	9	4	28	29	31
Orlando City	7	10	7	28	32	37
New York City FC	7	11	6	27	34	37
Philadelphia	6	13	5	23	29	40
Chicago	6	12	4	22	24	31

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	12	7	7	43	44	31
Vancouver	13	9	3	42	37	26
Sporting KC	11	4	7	40	37	25
Portland	11	8	6	39	26	28
FC Dallas	11	7	5	38	33	29
Seattle	10	12	2	32	26	27
Houston	8	8	7	31	30	28
San Jose	8	10	5	29	24	29
Real Salt Lake	7	10	8	29	27	38
Colorado	5	9	9	24	20	25

Scores & schedule

Saturday's scores
New York 3, Toronto FC 0
Houston at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles 2, FC Dallas 1
Sporting Kansas City 4, Vancouver 3
Portland 1, Real Salt Lake 0

Today's Games
Orlando City at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Nothing stops this train — not even a 5 1/2 hour power outage

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Have you ever wondered what newspaper folks do when they have to wait around for about 5 1/2 hours during a power outage to put out a paper?

As it turns out, there's not much you can do when the lights go out and there's no secondary power source to go to.

You can talk about life in general, politics, sports, ghosts, trade newsroom stories and I even got into a discussion about the Kennedy assassination. I also spoke about the crazy, weird people I've encountered in press boxes as a sports writer over the years.

Some of my coworkers even started measuring how deep the water was on Baird Street after the recent thunderstorm.

By the way, all the weather forecasts I had seen earlier in the day had 30 to 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. They didn't say anything about a mini West Texas hurricane blowing through with a lightning storm to boot.

It all started at about 8:30 p.m. Friday night. I had not left the office since I got in early in the afternoon because I was knee deep in putting things together for the upcoming football section (out on Sunday, Aug. 23). The lights started to flicker, and then a few minutes later, all "hail" broke loose. There we were sitting in pitch black darkness.

For a building with few windows, our only beacon of light came from the emergency lights above the entrance door on the editorial side of the Reporter-Telegram. Since we didn't have access to torches, we used the next best thing to light our way through the darkness — our cellphones — so we wouldn't trip. After all, the last thing the newspaper wants is to dish out a few workman's compensation claims to go with the loss of revenue of having to stop or delay production.

So there we were, the select few people who work at night gathered around these emergency lights like moths to a flame, waiting the storm out and hoping the lights would come back on soon.

We waited. Waited some more. And waited even more.

We listened to the police scanner and to some entertaining conversations going on, hung out on the back loading docks and browsed Twitter and entertained ourselves with our cellphones.

I know most people think that those of us at a newspaper, especially in sports, just sit around the office with nothing to do and just wait around for phone calls for story ideas. That's far from the case, especially during the school year. We always have something to do.

But when the power went out, there was absolutely nothing to do but sit and wait as our little section of downtown was the only one in the area without any lights.

At about 1:30 a.m., I decided to might as well go back to the pitch black sports department, use a Snuggie that was left behind and lie on the floor to try to get some rest.

It was about 2:15 a.m. when the lights finally came back on. We cheered, we laughed and some of us even cried. There was going to be a newspaper, but most of all, we were that much closer to finally going home.

Design chief Trevor Hawes did a great job of putting the finishing touches on the final four pages of the sports section in about an hour, and soon enough the rest of the newspaper was done, as well, about four hours after our usual deadline.

There are sports reporters out there who have covered Super Bowls and Olympics, but who can boast that they waited around for 5 1/2 hours during a power outage to put out a newspaper? I, for one, hope I never have to do that again.

— And finally, some great news this past week for Lee grad Talor Nunez, who was awarded a scholarship with the Texas Tech football team.

Nunez walked on with the Red Raiders two years ago and was expected to play either safety or linebacker. Instead, Nunez grew into a 6-foot-4, 256-pound defensive lineman, who was forced into the rotation last year because of injuries.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported that it was a very emotional moment for the sophomore, who told the newspaper he cried when he received the news.

It's good to see players like Nunez, who work hard, don't complain and get rewarded in the end. As Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury has found out in recent years, not all student-athletes are like that.

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Winston has wobbly debut; Vikings beat Buccaneers

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

Vikings	**26**
Buccaneers	**16**

MINNEAPOLIS — Jameis Winston produced mixed results at best in his first NFL action for Tampa Bay, while Teddy Bridgewater had Minnesota's passing attack in prime form to spark the Vikings in a 26-16 exhibition victory over the Buccaneers on Saturday night.

Winston, the first pick in the draft out of Florida State, played the whole first half and finished 9 for 19 for 131 yards. He had a pass intercepted by Antone Exum, mishandled two snaps that led to a total of 19 lost yards and threw several passes well off target.

"You have to have a first game," said Buccaneers coach Lovie Smith, whose team went 2-14 last season. "You have to work something some of those things, and that's what he's doing."

The majority of Winston's completions came in the second quarter when the Vikings had their backups in on defense.

The brighter side for Winston and the Buccaneers included a 40-yard completion to Vincent Jackson with Vikings rookie cornerback Trae Waynes in coverage and an 8-yard touchdown run after the pocket collapsed around him on third down.

Bridgewater went 7 for 8 for 86 yards and backup Shaun Hill finished 8 for 9 for 104 yards and touchdown passes to Cordarrelle Patterson and Adam Thielen, and seven Vikings receivers had two catches apiece in the first half.

The biggest problem that emerged for the Vikings was right tackle Phil Loadholt, who limped off the field after the second play from scrimmage with a significant injury to his lower left leg.

Loadholt was replaced by T.J. Clemmings, who was the team's fourth-round draft pick.

McFADDEN

From 1C

skipped the 17-7 loss to the Chargers while undrafted rookie Gus Johnson got most of the work, gaining 35 yards on 13 carries before going out with a separated shoulder that could sideline him for a while in camp.

But even a healthy Johnson couldn't keep the focus off the competition between Randle, McFadden and Dunbar. It was the biggest position battle for Dallas coming into camp, and a two-week delay didn't change that much.

"Now that there is some competition out here, you are going to see some 'hellified' running," said Gary Brown, the running backs coach.

Dunbar, an undrafted player in his fourth year, has always been viewed as more of a specialty back whereas McFadden has the size (6-foot-1, 220 pounds) to be an every-down power back in the same mold as Murray.

But McFadden has just one 1,000-yard season, in 2010 when he averaged 5.2 yards per carry in 13 games. He's only had one injury-free season — last year when he played all 16 games but had just 534 yards and averaged 3.4 per carry.

"I don't feel like I've lost a step at all," said McFadden, who has 4,247 yards rushing for his career. "I'm a mature guy. I'm a veteran player. I know defenses, and I know how to read them when I'm out there. For me, it's just getting back on the field and being healthy and being ready to play."

The Cowboys are going to be cautious with McFadden in workouts the same they were in keeping him out of them for two weeks.

"He's missed a lot," coach Jason Garrett said. "He hasn't really practiced very much since he's been with us, but he's a veteran player. He's a smart player. Very engaged in what we're doing in meetings and walkthroughs, and I think he has a very good understanding of our system and what we're going to ask him to do in all the different situations."

Now the Cowboys finally get to see what he'll do in those situations.

NOTES: Dallas moved McFadden to the active roster from the physically unable to perform list while signing RBs Ben Malena and Michael Hill to account for Johnson's injury. The Cowboys waived S Ray Vinopal after he injured his left ankle against the Chargers.

NFL PRESEASON GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	24	25
Miami	0	1	0	.000	10	27
New England	0	1	0	.000	11	22
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	3	23

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	23	21
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	23	10
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	24	31

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	30	27
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	23	10
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	17	20
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	24	17

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	22	20
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	18	3
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	17	7
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	34	19

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	20	17
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	7	17
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	10	23

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	31	24
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	25	24
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	16	26
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	27	30

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	40	19
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	27	10
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	23	3
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	22	11

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	19	34
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	10	23
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	20	22
St. Louis	0	1	0	.000	3	18

Scores & schedule

Saturday's scores
Minnesota 26, Tampa Bay 16
Houston 23, San Francisco 10
Kansas City 34, Arizona 19

Today's Game
Indianapolis at Philadelphia, noon

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Colby Lewis wins 13th game as Rangers beat Rays

Fort Worth Star-Telegram/TNS

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Colby Lewis delivers to the Tampa Bay Rays during the first inning of a baseball game Saturday at Globe Life Park in Arlington.

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Colby Lewis won his 13th game, three teammates hit home runs and the Texas Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Rays 12-4 on Saturday night.

Lewis (13-5) allowed five hits, two walks and one run in six innings, throwing 111 pitches. The last 15 were to Asdrubal Cabrera, who fouled off 10 pitches before flying out to end the top of the sixth with the tying run on base.

The Rangers broke loose for seven runs in the bottom of the inning for a 10-1 lead.

Chris Gimenez, who hit a two-run homer in the second, singled to drive in the first run. Delino DeShields and Shin-Soo Choo each drove in a run, another scored on an error and then Adrian Beltre hit a three-run home run.

Choo added his 15th homer in the seventh.

Chris Archer (10-9) gave up eight runs and 11 hits in 5 1-3 innings.

In the American League, only Seattle's Felix Hernandez and Houston's Dallas Keuchel, with 14, have more wins than Lewis. The Texas right-hander's career high in nine seasons is 14 in 2011.

The Rangers (58-57) moved half a game ahead of the Rays (58-58) in the wild card standings. Texas is 1 1/2 games behind the Los Angeles Angels in the second wild card position.

Speed helped the Rays score their first run in the fifth against Lewis.

Desmond Jennings led off with an infield single. Kevin Kiermaier forced out Jennings, but with two out, Kiermaier scored from second base on John Jaso's hit to shortstop Elvis Andrus in shallow right-center field. Catcher Gimenez couldn't handle Andrus' throw as he turned to try to tag the sliding Kiermaier.

The Rays tagged Texas' bullpen for two runs in the seventh on Evan Longoria's bases-loaded single. Cabrera hit a solo homer in the eighth.

Rangers	12
Rays	4

Trainer's room

Rangers: Texas confirmed that LHP Cole Hamels, who missed a start Thursday because of a sore left groin, will be able to start on Monday. LHP Derek Holland may not be far behind after throwing 89 pitches in a rehab start with Triple-A Round Rock on Friday.

Suzuki gets 4,192nd career hit in majors, Japan

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Ichiro Suzuki singled in the first inning for his 4,192nd career hit in the major leagues and Japan, passing Ty Cobb's total that ranks second in history.

The 41-year-old Suzuki got his 2,914th big league hit for the Miami Marlins against the Cardinals on Saturday night. He had 1,278 hits in nine seasons for the Orix Blue Wave in Japan.

The combined total is not recognized as an official mark.

Suzuki doffed his helmet and bowed to the crowd after the hit.

Cobb held the big league mark that Pete Rose passed on his way to a record 4,256 hits.

LOCALS IN THE PROS

Here is an update through Aug. 15 of baseball players from Midland or players with a Midland connection who are active and playing professional baseball

Pitchers

Carson Smith (Midland Christian), RHP, Seattle Mariners

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
51	47.1	1-5	12	32	14	14	14	62	2.66

Jim Henderson (Midland College), RHP, Colorado Springs Sky Sox (Milwaukee Brewers Triple-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
23	23.2	1-2	2	24	11	11	16	21	4.34

Logan Bawcom (Greenwood, Midland College), RHP, Tacoma Rainiers (Seattle Mariners Triple-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
38	64.1	2-2	1	70	36	31	27	49	4.34

Reid Redman (Midland Christian, Midland College), RHP, Northwest Arkansas (Kansas City Royals Double-A), 7-day disabled list

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
9	17.1	0-0	1	17	8	7	1	14	3.63

Jason Zgardowski (Midland College), RHP, Lakewood BlueClaws (Philadelphia Phillies Single A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
22	38.0	2-1	0	22	14	14	16	29	3.32

Williamsports Crosscutters (Philadelphia Phillies Short-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
6	3.0	1-0	2	5	2	2	2	9	2.25

Matt Withrow (Midland Christian), RHP, Danville Braves (Atlanta Braves Rookie)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
10	39.1	3-3	0	33	18	15	14	24	3.33

Thomas McIlraith (Midland College), RHP Kingsport Mets (New York Mets Rookie)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
9	37.0	3-1	0	30	11	10	18	23	2.43

Position players

Hunter Redman (Midland Christian, Midland College), C, Oklahoma City Dodgers (L.A. Dodgers Triple-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.667

Ogden Raptors (L.A. Dodgers Rookie), 7 day disabled list

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.333

Blair Beck (Midland High, Midland College), OF, Princeton Rays (Tampa Bay Rays Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
55	11	17	3	1	2	10	11	1	.309

GCL Rays (Tampa Bay Rays Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
47	4	7	2	0	0	5	6	1	.149

Chris Shaw (Midland College), C, Aberdeen IronBirds (Baltimore Orioles Single-A Short Season)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
56	7	11	3	0	1	6	4	0	.200

GCL Orioles (Baltimore Orioles Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
17	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	.059

'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 5
DRILLERS 4
At Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Midland first baseman Nick Rickles went 2-for-3 with two RBI and a run scored. ... Third baseman Ryon Healy finished his night 2-for-3 with an RBI and a walk. ... Tulsa catcher Kyle Farmer and right fielder Yahir Drake each went 2-for-4 with a run driven in for the Drillers.

TOP PITCHERS: Tulsa starter Chris Anderson pitched 6 2/3 innings, allowing two earned runs on six Midland hits. He struck out four and walked two. ... Midland reliver Ryan Doolittle came on in relief of Jeff Urlaub to start the eighth inning and he struck out all three batters he faced. Doolittle earned his fourth win of the season.

HIGHLIGHTS: Midland struck first in the bottom of the third when Jaycob Brugman and Healy hit back-to-back RBI singles for a 2-0 Rockhounds lead. ... In the top of the fourth, Tulsa's Brandon Dixon smashed a two-run homer to tie the game, and then the Drillers took a 3-2 lead on Drake's RBI single. ... In the bottom of the seventh and trailing, 4-2, Rickles tied the game for Midland with a two-RBI single to center. ... Chad Pinder drove in the game-winning run with a sacrifice fly to center in the bottom of the eighth.

NOTES: Right-handed reliever Kris Hall was sent back down to Midland from Triple-A Nashville on Saturday. ... Outfielder Chad Oberacker was activated from the seven-day disabled list. ... Infielder Renato Nunez was placed on the seven-day disabled list. ... Infielder Anthony Aliotti was placed on the temporarily inactive list. ... Midland's magic number is 13 to eliminate Frisco from contention for second place in the Texas League South standings and clinch a playoff spot as a wild card team.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Tulsa — LHP Eric Stults (3-2, 2.72); Midland — LHP Sean Manaea (2-1, 3.51)

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	35	24	.510	—
Arkansas	34	24	.500	½
Tulsa	34	25	.490	1
x-Northwest Arkansas	18	30	.375	6½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	33	16	.673	—
x-Corpus Christi	27	22	.551	6
Frisco	23	26	.469	10½
San Antonio	21	27	.438	11½

x-clinched first half

Saturday's Scores
Corpus Christi 7, Northwest Arkansas 2
Midland 5, Tulsa 4
Frisco 5, Springfield 3
San Antonio at Arkansas, late

Today's Games
Tulsa at Midland, 7 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Northwest Arkansas, 6:05 p.m.
Springfield at Frisco, 6:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Arkansas, 8:10 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 5, DRILLERS 4

Tulsa	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Tomyam ss	4	0	0	0	Brugman cf	4	0	1	1
Law dh	4	0	1	0	Walsh 2b	2	1	0	0
Garvey dh	0	0	0	0	R.Healy 3b	3	0	2	1
Lewis cf	4	0	0	0	Whitaker lf	4	0	0	0
Anderson rb	4	1	1	0	Pinder dh	3	0	0	1
Dixon lf	4	1	1	2	Olson rf	4	0	1	0
Trevino 2b	4	1	1	0	Maxwell c	3	1	1	0
Farmer c	4	1	2	1	Kirkland ss	3	2	1	0
Arnulfo 3b	4	0	2	0	Rickles 1b	3	1	2	2
Drake rf	4	0	2	1					
Totals	36	4	10	4	Totals	29	5	8	5

Tulsa	000	201	000	—	4
Midland	002	000	210	—	5

E — Anderson (3). DP — Tulsa 3. LOB — Tulsa 5, Midland 4. 2B — Farmer (21), 3B — Trevino (2). HR — Dixon (8). CS — Garvey (5). SF — Pinder.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tulsa						
Anderson	6.2	6	4	2	2	4
Dietz	0.1	1	0	0	0	0
Jones L, 0-2	1.0	1	1	1	1	1
Midland						
Overton	5.0	7	3	3	0	3
Urlaub	2.0	1	1	1	1	0
Doolittle W, 4-2	1.0	0	0	0	0	3
Rashet S, 7	1.0	0	0	0	0	1

HP — Jones. T — 2:27. A — 6,763.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

TIGERS 4
ASTROS 2, 11 INNINGS

HOUSTON — Victor Martinez hit a tiebreaking RBI double in a three-run 11th, and the Detroit outlasted Houston.

Preston Tucker led off the bottom of the ninth with a homer to right-center against Bruce Rondon to tie the score at 1-1, spoiling an impressive start by Justin Verlander.

J.D. Martinez and Tyler Collins followed Victor Martinez with back-to-back run-scoring singles off Pat Neshek (3-3) to make it 4-1 in the 11th. Jose Iglesias singled and Miguel Cabrera walked to start the inning.

Al Alburquerque (2-0) pitched the 10th for the win. Neftali Feliz gave up a two-out RBI single to Jed Lowrie before getting Carlos Gomez to ground out for his first save with the Tigers and seventh this season.

TWINS 4
INDIANS 1

MINNEAPOLIS — Tyler Duffey took a no-hit bid into the sixth inning of his second big league game and pitched Minnesota past Cleveland.

Duffey, roughed up by Toronto earlier this month in his debut, came back to earn his first victory in the majors. A one-out double by Francisco Lindor in the sixth was the only hit Duffey (1-1) permitted before leaving at the end of the inning.

The 24-year-old righty struck out seven and worked around five walks. Relievers Casey Fien, Kevin Jepsen and Glen Perkins each pitched an inning in the combined four-hitter.

Eddie Rosario and Chris Herrmann hit back-to-back homers in the fifth off Josh Tomlin (0-1), who made his first major league start since shoulder surgery in April.

Brian Dozier added a late two-run homer for Minnesota, which had lost three straight to the Indians.

YANKEES 4
BLUE JAYS 1

TORONTO — Masahiro Tanaka pitched a five-hitter for his first complete game in more than a year, leading the New York Yankees to a 4-1 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Saturday.

The Yankees won their third straight following a five-game skid and extended their AL East lead over Toronto to 1 1/2 games. The Blue Jays, coming off an 11-game winning streak, lost for the second day in a row to New York.

Carlos Beltran, who hit a big home run Friday night at Rogers Centre, and Mark Teixeira connected for solo shots to back Tanaka (9-5).

Tanaka struck out eight and walked three while helping the Yankees rest their taxed bullpen.

Marco Estrada (10-7) lost for the first time in four starts, allowing two runs and three hits in six innings.

ROYALS 9
ANGELS 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Salvador Perez homered to lead off a six-run second inning. Johnny Cueto won his second consecutive start for Kansas City, and the Royals rolled past the Los Angeles Angels.

Cueto (9-7) allowed one run and eight hits over eight innings, striking out four without a walk. The former All-Star has only allowed six runs in four starts since his trade to Kansas City, including the shutout he tossed against the Tigers in his home debut earlier this week.

Perez later had an RBI double as the Royals sent 11 batters to the plate in a 24-minute second inning. Matt Shoemaker (5-9) absorbed most of the damage for the Angels, the right-hander failing to make it through the frame in his second consecutive disastrous start.

ORIOLES 4
ATHLETICS 3

BALTIMORE — Chris Davis hit two home runs, the second a tiebreaking shot with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning off switch-pitcher Pat Venditte, to lift Baltimore.

Davis connected on a 2-2 offering from Venditte (0-1), the first ambidextrous pitcher in the majors since 1995. Venditte was recalled from Triple-A Nashville before the game for his second stint with Oakland this season.

Davis earlier homered with a man on to start Baltimore's comeback from a 3-0 deficit. The slugger has 34 home runs — six in his last six games — and leads the majors with 88 RBIs.

RED SOX 22
MARINERS 10

BOSTON — Jackie Bradley Jr. hit two homers and three doubles to drive in seven runs as Boston battered Felix Hernandez and Seattle.

The Red Sox broke loose for the second straight day after manager John Farrell took a medical leave for the rest of the season to deal with lymphoma.

Boston got 26 hits in the highest-scoring game ever against the Mariners. Pablo Sandoval and Alejandro De Aza homered, and David Ortiz and Blake Swihart each had three RBIs. Sandoval homered in his first at-bat, then was hit in the right elbow by Hernandez and left with a bruise.

National League

PIRATES 5
METS 3, 14 INNINGS

NEW YORK — Pinch-hitter Chris Stewart singled home the go-ahead run in the 14th inning and Pittsburgh beat New York in extra innings again.

A day after the Pirates won 3-2 in the 10th at Citi Field, they took advantage of shaky fielding decision to stop the NL East leaders.

Francisco Cervelli hit a leadoff double in the 14th and Starling Marte followed with a chopper. First baseman Daniel Murphy grabbed the grounder, but made a late throw to third trying to get Cervelli. Stewart and Sean Rodriguez followed with RBI singles.

CARDINALS 6
MARLINS 2

ST. LOUIS — John Lackey was dominant into the ninth inning and gave St. Louis an unexpected bonus with two hits and an RBI.

Mark Reynolds' three-run home run in the sixth put the Cardinals ahead by four and Randal Grichuk hit his 15th homer in the first. Rookie Stephen Piscotty had three hits and scored twice, helping the Cardinals win their eighth out of 10.

Marlins outfielder Ichiro Suzuki went 2 for 4 and now has 4,193 career hits between the major leagues and Japan, surpassing Ty Cobb's total that ranks second in history.

DIAMONDBACKS 8
BRAVES 4

ATLANTA — Patrick Corbin continued to gain momentum in his return from Tommy John surgery, allowing only three hits and no runs while pitching into the seventh inning as Arizona beat Atlanta.

David Peralta drove in three runs and two hits, including a fourth-inning homer off Mike Foltynewicz (4-4).

The Diamondbacks led 6-0 before the Braves scored four runs in the eighth. Nick Swisher's two-run homer off Daniel Hudson hit high off the right field foul pole. Paul Goldschmidt added a two-run single off Jake Brigham in the ninth.

BREWERS 4
PHILLIES 2

MILWAUKEE — Scooter Gennett had a career-high four hits. Jimmy Nelson pitched into the seventh inning and the Milwaukee beat Philadelphia.

Gennett had four singles in four at-bats, drove in two runs and scored the tiebreaking run on Jean Segura's hit in the seventh. Milwaukee improved to 6-0 against Philadelphia this year — its most wins over the Phillies in any season.

Nelson struck out six and gave up two runs and five hits in 6 2/3 innings. Wil Smith (6-2) got the final out of the seventh.

Interleague

CUBS 6
WHITE SOX 3

CHICAGO — Jake Arrieta pitched into the seventh inning and the Chicago Cubs won their ninth straight to match their longest streak in seven seasons.

The Cubs previously won nine in a row during the 2008 NL Central championship season and made it 15 wins in 16 games.

Arrieta (14-6) improved to 8-1 in his past 11 starts, allowing three runs and five hits in 6 2/3 innings.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	64	51	.557	—
Toronto	64	54	.542	1½
Baltimore	59	56	.513	5
Tampa Bay	58	58	.500	6½
Boston	52	64	.448	12½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	70	46	.603	—
Minnesota	58	58	.500	12
Detroit	56	60	.483	14
Chicago	54	60	.474	15
Cleveland	54	61	.470	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	63	54	.538	—
Los Angeles	60	58	.517	2½
Texas	58	57	.504	4
Seattle	54	63	.462	9
Oakland	51	67	.432	12½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	63	54	.538	—
Washington	58	57	.504	4
Atlanta	52	64	.448	10½
Miami	46	70	.397	16½
Philadelphia	46	71	.393	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	75	41	.647	—
Pittsburgh	68	46	.596	6
Chicago	67	48	.583	7½
Cincinnati	51	64	.443	23½
Milwaukee	50	68	.424	26

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	66	51	.564	—
San Francisco	62	53	.539	3
Arizona	57	58	.496	8
San Diego	56	61	.478	10
Colorado	47	68	.409	18

Friday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
N.Y. Yankees 4, Toronto 1
Boston 22, Seattle 10
Baltimore 4, Oakland 3
Chicago Cubs 6, Chicago White Sox 3
Minnesota 4, Cleveland 1
Detroit 4, Houston 2, 11 innings
Kansas City 9, L.A. Angels 4
Texas 12, Tampa Bay 4

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Arizona 8, Atlanta 4
Chicago Cubs 6, Chicago White Sox 3
Milwaukee 4, Philadelphia 2
Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Mets 3, 14 innings
St. Louis 6, Miami 2
San Diego 7, Colorado 5
Cincinnati at L.A. Dodgers, late
Washington at San Francisco, late

INTERLEAGUE
Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE
N.Y. Yankees (Severino 0-1) at Toronto (Hutchison 11-2), 12:07 p.m.
Oakland (Graveman 6-8) at Baltimore (W.Chen 6-6), 12:35 p.m.
Seattle (Nuno 0-1) at Boston (Owens 1-1), 12:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 11-6) at Minnesota (Milone 5-3), 1:10 p.m.
Detroit (Boyd 1-3) at Houston (Fiers 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Smyly 0-1) at Texas (Gallardo 8-9), 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Santiago 7-6) at Kansas City (Ventura 7-7), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Pittsburgh (Locke 6-7) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 11-7), 12:10 p.m.
Arizona (R.De La Rosa 10-5) at Atlanta (S.Miller 5-9), 12:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hamels 5-13) at Milwaukee (Jungmann 5-4), 1:10 p.m.
Miami (Phelps 4-8) at St. Louis (C.Martinez 12-4), 1:15 p.m.
Washington (J.Ross 3-4) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 13-6), 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (DeSclafani 7-7) at L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 12-0), 3:10 p.m.
San Diego (Kennedy 7-10) at Colorado (Rusin 3-5), 3:10 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE
Chicago Cubs (Haren 8-7) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 10-7), 1:10 p.m.

Texas box scores

RANGERS 5, RAYS 3

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Guyer rf	3	1	1	0	DShields cf	2	2	1	1
Szczepanski ph-rf	2	0	0	0	Choo rf	2	0	0	0
Shafer dh	4	0	0	0	Fielder dh	3	0	0	0
Longoria 3b	4	0	1	2	Beltre 3b	4	1	2	0
Forsythe 1b	4	0	0	0	Morlnd 1b	4	1	1	0
ACarter ss	4	1	3	0	J.Hrdzr lf	3	1	1	2
DJennings lf	4	0	3	1	Andrus ss	3	0	1	1
Tilson 2b	3	0	1	0	Odor 2b	3	0	0	0
Kiermr cf	4	0	1	0	SWhite c	2	0	0	0
Casali c	2	1	1	0	Napoli ph	1	0	0	0
Jaso pr	1	0	1	0	Gimenez c	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	3	12	3	Totals	27	5	6	4

Tampa Bay	012	000	000	—	3
Texas	110	000	12x	—	5

E—Cedeno (1), M.Perez (1). DP—Tampa Bay 1, Texas 3. LOB—Tampa Bay 7, Texas 5. 2B—Longoria (28), A.Cabrera (24), Casali (4), HR—DeShields (1), J.Hamilton (6), SB—DeShields (19), CS—DeShields (4), Andrus (6). SF—J.Hamilton.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Karns	4 2-3	2	2	2	5	4
Cedeno	1 1-3	3	0	0	0	1
Gott	1	1	1	1	0	1
McGee L,1-2	2-3	3	2	2	0	1
Colomes	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Texas						
M.Perez	6	8	3	3	1	3
S.Dyson W,1-1	2	3	0	0	0	0
Sh.Tolleson S,22-23	1	1	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Karns (DeShields). Ds—M.Perez, Casali.
T—2:55. A—32,512 (48,114).

TIGERS 4, ASTROS 2, 11 INNINGS

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	5	0	1	1	Altuve 2b	5	0	1	0
Iglesias ss	5	1	2	0	Tucker lf	5	1	1	1
MCarr dh	4	0	2	0	Correa ss	3	1	2	0
RDavis pr-dh	0	1	0	0	Lowrie 3b	5	0	2	0
VMrtnz 1b	5	0	1	1	CGomz cf	5	0	0	0
JMarte pr	0	1	0	0	CRivera rf	4	0	0	0
Avila 1b	0	0	0	0	Gattis dh	4	0	0	0
JMrtnz rf	4	0	1	1	Valbuen 1b	2	0	1	0
YCdna lf	5	0	2	1	MDurbin ph-1b	2	0	1	1
Castins 3b	4	0	0	0	Marrack pr	0	0	0	0
Romine 3b	1	0	0	0	Carter 1b	0	0	0	0
JMcCn c	4	0	0	0	JCastro c	4	0	0	0
Gose cf	4	1	0	0					
Totals	41	4	9	4	Totals	39	2	8	2

Detroit	000	010	000	03	—4
Houston	000	000	001	01	—2

DP—Houston 1. LOB—Detroit 8, Houston 6. 2B—V.Martinez (15). HR—Tucker (12). SB—Gose (17).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Verlander	7	3	0	0	2	7
B.Hardy	2-3	0	0	0	0	2
A.Wilson	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
B.Rondon	1	2	1	1	0	2
Alburquerque W,2-0	1	1	0	0	0	0
N.Feliz S,7-11	1	2	1	1	0	0
Houston						
McHugh	7	4	1	1	2	7
J.Fields	1	1	0	0	0	0
Qualls	1	0	0	0	0	2
Gregerson	1	0	0	0	0	1
Neshek L,3-3	0	4	3	3	1	0
Sipp	1	0	0	0	1	0

Neshek pitched to 5 batters in the 11th.
T—3:43. A—29,482 (41,574).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
YANKEES 4, BLUE JAYS 1

New York	100	001	110	—	4	8	0
Toronto	000	010	000	—	1	5	0

Tanaka and J.Murphy; Estrada, Lowe (7), Hawkins (8), Loup (9), Hendriks (9) and D.Navarro. W—Tanaka 9-5. L—Estrada 10-7. HRs—New York, Beltran (12), Teixeira (31).

RED SOX 22, MARINERS 10

Seattle	002	000	044	—	10	13	1
Boston	200	104	42x	—	22	26	1

F.Hernandez, Farquhar (3), Beimel (6), Rasmussen (8), Whitehorn (7), Rucks (8) and Zunino; Miley, Layne (8), Cook (8), Ross Jr. (9) and Swihart. W—Miley 5-8. L—F.Hernandez 14-7. HRs—Seattle, N.Cruz (28), A.Jackson (7), Zunino (11). Boston, Sandoval (10), Bradley Jr. 2 (16), De Aza (7).

ORIOLES 4, ATHLETICS 3

Oakland	102	000	000	—	3	7	0
Baltimore	000	001	001	—	4	6	0

Resop, Venditte (8) and Vogt; M.Gonzalez, O'Day (8), Britton (9) and Clevinger. W—Britton 3-0. L—Venditte 0-1. HRs—Oakland, Fuld (2), Reddick (14). Baltimore, C.Davis 2 (34), G.Perez (2).

TWINS 4, INDIANS 1

Cleveland	000	000	001	—	1	4	1
Minnesota	000	020	02x	—	4	6	0

Tomlin, Crockett (7), B.Shaw (8) and R.Perez. Duffey, Fien (7), Jepsen (8), Perkins (9) and Herrmann. W—Duffey 1-1. L—Tomlin 0-1. HRs—Minnesota, E.Rosario (7), Herrmann (2), Dozier (25).

ROYALS 9, ANGELS 4

Los Angeles	010	000	003	—	4	11	1
Kansas City	061	002	00x	—	9	14	1

Shoemaker, Salas (2), C.Ramos (3), J.Alvarez (6), Gott (8) and C.Perez. Cueto, Hochevar (9) and S.Perez. W—Cueto 2-1. L—Shoemaker 5-9. HRs—Los Angeles, Pujols (31), Cron (8). Kansas City, S.Perez (11).

INTERLEAGUE
CUBS 6, WHITE SOX 3

Chicago (N)	001	011	300	—	6	12	2
Chicago (A)	010	001	100	—	3	6	2

Arrieta, Grimm (7), H.Rondon (9) and D.Ross. Quintana, Petricka (7), Duke (7), M.Albers (7), Da.Jennings (9) and Flowers. W—Arrieta 14-6. L—Quintana 6-10. Sv—H.Rondon (21).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BREWERS 4, PHILLIES 2

Philadelphia	101	000	000	—	2	7	2
Milwaukee	000	020	11x	—	4	10	1

J.Williams, De Fratus (7), Araujo (7), Lu.Garcia (8) and Ruiz. Nelson, W.Smith (7), Jeffress (8), R.Rodriguez (9) and Lucroy. W—W.Smith 6-2. L—De Fratus 0-2. Sv—R.Rodriguez (28). HRs—Philadelphia, Utley (5).

PIRATES 5, METS 3 (14 INNINGS)

Pittsburgh	201	000	000	000	02	—5	10	2
New York	000	000	300	000	00	—3	7	1

Morton, Sims (7), Watson (8), Caminero (9), J.Hughes (10), Stanton (11), Melancon (14) and Cervelli. Stewart, Niese, C.Torres (7), Clippard (8), Familia (9), Robles (10), Gilmartin (13) and d'Arnaud. W—Stanton 2-0. L—Gilmartin 1-1. Sv—Melancon (37). HRs—Pittsburgh, Ar.Ramirez (12), G.Polanco (7). New York, Uribe (12), Conforto (2).

DIAMONDBACKS 8, BRAVES 4

Arizona	100	230	002	—	8	11	1
Atlanta	000	200	040	—	4	7	0

Corbin, D.Hernandez (7), Hessler (8), D.Hudson (8), Ziegler (9) and Ba.Salazar. Foltynewicz, E.Jackson (5), Detwiler (8), Brigham (9), Mahtook (9) and Lavarnway. W—Corbin 3-3. L—Foltynewicz 4-4. HRs—Arizona, D.Peralta (12), Atlanta, Swisher (11).

CARDINALS 6, MARLINS 2

Miami	010	001	000	—	2	9	1
St. Louis	100	300	02x	—	6	13	0

S.Hand, Barraclough (7), K.Flores (8) and Realmuto; Lackey, Cishek (9) and Molina. W—Lackey 10-7. L—S.Hand 2-3. HRs—Miami, Bour (11). St. Louis, Grichuk (15), Reynolds (10).

PADRES 7, ROCKIES 5

San Diego	100	003	003	—	7	11	2
Colorado	102	002	000	—	5	10	1

Cashner, Rzepczynski (6), S.Norris (8), Quackenbush (7), Kimbrel (9) and De.Norris. Hertzler, J.Gray, Germen (6), Oberg (7), Axford (8), Rahode (9) and Hundley. W—Quackenbush 2-2. L—Rahode 0-1. Sv—Kimbrel (33).

HSVOLLEYBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MHS FINISHES MANSFIELD TOURNEY ON SOUR NOTE

MANSFIELD — The Midland High volleyball team lost its two final matches of the Mansfield Tournament on Saturday. MHS went 5-3 overall in the tournament over the weekend.

On Friday, MHS downed Timberview (25-13, 25-20) and Kennedale (25-27, 25-4, 27-25) before falling to Arlington Martin (25-21, 16-25, 15-25). Then on Saturday, the Lady Bulldogs dropped matches against El Paso Franklin (12-25, 22-25) and Keller Central (22-25, 12-25).

Claire Lancaster and Krista Epley each totaled 11 kills in Saturday's matches. Konner Wood led MHS with 51 digs, while Emily Wickman added 25 assists and 21 digs. Gentry Foreman had two blocks for MHS.

The Lady Bulldogs will next play in the Nita Vannoy Tournament in San Angelo, beginning on Friday.

Friday's Scores
MHS def. Timberview 25-13, 25-20
MHS def. Kennedale 25-27, 25-4, 27-25
Arlington Martin def. MHS 25-21, 16-25, 15-25
Saturday's Scores
El Paso Franklin def. MHS 12-25, 22-25
Keller Central def. MHS 22-25, 12-25
Saturday's MHS cumulative stats
Kills — Claire Lancaster 11, Krista Epley 11, Gentry Foreman 9, Christian Bedfham 5, Sarah Nelson 4, Jaycie Brooks 1
Digs — Konner Wood 51, Elizabeth Low 25, Bedfham 23, Emily Wickman 21, Lancaster 13, Epley 10, Madison Ford 10, Emily Kay 8, Brooks 6, Nelson 5, Foreman 3, Ferrell Harper 2
Assists — Wickman 25, Kay 11, Lancaster 1
Aces — Lancaster 3, Wickman 2, Kay 1
Record: MHS 7-4
Next: MHS vs. TBA at Nita Vannoy Tournament, Friday, San Angelo

LEE SWEEPS THIRD DAY IN MANSFIELD

MANSFIELD — The Lee volleyball team won both of its matches in the final day of the Mansfield Tournament on Saturday.

The Lady Rebels defeated Crowley High (25-13, 25-5) and then bested Arlington Seguin (27-25, 25-13) to finish 4-4 over the weekend.

Taylor Hopkins led Lee with 11 kills and 20 assists, while Madison Petrich added nine kills. Alicin Lathram recorded 27 assists. Shelby Olivas had six aces for Lee.

Lee def. Crowley High 25-13, 25-5
Lee def. Arlington Seguin 27-25, 25-13
Saturday's cumulative Lee stats
Kills — Taylor Hopkins 11, Madison Petrich 9, Quincy Robinson 6, Alexis Erickson 6, Emily Hillman 6, Caddie McCollum 5, Bailie VanSchalkwyk 3, Alicin Lathram 1
Digs — Kelsey Olson 6, Shelby Olivas 3, Lathram 3, Andrea Gardner 2, Hillman 2, Petrich 2, Hopkins 2, VanSchalkwyk 1, Erickson 1
Assists — Lathram 27, Hopkins 20, Olivas 1
Aces — Olivas 6, Hillman 3, Hopkins 2, Petrich 2, Lathram 2
Record: Lee 4-9
Next: Lee vs. TBA at San Angelo Tournament, Friday

GREENWOOD GOES WINLESS IN MONAHANS

MONAHANS — The Greenwood volleyball team went 0-5 at the Monahans tournament over the weekend.

After losing to Fort Davis, Midland Christian and El Paso Montwood on Friday, the Rangerettes dropped matches to El Paso Del Valle (25-7, 25-20) and El Paso Bowie (25-22, 25-23) on Saturday.

Caity Payne had 19 kills and 23 digs, Payslee Sims had 24 digs, Faith Duran had 37 assists and Kyndall Dove added five aces on the day for Greenwood (0-5).

Greenwood next has a dual match against Odessa Permian and San Angelo Lake View at Lake View High School on Tuesday afternoon.

Friday's Scores
Fort Davis def. Greenwood 25-20, 25-21
Midland Christian def. Greenwood 25-13, 25-16
El Paso Montwood def. Greenwood 25-22, 25-18
Saturday's Scores
El Paso Del Valle def. Greenwood 25-7, 25-20
El Paso Bowie def. Greenwood 25-22, 25-23
Saturday's Greenwood cumulative statistics
Kills — Caity Payne 19, Payslee Sims 17, Kaley Martinez 12, Kyndall Dove 11, Alex McDonald 6, Faith Duran 2, Briseyda Martinez 3, Madi Ulcak 1, Kayvin Ellis 1
Digs — Sims 24, Payne 23, Ellis 15, Duran 9, Kaitlin Murphy 7, Ulcak 6, McDonald 3, K. Martinez 3, B. Martinez 3, Dove 3
Assists — Duran 37, Murphy 22, Payne 2, Dobbs 1, B. Martuinez 1.
Aces — Dove 5, Payne 4, Murphy 4, Duran 2, Sims 1, Ellis 1
Record: Greenwood 1-5
Next: Greenwood vs. Odessa Permian/San Angelo Lake View, 2 p.m. Tuesday, San Angelo Lake View HS

TRINITY WINS CONSOLATION BRACKET AT WINK TOURNEY

WINK — The Trinity volleyball team won the consolation bracket at the Wink Tournament on Saturday, as it lost to Colorado City (13-25, 22-25) but defeated Reagan County (25-16, 25-10), Balmorhea (25-12, 25-9) and Presidio (25-11, 25-23).

On Friday, the Lady Chargers fell to Presidio (25-19, 18-25, 20-15) and Midland High (11-25, 26-24, 18-25) but bested Balmorhea (25-12, 25-21). Overall, Trinity went 4-3 during the two-day tournament.

Mady Walker led the Lady Chargers with 52 kills in the tournament, and Avery Watson added 41 kills. Watson also recorded 89 assists, while Walker chipped in 72 assists. Hillary Lanier led Trinity in assists with 112. Rebecca Young had 11 blocks over the seven matches.

Trinity will next host Lubbock All-Saints at 6 p.m. Friday.

Friday's Scores
Presidio def. Trinity 25-19, 18-25, 20-25
Midland High def. Trinity 11-25, 26-24, 18-25
Trinity def. Balmorhea 25-12, 25-21
Saturday's Scores
Colorado City def. Trinity 13-25, 22-25
Trinity def. Reagan County 25-16, 25-10
Trinity def. Balmorhea 25-12, 25-9
Trinity def. Presidio 25-11, 25-23
Tournament cumulative stats for Trinity
Kills — Mady Walker 52, Avery Watson 41
Digs — Watson 89, Walker 72
Assists — Hillary Lanier 112
Aces — Lanier 6, Callie Hard 3
Record: Trinity 4-5
Next: Lubbock All-Saints at Trinity, 6 p.m. Friday

MCA TAKES THIRD AT WINK TOURNAMENT

WINK — The Midland Classical volleyball team won three of its four matches on Saturday to take third place in the Wink Tournament.

MCA went 6-1 over the two-day tournament.

The Lady Knights defeated Balmorhea (25-23, 25-10) and Jal (25-22, 25-20) on Saturday. MCA then fell to Colorado City (17-25, 19-25) in the second-place match but bounced back to best Kermit (25-15, 25-15) in the third-place match.

Freshman Lizabelle Russell led the Lady Knights with 20 kills and 7 1/2 blocks for the tournament. Alissa Beattie had 26 assists while Delanie Griffin picked up 11 digs.

MCA will next host Coahoma at noon Saturday.

MCA def. Balmorhea 25-23, 25-10
MCA def. Jal 25-22, 25-20
Colorado City def. MCA 17-25, 19-25
MCA def. Kermit 25-15, 25-15
Tournament cumulative stats for MCA
Kills — Lizabelle Russell 20, Ellerl Hasel 17
Digs — Delanie Griffin 11, Beth Ann Holmes 6
Assists — Alissa Beattie 26, Michelle McDougall 19
Aces — Beattie 11, Holmes 9
Record: MCA 7-1
Next: Coahoma at MCA, noon Saturday

MCS FINISHES THIRD AT MONAHANS TOURNEY

MONAHANS — The Midland Christian volleyball team finished in third place at the Monahans Tournament, as it won two of its three matches on Saturday.

MCS defeated Fort Stockton (25-9, 25-15), lost to Lubbock Cooper (25-22, 20-25, 12-25) but topped host Monahans (16-25, 25-15, 25-24) to take third place. The Lady Mustangs went 5-1 at the tournament.

Kenzie Pullen paced MCS with 20 kills and 33 digs on Saturday, while Bayle Weaver added 14 kills. Savana Walker tallied 59 assists and 21 digs for the Lady Mustangs. Weaver and Emma Holder each had six blocks.

MCS will next host Monahans at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

MCS def. Fort Stockton 25-9, 25-15
Lubbock Cooper def. MCS 25-22, 20-25, 12-25
MCS def. Monahans 16-25, 25-15, 25-24
Saturday's MCS cumulative stats
Kills — Kenzie Pullen 20, Bayle Weaver 14, Megan Ashton 13, Emma Holder 12, Megan Thomason 12
Digs — Ashton 39, Pullen 33, Madi Blanchard 31, Savana Walker 21, Nikki Jaso 7, Mady Jo Warren 3, Emma Holder 3
Assists — Walker 59, Ashton 3
Aces — Pullen 2
Record: MCS 6-1
Next: Monahans at MCS, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

NASCARROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MICHIGAN

Busch passes Blaney late to win Truck race at Michigan

BROOKLYN — Kyle Busch's eventful day included a trip to victory lane.

Busch passed Ryan Blaney with four laps remaining and won the NASCAR Truck Series race at Michigan International Speedway on Saturday. The victory came after he wrecked his Sprint Cup car during a morning practice, and then was penalized on lap 27 of the Truck race for speeding on pit road.

After being sent to the rear, he made his way all the way back in his No. 51 Toyota and battled with Blaney through the final few laps.

"These trucks tend to put on a good show," Busch said. "You can kind of draft back up on guys and use the bottom, use the top, kind of work around a little bit."

Blaney took the lead with six laps remaining after a restart, but Busch eventually moved back in front for his 44th victory on the series. He has won each of his two Truck starts this year.

Busch is now seven wins shy of Ron Hornaday Jr.'s career record for the series. It was Busch's first Truck victory at Michigan in nine starts.

After breaking his right leg and left foot in February, Busch has come back and won four Cup races. He also has won a couple Xfinity races, and he is unbeaten on the Truck series.

Erik Jones finished third in his No. 4 Toyota in Saturday's 100-lap, 200-mile race. Jones and Busch are teammates for Kyle Busch Motorsports, and Blaney said that was a factor toward the end.

"When we got the lead, I knew it was going to be hard to keep (Busch) behind us," Blaney said. "He can lay back to the 4 and just get a big run and get by you. There's nothing as a leader you can do about it."

Blaney finished 0.157 seconds behind.

Points leader Tyler Reddick finished ninth. Pole winner Matt Crafton finished sixth and now trails Reddick by eight points in the standings. Crafton made it through a messy situation toward the end when both he and John Wes Townley started sliding almost sideways on the track.

OHIO

Regan Smith wins NASCAR Xfinity race at Mid-Ohio

LEXINGTON — Regan Smith bumped his way past Alex Tagliani in the Carousel a turn from the finish Saturday to win the NASCAR Xfinity Series race at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.

Driving for JR Motorsports, Smith ended a 52-race victory drought with his fifth career win. Last week at Watkins Glen, he was bumped twice in the closing laps and finished 20th.

"These guys work their butts off all week," Smith said. "This car was destroyed door tops down, they rebuilt it in one day. The guys back at the shop phenomenal job, my road guys have stuck behind me for a while. We've had a lot of opportunities to win. I hate to do it in the last corner, but it's been too long, a long time, I wasn't going to pass the opportunity up.

"I've been wrecked so many times on these road courses, I had to do what I had to do right there. I didn't spin him, just got the spot. We're going to celebrate hard tonight."

Tagliani held on to finish second.

"If I knew that he was going to win like that probably instead of passing him fair and square early on in the race, I would have probably pushed him off a bit," the Canadian road racer said. "But he knows I'm not going to be there next weekend to retaliate."

AUTO RACING GLANCE

Sprint Cup

Pure Michigan 400 Lineup
After Friday qualifying; race Sunday
At Michigan International Speedway
Brooklyn, Mich.
Lap length: 2 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 197.468 mph.
2. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 195.99.
3. (19) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 195.276.
4. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 195.918.
5. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 195.477.
6. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 195.45.
7. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 195.349.
8. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 195.228.
9. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 194.884.
10. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 194.405.
11. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 194.133.
12. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 193.606.
13. (55) David Ragan, Toyota, 193.632.
14. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 193.554.
15. (9) Sam Hornish Jr., Ford, 193.476.
16. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 193.309.
17. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 193.309.
18. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 193.149.
19. (21) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 193.128.
20. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 193.028.
21. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 195.009.
22. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 192.921.
23. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 192.771.
24. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 192.622.
25. (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 192.005.
26. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 191.826.
27. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 191.586.
28. (31) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 191.307.
29. (26) Jeb Burton, Toyota, 190.713.
30. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 190.527.
31. (40) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 190.049.
32. (60) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, 190.049.
33. (7) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 189.394.
34. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 189.23.
35. (35) Cole Whitt, Ford, 189.091.
36. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, 188.927.
37. (23) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, Owner Points.
38. (34) Brett Moffitt, Ford, Owner Points.
39. (46) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
40. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
41. (32) Josh Wise, Ford, Owner Points.
42. (33) Travis Kvapil, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
43. (98) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
44. (62) Reed Sorenson, Ford, 189.379.

Xfinity Series

Nationwide Children's Hospital 200 Results
Saturday
At Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
Lexington, Ohio
Lap length: 2.259 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (7) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 75 laps, 47 points.
2. (1) Alex Tagliani, Ford, 75, 44.
3. (3) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 75, 41.
4. (2) Chris Buescher, Ford, 75, 41.
5. (6) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 75, 40.
6. (10) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 75, 39.
7. (5) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 75, 37.
8. (11) Darrell Wallace Jr., Ford, 75, 36.
9. (16) Dylan Lupton, Chevrolet, 75, 35.
10. (9) Brian Vickers, Chevrolet, 75, 34.
11. (8) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 75, 33.
12. (12) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 75, 32.
13. (4) Kevin Swint, Toyota, 75, 31.
14. (21) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 75, 30.
15. (13) Justin Marks, Chevrolet, 75, 29.
16. (26) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, 75, 28.
17. (14) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 75, 27.
18. (20) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 75, 26.
19. (32) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 75, 25.
20. (24) Cale Conley, Toyota, 75, 24.
21. (22) Andy Lally, Chevrolet, 75, 23.
22. (17) Ryan Reed, Ford, 75, 22.
23. (23) Dakoda Armstrong, Ford, 75, 21.
24. (30) Blake Koch, Toyota, 75, 20.
25. (36) Dennis Dyke, Chevrolet, 75, 19.
26. (35) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 75, 18.
27. (25) Michael Sell, Chevrolet, 75, 17.
28. (15) Kenny Habul, Toyota, 75, 16.
29. (19) Brandon Jones, Chevrolet, 75, 0.
30. (34) Tim Cowen, Ford, 72, 14.
31. (28) David Starr, Toyota, 69, 13.
32. (27) Tomy Drissi, Toyota, accident, 68, 12.
33. (37) Mike Harmon, Chevrolet, 68, 11.
34. (18) Dylan Kwasniewski, Chevrolet, 68, 10.
35. (31) Eric McClure, Toyota, 63, 9.
36. (29) Carlos Contreras, Chevrolet, suspension, 50, 8.
37. (39) Morgan Shepherd, Chevrolet, fuel pump, 33, 0.
38. (40) John Jackson, Chevrolet, brakes, 18, 0.
39. (38) Josh Reaume, Dodge, fuel pump, 6, 5.
40. (33) Jeff Green, Toyota, vibration, 3, 4.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 67.493 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 30 minutes, 33 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.766 seconds.
Caution Flags: 6 for 25 laps.
Lead Changes: 8 among 6 drivers.
Lap Leaders: A.Tagliani 1-7, B.Sadler 8-9, C.Elliott 10-12, E.Sadler 14-15, C.Buescher 16-25, A.Tagliani 26-42, R.Smith 43-60, A.Tagliani 61-74, R.Smith 75.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): A.Tagliani, 3 times for 38 laps; R.Smith, 2 times for 19 laps; C.Buescher, 1 time for 10 laps; C.Elliott, 1 time for 4 laps; E.Sadler, 1 time for 2 laps; B.Sadler, 1 time for 2 laps.
Top 10 in Points: 1.C.Buescher, 795; 2. T.Dillon, 741; 3.C.Elliott, 740; 4.R.Smith, 714; 5. E.Sadler, 705; 6.D.Wallace Jr., 655; 7.D.Suarez, 609; 8. B.Scott, 643; 9.B.Gaughan, 642; 10. R.Reed, 587.

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.
The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Laps, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

Camping World Truck Series

Careers for Veterans 200 Results
Saturday
At Michigan International Speedway
Brooklyn, Mich.
Lap length: 2 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (10) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 100 laps, 0 points, $43,447.
2. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 100, 0, $35,614.
3. (7) Erik Jones, Toyota, 100, 42, $28,725.
4. (6) Johnny Sauter, Toyota, 100, 41, $22,254.
5. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 100, 0, $15,023.
6. (1) Matt Crafton, Ford, 100, 39, $18,792.
7. (8) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 100, 38, $16,325.
8. (5) Timothy Peters, Toyota, 100, 36, $16,241.
9. (11) Tyler Reddick, Ford, 100, 35, $16,185.
10. (9) Cameron Hayley, Toyota, 100, 34, $17,107.
11. (16) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 100, 0, $13,862.
12. (17) John Hunter Nemechek, Chevrolet, 100, 32, $15,934.
13. (23) Jordan Anderson, Chevrolet, 100, 31, $15,850.
14. (19) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 100, 30, $15,795.
15. (13) Tyler Young, Chevrolet, 100, 29, $16,136.
16. (14) Spencer Gallagher, Chevrolet, accident, 99, 28, $15,711.
17. (8) John Wes Townley, Chevrolet, 99, 27, $15,799.
18. (20) Travis Kvapil, Chevrolet, 98, 26, $15,572.
19. (28) Jennifer Jo Cobb, Chevrolet, 98, 25, $15,515.
20. (18) Cody Coughlin, Toyota, 96, 24, $15,386.
21. (15) Chad Finley, Ford, 96, 23, $13,210.
22. (27) Korbin Forrister, Chevrolet, 95, 22, $15,404.
23. (30) Wendell Chavous, Chevrolet, 95, 21, $15,376.
24. (22) Mason Mingus, Chevrolet, accident, 87, 20, $14,096.
25. (4) Ben Kennedy, Toyota, accident, 82, 19, $14,220.
26. (21) Ray Black Jr., Chevrolet, 66, 18, $13,042.
27. (31) Norm Benning, Chevrolet, rear gear, 40, 17, $12,867.
28. (25) Caleb Roark, Chevrolet, vibration, 19, 16, $12,747.
29. (32) Tyler Tanner, Chevrolet, clutch, 16, 15, $12,692.
30. (26) B.J. McLeod, Chevrolet, electrical, 15, 14, $12,192.
31. (29) Todd Peck, Chevrolet, rear gear, 12, 13, $10,892.
32. (24) Justin Jennings, Chevrolet, handling, 6, 12, $9,892.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 128.940 mph.
Time of Race: 1 hour, 33 minutes, 4 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.157 seconds.
Caution Flags: 6 for 28 laps.
Lead Changes: 15 among 6 drivers.
Lap Leaders: D.Hamlin 1-4, A.Dillon 5-6, K.Busch 7-26, A.Dillon 27, E.Jones 28-56; R.Blaney 57, E.Jones 58-66, J.Sauter 67-68; K.Busch 69-76; R.Blaney 77-81; K.Busch 82-89; A.Dillon 90; K.Busch 91-94; R.Blaney 95-99; K.Busch 97-100.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): K.Busch, 6 times for 44 laps; J.Sauter, 1 time for 24 laps; E.Jones, 2 times for 18 laps; R.Blaney, 3 times for 8 laps; A.Dillon, 3 times for 4 laps; D.Hamlin, 1 time for 4 laps.
Top 10 in Points: 1.T.Reddick, 514; 2. M.Crafton, 506; 3.E.Jones, 503; 4.J.Sauter, 481; 5.C.Hayley, 425; 6.D.Hamlin, 420; 7.T.Peters, 416; 8.J.Tomlay, 414; 9.S.Gallagher, 394; 10. B.Kennedy, 381.

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BUSCH

From 1C

high-drag rules package for this race, and there's been a lot of uncertainty over how the cars will handle in traffic. Now Busch will have a lot of cars to pass as he tries to improve his position.

"We just learned about how the draft was and what kind of instances you could try to put yourself in and what kind of instances you didn't want to be in," Busch said. "Now that we have to start in the back, it's a good thing we did that. It's a good exercise and we'll just have to adjust our car for being in the back of the field."

This rules package was also used at Indianapolis last month and drew criticism, but there's some hope that it will work better at Michigan's wider, faster track. This week, NASCAR mandated a dual outlet duct be used on the right-side window to help with ventilation and keep the cockpit from being too hot for the drivers.

Dillon's problem

Busch wasn't the only solid qualifier who had a problem in practice Saturday. Austin Dillon, who qualified fourth, had an engine issue toward the end of practice.

"We think it is something to do with fueling," Dillon said. "We will see if it is a fueling issue. If not, if it's a bigger issue, we will change the motor for Sunday."

Gibbs on a roll

Busch's crash was a rare misstep lately for Joe Gibbs Racing, which swept the top three spots in qualifying Friday. Matt Kenseth took the pole, followed by Denny Hamlin and Carl Edwards.

Down to the wire

Jeff Gordon has had decidedly mixed results so far in his farewell season. The retiring star has no wins and is 12th in the standings. A faulty brake line led to a 41st-place finish last weekend at Watkins Glen. He was third at Pocono the previous weekend, but the week before that he finished 42nd at Indianapolis.

Gordon is one of several big-name drivers still without a win with four races remaining before the Chase. Ryan Newman, Clint Bowyer, Kasey Kahne and Greg Biffle are among the others.

Better weather

Kurt Busch won the June race at Michigan, but it was shortened because of rain. The forecast is for a sunny day today with temperatures in the 80s.

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No joke — a Samoan walks onto a golf course and ...

By Jim Litke
Associated Press

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. — The family business, at least on the athletic side of the Finau family, was pro football or basketball.

Tony Finau, all 6-foot-4 and 200 pounds of him, was determined to play golf.

So if nothing else, his play Saturday was further validation of a story that begins with two poor kids learning to play the game by banging balls against a mattress in their garage and one of them winding up with a shot at a major title on the final day of the PGA Championship.

"It was a tough finish, I've got to be sharper," Finau said after bogeying the final two holes at Whistling Straits for a 69 that left him at 10 under, five strokes off the pace set by leader Jason Day. "But I also learned a lot.

"I learned I can play in this kind of environment, that I can control my emotions in contention at a major. ... I'm five shots back and a lot of really good guys ahead of me. But at least," he added, brightening, "I'm still in the conversation for tomorrow."

Growing up in Salt Lake City of mixed Tongan and American Samoan descent, Finau looked more like a candidate to follow second cousin Jabari Parker into hoops and, maybe someday, the NBA.

"I don't think it was until Tony was 15 or 16, when he made it out of state qualifying in the junior PGA events, that I started to believe 'Hey, maybe he really does have the ability.'"

Kelepi Finau, father of golfer Tony Finau

And he had more than one Division I suitor tossing scholarship offers his way.

The other option was to pack more pounds onto that lean frame and try to catch the same express train that another cousin, longtime Pro Bowler Haloti Ngata of the Detroit Lions, rode all the way to the NFL.

The story of how the 25-year-old wound up on PGA Tour instead is a beauty.

"We lived in a tough neighborhood and we didn't know a thing about golf," said his father, Kelepi, one of seven family members at the course this week. "The idea was to find something that would keep Tony and Gipper (11 months younger) out of trouble. They're the middle two of our seven kids and we already had a few others playing team sports. But they were passionate about it right away.

"And," he added, "they were both pretty good right away."

It was Kelepi, who worked in the cargo depot at the Salt Lake City airport, who went to the library and picked up a copy of Jack Nicklaus' book, "Golf My Way" and taped pictures of the Golden Bear's swing sequence to the walls of the garage. Because the family couldn't afford too many buckets of balls at the local driving range, he propped up mattresses against the door and put down strips of carpet to hit off so his sons could practice as long as they wanted.

"It was all they wanted to do," Kelepi laughed. "I don't think it was until Tony was 15 or 16, when he made it out of state qualifying in the junior PGA events, that I started to believe 'Hey, maybe he really does have the ability.'"

Along the way, there were stops at the "Ultimate Game," a $50,000 ante-up-front competition in Las Vegas where Lee Trevino first saw both Finaus crash drives in the very exclusive neighborhood of 400 yards. And then a successful cameo on "The Big Break," Golf Channel's reality TV show, which Tony lost in the final with a PGA tournament invite at the end of the rainbow.

But there were tough times, too: Turning pro at 17 (Gipper did so at 16) in hopes of making some badly needed cash in quickly. A handful of tries and misses at the tour's Q-school. A car crash that took his mother's life and left Finau with an ulcer, but only deepened his resolve. Seven years of beating the bushes on a variety of minor-league golf circuits, with a growing family back home to feed.

Finau finally made it to the big leagues this year and he's made plenty of every opportunity: four top-10 finishes, highlighted by a pair of seventh-place ties and a tie for eighth at the Memorial. He was two shots off the lead heading into the weekend at the U.S. Open, his first-ever major, and wound up in a tie for 14th.

"I think that was the one that made the difference," recalled caddie Greg Bodine. "Tony told me then he already knew he could stack up on normal tour courses. Once he played Chambers Bay, he knew he could stack up on places like this, too."

A long putt away from the scoring trailer, Kelepi Finau leaned against a fence and waited for his son to emerge.

"For us to be out here is something else," he began, his voice softening. "It's unfortunate his mother never got to see this, but green was her favorite color, and he'll be wearing it tomorrow."

He paused. "He once told me every time the wind blows, he feels his mom is with him."

Here's hoping the wind blows strong and steady the entire final day.

GOLF GLANCE

PGA Tour

PGA Championship Scores
Saturday
At Whistling Straits (Straits Course)
Sheboygan, Wis.
Purse: $10 million
Yardage: 7,501; Par: 72
Third Round

Jason Day 66-67-68—201
Jordan Spieth 71-67-65—203
Brandon Grace 71-69-64—204
Justin Rose 69-67-68—204
Martin Kaymer 70-70-65—205
Tony Finau 71-66-68—205
Matt Jones 69-65-73—206
Dustin Johnson 66-73-68—207
Anirban Lahiri 70-67-70—207
Matt Kuchar 69-72-66—207
Billy Horschel 72-68-68—208
J.B. Holmes 69-71-68—208
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LPGA Tour

Portland Classic Scores
Saturday
At Columbia Edgewater Country Club
Portland, Ore.
Purse: $1.3 million
Yardage: 6,476; Par 72
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WESTTEXASSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

To submit an item for West Texas Sports, please either fax, bring in, mail or email your information in hard-copy form to the Reporter-Telegram sports department.

Please make your submission as detailed as possible, including dates of events, deadlines, fees, age groups, etc.

To bring your item to the MRT, come to 201 E. Illinois Ave. in Midland. To mail your information, send it to Reporter-Telegram, c/o Sports Department, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

To fax your information, send to 570-7650 or you can email it to sports@mrt.com.

Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0098 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-3264 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 290-0438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midland/odessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-5080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Private lessons
For more info: Call Mike Mungia 432-230-6477 or email mmungia@midlandchristianschool.org

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 557-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2561

Midland Hoops 3X Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Valvano at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops3X.com; valvanoeddie@yahoo.com

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Week of 8-18 p.m.
For more info: Motion Pool 694-5176 or Cactus Lanes 684-0177

54th McGinnis Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Cactus
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 686-8728

Camps/Clinics

Tee Shot All Star Camp
For ages: Boys and girls ages 10-18
For more info: Call (214) 373-0473 for a brochure

CGM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

West Texas Lacrosse Clinics
When: Every Saturday between June 20-Aug. 22 with the exception of July 4. Boys aged 8-12 | 8 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Boys 14 and up: 10:30 a.m.-noon
Where: Hogan Park South
Cost: $10 per clinic
For more info: Visit www.midlandwestlacrosse.org, e-mail info@midlandwestlacrosse.org or follow @MidlandWestLacrosse on Twitter @WestTexLacrosse.

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Ignier for clinics and lessons at jsnier@midlandchristianschool.org

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Sash Park Ranch House, 5200 W. Wall Street, Midland
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbaxs.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (9 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2561

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2395

Golf

Vaqueros Bluebonnet Benefit Golf Tournament for Marie Gonzalez and Moses Armendariz
When: Sunday, Sept. 27
Where: Hogan Park Golf Course
Time: Shotgun starts at 8 a.m.
Cost: $75 per player or $150 per team
What: Two-man scramble tournament that will have closest to the pin contest in both flight divisions. Deadline to register is Thursday, Sept. 24. A meal will be provided following the tournament.
For more information: Please contact Coach Moreno at 432-210-2302 or Paul Armendariz at 432-488-6124.

The 20th Annual SPE Permian Basin Golf Tournament
Format: Four-person scramble
When: Friday, Sept. 11, 8:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. (shotgun starts)
Where: Hogan Park Golf Course
Entry fee: $375 per team or $700 if paying with credit card
For more information: contact Gina Bayle at 432-940-7023 or email gbayle@treyspecialtyinc.net

Lacrosse

Summer 2015 Lacrosse - Learn-2-Play Clinics
When: Every Saturday from June 20-Aug. 22 (not July 4), 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Boys ages 8-13), 10:30 a.m.-noon (boys ages 14 and up)
Where: Hogan Park South (across from Sibley Nature Center, 1001 E. Illinois Ave.)
Cost: $10 per clinic
For more information: Go to Facebook page, Twitter @WestTexLacrosse, go to website at www.midlandwestlacrosse.org or email info@midlandwestlacrosse.org

Martial Arts

AMWA
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Kids: Specializing in traditional Okinawa style Aikido
For more info: Call John Rogers, 694-7002 or 770-5135

Private Martial Arts/Self-Defense Lessons
Ages: Men/Women/Children
What: Learn Basic Skills in Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Victor Jimenez, 432-528-5008, aplomaus@aol.net

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 5-6 p.m. Saturday
Where: Panar Martial Arts Academy, 300 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Kenko-Kobo-Ajitsu-Kempo-Kung-Fu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 485-7467 or 689-6444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic advice, scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Sandoval at (915) 240-1030

Physicals

High school physicals available
Where: Dr. Don Floyd's office, West Texas Orthopedics, at 4304 Andrews Hwy.
When: Aug. 22 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Cost: $25, cash only. Checks and credit cards will not be accepted
For more info: Call 432-520-3020

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players, Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 8:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Redneckin Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 81st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $60 down; $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Royal-Washburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-687-9418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Kelley, president at kelleyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Priyoson Leonard at 512-750-1020 or 682-5088

Shooting

Comanche Trail Sheriffs
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Sunday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety training at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on 4th Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter). Mandatory safety training at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Tinsdale Ranch adjacent to Jake's Claps
For more info: Go to comanchetrailsheriffs.org or call Hondo Brown 682-1482

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shotguns, rifles and pistols are welcome. Sporting clays, backyard rifle, bullseye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, skeet, silhouette, 3-gun, practical pistol, steel, trap, 5 stand and sporting clays.
When: Sporting clays, 9 a.m. to dusk and gun range from sunrise to sunset every day except Wednesday, when range opens 11 a.m. until dusk. Wednesday is Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 230-8947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Westtex Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/groups/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wytestpitch@gmail.com

Midland United Girls Softball Registration
What: Online registration is now open and registration will only be available online
Fees: T-ball ($75), 8U-18U ($100), late fee $25
For ages: A girl must be 4 by Jan. 1, 2015 to play T-ball. The same date will used to place child in each division. A parent may have opportunity to bump their child up one division.
To register: go to MidlandFastpitch.com or registration will also be available at Midland Park Mall on March 7 and March 14 from 1-5 p.m.

Swimming

CGM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

CGM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAllister at 684-7755

CGM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

CGM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $60 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

CGM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

CGM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners from advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

CGM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of CGM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

CGM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of CGM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic dives, national and international level
For more info: 684-7755

CGM Competitive Swim Team
What: Try out for CGM Swim Team. Hybrids available by approval
Where: Emphasis is on competition and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

CGM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of the quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: 684-7755

CGM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAllister at 684-7755

CGM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAllister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Feller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Feller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Feller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Feller 682-2561

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-210-0811 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 56 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (9th-8th grade; freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults). Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and or call, 620-8180.

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 682-6610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandcollegetennisclub@aol.com

Midland Women's Tennis Association
For more info: 559-7208

MTC Tournaments
What: Singles, doubles, mixed
When: Sept. 12, Oct. 24, Oct. 31, Nov. 1
To enter: Call 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

Ultimate Frisbee

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays mostly pick-up games on Sundays. The Club plays tournaments throughout the year, and offer competitive practices for training travel.
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midlandultimatetennis.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-368-3139

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: First Monday of the month at Monday's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
Walks: 100 walks: Sept. 12 (TTP) with Zeb 10 Bismark, Nov. 21 Bismark chase, Dec. 20 Chaparral walk
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alan Ross 687-3200 or go to www.avaforwalking.org

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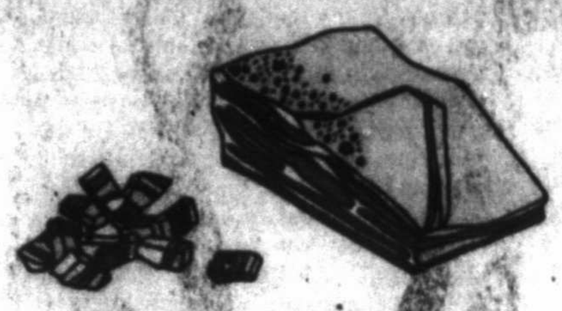

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OTHER JOBS

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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.

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Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person.

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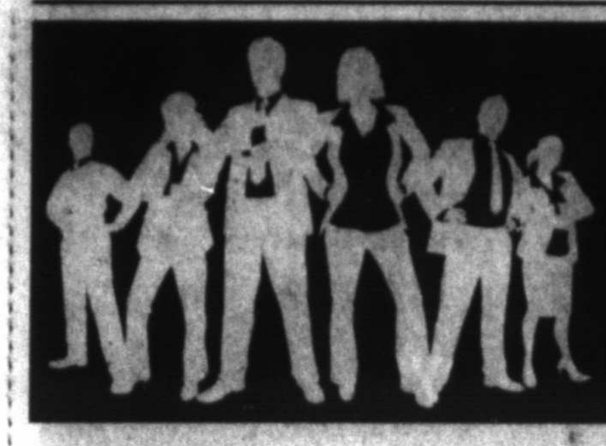

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Rogers Ford Career Opportunities

Available positions: Porters, Drivers, Service Writer, Service Cashier, and a Suspension Technician.

Porter Requirements: Include sweeping, mopping, cleaning technician stalls, cleaning main service drive, parking vehicles, and bringing around vehicles for customers. Help with other misc. task around shop. Clean driving record and valid drivers license.

Driver Requirements: Include delivery, pickup and handling of vehicle parts to/from surrounding areas. Requires ability to secure parts in a timely manner, work efficiently and maintain a friendly attitude at all times. Must have a valid drivers license and clean driving record. Previous parts or delivery experience preferred. Dealership experience preferred. And Excellent customer service skills and multitasking ability.

Service Writer Requirements: Including customer-focused, well organized person, service reception, providing repair estimates, obtaining approvals, keeping your clients updated on service status, invoicing, and service delivery. Must be professional in appearance, have excellent written and verbal communications skills, and have a positive, customer service, team-oriented attitude. Prior dealership, automotive, or other retail experience would be helpful.

Service Cashier Requirements: Includes to greet customer on main service drive, cash customers out, answer phone calls, cover fast lube cashier, and help with other misc. work task.

Suspension Technician Requirements: Must be able to follow work directions, pay attention to detail and diagnose problems and make the necessary repair. Duties include, but are not limited to the following: Verify complaints, follow diagnostic procedures, perform checks and make the necessary repair to vehicles. Identify potential problems, and perform preventative maintenance. Obtain information and keep accurate records. Obtain authorization and perform repair. Must have own tools. Must be able to be on your feet for long periods of time. Call for more details.

****Must pass drug test for all job positions.**

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CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

LAMESA TEXAS
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The City of Lamesa is accepting applications for a position of City Secretary. Duties and responsibilities include the following: Manages all official records and documents; Manages proceedings of City Council meetings; Directs and coordinates municipal elections. Provides assistance and information to staff and citizens regarding City ordinances and regulations. Provides administrative services to the City Council and the City Manager. City's media and community relations.

Applicant requirements include the following: Minimum of an Associates Degree or higher; Valid Texas Class C driver's license with acceptable record; Knowledge of Federal, State, and Municipal laws and procedures. Knowledge of election laws and procedures. Three (3) years public relation experience; Proficiency in Microsoft Word. Texas Registered Municipal Clerks certification preferred; Bilingual in Spanish (spoken/written) preferred; Excellent written/verbal communication skills. Outgoing/friendly personality; Interest to learn. Abilities to multi-task, be well-organized, detail-oriented, and deal with pressure/deadline situations. Acceptable skills/abilities related to other managerial, interpersonal, mathematical reasoning aspects of the position.

Applications can be downloaded from City website ci.lamesa.tx.us. Personnel Director (806) 872-4326, or email jramirez@ci.lamesa.tx.us
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West Texas Centers

Providing Behavioral & Developmental Health

Chief Accountant: Performs advanced financial and cost accounting work. Work involves developing, directing, and preparing agency budget reports request; establishing and maintain accounting and internal audit systems, procedures, and controls; and preparing a variety of related financial analyses and other reports. Performs gathering and analysis of data to monitor trends, as well as, analysis of impact regarding changes in reimbursement policies as they affect collections, works under minimal supervision with considerable latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment. This position reports directly to the Chief Financial Officer and performs CFO duties as needed in the CFOs absence. BA/BS degree in accounting or finance is required. MBA, MSA or MSF preferred CPA strongly preferred.
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Applications available at www.wtcmhmr.org
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Please come in to apply at 3300 S. FM 1788, Midland, TX. or email resume to tfeathers@ohcg.info.
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OCEANS BEHAVIORAL HOSPITAL
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HEALTHCARE

Medical Assistant or LVN

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West Texas Centers

Providing Behavioral & Developmental Health

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MH LVN.: under this position performs nursing duties in the assigned outpatient center. The nurse is responsible for the care and treatment of individuals in accordance with the accepted nursing standards or West Texas Centers. Consultation and in -service training related to nursing duties are provided by the Direct Supervisor. Due to travel requirements, a personal automobile is required with mileage reimbursement. The nurse will provide coverage for Lamesa, Brownfield, Seminole, Denver City. Licensed to practice as a licensed vocational nurse in the State of Texas. $18.53 hr $1482.40 bi weekly $38,544 annually Part time $20.45 hr
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ROOM SERVICE SUPERVISOR

Midland Memorial Hospital is seeking to fill a Room Service Supervisor position for our West Campus facility. The primary responsibility of the Room Service Supervisor is to provide the highest quality of customer service to patients at all times. Through pro-active supervision, this position ensures that the room service operations run smoothly, properly, and that outstanding customer service is always served. This position also collects a variety of financial and quality control data for the department. Cooking experience is required. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent and have previous supervisory experience in food service or health care.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS/PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

- ✔ **Ensures nourishment rooms, waiting areas and all other hospital departments are properly stocked. Communicates with clinical managers to establish par levels and ensures the needs of the units are met.**
- ✔ **Maintains department paperwork for room service line activities and assists Room Services Manager as needed. Communicates patient complaints to management and assists with complaint resolution and customer satisfaction measures as needed.**

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For consideration, please call or submit application
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400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway,
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www.midland-memorial.com
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HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

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HEALTHCARE

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Human Resources Director Requirements: HR certification, advanced degree in related area or equivalent professional experience in Business Administration or Human Resources. 10+ years' progressive experience and documented success in managing HR practices, staff, and objectives. Experience leading process improvement initiatives in HR. Broad knowledge and experience in employment law, compensation, organizational planning, employee relations, training and development.

Phlebotomist - Full Time Requirements: High school diploma or equivalent, Phlebotomy certification from an accredited agency - 1 year experience, Day Shift with varied schedule weekly.

Night Shift Charge RN - Full Time Requirements: RN License through the State of Texas, CPR certification, prefer ACLS, PALS and TNNC certifications. Charge nurse or previous management experience preferred.

EMT-Paramedic and EMT-B - Requirements: EMT certification, prefer BLS, ACLS certification. FT and PRN positions

*All positions with Martin County Hospital District require a valid drivers license.

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MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

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OTHER JOBS

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Susie's South Forty Confections is seeking a part-time assistant cook. If you have a positive attitude and a love for cooking, you may be interested in joining our team. Ability to work flexible shifts and schedules, inclusive of weekends and some holidays. Please apply in person at 401 S. Marienfeld or you may call 432-570-4040 if you have any questions.

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Requirements

• General experience in drilling, completion, well servicing, facilities and lease operations • Knowledge of HSE regulations (local, state, federal) and HSE management systems • Knowledge of OSHA, TRRC, ANSI, NIOSH, API, AOSC, Drilling Standards, and accepted safe practices for the petroleum industry. • Knowledge of fleet safety, DOT, and driver skills • Self-starter requiring minimal supervision • Good communication skills - verbal, written, and visual • Good people skills - lead, assist, train and mentor. • Good computer skills - Word, PowerPoint, and Excel • Valid DL with excellent driving record. • Legally authorized to work in the US • BA degree in EHS with 3 plus years in safety experience. • Associates degree in a HSE discipline with 5 plus years in safety experience. • Continuing Education Certification in HSE a plus.

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Temp Opportunities
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Receptionist, Veterinary Technician, Kennel Technician

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Exploration Geologist

Independent exploration and production company seeks an exploration geologist to identify and generate oil and gas drilling opportunities in the Permian Basin. Please send resume c/o P-118 to Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79705

Land Administration Consultant

Land Administration Consultant needed for part-time project work for an independent exploration & production company. Responsibilities include preparation of land agreements, exhibits, lease/lease schedules, assignments and coordination with outside landmen in acquisition of oil and gas interests. Good land administration and word processing experience necessary. Non-smoker. Send resume to P-130 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79701

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All Positions

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Sales Associate

Classic Carpets is seeking a Sales Associate to join our team. If you enjoy working with people and want great hours, this is the job for you. This person will need to have good computer and math skills. Reliable transportation is a requirement. If you are the person for this job, you may apply in person at Classic Carpets located at 3323 N. Midland Dr. Ste 120 or email your resume to smorris@classiccarpets.net.

Sales Consultant

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Clinical Research Institute

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JOB REPORT

MOST ADULTS NOT ON THE HUNT

WORKERS PUTTING MORE EMPHASIS ON FLEXIBILITY, NOT LOOKING TO SWITCH JOBS

The old adage says that time equals money, but that might not be true. Time might have greater value than money.

More adults value work-life balance (49 percent) and schedule flexibility in their current jobs (44 percent) than they do pay and wage potential (40 percent), according to a recent American Staffing Association survey of 1,000 U.S. adults. Overall, the quarterly ASA Workforce Monitor found that six in 10 employed adults expressed little likelihood of exploring a new job opportunity. Wage potential (65 percent), starting salary (54 percent) and benefits (also 54 percent) were cited as the major considerations for changing jobs.

"The [survey] results underscore the fact that employers need to rethink their recruitment and retention strategies," Richard Wahlquist, ASA president and CEO, said in a statement. "Quality of life matters in retaining current employees. Compensation matters most in recruiting employees to change jobs."

FEW ADULTS ON THE HUNT

Employers and recruiters looking to hire may have a tough time attracting new talent, according to the survey. In addition to the bulk of employed adults say they're likely to stay in their current jobs this year, 38 percent of unemployed able-bodied, working-age adults say they are unlikely to consider finding a job in the next year.

According to the survey, around one-third (35 percent) of employed adults would consider relocation for a new job; currently unemployed adults are even less likely (15 percent) to consider moving for a job. The half who would not relocate cited liking where they live and not wanting to change that situation; four in 10 said they're happy with their job and don't want to leave family and friends. The most critical aspects in deciding whether or not to consider relocating for a job are pay (66 percent) and benefits (57 percent)

The 3 R's of New Talent

Based on the current outlook of the labor market, the ASA Workforce Monitor pinpoints three areas where employers should focus to recruit and retain talent

- Recruitment: Salary and benefits are the most important considerations for getting workers to switch jobs.
- Relocation: Significant increases in compensation would be required for those likely to consider relocating for a job.
- Retention: Work-life balance and schedule flexibility are valued most by workers. Compensation also is highly important.

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JOB WEEK

Number of additional customer service representatives that Southwest Airlines, which has appeared on Forbes' list of World's Most Admired Companies 21 consecutive years, plans to add to its call centers in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Phoenix, and San Antonio.
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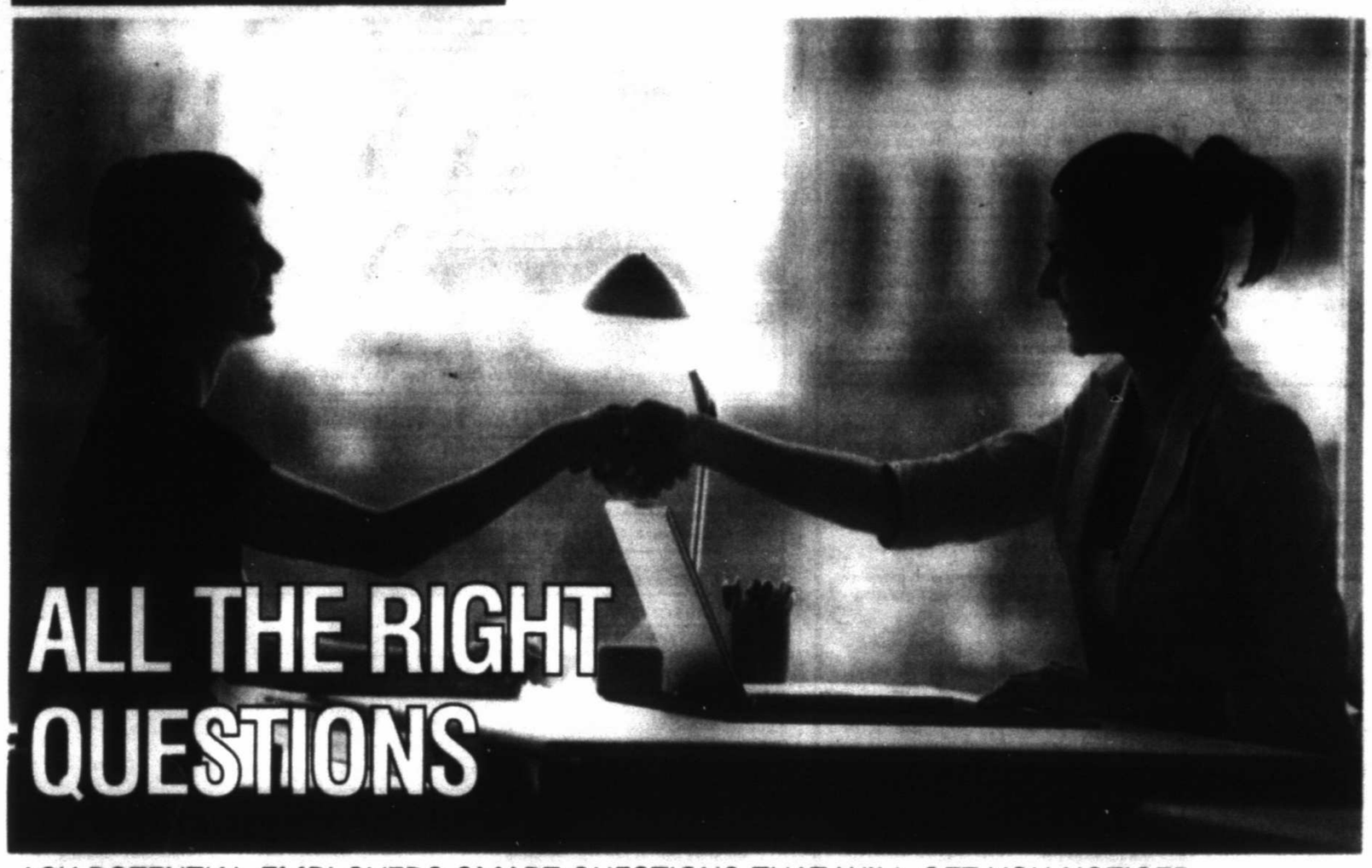

ALL THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

ASK POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS SMART QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOU NOTICED

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
CTW FEATURES

In a job interview, it's not just the candidates' answers that make an impression. It's also the quality of the questions they ask when given the opportunity.

For their own benefit, candidates should ask the type of questions that help determine if the job and company are right for them. In addition, there are questions candidates can ask that are sure to make them stand out by showing their preparedness for the interview, keen interest in the job and ability to hit the ground running, if hired. Let's call them "sic 'em" questions.

No, it's not about going on the attack. It's about preparing questions in three areas that reflect positively on the candidate: skills, impact and culture – "sic" for short.

SKILLS

Skills-related questions are especially important if the initial interview is with human resources. Candidates must demonstrate they have the necessary skills to perform the job or they won't advance to a second interview.

"If you're talking with someone from HR, I suggest sticking to general questions about the qualities and key skills they're looking for in a candidate," says Stephanie Gallo, associate director of the Career Planning Center at Fairfield University in Connecticut.

Some variations: What type of person would excel in this role? What are the common attributes of your top performers?

The interviewer's responses will reveal which skills are deemed most important, giving the candidate an opportunity to reemphasize how his or her skills match up.

Candidates can reframe the basic skills-related questions and go into more specifics when talking to a hiring manager. Example: Since you'll be managing the new hire directly, what are the skills and qualities you'd most like to see?

IMPACT

Impact questions demonstrate that a candidate is "engaged in the company and ready to pitch in like a peer," says Sarah Nahm, CEO of Lever, an applicant-tracking-system developer based in San Francisco. "You're goal-oriented, you're ready to make a difference and you're not at a disadvantage because you're new."

Examples: What is the most important goal for me to achieve in 90 days? If I'm wildly successful in a year, what will I have accomplished? How can this particular role help address this specific challenge the company is facing? How will this position contribute to this initiative or project? How can I help leverage this recent success?

Impact questions also can suggest that while a candidate may be a star, he or she wants to shine as part of a team. "A candidate can ask questions that demonstrate he or she is looking to support the overall mission of the employer and is primed to provide value to the organization as a whole," says Diane Klein, associate director of career development for Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Example: How do you envision this position contributing to the goals you have set for this organization over the next year?

CULTURE

"Asking about culture shows you're interested in more than just the financial aspects or tangible benefits of the job," says Frank Green, president of ExecuSource, an Atlanta-based staffing and recruiting firm.

Culture questions require preparation and sometimes subtlety: "A bad way to do it is to ask, 'What is the culture like?' because you'll get a canned answer, and in some cases it may be indicative that you have not researched the company," Nahm says.

However, it may be wise — and seen as wise — to ask how a particular department's culture is unique within the company culture as a whole, she adds.

Oftentimes, indirect questions reveal a lot about company culture, helping candidates determine if they'll fit in and are likely to get ahead.

Examples: What are your favorite parts about working for this company? What types of people succeed here? What types of people are liked and respected?

Because the best questions are based on a candidate's research of a particular company, there isn't a long list of general or generic questions that are sure to impress an employer, says Tony Beshara, president of Babich and Associates, a Dallas-based placement and recruitment firm.

But there are questions that are almost certainly damaging, including queries about salary and how soon the candidate can expect a raise or promotion.

"Any questions along the lines of 'What can you do for me?' will kick your butt out of the running," Beshara says.

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ON THE JOB

HOW TO BE SWITZERLAND

In the workplace, it may be wiser to take a more neutral political approach

The next national election is more than a year away. But with a stream of candidates announcing that they're entering the race, the media is already buzzing with political chatter.

It can be smart, though, for employees to refrain from political talk at the workplace, and even cautiously consider displaying political convictions off the job.

"A handful of states have protections for either political expression and/or off-duty lawful conduct, which would include activities like volunteering for or endorsing a political candidate, attending a rally, et cetera," Paula Brantner, executive director of the nonprofit Workplace Fairness, said in an email. "But absent those protections, employees without a union contract or employment contract are employed 'at will,' which means they can be fired for any reason or no reason, as long as it's not an illegal reason."

Touting views on other controversial subjects like religion also could lead to dismissal, or other measures, like the worker being placed on bad shifts, notes Lee Tien, senior staff attorney for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a civil liberties nonprofit.

Some states – including California, Colorado, New York and North Dakota – have made it illegal for employers to fire workers for political expression, or indeed any type of lawful off-work conduct, Tien adds.

Not just workers, but job applicants, may want to be careful about leaving a trail of inflammatory statements on social media or other websites that can damage their prospects, Tien cautions.

But strong is the operative word, he believes: "It's often how you say it that gets you into trouble. Calm, reasoned, articulate political commentary is not the same as a vitriolic, obscenity-laden, political rant," Tien says.

– Marilyn Kennedy Melia

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Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., August 26, 2015 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 8750-15 Re-bid

For: Sale of Scrap Metal

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting competitive sealed Request for Proposals, Proposal R18-15-08-0001 to enhance and maintain the current Legal Framework for the Child-Centered Special Education Process (http://framework.esc18.net/) for the period of September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016. Project enhancements will include, but are not limited to adding operating guidelines to the authoring system and public site. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained beginning August 5, 2015 at Region 18 ESC, by download from the "Public Information- Request for Proposals" page of the Region 18 ESC website at www.esc18.net or by contacting John Burdsal, Purchasing Specialist, at 432-561-4335 or jburdsal@esc18.net. Please address any questions regarding the specifics of this RFP to Lee Lentz-Edwards at 432-561-4356. Address sealed Proposal R18-15-08-0001 to John Burdsal, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580, Midland, Texas 79711. Proposals will be received at the above address until 1:30 p.m., August 26, 2015. Region 18 ESC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ANN WELLS HUFFMAN, Deceased, were issued on June 25, 2015 in Docket Number P-18,340 pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas to RONALD RAY HUFFMAN, SR., Independent Executor.

The address of record for RONALD RAY HUFFMAN, SR. is 6809 FM 1213, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79706.

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 11th day August, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,
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ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE
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Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc. Opr. No. 945936, 500 W. Illinois, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is non- productive of oil and gas.

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for **OPEN/WIDE BORE MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING SYSTEM** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Wednesday, August 12, 2015.**

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12 (noon) on Wednesday, August 26, 2015.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1170-081215.**

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected for a period of **twelve (12) months.**

All bids will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the bids in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
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Midland Memorial Hospital
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NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF **JAMES K. HARTMAN, DECEASED:**

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of August, 2015, Letters Testamentary were issued to **James Kent Hartman, II** as Independent Executor in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled,"In the Matter of the Estate of James K. Hartman, Deceased," being Cause No. P-18398 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to James Kent Hartman, II, c/o Alan H. Meyers, Law Offices of Alan H. Meyers, P.C., 505 N. Big Spring, Suite 104, Midland, Texas 79701, within the time prescribed by law.

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., August 26, 2015 to be opened at 2:00 P.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 8907-15

For: Readymix Concrete & Caliche

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
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Public Notice
Proposal #2016-006

Midland College District is accepting competitive sealed proposals for contract pricing on welding supplies. The term of this contract will be for the period of September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017. Proposal packets may be picked up Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., in the Purchasing Office, located at 3600 N Garfield, Midland, Texas. **Proposals will be accepted until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 25, 2015** in the Purchasing Office, at which time they will be opened and the vendor names read into record. For proposal packet information contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432) 686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. A final determination may be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids submitted.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting competitive sealed Request for Proposals, Proposal R18-15-08-0002 is for an HVAC Comprehensive Maintenance Program for the period of September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained beginning July 5, 2015 at Region 18 ESC, by download from the "Public Information- Request for Proposals" page of the Region 18 ESC website at www.esc18.net or by contacting John Burdsal, Purchasing Specialist, at 432-561-4335 or jburdsal@esc18.net. Please address any questions regarding the specifics of this RFP to Arthur Balderrama at 432-567-3264. Address sealed Proposal R18-15-08-0002 to John Burdsal, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580, Midland, Texas 79711. Proposals will be received at the above address until 2:30 p.m., August 26, 2015. Region 18 ESC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LARRY V. BOHANNON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Larry V. Bohannon, Deceased, were issued to Raymond Bohannon, Independent Executor, on the 28th day of July, 2015, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Larry V. Bohannon, Deceased", No. P18361 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Independent Executor, at the address given below before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Said Independent Executor's address is 4316 Roadrunner Trail, Midland, TX 79707.

Independent Executor of the Estate of Larry V. Bohannon, Deceased, No. P18361 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

To those indebted to or holding claims against the Estate of **Shirley N. Raimer**, deceased:

Richard McKee Raimer, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of **Shirley N. Raimer**, deceased, late of Midland, Midland County, Texas, by the Judge of the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Cause No. P18386 on August 10, 2015, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to said Independent Executor within the time prescribed by law, at the following address:

Richard McKee Raimer
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Cause No. **P18414**
In COUNTY COURT, Midland County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above-numbered and entitled estate filed an Application to Determine Heirship in this estate on 8/05/2015, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of **CATHY CHAPPELL BINNS**, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 a.m. **8/17/2015**, which is the first Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of posting this citation, at the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas 79701.

All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to this Application should they desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention, or response in writing with the County Clerk of Midland County, Texas on or before the above-noted date and time.

Given under by hand and seal of the COUNTY COURT of Midland County, Texas at the office of the Midland County Clerk in Midland, Texas on August 06th 2015.

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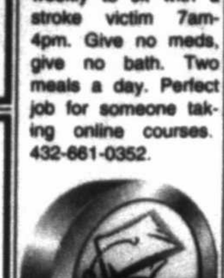

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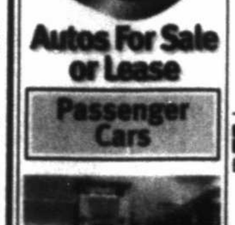

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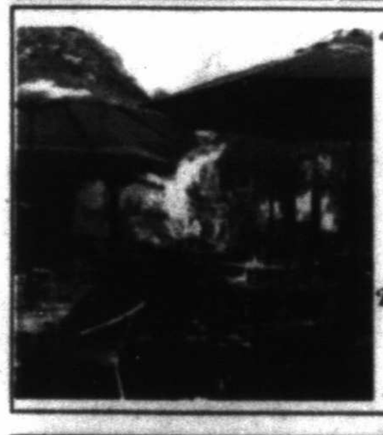

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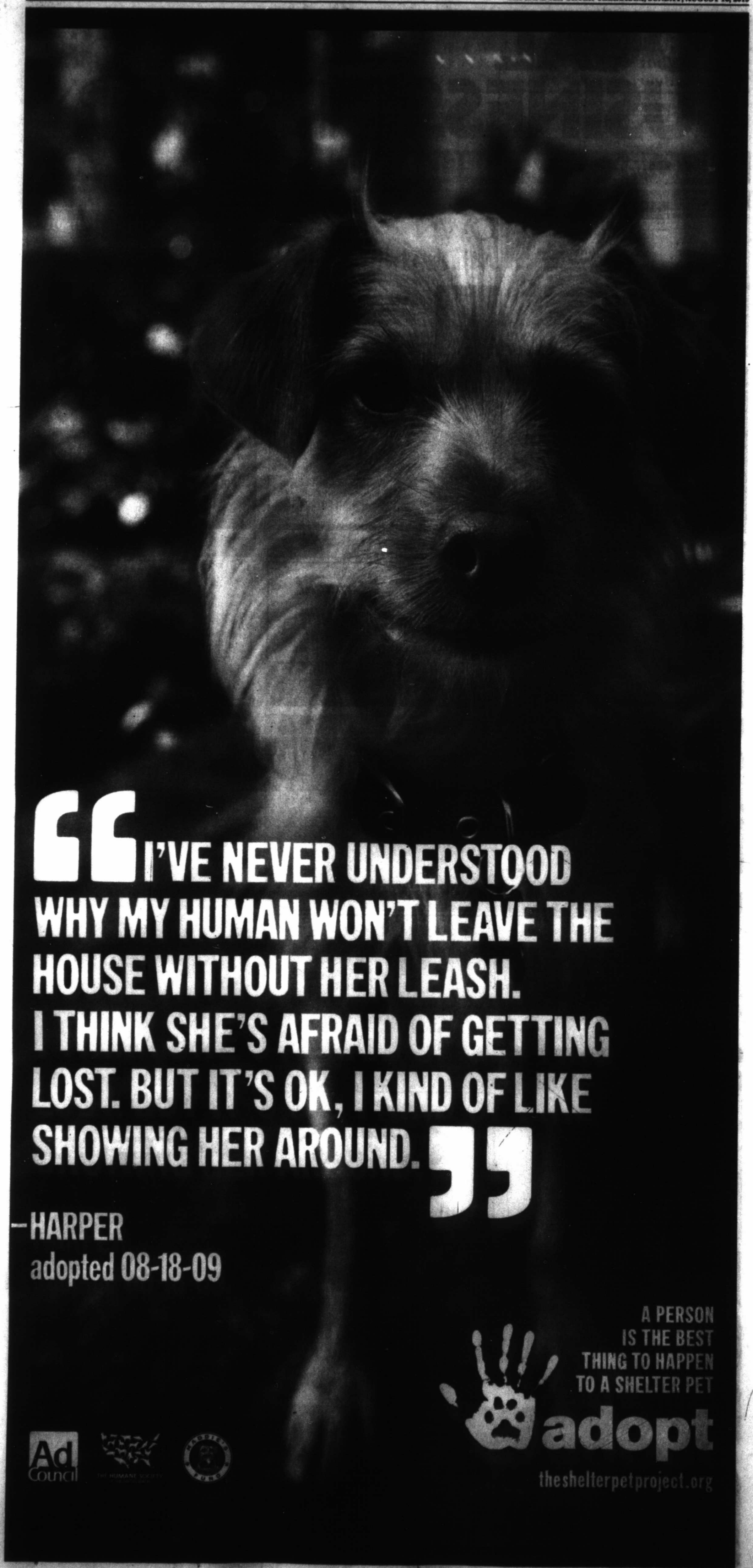
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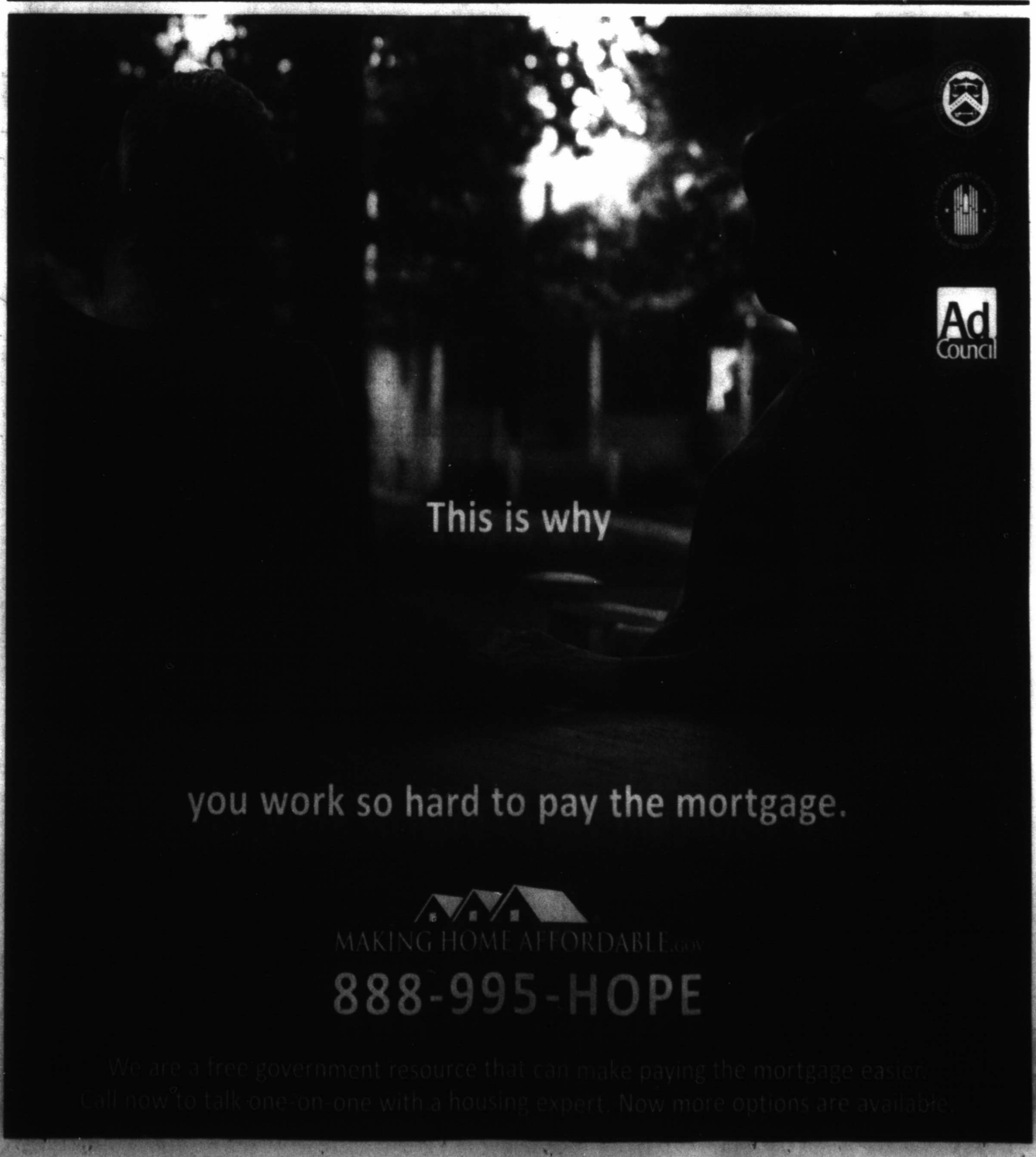

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SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND REAL ESTATE

QUESTION:

The Supreme Court has ruled that same-sex marriages are legal. How will that impact local real estate markets?

ANSWER:

With the Supreme Court's 5-4 Obergefell decision gay and lesbian couples can now be certain that their marriage vows will have the same legal standing as all other couples'. In practice this means that some 1,100 laws protecting married couples will be equally available to all.

In terms of real estate, the Obergefell case will be important in many local markets for a number of reasons.

First, a study by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta estimates that some 800,000 expected households per year were not created after the financial meltdown. One result is that we now have substantially fewer first-time homebuyers entering the housing market. That's a problem because first-time buyers are needed to purchase homes so that existing owners can sell and move. The Obergefell decision will result in the creation of additional households, and, as a result, more first-time buyers will be part of the marketplace. All things being equal, a larger pool of buyers means more home sales and more demand - and more demand can result in pressure to increase home values. That's good news for sellers.

Second, the homebuying process will be greatly simplified for same-sex couples because they can now own property as a married couple. With marital status available a lot of complex paperwork - and a lot of expensive legal costs - can be avoided.

"Estate planning is important for everyone," explained GLAD.org in 2014, before the Obergefell decision, "but it is even more important for people in same-sex relationships because these relationships are generally not recognized by the legal system. In the absence of documents stating otherwise, your partner may have no rights vis-à-vis your property or in making an important medical decision on your behalf."

Third, while the term "mortgage" does not appear in Justice Kennedy's majority opinion, Obergefell resolves an important financing issue for same-sex couples. As the Huffington Post explains, prior to Obergefell "veterans in same-sex marriages who live in states that don't honor their marriage receive smaller monthly disability payments and aren't eligible to qualify for a [Veterans Administration] home loan with their spouse."

Now, post-Obergefell, all states must recognize same-sex marriages, so all VA-qualified borrowers will get the same benefits for their service.

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PETS AND THE PRICE OF REAL ESTATE

OWN A DOG? IT MIGHT MAKE YOUR HOUSING OPTIONS HARDER TO FIND – AND MORE EXPENSIVE

By ERIK J. MARTIN
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It's a dog-eat-dog world out there when it comes to real estate - especially if you you're a dog owner who's looking to rent.

Recently published data from rental site Redfin found that dog-friendly units

Consider that, Fido-friendly rental units cost 6 percent more than the average cost among all rentals, based on 116 analyzed markets analyzed.

Further, rental properties that allow dogs also are harder to find; on average, just 16.5 percent of rentals in the studied cities accept dogs.

Nela Richardson, chief economist for Washington, D.C.-headquartered Redfin, says pooch-permitting leases typically cost more largely due to supply and demand.

"Landlords can get away with charging more because people are willing to pay. In Dallas and Chicago, for example, where 48 percent and 38 percent of the rentals, respectively, are dog-friendly, these rentals actually cost 20 and 16 percent more than rentals that don't allow dogs," says Richardson.

In addition, the traits that make a residence dog friendly are ones that make a residence valuable to non-pet owners, too.

"For instance, outdoor space, proximity to parks, and extra square footage are amenities that landlords can charge more for whether the renter own a pet or not," Richardson adds.

To further understand why leased properties that allow dogs are rarer and charge more, consider things from the landlord's perspective: Pets can damage property, leave messes and garner complaints from other tenants or neighbors.

"My (property) insurance also went up when I rented to people with dogs," says Joan Fradella, who owns several rental properties in Lake Worth, Florida. "On my large multi-family rental, I couldn't even find an insurance company that would allow any dogs at all. These insurers are mostly concerned with lawsuits caused by dog bites."

Fradella adds that some careless owners may be contributing to the rarity and higher cost of dog-allowing rentals.

"Landlords have to go after renters who don't clean up after dogs in common areas, which creates additional costs," she says.

To find the right canine-friendly rental, Richardson cautions that owners may need to do extra homework and make some sacrifices when it comes to the rental location or amenities.

"It may take longer to find a dog-friendly rental, so start early," Richardson says. "Also, make sure that pets are specifically allowed in your lease - don't just take the property manager's word for it. The costs for any extra pet rent or deposits should also be clearly outlined, so that your right to keep the pet will be protected if the building is sold to another person or company."

Lastly, keep in mind that, while landlords are free to decide if they wish to allow pets or not, federal laws may require them to permit it you have a disability, says Ron Leshnower, an attorney and real estate author.

"For example, if a prospective tenant who is deaf, or has another qualifying disability under the Fair Housing Act, is considering renting an apartment in a building that bans pets, she may request an accommodation to the no-pets policy so that she may keep a guide dog," Leshnower says.

Per the study's findings, the most expensive cities to own a dog in (when factoring in rental prices, cost of pet insurance, and dog-sitting services) are:

- San Francisco
- Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Aurora, Colorado
- Portland, Oregon
- Chula Vista, California

Meanwhile, the least expensive cities to own a dog in are:

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- The Woodlands, Texas
- Nashville
- Detroit
- Fayetteville, North Carolina

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BUYING

WHAT TO ASK AN AGENT

Your agent is going to help you find the right home, in the right neighborhood, for the right price. Here's how to find the right one

A good agent is your guide to finding your dream home, so you want to choose the right one for you. Once you've found a few likely candidates, you should have a face-to-face meeting. Come prepared with an idea of the house you're looking for and, of course, some of the following questions for your agent.

WHAT IS YOUR BACKGROUND? WHAT ARE YOUR CREDENTIALS?

Trust is a key part of the buyer/agent relationship, so choose a professional with a level of experience that gives you confidence. Ask about their education background and understand the differences between titles. For example, a Realtor is a member of the National Association of Realtor and abides by a strict code of ethics, while a broker has furthered their education and has passed a broker's license exam.

HOW MANY DEALS HAVE YOU DONE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD?

The more knowledgeable an agent is about the community you want to live in, the better according to Steve Goddard of with RE/MAX Beach Cities Realty in Los Angeles. "You want to ask [the agent], 'How well do you know this area?' Did they just move here or have they lived here for 40 or 50 years? How long have they been selling real estate?" says Goddard.

WHAT IS YOUR TYPICAL CASE LOAD?

This question is not necessarily about the number but rather their availability. "Getting an understanding of what their case load is or if they work with a partner will give you an indication as to how much time this particular person will have for your purchase," Wendt says. Essentially you want to be aware if an agent is overloaded with clients and may not be able to dedicate the appropriate time to finding your future home.

HOW WILL WE COMMUNICATE THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS?

From first meeting through closing on a house, you should expect reliable and accurate communication from an agent, says Wendt. Inquire about how they make themselves available, whether it's via email, phone or text message and how often you should expect an update.

Purchasing a home is one of the biggest (and priciest) decisions you'll ever make. And at the end of the day you want someone on your team that makes you feel comfortable with the process.

"Just make sure that your personalities match," Wendt says. "You're going to spend a lot of time with this person so you want to make sure that you get along with them."

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SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AND REAL ESTATE

QUESTION:

The Supreme Court has ruled that same-sex marriages are legal. How will that impact local real estate markets?

ANSWER:

With the Supreme Court's 5-4 Obergefell decision gay and lesbian couples can now be certain that their marriage vows will have the same legal standing as all other couples'. In practice this means that some 1,100 laws protecting married couples will be equally available to all.

In terms of real estate, the Obergefell case will be important in many local markets for a number of reasons.

First, a study by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta estimates that some 800,000 expected households per year were not created after the financial meltdown. One result is that we now have substantially fewer first-time homebuyers entering the housing market. That's a problem because first-time buyers are needed to purchase homes so that existing owners can sell and move. The Obergefell decision will result in the creation of additional households, and, as a result, more first-time buyers will be part of the marketplace. All things being equal, a larger pool of buyers means more home sales and more demand – and more demand can result in pressure to increase home values. That's good news for sellers.

Second, the homebuying process will be greatly simplified for same-sex couples because they can now own property as a married couple. With marital status available a lot of complex paperwork – and a lot of expensive legal costs – can be avoided.

"Estate planning is important for everyone," explained GLAD.org in 2014, before the Obergefell decision, "but it is even more important for people in same-sex relationships because these relationships are generally not recognized by the legal system. In the absence of documents stating otherwise, your partner may have no rights vis-à-vis your property or in making an important medical decision on your behalf."

Third, while the term "mortgage" does not appear in Justice Kennedy's majority opinion, Obergefell resolves an important financing issue for same-sex couples. As the Huffington Post explains, prior to Obergefell "veterans in same-sex marriages who live in states that don't honor their marriage receive smaller monthly disability payments and aren't eligible to qualify for a [Veterans Administration] home loan with their spouse."

Now, post-Obergefell, all states must recognize same-sex marriages, so all VA-qualified borrowers will get the same benefits for their service.

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PETS AND THE PRICE OF REAL ESTATE

OWN A DOG? IT MIGHT MAKE YOUR HOUSING OPTIONS HARDER TO FIND – AND MORE EXPENSIVE

By ERIK J. MARTIN
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It's a dog-eat-dog world out there when it comes to real estate – especially if you you're a dog owner who's looking to rent.

Recently published data from rental site Redfin found that dog-friendly units

Consider that, Fido-friendly rental units cost 6 percent more than the average cost among all rentals, based on 116 analyzed markets analyzed.

Further, rental properties that allow dogs also are harder to find; on average, just 16.5 percent of rentals in the studied cities accept dogs.

Nela Richardson, chief economist for Washington, D.C.-headquartered Redfin, says pooch-permitting leases typically cost more largely due to supply and demand.

"Landlords can get away with charging more because people are willing to pay. In Dallas and Chicago, for example, where 48 percent and 38 percent of the rentals, respectively, are dog-friendly, these rentals actually cost 20 and 16 percent more than rentals that don't allow dogs," says Richardson.

In addition, the traits that make a residence dog friendly are ones that make a residence valuable to non-pet owners, too.

"For instance, outdoor space, proximity to parks, and extra square footage are amenities that landlords can charge more for whether the renter own a pet or not," Richardson adds.

To further understand why leased properties that allow dogs are rarer and charge more, consider things from the landlord's perspective: Pets can damage property, leave messes and garner complaints from other tenants or neighbors.

"My (property) insurance also went up when I rented to people with dogs," says Joan Fradella, who owns several rental properties in Lake Worth, Florida. "On my large multi-family rental, I couldn't even find an insurance company that would allow any dogs at all. These insurers are mostly concerned with lawsuits caused by dog bites."

Fradella adds that some careless owners may be contributing to the rarity and higher cost of dog-allowing rentals.

"Landlords have to go after renters who don't clean up after dogs in common areas, which creates additional costs," she says.

To find the right canine-friendly rental, Richardson cautions that owners may need to do extra homework and make some sacrifices when it comes to the rental location or amenities.

"It may take longer to find a dog-friendly rental, so start early," Richardson says. "Also, make sure that pets are specifically allowed in your lease – don't just take the property manager's word for it. The costs for any extra pet rent or deposits should also be clearly outlined, so that your right to keep the pet will be protected if the building is sold to another person or company."

Lastly, keep in mind that, while landlords are free to decide if they wish to allow pets or not, federal laws may require them to permit it you have a disability, says Ron Leshnower, an attorney and real estate author.

"For example, if a prospective tenant who is deaf, or has another qualifying disability under the Fair Housing Act, is considering renting an apartment in a building that bans pets, she may request an accommodation to the no-pets policy so that she may keep a guide dog," Leshnower says.

Per the study's findings, the most expensive cities to own a dog in (when factoring in rental prices, cost of pet insurance, and dog-sitting services) are:

- San Francisco
- Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Aurora, Colorado
- Portland, Oregon
- Chula Vista, California

Meanwhile, the least expensive cities to own a dog in are:

- Phoenix
- The Woodlands, Texas
- Nashville
- Detroit
- Fayetteville, North Carolina

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WHAT TO ASK AN AGENT

Your agent is going to help you find the right home, in the right neighborhood, for the right price. Here's how to find the right one

A good agent is your guide to finding your dream home, so you want to choose the right one for you. Once you've found a few likely candidates, you should have a face-to-face meeting. Come prepared with an idea of the house you're looking for and, of course, some of the following questions for your agent.

WHAT IS YOUR BACKGROUND? WHAT ARE YOUR CREDENTIALS?

Trust is a key part of the buyer/agent relationship, so choose a professional with a level of experience that gives you confidence. Ask about their education background and understand the differences between titles. For example, a Realtor is a member of the National Association of Realtor and abides by a strict code of ethics, while a broker has furthered their education and has passed a broker's license exam.

HOW MANY DEALS HAVE YOU DONE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD?

The more knowledgeable an agent is about the community you want to live in, the better according to Steve Goddard of with RE/MAX Beach Cities Realty in Los Angeles. "You want to ask [the agent], 'How well do you know this area?' Did they just move here or have they lived here for 40 or 50 years? How long have they been selling real estate?" says Goddard.

WHAT IS YOUR TYPICAL CASE LOAD?

This question is not necessarily about the number but rather their availability. "Getting an understanding of what their case load is or if they work with a partner will give you an indication as to how much time this particular person will have for your purchase," Wendt says. Essentially you want to be aware if an agent is overloaded with clients and may not be able to dedicate the appropriate time to finding your future home.

HOW WILL WE COMMUNICATE THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS?

From first meeting through closing on a house, you should expect reliable and accurate communication from an agent, says Wendt. Inquire about how they make themselves available, whether it's via email, phone or text message and how often you should expect an update.

Purchasing a home is one of the biggest (and priciest) decisions you'll ever make. And at the end of the day you want someone on your team that makes you feel comfortable with the process.

"Just make sure that your personalities match," Wendt says. "You're going to spend a lot of time with this person so you want to make sure that you get along with them."

– *Carley Lintz*

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Get More from Your Home: Expanding Your Hallways

Most homes have hallways, and typically these spaces aren't used for more than hanging a few photos. However, these small connecting rooms shouldn't be viewed as wasted space! Read on for several ways you can get more from your hallway, and your home.

Mirror it. Adding a large pane of glass to your hallway will open up your space, and offer ample room for reflection.

Add cabinets. If your hallway is a bit wide, consider adding some wall-mounted cabinets. By mounting these cabinets on the lower half of your wall (toward the floor) you will be opening up both storage space, and creating a nice ledge for books, family photos and more.

Go full library. If you have a house full of avid readers, consider creating floor-to-ceiling built-in shelves or cubbies for books!

Install a closet. If you have the budget and the space behind the wall, consider hiring a contractor to create a hall closet. And why stop at just one single closet space? Create a closet that extends the entire length of your wall. Then, add sliding mirrored doors to fill the space with light.

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THREE WAYS THE FED RATE HIKES WILL IMPACT YOU

It's no secret that the Fed is likely to start increasing interest rates soon. The market is betting that the rate hikes will start at the conclusion of the Fed's meeting on September 17. Here are three ways the Fed rate hikes will impact you:

1. If you have an adjustable rate mortgage or business loan tied to the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) index, your rate is likely to start going up. Reference the chart above that shows how LIBOR has already started going up in anticipation of the Fed rate hikes. Please contact me for more information on how the Fed impacts LIBOR.

2. Your interest rate is likely to start going up if you have a home equity line of credit, business loan or credit card tied to the Prime rate. Prime is directly tied to the Fed Funds rate, and it goes up whenever the Fed increases interest rates.

3. Mortgage rates and the financial markets aren't directly impacted by changes to the Fed Funds Rate. However, the Fed is the largest buyer of mortgage bonds at the moment. On most days, the Fed has been absorbing almost 100% of the supply of new mortgage bonds being issued. This has kept mortgage rates very low for the past several years. The market anticipates that the Fed is likely to stop buying mortgage bonds approx. six months after they start increasing interest rates. This means that mortgage rates are likely to go up at some point within the next six months, as the biggest buyer of mortgage bonds starts exiting the market.

So there you have it! Please contact me for further information or to evaluate your options in light of the upcoming Fed rate hikes.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Paying off your mortgage early? Make sure it makes sense for you

For many homeowners, the monthly mortgage payment is a sizable chunk of monthly bills. You may have thought about the benefits to paying off your mortgage early. Who hasn't? To be sure, making extra payments on your mortgage will save you thousands of dollars. For example, making just one extra payment a year on a $200,000 mortgage could save you more than $65,000.

That's not small change – after all, what better investment is there than your home? But the fact is that most of us don't stay in our homes long enough to pay off a 30-year mortgage. And, with interest rates still at historically low levels, the benefits of paying off your mortgage early aren't as good as they used to be. Even if you have the means to pay off your mortgage early, many financial planners believe there are better ways to invest your extra cash.

But how do you decide what's best? First, make sure you don't need to use the money anywhere else. Experts advise paying off any high-interest (and non-deductible) credit card debt and any other higher-interest loans first.

Second, consider where you are with your retirement. Before you put extra money toward your mortgage, make sure you've taken full advantage of tax-advantaged retirement savings plans, such as your 401(k) and individual retirement account (IRA).

What about insurance? If you have dependents, you need life insurance. Make sure your policy provides enough money to cover your mortgage, living expenses and education costs. Disability insurance, while generally more expensive, is also a good idea. Your family will be protected if you can't work.

How's your emergency fund? Most financial advisers will tell you it's wise to have enough in savings to cover your expenses for six months to a year.

Who should pay off early?
After you make sure your financial house is in order, it's time to consider whether you should pay off the house you live in. Paying off a mortgage early benefits some homeowners more than others, including:

- **Homeowners who don't deduct mortgage interest.** Without the tax break, the actual cost of your mortgage is higher. Paying it off early makes sense.

- **Homeowners who pay PMI.** Lenders charge PMI to borrowers with less than 20 percent equity in their homes. If you're close to 20 percent, making extra payments could put you over the top. Eliminating PMI will reduce your monthly payments, so you'll get an immediate return on your investment.

If you've decided to do it, simply make an extra mortgage payment at the end of the year – and make sure you specify that the extra payment should be applied to the principal on your mortgage.

But before you do, make sure your mortgage agreement doesn't have penalties for early payment. Most conventional mortgages don't, but others – such as adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) – do.

What if I have an ARM?
What if you have an adjustable-rate mortgage? Will that affect your desire to pay down a mortgage loan? It will – and quite significantly. In fact, adding a fixed amount to your payment every month won't reduce the term by more than a few months.

Here's why: Every time the interest rate changes on an ARM, the mortgage payment is recalculated so that the loan will pay off in the period remaining of the original term. This means that your extra principal payments will reduce the monthly payment at the rate adjustment, relative to what it would have been if you had not made those payments.

It's an important difference between fixed-rate and adjustable-rate mortgages that borrowers need to consider very carefully when deciding what to do. When borrowers make fixed extra payments to principal on a fixed-rate mortgage, they shorten the term but don't affect the payment. When they make fixed extra payments to principal on an ARM, they reduce the payment on rate adjustment dates, but don't change the term.

The only way to shorten the term of an ARM mortgage using partial prepayments is to increase the extra payment at every rate adjustment date.

For fixed-rate homeowners who still want to pay off their home early, consider refinancing. If you have enough money to make the larger payments – and if your current interest rate will save you at least two percentage points if you refinance (a common rule of thumb) – see if you can lower your rate further by going to a 15-year mortgage. It's just another way to pay your home off early while still getting the deduction on your taxes.

As you can see, paying down your mortgage isn't always the right answer. Talk to your financial planner, or ask your Realtor for recommendations. It's good to get their expert advice. Ultimately, you will decide which option makes sense for you.

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• **Nolan County**
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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

5404 San Saba
$337,500

Beautiful custom builder's home finished in 2012 and located on a cul-de-sac! This 4 bedroom, 2 bath home has 2253 sqft. which provides very spacious rooms throughout. High ceilings and beautiful custom features make this home a one-of-a-kind! The open kitchen features gorgeous unique granite, Knotty Alder cabinetry, stainless appliances with gas cook top and walk-in pantry. Owner's bath has a separate soaking tub and oversized walk-in shower with bench, dual sinks and extras built-ins in the closet for storage. This home features a large back yard—plenty big for a pool & playground plus an oversized covered back patio plumbed with natural gas! For your private showing call Cindy Kellough, Broker @ (432)556-4044 or Christina McMillan, Realtor @ (432)556-4155.

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2302 Seaboard Ave. - $329,000
4 Bedrooms/3 Baths
Beautifully updated!
Shown by Roberta Aldridge

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5404 San Saba - $337,500
4 Bedrooms/2 Baths
Attention to detail is immediately noted!
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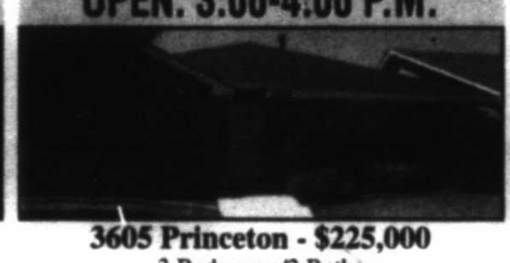

3605 Princeton - $225,000
3 Bedrooms/2 Baths
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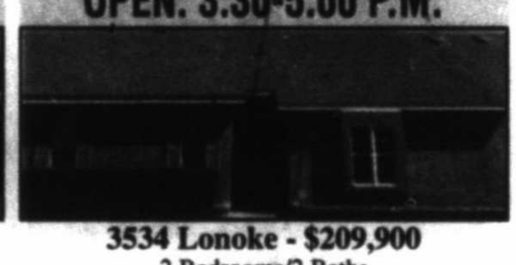

3534 Lonoke - $209,900
2 Bedrooms/2 Baths
Beautiful spacious townhome!
Shown by Christina McMillan

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New and Reduced Listings

10005 S. Co. Rd. 1213-Great country property! New appliances, granite, wood shutters and more! $575,000
2105 County Rd. 1000-Beautiful custom 4bdr/3bth Tom Woodruff resale on 5 acres $465,000
3010 Coyote-Spacious quiet country living! Perfect for entertaining inside and out! You will never need to leave home! $448,000
5000 Mount Vernon Ct.-Fantastic 4bdrm/2 bath home! Move-in condition! $349,000
5404 San Saba Ct.-Beautifully laid out 4bdrm/2bth home w/oversized rooms, high ceilings, open kitchen $337,500
2302 Seaboard Ave.-Just wonderful 4bdrm/3bth home $329,000
3605 Cunningham-2 bdrm/1 bth home w/recent gas hot water heater, wall heater, and lavatory $49,900
2302 Stansfield Ave.-Beautiful 4 bedrooms/2 bath home for rent $2,750/Month

Two Bedrooms

2601 E FM 1379-Fabulous home on 54+ ac. 1/2 ac. Long list of amenities! $500,000
4107 S. County Rd. 184-Kahler built 2 bdrm/2 bth home on 10.5 acres with restrictions, and is a very nice neighborhood $240,000
2200 North H St.-Spacious 2br, 2 bath, neutral decor, open kitchen/dining area, large utility room and pantry $219,000
4723 #5 Spring Meadow Ln.-Spacious 2br, 2 1/2 bath, gorgeous fireplace, walls of windows, great kitchen ..... U/C, $215,000
2 Oak Lawn Park-2 bdrms/2 baths Low Maintenance townhouse in Oaklawn Park! $200,000
3604 Lonoke Ave-Beautiful spacious townhome with 2 bedrooms-each a suite $200,000
412 E. Wadley Ave.-Very well taken care of and is lovely and comfortable as can be! ..... U/C, $140,000
600 Lisbon-Charming, updated, affordable classy 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath condo ..... U/C, $115,000
3605 Cunningham-2 bdrm/1 bth home w/recent gas hot water heater, wall heater, and lavatory $49,900

Three Bedrooms

1200 W. Cuthbert-Updated in the heart of Old Midland, wonderful pool! ..... U/C, $600,000
112 Windridge Circle-Truly beautiful 3 bdrm/3.5 bth home w/pool & hot tub $525,000
2007 Seaboard Ave.-Wonderful 3 bdr/3.5 bth home in the heart of Warwick! Master bedroom has his and her baths! ..... U/C, $500,000
10005 S. Co. Rd. 1213-Great country property! New appliances, granite, wood shutters and more! $575,000
4010 Tuelene Ave.-Best acreage in city limits! Wonderful 3 bdrm/2 bath home on 2.75 acres with room to roam! $400,000
3010 Coyote-Spacious quiet country living! Perfect for entertaining inside and out! You will never need to leave home! $448,000
4403 Green Tree-Contemporary 3bdrm/3.5 bath home in Green Tree $300,000
1700 Mulberry-Simply gorgeous. 3-2-1. formals, w/fab gates, many new upgrades, lovely Huntington Place $425,000
4910 Kingsberry Ct.-Relative "Fixer-upper", Lots of new in this spacious 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath home! Walk to Pool and Clubhouse! $379,000
Lot10B00 E. County Rd. 120-New construction 3 bedrooms/2.5 bath home in The Meadows $270,000
2102 Rowly Ave.-Many updates in this 3 bdrm/2.5bth townhouse in Old Midland $300,000
3205 Patrick-Lovely 3br/2bth with many extras. Open floor plan, lovely kitchen w/granite & spacious rooms ..... SOLD, $292,000
5105 Brighton Place-Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Saddle Club South. $287,000
5000 San Saba-Wonderful 3/2.5/2/2 Mark Payne one owner home. A must see! $314,000
13304 FM 307-Wonderful 3Bdrm/2Bth home with great additions. $290,000
3000 S. County Rd. 1184-Spacious 3BR, great country property $255,000
4300 Guadalupe-3BR/2BA/2 gar patio home $280,000
2613 Stansfield Ave.-Spacious and charming home in Fairvein district. Great kitchen ..... U/C, $254,000
5400 Rio Grande Ave.-Beautiful, spacious, 3 bedroom/2 bath home with open floor plan and tons of light! ..... U/C, $270,000
2809 Easter Ave.-Lovely patio home with updated kitchen. Centrally located to everything. $274,000
4205 Nelson-Spacious 3bdrm/2.5bth home with many updates. Spectacular back patio w/gorgeous ..... U/C, $250,000
2304 Stansfield Ave.-3 bedroom/2 bath home. Great block in Old Midland ..... U/C, $250,000
1700 Huntington St.-Lots of new in this charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 2 living areas and 2 dining. ..... U/C, $250,000
51 Ward Rd.-Fabulous Lake Haney get-away. This 3 bdrms/2bth home is located within HOA gated community $240,000
3103 Elise Dr.-Spacious 3 bdrm/2 bth home in lovely quiet neighborhood with mature trees $230,000
2608 Princeton Ave.-3 bedroom home - move right in! Good plan, pretty kitchen, no yard in back $225,000
1100 Alaska St.-Lovely 3 bdrm/2 bth home on quiet tree lined street in established neighborhood with nice updates $219,000
3010 Fredna Pl.-Gently lived in 3bdrm/2bth home with excellent floorplan ..... U/C, $210,000
2609 W. Golf Course Rd.-Spacious 3BR/2BA home w/neutral paint throughout, some updates, abundant storage $210,000

Three Bedrooms

2100 Wadley 405-Large spacious Chandelle Condo w/3 bdrms/2baths $150,000
3217 Lockhart Dr.-Charming 3 bdrm/2bth home with great floor plan & location! Investors welcome! $175,000
3010 Bauman Ave.-Can you say right place at right time? Open kitchen/den concept and ... . U/C, $125,000

Four Bedrooms

519 Sir Barton Pkwy.-Custom built home in Solomon Estates. Open spacious plan $1,200,000
4826 Island Circle-6/5.5-Exquisite Greenlinee jewel. Fabulous master suite. ESTATE on the LAKE!! $800,000
6410 Saddle Horn Ln.-Gorgeous 2012 Parade of Homes on 936 acres. 4Br 3.5 ba, 2 living, 2 dining, 4 garage $625,000
2002 Stansfield-Coveted Warwick - 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, move in ready! $700,000
2000 Fairwood Ct.-Updated in Mockingbird Heights. 2 story, granite, and full guest house! $749,000
2105 Co. Rd. 1000-Beautiful custom 4bdr/3bth Tom Woodruff resale on 5 acres w/all the bells and whistles! $465,000
Lot11B00 E. County Rd. 120-home in The Meadows. Call Holly to make selections now such as granite, brick, etc. $440,000
6007 E. Co. Rd. 110-Beautiful 4 bdr/3bth Ashington home offers quiet spacious country living w/all the bells & whistles! $440,000
1707 Cuthbert Ave.-Great 4 bedroom/3 bath home for entertaining and family living, grand pool and patio! ..... U/C, $420,000
7200 E. Co. Rd. 112-Beautiful Chaney Ranch Harry while you can still choose your selection today $400,320
3000 Hedgewood-Gorgeous 4bdrm/2bth w/perfect kitchen, large living areas $300,000
7200 E. County Rd. 112-Chaney Ranch is finally ready for your Dream Home! You can make all your selections now $300,400
5713 Camino Realo-Beautiful high quality spacious 4 bedroom/2 bath Carrasco home with attention to details and amenities! ..... U/C, $379,000
4309 Llano Ct.-Beautiful custom 4br/3bth - priced below most comps in the neighborhood! Don't miss the 4 car garage! $379,000
4307 Llano Ct.-Custom 4br/3bth with oversized kitchen with wonderful island is also plumbed for a gas cooktop. Beautiful! $379,000
Lot8B00 E. County Rd. 120-New construction in The Meadows. Call Holly to make selections now $363,700
1000 Mount Vernon Ct.-Fantastic 4bdrm/2 bath home! Move-in condition! $349,000
2701 S. Co. Rd. 1000-Better than new! 4 bdrm/3 bth with lots of amenities, great plan, great fenced yard on 1.2 acres! $339,000
5404 San Saba Ct.-Beautifully laid out 4bdrm/2bth home w/oversized rooms, high ceilings, open kitchen $337,500
2302 Seaboard Ave.-Just wonderful 4bdrm/3bth home $329,000
600 Boyd Ave.-Large, wonderful 4 bedroom, 4 full bath home, under 300k on oversized lot, great for large family $290,000
7 Bristol Court-Move-in "ready" Spacious updated home on quiet cul-de-sac! ..... U/C, $290,700
2021 Hale St.-Great storage throughout this 4bdrm/2.5 bath home with attractive backyard and spa! $280,000
6111 San Tee-The Mirrels-plan by Permian Homes in Daybreak Estates ..... U/C, $275,000
2302 Stansfield-Stainless appliances? Fridge, washer & dryer stay with this 4/2/2 living in Fairvein School area. $260,000
5201 Co. Rd. 1157-4 bedroom/3 bath home on 3.76 acres. A perfect little oasis in the country $250,000
2000 Permian Ave.-Open living and dining, great location! $207,000
5000 S. Co. Rd. 1130-Large, spacious 4 bdrm/2 bth manufactured home on 1 acre $120,000

Five or More Bedrooms

2001 Stanford Ave.-Best of the best in Warwick! 7bdrms/6bths/Hobbs. WOW! $2,250,000
4828 Island Circle-6/5.5-Exquisite Greenlinee jewel. Fabulous master suite. ESTATE on the LAKE!! $800,000
2000 Stanford Ave.-Fabulous 5 bedroom in Warwick, 4LA, pool, spa, game room, beautifully updated ..... U/C, $640,000
2002 Lockhart Ave.-Well maintained 5 bdrms/4.5 baths, great block in Old Midland ..... U/C, $399,000
5010 W. County Rd. 41-Charming country home in Sunridge Ranch Estates. Gorgeous kitchen and tile wood floors! ..... U/C, $350,000

New Construction

4300 Llano Ct.-Beautiful custom 4br/3bth - priced below most comps in the neighborhood! Don't miss the 4 car garage! $379,000
4307 Llano Ct.-Custom 4br/3bth with oversized kitchen with wonderful island is also plumbed for a gas cooktop. Beautiful! $379,000
Chaney Ranch-Call Holly Cohen to build your dream home. Greenwood subdivision starting! ..... $350-$600K

Town Houses and Patio Homes

4300 Guadalupe-3BR/2BA/2 gar. patio home ..... U/C, $280,000
4300 Guadalupe-3BR/2BA/2 gar patio home $280,000
600 Lisbon-Charming, updated, affordable classy 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath townhome under $120,000 ..... U/C, $115,000

For Lease

2302 Stansfield Ave.-Beautiful 4 bedrooms/2 bath home for rent $2,750/Month
2100 Wadley Ave.-#74-Completely gutted and remodeled 2 bdrms/2bth chandelle condo $2,000/Month
4000-4 Idaho Circle-Well cared for 2bdrm/2bth condo! Pool, water $1,700/Month
1400 Cantrell St.-6,000 sq. ft. industrial/w/w w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
1009-14 W. Murphy, Odessa-For sublease. 7,750 shop & 1,500 sq. ft. of office, on I-20 Service Rd ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111

Lots, Land and Acreage

Chaney Ranch-Call Holly Cohen to build you dream home $350-300K
S. Co. Rd. 1129-Could be a great location for cattle and livestock, truck yard, pipe yard, etc. on 160 acres in Greenwood $2,000,000
I-20, West Murphy & Loop 338 in West Odessa-1116.26 acres, terrific frontage. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111 ..... $2,000,000
S. Co. Rd. 1040-Perfect area for subdivision development - 325.8 acres in Greenwood $1,300,000
3010 Jasmine-Oasis on the Interstate! $640,000
1100 E. Co. Rd. 150-56.39 acres with a 4,500 sf quonset barn, mobile home can stay for $50,000. Perfect for oil field business or pipe yard. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111 ..... $401,129
600 Rowly Ave.-Eight (8) townhome lots sold as a whole ONLY - No individual lots sales $200,000
5703 E. Co. Rd. 80-2784 sq. ft. w/w-tow plan $300,000
5703 Desert Wind-10 acres - Perfect for one home w/lots of land or nice location to develop a small community $300,000
W. County Rd. 123-Ready to develop! $250,000
84 Lincoln Park-San Angelo lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy $170,000
4403 Green Tree Blvd.-Lot in Green Tree North 0.18 acres $125,000
11010 W. County Rd. 50-102 W - 6 acre, in a great residential neighborhood $114,000
2600 Regency Oaks-CL-0.224 acre lot in Mockingbird Oaks $87,500
E. Co. Rd. 120-Four 3 acre lots in new subdivision in Greenwood - The Meadows ..... U/C, $65,000

Commercial Investment Property

1400 Cantrell St.-6,000 sq. ft. industrial/w/w w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, warehouse or storage ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
10 Desta Drive-For Sublease, approx. 13,598 sq. ft. of Class A office space - entire floor Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
3415 Caldera-For Lease, beautiful custom office building, approx. 2,132 sq. ft. ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
501 Andrews Hwy.-Approx. 9,397 sq. ft. office building, great location - near hospital Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
Continental Tower-Downtown Sublease, approx. 3,729 sq. ft., Class A bldg., with covered parking ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
4000 S. Big Spring-Sublease in Class A Bldg., approx. 10,557 sq. ft. ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
501 Andrews Hwy.-For lease, approx. 9,397 sq. ft. of very attractive size, convenient location w/parking ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
3000 S. Co. Rd. 1270-2,330 acres with a 10,762 sf industrial warehouse/distribution center. Fenced, gated and secured facility located conveniently just south of Midland International Airport. Grade level access and dock high loading. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111 ..... U/C, $800,000
601 S. Garfield St.-Wonderful money making commercial building! $600,000
5003 Block of N. Midkiff-0.5+/- acres for development, great for office complex. Call Bill Scott $575,000
3402 Cactus-Approximately 2,476 sq. ft. of custom office space in the Cactus Plaza Complex. Convenient access to Midkiff & Loop 250. ..... U/C, $380,000
6 Collins Flat Rd.-Zoned Industrial Park $160,000
10003 West I-20-For Lease, Approx. 4,000 sq. ft., light or medium duty manufacturing or sc warehouse space. Call Bill or Brandee @ 682-1111 ..... $4,000/Month

Out of Town Properties

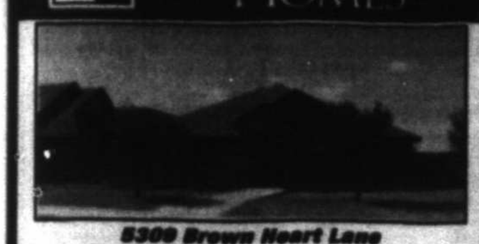
51 Ward Rd.-Fabulous Lake Haney get-away. This 3 bdrms/2bth home is located within HOA gated community in Oak Canyon Estates. Public dock for residents only. $240,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Houston Chalmers Homes

4304 Saltillo Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $388,500

Ashingdon Homes



5309 Brown Heart Lane
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $429,500

Walter Pate's Texas Classic Homes
432.853.5782 www.TexasClassicHomes.net

4308 San Pedro Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car gahage, priced @ $446,900

The Real Estate Company
432-618-0286

OPEN HOUSES TODAY

6501 Messwood Drive
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $459,900

6413 Messwood Drive
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 living areas, 3 car garage, spectacular pool, priced @ $584,900

"You can't change how people treat you or what they say about you. All you can do is change how you react to it."
~ Unknown

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Midland Gallery Homes

5304 George Yard Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $498,000

Saenz Signature Homes

4304 Coronado Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $389,500

Carrasco Homes

5319 Half Moon Circle
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $489,900

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

1701 Suburbanite Dr	1 Bdrm/1 Ba	$94,000
1407 S. Jackson	2 Bdrm/1 Ba	U/C
100 N. Madison	2 Bdrm/1 Ba	$97,000
2007 W. Cuthbert Ave	2 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Carport	$199,000
3600 Candy Lane	Odessa/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Living Areas/2 Car Garage	$204,000
4704 Wilshire	3 Bdrm/1 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
3204 Rainbow Road	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
2605 Sand Hill Circle	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
4405 Stillmeadow	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
3100 Haynes Drive	3 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
4408 Westchester Dr.	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$349,000
5112 Brighton Place	3 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$394,000
5717 Highland Blvd	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5321 Los Patios	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$334,000
4309 Hockingbird Ln	4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage, Outbuildings & Acreage	$485,000
5501 Messwood Drive	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$459,900
1500 Pringwood Dr	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Living Areas/4 Car Garage	$477,700
5313 Half Moon Circle	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$489,900
6413 Messwood Drive	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Living Areas/3 Car Garage/Spectacular Pool	$584,900
6409 Los Conchos Ln	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage, in-ground pool	$799,900

NEW CONSTRUCTION

917 N. Westhurford	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 2 Car Garage	$199,900
24149 S. Co. Rd. 1090	Building a New Tomorrow 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$379,000
5027 Camino Reale	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$378,000
4304 Saltillo Ct.	Chalmers Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$389,900
4304 Coronado Ct	Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$389,500
4405 Casa Verde Ct.	Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$418,500
5309 Brown Heart Ln	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$429,500
7407 E. Co. Rd. 93	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$441,500
4308 San Pedro	Texas Classic Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$446,900
5315 Brown Heart Ln	Diaz Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$459,900
5304 Brown Heart Ln	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5304 George Yard Ct	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$492,500
5319 Half Moon Circle	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$489,900
5307 Dunraven Ct	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$510,000
2512 Legacy Oaks	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5417 Secretariate St	Diamond Homes/5 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$1,275,000

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

7309 Co.Rd. 60	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home/1.1 acres	$119,900
3408 S. Co. Rd. 1071	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home/1.1 acres	$137,500
2170 Bonham St	Stanton/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home	U/C
4309 W. Co. Rd. 116	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home	U/C
6510 Mockingbird Ln	1.097 Acres	$140,000
4810 N. Co. Rd. 1123	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home/2.2 Acres	$269,900
Luna Rosa Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
3609 S. Co. Rd. 1187	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$209,500
24149 S. Co. Rd. 1090	Building a New Tomorrow 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$379,000
6409 Los Conchos Ln	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$799,900
Highway 87	Big Spring/RV Park	U/C
7800 E. Co. Rd. 110	5 Bdrm/4 Ba/5 Car Garage/8.16 Acres	$1,750,000

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Luna Rosa Estates	W. Co. Rd. 30/1.5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

458 Duck Puddle Road	Colorado City/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/Guest House	$150,000

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

E. Co. Rd. 140	10.2 Acres	$475,000
3100 W. Co. Rd. 1200	Office building/5 offices/meeting room/3 acres	$975,000
3000 Elkins Rd.	3.25 Acres/Office/Warehouse	$1,500,000

FEATURED PROPERTIES

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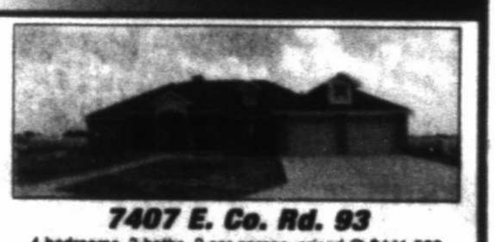

7407 E. Co. Rd. 93
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $441,500

4400 N. Big Spring Street, Ste. C-30 www.midlandreco.com

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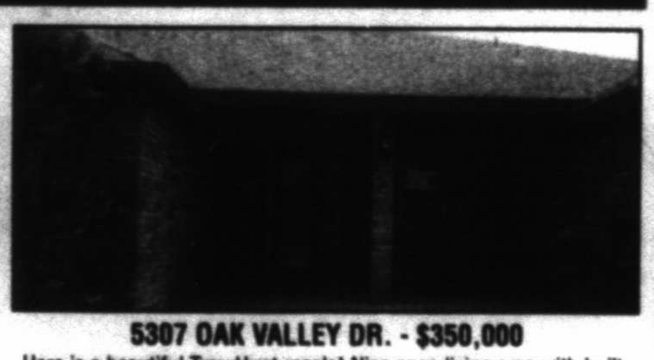
SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE 3:00-4:00

3804 NEELY AVE. - $199,900
Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with many updates. Two living areas - one with wood burning fireplace. Kitchen has lovely dark finish cabinets and new tile flooring. Large inside utility/storage is off of the kitchen. Nice size bedrooms and two full baths. Large landscaped backyard with storage building. The attic has blown in insulation for more efficient cooling and heating. Carpet allowance.
Shown by Kim Serio, 432-352-8329

SUNDAY FEATURED HOMES

3704 BERMUDA COURT - $279,000
Desirable Location, great neighborhood with mature trees, cul – de - sac, Updated kitchen stainless steel appliances and kitchen cabinetry has hand painted décor. Spacious 3 bedrooms, unique 2 ½ baths two spacious living areas. Den w/soaring ceiling & with wood burning fireplace & mental. Incredible design stained cement flooring, and wooden floors Plus so much more.
Call Gloria 432-557-7581 to show



5307 OAK VALLEY DR. - $350,000
Here is a beautiful Troy Hunt resale! Nice open living area with built-in bookshelves and fireplace! The kitchen is just wonderful with granite counter tops and stainless appliances. Gas cook top and double ovens/walk-in pantry. Skylight in kitchen and tons of storage! Sequestered master with large bath! Jetted tub, separate shower and dual vanities. Huge wrap around closet! Two bedrooms share Jack n Jill bath.
Shown by Kelvie Cleverdon, 432-559-1488

4 - BEDROOM		
1205 TELLURIDE DR		$540,000
2701 PARTON WAY	FACT ID #1005	U/C
5302 HILLTOP DR	FACT ID #1017	U/C
5009 OAK CREEK DR		$389,500
107 SKYWOOD CIRCLE	FACT ID #1021	$359,900
5307 OAK VALLEY DR	FACT ID #1054	$350,000
5306 APPLE CREEK ROAD		U/C
4307 VALLEY DR	FACT ID #1009	$339,900
3203 HUDSON	FACT ID #1055	U/C
6002 RIO GRANDE AVE	FACT ID #1057	U/C
506 NOLAN RYAN	FACT ID #1060	$299,900
5408 RIO GRANDE	FACT ID #1061	SOLD
4701 COUNTRY CLUB DR	FACT ID #1062	SOLD
4605 FERNWOOD	FACT ID #1063	U/C
4701 OLYMPIC CT	FACT ID #1064	U/C
4311 LOUISIANA CT	FACT ID #1065	$349,900

3 BEDROOM		
4021 ROSEWOOD		$334,500
4109 W SPRING MEADOW LANE	FACT ID #1030	$328,900
304 S. CO. RD. 1095	FACT ID #1051	$318,900
3212 W MISSOURI	FACT ID #1052	$299,500
2707 HERMITAGE CT	FACT ID #1053	U/C
3704 BERMUDA CT	FACT ID #1059	$279,900
4021 SPRING MEADOW	FACT ID #1066	$278,500
4309 FRIO DR	FACT ID #1067	$275,500
3304 IMPERIAL AVE	FACT ID #1068	U/C
3201 COUNTY RD. 1121	FACT ID #1069	$175,900
115 NOLAN RYAN DR	FACT ID #1070	SOLD
2501 NORTHRIDGE	FACT ID #1071	$159,900
4104 MILLER AVE	FACT ID #1072	$159,900
3116 PINE	FACT ID #1073	$149,900
3101 CREEKS	FACT ID #1074	U/C
3206 FANNIN AVE	FACT ID #1075	U/C
2101 COUNTRY CLUB DR	FACT ID #1076	U/C
2101 PACIFIC AVE	FACT ID #1077	U/C
2114 WALKER DR	FACT ID #1078	U/C

3 BEDROOM		
211 WALKER CT	FACT ID #1079	$179,900
404 ELM AVE	FACT ID #1080	$175,000
511 BROADWOOD	FACT ID #1038	SOLD
112 PINE AVE	FACT ID #1069	U/C
2702 MICHIGAN AVE	FACT ID #1081	SOLD
1320 N. FAIRGROUNDS RD		$59,900
1100 AIRLINE	FACT ID #1083	SOLD
2 BEDROOM		
1501 E. 11TH	FACT ID #1084	$115,000
1307 W. I-20	FACT ID #1085	SOLD
COMMERCIAL		
3701 E. CO. RD. 120	FACT ID #1086	$750,000
LAND		
3701 E. CO. RD. 120	FACT ID #1087	$125,000
ODESSA		
2114 MARIANA CIRCLE	FACT ID #1088	$149,000
2109 E. 52nd ST., ODESSA	FACT ID #1089	$129,000
1811 W. 52nd ST., ODESSA	FACT ID #1090	$119,000

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NEW & ACTIVE LISTINGS

4005 Cardinal-Amazing property w/3.997 acres, 4 bd, 4 1/2 ba home w/guest house. RV storage, pool, huge outdoor kitchen **$2,500,000**
30 Ac. Mockingbird Lane-11 platted lots, 2+ acres each **$1,900,000**
4200 ECR 63-New construction in Bonito Estates. 4bd, 3 ba, 3 car gar, 2 AC..... **$737,900**
Dove Acres FM 1213-115 acres see details/pix at fm1213.ePropertySites.com..... **$599,000**
4209 Wood-Gorgeous like new 4bd, 3.5ba, 2la, 3 car in Mockingbird Hts..... **$519,000**
South CR 1140 - 24 Acres more or less..... **$496,000**
6704 Mosswood-4br. 3 ba. new construction **$486,458**
3405 Trinity Meadows -4200 Feet..... **$484,900**
6409 Sequoia-4bd. 31/2 ba w/Pool -Green Tree low maint. Updated throughout..... **$450,000**
906 Sorrell-Low maint. detached townhome Saddle Club - 2 bd. 2 ba. sunroom, atrium **$375,000**
6707 ECR 110-Greenwood 3/2/2. built 2010, pasture for horses, vinyl fencing, wind generator **$360,000**
6000A S FM 1788-3br, 3ba, 2LA, 30x60 shop, 2.66+/- acres **$340,000**
2912 Shanks-3bd, 2½ ba on 1.3 acres, 2 water wells. Nicely updated **$327,000**
4801 Knights Pl.-Polo Park Estates! Updated 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2 living, 2 garage **$315,000**
2804 Caldera Blvd - 4bd, 3ba, in law plan **$299,900**
3206 Haynes-3 br, 2.5 ba, indoor pool **$265,000**
1802 E. Pecan St.-New construction, 3 or 4bd, 2ba, 2car, 2 story..... **$259,000**
#2 Linda Ct.-Wow! 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 living, 2 dining **$250,000**
4310 ECR 63-New Construction 4 Bedroom 3 bath 3 car garage 2 acres **$239,900**
1303 McDonald-Attractive & spacious 3bd, 2 ba, 2LA, 2 car gar **$235,000**
12808 Alcario, Odessa-5/3. 1 living, 1 dining, 3 car garage **$215,000**
3336 Providence-Nicely updated 3br, 2ba, 2 car garage ..... **REDUCED...$212,000**
Commerical Lots - 10 Lots on Front St **$199,000**
2904 Bedford-Great location Old Midland, 3 bed, 2 bath **$190,000**
12700 ECR 81- 3 bedroom 2 bath 2013 Mobile Home w/ 2.5 acres 2 convex storage buildings & 2 water wells, orchard & garden **$189,000**
1428 Westbrook, Odessa-Looks like new 3 bed, 2 bath **$185,000**
3215 Golf Course-2 master suites. wonderful location **$160,000**
4808 Shady Lane-3 Bedrooms 1.5 baths **$159,900**
County Road 81-Greenwood, 6 acres, no restrictions **$150,000**
609 W. Kansas-3br, 1.5ba, large utility room/storage shed/storage bldg **$149,900**
4611 Pasadena-3 bed, 2 bath, great workshop **$139,000**
2405 City View Rd.-3 bdrm, 1 bath, efficiency apartment in back **$135,000**
503 Brooks Dr.-3 bed, 1 ba, 2 LA, recent windows **$135,000**
111 Blue Dr., Odessa-4 bed, 2 ba **$129,900**
4501 Roadrunner – Zac **$120,000**
4503 Roadrunner – Zac **$120,000**
4209 ECR 61-2.34 AC, Bonito Estates **$104,130**
4001 ECR 61-2.34 AC, Bonito Estates **$104,130**
4201 ECR 61-2 AC, Bonito Estates **$89,000**
2605 W. Washington-Cute 2/1, hardwood floors, neutral paints, large utility room..... **$84,900**
3215 Hill Ave.-2 bd, 1 bath in Crestview Heights addition **$69,000**
Bonito Estates - MISD New Home Lots ..... **$89,000-$104,000**
Champion's Run - GISD - New home lots, gated community, 1.5-2 AC ..... **$61,750-$95,000**

SUNDAY FEATURED HOMES

6000A S. FM 1788 - $340,000
3br, 3ba, 2LA, 30x60 shop, 2.66+/- acres.

1428 WESTBROOK - $185,000
Looks brand new, Odessa!

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OPEN TODAY 1:00-2:00

5717 Ridgemont Place - $629,000
Sparkling Pool! Comes with a stunning 5 Bed home featuring formal living, walls of windows, high ceilings, huge rooms. Don't miss out!
Shown By Dakota Boulevard 200-5349

OPEN TODAY 3:00-5:00

5 La Presenza - $1,100,000
Gorgeous 4 Bed, 4 Bath home with outside Kitchen, 12 ft ceilings, gourmet kitchen w/granite, wine bar butlers pantry. Stunning home perfect for entertaining!
Shown By Chris Beckett 340-7000

Introducing another New Team Member Kristina McCulloch
A little about Kristina.....
I bring many years of customer service & sales management experience with me to the Pine & Beckett team after serving clients in the banking industry for 21 years. Customer service is my primary focus with each and every client. I was raised on the West Coast and have lived in Midland since 2005. I enjoy gardening, fine markets and spending time my precious grandchildren.
I am very excited to start this new journey in real estate and cannot wait to help find clients the home of their dreams.

4+ BEDROOMS

5 La Presenza, Odessa - 4 Bedrooms, 4.5 Bath, Super Floor Plan w/Double Master Bedrooms, Full Outdoor Kitchen & Fireplace! ..... New Construction! $1,100,000
5400 Huntingwood - 5 Bedrooms, 5 Bath, 2 Story Home in Lee Conclave! Brand New Plan by Summit Homes! ..... New Construction! $1,030,000
6300 Dunbrook - 5 bed 4 bath, incredible price on this luxurious estate, perfect for entertaining ..... New Price! $899,000
5917 Mira Vista - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, Designer's Choice Here! Outdoor Kitchen, Guest House, Pool, & More! ..... New Price! $889,000
391 Ridge Line, Alpine - 4 Bedroom 3 Bath, Large enough to be corporate retreat! 77+ Acres in the Mountains!, Guest House, Barn! ..... New Price! $695,000
3501 Homestead - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath in Coveted Greenwood West! This Ones LOADED! Still Time to Make Selections! Est. Completion July 201 ..... SALE PENDING! $617,000
4701 E Co Rd. 45 - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath Country Living w/MISD Schools! Stone Floors, Cedar Beams! ..... New Listing! $604,200
5717 Ridgemont-Stunning 5 Bedroom w/POOL! walls of windows and formal living ..... New Listing! $529,900
6603 Mosswood - 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Fabulous Almond Home, Soaring 16 ft ceilings in Living area, Plantation shutters throughout, Loads of space with extra game/Media room ..... New Listing! $499,900
3102 Shell Ave. - 5 Bed, 4.5 bath in Old Midland, Entertainer's Dream home! Organic living area, gourmet kitchen, quartz counters, wet bar, vaulted ceilings, 2 fireplaces, Texas sized house with trees galore! ..... SALE PENDING! $427,500
5514 Casa Grande - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Stunning New AGA Home! Energy Efficient, High End Finishes! ..... New Price! $427,000
1708 Trail Dr. - Odessa Gorgeous Country Living! Sep Master w/Decadent Master Bath, Large Living area, elegant double entry foyer, Gourmet kitchen off den, all on 2.5 Acres! ..... New Listing! $417,500
3225 Fairfield - Builder's personal home w/lots of high end upgrades ..... SALE PENDING! $384,000
4413 Guadalupe - 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, Brand NEW Construction in Los Patios! Still Time to Make Selections. Est. Completion May 2015 ..... SALE PENDING! $379,900
5405 Ridgemont Ct. - 4 bed, 3 bath, sequestered master, updated kitchen, brazilian hardwood floors ..... SALE PENDING! $369,000
12701 E Co Rd. 91 - Tons of upgrades, 2 living areas, sequestered master, spa room w/hot tub, On 5 Acres! ..... New Price! $369,900
1415 Tulips - 4 Bed, 2 Bath on over a half acre, wrap around porch, open living area, country kitchen, re-done Master Bath w/Japanese soaking tub,huge bonus room upstairs ..... SALE PENDING! $356,000
16 Cambridge Court - Great floor plan w/2 living areas, large detached guest quarters has full kitchen and bath on nicely landscaped yard ..... NEW LISTING! $375,000
4200 Merrill Dr. - 4 Bed, 2.5 Bath, beautifully landscaped w/many updates, Large living area, granite in kitchen, Backyard features a gas fire pit and beautiful low maintenance landscaping! Well maintained ..... New Listing! $273,000
3302 E Co Rd. 144 - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 Story Home on 3 Acres! Main House 3BR, 2BA, Guest House 1BR, 1BA, Great Investment Home! ..... New Price! $347,500
3402 Fairlane Ave., Odessa - Tons of space in this oversized home, formal dining and large lot ..... New Listing! $339,900
1703 N. Garfield - Great Stucco home with circular drive on large lot ..... SALE PENDING! $298,000
4915 Mercedes-Almost total update, RARE 4 bedroom and 2 full baths, New roof in 2012, OPEN kitchen to living are breakfast room, EVEN a kitchen island! ..... New Listing! $144,900

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

1906 Shirley - 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Fantastic Low Maintenance Town Home! ALL REDONE! Very Tasteful Trendy & Fun! ..... SALE PENDING! $274,000
4307 Dublin - 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, Beautiful New AGA Home, Huge Open Plan w/high Ceilings! Located on a Quiet Cul-de-sac in Los Patios ..... New Price! $269,000
3208 Hayman - Drop dead gorgeous Town Home. Outside party perfection, tiny-yet, covered porches and trellis, Fully updated inside, including Granite, shutters and Master shower. This is like buying a brand new home! ..... New Listing! $245,000
3405 N. Golf Course Rd. - 3 Bed, 2.5 Bath, Built in the 40's, wood mouldings, enormous windows, updated kitchen & baths, unfinished guest quarters, on a HUGE lot ..... SALE PENDING! $239,000
2506 Hays Dr. - Immaculate with wood floors through-out, cozy fireplace and Tray ceiling, Large open kitchen with breakfast Bar, Beautiful neighborhood close to shopping ..... New Listing! $227,000
4204 Leisure Dr. - Updated top to bottom, Nothing left to do! ..... SALE PENDING! $214,000
511 Dallas Pass - Immaculate Betenbough home in Legends Park! Great mix of carpet and tile, High ceilings and a huge, open kitchen & Dining area, Completely Move-in Ready ..... SALE PENDING! $208,000
609 W. Michigan - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Spacious 2 Living, 2 Dining, over 2,300 sq.ft ! Close to Downtown! AS IS SALE, Renovation Ready! ..... New Price! $199,900
104 S Tyler - Outstanding Marquez Home! Spacious living w/time to select your colors. Granite in kitchen and rock accents on roof $185,000
1400 W. Kentucky - 3 Bed, 2 Bath, Completely remodeled! ..... New Listing $179,900
5203 Leisure Drive - Immaculately maintained 3 bed, 2 bath home with fresh exterior paint and lovely landscaping $164,900
5411 FM 715 - 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Clean Country Property w/Horse Stalls! ..... New Listing! $150,000
4709 Boulder #307 - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath Fairmont Condominium, Ground Level w/Enclosed Patio! ..... SALE PENDING! $62,500

LOTS & ACREAGE

Hwy 158, Ozona - 300 Acres in Deer Canyon Ranch $399,000
3501 Eastridge, Odessa - 1.03 Acre. Seller will finance, appraised at $500,000! ..... Not New Price! $375,000
108 Solomon - Build Your Dream Home! 2.02 Acres $300,000
6400 N Hwy. 349 - Vacant 84 Acre. Great investment opportunity here on this High Traffic area. $79,000
1301 N Co Rd. 1081, Greenwood - 3.8 Acres to Build a Dream Home! $75,000
1201-1257 Scarbrower Dr. - 4 Commerical Lots $66,000
1100 E Golf Course - Commercial Lot, Zoned LR-2 ..... $60,000
2004 N Lamesa - Residential Lot, Build to Suite! $48,000
405 & 407 Wadley - Prime Spot to Build! Residential Lots! ..... New Price! $35,000/each
E Co Rd. 60 - Mobil & Modular Homes Allowed ..... Call Rent 340-0140

COMMERCIAL

1001 Big Spring St. - Building on .28 Acre in High traffic area. Turn key operation $995,000
2000 West Illinois - Day care building for sale! $850,000
903 W Industrial - 4 Buildings on 1.5 Acres. Negotiable! $594,000

FOR LEASE

2010 Cimarron Ave. - 3 Bed, 2Bath, study or 2nd living area, Huge Home in a beautiful neighborhood ..... New Price! $2,000

HOT NEW PRICES

6300 Dunbrook $899,000
5917 Mira Vista $889,000
391 Ridge Line, Alpine $695,000
5514 Casa Grande $427,000
1708 Trail Dr. $417,500
Hwy 158, Ozona-300 Acres in Deer Canyon Ranch $399,000
16 Marysville Odessa TX $380,000
4307 Dublin $360,000
12701 ECR 81 ..... $189,900
3302 ECR 144 ..... $159,000
609 W Michigan $149,900
1211 N Lamesa - Commercial Building, Zoned LR-2 ..... $70,000
405 & 407 Wadley $36,000/each

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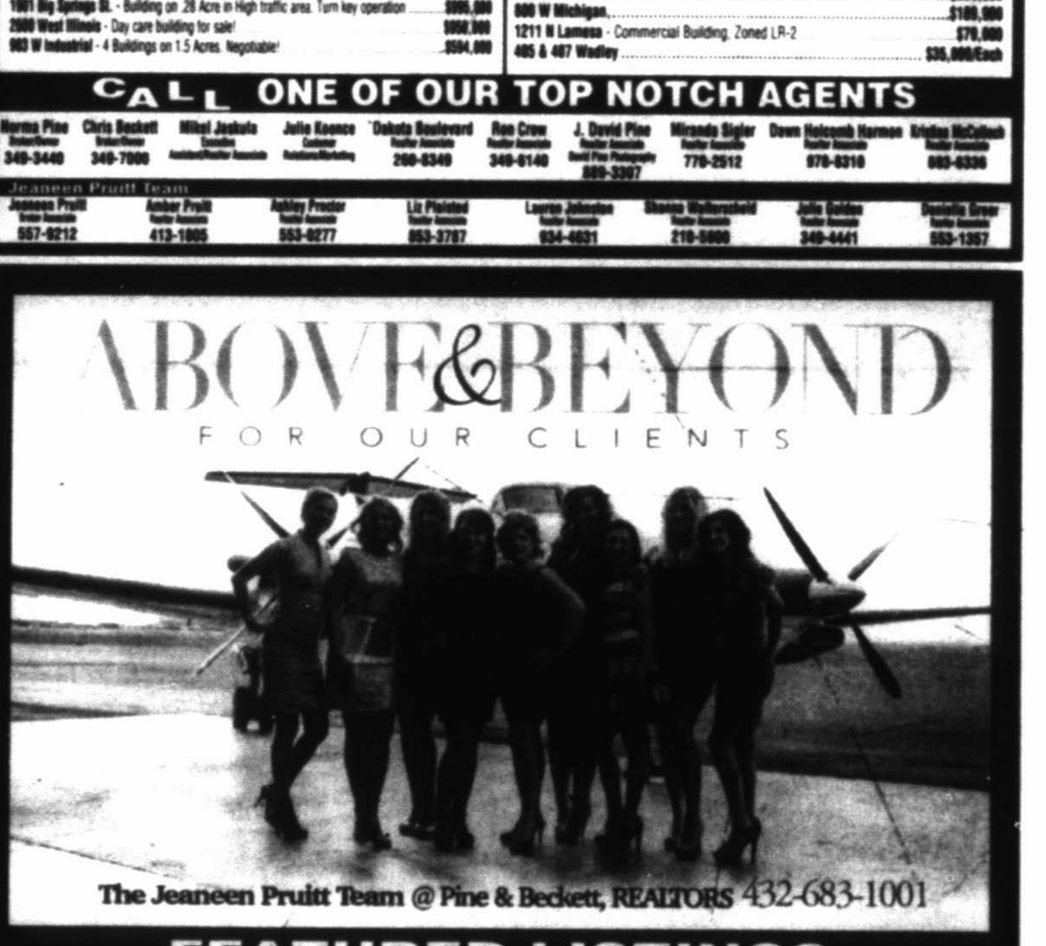

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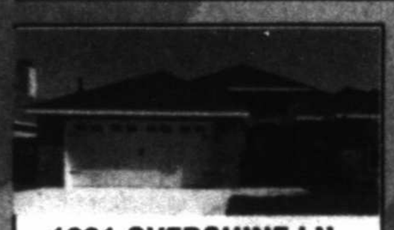

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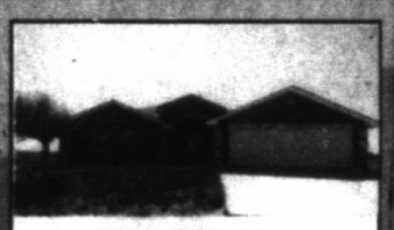

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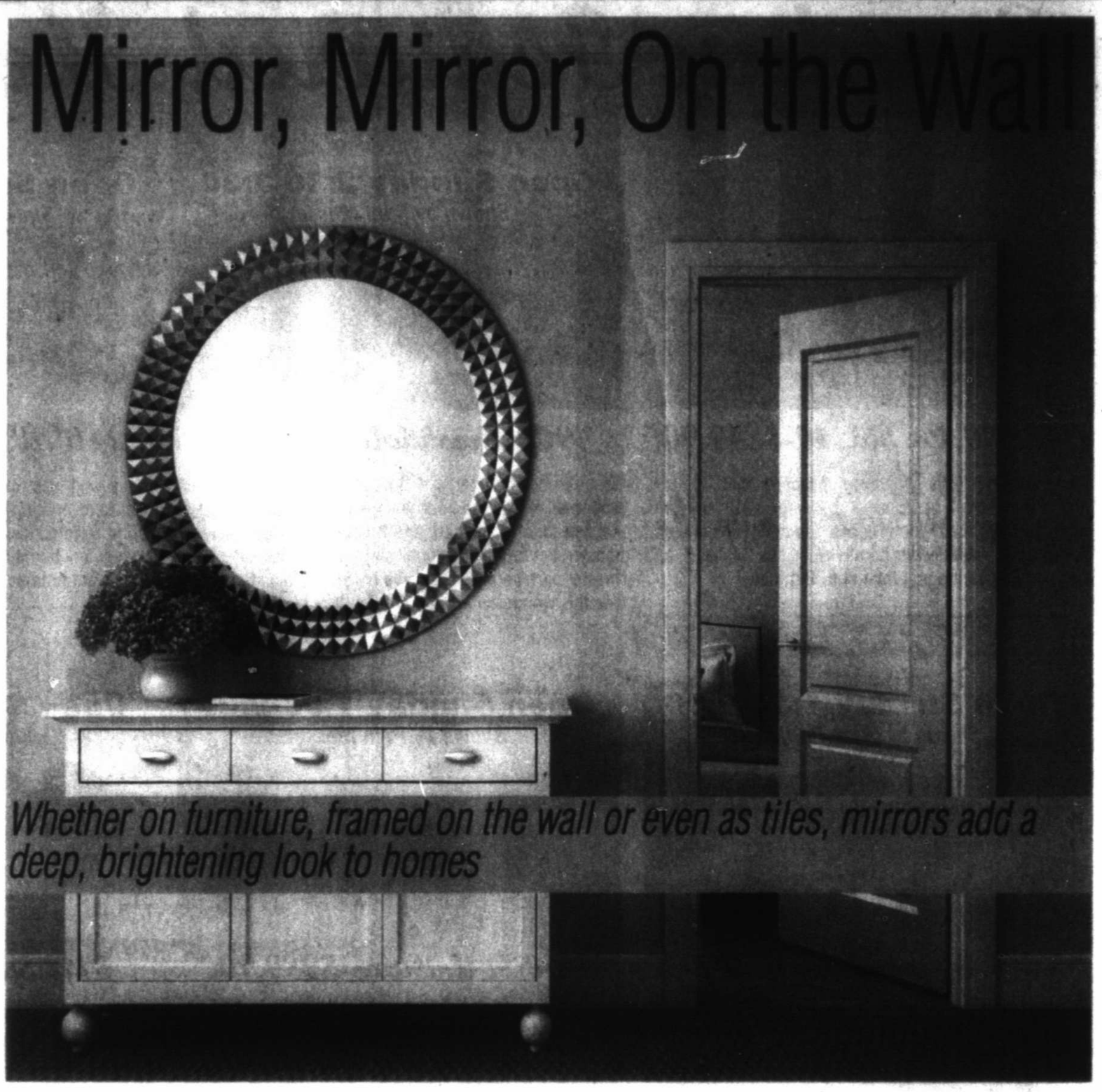

Whether on furniture, framed on the wall or even as tiles, mirrors add a deep, brightening look to homes

By Alyssa Karas | CTW Features

Bathroom mirrors are the epitome of function, but throughout a home, a strategically placed mirror can amplify the light and depth of a space. Here, the experts reflect on how and why a looking glass can transform your space.

"The spaces feels bigger, it feels more open, it reflects light," says Liz Sanz, who works in sales at GlassWorks, a glass installer near Chicago that's worked with clients like Michael Jordan and Oprah.

Before placing a mirror in your home, it's a good idea to understand their functions, says Andreas Charalambous, principal of FORMA Design, based in Washington D.C.

Designers say that a mirror can be used as a decorative object or as a background player – both of which can improve the look of the room.

When mirrors are used as a background design element, they "give you the illusion that maybe the space continues beyond," Charalambous says. "It helps expand the visual access [of a room]."

This type of installation works well for small or dark spaces. For example, a small bathroom doubles in size with a counter-to-ceiling mirror, which replicates the room to make it appear larger.

"You can do it floor-to-ceiling; we've done it in a bedroom on the sides of the bed," Charalambous says. "You feel like the bed is free-floating in the room and the space beyond. It's all about tricking the eye to make the space feel bigger and brighter."

Mirrors that create the illusion of space can be practical, too. When designing a tiny modern urban studio for a couple in San Francisco, Susan Diana Harris recommended a wall of mirrored storage space to double the appearance of the studio. "You have twice as much natural light, you have less furniture in there and tons of storage," says Harris, principal of Susan Diana Harris Interior Design, based in San Francisco.

If you're not ready for a wall of mirrors, consider using them as a kitchen backsplash instead. "It definitely opens up the whole room," Sanz says. "When you're using a tile or piece of marble, you're stuck dead in your tracks. There's no reflection, there's no light."

On the other hand, if the mirror is being used as an object, Charalambous suggests using it in a dramatic fashion, which often means that it's large or tall or placed at a surprising angle.

"If we are going to use a mirror as an object, typically it's oversized," he says. "It's big enough to make a statement… in the entry or foyer. We used it in a basement, for example, where the light was coming in from the patio."

Alissa Pulcrano, principal at Bright Designlab in Portland, Oregon, used her client's collection of vintage mirrors to create an art project on the wall. They installed mirrors of various shapes and sizes. "They wanted to create a textural, whimsical juxtaposition to the white, modern, soaring space," Pulcrano says. "It bridges the gap and brings home the modern/vintage balance."

Antique mirrors can still have a place in contemporary homes, Sanz says. A one-inch or smaller bevel on a mirror offers a more traditional look, but the trend is currently towards larger edgework, which provides a more up-to-date piece.

Sanz says for a recent contemporary bathroom project, the clients opted out of putting in a counter-to-ceiling, wall-to-wall mirror. "We did a long rectangular mirror and put a one-and-a-half inch bevel on it," she says. "It was just enough to give it a little flair, but because the bevel was so large it gave it a contemporary feel."

While there's no formula for how much is too much mirrored surfaces, Harris has some good advice: "As soon as [the mirror] feels like a piece of furniture, then you really have to take account for what else is in the room."

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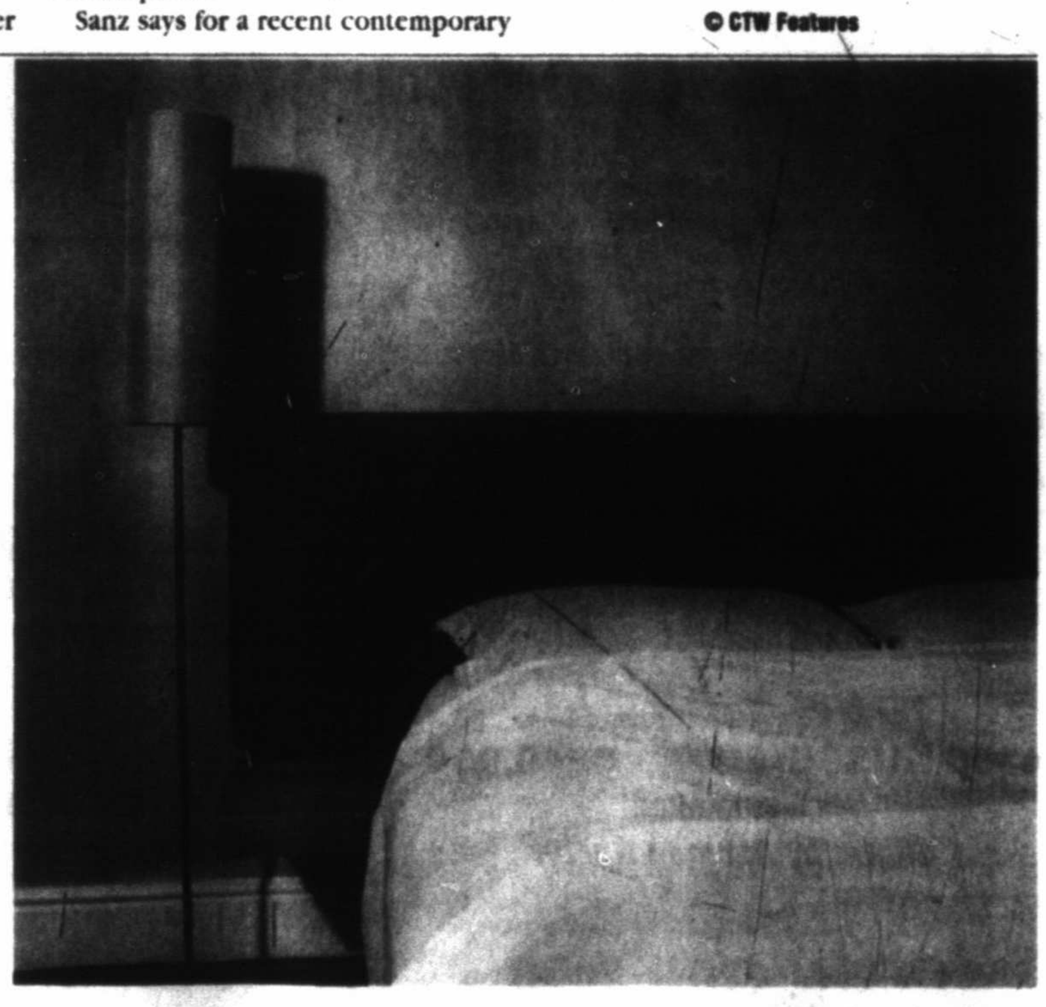
3 Tips for a Unique Headboard

Want to personalize your bedroom? Add a creative touch to your headboard



By Julia Haskins | CTW Features

Bedrooms should be a retreat – the final resting spot after a long day, a place to shutout the world and relax. Which is why having a bedroom you love is of utmost importance. Want to give your bedroom a charming, personal update that won't break the bank? The headboard is a great place to start. Here, some creative bloggers share their tips on how to personalize a new or old headboard to make a big design statement.

1. Copycat

Tricia Goins, a Houston-area painter and the blogger behind Little Cottage on the Pond, loved the European inspired headboards by Ballard Designs, but the company's products didn't fit her budget. So she made her own version, customized with a personal flair.

To make her copycat headboard, she projected the outline of the original design onto a large piece of wood and cut the image out using a jigsaw. She recommends browsing furniture catalogs for ideas and going to a print shop to enlarge outlines or patterns.

2. Upcycle

A headboard doesn't have to start out as one. Get creative by repurposing raw or vintage materials you wouldn't normally think to use. Mantles, wooden pallet boards and even rustic windowpanes with the glass removed are among the most popular DIY headboard pins on social media site Pinterest.

If you're concerned about leaning back on a headboard with rough or pointed edges, you can hang the board of your choice behind your bed with strong wire instead of attaching it to the bed frame.

"The biggest safety precaution is making sure that the headboard is secure on the wall," says Adrianne Lentine in Phoenix, blogger at Dream Book Design. "Make sure your screws and anchors are strong, and then secure the headboard."

3. The Finishing Touch

Goins knew her headboard was complete when she added a small bird figurine to the top one of her headboard's finials, which she also installed. It's what makes her piece one of a kind.

She suggests stores like Hobby Lobby, Etsy and architectural salvage stores for the little pieces that make her furniture totally unique. Collect remnant wood pieces and other knick-knacks to really make your headboard pop. ©CTW Features

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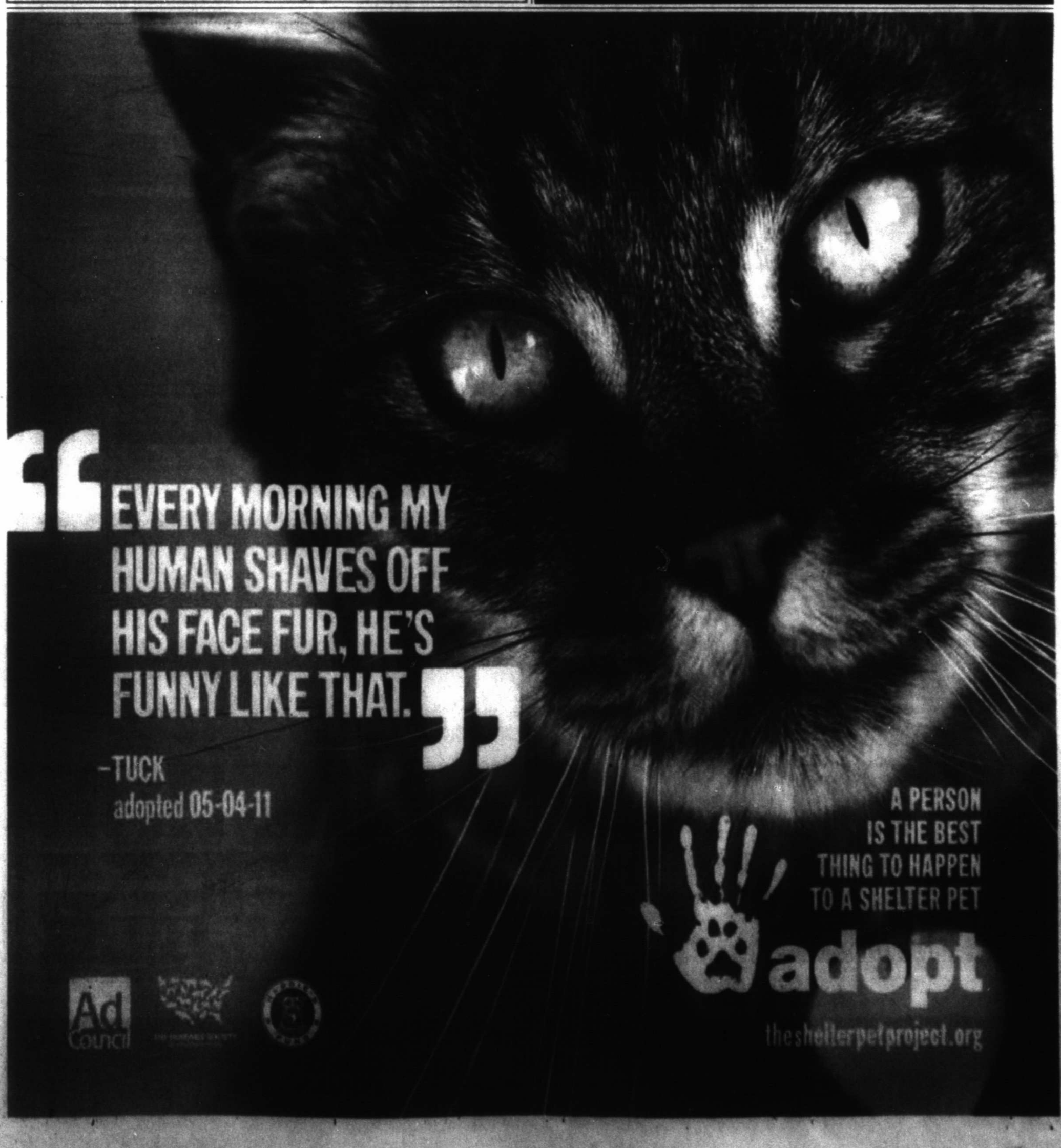

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6003 RANCHLAND DR...Lisa Russell ...$265,000
2613 CAMARIE AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #104702...SALE PENDING
3202 MAXWELL...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883...MLS #104631...$260,500
1000 WASHITA...Donna Omar 349-1454...MLS #105728...$260,000

2917 GODDARD PL...Reece Blevins 230-8647...MLS #103484...$250,000
305 S. JEFFERSON ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #105321...$250,000
2000 DOUGLAS AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #105502...SALE PENDING
1419 PACIFIC...Josie Alvarez 296-1395...MLS #105240...$240,000
2402 CAMARIE...Pam Dodd 439-4170/780...$240,000
4002 SHOODALE...Ashley St. John 352-6254...MLS #104949...$240,000
1121 PORTERFIELD RD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #104847...SALE PENDING
3901 DURANT...Dr. Lisa Janca ...MLS#105560...$235,000
2604 CAMARIE...Pam Dodd 419-0780...MLS #104861...$232,000
3316 WINDSOR DR...Madison Shaw 528-4640...MLS #105481...SALE PENDING
4000 SHEVING ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #105548...SALE PENDING
706 AUSTIN...Brasher 689-5002...MLS #105009...$225,000
4002 DENGAR AVE...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053...MLS #105413...$214,900
1410 SPARKS...Leah Watkins 599-2187...MLS #105539...$209,000
4000 SHELL AVE...Leah Watkins 599-2187...MLS #105268...$209,000
3307 CORD DR...Elisia Flatt 432-557-7159...MLS#105503...SALE PENDING
3301 CORD...Elisia Flatt 557-7159...MLS #104916...SALE PENDING
4730 COUNTRY CLUB...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #104778...$195,000
3502 BAUMANN...Lavonne Johnson 618-5002...MLS #105564...$190,000
2408 NEELY AVE...Kay Bivens 934-5995...MLS #102414...$190,000
4002 W. ILLINOIS AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS#104488...$170,000
1622 HICKORY...Angie McKay 599-0272...MLS #105629...$165,000
4020 PASADENA...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782...MLS #105810...$159,000
205 S. CRESTVIEW DR...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053...MLS #104743...$84,000

THREE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

5015 E. CO. RD. 190...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #104230...155.7 Acres/$1,350,000
2600 E. CO. RD. 140...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #105341...70 Acres/$525,000
210 WINDRIDGE CIRCLE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #105215...$600,000
3800 TODD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #105012...$410,000
1102 CASTLEFORD RD...Lisa Janca 618-3389...MLS #103413...$389,900
4000 GREEN TREE BLVD...Michelle Lesikar 230-363...MLS #104388...$379,900
5007 GATEWAY...Maria Mallory 352-4021...$300,000
4012 TRINITY COURT...Reece Blevins 230-8647...MLS #104840...$369,900
1715 PUEBLO...Madison Shaw 432-528-4640...MLS #105515...SALE PENDING
1910 SPARKS ST...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053...MLS #105239...$339,000
5709 CARMEL CT...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #105577...SALE PENDING
3300 GREENBRIAR DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #105677...$315,000
1201 OVERSHIRE LN...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #105501...$310,000
3200 SOUTHRIDGE CT...Susan Palmer 978-7816...MLS #104767...$309,900
5701 LAND CT...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819...MLS #105095...SALE PENDING
3403 LIMESTONE LN...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #103895...SALE PENDING
5408 RIO GRANDE...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782...MLS #103508...$305,000
3911 CALDERA...Maria Mallory 352-4021...$305,000
3213 HIGHWY DR...Larry Hatfield 349-4788...MLS #105045...$299,900
4207 VALLEY DR...Reece Blevins 230-8647...MLS #104261...$299,900
2787 CALDERA...Sue Lytle 661-5338...MLS #105229...$295,000
1009 SHIRLEY LANE...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053...MLS #104440...$294,900
2107 WESTERN DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #105421...$290,000
4805 SPRING MEADOW LN #4...Susan Palmer 978-7816...MLS #104189...$284,500
4000 CRESTWOOD...Susan Palmer 978-7816...MLS #103325...SALE PENDING
3119 DURANT...Danny Norwood 618-5012...MLS #99124...$277,500
2604 ADONIA ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #101146...$275,000
1000 VENTURA AVE...Nathan Pinkerton 638-2121...MLS #105620...$274,900
2004 CHINMARON AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #103706...$279,900
2516 HUMBLE AVE...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757...MLS #104009...$270,000
1008 MISSOURI...Danny Norwood 413-2764...MLS #103530...$269,900
4000 HYDE PARK...Ashley Brasher-St. John 352-6254...$269,900
4007 PINE MEADOW #3...Paul Culver 934-1021...$265,000
3303 MARBLE LANE...Cherith Hamilton 556-0306...MLS #105040...SALE PENDING
936 EDWARDS...Josie Rendon 689-6394...MLS #103556...$260,000

1904 WASHITA...Gina Reyes 553-6381...MLS #105796...$259,000
1607 W. MICHIGAN...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #104515...$258,000
3503 DOUGLAS AVE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #105055...$257,000
1610 W. INDIANA...Susan Palmer 978-7816...MLS #102450...$255,000
3025 FREDNA...Cherith Hamilton 556-0306...MLS #102618...$255,000
3507 W. DENGAR AVE...Jo Keller 269-8319...MLS #103625...$254,000
3520 STANFORD AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #105191...$250,000
4103 DYER...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #102538...$250,000
4300 RUSSELL CT...Amanda Gunter 413-7330...MLS #105064...$249,900
3009 MISSION CT...Susan Palmer 978-7816...MLS #105741...$249,500
400 HOGAN...Peggy Spence 664-3011...MLS #103702...$234,900
2605 SUNBURST DR...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819...MLS #104829...$232,000
2002 ARROWHEAD TRAIL...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #105223...SALE PENDING
3906 BEDFORD AVE...Kim Merrill 664-4702...MLS #105036...$229,900
2410 DENGAR AVE...Ashley St. John ...MLS #105458...$229,900
2506 NEELY...Danny Norwood 413-2764...$229,000
3004 GULF...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782...MLS #103933...$229,000
4512 OLEANDERS DR...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819...MLS #105258...SALE PENDING
3607 PRINCETON...Susan Palmer 978-7816...MLS #105648...$225,000
3223 CAMARIE AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #105555...$225,000
4000 CLOUDCROFT...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053...MLS #105561...$219,900
5213 ANETTA DR...Kay Bivens 934-5995...MLS #105622...SALE PENDING
1402 VENTNOR AVE...Nathan Pinkerton 638-2121...MLS #105734...$213,900
3114 PRESTON...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136...MLS #105461...$212,000
1010 NEELY...Susan Palmer 978-7816...MLS #104708...$210,000
3709 NEELY...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #103402...SALE PENDING
3217 W. SHANDON AVE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788...MLS #103232...$208,900
2105 MARCH ST...Kim Merrill 664-4702...MLS #102852...$208,000
802 WAGNER...Peggy Spence 664-3011...MLS #103716...$209,000
5105 LAVACA AVE...Lisa Russell 741-5964...MLS #103282...$205,500
1121 CHERRY LN...Samantha Smith 978-3588...MLS #105649...$205,000
1200 HOBLES AVE...Josie Rendon 689-6394...MLS #105412...$202,525
2609 SPARTAN DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #105173...$200,000
811 SHEA LANE...Elisia Flatt 557-7159...MLS #105121...SALE PENDING

1300 VENTNOR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #104992...SALE PENDING
3606 SINCLAIR AVE...Darla Davis 260-8077...MLS #104517...SALE PENDING
3000 SHEA LANE...Peggy Spence 664-3011...$196,000
3000 SHELL AVE...Leah Watkins 599-2187...MLS #104653...$195,000
5105 LAVACA AVE...Lisa Russell 741-5964...MLS #103282...$194,000
2105 NORTHRUP DR...Nathan Pinkerton 638-2121...MLS #103657...$194,000
4021 ANGELINA DR...Maria Mallory 352-4021...MLS #105247...SALE PENDING
1401 MURRAY ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #103786...$189,900
2217 CIMMARON...Amanda Gunter 413-7330...MLS #104273...$185,000
500 GULF AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #104341...$185,000
607 SINCLAIR...Martha Manuilik 557-8744...MLS #105485...$185,000
3809 NEELY...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061...MLS #105611...$185,000
1113 GULF AVE...Susan Palmer 978-7816...MLS #105199...$174,900
313 ROCKY LANE...Lavonne Johnson ...MLS #104500...SALE PENDING
2426 FAIRGATE...Donna Omar 349-1454...MLS #105359...SALE PENDING
613 W SPRUCE...Karen Foster 559-4086...MLS #105065...SALE PENDING
705 ALPINE ST...Ashley St. John 352-6254...MLS #101390...SALE PENDING
221 N. ESENHOWER...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782...MLS #103982...$167,000
3314 KANSAS...Susan Palmer 978-7816...MLS #105102...SALE PENDING
3317 W. DENGAR AVE...Lisa Russell 741-5964...MLS #104154...$165,500
4010 BOWIE DR...Maria Mallory 352-4021...MLS #104713...$159,000
4013 PLEASANT DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #105354...SALE PENDING
4305 HARVARD...Martha Manuilik 557-8744...MLS #104563...SALE PENDING
4000 RIO DR...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136...MLS #105169...$142,900
101 CARTON DR...Angie McKay 432-599-0272...MLS #105283...SALE PENDING
2705 DELANO AVE...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061...MLS #105100...$135,000
2509 W. WASHINGTON AVE...Steve Farris 294-3336...MLS #105613...$129,900
403 SPRADBERRY DR...Samantha Smith 978-3588...MLS #105232...$127,900
2809 DELANO...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #105291...$125,000
1017 A NAVAJO...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #103997...SALE PENDING
1901 N. BENTON...Jennifer Martin 349-2632...MLS #104699...SALE PENDING
4327 CEDAR SPRING...Janice Murrell 349-7242...MLS #104223...$110,000
4304 THOMASON...Danny Norwood 618-5012...MLS #103796...$109,700
1604 W. WASHINGTON...Darla Davis 432-260-8077...MLS #100398...$109,000

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

3525 SHELL AVE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788...MLS #105022...SOLD
1102 LANHAM ST...Kim Merrill 664-4702...MLS #102359...$163,000
4021 LIVINGSTON ST...Darla Davis 260-8077...MLS #103302...$149,900
5206 RIC DR...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136...MLS #105088...$141,900

3600 W. OHIO AVE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788...MLS #105143...$139,000
4000 PLEASANT DR...Reannah Wyatt 210-2759015...MLS #105487...$125,000
330 E. CLOUD...Jennifer Martin 349-2632...MLS #102286...$120,000
311 S. BENTON...Susan Palmer 978-7816...MLS #105052...$115,000

600 LIDDON AVE. #52...Darla Davis 260-8077...MLS #105729...$100,000
1000 SHELL AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #105485...SALE PENDING
1315 E. COWDEN...Josie Alvarez 296-1395...MLS #105398...$94,500
607 HOWARD...Jo Keller 269-8319...$80,000

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

1300 S. CO. RD. 1130...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS# 102406...72 Acres/$2,050,000
5015 E. CO. RD. 190...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #104230...155.7 Acres/$1,350,000
1891 S. CO. RD. 1140...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #105368...6.5 Acres/$999,900
4303 N. CO. RD. 1284...Lisa Janca 618-3389...MLS #104991...$825,000
801 E. CO. RD. 130...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819...MLS #104808...$589,000
11500 W. CO. RD. 58...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #104295...$575,000
2600 E. CO. RD. 140...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #105341...70 Acres/$525,000
200 E. CO. RD. 120...MLS #105293...$460,000
2007 E. CO. RD. 1083...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #105715...$449,500
7300 E. CO. RD. 100, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...SALE PENDING
2112 S. CO. RD. 1129...Lisa Russell 741-5964...MLS #104872...$410,000

7100 FM 307, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633...MLS #105207...5 Acres/$375,000
14045 W. CO. RD. 124...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #103799...SALE PENDING
900 E. CO. RD. 140...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...MLS #104750...$339,500
1811 CO. RD. 1095...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782...MLS #104243...$329,000
4201 S. CO. RD. 1185...Reannah Wyatt 210-275-9015...MLS #104444...$325,000
6300 S. CO. RD. 1200...Ashley St. John 352-6254...SALE PENDING
10200 CO. RD. 86, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633...MLS #104688...10 Acres/$280,000
1400 N. CO. RD. 1118...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #103113...$259,900
10002 FM 307, GREENWOOD...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633...SALE PENDING
5007 E. CO. RD. 130...Reannah Wyatt 275-9015...MLS #103511...$240,000

6307 S. CO. RD. 1268...Jo Keller 269-8319...MLS #104643...$235,000
7300 W. CO. RD. 89...Ashley St. John 352-6254...MLS #103426...$210,000
7200 E. CO. RD. 96...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633...MLS# 102214...SALE PENDING
10007 E. CO. RD. 104, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 432-413-4412...MLS #105294...$185,000
1210 N. CO. RD. 1081...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633...MLS# 101074...280/$174,000
3004 E. CO. RD. 141...Samantha Smith 978-3588...MLS #105043...SALE PENDING
1716 A NAVAJO...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #103997...SALE PENDING
2811 W. CO. RD. 116...Mark Phillober ...MLS #93896...SALE PENDING
10900 ECR 108...Tracy Farrow 432-413-4412...MLS# 105544...SALE PENDING

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

349 BARLETT RD, CRANE, TX...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #104091...$747,000
8 WARWICK, ODESSA...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819...MLS #104602...$575,000
807 E 23ID ST., ODESSA, TX...Sue Lytle 432-661-5338...MLS#105511...$570,000
4450 SE 10ID, ANDREWS...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #97133...25+ Acres/$425,000
14609 N. DOGWOOD AVE., GARDENDALE...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #104548...5 Acres/$387,000
11402 W. CO. RD. 40, GARDENDALE...Ashley St. John 352-6254...MLS #104636...3 Acres/ $355,000

2100 WESTSIDE, STANTON...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136...MLS #105658...$391,000
2024 PCR 2240, Stanton...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS# 105600...2 acres/$235,000
1482 N.C.R 1081...Ashley St. John 432-352-6254...MLS#105512...$215,000
202 E. 10TH ST., CRANE, TX...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #105137...SALE PENDING
400 1ST, STANTON...Michelle Kidd...MLS #101475...$160,000

913 28TH ST., CRANE, TX...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #105709...$165,000
3205 TRAVIS AVE...Jo Keller 269-8319...MLS #105721...$149,900
1003 3RD, ANDREWS...Cynthia Dale 556-1458...MLS #101790...$143,500
1221 S. MARY ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #102029...$140,000
211 E. 6TH ST, CRANE, TX...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #104054...$85,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

10294 FM 307...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136...MLS #100336 10.11 Ac/$2,100,000
3114 SUNBURST...Wendy Waddell 638-9955...MLS #102751...$1,000,000
5300 WALL ST...Gina Reyes 553-6381...MLS #99121...$799,000
1002 MARIENFELD...Josie Rendon 689-6394...MLS #101869...$600,000
602 E. 2nd Street, Odessa...Sue Lytle ...MLS 105511...$570,000
810 W. KENTUCKY...Maria Mallory 352-4021...MLS #104257...$450,000
FM 715...Caleb Matott 349-3330...20+ Acres/$300,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 4, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136...MLS #102474...7.817 Ac/$337,500
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 3, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136...MLS #102474...11.252 Ac/$337,500
CO. RD. 140-LOT 11...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102744...5 Acres/$330,000

CO. RD. 140-LOT 2...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102240...0.7 Acres/$291,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 1, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136...MLS #102472...9.479 Ac/$294,370
1811 ORCHARD DR...Maria Mallory 352-4021...MLS #104252...$250,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 2, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136...MLS #102473...9.298 Ac/$289,100
CO. RD. 140-LOT 6...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102244...5.7 Acres/$171,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 7...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102245...5.7 Acres/$171,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 8...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102246...5.7 Acres/$171,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 4...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102243...5.8 Acres/$171,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 13...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102251...5.3 Acres/$159,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 12...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102250...5.3 Acres/$159,000

CO. RD. 140-LOT 18...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102249...5.3 Acres/$159,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 15...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102253...6.1 Acres/$183,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 9...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102257...5 Acres/$150,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 19...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102256...5 Acres/$150,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 17...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102255...5 Acres/$150,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 16...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102254...5 Acres/$150,000
CO. RD. 140-LOT 14...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102252...5 Acres/$150,000
701 & 703 S. BIG SPRING...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136...MLS #100230...2 Lots/$125,000
401 MIDLAND DR...Lydia Scudder 853-2200...MLS #103887...$80,000
100 W. NEW YORK AVE...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136...MLS #105786...$64,000

LAND AND LOTS

CO. RD. 95...Jennifer Martin 349-2632...MLS #102675...5 Acres/
W. CO. RD. 116...Caleb Matott 349-3330...12.54 Acres/$4,000,000
LANE ALAN HENRY...Caleb Matott 349-3330...North Ridge Dev., RV Park, Storage Complex...$20,000,000
CO. RD. 1065...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #97403...CLEAN Land; Will Split, 585+ Acres/$2,340,000
CO. RD. 160...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #97408...IDEAL Land, 502.20 Acres/$2,008,000
3202 S. CO. RD. 1060...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136...MLS #101019...99.91 Acres/$1,543,955
5015 E. Co. Rd. ...190 Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #104230...155.7 Acres/$1,350,000
000 FM 1213...Kim Merrill 664-4702...MLS #101072...$1,362,075
N. Co. Rd. 1150...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #104231...Quiet area; will split $1,200,000
S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330...96.85 Acres/$969,500
CO. RD. 3100, STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253...MLS #94070...185 Acres/$925,000
CO. RD. 1050 & CO. RD. 1085...Caleb Matott 349-3330...Superb Land; Caliche Pit...169 Acres/$675,000

FM 715...Caleb Matott 349-3330...No Restriction or Zoning...20+Acres/$300,000
2415 IDLEWILDE DR...Leah Watkins 599-2187...MLS #102445...$535,700
1200 STOKES...Jane Wolf 352-4808...MLS #100781...10+ Acres/$475,000
FM 715...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819...MLS #96886...22 Acres/$444,000
CO. RD. 1130...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019...MLS #89518...29.1 Acres/$276,450
N. CO. RD. 1150/ELKINS RD...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #95384...20 Acres/$250,000
6000 ECR 112, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102119...5+ Acres/$194,500
5287 ALYSHEBA LANE...Danny Norwood 413-2764/1.1 acre lot in covered Salesman Estates!...$110,000
HWY. 80...Josie Rendon 689-6394...MLS #101936...$150,000
6213 DUNBARTON OAKS BLVD...Sandy Hanson 638-3819...MLS #102876...$140,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy Hanson 638-3819...3+ Acre Lots/$135,000
6001 CO. RD. 41...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880...MLS #103862...$135,000
7200 E. CO. RD. 111...Josie Rendon 689-6394...MLS #103299...$122,500
3000 SCR 1124, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102121...3+ Acres/$120,000
CO. RD. 54...Pam Messer 349-3075...MLS #101092...$100,000
6710 ECR 112, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330...SALE PENDING
6000 ECR 112, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102121...3+ Acres/$100,000

6000 ECR 112, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS#102121...3+ Acres/$100,000
7400 E. CO. RD. 96...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136...MLS #100047...4.58 Acres/$95,100
2015 SCR 1121, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102120...3+ Acres/$87,500
2001 SCR 1121, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330...MLS #102125...3+ Acres/$87,500
W. CO. RD. 75 ENTRADA ESTATES...Tracy Farrow 413-4412...2.047 Acres/$85,000
7411 E. CO. RD. 96...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136...MLS #100044...1.498 Acres/$84,500
7209 E. CO. RD. 112...Josie Rendon 689-6394...MLS#103298...$82,500
1282 S. CO. RD. 117...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136...MLS #100043...1.498 Acres/$81,000
7216 E. CO. RD. 96...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136...MLS #100046...1.017 Acres/$80,000
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SUMMER WINDS DOWN

Summer Sunday Lawn at the Museum of the Southwest comes to a close tonight. The event offers kids and adults plenty of entertainment and is the perfect way to wind down the summer. Head inside to read more about the closing band, The Shades. The band has been the traditional closer of the concert series, while one member says the band is just doing its job.

Courtesy photos

5 QUESTIONS

Debra Patchell | opera singer

What's inside

The Shades pose together in this undated photo. *Courtesy photo*

Ever-changing members keep cover band Midland tradition

By Rich Lopez
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Of all the comparisons keyboard player Dan Ferguson makes regarding his band The Shades, he pulls the most surprising one.

"We're kind of like Menudo," he said. "After a while, a member leaves and another comes in."

Menudo was a popular boy band from Mexico, but members were aged out to keep the group fresh.

Age isn't quite the issue with The Shades. Players just make their decision to stay or not.

The Shades, in some form or fashion, have been playing their covers of classic rock to Midland audiences since 1983. The band hasn't remained the same in those 32 years. Ferguson has been a member since 2000.

"Yeah, there are no original members in the band," he said.

But their legacy thrives.

"We actually have enough members to have an alumni. So we'll get together and have a reunion. But really it's just one big jam."

Dan Ferguson, keyboard player for cover band The Shades

The band has become the official closer of the Summer Sunday Lawn Concert series at the Museum of the Southwest. Oftentimes, at the tent where the museum staff oversee the concerts, people come up to ask when The Shades will play.

"I have organized the concert series for four years and have had the chance to work with many wonderful bands," museum marketing director Chelsea Dey said. "The Shades have always been a joy to have on our schedule because they are a Midland staple."

Ferguson just sees it as the band doing its job.

The Shades also have a limited schedule. They don't play the bar or live music scene in Midland. Outside of today's concert, the band mostly reserves its gigs for private events or benefits.

"Maybe that's why we've lasted so long," said Ferguson, laughing.

The group of five veteran musicians are known for their classic rock offerings but the band has had to keep up with the times. For the band, the 1960s and '70s aren't the only classic rock decades now.

But they've only expanded their local fan base by doing so.

"Now the '90s are considered classic rock, so we've learned some songs from then, but I think people basically know what to expect from us. I think that's why they like u" said Ferguson, 58.

By day, the band consists of a teacher, oil and gas men and Ferguson, a sales rep at N-Tune.

Ferguson adds that the band doesn't take itself too seriously. He almost shrugs off the notion that The Shades are a local tradition.

As the series planner, Dey is fully aware of The Shades' impact on Midland.

"Their annual show is something everyone looks forward to. It's been our traditional end to summer for a long time," she said.

But then there are hints that he also gets it.

"People have been great to us," he said. "We've had people even reschedule their own obligations to see us. That's awesome."

Ferguson will actually be performing his second straight week at the museum. He is also a member of Jumping Giants, which performed on Aug. 9 Most of the members all perform with other groups or even solo.

But The Shades is where they return to — as do previous members. With an estimated 20 members total past and present, the band will still get together once a year.

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Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts with The Shades tonight at Museum of the Southwest at 7 p.m. Free. museumsw.org.

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Michelle Duggar, left, is surrounded by her children and husband Jim Bob, second from left, after the birth of her 17th child Aug. 2, 2007, in Rogers, Ark. TLC network has set an airdate for its new documentary to raise awareness about child sexual abuse. The film was first announced last month when TLC pulled the plug on its hit series "19 Kids and Counting" after reports surfaced that one of its stars, Josh Duggar, the oldest of the family's 19 children, had fondled four of his sisters and a baby sitter a dozen years before, when he was a teenager.

TLC sets airdate for sex abuse docu prompted by Duggars

By Frazier Moore
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — TLC network has set an airdate for its new documentary to raise awareness about child sexual abuse.

The film, "Breaking the Silence," will air at 10 p.m. Aug. 30, the network said Thursday.

To be broadcast commercial-free, the documentary aims to shine a light on the challenges faced by those affected by child sexual abuse, as well as raise awareness of where people can turn for help.

An estimated one in 10 children will be the victim of sexual abuse before the age of 18, with an estimated 42 million survivors in America today, the network says.

For the film and related information resources, TLC has teamed with two prominent abuse-prevention organizations, Darkness to Light and RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network). The film is being produced by NBC News' Peacock Productions.

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Duggar family, in a statement

The documentary is built around the stories of child-abuse survivors. Among them is Erin Merryn, a mother, two-time survivor and driving force behind "Erin's Law," legislation passed in 26 states that makes age-appropriate curriculum on personal body safety mandatory for children in schools.

Also sharing her story is Terrae Lee, who was sexually abused by her father when she was 11 and is now a victim's advocate, having co-founded the Young Survivor's Foundation.

And it includes the story of 11-year-old Kaelin, a survivor who is already channeling her experience into public speaking and education.

Viewers will also hear from experts, including a prevention training session conducted by Darkness to Light that is attended by Jill and Jessa, two of the Duggar sisters who have publicly spoken of being molested in their youth by their brother Josh. He has never been arrested or charged in connection with the molestations.

"We look forward to working with TLC on this upcoming special documentary and hope that it is an encouragement to many," the Duggar family said in a statement when the program was first announced.

New CNBC star Jay Leno talks cars, comedy and Donald Trump

Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Jay Leno couldn't help himself. Just because he's no longer doing monologues as host of "The Tonight Show" doesn't mean he can resist cracking jokes about Donald Trump.

Meeting with TV critics Thursday to discuss his new CNBC car show, Leno took a detour to lampoon the GOP presidential front-runner.

Noting the battle for that nomination between Jeb Bush and Trump, Leno said, "It's kind of like the race between the tortoise and the bad hair."

And recalling that a medical problem scored Trump a deferment from military service, Leno offered his own diagnosis: "He had an intrarectal cranial inversion: His head was up his ass."

Leno reminded reporters that he has two passions in life, comedy and cars. The latter is fueling his new show, "Jay Leno's Garage," premiering on CNBC on Oct. 7.

He said he owns about 135 cars as well as 117 motorcycles, building on a hobby that began as a teen and found him working as a mechanic at car dealerships early on.

Cars provide clarity, he said.

"Comedy is subjective. Some people think it's funny, some people think it sucks — and they're both right. But when a car was broken and now it's running, no one can say it's not running."

Cars are more than metal and motion, he added. They come fully equipped with memories.

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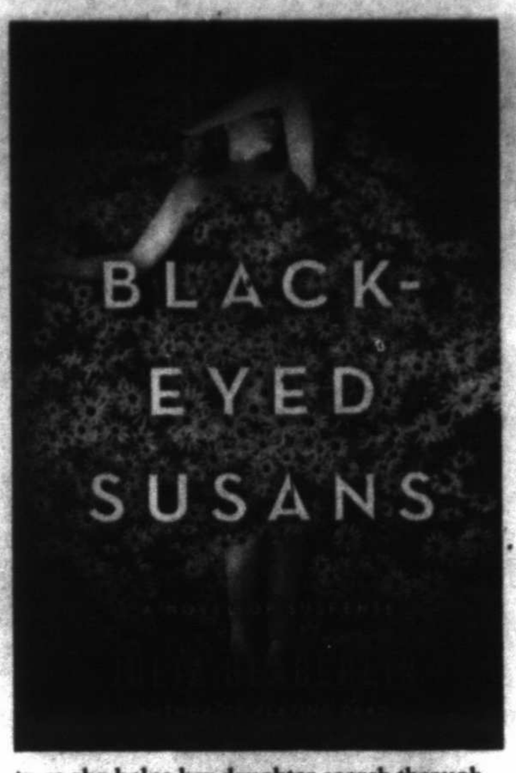
New novel features likable protagonist, nail-biting suspense

By Catherine Mallette
Fort Worth Star-Telegram



Eighteen years ago, Tessa Cartwright became known as the only surviving victim of a serial killer.

The Texas teen woke up in a field of black-eyed Susans "with a strangled college student and a stack of human bones" but no memory of how she got there or who put her there.

Fast-forward to the present, and Tessa is an artist, living in Fort Worth, Texas, with her teenage daughter, and the man she once helped identify as the killer is about to be executed on Death Row.

But a string of new evidence, a determined defense attorney, Tessa's own doubts about her memory and the disturbing appearance of freshly planted black-eyed Susans outside her bedroom window have Tessa wondering: Did she make a mistake and ID the wrong guy?

If so, she has two pressing problems: Can she help set the wrongfully accused man free? And if the real killer isn't behind bars, could he be setting his sights on her and her daughter, Charlie?

In her brilliant new novel of suspense, "Black-Eyed Susans," Julia Heaberlin keeps Tessa, her protagonist, in constant, page-turning peril while also leading the reader down paths of thoughtful exploration into the worlds of child psychiatry, death-penalty law and forensic DNA.

The book is a delicious mix of well-researched facts, creative plot twists and a likable main character who deftly walks the line between someone who you can relate to as she helps her daughter search through dirty laundry for a team jersey and someone whose mind is a mystery even to herself.

This is Heaberlin's third novel, her first in hardcover, and her best. A former editor at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and The Detroit News, Heaberlin brings her remarkable skills as a reporter and editor to this work, digging deep into fascinating, topical issues for her own research, and then pulling out only the most interesting facts and details for her readers.

But it's her emerging talent as a masterful storyteller that sets this book apart. As the plot twists along, racing back and forth between past and present, revealing bits and pieces of the truth through the haze of her protagonist's battered and bruised memory, Heaberlin maintains her tight grip on narrative control, expertly maintaining the delightful, nail-biting suspense by weaving those facts and details seamlessly into plot-forwarding action, compelling characters and believable dialogue.

Tessa's search for answers leads her, for example, to Dr. Joanna Seger at the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification in Fort Worth. Jo and her team are working on extracting mitochondrial DNA from the bones of the victims Tessa was found with, popularly called "the black-eyed Susans."

Once the DNA is extracted, the information goes into national databases of missing persons. The bones then go on to a forensic geologist in Galveston who will use isotope analysis to try to match them to a region, as our bones, it turns out, retain the memory of where we have lived.

As Jo explains, "We are so much a part of the earth, Tessa. Of the ancient past. We store strontium isotopes in our bones, in the same ratio as in the rocks and soil and water and plants and animals where we live."

It's a heady bit of astounding cutting-edge science, still in its infancy, and its use in Heaberlin's plot is intriguing.

Heaberlin also takes advantage of the 18 years that have elapsed since Tessa's trauma to develop her character beyond the scope expected in many thrillers. In the years since she was abducted, Tessa has carved out a world that in many ways is surprisingly normal, and Heaberlin deftly adds bits of humor into some of these scenes.

Tessa's relationship with Charlie, her romantic involvements, her thoughts about the larger world beyond her own problems ("the silvery light cascading on buxom masterpieces" at the Kimbell), and even her frequent references to food ("a frosty schooner of beer at the Flying Fish," "our late-night marathon of Walking Dead, popcorn, and cheddar cheese chips") build for readers a sense of trust in Tessa's character even as those readers must continue to question the state of Tessa's mind.

One of the most important relationships in the book is between Tessa and her best friend, Lydia. Again, Heaberlin effectively uses scenes from the past and the present to gradually build the story of Lydia and her mysterious, even somewhat creepy, family.

We also learn early on that Lydia and Tessa had a big breakup and haven't spoken since they were 17. Why the friendship fell apart and Lydia's role in Tessa's life is another layer of plot that adds to the suspense and the eventual satisfying outcome of the book.

Setting is important to any novel, and "Black-Eyed Susans" is firmly rooted in modern-day, suburban Fort Worth. From the perspective of someone who lived for 20-some years in Texas, I think Heaberlin gets it right.

She gently plays with clichés (yes, Texans drink a lot of Dr Pepper and, yes, sometimes Texas grammar ain't quite right), but she also shows a true affection for a place rich with art, culture, scientific investigation, good food and a sky like "a bell of glass."

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Former NFL tight end Ben Utecht testifies June 25, 2014, on Capitol Hill about concussions and the long term effects of brain related sports injuries. Utecht, who became a leading advocate for players suffering from head trauma, is working on a memoir. Utecht has a six-figure deal with the Simon & Schuster imprint Howard Books, the Abrams Artists Agency announced Wednesday. Ultrecht's book, "Counting the Days Until My Mind Slips Away, " is scheduled to come out in the fall of 2016. He sustained numerous concussions as a player and struggles with severe memory loss.

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Associated Press

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Utecht, 34, earned a Super Bowl ring after the 2006 season with the Indianapolis Colts, but left the NFL in 2009 after an injury settlement with the Cincinnati Bengals. He became a spokesman for the American Academy of Neurology and testified last year before Congress about concussion issues.

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9. "The Melody Lingers On" Mary Higgins Clark. Simon & Schuster ($26.99)
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ANNIVERSARY, WEDDING & ENAGAGEMENT

Renaud - Bell

Miss Amy McChesney Renaud and Mr. John Charles Bell were united in marriage on the fifteenth of August at seven o'clock in the evening at First Presbyterian Church in Midland, Texas. The double-ring ceremony was officiated by Reverend Steve Schorr. Music for the ceremony was provided by Permian Basin String Quartet. The reception immediately followed at The Petroleum Club with entertainment provided by The Project.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Phillip Renaud of Midland, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edward Hughes of Fort Worth, Texas, and Mrs. Charles Benham Renaud and the late Charles Benham Renaud of Midland, Texas.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Arch Bell, Jr. of Austin, Texas. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson Hooper of Houston, Texas and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Arch Bell of Austin, Texas.

Laura Elizabeth Renaud and Claire Benham Renaud served as maids of honor. Bridesmaids were Julia Bell Ambrose, Molly Catlett Bell, Sara Kathryn Bailey, Kelsey Happy Clark, Taylor Kathryn Davis, Martina Baker Elliott, Hallie Elizabeth Eubanks, Sarah Ryan Johnson, Rhea Jeanette Kiecke, Riley Kean Mundinger, Alixe Haywood Ryan and Stephanie Caroline Wagner. The flower girls were Emma Grace Hughes, Eleanor Catherine Hughes and Catherine Ella Beecherl.

Caroline Ann Adams, Janet Caroline Atchison, Hallie Harrison Bauer, Lauren Michelle Bradford, Frances Brooke Grisebaum, Allison Michie Lucas, Allison Elizabeth McDonnold, Anne Olden Powers and Gracey Hudson Winters were all in the house party.

Serving as best man was Brian Andrew Kaplan. Groomsmen were Ryan Timothy Ambrose, James Benjamin Barshop, Beaumont Stinnett Boyce, Jr., Pierce George Mallon Bush, Coleman Carver Easley, Price Stevenson Harmon, Matthew Gerald Kaufman, Evan Mehdi Ketabchi, David Rice Lummis, Jr., Watt Reynolds Matthews, John Luke McConn, IV, William Chase Medling, Matthew Orr Pennebaker, Christopher Phillip Renaud, Jr., and Daniel Fernando Romero. The ring bearer was Henry McChesney Hughes.

Guests were ushered by Thomas Scott Allen, III, William Leslie Doggett, Jr., John Wood Foster, III, Robert Parfitt Hughes, Preston Thomas Powell, and Joseph Brian Richter, Jr.

Amy graduated from Midland High School in 2007. She attended The University of Texas at Austin where she graduated with an accounting degree from the McCombs School of Business in 2011. She is currently employed as an accountant by Harrison Interests, Ltd.

John graduated from The Kinkaid School in Houston in 2004. John attended the University of Texas at Austin where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in history and Spanish in 2008. He graduated with a J.D. from The University of Texas School of Law and a MBA from the McCombs School of Business in 2013. He is currently employed as an attorney by Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P.

Following their honeymoon, the couple will reside in Houston.

Jerry and Donna Berry to celebrate 50th anniversary

Jerry and Donna Berry will celebrate 50 years of marriage on August 21, 2015. They married in Andrews, Texas and have resided in Midland since 1969, except for a few years in El Paso and the Dallas area.

Jerry joined the staff of Kelview Heights Baptist Church in 1980 as an associate pastor and became the senior pastor in 1998, serving in that capacity until his retirement in 2012, all with Donna by his side as his biggest supporter.

Jerry and Donna are loved and admired by many people including their daughter, Denise Hubbard, and her husband Jeff, of Midland; their son, Daryl Berry, and his wife Adrienne, of Midland; and their grandchildren - Chandler, Carson, Colin, Corinne and Colt Berry, and Carter and Hayley Hubbard.

Hensley-Lloyd

Rod and Sherry Hensley of Midland announce the engagement of their daughter, Kacy, to Landry Lloyd, son of Shavon Sisson and Ricky and Stacie Lloyd. The future bride was raised in Midland, while the groom was raised in Hereford. The couple both received bachelor's degrees from Texas Tech in Lubbock, where they now reside. Kacy is a Mortgage Loan Officer at Texas Tech Federal Credit Union. Landry is pursuing his career to be an agent with State Farm Insurance. An October 2015 wedding is planned in Las Vegas.

To submit wedding, engagement or anniversary announcements, email weddings@mrt.com or call 432-682-6222.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

Right now is the best time to plant certain fall vegetables, but it is also the time of year with the greatest barriers.

Planting during the dry, brutal heat seems counterintuitive, but early August is the ideal time for planting many fall vegetables: Green beans, pole beans, yellow and green summer squash, cucumbers, okra, basil, eggplant, pepper (transplants) and even sweet corn, if you have the room and inclination. If you can get plants established in this heat, they will grow and mature in the pleasant conditions of fall. Fall gives spring-like conditions except better because soils are consistently warm and tend to be stable, fostering good growth and quality. Given compost enriched, well-drained, moist soil along with full sun, a fall garden can be your best garden.

The barriers of August planting are mental, physical and environmental. Planting in the heat is the last thing most of us want to do, but timing is critical. Another hurdle is establishing plants from seed. What self-respecting seed is going to poke it's little cotyledons out in this heat?

Coax your seeds out of the ground by soaking and or pre-sprouting to enhance and speed up germination time. Soak seeds eight to 24 hours before planting in a solution of one-part hydrogen peroxide and 10-parts distilled water. This process will also discourage damping off diseases. Even if seeds are just soaked overnight, they will sprout faster than dry seeds.

Pre-sprouting seeds can also be accomplished using the same solution to thoroughly wet clean paper towels. Scatter the seeds on a towel and fold or roll the towel up. Then, loosely wrap the paper towel in plastic or place in a plastic bag. Not too airtight, or you'll grow an unwanted experiment. Place in a dark location at 65 to 75 degrees. Check for sprouting every day and plant as soon as they sprout. Waiting too long will make tender roots vulnerable to damage.

Pre-sprouted seeds can be suspended in a gel solution to avoid damaging roots and help keep them moist for the first few days in the garden. Dissolve one tablespoon of corn-starch in one cup of boiling water and allow to cool. Place solution and sprouts in a sandwich bag. Cut the tip off one corner of the bag and squeeze the solution out like toothpaste into the planting row. This is great for small seeds like carrots, lettuce and cabbage.

Plant seeds into moist soil and follow with gentle watering. Plant early, late or on an overcast day. New seeds will need extra care until they are up and growing. Mulch can help keep the soil moist once they have their first pair of true leaves.

On the heels of these fall vegetables will be the time to plant spinach, carrots, Swiss chard, beets and more. Plan for re-leaf with pre-plant seed treatments and enjoy a great fall harvest.

Debbie Frost is a local horticulturist specializing in regionally appropriate horticulture. Email her at garden.frost@gmail.com.

Live oak roots won't mind plastic if already exposed

NEIL SPERRY

Neil Sperry can be heard on radio stations across the state. Email him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Dear Neil: We have a healthy live oak tree that was fully grown when we moved here 45 years ago. Because of rain, erosion and time, its roots have become exposed. Would it damage the tree if we put black plastic to control growth of weeds and grass about 3 feet around the tree, then covered the plastic with rocks?

Answer: I'd be willing to bet that the exposed roots have nothing to do with either rain or erosion. Live oak roots are always quite near the soil surface. As the trees get older, the roots grow up and out of the soil farther and farther. It's all just part of the majesty of the trees. The plastic probably wouldn't hurt if it were in a limited area, but you could just as easily (and a lot more tidily) apply a glyphosate-only herbicide to kill the weeds, then mow. More grass won't grow up through the river rock or other decorative stone you would use to cover the soil.

Dear Neil: I planted three American beautyberries next to my house last fall. They were all doing well, but about two weeks ago, one of them started drooping. Now it looks dead. I can't find anything online about any particular insects or diseases. Where should I turn? Can I plant another one where this one died?

Answer: I've grown American beautyberries for 40 years, and I grew up with them all around me in the woods in Brazos County. As you hinted, I have never seen an insect or disease bother this plant. The plant in your photo either got broken by a hose being pulled over it, etc., or it got way too dry, if only one time. I would see absolutely no problem in replanting with another.

Dear Neil: A few of my Christmas cacti get this white, scaly stuff every summer. What is it, and how can I eliminate it?

Answer: Those are scale insects, and they can kill cacti of all types. You have the advantage with Christmas cacti of being able to use rubbing alcohol and cotton swabs to wipe them off the stems. With other types of cacti, spines prevent you from doing that. In those cases the best option is to use a systemic insecticide that is labeled for scale on cacti.

Dear Neil: What would cause my marigolds to have beautifully green leaves but almost no flowers? What could I be doing wrong?

Answer: Shade is about the only thing I can think of. I've had that experience when I've planted marigolds just a little farther back in a bed than I had planned. They must have full sunlight. The only other possibility would be if you have allowed seeds to fall to the ground, you might have some inbred plants (not the original hybrids) that are very slow to come into flower.

Dear Neil: A local lawn service treated my St. Augustine for brown patch and gray leaf spot. They told me to apply 1/4-inch of peat moss or compost. What should I do and when? How much should I apply?

Answer: That's an unusual batch of information. First, brown patch is a fall disease that causes the blades to die at their bases. It won't show up in hot weather. Chinch bug damage leaves large brown patches in the summer. They're always in full, hot sun, and you can see the black bugs in the dying grass. An insecticide will eliminate them. Gray leaf spot is a summer fungus that causes gray/brown lesions on the leaf blades and runners, but peat moss won't help it. Discontinue nitrogen applications until September to lessen it. Nitrogen causes it to accelerate. Peat moss is applied in April or May to stop the Take All Root Rot fungus. TARR is not active in the summer. You will need a 1-inch layer of peat if you find that disease at that time.

Dear Neil: I need a low-maintenance evergreen screen for 33 feet along or property line. Its maximum height should be 6 to 7 feet, width no more than 4 feet. Hopefully it will be fast-growing. I prefer non-thorny.

Answer: The 4-foot width is the difficult part of all that, because that means it needs to be somewhat upright. That would rule out great plants like Sea Green juniper, glossy abelia and the fairly uncommon (but very pretty) Italian jasmine. Willowleaf holly is probably the best option remaining. It will grow taller than 7 feet, but not by much, so pruning is possible. 4 feet of width would be its minimum. Dwarf Burford holly would fit into the size range perfectly, but it is slower to mature. You could always start with larger plants. Regular nandina (the old-fashioned heavenly bamboo) would be good, although you would want to prune out the tallest canes each winter completely to the ground, so that new, vigorous canes would regrow. That keeps the plants from becoming leggy.

Dear Neil: Why is my live oak shedding gobs of leaves now?

Answer: Many trees are doing that. They produced tons of leaves following the cool, wet weather this spring. Once it started to turn hot and dry, they "realized" they couldn't sustain all of that growth, so they started dropping those leaves. It could be something more serious, of course, but you'd need to have a certified arborist take a look at the tree on-site.

Have a question you'd like Neil to consider? Mail it to him in care of this newspaper or e-mail him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com. Neil regrets that he cannot reply to questions individually.

Recycle kitchen scraps into plants

By Dean Fosdick
Associated Press

"Garbage gardening" is an easy and inexpensive way to grow flowers and edibles using kitchen scraps — the pits, seeds and roots that otherwise would be headed to a landfill. It's a fun way to recycle. Educational for the kids, too.

"Almost every unprocessed fruit or vegetable can be grown into a decorative houseplant," said Deborah Peterson, co-author of "Don't Throw It, Grow It."

"Some are perennials, others are annuals or biennials," Peterson said. "You will be amazed as you discover how these beautiful plants can develop."

Chickpeas, for instance, can be coaxed to flower in hanging baskets, and beets can be transformed into showy dish gardens with their colorful purple and green foliage surrounding contrasting blooms.

Start new plants on the windowsill by using the byproducts from roots, nuts, tubers, beans, bulbs, seeds or cuttings. The "garbage," if you will. Water, pebbles, soil or peat can be used as a growing medium.

"Every plant you grow should go outside for five months or so, depending upon where you live," said Peterson, from Scituate, Massachusetts. "Winter becomes a holding pattern (for perennials), just keeping them alive. But once they're out again, in summer, they're wonderful."

Marianne Ophardt, Washington State University Extension's Benton County director, added, "Garbage gardening is done more to teach children about plants than it is to create new gardens."

"Most of your kitchen scraps will be thrown away, but some can be used to provide a unique learning opportunity," she said.

Children often want instant gratification, so keep things simple. Choose quick-sprouting plants like potatoes, beans, carrots, melons and radishes. "Pineapples wouldn't be a good idea," Peterson said; it takes pineapples two or more years to fully mature and produce flower stalks.

Beware trying to grow plants from imported fruits or vegetables, like the papaya, kiwi or pomegranate commonly found in grocery stores during the winter, Peterson said. Study labels for the fruits' origin. Many have been irradiated, making them sterile, meaning they won't sprout.

"I love mangos and every year try to get one to grow, but they just don't," Peterson said.

Also, avoid hybrid fruits and vegetables because their seeds won't deliver the same taste.

Choose self-pollinating produce, like tomatoes, Ophardt said. "You can save those seeds and get the taste you want."

Citrus seeds are capable of becoming flourishing houseplants because they tolerate home temperatures and dry, indoor air. But under most home conditions, citrus plants started from seed will not flower or bear fruit, according to a University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension fact sheet.

"Indoor citrus plants seen with flowers and or fruits are special miniature varieties," it said. "Plants grown from standard eating varieties will make decorative foliage specimens and attractive floor plants."

Some recycled remnants can do double duty as ornamental and edible. Take sweet potatoes, for instance.

"I use them in my window boxes as decorative vines," Peterson said. "I have a collection of small (sweet) potatoes about the size of my thumb when I take them out of the box in November. They really taste good."

You had no idea pasta this easy could pack this much flavor

By Melissa D'arabian
Associated Press

If you've been out to eat at any trendy restaurant during the past five years or have watched any food competition show, you probably have heard of umami. Umami is the pleasant savory flavor resulting from the interaction of certain amino acids with receptors on the human tongue. (It's a wonder we don't get into this level of detail on TV, no?)

Translation: Dishes higher in these specific amino acids taste better to us, balanced and complex, even in low-salt dishes, which is good to know if you are watching sodium. Foods with umami have a meatiness or pleasant earthiness that can feel rich and satisfying. Anchovies, soy sauce, mushrooms, aged cheeses, yeasts and fermented foods all are rich in umami.

This week's mushroom-miso pasta is a tad indulgent, but tastes far richer, creamier and more sinful than it actually is. Using nutty browned butter underscores the earthy mushroom's umami flavors. Miso paste, or fermented soybean paste, is the real hero here, though, adding surprising depth to this easy weeknight dish, as well as a buttery, almost creamy taste to the sauce that brings all the flavors together.

Mushroom miso pasta is shown July 20 in Concord, N.H. This recipe is far richer, creamier and more sinful than it actually is. *Associated Press*

Miso paste, available in various strengths in most grocery stores — mild white, medium yellow and stronger red and brown — is a staple in my kitchen, as it brings flavor and richness to dishes without adding fat and calories (but note that it does have salt).

Adding even more umami to this dish is the nutritional yeast. It's an optional ingredient, but I think well-worth seeking out if you aren't familiar with it. It adds a wonderful aged-cheese-like flavor that turns this simple mushroom-miso pasta dish into a veritable "umami bomb," which is a good thing in the food world.

Mushroom-miso pasta

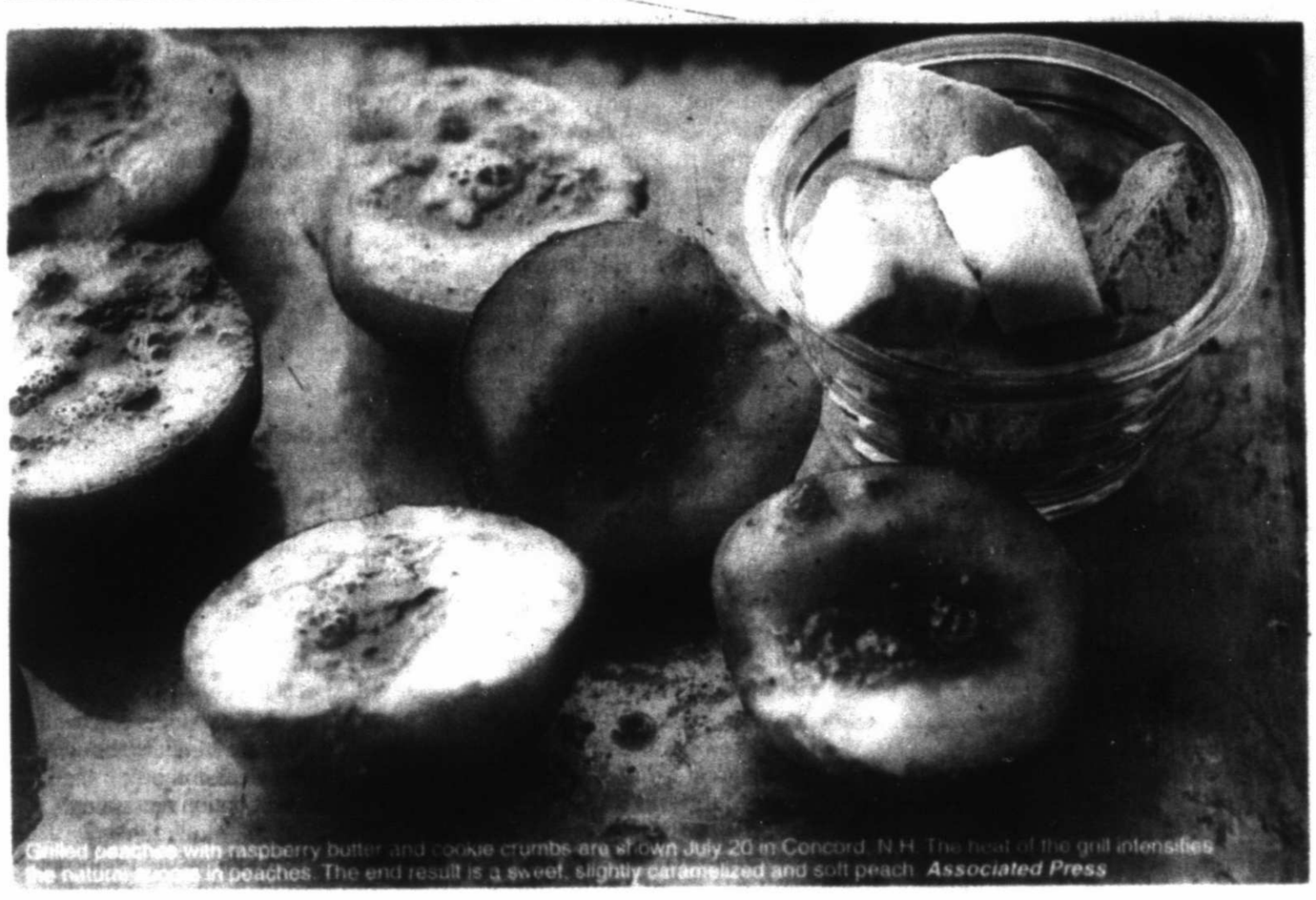
Start to finish: 20 minutes
Servings: 4

- 8 ounces whole-grain penne pasta
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 8 ounces chopped mixed mushrooms (such as portobello, cremini, button, etc.)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 1 tablespoon white miso paste
- 3/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons nutritional yeast (or more, to taste)
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard (optional)
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper

Bring a large saucepan of well-salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the pasta and cook according to package directions. Drain and set aside.

Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium, heat the butter, allowing it to bubble and cook until it turns nutty brown, about 5 minutes. Keep a close eye on it, as butter burns easily. Add the mushrooms and garlic, then cook until the mushrooms are tender, 5 to 7 minutes. Add the wine and stir and scrape the pan to deglaze, then simmer for 1 minute to cook off the alcohol.

Whisk in the miso and chicken stock and cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Add the nutritional yeast and mustard, if using, then stir until the sauce is uniform. Season with pepper, then taste and adjust with salt as needed. Remove the skillet from the heat and toss with the hot pasta.



Grilled peaches with raspberry butter and cookie crumbs are shown July 20 in Concord, N.H. The heat of the grill intensifies the natural sugars in peaches. The end result is a sweet, slightly caramelized and soft peach. *Associated Press*

Transform bland peaches with minutes on the grill

By Elizabeth Karmel
Associated Press

If you are anything like me, you look forward to summer peaches all year. But unless you live near an orchard and can get them when they are at their best, even "fresh" summer peaches can be under-ripe. That's mostly because the fruit is picked before it is ready in order to make it easier to transport. Trouble is, that means peaches often disappoint when we bite into them.

Luckily, the grill comes to the rescue! The heat of the grill intensifies the natural sugars in peaches — as well as other under-ripe fruit — as well as softens the flesh. The end result is a sweet, slightly caramelized and soft peach. Delicious!

The key to grilling peaches is to cut them in half and remove the pits.

Grilled peaches with raspberry butter and amaretti cookie crumbs

Start to finish: 20 minutes
Servings: 4

- 4 ripe peaches, halved and pitted
- Un-toasted walnut or hazelnut oil (or olive oil)
- 1 tablespoon light brown sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- 1 tablespoon amaretto liqueur
- 1 tablespoon seedless raspberry jam
- Vanilla ice cream or whipped cream, to serve
- 6 amaretti cookies, crumbled
- Heat the grill to medium-low.
- Brush the cut side of each peach half with the oil. Set aside.

In a small bowl, mix together the brown sugar, salt, butter, amaretto and jam until smooth. Spoon a bit (about 1/2 tablespoon) of the mixture into the center of each peach half. Place the peaches, cut side up, on the grill. Cover the grill and cook until the skins begin to pull away from the flesh, about 5 minutes. About halfway through the grilling time, brush the melted butter mixture at the center of each half all over the cut side.

Remove the peach halves from the grill, being careful not to spill the butter mixture from the centers. Set aside to cool slightly, then serve warm or at room temperature topped with a scoop of ice cream or whipped cream and a sprinkle of amaretti cookie crumbles.

Nutrition Information per serving: 360 calories; 170 calories from fat (47 percent of total calories); 19 g fat (9 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 55 mg cholesterol; 120 mg sodium; 46 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 37 g sugar; 4 g protein.

One Direction, Buzzfeed spurred Burger King's chicken fries

By Candice Choi
Associate Press

Fans of Burger King's chicken fries may have the boy band One Direction and the website Buzzfeed to thank for the return of the skinny fried sticks.

At an event to hype a spicy version of the chicken fries coming out this week, Burger King said it decided to resurrect the fries last year after seeing the enthusiasm they generated on social media.

Eric Hirschhorn, chief marketing officer for Burger King North America, said the company noticed a spike in chicken fry mentions in January 2014 that was traced to a Buzzfeed post titled "35 Foods From Your Childhood That Are Extinct Now."

One of the items on the list was chicken fries, which Burger King sold between 2005 and 2012.

A few months later, Hirschhorn says there was an even bigger surge when a One Direction member mentioned them. The company pointed to a tweet by Liam Payne that reads, "I'm so fullllllll!!! Think I just ate my body weight in chicken fries and sides owwwwww."

The tweet, which has more than 94,000 retweets, is confusing because Burger King hadn't yet brought back chicken fries. That raises the possibility that Payne just left out a comma, and meant to say he ate chicken and fries — not chicken fries.

A preceding tweet also made it appear that Payne was eating at KFC, noted business news outlet Entrepreneur. That tweet included an image of Colonel Sanders and the words "the kernel god bless you and your original recipe."

A representative for Payne said the singer wasn't available for comment. A Burger King representative said in an email: "Whatever he meant, it certainly helped catapult 'Chicken Fries' into pop culture consciousness as a follow up to the Buzzfeed story."

Even if Burger King misinterpreted Payne's tweet, it worked out for the company. The return of chicken fries as a limited-time offer last summer was successful enough that Burger King added them to its permanent menu this March. A nine-piece box costs around $3.

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What's in season? Blueberries

Blueberries are known for their delicious taste and high nutrient content. They are also are low in fat and sodium. The Blueberry Council states that blueberries are a good source of dietary fiber and are high in vitamin C. One serving of blueberries delivers almost 25 percent of the daily requirement of vitamin C. Vitamin C aids in maintaining healthy gums and the immune system. In addition, blueberries have an excellent source of manganese, which plays an important role in bone development and converting proteins, carbohydrates and fats into energy.

During the summer months, blueberries are in season and can be found for lower prices in your grocery store. Select firm, plump, dry blueberries with a dusty blue color and a uniform size when buying fresh blueberries. According to the Blueberry Council, reddish blueberries aren't ripe and will not ripen once they are picked, but you can use them for cooking purposes. Blueberries that look soft or shriveled or have any signs of mold need to be avoided.

After purchasing fresh blueberries, you will need to get them into the refrigerator either in their original plastic pack or in a covered bowl or container. Fresh blueberries can be stored in the refrigerator for 10-14 days. Rinse fresh blueberries immediately with cool water right before you eat them.

Blueberry Sorbet

Yield: 4 cups 6 servings
Ingredients

- 4 cups fresh or thawed, frozen blueberries
- 1 can (6 ounces) frozen apple juice concentrate

Instructions

- In the container of a food processor or blender, combine blueberries and apple juice concentrate
- Whirl until liquefied
- Pour into a 11 X 7-inch baking pan
- Cover and freeze until firm around the edges, about 2 hours
- With a heavy spoon, break frozen mixture into pieces
- Place mixture in a processor or blender container
- Whirl until smooth but not completely melted
- Spoon into a 9 X 5-inch loaf pan
- Cover and freeze until firm
- Serve within a few days

Nutrition information per serving: 112 calories, 1 gram protein, 28 grams carbohydrate, 15 mg sodium, 244 mg potassium, 0 mg cholesterol

Follow potluck guide to ease stress of get-together

HINTS FROM HELOISE
King Features Syndicate

Dear Heloise: My husband and I host frequent potlucks. I have a few hints for people attending that would make life easier for the hostess:

- Do all prep at home. For example, you should not be washing and peeling carrots in your hostess' sink.
- If your item is to be served cold, bring it in a cooler with ice so that it can stay there until serving time. Don't count on refrigerator or freezer space being available.
- Call if you need an oven so there will be one available at the right temperature.
- Put your name on the backside of all serving dishes. You're guaranteed to forget them.

— Carol R., via email

Thanks for the checklist, Carol. — Heloise

Canned asparagus

Dear Heloise: We recently bought a can of asparagus spears, and the label said "Rinse After Opening." Why? Incidentally, I drank the juice BEFORE I read the label! — Robert H., Columbus, Texas

Hello, Robert! When there is no fresh asparagus available, canned will do in my household. The only reason I can think of might be that canned asparagus is very, very high in sodium. The sodium is used to help prolong shelf life. So if you are watching your sodium intake, drain and rinse the asparagus. Drinking the liquid may/may not be the healthy way to go. — Heloise

Scoop watermelon

Dear Heloise: I have found that getting all of the watermelon is easy when using an ice-cream scoop. My scoop is fairly flat and gives nice, long strips that can then be cut into bite-size pieces. — Ruth M., via email

Pizza cutter

Dear Heloise: Recently, my daughter was visiting. I grabbed my metal pizza cutter and cut my freshly baked pone of cornbread. She was surprised. I told her I also cut other things with it.

It's great for cutting dumplings, cookie dough, raw pie crust, brownies and anything else that is thin and requires a clean cut. — Frankie H., Philadelphia, Miss.

Don't you love double-duty items? Thanks for writing. — Heloise

Tomato sandwich

Dear Heloise: My hint is for making tomato sandwiches. I use a hamburger bun instead of regular bread. They are round, like the tomato, and they don't fall apart when the mayo and tomato juice soak it. — J.W., via cellphone

Brilliant! Fresh, juicy, ripe tomatoes, a little mayo and a dash of pepper and salt — a perfect lunch or quick snack. But the bread can get really soggy if you don't eat the sandwich right away. A light layer of butter will help keep the bread from turning into a soggy mess. — Heloise

No-splatter yogurt

Dear Heloise: When I opened the seal on new yogurt and cottage-cheese cartons, I always had a quick shot of the contents shoot out. Now, I puncture the seal with a paring knife to release the pressure, and my dress or counter is free of any blob. — Louise T. in Washington

Send a hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, TX 78279-5000; Fax: 210-HELOISE; Email: Heloise@Heloise.com.

DEAR ABBY

Universal Press Syndicate

Wife doesn't share man's joy over his upcoming retirement

DEAR ABBY: I'm retiring at the end of this year after 50 years of full-time employment and I'm very excited about it. Looking back over my life, I see there have been several life-changing events ... marriage, the births of our children, buying a home and, now, retirement.

My wife gets irritated every time I say (about twice a week), "When I retire." I'm looking forward to all sorts of activities that I'll have time for. Why can't she be excited too? She makes snide remarks like, "Well, when you retire, you won't have anything to say." The implication is that all I talk about is my retirement, which isn't true. And if it were true, it's a big deal to me. What should I say to my wife? — EXCITED IN MARYLAND

DEAR EXCITED: You might start by asking why her reaction is to rain on your parade about something you're clearly looking forward to. She may be worried about how her life will change once you retire, or she may be a tad jealous. But you won't know until you have a frank conversation with her that isn't passive aggressive or tinged with sarcasm.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with a woman, "Wendy," for more than a year. She has one child, whose father isn't in the boy's life, so I fill the role of his daddy. We are now expecting a child together.

Wendy had a bad experience with her ex not wanting anything to do with his child. She also has a friend who has had kids with different men who ended up not treating them the same. Lately, Wendy has been pushing me away and trying to get me to leave. I have no plans to leave and I don't want to.

My question is, how do I make her understand that I'm not the same as the other men, and I want to be there for both children? — MAN IN A TOUGH SPOT

DEAR MAN: A marriage proposal and joint premarital counseling might go a long way in helping your girlfriend understand that you aren't planning to disappear in a puff of smoke. It might also give you more insight into why she wants to push you away, just in case it's because she isn't as serious about you as you are about her.

DEAR ABBY: After the long winters in Minnesota, we look forward to summer to open our windows and enjoy the fresh air. However, we are unable to do that because of wind chimes. Apparently, wind chime owners don't understand (or care) that the noise carries throughout the whole block, especially on windy nights. PLEASE, folks! Take down your chimes and hang up something quiet instead. — MIFFED IN MINNESOTA

DEAR MIFFED: If your solution to this problem is writing to me hoping your neighbors see your letter, please allow me to offer a better one. Bake a batch of cookies (or another confection), and take it to these neighbors. When you hand your gift to them, explain that their wind chimes are driving you and some of the other neighbors to distraction. Then ask if they would please be kind enough to take them down and suggest that perhaps they hang a basket of flowers in their place.

Exploring the power, benefits of forgiveness

ELIZABETH BUCHANAN

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Most, if not all people, have experienced hurt by the words or actions of another person, resulting in wounds that produce anger and bitterness. Forgiveness is known to promote physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. Ryan Howes, who received his master's degrees in theology and psychology and a PhD in clinical psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary, states, "It's inevitable that we'll all be hurt by others, and that it will happen often. People have accidents make mistakes, behave selfishly and even intentionally try to hurt one another. We can't escape it. Forgiveness is a vulnerable act that can feel like it opens us up to more pain. But we need to have a way to process and let go of the effects of injury, or we risk serious physical and emotional consequences."

WHAT IS FORGIVENESS?

When we forgive, we choose to let go of the anger, resentment, bitterness and thoughts of revenge from being wronged. Forgiveness does not suggest that we condone the hurtful words or actions. Forgiveness does not have to wait for apologies and does not take away an offender's responsibility for his actions and words. Forgiveness removes the weight of anger, resentment, bitterness and thoughts of revenge and releases us to a state of freedom and peace that helps us move for vard.

UNFORGIVENESS AND GRUDGES

When we are hurt by another, we dwell on the words and/or actions of the offender and become resentful allowing negative thoughts and feelings to take root. We can be overcome by bitterness and hold grudges against others that consume us and take away our sense of peace. This can spill over into our daily life and relationships with others. Holding grudges can take away our joy and result in depression and anxiety. We can become so engrossed in the wrong that we are not enjoying the present.

HOW TO FORGIVE

Looking at the value of forgiving and its importance in our life can help us to make a commitment to a process of change. When we decide to look at the facts of the offense, our own reaction, and how we have been affected in our life, health and well-being, this can help us move through the negative feelings that were holding us back in thinking we could wait until we felt like forgiving. We can also think of this process of change as moving away from being in the role as a victim where we can see that releasing the control and power the offender and what had happened has had on us and in our life.

BENEFITS OF FORGIVENESS

In some cases, not all, a relationship is restored. In others, we learn from the situation to promote healthier relationships. Forgiveness can improve physical health with lowering blood pressure, having a stronger immune system, improved heart health, better sleep, less physical complaints. Forgiveness aids in psychological healing promoting better mental health and lowering anxiety, stress and hostility. Higher self-esteem and the restoration of a victim's sense of personal power can result. Greater spiritual well-being is also promoted. We learn lessons that promote conflict management when we forgive.

FORGIVING YOURSELF

Accepting responsibility for our own negative words and actions against others can be difficult at times. In other circumstances, we are consumed by the acknowledgement of our wrongdoings and overcome by our own judgment. We have to make the choice to forgive ourselves and can move toward this path by admitting our wrong to the person we harmed, communicating our sincere regret and asking for excuses. A sincere apology does not include making excuses. We cannot force others to forgive us, but the freedom of lifting the weight of guilt and shame promotes moving forward in physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

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Over-the-counter drug literacy a must for tweens and teens

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press

There's so much for parents to talk about with teens heading off to college for the first time.

There's the safe-sex talk, the nutrition talk, the get-enough-sleep talk, the partying talk and the study-hard talk. In between all the talking and the packing and the planning, teaching kids how to safely self-medicate with over-the-counter preparations for colds, headaches and sore muscles might not be on the parental radar.

But it should be. And it should land there well before move-in day.

According to national surveys of parents and sixth-graders, tweens got a failing grade for knowledge about the proper use of OTC medicines. Only about half knew such medicines can be dangerous when improperly used or mixed with other drugs.

On the parent side, about the same number said they didn't believe their kids could effectively understand the drug facts on labels, let alone whether their offspring are abusing or in danger of abusing such medications recreationally.

Perhaps more surprising: The vast majority of parents said they were not sure whether OTC-related issues were taught in their children's schools.

"Based on many high school health curricula, students entering college have had very little classroom instruction regarding OTC medications," said Joy Greene, assistant dean of experiential education and a pharmacy professor at High Point University in High Point, North Carolina.

"Most of what college students know about OTC products is what they see advertised in the media and what they learn from other people," she said.

Greene and others urge parents to make sure their kids have the confidence and know the importance of consulting a pharmacist when trying to make OTC decisions they can't sort out for themselves while in the moment, standing alone or with friends in a drug store aisle staring at the crowded shelves.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

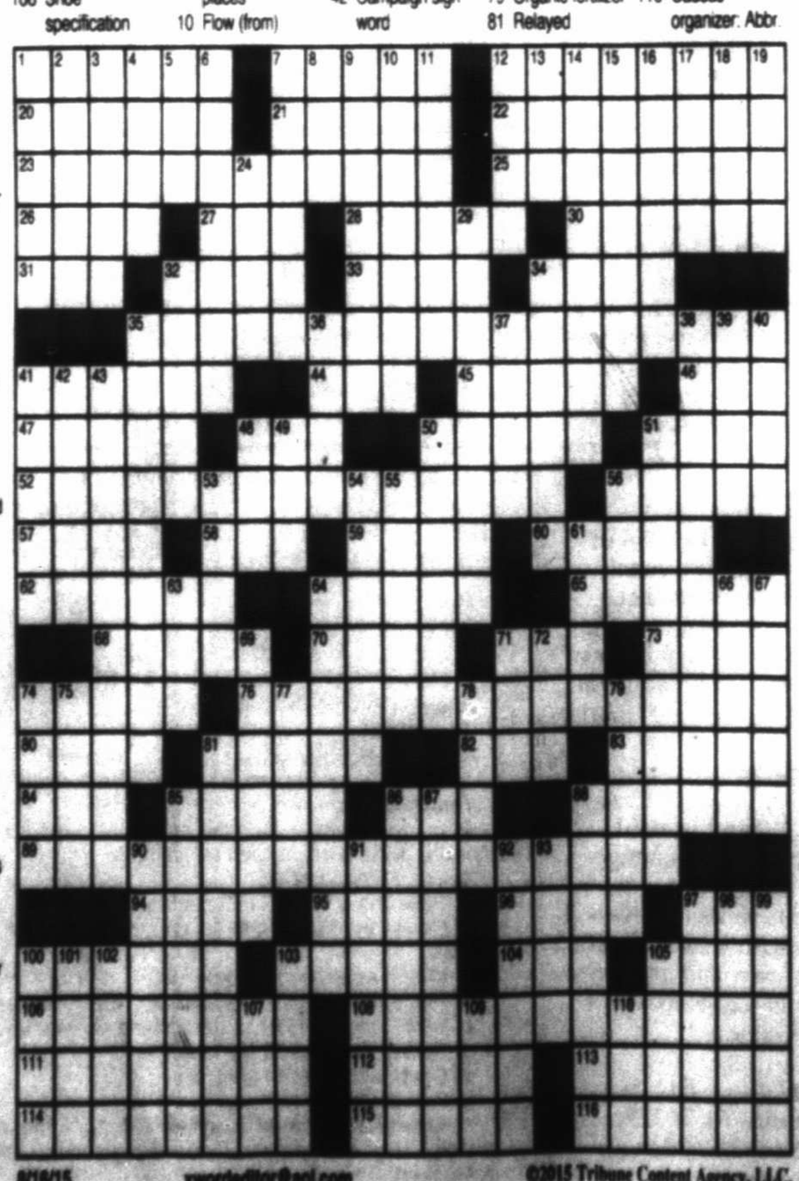
"R&D" By CLIVE PROBERT

ACROSS

1 Route with many turns
7 Command to a guard dog
12 Cap with a feather, to Yankee Doodle
20 Way out?
21 Budget rival
22 Cosmetic oil source
23 Saloon with a strict no-quipping policy?
25 Hallucinatory state
26 App symbol
27 Basic chem. unit
28 "There's __ for that"
30 Port on the Danish island Fyn
31 "The Matrix" hero
32 Wraparound garment
33 Simba's mate
34 NFL commentator Collinsworth
35 Art class focused on river rapids?
41 Brought up
44 Suffix with polymer
45 Hide-and-seek word
46 "Go jump in the lake!"
47 Take up, say
48 Data-transfer meas.
50 San Jose-based tech giant
51 Wag
52 Has the downspouts inspected?
56 "Big" star
57 Sieben-neun link
58 Porridge bit
59 Millled
60 Board game based on pachisi
62 Subway fixtures
64 Fencing tools
65 Primate in "Tarzan" films
68 Muscular power
70 Grieg's "__ Death"
71 Dell neighbor
73 Perón and others
74 Jam cacophony
76 Portrait of Donald's life?
80 "So I'm outer." to Tom Cruise
Abbr
81 Brooklyn institute
82 Cephalopod's defense
83 Range in NE Utah
84 Nonsense
85 Juvenile response
86 Suffix with human
88 Sailing term preceded by a number
89 Worries about contract details?
94 Light bite
95 Isn't up to par
96 100 cents
97 Ryder Cup org.
100 Pain
103 Refuse
104 Fjord kin
105 Vein extracts
106 Shoe specification
108 Refreshment after some winter recreation?
111 Customs-exempt storage facility
112 Anthrax-prevention drug
113 Concert cry
114 Dolmpours
115 Start of the Common Era
116 Cowed

DOWN

1 Mediterranean land
2 Medieval Times prop
3 Lovable droid
4 Butcher's cut
5 __ school
6 Madison in "Splash," as it turns out
7 __ Mae
8 Not up to par
9 Changing places
10 Flow (from)
11 Pep talk target
12 Earned
13 Postal address abbr
14 State bordering seven others
15 Turn sour
16 Least cooked
17 God with an eight-legged horse
18 To el moi
19 "Woe __!"
24 __ cloud: comet-filled region in interstellar space
29 Wedded couples
32 He-Man's twin
34 Solves
35 Sport with pins
36 "Where __?"
37 Fam. tree member
38 Regardless
39 British stoolie
40 Night sch. goals
41 Sitar tunes
42 Campaign sign word
43 "The way things are going, "
48 Olga product
49 Square spread on a slice
50 Burger topper
51 Workaholic
53 Teaspoon, e.g.
54 Goes for puppy-style
55 Brook
56 Princely letters
61 Prefix with pod
63 USN rank
64 Like some grins
66 Try
67 Mideast leadership family name
69 Friendliness
71 ICU worker
72 Old flood insurance?
74 Like some facts and stuff
75 __ about
77 Go like mad
78 Steamed veggies, say
79 Organic fertilizer
81 Relayed
85 Revere
86 Seaman's protective garment
87 Fit
88 Illusions
90 Pick up the phone
91 Debacle
92 " ... and that's final"
93 Total
97 Poet Matthew buried in Westminster Abbey
98 Category
99 FAQ part
100 Test by lifting
101 Aviation prefix
102 One in a ball game?
103 Bk. with synonyms
105 Sea lion predator
107 Blasting material
109 Refrain start
110 Caucus organizer: Abbr.



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BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

The choice

North-South vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ K 5 2
♡ A 10
♢ 10 9 8 7 4
♣ A J 2

WEST
♠ 8 6
♡ K 6 2
♢ A K 6 2
♣ Q 9 6 5

EAST
♠ J 9 3
♡ Q 4 3
♢ J
♣ K 10 8 7 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 7 4
♡ J 9 8 7 5
♢ Q 5 3
♣ Void

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♢	Pass	1♡	1♠
2♢	4♣	All Pass	

Opening lead: Ace of ♢

What would you respond to partner's one-diamond opening with the East hand?

This deal was played earlier this year at the US Senior Bridge Championships, to determine the team that would represent the USA at the world championships in India later this year. At this table, East responded one heart. This imaginative bid catered to a low-level major suit contract. East would pass a one-spade rebid and didn't mind a heart raise as long as partner held four of them. The East hand was excellent for play in a major. The opponents arrived in four spades, as shown, but the defense was easy. West continued diamonds, giving partner a ruff, and the unavoidable heart loser meant down one.

At the other table, East responded the normal one no-trump. This led to the same contract of four spades, but with East on lead after a two diamonds Michaels Cue-Bid from South and an aggressive jump in spades by North. Consider West's problem when declarer did not cover the opening jack of diamonds lead with dummy's queen. There was no reason to presume that the lead was a singleton. West had opened one diamond and a diamond lead was expected. West allowed the jack to hold the Trick and the defense never recovered. East shifted to hearts. Declarer captured the king with the ace, discarded a diamond on the ace of clubs, then drew the trumps. He conceded a heart to the opponents and claimed his contract. The off-beat one-heart response earned a trip to India!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Aug. 16, 2015:

This year you have a unique opportunity to manifest what you desire on a material level without having to take big risks. You'll have to work hard to achieve what you want, but the conservative course is the right one.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You will see the difference in how you have been handling a project and the way you are approaching it now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Allow your creativity to emerge when interacting with others. No matter what you do, this quality adds excitement to the moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Stay close to home and remain sensitive to alternative options. A family member or a close friend could pop over unexpectedly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Make calls in the morning. If you can keep plans open, some interesting suggestions are likely to emerge. Spontaneity can be a great source of fun, and it also allows for greater give-and-take.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You could be on top of a personal matter yet still feel unsure of yourself. You need to do some thinking in order to really gain perspective.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might be more unrestrained than you realize. Others will respond to your energy in a positive manner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could be put the point of having a discussion with a difficult friend. You might need some downtime to think and consider your options.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Time for friends to get together! Don't not take someone's hostility personally. This person might be having a bad day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Deal with a responsibility that often takes up too much of your time. Free yourself up to go the movies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Be willing to break past present restrictions. You might find yourself in a situation that needs some changing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You could be more willing to change course than others are aware. You might feel as if you have overextended yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might want to listen to several of your friends. You could hear a varied assortment of thoughts and ideas.

BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Madonna (1958), actor Steve Carell (1962), actress Angela Bassett (1958)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

SLALOM SICEM MACARONI
PAROLE ALAMO AVOCADOS
ANTIDROLLBAR DELIRIUM
ICON MOL ANAME OPENSE
NEO SART NALA CRIS
WHITEWATERDRAFTING
REARED ASE READY NAE
ALTER BPS CISCO CARD
GETSADRAINCHECK HANKS
ACHT OAT IRED SORRY
STILES EPEES CHEETA
SINEW ASES LAT EVAS
HORNS ADRAKESPROGRESS
ANAS PRATT INK UINTA
ROT IAMSO OLD MASTED
DREADSTHEFINEPRINT
NOSH ATLS EURO PGA
HASSLE TRASH RIA ORES
EEEWITDTH SKATINGDRINK
FREEZONE CIPRO ENCORE
TORRENTS ONEAD SCARED

MASTERPIECE
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52 FACES OF COMMUNITY

To nominate a Face of Community, please visit mrt.com/52Faces

SUNDAY MORNING — AUGUST 16, 2015

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	G	S	E	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	J.Jones	This Week		Church	Paid	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Hunt	Paid	M. Lyon	CBS Sunday Morning			Faceoff.	First Baptist Church		First Baptist Odessa
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Abbott	Abbott	BackCotter	BackCotter	Gilligan	Gilligan	SeveBell	SeveBell	SeveBell	SeveBell	BradyB.	BradyB.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Support	W.Minist	Insight	Consumr	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	FaithAve	Rain	Consumr	Consumr	Consumr
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	(5:00) Light of south		Walking	Stringer	In Touch Ministries		Zion	Day Disc.	K/Manusc	HaYesod	Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Montelo.	Secrets	Montelo.	Montelo.	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		First Baptist Church		W.America	Paid
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	C.George	C.George	W.World	D.Tiger	Sesame	DinoTrain	DinoTrain	Peg + Cat	Cat' Hat	Odd Sqd	Wild K.	Arthur
KUPB UNI	4	4	-	4	16	Pagado	Pagado	Programa pagado		Durmiendo mi jefe		Al punto		Tres la Verdad		Futbol Central	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Spaces	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	Home T.	Bucket	Trobador	Paid	Paid
FLIX	340	575		165		★ The Cat's Meow Cary Bann.				To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, ...				★ Around the World in 80 Days			
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:00) ★★★ Serenity				(:45) Hard Knocks		(:45) ★★ The Wolverine (13, Act) Hugh Jackman.				Bill Maher	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(6:30)Sports	★★★ Night at the Museum			(:20) ★★ Birdman Michael Keaton.				(:20) ★★ Best In Show Jay Brannan.			
HBO5	304	552	16	102		Movie	(:25) ★ Black Nativity			(:10) ★★★ D Brother, Where Art Thou?				★ The Maze Runner Dylan O'Brien.			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:00) ★ In the Heart ...	(:55) ★ Thank You for Smoking			★★★★ The Constant Gardener				(:40) ★★ The Purge: Anarchy			
MAX2	382	558	18	122		★★★★ Spacedogs Bill Pullman.		(:40) ★★★★ The Player Tim Robbins.				(:50) ★★★ KG:Ass 2				Movie	
PLEX			96			(:15) ★★ Race the Sun Josh Berry.				(:35) ★★ Price of Glory Jenny Smith.				(:35) ★★ Race to Space		Movie	
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Movie	★ Inside Llewyn Davis Carey Mulligan.			(:25) ★★ Rocky Llore				★ The Newest Pledge		Movie	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:00) ★★ Saved! Jena Malone.		★ A Low Down Dirty Shame			(:15) ★★★ Begin Again Keira Knightley.				★★★★ Boyhood			
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Dog Bounty Hunter		Dog Bounty Hunter		Dog Bounty Hunter		Dog Bounty Hunter		Beyond Scared Stra.		Beyond Scared Stra.	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:35) Dead (:35) Walking Dead				(:35) Walking Dead		(:35) Dead (:40) Dead		(:40) Walking Dead		(:45) Dead	
BET	58	-		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Bobby Jones Gospel		Lift Voice		(:35) ★★ The Bodyguard ('92, Susp) Whitney Houston.			
BRAVO	65	76		41		H.Wives "Girl Code"		Manzo'd	Manzo'd	Manzo'd	Manzo'd	Manzo'd	Manzo'd	Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	New Day Sunday		New Day	Politics	State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Edge of Alaska		Treasure "No Exit"		Epic Tech Homes		Homes "Escapes"	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Jake	Sofia 1st	M.Mouse	Miles	LEGO	Liv/Mad	Austin	KC Under	Bunk'd	Dog Blog	I Didn't	I Didn't
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report (N)	SportsCenter					
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	BASS Fishing		BASS Fishing		SportsCenter		OLines	Report	Rookie	Rookie	30 for 30	
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	★★★ The Rescuers			(:45) ★★★★ Pocahontas Irene Bedard.				★★ The Flintstones John Goodman.			Movie	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		Media Buzz		News HQ	Housecall
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Rachel Ray's Week in		Barefoot	Giada	Pioneer	Southern	Dinner	Cooking	Giada (N)	Daphne	Pioneer	Southern
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Outdoors.	Paid	18 Holes	CBCamp	Paid	Paid	DFL Soccer M'Gladbach vs Dortmund				Game365	Polaris
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Ellen	M&M	M&M	Mother	Mother	Mother	★★★ Men Originals Wolverine Hugh Jackman.					
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	★ Surprised by Love Nicole Burton.			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		SaveUSA	SaveUSA	Free Vacation (N)	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Superstition Mount.		Superstition Mount.		Superstition Mount.		Superstition Mount.		Superstition Mount.		Superst. "The Climb"	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	Unsolved Mysteries		★ Wuthering High School			
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Lockup	Business	Up With Steve Kornacki				Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	43				MatchDay	Leauge Live (L)		EPL Soccer Arsenal at Crystal Palace (L)				Bridge	EPL Soccer Chelsea at Manchester City (L)			
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Parents	Parents	Dino	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Ninja	Pig Goat	Sponge	Parents
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		The Twilight Zone		★★★ The 13th Warrior				★★★ Phenomenon John Travolta.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Married	Married	Married	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★★ Notting Hill ('99, Rom) Hugh Grant.				
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ John Loves ...	★★★★ Bright Leaf ('50, Dra) Gary Cooper.						★★★★ The Subject Was Roses			★ The Breaking P...	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Reggs	Noodle	De chica	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	EPL Fútbol Chelsea at Manchester City (L)			
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Law & Order "Chattel"		Law&O. "by Perjury"		Law&Order "Pledge"		Law&O "Luck, Pluck, Hit"		PGA Golf PGA Championship (L)			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	(:10) Chris	(:50) G. Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	(:35) G.Girls	(:10) G.Girls	(:50) G.Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	G. Girls
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Graceland		Complications		Suits		Mr. Robot	
WGN	19	85				Lord	Creflo	Key David	Paid	Law&O. "Corruption"		Law & Order		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — AUGUST 16, 2015

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	G	S	E	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Bull Riding		PGA Golf PGA Championship Final Round Site: Whistling Straits -- Kohler, Wis. (L)								
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	BradyB.	BradyB.	The Love Boat		Remington Steele		Streets Francisco		The Mod Squad		Hawaii Five-O
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	★★ Sideways ('04, Com/Dra) Paul Giamatti.						★★★ Live Free or Die Hard ('07, Act) Bruce Willis.			Consumr	Consumr
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	S. Faras	Mani Erfan	Biblical	Sal.	Light of the Southwest Best of Week			J.McGee	Dollars	House	Dr. R.B.
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Swimming National Championships (L)									Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Cyberch.	Maya&M.	Sit Fit	W.L.Yoga	Knitting	Beads	Sewing	Africa	Family	Global	News. (N)	Ireland
KUPB UNI	4	4	-	4	16	(:55) NFL Fútbol Guadalajara vs. Toluca (L)				Republica deportiva		Rosa Guadalupe		Como dice el dicho		Nacional	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Paid	Paid	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	Entertainers		Flipside	Insider	Access Hollywood	
FLIX	340	575		165		(:05) ★★★ Mindhunters Elon Bailey.				★★★ Rushmore			(:35) ★★ Captain Kon.			(:15) ★ Man of the...	
HBO	300	550	14	14		★ The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies						★★ Godzilla ('14, Act) Elizabeth Olsen.			Making (:50) ★ The Theory of ...	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Back on Board: Greg Louganis		★★ Shallow Hal Gwyneth Paltrow.					The Brink	LastWeek	Bill Maher	Detective
HBO5	304	552	16	102		★★ The Tao of Steve		LastWeek	Ballers	True Detective "Omega Station"			★★ Bandidas Penélope Cruz.			Movie
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(:25) ★★★ Robocop 2 Peter Weller.			(:25) ★★ Blades of Glory			Strikeblk	(:50) ★ Thelma and Louise		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(11:35) ★★★ Double Jeopardy	(:25) ★ Sleeping With the Enemy			(:05) ★★ Broken Flowers Bill Murray.				(:55) ★ Rush		
PLEX			96			(11:40) ★ The Water Horse: Le...		(:40) ★★ Race the Sun Halle Berry.				(:35) ★ MacShayne: The Final ...			★ Price of Glory	
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(11:30) ★ The Amity...	★★★ Ray ('04, Bio) Kerry Washington, Jamie Foxx.					(:45) ★ Need for Speed ('14, Act) Aaron Paul.				
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(11:00) ★★★★ Boyhood		(:50) ★ The Dramatics: A Co...			(:20) ★ The Railway Man Colin Firth.				(:10) ★ Begin Again	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Beyond Scared Stra.		Behind Bars: Rookie		Behind Bar "Respect"		The First 48		The First 48		Inter. 'Amber'
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(11:45) Dead (:45) Dead	"Inmates"	(:45) Dead (:50) Dead		(:55) Dead	"Still"	(:55) The Walking Dead "Alone"			(:55) Walking Dead	
BET	58	-		40		(9:35) ★ The Bodyg...		(:20) ★★ Not Easily Broken ('09, Dra) Morris Chestnut.						(:45) ★★ I Can Do Bad All by Myself		
BRAVO	65	76		41		Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...	Married to Medicine		Married to Medicine	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Homes "Waterfront"		Ultimate Homes		Homes "Islands"		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid XL	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	I Didn't	Austin	Austin	Austin	Girl	Girl	Jessie	Jessie	KC Under	I Didn't	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Baseball Little League World Series (L)				SportsCenter		Baseball Little League World Series (L)				SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	WTA Tennis Rogers Cup (L)				ATP Tennis Rogers Cup (L)				MLS Soccer Orlando City vs Seattle (L)			
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	(11:30) ★★★ Kung Fu Panda		★★ Casper ('95, Com) Christina Ricci.				★★★ Tarzan ('99, Ani) Tony Goldwyn.				★ Up	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		Journal E.	Housecall	America's News HQ		Media Buzz		Fox News Sunday	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Kitchen "Pool Party"		Cravings	BeachEat	Guy's Game		Guy's Game		Guy's Game		Food Network Star	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Lunch Rangers (N)		Insider	Pre-game	MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at Texas Rangers (L)						Rangers	Bears
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Movie	★★ Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen ('09, Act) Shia LaBeouf.						★★★ Men in Black 3 ('12, Act) Will Smith.				
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	★ My Boyfriend's Dogs Erika Christensen.				★ How to Fall in Love Brooke D'Orsay.				★ The Chateau Marmont Daniel Bastnegh.			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Holy Grail in America				Quest for the Lost Ark				Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	★ The Obsession Daphne Zuniga.				★ Text to Kill ('15, Thri) Dina Meyer.				★ Status: Unknown Stacey Oristano.			
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		Meet the Press		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		CaughtCam "In Peril"		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	43				GoalZone	NASCAR	Count.		NASCAR Auto Racing Pure Michigan 400 (L)					Post-Race	Mobstreel (N)	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Parents	Parents	Parents	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Thunder	Thunder	Nicky	H.Danger
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(10:00) ★ Phenomen...		★★ Oz the Great and Powerful ('13, Adv) James Franco.						★★ Spawn ('97, Act) John Leguizamo.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at New York Mets Site: Citi Field (L)						Loves Ray	Loves Ray	★★★ Catch Me If You Can			
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(11:00) ★ The Breakl...		★★★★ The Hasty Heart Ronald Reagan.				★★★★ The Fountainhead Gary Cooper.				★ Operation Pacific	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Deportivo	Enfoque	Videos	★ Cars (2006, Animated)					Noticiero	Videos	Videos asombrosos	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Four Weddings		Four Weddings		My Giant Life		My Giant Life		My Giant Life		My Giant Life	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(10:00) PGA Golf		★★ Jonah Hex Josh Brolin.		★★★ Total Recall						★★★ The Dark Knight Rises	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	Christine	Christine	Christine	Christine	Christine	Christine	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.	
WGN	19	85				In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		★ In the Heat of the Night: Give Me You...				In Heat of Night			

SUNDAY PRIME TIME — AUGUST 16, 2015

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

	G	S	E	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos		Bachelor in Paradise			Save My Life: Boston Trauma (N)		KMID News	(:35) Monopoly Millionaires' Club	(:05) W.Collar	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Big Brother		Madam Secretary "Whisper of the Ax"	CSI: Cyber "Click Your Poison"		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Good Wife	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Bick Sheep Squadron "The War Biz Warrior"		Columbo "Last Salute to the Commodore"			Man U.N.C.L.E. "The Bridge of Lions Affair"		Mission: Impossible "The Exchange"		Get Smart	Get Smart
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Family Guy	Family Guy	Teen Choice Awards Celebrating teen icons in film, television and music. (N)			Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Modern Family	Modern Family	Jack Van Impe	Consum-er Corner
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	All About Us	Light of the Southwest			Zola Levitt	Update News	Day of Discovery	Dollars & Sense
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Hollywood Game Night		Ed Sheeran (N)		American Ninja Warrior "Orlando Finals" The top contestants return for the finals course.			NewsWe-st 9 at 10	Country Reporter	Mornings on Media	Whacked Out
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Globe Trekker "West Texas"		Secrets of Scotland Yard		Masterpiece Mystery! "Sherlock: Vicious A Scandal in Belgravia"			Theater Talk	On Story	Front and Center	"Richie Sambora"
KUPB UNI	4	4	-	4	16	Aquí y Ahora		Gran Estreno "Colosio el asesinato"			Sol y pimienta		Familia P. Luche	Noticiero Univision	Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Ent. Tonight		Castle		Scandal		The Closer	Anger M.	MAM	Office	Name6.
FLIX	340	575		165		(:05) ★ Man of the ...		★★ What About Bob?		(:40) ★★ Bonhomme Jean Schwartzman.				★★★ Cliff		
HBO	300	550	14	14		(6:30) ★ The Theory ...		Show Me a Hero (N)		Show Me a Hero (N)	Ballers	The Brink	LastWeek	The Brink	Ballers	LastWeek
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:30) True Detective		★★★ Birdman Michael Keaton.			★★★★ John Wick.			(:20) ★ The Counselor		
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(5:35) ★ Get on Up Chadwick Boseman.				★ The Maze Runner Dylan O'Brien.				★★ Original San Antonio Bandidas.		
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(4:50) ★ Thelma & ...		★ Blended ('14, Com) Adam Sandler.			★ A Walk Among the Tombstones				(:35) ★ Weekend ...	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(4:55) ★ Rush		Strike Back		★★ Bring It On Kirsten Dunst.	(:40) Zane's Sex Chronicles				★ Lucy	
PLEX			96			(:05) ★ Price of Glory		★ The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep			(:35) ★★ Race to Space			(:40) ★★ Race the Sun		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Masters of Sex		Ray Donovan		Ray Donovan (N)	Masters of Sex (N)		Ray Donovan		Masters of Sex	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:15) ★ Begin Again		★★★★ Boyhood		(:15) Dra) Ethan Hawke.	Our Children		★ The 10 Do List Adam Rose.		Movie	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Intervention "Dana"		Inter. "David 5"		Inter. "Dave" (N)		Intervention (N)		Behind Bar "Respect"	Inter. "David 5"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(:55) Dead "Us"		Walking Dead "A"		HUMANS (N)			★★ The Boy the Earth Sound Fear			
BET	58	-		40		(5:00) I Can Do B...		Sunday Best (N)				Nelly "The Graduate" Punk'd			BET Inspiration	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Married to Medicine (N)		Bravo First Looks (N)		Married Medicine (N)	Tardy (N)	Manzo'd	Watch (N)	Tardy...	Manzo'd	Medic.
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Money	Blue Collar	Blue	Blue	West Texas		West "A Time to Grill"		Millionaire Inventor	Jay Leno's Garage	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	The Hunt John Walsh		The Hunt		The Hunt (N)		Death Row (N)		The Hunt		The Hunt
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid (N)	Naked&Afraid XL (N)			Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid XL
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Austin	Jessie	KC Under	Friends	Liv/Mad	Girl	Bunk'd	I Didn't	KC Under	Friends	Liv/Mad	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Baseball Tonight		MLB Baseball Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim at Kansas City Royals (L)				SportsCenter					SportsC.
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	To Be Announced		WNBA Basketball Indiana vs Phoenix (L)			Ann Wrestling		Rookie	Rookie	ESPN FC	
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	★ Tarzan ('99, Ani) Tony Goldwyn.		★★★★ Boyhood		(:15) ★★ Ted 2, Ani) Mark Wahlberg.		(:45) ★ Kevin Wh.		★ The 10 Do List Adam Rose.		Movie	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	FOX Report Sunday		Legends & Lies		Steve	Greg Gutfeld Show		Legends & Lies		Steve	Jeruvish
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Game (N)		Food Star (N)		Cutthroat (N)		Cutthroat Kitchen		Food Network Star	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Bull Riding		MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park				CB Camp	School (N)	WPT Poker			
FX	31	56	59	64	69	★★ White House Down ('13, Act) Jamie Foxx, Channing Tatum.						Strain "Identity" (N)		(:20) Strain "Identity"		(:10) The Strain	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	★ A Ring by Spring ('14, Com) Rachel Boston.				★ Just the Way You Are (2015)				G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	Bargain	Bargain	Beach Mig (N)		Island (N)	Island (N)	H.Hunt	House (N)	Beach Mig	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Ice Road Truckers		Truckers "Icy Grave"		Ice Road Truckers (N)		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		Truckers "Icy Grave"	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Surgeon Scaling (L)	Day Surgeon (L)										
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Why Planes Crash		Why Planes Crash		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	43				Motor Auctions: Collector Cars and More "Amoney" (N)								Victory Lap (L)		Match of the Day (N)	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	★ Genie in a Bikini		★★ Legally Blonde Reese Witherspoon.			J.House	J.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	Catch a Contractor		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	★ Dragonball Evolution Justin Chatwin.		★★ Doom ('05, Act) The Rock, Karl Urban.							★★★ Robo Hood	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(5:00) ★ Catch Me If...		★★★ The Wind Rises ('13, Ani) Hayao Miyazaki.						★★★ The Blind Side ('09, Dra) Sandra Bullock.			
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Operation P...		★★★★ The Long Hot Summer ('58, Dra) Paul Newman.				★★★★ Hud ('63, Dra) Paul Newman.			★ A Fish in the C...	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Reggs	Noodle	De chica	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	Noticiero	Videos	Videos asombrosos	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My Giant Life		Answered Pr. (N)		Think You Are (N)		Looking for Love		Think You Are		Looking for Love	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	★ The Dark Knight Rises		★★★ The Last Stand		The Last Stand (N)		Falling Skies (N)		The Last Stand		Falling Skies	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Reba	(:35) Reba	(:10) Reba	(:50) Reba	(:25) Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Graceland	
WGN	19	85				★★★ Cactus Moses ('06, Act) Bob Denver, Eva Gabor, Rachel Cronin.				Manhattan			Bones		Bones	

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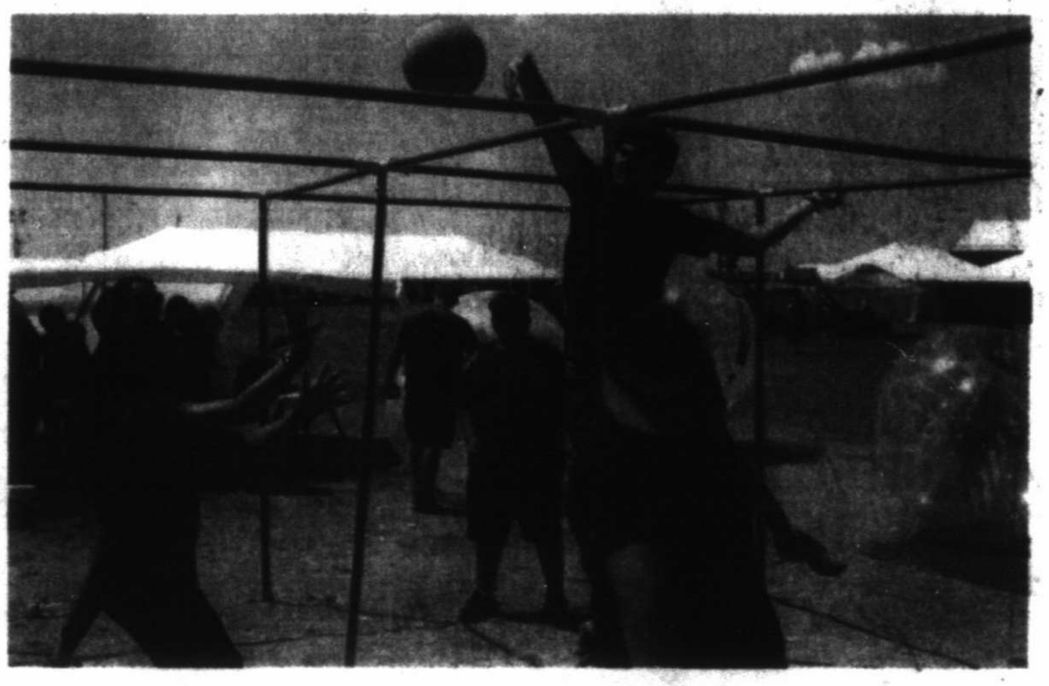
A water truck from Warren CAT of Odessa was on grounds to cool off attendees during Rock The Desert last Saturday. Eventgoers also took part in various activities and were treated to a performance by Christian musician OBB. Skaters also got a chance to show their moves in the Rock The Desert skatepark.



CALENDAR

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TODAY

Summer Sunday Lawn Concert with The Shades at the Museum of the Southwest. 7 p.m. museumsw.org.

MONDAY

Bug Camp 2015 Session III at Sibley Nature Center. 9 a.m.-noon. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the college. Contact 432-553-0632 for more information.

TUESDAY

Greg West presents "Heart of the Bride" as part of the Brown Bag Lunch & Lecture Series. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. The Petroleum Museum. Free Admission. petroleummuseum.org

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country-western band, 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom, 4601 Neely Ave. 432-520-4343.

"Nature Notes" on Marfa Public Radio Tuesdays -Thursdays at 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

Palette Club Painting meeting and demos, 9 a.m.-noon. at the Palette Club. Open to the public. paletteclubmidland.com.

WEDNESDAY

Story Time, 9:30 a.m. for ages up to 2 years; 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

THURSDAY

Mad Science at Mysteries at the Museum, a fundraiser for science education, 6:30-9 p.m. at the Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Reading event for children featuring the book "Willy and the Winchester Motorcycle." Free but reservations required due to space. Refreshments provided. 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the George W. Bush Childhood Home. 432-685-1112. bushchildhoodhome.org.

"Man of La Mancha" closes Saturday at Midland Community Theatre. 7:30 p.m. mrrrp.org.

West Texas Dance Club with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 432-697-0281 or 432-631-6125.

FRIDAY

Splash into Science class, 9 a.m.-noon at Petroleum Museum for 2nd-4th grades, $20-$25. Pre-registration required. petroleummuseum.org.

Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon for ages 5-7, 2-5 p.m. for ages 8-12 at Sibley Nature Center. 432-684-6827. sibleynaturecenter.org.

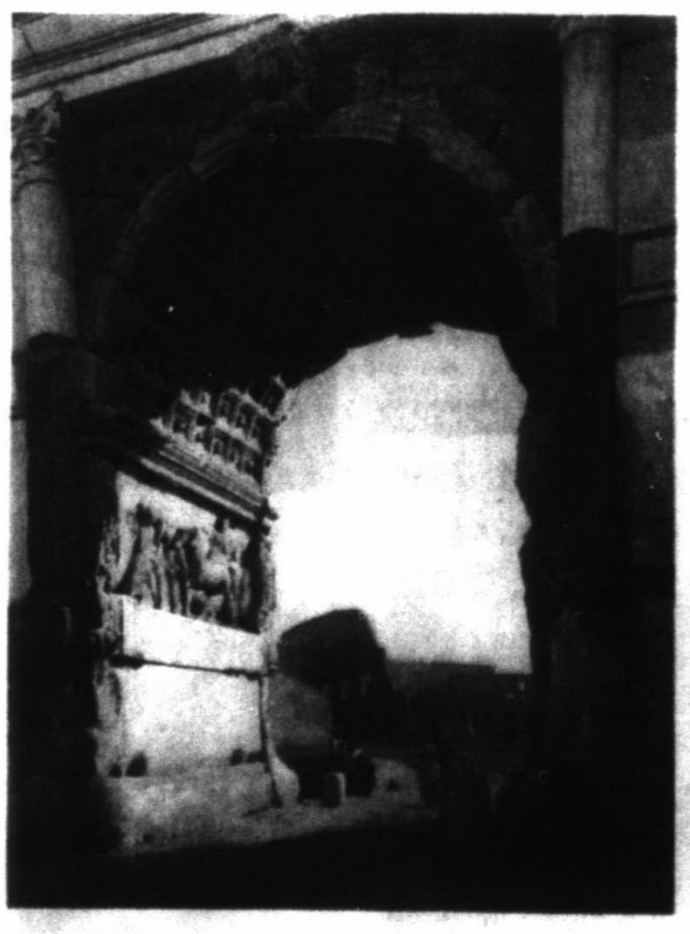
Summer Mummers "Masked Mummers in Midtropolis ... or No News is Good News" Fridays and Saturdays through Sept. 5 at the Yucca Theatre. summermummers.com.

SATURDAY

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

Unabashedly Bookish Club, 2-4 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. 432-698-0158.

Matt Stell, 7:30-10 p.m. at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.



Courtesy photos

The works of American artist Graham D. Willliford is on display in "Mediterranea" through Aug. 23 at the Ellen Noel in Odessa.

ON DISPLAY

Artizen Outlet. Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. 436 Andrews Highway. 770-3494. artizenoutlet.com.

ArtQuest Studios "A Look Through Time" by Diane K. Browne through Aug. 28. Reserved Studio Time is $35 per month. 700 Andrews Highway. 664-3197. artquestfx.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. "Mediterranea: American Art from the Graham D. Williford Collection" through Aug. 23. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. noelartmuseum.org. 550-9696.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum. "Permian Monsters: Life Before the Dinosaurs" through Aug. 21. Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., Admission charged. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

George Bush Childhood Home's tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 685-1112

Haley Library and History Center. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free. 1805 W. Indiana Ave. 682-5785

Kamiposi Gallery. 510 S. Big Spring St. 230-0256. Facebook.com/kamiposi.

McCormick Gallery at Midland College. Texas Photographic Society International Competition exhibit through Aug. 13. 3600 N. Garfield St. midland.edu.

Midland Arts Association presents work by Sean Patty in the Community National Bank lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave., during August.

Midland County Historical Museum's permanent exhibits include artifacts from the Scharbauer Hotel, Midland school memorabilia, the door from the Pitska Blacksmith shop containing many historic brands and First National and Midland National bank items. Archives include photographs, documents, newspapers and extensive obituary files. 301 W. Missouri Ave. 2-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Free. 682-6947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 682-5447.

Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. "Permian Monsters: Life Before the Dinosaurs" through Aug. 21. co.midland.tx.us. midlandcountypubliclibraryfoundation.org.

Midland Shared Spaces Gallery Summer Exhibit with featured artists from ArtQuest, Artizen Outlet, Midland Arts Association and Palette Club of Midland through Sept. 10. 685-0400. sharedspaces.org.

Museum of the Southwest. Turner Memorial Art Gallery closed for renovations through 2015. MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. $5 adults, $3 children. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882. museumsw.org.

Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery, UTPB. Free and open to the public. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Free. 335-6640.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403.

Scarborough-Linebery House is open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions. 602 S. Main St. 685-7368.

Sibley Nature Center, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. 1307 E. Wadley Ave. 684-6827. sibleynaturecenter.org.

OIL REPORT

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AP file photo

Stacks and burn-off from the Exxon Mobil refinery are seen at dusk Feb. 13 in St. Bernard Parish, La. Can President Obama be known for combating climate change while the nation's oil output soars at the same time?

Combating climate change can co-exist with gas industry

■ Platts editors examine administration's energy legacy

"Oil and natural gas can coexist with the climate change agenda, but in reduced quantities vis-a-vis the world where capitalism and consumer preference dictate the choice of fuel sources for electricity and for transportation."

Steve Pruett, president and chief executive officer of Elevation Resources

By Mella McEwen
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The push-pull between combating climate change and supporting the historic growth of U.S. crude oil production continues to spur debate around the nation.

The topic was the subject of a recent Platts Capitol Crude podcast hosted by Brian Scheid and Herman Wang, editors at Platts.

"The idea behind the podcast is that President Obama is pushing climate change initiatives ahead of the December meeting in Paris: "The Clean Power Plan," CAFE (fuel economy) standards, tighter ozone standards," said Scheid, senior editor at Platts. Also, Pope Francis, who released an encyclical on climate change in May, will address Congress next month and could very well bring up the subject, he said.

"President Obama wants climate change to be a legacy issue," Scheid said. "My question is, 'Can he be the climate change president at a time when the nation's oil production has jumped, practically doubled, from just over 5 million barrels a day to 9 million barrels a day?'"

He said the administration has pushed for increased drilling off the East Coast and in Alaska and has been quiet on the issue of lifting the ban on exporting domestic crude after 40 years, preferring to let Congress take the lead on the issue.

"Can you push for combating climate change at the same time you're heralding rising oil production?" asked Scheid.

To answer that question, he and Wang hosted three former members of the Obama administration: Jason Bordoff, former special assistant and a senior director for energy and climate change on the National Security Council; Ronald Minsk, a former special assistant for energy and environment; and David Goldwyn, a former special envoy and coordinator for international energy affairs with the State Department.

Scheid said the consensus among the three was that the administration had taken a balanced approach between combating climate change and supporting development of the nation's fossil fuel resources.

"The oil and gas industry may have a different view, environmentalists may have a different view, but the administration sees a balanced approach," Scheid said.

Permian Basin oil and gas officials were quick to agree they had a different view.

"No, President Obama will not be remembered as the oil shale king, but the climate change advocate or fanatic, depending on your political leanings," said Steve Pruett, president and chief executive officer of Elevation Resources.

"The EPA's climate change regulations are currently focused on emissions from the electricity-generating sector primarily targeting coal, but indirectly natural gas as a fuel for power plants by virtue of the ambitious targets for high percentages of renewable energy sources for electricity.

"High CAFE fuel economy standards for the auto industry will have a larger impact on U.S. gasoline and diesel consumption over the long term as oil is the source of our most efficient transportation fuels," Pruett said.

"In terms of all the different ways — particularly going through the Environmental Protection Agency — to combat climate change and yet oil production has taken off to such an extent. How does that work in contrast with climate change goals?" Scheid said.

"My question is, 'Will the Obama administration be known for moving the shale renaissance forward, or will the shale renaissance have taken place despite the Obama administration?'" he said.

"The 'shale renaissance' has occurred in spite of actions of this administration," said Ben Shepperd, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association. "This is evidenced by the fact that oil and gas production has risen dramatically on private lands during the last seven years. Meanwhile, production from federal lands has decreased during the same time period."

A Republican president might well push for increased drilling on federal lands, offshore and even further in the Gulf of Mexico, Scheid said.

"Even if all this area were to become available, with the price of oil being where it is, would companies be interested?" he said.

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■ Red Bluff Resources will target Permian, Mid-Continent

By Mella McEwen
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While the oil and gas industry is struggling with crude prices that have sunk to a six-year low, others see opportunities opened up by those same low prices.

Investment firm Pine Brook is one of those companies. It agreed to provide a $300 million line of equity investment in newly formed Red Bluff Resources Holdings LLC.

Oklahoma City-based Red Bluff plans to acquire, explore and develop crude and natural gas reserves in the Mid-Continent and Permian Basin.

"It is an interesting time, for sure," said Claire Harvey, vice president, energy at Pine Brook.

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Patriot Energy launches Sandhill-7 Prospect

■ Seven shallow, vertical wells set for Kent, Knox counties

By Mella McEwen
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With crude prices falling to six-year lows near $40 a barrel, operators have been seeking ways to cut costs while remaining active.

One company believes it has found an answer by drilling vertical wells into long-known reservoirs rather than expensive horizontal wells into unconventional shale formations.

"One way to cut costs is to stop drilling horizontally into shales," said Michael Miller, founder and president of Patriot Energy Inc. The company has announced its Sandhill-7 Prospect that will see six wells in Kent County and one in Knox County. Drilling has begun on the first well, the No. 1 Banker's Trust.

Completion on the first well is expected in the next two weeks at an expected depth of 5,000 feet. Once the Barker Trust No. 1 is drilled to total depth, Blue Line Drilling anticipates moving the rig to the second well site and commencing drilling immediately upon rig transfer.

The primary target of the No. 1 Banker's Trust is the Tannehill, while the other six wells will also target the Mississippian, Ellenburger, Strawn and Frye Sands and the Bend Conglomerate. He called the prospects low-risk shallow wells that are economic at $40 or $50 a barrel.

Speaking from his offices in Dallas, Miller said that the well will be drilled into sand, making it much more economical than the horizontal wells drilled into shales. Vertical wells don't have the added cost of 4,000- to 9,000-foot laterals and sand formations cannot be fractured, reducing completion costs, he said.

While he acknowledged that the wells are "off the beaten path a little," the Tannehill is a well-known and prolific oil-bearing formation. There have been hundreds of wells drilled in the area and the new wells will tap into existing infrastructure, he said.

The company sits on 8,500 acres in Kent and Knox counties — "that's how confident we are in the play," Miller said — offering room for additional drilling activity. Just on 40-acre spacing, he said there is the potential of more than 200 new wells.

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Obama's Clean Power Plan: Solar companies win, taxpayers lose

MARITA NOON
Executive director for Energy Makes America Great Inc.

The solar industry is jubilant over President Obama's Clean Power Plan, released in its final form Aug. 3. The same day, however, some other news reminded the public of what happens when government policy mandates and incentivizes a favored energy source: Taxpayer dollars are gobbled up, and investors lose out.

"The fundamental objective of the Clean Power Plan," according to Solar Industry Magazine, "is the phasing out of coal-fired power plants in favor of low- or zero-emission sources." It does this through three "building blocks," one of which is: "increase electricity generation from non-emitting renewable sources, such as solar and wind."

In a post titled: "How Obama's Clean Power Plan will fuel the solar industry's rapid growth," Forbes.com contributor Lyndsey Gilpin says, quoting Shayle Kann, senior vice president of GTM Research, "It could be a major catalyst for solar nationwide." Gilpin points out that, "apart from the Solar Investment Tax Credit, the federal tax credit for solar, the Clean Power Plan is the first national policy for renewable energy."

While the excitement from solar proponents is palpable, it is surprising how shameless they are about sucking the government teat while bemoaning the low price of natural gas — which Solar Industry Magazine calls "a fly in the ointment" and "inconvenient." It blames "new technologies for oi¹ and gas extraction" (no wonder they keep trying to kill hydraulic fracturing). Gilpin states "in all its 1,560 pages, the Clean Power Plan doesn't directly address the actual deployment of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. It does, however, give states and utilities an incentive to create and enhance mechanisms that will increase deployment of solar."

The International Business Times coverage acknowledges that subsidies and regulation are driving the "uptick" in solar deployment. It states "exactly how much of an increase will be determined by subsidies ... while new regulations encourage families and business to invest in solar power."

"Proponents for the plan and the move toward solar said the government is working hard to create incentives to help families strapped for cash make the switch to renewable energy, such as solar panels." Though, as Gilpin points out, "The Clean Power Plan is geared toward centralized utility scale solar, meaning electricity sold to wholesale utility buyers, not end customers."

One such "utility scale solar" company is Abengoa. The Spanish solar company was the single largest recipient of taxpayer funding through Obama's 2009 Stimulus Bill — $2.8 billion — but has been beset with corruption and allegations that it routinely violates U.S. immigration, environmental and workplace safety laws. The company is currently under investigation by U.S. Customs and Immigration Service and the Department of Labor. Abengoa creates spinoffs that enable it to move funds from one to the other, apparently hiding money and falsifying records.

In November 2014, Abengoa bonds were "hammered on accounting concerns," according to Reuters. "The company has so many different buckets of debt and management has cleverly used this to report reductions in reported net leverage."

At the time, ratings firm Fitch posted the following: "Fitch will closely monitor management's response to the current market turmoil and the company's access to capital markets in the coming days for any further deterioration in the credit profile."

In another November account, Reuters explained that "Abengoa, an engineering company that expanded massively into renewables, has been struggling with a heavy debt burden since a decade-long economic boom in Spain ended abruptly in 2008." It must have seen Obama's push for solar as the answer to its problems. It moved into the U.S. with its hand out and high-profile players — such as former Vice President Al Gore and former New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson — on its team.

I've written extensively on Abengoa, as a part of my "Obama's green-energy, crony-corruption" series, and done a detailed report published by The Daily Caller. I've interviewed many former employees and followed its shenanigans. Therefore, I wasn't surprised when, on Aug. 3 — the same day Obama's Clean Power Plan was touted — headlines announced, once again, that Abengoa shares "plunged."

Bloomberg reports that the Aug. 3 drop — 75.70 percent from its high on September 3, 2014 — is because the "company's plan to shore up capital failed to reassure investors that it can stop burning cash."

Abengoa, which went public (NASDAQ) on Oct. 17, 2013, at an opening share price of $12.37, once enjoyed a "top pick" and "safest" moniker, hit a high of $28.88 on Sept. 3, 2014 but has now nosedived to $6.50. Abengoa and its board of directors are now being investigated for possible violations of federal securities laws.

A former human resources director at one of Abengoa's subsidiaries, who served as my "deep throat" in my earlier reporting, said, "What I came to realize, and it took me a while because I didn't want to realize it, is that they understood. They knew the law. They didn't care. I really came to believe that they're so politically connected that it's just hubris and arrogance."

Today, this "top pick" has a 76.9 percent "probability of bankruptcy." It is our tax dollars that won't be paid back.

So, when you hear the solar power proponents chirping about regulations that encourage investment in solar, incentives to help families and mechanisms to increase deployment, remember they are taking our tax dollars and giving them to companies like Abengoa that get the funding because of connections. They win, while we lose.

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Moody's: $42 per barrel is enough to cover costs

By Robert Grattan
Houston Chronicle

Permian Basin shale plays

Oil production	1.96 million bpd
Gas production	6.4 billion cubic feet per day
Rigs	355

HOUSTON — The median North American independent producer can survive at about a $42 per barrel of oil equivalent price, according to a new analysis by credit rating agency Moody's Investors Service.

The study compared the full-cycle cost of production among independent producers and found that many could easily handle low commodity prices thanks to significant cost savings and continued production growth. Full-cycle costs include the cost of producing each barrel of oil equivalent as well as the cost of finding a new barrel to replace the one produced. The calculation also includes interest payments companies need to make to service any debt.

"Total full-cycle costs are a good if not perfect proxy for the company's total economics and breakeven cash costs required to both produce and replace production, and to service debt," Moody's analysts wrote.

Pittsburgh-based EQT Corp., a large natural gas driller in the Appalachian Basin, had the lowest costs at about $13.07 per barrel of oil equivalent. Randor, Pennsylvania-based Penn Virginia Corp., had the highest full-cycle costs at about $135 per barrel of oil equivalent, Moody's said.

"The average full-cycle cost of $44/boe and portfolio median of $42/boe signal that some E&P companies with a high proportion of liquids production could withstand oil prices at a relatively weak pace price of $50/boe in 2015, but a number of companies with unsustainable high cost structures must reduce total full-cycle costs significantly," the ratings agency wrote.

Only a portion of the average company's full-cycle cost came from producing existing oil and gas.

E&Ps paid an average of $13.68 to bring one barrel of oil equivalent to the surface. Production costs were higher among companies that mainly produced oil, while natural gas companies drilled for less. EQT had the lowest production costs and Canadian Oil Sands Limited had the highest, according to Moody's figures.

Administrative costs averaged about $4.52 per barrel of oil equivalent, interests costs averaged $5.60 per barrel of oil equivalent. Administrative costs were lower among companies that pumped the highest volumes, spreading the costs over a wider base. Interest costs were lowest among the largest companies with the highest-rated debt. Occidental Petroleum Corp. had the lowest interest costs of $1.19 per barrel, Moody's said, while Halcon Resources Corp.'s interest costs came to $21.83 per barrel.

The largest expense among producers was finding and acquiring new oil and gas. Here, Moody's cautioned that their numbers aren't definitive, because their study only examined a single year of expenses and companies usually spend money and book reseves over a years-long period. The ratings group calculated an average of $49.27 cost for each per barrel of oil equivalent added to reserves, while the median was $26.10 per barrel of equivalent.

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The current administration sees natural gas, in particular, as a bridge fuel that will help the nation move to renewable energy, Scheid said.

"The feedback that the administration is pushing renewable energy at the expense of fossil fuels has died down recently because of low prices," he said.

Environmentalists have supported the administration's moves to promote renewable energy. When the Clean Power Plan was announced earlier this month, it drew applause from Texas environmental groups.

"Texans never shy from a challenge, and stopping global warming might be our greatest challenge yet, but with vast solar and wind energy resources at the ready, we can help lead the world to a cleaner, safer future," said Luke Metzger, Director of Environment Texas in a prepared statement released after the plan was announced.

His organization maintains Texas is well-positioned to meet its limits under the new plan, with increased development of clean energy, for which it has vast potential. Texas is already the nation's biggest wind energy producer, with more than twice as much as any state. And with the price of solar power dropping dramatically, electric grid operator ERCOT predicts solar energy will grow almost 4,000 percent in the next 14 years. Environment Texas research shows that solar power could easily meet more than half of the Clean Power Plan targets, and the state could generate enough energy from wind to power 17.5 million homes by 2030, reducing as much carbon pollution as 36 coal plants dump each year.

"Oil and natural gas can coexist with the climate change agenda, but in reduced quantities vis-a-vis the world where capitalism and consumer preference dictate the choice of fuel sources for electricity and for transportation," Pruett said.

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A number of operators and other industry experts expected a return to lower commodity prices, she said. She said her company, as well as Red Bluff executives, see the low-price environment as offering an opportunity to acquire assets "we might not otherwise be able to acquire."

The current economic environment offers an excellent opportunity step out and form a new company, said Timothy Haddican, who will serve as chief executive officer of Red Bluff. He most recently was with RKI Exploration & Production, where he was an initial member and vice president of operations and engineering. RKI is in the process of being acquired by WPX Energy of Tulsa.

Like Harvey, Haddican believes there will be opportunities for Red Bluff to snap up distressed assets from companies looking to raise cash.

"It also offers the opportunity to make acquisitions from healthy companies looking to divest non-core assets," he said.

The longer prices remain at their present level of below $50, the more opportunities that could arise, Harvey said. Should oil prices remain low for an extended period, debt markets will begin to contract, Harvey said. But equity investment companies such as Pine Brook will remain interested in "putting our dollars to work" by teaming with exploration and production companies like Red Bluff, she said.

Red Bluff's executive team knows the Permian Basin and will focus on the region and on the Mid-Continent.

Haddican offered two reasons his company is attracted to the Permian Basin: The Permian is an extensive, large area that contains multiple stacked pay targets that have been identified over the years.

"Those two assets create a lot of opportunities and value for the industry and for oil and gas companies," he said.

While Red Bluff is just getting up and running, it is assessing targets, with a focus on the Central Basin Platform and Midland Basin, Haddican said.

The plan is to leverage the Red Bluff team's expertise in horizontal drilling and fracturing completion technology to exploit its new properties, he said.

Pine Brook seeks to invest in such regions, especially in the current low- oil price environment "where it make sense at these prices," Harvey said.

The longer oil prices remain low, the more it will impact supplies and send prices higher, she said. But "our investment strategy does not rely on prices going up" but on developing properties that will provide value.

Harvey, a 13-year industry veteran, joined Pine Brook last March from TPH Partners, an affiliate of Tudor, Pickering Holt & Co., where she was a principal specializing in investments in the upstream, midstream and oilfield services sectors. She represents Pine Brook as a director of Red Bluff Resources.

She said her role as a director will be to partner with Red Bluff's executives and help provide needed resources.

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"We'll drill 14 to 20 wells, go from there and run with it," he said.

Patriot entered a substantial non-operated position with Atoka Operating Inc. to lease the acreage. Miller said the plan is to keep busy and let wells such as the Sandhill-7 Prospect generate cash flow while prices remain low.

"If we end up with stout production, we'll get revenue," he said.

His company is funding the project, though he does have a handful of investors in the wells, he said.

Miller believes oil prices could rise between $55 and $65 by the end of the year. Should oil prices stabilize at $70 or $75 a barrel, he could also resume activity in the Bakken Shale of North Dakota and Wyoming, he said.

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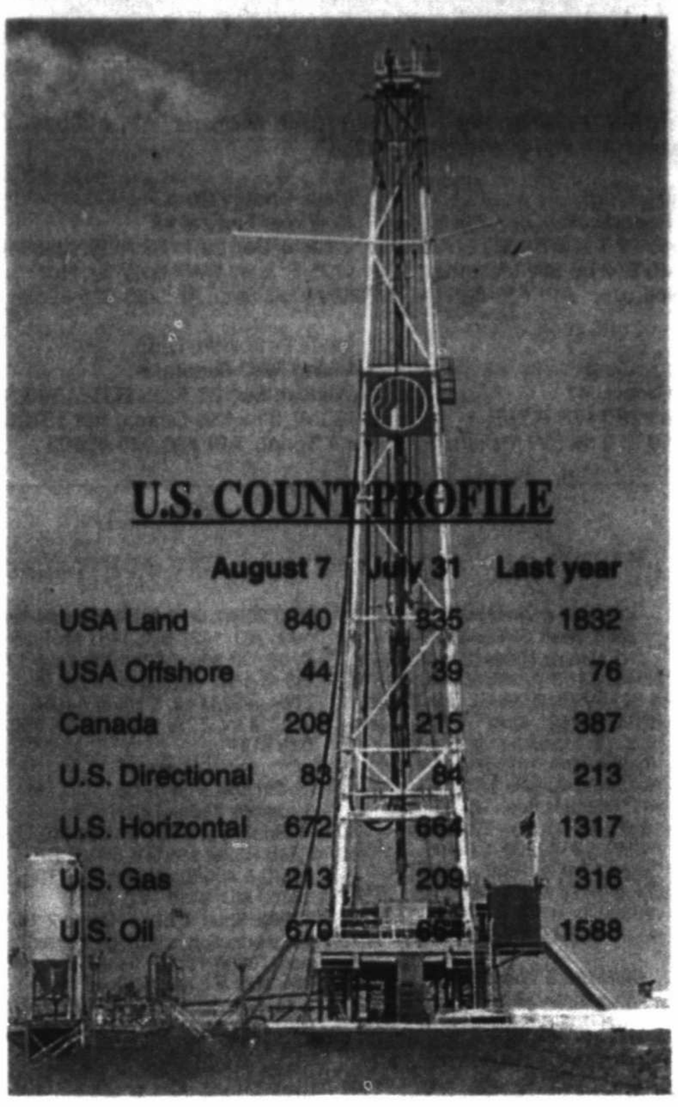


U.S. COUNT PROFILE

	August 7	July 31	Last year
USA Land	840	835	1832
USA Offshore	44	39	76
Canada	208	215	387
U.S. Directional	85	[illegible]	213
U.S. Horizontal	672	664	1317
U.S. Gas	213	209	316
U.S. Oil	676	[illegible]	1588

PERMIAN BASIN RIG COUNTS

Texas

DISTRICT 7B

Coleman	0
Fisher	0
Jones	0
Nolan	1
Taylor	0

DISTRICT 7C

Coke	0
Concho	0
Crockett	2
Irion	3
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	0
Reagan	16
Runnels	0
Schleicher	0
Sutton	0
Terrell	0
Tom Green	1
Upton	12

DISTRICT 8

Andrews	8
Brewster	0
Crane	0
Culberson	5
Ector	2
Glasscock	10
Howard	13
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	22
Martin	18
Midland	37
Mitchell	1
Pecos	5
Presidio	0
Reeves	26
Sterling	0
Ward	3
Winkler	1

DISTRICT 8A

Bailey	0
Borden	0
Cochran	0
Cottle	0
Crosby	1
Dawson	2
Dickens	0
Floyd	0
Gaines	2
Garza	1
Hale	0
Hockley	0
Kent	0
King	0
Lamb	1
Lubbock	0
Lynn	1
Motley	1
Scurry	4
Terry	0
Yoakum	4
TEXAS TOTAL	**203**

New Mexico

Chaves	0
Eddy	18
Lea	33
Roosevelt	0
NEW MEXICO TOTAL	**51**

MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

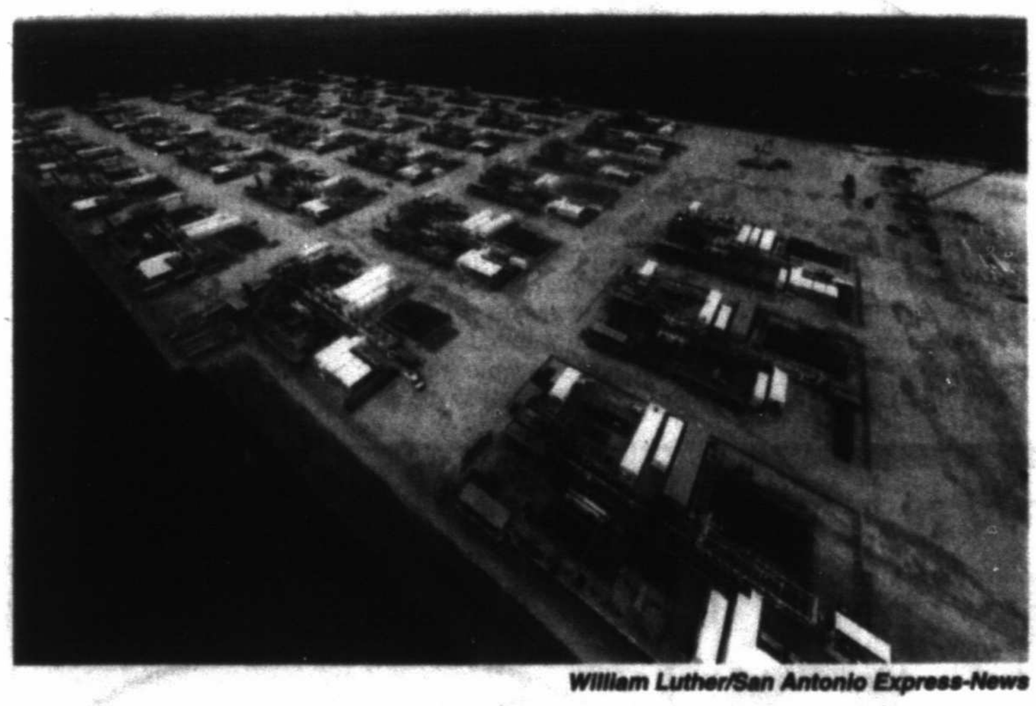
Posted	**$40.40**
Flint Hills Resources*	**$39.75**
Phillips 66	**$39.92**
Plains*	**$39.75**
Shell Trading	**$39.90**
Sun*	**$39.75**
Nymex futures	**$43.97***

Net price without transportation charge
Note: Posted prices as of August 12

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price August 12	Same period one year ago
Nymex future price	**$2.686**	**$2.931**	**$3.974**
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	**$2.720**	**$2.820**	**$3.900**
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	**$2.620**	**$2.738**	**$3.808**
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	**$2.707**	**$2.810**	**$3.897**
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	**$2.730**	**$2.810**	**$3.925**
CompositeField Prices For Midcontinent	**$2.670**	**$2.737**	**$3.833**
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	**$2.639**	**$2.811**	**$3.911**



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Idle oil drilling rigs are seen April 14 at the still-under-construction Helmerich & Payne, Inc. south Texas operations center in Seguin.

Report: Eagle Ford production to slip in September

By Jennifer Hiller
San Antonio Express-News

Oil production from the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas will dip again in September, according to the latest report from the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Production of crude oil and the light oil condensate is expected to slide by 56,000 barrels daily, to around 1.48 million barrels per day.

It will be the sixth straight monthly drop for Eagle Ford output.

The industry has been hit hard by falling crude oil prices, with energy companies drilling and completing fewer wells. Oil prices were higher than $100 per barrel last summer but have been trading around the $45-level recently.

Production in the Eagle Ford peaked in March at 1.71 million barrels, but has dipped every month since, according to the EIA.

The Eagle Ford isn't alone — production started slipping in the Bakken field in North Dakota and eastern Montana in May, and in the Niobrara field (in Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska and Kansas) in April.

Overall, the major U.S. shale oil fields are expected to pump 5.27 million barrels daily in September, around 93,000 fewer daily barrels than in August.

The Permian Basin in West Texas and eastern New Mexico, the largest overall crude producer in the U.S., is the only major shale oil field that still has rising oil production.

The Permian is expected to pump 2.04 million barrels of crude oil per day in August, up by around 8,000 daily barrels over this month.

The EIA's monthly report looks at the country's most productive shale oil and gas fields.

IEA: Global oil demand rising fastest in five years

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Healthier economies could burn through crude faster than they have in five years as they take advantage of cheap prices, but the oil glut will likely persist, the International Energy Agency said Wednesday.

The IEA believes the world's daily oil demand is set to grow by 1.6 million barrels, an upward revision of 200,000 over its previous estimate. Crude supplies are expected to decline, but the global oil glut still won't be fixed right away.

"While a rebalancing has clearly begun, the process is likely to be prolonged as a supply overhand is expected to persist through 2016 – suggesting global inventories will pile up further," the IEA said in its August oil market report on Wednesday. The Paris-based group advises 29 oil-importing member nations.

The world's supply of crude declined by about 600,000 barrels a day last month as nations outside of OPEC put out less crude, the IEA said.

Global oil production totals almost 100 million barrels a day, and the agency predicted the growth in that production will decline from last year's 2.4 million barrels to 1.1 million barrels this year.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries pumped more oil than it has in the last three years, but its production actually dipped by 15,000 barrels a day last month to 31.79 million barrels a day, the International Energy Agency estimated. Saudi Arabia put out slightly less crude, while Iraq and Iran bolstered production.

Iran added 50,000 barrels a day last month, an early increase following a deal with Western powers that is expected to lift oil-export sanctions against the Islamic Republic after it has passed international nuclear inspections toward the end of the year. That would allow it to put its crude back into international markets next year.

Iraq's output climbed by 30,000 barrels a day, as it continued to reach record production levels. Saudi Arabia's oil fields cut their harvest by 80,000 barrels a day.

OPEC has put 1.4 million additional barrels a day into the market since its November meeting last year, when it decided it would not lower production to support crude prices. But that production only accounts for half of the growth in global supplies this year.

While non-OPEC production has shrunk, it still was 1.2 million barrels a day higher last month than in July of 2014, because of previous investments by oil producers, the International Energy Agency said.

"Oil's second lurch below $50/bbl has prompted major oil companies and independents alike to revisit investment plans and take an axe to them," it said, and their production will probably start declining more sharply soon.

The oil-market crash that began last summer has "seen demand react more swiftly than supply," the group said, with daily oil demand growth more than doubling from last year's increase of 700,000 barrels a day.

The IEA's report followed China's second day of letting its currency, the yuan, decline in value before pumping it up against the dollar later in the day.

U.S. crude initially sank to as low as $42.80 a barrel early Wednesday but then rose to $43.78 a barrel after China's currency turnaround and the IEA's closely watched report. The benchmark had reached its lowest point in six years Tuesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

"I can't see how the currency devaluation would lower oil prices — obviously their objective is to increase Chinese economic activity and make it more competitive," with other emerging economies that have cheaper goods and lower labor costs, said Chris Ross, a finance professor at the University of Houston. "The market does strange things."

The yuan, he said, has been propped artificially high for some time. An increase in exports could begin relatively quickly, boosting economic activity and stimulating oil demand, Ross said. "China is in a better position," in terms of its place in the global market for exported goods, he said.

Praveen Kumar, another University of Houston finance professor, said oil markets reacted to the yuan devaluation because it shows China's economy is worse off than previously believed. China's government has been reporting the nation's 7-percent gross domestic product growth despite manufacturing readings that have come in weaker.

"China wouldn't have taken this extreme step if their internal assumptions weren't much more negative," Kumar said. "In the short run, oil demand may be heading much lower."

The IEA said the daily global oil supply in the second quarter was 3 million barrels higher than daily demand, the biggest glut since 1998. It will probably drain to 850,000 barrels a day next year, the IEA said. But the group acknowledged that forecast doesn't include potential supply increases from Iran.

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Menard County

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New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC
Road Runner Federal #1
Wildcat; Sec 25 T25S R26E; 190/S & 380/E; 7 mi S Black River; Rot 11963 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43133

COG Operating LLC
Glacier Federal Com #1
Wildcat; Sec 24 T26S R25E; 330/N & 560/E; 10 1/2 mi SE White City; Rot 16292 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43131

COG Operating LLC
Teton Federal #3
Wildcat; Sec 19 T26S R26E; 155/N & 1882/W; 11 mi SE White City; Rot 10015 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43134

Cimarex Energy Co.
Klein 33 Federal Com #9
Wildcat; Sec 33 T26S R27E; 210/S & 2450/E; 14 mi SE Black River; Rot 14312 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43130

Lea County

GMT Exploration Co. LLC
Soursop 5 State Com #2
Wildcat; Sec 5 T22S R35E; 200/S & 1700/W; 9 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 15000 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42583

Mack Energy Corp.
Cutthroat Federal #3
Wildcat; Sec 29 T17S R32E; 840/N & 2370/E; 3 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 10504 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-42585

Mack Energy Corp.
Cutthroat Federal #6
Wildcat; Sec 29 T17S R32E; 2500/N & 1725/E; 3 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 10509 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-42586

Mack Energy Corp.
Cutthroat Federal #7
Wildcat; Sec 29 T17S R32E; 1800/N & 2310/E; 3 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 10546 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-42587

Mack Energy Corp.
Cutthroat Federal #8
Wildcat; Sec 29 T17S R32E; 2500/N & 1725/E; 3 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 10509 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-42588

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Viking BRU Federal #1
Wildcat; Sec 27 T23S R35E; 330/S & 660/W; 9 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 13720 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42603

COMPLETIONS

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Irion County

Discovery Natural Resources LLC
Rock Hollow #1865AS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1673 fnl, 1082 fel, Sec 186, Blk 1, Abst. 994, T&P RR, 9 nw Barnhart; TD 6741 TVD, 15427 MD; Comp 7/24/2015; producing from 7700-15325, fracture stimulated; flow 591 BO, 470 MCF, 2871 BW on open choke, FTP 110 psi, 47.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-35934

Discovery Natural Resources LLC
Rock Hollow #1865SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1677 fnl, 1122 fel, Sec 186, Blk 1, Abst. 994, T&P RR, 9 nw Barnhart; TD 6997 TVD, 16055 MD; Comp 7/28/2015; producing from 8330-15995, fracture stimulated; flow 1684 BO, 1202 MCF, 520 BW on open choke, FTP 130 psi, 47.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-35874

Upton County

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
XBC Giddings Estate #1173H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 7471 fnl, 3291 fel, Sec 1, Abst. 542, Throckmorton CSL, 19.5 n Rankin; TD 9449 TVD, 16490 MD; Comp 7/8/2015; producing from 9431-16273, fracture stimulated; flow 922 BO, 915 MCF, 2405 BW, FTP 599 psi, 42.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-39624

XTO Energy Inc.
Lillie Midkiff "5" #441 5AH
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 2200 fel, 852 fnl, Sec 8, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 577 T&P RR, 4.3 nw Midkiff; TD 9254 TVD, 20398 MD; Comp 7/21/2015; producing from 10063-20267, fracture stimulated; flow 164 BO, 197 MCF, 1276 BW on 46/64 inch choke, 41.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-39788

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Ector County

XTO Energy Inc.
C.A. Goldsmith et al #2500
Goldsmith (Clearfork)-Horizontal; 1698 fnl, 10168 fel, Sec 3, Blk 44, Abst. 271, T&P RR, 0.8 sw Goldsmith; TD 6683 TVD, 6735 MD; Comp 7/24/2015; producing from 5505-5817, fracture stimulated; pump 121 BO, 32 MCF, 1367 BW, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-43331

Loving County

EOG Resources Inc.
State Galileo #3H
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 305 fsl, 1957 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 54, T-I, Abst. 49, T&P RR, 18.4 n Mentone; TD 10671 TVD, 15987 MD; Comp 7/11/2015; producing from 11048-15866, fracture stimulated; flow 2185 BO, 3571 MCF, 4111 BW on open choke, 45.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-301-32275

EOG Resources Inc.
State Galileo #4H
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 301 fsl, 1980 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 54, T-I, Abst. 49, T&P RR, 18.4 n Mentone; TD 10666 TVD, 15948 MD; Comp 7/8/2015; producing from 11028-15824, fracture stimulated; flow 2175 BW, 3724 MCF, 3877 BW on open choke, 45.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-301-32276

EOG Resources Inc.
State Galileo #9H
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-Horizontal; 301 fsl, 1920 fwl, Sec 11, Blk 54, T4, Abst. 49, T&P RR, 18.3 n Mentone; TD 10646 TVD, 15883 MD; Comp 7/8/2015; producing from 10940-15758, fracture stimulated; flow 2180 BO, 3677 MCF, 4328 BW on 48/64 inch choke, 45.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-301-32560

Midland County

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Donald L. Hutt Fee #1603H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 345 fnl, 2716 fel, Sec 16, Blk 38, T-3-S, Abst. 923, T&P RR, 14.5 se Midland; TD 9334 TVD, 14313 MD; Comp 7/16/2015; producing from 9423-14163, fracture stimulated; gas lift 937 BO, 983 MCF, 2430 BW on open choke, 45.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-39645

New Mexico

Eddy County

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Eagle 34 L Federal #79
NE Red Lake; Sec 34 T17S R27E; 2210/S & 330/W; EL 3537 GL, TD 4750, PBTD 4699; Spud 10-30-14, Comp 11-13-14; production is through treated perfs: 3043-3344, 3442-3756, 3900-4200, 4342-4660. Treat: 6000 gals 15% HCL & Frac w/187,140# 100 mesh, 30723904 40/70 Ottawa sd in slick wtr. IP: 12-14-14 Pump 24 hrs 95 BO, 698 BW, 50 MCF, GOR 526. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 340 w/300 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4732 w/920 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2920; API #30-015-42522

Apache Corp.
Coffee Federal #18
Cedar Lake; Sec 18 T17S R31E; 1990/N & 1010/W; EL 3786 GL, TD 6412, PBTD 6373; Spud 8-25-14, Comp 10-7-14; production is through treated perfs: 4620-5091, 5180-5783, 5860-6240. Treat: 485,562 gals 20# 644,575# sd, 10,565 gals acid, 13,566 gals gel. IP: 1-27-15 Pump 24 hrs 45 BO, 100 BW, 80 MCF, GOR 1778, Gty 37. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 403 w/370 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3518 w/1200 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6412 w/970 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6336; API #30-015-42400

Apache Corp.
Lee Federal #69
Cedar Lake; Sec 20 T17S R31E; 2420/S & 1650/W; EL 3646 GL, TD 6373, PBTD 6330; Spud 10-3-14, Comp 12-18-14; production is through perfs: 4620-6230. IP: 12-18-14 Pump 24 hrs 71 BO, 222 BW, 199 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 321 w/370 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3500 w/1310 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6373 w/940 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6294; API #30-015-41111

Apache Corp.
Palmillo 14 State #4
SW Palmillo; Sec 14 T19S R28E; 660/N & 330/W. BHL: 653/N & 344/E; EL 3451 GL, TD 11,759; PBTD 11,630; Spud 12-16-14, Comp 2-28-15; production is through perfs: 7629-11729. IP: 3-4-15 Pump 24 hrs 60 BO, 1238 BW, 0 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 437 w/486 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3000 w/1021 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11759 w/2075 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6915; API #30-015-42543

Cimarex Energy Co.
Taos Federal #5
Cotton Draw; Sec 31 T24S R27E; 310/S & 524/W. BHL: 333/N & 485/W; EL 3355 GL, TD 11828 MD, 7350 TVD, PBTD 11825; Spud 11-19-14; Comp 1-16-15; production is through treated perfs 7025-11800. Treat: 3427493 gals total fluid, 5041148# sd. IP: 1-28-15 Flow 24 hrs 651 BO, 982 BW, 909 MCF, 30/24 Ch, TP 500, CP 90, GOR 1396, Gty 43.6. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 465 w/500 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2092 w/720 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11828 w/2340 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6716; API #30-015-41720

Devon Energy Production Co LP
Cotton Draw Unit #217
Paduca; Sec 3 T25S R31E; 200/S & 1400/E. BHL: 308/N & 640/E; EL 3425.2 GL, TD 14984 MD, 10360 TVD, PBTD 14929; Spud 8-27-14, Comp 1-19-15; production is through treated perfs: 10450-14867. Treat: 50,767 gals 7.5% acid, 1,276,782# 100 mesh, 3,352,146# 40/70 white, 1,721,437# CRC 40/70. IP: 2-4-15 Flow 24 hrs 709 BO, 786 BW, 1030 MCF, TP 260, CP 1900, GOR 1452.7. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 650 w/1260 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4315 w/1195 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14977 w/2905 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9912; API #30-015-42318

COG Operating LLC
SRO State Unit #44
Hay Hollow; Sec 17 T26S R28E; 190/N & 2220/W. BHL: 378/S & 2216/W; EL 3098 GL, TD 17688 MD, 7944 TVD, PBTD 17610; Spud 10-10-14, Comp 3-4-15; production is through perfs: 8204-17580. IP: 3-8-15 Flow 24 hrs 557 BO, 2073 BW, 1819 MCF, TP 600. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 354 w/365 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2484 w/785 sx, 5 1/2 @ 17669 w/3825 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8158; API #30-015-41142

Yates Petroleum Corp
Blast BLA Federal #2
Welch; Sec 20 T26S R27E; 1030/N & 15/E. BHL: 420/N & 269/W; EL 3249 GL, TD 12350, PBTD 12303; Spud 5-21-14, Comp 12-14-15; production is through treated perfs: 7837-12183. Treat: Acdz w/58,000 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/6,206,818# 16/30 RCS & 20/40 white sd. IP: 1-16-15 Flow 24 hrs 1137 BO, 1901 BW, 2250 MCF, 56/64" Ch, TP 1100. Csg: 20 @ 60 w/189 sx, 13 3/8 @ 377 w/350 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2023 w/525 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12350 w/2216 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7100; API #30-015-42146

COG Operating LLC
SRO State Unit #43
Hay Hollow; Sec 17 T26S R28E; 190/N & 990/W. BHL: 351/S & 918/W; EL 3113 GL, TD 17725 MD, 7943 TVD, PBTD 17600; Spud 8-2-14, Comp 2-25-15; production is through perfs: 8139-17560. IP: 3-3-15 Flow 24 hrs 4288 BO, 2880 BW, 829 MCF, 38/64" Ch, TP 560. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 360 w/540 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2450 w/790 sx, 5 1/2 @ 17692 w/3710 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8097; API #30-015-41141

COG Producing LLC
Copperhead Fee A #3
Wildcat; Sec 31 T26S R29E; 415/S & 990/W. BHL: 1653/N & 366/W; EL 2923.4 GL, TD 13684 MD, 8296 TVD, PBTD 13630; Spud 12-8-14, Comp 1-19-15; production is through perfs: 8410-13590. IP: 2-11-15 Flow 24 hrs 420 BO, 2703 BW, 1311 MCF, 40/64" Ch, TP 620, CP 1490. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 375 w/375 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2600 w/900 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13684 w/2500 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6802; API #30-015-42327

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Big Sinks 1 A2 PA Fed Com #1
West Jennings; Sec 12 T26S R31E; 465/N & 330/E; EL 3261 GL, TD 13965 MD, 8838 TVD, PBTD 13940 MD, 838 TVD; Spud 10-22-14, Comp 12-30-14; production is through treated perfs: 9318-13940. Treat: 42,000 gals acid, 7,311,846 gals slickwater carrying 4,734,624# 100 mesh sd & 1,990,571# 40/70. IP: 1-9-15 Flow 24 hrs 107 BO, 3696 BW, 187 MCF, TP 390, CP 1260, GOR 1748, Gty 43.8. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1008 w/1130 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4277 w/1200 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13940 w/1150 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8472; API #30-015-42694

Lea County

XTO Energy Inc.
Perla Verde 31 State #1
Wildcat; Sec 31 T19S R35E; 170/S & 330/W. BHL: 197/N & 382/W; EL 3702 GL, TD 15660, PBTD 15565; Spud 11-25-14, Comp 2-4-15; production is through treated perfs: 11336-15521. Treat: Frac in 14 stages w/276613 gals trt wtr + 45500 gals 15% HCL acid + 1629937 15# BXL, 1259294 gals 20# BXL w/49045204 sd. IP: 2-12-1'5 Flow 24 hrs 541 BO, 1881 BW, 466 MCF, 27/64 Ch, TP 680, GOR 861.37, Gty 42.33. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1885 w/1675 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3960 w/1135 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15643 w/2045 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10326; API #30-025-42063

ConocoPhillips Co.
SEMU #266
Skaggs; Sec 19 T20S R38E; 1488/S & 160/W; EL 3537 GL, TD 4201; Spud 9-7-14, Comp 1-13-15; production is through treated perfs: 3868-3998. Treat: Acdz w/2000 gals 15%, total proppants 70,490. IP: 1-14-15 Flow 24 hrs 38 BO, 210 BW, 203 MCF, TP 200, CP 60, GOR 5342, Gty 36.1. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1439 w/1222 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4201 w/712 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4070; API #30-025-42024

COG Operating LLC
Bobwhite 12 State Com #3
North Berry; Sec 12 T21S R33E; 160/n & 496/E. BHL: 340/S & 502/E; EL 3777 GL, TD 16135, PBTD 16070; Spud 1-30-15, Comp 4-3-15; production is through treated perfs: 11813-15970. Treat: Acdz w/134053 gals 7 1/2%, Frac w/3456017# sd & 4003484 gals fluid. IP: 4-14-15 Flow 24 hrs 471 BO, 1850 BW, 550 MCF, TP 475, Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1848 w/1350 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5690 w/2000 sx, 5 1/2 @ 1620 w/2775 sx, 2 7/8 @ 11031; API #30-025-41137

Marshall & Winston Inc.
Slick Mesa 27 State #2
NE Grama Ridge; Sec 27 T21S R34E; 531/S & 660/W. BHL: 333/N & 827/W; EL 3716 GL, TD 15554, PBTD 15432; Spud 1-11-15, Comp 3-25-15; production is through treated perfs: 15215-15418. Treat: Acdz w/8500 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/11789 bbls fresh wtr 356322# sd. IP: 4-2-15 Flow 24 hrs 261 BO, 242 BW, 818 MCF, CP 500, Gty 55. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1850 w/1964 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5474 w/2200 sx, 7 @ 11616 w/2300 sx, 4 1/2 @ 10560 -15554 w/407 sx; API #30-025-42202

Marshall & Winston Inc.
Slick Mesa 27 State #2
NE Grama Ridge; Sec 27 T21S R34E; 531/S & 660/W. BHL: 333/N & 827/W; EL 3716 GL, TD 15554, PBTD 15432; Spud 1-11-15, Comp 3-25-15; production is through treated perfs: 15215-15418. Treat: Acdz w/8500 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/11789 bbls fresh wtr 356322# sd. IP: 4-2-15 Flow 24 hrs 261 BO, 242 BW, 818 MCF, CP 500, Gty 55. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1850 w/1964 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5474 w/2200 sx, 7 @ 11616 w/2300 sx, 4 1/2 @ 10560 -15554 w/407 sx; API #30-025-42202

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Gaucho Unit #14
Wildcat; Sec 20 T22S R34E; 150/N & 660/W. BHL: 280/S & 706/W; EL 3471 GL, TD 14966 MD, 10398 TVD, PBTD 14841; Spud 10-21-14, Comp 3-2-15; production is through treated perfs: 10757-14814. Treat: 38,272 gals 15% acid, 1,269,900# Unimin S100 sd, 4,128,380# 30/50 white, 774,873# SLC 20/40. IP: 3-17-15 Flow 24 hrs 109 BO, 1427 BW, 1781 MCF, TP 2100, CP 300, GOR 1632. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1647 w/1500 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5064 w/3244 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14966 w/2714 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9820; API #30-025-41571

Cimarex Energy Co.
James Federal #22
South Sand Dunes; Sec 29 T23S R32E; 185/N & 660/E. BHL: 368/S & 409/E; EL 3690 GL, TD 13853 MD, 9456 TVD, PBTD 13808; Spud 8-29-14, Comp 2-14-15; production is through treated perfs: 9300-13739. Treat: 6,796,245 gals fluid & 6,482,066# sd. IP: 3-20-15 Flow 24 hrs 585 BO, 1388 BW, 1121 MCF, 28 Ch, TP 920, CP 650, GOR 522, Gty 44.9. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1309 w/1050 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4785 w/1400 sx, 7 @ 9654 w/800 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8611-13853 w/590 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8704; API #30-025-41363

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw 33 4 Federal Com #2
North Paduca; Sec 33 T24S R32E; 330/N & 1345/W BHL: 357/S & 1974/W; EL 3515 GL, TD 12909 MD, 8428.6 TVD, PBTD 12861.5; Spud 11-22-14, Comp 3-15-15; production is through treated perfs: 8761-12847. Treat: 45,018 gals 7.5% NEFE acid, 1,082,651# 100 mesh, 1,499,012# 40/70 white. IP: 4-12-15 Flow 24 hrs 658 BO, 2242 BW, 1070 MCF, TP 501, CP 420, GOR 1626. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 900 w/840 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4650 w/1950 sx,

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"We recommend, at a minimum, a continuous log with pressure, temperature, and a collar log, to quantify the fluid density gradient and verify valve location and performance." McLaughlin noted that the continuous log shows the fluid pressure gradient at every point in the well, not just every few hundred feet as with gradient stops. "Plus, the temperature log shows which valves are open and closed, and if stuck open, are wasting lift gas," thus operating uneconomically, he said.

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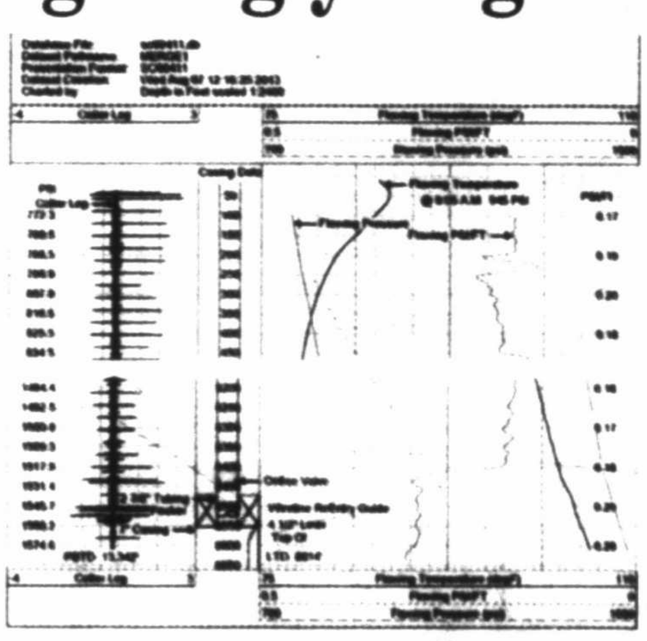

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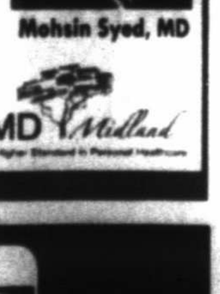
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Mara 10 State #503
Triple X; Sec 10 T24S R33E; 325/N & 1360/E. BHL: 230/N & 1540/E; EL 3593 GL, TD 16215 MD, 11216 TVD, PBTD 16098; Spud 11-10-14, Comp 3-2-15; production is through treated perfs: 11505-16096. IP: 3-9-15 Flow 24 hrs 2033 BO, 2125 BW, 917 MCF, Open Ch, CP 792, Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1345 w/1100 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5099 w/1450 sx, 5 1/2 @ 16215 w/2300 sx; API #30-025-42039

EOG Resources Inc.
Osprey 10 #601
East Red Hills; Sec 10 T25S R34E; 220/S & 190/W, BHL: 204/N & 425/W; EL 3333 GL, TD 16895 MD, 12092 TVD, PBTD 16895; Spud 11-16-14, Comp 3-14-15; production is through perfs: 12334-16744. IP: 3-19-15 Flow 24 hrs 1127 BO, 5740 BW, 1421 MCF, 52/64" Ch, CP 1121, Cag: 9 5/8 @ 1030 w/741 sx, 7 @ 11435 w/525 sx, 4 1/2 @ 16895 w/525 sx; API #30-025-41616

EOG Resources Inc.
Opal 36 State #501
Hardin Tank; Sec 36 T25S R34E; 220/N & 2260/E. BHL: 1504/N & 2249/E; EL 3375 GL, TD 13762 MD, 10270 TVD, PBTD 13702; Spud 1-25-15, Comp 4-1-15; production is through perfs: 10388-13702. IP: 4-13-15 Flow 24 hrs 829 BO, 3508 BW, 1629 MCF, 64/64" Ch, CP 500, Cag: 13 3/8 @ 1010 w/910 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5282 w/1350 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13762 w/930 sx; API #30-025-42346

EOG Resources Inc.
Ophelia 27 #703
Wildcat; Sec 27 T26S R33E; 2420/N & 1645/E. BHL: 2409/S & 1542/E; EL 3262 GL, TD 17216 MD, 12464 TVD; Spud 10-4-14, Comp 2-13-15; production is through perfs: 12540-17101. IP: 2-26-15 Flow 24 hrs 1300 BO, 1393 BW, 2041 MCF, 47/64 Ch, TP 750, Cag: 9 5/8 @ 1122 w/800 sx, 7 @ 11113 w/1100 sx, 4 12 @ 17216 w/675 sx; API #30-025-42045

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Concho County

WM. R. GUFFEY, PFLUGER (SWASTIKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 DON PFLUGER, 2192 FWL 867 FNL, SEC 68 BLK 72, BS&F/ JH JOHNSON SUR., A-1738 2350', 6 SW EDEN API# 42-095-32419

Irion County

ARKLAND PROD. CO., INC., VAN KEUREN (SAN ANGELO) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 2 EVANS, 1923 FWL 4386 FSL, SEC 37, GC&SF SUR., A-131 6740', 2 W MERTZON API# 42-235-32625

Menard County

WM. R. GUFFEY, J NICHOLS (COOK SAND) (O) DRILL Well# 1 HURST, 330 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 1, L RAMEY SUR., A-1019 2250', 15 NW MENARD API# 42-327-31239

Reagan County

AMERICAN ENERGY-PERM BASIN LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 26HS RCR RE 1 180, 1958 FEL 156 FSL, SEC 7, GC&SF SUR., A-171 9000', 6 NE BIG LAKE API# 42-383-39360

DISCOVERY NATURAL RES. LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1481CS DIVIDE-SCOTT C, 851 FSL 1452 FWL, SEC 148 BLK 1, T&P/GS WALKER JR SUR., A-686 8000', 7 NE BIG LAKE API# 42-383-39358

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 7SC BODINE A 174-173 (ALLOC-G), 225 FNL 993 FEL, SEC 174 BLK A, T&P SUR., A-17 12000', 29 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-39361

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4413H STOKES 14, 990 FEL 175 FNL, SEC 14 BLK C, L&SV/BR DAVIS SUR., A-922 9000', 29 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-39338

Runnels County

L.C.S. PRODUCTION COMPANY, SUEISE (FRY SAND) (RE-ENTER) (INJ) Well# 1WD O'DELL, 5259 FEL 3666 FNL, L FORSYTH SUR., A-176 4561', 2 NE WINGATE API# 42-399-01066

L.C.S. PRODUCTION COMPANY, SUEISE (FRY SAND) (RE-ENTER) (INJ) Well# 2WD O'DELL, 5259 FEL 5540 FNL, L FORSYTHE SUR., A-176 4550', 2 SE WINGATE API# 42-399-01082

Tom Green County

COMPASS OPER., LLC, SUSAN PEAK (O/G) DRILL Well# 15 J WILEY GREEN A, 908 FWL 2541 FNL, SEC 194 DIST 11, SP/DISTRICT 11/LC DUPREE SUR., A-8170 5000', 14 SE SAN ANGELO API# 42-451-32827

Upton County

APACHE CORPORATION, MCELROY (RE-ENTER) (INJ) Well# 1SW KING SOUTH U-0515, 2520 FSL 1392 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 3.5, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-1155 9250', 10 N MCCAMEY API# 42-461-32206

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1202H XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE, 4480 FWL 6344 FNL, SEC 1, THROCKMORTON CSL SUR., A-542 11200', 19 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-40081

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PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1201H XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE, 4435 FWL 6344 FNL, SEC 1, THROCKMORTON CSL SUR., A-542 11200', 19 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-40080

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SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (DIREC) (FDTFR) Well# 1 KIMBERLEA, 411 FWL 1635 FSL, SEC 24 BLK Y, GC&SF/I MURCHISON SUR., A-585 9400', 9 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-34036

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CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., EMBAR (PERMIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 246 UNIVERSITY ANDREWS, 330 FSL 1230 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 11, UL SUR. 9000', 18 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47096

ELEVATION RESOURCES LLC, LOWE (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 203B UNIVERSITY 8-1, 467 FNL 2204 FEL, SEC 2 BLK 8, UL SUR. 12410', 15 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47094

ELEVATION RESOURCES LLC, EMMA (DEVONIAN) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H UNIVERSITY 1-20, 1700 FEL 100 FSL, SEC 20 BLK 1, UL SUR. 12000', 9 SE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47088

ELEVATION RESOURCES LLC, EMMA (DEVONIAN) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H UNIVERSITY 1-26 UNIT, 2187 FEL 300 FNL, SEC 26 BLK 1, UL SUR. 12000', 10 SE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47090

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 7236 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 2456 FNL 1852 FEL, SEC 4 BLK 13, UL SUR. 7250', 15 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47091

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 2536H FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1980 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U401 6300', 15 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-07310

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 2438H FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 660 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 13, UL SUR. 6250', 18 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-06753

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 6438 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 2510 FNL 706 FEL, SEC 13 BLK A32, PSL/BM IRWIN SUR., A-613 7500', 17 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47092

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 6934 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 1345 FSL 1984 FWL, SEC 18 BLK A32, PSL/BM IRWIN SUR., A-614 7250', 16 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47093

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 4472 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 200 FSL 663 FEL, SEC 31 BLK 13, UL SUR. 7450', 14 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47087

XTO ENERGY INC., FULLERTON (O) DRILL Well# 7826 FULLERTON CLEARFORK UNIT, 53 FSL 1904 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 13, UL SUR. 7450', 16 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47089

Crane County

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO.-MIDLAND, SAND HILLS (WLFCMP) (O) DRILL Well# 2051 WN WADDELL ET AL, 2631 FNL 710 FEL, SEC 11 BLK B21, PSL/WN WADDELL & CO SUR., A-1243 6665', 20 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36525

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO.-MIDLAND, SAND HILLS (WLFCMP) (O) DRILL Well# 2050 WN WADDELL ET AL, 2639 FNL 2082 FEL, SEC 11 BLK B-21, PSL SUR., A-1243 6685', 20 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36524

Culberson County

FINLEY RESOURCES, INC., W FORD (O) DRILL Well# 9 RAPTOR 34, 660 FSL 400 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 58 T1S, T&P/CA EZELL SUR., A-845 5500', 10 NW ORLA API# 42-109-32845

Ector County

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, GOLDSMITH DRILL (INJ) Well# 876W GLSAU, 320 FSL 4 FWL, SEC 20 BLK 44 T1N, T&P/B COSPER SUR., A-530 10500', 4 NW GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-43324

OXY USA, INC., N COWDEN (DEEP) (O) DRILL Well# 9 BH BLAKENEY B, 1733 FSL 384 FEL, SEC 28 BLK 43 T1N, T&P/ TR SEVIER SUR., A-652 5500', 13 N ODESSA API# 42-135-43320

Glasscock County

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H MCDANIEL 2413, 150 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 24 BLK 35 T4S, T&P/ T LIVINGSTON SUR., A-1022 9200', 7 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-37157

DISCOVERY NATURAL RES. LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 45AN BARBEE 37, 600 FNL 2129 FWL, SEC 4, GC&SF/WC ELAN SUR., A-977 8500', 16 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-37158

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (FDTFR) Well# 2 NUTT 35, 1953 FSL 664 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 36 T2S, T&P SUR., A-389 11500', 18 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-31275

Howard County

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 3 GUITAR GIBSON 23, 475 FWL 475 FNL, SEC 23 BLK A, BAUER & COCKRELL SUR., A-572 12000', 6 S KNOTT API# 42-227-38506

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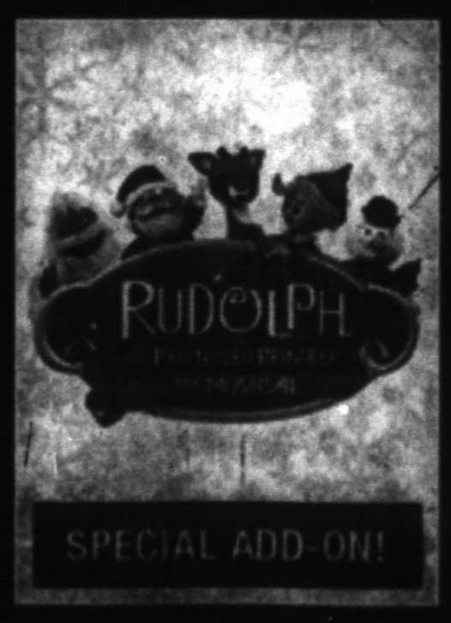

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SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, VERMEJO (ELLEN) (G) (RECOMP) Well# 1 CATFISH UNIT, 1800 FNWL 14 FSWL, SEC 70 BLK 1, W&NW/ HA CLIFTON SUR., A-459 21200', 3 SE MENTONE API# 42-301-30050

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Midland County

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PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H MCCLINTIC 10B, 770 FWL 720 FNL, SEC 10 BLK 37, MISS JANE LACY SUR. 9500', 15 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40138

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PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H MCCLINTIC 10A, 725 FWL 720 FNL, SEC 10 BLK 37, MISS JANE LACY SUR., A-1085 9500', 15 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40137

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H MCCLINTIC 10D, 630 FEL 1121 FNL, SEC 10, J LACY SUR., A-1085 9500', 15 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40140

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 207BH TXL 11 UNIT 2, 961 FEL 2073 FSL, SEC 11 BLK 39 T4S, T&P SUR., A-223 9965', 19 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40178

Pecos County

APACHE CORPORATION, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BOBCAT STATE UNIT 4704, 301 FEL 2612 FSL, SEC 47 BLK 50 T9S, T&P/ OE HANUM SUR. A-5805 14000', 22 E SARAGOSA API# 42-371-39317

Reeves County

BHP BILLITON PET (TXLA OP) CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H STATE LEE WAY 57-T2-10, 562 FSL 1006 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 57 T2, T&P/JD MCADAMS SUR., A-2359 14000', 4 NW ORLA API# 42-389-34816

COG OPERATING, LLC, HOEFS T-K (WLFCMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 7402H BIG CHIEF, 295 FNL 2439 FEL, SEC 174 BLK 1, H&TC/ EF ROSENBAUM SUR., A-4918 11000', 24 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34817

EOG RESOURCES, INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 304H STATE PHILLIPS 56, 300 FSL 2169 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 56, PSL/AR HINKLE JR SUR., A-4599 13000', 15 S ORLA API# 42-389-34818

EOG RESOURCES, INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 307H STATE HARRISON RANCH 56, 300 FSL 2360 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 56, PSL/ AR HINKLE JR SUR., A-4599 13000', 15 S ORLA API# 42-389-34821

EOG RESOURCES, INC., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 305H STATE PHILLIPS 56, 300 FSL 2199 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 56, PSL/AR HINKLE JR SUR., A-4599 13000', 15 S ORLA API# 42-389-34819

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Ward County

SAGA PETRO. LLC OF COLORADO, SHIPLEY (QUEEN SAND) (O) DRILL Well# 1518 SHIPLEY QUEEN SAND UNIT, 1920 FNEL 1404 FSEL, SEC 16 BLK 5, H&TC/ HW HINKLE SUR., A-1253 3200', 3 N GRANDFALLS API# 42-475-36996

SAGA PETRO. LLC OF COLORADO, SHIPLEY (QUEEN SAND) (O) DRILL Well# 1220 SHIPLEY QUEEN SAND UNIT, 1961 FNEL 651 FNWL, SEC 16 BLK 5, H&TC/ HW HINKLE SUR., A-1253 3200', 3 N GRANDFALLS API# 42-475-36997

SAGA PETRO. LLC OF COLORADO, SHIPLEY (QUEEN SAND) (O) DRILL Well# 636 SHIPLEY QUEEN SAND UNIT, 2065 FSWL 660 FSEL, SEC 23 BLK 5, H&TC SUR., A-316 3200', 3 N GRANDFALLS API# 42-475-36998

SAGA PETRO. LLC OF COLORADO, SHIPLEY (QUEEN SAND) (O) DRILL Well# 1516 SHIPLEY QUEEN SAND UNIT, 2057 FNWL 2006 FNEL, SEC 16 BLK 5, H&TC/ HW HINKLE SUR., A-1253 3200', 3 N GRANDFALLS API# 42-475-36995

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Gaines County

ELK MEADOWS RES., LLC, DEMPSEY CREEK (SA) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 222H GOEN, 1305 FWL 473 FNL, SEC 2 BLK A31, PSL/B RUTCHINS SUR., A-955 9700', 25 NW ANDREWS API# 42-165-38307

XTO ENERGY INC., RUSSELL (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 692 RUSSELL CLEARFORK UNIT, 1846 FSL 696 FWL, SEC 457 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-38 8100', 8 SW DENVER CITY API# 42-165-38312

XTO ENERGY INC., RUSSELL (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 597 RUSSELL CLEARFORK UNIT, 1065 FSL 1443 FEL, SEC 459 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-39 8100', 9 SW DENVER CITY API# 42-165-38314

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Lamb County

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., ANTON-IRISH (O) (RECOMP) Well# 596 ANTON-IRISH CLEARFORK UNIT, 2596 FNL 1797 FEL, SEC 31 BLK 1, RM THOMPSON SUR. 6200', 3 NE ANTON API# 42-279-30367

Motley County

ESCO OIL OPER. CO. LLC, BIRNIE (CONGL) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 COGDEL, 1705 FWL 2200 FSL, SEC 9 BLK GP C&M SUR., A-250 1000', 11 NW MATADOR API# 42-345-30331

ESCO OIL OPER. CO. LLC, BIRNIE (CONGL) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 ECHOLS, 518 FWL 518 FSL, SEC 2 BLK GP, C&M/BD ECHOLS SUR., A-1165 1000', 10 NW MATADOR API# 42-345-30332

Scurry County

SHARP IMAGE ENERGY, INC., SWEETSHOP (LO STRWN) (O) DRILL Well# 5 TONTO NORTH 391-S, 955 FSL 1045 FEL, SEC 391 BLK 97, H&TC/TC DAVIS SUR., A-1954 8500', 8 N SNYDER API# 42-415-35147

Yoakum County

MANZANO, LLC, PLATANG (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H MAD JACK 522, 400 FWL 2625 FSL, SEC 522 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ EA SPEARS SUR., A-649 9000', 12 SW PLAINS API# 42-501-36574

MANZANO, LLC, PLATANG (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H MAD JACK 522, 2050 FEL 2625 FSL, SEC 522 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ EA SPEARS SUR., A-649 9000', 12 SW PLAINS API# 42-501-36575

New Mexico

Chaves County

Mack Energy Corp.
Churchill Federal #4
Round Tank; Sec 13 T15S R28E; 330/S & 990/W; 17 mi NW Lake Arthur; Rot 3500 San Andres; API #30-005-64278

Mack Energy Corp.
Churchill Federal #8
Round Tank; Sec 13 T15S R28E; 2310/S & 330/W; 17 mi NW Lake Arthur; Rot 3500 San Andres; API #30-005-64279

Mack Energy Corp.
Churchill Federal #12
Round Tank; Sec 13 T15S R28E; 1650/N & 460/W; 17 mi NW Lake Arthur; Rot 3500 San Andres; API #30-005-64280

Mack Energy Corp.
Calgary Federal #12
Round Tank; Sec 25 T15S R28E; 2610/N & 2310/E; 17 mi E Lake Arthur; Rot 3539 San Andres; API #30-005-64281

Mack Energy Corp.
Toronto Federal #2
Round Tank; Sec 25 T15S R28E; 2560/S & 2310/W; 17 mi E Lake Arthur; Rot 3525 San Andres; API #30-005-64284

Mack Energy Corp.
Toronto Federal #3
Round Tank; Sec 25 T15S R28E; 2110/N & 1650/W; 7 mi E Lake Arthur; Rot 3511 San Andres; API #30-005-64285

Mack Energy Corp.
White Rock Federal #1
Round Tank; Sec 21 T15S R29E; 1624/S & 314/W; 14 mi NW Lake Arthur; Rot 3501 San Andres; API #30-005-64283

Mack Energy Corp.
Yellowknife Federal #1
Round Tank; Sec 28 T15S R29E; 330/N & 990/W; 14 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 3575 San Andres; API #30-005-64282

Eddy County

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Grande Mike AZK State #7
Ishee Lake; Sec 2 T16S R29E; 1250/S & 990/W; 10 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 13462 Abo; API #30-015-43135

Mack Energy Corp.
Razorback Federal #4
Tamano; Sec 3 T18S R31E; 990/N & 990/W; 8 mi SE Loco Hills; Rot 5500 San Andres; API #30-015-43118

Mack Energy Corp.
Razorback Federal #6
Tamano; Sec 3 T18S R31E; 2310/N & 610/W; 8 mi SE

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Yates Petroleum Corp.
Barbara Federal Com #22
North Seven Rivers; Sec 17 T19S R25E; 400/S & 550/E; 8 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 6716 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43128

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Joyce Federal Com #3
North Seven Rivers; Sec 32 T19S R25E; 785/N & 130/E; 8 mi SW Lakewood; Rot 7244 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43129

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Zircon 12 7 B2ON Fed #1
Turkey Track; Sec 12 T19S R29E; 2517/S & 1863/W; 10 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 14535 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43122

Fasken Oil & Ranch Ltd.
Knight 28 Fed Com #3
North Seven Rivers; Sec 28 T20S R25E; 2610/S & 330/W; 9 mi SW Lakewood; Rot 3500 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43126

Fasken Oil & Ranch Ltd.
Knight 28 Fed Com #4
North Seven Rivers; Sec 28 T20S R25E; 930/S & 330/W; 9 mi SW Lakewood; Rot 3500 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43127

Oxy USA WTP LP
Government AC 13 Fed #6
Russell; Sec 14 T20S R28E; 450/N & 420/E; 10 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12921 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43123

Oxy USA WTP LP
Government AC 13 Fed #7
Russell; Sec 14 T20S R28E; 590/S & 420/E; 10 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12953 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43121

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Government AC 13 Fed #7
Russell; Sec 14 T20S R28E; 590/S & 420/E; 10 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12953 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43121

Oxy USA WTP LP
Government AC 13 Fed #8
Russell; Sec 14 T20S R28E; 2120/S & 420/E; 10 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 11984 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43120

Cimarex Energy Co.
Lee Federal #21
East Avalon; Sec 25 T20S R28E; 1980/S & 330/E; 10 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12237 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43137

Cimarex Energy Co.
Lee Federal #22
East Avalon; Sec 25 T20S R28E; 1980/N & 330/E; 10 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12240 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43142

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Burton Flat Deep Unit #61
East Avalon; Sec 2 T21S R27E; 2050/S & 100/W; 6 1/2 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12521 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43136

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Foreigner 4 B2CN Fed #1
South Culebra Bluff; Sec 33 T23S R28E; 350/S & 1980/W; 1 mi S Loving; Rot 13175 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43144

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Pure Gold C-17 Fed #16
Los Medanos; Sec 17 T23S R31E; 2235/S & 530/E; 17 mi NE Loving; Rot 15885 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43132

Oxy USA Inc.
Cal-Mon Federal #21
Ingle Wells; Sec 35 T23S R31E; 250/N & 710/W; 20 mi E Loving; Rot 14476 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43140

Mewbourne Oil Co.
West Loving 11 W2AD Fed #1
East Black River; Sec 11 T24S R27E; 350/N & 333/E; 6 mi NE Black River; Rot 14180 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43125

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Jester BFJ Federal #5
Undesignated; Sec 12 T24S R29E; 330/N & 2310/W; 8 mi E Malaga; Rot 12597 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43138

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Jester BFJ Federal #9
Undesignated; Sec 12 T24S R29E; 460/N & 710/W; 8 mi E Malaga; Rot 12482 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43143

Oxy USA Inc.
Quick Draw 8 Federal #1
SE Willow Lake; Sec 9 T25S R29E; 2100/S & 380/W; 7 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13211 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43124

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Sosa Federal #3
Brushy Draw; Sec 15 T26S R29E; 330/N & 330/W; 14 mi SE Malaga; Rot 8901 Delaware; API #30-015-43141

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Sosa Federal #4
Undesignated; Sec 15 T26S R29E; 1980/N & 330/W; Rot 13299 Bone Spring; 14 mi SE Malaga; API #30-015-43139

Lea County

EOG Resources Inc.
Aztec 22 Federal Com #3
South Corbin; Sec 22 T18S R33E; 230/N & 1904/W; 10 mi SW Buckeye; Rot 15962 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-42605

Cimarex Energy Co.
Mallon 27 Fed Com #4
South Quail Ridge; Sec 27 T19S R34E; 305/S & 450/W; 12 mi SW Arkansas Jct; Rot 15335 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42604

Occidental Permian Ltd.
South Hobbs G/SA Unit #254
Hobbs; Sec 4 T19S R38E; 2400/S & 761/W; Hobbs; Rot 4819 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-42595

Occidental Permian Ltd.
South Hobbs G/SA Unit #255
Hobbs; Sec 4 T19S R38E; 2400/S & 831/W; Hobbs; Rot 5135 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-42596

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Chiles 28 St #1Y
South Berry; Sec 28 T21S R34E; 350/N & 325/W; 13 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 15306 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42600

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Cabra Nino 11 B3NC St #1
Ojo Chiso; Sec 11 T22S R34E; 260/S & 1800/W; 12 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 15815 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42597

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Cabra Nino 11 B3MD St #1
Ojo Chiso; Sec 11 T22S R34E; 260/S & 690/W; 12 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 15740 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42598

EOG Resources Inc.
Pegasus 34 Federal #1
Triste Draw; Sec 34 T23S R32E; 230/S & 1272/E; 14 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 16015 Bone Spring; API# 30-025-42601

EOG Resources Inc.
Pegasus 34 Federal #2
Triste Draw; Sec 34 T23S R32E; 230/S & 1242/E; 14 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15965 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42602

Kaiser-Francis Oil Co.
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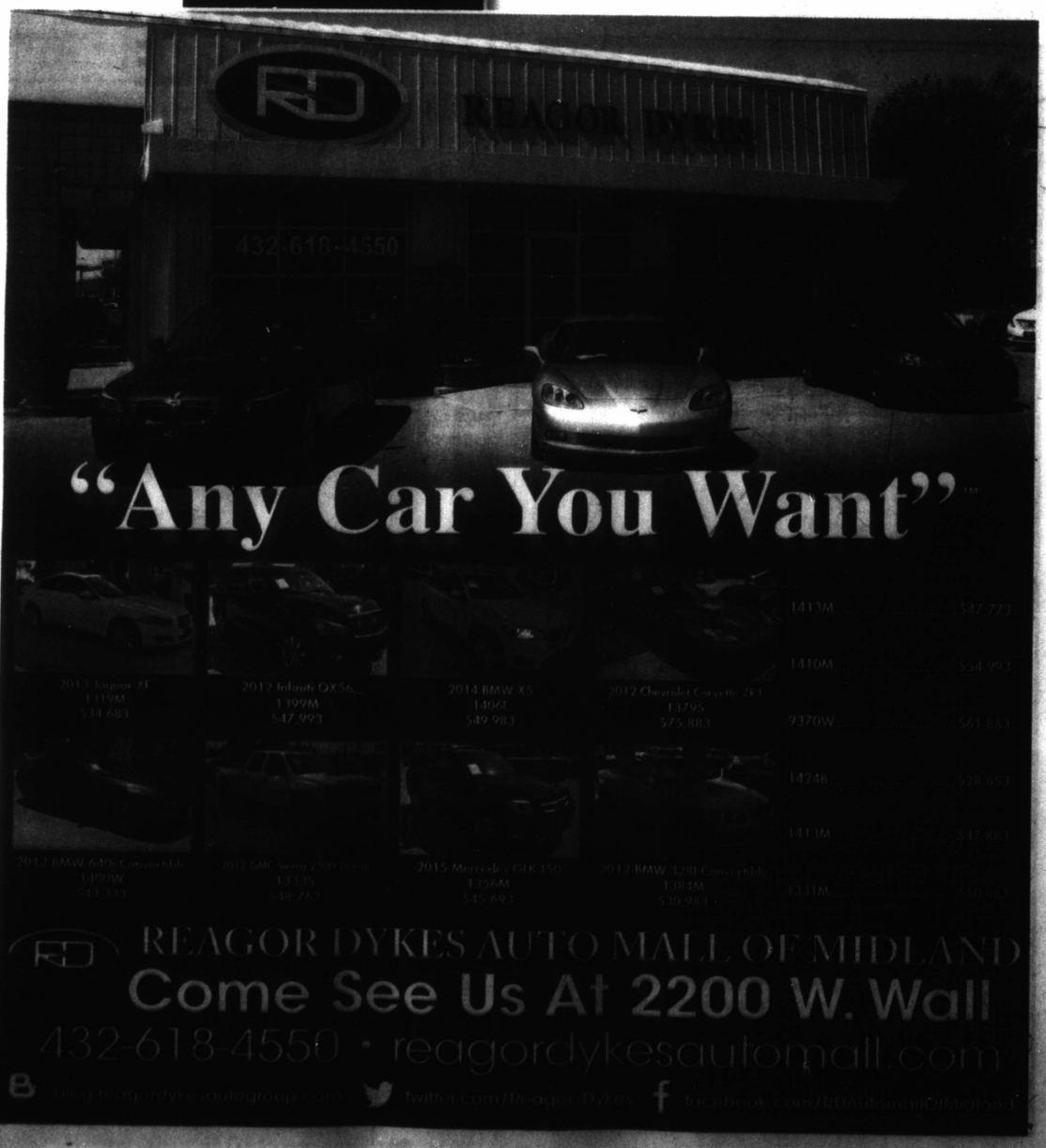
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