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Is refracturing next big trend in oil patch?

Expert says refracturing existing wells could be more economical than drilling some wells

By Jennifer Hiller
 San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Tens of thousands of new oil and gas wells have been drilled and hydraulically fractured in recent years — part of a shale boom that has spread across

the U.S.
 Could refracturing some of those existing wells be the next big trend in the oil patch? Robert Drummond, president of North America for oil-field service company Schlumberger, said that continually improving fracturing techniques will make companies question whether it makes more sense to

spend money drilling a new well or refracturing an existing well.
 "The (re-fracture) model going forward will challenge the economics of drilling new wells in some fields," said Drummond, who spoke at a World Oil breakfast event in

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Elementaries receive new technology, security upgrades

2012 bond projects on budget, near completion

By Tessa Duvall
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New teachers, new supplies and new classmates won't be the only differences Midland ISD elementary students encounter when they return to school on Aug. 27.

Classroom technology and security upgrades funded by the \$163 million 2012 elementary bond will be in place at all 24 elementary campuses by the first day of school, MISD Chief Operations Officer James Riggen said.

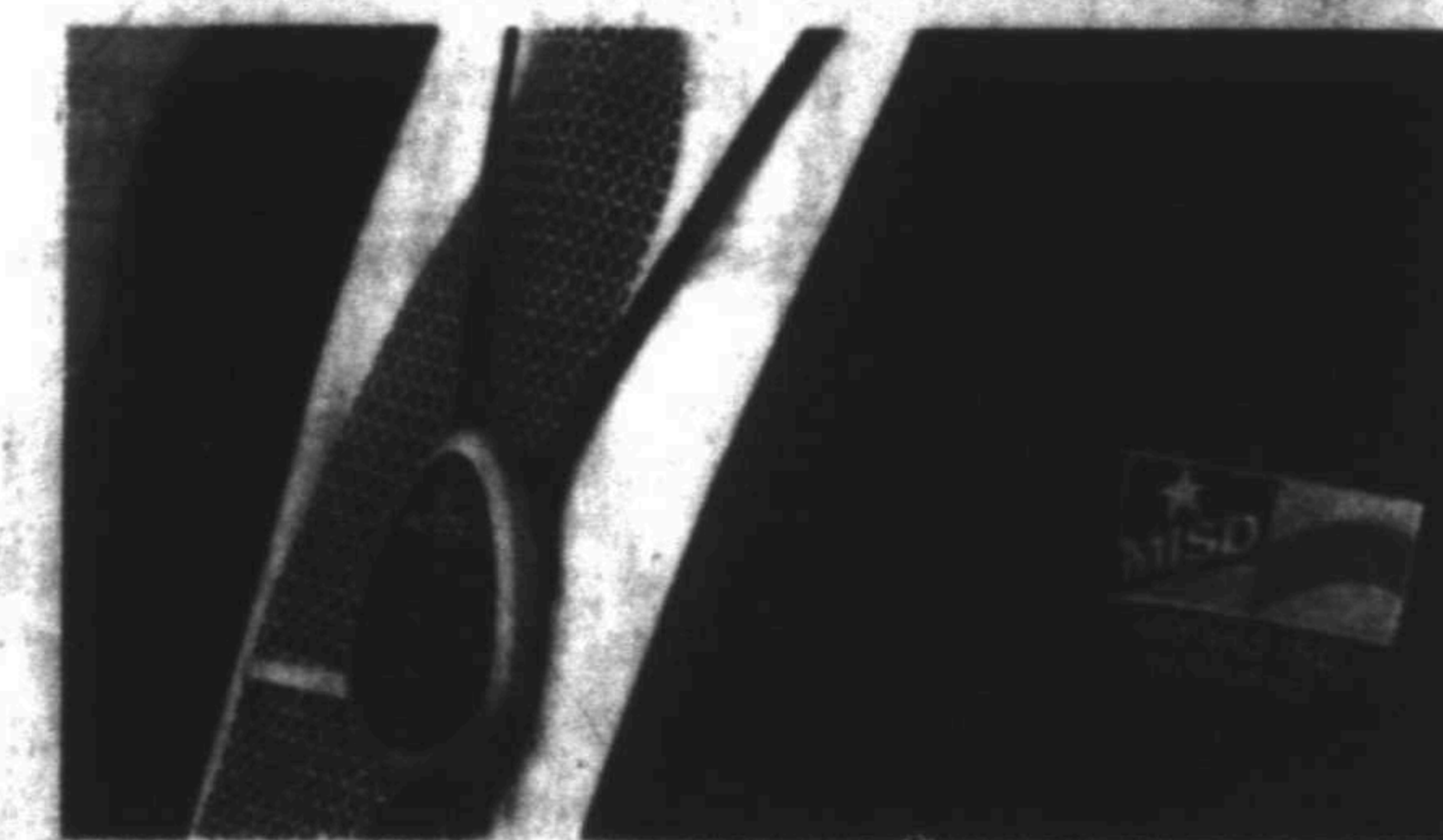
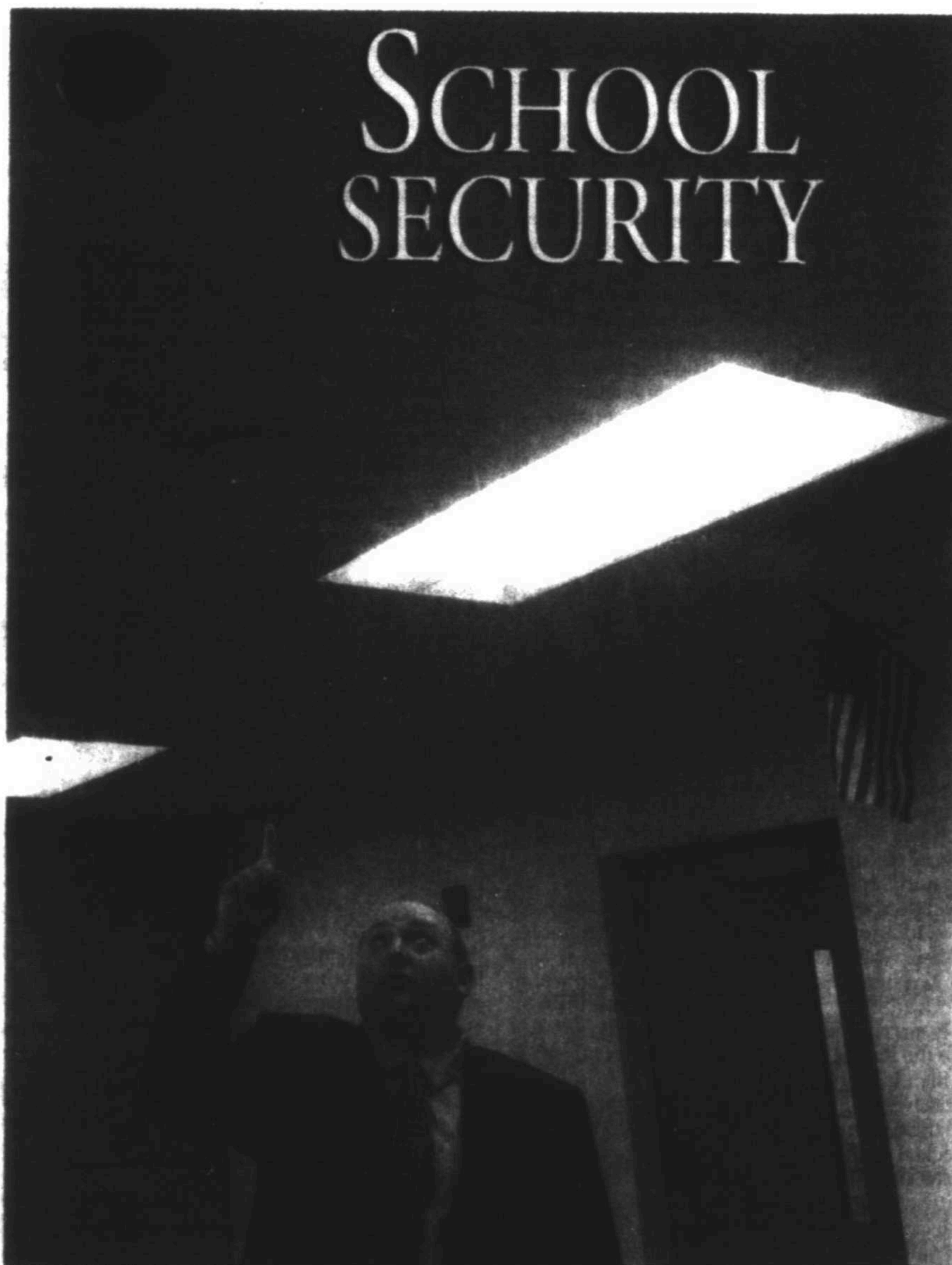
The district also renovated the former West Early Childhood Education Center on Missouri Avenue, which will now house the Midland Alternative Program. West renovations cost about \$4.2 million and were not a part of the 2012 bond, but still included similar technology and security features, Riggen said.

"The concept, all the security, the video and the 21st-century classroom technology components are all incorporated in this renovation," he said while standing in the MAP office. "This is what we're using as our training site right now for our schools. It's our hope that at the end of the bond, we're going to have all 24 elementary schools to this level of security and technology."

SECURITY UPGRADES

One of the first changes school personnel will notice when coming to work is they no longer will need a key to access their building

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ABOVE: Jason Bates, technology consultant, points to the intercom and security hubs mounted to the ceiling during a tour of renovations and security features at MISD's West Campus on Aug. 5. LEFT: Tom Holly, executive director of technology for MISD, wears an interactive microphone and remote device for teachers.

Photos by James Durbin
 Reporter-Telegram

Recycling fracturing water has benefits

By Rachael Gleason
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MONAHANS — A top oil-field service provider is finding success in "fracturing to the future" technologies that clean water left over in oil and gas operations.

Nearly 100 billion gallons of water were used for hydraulic fracturing between 2011 and 2013, according to an industry water demand report released earlier this year by Ceres.

The report shows Texas handled about half of that volume of water — with 710 million being used in Midland County — despite most of the state's wells operating in high water stress regions, according to the research.

"Texas is ground zero for water sourcing risks due to intense shale energy production in recent years and a projected doubling of hydraulic fracturing-related water use over the next decade," the report states. "All of this comes as over two-thirds of Texas continues to experience drought conditions, key aquifers are under stress and the state's population is growing."

Haliburton, an energy shale operations service provider, is responsible for a quarter — 25 billion gallons — of hydraulic fracturing water used nationally in that time, according to the report.

But with 70 to 80 percent of its wells located in drought-stricken areas, the company is increasingly investing in treatments and technologies for recycling produced water.

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MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren thanks everyone for the hard work leading up to the ground breaking ceremony July 31 for the new elementary school on Midland's southwest side of town.

MISD

From 1A

or classroom. Instead, the district has provided staff with identification badges that can also be scanned to open doors for which they have been granted access.

Tom Holly, MISD executive director of technology, said badges can be programmed to open any specific combination of doors, activated or deactivated very quickly and access can be changed at any time.

"If I approach the front door, or this door, or that door as an employee with the right access, then I can let myself in with the right badge," Holly said. "All access — as you walk around and let yourself into doors — is logged by the system."

Upon entering the school's front door, a picture of the person who scanned their badge will pop up on the receptionist's computer screen along with their name and role in the district.

"The receptionist can compare that to the guy who just walked in the door and make sure I don't have somebody else's badge," Holly said.

In addition to the badge information, the receptionist's control panel also includes the school's camera feeds, the ability to buzz in guests at times when the front doors are locked and a phone and video system that allows for communication with visitors outside the front doors.

All exterior doors, except for the front doors, will be programmed to lock during school hours so visitors must enter through the office or security vestibule, Riggen said. This allows office staff to determine if the visitor has a reason to be on campus and control access to the rest of the building. About half of the schools will have operational security vestibules by mid-September, and the schools with renovations or additions will receive their vestibules as construction progresses, he said.

The schools are continuing to use the Raptor system, in which visitors provide their drivers' licenses, and their names are cross-checked against multiple databases.

The security system allows campus administrators to immediately take control of the front doors and institute lockdown procedure during an emergency when there may be a threat off campus, Riggen said, using the example of the armed standoff about

MISD bond numbers

2012 BOND PROJECTS FAST FACTS:

- \$163 million total cost
- Three new elementary schools
- 1,250 locksets will be installed
- 1.6 million feet of cable installed since last fall, for a total of 2.2 million feet at elementary schools
- 2,300 LearnPads being issued this fall, for a total of about 8,500 in use this school year in grades three through six

Source: MISD Chief Operations Officer James Riggen, MISD Executive Director of Technology Tom Holly and Consultant Jason Bates of Sapphire Datacenter Services

MAJOR 2012 BOND-FUNDED PROJECTS

- Roofing expenses, \$4.236 million
- Data infrastructure projects, \$7.126 million
- Data center and disaster recovery site upgrades, \$1.444 million
- Classroom technology purchases, \$6.406 million
- Smart Board installation, \$739,603
- Wireless classroom lockset installation, \$768,458
- Mechanical and plumbing replacement for 11 elementary schools, \$1.087 million
- Additions and renovations to Bonham, Crockett, Emerson, Lamar, Long, South and Travis, \$15.658 million
- Additions and renovations to Pease, Washington, Bowie and Carver \$25.372 million
- Construction of new Bunche Elementary, \$18.166 million
- Construction of new Fasken and Yarbrough elementary schools, \$36.932 million

Source: MISD Chief Operations Officer James Riggen

TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS

MAP and MISD's elementary schools are also equipped with an interactive audio/visual system that provides direct communication to and from classrooms, runs the campus bell schedule and allows announcements or music to be played throughout the whole building, Holly said as he stood by the wall-mounted touch-screen control panel and microphone, demonstrating each feature.

The control screen requires a code to unlock. Holly said it can be programmed to allow students the capability to do announcements without providing access to security features, such as communication with classes.

Teachers will wear a lapel microphone that provides sound amplification and volume control in the classroom. In addition, it has a button that can signal the front office when assistance is needed.

"When they have some kind of problem in the classroom, that's what they press. It's a silent button, and if you're discrete students can't tell," Riggen said. "That will get your attention."

This capability can be used to signal to front office staff in the event of behavioral problems, medical situations or other emergencies. Pushing the button

TIMELINE

Technology and security system upgrades and additions will be complete at all 24 campuses by the first day of school.

Additions to Bonham, Crockett, Emerson, Lamar, Long, South and Travis are set for spring 2015 completion.

Additions and renovations to Pease, Washington and Bowie will begin within the next month and Carver work will begin in January for 2015 completion dates.

Ground has been broken on the new Bunche, Fasken and Yarbrough elementary schools; August 2015 is expected occupation date.

Additions to Rusk and Burnet are currently out for bid and construction will be finished next summer.

The remaining bids for parking lots and drop-off areas will be bid within the next few months.

All bond-funded projects are scheduled to be completed by August 2015.

OTHER FEATURES

Each elementary will get new digital lighting and enhanced audio for their stage areas, and each classroom will have its own phone with voicemail, Riggen said.

The three new elementary schools and additions to existing schools will be outfitted with more efficient, dimmable, LED lighting, he said. These new lights will use half the energy and provide energy savings to the district.

The older buildings will not be retrofitted with new lighting, although the district plans to write grants and seek other funding to eventually convert them, he said.

Additions to Rusk and Burnet are currently being bid by the district, and some parking lots and bus drives still need to be bid.

All of the 2012 bond projects will be complete and ready to occupy by this time next year, Riggen said. And, the projects are on budget.

"We're still on those numbers," Riggen said. "I have not gone back to the board on any project yet and asked for more money. We're tight, but I feel like our consultants, our architects, have properly designed our facilities and we're working within our budget."

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"All of our customers want to get away from fresh water," said Dean Prather, Permian Basin area technology manager for Haliburton, during the second annual Oil and Gas Stewardship Conference in Monahans last week.

Treatments and technologies include ultra-violet light to control bacteria, and dry powder gel agents to eliminate mineral oils, Prather said.

"This is part of our (fracturing) to the future technology," he said.

Once treated, the produced water — or the water that goes downhole for hydraulic fracturing operations and comes back up — can be used indefinitely, said Bailey Morgan, a Permian sales manager of water solutions for Haliburton's chemical-blending service, Multi-Chem.

"The water molecule has such a strong bond that's really hard to break," Morgan said during the conference. "In theory, if we can go to 100 percent produced water with a customer, they can recycle that water a million times and

Highest water use	
Highest water use in Permian Basin counties for January 2011-May 2013	
County	Gallons of Water (billions)
Eddy	0.55
Martin	0.55
Reeves	0.55
Andrews	0.55
Upton	0.65
Midland	0.71
Crockett	0.78
Reagan	1.10
Irion	1.80
Glasscock	1.37

Source: "Hydraulic Fracturing & Water Stress: Water Demand by the Numbers" report by Ceres

never exhaust the water molecule."

Fresh water costs about \$4 a barrel by the time it's trucked in and later ejected, Morgan said. But recycling technologies are finally starting to catch up in cost — either carrying a similar price tag or saving money — she said.

"It used to be more expensive — that's why it wasn't popular," Morgan said. "But as technologies change and the fluid systems change, it gets more cost-effective."

Oil and gas operators presented case studies of recycling attempts at the Permian Basin Petroleum

Association's annual meeting in 2012, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

While most operators are looking to recycle, they are cautiously moving forward to avoid damaging wells or making mistakes, said Mark Patton, engineer for McKinney-based HydroZonix, in the article. That's because recycled water adds an "unknown variable" to complicated formulas used to complete and produce wells.

"It's a huge risk; you can spend millions and cause problems if you use too much recycled water," Patton told the Reporter-



AP file photo

A jar holding wastewater from hydraulic fracturing is held up to the light at a recycling site in Midland on Sept. 24. The drilling method uses huge amounts of high-pressure, chemical-laced water to free oil and natural gas trapped deep in underground rocks. With freshwater not as plentiful companies have been looking for ways to recycle their waste.

Telegram in 2012. Permian Basin production is expected to grow 46 percent to 1.9 million barrels of oil per day over the next four years, with capital expenditures reaching \$20 billion by the end of this year, according to the Ceres

report. That growth will lead to the doubling of hydraulic fracturing water use by 2020, the report forecasts. But Prather said it's a drop in the bucket compared to the volume of water used for power generation, industries and public water systems. "In order for us to

grow as a country, we have to go off every energy source we have access to," he said. "The beautiful thing about the Permian Basin is that we don't just have an Eagle Ford — we have all different formations. We are blessed with a stacked pay."

TREND

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San Antonio on Tuesday at the St. Anthony Hotel.

Hydraulic fracturing pumps a mix of water and chemicals at high pressure to break the rock. Then sand is added to the fluid in increasing amounts to hold open the rock fissures, letting oil and gas flow up the well to the surface.

But the sand doesn't make it to all parts of the rock fissures, meaning that companies are leaving behind oil and gas.

Drummond said that Schlumberger has technology to carry the sand further and open up better channels in the rock. "There's tens of thousands of candidates throughout North America that have got the same issue here — they have failed to get all of the (fracture) clusters to contribute," said Drummond.

Rod Skaufel, president of the Houston-based BHP Billiton Petroleum, the oil and gas arm of the Australian mining giant, said that he agrees with Drummond that there are many shale wells that could be candidates for re-fracturing — a process that would eliminate the cost to drill.

The company's Eagle Ford wells cost about \$4 million to drill and another \$4 million to complete,

a process that includes hydraulic fracturing.

"I would be surprised if there's not a (re-fracturing) opportunity in all fields," Skaufel said. If the sand — the "proppant" that holds open the rock fissures so oil and gas molecules can escape — isn't reaching into all parts of the rock that has been fractured, there's a chance to improve that, which would in turn improve production.

"Intuitively you think there's got to be an opportunity. We believe there is. How many wells is that? We haven't counted. You've got to be thinking any well that is drilled prior to the last couple of years probably has used completion techniques that you would categorize as unoptimized."

BHP works in partnership with Schlumberger in the Eagle Ford.

Skaufel said the company already has driven down costs on drilling and manufacturing. "The key questions that remain really come down to (well) spacing and frac design." The company is running tests on both of those.

Making better shale wells

is a critical issue for the industry.

Around 40 percent of unconventional wells are money losers now, Drummond said. And although the lateral length of wells and the number of fracturing stages have doubled, he said that production remains flat. Wells in the Eagle Ford Shale make about 500 barrels per day, the same as they did a few years ago.

"That says a lot about the challenges we're going to face as we get into the extreme edges of the reservoir," Drummond said.

"The question really the industry is going to have to ask is, once we drill the sweet spots and reservoir conditions become even more challenging, it's going to require more technology to make these plays economical."

Re-fracturing also could help address the "decline curve." Eagle Ford wells come in producing large amounts of oil or gas but drop like a roller coaster after a year — a more than 60 percent dip that experts say is inherent to shale production.

That sharp decline is one

of the reasons — along with high profits — that tens of thousands of wells are predicted for South Texas: Companies must keep drilling to keep replacing their production. The phenomenon is called the Red Queen, named after the character in Lewis Carroll's "Through the Looking-Glass" who tells Alice she must run, "Faster! Faster!" "Now, here, you see, it takes all the running you can do, to keep in the same place," the Red Queen says. "If you want to get some- where else, you must run at least twice as fast as that!"

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Club meetings, support groups today

■ Overeaters Anonymous; 4:30 p.m., B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031
 ■ Midland Odesa Chapter of the United Ostomy Association; 2:30 p.m., Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus.
 ■ Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club; 5 p.m., First Presbyterian Church; 687-2588.
 ■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.
 ■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

Midland County Fair

The fifth annual Midland County Fair is Thursday through Aug. 24 at the Horseshoe, 2514 Arena Trail. The fair will include a carnival; bull riding, barrel racing and team roping events; petting zoo; tractor pull; creative art competitions; monster truck rides; and performances by local entertainers.
 Admission tickets are \$5. Hours are 5 to 11 p.m. Thursday, 5 p.m. to midnight Friday, 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 24. Thursday is Back to School and Senior Citizens' night, with family carnival discounts and free admission for fairgoers age 60 and over.
 For more information and a full schedule of events, visit www.midlandcofair.com.

Community calendar

Midland Fire Department's annual Kids Boot Camp is planned for 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 6, at Grande Communications Stadium.
 Activities will include tug-of-war, obstacle courses, gymnastics and relays, and there will be a "smoke house" activity that allows kids to practice confidently escaping a house full of smoke.
 Activities for parents include a boot camp-style workout, blood pressure screening and creating identity packs that can help law enforcement agencies locate their child in emergency situations.
 Events are focused on children 4-12. Participants should wear athletic attire with tennis shoes and bring a refillable water bottle. Gatorade and water will be provided.
 Register at Central Fire Station, 1500 W. Wall St., or at www.midland-texas.gov (click on the "Documents and Forms" tab.)
 For more information, call MFD Capt. Aaron Cox at 685-7341.

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AP file photo

Comedian Marc Maron sits for a photo April 11, 2013, in New York. The suicide of Robin Williams on Monday marked only the latest comic genius to be felled by demons of depression and addiction. Nowhere has the intersection between comedy and psychological pain been more thoroughly plumbed than on Marc Maron's podcast, which Maron himself began only after thoughts of suicide. In lengthy, candid interviews with fellow comics, Maron has explored the often troubled psychology that drives people to bare themselves before crowds night after night, feeding off of the laughter.

COMEDIANS & DEPRESSION

Lessons of stigmas, stereotypes found in Williams' death

By Jake Coyle
 Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jamie Masada, the owner of the fabled Los Angeles-based comedy club The Laugh Factory, vividly remembers a warm exchange with comic Richard Jeni of the two sharing words of encouragement and gentle ribbing.
 "The next day I heard he put a gun in his mouth and blew his head off," recalled Masada of Jeni's 2007 suicide. "At that point I said, 'God, could I do something to somehow prevent that?'"
 A few years later, having watched his "family" continuously depleted, Masada did do something. He began having a psychologist at the club several nights a week, offering stand-ups the opportunity for free sessions.
 Robin Williams, a frequent Laugh Factory performer who committed suicide Monday, marked only the latest comic genius to be plagued by demons of depression and addiction. But seldom has the gulf between the bright buoyancy of the performer and the inner pain of the man seemed greater or more unfathomable. How did someone who suffered such demons summon such starbursts of generosity and glee?

Like countless others this week, Conan O'Brien remembered Williams' great capacity for thoughtfulness and kindness. When O'Brien was feeling down during the "Tonight Show" debacle, a bike arrived out of the blue from Williams, outfitted for maximum ridiculousness. Said O'Brien: "It's particularly courageous for someone to be that generous of spirit in the face of that kind of depression."
 Such tales don't make it any easier to reconcile Williams' life with his sad fate. The magnitude of the shock over Williams' death has been matched only by the outpouring of grief for his loss. "I'll never, ever understand how he could be loved so deeply and not find it in his heart to stay," said his 25-year-old daughter, Zelda Williams. "He was always warm, even in his darkest moments."
 Williams' publicist has said he had recently fought severe depression. Williams himself had occasionally spoken about his struggles ("Do I get sad? Oh yeah. Does it hit me hard? Oh yeah," he told Terry Gross in 2006) and funneled his fights with alcoholism and addiction into his act. He largely won his battles with substance abuse except for several relapses quickly followed by rehab, including a stint at Hazelden in Minnesota last month. His widow, Susan Schneider, added Thursday that Williams also was suffering from the early stages of Parkinson's disease.
 Those factors — along with his heart surgery several years ago — offer a slightly deeper understanding of Williams' mental state in recent days and weeks. But his death also reinforces the long-held stereotype of the sad clown, the tortured funnyman.
 Comedian Jim Norton responded to Williams' death with an essay titled "Why the Funniest People Are Sometimes the Saddest" in which he noted that in his 25 years of performing stand-up, he knew eight comics who killed themselves.
 "When I find a comedian I admire, my first thing is: What's wrong with this person?" Norton said.

Guys that I've admired the most always had that cloud. And it wasn't a purposeful or a pseudo-artist thing. It was a real thing that they were constantly combating. It was kind of a way to keep sadness or depression off of you, to be funny."
 Particularly since the likes of Lenny Bruce and Richard Pryor made stand-up into a more personal kind of truth-telling, many comedians have been drawn to the profession as a means for catharsis. Comedian Tig Notaro pushed stand-up perhaps further in this direction than ever before in a famous set in 2012. Days after being diagnosed with breast cancer, she hit the stage: "Hello. I have cancer. How are you?"
 Nowhere has the intersection between comedy and psychological pain been more thoroughly plumbed than on Marc Maron's podcast, which Maron began after he had suicidal thoughts. In lengthy, candid interviews with fellow comics, Maron has explored the often-troubled psychology that drives people to bare themselves before crowds night after night, feeding off the laughter.
 Maron's conversation with Williams from 2010 is one of his most naked interviews. In it, Williams called stand-up "the one salvation" and commented: "How insecure are we, how desperately insecure that (it) made us do this for a living?" He even riffed on his suicidal urges, doing a two-man routine between himself and his consciousness. Replaying the episode this week, Maron reflected: "He was a person with his own problems that he carried with him. And I think part of his genius came from the struggle with those problems."

Studies have shown a correlation between creative minds and such problems. Nancy Andreasen, a leading neuroscientist and psychologist, co-wrote the first empirical study that proved the increased likelihood of mood disorder in creative people.
 "There really is no question that there's a statistical correlation of mental illness in highly creative people," said Andreasen, who chairs psychiatry at the University of Iowa. She stressed, though, that mental illness is usually treatable — "It's not a lifetime sentence," she said — and that treatment "does not diminish their creativity."
 "The great misfortune is that mental illness is still so stigmatized," said Andreasen, lamenting the lack of care for the mentally ill. "This probably could have been prevented, and it's a terrible misfortune that it wasn't."
 A recent study published in the British Journal of Psychiatry found that comedians are both highly extroverted and highly introverted and that they even show lower levels of traits associated with psychosis.
 "Humor often requires the ability to 'think outside the box' or see unusual connections where others don't, and this reflects, in a more muted form, the thought process and pattern seen in psychosis," Victoria Ando said in an email.
 But depression also doesn't care what you do for a living. It can strike anyone, any time, regardless of success, income or fame. In "The Noonday Demon," an award-winning, multi-disciplinarian "atlas" of depression, author Andrew Solomon wrote that his own depres-

sion hit hardest when his life was most in order: "All the excuses for despair had been used up," he wrote.
 Solomon said he hopes Williams' tragic end serves as a "wake-up call."
 "We have to recognize that if you have depression and enormous wealth and success, the love of most of the people in America — you can have all of those things and still be subject to the ravages of depression," Solomon said. "The tragedy is that he didn't have any place to turn."
 Improv and sketch comic Chris Gethard has been particularly vocal about his own struggles with depression with the hope of helping others. Following Williams' death, he posted a picture of himself taken after an earlier day spent crying in bed, labeling it: "This is the face of my mental illness."
 "All kinds of people get depressed — comedians just happen to be people that professionally deal with the manipulation of happiness, laughter and other positive emotions, so maybe it stands out more or gets more pronounced," Gethard said.
 Perhaps Williams' death shouldn't just be added to the sad list of comics who died too young, like John Belushi or Chris Farley, but should be taken as a lesson by the rest of us, the ones in the audience below the floor lights, that we should listen just as keenly to Williams in death as we did to him from the stage.
 "It is our hope in the wake of Robin's tragic passing that others will find the strength to seek the care and support they need to treat whatever battles they are facing," said Schneider, Williams' widow, "so they may feel less afraid."

Wilder memoir to give gritty view of prairie life

By Kevin Burbach
 Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. — Laura Ingalls Wilder penned one of the most beloved children's series of the 20th century, but her forthcoming autobiography will show devoted "Little House on the Prairie" fans a more realistic, grittier view of frontier living.
 "Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography" — Wilder's unedited draft that was written for an adult audience and eventually served as the foundation for the popular series — is slated to be released by the South Dakota State Historical Society Press nationwide this fall. The

not-safe-for-children tales include stark scenes of domestic abuse, love triangles gone awry and a man who lit himself on fire while drunk off whiskey.
 Wilder and her daughter Rose Wilder Lane, herself a well-known author, tried and failed to get an edited version of the autobiography published throughout the early 1930s. The original rough draft has been preserved at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Home and Museum in Mansfield, Missouri, for decades but hadn't been published.
 The children's series never presented a romanticized version of life on the prairie — in "Little House in the Big Woods," Laura and her sister Mary gleefully help dissect the fam-

ily pig before bouncing its inflated bladder back and forth in the yard. But the series also left out or fictionalized scenes that Wilder deemed unsuitable for kids, including much of the time the family spent in Burr Oak, Iowa, and Walnut Grove, Minnesota, according to Pamela Smith Hill, a Wilder biographer and the lead editor on the autobiography.
 "So you can read 'Pioneer Girl' as nonfiction rather than fiction and get a better feeling of how the historical Ingalls family really lived, what their relationships were and how they experienced the American West," she said.
 Wilder details a scene from her childhood in Burr Oak, in which a neighbor of the Ingalls' pours kero-

sene throughout his bedroom, sets it on fire and proceeds to drunkenly drag his wife around by her hair before Wilder's father — Pa in the children's books — intervenes.
 Scenes like that make Wilder's memoir sound like it's filled with scandal and mature themes, "which isn't exactly true either," according to Amy Lauters, an associate professor of mass media at Minnesota State University-Mankato.
 "It's just that that first version was blunt, it was honest. It was full of the everyday sorts of things that we don't care to think about when we think about history," said Lauters, who has read the original manuscript and also is writing a book on Rose Wilder Lane.

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Hemp homecoming: Rebirth sprouts in Kentucky

By Bruce Scheiner
Associated Press

MURRAY, Ky. — Call it a homecoming for hemp: Marijuana's non-intoxicating cousin is undergoing a rebirth in a state at the forefront of efforts to reclaim it as a mainstream crop.

Researchers and farmers are producing the first legal hemp crop in generations in Kentucky, where hemp has turned into a political cause decades after it was banned by the federal government. Republican U.S. Sens. Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul advocate for it, as does state Agriculture Commissioner James Comer, a Republican who is running for governor next year.

The comeback is strictly small scale. Experimental hemp plots more closely resemble the size of large family gardens.

Statewide plantings totaled about 15 acres from the Appalachian foothills in eastern Kentucky to the broad stretches of farmland in the far west, said Adam Watson, the Kentucky Agriculture Department's hemp program coordinator.

The crop's reintroduction was delayed in the spring when imported hemp seeds were detained by U.S. customs officials. The state's Agriculture Department sued the federal government, but dropped the case Friday after reaching an agreement on importing the seeds into Kentucky. The seeds were released after federal drug officials approved a permit.

Since then, test plots have shown the crop to be hardy and fast growing — and a potential money-maker with a remarkable range of traditional uses including clothing, mulch, hemp milk, cook-



AP file photo

In this Aug. 1 photo, Tony L. Brannon, Murray State University's agriculture dean, stands for a photo near a hemp crop at the school's research farm in Murray, Ky. Researchers and farmers are producing the state's first legal hemp crop in generations. Hemp has turned into a political cause in the Bluegrass State.

ing oil, soap and lotions.

"What we've learned is it will grow well in Kentucky," Comer said. "It yields a lot per acre. All the things that we predicted."

At Murray State University, about 180 miles southwest of Louisville, plants have sprouted to at least 8 feet tall, turning a shade of green and yellow as they reach maturity. Harvest is approaching.

"It's had a good growth period," said Murray State agriculture dean Tony L. Brannon. "It appeared to tolerate the

extremes in weather from extremely wet to extremely dry pretty well."

Hemp's roots in Kentucky date back to pioneer days and the towering stalks were once a staple at many farms.

"We've got an excellent climate for it, excellent soils for it," Watson said. "It's a good fit for Kentucky producers. The ultimate question is going to come down to economics. Is there a market and can Kentucky capture that?"

Growing hemp without a federal permit was

banned in 1970 due to its classification as a controlled substance related to marijuana. Hemp and marijuana are the same species, *Cannabis sativa*, but hemp has a negligible amount of THC, the psychoactive compound that gives marijuana users a high.

Legal production of the crop has been gone for so long that it was a virtual blank slate in modern Kentucky agriculture.

Teams of researchers and farmers are studying which seed varieties and soil types are best suited and how much moisture or fertilizer are needed.

"There are a lot of unknowns," Watson said. "It's those sorts of answers that producers are going to need before they can turn it into an economically viable crop on their farms."

For now, growing hemp is strictly limited. The federal farm bill enacted this year restricts hemp production to research projects designated by agriculture departments in states that allow the crop to be grown. But commercial uses are also emerging.

Fifteen states have removed barriers to hemp

production, according to Vote Hemp, a group that advocates for the plant's legal cultivation.

Licensed growers were able to secure seeds in three states — Kentucky, Colorado and Vermont — the group said, but difficulties in obtaining seeds limited production. According to Eric Steenstra, president of Vote Hemp, the biggest obstacle was gaining approval from the Drug Enforcement Administration to import hemp seeds for planting.

In Vermont, about 12 farms registered to grow hemp, said Alison Kosakowski, a spokeswoman for the state's Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets. The agency doesn't know how many producers ended up planting a hemp crop.

The intentions were much bigger in Colorado. There were 56 registrations for commercial hemp production and 76 more for research and development, according to Ron Carleton, the state's deputy agriculture commissioner.

Unavailability of seed likely kept "a fairly significant" number of applicants from getting hemp in the ground, he

said. Some farmers able to produce a crop this year may harvest the seeds to grow next year's crop, he said.

In Kentucky, the crop is being studied by researchers at a half-dozen universities.

Eastern Kentucky University researchers recently harvested their small hemp plot. Those plants reached 7 feet tall.

"It seems to be fairly easy to grow," said ECU agriculture professor Bruce Pratt. "The plants got established so quickly that they shaded out the weeds."

A 2013 report by the Congressional Research Service pegged hemp imports at \$11.5 million in 2011, a tiny sum relative to other imported crops.

If widespread U.S. production is someday allowed, states able to attract processors close to where the crop is grown will be the winners, said University of Kentucky agricultural economist Will Snell.

"It's a small, niche market, but it's growing," he said. "We can grow it. The problem is, other states and other countries can grow it, as well."

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Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 98 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 73 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph. There is a 20 percent chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms.

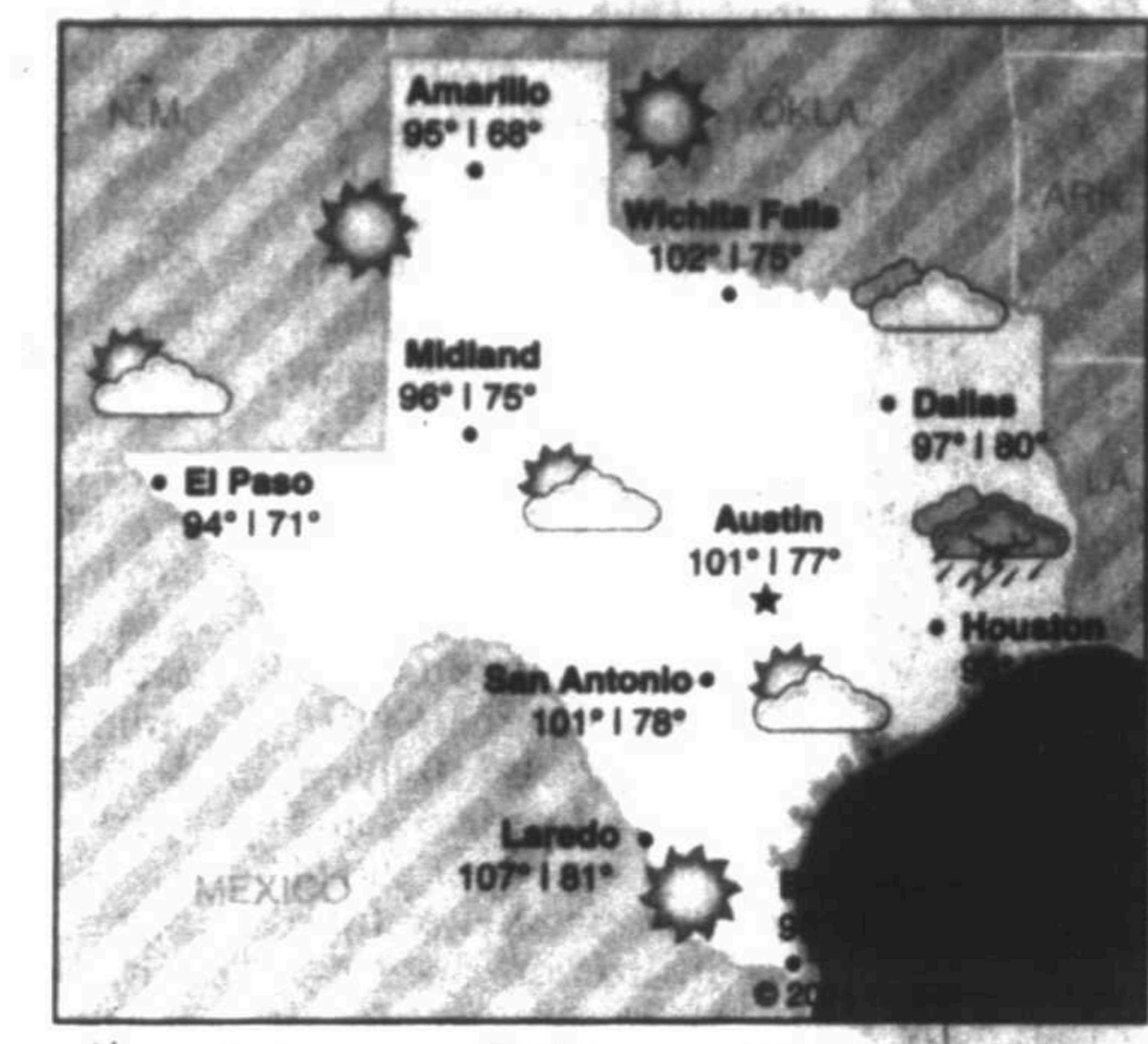
Monday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 96 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 73 and southeast winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 97 and a low around 73.

The high on Saturday reached 94, while the low dropped to 74. The record high for Aug. 16 is 104 set in 1946. The record low is 61 set in 1992.

National forecast

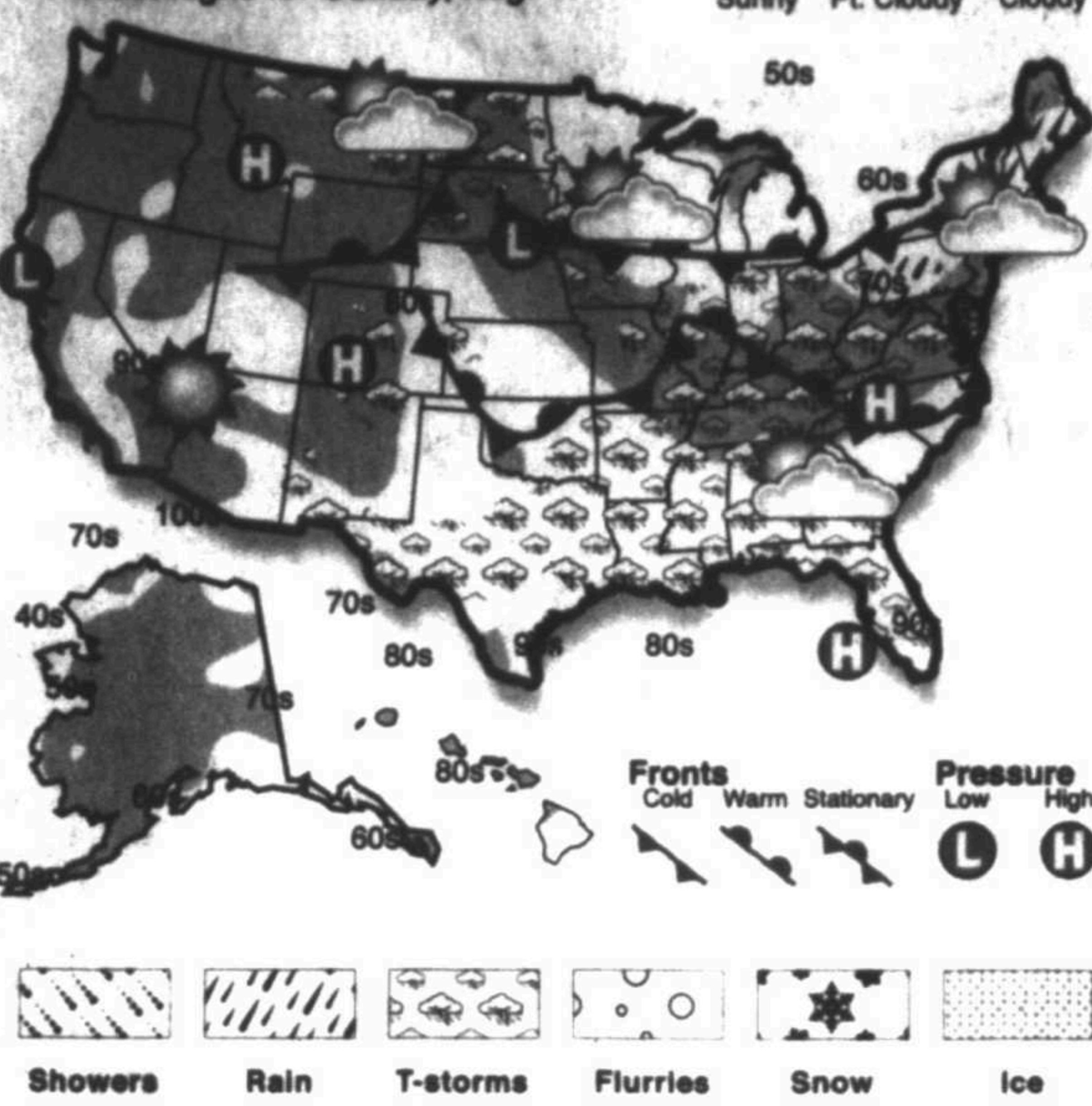
Brief showers or thunderstorms will dot the Northeast and New England today as a front pushes southward. Thunderstorms will reach into the mid-Atlantic later in the afternoon, with an increase in clouds.



Precipitation	Saturday's temperatures
Friday.....0.00 in.	High.....94
Saturday.....0.04 in.	Low.....74
Month total.....0.32 in.	Normal high.....94
Year total.....4.29 in.	Normal low.....69
Normal total (year to date).....8.77 in.	Sunrise.....7:15 a.m.
	Sunset.....8:30 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, Aug. 17



Woman reported dead during Michigan flood is alive

Associated Press

STERLING HEIGHTS, Mich. — A woman who city officials said died in massive flooding this week in the Detroit area has a message to share.

"I'm alive," Jena David said.

Warren Fire Chief David Frederick had said someone pulled a Sterling Heights woman from her car Monday and carried her into a nearby business. She was unconscious when firefighters arrived and placed her in an emergency vehicle. City

officials said the woman died.

But, as it turned out, David, 30, regained consciousness in her hospital bed. Doctors discharged the Wayne State University psychology student, and her father drove her home.

David saw a news report about a 30-year-old woman who had died after being carried into a Buddy's Pizza location by an unknown man.

Then, it dawned on her: "They're talking about me. Everyone thinks I'm dead," she told The De-

troit News.

"Now, my friends don't believe me when I tell them I'm the girl who supposedly died at the Buddy's Pizza," she said, calling it "a strange kind of feeling."

In the confusion, officials mistakenly reported the death, said Warren Deputy Police Commissioner Louis Galasso.

"I got the information from the fire department that the woman had died, and then I relayed it to the media," Galasso said. "It wasn't our case, but that's what we were told.

"Then (on Thursday), I got a call from our fire commissioner, who tells me: 'You know that lady who died at Buddy's? Well, she just walked into Buddy's looking for her property. She's not dead. She wanted to know if anyone had her purse.'"

Two people died in the flood: Julia Sarno, 100, who drowned in the water-filled basement of her Warren home; and an unnamed 68-year-old Warren man who died while pushing his car on a flooded Oak Park street. Those deaths have been

confirmed by coroners.

David said she would like to meet the man who possibly saved her life by pulling her out of the car as well as the others who

aided her in the restaurant.

"God bless you," she said of the stranger. "I'm very grateful that you were there."

3 days of Nepal floods leave 54 dead, 142 missing

Associated Press

KATMANDU, Nepal — Flooding and landslides in western Nepal have killed at least 54 people and left 142 missing amid continuous rainfall over the past three days, officials said Saturday.

Ten districts in the area have been flooded, with rescuers recovering 54

bodies, police official Kesh Bahadur Shahi said, adding that the death toll is

expected to rise. It has been raining since Thursday in the region.

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Southwest braces as Lake Mead water levels drop

By Ken Ritter
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Once-teeming Lake Mead marinas are idle as a 14-year drought steadily drops water levels to historic lows. Officials from nearby Las Vegas are pushing conservation but also are drilling a new pipeline to keep drawing water from the lake.

Hundreds of miles away, farmers who receive water from the lake behind Hoover Dam are preparing for the worst.

The receding shoreline at one of the main reservoirs in the vast Colorado River water system is raising concerns about the future of a network serving a perennially parched region home to 40 million people and 4 million acres of farmland.

Marina operators, water managers and farmers who for decades have chased every drop of water across the booming Southwest and part of Mexico are closely tracking the reservoir water level already at its lowest point since it was first filled in the 1930s. "We just hope for snow and rain up in Colorado, so it'll come our way," said marina operator Steve Biggs, referring to precipitation in the Rockies that flows down the Colorado River to help fill the reservoir separating Nevada and Arizona.

By 2016, continued drought could trigger cuts in water deliveries to both states. While water authorities say they've been saving water for potential dry days, the prospect of the first cuts is already prompting action.

"I've downsized in the last couple of years, probably a good thing the way this water shortage is going," said farmer Dennis Bagnall, who has planted just 225 of the 1,500 acres that are typically green this time of year on his farm south of Phoenix.

Last week, officials announced an \$11 million pilot program involving the federal government and water agencies in Denver, Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Phoenix to pay farmers, cities and industries to reduce river water use.

"We can certainly hope for better conditions than we've experienced in recent times, but we have to actively and continue to plan for the worst case," said Michael J. Lacey, director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources.

This week, an update from the federal Bureau of Reclamation, the keeper of the Colorado River network's dams and reservoirs, will help set the course for water deliveries for the next two years.

Federal officials and water administrators in metro areas, such as Las Vegas and Phoenix, said they're committed to finding new ways to make every drop of river water count — from cloud seeding to pipelines to new reservoirs to desalination plants.

They pointed to agreements to leave surpluses unused in wet years, share pain in dry years and buy water designated for farms for city use.

But they're all watching Lake Mead, the biggest in a Colorado River basin that supplies water to California, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming and part of Mexico. The states get annual allotments dating to the Colorado River Compact of 1922.

Over the years, the amount hasn't kept pace with a post-World War II development boom in the Southwest, and pressure has increased with drought gripping the region for almost 15 years.

The effect of increased demand and diminished supply is visible on Lake Mead's canyon walls. A white mineral band often compared with a bathtub ring marks the depleted water level.

The lake has dropped to 1,080 feet above sea level this year — down almost the width of a football field from a high of 1,225 feet in 1983.

A projected level of 1,075 feet in January 2016 would trigger cuts in water deliveries to Arizona and Nevada.

At 1,000 feet, drinking water intakes would go dry to Las Vegas, a city of 2 million residents and a destination for 40 million tourists per year that is almost completely dependent on the reservoir.

That has the Southern Nevada Water Authority spending more than \$800 million to build a 20-foot-diameter pipe so it can keep getting water.

The region is also stressing water conservation, prohibiting grass lawns for new homes and fountains at businesses. Officials say the overall effort has reduced consumption 33 percent in recent years while the Las Vegas area added 400,000 residents.

But severely restricting water use for swimming pools or lawns in a city like Phoenix wouldn't make much difference, said Kathryn Sorensen, the city's Water Services Department director, because conservation efforts need to be applied across the western U.S.

"The solution can't come just from municipal conservation; there isn't enough water there," she said.

If cuts do come, they'll test the agreements forged in recent years between big, growing cities and farmers.

In California, home to 38 million residents, farmers in the sparsely populated Imperial Valley in southeast California have senior water rights ensuring that they get water regardless of the condition.

Kevin Kelley, general manager of the Imperial Irrigation District, defended his agency's position at the head of the line and dismissed the idea that water should go to those who can pay the most or make the most compelling economic argument.

Imperial Valley farmers grow some 200 crops, Kelley said, from alfalfa to cotton and celery to zucchini. "There has to be a place in a diverse economy and a diverse Southwest for a place like this that grows food and fiber year-round," he said.

In Arizona, reduced deliveries of Colorado River water would largely affect the Central Arizona Project, which manages canals supplying 80 percent of the state's population. A tiered system means farmers would face cuts first, shielding Native American tribes and big cities.

Bagnall, who owns Morningstar Farms in Coolidge, Arizona, worries about the future of farming in the region. Tighter supplies mean there will be less farming and fewer dollars going to agricultural services like fertilizer suppliers.

"Eventually," he said, "the prices are going to hit the consumer. Sooner or later, it's got to go up. So it's just a domino effect."

A look at Lake Mead's water levels, impact

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Lake Mead is one of the main reservoirs in the vast Colorado River water system, and its receding shoreline is raising concerns about the future of a network serving the perennially parched Southwest.

Marina operators, water managers and farmers are closely tracking the reservoir's water level, which is already at its lowest point since the Hoover Dam was completed and the lake was first filled in the 1930s.

As federal officials ready to release a new projection for the lake, here are a few milestones to keep in mind and their potential impact:

■ 1,080 feet above sea level is Lake Mead's level this year, down almost the width of a football field from a full-capacity high of 1,225 feet in 1983. The lake is currently at 39 percent capacity.

■ At 1,075 feet, water deliveries to Arizona and Nevada would be curtailed; the determination is based on projections made in January.

■ At 1,000 feet, two existing Las Vegas drinking water intakes would go dry. The Southern Nevada Water Authority is drilling a so-called "third straw" to draw water from 860 feet.

■ At 900 feet, hydroelectric turbine generators at Hoover Dam would be idled by a lack of water pressure. Most of the electricity goes to Southern California. Nevada gets about 23 percent, and Arizona gets about 19 percent.

California water bond won't bust drought

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gov. Jerry Brown and state lawmakers are expected to use the backdrop of California's most severe drought in nearly four decades to sell voters on the \$7.5 billion water plan they put on the ballot this week.

Despite its size, the measure will not solve the problems created by the drought nor is it expected to prevent rationing during future ones. Instead, the projects it will fund are designed to provide a greater cushion when the state finds itself dealing with prolonged water shortages in the decades ahead.

"(The bond) doesn't mean we can continue to run the tap," said Sen. Kevin de Leon, a Los Angeles Democrat who will become Senate leader in fall. "This is a stopgap measure ... It's not a comprehensive panacea of dealing with the drought."

Many of the projects that will be funded through the measure, if voters approve it, are years away from providing any benefits, including a boost to desalination technology and cleaning up contaminated groundwater. With planning, environmental reports and construction, it could be a decade before the two reservoirs that are

expected to be built under the plan could actually store any water.

"As you experience this (drought) more and more going forward, we got to have the infrastructure in place," Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins, D-San Diego, said the day the Legislature approved the water package. "But a drought buster? I'm hoping for more rain and better snowpack, and that then our infrastructure is prepared to hold those things."

The bond measure appearing on the November ballot as Proposition 1 asks voters to approve \$7.1 billion in new borrowing and to redirect \$425 million from past ballot propositions. It replaces an \$11.1 billion bond that was negotiated in 2009 but was considered too expensive and too burdened with local, special interest projects to pass.

Many provisions in the new water measure are designed to increase the availability of water, including: \$2.7 billion for water storage projects that include a reservoir north of Sacramento in Colusa County and another in the Sierra northeast of Fresno; \$725 million for water recycling and treatment projects; and \$900 million for cleaning up contaminated groundwater.

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**WINDHORST
USDA makes \$26.4M
loan for rural Texas
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The U.S. Department of Agriculture will provide more than \$26 million in loans to a North Texas company to improve broadband service for rural customers.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack on Friday announced the Texas funding as part of nearly \$40 million to also benefit projects in Minnesota and North Dakota.

Community Telephone Company Inc. in Windhorst, about 20 miles south of Wichita Falls, plans to replace an outdated copper system with a fiber-to-the-premises network. Community Telephone will make system improvements in its six exchanges as part of the \$26.4 million funding.

Further details on the planned improvements in Texas weren't immediately available Friday.

**NEW MEXICO
Texas man pleads
guilty in livestock
killings**

CARLSBAD — A 20-year-old Texas man faces sentencing in a southeastern New Mexico court after pleading guilty to charges stemming from the shooting deaths and mutilation of livestock in 2013.

Jade Ryan Jenkins of Fort Bend had been free on bond but was taken into custody after he pleaded guilty Thursday in state District Court in Carlsbad.

According to the Carlsbad Current-Argus, Judge Raymond L. Romero postponed immediate sentencing so Jenkins can undergo a diagnostic evaluation.

Romero said the killings of several cows and horses were committed in a cruel manner because they were shot with guns intended to kill birds, not large animals.

**NEW MEXICO
Rain eases
short-term drought**

ALBUQUERQUE — Recent rains are easing the pain of drought across New Mexico.

The latest map released by federal forecasters highlights a spot in southeastern New Mexico where drought has disappeared.

The area represents less than 2 percent of the state, but the development is significant since it has been more than two years since an area that large or larger has been drought-free.

There are still pockets where extreme drought is holding on in the northwest and southwest, but those areas have been shrinking. More than one-third of New Mexico was dealing with extreme to exceptional drought three months ago. Now, it's just over 7 percent.

Forecasters with the National Weather Service said the best chance for rain this weekend is in the mountains and across the east.

**WASHINGTON
Wolves kill 14 sheep
in NE Washington**

SPOKANE — Wolves have killed 14 sheep in Stevens County in north-east Washington.

The Spokesman-Review reported the state Department of Fish and Wildlife confirmed the Huckleberry Pack killed 12 sheep Monday and two more Tuesday just north of Blue Mountain and about two miles north of the Spokane Indian Reservation.

About 1,800 sheep are being grazed in the area under a lease with the Hancock Timber Company, which owns the land.

State wildlife officials are working with the operator to move the sheep to another grazing allotment.

Spokeswoman Madonna Luers in Spokane said agents with the sheep are prepared to drive off any wolves that might return.

Grand opening set for first large cellulosic plant

By David Pitt
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — A new era of ethanol fuel production will begin in the next few months as Iowa refineries begin full operation using materials other than corn kernels.

Iowa, the nation's top ethanol producer, has two major cellulosic plants under construction and nearly ready for production using corn plant leaves, stalks and cobs to make ethanol.

The first to go online, called Project Liberty, will hold a grand opening with public tours on Sept. 3. It is among the first facilities of its size in the United States to begin making ethanol from plant material.

The \$250 million plant in the northwest Iowa

city of Emmetsburg will produce 25 million gallons a year when fully operational.

Cellulosic ethanol is made from the woody and fibrous parts of plants, including corn cobs, stalks, leaves and other residue. It's more difficult to work with than corn kernels because scientists had to figure out a way to break lignin — the tough fibers that plants have developed through evolution to make stems, trees and corn stalks stiff — from the cellulose. They must then extract the plant's sugars and convert them into ethanol.

It has taken the industry decades of research and billions of dollars to develop the process.

The industry has promised in recent years that commercial production

was near and the government continued to include cellulosic ethanol in its required renewable fuels standard each year, only to find the industry wasn't ready to make it in large quantities. Naysayers cast doubt on whether cellulosic ethanol was even possible.

"People said this would never happen, that it's not real so certainly to the outside world, to the government and lots of others it's proving that it's real," said Steve Hartig, general manager for licensing at Poet-DSM Advanced Biofuels, which is building the plant. "It's a huge step but still a very early step."

To provide the feedstock for the plant, farmers will take about 20 percent of

corn residue from fields within a 40-mile radius of the plant. They'll bale it and deliver it as needed to the plant site and be paid \$65 to \$75 per dry ton. The plant will use 770 tons of corn cobs, leaves, husks and stalks daily.

The U.S. Department of Energy provided \$100 million in grants and the state contributed about \$20 million for engineering and construction costs through tax credits and job training funds.

The plant is a joint venture of Sioux Falls, South Dakota-based ethanol-maker POET and Royal DSM, a biotechnology company based in the Netherlands.

Another plant also using corn residue is expected to

open late this year at Nevada, in central Iowa. The \$225 million DuPont plant will have the capacity to make 30 million gallons of cellulosic ethanol a year.

"They're sort of the pioneer plants that if they can show that this is viable then I think there will tend to be an explosion of cellulosic type plants across the country," said Stuart Birrell, a professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering at Iowa State University.

Other states, including Florida, Mississippi and Kansas, also have cellulosic plants, and plans are underway for others in more than 20 states, according to the Renewable Fuels Association, an ethanol trade group.

**Pigs, cows and votes:
Candidates try for farm cred**

By Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — For candidates in the Midwest, almost nothing tops a photo opportunity with a barnyard animal or a colorful anecdote about life on the farm.

Take Mary Burke, a former business executive running as a Democrat for governor in Wisconsin, who recently paused to check out the cows at a county fair. Or Illinois venture capitalist Bruce Rauner, who talks about his dairy farmer grandfather as a role model in his Republican bid for governor. And then there is Iowa U.S. Senate candidate Joni Ernst, a Republican who gained national attention with an ad touting her hog castration skills.

Most voters in these states don't work on farms. Most candidates don't either. But many of those


seeking office seem to be stretching farther than ever for a barnyard background to establish some common authenticity.

"It's the classic 'I grew up in a log cabin and walked uphill to school both ways,'" said Sue Dvorcky, a former chair of the Iowa Democratic Party.


Rauner is a millionaire with two Ivy League degrees, but his official biography stresses that thanks to granddad: "Bruce knew how to ride a horse at 6, milk a cow at 8, and shoot a rifle at 10." Burke's main selling point is her successes with the family bicycle company, but a key photo on her website shows her in a denim shirt in front of a tractor.

Recently in Iowa, both the governor and lieutenant governor, who do have rural backgrounds, felt the need to also assert their animal slaughter resumes.

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Russia denies its vehicles destroyed in Ukraine

By Alexander Roslyakov & Jim Heintz
Associated Press

KAMENSK-SHAKHTINSKY, Russia — NATO on Friday said a Russian military column ventured overnight into Ukraine, and the Ukrainian president said his forces destroyed most of it. Russia denied all of this, but the reports spooked global markets and overshadowed optimism driven by agreement over a Russian aid convoy bound for eastern Ukraine.

The White House said it was looking into what it called unconfirmed reports that Ukraine's security forces disabled vehicles in a Russian military convoy inside Ukraine.

The Russian aid convoy of more than 250 trucks has been a source of tensions since it set off from Moscow on Tuesday. Kiev and the West were suspicious that the mission could be a pretext for a Russian military incursion into eastern Ukraine, where government forces are battling pro-Russia separatists and clawing back rebel-held territory.

Throughout the eastern crisis that erupted in April, there have been consistent allegations that Russia is fomenting or directing the rebellion. Moscow rejects the allegations and the high-profile aid convoy could be aimed, in part, at portraying Russia as interested in cooling the conflict. Russian President Vladimir Putin appeared to cultivate that perception in a Thursday speech in which he said Russia hopes for peace in Ukraine.

It was not clear what Russia could hope to gain by sending in a military column while world attention was trained on its efforts to get the aid convoy into eastern Ukraine.

But some foreign journalists reported

that Russian armored personnel carriers were seen crossing into Ukraine on Thursday night. On Friday, a statement on Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko's website said "the given information was trustworthy and confirmed because the majority of the vehicles were destroyed by Ukrainian artillery at night."

NATO secretary-general Anders Fogh Rasmussen also confirmed that Russian military vehicles had entered Ukraine, but he gave no specifics.

In Moscow, a spokesman for the Russian Defense Ministry insisted that no Russian military vehicles were destroyed because none had crossed into Ukraine. Yet Britain said it summoned Russian Ambassador Alexander Yakovenko in to clarify reports of the Russian incursion.

In Washington, National Security Council spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden said the U.S. government is working to gather more information about the reports. She said the U.S. remains concerned about repeated Russian and Russian-supported incursions into Ukraine.

Markets sold off heavily Friday, spooked by the thought of Ukrainian troops engaging with Russia forces inside Ukraine. Germany's DAX, which had been trading over 1 percent higher, ended the day 1.4 percent lower.

The crossing reportedly took place near the southern Russian town where the aid trucks have been parked, awaiting permission to go into Ukraine.

After days of controversy, Russia nominally consented to let Ukrainian officials inspect the convoy while it was still on Russian soil and agreed that the Red Cross would distribute the goods in Ukraine's region of Luhansk.

In Washington, a Pentagon spokesman said Russian Defense Minister Sergei

Shoygu "guaranteed" Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel on Friday that no Russian troops are involved in the transport of humanitarian relief supplies to eastern Ukraine.

In their first telephone conversation since late April, Shoygu assured Hagel that the Russian convoy "was not to be used as a pretext to further intervene in Ukraine," according to the spokesman, Navy Rear Adm. John Kirby. Kirby did not mention whether the two discussed Ukraine's claim that it had attacked Russian military convoy vehicles.

Laurent Corbaz, the International Committee of the Red Cross' director of operations in Europe, described a tentative plan in which the trucks would enter Ukraine with a single Russian driver each — as opposed to the current crew of several people in each truck — accompanied by a Red Cross worker. In line with Red Cross policy, there would be no military escort, he said.

However, some Russian military vehicles near the aid convoy were seen Friday carrying a Russian acronym standing for "peacekeeping forces" — a signal that Moscow was considering a possible military escort.

Germany, meanwhile, said Chancellor Angela Merkel pressed Putin to end the flow of military goods and personnel into Ukraine ahead of a weekend meeting of foreign ministers aimed at easing tensions.

Merkel spokesman Steffen Seibert said the two leaders spoke Friday evening ahead of a meeting today between the Russian, Ukrainian, German and French foreign ministers in Berlin.

He said Merkel urged Putin to de-escalate the situation "and in particular put an end to the flow of military goods, military advisers and armed personnel over the

border into Ukraine."

The fighting in eastern Ukraine has claimed nearly 2,100 lives, half of those in the last few weeks as the Ukrainian troops regained more and more rebel-held territory. It began in April, a month after Russia annexed Ukraine's Black Sea peninsula of Crimea.

The eastern Ukrainian city of Luhansk has suffered extensively from an intense military barrage over the last few weeks. The city remains cut off from power and water supplies, and its mobile and landline telephone systems barely function, local authorities said Friday. Little food is available but bread is still being made using portable generators.

Ukraine, meanwhile, proceeded with its own aid mission to the Luhansk area. Trucks sent from the eastern city of Kharkiv were unloaded Friday at warehouses in the town of Starobilsk, where the goods were to be sorted and transported further by the Red Cross. Starobilsk is 100 kilometers (60 miles) north of Luhansk.

Other Ukrainian aid was taken to the town of Lysychansk, which retaken by Ukrainian forces late last month but has seen sporadic clashes until earlier this week.

Dozens of houses showed signs of damage Friday in Lysychansk — some had windows blown out, while others had been blasted or burned to the ground. An Associated Press reporter saw small children playing in the rubble of one destroyed house.

As Ukrainian emergency workers discussed how to distribute the aid, clusters of older women and small children began appearing on the town's streets. Residents said the aid was the first they had seen since fighting had ended.

Separatists claim advances in eastern Ukraine

McClatchy Tribune

MOSCOW — Pro-Russian separatists claimed Saturday that they had opened up a supply line between the besieged eastern Ukraine areas of Donetsk and Luhansk.

Their next aim in fighting with Ukrainian government forces is to break the army blockade of the city of Luhansk, separatist leader Andrei Sakhartshenko told Russia's Interfax news agency.

Residents in Donetsk city reported heavy fire in numerous areas of the metropolis of 1 million people.

Ukraine's National Security and Defence Council reported from Kiev that the military operations would continue

for some time because the taking of areas held by separatists could not be accomplished in a few days.

Troops, meanwhile, were tightening their siege of Gorlovka, a city north-east of Donetsk, a spokesman for the Ukrainian Defence Ministry said.

Conditions for the people of Donetsk and Luhansk cities have become dire, local authorities said.

The more than 200,000 residents of Luhansk have been without electricity and water service for two weeks. More than 40,000 residents of Donetsk are without power, its city council said.

The governments of both Ukraine and Russia have sent humanitarian convoys

to the provinces of Donetsk and Luhansk, which the separatists have declared independent from Ukraine.

The nearly 280-truck Russian convoy was halted at the border, but the two neighbors' governments have reached an agreement on the aid's delivery.

Border agents are to begin an inspection of the convoy's goods Saturday, Ukraine's presidential office said.

President Petro Poroshenko told US Vice President Joe Biden that safe passage for the delivery of Russian aid to eastern Ukraine has still not been secured from separatists.

Poroshenko and Biden "agreed that Russia's sending military columns across the border into Ukraine and its continued

provision of advanced weapons to the separatists was inconsistent with any desire to improve the humanitarian situation in eastern Ukraine," the White House said.

Moscow has rejected accusations that the vehicles could be carrying weapons for the separatists and allowed reporters Friday to look into some of the lorries, which contained sacks of food aid, a photographer for the European Pressphoto Agency said.

The convoy has been idled since Thursday near the Russian town of Kamensk-Shakhtinsky, east of Luhansk.

Today the foreign ministers of Germany, France, Russia and Ukraine are expected to meet in Berlin.

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Ferguson events show complexity of diversity

Leaders should still seek justice and opportunity for all people in their community

While I was growing up in an overwhelmingly white, resolutely middle-class neighborhood west of St. Louis, the city of Ferguson — about 20 minutes north around I-270, past the airport — was never an intended destination. It was a working-class area that did not figure or matter much in my world. For all I knew, it was a foreign country.

In those days, St. Louis was a city segregated by suspicion and class affinity — and sometimes by race. I remember an African-American friend of my older brother being denied entry to the pool at my father's golf club. Membership information had been misplaced. Better to come back later.

When I asked my wife, who is Korean and also from the St. Louis suburbs, how minorities were treated during her youth, she thought a moment and responded: "I was the minority." She could not recall attending classes with another minority child until late in high school.

St. Louis, like nearly everywhere else in America, has grown more multicultural (though less quickly than many other places). Immigrants to the region have lately come from Bosnia, India and China.

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But events in Ferguson demonstrate the paradox of American diversity: An increasingly multicultural nation remains deeply divided by race and class. There are many more friendships and marriages between white and minority Americans (about one in 12 marriages are interracial) — but at the same time racially charged suspicion and anger persists among millions. And a broad perception of our own racial enlightenment and acceptance has created a different form of isolation — a self-satisfaction that obscures or masks deep social divisions.

The killing of Michael Brown is not primarily a symbol, an example or a wake-up call. It is a specific human tragedy, on a specific street, involving a serious factual dispute. It is the reality that matters most: the deadly struggle over a gun or the murder of a man with his hands in the air. When an unarmed man is killed by a

police officer, it is the police who have the burden to demonstrate that it was somehow justified. When protests begin, it is community leaders who have the burden to channel the outrage constructively.

But the Brown killing, as part of a grim series of similar tragedies, has quickly become symbolic. As usual, the incident confirms people's pre-existing ideological narratives. It shows a racism deeply rooted in American legal structures. Or it demonstrates the opportunism of the media and the grievance industry. It is evidence of structural rot or of anti-police bias. It indicts the militarization of police forces or reveals the well-armed challenges they face.

But many people I know who differ on these matters shared the same immediate, emotional reaction: The images of tear gas, rubber bullets and sniper rifles from Ferguson don't look like America.

In a sense, it is a different country. As America has grown more diverse and prosperous over the last several decades, the economic and social isolation of some communities has only increased. This is not entirely a function of race. Many in the white working class have also felt segregated from the promise of America. But problems are concentrated among African-American males, who have dis-

proportionately low levels of workforce participation, disproportionately high levels of incarceration and little sympathetic attention from the broader society.

This is not an excuse or even an explanation for any specific incident. It is just a context. African-American males are in a long-term, economic and social crisis for which there are many economic and social explanations. But their most likely interactions with public authority are a squad car or a demand for child support.

These actions can't be the only outreach, the main interaction, our society has with young black men. A merely criminal justice response to their problems will ensure future resentment, kindled into anger by future controversies. As a practical matter, it becomes increasingly difficult to enforce order in the absence of opportunity. We often expect too much of police and prisons.

During civil strife, it is necessary to establish public order — against both criminal elements and abusive police power (which undermines order as well). But our most admirable, influential leaders have attempted to do something more: to build a single nation of justice and opportunity. And surrendering this objective for any group of Americans would leave a nation both diverse and divided.

OUR VIEW

Midlanders, not officials in Austin, should dictate future of education

Last week, we addressed how Midland ISD fared during the most recent Texas Education Agency's accountability ratings.

Generally speaking, Midland ISD didn't fare as well as anyone would have liked, but we have a problem with the state's one-size-fits-all accountability system. Actually, we have a big problem.

We don't understand how Midland ISD can be compared to other school districts across the state, because there are few school districts like MISD. Our community is different. There are more private schools and charter schools than any community our size — way more. The demographics of the school district resemble south Texas or El Paso more than the Metroplex, but our community's wealth status is closer to Highland Park than Galena Park, therefore forcing us to send money to Austin.

We have a superintendent who says he takes responsibility for 11 campuses not meeting state standards, and we appreciate that. Still, the reality is that under the current system, there's not a lot he can do about it.

That brings us to our next point. Is there anything this community can do about it? We don't know, but one possible answer, in our view, can be found in Ryder Warren's four-part plan for a district transformation.

As a community, if we want our teachers teaching what we want — and not what the TEA says we have to — we must call for change when it comes to a rule that allows the TEA to come in and run a school should a campus not meet standards for three straight years. You can't talk about wholesale changes and allowing teachers to teach what our community wants if the threat of a TEA takeover is imminent.

We remember a story about a local charter school. When asked about testing, a school official said we will do what we do and when testing comes around we will take our chances. We like that. We believe giving our teachers more freedom has nothing but an upside. Students will benefit, teachers will benefit, the recruitment of teachers will be easier, and the transformation of a school district will be that much closer to fruition.

We don't think it is being naive to think that when Midland leaders talk, state education officials will listen. In our view, what do we have to lose? The Reporter-Telegram will stand behind efforts to make our school district everything this community needs it to be.

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Ferguson melodrama going strong

The formula for calm in this Missouri community is for justice to take its course

RICH LOWRY

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Even if the police in Ferguson, Missouri, are the brutal occupying force alleged by the protesters there, what do local shop owners have to do with it?

In the wake of the police shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown in disputed circumstances last week, rioters burned down a convenience store and looted sporting goods and auto supply stores, among other businesses.

This completely unjustifiable lawlessness is waved off by the left as, in the typical cliché, the boiling over of "rage." We are supposed to believe that the rioters were so deeply hurt by the Brown shooting that they felt compelled to go steal and destroy innocent people's property, and judging by video of the looting, apparently have a grand time doing it.

The Brown family, to its credit, appealed for calm, but the unrest has continued in Ferguson, with nightly confrontations between police and protesters. The majority-black suburb of St. Louis is becoming the nation's latest hyper-racialized melodrama. President Barack Obama has weighed in twice already, and the usual commentators and activists are already making Ferguson a byword for official racism.

We don't know what happened in the prelude to the fatal shooting of Michael Brown. His friend says the teenager was shot by an officer in cold blood after a dispute with the cops over walking in the middle of the street. The police say there was a struggle in the police squad car and an attempt to take the officer's gun.

There is a tried-and-true method of resolving such disputes — a full and fair investigation, and a prosecution and trial if the facts warrant. This is a process that takes time and care, but the left and the media are working themselves up for a good old-fashioned rush to judgment.

The Ferguson police have done themselves no favors in what is now, inevitably, a no-holds-barred public-relations war. In response to protests, highly militarized teams have been deployed with equipment better suited to fighting ISIS than controlling potentially unruly crowds. There is a long-running trend, ably documented and critiqued

by Radley Balko of The Washington Post, of local police forces acquiring surplus military equipment wholly inappropriate for domestic police work.

The Ferguson police also have been ham-fisted and high-handed in dealing with the press, appearing in one video to deliberately tear-gas an Al Jazeera camera crew, and in another instance, arresting and briefly detaining two reporters for the offense of not leaving a McDonald's quickly enough.

All that said, there would be no routine confrontations between cops and protesters if the protestors weren't inviting them. Ferguson officials have, reasonably enough, urged people to protest during the day, and daylight demonstrations have been peaceful. It is at night, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch notes, that protests take on their edge of "defiance and lawlessness."

No one has a First Amendment right to block streets and throw things at cops, or the right to complain if the cops move to stop such acts.

Once protestors are throwing projectiles, cops aren't going to look or act like the friendly neighborhood officers out of Norman Rockwell paintings. Even if they aren't tricked out in military gear, riot police never appear cute and cuddly. Would the critics of law enforcement in Ferguson really be happier if the cops were controlling crowds with horses and batons?

We're told that the military-style of the cops is "provoking" the protestors. But these sorts of flare-ups over controversial shootings by police have been a part of American life for a very long time. They happened long before any police department thought to buy military equipment, and would happen even if police were deployed on Segways and carried cap-guns for protection.

The formula for calm in Ferguson is very simple: Let justice take its course. Too many people are already vested in not letting that happen.

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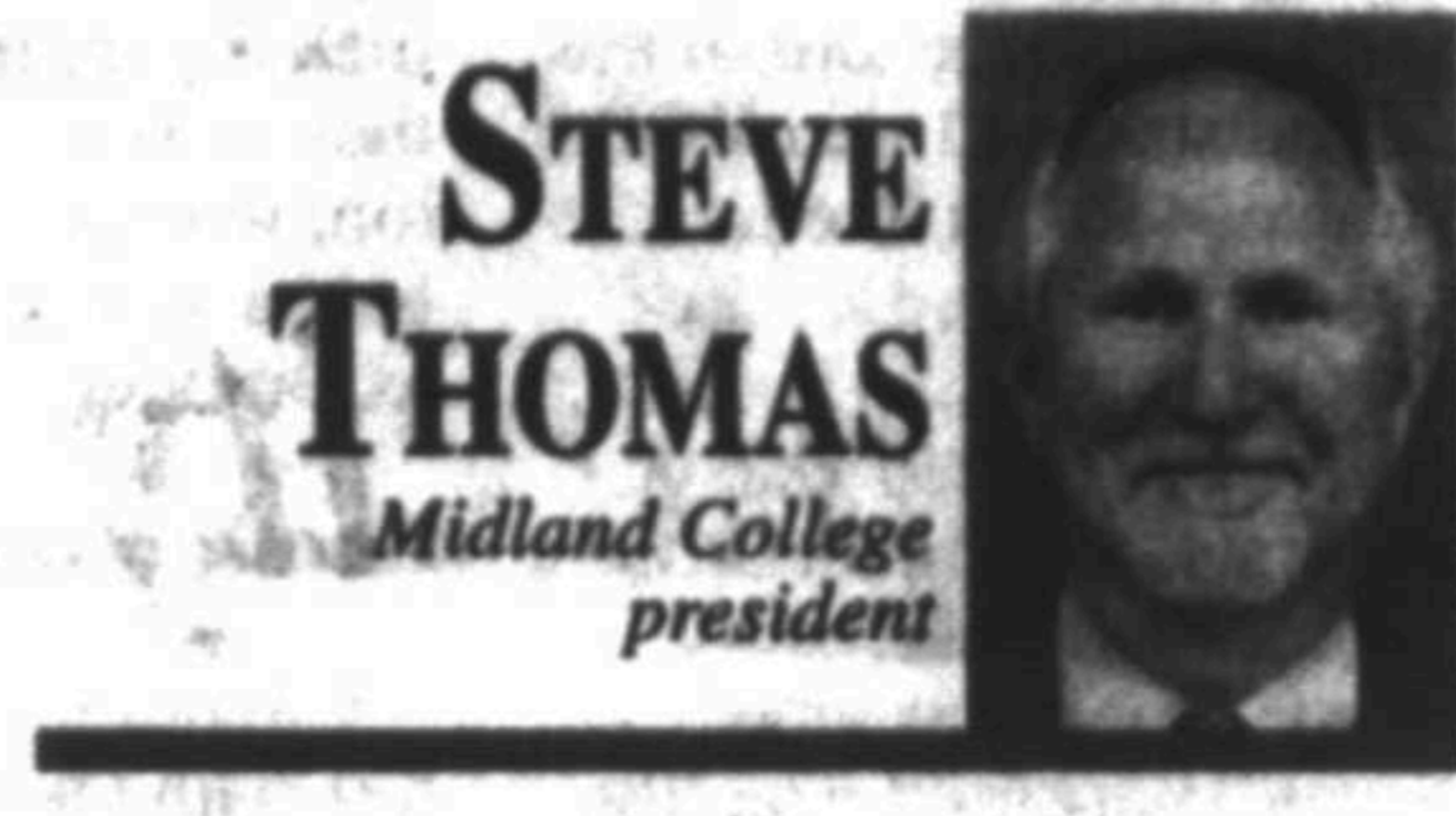


Dual credit courses can make difference for families

Students can get ahead; parents can save money

In a previous article, I shared my viewpoint that college is for every GED and high school graduate if one broadens the definition of college to mean a post-secondary experience leading to a certificate, associate degree, bachelor's degree or beyond. I agree with Midland ISD Superintendent Ryder Warren: With the passage of House Bill 5, parents and their students now have more choices for education and career pathways starting in the ninth grade, and that is just the beginning.

According to Bill Hammond of the Texas Association of Business, at least 60 percent of the jobs being created now require some kind of post-secondary degree or certificate. Midland College offers a variety of career and technical programs to support a quality workforce for busi-



ness and industry, and now students in the secondary schools can jumpstart their careers with marketable skills. When combined with programs of study at MC, students have the necessary credentials to enter the workforce. The opportunities for connections between secondary and post-secondary education in Midland are better than ever, which means that students on this path are becoming the high-skilled workforce we need in the Permian Basin. In addition to career and technical education, Midland College also offers

undergraduate education for transfer to a university. To give families a head start while their students are still in high school, MC and both public and private secondary schools offer dual credit courses. Dual credit courses are just as the name implies: courses that award credit for high school and college simultaneously. Students enrolling in dual credit courses receive the benefit of meeting their high school requirement for graduation and credit that counts toward a college degree. The added advantage for families is that students pay Midland College tuition, which would cost three to four times more at a university.

Dual credit courses are an effective way for families to leverage their education dollars and downsize the overall costs of a college education. As an example, my daughter completed 18 semester credit hours through dual credit courses. When she graduated from high school she was a second semester college freshman, and

we saved over \$3,000 in tuition. She went on to have a successful college career, and I believe much of her success was due to her gaining confidence in performing college-level work while still in high school. Dual credit courses are also available for career and technical courses offered at Midland College. Whether academic or technical, dual credit courses are one of the best investments families can make in their student's education.

With unprecedented growth in Midland and the region, we need teachers, engineers, physicians, and the list goes on. We also need a high-skilled workforce for jobs that are increasingly technical and complex. The exciting news is that with the passage of HB 5 and the strong partnerships between Midland College and the public and private schools, the education system in Midland is offering more choices for students to pursue viable careers and a bright future.



Texas, NC push back on voter rights

States across the country will follow the cases — all the way to the Supreme Court

It's August, and most of the federal government is on vacation.

Members of Congress are on their annual August state or district "work period," President Barack Obama is at Martha's Vineyard, and the Supreme Court is off until early October.

But not all of the federal machinery is idle, especially in Texas.

In San Antonio, a three-judge federal court is hearing the latest arguments in a case challenging state legislative and congressional redistricting plans favorable to the GOP. Another court, in Corpus Christi, plans to hear a case Sept. 2 that questions the constitutionality of Texas' voter identification law.

The latter case exemplifies the Republican effort in states with GOP governors and legislatures to limit turnout among Democratic-leaning minority groups. The verdict could significantly affect the political futures of Texas and other states where the Justice Department filed or joined similar suits.

Both Texas cases stem from the 2013 Supreme Court decision ruling unconstitutional the 1965 Voting Rights Act section that gives the department power to review in advance voting changes in states like Texas with a history of racial bias.

Now, it must file court challenges to block state actions or restore its pre-clearance authority. Richard Hasen, an election law expert at the University of California, Irvine's School of Law, called the cases "a rear-guard action to use the remaining levers they have."

This past week's San Antonio hearing is part of the challenge to the Legislature's state and federal redistricting plans, which the Justice Department and other critics contend discriminate against Texas' rapidly growing Hispanic population. The court has temporarily superseded the plans with its own.

The critics make a good case; the congressional redistricting plan created four new predominantly white districts, though Texas' population growth was 65 percent Hispanic. Interestingly, Texas

acknowledged bias — but said it was aimed at Democrats, not minorities. "It is perfectly constitutional for a Republican-controlled legislature to make partisan districting decisions, even if there are incidental effects on minority voters who support Democratic candidates," it said.

The Corpus Christi case challenges Texas' unreasonably strict 2011 law requiring voters to show one of a limited number of ID cards: a driver's license, a passport, a concealed gun permit, military ID, an official state identification card or an election ID card.

Allegedly designed to combat voter fraud, despite the lack of evidence that such fraud is a problem, the law could keep thousands of elderly and poor rural Democratic-leaning blacks and Hispanics from voting, state and federal statistics show.

The department has also challenged a North Carolina law with similarly strict voter ID requirements. That law also reduced pre-election voting days and eliminated a program encouraging high school students to register and vote.

Last week, a federal judge refused to block the North Carolina law pending a trial, declaring that challengers failed to show it would cause them "irreparable harm." Its voter ID portions don't take effect until 2016.

Hasen said the Texas and North Carolina cases "are the ones everyone is watching. If the Justice Department is unsuccessful, it's going to be open season for other jurisdictions to pass voting laws."

Pretrial rulings by U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos, an Obama appointee, indicate Texas could face a tough time. A decision throwing out the law before November's elections could be a blow to its architect, GOP gubernatorial nominee Greg Abbott.

"But the appeals court could be a different story," Hasen said, noting its Republican tilt. And unlike Ramos, the North Carolina judge is a George W. Bush appointee.

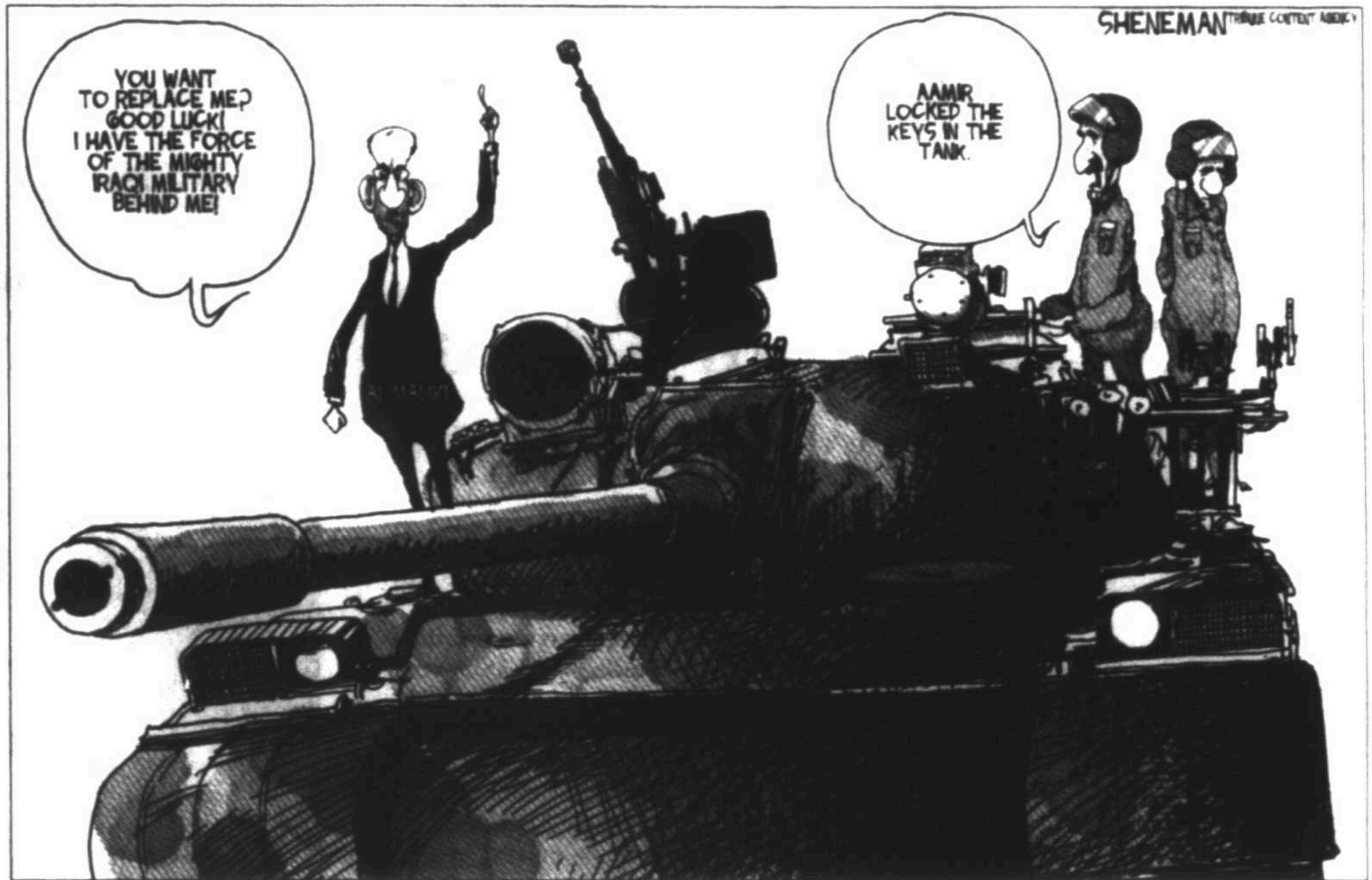
Ultimately, the issue is likely to reach the same Supreme Court that ignored increased state efforts to make voting harder when it narrowed the Voting Rights Act.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Yarborough's honor is well-deserved

I would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Barbara Yarborough, the newest elementary campus being named in her honor. As a parent who had the privilege of her teaching one of my children, and as a former board member who worked with her in several different capacities during my terms, I can attest that she has been both an exemplary educator and tireless advocate for the children of Midland. This is a well-deserved honor for a teacher who has positively impacted untold numbers of our students with an excellent teacher's touch of kindness, concern, discipline and dedication.

I am troubled that anyone would question her selection, much less imply there is any ethical issue that might be viewed negatively by any portion of our community. To do so overlooks her many years

of care and dedication for our children and the future generations of Midlanders. We have been blessed by her service to the district and this community. The board is to be commended for making an outstanding selection by honoring one of our best educators with the naming of our next elementary campus.

Thank you, Ms. Yarborough, for all that you have done for our children, our school district and our community.

Dale Strauss

Israel knows how to combat terrorism

Emerson Stone has a shortsighted view of history. Those living in the area have been fighting for millennia, not decades, and Israel has never started any of the wars it has been involved in since its founding after World War II.

What they have done is to defend themselves from

Islamic terrorists the past 70 years — terrorists who have vowed to eradicate Israel and all Jews. Now these same terrorists have vowed to raise their flag over our White House, institute Sharia law over all conquered lands and to ruthlessly murder all Christians by beheadings and crucifixions.

Thank God the Israelis know how to combat terrorism because America has forgotten how.

Dennis Walker

Midland shouldn't lose its principles

I am a native Midlander and am responding to Mr. Houston's letter.

I like and enjoy that Midland is "closeted," as he states in his letter. That's what I love about Midland — its conservatism.

I applaud Ms. Azcarate for writing her letter, and I wholeheartedly agree with

her. We have principles, and just because Midland is growing doesn't mean we lose those principles.

Any establishment coming to Midland should be vetted to see if it suits our moral make-up, and if it doesn't, it should be denied.

It would be nice to see some entertainment for the youth being introduced to Midland. The places we have now have been here for a long time with little competition. Instead, Midland has more restaurants, motels, apartments and department stores, which I know are important, but I think we're forgetting the youth.

I think if we wanted to revitalize downtown, we should bring in a huge entertainment complex that includes a skating rink, bowling alley, miniature golf and other activities that are reasonably priced. Young and old would be going to the center.

Sheryll Locklar

President Obama plays hand in Iraq correctly

When U.S. President George W. Bush visited Iraq at the end of his term, his thanks was a popular Middle East insult — a shoe hurled at him. Iraq President Nouri al-Maliki — whose job was made possible by the United States and who once pretended to sign an agreement Bush had just signed but instead moved his pen in the air — demanded a U.S. withdrawal.

American military commanders had told Bush that a military solution to Iraq's continuing violence was not possible — a political solution was a necessity. Next, Barack Obama took office. Again, military commanders in both Iraq and Afghanistan told him military solutions had been exhausted.

Our country has been at war for 13 years. We suffered a major attack on our soil, engaged in two wars at once (adding Libya to the mix), suffered the worst economic collapse since the Great Depression and strained our volunteer soldiers (the world's strongest, finest, military) with exhausting, repetitive military tours.

Obama has been criticized for not having a Middle East foreign policy. In fact, his policy is to selectively engage militarily when national security interests are at stake, or when humanitarian needs demand it.

Obama has been transparent and clear that the current U.S. military engagement in Iraq is to prevent the genocide of Christian, Muslim and non-Muslim minorities. He is emphatic he will not put troops on the ground to engage ISIS, the radical-Islamist organization so extreme that al-Qaida booted it out.

What then, is our mission in Iraq?



What should we expect?

Our mission is to press Iraq to fix the problem that has caused the near-collapse of its government. That problem is the government's exclusion of Iraqi groups, like the Sunnis, from self-government.

Much of the criticism of the president's policy (left and right) comes from what I'd call foreign policy "one-notes." They harp on Obama's cautious approach in Syria and Iraq as allowing ISIS to gain strength, as if nothing else were at play.

They make the error of assuming that the U.S. can militarily control the Middle East.

These Johnny-one-notes are like the sightless man who felt only the elephant's tail and concluded the beast was a snake hanging from a tree. Middle East politics are almost as complex as a Rubik's cube, involving dozens of shifting alliances among ethnic and religious groups.

Iraq's being confronted by ISIS, a military force estimated only between 8,000 to 20,000, is primarily a result of Maliki's exclusionary actions and suppressions. The growth of ISIS did not happen in a vacuum.

The New York Times interviewed a street vendor in Maliki's neighborhood. "We haven't gotten anything

from Maliki except destruction, sectarian violence and murders," he said. Counter-terrorism experts are near unanimous in the belief that inequality in government is a surefire recipe for a revolution. Well, they've got one.

Maliki has allowed ISIS to be active in Iraqi cities since 2009. They were in Mosul, the first city to fall, and effectively ran the show though the Iraqi Army was present. It is a myth that ISIS is funded by wealthy Middle East patrons. It makes most of its money by plundering the incomes of minorities, and with "taxes" on the population.

Maliki's army was corrupt at the top, and this betrayed the soldiers, some of whom fought with and were trained by the Americans. Mosul's governor and three generals fled ISIS without a fight, by plane at night. Soldiers awoke the to find lower-level commanders in civilian clothes and flip-flops. Chaos ensued, and as in other cities, they stripped their uniforms, leaving them in the streets, and fled. Who can fight without a command structure?

ISIS may require an international military response as suggested by Hussein Ibish, a senior fellow at the American Task Force on Palestine. However, even the limited military strikes that Obama ordered to rescue Christian and Yazidi minorities have lifted the status of ISIS. We're in a dangerous paradox, where greater military response will increase the allure of an organization that runs local governments efficiently while the heads of religious minorities dot their cities' curbs.

Clinton's break with Obama on Syria: what's next

By Ken Thomas
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton's split with President Barack Obama over a foreign policy "organizing principle" isn't likely to be the last time differences emerge between the two. How she handles those breaks could be among her biggest challenges to a successful run for president in 2016.

While Obama and Clinton share similar views in many areas, the former first lady's interview with The Atlantic offered her most significant break with her onetime campaign rival.

She said Obama's "failure" to back the rebels in Syria led to the rise of Islamic State militants in Iraq. She appeared dismissive of Obama's approach to foreign policy, saying, "don't do stupid stuff" is not an organizing principle. Clinton will likely seek some separation from

Obama if she runs for president — especially if Obama's approval ratings stay near 40 percent. But decoupling from a two-term president of your own party can be tricky.

Republican Sen. John McCain was weighed down by President George W. Bush's poor approval ratings in 2008 and Democrats' contention that electing McCain was tantamount to a third Bush term. In 2000, many Democrats urged Vice President Al Gore to campaign more emphatically on President Bill Clinton's economic success instead of distancing himself from the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

Here's a look at a few areas where Obama and Clinton's views will be closely watched as 2016 approaches.

Foreign policy

How Obama handles a series of foreign crises — Iraq, Gaza, Ukraine and Syria

— could directly influence a future Clinton campaign.

The president's decision to launch airstrikes comes only two years after he campaigned for re-election on a record that included ending the Iraq war.

In her book "Hard Choices," Clinton wrote that she "came to deeply regret" her vote to authorize the war, a decision that Obama used as a foil in the 2008 campaign. Clinton has not yet commented on Obama's latest moves in Iraq.

The book includes instances in which she and Obama shared divergent views. In Egypt, she wrote that she was concerned about the U.S. being seen as pushing out a long-term partner in Hosni Mubarak without a clear picture of the region's future.

But Republicans say Clinton will be hard-pressed to draw such distinctions, since she was an integral member of his team as secretary of State. "It's certainly hard to see

how she doesn't own the foreign policy record of this administration," said GOP strategist Ralph Reed.

Economy

Clinton often talks about the challenges faced by many Americans who haven't benefited from the economic recovery. Obama has presided over steady job growth during the past six months but it remains to be seen whether Clinton could run on an economic comeback story.

In a July interview with the German magazine Der Spiegel, Clinton said the research of economist Thomas Piketty showed that income inequality is "threatening to democracy."

"Even during the Great Depression, people in the streets believed that they could make it and they would be better off. Now the relative wealth is much

higher, but the disparity makes people believe that they're stuck," said Clinton, who has pointed to her husband's economic record as a model.

Immigration

Clinton has kept a close line with Obama on immigration — both on the need for a comprehensive overhaul and the influx of unaccompanied minors from Central America across the U.S.-Mexican border.

Clinton said last month she supported creating a refugee screening process for the children in their home countries to discourage the dangerous journeys to the U.S., an approach that is similar to a pilot program under consideration by the White House.

Obama is expected to announce executive actions to address immigration, which could include a plan

to give work permits to millions of immigrants living in the country illegally.

Climate change

Clinton told college students in March she hopes for a "mass movement" on climate change, signaling the issue could figure prominently in a campaign.

Obama plans to attend a UN summit on climate change next month and speak at the Clinton Global Initiative meeting, where one session is titled "Confronting Climate Change is Good Economics."

Environmentalists are awaiting a decision by Obama on the Keystone XL pipeline, which would carry oil in western Canada to refineries on the Gulf Coast. Environmentalists oppose the pipeline, and Obama has said he would allow it to be built only if it doesn't exacerbate carbon pollution.

Castro dines with Clinton, and the veep chatter swells

By David McCumber
Hearst Newspapers

Why yes, since you asked, the Secretary did have dinner with the Clintons at their house, Julián Castro's press secretary allowed.

Did they have a very nice evening? Did they veep, ah, keep, talking late into the night?

"Secretary Castro and former President Clinton had a discussion about ways the agency can expand on the partnership with the Clinton Climate Initiative to make public housing more energy efficient," HUD press spokesman Cameron French said — the absolute echo of another HUD spokesman's

quote to the Washington Post about the dinner.

Last week's repast took place at the Clintons' 5,000-square-foot, 7-bedroom home just behind Observatory Circle — tantalizingly close to the Vice President's official residence at the Naval Observatory. It was just the latest manifestation of a warm, long-term relationship between the Clintons and the Castros — Julián and his brother, Rep. Joaquín Castro. And, of course, it served to bring the chatter about Julián as Hillary's 2016 running mate to a rolling boil.

Julián worked as an intern in the Clinton White House. San Antonio's twin political stars were in the

Clinton camp in 2008, and remain there. That's just the way Hillary likes it, as she realizes successfully courting the Latino vote is an absolute essential — both if there are substantive Democratic primaries and in the general election.

In fact, 2016 could be a history-making year in which both parties have Latinos in one of the two top spots on the ticket.

All of which makes Julián beyond logical as a vice-presidential pick. He has probably the highest national profile of any Latino Democrat — a profile that will clearly be burnished by his role as a member of the Obama cabinet.

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Why global turmoil hasn't sunk US markets ... yet

By Josh Boak & Bernard Condon
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Europe appears on the brink of another recession. Islamic militants have seized Iraqi territory. Russian troops have massed on the Ukraine border, and the resulting sanctions are disrupting trade. An Ebola outbreak in Africa and Israel's war in Gaza are contributing to the gloom.

It's been a grim summer in much of the world. Yet, investors in the United States have largely shrugged it off — so far at least.

A big reason is that, five years after the Great Recession officially ended, the U.S. economy is showing a strength and durability that other major nations can only envy. Thanks in part to the Federal Reserve's ultra-low interest rates, employers have ramped up hiring, factories have boosted production and businesses have been making money.

All of this has cushioned the U.S. economy from the economic damage abroad. And investors have responded by keeping U.S. stocks near all-time highs. Not even reports Friday of a Ukrainian attack on Russian military vehicles unnerved investors for long, with blue chip stocks regaining nearly all their midday losses by the close.

"We're in a much better place psychologically," says Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. "And it's allowing us to weather the geopolitical threats much more gracefully."

Still, the global turmoil comes at a delicate time.

China, the world's second-biggest economy, is struggling to contain the fallout from a runaway lending and investment boom that's powered its growth since before the 2008 financial crisis. The economies of Japan and Germany, the world's third- and fourth-largest,

shrank in the spring. So did Italy's.

It might not take much — an oil-price spike, a prolonged recession in Europe, a plunge in business or consumer confidence — to derail the global economy.

Here's a look at the strengths and weaknesses of the U.S. economy and others, and why the calm in markets may or may not last:

Strengths

MORE JOBS: Hiring in the United States has surged in the first seven months of this year.

Monthly job gains are averaging a solid and steady 230,000, based on government figures. That's roughly an average of 35,000 more jobs each month compared with last year.

Fewer people are applying for unemployment benefits. And fewer new hires are working as temps. Both trends suggest stronger job security.

Economists say the cumulative effect of all those additional paychecks should propel growth and help insulate the U.S. economy from trouble abroad.

Though low-paying industries account for much of the hiring, many economists foresee more jobs coming from higher-wage industries such as construction, engineering and consulting.

RECORD PROFITS: Earnings at companies in the Standard and Poor's 500 index are on track to jump 10 percent in the second quarter from a year earlier, according to S&P Capital IQ, a research firm. That would be the biggest quarterly gain in nearly three years.

That news has helped the S&P 500 index climb nearly 6 percent this year, extending a bull market into its sixth year. The gains have been remarkably steady, too. The stock market hasn't suffered a "correction" — a drop of

10 percent — in nearly three years, twice as long as is typical.

Still, some markets outside the U.S. are falling.

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 is down 6 percent this year. Germany's DAX has lost nearly 5 percent, and France's CAC 40 is down 3 percent.

At the same time, global investors have been pouring money into U.S. Treasuries, long seen as a safe bet in troubled times. The yield on Treasury notes maturing in 10 years, which falls when demand rises, hit 2.3 percent on Friday, its lowest level in more than a year.

HELP FROM CENTRAL BANKS: The Fed has been paring its pace of bond purchases and will end them altogether this fall. The purchases have been intended to hold down longer-term rates and prod consumers and businesses to borrow and spend. But the Fed has stressed that it will keep short-term rates at low levels even if unemployment reaches a level usually linked to rising inflation.

Before raising rates, the Fed wants to see "the whites of the eyes of a real recovery and wage growth," says Diane Swonk, chief economist at Mesirov Financial.

Many economists project that the Fed won't lift short-term rates until mid-2015. Another plus for economies, at least in the short-term: The Fed's low-rate policies have influenced other central banks.

The Bank of Japan is buying bonds to stimulate growth and the European Central Bank is facing calls to do so itself.

Threats

FOREIGN EXPOSURE: Though the U.S. economy has managed so far to withstand the economic and geopolitical turmoil abroad, it isn't immune to it.

And the bad news kept

coming this past week.

The 18-country eurozone, a key region that emerged from recession last year and accounts for nearly a fifth of global output, failed to grow at all in the second quarter of the year. "The European recovery is faltering," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank.

Escalating tension between the West and Russia isn't helping. Exports from the eurozone to Russia account for less than 1 percent of the region's economic output. But Germany, Europe's largest economy, is vulnerable. It gets nearly all its natural gas from Russia. The German economy contracted 0.2 percent in the second quarter compared with the previous quarter. And business confidence in Germany is plummeting.

Tom Stringfellow, chief investment officer at Frost Investment Advisors, said the tit-for-tat sanctions between the West and Russia over Ukraine could push the eurozone over the edge. "Unless that is resolved quickly, you could see another recession," he said.

WHERE ARE THE SHOPPERS?: Retail sales stalled in the United States last month. Wage growth has failed to surpass inflation, leaving many consumers unwilling or unable to spend more. Sales at auto dealers and department stores fell in July.

Wal-Mart this week cut its profit outlook. Macy's trimmed its sales forecast. It's not just U.S. consumers who are spending less. Japan's economy cratered in the April-June quarter, due to a sales tax hike. The economy there shrank 6.8 percent from

a year earlier. And shoppers face another sales tax increase in October 2015.

OIL SPIKE: Will fighting in Iraq and Ukraine upend global energy markets, and raise the cost of filling your gas tank and heating your home?

Europe is worried because it gets much of its natural gas from Russia. And Iraq is the second-biggest OPEC oil producer. Before dropping last month, crude oil prices hit a 10-month high in June on news of victories by Islamic State fighters.

In the United States, gasoline is averaging \$3.47 a gallon, according to AAA. That's down 7 cents from last year. But the benefits of cheaper gas could be erased if supplies were disrupted. Consumers would be hit by what economists consider the equivalent of a tax increase.

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A member of the St. Louis County Police Department points his weapon in the direction of a group of protesters in Ferguson, Mo., on Wednesday. On August 9, 2014, a white police officer fatally shot Michael Brown, an unarmed black teenager, in the St. Louis suburb.

Critics: Police equipped like armies going too far

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Missouri police department at the center of an uproar over the shooting death of an unarmed black teenager acquired two armored Humvees and other military gear for free through a Pentagon program that critics blame for "militarizing America's Main Streets" and aggravating clashes between police and protesters.

The Ferguson Police Department received the two Humvees a generator and as well as flatbed trailer, under the surplus equipment program run by the Defense Logistics Agency, which is in charge of getting supplies of all types for the military.

News footage and photos of police outfitted in paramilitary gear clashing with protesters in Ferguson — a largely black suburb of St. Louis with a mostly white police force — have provided, new impetus to efforts to rein in the Pentagon program. It provides assault weapons and other surplus military equipment to local law enforcement agencies across the country.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said his committee will review the program to determine if the Defense Department surplus is being used as intended.

The program began in 1990 as a way to help states and local agencies fight drug-related crime. It was expanded in the mid-1990s.

"Congress established this program out of real concern that local law enforcement agencies were literally outgunned by drug criminals," Levin said in a statement Friday. "We intended this equipment to keep police officers and their communities

safe from heavily armed drug gangs and terrorist incidents."

Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Ga., plans to introduce legislation when Congress returns in September to curb what he describes as an increasing militarization of police across the country. Police responding to protesters angry about the shooting death of 18-year-old Michael Brown wore riot gear and deployed tear gas, dogs and armored vehicles, sometimes pointing assault rifles at protesters.

"Our Main Streets should be a place for business, families and relaxation, not tanks and M16s," Johnson said in a statement. "Militarizing America's Main Streets won't make us any safer, just more fearful and more reticent."

A spokeswoman for the logistics agency said its Law Enforcement Support Office distributed nearly \$450 million worth of equipment last year ranging from blankets and computers to armored vehicles, boats and assault weapons. About 8,000 law enforcement agencies nationwide participate in the program, known as 1033 for its section in the National Defense Authorization Act, said spokeswoman Michelle McCaskill.

Weapons account for just 5 percent of the equipment distributed, McCaskill said. St. Louis County, which includes Ferguson, has received a dozen 5.56mm rifles, half a dozen .45-caliber pistols, night-vision goggles and a bomb-disposing robot in recent years, the defense agency said.

The 1033 program is just one of several federal programs that provide military-style equipment to local police. The Homeland Security Department offers grants for armored vehicles and other equipment, while the Justice Department provides grants for rubber bullets, tear gas and other equip-

ment used to control crowds.

Homeland Security grant money paid for the \$360,000 Bearcat armored truck on patrol in Ferguson, said Nick Gragnani, executive director of St. Louis Area Regional Response System, which administers such grants for the St. Louis area.

Since 2003, the group has spent \$9.4 million on equipment for police in St. Louis County. Most of the body armor worn by officers responding to the Ferguson protests was paid for with federal money, Gragnani said.

"We are given 15 different scenarios we are supposed to be prepared for, and one of those is terrorist attacks or civil unrest," Gragnani said Friday. "Those are the response capabilities we are building up for in the St. Louis area."

Kara Dansky, senior counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, said the police response in Ferguson is just the latest example of what she called the excessive militarization of policing. Heavily armed Special Weapons and Tactics groups, or SWAT teams, are forcing their way into people's homes across the country, often with little justification, she said. "Neighborhoods are not war zones, and our police officers should not be treating us like wartime enemies," said Dansky, the lead author of a June report on the issue.

Militarization encourages officers to adopt a "warrior" mentality and think of the people they are supposed to serve as enemies, Dansky said. The ACLU report outlined a number of examples of equipment transfers that it said were cause for concern. For example, police in North Little Rock, Arkansas, obtained at least 34 automatic and semi-automatic rifles, two robots capable of being armed and a tactical vehicle. Many of those weapons could

not be accounted for later.

Attorney General Eric Holder said he was concerned that use of military equipment by police in Ferguson was sending a "conflicting message."

The response by law enforcement to protests "must seek to reduce tensions, not heighten them," Holder said. The Justice Department and FBI are investigating Brown's death.

Johnson said his bill would limit the kinds of military equipment that can be transferred to local police and require states to certify that they can account for all equipment received.

He said he is disturbed by reports that some weapons and other equipment distributed to police have gone missing. He also expressed concern that the militarization trend has moved beyond local police departments and sheriff's offices, saying Ohio State University recently acquired a mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicle, or MRAP.

"Apparently, college kids are getting too rowdy," Johnson said.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., a possible GOP presidential contender in 2016, blamed the trend on the federal government.

"Washington has incentivized the militarization of local police precincts by using federal dollars to help municipal governments build what are essentially small armies — where police departments compete to acquire military gear that goes far beyond what most of Americans think of as law enforcement," Paul wrote in an opinion column in Time magazine.

"There should be a difference between a police response and a military response" Paul said.

Development guide in Missouri police shooting

Associated Press

FERGUSON, Mo. — After an unarmed black teenager was shot by a Ferguson, Missouri, police officer, the city north of downtown St. Louis erupted into violent protests. Here's a look at the key elements of the shooting and the unrest that followed:

THE LATEST: Missouri Governor Jay Nixon declared a state of emergency Saturday and imposed a midnight to 5 a.m. curfew in Ferguson after tensions again flared overnight. At a chaotic press conference, Nixon said calm had to be restored in the St. Louis suburb. Angry residents shouted down the governor several times as he spoke. Missouri State Highway Patrol Capt. Ron Johnson, who is in charge of security in Ferguson, said police would not use armored trucks and tear gas to enforce the curfew. He said he would communicate with residents to give them ample opportunity to leave.

THE SHOOTING: Police have said that one of the teens pushed the officer into his squad car, then physically assaulted him in the vehicle and struggled with the officer over the officer's weapon. At least one shot was fired inside the car. The struggle then spilled onto the street, where Brown was shot multiple times.

Dorian Johnson, who said he was with Brown when the shooting happened, has described a different story. He has told reporters that the officer ordered them out of the street, then tried to open his door so close to the men that it "ricocheted" back, apparently upsetting the officer. Dorian Johnson said the officer grabbed his friend's neck and tried to pull Johnson into the car before brandishing his weapon and firing. He said Brown started to run and the officer pursued him, firing multiple times. Johnson and another witness both said Brown had his hands raised when the officer fired at him repeatedly.

THE UNREST: Since the shooting, crowds have gathered nightly to protest Brown's death. For four nights, the protests threatened to tear the city apart, with people looting stores, damaging buildings and vandalizing property. Officers from multiple departments in riot gear and military equipment clashed with protesters, who chanted, "Hands up, don't shoot." Police used tear gas and smoke bombs, and some protesters hurled Molotov cocktails and rocks at officers.

Nixon announced Thursday that the state would take over supervising security, with Highway Patrol Capt. Johnson — a Ferguson native who is black — leading the effort.

Only hours after the Missouri High-

way Patrol took control in Ferguson, the protests changed dramatically, taking on a much lighter, even festive atmosphere. Johnson marched with protesters and several people stopped to hug him and other officers. But unrest returned on Friday night and there was some looting, prompting Nixon's announcement of the curfew.

THE POLICE TACTICS: The police response drew heavy criticism from around the nation. Critics said it's part of a law-enforcement trend toward more aggressive weapons and tactics.

The American Civil Liberties Union in June released a report stating that police were overwhelmingly relying on SWAT raids — involving the use of assault rifles, battering rams and flash-bang grenades — for routine work such as searching for small amounts of drugs and serving warrants.

THE INVESTIGATION: At the request of Ferguson police, Brown's death is being investigated by St. Louis County police. The FBI has also opened an investigation into possible civil rights violations. Highway Patrol Capt. Johnson also said 40 FBI agents were going door-to-door in the neighborhood starting Saturday, talking to people who might have seen or have information about the shooting.

Timeline of fatal police shooting of Michael Brown

Associated Press

FERGUSON, Mo. — Below is a timeline of the shooting of Michael Brown on Saturday, Aug. 9, in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson, Missouri. The times are taken from documents provided by the Ferguson Police Department, including dispatch logs and an incident report on a robbery at a convenience store.

11:48 a.m.: Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson arrived at a residence in response to an unrelated call about a 2-month-old child having difficulty breathing when she coughs.

11:51 a.m.: Ferguson police received a call of a robbery in progress at the Ferguson Market convenience store.

11:54 a.m.: A different, unidentified officer arrived at the Ferguson Market and gets a physical description from an employee and customer of a suspect who took some cigars.

11:57 a.m.: A police dispatcher broadcasted a detailed description of the robbery suspect, saying that he was wearing a red St. Louis Cardinals ball cap and yellow socks and was walking with another man toward another convenience store called QuikTrip.

12:00 p.m.: Officer Wilson left the scene of the call about a sick child.

12:01 p.m.: Officer Wilson encountered Michael Brown walking on a street and the shooting follows. Ferguson Police Chief Tom Jackson said Friday that Wilson did not know about the robbery at the convenience store when he encountered Brown.

12:04 p.m.: Another officer arrived on the scene after the shooting, and an ambulance is contacted to treat Brown's wounds.

Brown family lawyer: Cops try to justify teen's shooting death

Associated Press

FERGUSON, Mo. — The attorney for the family of an unarmed teenager fatally shot by a police officer in a St. Louis suburb said police are trying to assassinate the victim's character by saying he committed a robbery that day.

Ferguson Police Chief Thomas Jackson on Friday identified Darren Wilson as the officer who shot 18-year-old Michael Brown last Saturday.

Jackson simultaneously released documents saying Brown was suspected of stealing a box of cigars shortly before he was killed.

The attorney, Benjamin Crump, said Brown's parents are "incensed" by what he calls "the old game of smoke and mirrors." He said the family was blind-sided by Friday's announcement.

Crump said "it's bad enough they assassinated him, and now they're trying to assassinate his character."

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Police to citizens: Be careful what you tweet

By Donna Gordon Blankinship
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Police in Washington state are asking the public to stop tweeting during shootings and man-hunts to avoid accidentally telling the bad guys what officers are doing.

The "TweetSmart" campaign began in late July by a coalition of nine agencies, including the Washington state patrol and the Seattle police, and aims to raise awareness about social media's potential impact on law enforcement.

Some have called the effort a step that could lead to censorship; others dismissed it as silly. Police, however, said it's just a reminder at a time when cell phones and social networks can hasten the lightning-quick spread of information.

A social media expert at the International Association of Chiefs of Police said she's unaware of similar awareness campaigns elsewhere but the problem that prompted the outreach is growing.

"All members of the public may not understand the implications of tweeting out a picture of SWAT team activity," said Nancy Kolb, who oversees the Alexandria, Virginia, organization's Center for Social Media.

"It's a real safety issue, not only for officers but anyone in the vicinity," Kolb said.

Kolb said she is not aware of any social media post that has led to the injury of a police officer, but she said there have been a few close calls.

Kolb said citizen journalists generally respond well when the reasons are explained.

"It's not that they don't want the public to share information," she said. "It's the timing of it."

Social media speculation

'All members of the public may not understand the implications of tweeting out a picture of SWAT team members.'

Nancy Kolb, Center for Social Media

and reports challenged Boston police during the search for the marathon bombers.

Two recent incidents led the Washington State Patrol to organize the "TweetSmart" campaign: the search for a gunman in Canada after three officers were killed and a shooting at a high school near Portland, Oregon.

"I saw it personally as far back as Lakewood," said State Patrol spokesman Bob Calkins, referring to social media traffic during the manhunt for a man wanted for killing four officers in Washington state in 2009.

Calkins said police agencies can do their own preventative maintenance with social media by getting information out there when crime is happening.

"We have to respond with a smart phone almost as fast as we respond with a gun," said Calkins, who along with Kolb commended the Seattle Police Department for its use of social media.

Department spokesman Sean Whitcomb said they use social media to engage the public and believe that getting public safety information out quickly will help minimize rumors and speculation.

"We recognize there's a responsibility to use every tool at our disposal to keep the public safe," Whitcomb said.

Orwell rep accuses Amazon of doublespeak

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The literary executor of George Orwell's estate is accusing Amazon.com of committing an Orwellian crime: doublespeak.

In a letter published this week in The New York Times, Bill Hamilton criticized the online retailer for "turning the facts inside out" by alleging that the British author known for the novels "1984" and "Animal Farm" had urged publishers in the 1930s to join together and stop the rise of paperbacks.

"I'm both appalled and wryly amused that Amazon's tactics should come straight out of Orwell's own nightmare dystopia, '1984,'" Hamilton wrote.

Amazon and Hachette Book Group have been locked in a nasty stand-off over terms for e-book sales, with Amazon removing pre-order buttons, reducing discounts and slowing deliveries for many Hachette releases. Amazon has defended its actions, saying that it is fighting to keep e-book prices low, ideally around \$9.99 for new releases, a rate Hachette and other publishers fear is unsustainable.

In a message posted last week on its website, Amazon likened publishers' objections to concerns about paperbacks in the 1930s. The retailer cited a 1936 Orwell essay in which he wrote of paperbacks that if "publishers had any sense, they would combine against them and suppress them."

Amazon stated "George Orwell was suggesting collusion," a reference to the 2012 government lawsuit alleging that Apple and five publishers, including

Hachette, had conspired to raise e-book prices. All five publishers settled out of court and a federal judge in 2013 ruled against Apple.

But Hamilton and others said that Amazon quoted Orwell out of context and that his words were meant ironically. Orwell had been praising some new releases from Penguin, which had recently launched its now-famous line of paperbacks.

"The Penguin Books are splendid value for sixpence, so splendid that if the other publishers had any sense they would combine against them and suppress them," Orwell wrote.

An Amazon spokeswoman declined to comment Thursday.

Orwell's admiration of paperbacks was tempered by the kinds of misgivings — objections Amazon believes are unwarranted — that writers and publishers today have about e-books, a market dominated by the Seattle-based retailer. Orwell called it "a great mistake to imagine that cheap books are good for the book trade" and worried that a "flood of cheap reprints" might "cripple the lending libraries" and "check the output of new novels."

"In my capacity as reader I applaud the Penguin Books; in my capacity as writer I pronounce them anathema," he wrote.

Amazon has engaged before with the words of Orwell. In 2009, it deleted some digital editions of "1984" and "Animal Farm" from customers' Kindles after learning that unauthorized versions were being sold. Amazon issued a statement at the time saying it was protecting intellectual property, but also promised to change its policy.

App watch: Foursquare vamps up

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A loyal Foursquare user since 2010, I was annoyed to learn that my favorite "check-in" app was reinventing itself.

The service has split into two and got rid of quirky features such as naming a mayor for each venue.

Foursquare began five years ago as a tool for letting people tell friends where they are. You can check into a restaurant, a movie theater, rides in a theme park or even the "hot dog man" at Penn Station. The more you check in, the more points, badges and mayorships you earn. They mean little in the real world, but users have competed for such honors.

It turns out there's not a huge market for this stuff. Foursquare has 50 million users worldwide, compared with Twitter's 271 million, for example. As Facebook, Yelp and other services adopted similar check-in features, Foursquare gradually lost what made it special.

The company branched out to become a Yelp-like local

recommendations service, with an emphasis on suggesting places based in part on where your friends have checked in.

The new Foursquare focuses on those recommendations and moves the check-in part to a separate app, called Swarm.

After a week with the new Foursquare, I can see why the change was necessary. I've found the app useful for discovering new places in new neighborhoods. Swarm, however, is far less useful. If I wasn't compulsive about checking in and seeing where friends are, I'd probably delete it.

TASTE TEST: The first time you use it, the new app lets you choose some "tastes" from a seemingly endless list of keywords that range from "chicken liver toast" to "people watching" to "botanical gardens." These choices come from the millions of tips that users have left for different spots over the years.

The app then recommends nearby places to go to in categories such as "brunch," "shopping"

or "fun." Foursquare will show places that match your tastes, come recommended by Foursquare friends or are generally popular in the area.

During a visit to Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood, hungry for a late afternoon lunch, I got suggestions for jerk chicken, spicy food and "off-menu items." In the mood for brisket and bourbon, I went to Beast of Bourbon.

EXPERTISE: The old Foursquare awarded badges for checking in to places of ten enough. You got a "Hot Tamale" badge for Mexican food or "Porky" for barbecue joints, for instance.

The new Foursquare will give you badges, too, but you no longer get credit for just showing up. Instead, you gain expertise in various categories by leaving tips for other Foursquare users.

COMPARISON WITH YELP: It's clear that the new Foursquare is aiming for the Yelp market with the relaunch. It's targeting those out on a Friday night, phones in hand, searching for a place to grab a bite or

drink a pint. Foursquare is on to something: It presents its recommendations in a more photo-centric and appealing way than Yelp.

I don't see one replacing the other. Foursquare has been great in helping me discover new places I might like — wonderful for travel — while Yelp is good for searching for specifics such as Vietnamese restaurants that are open now, take credit cards and are within six blocks of where I am.

ABOUT THOSE CHECK-INS: Foursquare users get automatically taken to Swarm when they tap the "Check In" icon.

Foursquare said the two functions — recommendation and socializing — were separated because people were already using the old app in two different ways that didn't overlap. Either people wanted to see where their friends are, or they were looking for a place to have dinner. That might be true, but unlike the new Foursquare, Swarm feels like a clumsy afterthought.

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Will indictments curtail future ambitions? Analysts: Whatever Perry's actions, charges will follow him

Mike Ward
Houston Chronicle

AUSTIN — Rick Perry has spent months criss-crossing the country preaching about Washington's troubles as he ponders another presidential run in 2016. But on Friday, Texas' longest-serving governor was handed a passel of trouble right here in his own backyard.

Perry's indictment on two felony corruption charges that could send him to prison set social media and news sites ablaze with questions of whether he could remain a viable GOP contender while facing criminal charges.

The answer, political experts in Texas and beyond agreed Friday, will depend on

Inside

Read an analysis of Perry's indictment from Ross Ramsey, executive editor and co-founder of The Texas Tribune.

whether Perry can beat the charges — and how quickly.

In either event, it's hard to see how drawn out and costly legal proceedings could help the state's ambitious chief executive win the presidency in two years.

"His career has been a series of challenges and successes, and this is about as big a challenge as you can get," said Austin political consultant Bill Miller, who has represented Democrats and Re-

publicans in the past. "He needs to get it resolved quickly."

In recent months, Perry has been on the go constantly, hop-scotching from South Carolina to Pennsylvania to North Carolina, campaigning for conservative GOP candidates as he burnishes his cred for another possible run for the GOP nomination.

In recent weeks, he has become a fixture on national news shows for his calls to secure the Texas-Mexico border and his decision to send in up to 1,000 National Guard troops to help do so.

Trips to the Asia and Europe are scheduled this fall as are more visits to presidential primary states, including Iowa, which he has visited at least six times in

recent months.

Tim Hagel, a lawyer and political scientist at the University of Iowa who has been following Perry's recent travels there to campaign for conservative Republican candidates, said that if Perry can resolve the charges in his favor before the Hawkeye State's GOP caucuses in 2016, "it probably won't hurt him if he's running."

Hardball Texas politics

"Here, this sounds a little bit like Texas hardball politics, and Iowa Republicans would probably dismiss it as that," said Hagel. "But if there's a trial and he's

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WET, NOT WILD



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Silas, a 7 month old boxer, shakes water off his head during Soggy Doggy Splash Day hosted by the City of Midland's Parks and Recreation division on Saturday at Doug Russell Pool.

Soggy Doggy Splash Day, hosted by the city's Parks and Recreation Division, marks the final day of pool season for Doug Russell Pool, 900 N. Midland Drive, Washington Pool, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., closes today.

While some dogs enjoyed swimming with their owners, others received \$10 microchips from Midland Animal Services. See more photos on Page 4A and at mrt.com.

Sporting beards is reason not to shave

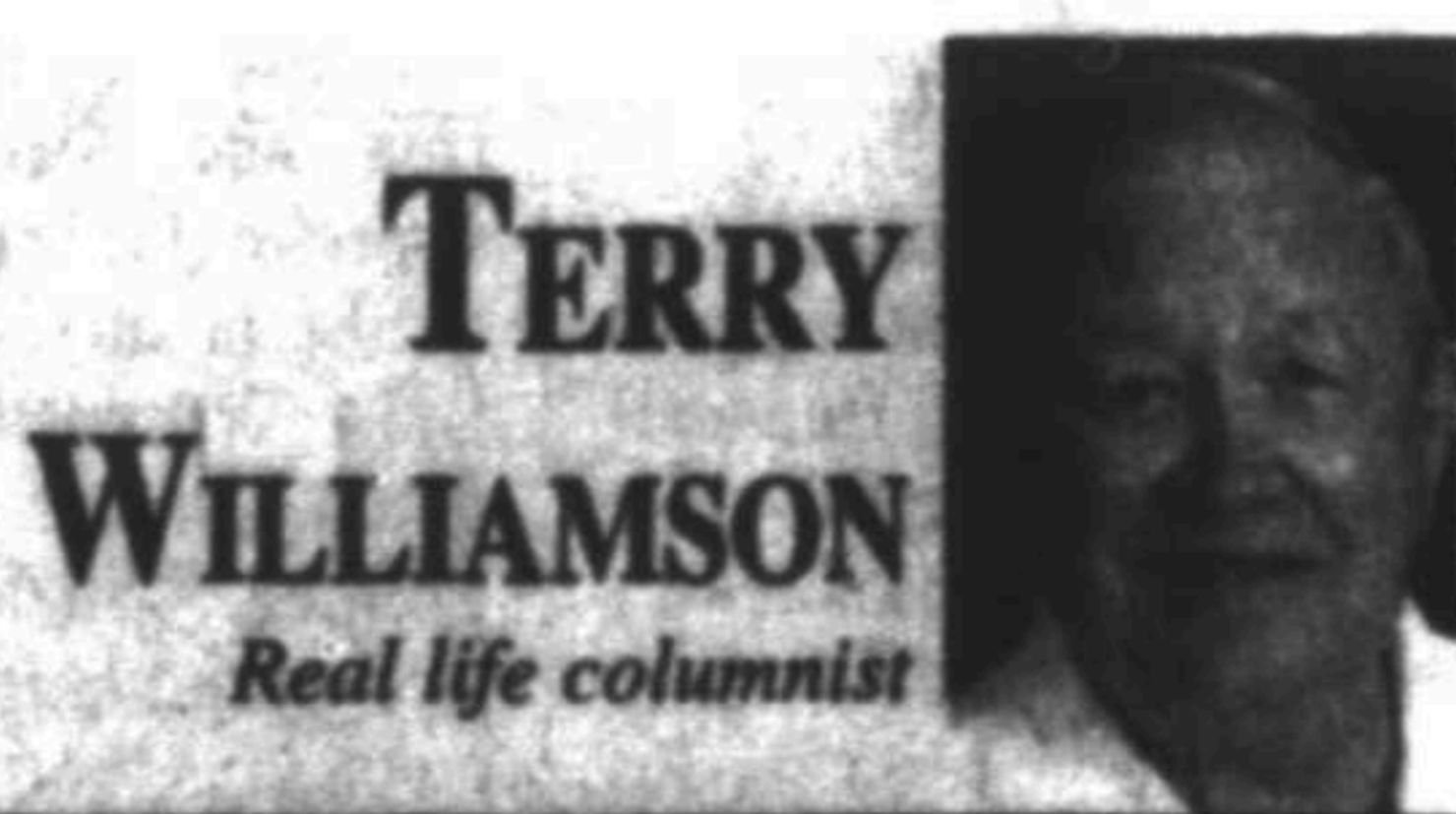
I have this theory that 90 percent of the men in this world really don't like wearing a beard.

Those who sport a scratchy beard just hate shaving more than they hate having hair on the face.

Now I know I'm going to get a lot of flak over this, but I'm pretty sure I'm right. A man with a beard can't afford to say that he doesn't like his facial hair because he's too lazy to shave, but I think that's the fact.

I'll probably never again have a friend with hair on his face because I've exposed the real malady in his life, but sometimes one has to stand firm in the truth. People deserve to know.

I also know a lot of men, like me, who don't have beards but would have beards if the wife would let them. OK, there I said it. I don't like to shave, but according to the wife, if I haven't shaved in any two-day period, I've busted the time meter.



The wife will kiss me if I haven't shaved in two days, but I haven't quite figured out if it's a mercy kiss or if she's that desperate for attention. But if three days go by without a razor, we're both out of luck.

Still, I'm having a hard time understanding how some of the classy guys of our time completely get away with the two-day razorless look.

Have you ever seen chicks turn away from Matthew McConaughey or Tom Cruise simply because they haven't shaved in a couple of days? In fact, these

guys use this look all the time in the movies and pretend that it's cool.

I just don't see how they get away with it. At home, women shun the two-day growth like the plague, but when they are watching the movies, they act like the two-day growth is the sexiest thing in the world.

The wife looks like she has the prickly pear face if I kiss her when I haven't shaved, but do you think she's going to turn away McConaughey with a two-day growth? Well, you get the point.

Of course, beards come in all forms. I watch a lot of those Alaska reality shows on TV, and the men of Alaska most often sport one of those beards I call the mountain-man look. Those beards are massive. They can come down to the waist or they can be bushy and thick.

Those beards amaze me. They go outside and bring home 20 extra pounds

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Business Spotlight: West Texas Hidden Fence

By Cale Ottens
Reporter-Telegram

Scott Dodson moved away from Midland about two years ago and started to work for a company in Dallas that sells a pet fencing system that uses a radio signal to keep animals inside the yard.

After his wife got a job that allowed the family to return to Midland in December, Dodson decided to start his own branch of the company and bring the product to the Permian Basin.

West Texas Hidden Fence has since begun serving pet owners across the region. The parent company, DogWatch, is based in Boston but Dodson is the sole proprietor of the local dealership.

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Mothers: Support eases breastfeeding challenges

Editor's note: This is part two of a three-part Sunday series on breastfeeding in conjunction with National Breastfeeding Month.

By Rachael Gleason
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With purple and pink numbered ribbons hanging from their blouses, Midland mothers took a break from a recent breastfeeding awareness event to explain the reason for their success: friendships and families.

Allison Roam and Aly Dempsey, both 25, were among the more than 25 women who participated in this year's Big Latch On event, which was held Aug. 2 at the state health department's local clinic.

The best friends wore ribbons to show how long they breastfed and joined women across the world in latching on at the same time, on the same day.

Roam and Dempsey are also part of the Midland/Odessa Breastfeeding Mommies group on Facebook, where about 270 members regularly post their breastfeeding questions and concerns.

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Obituaries



C. Clyde Hamblin

C. Clyde Hamblin expired on August 10, 2014 at the age of 90 years. Clyde was born on May 11, 1924 to Verna Ruth Thornbury and George Herbert Hamblin in Austin, Texas.

He was predeceased by his parents, his brother Herbert Andrew Hamblin, his sister Lola Ruth Collons, and his son George Spencer Hamblin.

Clyde is survived by his wife of 70 years, Martha Hamblin, three grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Clyde attended schools in Austin, Texas, graduating from Austin High School before joining the Marine Corps during World War II. He married his high school sweetheart, Martha Poole, in Norman, Oklahoma on January 25, 1944, while he was stationed at the Naval Air Base in the Marine Air Wing. He proudly served his country in the Marine Air Wing during World War II in the Philippines and occupation of China and again in the Korean War.

After leaving the corps, Clyde returned to his hometown and earned a BS degree in Geology from the University of Texas at Austin. After graduation, he was employed by Union Producing Company in Houston, Texas, Tennessee Gas Transmission Company, later Tenneco, in Corpus Christi, Texas, Denver, Colorado and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma before moving to Midland, Texas. In 1961, he became a founding partner in HMH Operators and later was an independent lease broker and operator of oil and gas properties. He was a petroleum pioneer.

Music played a big part in his life and he loved all kinds of music. While in Austin High School, he played the clarinet in the marching band and the "fiddle" in a country western band called the West Side Ramblers. While stationed at the Naval Air Station in Norman, Oklahoma, he played clarinet in the Marine Marching Band and the bass violin in the dance band.

He sang in a barbershop quartet in Midland and was in the chancel choir at St. Luke's United Methodist Church for 54 years. He also served on the Administrative Board at St. Luke's and was a lay delegate to the North West Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Church. Clyde also was a member of the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists and the American Association of Professional Landmen for 50 years.

The Memorial Service for Clyde was held at 1:00 p.m. Friday August 15, 2014 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church; Reverend Kathryn Boren officiated.

The family of C. Clyde Hamblin requests that any memorial donations be given to the Methodist Children's Home in Waco, CASA of

West Texas, or a charity of one's choice.

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Donald Ray Bales

Donald Ray Bales of Midland passed away Thursday, August 14, 2014, at the age of 63 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

The family will receive friends at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Sunday, August 17, 2014, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Monday, August 18, 2014, at Mid-Cities Community Church. Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 19, 2014, at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock.

He was born on September 12, 1950, in Lubbock, Texas, to Marshall Floyd and Susie James Bales.

After graduating from Denver City High School, he attended South Plains College and earned an associate's degree. He then went to work for the Soil Conservation Service in Cochran County, Texas, where he met the love of his life, Clara Richards. It was a quick courtship and they married November 30, 1972.

They faithfully lived out their vows for over 41 years. Together they raised three sons, Darryl, Mark, and Marshall.

While working for Cities Services, they lived in Morton and Kansas. He then moved back to Denver City, Texas, where he worked for Shell, Altura, and Oxy. In 2001, he transferred to Midland for Oxy Permian where he did regulatory work until medical disability caused him to retire after thirty years of service.

Donald was strongly devoted to The Lord, his wife, and his family. He loved being married and spending time with his family. One of his passions was traveling with Clara to Alaska.

He was preceded in death by his Dad, Marshall Floyd Bales, and his niece Kimberly Bales.

Donald is survived by his "lovely bride", Clara; their three sons, and their spouses, Darryl and Cherie Bales, Mark and Tammy Bales, Marshall and Belinda Bales; and six grandkids, Coleman Bales, Katelyn Bales, Conner Bales, Tyler Bales, Tatum Bales, and Macy Bales, all of Midland.

He is also survived by his mom, Susie Bales of Midland; and his brothers and their spouses, Morris and Ellen Bales of Fischer, Texas, and Earl and Loretta Bales of Neosho, Missouri; his sisters and their spouses, Sue Ann and Tony Locke of Midland, Texas, Sharon and Ken Campbell of Big Lake, Texas, and Carol and Stephen Bradley of Calgary, Canada.

In addition, he is survived by his brother-in-law and his spouse, Gerald and Jaquita Richards of Brownfield, Texas, and his sister-in-law,

Verna Whittington of West Fork, Arkansas.

In addition, he was called uncle by numerous nieces and nephews.

Palbearers will be nephews, Michael Bradley, Brandon Locke, Matt Bales, Chantz Bales, Jason Richards, Brice Campbell, Brit Campbell, and Brian Bradley.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of Midland, PO Box 2621, Midland, Texas, 79702.

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



Jesus Jose Garciaroz

In loving memory of Jesus Jose Garciaroz, who is now with our Lord and Savior. He lost his life on August 15, 2014 due to kidney failure.

Before coming to the United States from Mexico, he was in the Mexican Military. He loved to travel, which led him to become a truck driver for over 40 years. His job took him all over the country and he loved to share his experiences from all the places he visited. Jesus was born in Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico on December 2, 1949. He lived in Pecos for 20 years before moving to Midland, Texas in 1993.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Maria Magdalena Rede Garciaroz, and his son, Victor Joel Rede.

He is survived by his four sons, Jesse Garciaroz, Joe Garciaroz, Mark Garciaroz, and Charlie Garciaroz, all of Midland, and numerous grandchildren.

A rosary will be held Monday, August 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, with Father Rodriguez officiating. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Palbearers for the service will be Jose Marmolejo, Freddy Reyes, Juan Ramirez, Fernando Barraza, Manuel Rede, and Arturo Valenzuela. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.



Laura Taft Klaus

Laura Taft Klaus passed away suddenly Wednesday afternoon August 13, 2014, in Midland, Texas.

She was born February 3,

1948 in Austin, Texas to Gilbert L. Taft and Marilyn N. Olson Taft.

Laura attended high school and secretarial college in Rochester, New York, and graduated in 1965.

She was blessed to have an identical twin sister, Linda, of Rochester, New York, to go through life with.

She moved to Midland in 1968, with her husband, Thomas E. Klaus, so he could pursue a career in geology for the oil industry.

Laura was an accomplished neuromuscular therapist and had been a belly dancer to many parties and also a teacher. She loved animals and was the kindest person anyone could know. She deeply loved people and had many true friends. She had been ill for several years, but was always a free spirit and so smart and articulate.

Laura is survived by her husband, Tom E. Klaus, of Midland Texas; her son, Adam T. Klaus and daughter-in-law, Laura D. Klaus; her grandsons, David, Isaac, and Richard Klaus; her twin sister, Linda and husband Terry.

Graveside services have been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 18, 2014, at the Eternal Light Mausoleum at Resthaven Memorial Park with Reverend S. Mohr of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church officiating.

Memorials may be directed to the ASPCA, The Humane Society of the United States, The Humane Society or the Humane Society of one's choice. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.



Paul Hudson King

Paul Hudson King of Aventura, Florida, passed away August 7, 2014 in the Hospice unit of St. Catherine West, Hialeah Gardens, Florida.

Paul was born to MaryLou King Thompson and the late Jack Edison King in San Antonio, Texas, on July 31, 1950.

His family moved to Midland, Texas, in 1953 when he was 3 years old. He lived in Midland until 1968 when he graduated from Lee High School. While in high school he became an Eagle Scout along with the Order of the Arrow. He remained active in scouting, and his church.

He attended the University of Houston where he earned a degree in International Economics. After spending 3 months in Europe he attended the University of Texas and earned a degree in Accounting, acquired his CPA and joined Ernst and Ernst Accounting firm.

He was transferred to Cleveland, Ohio and then to San Francisco where he began his own firm.

He designed the computers and the software that he used in setting up the financial programs for the health care industry.

He met Judi Jaskiel there and they were married on July 20, 1996, in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, where he had moved his offices.

Paul's love of boats and the

ocean began when he was very young even though he grew up on the edge of the desert. His move to Florida was prompted so he could have larger boats. He bought a condo on the top of a 31 story building that overlooked the marina where his boats were moored on one side and the ocean on the other. He went to Italy and earned his captaincy.

He will be remembered for his love of boats, his integrity, honesty, creativity, a generous heart and his love for his family.

He was preceded in death by his father.

He is survived by his wife Judi, and their four children, Brian Paul King and his wife Marcia of Novato, California, Ryan Peter King of London, England, Joelle Jaskiel of Ft. Lauderdale and Jeffery Evan Jaskiel of Ft. Lauderdale.

He is also survived by his mother, MaryLou, His sister Karen Anne James and her husband George C. James, their children, Benjamin King James, Andrew Paul James, and Julianne Evelyn James; and sister Julie Louise Olson and her husband Dr. Eric Olson, and their children, Lt. Aubrey Lawrence Olson and Anne Elise Olson.

Memorial services were held on August 16 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Ft. Lauderdale.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations in Paul King's name be made to the American Cancer Society's Finish The Fight fund, at www.cancer.org and designate colon cancer, or First United Methodist Church Silva Dillard Nursing scholarship, First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main, Midland, Texas, 79707, or your favorite charity.



Susan Lynn Clark

Susan Lynn Clark passed away June 13, 2014 after a short illness due to complications from renal failure. She was preceded in death by her mother, Madora Morrow, and her father, John M. Clark.

Born in Midland, Texas in 1957, Susan graduated from Lee High School in 1974 and the University of New Mexico in 1988 with distinction. She became a permanent resident of Taos, New Mexico in 1988. Following the death of her father, she joined John M. Clark, Inc. as Vice President and served on the Board of Directors.

Susan was a talented artist who taught herself the techniques, as well as the history and science of the art she created. She was especially known for her handmade paper work and her slumped glass titles, tableware and jewelry. Until her last moments, her creativity continued to evolve with her free and loving spirit expressed in each piece.

She is survived by her son, Luis Vargas; his fiancée, Paula Giatan; granddaughter, Solidea Suzanna Vargas; step-granddaughter, Aurelia Cebada; and step-mother, Rosamaria Ellis Clark of Taos, New Mexico; a brother, Roger Brian Clark and his wife Lynne Clark; nieces,

Heather Henderson, and Ananda Peters, nephew, Gable Clark of Midland, Texas; and nephew, Joshua Clark of Lubbock, Texas.

There was a celebration of life held in Taos, New Mexico on July 25, 2014.

Arrangements by Rivera Family Funeral Home.

Death Notices

Celia Revilla Gonzales

Celia Revilla Gonzales, 88, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, August 16, 2014. Visitation will be on Sunday, August 17, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. A prayer service will be held on Monday, August 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1801 Garden Lane, Midland, Texas, with burial to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park North on 4614 N. Big Spring St.

She is survived by four sons, Richard Jasso, Sr., Leonardo Gonzales, Jr., Steven Gonzales, and Lee Curmutte Gonzales; two daughters, Ruth Rodriguez and Christian Curmutte; and by two sisters.

Clara Hernandez

Clara Hernandez, 92, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, August 12, 2014. Vigil service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, August 17, 2014 at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She is survived by one daughter, Elizabeth H. Baquera.

Connie Faye Hennings Nash

Connie Faye Hennings Nash, 67, of Midland passed away on the morning of Sunday, August 10, 2014.

A memorial service honoring her life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 2014, at Desert Gardens Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Midland.

She is survived by one brother; and daughter, Shanna Stovall.

Ronald L. Dugan

Ronald L. Dugan, 57, of Big Spring, died Friday, August 15, 2014. Funeral services will be held at 4:00 p.m. Monday, August 18, 2014 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at the Paradise Cemetery in Paradise, Texas.

Ron is survived by his wife, Terry Dugan; son, Russell Lee Dugan; daughter, Jessie Margaret Dugan; his mother and step-father, Bobby and Richard Sauer; one brother and two sisters.

Ruthie Murphree

Ruthie Murphree, 44, of Big Spring, died Wednesday August 13, 2014. The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She is survived by her husband, Jackie Murphree; her mother, Patty Sides; two sons, J.J. Murphree and Cody Murphree; one daughter, Krista Kay Murphree; three brothers and two sisters.

Perry indictment exposes political divide in Texas

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A grand jury has indicted Texas Republican Gov. Rick Perry on two felony counts of abuse of power for making good on a veto threat — a case the possible 2016 presidential hopeful is dismissing as nakedly political, but which his opponents say is just deserts.

The indictments for abuse of official capacity and coercion of a public servant came late Friday, after a special prosecutor spent months calling witnesses and presenting evidence that Perry broke the law when he carried out a promise to nix \$7.5 million over two years for

the public integrity unit run by the office of Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmborg. The Democratic official was convicted of drunken driving, but refused Perry's repeated calls to resign.

The case means the longest-serving governor in state history also became the first Texas governor since 1917 to be indicted. Abuse of official capacity is a first-degree felony with potential punishments of five to 99 years in prison. Coercion of a public servant is a third-degree felony that carries a punishment of two to 10 years.

Though the charges are serious, politics are sure to

dominate the case. Lehmborg is based in Austin, which is where the grand jury was seated and is heavily Democratic. That's in stark contrast to much of the rest of Texas, which is fiercely conservative — so much so that a Democrat hasn't captured statewide office in 20 years.

Still, while Perry says he did nothing wrong in issuing the veto, simply having the word "indictment" associated with him could tarnish his image and complicate his prospects with 2016 GOP primary voters — should he try again for the White House.

When he ran for president in 2012, Perry plummeted from brief

front-runner to national punchline, his once promising campaign doomed by a series of embarrassing gaffes, including his infamous "Oops" moment during a debate. This time, he's re-made his cowboy image, donning stylish glasses, studying up on foreign and domestic affairs and promising that he'll be far more humble in the national spotlight.

The unit Lehmborg oversees investigates statewide allegations of corruption and political wrongdoing. It led the investigation against former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, a Texas Republican who in 2010 was convicted of money laundering

and conspiracy to commit money laundering for taking part in a scheme to influence elections in his home state — convictions later vacated by an appeals court.

Perry himself was never called to testify in this case, — but many of his top aides were. David L. Botsford, Perry's defense attorney, whose \$450-per-hour fees are being paid for by state funds, said he was "outraged and appalled" by the grand jury's decision.

"This clearly represents political abuse of the court system and there is no legal basis in this decision," Botsford said in a statement. "Today's action, which violates the separa-

tion of powers outlined in the Texas Constitution, is nothing more than an effort to weaken the constitutional authority granted to the office of Texas governor, and sets a dangerous precedent by allowing a grand jury to punish the exercise of a lawful and constitutional authority afforded to the Texas governor."

Democrats, for their part, didn't miss a chance to pounce.

"Texans deserve real leadership and this is unacceptable for our government," Texas Democratic Party Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa said in a statement. He demanded that Perry immediately resign.

It's not the crime; it's the politics

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

ANALYSIS

So this is what happens when the fox cuts the food supply of the dog guarding the henhouse.

A Travis County grand jury on Friday indicted Gov. Rick Perry on two felony counts, alleging he abused his power by threatening to veto funding for the state's Public Integrity Unit unless Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg, who had pleaded guilty to drunk driving, stepped down.

It appears to those on the governor's side of the argument that he has the right to cut the funding of agencies run by people who will not quit on his demand.

It appears to those on the prosecutor's side that his funding veto and the threat that preceded it were an attempt to intimidate and coerce the office that has the job of policing corruption and ethics cases in state government.

The threat is the thing. Had the governor simply cut the funding without saying anything — especially in public, but even in private — this would just be a strange veto. That is not unprecedented.

But Perry did speak out. He decided that Lehmberg's serving time for a drunk driving arrest, or running a gauntlet of public opprobrium that includes an eternal presence of arrest night video on the internet, was not enough.

That's where this goes next: Why did he want more? The complaint against the governor came from partisans. That ought to raise the burden of proof, but the fact that his detractors would like to topple him doesn't automatically make them wrong; it just makes their motives suspicious. They contend the governor's appointees at the Cancer Prevention Research Insti-

tution of Texas were under investigation and that Perry's veto might have hobbled that operation.

Mary Anne Wiley, the general counsel in the governor's office, defended her boss after the indictment was made public: "The veto in question was made in accordance with the veto authority afforded to every governor under the Texas Constitution. We will continue to aggressively defend the governor's lawful and constitutional action, and believe we will ultimately prevail."

She might be right — that's what trials are for. But while the criminal case plays out, the political case is already well underway. It started when the governor weighed in on the Lehmberg case. Questions about the propriety of that surfaced immediately — well before the veto — but Perry pressed ahead, knowing he was on a political stage as well as an official one. He demanded Lehmberg's resignation and conditioned continued funding of her office on that demand.

She said it was improper and rebuffed him. He did what he promised and vetoed the state funding intended to support investigations of ethics and corruption and tax and other state cases.

Texans for Public Justice — that's the liberal-leaning group that started this — complained to prosecutors, officially posing the question about whether a crime had been committed.

A special prosecutor was appointed, keeping Lehmberg out of the official proceeding, to take the case to a grand jury, a panel given the job of deciding whether the charges were plain political bunk or worth presenting to a criminal jury or judge. And that panel decided it ought to go forward.

That's the standard recipe for things like this, except that this one is marbled with politics. You can't take them out. They are at the center of the criminal case, on one hand, and run alongside it, outside of the judicial system, on the other. The indictment could do for Perry's 2016 run what his debilitating back surgery did for his 2012 effort.

The governor is near the end of his term. Getting any of this into a full trial while he's still in office would be extraordinarily fast. Expect instead a battle over the indictments themselves and about all of the things that will and will not be allowed into the trial, if there is one. Remember how Tom DeLay's case dragged out, for one example.

This job is ending, but the governor is at the beginning of his next run for office, and the indictment is national news, like Chris Christie's bridge. The governor's supporters blame Democratic politics — Travis County is liberal, and the prosecutors are hard on Republicans, they say — but this is catnip for other Republicans. Perry isn't competing with Democrats, but with other Republicans for the chance to compete with the Democrats.

Maybe his lawyers can get the indictment snuffed before there is a trial. Maybe there will be a trial, and a jury will find nothing criminal has taken place.

Meanwhile, the governor and others are already haunting Iowa, the home of the first presidential primaries almost two years from now. This indictment could be to the Perry presidential campaign what a sewer leak is to the opening of a new restaurant: The food might not be the diners' strongest memory of the meal.

INDICTMENT

From 1B

convicted, then it could have some effect. It's said that a good prosecutor can indict a ham sandwich, though I don't necessarily think that's true. It takes more than that."

Social media erupted after the indictment was announced, with Perry supporters and conservative GOP groups blaming Democrats, and Democrats and Perry critics predicting his presidential ambitions were kaput. The charges were brought by a special prosecutor from San Antonio, who is believed to be a Republican.

Ted Delisi, a longtime GOP strategist in Texas, characterized the indictment "as the opening salvo in a bitter political battle," involving Democrats against conservative Republicans. He said he does not think the charges will hurt Perry in Texas, though the governor "needs to overcome this relatively quickly" because people outside Texas may not understand that Austin prosecutors have a history of targeting Republicans.

"Longtime observers aren't really surprised about the Travis County DA's office," he said. "On its face, conservatives are shocked at these actions. I think they're likely to get laughed out of the courtroom."

For the most part, political scientists outside Texas agreed that the charges probably will not knock Perry out. But they probably won't help much, either.

Most said they were unaware of any presidential nominee for a major party ever having been under indictment while running. And they questioned whether Perry's legal team can quickly extinguish the indictment in a Democrat-leaning county where U.S. House Majority leader Tom DeLay, a Republican, was indicted and convicted on money laundering and conspiracy charges in a case that took six years to go to trial.

In Texas, opinions on Perry's future were split. "My overall judgment is that lawsuits of this kind with incumbent politicians go nowhere," said Jim Riddlesperger, a political scientist at Fort Worth's Texas Christian University, citing the Republicans' proposed lawsuit against President Barack Obama.

"Normally nothing comes of this, and these are generally seen as politically motivated rather than real issues. ... Sometimes with issues of this sort, if it turns out that there's very little merit or no merit, it can actually raise the profile of the person running for office because it can look vindictive."

However, Cal Jillson, a political scientist at Southern Methodist University, predicted the charges against Perry "will have a significant effect on his presidential ambitions."

"But exactly what that impact will be will depend on how long this takes."

Legal wrangling over Perry's indictment will likely take months. Assuming the charges are not thrown out or dropped, Perry then faces a trial that could hinder his ability to campaign should he decide to run.

"Depending on how long it takes, it may preclude a presidential run or merely hinder him," Jillson said. "Either way, it's a problem."

He and other political scientists and consultants agreed that Perry supporters will portray the indictment as a plot by Democrats or liberals to besmirch the reputation of a leading conservative Republican, someone who has again emerged as a possible presidential contender in 2016.

At the same time, if Perry runs, they expect his GOP rivals to mention the pending charges at every step.

Looking at the spin

By late Friday, the spin already had started. "Malicious prosecution

to silence conservatives is newest weapon of the establishment nationally and, sadly, in Texas," Michael Quinn Sullivan, president of the arch-conservative Empower Texans, tweeted with the hashtag "...Stand-WithRickPerry."

Paul Begala, a consultant and commentator who was an adviser to President Bill Clinton, tweeted: "Thought bubble as (at) GovernorPerry goes for his mug show: 'Do these glasses make me look innocent?'"

Houston lawyer Brian Wice, who represents DeLay in his appeals, criticized the indictment as an example of partisan prosecutions against Republican officeholders in Travis County.

"This is the sequel to the criminalization of politics and sometimes people insist on manufacturing an illegal act out of a series of legal ones," Wice said. "I just think it's unwholesome, unfair and it's ultimately mischievous."

Just as the indictment could affect Perry's presidential future, so could it impact state races.

Calling on Perry to resign, Texas Democratic Party Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa said the indictment highlights a broader problem in the state's leadership ranks.

"Ken Paxton (the GOP nominee for attorney general) is facing a possible indictment, and Attorney General Greg Abbott (the GOP nominee for governor) has refused to rule on whether Gov. Perry can use taxpayer dollars to cover his legal expenses."

Delisi, echoing the sentiments of consultants, played down any effect Perry's travails may have on the race between Abbott and Democrat Wendy Davis.

"I don't really see how it becomes an issue," he said. "There are other kinds of bigger issues that are going to move that race one way or the other."

Perry latest GOP hopeful facing legal trouble

Associated Press

AUSTIN — As they form exploratory committees, consider the grueling prospect of a national campaign with their families and begin hiring staff in key presidential battleground states, three potential Republican White House candidates also face the distraction of legal troubles back at home.

The latest is Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who following his indictment on two felony charges, is staring at the most serious accusations of wrongdoing by a prominent Republican governor openly considering a run for president.

In New Jersey, Gov. Chris Christie is trying to move beyond the apparent effort of his staff to create traffic chaos on a bridge into Manhattan late last year, while state prosecutors in Wisconsin are examining whether Gov. Scott Walker coordinated too closely during a past campaign with outside conservative groups.

But prosecutors have taken no action against Christie and Walker, and may never do so. Only Perry has suffered the infamy of an actual indictment, handed up by a grand jury in Austin, Texas, that accused the longest-serving governor in the state's history of abuse of official capacity and coercion of a public servant.

The charges came after a special prosecutor spent months presenting evidence that Perry broke the law when he carried out a promise to six funding for the public integrity unit run by the office of Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg unless she resigned. A Democrat, Lehmberg had been convicted of drunken driving.

Technically, Perry faces up to 109 years in prison if convicted, although legal experts of all political stripes have said such a sentence — if not a conviction itself — is unlikely.

That may not matter. Perry is the still the first Texas governor since 1917 to be indicted, and as the case drags on, that fact could be all would-be 2016

Republican primary voters remember about him.

"Indictment is a loaded word," said Mark McKinnon, a GOP consultant and former top adviser to the presidential campaign of George W. Bush.

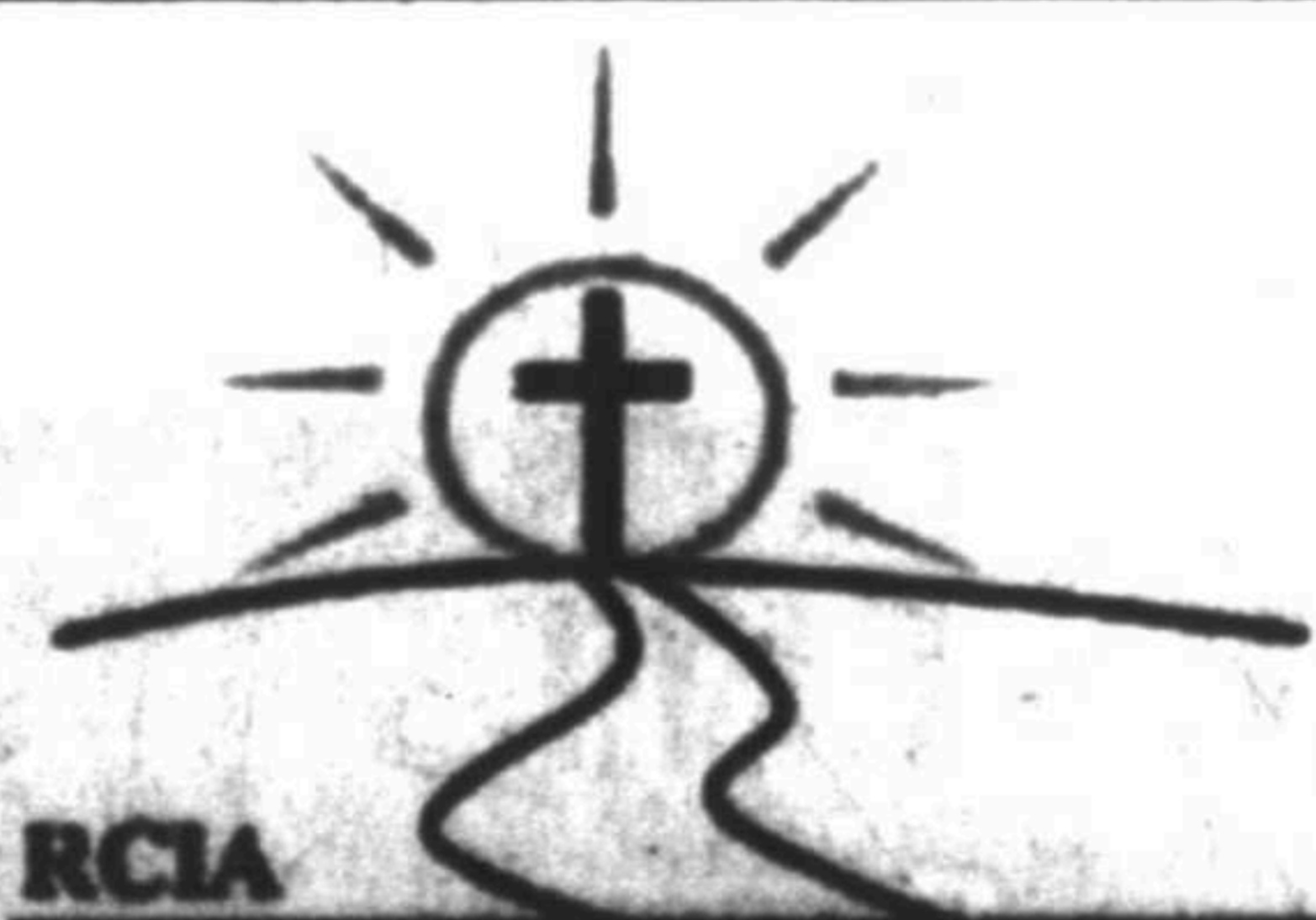
The indictment came as Perry spent months rehabilitating his national image after his failed 2012 run for president. He's become a staple on national television and a frequent visitor to the early voting states of Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina and has insisted he'll be better prepared this time for the national spotlight.

"From a personal standpoint, this is a tragedy for Perry," said Matt Mackowiak, a Texas-based Republican strategist. "This new uncertainty about Perry's future will stall his positive political momentum for 2016 until this is resolved, which could take a year."

Perry, though, has given no indication that he plans to stop his early moves toward a campaign. He's dismissed the case as a political ploy, an argument sure to resonate with some Republicans. Lehmberg is a Democrat and Austin, where the grand jury was seated, is a liberal bastion in fiercely conservative Texas.

"We don't settle political differences with indictments in this country," Perry said Saturday.

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, who is also eyeing the 2016 presidential contest, dismissed the charges in a Twitter message as "a political witch hunt." Another potential White House hopeful, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, defended his fellow Texan, saying in a statement, "Rick Perry is a friend, he's a man of integrity."



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Bear, a 7-month-old chocolate lab, shakes water onto Sarah Andrade during Soggy Doggy Splash Day, hosted by the City of Midland's Parks and Recreation division, on Saturday at Doug Russell Pool.



Dax, a 3 year old lab, jumps into the water during Soggy Doggy Splash Day.



Molly, a 3 year old yellow lab, rests on the shoulders of Tom Elliott during Soggy Doggy Splash Day.

WILLIAMSON

From 1B

of ice frozen to their face. They can be sitting by the fire with the beard still aglow with hanging icicles.

I completely understand why those men keep the beard. It would be a long process to shave off one of those masterpieces — and it would probably hurt. And doesn't it itch a lot? That would drive me crazy.

Then there is the lumberjack look. This beard is often full, but also nicely groomed. I prefer it to the mountain-man look, but it also is hard to shave off.

But I still don't know how these guys get past the wife.

What I'm learning is that there are many women who actually like the thought of puckering up to a big old grizzly bear. Well, we all have our fantasies, don't we? That's the only explanation I can come up with. There are still women searching for that lucky bear to hibernate with for the winter.

Then there are the guys who just prefer to wear a mustache, which also come in all shapes and sizes. You have the untended bushy growth and the thin-line

weasel look. And you also have the well-groomed and perfectly cut mustaches. Also, you have the curly-cued mustaches that require a lot of butch wax to aid in holding its form.

The bushy mustaches always seem to hold food when you are eating. The good part, I guess, is that you can enjoy an afternoon snack later on.

The creation of mustaches require a lot of work. I really admire some of these works of art, but it always makes me think that these guys are off to sing in a barbershop quartet. I

happen to like barbershop quartets.

Well, that's enough. I'm off to shave because I prefer kissing to growing hair. Obviously, there are a lot of guys out there who have given up on kissing, all because they don't want to shave — or they are into hibernating.

Thought for the Week: "Kissing a man with a beard is a lot like going to a picnic. There's always a lot of food and you don't mind going through a little bush to get there." — comedian Minnie Pearl

Reward offered in flag burnings case

Associated Press

WEATHERFORD — Authorities said a reward for information on who is behind a series of flag burning incidents in North Texas is up to \$13,000, thanks to donations.

Weatherford police said officers have taken 16 reports about damaged, stolen or burned flags.

Police said the flags are taken from homes and then placed on driveways or

streets, where an accelerant is used to burn them.

Area car dealerships have donated \$11,000 to the Crime Stoppers reward fund in the case.

The incidents in the past week have occurred in various neighborhoods of Weatherford, about 30 miles west of Fort Worth.

Charges that could be filed in the case, under state law, include destruction of a flag, a misdemeanor, and arson, a second-degree felony.



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BREASTFEEDING

From 1B

"Our husbands play a big part in it, too," said Roem, noting dads help by distracting the breastfeeding babies.

Health experts and Midland moms are touting the importance of family support in honor of August's National Breastfeeding Month.

For Jinx Stokes — a Midland Memorial Hospital lactation consultant with nearly 50 years of experience taking care of moms and their newborns — successful breastfeeding involves a good latch, a good position and a good support team.

"That support system means a lot to the mom," Stokes said.

Dads often feel left out when moms breastfeed, but involving him is extremely beneficial for both mother and child, she said.

"You have to make that dad be involved and listen and be that second set of ears for her and help her when she gets home. It means so much," Stokes said. "It's as important as sitting down and giving that baby a bottle."

A practice known as kangaroo care — covering a naked or diapered baby with a blanket after placing the baby against a par-

ent's bare chest — also has benefits, she said.

Babies who experience "skin-to-skin" maintain their body warmth, regulate their heart and breathing rates, lower their oxygen requirements, sleep more deeply, cry less often and breastfeed more successfully, according to a pamphlet provided by Midland Memorial.

Fathers can do it, too, said Stokes, noting men typically have warmer bodies.

"They hear the heartbeat of their daddy, and that will comfort them sometimes when nothing else will," she said.

Stokes teaches breastfeeding classes at Midland Memorial for expecting mothers.

"Everybody thinks it's a God-given natural. It's a little more complicated than that," she said with a laugh.

The classes — held once or twice a month — are always full, said Casey Weems, lactation manager and childbirth education coordinator for the hospital.

"We are always adding four, or five or six people because I can't tell them no," she said.

More parents want to attend the classes partly because of the Permian Ba-

sin's booming population and increase in the number of expecting mothers.

About a year ago, the hospital averaged 150 to 160 deliveries per month, the Reporter-Telegram previously reported. The number steadily increased until June, when a record number 240 babies were born.

"The doctors said, 'You thought that was bad? Wait until November and December,'" Weems said.

For mothers with low incomes, the state offers peer-to-peer breastfeeding counseling through its Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

Midland's WIC program, which sponsored this year's Big Latch On event for all Midland mothers, typically serves about 2,500 low-income women in the area, said Eileen Mendoza, WIC program director and trained lactation consultant.

"Our breastfeeding numbers have increased," said Mendoza, noting the counseling sessions provide breastfeeding information, breast pumps and a sympathetic shoulder. "When you have those barriers, you have someone to go to."

Breastfeeding resources for parents

- WIC English and Spanish: www.breast-milkcounts.com
- Lactation education resources: www.lactationtraining.com/resources/handouts
- International Breastfeeding Centre: nbci.ca
- Newborn latching after delivery: www.breastcrawl.org
- Texas Tech Health Sciences Center Infant Risk Center: www.infantrisk.com
- United States Office on Women's Health: www.womenshealth.gov/breastfeeding
- La Leche League: 1-800-525-3243 or www.llli.org
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- Period of Purple Crying: www.purplecrying.info
- 68NURSE: 686-8773
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- MMH Lactation: 221-1070
- MMH Lactation Consultant Jinx Stokes: 221-1070
- Lactation Services of the Permian Basin Barbara Stone: 352-6099
- The National Breastfeeding Helpline Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Permian Basin WIC: 1-866-907-0080
- Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222

- Nurture Me Birth Services: www.nurture-mebirthservices.com

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

Facebook groups: Midland-Odessa Breastfeeding Mommies

MommyMeds: Smartphone app helps breastfeeding mothers understand medication risks

A Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center physician recently launched a MommyMeds smartphone application to help breastfeeding moms understand medication risks.

Dr. Thomas Hale, executive director of the Infant Risk Center, has researched for the past 25 years the impact of prescription drugs on a mother's breast milk.

Mothers who worry about medications while breastfeeding often stop because they don't understand the risks, said Hale, who authored "Medications and Mothers' Milk."

"They are worried because they just don't know. Not only that — their doctors are worried, too," Hale said. "The new app makes it possible for moms to have immediate access to the most up-to-date information on medications anytime and help them make the best possible decisions when it comes to the health of their babies."

Online: www.infantrisk.com/mobile/mommymeds

Burglary of designer closet has twist

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The theft of nearly \$1 million in designer bags, jewelry and furs from the 3,000-square-foot closet of a suburban Houston woman has taken a strange media twist.

The Houston Chronicle reported Saturday that a person claiming to be the burglar sent several of the stolen items to a newspaper. The items were stolen Aug. 2 from a closet in the home of Theresa Roemer, who uses the room for charity fundraisers.

The alleged burglar also spoke to a reporter with the Houston Press through a voice modulator, making it difficult to tell whether the person is a man or a woman. Craig Malisow, the Houston Press reporter, said he first talked to the alleged burglar on Tuesday and later received a large brown envelope covered with stamps filled with about 10 to 15

items of jewelry and a man's watch.

"It was kind of odd," Malisow said, of his conversations with the purported burglar. "It sounded like he felt like he was wronged — because when he went to go fence this stuff, he was allegedly told this was fake ... it kind of felt like he was the victim here."

According to the Houston Press, the burglar had requested more than \$500,000 from Roemer to return the stolen items and not tell reporters that they were allegedly fake.

Roemer told the Houston Chronicle the suspected burglar contacted her Aug. 6, demanding half a million dollars.

"He tried to hold me ransom for my stuff," she said. Roemer and authorities believe recent TV and magazine publicity about her three-story closet attracted the burglar to her home in The Woodlands.

In surveillance video of the burglary, an intruder, wearing a jump suit and a hoodie, broke in through a bathroom window. The video shows he made four trips over 40 minutes, filling designer luggage with loot.

Roemer said she believed that because of the media's coverage, the burglar was unable to pawn the items.

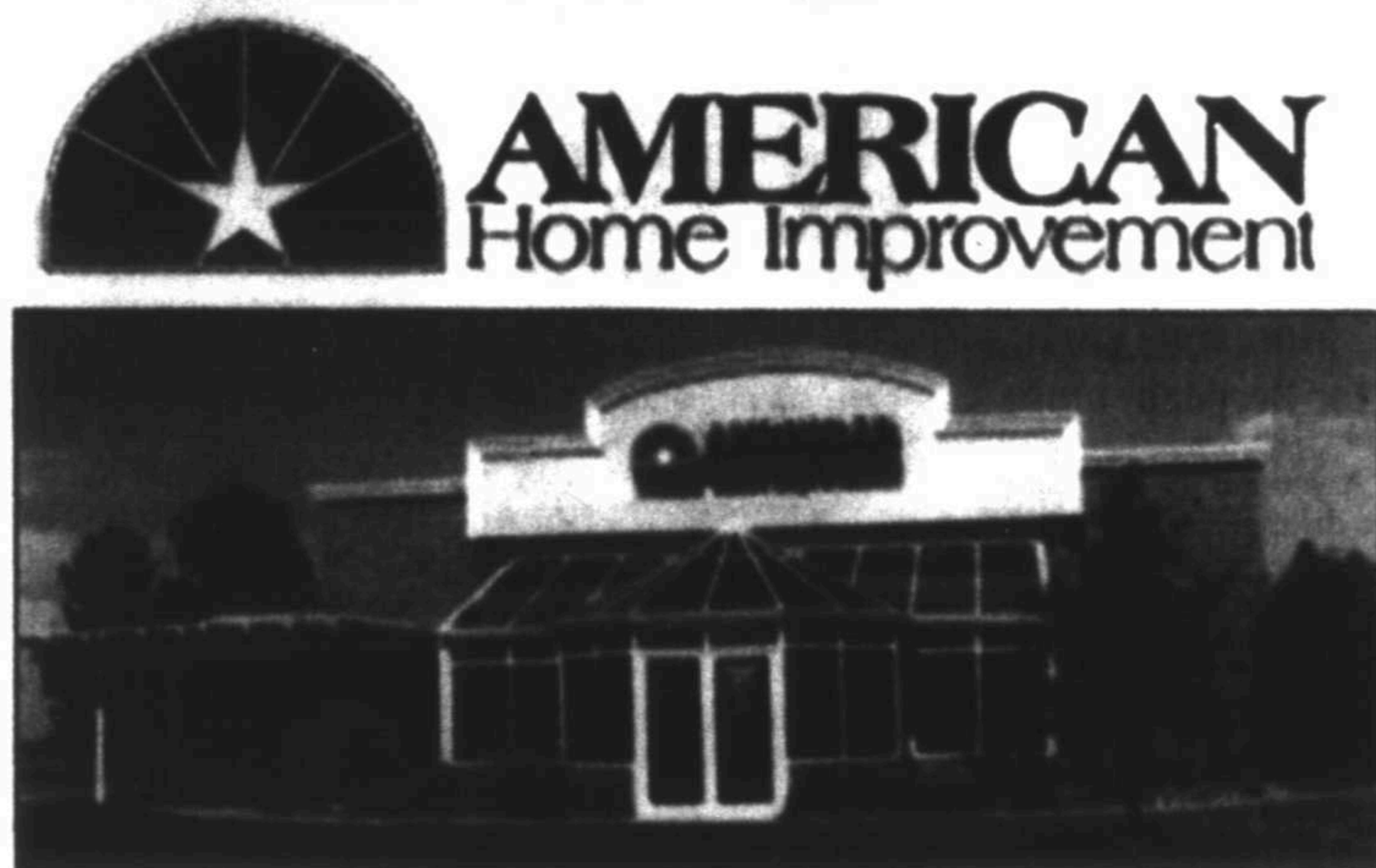
"He never anticipated my (burglary) going viral — but because the closet went viral, the burglary went viral," she said.

Over the last week Roemer received "numerous" calls from the alleged burglar.

"This person is just bound and determined to just keep bothering me," she said.

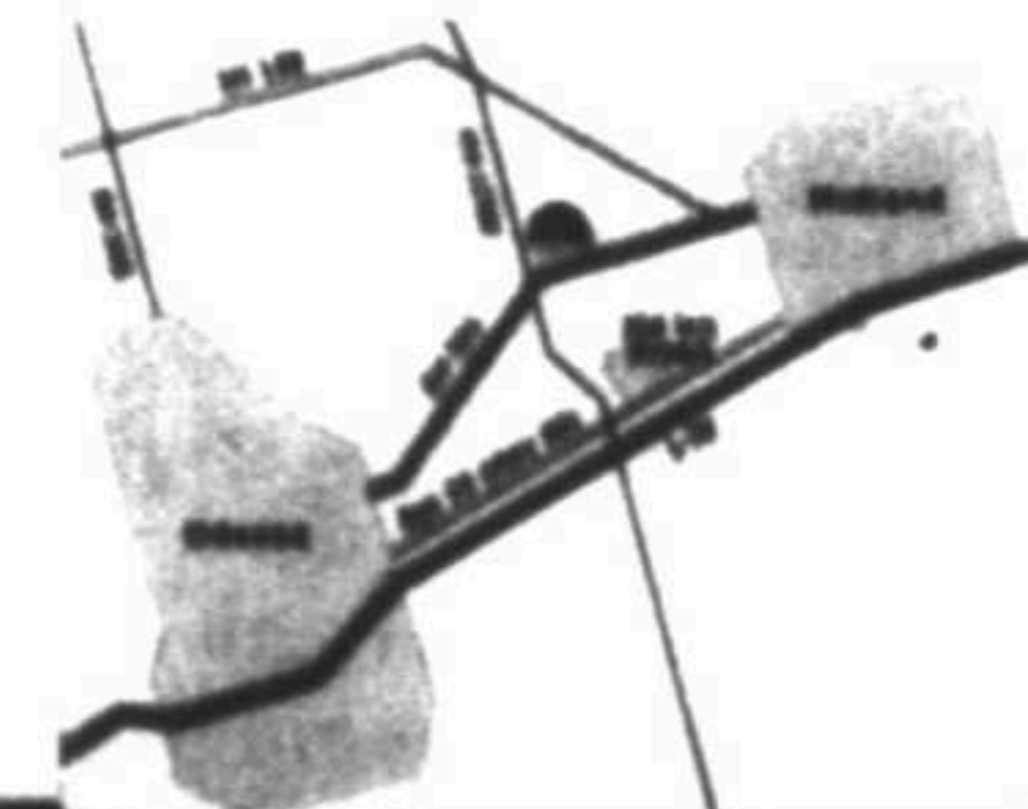
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office investigators have retrieved the items sent to the newspaper.

"We're trying to identify whoever sent these items in," said sheriff's office Lt. Brady Fitzgerald.



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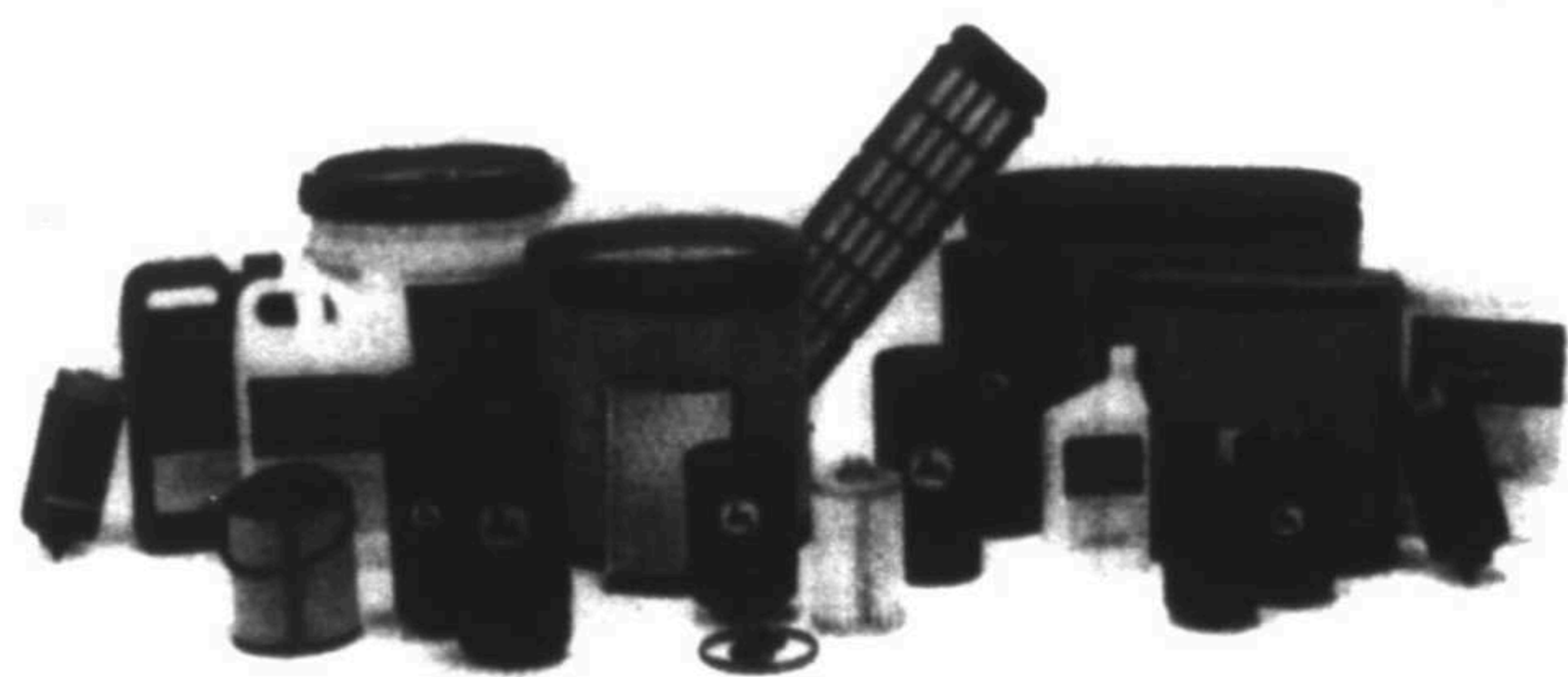


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STATE BRIEFS

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CEDAR PARK
Woman allegedly
stole wine to see
jailed boyfriend

A Texas woman allegedly stole a bottle of \$3.99 wine to get arrested and see her jailed boyfriend.

Alicia Walicke of Cedar Park was charged with misdemeanor theft and freed on \$5,000 bond Friday. Williamson County jail records did not list an attorney for the woman.

Police said Walicke stole a bottle of wine from a gas station Wednesday. An arrest affidavit said police found the woman outside the business and drinking the wine. The affidavit said she told police that she wanted to see her boyfriend, who was arrested hours earlier, and that she wanted to go to jail.

Police in Cedar Park, 15 miles northwest of Austin, didn't immediately identify the boyfriend or said whether the woman saw him.

Police didn't immediately return messages Saturday.

SAN ANTONIO
More time given
for Bergdahl probe

A general investigating the disappearance of a U.S. Army sergeant in Afghanistan is getting several more weeks to complete his probe.

U.S. Army spokesman Wayne Hall said in an email Saturday that the final draft of the report on Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl will take another three weeks to complete. Maj. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl had 60 days from his June 16 appointment to finish his work. That deadline was Friday.

Hall said once Dahl submits his final report, it will undergo a separate legal review before being presented to Army leadership.

Bergdahl was held as a prisoner of war in Afghanistan for five years. His exchange for five Taliban leaders has generated criticism due to allegations Bergdahl was a deserter.

Bergdahl is currently stationed at Fort Sam Houston in Texas.

AUSTIN
Troopers increase
DWI patrols
for Labor Day

Texas troopers have added patrols to watch for drunken drivers in a more than two-week enforcement push that includes Labor Day weekend.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said the increased DWI patrols began Friday and will run through Sept. 2.

Troopers will focus on high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent. The enhanced patrols are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

Texas troopers, during the Labor Day enforcement effort last year, made 1,682 DWI arrests. Officials said 218 of those arrests were the direct result of the increased patrols.

That DPS effort also resulted in 24,443 speeding citations and 3,541 seat belt/child safety seat citations. Troopers also made 1,223 fugitive arrests and 977 felony arrests.

CORPUS CHRISTI
Suspect in deadly park
attack indicted

A 27-year-old man has been indicted on a capital murder charge for a 2012 attack at a South Texas park that left a woman dead and her girlfriend hurt.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported David Strickland also faces felony charges of kidnapping, aggravated sexual assault and robbery.

San Patricio County District Attorney Michael Welborn said Strickland will be arraigned in about two weeks.

Investigators said two teens were sexually assaulted and shot at a park in Portland, near Corpus Christi, in June 2012. The victims were discovered by

people passing by. Investigators said 19-year-old Mollie Olgin of Ingleside died. Her 18-year-old girlfriend was critically injured but survived.

Strickland, who was arrested in June near San Antonio, is being held in San Patricio County Jail without bond.

GALVESTON
Coast Guard takes
injured worker
off freighter

An injured crew member from a bulk freighter in the Gulf of Mexico is recovering in a southeast Texas hospital after being taken off his ship by a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter.

The 33-year-old crew member, whose name was not immediately released, is in stable condition at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

He injured his right arm Friday after falling while working on the 630-foot bulk freighter, which was 172 miles offshore of Lake Charles, Louisiana.

The Coast Guard dispatched a helicopter, which took the crew member to the Galveston Airport, where an ambulance then took him to the hospital.

GREENVILLE
2 stabbed to death
outside skating rink

Two men were stabbed to death and several other people wounded in a fight early Saturday outside a North Texas roller skating rink, officials said.

Greenville city spokeswoman Autumn Barton said no one had been arrested, and that police were trying to determine who was responsible for the attacks.

An argument started inside Skate Safari during a private party and spilled outside, according to Barton. Police received a call around 3 a.m. Saturday about the disturbance, and another caller reported multiple stabbings.

"It started as some type of scuffle and turned into something more severe,"

said Barton, who adding she had no details on what prompted the dispute. "I'm not sure if it was verbal at first or if it was physical."

Victims were transported to Hunt Regional Medical Center by ambulance and by private vehicles.

Two men, both 21, from Greenville, were pronounced dead at the hospital, Barton said. She identified the victims as Darius Diondre Hubbard and Ljorian Marquise Harris.

Several people were hurt, but Barton did not have a specific number. The survivors were hospitalized in varying conditions, Barton said, but she did not elaborate.

"We are trying to gather as much information as possible from witnesses. As soon as they have a clearer picture, they will most likely charge some folks," Barton said.

A message left Saturday at Skate Safari wasn't immediately returned.

FORT WORTH
Fire destroys
Fort Worth church,
1 person treated

One parishioner has been treated following a fire that destroyed a North Texas church.

The Fort Worth Fire Department said nobody was inside Rise and Shine Church of Christ during the blaze Saturday morning.

Officials said a senior leader of the church, who arrived at the scene, suffered shortness of breath and was transported to a hospital. Further details weren't immediately released on the individual.

Investigators are trying to determine what sparked the blaze but do not suspect criminal activity. The fire was brought under control in less than a half-hour. Damage was estimated at about \$40,000.

Church members said they'll hold services on Sunday in the parking lot.

SPOTLIGHT

From 1B

"I really fell in love with it in Dallas-Fort Worth," Dodson said. "I decided to move it here and give it a try."

The "hidden fence" requires a wire be buried in the ground, which establishes the containment area. A radio transmitter is also installed, typically inside a house, and is connected to the wire.

Pets wear a collar that detects the signal from the wire, warning them with a beep when they are getting closer to the boundary line, often located at the edge of a back yard.

If a pet goes beyond the boundary line, the collar will send a static shock similar to what happens when socks are rubbed against carpet. Dodson said the shock doesn't hurt animals but simply grabs their attention. Pets should be trained to turn around when they hear the initial beep, he said.

PERKS TO OPENING IN
MIDLAND

DogWatch has more than 200 branches across the United States and even more in other countries, Dodson said. But the product and service hadn't been introduced to the West Texas region before this year.

"I know there was a need for this product," Dodson said. "The economy is very strong and there are a lot of people moving here from other cities where this product may have been popular."

The fact that Midland and the surrounding cities are an "untapped market" is a big plus for Dodson and his company, he said. The strong economy and the general public's love of animals are other advantages to headquartering his business in the Tall City, he said.

The business, in general, also provides its own additional perks, Dodson said.

"If you have the capital, you can really do whatever you want to do," he said. "I love being with dogs. This is a job that allows me to do that. I get to work outside.... I haven't been sick

Business Information

Business: West Texas Hidden Fence
Owner: Scott Dodson
Employees: 1
Parent Company: DogWatch (Founded in Boston in 1990)
Opened in Midland: January 2014
More info: www.texashiddenfence.com

since I stopped working in an office."

And, relative to traditional businesses, Dog-Watch dealerships are less expensive to start up, Dodson said. Dealership owners just have to pay for the equipment and marketing, which usually translates to an initial investment of between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

CHALLENGES

The business by nature doesn't call for a storefront or office space. It operates out of a pickup and cargo trailer, which can make it more difficult to introduce a new brand to the public, Dodson said.

The labor force across the region is in low supply right now, which is another hurdle to overcome that's specific to West Texas, Dodson said.

"It's just not easy to find the right people," he said. "I don't want to do this by myself forever."

And, on top of that, the family's move back to Midland was something else to overcome. Home prices have climbed considerably since the Dodsons sold their home in 2012.

Dodson said they ended up paying about \$100,000 more for their home in Midland than they paid in the Fort Worth-area. The Midland house is slightly smaller than the one in Fort Worth and doesn't include as many amenities, such as a pool, he said.

It's not easy for every newcomer to start a business in Midland, Dodson said.

But the higher cost of living just reflects a healthy and robust economy, what makes his small business possible, Dodson said, adding that he admits that the steeper prices are worth it overall.

HISTORY

Dodson worked for DogWatch as a minority-owner of the Dallas-Fort Worth dealership for about two years. Before that, he and his wife and now-8-year-old daughter lived in Midland for many years.

Raised in Midland, Dodson is a Lee graduate and a long-time businessman. Before moving to Dallas, he ran the Toyota of Midland dealership for about 14 years, he said.

DogWatch has been around for more than two decades and has a presence in most major metropolitan areas around the U.S. It also exists in Europe, Australia, Canada and other regions throughout the world, he said.

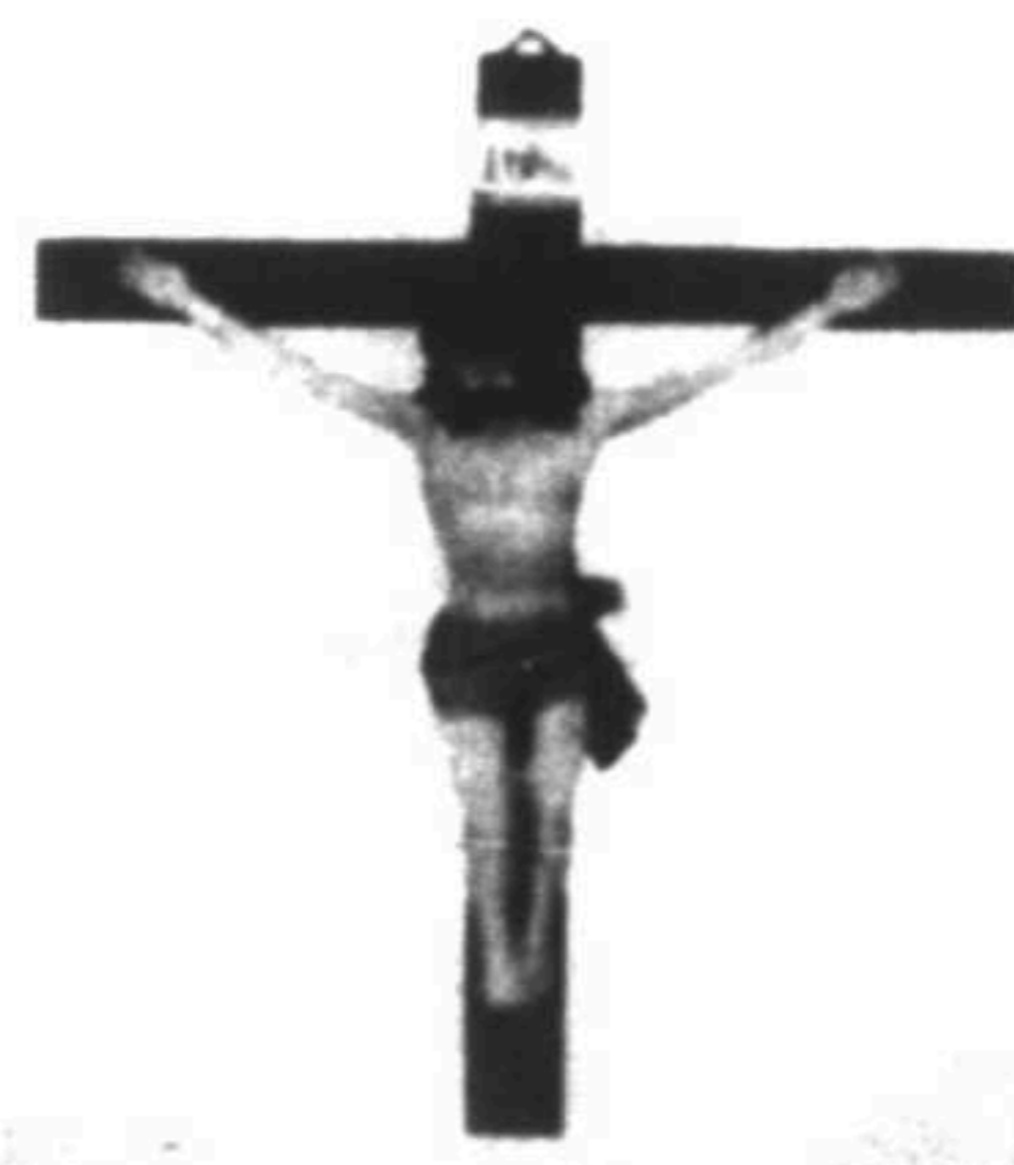
West Texas Hidden Fences started in January and is now available throughout most of the region. Dodson expanded his operations in May and began serving homeowners in Lubbock.

FUTURE PLANS

Right now, Dodson said he is simply trying to introduce the company to the public and grow his clientele. He also said he hopes to hire another full-time employee. In Dallas, the company had four local workers, he said.

While he's the only employee at this time, Dodson has contracted two dog trainers — one in the Midland area and the other in Lubbock — to help teach pets to utilize the technology.

The long-term goal is to install about 75 "hidden fences" every year in each West Texas city, including Midland, Odessa, Lubbock, Abilene, San Angelo and everywhere in between. Dodson said.



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His cousin, who suffers from MS had recently been relegated full-time to an electric scooter. She is only 41 years old. While she had managed the transition to the scooter, she was despondent over the fact that she was homebound. She had always participated heavily in her children's athletic endeavors, and even after the horrible disease started robbing her of her mobility, she was at least able to watch them from the sidelines. But that was no longer an option. Insurance had covered the scooter, but it would not cover the lift that would allow the scooter to be hoisted into a vehicle.

Her husband could not bear his wife's depression. Her spirit was gone. Their budget was already stretched to the max over her medical expenses and there was no way he could raise the money for the lift. He approached Isaac to see if there was some way they could build something themselves that would work to transport the scooter. And so Isaac came to Helping Hands looking for a miracle that might be hidden on the shelves of the store.

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With new tech, state looks to crack down on Medicaid fraud

By J. David McSwane
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — There is no shortage of data available to health care fraud investigators, yet the booming business of defrauding state and federal programs such as Medicaid and Medicare accounts for tens of billions of dollars in lost taxpayer money each year.

The culprit, experts say, is a classic bureaucratic dilemma. States collect information about patients, providers and procedures faster than it can be analyzed — if it is at all. Some data go here, some there, and often the dots trailing fraud schemes aren't connected.

In the hands of fraud investigators trained to build cases on months or years of paperwork, bills and receipts, data sets that could theoretically identify fraud have proved more taunting than useful.

Texas is leading the way in changing that with new software that officials say has already helped identify more than \$42 million in Medicaid fraud that would have previously gone unnoticed. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission awarded a \$19.8 million contract to 21 CT, an Austin-based network security and fraud detection company, to build the software.

"I want to make the business of defrauding health care in Texas unprofitable for the fraudsters," said Kyle Flaherty, 21 CT's vice president for marketing.

From a conference table in the company's third-floor suite looking out on Northwest Austin's hills, Flaherty demonstrated Torch, the program the company debuted at a national Medicaid fraud conference in San Antonio last week. With just a few clicks on a laptop, Torch can identify outliers and trends almost instantaneously, he said.

In lay terms, Torch could be described as a software

monster that consumes data from myriad sources — the state's health care system, federal data, physician data, business records, background checks and even Google maps — information that wasn't necessarily meant to work together. Torch digests the information, linking relevant data, then spits it out onto a screen that is meant to work as easily as Google.

The data can be queried, but it also runs analytics in real time, allowing investigators to spot trends they hadn't considered.

Therein lies the key selling point, company executives say: You don't need to be a data expert to use Torch, freeing investigators to follow their intuition while the software pulls in evidence.

With just the name of a doctor, the program can identify the Medicaid billing history, including the type of procedures billed, and produce a social network analysis to illustrate the doctor's connections based on business addresses, tax IDs, vehicle records and bank accounts.

Often the visuals tell the story, Flaherty said. Using Torch, investigators have found networks of seemingly unconnected doctors linked by a single node — a bank account number, for instance. The program can also discern whether doctors are billing for obscure procedures, a common method for cloaking bogus or unnecessary procedures.

"The data's been there," Flaherty said. "It's the combination of software and human intuition that gets us there."

Since January 2013, a version of Torch has been used by the Office of the Inspector General for the Health and Human Services Commission, the state agency that manages the roughly \$28.3 billion in annual Medicaid spending — about half of which comes from state tax dollars, according to 2012 figures from the Kaiser Family Foundation. Inspector General

Douglas Wilson said that between January 2013 — when investigators began flowing some 2.7 terabytes of data into Torch — and March 2013, the software identified several cases that have resulted in settlements or successful criminal prosecutions, while others are still being investigated.

"It allows us to find the unknown unknowns," Wilson said, noting that previous data systems used by his office were only useful in tracking fraud that investigators already knew about. "The Torch system allows us to sort of pull the string and find out why."

Investigators using Torch have also stumbled on about \$83 million in possible fraud in Medicare, the federal medical insurance system for those 65 and older — details Texas forwarded to U.S. officials, Wilson said.

"As opposed to them funneling us leads," he said, "we're funneling them leads."

Irene Williams, chief executive of 21 CT, said fraud investigators in other states are looking into following Texas' lead.

"People look up to and admire what the state of Texas is doing," Williams said. "It's becoming the model."

State officials, citing security concerns, at first refused to release any details of 21 CT's contract, which the Austin American-Statesman requested under the Texas Public Information Act. Later, officials provided a heavily redacted copy of the contract that did little to illuminate how much Texas is paying for specific services. Seemingly mundane details like dollar amounts on purchase orders or delivery dates were blacked out.

The total contract with the company is for \$19.8 million, with some of the money coming from federal matching funds, said commission spokeswoman Linda Edwards-Gockel.

Records kept by the Texas comptroller's office indicate the company has

been paid at least \$16.8 million.

Novel as Torch may be to the health care industry, the underlying concept of finding relationships in disparate data is fundamental to the way companies such as Amazon track customers and their orders, preferences and payments. The technology has been on fraud investigators' wish list for years, but problems with data — each state inputs, gathers and processes it differently — and lack of expertise have been monumental obstacles.

Though it remains to be seen how much fraud can be thwarted by programs like Torch, 21 CT might have found at least a partial answer to fraud investigators' prayers, said Frank Scafi, public affairs director for the National Insurance Crime Bureau, a nonprofit that investigates fraud for insurance companies.

"This technology that you're addressing, if it can bring all that together and show things — those indicators or red flags — it quickly delivers a point of focus for an investigator, so they don't really have to spend a lot of time connecting all those variables," Scafi said. "It sounds like a good, useful development."

Scafi, a former FBI fraud investigator, said criminals have been able to stay one step ahead of investigators who were awash in data yet lacked the expertise or technology to apply it.

"We had so many different databases, we didn't know what the hell was in there," he said.

Lawyer: immigrants treated like Guantanamo

Associated Press

EL PASO — A lawyer helping Central American immigrants housed at a temporary center in southern New Mexico compared the legal limbo of immigrants there to those at a U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Attorney Pamela Muñoz said at a news conference that like prisoners at Guantanamo, the immigrants at the center in Artesia, New Mexico, are in a legal limbo, without formal charges and without due process, the El Paso Times reported Saturday. Guantanamo has housed prisoners allegedly connected with al-Qaida and other groups since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks in New York and Washington.

Leticia Zamarripa, a spokeswoman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which oversees the detention center in Artesia, said the facility and other similar ones operate in an open environment, which includes play rooms, social workers and access to legal counsel.

Muñoz and other advocates at Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center in El Paso alleged that the women and children from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador are being fast-tracked out of the United States under the guise that they pose threats to national security. The facility is about 200 miles northeast of El Paso.

"Immigration judges are holding hearings remotely through videoconferencing on very small screens," Muñoz said. "The women don't have access to translators, and their applications require that their police reports and other

documents be translated into English. Some of them are given bonds that are unreasonably high — \$20,000 and \$30,000, for example."

Muñoz and another lawyer, Julie Braker, described conditions at the center as chaotic and lacking privacy for the lawyers to consult with clients.

Braker said the lawyers have voiced complaints to the facility managers, "but we've encountered a lot of resistance from the officials there to change anything."

Zamarripa said in a statement the facility and others like it "are an effective and humane alternative to maintain family unity as families await the outcome of immigration hearings or return to their home countries."

"The Artesia Family Residential Center remains a critical piece in the government's response to the unprecedented influx of adults with children arriving at our southern border," according to the statement. "The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center campus in southeastern New Mexico was selected as a temporary facility because it offers a more appropriate environment for the care and custody of adults with children, and is cost-effective."

Since the Artesia center opened June 27, about 280 people have been repatriated to their countries.

Officials said the New Mexico center housed 532 people as of Thursday. The immigrants in Artesia came from Hidalgo County in South Texas.

The immigrants are part of the more than 57,000 unaccompanied children who have come to the U.S. in the last few months.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Hector R. Carrillo, 41, of Midland was charged Friday with violation of parole.

Luis A. Garfias, 26, of Big Spring was charged Friday with aggravated sexual assault of a child and bench warrant.

Stephen J. Hernandez, 24, of Odessa was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

Robert O. Perkins III, 21, of Midland was charged Friday with engaging in organized

criminal activity and possession of a controlled substance.

Erik B. Torres, 26, of Midland was charged Friday with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Laura V. Valdez, 24, of Balcones Heights was charged Friday with failure to appear or bail jumping.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Documents provide possible motive to April shooting of Midland firefighter

By Tyler White
twhite@mrt.com

New details related to the April murder-suicide involving a Midland firefighter suggest the firefighter was killed because he was in a relationship with the shooter's wife.

The Reporter-Telegram filed public information act requests with the Midland Police Department for "full action reports, completed police reports ... and any other digital or print documents" related to the April 25 shooting.

One of the documents the Reporter-Telegram obtained included details of the shooting.

Information relayed to 911 dispatchers indicates that the couple who lived at the residence were going through a divorce. Nestor Castro Jr., 35, came home and found another man — Henry "Trey" Rodriguez III, also 35 — was with his wife, according to the document.

Castro used a shotgun to fire several rounds at Rodriguez, who suffered life-threatening injuries, according to the document. The incident occurred outside the home.

The woman tried administering CPR on Rodriguez, while Castro went into the house.

Rodriguez was transported to Midland Memorial

Hospital, where he died. A doctor said that because of the severity of Rodriguez's injuries there was nothing he could do, according to police reports.

Investigators met with an emergency room nurse, who identified herself as Rodriguez's cousin. She said she had spoken to Rodriguez about an hour before the shooting and that he had been having problems with someone, according to the police report.

The nurse said Rodriguez had met a woman at the emergency room and had been in a relationship with her for about a year, according to the police report.

She said Castro and his wife were in the process of going through a divorce, which was initiated by Nestor Castro. The nurse described Castro as being "aggressive," according to the police report.

On the day of the shooting, police blocked off the area and evacuated nearby homes as Castro barricaded himself inside the house. Officers used several methods to end the standoff. They deployed less-lethal weapons, including gas, as well as a negotiator and a robot to gain information about the scene, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

The standoff lasted about

five hours. Officers eventually entered the home and found Castro had died from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, according to documents.

Rodriguez was a firefighter paramedic at Central Fire Station and served more than 10 years at MFD. Former co-workers described Rodriguez as a dependable worker with an outgoing personality.

He graduated from Midland High School in 1996 and had four children, according to his obituary.



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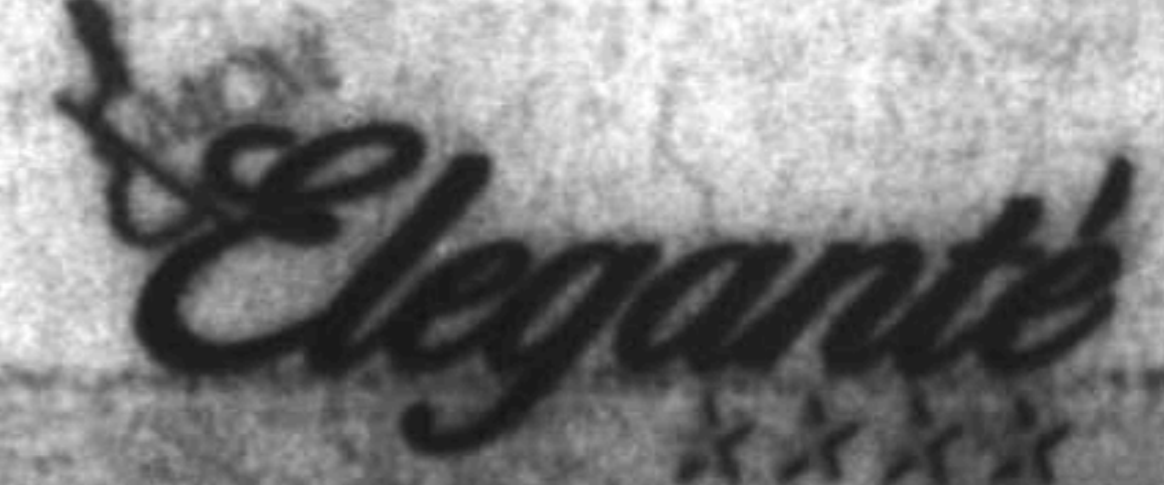
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SPORTS

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Pujols, Kendrick homer in Angels' win over Rangers

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Albert Pujols and Howie Kendrick homered to give the Angels an early lead, and Los Angeles held on again to beat the Texas Rangers 5-4 on Saturday night.

The Angels (72-49) are alone in first place in the AL West for the first time since 2011, but they are only two percentage points ahead of the Oakland Athletics, who lost at Atlanta on Saturday.

Los Angeles has won nine in a row over Texas, tying the series record set in 1985 and matched a year later.

Angels starter Matt Shoemaker (11-4) pitched three perfect innings before Shin-Soo Choo led off the fourth with a home run, but by that time, the Angels led 5-0.

Angels.....5
Rangers.....4

Huston Street worked a scoreless ninth inning for his 33rd save in 34 opportunities. It was the second straight night the Rangers rallied before losing 5-4.

Street hasn't allowed a run in 12 games with the Angels since being acquired from San Diego on July 18.

Kendrick added two singles in a 3-for-4 night. Kole Calhoun had a single and a double for the Angels, and Erick Aybar had two singles.

Pujols hit a solo homer in the first against starter Colby Lewis (8-10). Kendrick hit another solo shot in the second.

Los Angeles' Chris Iannetta doubled home another run in the second,

and Calhoun singled to drive in two more in the fourth. Both hits, like Pujols' homer, were with two out.

The Rangers pulled within 5-2 in the fourth on J.P. Arencibia's run-scoring single that broke an 0-for-19 slump. Their final runs came in the seventh when Alex Rios snapped an 0-for-16 drought with a two-run single.

Lewis allowed five runs and 10 hits in six innings. He struck out 10 for the first time since June 17, 2012.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Angels: Los Angeles activated RHP Mike Morin (left foot laceration) from the disabled list. He pitched an inning in relief.

Rangers: Rios made his fourth



Jim Cowser/AP

Los Angeles' Josh Hamilton runs to second in front of Texas shortstop Elvis Andrus (1) during Saturday's game in Arlington.

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Romo returns for Dallas



Matt Strasser/AP

Dallas quarterback Tony Romo throws a pass during the first half of a preseason game against the Baltimore Ravens on Saturday in Arlington. Romo played in his first game since injuring his back last season. The Cowboys lost, 37-30.

Quarterback throws TD pass but Cowboys lose

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Tony Romo passed the first test with his surgically repaired back, and Baltimore's defense and special teams made three more scoring drives from Joe Flacco an afterthought.

Deonte Thompson returned a kickoff 108 yards for a score after Romo threw a touchdown pass in his preseason debut for Dallas. Flacco had a scoring toss and the Ravens beat the Cowboys 37-30 on Saturday night.

The Ravens (2-0) also got a 26-yard fumble return for a touchdown when

Ravens.....37
Cowboys.....30

Inside

See how the Texans did.

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Courtney Upshaw picked up a botched handoff from Romo and stayed on his feet while Romo tried to drag him down by his jersey.

Romo's final play was a 31-yard touchdown pass to Dez Bryant midway through the first quarter.

"He looked good," Bryant said. "He wanted to show the world he is '9' and he's a baller."

Dallas is 0-2 in the preseason.

Baltimore led 14-7 before Flacco took the field for the first time late in the first quarter. He threw a 19-yard scoring pass to Torrey Smith for a 24-10 lead late in the first half.

Romo was expected to take about a dozen snaps in first game since surgery for a herniated disk that kept him out of a loss to Philadelphia in playoffs-or-bust finale last December. That ended up being two possessions after a botched exchange with running back DeMarco Murray led to Upshaw's score.

With passing trend, is Peterson last great back?



AP file photo

In this Dec. 1 photo, Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson, left, tries to break a tackle during a game against the Chicago Bears in Minneapolis. Long before quarterbacks took center stage, the NFL was a running backs league.

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

MANKATO, Minn. — Jim Brown spinning his way through the line and breaking loose in the secondary with a burst of speed.

Walter Payton lowering a stiff arm and tearing away from the tackler with those long, almost-straight-leg strides.

Barry Sanders slithering around in the backfield and finding a seam to dart through.

Those are the enduring images of grit, perseverance and even elegance on which the NFL's multibillion-dollar empire was first built.

These days the workhorses

have become a fading breed. Quarterbacks are the unquestioned stars of the modern game.

"We're not getting the ball 30 times or 20-something times a game. Sometimes I get the ball 10 times and the rest of it is catches," Kansas City's Jamaal Charles said. "It's just the way they use me now. The game has changed."

Adrian Peterson nearly broke Eric Dickerson's NFL single-season rushing record in 2012 on his way to winning the league's MVP award for Minnesota. At this rate, though, Peterson could be the last running back

Please see BACK/7C

Strong spent 3 decades prepping for job like Texas

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Charlie Strong has been prepping to lead the Texas Longhorns for 30 years. The evidence is tucked away in his office, stuffed into file cabinets one page, one lesson, one line at a time.

Inside the drawers are daily notes, quotes, practice reports, meeting agendas and conversations that span a career from his first job as a graduate assistant at Florida in 1983 to stops at Texas A&M, Mississippi, South Carolina, Notre Dame and back to Florida before his first head coaching job at Louisville.



Strong

Some are typed on pages still crisp. Others are handwritten on floppy and withered paper. They have followed Strong to every job he's ever had, including Texas.

"His attention to detail was unmatched," said Gary Darnell, who coached with Strong at Florida in 1988-89. "He loves gathering information. He was either going to be a college professor or a coach."

And it likely explains why Strong comes off as so confident to face the mission in front of him: returning Texas to the top of the Big 12.

"It isn't a monster," Strong said of Texas, despite the fact that his office view of the stadium is partly blocked by a video board so big its nickname is Godzillatron. "It's a program with all the resources you need."

Strong will need every bit of that confidence — and those resources — as he begins his tenure. Strong, the first black head coach of a men's sport at Texas, was hired to replace Mack Brown, who in 2005 delivered the Longhorns' first national championship in 36 years and led them to another national title game after the 2009 season. But the run ended there. Since 2010, Texas hasn't won more than nine games in a season.

Texas offensive coordinator Joe Wickline, who was with Strong as a graduate assistant at Florida, describes him as "insanely organized."

"He's always been like that," Wickline said. "He made notes of drops, missed assignments. Charted everything."

But it was more than routine stuff. By documenting the details, Strong was soaking up years of valuable teaching from national championship-winning coaches like Lou Holtz, Steve Spurrier and Urban Meyer.

Spurrier taught him how to build team confidence, not just for a game, but a swashbuckling program-wide swagger.

"(Spurrier) built a confidence in a team where you knew you weren't going to lose a game. It didn't matter

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NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Pure Michigan 400, Noon, ESPN
IndyCar, Wisconsin 250, 2 p.m., NBC Sports Network
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GOLF
European PGA Tour, Made in Denmark, final round, 5:30 p.m., TGC
PGA Tour, Wyndham Championship, final round, Noon, TGC
PGA Tour, Wyndham Championship, final round, 2 p.m., CBS
LPGA, Wegmans Championship, final round, 2 p.m., TGC
USGA, U.S. Amateur Championship, championship match, 3 p.m., NBC
Champions Tour, Dick's Sporting Goods Open, final round (same-day tape), 6 p.m., TGC
HORSE RACING
Thoroughbreds, Sword Dancer Invitational, 4 p.m., Fox Sports 1
LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
Seoul, South Korea vs. Huanacao, Puerto Rico, 11 a.m., ESPN2
Chicago vs. Las Vegas, 1 p.m., ABC
Guadalajara, Mexico vs. Tokyo, 4 p.m., ESPN
Philadelphia vs. Pearland, 7 p.m., NBC Sports Network

LOCAL SPORTS

CORRECTION
Midland High assistant coach Jason Russell was a senior on the 2002 MHS football team. His class was incorrect in a story in Saturday's edition.

HS TENNIS

MIDLAND HIGH FINISHES 4-0 AT MONAHANS TOURNEY
Midland High completed an good weekend on the court with a 19-0 victory over El Paso El Dorado at the Monahans tournament.
The Bulldogs dominated the entire weekend, and it didn't change against El Dorado. The team won in quick fashion and had little trouble in any individual event.
Midland High will be in Dallas next week for a tournament.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX - Placed OF Moses Sierra on the 15-day DL and RHP Javy Guerra on the bereavement list. Designated LHP Charlie Lesman for assignment. Reinstated OF Aviral Garcia from the 60-day DL. Recalled LHP Eric Surkamp from Charlotte (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS - Purchased the contract RHP Jim Johnson from Toledo (IL). Optioned RHP Melvin Mercedes to Toledo.
HOUSTON ASTROS - Optioned OF L.J. Hoes to Oklahoma City (PCL). Recalled LHP Kevin Chapman from Oklahoma City.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS - Optioned RHP Yvonne Pineda to Salt Lake (PCL). Reinstated RHP Mike Minor from the 15-day DL.
TAMPA BAY RAYS - Optioned RHP Brandon Gomes to Durham (IL). Recalled 1B Vince Belone from Durham. Sent OF David DeJesus to GCL. Rays for a rehab assignment.
TEXAS RANGERS - Traded RHP Justin Germano to the L.A. Dodgers for future considerations.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS - Optioned RHP Chad Jenkins to Buffalo (IL). Recalled RHP Kyle Brooks from Buffalo. Sent 1B Dan Johnson to Buffalo for a rehab assignment.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS - Traded RHP Blake Cooper to the Chicago Cubs for OF Brett Jackson, and optioned Jackson to Reno (PCL).
ATLANTA BRAVES - Agreed to terms with 2B Donnie Murphy on a minor-league contract. Sent RHP Shane Simmons to Gwinnett (IL) for a rehab assignment.
CHICAGO CUBS - Optioned OF Junior Lake to Iowa (PCL). Recalled RHP Dan Straily from Iowa.
CINCINNATI REDS - Placed RHP Homer Bailey on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 8. Transferred 1B Joey Votto to the 60-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Dylan Axelrod from Louisville (IL).
COLORADO ROCKIES - Placed RHP Tommy Kahnle on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Wednesday. Optioned INF Ben Paulsen to Colorado Springs (PCL). Reinstated OF Michael Cuddyer from the 60-day DL. Recalled RHP Brooks Brown from Colorado Springs. Transferred LHP Brett Anderson to the 60-day DL.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS - Placed LHP Hyun-Jin Ryu and 3B Juan Uribe on the 15-day DL. Ryu retroactive to Thursday. Recalled RHP Pedro Baez from Albuquerque (PCL). Agreed to terms with RHP Anthony Slama on a minor league contract.
MIAMI MARLINS - Optioned RHP Anthony DeSclafani to New Orleans (PCL). Reinstated RHP Henderson Alvarez from the 15-day DL. Sent 2B Derek Dietrich to Jupiter (FL) for a rehab assignment.
NEW YORK METS - Released OF Chris Young. Sent RHP Delouis Matsuzaka to Binghamton (EL) for a rehab assignment.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES - Placed RHP Bailey Hess on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Thursday.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS - Signed RHP Franklin Lopez.
American Association
AMHERST COLLEGE - Signed RHP Chadler Bernick.
GARY SOUTHWEST RAILCATS - Signed RHP Cole Stephens.
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS - Signed 1B Brock Klotzsch. Reinstated C Adrian Martinez.
ST. PAUL SAINTS - Traded C Dwight Childs to the Jersey Coasters for a player to be named.
WICHITA WINDMILLS - Signed LHP Anthony Camp.
WINNEPESK GOULDIES - Released INF Sam Kinnick.
Quebec Capitales - Signed 1B The Smith.
TROIS-RIVERS AGLES - Signed OF Alexander LaGasse.
Premier League
GUTTENBERG ORIZOLES - Released RHP Aaron Hernandez.
JOLIET SLAMMERS - Signed RHP Bobby

Sunday Morning Line



The event in upstate New York last Saturday when Tony Stewart, who was driving a sprint car, hit another driver, Kevin Ward Jr., on the track and killed him is something that not only shook me a little bit, but also the auto racing world to its core.
Those of us who have followed the sport for a long time know that anything can happen at any time, and that the sport is dangerous.
Usually, you can tell a hard core race fan from a casual one. We cringe, not cheer, when wrecks happen.
But what happened last Saturday was completely different. This was a star in the top tier of stock car racing moonlighting at a small dirt track hitting and killing a local driver who was walking on the track.
I've seen instances where drivers come out of their cars to confront another driver on the track plenty of times. The difference is that this time someone died, and one of the involved parties is a celebrity who many consider the most talented driver of this generation.
Sprint car designs make it difficult for the driver to see to their right because the top of the seats wrap

around the driver's head to both sides for protection. Plus, the wing panels can obscure the driver's vision on the right side.
But I wasn't there. I can only judge from the murky video that ended up on YouTube, and I'm not trained in analyzing accidents to determine the cause.
What happened last Saturday has prompted debate about how drivers should stay in their cars. Ward should have stayed in his, and in response to this incident, NASCAR and many local tracks have instituted rules to make sure drivers stay in their cars after wrecks. Will it help? I don't know, but what this incident has done is create a ripple effect throughout all of motorsports.
Yes, there will be times when drivers are mad, but most will think twice about confronting their rival on the track and wait to do

it later. Hopefully by that time, tempers have cooled.
Social media was abuzz about the wreck when it happened, and the video wasn't for the faint of heart. The blame game ensued from all sides about who was at fault. None of it helped.
The fact was that a young man had been killed and that it wasn't time to put blame on anyone. A time for reflection and mourning was necessary, not for opining about a scene that only those who were there and those involved knew about.
Stewart's reputation for having a temper didn't help the initial reaction, but I can't begin to know what he's going through right now. He's one of the toughest people auto racing has ever known, but he is also one of its most generous in helping fellow racers and in charity work. He does most of it behind the scenes, refusing to publicize his good

deeds. But only he knows what he was thinking.
I defer to the words of a friend, Kevin Eckert, who has covered racing for more than 30 years to sum up what all that social media chatter was: "As with any racing accident that appears to be intentional, only one driver knows if it was on purpose. Those who propose to know a person so well as to make empty guarantees are simply speculating."
Eckert posted that on his Facebook page, and it couldn't have summed up better what was happening online in the following days.
I think it's unlikely Stewart will race on a dirt track for the foreseeable future, and I believe he might not race in NASCAR until the local authorities complete their investigation.
They are trained to sort these incidents out; 99.5 percent of the population is not. Let's wait and see what they find before we judge.
In the meantime, let's celebrate the life of a young racer who was determined to make it big in his sport. I just wish I could have had the chance to see him do it.
Follow Len on Twitter: @Len_Hayward_MRT

HS VOLLEYBALL RUNDOWN

MIDLAND HIGH WINS MONAHANS TOURNAMENT
Midland High continued its roll through the Monahans tournament Saturday by defeating Monahans in the championship match.
The Lady Bulldogs (9-0) were a perfect 6-0 in the tournament and did not drop a set. They defeated Monahans in the title match, 25-14, 25-9.
"It was amazing," MHS coach Amanda Lopez said. "(We've) only been playing together with this team for a couple of weeks now. (It's) really good to get them play this well this quick."
Midland High opened the day with a win over Alpine, 25-12, 25-8, and knocked off Permian, 25-21, 25-8 in the semifinals.
Channing Burleson led the way for MHS offensively with 31 kills. Kyndal Cowan had team-high 64 assists. Konner Wood led the team with 18 digs and Erin Robbins had four blocks at the net. Jenna Gillean and Burleson each had three.
"They're excited, they're fired up, they're meshing," Lopez said. "The feel is just really good right now."
Midland High will return to action next weekend for the Nina Vannoy tournament in San Angelo.

25-19, 23-25, 25-23.
The freshmen team also played in the tournament and lost twice to Alpine and Pecos.
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN DEF. ODESSA HIGH, 25-18, 25-14
Kills: Annie Fisher 7, Layce Duncan 7, Claire Hardeman 4, Carleigh Moore 3, Bailey Wright 1
Assists: Bailey Wright 12, Savana Walker 11
Digs: Maddi Storchard 6, Megan McClendon 6, Carleigh Moore 4, Megan McClendon 3
Blocks: Claire Hardeman 2, Layce Duncan 1, Annie Fisher 1, Carleigh Moore 1
Assist: Megan McClendon 1
MONAHANS DEF. MIDLAND CHRISTIAN, 19-25, 25-23, 25-25
Kills: Layce Duncan 13, Annie Fisher 8, Bailey Wright 4, Carleigh Moore 3, Claire Hardeman 2
Assists: Bailey Wright 18, Savana Walker 11
Digs: Maddi Storchard 13, Savana Walker 10, Megan McClendon 6, Annie Fisher 5, Emma Holder 2
Blocks: Claire Hardeman 2, Carleigh Moore 2, Bailey Wright 1, Emma Holder 1
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN DEF. ODESSA PERMIAN, 25-13, 25-20
Kills: Annie Fisher 11, Layce Duncan 6, Claire Hardeman 5, Layce Duncan 4, Bailey Wright 2, Emma Holder 1
Assists: Bailey Wright 10, Savana Walker 12
Digs: Maddi Storchard 11, Megan McClendon 6, Maddi Storchard 7, Savana Walker 5, Bailey Wright 4
Blocks: Carleigh Moore 2, Claire Hardeman 2, Bailey Wright 2, Emma Holder 1, Layce Duncan 1
Assist: Bailey Wright 1
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 6-1
TRINITY EARN'S 3RD IN WINK
Trinity continued to compete in the Wink tournament Saturday and earned third place overall.
The team started the day with a win over Jal, New Mexico, 25-11, 25-16. Trinity followed that with a victory against Presidio, 25-12, 25-14.
The team fell to Midland High's JV team in the semifinals, 27-25, 15-25, 25-19.
Trinity rebounded in the third-place game, however, to defeat Van Horn, 28-26, 25-15.
Ashley Stroup led the way for Trinity with 52 combined kills Saturday. She was also named to the all-tournament team.
TRINITY DEF. JAL, NEW MEXICO, 25-11, 25-16
TRINITY DEF. PRESIDIO, 25-12, 25-14
MIDLAND HIGH JV DEF. TRINITY, 27-25, 15-25, 25-19
TRINITY DEF. VAN HORN, 28-26, 25-15
TRINITY CUMULATIVE STATISTICS
Kills: Ashley Stroup 52, Maddy Walker 19, Avery Watson 16, Annie Curtis 4, Annett Mayne 4, Nicole Ploesser 1, Cassi Hart 1
Assists: Hilary Lanier 93, Curlee 1, Stroup 1
Digs: Watson 42, Walker 41, Abbie Beard 40, Stroup 32, Lanier 21, Claudia Zieaman 17, Mayne 13, Curlee 6
Blocks: Stroup 4 1/2, Walker 1/2
Assist: Mayne 7, Walker 4, Stroup 3, Watson 3, Lanier 2, Ploesser
Record: 6-2
Next: Tuesday at 6:30 vs. Lubbock Tiers
LEE DROPS TWO AT MANSFIELD TOURNAMENT
After a perfect day two in Mansfield, the Lady Rebels stumbled a little on day three dropping two games to West

and Irving.
Against West, Lee (5-5) dropped the first set, 22-25, but rallied to win the second set and stay in the match. But it could not complete the comeback, dropping the final set, 25-11.
In the Lady Rebels' second match of the day, they lost to Irving, 25-21, 25-20.
Lee next takes the court at the Nina Vannoy tournament in San Angelo on Friday.
WEST DEF. LEE, 25-22, 19-25, 25-11
IRVING DEF. LEE, 25-21, 25-20
LEE CUMULATIVE STATISTICS
Kills: B. Durson 10 1/2, Curlee 9, A. Edelman 7, D. Gandy 6, T. Wilson 5, S. Jeter 2, L. Wall 1
Assists: T. Hopkins 14, A. LaFevre 9, S. Jeter 9
Digs: R. Pritchard 18, L. Wall 9, B. Durson 8, S. Jeter 7, T. Hopkins 6, D. Gandy 4, J. Jeter 3, A. Edelman 2, T. Wilson 2
Blocks: D. Gandy 1, A. Edelman 1, T. Wilson 1
Record: 5-5
Next: Nina Vannoy tournament in San Angelo
BIG SPRING WINS THREE AT BEV BALL CLASSIC
The Big Spring volleyball team won a trio of games Saturday in Abilene at the Bev Ball Classic.
The team started the day with a win over Jim Ned, 25-17, 25-11. The Steers won their second game against Brownwood, 25-20, 25-20. They finished the day with a victory over Lubbock High in a close match, winning, 25-22, 23-25, 25-23.
The Steers lost two of three matches Friday.
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
BIG SPRING DEF. JIM NED, 25-17, 25-11

Kills: Lacey Weber 8, Erin Pollock 4, Katie Walsh 4, Emily Smith 2, Juliana Rodriguez 2
Assists: Smith 14, Walsh 6, Pollock 4
Digs: Rodriguez 8, Pollock 1, Weber 1, Walsh 1, Smith 1
Assist: Pollock 1
Assist: Smith 4, Weber 3
BIG SPRING DEF. BROWNWOOD, 25-20, 25-20
Kills: Rodriguez 10, Weber 7, Pollock 7, Walsh 2, Smith 1, August Hammer 1
Assists: Smith 17, Rodriguez 6, Walsh 2, Alexander 1
Digs: Smith 10, Rodriguez 7, Walsh 6, Alexander 6, Weber 3, Pollock 3
Blocks: Weber 3, Rodriguez 1
Assist: Rodriguez 2, Weber 2, Pollock 1, Smith 1
BIG SPRING DEF. LUBBOCK HIGH, 25-22, 23-25, 25-23
Kills: Pollock 17, Rodriguez 7, Weber 6, Smith 6, Walsh 3
Assists: Smith 17, Rodriguez 14, Walsh 5, Pollock 1, Weber 1
Digs: Smith 14, Rodriguez 18, Alexander 11, Weber 7, Pollock 6
Blocks: Pollock 3, Weber 1, Walsh 1
Assist: Rodriguez 2, Pollock 1
GAMES TOOK PLACE FRIDAY
ABILENE WYLS DEF. BIG SPRING, 25-4, 25-14
Kills: Erin Pollock 5, Lacey Weber 4, Emily Smith 1
Assists: Juliana Rodriguez 4, Emily Smith 4, Katie Walsh 3, Erin Pollock 1
Digs: Rodriguez 7, Smith 6, Oles 3, Pollock 2, Weber 2
BIG SPRING DEF. LAKE VIEW, 25-15, 24-25, 25-14
Assists: Rodriguez 6, Smith 7, Amersout 3, Smith 2
Digs: Smith 9, Rodriguez 8, Weber 3, Pollock 3, Corne 2, Amersout 2, Alexander 2
Blocks: Pollock 5, Weber 2, Smith 2
Assist: Pollock 3, Alexander 2, Rodriguez 2, Walsh 1
DUMAS DEF. BIG SPRING, 25-21, 25-19
Kills: Rodriguez 4, Weber, Amersout 3, Smith 2
Assists: Rodriguez 6, Smith 7, Amersout 1, Pollock 1
Digs: Walsh 8, Rodriguez 7, Pollock 4, Amersout 2, Corne 2, Weber 2, Smith 2
Blocks: Weber 2, Walsh 1, Pollock 1, Rodriguez 1, Smith 1
Assist: Smith 1

Midland College Volleyball
Al G. Langford Chaparral Center
KICK-OFF CLASSIC
August 22-23, 2014

FRIDAY, AUG. 22, 2014
1:00 PM
Vernon College vs. Laredo Community College
3:00 PM
Midland College vs. Wharton Co. Jr. College
5:00 PM
Wharton Co. Jr. College vs. Vernon College
7:00 PM
Midland College vs. Laredo Community College
SATURDAY, AUG. 23, 2014
8:00 AM
Laredo Community College vs. Wharton Co. Jr. College
10:00 AM
Wharton Co. Jr. College vs. Vernon College
12:00 PM
Midland College vs. Laredo Community College
2:00 PM
Midland College vs. Vernon College

Midland Christian vs. Permian
Saturday, August 30th - 6:00PM

'Hounds drop 2nd game of series vs. Cardinals

From staff reports
The RockHounds had a 3-1 lead at the midway point of their game against the Cardinals on Saturday, but it did not even hold for the remainder of the inning.

After scoring three runs in the top of the fifth to nab a lead, Springfield responded with two runs of

of its series with Springfield after winning 3-2 Friday. The RockHounds' bats were active Saturday with 13 hits, but 11 of those batters were stranded on base.

The Cardinals got by with just 10 hits of their own, but they had timely hits with a pair of home runs from Rafael Ortega and Cody Stanley, plus a

trio of doubles. The RockHounds and Cardinals will conclude their three-game set today at 2:10 p.m.

Cardinals' batting lineups

1B	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	P
W. Lugo	J. Jay	M. M. Gonzalez	J. Jay	M. M. Gonzalez	J. Jay	M. M. Gonzalez	J. Jay	M. M. Gonzalez



Houston's Brad Peacock stands on the mound as Boston's David Ortiz, left, rounds third base on a two-run home run Saturday during the fifth inning in Boston.

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MLB STANDINGS, BOXES & LINESCORES

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
AL East	69	52	.570	0
AL Central	62	58	.517	6 1/2
AL West	61	62	.496	9
NL East	59	66	.469	13 1/2
NL Central	67	55	.549	0
NL West	66	56	.540	1/2
Wild Card	55	66	.450	11 1/2
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MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

RED SOX 10 ASTROS 7
BOSTON — David Ortiz hit a pair of two-run homers, including his 400th in a Red Sox uniform, and drove in a career-high-tying six runs to power Boston past the Houston Astros 10-7 Saturday night.

National League

GIANTS 6 PHILLIES 5
SAN FRANCISCO — Gregor Blanco hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the eighth inning, helping the San Francisco Giants rally for a 6-5 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Saturday.

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GOLF FROUDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LPGA

CHAMPIONSHIP: At Pittsfield, New York, Brittany Lincicome maintained her lead in the LPGA Championship, the tour's fourth major championship of the season.

The long-hitting Lincicome began the day at Monroe Golf Club with a three-shot advantage over Inbee Park and Lexi Thompson and shot 1-under 71 to finish the third round at 10-under 206.

Lincicome was a shot ahead of Park and Suzann Pettersen. Pettersen had a 67 and Park shot 69.

Mirim Lee was alone in fourth at 7 under after a 69. Seventeen-year-old Lydia Ko had a 71 to join Meena Lee and Gerina Pillier at 6 under. Pillier shot 69, and Lee had a 71.

Thompson finished with a 74 and was at 4 under.

Lincicome won the 2009 Kraft Nabisco for her lone major title and has five LPGA Tour victories. The United States is seeking to win its fourth straight major title of the season.

USGA

U.S. AMATEUR: At Johns Creek, Georgia, Canadian Corey Connors and South Korean Gunn Yang set up the second straight all-foreign final in the U.S. Amateur.

Connors beat Denny McCarthy of Rockville, Maryland, 1 up at Atlanta Athletic Club, and Yang edged Frederick Wedel of The Woodlands, Texas, in 19 holes.

Last year in the 36-hole final at The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts,



Gary Wisport/AP

Brittany Lincicome reacts to applause on the 18th hole during the Wegmans LPGA golf championship Saturday in Pittsford, N.Y.

England's Matthew Fitzpatrick beat Australia's Oliver Goss.

Connors, from Listowel, Ontario, is the first Canadian to reach the final since Gary Cowan won his second title in 1971. Last year, Connors lost to Fitzpatrick in the semifinals.

Yang is a sophomore at San Diego State.

The finalists earned spots in the Masters next year, as long as they remain amateurs.

PGA European

MADE IN DENMARK: At Aalborg, Denmark, Scotland's Marc Warren shot a 5-under 66 in strong wind for a share of the Made in Denmark lead with Wales' Bradley Dredge.

Dredge had a 73. The leaders were at 6-under 207 at Himmerland.

GOLF SCORES

PGA

Wyndham Championship Scores
Saturday
At Sedgefield Country Club
Greensboro, N.C.
Purse: \$5.3 million
Par: 72; 127; Par: 70

Third Round

Nick Watney	67-64-65-196
Brad Fritsch	69-63-65-197
Freddie Jacobson	66-64-66-198
Heath Slocum	65-65-68-198
Brandt Snedeker	68-65-66-199
Wedge Simpson	64-69-66-199
Scott Langley	65-69-66-199
Andres Romero	70-66-64-200
Bill Haas	68-66-66-200
Kevin Kisner	69-64-67-200
Camilo Villegas	63-69-68-200
Bo Van Pelt	65-66-69-200
Martin Laird	65-66-69-200
Ricky Barnes	66-69-66-201
Will Wilcox	67-67-67-201
Johanlan Vegas	67-66-69-201
Andrew Svoboda	67-69-70-201
Roberto Castro	71-66-65-202
Josh Teater	67-69-66-202
Jason Alford	69-66-67-202
Robert Strab	69-66-67-202
Justin Boll	67-69-67-202
Paul Casey	67-69-67-202
D.A. Points	67-65-70-202
Brian Stuard	66-65-71-202
Stuart Appleby	68-69-66-203
Sang-Moon Bae	69-69-66-203
Olup Laddie II	67-69-67-203
David Tom	67-69-67-203
Tim Clark	67-67-69-203
Scott Piercy	70-64-69-203
Johnson Wagner	66-67-70-203
Andrew Loupe	65-69-70-203
William McGirt	64-69-71-203
Carl Pettersson	67-65-71-203
Kevin Foley	69-68-67-204
Jeff Overton	70-67-67-204
Francisco Molinar	69-67-68-204
J.J. Henry	66-69-70-204
Steve Marino	66-69-70-204
Brian Davis	69-65-70-204
Tommy Garney	66-72-67-205
Troy Merritt	70-68-67-205
Rafael Gossain	69-69-67-205
Patrick Reed	71-67-67-205
John Merrick	70-67-68-205
Y.E. Yang	69-68-68-205
Shawn Stearns	67-67-71-205
Brice Garnier	71-67-68-206
Luke Guthrie	69-74-71-203
Derek Ernst	68-69-69-206
Steven Bowditch	66-70-70-206
Justin Hicks	69-69-69-207
James Hahn	69-69-69-207
Tim Herron	70-69-69-207
Joe Durant	69-67-71-207
Charlie Wi	70-66-71-207
Billy Horschel	70-65-72-207
John Huh	70-68-70-208
Richard Sterne	68-69-71-208
Robert Garrigus	68-69-72-208
Ben Curtis	68-67-73-208
Lee Janzen	70-68-71-209
Brooks Koepka	68-68-73-209
Michael Thompson	70-66-73-209
Michael Pumar	68-67-74-210
Tyrone Van Aswegen	72-66-72-210
Mark Wilson	71-67-72-210
Joe Ogilvie	70-68-72-210
Bobby Wyatt	67-70-73-210
David Lingmerth	67-70-73-210
Ernie Els	69-69-73-210
Ryo Ishikawa	70-62-76-210
Hudson Swafford	71-67-73-211
Nicholas Thompson	70-68-73-211
Peter Malinaus	70-67-74-211
Wes Roach	70-68-74-212
Alex Cejka	68-70-WO

LPGA

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Purse: \$2.25 million
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Gerina Pillier	72-69-69-210
Lydia Ko	70-69-71-210
Meena Lee	68-73-69-211
Anna Nordqvist	68-73-69-211
Shanshan Feng	68-72-71-211
Jane Park	70-69-72-211
Tiffany Joh	70-70-72-212
Kashani Johnson	71-70-71-212
Juliana Granado	69-74-71-213
Beatriz Recari	70-70-72-212
Lexi Thompson	66-72-74-212
Carlota Cegada	73-73-67-213
Caroline Masson	72-73-69-213
Cristie Kerr	69-74-71-213
Ashleigh Simon	74-72-69-214
Mo Martin	72-70-72-214
Lee McQuibb	67-75-72-214
Jenny Shin	75-71-69-215
Brooke Pancake	69-76-70-215
Sandra Gal	71-79-71-215
Stacy Lewis	71-73-73-215
Katie Webb	73-71-71-215
Laura Diaz	73-70-72-215
Danielle Kang	70-70-72-215
Ma Yoon Choi	74-68-73-215
Sun-Hye J.	68-73-73-215
Hee Lee	69-73-73-215
Stacey Hastings	72-74-70-216
Fernella Lindberg	73-70-71-216
Jennifer Song	72-73-71-216
Ned Tang	70-73-73-216
Chella Choi	70-74-72-216
So Yeon Ryu	73-71-72-216

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Jessica Korda	70-73-73-216
Sydney Michaels	74-69-73-216
Jennifer Kirby	67-79-71-217
Luella Sales	71-75-71-217
Kelly Nomura	73-72-72-217
Kathleen Elay	72-72-73-217
Sarah Kemp	71-72-74-217
Paula Reto	70-71-76-217
Jennifer Johnson	70-70-77-217
Candice Kung	74-72-72-218
Haeji Kang	72-73-73-218
Brittany Lang	70-75-73-218
Emma Jandori	69-75-74-218
Sarah Jane Smith	73-71-74-218
Angela Stanford	69-75-74-218
Laura Davies	71-72-75-218
Chi Amurua	71-75-73-219
Joy Marie Green	74-71-74-219
Julia Innes	74-70-75-219
Kate M. Burnett	71-71-77-219
Kristy McPherson	74-72-74-220
Jim Kang	74-72-74-220
Becky Morgan	75-71-74-220
Karin Spoerl	73-73-74-220
Ayako Uehara	72-74-74-220
Moriya Jutanugarn	71-74-75-220
Catrina Mathew	69-76-75-220
Dawn Clare Schreier	74-70-76-220
Xi Yu Lin	71-72-77-220
Austin Ernst	71-75-75-221
Mina Hargre	73-73-75-221
Erica Popson	73-73-75-221
Thapisa Swannapura	72-71-77-221
Jacquie Concolino	73-73-76-222
Katy Harris	72-74-76-222
Jun Hur	71-75-76-222

Michael Allen

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Bobby Clampett	72-72-144
Paul Dwyer	75-70-145
Paul Stricker	75-70-145
Mark Webbe	74-71-145
Jim Rutledge	74-72-146
Chien Soon Lu	73-73-146
Mike Reid	71-75-146
Sam Rensholf	71-75-146
PH Horgan III	71-75-146
Sandy Lyle	67-79-146
Morris Halesky	76-71-147
Scott Hendrick	73-74-147
Pete Jordan	78-70-148
John Inman	76-72-148
Greg Brudner	76-72-148
Wayne Levi	72-76-148
Steve Jones	77-72-149
Larry Nelson	75-75-150
Mike Hulbert	75-75-150
Fuzzy Zoeller	74-76-150
Bobby Wadkins	74-77-151
Craig Stadler	77-75-152
Shay E. Taylor	76-76-154
Andy Bean	76-WO

PGA European

Made in Denmark Leading Scores

Saturday
At Himmerland Golf & Spa Resort
(Bridleless Course)
Ferno, Denmark
Purse: \$2 million
Par: 72; 127; Par: 71

Third Round

Marc Warren, Scotland	71-70-66-207
Bradley Dredge, Wales	66-69-72-207
Garrett Maybin, N. Ireland	75-67-68-210
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Philip Archer, England	70-70-71-211
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S.S.P. Chawrasia, India	70-71-71-212
Eddie Peppercorn, England	73-66-71-212
Mikael Lundberg, Sweden	72-69-71-212
Oliver Fisher, England	75-65-72-212
Thomas Bjorn, Denmark	69-73-73-212
Rikard Karlberg, Sweden	71-74-69-213
Steve Webster, England	76-69-68-213
Paul Waring, England	75-66-72-213
Craig Lee, Scotland	73-72-69-214
Soren Kjeldsen, Denmark	71-73-70-214
Rikard Karlberg, Sweden	73-70-71-214
Tom Lewis, England	72-70-72-214
Roope Kakko, Finland	70-71-73-214
Emiliano Grillo, Argentina	71-69-74-214

Champions

Dick's Sporting Goods Open Scores

Saturday
At Sun-Jule Golf Club
Enfleece, N.Y.
Purse: \$1.85 million
Par: 72; 127; Par: 72

Second Round

Kevin Sutherland	71-69-130
Steve Lowery	66-65-131
John Cook	65-67-132
Scott Hoch	69-64-133
Bernhard Langer	67-67-134
John Rigger	67-67-134
Clayton Kummerow	65-69-134
Colin Montgomerie	68-67-135
Mark O'Meara	68-67-135
Rod Spittle	68-67-135
Billy Andrade	68-67-135
Scott Dunlop	68-67-135
Jeff Sumner	67-68-135
Dick Mast	67-68-135
David Frost	68-69-135
Steve Pate	69-67-136
Mark Mickelthwait	68-69-136
Woody Austin	67-68-136
Joe Daley	71-66-137
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Fred Funk	69-69-137
Mark Brooks	68-69-137
Marco Dawson	68-69-137
Ben Bates	67-70-137
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Larry Mizzi	69-72-140
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Johnson hoping to end slump before Chase

By Noah Tristar
Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — The finishes seem implausible, especially because they've come in succession — 42nd place at Daytona, 42nd at New Hampshire, a brief improvement to 14th at the Brickyard, followed by a dip to 39th at Pocono and 28th at Watkins Glen.

This is Jimmie Johnson, NASCAR's six-time Sprint Cup champion.

"It has been a very challenging year," Johnson said. "We started off without the speed that we wanted. We got the speed back and then the luck left. So, we choose to look at it as we're getting all this out of the way so we can have 10 great races."

With three victories on the season, Johnson is safely in the Chase for the

Sprint Cup, but lately the No. 48 car has had its share of problems. The latest setback came Friday when Johnson finished 30th in qualifying at Michigan International Speedway, complaining afterward about a vibrating car.

Johnson won at MIS earlier this season — his third victory in four races at the time — but based on his recent form, a repeat isn't looking especially likely in today's Cup race.

Johnson finished in the top 10 two more times after winning at Michigan in June. Then his run of misfortune began. He was one of several top contenders taken out by a couple huge accidents at Daytona, then tire issues did him in at New Hampshire. He fell a lap down at Pocono after his rear right tire smacked the wall. He rebounded

to run fifth, then a second blown tire forced him to the garage.

More of the same last weekend at Watkins Glen: With only a few laps to go, Johnson was bumped and his No. 48 spun around.

"We're not trying to make excuses or asking for sympathy from anybody," Johnson said. "But we can't ignore the results and fortunately we're in the Chase era, and we're sitting in a great position."

There are four more races until the Chase, so Johnson has a little while to reverse this trend. Although it's been a humbling stretch for him, he should still be considered a threat for the title at the end of the season.

"It's nice to have mo-



Johnson

mentum entering the Chase. If it doesn't happen, we've won championships that way, too," Johnson said. "So, we're taking it as it comes."

Here are five things to watch in today's race at MIS:

STEWART'S REPLACEMENT: Tony Stewart is skipping a second straight Sprint Cup race after his car struck and killed a driver at a dirt-track race in New York last weekend. Jeff Burton is driving the No. 14 Chevrolet in Stewart's place and qualified 27th.

Burton has been making the transition to the broadcast booth. This will be his third Cup start of the year.

CHASE IMPLICATIONS: Michigan's August race is usually

when pressure has begun to mount for drivers who haven't secured a spot in the Chase. If the season ended now, the 16 Chase spots would go to the 12 drivers who have won races, along with the top remaining drivers in the points standings — currently Matt Kenseth, Ryan Newman, Kyle Larson and Clint Bowyer. Any first-time winner in the next few weeks has a chance to shake things up.

NEW RULE: Expect drivers to be particularly cautious after any crashes this weekend in the aftermath of Kevin Ward Jr.'s death last weekend. Ward's car went spinning, and he got out during a caution period, walked down the track and was hit by Stewart.

NASCAR on Friday barred its drivers from approaching the track or mov-

ing cars after accidents.

"Regardless of rule changes or anything like that, I think that everything that went on last weekend I believe is a turning point internally for all the drivers," Carl Edwards said. "I think people will be more careful."

ANOTHER BREAK-THROUGH?: Johnson won at Michigan for the first time in 25 Cup races back in June. The top remaining driver who hasn't won at MIS? That may be Brad Keselowski, who is from Michigan but whose high finish there was a second-place showing in 2012.

POLE WINNER: Jeff Gordon has two wins at MIS, but the most recent came in 2001. He'll expect to contend this weekend, though, after winning the pole Friday at a track-record 206.558 mph.

AUTO RACING RESULTS & LINEUPS

Camping World Truck

Covers for Veterans 200 Results
Saturday
At Michigan International Speedway
Brooklynton, Mich.
Lap length: 2 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (2) Johnny Sauter, Toyota, 100 laps, 125.2 netting, 47 points, 208.558.
2. (14) Matt Crafton, Toyota, 100, 108.4, 43, 227.435.
3. (17) Ryan Hensley Jr., Chevrolet, 100, 105.5, 41, 220.878.
4. (8) Tyler Mattson, Chevrolet, 100, 100.5, 40, 216.050.
5. (11) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 100, 115.3, 0, 211.875.
6. (16) Garman Guingo, Toyota, 100, 98, 36, 212.200.
7. (28) Timothy Peters, Toyota, 100, 100.3, 37, 211.850.
8. (7) Jeb Burton, Toyota, 100, 91.2, 36, 211.475.
9. (9) Joey Coulter, Chevrolet, 100, 78.8, 35, 211.425.
10. (19) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 99, 65.4, 34, 212.875.
11. (4) Darrell Wallace Jr., Toyota, 99, 123.9, 35, 211.250.
12. (15) Jason White, Chevrolet, 99, 69.4, 0, 211.200.
13. (12) Spencer Gallagher, Chevrolet, 99, 66.1, 31, 211.125.
14. (21) Tyler Young, Chevrolet, 99, 66.3, 28, 212.875.
15. (20) Bryan Sims, Chevrolet, 98, 61.5, 29, 211.800.
16. (18) Mason Minges, Toyota, 97, 51.3, 28, 211.000.
17. (13) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 96, 53.2, 0, 212.875.
18. (2) Joey Logano, Ford, 96, 62.8, 0, 212.875.
19. (16) Ben Kennedy, Chevrolet, 96, 70.4, 25, 210.825.
20. (23) Javelin Jr. Cobb, Chevrolet, 94, 97.4, 24, 211.425.
21. (1) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 91, 68.4, 24, 213.075.
22. (20) Norm Benning, Chevrolet, clutch, 75, 34.1, 22, 212.875.
23. (25) Josh Jennings, Chevrolet, electrical, 68, 51, 21, 212.875.
24. (22) Jimmy Walker III, Chevrolet, engine, 36, 40.8, 20, 212.875.
25. (29) T.J. Bell, Chevrolet, oil line, 20, 32.3, 19, 212.875.
26. (27) Foster Ressler, Toyota, engine, 7, 48.4, 0, 212.875.
27. (24) Todd Peck, Chevrolet, handling, 4, 34, 17, 212.875.
28. (26) Adam Edwards, Chevrolet, electrical, 3, 32.5, 0, 212.875.
29. (27) Chase Rock, Chevrolet, rear gear, 2, 30.3, 15, 212.875.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 161.110 mph
Time of Race: 1 hour, 14 minutes, 29 seconds
Margin of Victory: 0.433 seconds
Caution Flags: 1 for 6 laps
Lead Changes: 10 among 5 drivers
Lead Lap: R. Blaney 1-2; D. Wallace Jr. 3-4; J. Sauter 5-10; D. Wallace Jr. 11-27; K. Busch 28-31; J. Sauter 32-34; D. Wallace Jr. 35-36; J. Sauter 37-41; M. Crafton 42-46; J. Sauter 47-50.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): D. Wallace Jr., 3 times for 48 laps; J. Sauter, 3 times for 21 laps; K. Busch, 1 time for 14 laps; R. Blaney, 2 times for 10 laps; M. Crafton, 2 times for 7 laps.

Top 10 in Points: 1. J. Sauter, 442; 2. M. Crafton, 430; 3. R. Blaney, 422; 4. R. Hensley Jr., 420; 5. D. Wallace Jr., 412; 6. G. Guingo, 405; 7. T. Peters, 395; 8. B. Kennedy, 389; 9. J. Coulter, 388; 10. J. Burton, 380.

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.
The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

IndyCar

ABC Supply Wisconsin 200 Lineup
After Saturday qualifying; race today
At the Milwaukee Mile course
West Allis, Wis.
Lap length: 1.916 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (12) Will Power, Dallara-Chevy, 169.282
2. (10) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Chevy, 168.682
3. (2) Juan Pablo Montoya, Dallara-Chevy, 168.579
4. (8) Ryan Briscoe, Dallara-Chevy, 168.268
5. (67) Josef Newgarden, Dallara-Honda, 168.233
6. (83) Charlie Kimball, Dallara-Chevy, 168.123
7. (23) Ed Carpenter, Dallara-Chevy, 167.775
8. (3) Helio Castroneves, Dallara-Chevy, 167.581
9. (25) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Honda, 167.079
10. (14) Takuma Sato, Dallara-Honda, 166.915
11. (18) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Chevy, 166.742
12. (19) Justin Wilson, Dallara-Honda, 166.501
13. (27) James Hinchcliffe, Dallara-Honda, 166.195
14. (15) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 166.022
15. (17) Michael Aleshin, Dallara-Honda, 165.851
16. (77) Simon Pagenaud, Dallara-Honda, 165.818
17. (98) Jack Hawksworth, Dallara-Honda, 165.614
18. (11) Sebastien Bourdais, Dallara-Chevy, 164.421
19. (28) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Dallara-Honda, 164.211
20. (34) Carlos Munoz, Dallara-Honda, 164.013
21. (17) Sebastien Saavedra, Dallara-Chevy, 162.535
22. (18) Carlos Huertas, Dallara-Honda, 159.787.

NHRA
Nationals Pairings
Saturday
At Brainerd International Raceway
Brainerd, Minn.
Top Fuel
1. Antron Brown, 3.910 seconds, 318.77 mph vs. 16. JR. Todd, 3.986, 298.06; 2. Doug Kalitta, 3.812, 322.98 vs. 15. Chris Karamessios, 3.945, 305.98; 3. Shawn Langdon, 3.815, 321.27 vs. 14. Terry McMillen, 3.906, 318.98; 4. Richie Crampton, 3.820, 320.87 vs. 13. Steve Torrence, 3.804, 308.18; 5. Bob Vandergriff, 3.835, 318.84 vs. 12. Morgan Lucas, 3.883, 298.98; 6. Tony Schumacher, 3.836, 323.43 vs. 11. Leah Pritchett, 3.872, 297.48; 7. Spencer Massey, 3.836, 320.28 vs. 10. Khalid Alalooosh, 3.860, 311.77; 8. Larry Dixon, 3.942, 320.13 vs. 9. Brittany Force, 3.945, 319.07.
Did Not Qualify: 17. Clay Millican, 4.012, 294.75; 18. Luigi Novelli, 4.078, 250.88; 19. Tim Cullinan, 4.202, 215.10.

Funny Car
1. John Force, Ford Mustang, 4.080, 315.27 vs. 16. Bob Bode, Toyota Camry, 5.003, 235.19; 2. Ron Capps, Dodge Charger, 4.084, 314.17 vs. 15. Jeff Arend, Charger, 4.243, 278.00; 3. Matt Hagan, Charger, 4.088, 311.99 vs. 14. Chad Head, Camry, 4.215, 301.33; 4. Tommy Johnson Jr., Charger, 4.078, 308.27 vs. 13. Tim Wilkerson, Mustang, 4.154, 304.53; 5. Robert Hight, Mustang, 4.081, 313.29 vs. 12. Bob Yates II, Mustang, 4.151, 308.70; 6. Alexis DeLoe, Camry, 4.092, 308.12 vs. 11. Courtney Force, Mustang, 4.138, 310.27; 7. Cruz Pedregon, Camry, 4.082, 308.21 vs. 10. Jack Beckman, Charger, 4.115, 303.70; 8. Tony Pedregon, Camry, 4.170, 299.08 vs. 9. Dal Worsham, Camry, 4.111, 307.44.
Did Not Qualify: 17. Brian Stewart, 5.850, 273.55; 18. Dale Crisley Jr., 6.718, 290.76.

Pro Stock
1. Allen Johnson, Dodge Dart, 6.614, 208.04 vs. Bye 2. Jason Line, Chevy Camaro, 6.822, 208.49 vs. 15. Mark Hoger, Pontiac GXP, 6.800, 203.03; 3. Erica Enders-Stevens, Camaro, 6.830, 207.85 vs. 14. Dave Fleet, Chevy Cobalt, 6.793, 204.23; 4. Greg Anderson, Camaro, 6.822, 208.39 vs. 13. Donny Hartman, Dodge Avenger, 6.758, 205.04; 5. Jay Coughlin, Dart, 6.838, 207.91 vs. 12. Larry Morgan, Ford Mustang, 6.723, 208.32; 6. Dave Connolly, Camaro, 6.843, 207.78 vs. 11. Chris McGhee, Camaro, 6.869, 207.43; 7. Shane Gray, Camaro, 6.845, 207.82 vs. 10. V. Cutler, Dart, 6.889, 207.88; 8. Vincent Notish, Camaro, 6.854, 207.40 vs. 9. Jonathan Gray, Camaro, 6.866, 207.75.

YOUNG FINISHES CAREER-BEST 14TH

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Midlander Tyler Young finished a career-best 14th in Saturday's Camping World Truck Series race at Michigan International Speedway.

Young, who started 21st in the event, was two laps off the pace at the finish, completing 98 of 100 laps.

The finish was Young's second top-15 finish in the last three races, and his third top-15 finish in the truck series this season.

Young's previous best finish was 15th at Texas Motor Speedway in June. He also finished 15th at Eldora Speedway in Ohio in July.

ANTHON BROWN TOPS NHRA QUALIFYING AT BRAINERD
BRainerd, Minn. — Top Fuel driver Antron Brown

CHRIS BUESCHER WINS NATIONWIDE RACE AT MID-OHIO

LEXINGTON, Ohio — Chris Buescher took the lead on the 68th of 90 laps and held off Regan Smith and Brian Scott to win the NASCAR Nationwide Series race at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course on Saturday.

The victory in the Nationwide Children's Hospital 200 made the 21-year-old Buescher the third rookie to win in the series this year.

Buescher, driving the Roush Fenway Racing Ford sponsored by — fittingly — Nationwide Children's Hospital in nearby Columbus, took the lead from Brendan Gaughan and weathered a restart to hold on the rest of the way.

INDYCAR LEADER WILL POWER TAKES POLE AT MILWAUKEE
WEST ALLIS, Wis. — IndyCar points leader Will Power will start from the pole Sunday at the Milwaukee Mile.

Power topped qualifying Saturday with a lap at 169.262 mph. He has called Milwaukee his favorite oval of the IndyCar circuit.

Kelly: No change needed in how Notre Dame recruits

By Tom Coyne
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly on Saturday dismissed talk that he needs to do a better job of recruiting players who are better students to avoid the academic problems that have plagued the football program for the past 15 months.

"I think we've brought in the right young men," he said. "I think we have to continue to do a better job educating them. We have to do a better job of providing the resources."

The news conference was the first time Kelly talked to the media since the university announced a day earlier that starting cornerback Kefauve Russell, leading returning receiver DeVaris Daniels, defensive end Ishaq Williams and backup linebacker Kendall Moore were being withheld from practices and games until the university completes an investigation into whether papers and homework they turned in were completed by others.

Kelly said none one involved in the investigation has asked to talk to him

or his staff. He cautioned against assuming the players are guilty, saying the investigation is ongoing.

Kelly said it's his job as head coach to create an environment where players know they can't cut corners.

"If you let your players do whatever they want and they feel like they're not accountable, then I don't think you should be a head coach," he said. "I think if you create an environment and you lay out the expectations of your program and their not met, then they should be held accountable."

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Serena Williams edges Wozniacki to reach final

By Mark Schmetzer
Associated Press

MASON, Ohio — Serena Williams rallied to advance to the Western & Southern Open final, beating Caroline Wozniacki 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 on Saturday.

The top-ranked Williams lost a set for the first time in the tournament and committed 41 unforced errors, 20 more than Wozniacki.

Williams beat the 12th-seeded Dane for the eighth time in nine career matches.

Williams will face ninth-seeded Ana Ivanovic in the final. Ivanovic beat fifth-seeded Maria Sharapova 6-2, 5-7, 7-5 in a night match.

In the first men's semifinal, sixth-seeded David Ferrer beat Julien Benneteau 6-3, 6-2. Second-seeded Roger Federer faced fifth-seeded Milos Raonic in the other semifinal.

Williams had to shake off a tight lower back.

"It was definitely feeling super tight in the match," she said. "That's when I really relaxed, to be honest. By then I was able just to go for more shots and come to the net more and just kind of just not have anything to lose."

She also tried to shorten points with booming serves, leading to getting just 58 percent of her serves in play.

"I just had to go for rock-ets because I wasn't feeling great," she said. "I thought, 'Listen, I'm going to go out and just try to hit aces and see what happens.' It started working for me. I was like, 'OK.' Hopefully my arm will be OK tomorrow. We'll see."

Williams and Wozniacki both struggled with their serves, leading to a combined 15 service breaks, including the first five games of the third set. Wozniacki was broken in eight of nine service games in one stretch and connected on just 54 percent of her first serves.

"I didn't get many first serves in," Wozniacki said. "When I did, they weren't placed very well. It's frustrating, because you lose a set 6-4 in the third and you only hold serve once."

"I actually broke Serena three times in the set. I don't think that happens very often to her either, so, you



Al Behrman/AP

Serena Williams volleys against Flavia Pennetta, during a match at the Western & Southern Open on Thursday.

know, you feel like you're there and my all game was there. I was fighting. I was running. I was trying to take the ball early. I was returning well. Then my serve comes around and I can't seem to hold serve. It's frustrating thing when you're out there on the court."

Williams has never won the Cincinnati-area tournament in five previous appearances. She lost a third-set tiebreaker to Victoria Azarenka last year.

With the win, Williams also wrapped up the U.S. Open Series women's title. Williams has won it three of the past four years and will

attempt to set another record for the largest payout in tennis history at the U.S. Open — \$4 million (\$3 million for winning the U.S. Open and a \$1 million bonus for winning the U.S. Open as the series champion).

The two-time defending U.S. Open champion won both the U.S. Open Series title and the U.S. Open last year. She is the only woman to win the U.S. Open Series bonus challenge three times (2011, 2013, 2014). No other woman has won it more than once.

Ferrer suspected Benneteau, who upset third-seeded Stan Wawrinka in

the quarterfinals, might've been nervous about playing in his first ATP Masters 1000 semifinal.

"He (had) a very good week — a very great week — but today, maybe he (made) a little bit mistakes," said the Spaniard, who was playing in his 15th Masters semifinal. "(This) was his first semifinal in one Master 1000. Maybe experience was the key in those moments, no?"

Benneteau felt that Ferrer's returns were more effective. Ferrer placed 69 percent of his returns in play to Benneteau's 57 percent.

Hardest Core wins Arlington Million

By Mark Periman
Associated Press

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. — Long-shot Hardest Core ran down favored Magician in the stretch to win the Arlington Million by a length Saturday.

Ridden by Erius Vaz, Hardest Core, the 11-1 outsider, came on strong from the outside just after the turn for home.

"I knew he was going to make his run," Vaz said. "On the last turn I had a lot of horse."

Magician, the winner of the Grade I Breeders' Cup Turf, went off as the favorite at 9-5 odds.

"I had a good trip, no excuses," Magician jockey Joseph P. O'Brien said.

Magician had a clear lead midway in the stretch, but Hardest Core eased past.

"Words can't explain what a great feeling this is," Hardest Core trainer Edward L. Graham said. "He has a good kick and he has a great gallop and he got it done."

The 4-year-old Hardest Core ran 1 1/4 miles on the turf in 2:01.51 and paid \$25, \$10.40 and \$6. Magician returned \$4.20 and \$3, and Side Glance paid \$5 to show.

Hardest Core is owned by Andrew Bentley Stables. It was Hardest Core's fourth straight win, the first

in graded company. Entering the Million, Hardest Core had accumulated just under \$250,000 in career earnings. Magician had earned nearly \$2.4 million.

Hardest Core, who had never been entered in a graded stakes race prior to the Arlington Million, nearly died from castration surgery last November.

As for what's next on the racing docket for Hardest Core, Graham was succinct.

"I have no clue. I've got to get over this one first," Graham said.

The race had seven entrants, matching the lowest total in event history.

Defending champion, Real Solution, trying to become the first back-to-back winner, finished seventh.

"I had a beautiful trip," Real Solution jockey Javier Castellano said. "Unfortunately, he didn't show up today."

In the other stakes races at Arlington International Racecourse, Euro Charline charged down the stretch to win the \$750,000 Grade I Beverly D. with jockey Ryan L. Moore on board. Stephanie's Kitten came up late to take second place and Just The Judge was third.

Moore also rode to victory in the \$500,000 Grade I Secretariat, beating Tourist by 1 1/2 lengths.



Paul Beatty/AP

Erius Vaz rides Hardest Core to the win in the Arlington Million on Saturday at Arlington International Racecourse in Arlington Heights, Ill.

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Private hitting and pitching instruction
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Private hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 298-2438

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What: Instruction for players 6 and up
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Basketball
Panther Basketball Association needs officials
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For more info: Midland Bowling Center at 694-6994 or go to midlandhoops3x.com; wenzersedge@yahoo.com

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Where: AMF Lanes
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Canoe/Kayaking
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For where: Boys and girls ages 10-18
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What: Swimming, diving, water polo

Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 694-7755

Beginner tennis clinics
Where: Midland High School tennis courts
What: Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or 7 to 9:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade, community-based organizations, parents and adults
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6245. Brand at 697-7059 or Elizabeth at 699-6208

YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
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When: 1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. for grades 3 through 12
Cost: YMCA Family member, free; YMCA Youth member, \$5 and program participant, \$10 per visit
Dues: \$25/\$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Shoes 699-1718 or go to www.ybbat.com

Cycling
Midland Basin Bicycle Association
Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Atmos Energy's Fischer Community Room, 2304 Loop 40, Midland International Airport
Dues: \$25/\$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Shoes 699-1718 or go to www.ybbat.com

Dodgeball
Sicks and Kicks League
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: \$95 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sicks and Kicks, 3918 W. Hill
For more info: Call 692-6633

Flag Football
YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call 692-2551

Football
Panther Basin Officials Chapter needs officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Tarell Parris at 569-6004 or Don Owen at 691-2399

Golf
Big Spring Country Club Over 60 Seniors
Who: Golfers over 60 years of age
Cost: \$100 per player
Where: Big Spring Country Club
For more info: Call pro shop 267-3384

Martial Arts
Aikido
When: Monday-Friday 7 to 9 p.m., Saturdays 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu
64th Akido
For more info: Call John Rigg, 694-7008 or 770-3155

Carroll Kickboxing Class
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4802 N. Midland Dr.
Cost: \$25 a month
For more info: Call 694-6159

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 p.m.; Friday 8 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.

Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
What: 6-8 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m., Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 694-9821 or (409) 248-0472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jiu-Jitsu-Kempo-Kung-Fu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Culbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 480-7487 or 699-6444

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Students-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

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Limo Star Poker League
What: First to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players, Ages 21 and up.
What: Weekends: 6:30 p.m., Sunday Wednesday and Friday at Woodliff & Tweeters, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Redwood Distrohouse. Players must be played in by 8:15 p.m., each night.
For more info: Go to www.limestarpoker.com

Professional Wrestling
Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m., Sunday
Cost: \$50 down; \$35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 948-9255

Rugby
Midland Rugby (Bloodstream) Club
For more info: Call Joshua 961-7147

RFD Dads & Lads Rugby
When: 7-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Cowdell Park
For more info: 218-4268

Running
Panther Basin Running Club
Cost: \$80 per year for individual membership; \$30 for year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Sharon Holiday, president at holidaysh@pbrunningclub.com

Gunfire Training Camp
When: 9 a.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 613-762-1020 or 697-5292

Port Run
Midland County EMS Labor Day 4-mile Port Run
When: Sept. 1, registration 8 a.m., race 9 a.m.
Where: Midland County EMS Building, 1101 W. Broadway, Odessa
Cost: \$20 if pre-registered by Aug. 28; \$25 if postmarked after Aug. 28 or on day of race
For more info: Contact Bob Tawn at 661-6597 or pick up an entry form from Dr. Pablo Tawn's office at 600-120 East, Suite D-105, Stanton, located next to Martin County Hospital

Shooting
Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on 19th Sunday on months that have them begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter; Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Cays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 692-1422

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, testing air rifle, benchrest rifle, bullseye rifle, high power rifle, pistol, silhouette, rifle accuracy, 3 gun, practical pistol, shot, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer
Panther Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring summer season
Where: Dungen 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 567-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 8:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
What: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 482-684-6425

Softball
Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midsoftball.com.
For more info: Call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodball Fastpitch Association
What: Men's woodball softball
For more info: Call 694-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/woodballmidland-tees-men-fastpitch or woodballmidland@gmail.com

USA Softball Jr. Men's National Fastpitch Tournament
For: Boys' players born between 1995 and 1998
Note: No softball experience is needed
For more info: Tim Lyon, USA Jr Men's National Team coach, 801-544-7477 or Dave Parker, West Texas Men's Fastpitch Association, 694-6474 or wtfpa@texassoftball.com

Swimming
COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Midland Aquatic Center
Cost: \$49 per month
Post-competitive level is able to swim 25 yards or less in 1:30
For more info: 964-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
What: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlester at 694-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 694-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11-15 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: \$40 per month (includes cardio training)
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: Call 694-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 694-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 694-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team
What: Emphasizes in on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 694-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: 694-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 694-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: 694-7755

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlester at 694-7755

COM Senior Physical Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical condition resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlester at 694-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Lee Fisher 692-2551

Central YMCA Aerobic Water Exercises Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Lee Fisher 692-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
What: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Lee Fisher 692-2551

Central YMCA Specialized Swimming
For: All ages
For more information: Call Lee Fisher 692-2551

Tennis
West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and overseesUSTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-983-1333 or www.westtexas.tennis.com for more information.

Both Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 94 (ages 3-4); Redball 50 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (9th-8th grade; intermediate-JV), Junior Select (senior); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Both Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bothtenniscenter.com and/or call, 692-8180.

Both Tennis Center-Free Clinics
What: Aug. 26-30
Where: Both Tennis Center
For: Ages 5 through adults
For info on times: Contact 692-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
What: League play runs through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 692-8810 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Midland College 695-4050 or Lance Armstrong 697-4948

Youth Clinics
When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m.) and 9-15 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.)
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: 697-4948

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: 696-4240

Midland Tennis Club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual dues: Adults; \$65; youth \$30; families \$140
For more info: Call 950-1233 or 697-4948 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

Midland Tennis Club
When: Fall through 6th grade
Where: Midland Boys and Girls Club
To register: Go to www.basnetusa.org or go to the Midland Boys and Girls Club
For more info: Contact Kim Rieck at 553-0269

Volleyball
Little Sisters Volleyball League
For: Fall through 6th grade
Where: Midland Boys and Girls Club
To register: Go to www.basnetusa.org or go to the Midland Boys and Girls Club
For more info: Contact Kim Rieck at 553-0269

Midland Volleyball Club
When: Fall through 10th, 11th and 12th grade
Where: Midland Boys and Girls Club
To register: Go to www.basnetusa.org or go to the Midland Boys and Girls Club
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Midland Walkers Club Meetings
When: Fall through 10th, 11th and 12th grade
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Manziel says he's not yet ready for opener

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Johnny Manziel, so full of swagger and cool, understands his limitations. He's only a rookie.

And as the celebrity quarterback prepares for Cleveland's exhibition on Monday night in Washington, a game that could decide whether he or Brian Hoyer starts the season opener at Pittsburgh on Sept. 7, Manziel acknowledged he's still got a lot to learn.

"I don't think I'm ready for Pittsburgh right now," he said.

Manziel, though, was quick to point out that he's made progress during training camp, and he expects to get better running Cleveland's offense.

"I've only played one game, but the more and more you see it, the more you get familiar with it, the better it will be," Manziel said after practice Saturday.

Manziel and Hoyer will split time with Cleveland's first-team offense against the Redskins in a game being hyped as a nationally televised matchup between Johnny Football and RG3, Washington quarterback Robert Griffin III.

Hoyer, who entered camp as the No. 1 QB and has done nothing to lose his starting job, was unaware that he's not part of the ratings campaign.

"I don't watch ESPN," he said. "It doesn't matter, because what matters is what coach (Mike) Pettine thinks and what (offensive coordinator) Kyle (Shanahan) thinks. The media can make any story they want. I avoid all of that. When it comes down to it, they're not the ones making the decisions."

The Hoyer-Manziel competition is nearing its conclusion, and it's still not clear if Pettine and his staff are leaning in one direction.

Pettine is determined to get his two QBs an even amount of snaps against

the Redskins. Pettine said he'll reach out to Washington coach Jay Gruden to find out his plans to use his starters so he can ensure that Hoyer and Manziel face similar competition.

"If we have to make some adjustments to get the matchups we want then we will," Pettine said.

Pettine plans to meet with his staff and pick a starter Tuesday.

While most of the country is eager to see what Manziel will do on the Monday night stage, the Heisman Trophy winner is staying calm and focused.

"I don't think there's any pressure for me," he said. "I'm still learning. I'm still growing. This is my second game. My expectations aren't through the roof. It's go out and compete extremely hard, be a leader for those guys, whatever group I'm with, and we'll see what happens."

After his off-field behavior in the offseason was widely scrutinized, Manziel is finding his habits

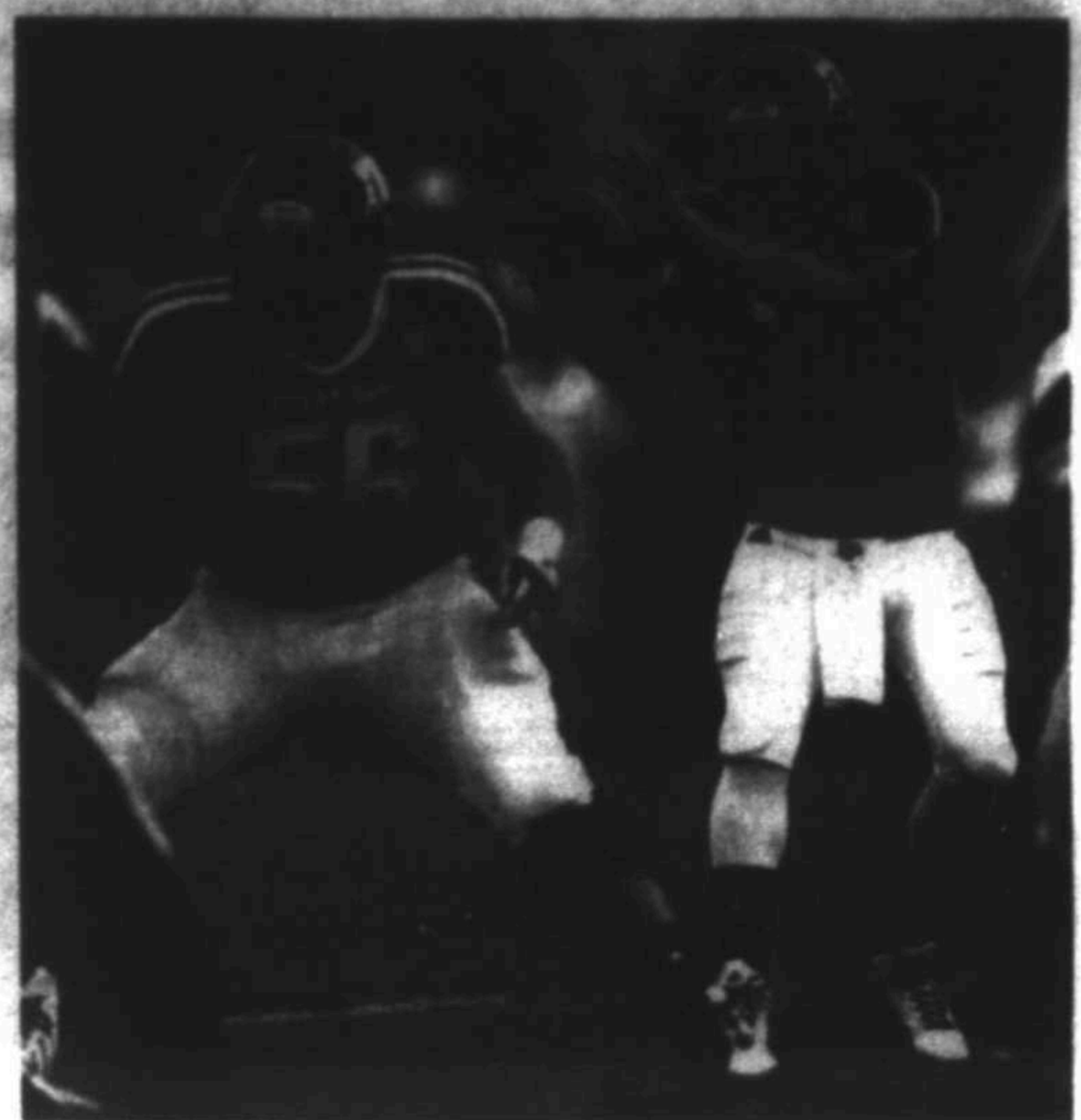
are always being watched. He conceded to being late for a meeting on Monday morning after he misread a change in the team's schedule. Manziel said he and Pettine talked and have "moved on."

"It was an honest mistake and something I need to learn from and make sure it doesn't happen again," Manziel said.

As for Hoyer, he hasn't changed his belief that the Browns are his team. While dealing with the hysteria caused by Manziel, he has maintained he's only trying to become the best quarterback possible. There may be signs that Manziel is Cleveland's quarterback of the future, but Hoyer is only concerned with the here and now.

He's aware that Pettine said the Week 1 starter should not think it's a permanent gig.

"It's a situation I dealt with last year when I came in and we kind of said it was a week to week thing," he said.



Houston Chronicle file photo

Texas A&M center Mike Matthews (56) snaps the ball back quarterback Johnny Manziel during a game on Aug. 31, 2013 in College Station.

Kevin Matthews continues family tradition at A&M

By Brent Zwerneman
San Antonio Express-News

and Casey Matthews, each currently play in the NFL as linebackers.

"It's a neat family," A&M offensive line coach B.J. Anderson said, in perhaps the understatement of camp.

While preparing for the Aggies' season opener at South Carolina on Aug. 28, Mike has also kept an eye on the progress of Jake, the sixth overall selection of the NFL draft to the Atlanta Falcons. Jake was in Houston on Wednesday and Thursday for the Falcons' open scrimmages against the Texans.

"He tells me (the NFL) is a grind, like it is everywhere," Mike said. "I miss him, but he's off doing bigger and better things."

So is Kevin, a one-time walk on for the Aggies in 2005 under then-coach Dennis Franchione who's been in the NFL since 2010, including with the Tennessee Titans from 2010-12. He's currently under contract with the Carolina Panthers.

A&M coach Kevin Sumlin has said he's kidded with Bruce and Carrie Matthews that it's time to produce more offensive linemen. Sumlin added that Bruce smiles and nods while Carrie shakes her head no. There's actually another Matthews brother in the pipeline — although he's a few years from his college of "choice." The youngest, Luke, will be a freshman at Elkins High School and already tips the scales at a reported 290 pounds.

Hill to take over at QB for Manziel at Texas A&M

Associated Press

for the NFL. Sumlin says: "The competition was close and that competition will continue to help us improve."

COLLEGE STATION — Kenny Hill is taking over for Johnny Football.

Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin says that Hill will start for the Aggies in their opener against South Carolina on Aug. 28. Hill beat out freshman Kyle Allen for the job left vacant when 2012 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel left early

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Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	35	30				
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	44	47				
Houston	1	1	0	.500	32	36				
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	36	40				
North										
	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA				
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	60	33				
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	36	36				
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	12	13				
Cincinnati	0	2	0	.000	56	66				
West										
	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA				
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	21	16				
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	41	39				
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	33	36				
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	41	46				
NATIONAL CONFERENCE										
East										
	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA				
N.Y. Giants	3	0	0	1.000	64	59				
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	29	6				
Dallas	0	2	0	.000	33	64				
Philadelphia	0	2	0	.000	59	78				
South										
	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA				
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	57	48				
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	23	42				
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	18	20				
Tampa Bay	0	2	0	.000	24	36				
North										
	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA				
Chicago	2	0	0	1.000	64	59				
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	40	34				
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Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	37	27				
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Arizona	1	1	0	.500	60	30				
Seattle	1	1	0	.500	57	35				
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	3	23				
St. Louis	0	2	0	.000	31	47				

Clowney makes impact in Texans' win

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Jadeveon Clowney showed off his potential in the Houston Texans' preseason home opener.

The top overall pick in the draft made big hits behind the line on consecutive plays and Ryan Fitzpatrick threw a touchdown pass to DeVier Posey in the Texans' 32-7 win over the Atlanta Falcons on Saturday night.

Houston selected Clowney out of South Carolina to form a powerful 1-2 pass-rushing attack with J.J. Watt.

Watt dressed but did not play on Saturday, and Clowney proved too much for Atlanta (1-1). He tackled running back Antone Smith for a 2-yard loss and then beat left tackle Sam Baker for a sack on Matt Ryan.

Jonathan Grimes returned a blocked punt for a touchdown and Andre Hal returned an interception 64 yards for another score for the Texans (1-1), who showed significant improvement after last week's 32-0 loss in Arizona.

Baker left on a cart in the second quarter with a right knee injury, a potentially huge blow to the Falcons' reshaped offensive line.

Baker started 16 games in 2012, but played in just four games last season because of a left knee injury that required surgery in November.

Ryan went 3 for 7 in a



Patric Schneider/AP

Houston's Jadeveon Clowney (90) celebrates after sacking Atlanta's Matt Ryan (2) during the first quarter of Saturday's preseason game in Houston.

quarter and a half of work and Julio Jones caught two passes in his first live-game action since he broke his right foot in Week 5 last season.

Fitzpatrick completed 9 of 12 passes for the Texans, guiding the offense much more smoothly than he did against the Cardinals.

TEXANS 32, FALCONS 7										
First Quarter										
	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA				
Atlanta	0	7	0	.000	7	1				
Houston	7	0	0	1.000	18	32				
Second Quarter										
	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA				
Atlanta	0	7	0	.000	10	13				
Houston	7	0	0	1.000	18	32				
Third Quarter										
	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA				
Atlanta	0	7	0	.000	10	13				
Houston	7	0	0	1.000	18	32				
Fourth Quarter										
	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA				
Atlanta	0	7	0	.000	10	13				
Houston	7	0	0	1.000	18	32				

Houston—FG Bowed 33, 3:18										
A—71:04										
	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA				
First downs	19	21								
Total Net Yards	248	323								
Rushes-yards	24-80	33-138								
Passing	158	185								
Comp-Att-Int	15-31-2	19-29-1								
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-9	1-1								
Punts	7-41.4	4-49.0								
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0								
Penalties-Yards	10-89	15-117								
Time of Possession	28:08	31:52								
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS										
RUSHING—Atlanta, Freeman 6-31, A. Smith 6-27, Vaughan 5-18, Rodgers 3-13, Jo. Smith 1-2, Rennie 1-1(miss), Houston, Grimes 9-42, Martin 3-26, Fitzpatrick 2-25, Blue 2-22, Powell 6-17, R. Brown 6-5, Keenum 1-3.										
PASSING—Atlanta, Matts 4-11-2-63, Rennie 7-10-48, Ryan 3-7-0-37, Matthews 1-3-0-18, Houston, Fitzpatrick 9-12-0-67, Keenum 6-12-1-81, Savage 4-6-0-8.										
RECEIVING—Atlanta, J. Jones 2-20, Shuler 2-19, Hester 2-15, Vaughan 2-12, Julio Jones 1-29, Pedersen 1-18, White 1-17, Jo. Smith 1-13, Freeman 1-11, Boldwin 1-8, Ebert 1-5, Houston, Martin 3-30, Labhart 3-36, Grimes 3-25, Hopkins 2-19, Fiedorowicz 2-14, Lemon 1-25, Neuschuhau 1-11, R. Brown 1-4, Posey 1-4, Powell 1-4, Blue 1-1(miss), Houston.										
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Atlanta, Bryant 51 (50).										

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to get one. Even he, with that relentless nature and throwback style, has acknowledged an acceptance of the shift in this role.

"I'm trying to win a championship, so if that's taking less of a pounding and being more productive in the pass game, I'm all in for it," Peterson said.

At age 29, Peterson is perhaps the NFL's last great workhorse running back.

Maybe someone a year or two younger like Charles or Seattle's Marshawn Lynch or Philadelphia's LeSean McCoy will pass Peterson, on the all-time list and defy the trend with a productive career into his mid-30s. But there are many signs that won't happen.

For the second straight draft, no running backs were selected in the first round, an absence not seen since 1963. Over the last five years, a total of seven running backs were first-round picks. From 2000-2004, there were 15. From 1985-1989, there were 25.

Last year, only McCoy and Lynch ran the ball 300 or more times. In

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With players bigger, faster and stronger, the guys running the ball now are simply more prone to getting beat up than their predecessors from the previous generations.

Teams must constantly develop replacements not only for down the road when the featured runner turns 30 but for in-game breaks to keep him fresh.

The committee approach can also help prevent the defense from getting too comfortable with one particular style. The evolution of the passing game, with Charles and the Chiefs as an example, has also essentially transformed several running plays per game into short throws.

Thus, teams have a hard time justifying paying running backs as their franchise players. Peterson is the outlier with a salary cap hit this year of more than \$14 million. The next-closest running back is McCoy at \$9.7 million. The money has been shifting not only toward the quarterbacks, but also the guys paid to protect them or catch their spirals.

Even the guys that try to sack quarterbacks and intercept passes are making more than running backs.

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who we played, he made that team feel it's time to go put on a show," Strong said. "They came here to watch US play ... No matter where we went, Alabama or Auburn, it didn't matter. That's the confidence you have to build in a program."

Holtz taught him about attention to detail. Not just within a game or practice or playbook, but within his players. Holtz demanded that his assistant coaches know their players better than he did. And it was challenge because Holtz seemed to know everything about every player on the roster, from their personal lives to their weekly academic status.

Strong gives each of his players a biography form to fill out. It asks personal questions, such as naming three people they would like to have dinner with, the last time they cried, and the happiest days of their lives.

That's particularly important when inheriting a

STRONG

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roster of players he didn't recruit and only first met a few months ago.

"We want to understand our players," Strong said. "I don't ever want our coaches to ask a player 'How's your mom?' when really he lost her when he was 2 years old."

The players also have to understand him. And play by his rules.

He had laid down core values of "no drugs, no guns, no stealing, be honest and treat women with respect" in his first meeting with the team back in January. Then he created a stir with a series of dismissals or suspensions at the start of training camp.

Wide receivers Kendall Sanders and Montrel Meander were kicked off after felony sexual assault charges and Strong said they won't be allowed back even if the charges are later dropped or they are acquitted. Three other players were dismissed and three more potential starters were suspended for at least one game for unspecified rules violations.

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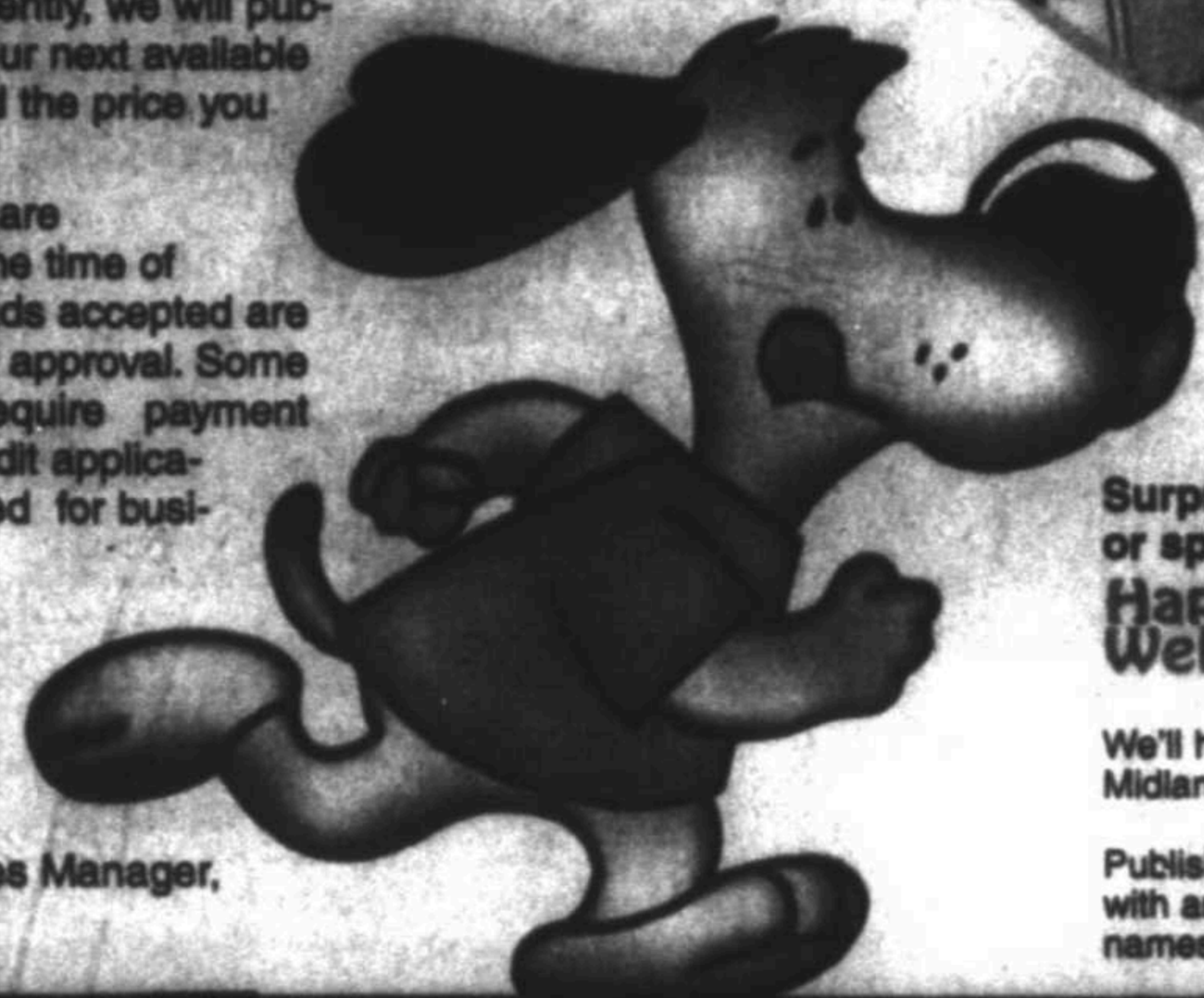
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REGION 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting competitive sealed Request for Proposals, Proposal 14-08-0001 to enhance and maintain the current Legal Framework for the Child-Centered Special Education Process (<http://framework.esc18.net/>) for the period of September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015. 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 11, 2014 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 Burdial, Purchasing Specialist, at 432-561-4335 or jburdial@esc18.net. Please address any questions regarding the specifics of this RFP to Lee Lantz-Edwards at 432-561-4356. Address sealed Proposal 14-08-0001 to John Burdial, 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, 2014. Region 18 ESC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C DATE OF ISSUANCE: Aug 15, 2014 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Sep 19, 2014 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780 Email: SWR37@RRCC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRCC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 4N/A, Bk. THROCKMORTON CSL / LGE 1 Survey, A-542, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 19.5 miles N direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6948.

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Lessee/Unit Well No.: 1189H
Lessee/Unit Acres: 17433.41
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 100.0
Nearest Well to Lease (ft): 16.0

Lease Lines: 7592.0 F north L, 4782.0 F east L, 8325.0 F south L, 4782.0 F east L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Relinquishment Point Location
Lease Lines: 7592.0 F NORTH L, 8297.0 F EAST L

Terminals Location:
BH County: UPTON
Section: Block: Abstract: 542
Survey: THROCKMORTON CSL / LGE 1
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 8297.0 F EAST L, 100.0 F NORTH L, 8297.0 F EAST L
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Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 103.0

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Survey Lines: 6325.0 F south L, 4752.0 F east L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 7599.0 F NORTH L
4297.0 F EAST L

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Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

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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 8/07/2014, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of DONALD CLIFFORD GREEN, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

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MAKE MEETINGS MATTER

By PATRICIA RIVERA
CTW Features

Ben Franklin said it best: By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.

At least that's the case if you go to meetings unprepared. Though dreaded by many, and seen by some as time-wasters, meetings offer employees an opportunity to shine.

"In the business world, the conference room is the stage. If you don't perform well in business meetings, you are not going to do well with your career," says New York brand strategist Catherine Kaputa, author of the new book "Women Who Brand: How Smart Women Promote Themselves and Get Ahead." (Nicholas Brealey America, 2014)

Though women tend to speak up less often at meetings, both genders could do more to prepare. Kaputa notes that when you perform poorly in meetings, you don't appear confident or, even worse, people might think you're lacking in ideas. Resist the temptation to check emails at meetings or make to-do lists.

It's wise to prepare for each meeting, but also to develop your own communication style and ideas so that you are a regular contributor to discussions. As you rise in the corporate ladders, your success will be defined by how well you communicate yourself, she adds.

"You want to define a clear point of view and style so that your vision and ideas are linked to your words and speaking style, and vice versa," Kaputa adds.

You also want to watch your posture. Crossing your arms, slouching, or taking up a small amount of space communicates low power to others. Instead, stand tall and lean in. Other tips from Kaputa:

- Make sure your voice conveys authority and sounds natural, but vary your pitch and volume. Switch the speed at which you speak, too. Slow down to emphasize the important points. Ask questions. Tell stories. Make points. Cite facts. Mix it up. Pause.

- Create visual metaphors or images through words and stories. Visual descriptions are easier to remember and give life to numbers and statistics.

- Find a way to dramatize your main point at the beginning with a clever visual or phrase, and then reinforce the theme again at the end.

- Avoid mitigated speech - the polite, indirect talk that experts associate with a lower-power person talking to someone of higher status.

- Spark spontaneous conversations with both the rank and file and leaders. It's easier if you keep up with the news and bring up something topical. Avoid partisan politics and controversy.

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SEVEN WAYS TO MAKE BETTER DECISIONS AT WORK

By CHRIS GELBACH
CTW Features

According to behavioral economists, the deep processing the brain uses to reach decisions is flawed. It's also too hard-wired and difficult to alter. "By recognizing the limitations in the way we make decisions and correcting for them, we can be more successful in both our personal and professional lives," says Francesca Gino, a professor of business administration at Harvard Business School who studies decision-making.

Here are some tips from decision researchers on how you can overcome your own irrational impulses to make better decisions at work:

1. Beware of irrelevant emotions. In her research, Gino found that emotions such as anger, even when triggered by something completely unrelated to the decision at hand, lead people to reject the opinions and perspectives of others and just focus on their own. This leads to poor-quality decisions. Instead, Gino recommends that you reflect on the causes of your current feelings to examine whether irrelevant emotions are clouding your judgment.

2. Don't follow your gut alone. According to Don Moore, associate professor of the management

of organizations at the University of California, Berkeley, decades of research on judgment in decision making document the imperfection of gut and intuition. But you don't want to be Mr. Spock, either. "What you want is to get your heart and head in communication with each other," he says.

If you're deciding between two jobs, and the numbers say to take job offer A, Moore says to reflect on the reasons for your feelings. "Is it that you like the work, the people or the city? Try to include that in the spreadsheet," he says. "Get the information in there somehow so you can weigh all the factors against each other. Figuring out what the right weights are to attach to these ratings and numbers is a much more productive problem than the question of who gets veto power - your head or your heart."

3. Understand the cost of ownership. "Once you become an owner of something, you care more about it. And that caring gets you to be more motivated, more invested, more willing to spend time on it," says Dan Ariely, a professor of psychology and behavioral economics at Duke University. "But at the same time, you're blind to external intervention. You're blind

to changes, you're blind to the fact that it might not be such a good idea, or that there are better versions of the idea." For these reasons, it's great to give people ownership over projects at work - and important to understand how this compromises their objectivity.

4. Forecast more realistically. According to Moore, almost every business decision relies on a forecast. And the way that most companies do forecasts - by using a point estimate - exacerbates the tendency for people to think that they know what's going to happen. "Instead of asking for someone's best guess, organizations should ask for a range of possible outcomes and the likelihood of each," says Moore. "That is much more helpful for getting people to think through the uncertainty associated with making any of these big decisions."

5. Understand procrastination. You might feel like going on Facebook right now instead of working. That impulse may be natural. But so is your false rationalizing that you'll feel more like working later. "Right now, you say I really feel like Facebook, I don't feel like hard work," says Ariely. "The problem is that you won't feel like hard work later, either, and you will be less productive and less efficient.

So we should think about the real cost and the real benefit and try to act less on impulsivity."

6. Beware of overconfidence. The most common form of overconfidence that biases all of our decision-making is the excessive faith that we know the truth, according to Moore. To combat this, push yourself to listen hard to the perspectives of others. Moore also recommends considering the opposite. "Think actively about why you might be wrong," he says. "Why are you wrong and what else could be right? This is an extremely useful question to ask yourself. It doesn't necessarily make you feel better, but it will help you make a better decision."

7. Don't underestimate the power of reflection. When people fall behind on deadlines, according to Gino, the usual solution is to work harder, which may actually exacerbate the problem. "In a recent field project I conducted, my colleagues and I decided to give people at one company time to think," she says. "So for three weeks, we gave them 15 minutes at the end of each day to reflect on what they had learned throughout the day. The result: a more than 20 percent improvement in performance."

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WHY DEGREE LENGTH DOESN'T MATTER

Americans want high-paying jobs, and sooner rather than later.

That's why record numbers of people are pursuing degrees that take less time than a traditional four-year college program, says Mark Schneider, president of research firm, College Measures.

Data from several states shows the salaries of recent college graduates can lag the pay short-term degree holders - even five years after graduation, Schneider says. But the short-cut route is by

no means the surest path to a lucrative career.

"Many holders of associate degrees [typically awarded after a two year program at a community college] or certificates [awarded after programs lasting several months to a couple of years] in tech field or heavy industry five years out, earn more than the median salary for all college degree workers five years out," Schneider says. For instance, someone with

an associate electrical engineering degree may be earning more than a French major with a four-year diploma, Schneider explains. "But the lifetime earnings of someone with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering will outstrip the earnings of the worker with the electrical engineering associate degree."

Moreover, a significant number of short-term degrees don't even lead to a job. Georgetown

University's Center on Education and the Workforce found that only 44 percent of certificate holders work in their field of training.

Before jumping on a short-term path, make sure that the school offering the course is accredited, says Schneider.

Then, see if the specific course is accredited by a professional association in the field - a course related to radiology accredited by a radiologic association, for instance. Finally, call your state employment or labor department to ask about employment potential in your region, says Schneider.

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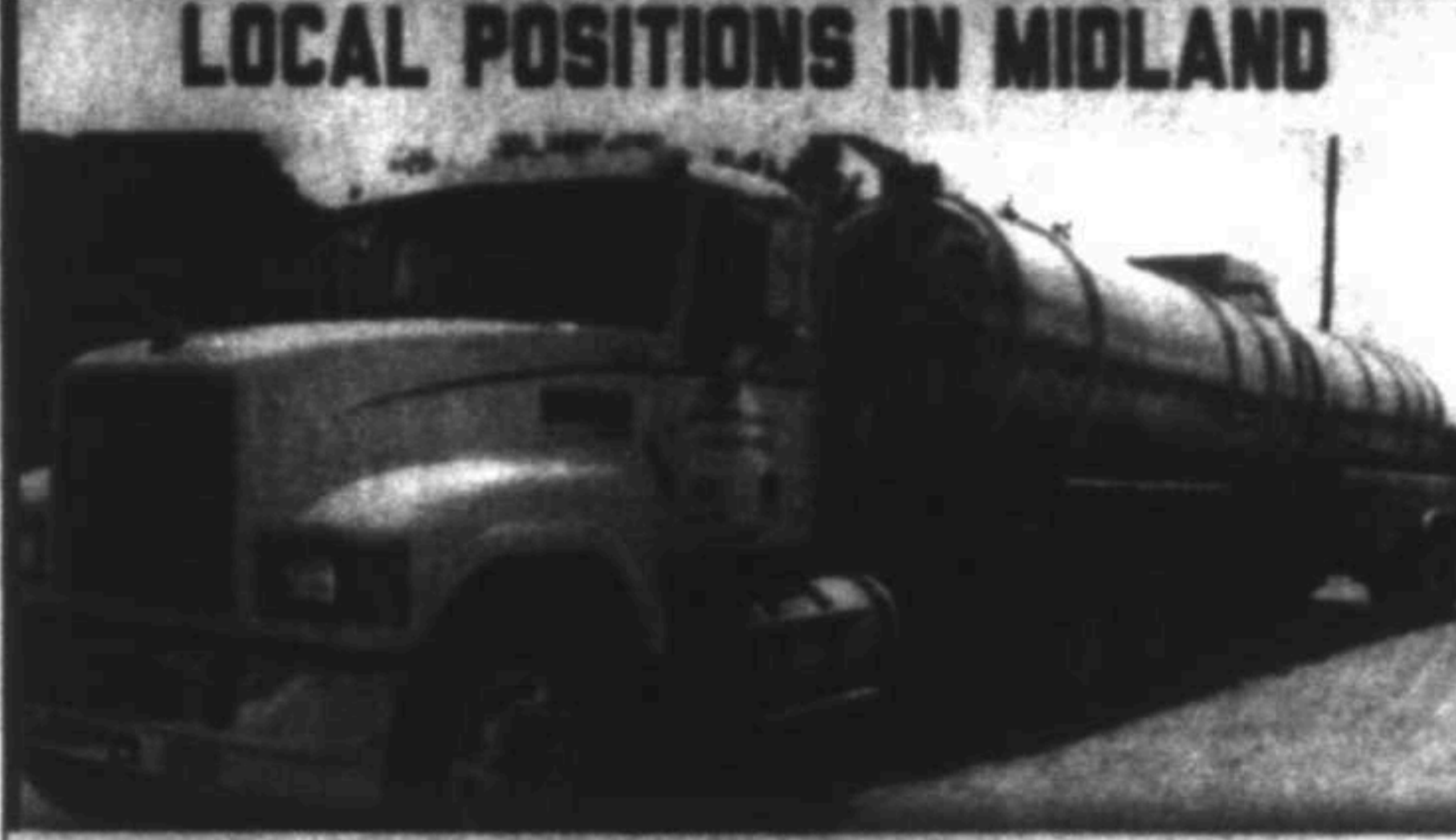
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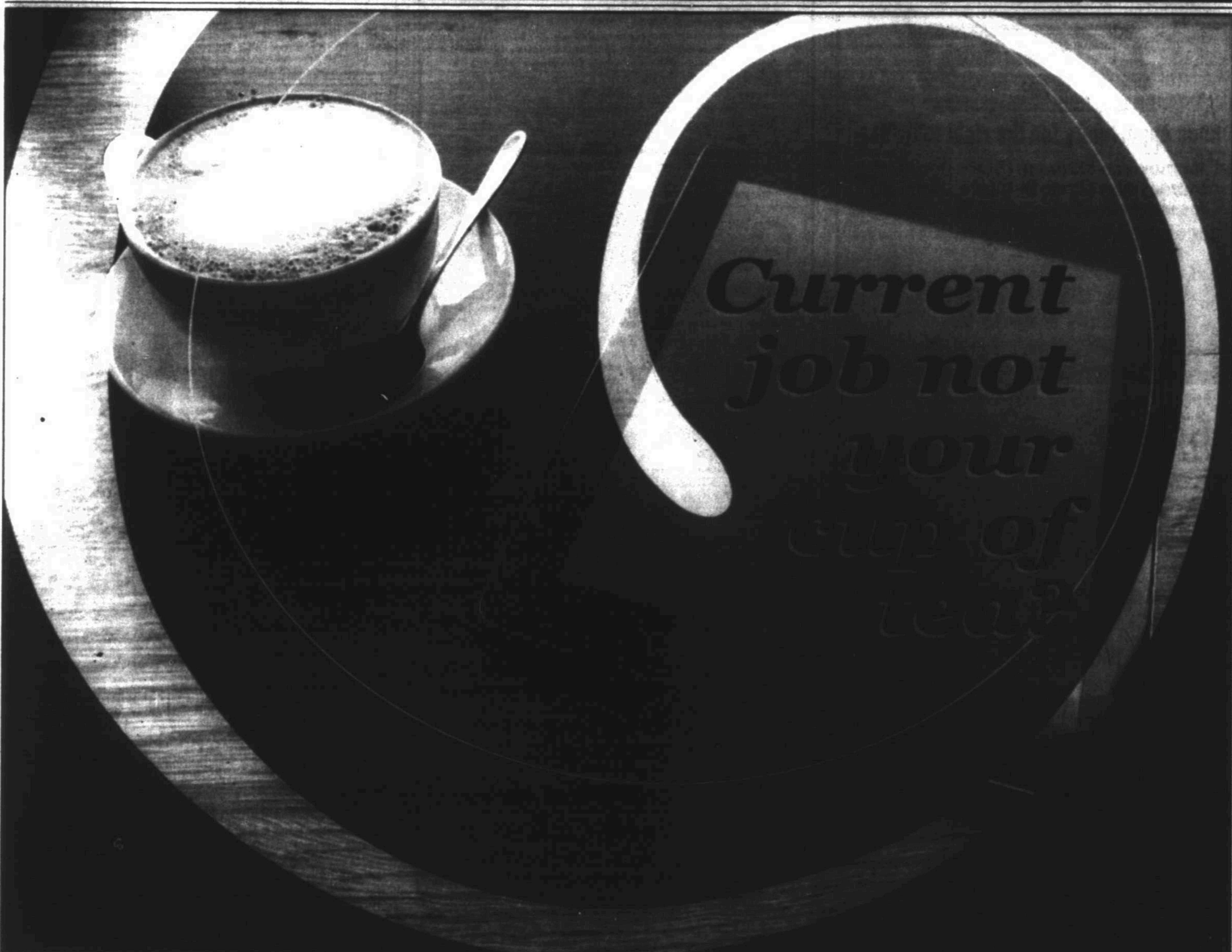
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FHA'S NEW PROGRAM

QUESTION:

Is it true that the FHA is offering a new loan program with lower mortgage insurance premiums? If so, how can I get in?

ANSWER:

HUD has announced plans to introduce a new FHA loan product later this year for first-time homebuyers, probably in the fall. Called "HAWK" for "Homeowners Armed with Knowledge," the plan is expected to save borrowers about \$325 a year in annual costs, plus hundreds of dollars up front at closing. How much individual borrowers actually save depends in large measure on the amount borrowed.

We call them "FHA loans," but the FHA does not actually loan money. It's an insurance plan that allows borrowers to purchase homes with little down, typically 3.5 percent up front plus closing costs, instead of the 20 percent lenders would really like to get. As with all insurance plans there are premiums to pay, and for most FHA borrowers those premiums are 1.75 percent of the loan amount at closing plus 1.35 percent annually on the unpaid balance.

The FHA has been roundly criticized because insurance premiums have risen substantially in recent years. HUD also has been criticized because reserve fund balances have shrunk as a result of foreclosure claims, thus requiring higher premiums. The HAWK program seems like a way to address both complaints. Here's how it works:

The program is open only to first-time buyers. A "first-time buyer," as defined by HUD, includes not only those who have never owned a home but also those who have not owned during the past three years. The definition also includes people who owned as married couples and are now divorced, individuals who own mobile homes (homes not on a foundation) and those who now own properties that are not up to code and likely cannot be brought up to code. In short, the definition of a first-time buyer likely is broader than most people expect.

Under the HAWK program the borrower's up-front mortgage insurance premium is reduced from 1.75 percent to 1.25 percent. If you borrow \$200,000 that's a savings of \$1,000.

The government is not just giving this money away. It wants something in return, and what it wants is six hours of ownership counseling for buyers. The cost for such counseling can be as much as \$350 under HUD rules; however, it may be less in some cases.

Next, the annual mortgage insurance premium is reduced from 1.35 percent to 1.25 percent. For the borrower with a \$200,000 mortgage this means a savings of about \$200 in the loan's first year.

Lastly, if the borrower makes full and timely payments for two years, and if the borrower attends a 1-hour post-closing counseling session, the annual mortgage insurance premium will dip again, this time to 1.10 percent. Again the borrower will save, this time about roughly \$300 a year for the borrower with a \$200,000 loan. (The actual annual savings will vary depending on the loan balance, an amount that falls each year.)

Is the HAWK program a good idea? You bet. According to EllieMac, FHA loans represented 22 percent of all mortgages originated in May. This means a huge number of people use the program, including many first-time buyers. For them the HAWK program, once formally introduced, is a quick and easy way to save money for years to come, and who's against that?

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BEYOND THE MORTGAGE

YOUR MONTHLY LOAN PAYMENT IS JUST THE START OF THE EXPENSES THAT GO INTO HOMEOWNERSHIP. KEEP THESE COST AREAS TOP OF MIND WHEN BUDGETING FOR YOUR NEW HOME

By MADHUSMITA BORA
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Homebuying is expensive. And it's important for consumers to understand that expenses don't end with the mortgage. In fact that's where they begin.

Besides mortgage payments, homebuyers have to factor in other costs associated with owning a property, such as insurance, property taxes, association fees and maintenance. The list could be overwhelming and endless.

"When someone goes from being a renter to a buyer, they don't think about a lot of the overhead costs associated with homeownership," says Leslie Piper, a Realtor and housing specialist with Realtor.com.

Many buyers fall into the debt trap when they don't account for the additional expenses and buy a home beyond their means.

Lenders use income and debt as benchmarks for loan approval,

and only factor in the expense related to monthly mortgage payments. They don't include the other expenses in their calculations.

Here are some tips on how to handle some of the expenses related to homeownership

EVALUATE YOUR SITUATION

Be honest with your budget. You know your financial situation best, and how much home- and home-related expenses - you can afford.

"Live within your margin and have a philosophical approach to spending," says Daren Blomquist, vice president at RealtyTrac.

LIST YOUR NEEDS

Piper says a smart buyer always makes a list of what they need in their home. That helps the buyer stay on target. Piper suggests making sure your lender understands all of your needs.

ROLL YOUR TAXES INTO YOUR MONTHLY PAYMENT ...

Property taxes are a huge expense. For a single family home, the average tax bill measures \$2,877, according to RealtyTrac. Educate yourself on the tax rate in the area in which you are buying and consider escrowing your taxes into your monthly mortgage payment. "You can certainly pay your taxes as a big chunk of change when the bill comes, or you can roll it into your mortgage," Blomquist says. Some homeowners set homeowners set aside a few hundred dollars every month so they pay on their own and not make it a part of their loan, he adds.

... AND INSURANCE, TOO

Home insurance is roughly 0.35 percent of the value of a home, Blomquist says. Nationwide, homeowners typically spend around \$1,000 a year on insurance, give or take. You could also roll this expense into your monthly mortgage payment. Depending on where you live, you may want to buy more than just the basic insurance policy. If

you are in a high-risk zone for natural disasters, get a policy that factors in protection from those events.

AND DON'T FORGET ...

• Homeowners Association fees: Unlike the other expenses, you can't include this as part of your mortgage. Keep aside a few hundred dollars a month on your budget toward these fees, if applicable.

• Supplemental property taxes: Many new developments have additional local taxes. Keep that in mind when you buy a brand-new home.

• General maintenance: All homes go through the natural process of wear and tear. Some of the big-ticket maintenance items include roof replacement, gutter maintenance and HVAC replacement. You can roll these expenses into your mortgage or start saving a little each month. Yard maintenance, landscaping costs and tree maintenance are other regular expenses to keep in mind, too.

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HOW PRICE INCREASES DECREASE BUYERS

Just an extra \$1,000 to the sale price can remove thousands of potential households from the marketplace

What difference does \$1,000 make? In your listing price, a lot, actually.

Nationally, a \$1,000 increase on a new, median-priced home removes more than 200,000 households from the marketplace, according to the latest estimates from the National Association of Home Builders' "Priced Out" study.

The NAHB study, which is based on national mortgage underwriting standards (a 28 percent debt-to-income ratio) and the latest income distribution data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey and the U.S. Department

of Housing and Urban Development, looked at more than 300 metro areas to see how the costs of construction translate to home price and affordability.

The NAHB analysis found that every \$833 in fees added in the construction process, such as for a permit, added an additional \$1,000 to the final home price.

The number of affected households varies across states and metro areas, depending on population, income distribution and new-home price. Among states, the number of households who would be no longer able to qual-



ify for a mortgage based on the \$1,000 increase to a median-priced home ranged from 313 in Wyoming, the lowest number, to 18,250 in Texas, the highest. In affordable metro areas, where roughly half the households can afford new homes, the price-out effects can be large; the additional \$1,000 disqualifies more than 4,000 homes in both the

Houston-Sugarland-Bay Town and Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta metros and more than 2,000 in the Las Vegas-Paradise metro.

For more info on the report and how home-price increases affect mortgage qualification, visit naahb.org/pricedout2014

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home without you there. They may be nervous or afraid and a carrier may help provide security to them.

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Transfers Specify Their Preferences

Want to know exactly what employees relocating to a new housing market for a job are looking for in their next home? Cartus, a provider of domestic and global relocation services, recently surveyed 267 brokers who specialize in working with relocating employees to find out the most important home characteristics for those clients. These were the top three items transferees identified as most important to have in their next home: A larger home than their former residence (70%); new construction (64%); and single story (37%). Meanwhile, transferees identified the following amenities as the most important in their next home:

- Upgraded kitchen: 91%
- Master bedroom on first floor: 60%
- Finished basement: 44%
- Pool/spa: 23%
- Outdoor kitchen: 11%
- Smart-home technology (such as control via phone/tablet for heat, electricity, electronics, media, security, etc.): 10%
- Media room/home theater: 7%
- Fitness room: 4%

When it comes to relocation, transferees

ranked location near a specific school district and less than a 30 minute commute to work as two key items of importance. "A job transfer is a major life change for employees and their families, and finding a home that fulfills their needs is important and enables the employee to transition to the new job efficiently and with little disruption to family lifestyles and routines," says Gerry Pearce, executive vice president, broker and affinity services for Cartus.

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Life After Foreclosure: When Can You Buy?

For those consumers who have a foreclosure on their record, it may feel like they will never repair their credit enough to become a homeowner again. It can happen, but it will depend on a variety of variables.

Bouncing back after a foreclosure will depend greatly on your individual circumstances, as well as the mortgage interest rate you are willing to pay. Foreclosures can remain on your credit record for seven to 10 years. Most lenders will consider your request for a home loan two to four years after your foreclosure, although your interest rates will be higher.

Keep an eye out for predatory lenders that will issue a home mortgage in less time than average, but will charge you obscenely high mortgage interest rates, fees, and penalties.

A quality lender will expect you to show that you have cleaned up your credit. In this light, a borrower who has worked hard to reestablish good credit may also be shown some leniency by the lender.

Repairing your credit is possible, although it can be a slow-moving process. Act as quickly as you can to take care of any outstanding delinquencies, tackling a little at a time until you get back on the right track. Make an effort, if at all possible, to repay your debt in full and on time for six months to a year to prove you are working hard to repair any damage.

It will also be helpful to provide a reasonable explanation about the circumstances that led to the foreclosure, such as exorbitant medical ex-

penses or lifestyle changes beyond your control. If you declared bankruptcy because you were laid off from your job, the lender may be more sympathetic. If, however, you went through bankruptcy because you overextended personal credit lines and lived beyond your means, it is unlikely the lender will readily give you a break.

If you've waited several years after your foreclosure and you're still having trouble obtaining a traditional mortgage, consider other options, such as subprime mortgages, which are made to borrowers who do not meet traditional credit criteria at a higher interest rate.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

What do sellers have to disclose to you when you buy a home?

Thank goodness we don't operate in a "buyer beware" environment for home purchases. There's too much at stake. But what exactly are sellers required to tell you about the condition of their home?

Sellers can't sweep problems under the rug

Sellers of single-family homes are required by law to give would-be buyers a disclosure notice. This notice is how sellers fulfill their responsibility of pointing out any problems or circumstances buyers would want to know when considering purchasing the home.

What's on a disclosure form?

The notice lists dozens of items, such as ceiling fans, gas fixtures, and central air conditioning, and provides checkboxes for the seller to specify whether the property has those items. The form also provides space for the seller to list any of those items that are currently in need of repair.

The notice contains a section for known defects to structural components like the roof and foundation. The form also lists conditions such as termite damage, previous flooding, components that contain asbestos, and so on.

For items that need repair, are defective, or should be called to the buyer's attention for another reason, the form provides the seller the opportunity to provide details about that condition or item.

Beware anyway

Even a seller with good intentions may not be aware of every problem with his home. For example, it's possible to have active termites in a structure for quite some time without any visual evidence.

With that type of possibility in mind, most buyers hire an inspector to examine the property and its components. The inspector will let you know if he or she finds potential problems.

Also, there may be some conditions you would like to know about that aren't required to be dis-

closed. For example, sellers do not have to report the presence of nearby sex offenders. And contrary to what many people think, Texas law does not require disclosure of deaths by natural causes, suicide, or accidents unrelated to the condition of the property.

Not all disclosure notices are the same

The Texas Real Estate Commission provides a disclosure notice that covers everything mandated by state law. The Texas Association of Realtors (a voluntary membership group that real estate agents can join and, thus, call themselves Texas Realtors) provides its members a disclosure notice that includes additional items. This more comprehensive form helps sellers reduce their risk and gives buyers additional information. As a buyer, you can't require a seller to use this form, but you can discuss with your local REALTOR® if there are questions from the TAR disclosure notice that you'd like to pose to the seller.

For more information about how to get the most peace of mind from seller's disclosure rules, talk with your local Permian Basin REALTOR®. Find a list of all of our agents at www.pbtor.org, as well as look at our Open Houses & Listings.



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Crested Rockingham 4/3, in-ground pool, bamboo flooring, recent paint & carpet, open kitchen/dining/family room. \$495,000 DANE

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NEW LISTINGS! 901 E. COUNTY ROAD 126-One owner custom home on 3.90 acres, 3 bedrooms plus an office that could be a 4th bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, den with fireplace, formal dining or 2nd living area, large kitchen with a large breakfast nook and breakfast bar, sequestered master bedroom, garage, court, landscaped yards, workshop, storage bldg, 2 water wells, cross fenced acreage, reduced to \$699,000

OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1PM- 3PM 5006 CHAPEL HILL DRIVE
4 Bedrooms
3 Baths
1 Half Bath
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2731 sq. ft.

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Open, spacious, updated 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living area, 3 car garage home on #2 Tee Box. Beautiful engineered hardwoods, granite & newer appliances in kitchen. Shutters, double lot, water well for yard, aluminum & brick fence, tons of storage. A must see!

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Privacy, but just close to all the town amenities! 3 BR, 3 BA home on approx. 3.2 acres of land with a beautiful view. Enjoy the wildlife and view from the large covered and uncovered deck. Furnished with some exceptions. Taxes drive most of the way to the property.

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Stunning view overlooking the 15th tee box and fairway. 5 BR, 4 BA, media room, study and bonus room. Large 2 car garage, paved parking PLUS golf cart garage and very nice workshop. Courtyards, patios, and custom features throughout. This home is a real jewel!

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Custom Craftsman style home with original hardwood floors. Close to the school, church and women's club. Step into this house for a warm, cozy feeling! 2 BR, 1 BA, family room/den with wood burning stove, a one car detached garage, and lots of mature trees.

Call Linda Long 575-607-1000, 594,000 MLS #114070

BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED HOME IN GREAT AREA

Absolutely beautiful 4 BR, 3.5 BA home - you can't believe the view of Sierra Blanca - come see! Too many amenities to mention. Good access. One bedroom and bath set apart from the others for use as private guest quarters. One of a kind!

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On gated prvt 12.6 acres. 5BR/4BA, 5200 sq. ft. interior finishes include marble, onyx & Travertine. Supreme blend of sophistication & mntn delight. Full gourmet kitch w/ Wolf & Sub-Zero appl. 3 decks, 3 car gar.

\$1,295,000. #114014

QUALITY THROUGHOUT

One-level lakeside & green-side home at Kokopelli (gated/privacy). Granite, Thermador/Monogram appliances, dbl oven, custom cabinets, 12' ceilings, 8' solid doors, a/c, separate jet tub/shower in master & more! \$499,999. #113910

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This 3880 sq ft home has high ceilings, big decks, great views & a gated entry. 3BR/2BA main house w/a prvt 1BR/1BA apartment w/kitchen in basement. Price per sq ft is a true bargain! Adjacent 5.4 acres available. \$319,000. #114966

BEAUTIFUL STUCCO HOME

Full golf membership. 3 bedroom, 4 bath, includes a family room and a study. Nice wooded view. \$475,000. #115136

CUTE ALTO MOUNTAIN HOME - FULL GOLF

Cute & affordable mountain home. Open living area w/pellet stove insert. Large covered deck for entertaining & watching wildlife. Level paved parking area as well as lower level two-car garage. Full golf membership. \$239,000. #114820

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12 Metz Ct. - \$285,000

5705 Cranston Pl - \$479,500

7108 E. County Rd. 110 - \$390,000

805 Crested Butte Ct. - \$669,900

6349 Prairie Ridge - \$819,900

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NEW AND REDUCED LISTINGS	THREE BEDROOMS	FIVE OR MORE BEDROOMS
<p>8. Co. Rd. 1129-Could be a great location for cattle and livestock, truck yard, pipe yard, etc. on 100 acres in Greenwood. \$2,400,000</p> <p>5. Co. Rd. 1040-Particulars for subdivision development - 325.8 acres in Greenwood \$2,200,000</p> <p>4204 Daybreak Place-Beautiful 4bed/3.5 bath home with all the bells & whistles! \$900,000</p> <p>5700 Cranston Place-5 bedrooms, remodeled kitchen, pretty decor, move right in! \$479,500</p> <p>5700 South Ave. -Wonderful 4 bedroom custom home at the end of cul-de-sac on 1/2 acre lot \$454,000</p> <p>1000 N. 1 St. -Wonderful 3 bedroom 2.5 bath home in Prime location! Great outdoor entertaining space and landscaped pool. \$400,000</p> <p>5002 Heather Rd. -Spacious home with over 4500 sq. ft. all new neutral paint, 4BR/3.5BA, S.A. Great family home. \$399,500</p> <p>4004 Woodhigh Dr. -remodeled 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, in-law plan plus sequenced master, hardwoods. \$379,000</p> <p>5000 Greenhills Ave. -remodeled perfection, 4/2, high ceilings, great updates, patrol pergola to enjoy outdoors. \$379,000</p> <p>2211 Westhollow-4/2 w/great updates, stone fireplace, open kitchen/den, pool, yard like a park! \$359,000</p> <p>5000 Frontier Ave. -Spacious home w/wood, outside serving area, great kitchen. \$359,000</p> <p>5000 Goddard Place \$379,000</p> <p>12 Metz Ct. \$285,000</p> <p>5002 Goddard Pl. -Lovely maintained 3bed/2bath home in Fairmont Park. \$279,000</p> <p>1000 A&W Dr. -Remodeling job. Great investment property. Unit A is 2 bed/1 bath. Unit B is 3 bed/2.5 bath. \$270,000</p> <p>600 Lakeside 604-Low maintenance central! \$260,000</p> <p>2101 Westhollow-For Lease: 2 bed/2 bath patio home in a very central location. \$2,400,000/MT</p> <p>5410 Westhollow Dr. -For Lease: 3bed/2.5 bath, meticulously maintained home. \$2,400,000/MT</p>	<p>100 Woodhigh Dr. -Great price for this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with double garage, large metal shop, and 1/2 acre lot. \$179,000</p> <p>1000 A&W Dr. -Remodeling job. Great investment property. Unit A is 2 bed/1 bath. Unit B is 3 bed/2.5 bath. \$160,000</p> <p>1004 Broadway, -Beautifully remodeled historic home with 3 bedrooms, ready for move in! \$119,000</p> <p>2000 Passage Way-20 acres in town, gorgeous! \$2,600,000</p> <p>4000 Westhollow "Heart of Wonders" Gorgeous landscaping, great amenities. \$1,100,000</p> <p>4000 South West-Cool home in Green Tree North with pool! \$977,000</p> <p>5000 Crested Butte Ct. -Incredible world style 4 bedrooms, 3.5 bath, 3 living area, 4 car garage in Woodland Park. Wood floors, separate patios. \$900,000</p> <p>2000 Gateway Dr. -Beautiful spacious Grandview Gem! \$820,000</p> <p>4000 Woodhigh Dr. -Wonderful 4bed/3.5 bath BR Brown home in Mackinoght Heights. \$674,000</p> <p>5000 Greenhills Ave. -4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, in-law plan plus sequenced master, hardwoods. \$640,000</p> <p>5700 Cranston Place-Updated in every way! Great plan, pretty floors, cool-deck location, even a workshop! \$479,500</p> <p>1200 Woodhigh-Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 bath home in Woodland Park with great open plan. \$479,500</p> <p>5000 Westhollow-Dream room could be office, nursery, extra bedroom! Wonderful upgrades every where, good plan, great location in Greenwood! \$400,000</p> <p>4000 Park Valley Dr. -Spacious open plan, high ceilings, hand scraped wood floors, granite, shutters, double sided fireplace, 2 living areas - Wood. \$379,000</p> <p>4000 South West-Cool home in Green Tree North with pool. \$340,000</p> <p>1000 Woodhigh Dr. -Updated 4 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath, 4 car garage, 1/2 acre lot. \$340,000</p> <p>2101 Westhollow-4 bedroom custom home at the end of cul-de-sac on 1/2 acre lot. \$324,000</p> <p>5010 Park Valley-Beautiful 4 or 5 bedroom home with that pottery barn style! Hardwood floors, versatile plan and in move-in condition. \$319,000</p> <p>1000 Heather Rd. -Spacious home with over 4000 sq. ft. all new neutral paint, 4BR/3.5BA, S.A. Great family home. \$289,000</p> <p>4004 Woodhigh Dr. -remodeled 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, in-law plan plus sequenced master, hardwoods. \$279,000</p> <p>2000 Goddard Place \$279,000</p> <p>5000 Greenhills Ave. -remodeled perfection, 4/2, high ceilings, great updates, patrol pergola to enjoy outdoors. \$270,000</p> <p>1000 Park Valley-This must see unique 3bed/2.5 bath lodge like home is perfect for entertaining indoors and out. \$270,000</p> <p>1000 Lakeside 604-Low maintenance central! \$260,000</p> <p>7108 E. Co. Rd. 110-Wonderful 4 BR, 3 1/2 bath custom built w/ 30 acres located in the new Cherry Ranch Addition! \$260,000</p> <p>4004 Woodhigh Dr. -Updated 4 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath, 4 car garage, 1/2 acre lot. \$260,000</p> <p>5000 Frontier Ave. -High to Fronts Elementary, great floors, pretty yard, open plan. \$250,000</p> <p>12 Metz Ct. \$285,000</p> <p>5002 Goddard Pl. -Lovely maintained 3bed/2bath home in Fairmont Park. \$250,000</p> <p>5000 Greenhills Ave. -remodeled perfection 3 bedroom. \$210,000</p> <p>2001 Pleasanton Ave. -Fantastic property for the price. Lovely quiet neighborhood spacious 3bed/2 bath home w/ great landscaping area. \$190,000</p> <p>4100 South Ave. -Great 3BR, 2BA home with lots of updates. \$190,000</p> <p>500 Goddard Pl. -Spacious open to ready! \$190,000</p>	<p>5700 Cranston Place-Updated in every way! 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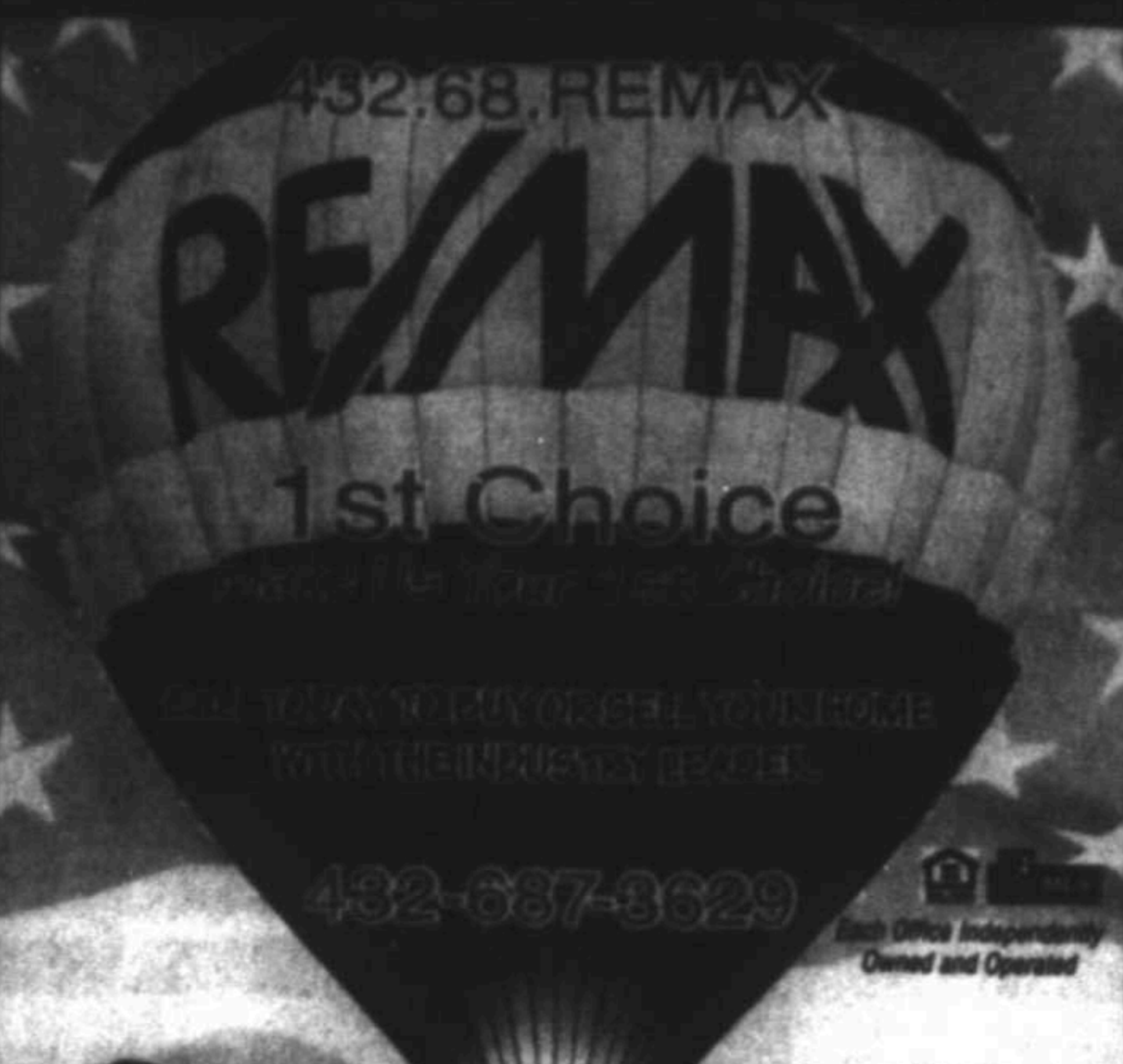
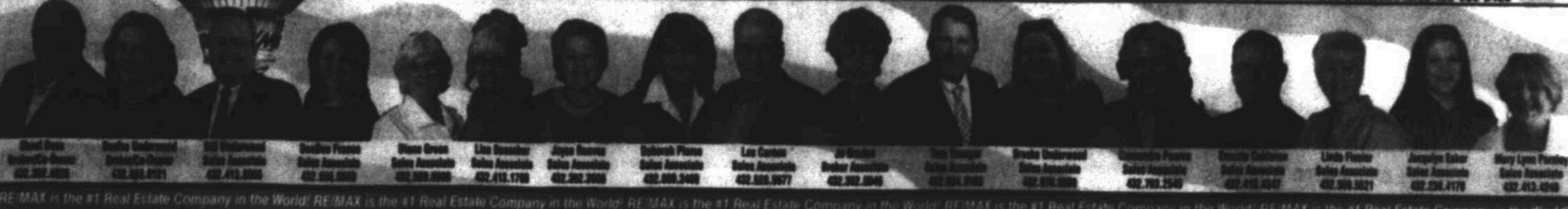


Table with 2 columns: 'NEW & ACTIVE LISTINGS' and 'SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE'. Contains property details like address, price, and features.

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE Open 11:00-12:00. 3208 RANGLAND DRIVE - \$224,900. SUNDAY FEATURE HOME 3382 TRAVIS - REDUCED TO \$134,900.



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New Listings table with columns for address, price, and features.

3 Bedrooms table with columns for address, price, and features.

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE OPEN 2:00-4:00 PM. 2103 WYDEWOOD DR. Cameron Williams 978-4298.

4 Bedrooms table with columns for address, price, and features.

1 & 2 Bedrooms table with columns for address, price, and features.

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4114 TAMFORAN AVE. - \$675,000. Open 3:30-4:30. Wonderful 4 bedroom home on the corner at 4114.

6212 ORCHID - \$500,000. Open 3:30-4:30. Wonderful 4 bedroom home on the corner at 6212.

2104 N. I. ST. - \$500,000. Open 3:30-4:30. Wonderful 4 bedroom home on the corner at 2104.

5416 BASSWOOD CIRCLE - \$550,000. Open 3:30-4:30. Wonderful property on the corner boasts beautiful old world charm!

1913 GLADEWOOD - \$500,000. Open 1:00-2:00. Wonderful 4 bedroom home on the corner at 1913.

6212 BELLA PLACE - \$500,000. Open 1:00-2:00. Wonderful 4 bedroom home on the corner at 6212.

6516 GLADIOLA - \$500,000. Open 1:00-2:00. Beautiful downtown living room with high ceilings, beams & fireplace.

5609 ECR 120 - \$500,000. Open 1:00-2:00. Wonderful home in Greenwood! 3 large bedrooms with their own bathrooms!

3808 IRVIN DRIVE - \$448,000. Open 1:00-2:00. Wonderful updated & vibrant home w/2 large living areas!

1902 ECR 127 - \$398,000. Open 1:00-2:00. Features: 3 car garage, living area, balcony w/ hot tub, hvac zone, recent interior/exterior paint.

6512 DAK CREEK - \$375,000. Open 1:00-2:00. Wonderful home on large lot with high ceilings, stone fireplace & big windows!

800 CHUKAR - \$295,000. Open 1:00-2:00. Wonderful updated home on 1.5 acre lot! Perfect & close to downtown!

2894 AMBY PLACE - \$249,000. Open 1:00-2:00. Wonderful 3 bedroom home on the corner at 2894.

8011 BURLINGAME AVE. - \$299,000. Open 1:00-2:00. Wonderful 4 bedroom home on the corner at 8011.

710 BURLINGAME, STANTON TX 75109. Open 1:00-2:00. Wonderful 4 bedroom home on the corner at 710.

1221 MARY ST., CRANE, TX 75834. Open 1:00-2:00. Wonderful 4 bedroom home on the corner at 1221.

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6207 DUNBARTON OAKS BLVD. - \$1,400,000
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6307 CO. RD. 1244 - \$1,300,000
 Gorgeous custom on 3.25 acres w/50x70 insulated shop in Sunridge Ranch Estates!

4705 S. CO. RD. 1172 - \$479,000
 Fabulous Mediterranean style 4 bed, 3 bath home w/24x30 shop & carport on 2 acres!

2401 HAYNES - \$225,000
 Nice 3/2 Patio home w/ a 5 car carport close to schools.

1710 EMERALD, ODESSA, TX - \$219,900
 UNDER CONTRACT
 Absolutely darling & spacious 3 bed, 2 bath home whardwood floors & plantation shutters!

1704 WARD - \$199,900
 UNDER CONTRACT
 4 bed, 2bath w/ a Pool & 2 Storage Units!

5201 RAINBOW - \$235,000
 UNDER CONTRACT
 Adorable move in ready 4 bed/2bath home w/ nice sized backyard!

LAND
2910 N. CO. RD. 1138
\$330,000
 6.34 Acres close to loop 250 & I-20! 1 Water well! 2 Septic tanks! 5 Stalls & hay barn, metal building, arena & 2 pens!

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4+ BEDROOMS

6 La Presencia, Odessa - 4 Bedrooms, 4.5 Bath, Super Floor Plan, Double Master Bedrooms, Full Outdoor Kitchen & Pool! (Don't Miss This!)
 Call Chris for a Private Showing!
 New Construction \$1,100,000
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28 La Presencia, Odessa - 5 Bedrooms, 5 Bath, 3 Living, Magnificent Pool on the Golf Course! Custom RV Garage! Giant Flat Roofed Pool!
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2 & 3 BEDROOMS

2000 West - 3 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 3 Living, 2 Dining, Modern Kitchen in Old Midland! Marble Italian tiled cut tile, mosaic tile, travertine marble, granite! In-ground pool!
 Sale Pending \$444,000

4000 Laramie - 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, Fun Young Style! Concrete Polished Floors! Cooks Kitchen w/brush Appliances, Granite, & So Much More!
 New Listing \$177,000

5000 Rio Grande - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living, 2 Dining, 2 Car Garage, 10 New Construction by Keith Anselmy Homes! Legendary Details EVERYWHERE!! Outdoor Living w/Poolside \$1.1 Million \$1,100,000
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2700 Alamo - 2 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 3 Car Garage! Fantastic! Full Heavy Custom Built, Super Hip & Trendy Country Living Property!
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FOR LEASE

4016 W Decker - 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, New Pool & Recent Carpet! Credit Score 600 Required. 12-24 Month Lease. Call Chris for details
 For Lease \$1,575

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COMMERCIAL/LOTS/ACREAGE

100 W Industrial - 4 Total Buildings on 1.5 Acres! Office Building, Separate Metal Warehouse, 2 Shops! Call Norma For More Details!
 New Price \$807,000

100 W CR W, Odessa - Phenomenal Investment Opportunity! Entire Block of land, Church & Warehouse included!
 Sale Pending! \$600,000

1001 Billy Neal Rd., Odessa - Fabulous Pad Site in Eastside Office Park! Anchor Location! Call Chris for more details!
 New Price! \$100,000

1001 Industrial - Sale or Lease! Front Building & Yard. Main Building 2 Offices, Kitchen, Bath. Shop! New Roof to be installed!
 New Listing! \$210,000

1110 Andrews Hwy - High Traffic Area, Opportunity is Knocking!! Full Service Gas Station, Zoned L-R-2 per City. Lot Size 19.002
 New Listing! \$210,000

1017 County Rd 1000 - Build Your Dream Home! Greenwood School District!!! 21.51 ACRES, Water Well, Septic, & Electric Call Sabrina for details!
 Lease \$200,000

1040 E Pecos, Garfieldville - 2 Acres. Owner has paid for Commercial Water Tap, will accommodate 20 RV's, Call Norma for more details! 140-3440
 Book on the Market \$75,000

Suburban Dr. - Investor Opportunity! 4 Lots Sold in package. 1201-1207 Suburban Dr. Owner will not subdivide. Ready to Build! May require flood insurance.
 Lot# 100,000

Loop 404, Mesquite - No Known Restrictions! Corner lot on 6.41 Acres. Call Carol for details!
 Lot# 500,000

E County Rd. 60 - Lots Available! Horses Allowed, No Mineral Rights, Metal & Modular Homes Allowed!
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6006 Barton Springs
 \$388,500

Open kitchen in this beautiful 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath home. Includes a formal dining room, game room & spacious utility room. Dark stained custom cabinets, stained concrete & a gas cooktop!

Mark Payne Homes Available Homes

5919 Oak Creek- 3 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, Game Room, 3 Car Garage.....	\$365,500
6001 Oak Creek- 3 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, Game Room, 3 Car Garage.....	\$368,500
5904 Rio Grande- 4 Bed, 2 Bath, Study, 2 Car Garage.....	\$315,500
5906 Rio Grande- 3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage.....	\$271,500
6001 Rio Grande- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, 2 Car Garage.....	\$337,500
6000 Wichita- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, Game Room, 3 Car Garage.....	\$431,500
6002 Wichita- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, Game Room, 3 Car Garage.....	\$401,500
811 Trinidad- 3 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, Game Room, 3 Car Garage.....	\$456,500
1102 Castle Rock- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, Game Room, 3 Car Garage.....	\$612,500
1208 Silverton- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Study, Game Room, 3 Car Garage.....	\$452,500

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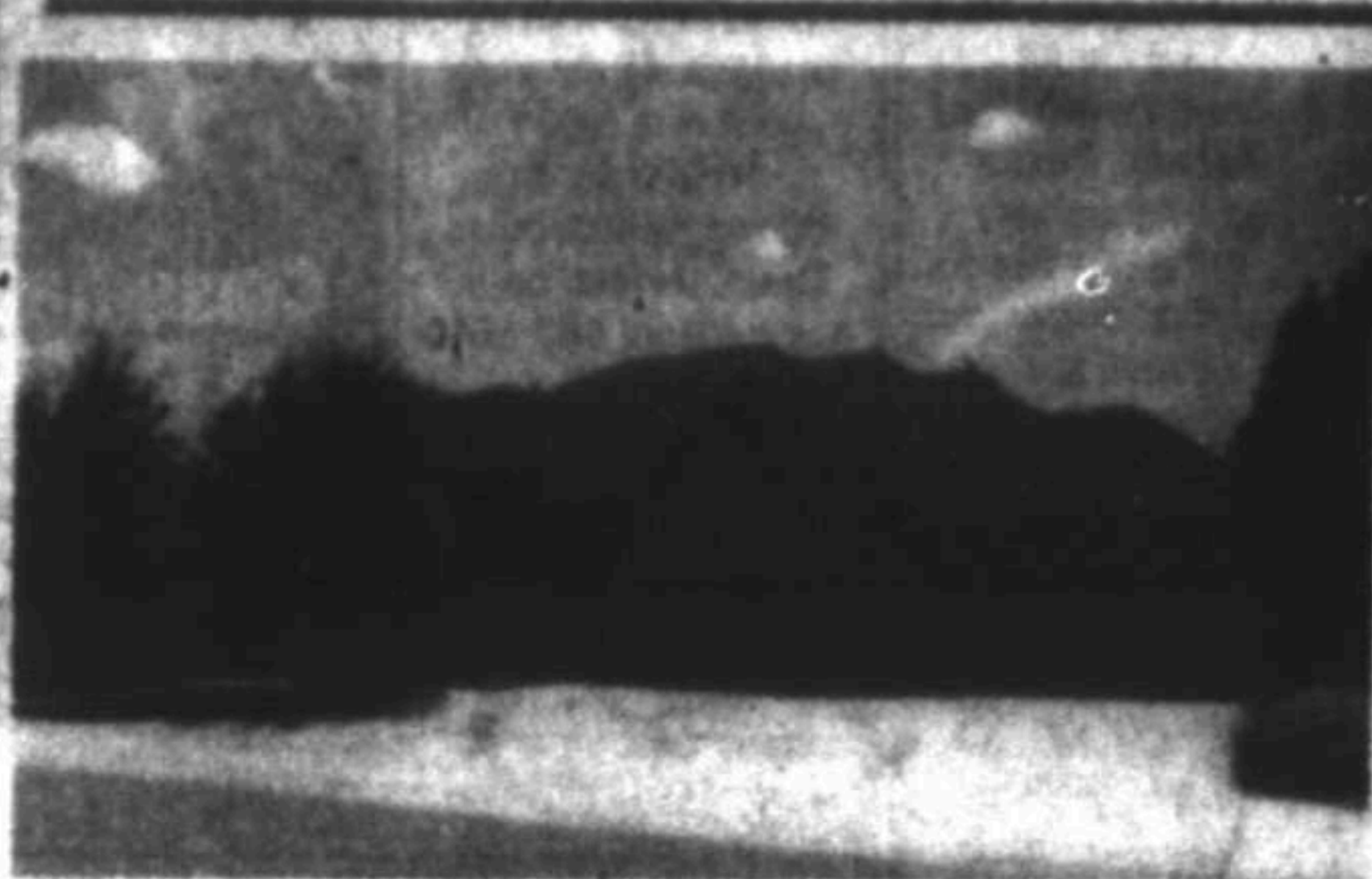
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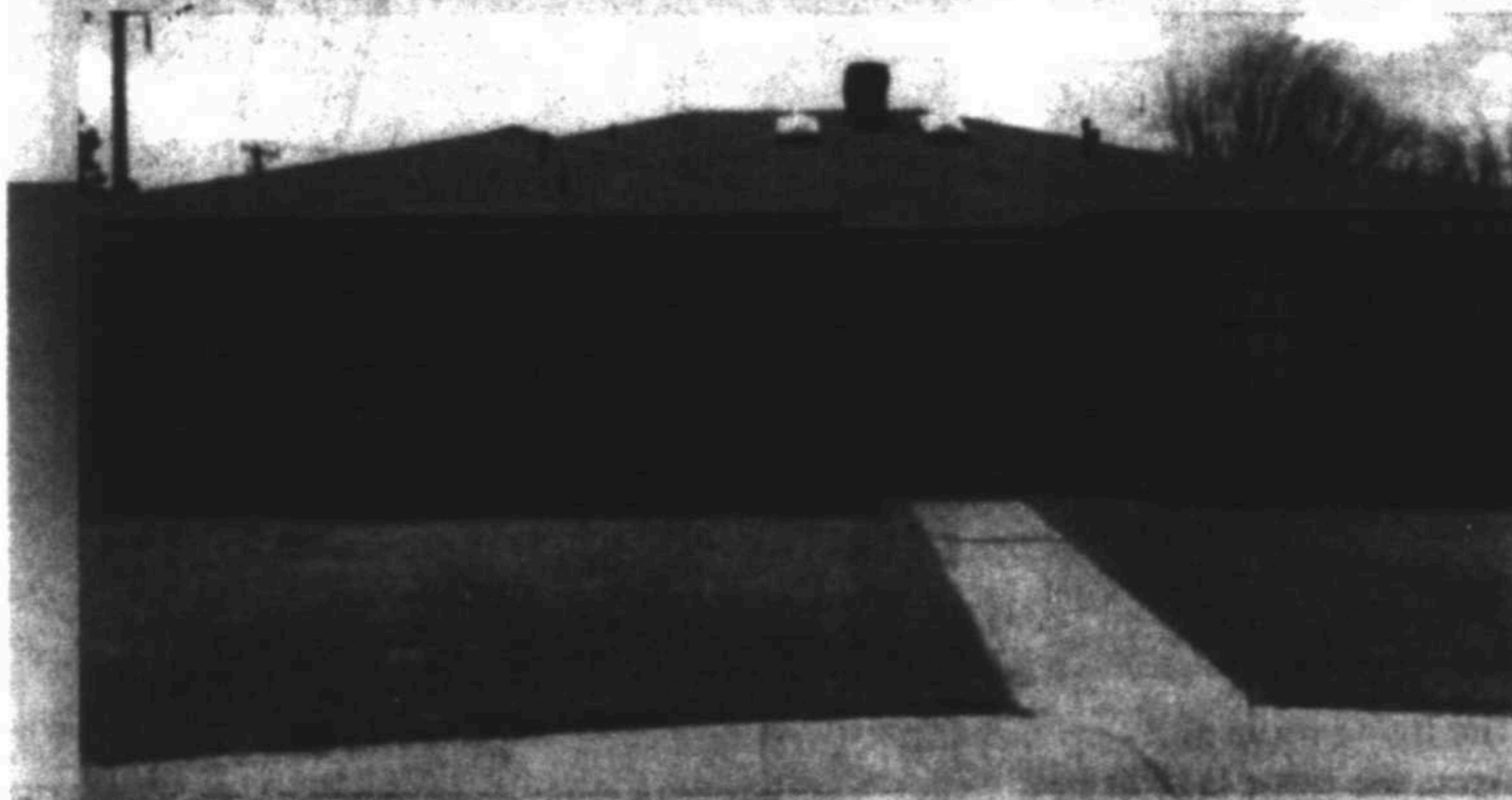
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Decorating's New Focal Point: Mirrors

Mirrors of all shapes, sizes and styles are popping up as a key design element in a room. Who cares what they reflect?

By Marla Miller | CTW Features

Homeowners Mirrors can work magic as a multifunctional design tool, adding elegance, reflecting light, expanding small spaces and creating a sense of style.

Besides sparkle and glam, they also serve as a style indicator for the room, says interior designer Amy Bubier of AB Design Elements, Scottsdale, Ariz.

"You can use them as a way to guide the sight lines within a room so you can reflect an important design feature," she says. "Sometimes they are mounted too high to look into and are purely used as a piece of art and to reflect what's in the room."

In the southwest, homes have a lot of two-story, oversized spaces. Bubier often uses a mirror instead of artwork when a large wall space requires an over-scale piece or to highlight a unique feature such as a fireplace or chandelier.

"We have to find huge pieces of art if we want to balance wall space with the furniture," she says. "Mirrors are a perfect solution if you have to replace art in terms of budget and style. They tend to be less expensive than decorative art."

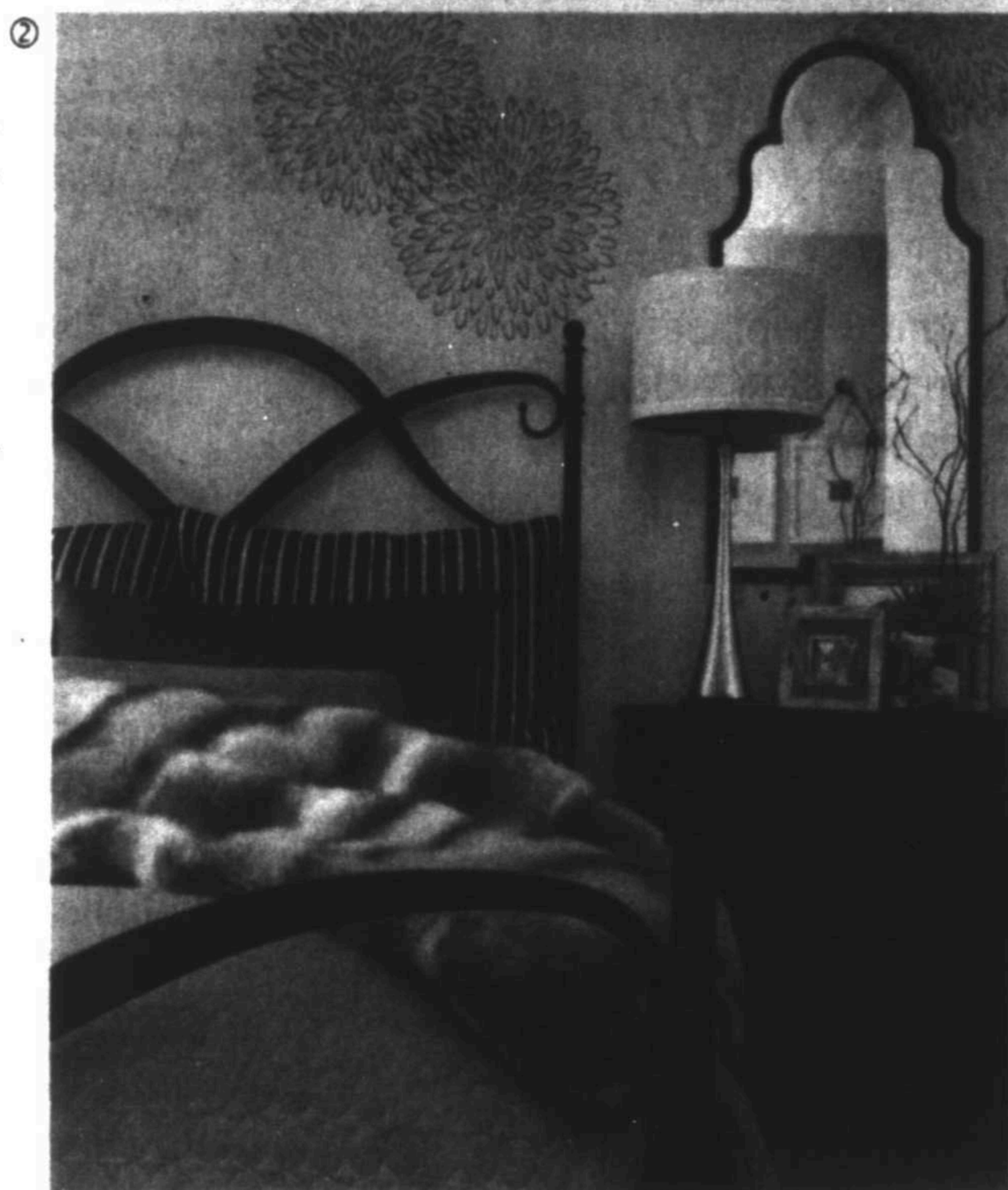
People can find a great mirror and have it custom framed at a frame shop to look like art or complement the room's decor. The mirror can serve as the main accessory, an inspiration piece that helps define a room's style or enhance existing furniture and colors, she says.

Using a mirror is a classic trick interior designers use to create the feeling of more space. Thanks to the availability of so many interesting shapes, styles and colors of mirrors on the market, mirrors can stand on their own as a design element, echoing the same styles found in wallpaper and furnishings, she says.

To select the perfect mirror for a room, look for one that is proportional in size to the space and make sure it serves a purpose in addition to being stylish.

"Mirrors aren't just used as a looking glass for one's vanity; they are architectural tools that add scale and shape to an interior space," Bubier says.

Bubier offers her expertise and some examples of how the shape and style of a mirror becomes the style indicator for the whole room:



1. Moorish mirror in a bathroom

This mirror is a modern stylized version of a Moorish shape. The feminine lines and opal colored shell finish add glamour and play off the curves of the chair.

2. Moorish mirror in a bedroom

Notice how a different finish on the frame of the Moorish mirror here creates a different effect from the shell finish mirror in the bath. The longer length allows this mirror to work well as art above a bedside table and the color coordinates with the wall stencil and furnishings.

3. Mirror over the fireplace:

Mirrors can function as art and serve as the focal point of a room. Here, a contemporary mirror helps balance the large proportions of a fireplace wall. The mirror adds dynamic texture

to the living room and reflects the custom light fixture.

4. Unframed mirror in a bathroom:

A large, unframed mirror reinforces the sleek lines of this contemporary bathroom, visually enlarging the space. Note the mirror-mounted light, with double the lighting effect.

5. Long mirror in a bathroom

This long, narrow mirror emphasizes the unusually tall ceiling in a small bathroom. It is positioned one-half inch away from the wall surface to give it shadow and dimension.

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Get a runway-ready home with ideas from Michael Kors

By Mary M. Murphey | CTW Features

"If you start with the classics," says famed fashion designer Michael Kors, "then you can play as you like with accessories."

The "Project Runway" judge may spend his days creating new clothing and accessories collections and sizing up the design chops of reality-show contestants, but he points to the similarities between dressing a woman and dressing her home.

Think of the rooms in a home as individual outfits and the furniture, fabrics, wall treatments and décor ele-

ments as clothes and accessories. Pick one item per room to build on, like you would for a great pair of shoes or a fitted skirt.

Piecing together a décor landscape that truly defines you will take longer than choosing a new outfit, but it's worth the wait - just like it is for that one purse that offers the perfect number of pockets.

Kors' favorite room in his New York City home is his living room - or great room. "I wanted to be surrounded by the elements of sleek, classic interiors by George Nelson, Mies van der Rohe and Knoll, and give a little wink to the

'70s because that's when I think New York was so much fun."

Honesty is key; figure out how you want a room to feel before you start filling it with furniture.

"Half of my life is spent in hotels," Kors says, "and I love them - Claridge's in London, the Quisisana in Capri and the Amanpuri in Phuket. So I thought, how much would I love being at home yet still feel like I am waking up in the best hotel room in the world?"

Find décor and design elements that feel right to you, then start experimenting to see what actually works in the given space. And if you're able to travel to top hotels in England, Italy and Thailand to find such examples, enjoy!

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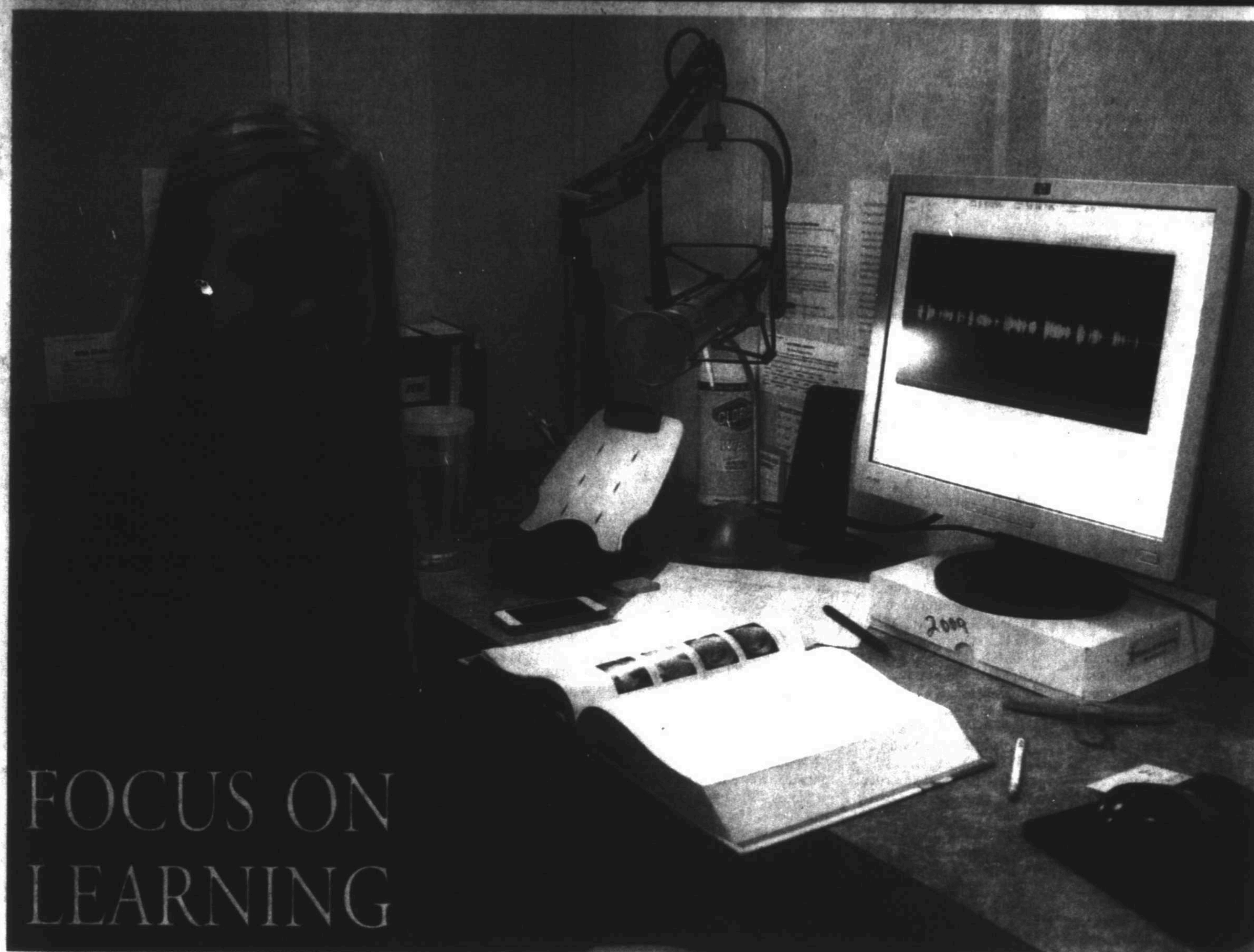
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Junior League of Midland volunteer Stephanie Beckham records a text book at the Recording Library of West Texas.

Courtesy photo

Junior League partners with Recording Library to offer audio textbooks to local students

By Steve Kuhlmann
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With the new school year just around the corner, the Recording Library of West Texas is preparing for an increased workload as high school and college students bring their text books in to be recorded. Fortunately for the Recording Library, it will be receiving some help from another area organization: the Junior League of Midland Inc.

The Junior League began its partnership with the Recording Library early this summer through its new Volunteers in Midland placement program, created to connect League members with area nonprofits in need of volunteer assistance.

"We work with people all the time and (with) some of them we really have to work with them about their pace — not to go to fast — and their pronunciation," said Trish Speight, director of the Recording Library. "We didn't have to do that with any of those women. That makes our job way easy if you can have someone come in and do what they're supposed to be doing. They're all great out-loud readers."

With a focus area of "Keeping Kids in School - Every Age, Every Stage" listed on its website, the League was initially skeptical of how the Recording Library fit into that mission, said Jessica Louder, chairman of the League's Volunteers in Midland program. When the organization

found out about the textbook program, Louder said the fit was perfect.

Speight said the League couldn't have reached out to the Recording Library at a better time.

"Last spring we were struggling to get a biology textbook done and at that time I got an email from them about the Volunteers in Midland program," said Speight. "I'm pretty sure that I got that email just because we were so frustrated with biology."

Over the month of July, 16 League members volunteered for a total of 43 hours, contributing to projects such as the completion of a culinary textbook and a grammar book.

"It seems to be working very well," said Louder. "I think they obviously need our help and I think the ladies that have volunteered have really enjoyed it. It's very simple and easy and you feel like you've contributed to something once you're done."

Speight said the help "allows us to get more done with our regular projects" and "increases our production level."

"Because they are a very organized group of women, I knew that if we could just find the right project that they would be awesome at it," said Speight. "They're great and we're really appreciative that they selected us."

Speight said the main reason for students to seek the Recording Library's assistance is for dyslexia. "Audio is a proven method to increase comprehension. If they can hear it as they are reading it, their comprehension goes way up." While helping the students is the top

priority, Speight said the parents usually end up receiving just as much relief as their children.

"I think that parents, especially today, get very overwhelmed with what they have to do to help their students who have some challenges," said Speight. "A lot of the time it's the parents that find us and they're looking for help because they are overwhelmed with what they have to do."

Textbooks recorded by the Recording Library range widely, from auto mechanics to biology to history — whatever the student needs. As many of the requests come from high school and college students, the recordings are often customized to the individual, taking into account his or her course syllabus so each chapter can be recorded and delivered on time.

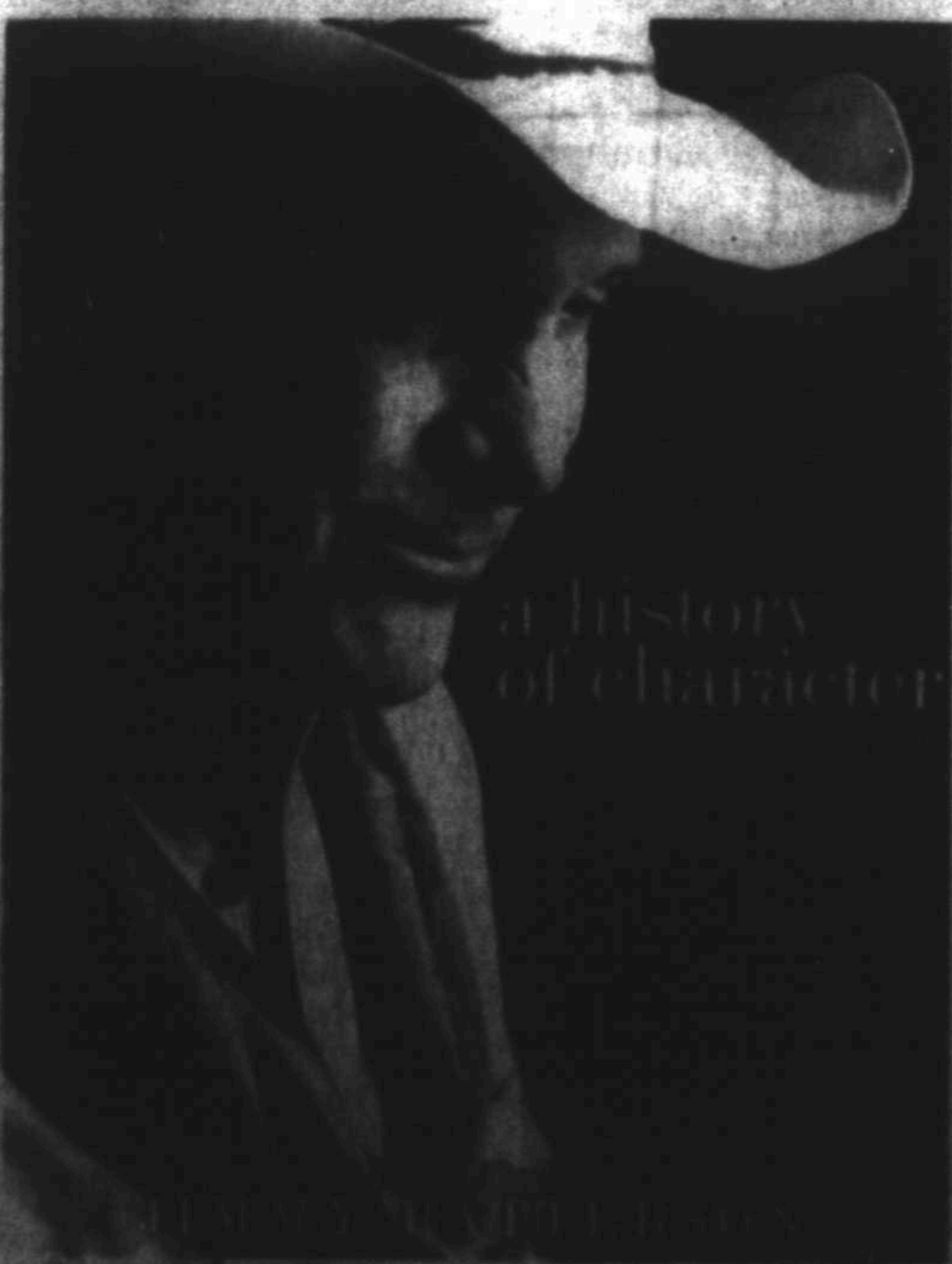
"There is no way that we could do an entire book in one week," said Speight, who said because of many professors' tendencies to jump around, syllabi are crucial to their recording process. "If we get the syllabus, we can get them exactly what they need by a certain day. If they're going to cover chapters 1 through 3 and then skip to 7, we can get them that before they have the test on it. The college text books are very custom work because a lot of them are huge, giant text books and they're not covering the whole book during the semester."

When it comes to the more advanced or specialized topics, the Recording Library does its best to match volunteers with experience — or at least interest — in the subject material to the recording in order

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Trish Speight, director of the Recording Library of West Texas

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Integrity: President Bush shares his memories of time in Midland

Editor's note: This is part six of a seven-part series leading up to the publication of "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas" by Jimmy Patterson. The series, featuring Midlanders of character, will continue every other week until Sept. 7.

I had always heard that President George W. Bush was an accommodating man. His friends in Midland have often shared stories about his good-naturedness, his friendliness and his willingness to help others. I never thought I'd have the opportunity to find out how true those statements were. Not until I opened my email on Feb. 28,



2012. It took awhile to make contact with Bush. I had made a number of attempts through his press people in Dallas. Weeks went by, months even, and finally I received an email from someone who identified himself as Bush's press relations person in Dallas. Attached in the email were

the former president's responses to the questions I had asked him about his time in Midland, both as a child and later when he returned as an oilman and community volunteer. Needless to say, I was impressed the president would take the time to share stories about his Little League days, about riding his bike and get-

ting into water gun fights and throwing dirt clods with close friend Charlie Younger.

The former president also wrote of his decision to visit Midland on his way to and from Washington at the opening and closing of his presidency, and admits he had nothing to do with Air Force One's decision to "buzz" downtown Midland on that return trip. If you were there, you likely remember the huge plane over Centennial Plaza. It was an impressive sight. Bush responded to

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Entrepreneurship is the answer for some with autism

By Joyce M. Rosenberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Matt Cottle asked his boss to let him work in the supermarket's bakery, she told him he'd never do anything more than collect grocery carts.

After six years of bagging groceries and pushing carts, Cottle wanted more. He had already learned how to do some baking.

Cottle is autistic. And today he's an entrepreneur, the owner of Stuttering King Bakery, turning out batches of cookies, brownies and scones for cafes and businesses and groups that need catering.

"I was like, OK, I am destined to do something greater than that," Cottle said in the kitchen of his family's Scottsdale, Arizona, home, where he spends hours each day filling orders. He generates \$1,200 monthly. He named the business for Britain's King George VI, whose struggles to speak were the subject of the film "The King's Speech."

Cottle is one of a few known small business owners with autism, a brain disorder that affects a person's ability to comprehend, communicate and interact socially. There are varying degrees of autism, but even autistic people with the greatest capabilities can find it impossible to get a job because they take longer to read or process information, or because they struggle to hold conversations. One in 68 people have some form of autism, according to government figures.

There is a growing movement to help autistic adults find jobs, but for Cottle and his family, the answer was a business of



Matt Cottle, owner of Stuttering King Bakery, smiles as he holds a tray of his scones in his parents' kitchen July 15, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

his own.

Cottle had taken training to do search and rescue operations. And he tried working in a bakery. Both times, he encountered people who didn't understand him, and who ended up yelling at and insulting him, his mother, Peg Cottle, said. He wanted to enroll in a culinary school, but an administrator gently told him and his parents it wouldn't work out. Four years ago, the Southwest Autism Research and Research Center, or SAARC, connected Cottle with a pastry chef who mentored him. In August 2012, he unexpectedly got an order from a cafe operated by Phoenix-based SAARC. At that point, Cottle told his parents he was starting his own baking business.

"I'm happy as an angel," he said.

Changing attitudes

Many autistic people can run businesses if they're given the chance to discover something they like and develop skills around their interests, says Temple Grandin, one of the best-known advocates for people with autism.

"If you get them exposed to something, they can get a career," said Grandin, author of "The Autistic Brain."

Grandin, who has autism, didn't speak until she was 4 years old. In her teens, she was bullied by classmates who made fun of the way she spoke — she repeated the same phrases over and over.

"They called me 'tape recorder,'" she said.

In her teens, Grandin was exposed to horses at a boarding school and cattle on her aunt's ranch, and she began working with farm animals. She eventually created a business designing equipment for

handling livestock.

People with the most severe autism aren't able to work because their disabilities limit their ability to learn. But it's only in the last two decades that society has come to realize that many people with disabilities including autism can work, says Paul Pizutello, principal of Reach Academy, a West Harrison, New York, school whose students include some who are autistic.

"With many people with autism, it's not their intellect that's a problem, it's their ability to engage with their environment and manage social contacts," he said.

Family affair

Autistic owners don't run their companies by themselves. Support from family members to interact with the public, take orders and handle marketing and

billing is vital.

Peg Cottle takes orders and does marketing for Stuttering King Bakery. Cottle is able to speak, but talking on the phone can be difficult. If a customer gets chatty and strays from the basics of placing an order, it can be hard for Cottle to understand.

Vinnie Ireland has little language ability but owns landscaping company Weed Whacking Weasel in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The autistic man does leaf-blowing, hedge-trimming, mulching and other tasks, and works with an assistant trained to help the autistic. His mother, Lori Ireland, handles marketing and billing. The business has between six and 10 residential and commercial customers, depending on the time of year.

"When we tell him it's time to go to work, he jumps up," Lori Ireland said.

Autistic business owners are much like other entrepreneurs who concentrate on creating a product or delivering a service, and delegate the administrative work to others, said Vinnie's father, Gregg Ireland, a mutual fund portfolio manager and co-founder of Extraordinary Ventures, a group that finds opportunities for autistic people.

"In my business, I wouldn't be marketing. I wouldn't be able to keep the books," Gregg Ireland said.

Ireland's parents wanted to find a way to keep their son occupied and to build his self-esteem. They got the idea for Weed Whacking Weasel because he enjoyed doing gardening.

"A small business is so flexible and adaptable, and it's just suitable to solving our problems," Gregg Ireland said.

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to provide the best experience possible for the student.

"It's helpful if we have a volunteer who has sort of an expertise in an area like that," said Speight. "Whenever anyone comes in to be a volunteer, we have them fill out a pretty extensive form asking if they have any special training in an area. We did a geology text book once and why would we give that to anybody but a geologist? We try to take a pretty good inventory so we know who to ask. Sometimes we just have to send an email out and ask if anybody knows anything about mechanics. Even if they have an interest, it works out better if the volunteer has an interest in it."

Speight said the Recording Library is often faced with larger than usual quantities of requests toward the end of August and in January when classes are set to resume and required summer readings are fast approaching their deadlines.

"We are always in need of volunteers, so that's why this has been a good program for us," said Speight. "But if someone came in off the street and they just wanted to volunteer to read textbooks, that would be great too."

For more information on the Recording Library, visit www.recordinglibrary.org. For more information on the Junior League's Volunteers in Midland program, visit www.jlmidland.org.

Experts give tips to help college students manage health

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lauren Davies had a desperate thought while stuck in traffic as she frantically drove upstate to reach her 19-year-old.

"If I drive on the shoulder and a cop stops me, will he believe me when I tell him I think my daughter's dying in a hospital?"

The sophomore had fallen so ill from an out-of-control sinus infection that she was in a feverish stupor, unable to open her mouth, her face so swollen that a membrane was pressing on her brain after two rounds of antibiotics that didn't work.

Davies had another thought about scooping up her young adult: "In my mind I just wanted her home. That's where she was going to be."

What could go wrong did go wrong for Leah Davies in 2011. Having turned 18, a legal adult when it comes to care providers sharing health information with parents, mom and dad were forced to the sidelines as doctors at home tried to convince the hospital in Syracuse to be more aggressive.

Heading off to school is stressful for young people on a variety of fronts. Among the biggest challenges is managing their own health far from home. And it can be a trial for parents, too, in this, the era of the helicopter when it comes to raising children.

Leah, now 22, took a semester off after her health ordeal.

Lisa Salberg in northern New Jersey is no helicopter, yet her 18-year-old ended up leaving school after the first semester of her freshman year at a Connecticut university.

The nurse practitioners at the campus health center took to shooing Becca off to the emergency room last year for the slightest sniffle because of a defibrillator implanted in her chest for a genetic condition that can lead to sudden cardiac arrest. She's had the device since she was 10.

Both mothers said they had prepared their girls to speak up, handle health cards and fill out medical forms.

Women's health nurse practitioner Barbara Dehn in Los Altos, California, has a busy practice with lots of teen girls. She has seen it all in 25 years and will soon send her 18-year-old son to college.

Some tips from Dehn:

■ Even if parents are providing full financial support they have no rights to academic or health information unless their child is gravely ill. Ask for a health care proxy, a health care durable power of attorney and/or an advance health care directive form if you want to be part of the process. Your over-18 child must agree.

■ Visit the campus health center with your teen. Bring back a brochure and tape it to the back of the main door for easy access to telephone numbers, hours of service and emergency procedures. Go to the nearest off-campus pharmacy and urgent care facility so he knows how to fill prescriptions and where to go just in case.

■ Check insurance policies to make sure such things as ambulance rides are covered.

■ Keep doctors back home in the loop. Encourage your teen to give them a call with any questions.

ANGIE MORRIS

Centers for Children and Families



Encouragement enables children to grow, improve

Renowned psychiatrist Rudolf Dreikurs said "the most important skill for raising a child in a democracy is the ability to encourage that child." As a counselor, I agree encouragement is a vital part of a child's development.

Encouragement is positive feedback that focuses on effort or improvement rather than outcomes. Encouragement is fully accepting a child for the simple fact he or she exists. In today's society we put a lot of emphasis on outcomes. For some, anything less than an A+ does not merit encouragement. It seems we are quick to point out the negative aspects in all situations in which children are involved so we can make sure they learn from their mistakes. I do believe children can learn from their mistakes, but I also feel encouraging our children in all their efforts will enable them to grow and learn.

Children who have behavioral problems are the children who need encouragement the most. Discouraged children need an opportunity to feel they are valued and respected; however, these children are usually the ones who are least respected and whom adults scorn. Instead of focusing on the negative, we must try to see the effort the child may be putting forth and focus on any slight improvement, even if that improvement is only an increase in effort. Even if the children in your life are oppositional or constantly getting into trouble, do your best to remain positive and encouraging.

How do we do this? Encouragement should

be an overall attitude rather than a way to just get children to do what you want. It is important to believe in the ability of the child. Help your child solve problems or make necessary changes in his or her life. By making the relationship with your child a priority and maintaining a respectful, encouraging dialogue with your child, you will positively reinforce your child and see improvement. Discouragement focuses on mistakes to motivate and often compares children. Here is some language adapted from Timothy Evans' 2005 article "The Tools of Encouragement" that highlights the difference between encouragement and discouragement:

"I think you can do it." vs. "Here, let me do that for you."

"You have what it takes." vs. "Be careful; it's dangerous."

"You're a hard worker." vs. "Don't forget your assignment."

"It looks like a problem occurred." vs. "I told you to be careful."

By incorporating this language into your everyday dialogue with your child, he or she may begin to feel encouraged, which in turn will strengthen the child. Encouragement is something we all know but we may not know how to express. By encouraging children, we create environments where they feel safe and secure and where growth is enabled.

Angie Morris is a bilingual therapist at Centers for Children and Families who enjoys working with young children and adolescents.

DEAR ABBY

Universal Press Syndicate



Nurse objects when mother threatens girl with flu shot

DEAR ABBY: I'm a nurse who has been providing flu vaccinations for customers in a big box store. Most of them regard health care workers as people who want to keep them healthy. My problem is parents who use me as a threat of punishment for their kids.

I have had parents drag their screaming, crying kids over to me, telling them if they don't behave they are going to "make me" give them a shot. One woman pulled her daughter by the arm, sat her in the chair and said, "OK, give her a shot!" The little girl's eyes filled with tears and she panicked.

I looked the woman in the eye and told her I didn't appreciate her making her daughter afraid of me. I told the little one that sometimes we have to take medicine that might hurt us or taste bad, but only because we hoped it would make her better. Then I assured her I wasn't giving her a shot. The woman laughed nervously, said she was "just joking" and rushed her child away.

I worked hard to become a nurse and my goal is keeping people healthy. Parents, please don't use health care workers as punishment. You're not helping us to do our job when you can't do yours. — NOT THE BAD GUY IN CLINTON, TENN.

DEAR NOT THE BAD GUY: It's unfortunate, but some parents do this not only with health care workers, but also with police officers, and it's an unbelievably stupid practice. To make a child fearful of the professionals they may at some point need is counterproductive and poor parenting. If a child is acting up and being disruptive in a public place, a better solution is to remove him or her from the premises until you have regained control of the situation.

DEAR ABBY: My 18-year-old daughter was killed in an auto accident a couple of months after she graduated from high school with honors. She had planned to go to college and become a nurse.

Right after graduation she went on a senior trip to Mexico. Two days later she called me wanting to come home. She said everyone was drinking, doing drugs, having sex with strangers and she didn't like it. I bought her a plane ticket and she came home the next day. She died two months later.

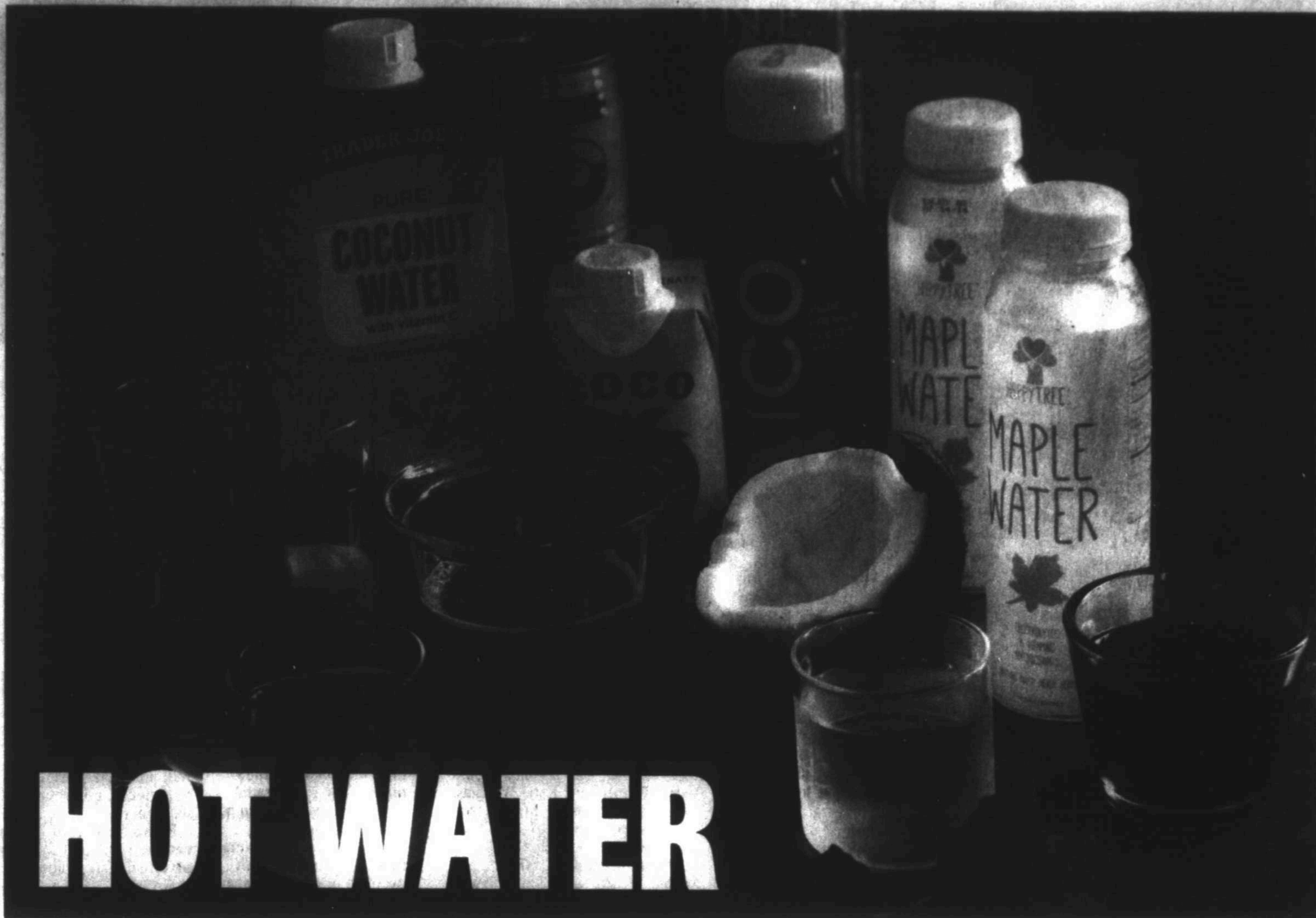
Eight months went by and I was having a particularly hard time one night. I prayed for a sign from God that she was in heaven and doing well.

The next day, the day before Good Friday, I went to my mailbox. Inside was a postcard from my daughter. She had mailed it from Mexico the day before she returned. It was in mint condition and had been lost in the mail for 10 months.

The card read: "It is beautiful here. I'm OK. I miss you and love you, Mommy, Love, Brandi." I was so happy and relieved! I was able to move on with my life after that. I signed up for college a few weeks later and earned my degree four years later.

Thank you, Abby, for letting me share my miracle with you. — SHARON IN LOUISIANA

DEAR SHARON: My goodness, you don't have to thank me. Your letter moved me to the point of tears. Although I have printed many letters about pen pals from heaven, this is the first time I have heard about a postcard. I'm glad I gave you the comfort and validation that you needed.



HOT WATER

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Plant waters grow into hot beverage market trend

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press

Coconut water, maple water, even birch and cactus waters. A quick inventory of beverages in the produce section makes it clear — plant waters are rising.

Soda and non-fresh juice sales are flat or slipping slightly, but plant-based products like coconut water — along with other alternative beverages such as kombucha and tea-based drinks — are growing, particularly those sold alongside your fruits and veggies, according to data compiled by market

research firm Nielsen. “The one area of the store where we are just seeing phenomenal growth is the produce department,” said Sherry Frey, health and wellness expert for Nielsen.

Introduced several years ago, coconut water has been big for a while. Maple water is a newer entry and is essentially maple sap, the stuff that normally is boiled down to syrup. Brands include Vertical Water and SEVA. And that’s not the only tree water on the market. There’s also birch water and, on the plant side, cactus, barley and artichoke

“This natural beverage market just presents a tremendous opportunity. There is a fight to create the next best-selling natural water.”

Tina Ruggiero, registered dietitian

waters. Sales of all waters, including the new products, “fitness” and enhanced waters, as well as regular sparkling and still, grew 4 percent by value and nearly 7 percent by volume since July 2013.

Coconut water is not yet being tracked specifically, but totals for beverages in the produce department, which is where much coco-

nut water is sold, showed double-digit growth. The value jump for all produce section beverages — which includes smoothies, fresh juices and teas as well as water — was nearly 13 percent.

Why the sudden thirst? Nutrition expert and registered dietitian Tina Ruggiero sees it as a trend driven by the beverage industry’s desire to find

the next big thing, as well as consumers’ interest in finding natural alternatives to soda. “This natural beverage market just presents a tremendous opportunity,” she said. “There is a fight to create the next best-selling natural water.”

All of the brands promise unique nutrition benefits, but Ruggiero advises clients to read labels carefully, beware of the hype and watch for calorie content. Chocolate “healthy” waters may not be any better for you than some other sweetened drink.

Plant waters are fine for recreational athletes, i.e.

people who exercise less than 90 minutes a day, said Ruggiero. On the other hand, you’re also fine with good old tap water — which is much, much cheaper — and maybe a banana and/or some salted pretzels.

Does all this choice in natural beverages make Americans No. 1 in hydration?

Ruggiero laughs. “I don’t know if we’re the best hydrated, but we sure as heck spend a lot of money on bottled water and beverages in general,” she said.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

King Features Syndicate

Adding seconds of cook time makes up for lower microwave wattage

Dear Heloise: I don’t like to cook (I am a widow), so I eat a lot of frozen entrees. Every entree I buy says to cook in a 1,100-watt microwave. A few years ago, I bought a new microwave, so I asked for a 1,100-watt one. No one had one — they were all 1,000-watt.

Why do manufacturers insist on their products using 1,100-watt microwaves for cooking when all you can buy is 1,000-watt? Everything I cook in the microwave I add 30 seconds to, and it works just fine. Any hints? — Shirley S. in Michigan

There are many more 1,100-watt microwaves available today in all price ranges. It might be time to buy a new one, because the average life span is about 10 years, depending on use. If yours is still working fine, it’s OK to use. Food cooks faster the higher the wattage, and slower the lower the wattage. Adding a few extra seconds of cooking time (on a low-wattage model) makes up the difference. It’s better to undercook than overcook, as you can always cook it a few more seconds. — Heloise

No frozen

Dear Heloise: Yes and no to those who want to cook pies on a pizza stone (Heloise here: A previous hint from a reader stated that she bakes many different items on a pizza stone, including pies). Make sure the pie isn’t frozen, as my pizza stone cracked during baking. — Carol M. in Indiana

Yikes and double yikes! Thanks for the reminder! You can use your pizza stone to bake and cook many things, but be sure they are

not frozen. — Heloise

Handling watermelon

Dear Heloise: I frequently buy watermelons in the summer. They are hard to handle, and quite often my clothes are soiled from contact.

My very simple hint: I put the watermelon in one of the plastic bags the market uses to bag my groceries. Not only is the watermelon easier to carry (of course I support the melon from the bottom), but I no longer worry that my clothes will be dirty. I even leave the bag on the melon until I am ready to remove it from my refrigerator. Using a plastic bag makes handling watermelon so much easier and cleaner. — Bette Y., via email

Easy hint

Dear Heloise: My family loves fresh corn on the cob, but some don’t like eating it off the cob. I stick the cob on the inner ring of a fluted cake pan and cut off the kernels. — Dana T. in Nebraska

I do the same, just on my plate. Corn on the cob without a messy face! This is especially nice for someone with braces or dentures. — Heloise

Place-mat storage

Dear Heloise: I organize place mats by using pants hangers, the ones with the clips. I hang and organize them by color. It’s so much easier than sifting through the endless place-mat pile! — Kelly in Little Rock, Ark.

Send a hint to Heloise at P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, 78279-5000, fax 210-HELOISE or email heloise@Heloise.com.

Summer dessert uses grilled fruit

By Elizabeth Karmel
Associated Press

When we think “hot off the grill,” we usually think about something meaty. But this time of year I also like to grill desserts!

In late summer, I make this grilled fruit crisp every week. It is good with whatever fruit you find at the market, ripe and ready to be mixed with a little bit of sugar, citrus and cinnamon. The addition of orange liqueur is optional, but one I always opt for as it makes a big difference. If you don’t have any orange liqueur, a bit of

bourbon is nice, too.

Because the topping of the crisp is everyone’s favorite part of the dessert, I add oatmeal and pecans to the classic butter-flour-sugar blend to make it even crunchier and more substantial.

When you toss the fruit with the sugar and cornstarch, be sure to mix well and let the fruit sit for 5 minutes to bring out the natural juices, then mix again. And when baking, make sure you bake it long enough for the cornstarch and fruit juices to bubble up and turn opaque or your crisp will taste slightly raw and gritty instead of silky

smooth.

The dessert is made for easy entertaining since you can assemble it early in the day and grill it just before you want to eat it. You also could bake it in advance and serve it at room temperature.

Generally, I put the crisp on the grill over indirect medium heat right when I take the meat off the grill. That way, it is bubbling and hot when everyone is ready for dessert and I love the drama of lifting the lid off the grill in front of my guests. And of course this crisp is best served with a heaping scoop of vanilla ice cream!

SUMMER CRISP WITH PECAN STREUSEL TOPPING

Start to finish: 1 hour
Servings: 8

I make this crisp most often with a combination of berries, but almost any combination of fruit is delicious. Aim for a total of 8 to 10 cups of sliced fruit.

For the streusel topping:
1 cup packed light brown sugar
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup regular or quick-cooking oatmeal (not instant)
1/2 cup coarsely chopped pecans
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened, cut into small pieces

For the filling:
3 cups strawberries, halved
3 cups blueberries
2 cups blackberries or raspberries
Zest and juice of 1 orange
Zest and juice of 1 lemon
1/2 cup granulated sugar, more or less, depending on sweetness of the fruit
1/4 cup cornstarch
1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 to 3 tablespoons orange liqueur (optional)
Vanilla ice cream, to serve

Prepare a grill for medium heat, indirect cooking. For a charcoal grill, this means banking the hot coals to one side of the grill and cooking on the other side. For a gas grill, this means turning off one or more burners to create a cooler side, then cooking on that side.

To make the topping, in a large bowl combine all ingredients except the butter. Mix well. Add the butter, then use a pastry blender or fork to work it in until the mixture resembles large, coarse breadcrumbs. Set aside.

To make the filling, in a second large bowl combine all ingredients, mixing gently. Set aside for 5 minutes. Place the berry mixture in an oven-safe 4-quart round casserole or soufflé dish, or a 9-by-13-inch casserole dish. Crumble the streusel mixture evenly over the fruit. Place the crisp over the cooler side of the grill, cover the grill and cook for 35 to 45 minutes, or until bubbly and the top is browned. Transfer the baking dish to a cooling rack. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream, if desired.

Nutrition information per serving: 540 calories; 210 calories from fat (39 percent of total calories); 24 g fat (12 g saturated; 0.5 g trans fat); 45 mg cholesterol; 80 g carbohydrate; 7 g fiber; 50 g sugar; 5 g protein; 130 mg sodium.



WEDDINGS

**Eads - Hubbard**

Hillary Ann Eads and Christopher Lee Hubbard were united in marriage on March 22, 2014, at six-thirty in the evening. The ceremony was held at First Presbyterian Church in Midland, and was officiated by Reverend Steven James Schorr and Monsignor Larry Droll.

Following the ceremony, the newly married couple, friends, and family celebrated with dinner and dancing at a reception at The Petroleum Club of Midland, hosted by the bride's parents.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Todd Eads of Midland; the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lacy Way of Midland, Mr. Robby Dean Eads, and the late Mrs. Robby Dean Eads of Vernon, Texas, and the late Ms. Barbara Black Way of Midland.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Engle Hubbard of Midland; the grandson of Mrs. Jack McMillan, and the late Mr. Jack McMillan of Midland, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coleman Hubbard, III of Midland.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father. Serving as Maids of Honor were Emily Eads, sister of the bride, of Midland, and Mills Davis and Taylor Davis, cousins of the bride, of Dallas. Attending as bridesmaids were Mary Elizabeth Byrd of Dallas; Griffin Coody of Odessa; Kristin Culp of Dallas; Leslie Guisinger of Fort Worth; Chelsey Horkey of Dallas; Katharine Hubbard, sister of the groom, of Midland; Anna Jackson, cousin of the bride, of Dallas; Alexandra Savage of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Caroline Wheeler of Midland. Attending as junior bridesmaids were Maggie Jackson of Dallas and Mabry Montgomery of Coppell, cousins of the bride. The flower girls were Brinley Fox and Ella Fox of Fort Worth.

Serving as the Best Man for the groom was his brother, Patrick Hubbard of Midland. The groom's other attendants included Jordan Davis, cousin of the bride, of Midland; Hayden Eads and Holt Eads, brothers of the bride, of Midland; Robert Evans of Austin; Preston Midkiff of Denver, Colorado; Jeffrey Newton, Kevin Newton, Zachary Roybal, Tyler Timmons, JW Wilson and Clay Yenzler of Midland. Serving as ushers were William Christensen of Midland; Craig Elliott of Lubbock; Gregory Hughes of Las Colinas; Drew McMillan and Robb McMillan, cousins of the groom, of San Antonio; and William Rutherford of Midland. The ring bearers were Tanner Nicholson of Providence, Rhode Island and Hoyt Nicholson of Dallas, cousins of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Petroleum Engineering, and is employed as a Petroleum Engineer for Cimarex Energy Company. The groom is also a graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Petroleum Engineering, and is a Petroleum Engineer for Fasken Oil and Ranch.

The couple honeymooned in Grenada, and now resides in Midland.

**Vines - Cruz**

Heather Martin and Lanny Vines, both of Midland, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelby Vines, to Eli Cruz, son of Oscar and Maria Cruz, of Odessa, TX.

The couple will be married in an outdoor ceremony on August 30, 2014 in Wimberley, TX.

**Biess - Midkiff**

Jennifer Jordan Biess and Preston Charles Midkiff were united in marriage on May 17, 2014, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland, Texas. Monsignor Larry Droll performed the double-ring ceremony in the presence of loving friends and family. The Lone Star Brass provided the music, and friend of the couple, Craig Elliott, was the soloist. Elizabeth Midkiff, sister of the groom, served as Maid of Honor; bridesmaids were Molly Hillman, Katie Horton, Erin Devlin, Melissa Gray, Melody Martinez, Audrey Palmen, and Katie Williams. Flower girls were Paige Beeghly and Rosalie Midkiff. Nathan Midkiff, brother of the groom, served as best man; groomsmen were Christopher Biess, John Michael Hillman, Christopher Hubbard, Caleb Midkiff, Matthew Midkiff, Michael Midkiff, and Zach Roybal. Ushers were Sam Hillman, John Speight, Tyler Timmons, and J.W. Wilson. Alex Cabrera, Jennifer Gurney, Courtney Midkiff, and Elizabeth Roberts were members of the house party.

The bride is the daughter of Terry and Patti Biess. She was given in marriage by her mother and father, and escorted by her father. She wore a beautiful gown designed by Pronovias Laudin. Highlights of this gown include a tulle bodice with rebrode lace and soutage appliqué as well as an illusion neckline and a pleated sash on the waist. Completing the look of this gown is a semi-cathedral length train.

The rehearsal was followed by a dinner hosted by the groom's parents and prepared by Zucchis of Odessa and set at The Petroleum Museum. Preston's siblings' surprise gift was to arrange for Texas Country artist, and friend of the family, Rob Baird, to sing for the couple and their guests.

The wedding ceremony was followed by a reception hosted by the bride's parents at the George Bush Commemorative Air Force Museum. The guest enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by The Barn Door in Odessa and danced to the music of London Calling from Austin.

The couple travelled to Rivera Maya for their honeymoon, and now reside in Denver, Colorado, where they both work for Noble Energy.

Scottish style
inspires fall decor

By Kim Cook
Associated Press

Where fashion goes, decor follows. And this fall, the fashionistas are inspired by Scotland.

Plaid capes, kilts and coats hit the fall 2014 catwalk for Saint Laurent and Stella McCartney. Marchesa showed tartan-printed lace, argyle and fur, and deconstructed kilt patterns into a dress collection. Brazilian label Animale used Celtic and druid patterns, and shot their ad campaign against a rocky, Braveheart-esque background.

Maybe it's Scotland's referendum on independence that's drawn designers' attention.

If you're ready to add a little Highland fling to your living space this season, there are lots of options.

Rich woods, squooshy sofas, rubbed bronze and landscape prints evoke the Caledonian country manor. The look, traditional and tasteful, can be dressed up or down.

And modern interpretations also abound, with oversize or edited classic patterns, layering of aged items with new, and playful versions of iconic Scottish elements.

Scottish style is rich with clan tartans and evocative motifs drawn from a long and tempestuous history. The color palette's equally rich: deep lichen greens, rainy grays, cranberry, moat blue, malt and butter-scotch. In paints, check out Devine Color's Oat, Thunder and Juniper; Sherwin Williams' Loch Blue and Salute; Farrow & Ball's Pigeon. (www.devinecolor.com; www.sherwin-williams.com; us.farrow-ball.com)

Look for archetypal patterns like herringbone, plaid, tweed, lace and argyle. Pottery Barn's Alana lace printed bedding; Target's Threshold Paisley print lampshade; Missoni's tweed pouf; and Graham & Brown's argyle wallpapers are at AllModern. (www.allmodern.com)

Pine Cone Hill's Greyville Tartan rug has lovely muted tones, and at Wayfair, there are Milliken's Magee rugs in amber, gold and emerald plaids. (www.pinecone-hill.com; www.wayfair.com)

Charles Rennie Mackintosh's elegant rose and Arts and Crafts motifs are interpreted in pretty lighting and window and wall stencils at JustMackintosh.com.

Look for items with key, thistle, antler, knot and shield motifs. Sir Edwin Landseer's iconic painting of a mighty stag, "Monarch of the Glen," is available in prints and on pillows at Zazzle.com. The retailer also stocks William Morris-print wall clocks, pillows and stationery.

Reproductions of vintage Scotland travel advertising are available at Art.com.

At LampsPlus.com, there's a selection of Woolrich throw pillows featuring stags' heads, pheasants and plaid trims. Here too are Townshend's Journey rug in a soft gray tartan, argyle print doormats and canvas pillows with regal crests.

For a contemporary twist, consider the Crystal Keltic Oreo black-and-white houndstooth print chair — an awkward name for a sophisticated piece.

More modern interpretations of Scottish icons are at CafePress.com, including a rug featuring a Scottish terrier's silhouette superimposed on the bright blue and white of the flag.



Smart storage adds style for off-campus living

By Kim Cook
Associated Press

For college kids who move off-campus, learning to accommodate the styles and needs of housemates is good practice for life after school.

Take Erica Weidrick and Caitrin Curtis, upperclassmen at the University of North Carolina, who are moving into a new town house with a third friend. While they'd all been living together for a year already in a dorm, they wanted some organization and style help with this new arrangement.

Here are some typical problem areas, with advice from two designers on how to solve them:

Front door dump

"We all come in and just drop our stuff in a pile, and sometimes mail gets lost or keys disappear — usually when we're late," said Weidrick.

Veronica Valencia, a Los Angeles-based designer and stylist, suggests setting up a bin for each housemate, and not allowing any overflow.

"It's true, we hit the

front door and everything we've been hauling all day falls to the floor," said Valencia, who blogs at DesignHunterLA.com.

"If it doesn't fit in the bin, you have to put it away immediately," she said. "I love fabric bins or wood crates. If you have an entry table, consider fabric wrapped magazine boxes, one for each person."

Weidrick and Curtis also liked a wall shelf with hooks and small baskets for keys and mail.

Common-area clutter

"The living room is a challenge because that's where we spend most of our time, so it's where most of our junk ends up. It's hard to keep a shared space organized when everyone is coming and going at different times," Curtis said.

What they need is stylish storage where the clutter can hide when company comes.

Valencia's fix: "Two words: storage ottomans!" Consider an ottoman in faux leather or suede, with a flip-top tray that can be used as a resting place for

TV remotes, phones and snack dishes. Clutter can be scooped inside when the need arises, and, voila! The ottoman provides extra seating.

M Elodie Froment, PB Teen's vice president for product development, suggests using a pair of trunks. "They're great because you can store extra blankets and other essentials."

Trunks come in a variety of finishes that can appeal to guys and girls.

Common-area style

"We all want our shared space to be warm and relaxed, like our bedrooms," said Curtis. "But the living room and kitchen are supposed to be social spots, and it's nice to be able to change the atmosphere from 'just chilling' to 'hosting a party.'"

Valencia's answer is to "think in terms of moveable and modular. Add floor pillows so your coffee table can accommodate a study group, and poufs for extra seating on movie night."

She suggests sharing Pinterest inspirations and finding styles and patterns

that all the housemates can live with. Your own room's where you'll be able to put your personal stamp.

For common areas, Froment said, "Pick a neutral color scheme for the larger furniture items, and add splashes of personality with decorative pillows, art and decor. If you're not planning on painting your walls, identify one to decorate with removable wall paper or decals."

If floors are bare, add a rugged nylon rug in a bold geometric or floral. If you can't afford or agree on artwork, the rugs bring pattern to the floor and give rooms a finished feel that's a little more grown-up.

Weidrick and Curtis like ambient lighting that will turn down the stresses of school.

Froment suggests a fun floor lamp, perhaps pairing it with a playful wall light. "Accent with string lights for a soft glow," she said.

Bedroom spaces

In bedrooms, Valencia follows the "3H" rule of organizing: "hamper, hooks and a hanging closet organizer."

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Haruki Murakami's new novel journeys to the past

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Haruki Murakami's new novel is yet another risky reunion with the past.

"The past is my treasure chest, and once I open it, I have so many materials in there," said the 65-year-old Japanese author, whose "Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage" was published this week in the United States.

A perennial Nobel candidate whose current book quickly sold more than 1 million copies in Japan and hit Amazon.com's top 5 before U.S. publication, Murakami has saved his fans time by completing a novel of around 400 pages — less than half the length of his previous work, "1Q84." But readers will recognize the author's themes of loneliness, disconnection and regret.

Drawing upon his memories of broken relationships, Murakami's title character sees himself as dull and unwanted, without "one single quality" he believes "worth bragging about." Tsukuru is a 36-year-old railroad employee still wounded by a loss from his college days, when four close childhood friends abruptly cut him off and wouldn't tell him why.

"It's like being thrown from the deck of the ship to sea, alone, at night. And so I just wanted to write about such a sentiment. What I wrote is made up, but the sentiment is true," Murakami said during a recent interview at the offices of his American publisher, Alfred A. Knopf.

For author and character, the book is a story of a life

examined and reclaimed. Tsukuru seeks out his friends at the urging of a woman he has started dating. Murakami said he began "Colorless Tsukuru" around three years ago as a work of short fiction, but soon found himself caught up in Tsukuru's mystery. The author didn't know at first why Tsukuru's friends had abandoned him and he expanded the narrative as a way of finding out.

"I had to know his past," Murakami said. "I'm making it up and at the same time I'm finding it."

A native of Kyoto, Murakami has extraordinarily precise knowledge of when he decided to become a writer. The epiphany struck not in childhood, but in his late 20s. It was around 1:30 p.m. on April 1, 1978, when Murakami was attending a baseball game in Tokyo, watching an American named Dave Hilton hit a double.

"And it was at that exact moment that a thought struck me: You know what? I could try writing a novel," he wrote in the 2007 memoir, "What I Talk About When I Talking About Running."

His first novel, "Hear the Wind Sing," came out in 1979. Within a decade, he was a superstar thanks to "Norwegian Wood," a million seller that told of a student's suicide in the late 1960s and the scars it left with his best friend and former girlfriend. Murakami's best-known works include "Kafka on the Shore" and "The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle," and he has won the Jerusalem Prize and, fittingly, the Franz Kafka Prize for work that demonstrates "existential, timeless character."

In person, Murakami is both an ordinary man, wearing plain slacks and a windbreaker and likening writing to manual labor, and an exceptional man, who thinks of writing as a kind of transformation. He notes that when working on "Kafka on the Shore," he felt himself becoming the book's protagonist, the teen runaway Kafka Tamura, seeing what Kafka sees and believing what Kafka believes.

"In order to be a certain character, you have to go down deep, go down deeper and deeper and deeper," he said. "It's a dark, cool place, and you have to be careful, or you're lost. ... You have to leave yourself."

"In 'Colorless Tsukuru,' Tsukuru has a mind like a novelist, the real and the imagined so intertwined that 'he'd tremble sometimes with the excitement of it all,'" Murakami's characters often find themselves unable to separate dreams from waking life, and the author has been compared to Gabriel Garcia Marquez for such surreal details as the talking cats of "Kafka on the Shore."

"So many people think of Marquez's writing as magical realism, but ... to him, his world was realistic and he just wrote about it," Murakami said.

"Cats speaking — that's realism to me. That's very natural to me. ... (But) if somebody had told me when I was 26 years old, 'You're going to be a famous author and come to America and be interviewed by The Associated Press.' I wouldn't have believed that. 'You're kidding me.' I would have said."

PATTERSON

From IE

more than three pages of questions I sent, and closed his correspondence with a, "Thank you for doing this, Jimmy. I hope it helps." It was a nice touch to close out a letter that frankly he didn't have to complete. But his friends in Midland would not have been surprised at the news that he had taken the time.

In addition to the stories shared by Bush, there are a number of stories shared about him, by Joe O'Neill, Charlie Younger and U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway. Each of them provides great insight into the kind of person Bush was when he lived in Midland — which is to say the kind of person he still is even though he may live elsewhere.

One of my favorite stories concerns the friendship shared by Younger and Bush.

The following is an excerpt from "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas."

"President Bush asked me, 'Do you want to go to the movies?' There was a movie being screened downstairs at the White House. It was a private showing of 'We Were Soldiers.' We go down and have a nice dinner before the movie. It was my wife and me, Dick Cheney, Colin Powell, Donald Rumsfeld, Condoleezza Rice, all these people who are involved in defense and national security. Hal Moore, who the movie was about, was there, along with Joe Galloway, the famous journalist who was in Vietnam, and then all the

actors, Mel Gibson, Greg Kinnear. It was kind of surreal to watch the movie with the cabinet members, the actors, and the president and first lady."

Like many others who knew the president, Younger insists he is the same person today as he was when he knew him in the 1970s.

"He enjoyed being president until I guess about the last two months," Younger said. "He really did wake up every day, truly relishing being the president of the United States. His values, his work ethic, his beliefs, have all stayed the same. He hasn't changed to this day. I don't think he'll ever change. He just happened to be the president."

"Conaway shared a personal story about the effort President Bush put forth soon after the congressman had learned his first wife had cancer.

"When my first wife was diagnosed with leukemia, George would come over and get our boys and take them to Midland College basketball games," Conaway remembered. "He didn't have to do that. He couldn't do anything about Julia's treatment, but he could come by and be with the boys, and that's what he did."

Conaway jokes about his former business partner when the two ran Arbusto Energy, saying he would have rather been business partners when Bush was owner of the Texas Rangers.

"I'd have made a lot more money," Conaway joked. "He invited the boys and me up after Julia died. He had us as his guests at the last game the Rangers

played in their old stadium and the first one in the Ballpark in Arlington. We were standing there watching batting practice before one of the games, and he walked up behind us and said, 'This is my own personal field of dreams.'"

Jimmy Patterson's book, "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas" will be published in September.

BESTSELLERS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Hardcover fiction

1. "A Perfect Life" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)
2. "Tom Clancy Support and Defend" by Mark Greaney (G.P. Putnam's Sons)
3. "Fast Track" by Julie Garwood (Dutton)
4. "The Heist" by Daniel Silva (Harper)
5. "The Book of Life" by Deborah Harkness (Viking)
6. "Big Little Lies" by Liane Moriarty (Putnam/Amy Einhorn)
7. "Invisible" by Patterson/Ellis (Little, Brown)
8. "Act of War" by Brad Thor (Atria Books)
9. "The Goldfinch" Donna Tartt (Little, Brown)
10. "Top Secret Twenty-One" by Janet Evanovich (Bantam)
11. "Mr. Mercedes" by Stephen King (Scribner)
12. "The Silkworm" by Robert Galbraith (LB/Mulholland)
13. "Power Play" by Catherine Coulter (G.P. Putnam's Sons)
14. "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr (Scribner)
15. "Cut and Thrust" by Stuart Woods (G.P. Putnam's Sons)

Hardcover nonfiction

1. "America" by Dinesh D'Souza (Regnery)
2. "One Nation" by Ben Carson (Penguin/Sentinel)
3. "Blood Feud: The Clintons vs. The Obamas" by Edward Klein (Regnery)
4. "A Spy Among Friends" by Ben Macintyre (Crown)
5. "Hard Choices" by Hillary Rodham Clinton (Simon & Schuster)
6. "Everything I Need to Know I Learned From a Little Golden Book" by Diane Muldrow (Golden Books)
7. "David and Goliath" by Malcolm Gladwell (Little, Brown)
8. "The Mockingbird Next Door" by Marja Mills (Penguin)
9. "Think Like a Freak" by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner (William Morrow)
10. "Instinct" by T.D. Jakes (Faith+Woods)
11. "Grain Brain" by David Perlmutter (Little, Brown)
12. "I Am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai (Little, Brown)
13. "#Girlboss" by Sophia Amoruso (Penguin/Portfolio)
14. "Leaders Eat Last" by Simon Sinek (Penguin/Portfolio)
15. "The Family of Jesus" by Karen Kingsbury (Howard Books)

Mass market paperbacks

1. "King and Maxwell" by David Baldacci (Grand Central)
2. "Deserves to Die" by Lisa Jackson (Kensington/Zebra)
3. "Rose Harbor in Bloom" by Debbie Macomber (Ballantine)
4. "Concealed in Death" by J.D. Robb (Berkley)
5. "Ready for Romance" by Debbie Macomber (Harlequin)
6. "The Hexed" by Heather Graham (Mira)
7. "Deadline" by Sandra Brown (Vision)
8. "Loving Ross" by Stephanie Laurens (Avon)
9. "Takedown Twenty" by Janet Evanovich (Bantam)
10. "The Perfect Hope" by Nora Roberts (Jove)
11. "Second Honeymoon" by Patterson/Roughan (Vision)
12. "Something New" by Nora Roberts (Silhouette)
13. "Inferno" by Dan Brown (Anchor)
14. "Bombshell" by Catherine Coulter (Jove)
15. "Trapped at the Altar" by Jane Feather (Pocket Books)

Trade paperbacks

1. "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand (Random House)
2. "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn (Broadway Books)
3. "Heaven Is for Real (movie tie-in)" by Todd Burpo (Thomas Nelson)
4. "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown (Penguin)
5. "The Walking Dead, Vol. 21" by Kirkman/Adlard (Image)
6. "Swan Point" by Sherryl Woods (Mira)
7. "The Valley of Amazement" by Amy Tan (Ecco)
8. "Private L.A." by James Patterson and Mark Sullivan (Grand Central Publishing)
9. "The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion" by Fannie Flagg (Random House)
10. "How to Read Literature Like a Professor" by Thomas C. Foster (Harper Perennial)
11. "And the Mountains Echoed" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)
12. "The Longest Ride" by Nicholas Sparks (Grand Central Publishing)
13. "The Cuckoo's Calling" by Robert Galbraith (LB/Mulholland)
14. "The Signature of All Things" by Elizabeth Gilbert (Penguin)
15. "The Silver Star" by Jeannette Walls (Scribner)



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RULES: All entries (floats, trucks, automobiles, bicycles) must be decorated. Plaques will be awarded to the Best Overall, Most Original and Best Presentation. For safety concerns, all items such as candy or gifts for the public cannot be thrown from any vehicles and can only be distributed at curbs.

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SUNDAY

Lower Society Car Show, at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Rap and Ride Revolution Workshop, 4 p.m. at DEFINE body & mind. definebody.com.

Auditions for "Leading Ladies," 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Ted Nugent, 7:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Free Admission Sunday made possible by Cimarex Energy Co. 2-5 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

MONDAY

"Seeing in the Dark" PBS film screening, noon-1 p.m. at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Auditions for "Leading Ladies," 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Tall City Cloggers dances, every Monday at M-Squarena. Call Lynn Myers at 697-6416 or danztfoot@grandecom.net.

TUESDAY

RockHounds vs Corpus Christi, 6:30 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. mlb.com.

Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture with Mark Bland, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at The Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting, 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts

Building Band Hall. New members always welcome. Call Walter McClure at 260-7136.

Marta Public Radio's "Nature Notes," 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. every Tuesday-Thursday. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

Palette Club's painting time, 9 a.m.-noon. Meeting and demo scheduled on second Tuesday of the month. 664-3197.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country-western band, 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom, 4601 Neely Ave. 520-4343.

WEDNESDAY

Magic show with Harlin, 2 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib

RockHounds vs Corpus Christi, 6:30 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. mlb.com.

THURSDAY

Sustainable funding seminar, 10 a.m.-noon at Midland Shared Spaces. 206-428-2150.

Laura Bush Literacy Program free reading event, 4:30-5:30 p.m. at George W. Bush Childhood Home visitor center. bushchildhoodhome.org.

"Sharknado 2: The Second One" film screening, 8 at Regal Tall City 14. fandango.com.

Registration deadline for free bridge lessons, at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. 742-7445.

Jeanie Patterson, 7-9 p.m. at Cafe at the Gardens. 687-1478.

Damon Wayans Live, 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

RockHounds vs Corpus Christi and Thrifty Thursday, 7 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. mlb.com.

Midland County Fair, through Aug. 24 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

West Texas Dance Club, 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 697-0281.

FRIDAY

RockHounds vs Corpus Christi, 7 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. mlb.com.

SciFriday: "Back to the Future," 8:15 p.m. at the Marian West and William Blanton Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org.

Movies Under the Stars: screening of "Exit Through the Gift Shop," 8:30 p.m. at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

Lee High School Marching Band festival and carnival, through Saturday at Security Bank Ballpark. mlb.com.

Permian Basin Gun Show, through Aug. 24 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

"The Phantom of the Opry (Or Frankly, My Dear)," through Saturday at Black Box Theatre in Odessa. mark10theatricals.com.

Summer Mummer's "Desert of the Dead," through Aug. 24 at Yucca Theatre.

summermummers.com.

SATURDAY

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 501 W. Texas Ave. midlanddowntownfarmers-market.com.

Back to School Bash, 10 a.m.-noon at Midland West Side Lions Club. 618-0108.

Mustang Stampede and Car Show, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the CAF. airpowermuseum.org.

RockHounds vs Frisco with fireworks, 7 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. mlb.com.

Judy Collins, 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Use passcode ACM for \$10 discount. Proceeds benefit Arts Council of Midland. wagnernoel.com.

The Rankin Twins, 10:15 p.m. at Midland County Fair. midlandcofair.com.

ON DISPLAY

ArtQuest Studios' works of Rachel Long on display through Sept. 1. Reserved Studio Time. \$35 per month. 700 Andrews Highway. heron-artconnection@sbcglobal.net, 553-0420. www.artquesttx.com.

Blakemore Planetarium's permanent exhibits are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Sky shows throughout the week. 1705 W. Missouri Ave. 683-2882.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum's "Healing Blade" through Aug. 24. "In the Making: The Art of Tracy Krumm" through Aug. 24. "Teen Artist

in Residency: Yarn Bombing" through Aug. 24. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. www.noelartmuseum.org. 650-9696.

Fredra Turner Durham Children's Museum's exhibit "Galactic Golf" through Sept. 21. Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., Admission charged. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

George Bush Childhood Home's tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 685-1112

Haley Library and History Center's hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free. 1805 W. Indiana Ave. 682-5785

Kamiposi Gallery, 510 S. Big Spring St. 230-0256. Facebook.com/kamiposi

Midland Arts Association presents the artwork of Don McSparran in the Community National Bank Lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave. during August.

Midland County Historical Museum's exhibit honoring World War II veterans in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 W. Missouri Ave. 2-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Free. 682-2931 or 688-8947.

Midland County Historical

Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 682-5447.

Midland County Public Library's exhibits "Wilderness and Wildflowers: The Legacy of Lady Bird Johnson" through Sept. 15 at the downtown location. "Matt Lankes Austin photographer" through Aug. 29 at Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib

Museum of the Southwest's exhibits West Texas Triangle: Ken Little through Aug. 24. "Our People, Our Land, Our Images" through Aug. 10. Edward Curtis in the Southwest through Aug. 31. Katie Maratta through Aug. 24.

Permanent exhibits: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection. MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. \$5 adults, \$3 children. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

Nancy Fyle Cardozier Gallery, UTPB. Free and open to the public. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Free. 335-6640.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403.

Scarborough-Lineberry House is open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions. 802 S. Main St. 685-7368.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

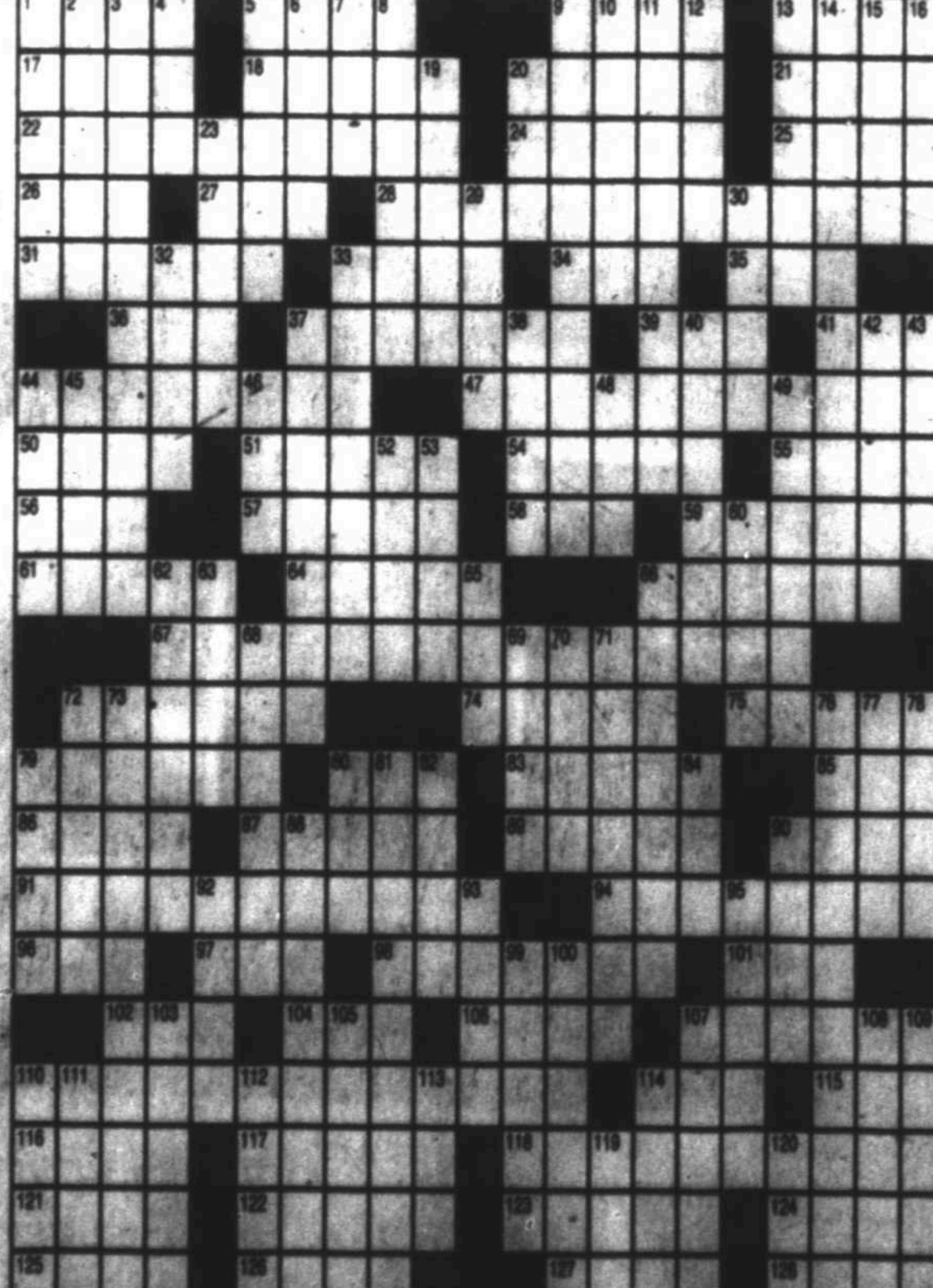
TREASURE HUNT

By C.C. SURNIKEL

ACROSS

- 1 Names handfus
- 5 Now hear
- 9 Leak indicator
- 13 Those in Toledo
- 17 First long of Israel
- 18 Court statements
- 20 Capone associate
- 21 Planning
- 22 "Source of mohair"
- 24 Hard-nosed
- 25 Land south of Alaska
- 26 Three, for Kentucky Derby horses
- 27 Male parent
- 28 "Runner-up to Einstein as Time's Person of the Century in 1999"
- 31 Watch a pet for a friend
- 33 Silent movie femme fatale
- 34 Y-J Day pres.
- 35 Lx XXXI
- 36 Loaded one
- 37 Highest U.S. capital
- 39 Princeton logo
- 41 School address ending
- 44 "... Tibbets, eponymous mother of a WWII pilot"
- 47 "Super Nintendo rival"
- 50 Catechism, in a wily
- 51 Kay above G
- 54 Proof goats
- 55 Tragic tale
- 56 Yahoo! rival
- 57 Musumen, e.g.
- 58 Fire dept. volunteer, perhaps
- 59 High chain
- 61 Car buyer's choice
- 64 Knock on
- 66 They may be pleased
- 67 "1965 Beach Boys hit"
- 72 "Full House" actor
- 74 Stilled laugh
- 75 Produces interest, only
- 79 Cup holder
- 80 Sphere
- 83 Fish similar to the stingray
- 85 One-third of an inning, to a pitcher
- 86 Longfellow's "The Bell of"
- 87 Spine-chilling

- 89 Easy basket
- 90 Words before dash or pinch in recipes
- 91 "Black-necked honker"
- 94 "Hue akin to avocado"
- 96 OS part
- 97 "Hold On Tight" rock op
- 98 Biblical quartet
- 101 Poon pal
- 102 Old jazz standard
- 104 Chip, say
- 106 Windex target
- 107 Do a pitcher's job
- 110 "Gamesville team"
- 114 Stodge with bangs
- 115 Clear (of) thing
- 116 "Here's the ping"
- 117 Continuously
- 118 Where to find the metal whose symbol spans the words in the answers to clues
- 121 Church recess
- 122 Ugly coats
- 123 Where el-Sis is president
- 124 Uniform
- 125 Bane in a bed
- 126 "Transcendence" actress Mara
- 127 Capone nemesis
- 128 Telescopc
- 1 First name in sci-fi
- 2 Japanese comics
- 3 Washington State Farms setting
- 4 "no replay"
- 5 It usually pops up
- 6 Fairy tale staples
- 7 Midon on the ice
- 8 Tribal healer
- 9 Work out
- 10 Newey tidbits
- 11 Flag-capturing board game
- 12 Join the chorus
- 13 Polish, as text
- 14 Achy leg riding
- 15 Texter's "Then again"
- 16 Truck stop sight
- 19 Kick off
- 20 "Defending Our Nation"
- 21 Securing the Future" org
- 23 Indian yogurt dip
- 29 Two-time Senior PGA Championship winner Jay
- 30 "Right on!"
- 32 Closing word
- 33 Pungent spice
- 37 Wild adventures
- 38 Honor in style
- 40 Private reply?
- 42 Gowns for the rich and famous
- 43 West Point inits.
- 44 O'Neill's "Desire Under the"
- 45 Sniffer dog's asset
- 46 Laugh line
- 48 Well-put
- 49 Historic Mesopotamian city
- 52 Chow chow
- 53 "God Save the Russian"
- 54 "Empire anthem"
- 60 Resort spot
- 62 Golden wattle, for one
- 63 Dub
- 65 Heavy wts.
- 66 Pots on a table
- 68 Lancome parent company
- 69 RPI or MIT
- 70 Benihana founder
- 71 Rocky
- 72 Wrestle (with)
- 73 Skewered Thai dish
- 74 Sets free
- 76 California street with a Walk of Style
- 77 Studio subject
- 78 Musical in Cooperstown
- 79 Pollen production pouches
- 80 Montana motto
- 81 River to the Gulf of Mexico
- 82 Kiss, in Clutz
- 84 Doe in "Bambi"
- 88 Donan Gray's flow
- 90 Single-season record holder for most HRs by a shortstop
- 92 Where to pick lox
- 93 Hockey's Phil, to fans
- 95 Garson of "Mrs. Miniver"
- 99 Dissect, in a way
- 100 Navy flag
- 103 Bugged
- 105 Bond, for one
- 107 Poe and Pope dish
- 108 White sale item
- 109 Pristine places
- 110 Chip, perhaps with a Walk of Style
- 111 Move with long strides
- 112 Nerd
- 113 Reasons for and zone dances: Abbr.
- 114 LeBron James has won four of them: Abbr.
- 119 Drano ingredient
- 120 "The Producers" (1968) director Brooks



GAMING BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Louie and Larry

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
 ♠ J 10 5
 ♥ K 4
 ♦ A K 6 4 3
 ♣ J 9 4

WEST
 ♠ 7 2
 ♥ J 10 9 8 3
 ♦ Q J 9 5
 ♣ K 2

EAST
 ♠ 9 8 6 4 3
 ♥ Q 7 5 2
 ♦ 8
 ♣ A 8 5

SOUTH
 ♠ A K Q
 ♥ A 6
 ♦ 10 7 2
 ♣ Q 10 7 6 3

The bidding:
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
 INT Pass 3NT Pass
 Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

Hard Luck Louie played this deal in the Saturday afternoon duplicate at his club. He won the opening lead in hand and realized that he had no chance if he played on clubs, as the defense would be able to set up at least three heart tricks before he could knock out the ace and king of clubs. Instead, Louie played a low diamond from both his hand and dummy. Had the missing diamonds split 3-2, as expected, he would have two extra diamond tricks to bring his total to nine. Alas, when diamonds split 4-1, Louie drifted down two, cursing his luck.

When Lucky Larry played this deal, he arrived in the same contract with the same lead, also won in hand with the ace of hearts. Larry

also realized that he would need four diamond tricks to make his contract. He thought to himself: "Should the diamonds split 3-3, even Louie can make this hand. Is there anything I can do about a 4-1 split? Perhaps if East has the singleton eight or nine."

Larry led the 10 of diamonds from hand at trick two, covered by the jack and won in dummy with the ace, noting the fall of the eight from East. He followed with a low diamond from the table to his seven! West won with his nine, but there was nothing he could do to prevent Larry from returning to his hand and leading a diamond toward dummy, finessing West out of his queen. Nine tricks and the contract!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Aug. 17, 2014:
 This year you reach out to others more often. In fact, your sensitivity to those in your immediate environment will remain high.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You might need to check out an investment that could spice up your love life. Tonight: Why not take the first step?
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ With the Moon in your sign, your vibrations have a magical quality that calls to others. Tonight: Could you be getting jealous?
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Make it OK to feel a bit off today. In fact, you might not want to be available to the majority of people. Tonight: You are unstoppable.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Friends might invite you to join them for brunch. A dreamy quality will surround you. Tonight: You don't need to be by yourself.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You will be in charge of organizing others today, whether it is for church or for heading to the movies. Tonight: Could be memorable.
VERGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Catch up on others' news. You could be making quite a few long-distance calls. Plan to meet a friend halfway in the near future. Tonight: Paint the town red.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Keep your schedule focused on one particular person who means a lot to you. You are very different people. Tonight: Be entertained.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Others will seek you out to the extent that you might not even have time to read the Sunday

paper. You might want to screen your calls. Tonight: Enjoy a lot of attention.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You might need to complete a project, help a relative paint a room or do some other activity this afternoon. Tonight: Act as if it were Friday night.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Your earthiness makes others feel at home, even if you are one of those Capricorns who is a formidable personality. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You could be unusually driven to stay at home. Don't fight your mood. Curl up with a good book. Tonight: Join your friends.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Consider how much you have heard about a certain situation. Today, the chatter seems to continue. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.
BORN TODAY
 Actor Sean Penn (1960), actor Robert De Niro (1943), actress Mae West (1893)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

IMPS THIS HISS ESOS
 SAUL OATHS NITTI MATE
 ANGORAGOAT STERN EDOM
 AGE ASS MAHATMAGANDHI
 CATSIT BARA HST MDL
 SOT SANTIPE EYE EDU
 ENOLAGAY SEGAGENESIS
 LOUD AFLAT TYPOS DOOM
 MSN GAELS EMT SIERRA
 SEDAN RAPAT KISSES
 CALIFORNIAGIRLS
 STAMOB SNORT EARNS
 SAUGER ORB SKATE OUT
 ATRI BERTIE TYPIN ADDA
 CANADAGOOSE PEAGREEN
 SYS ELO GOSPELS ROO
 LIL MAR PANE REDDLE
 FLORIDAGATORS MOE RIO
 LOOK ONEND SILVERMINE
 APSE RINDS EGYPT EVEN
 WEED KATE NESS LENS



Photo by Kevin Wienhold

EARLE

From 8E

and be transported into the lush forests, dramatic cliffs and beautiful glimpses of the Rio Grande that have drawn people here for so long.

As an art historian, I am sometimes guilty of only thinking of places like this in terms of the past. Imagining Taos as a place where a broken wagon wheel in 1899 spawned the creation of a small and vibrant arts colony is a very different viewpoint than experiencing it as a modern town with its own Wal-Mart. Every day I walk through our Taos gal-

lery and see highly realistic landscapes and portraits by the Taos Society of Artist members such as E.I. Couse. I also see stylized and abstract works by later Taos artists like Dorothy Brett and Fritz Scholder. These works, whether realistic or abstract, used to evoke these hazy memories of the art colony I encountered as a child. Now they are brought into focus by landscapes and people I encountered over the weekend.

Wendy Earle is curator of collections and exhibitions at the Museum of the Southwest.

Broadway actor does 'Chicago' double duty

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Christopher Fitzgerald liked being in "Chicago" so much that he's doing it again.

The actor, who made his debut in the show last October as Roxie Hart's put-upon husband Amos, has just stepped into the role of slick lawyer Billy Flynn, becoming the first actor in the show's 18-year history to be contracted to perform both starring male roles.

"Chicago" is a scathing 1975 satire of how show business and the media make celebrities out of criminals. Fitzgerald has gone from singing "Mister Cellophane" as Amos to "All I Care About" as Flynn.

Fitzgerald is a Broadway veteran whose credits include "Finian's Rainbow" and "Young Frankenstein," so jumping into a long-running musical was no big deal.

Some might describe such a feat as like walking a tightrope, but not Fitzgerald. That's because he was on a real tightrope last summer while playing P.T. Barnum in "Barnum" at the Chichester Festival Theatre in England.

Of his time spent nightly walking 8 feet off the ground along a 25-foot long rope, Fitzgerald said it caused "nightmarish stress" and

was "the hardest thing I've done."

The two-time Tony nominee, who has two children with his wife, the actress and director Jessica Stone, took time to talk about "Chicago," the tightrope and why his kids aren't that impressed.

AP: What's it like being in 'Chicago'?

Fitzgerald: It's a remarkable show. The fact that it has lasted is because of what it's about. I have a line where I say, 'You're a phony celebrity, kid. In a couple of weeks, no one will ever know who you are.' Back then, there weren't as many phony celebrities. Now it's nothing but phony celebrities. There are no real celebrities any more.

AP: You're Billy Flynn. Ever dream of playing him one day?

Fitzgerald: Did I ever think I'd be playing Billy Flynn? No. I never thought about it 10 years ago, five years ago or a month ago. It's like that crazy.

AP: Do you ever get Amos and Billy confused?

Fitzgerald: I do have a bit of nervous energy when I hear the music to 'Mister Cellophane.' I have to go, 'No, that's not me.' I have to check myself in that moment. But, other than that, I'm in Billy's world now.

AP: What's next? Velma?

Fitzgerald: Roxie's next.

(laughs) Honestly? I want to do Mamma AND Amos. They're never onstage at the same time. That's my next challenge. Then I'm going to do a one-man 'Chicago.'

AP: Switching gears, how did you possibly walk a wire eight times a week?

Fitzgerald: The way to do it is to be at utter peace, completely inside yourself and in line. Completely calm and still. You're trying to shut off all your stress receptors. It becomes this metaphor for life: It's one step at a time. You can't get off. You can't take a break.

AP: What did your kids think of dad?

Fitzgerald: I don't know if this is because I'm an actor with kids, but I was like, 'What did you guys think?' They were like, 'It was good. I like the elephant.' I was like, 'But I walked a tightrope!' They were, 'Yeah, it was good, dad.' They were just not impressed. I think it's because I do this crap all the time at home. I'm constantly juggling and jumping on things and standing on my head.

AP: So your kids weren't blown away?

Fitzgerald: I think if you grow up with actors, you're like, 'Yeah, that's what my parents do.' Only later will they be sitting in therapy, going, 'My father walked the tightrope and was basically a clown.'

ROCK THE DESERT



Fans, left and above, dance and cheer at Rock the Desert. TOP: Skillet performs during the festival. The three-day event Aug. 7-9 marked the 15th anniversary of the Christian music festival.

Photos by Tyler White

Fashion world looks back on Lauren Bacall

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press

"She was the opposite of Marilyn Monroe's overt sexuality, yet she still oozed sensuality out of every pore."

Peter Som, designer

NEW YORK — Lauren Bacall had one condition when the Fashion Institute of Technology wrote recently to ask if it could turn hundreds of personal garments she donated into an exhibition about her style.

"She said, 'Yes, it's fine, as long as it's high-quality — Diana Vreeland style,'" recalled Valerie Steele, director of The Museum at FIT.

Throughout her years, Bacall hadn't forgotten the fashion editor who plucked her from a Seventh Avenue showroom floor and delivered her to Hollywood's door via the pages of Harper's Bazaar at age 19.

And next spring, Steele's museum — with the help of FIT graduate students learning how to curate — will fulfill its promise in a show focused on five designers who helped define Bacall's subtle seductiveness, her sophisticated mix of classic femininity and raw masculine authority in fashion.

Bacall, who died Tuesday at 89, was a fashion darling of a unique sort. A model at 16, later a pal of Yves Saint Laurent and a frequent wearer of designs by Norman Norell, she wore the clothes — not the other way around.

"She really epitomized this idea of effortless. It's like she never was trying too hard and I think that sometimes is the most difficult thing to achieve," said designer Peter Som.

"That gaze, the voice, the hair. It was just that confidence. That was something that I think men and women alike could relate to," he said.

Among Som's favorite

Bacall fashion moments is a casual one from 1946. She's leaning in a photo on a bent knee propped on a stool near a fireplace in a wool trouser and loose turtleneck suit designed by Leah Rhodes. The pleats are sharp and the sleeves billowy. The only skin bared: her feet, slipped into low-wedge slides, but her piercing signature sideward glance and wave of long blond hair took the look in a new direction.

"She was the opposite of Marilyn Monroe's overt sexuality, yet she still oozed sensuality out of every pore," he said. "The clothes are so simple and so chic, and they still feel today so relevant. They feel like clothes you kind of want to wear."

In fashion, on-screen and off, Bacall was the grown-up, even as a teen, said Som and others.

Eric Wilson, fashion news director for InStyle magazine, fondly notes her role turning the tables on the industry when she played a designer in the 1957 film "Designing Woman."

"There's this dress, what appears to be a pale gray sleeveless dress with a loosely draped halter top, and it turns out to be her wedding dress," he explains.

After a hurried wedding, she goes into an airplane bathroom and changes, emerging in a stretchy navy day look, a mink stole wrapped around her shoulders with a hat and leather gloves.

"That transformation, it's amazing. It kind of demonstrates her simple, exquisite glamour," he

said.

It's the kind of transformation that led Steele to include in the upcoming exhibit a Norell dress done up entirely in hand-sewn gold sequins with a matching camel-color cashmere coat that's plain on the outside but lined with matching sequins on the inside.

"Once you take the coat off, it's va-va-voom," she said, "but covered up with the coat and you can wear it on the subway as just a simple little thing."

The exhibit on FIT's Manhattan campus will focus mostly on Bacall's looks from the 1950s and '60s. Some of her clothes by Norell will be joined by other designs Bacall donated from Marc Bohan for Christian Dior, Pierre Cardin, Yves Saint Laurent and Ungaro. Bacall gave FIT roughly 700 garments, Steele said.

Designer Isaac Mizrahi said intellect is what helped Bacall put her mark on fashion. He explained it this way in the April 2001 issue of InStyle, looking back on her appearance at the Oscars in 1979:

"Wearing a 50-year-old Fortuny dress proved how smart Lauren Bacall was," he said. "A smart Jewish girl from the Bronx who knew Norell as well as Loehmann's. She's our reference for what smart looks like. Look up 'smart' in the dictionary — you'll find her picture."

Style and beauty expert Mary Alice Stephenson said Bacall helped redefine beauty and femininity in fashion.

"Bacall made it sexy for all women to wear casual clothes. She would wear

them in such a glamorous way," she said. "She played up her makeup, hair and jewelry, all while wearing pants, button-down shirts, knits and flats."

There were few who so successfully managed such a sexy masculine edge while also being capable of full-on glam, Steele said.

"She wore the dress or the pants. They didn't wear her," she said. "Some of what she wore didn't look prim but it might have on others. Sometimes it was conservative-looking, but she wore it with such panache. It was a combination of Hollywood feminine glamour and masculine, androgynous insouciance and power. The only other person I can think of who could do that was (Marlene) Dietrich."

Bacall was never elevated to muse for any one designer. Plenty, though, were touched by her style over the decades: Bill Blass, Perry Ellis, her friend Yves Saint Laurent, Donna Karan and Ralph Lauren among them.

Karan, in an email Wednesday, pointed to Bacall's sophistication and strength as someone who "inspired us all, especially those of us in the fashion world."

Lauren said in an email that Bacall's fashion legend relies on glamour that is "beautiful, bold and independent."

As Som put it of his standout favorite that has Bacall at that fireplace in trousers and sweater:

"It's kind of a butch pose, you know, but she was just so cool. She was a real dame, an old soul even back then, with an innate sense of how to wear things, or not. How she carried that off was magic."

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MRT: Describe your ideal last meal.

Swanson: Probably an amazing pizza with fresh basil and tiramisu for dessert! I wouldn't say 'no' to a lovely latte, either.

MRT: What's your proudest achievement with your painting, blogging and other endeavors?

Swanson: Starting my own blog and online art business has been one of my proudest achievements. I have loved writing and creating paintings with the hope of inspiring people. I've also really enjoyed the opportunity to write a column for my favorite magazine, Artful Blogging.

MRT: Your not-so-secret indulgence.

Swanson: Mangos. I have a problem. I would gladly eat them everyday. "Gilmore Girls" is my all-time favorite show. The Midland County Public Library has become one of my favorite places in town. I am as nerdy as I sound. And I'm a sucker for anything with polka-dots.

MRT: What's in your car/home music player right now?

Swanson: I love music! My recent playlists have been filled with Oh Honey, The Fray, Feist, All Sons & Daughters, BOY, Hillsong Young & Free, Lorde and Imagine Dragons.

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Artist Rachel Long stands in front of her work, on display through Sept. 1, at Artquest.

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Current display gives early boost to artist's budding career

By Rich Lopez
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uring her senior year at Midland Classical, Rachel Long asked her closest friends for three things. But thanks to one friend, she got more than she bargained for.

"I asked them to list three unrelated things important to them as ideas for a painting," Long said. "But John (Bosworth) had offered to pay a little more for his work."

He commissioned Long to do a painting of him as a Flemish woman. The result is a stunning portrait reminiscent of the likes of Vermeer and Rembrandt — only with a wink. Titled "Thou Foster Child of Silence and Slow Time," the work was only Long's second oil painting.

And her most challenging. "It's a composite image. I photographed his face and then put a nun habit on him and go from there," she said. "But there are times I just wanted to smash it. I would get frustrated, being my second portrait ever. It's also my favorite now because I persevered through it and it was so rewarding."

The painting was both a reminder of her friend and a work that held a deeper meaning. "This painting means a lot to me because I know him. And it says you can do whatever you want and envision who you want to be and it's what matters. I like that and it reminds me to be true to myself," she said.

"Thou Foster Child of Silence and Slow Time" and more of Long's works will be on display at her debut art show through Sept. 1 at Artquest.

Long's former art teacher, Judy Griffin, saw

her senior oral piece and discovered the variety of work she was capable of. Griffin also operates Artquest. The result was Long's first professional show as an artist.

"You'll see how diverse her work is right away," Griffin said at Artquest's recent open house.

And for Long — this is a kickstart to a career. But she's still pinching herself.

"For the longest time, I was in denial but this is really happening," she said. "I'm thrilled and this is something I want to do for the rest of my life. So for this to happen in my first summer out of high school is so fantastic."

Long speaks with poignant insight of her approach to her work. She understands her inspirations and executes her decisions with confidence on whether her piece will be a painting or a sketch or even pin work.

Her displayed work is a cornucopia of style. "I wanted to show a variety of media as well as portraits and abstracts," she said. "And depending on what I'm trying to convey with a piece, graphite gives a photographic look while painting gives a whole different feel."

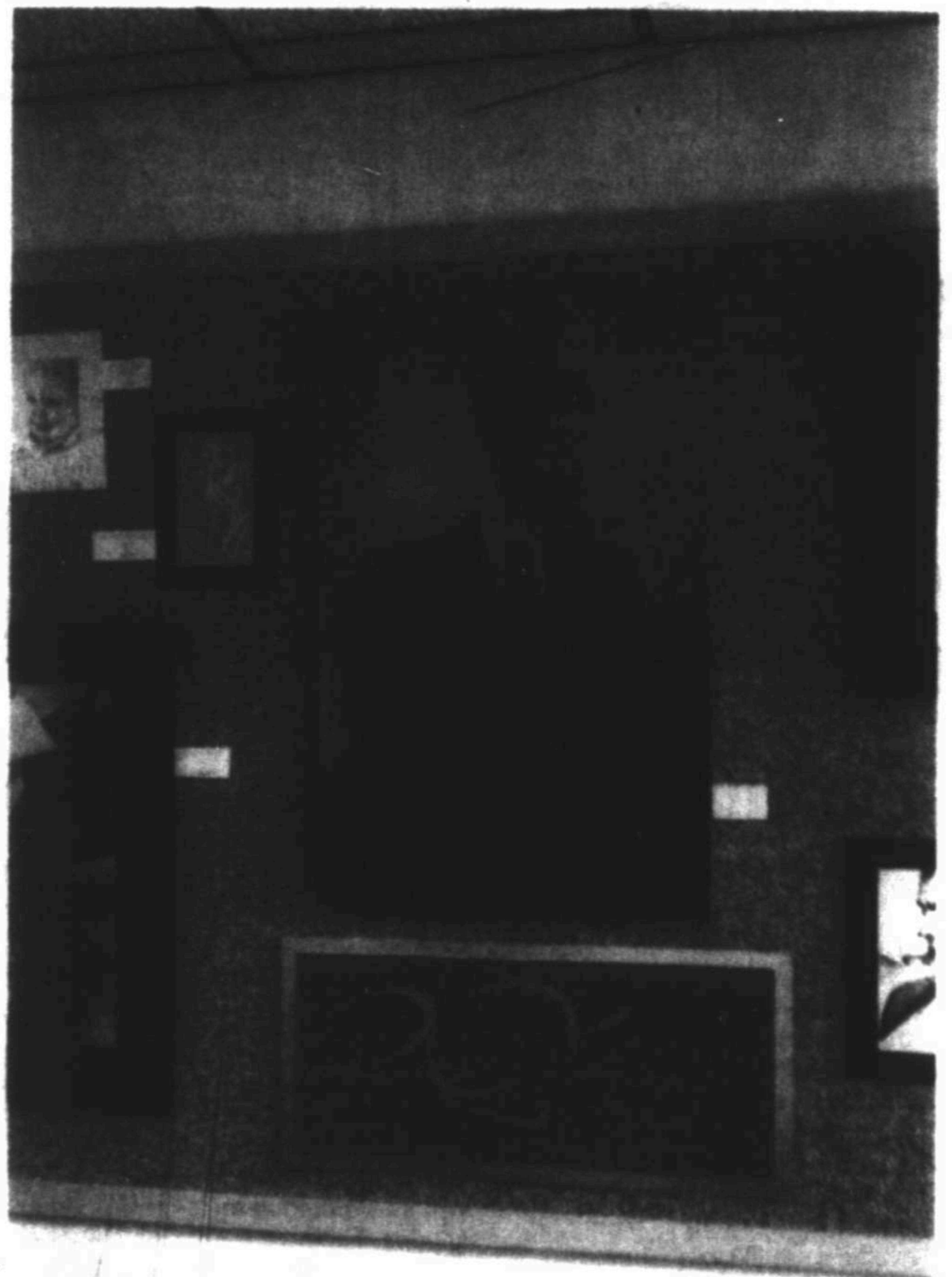
Long recalls as a freshman, her art blossomed thanks to working with Griffin alongside a less-than-impressive season on her basketball team. But parallels would occur between her time as an artist and an athlete. In her senior year, both avenues yielded distinctive results.

"Basketball taught me to not give up and keep striving. I stuck with it and we won state in my senior year. But it was also great for my art because it taught me that if I endure, it will turn into something great," she said.

Long plans to start at Midland College this fall before moving on to UT Austin. As for post-college life, she has her eyes on Europe.

"I want to try different places and maybe move there and have a studio. The landscape is so inspiring. I may not like it, but I want to at least try it," she said.

Works by Rachel Long at Artquest, 700 Andrews Highway through Sept. 1. Artquesttx.com.



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Speaks and Wings with Molly Swanson. If you've come across the blog Specs and Wings, then you'll have seen Midlander Molly Swanson at work. Her tastemaker blog features her artwork during its creation to the finished product. But she'll also highlight lifestyle items such as handbags and sunglasses. Swanson recently started a virtual gallery on Instagram selling her artwork directly. She describes Specs & Wings as "my story of learning to be myself and paint in freedom." Visit her site at specsandwings.blogspot.com.

MRT: Who are your creative heroes and inspirations?

Swanson: If I had to choose a hero from art history, it would be Marc Chagall. I love how he expressed emotion through color. Recent artists that inspire me include: Chuck Close (his amazing portraits), Mae Chevrete (her beautiful layered collage), Janet Fish (her reflection paintings are incredible) and Matt Rose (her playful designs and colors). Also, my blogging inspirations are Eleis Larson of "A Beautiful Mess" and Kendi Skoen of "Kendi Everyday."

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Weekend trip brings life to familiar landscapes for art historian

The landscapes in and around Taos, New Mexico have been inspiring artists for centuries. This small town has a giant reputation in the history of American art. I visited Taos when I was about 9 years old on one of our many family vacations in the Southwest. We lived in Ohio, but my mother was always entranced by this part of the country, so off we went to Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado and Nevada. These trips had a profound effect on me, since I'm now a curator and art historian focusing mainly on Southwestern art. I remember driving from Denver to Taos as a child; I have vague recollections of small streets, filled with adobe buildings and lots of art. As an adult, I know of Taos in an academic way. We have a gallery dedicated to Taos, with works from members of the early art colony — the Taos Society of Artists — and some of the later generations who lived and created there. I knew the art history of this town fairly well, and I got a good sense of the landscape from the representations created by many different artistic minds.

Knowing is not the same as experiencing, as I found out recently. Because I knew I wanted to re-experience Taos as an adult, my boyfriend, Kevin Wienhold, and I took a long weekend to celebrate my birthday. With the driving distances, breathtaking and fun



in themselves, we only had a day and a half in the town. I could have approached it as a contemporary art curator, meeting artists and visiting as many galleries as I could. I will take that approach on a different trip, perhaps when I'm back in the fall for a conference.

Instead, I wanted to experience the landscape of Taos and how that has informed the art that has been created there. The landscape and the proximity to Taos Pueblo is what drew so many artists to this area of the country. I had seen it many times in paintings, drawings, prints and photographs, but actually being there is so hard to capture. We spent time walking and driving through the center of town, but quickly found ourselves drawn to the natural vistas, mountains and gorges that surround the place. Leaving town while driving on Highway 64, you can turn right on 150

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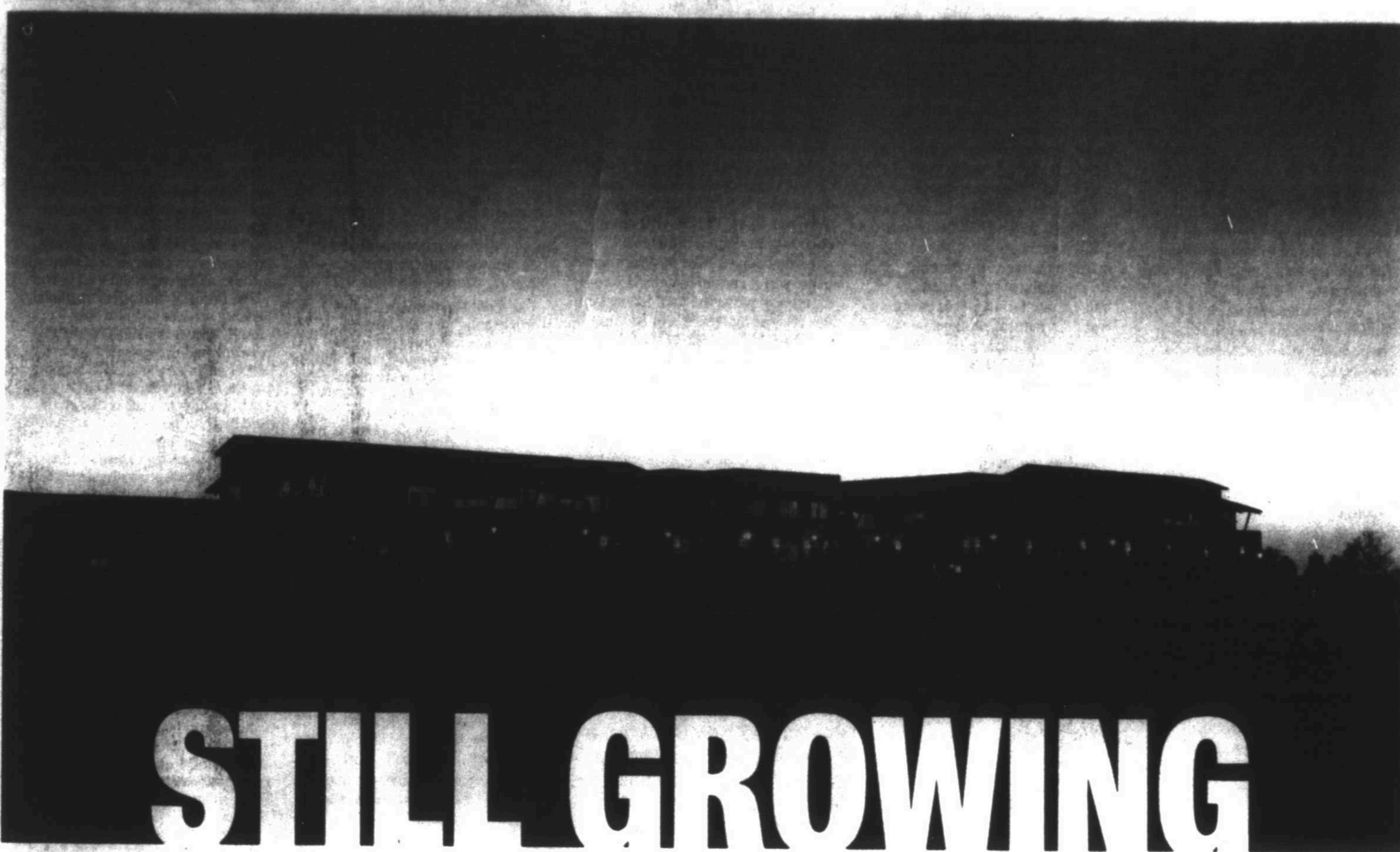
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STILL GROWING

5th office building at Fasken set to begin construction

By Mella McEwen
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Demand for office space has Fasken Oil and Ranch rapidly growing its Office Park at The Vineyard.

The City of Midland just issued a \$19 million building permit for a fifth office building in the development at 6401 Holiday Hill Road.

Almost two years ago, the company moved into its new 60,000-square-foot, two-story corporate headquarters in The Vineyard, located west of Green Tree Country Club. It was the first step in a master-planned development that includes the office park, residences, apartments, retail and restaurants, parks and even an elementary school. The company is in talks with Green Tree Country Club about installing a nine-hole golf course.

SM Energy in June celebrated its move

into its new 58,000 square foot office building just north of Fasken's headquarters. A similar 58,000-square-foot building was built adjacent to SM Energy at the same time for a total cost of \$15 million. Fasken has been negotiating leases, including with Cudd Energy Services to lease 15,000 square feet of the new building. Amenities planned for the second building include a jogging trail, workout facility and delicatessen that will be open to those working in the Office Park.

At the time of SM Energy's celebration, Norbert Dickman, Fasken's general manager, reported that Fasken was in negotiations with another large company to take half of the proposed building to be built north of Fasken on Holiday Hill for which the city just issued a permit.

Dickman added that any residential development is likely a year away from completion and will follow development

of townhomes, which he said will get underway "pretty soon."

The company is set to open the first units in the first phase of the Sandstone Ridge apartments, located south of Fasken's headquarters, for occupancy.

Midland Independent School District officials recently broke ground on the new Barbara Fasken Elementary, expected to open in August 2015.

Fasken announced plans for The Vineyard in 2011, at the time one of the largest planned community projects seen in Midland in a number of years.

The development sits on 1,000 acres covering two sections on the 165,000-acre C Ranch acquired by Toronto lawyer David Fasken Sr., who formed Midland Farms Company in 1913 to purchase the ranch.

Planning for The Vineyard began in 2009 because the land was no longer suit-

able for ranching.

Dickman sees the project as a template for future development, largely because it is being developed amid an active oil field. "We're a model for Midland as to how oil and gas and real estate can co-exist," he said.

Chuck Hedges, Fasken's general counsel, said last year as Fasken celebrated its centennial, that the Vineyard was part of the company's decision to diversify away from strictly oil and gas.

"We made the decision 15 years ago to diversify — we were almost exclusively oil and gas — into real estate," he said. Hedges added that the oil and gas side of the company has been funding Fasken's real estate activities, which includes holdings in Laredo and San Antonio.

"Hopefully, in 100 years when oil and gas is depleted, we'll still have an asset base," Hedges said.

Basin Business roundup

Lone Star State Bank opens loan office

In advance of its opening a full-service banking office in Dinero Plaza, 1004 N. Big Spring St., in January, Lone Star State Bank of West Texas has opened a loan production office at 203 W. Wall St., Suite 1212.

Chartered in 2007, Lone Star State Bank of West Texas is a \$645 million state-chartered bank with offices in Odessa, Big Spring, Lubbock and Brownfield. It is active in energy and commercial lending of all kinds and supporting businesses and individuals throughout West Texas.

Mike Davis has been appointed Midland Market president and advisory director and brings over 30 years of banking experience to his position, most recently as city president at BBVA Compass.

June Carpenter has been named assistant vice president of lending, Midland Market. She, too has over 30 years experience, most recently with Chase Bank of Midland as a commercial loan coordinator.

West Texas National Bank announces promotion

Nick Davis has been promoted to vice president, commercial lending at West Texas National Bank.

"I am thrilled to promote Nick to vice president," Keith Moore, president and chief executive officer stated. "Nick's commitment to the community, financial acumen and positive attitude to growing our commercial client's opportunities makes him a fantastic member of our seasoned team."

HOUSTON Apache names new executive

Gary T. Clark has joined Apache Corp. as vice president of Investor Relations.

He joins Apache from Chesapeake Energy Corp., where he was the vice president of investor relations and research. Clark's new role at Apache brings his

career full circle, as he started his career in Apache's Treasury Department in the early 1990s. He will report to Alfonso Leon, Apache's CFO, beginning Aug. 26.

West Texas National Bank sells Denver City land parcels

Midland-based West Texas National Bank is in the process of selling two land parcels in Denver City.

Crockett Calk, West Texas National Bank's Denver City Senior vice president and market president, stated, "West Texas National Bank is in the process of planning/engineering the vacant land surrounding its Denver City branch." This property is located at the southwest corner of Broadway (State Highway 83) and State Highway 214 and will accommodate a proposed motel and additional retail or office uses.

The bank has entered into a contract with a developer to sell a 2.5-acre tract for the construction of a 50-room Best Western Motel that will adjoin the WTNB branch to the south and have access to Broadway via a newly constructed access drive that will be located east of the branch's existing building and parking lot. The sale of the motel site will not affect the branch's building, drive-through or ATM.

In conjunction with the sale of the motel site and the construction of its access drive to Broadway, WTNB plans to sell the remaining 1.12 acre tract which is located immediately east of the existing branch. This tract has frontage on both Broadway and State Highway 214 and affords tremendous visibility from both thoroughfares. Zoned Commercial by the city of Denver City, most retail and office uses are compatible.

WTNB has owned the Denver City branch and excess land since its acquisition of First National Bank of Denver City in 1998 and feels, according to Calk, "that Denver City's vibrant economy justifies developing these two tracts."

Employment picture improves, but much progress needed

National employment growth once again topped the 200,000 level in July, putting together the longest string of monthly gains of that magnitude since the late 1990s. The latest U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data shows an increase of 209,000, bringing the total U.S. job gain over the past 12 months to almost 2.3 million. While the unemployment rate ticked up very slightly to 6.2 percent because there were more new entrants into the workforce than jobs added, there has been notable improvement over the past year. We are finally well over the prior peak back in January 2008, and the job situation is showing signs of lasting and sustainable improvement. The numbers of people losing their jobs has been trending downward, signaling stability. However, there are still some problem areas.

Of the 209,000 total increase, 198,000 of it came from the private sector. Jobs in goods-producing industries were up by 58,000, with particularly large jumps in construction (up 22,000) and motor vehicles and parts (up 14,600). Services industries added 140,000, with big gains in retail trade and ambulatory health care, among others. One category that stood out to me was the notable gain in architectural and engineering services (up 8,800 since last month and 60,400 over the past year), as those kinds of positions are often a precursor to construction projects and the associated economic stimulus.

Educational attainment is strongly correlated with being able to find a job. In July, 9.6 percent of people without a high school diploma were unemployed (about 978,000 individuals). Moreover, the rate was up from 9.1 percent just a month prior (though down from 10.7 percent in July 2013). For high school graduates, the rate was 6.1 percent, up slightly over the June estimate. The proportion of unemployed for those with some college or associate degrees stood at 5.3 percent, up slightly over the month. In fact, the only educational category with improvement in the unemployment rate over the month was for people with a bachelor's degree or higher, which dropped from 3.3 percent in June to 3.1 percent last month.

Age is another factor in unemployment, with younger workers far more likely to be without a job. The highest of all rates is among men aged 16 to 19, with 22 percent out of work (and even higher rates of joblessness for those at the younger end of that spectrum). For young women 16-19, the rate is a little better (18.3 percent), but still high. The unemployment rate improves sharply for those in their early 20s as schooling is completed, and continues to trend downward for those in their mid-30s, 40s, and 50s before increasing slightly for the 55 and older category. The lowest rate of any age group is for men

THE ECONOMIST

By M. Ray Perryman



aged 45 to 54, with 3.8 percent unemployment.

Long-term unemployment has been a big problem through the recent recession and recovery, but things are finally showing some signs of improving in that area as well. Over the past year, the number of people unemployed for 27 weeks or longer dropped by more than a million (from 4.2 million to less than 3.2 million). Less than half of jobless individuals have been without work for 15 weeks or more, and the proportion is dropping. Long-term unemployment is particularly problematic not only because of the financial strain, but also because skill sets can begin to erode and further reduce the chance of ever finding work. Job security indicators are also on the rise.

One piece of data that isn't as encouraging is that the average for hourly earnings was only up by a penny over the month, and average weekly wages rose a meager 35 cents (to \$843.53). While better than a year ago, when the average earned per week was \$824.57, progress is still frustratingly slow.

Perhaps the most disturbing statistics, however, are in the area of part-time work. A notable component of the U.S. workforce (almost 19.7 million persons) chooses to work part time due to family obligations, school, partial retirement, or other reasons. However, more than 7.5 million Americans are stuck in part-time jobs "for economic reasons," meaning they couldn't find full-time work. This number is slowly falling, but still indicates too much slack in the system. If you look at various other measures of labor utilization, this slack becomes more apparent. The "U-6" rate is the usual unemployment rate, plus people who want and are available to work but aren't actively looking, plus those employed part time for economic reasons. The U-6 rate stands at 12.2 percent. Again, it's better than a year ago, but little ground has been gained over the past few months.

Overall, the job situation has clearly improved. It's certainly good news that the economy continues to generate jobs at a rate of more than 200,000 per month, and some of the growth areas are particularly encouraging. However, there was a very long way to go from the depths of the recession, and there are still

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Ask the Fool

It's All Relative

Q How low is our current inflation rate these days, and how high is it elsewhere in the world? — G.K., Cincinnati

A The overall U.S. annual inflation rate was recently about 2.1 percent, well below the long-term average of 3.3 percent.

As of June, the inflation rate was 0.5 percent in France, 1 percent in Germany, 1.9 percent in Great Britain, 2.4 percent in China, 3.6 percent in Japan, 6.5 percent in Brazil, 7 percent in India, 7.8 percent in Russia and 9.3 percent in Turkey. Greece is experiencing deflation, with a June inflation rate of negative 1.5 percent.

Some nations have been experiencing inflation rates closer to hyperinflation levels. Venezuela, for example, topped 50 percent recently; Iran's rate is close to 20 percent; and while Argentina's official rate is near 11 percent, some think it might be as high as 25 percent. Steep inflation, with prices surging, is destructive to economies.

Q To learn about investing in stocks, what subjects should I study? — W.M., Daytona Beach, Florida

A To be a good investor, it's helpful to have a solid understanding of financial accounting so that you can get much more from reading companies' financial statements. You might, for example, learn to spot red flags in balance sheets before most investors do.

You can learn a lot from books such as "How to Read a Financial Report" by John Tracy and Tage Tracy (Wiley, \$23) or "Financial Statements: A Step-by-Step Guide to Understanding and Creating Financial Reports" by Thomas Ittelson (Career Press, \$18). Read these valuable investing classics, too: Peter Lynch's "One Up on Wall Street" (Simon & Schuster, \$17) and Philip Fisher's "Common Stocks and Uncommon Profits" (Wiley, \$23).

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The 15-Year Bargain

Before you opt for a 30-year mortgage over a 15-year one in order to secure lower monthly payments, learn how much there is to like about 15-year mortgages.

For starters, average 15-year mortgage rates in the U.S. are often about a full percentage point lower than the average 30-year rate.

Recently, the average fixed interest rate for a 15-year mortgage was 3.25 percent, well below the 4.21 percent average for a 30-year loan (and below rates for many adjustable-rate mortgages, too).

The real benefit of a 15-year mortgage is the shorter time frame during which your interest is compounded, drastically reducing the amount of interest you pay over the life of the loan.

When calculating mortgage payments, banks use a somewhat complex formula that has a loan that's twice as long as another costing more than twice as much in interest. With a shorter loan term, more of the monthly payment immediately

goes toward paying down principal, which has a big effect on the total cost of the loan.

Here's an example: Let's say you want to borrow \$250,000, and you want to compare your 15- and 30-year loan options. At current rates, your monthly payment would be just \$1,224 with a 30-year loan as opposed to \$1,757 per month on a 15-year loan. The 30-year option sounds pretty good, right? Well, over the course of the 30-year mortgage, you'll end up paying \$190,641 in interest, while the total interest on the 15-year mortgage will add up to only \$66,201. So, the cost of borrowing the \$250,000 over 15 years is 65 percent cheaper than borrowing over 30 years. By taking on the larger payment, you can build equity in your home much faster, too.

Consider searching for homes that you can afford with a 15-year mortgage. You'll pay more per month, but you can pay off the home twice as fast. Another option is to get a 30-year loan but make several extra payments per year, thereby reducing your principal faster, reducing your total interest paid and cutting the length of the loan, too.

My Dumbest Investment

Ups and Downs

I've made many investment mistakes. I rode Nokia all the way up and down (except for some shares I donated to my church pretty close to the top). I've sold others way too early. I beat myself up more about missing a stock's top than I do about missing the bottom, while most investors may agree that the tops are way harder to predict. — Adam H., Macon, Georgia

The Fool Responds: It's not worth beating yourself up at all, since no one can consistently and correctly predict when a stock will hit a high or low. You should expect to have imperfect timing, but you can still build wealth that way. You needn't buy at a stock's bottom. Just find strong, growing companies that seem to be undervalued, and aim to hang on for the long haul as they meet and eventually surpass their current intrinsic value.

Think twice about selling a stock when it's reaching new highs, too, unless it seems significantly overvalued. The company may simply be performing very well and growing briskly.

Kudos for donating appreciated stock to charity — that's a very tax-smart move.

Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to The Motley Fool c/o My Dumbest Investment. Got one that worked? Submit to My Smartest Investment. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

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Discover Discover

Discover Financial Services (NYSE: DFS) is one of the largest credit card issuers in the country and has used its strong market position in credit cards to expand into other product groups such as student loans and personal loans. It has been pleasing shareholders lately, with its last quarter featuring a double-digit increase in earnings per share and net interest income, along with solid loan growth.

The financial firm offers traditional banking services and also operates PULSE, a leading ATM/debit network, and Discover Network, a secure payments network facilitating payments for credit, debit and prepaid cards. Its high reliance on the credit card business positions it to capitalize on higher consumer spending in an economic upswing in the U.S. Discover also has a growing presence in China, in part via a partnership with China's UnionPay, whose debit card is now the most widely used card product in the world.

Discover Financial's fans like its brand strength, disciplined lending culture, customer loyalty and diverse operations, along with its management team's long-term track record of success. With a price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio near 12, the company also compares favorably to other credit card-focused financial firms from a valuation point of view. Its dividend recently yielded 1.5 percent, and its payout has quadrupled over the past three years. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Discover Financial Services.)

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LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1913, when five businessmen pooled \$500 and founded the Electro-Alkaline Co., America's first commercial liquid bleach factory. My first customers included breweries and walnut bleachers. In World War II, bleach was used to disinfect wounds and neutralize enemy gases. Today I sell goods of items in more than 100 countries, branded with names such as Glad, Fresh Step, Scoop Away, KC Masterpiece, Handi-Wipes, Wash'n Dri, Brita, Kingsford, Green Works, Pine-Sol, Hidden Valley, Liquid-Plumr, Formula 409, S.O.S. Tilex and Burt's Bees. I rake in more than \$5.5 billion annually. Who am I? (Answer: Clorox)

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What happens to bonds when everyone aims to sell?

By Stan Choe, Associated Press

NEW YORK — If bonds start to tumble, should I sell my bond mutual fund?

It's a question investors are asking as expectations rise for a more volatile bond market. But a better question may be: How difficult will it be for my fund manager to sell?

Worries are increasing that some managers will have a tough time finding buyers for their bonds if a flood of investors tries to pull out of their funds at the same time. It's a concept called liquidity, and a lack of it can accelerate losses for bonds when prices are falling, at least in the short term. It would likely have less effect on fund investors willing to hold on through the volatility than those who sell amid a storm. But it's another risk that all bond fund investors need to consider.

The worries partially stem from new regulations that have led to banks holding fewer bonds on their balance sheets. Previously, banks' willingness to hold inventories of bonds offered a buffer when sellers in the market outnumbered buyers. Inventories of investment-grade and high-yield bonds at Wall Street banks and other primary dealers are now just 20 percent of where they were in 2007, according to State Street Global Advisors.

It's happened before

Some bond fund investors are already familiar with the phenomenon, such as those focused on bonds issued by cities and other local governments.

Several times in the last six years, fear has pushed investors to rush for the exits out of municipal-bond mutual funds. Managers typically keep a portion of their funds' portfolios in cash, so they have some ready for departing investors. But when a flood of sell orders converge, it forces managers to sell bonds to raise more cash. In past periods of low

liquidity, when managers want looking for buyers for their muni bonds, they often found many others also looking to sell. That caused municipal bond prices to tumble, which further frightened fund investors, leading them to pull yet more money, and fueled even more forced selling.

Last year, the trigger was worries about rising interest rates and the creditworthiness of Puerto Rico and other municipal borrowers. Investors began withdrawing their money from muni funds in the spring, and the largest category of municipal-bond funds lost 3.1 percent during the second quarter, according to Morningstar.

A financial analyst's highly publicized prediction for a wave of defaults in the municipal bond market sparked a similar rush for the exits in late 2010. Investors pulled \$13.3 billion from muni bond funds that December, according to the Investment Company

Institute.

Buyers eventually returned

Following each of those episodes, though, municipal bonds rebounded once the rush for the exits subsided. Miller's Nuveen High Yield Municipal Bond fund (NHMAX), for example, has returned 13.5 percent this year after losing 4.7 percent last year.

High-yield corporate bond funds saw a similar scare last month. Investors pulled out of such funds following warnings from the Federal Reserve that junk bond valuations may be "stretched" and worries that interest rate hikes may come sooner than expected.

That led to an average 1.2 percent drop for high-yield bond funds last month, their first loss in 11 months, according to Morningstar. High-yield funds have recovered somewhat in the last couple weeks.

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sist, but the journey is still in progress. Dr. M. Ray Perryman is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Perryman Group (www.perryman.com). He also serves as Institute Distinguished Professor of Economic Theory and Method at the International Institute for Advanced Studies.

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HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	*** Hitchcock	Psychcheck	(19) ***	Rock-As 2	Clear History	Evil Minds	SingSing
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PLEX	96	***	***	***	***	*** The Flying Scotsman	(25) ***	*** American	Benia S. Lit.	(19) ***	*** American Bandits: Fra...	(14) ***
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	***	*** Mad Hot Ballroom	***	***	***	***	***
TMCC	336	67	22	155	26	***	*** The Brothers Bloom	***	***	***	***	***
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	C.Minds "The Fight"
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Mad Men	Hell on "Chicken Hill"	***	***	***	***	*** The Quick & H...
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TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	BradyB.	(50) BradyB.	BradyB.	BradyB.	Hot In Jennifer	Candid Camera	G. Girls (35) G.Girls
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Summer graduates walk at UTPB

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin held Summer Commencement at 7 p.m., Friday, August 8, 2014. 165 graduates received their diplomas in a ceremony that was held at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

Mr. Patrick Canty, publisher of the Odessa American, gave the commencement address to a packed house of graduates, friends and family. Canty has been the publisher since 2003 and has a long history of community service. Canty began his commencement address by asking graduates in the audience "Do you think this was all worth it?" Now is the time to begin to pursue a return on your investment. "College is where you learn to finish what you start," he added. "You leave UTPB having learned how to create and solve. These skills will enrich your life and make you successful."

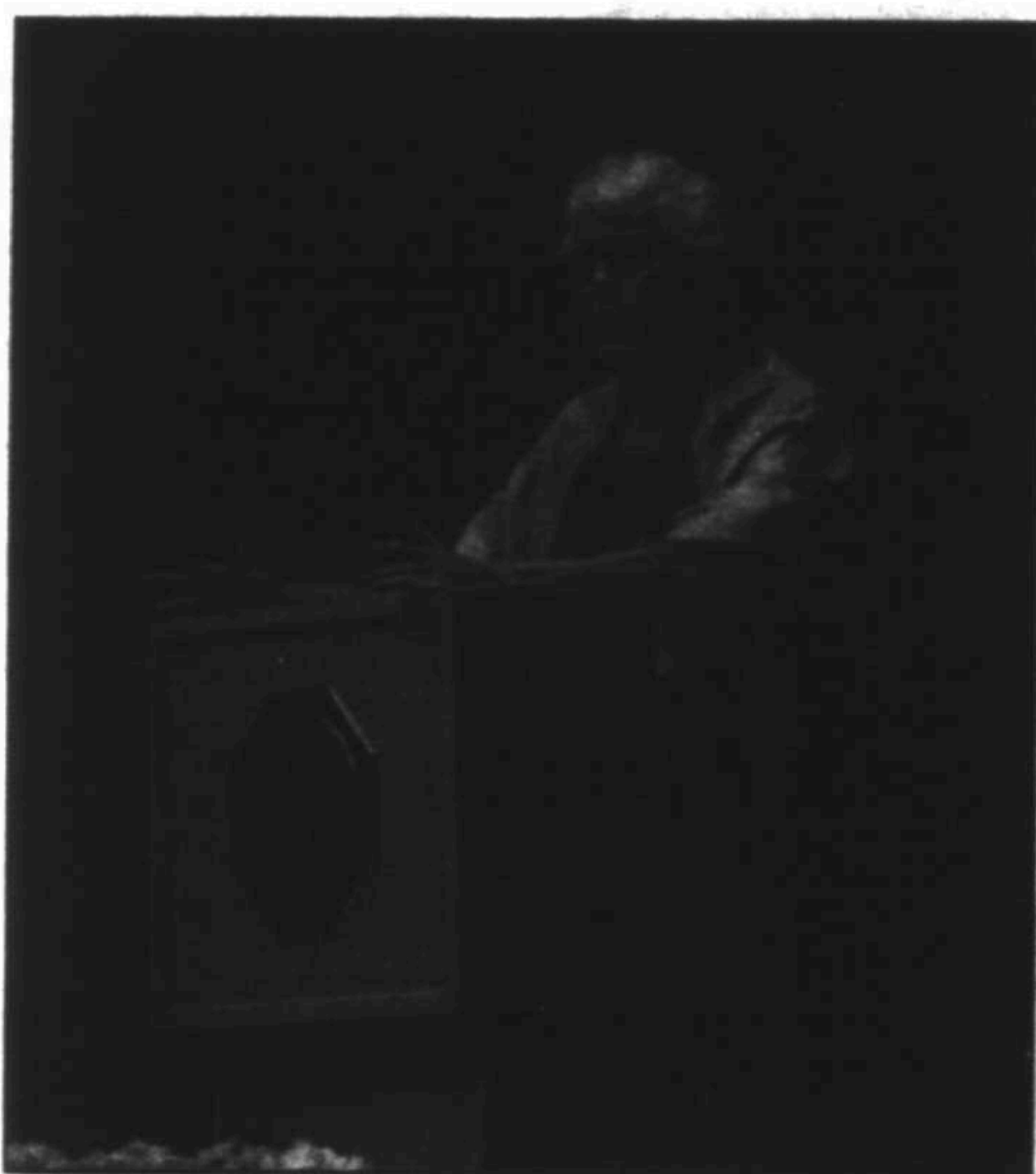
Retiring UTPB faculty member, Lanita Akins, spoke to the new graduates about the Alumni Association. "We need you to join so you can tell us what we can do better," Akins said. "We need your input."

The Spanish convocation was held at 8:30 p.m. in the Mason Rehearsal Hall. This ceremony honored graduates from Spanish speaking families.

Are you an alumni of UTPB? For more information about joining the UTPB Alumni Association contact Maribea Merritt at (432) 552-2809.



Above: Summer 2014 graduates participate in commencement ceremonies. Below: Pat Canty gives the commencement address to the 2014 Summer graduates. Left: Lanita Akins encourages the new graduates to join the UTPB Alumni Association. Bottom: Stephanie Howard receives a Doctorate of Educational Leadership from the College of Education.



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STAY IN OR CASH OUT?

Investment advisor: Now is peak time to sell service companies

By Mella McEwen
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Soaring oil and gas activity has put the Permian Basin on the world's radar.

"The amount of activity in terms of dollars chasing deals is incredible," said Scott Sims, senior vice president at Allegiance Capital Corp. by phone from his Dallas office.

He cited one client with a foreign investor wanting to acquire acreage in the Permian Basin but can't find any to acquire.

Producing acreage, he said, is scattered and extremely expensive. With more buyers than sellers in the market, he said that equilibrium is out of balance.

Sims acknowledged that his focus is more on service companies than exploration and production companies. Oilfield service companies are driven by a need to access capital and supported by their relationships with exploration and production operators, he said.

Sims said he has been advising service company owners that now is the opportune time to sell, especially with the amount of capital on the sidelines seeking energy-related investments.

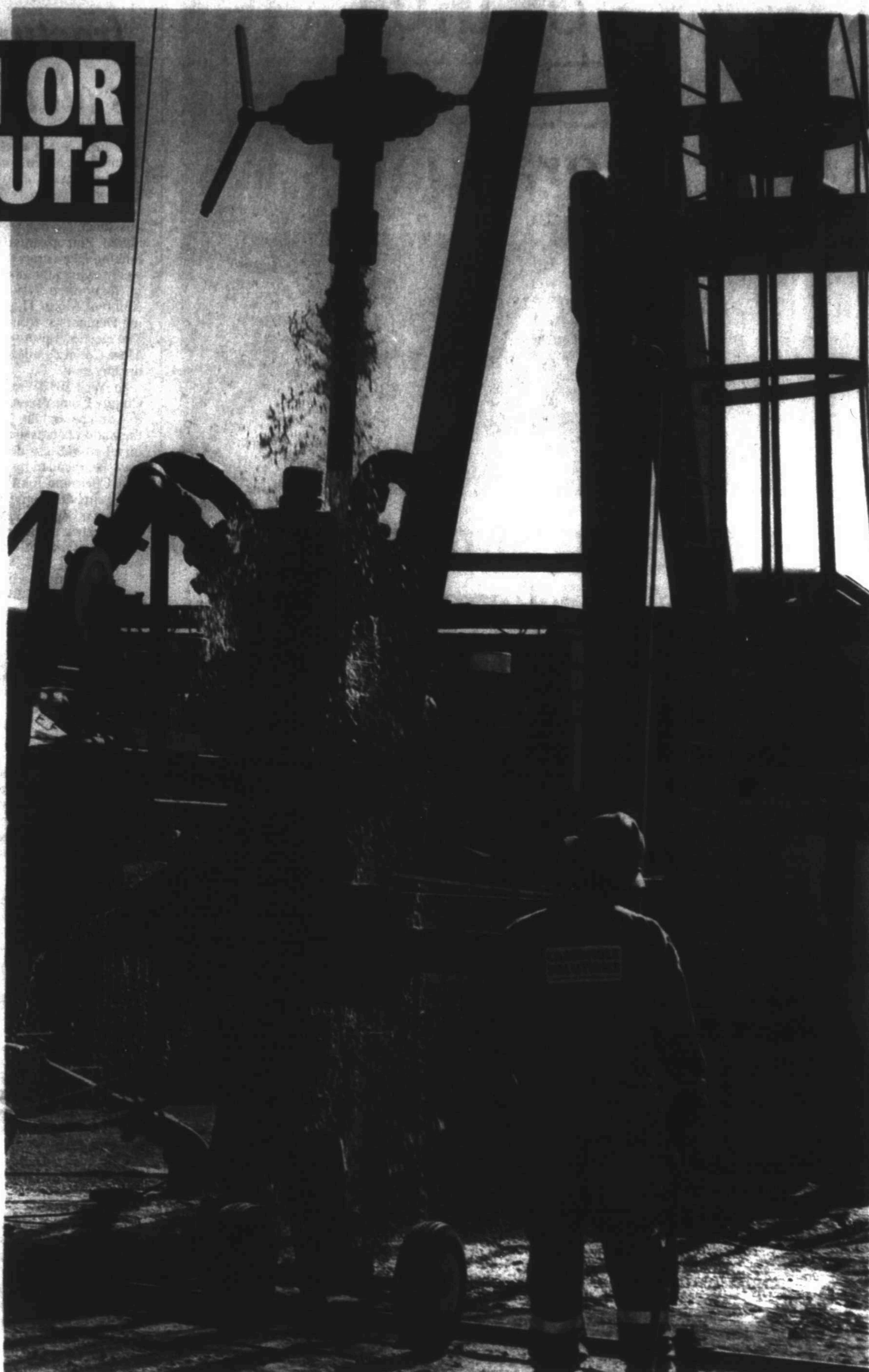
"My firm belief is that, for the most part, at this time in their lives, now is the time to sell. If we haven't peaked, we will reach that peak, and when we surpass that peak, they'll lose money."

It's better to sell when you want to than if you have to, he added.

He said that oftentimes a large company like a Schlumberger or Baker Hughes will upgrade local facilities and retain the employees after buying a locally owned company and that many of these companies are struggling to find workers.

Those are the strategic buyers, he said.

If a business owner doesn't want to completely sell their company, Sims said the owner could sell a stake, for example 75 percent, to a company, retaining the remaining 25 percent. That mitigates the risk in case activity collapses, he said, explaining that he has sold off 75 percent of the risk. At the same time, if activity continues to grow, the owner has 25



AP file photo

Water gushes out of a drilling pipe as it is pulled up to be replaced with a fresh pipe at a hydraulic fracturing site in Midland on Sept. 24, 2013. The drilling method uses huge amounts of high-pressure, chemical-laced water to free oil and natural gas trapped deep in underground rocks. With fresh water not as plentiful companies have been looking for ways to recycle their waste.

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New RRC chairman lays out priorities

By Mella McEwen
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With the unanimous support of her colleagues, Christi Craddick has assumed the chairmanship of the Railroad Commission.

"I am honored to have the support and trust of my colleagues as I lead the commission as chairman during this exciting time for Texas oil and gas development," she said in a statement.

She said important issues must be addressed, including water conservation, further infrastructure development and integration of industry best practices within the commission's rules.

Unpredictable, excessive regulations are a major obstacle that can

hold back the state's thriving energy sector, she said. "As chairman, I will ensure that we continue to have fair, common sense rules that foster vibrant industry innovation, allowing industry to power our state's economy while keeping our citizens and natural resources safe," she said.

She expressed her appreciation for outgoing commissioner Barry Smitherman, who she succeeds as chair, "for his leadership and for the contribution his tireless service has made to energy sectors in Texas."

As she assumed the chairmanship, the Midland native answered some questions about her new role.

Q. What will be your top priority as chairman?

There are many issues I would like to see that the commission focuses on:

1. Evaluating our rules and processes so that we can continue to keep pace on a regulatory level with

an ever-evolving oil and gas industry.

2. Educating the public about the importance of the energy industry's role in the Texas economy and within our communities.

3. Working to obtain further funding for the agency so that we may increase staff in order to ensure efficient and effective regulation of a quickly growing industry and so that we can continue to develop our IT programs in an effort to become further transparent and efficient in our processes.

Q. With a new legislative session on the horizon — and the RRC barely getting renewed last session — what are your expectations and those of your fellow commissioners?

This upcoming session, I look forward to working with legislators in asking for increased funding for the

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More than seven decades after Mexico nationalized its oil and gas industry, reforms are allowing private and foreign firms to sign production and profit-sharing deals.

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Oil workers set the drill on the Centenario deep-water drilling platform off the coast of Veracruz, Mexico, in the Gulf of Mexico on Nov. 22, 2013.

Mexico's oil reforms may open new markets for local businesses

By Mella McEwen
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More than seven decades after Mexico nationalized its oil and gas industry, reforms are allowing private and foreign firms to sign production and profit-sharing deals in the oil, gas and electricity industries.

Oil and gas producers are largely focused state-side, as illustrated by Pioneer Natural Resources' comment that "our focus at this time is on developing our acreage across the Permian Basin and Eagle Ford, where we are enjoying favorable economics and efficiencies from our operations."

Steve Pruett, president and chief executive officer of Elevation Resources, said he sees Mexico's actions creating three types of ventures.

One is a joint venture in which companies partner with the national oil company in a non-operator capacity, primarily providing external capital. Second is a partnership developing undeveloped resources and the third is partnership improving production in marginal producing fields, providing capital and expertise and being assigned interest in portions of those fields.

Speaking from experience working in Mexico and consulting with companies there, Pruett said it will take some time to finalize the legislation, describe the opportunities and set up the bidding process. He said it will take foreign companies with deep pockets, deep wells of patience and long investment horizons to take advantage of the reforms.

Still, he said, "I'm impressed with the movement of the government."

In the meantime, there is no question service companies will benefit from the reforms, he said.

Local service companies have been watching these reforms, with some hoping it will open new

markets for their companies.

"I believe these positive energy developments south of the border could have a positive impact on Permian Basin equipment manufacturers and suppliers," said Ben Shepperd, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

Companies like Hy-Bon Engineering see potential south of the border.

"I'm very excited that Mexico is opening its oil and gas industry to foreign investment," said Larry Richards, Hy-Bon president and chief executive officer.

His company has sold equipment to Mexico on vent gas capture projects, he said. "We actually had a emission survey team in Mexico just last week, but this new development could increase our opportunities dramatically."

Mexico's state oil company, Petroleos Mexicanos or Pemex, has some great people, but the bureaucracy and layers of approval processes and red tape make it very difficult and very time consuming to execute projects successfully, Richards said.

"Mexico vents and flares a huge percentage of the natural gas produced with their oil. With this change in policy, it opens a great opportunity for new players to bring in new technology — like our VRUs — and capitalize on that lost revenue," Richards said.

Mexico is launching "Round Zero," the first areas on land and offshore to be assigned under the reforms. Pemex will retain rights to exploit 83 percent of proven and probable reserves and is expected to form alliances with private firms in some of those fields.

"Round One" will include bidding scheduled to start in February and will let private firms vie for rights to explore the 79 percent of remaining fields where reserves are suspected.

Services company launches \$110M IPO

By Rhiannon Meyers
Houston Chronicle

An independent oil and natural gas drilling services company based in Houston aims to raise \$110 million with its initial public offering launched this past week, joining a surge of other small U.S. oil operators hitting the public market at rapid rates.

Independence Contract Drilling Inc. plans to sell 10 million shares at \$11 per share during its debut on the New York Stock Exchange, trading under the ticker symbol "ICD."

Underwriters may purchase an additional 1.5 million shares.

The 3-year-old company provides drilling services in the Permian Basin, including a fleet of 11 rigs specially designed and engineered for the challenging environments of unconventional oil and gas plays, the company said.

The Permian Basin in Texas and New Mexico has become a

hotbed for shale drilling activity in recent years, with crude oil production surging from 850,000 barrels per day to 1.35 million last year, according to the Energy Information Administration.

The Permian is now the nation's most prolific crude oil producing area, accounting for 18 percent total U.S. production, outpacing offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico, the EIA said.

Independence Contract Drilling said its strong position in the oil-rich basin combined with its advanced fleet of rigs capable of drilling long laterals at significant depths give the company an advantage over some of its competitors, according to its Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

Rapid growth in horizontal drilling activity, increases in the use of pad drilling and shifts to longer lateral lengths have created a shortage in premium wells, the company said in its SEC filings.

As the industry scrambles to upgrade old fleets with newer, more advanced technology to drill in tighter and more challenging places, Independence Contract Drilling argues its rigs will be in high demand.

Since it started drilling in 2012, the company has contracted all of its rigs before construction finished, according to company filings.

But the company's heavy reliance on the strength of its trademarked ShaleDriller rigs could be a downfall. The rigs' design and engineering information isn't patented. If other companies were to adopt develop similar technologies, Independence Contract Drilling could lose business, the company acknowledged in SEC filings.

The company also faces stiff competition from large multinational companies with deeper pockets, a broader array of services and better name recognition.

MARITA NOON

Energy author

Colorado Dems' fracturing backtrack is all about November

In June, in a sparsely populated county in northern New Mexico, a primary election surprisingly unseated an incumbent County Commissioner. No one seemed to notice. But, apparently, high-ranking Democrats to the north were paying attention.

The northern New Mexico county is Mora. The high-ranking Democrats: from Colorado. The election upset was about Mora County's oil-and-gas drilling ban.

In April 2013, the Mora County Commission voted 2 to 1 and passed the first-in-the-nation countywide ban on all oil-and-gas drilling. It was spearheaded by Commission Chairman John Olivias, an environmental activist. Since then, two lawsuits have been filed against the little county because of the anti-drilling ordinance.

He was ousted a little more than a year after Olivias' pet project — the Mora County Water Rights and Self-Governance Ordinance — was passed. Olivias didn't just lose in the Democrat primary election. He was, according to the Albuquerque Journal, "soundly beaten" by George Trujillo — 59.8 percent to 34.2 percent.

Both Olivias and Trujillo acknowledged that the ban had an impact on the outcome, with Olivias saying: "In my opinion, it was a referendum on oil and gas." Trujillo campaigned on a repeal of the ordinance and has said he is open to a limited amount of drilling in the eastern edge of the county.

Mora County's ban on all drilling for hydrocarbons, not just fracturing, was incited by an out-of-state group: the Pennsylvania-based Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF), which has also been active in Colorado.

CELDF holds Democracy Schools around the country where attendees are taught the "secrets" of peoples' movements focusing on the rights of communities, people and the earth.

In Colorado, Jared Polis, a Boulder-based Democrat Congressman and environmental activist, has worked hard to collect thousands of signatures — spending, according to the Wall Street Journal, "millions of dollars of his own cash to promote the measures" — to get two anti-oil-and-gas initiatives on November's ballot.

Polis' proposed initiative 89 would have given local governments control over environmental regulations under an "environmental bill of rights" — which mirrors language promoted by CELDF and used in Mora County. Polis also backed ballot measure 88 that would have limited where hydraulic fracturing could be conducted.

The presence of 88 and 89 on the ballot, sparked two opposing measures: 121 and 137. Measure 121 would have blocked any oil-or-gas revenue from any local government that limits or bans that industry — an idea also proposed, but not passed, in the New Mexico legislature. Measure 137 would have required proponents of initiatives to submit fiscal impact estimates.

Much to the horror of environmental activists, the battle of ballot initiatives ended before anyone ever got to vote on them.

On Monday, Aug. 4, Polis and Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper held a news conference where they pushed for a compromise to avoid a "messy

ballot fight." Instead, they are proposing an 18-member task force to issue recommendations to the Colorado Legislature next year on how to minimize conflicts between residents and the energy industry. Later in the day, an agreement was reached and both sides pulled the opposing measures.

Backers of proposed initiatives 88 and 89 are outraged. They feel Polis sold out.

Hickenlooper said the suggested restrictions, if passed, posed "a significant threat to Colorado's economy" — which they would. However, given the history of the lowly New Mexico county commissioner, the compromise may be more about "a significant threat to Colorado's" Democrat party.

A November 2013 Quinnipiac poll found that most Coloradans support fracturing — only 34 percent oppose it. Noteworthy is the political divide: 80 percent of Republicans support fracturing, only 9 percent oppose it. More Democrats oppose fracturing, 54 percent, while only 26 percent support it. But the numbers indicate that Republicans are most likely to come to the polls in November to insure the economically advantageous activity is not curtailed — and this scares Democrats such as Hickenlooper and Sen. Mark Udall, who are both up for reelection in November.

Udall, according to the WSJ, "ran in 2008 as a full-throated green-energy champion." His 2014 Republican opponent Congressman Cory Gardner points to the economic benefits of fracturing, as seen in North Dakota and Texas.

Had the measures not been pulled, the WSJ reports: "The issue would have been at the center of the fall debate."

In addition to driving Republicans to the polls, the anti-fracturing measures didn't have a high probability of survival. While Colorado communities have previously passed anti-drilling initiatives — Boulder, Broomfield, Fort Collins, Lafayette, and Longmont — the most recent attempt in Loveland failed after an organized industry effort to educate voters on the safe track record of fracturing and its economic benefits. Additionally, in late July, a Boulder County District Court judge struck down Longmont's fracturing ban. The Denver Post reported: "Under Colorado law, cities cannot ban drilling entirely but can regulate aspects of it that don't cause an 'operational conflict' with state law."

In New Mexico, the lawsuits have not yet made their way into court, but it is expected that, like Colorado, the courts will rule in favor of state statutes. Constitutionally protected private property rights should triumph.

Polis presented his initiatives as a "national referendum on fracturing." As the WSJ states: "In that sense he was right." Colorado Democrats realize that allowing an anti-fracturing fervor to drive an election is a dangerous decision. The Democrats support for banning fracturing should unseat two-top Democrats by driving Republicans to the polls. And this could become the national referendum on fracturing.

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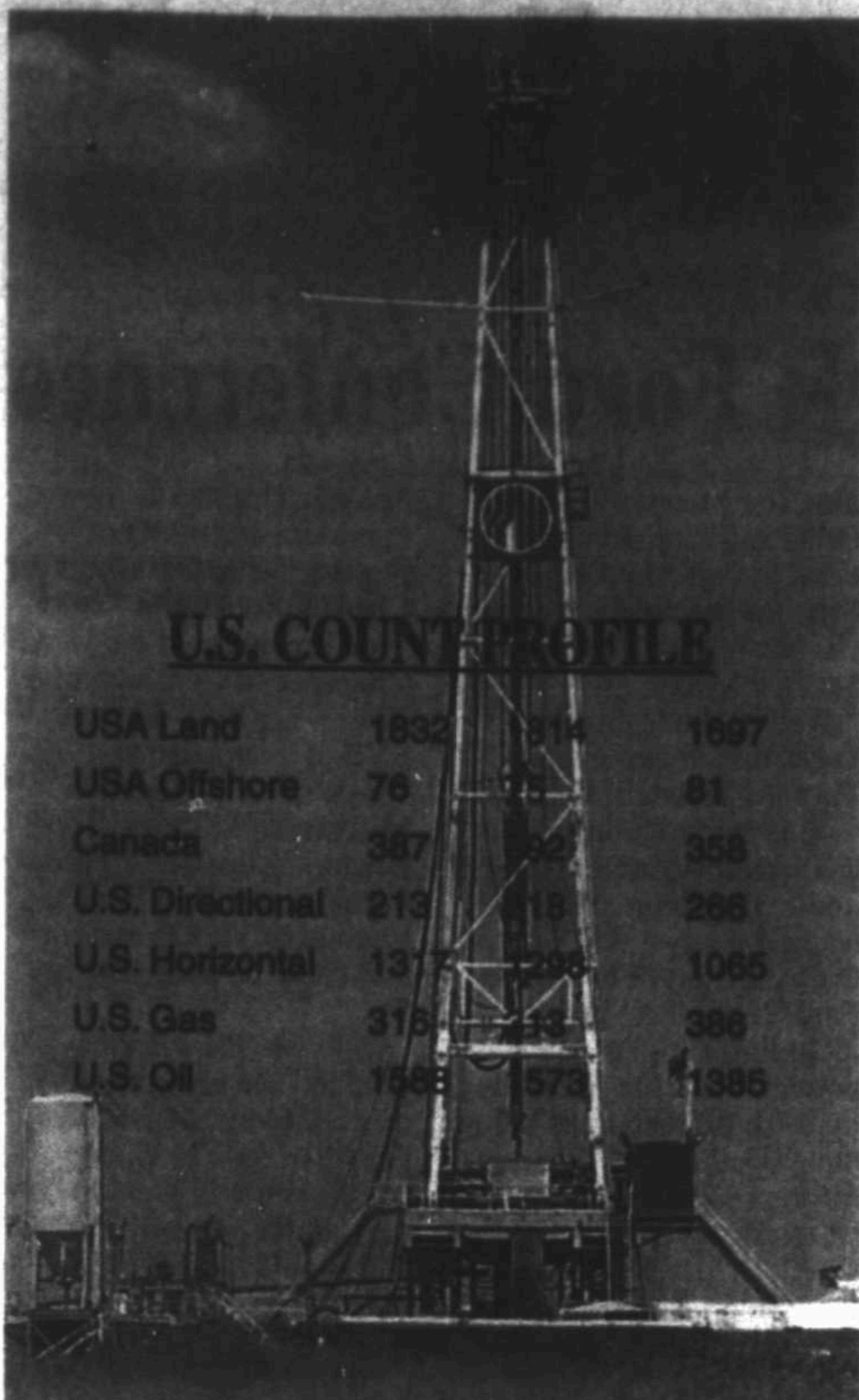
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USA Land	1832	1897
USA Offshore	76	81
Canada	267	258
U.S. Directional	213	266
U.S. Horizontal	13	1065
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Crockett.....7	Irion.....19	Hudspeth.....0	Hale.....0
Kimble.....0	McCulloch.....0	Jeff Davis.....0	Hockley.....2
Menard.....0	Reagan.....36	Loving.....19	Kent.....0
Runnels.....1	Schleicher.....1	Marlin.....50	King.....1
Sutton.....0	Terrell.....1	Midland.....37	Lamb.....0
Tom Green.....0	Upton.....31	Mitchell.....3	Lubbock.....1
		Pecos.....11	Lynn.....1
		Presidio.....0	Motley.....0
		Reeves.....57	Soury.....8
		Sterling.....1	Terry.....2
		Ward.....17	Yoakum.....6
		Winkler.....3	
DIST. #6A			
		TEXAS TOTAL.....461	
DIST. #6			
Andrews.....26	Brewster.....0		
Crane.....5	Culberson.....11		
		New Mexico	
		Chaves.....0	
		Eddy.....40	
		Lee.....40	
		Roosevelt.....1	
		NEW MEXICO TOTAL.....81	

Halliburton goes on airwaves in Colorado

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — Halliburton Co. went on the airwaves in Colorado on Wednesday with a new television ad meant to burnish the image of the Houston-based oilfield service firm and the hydraulic fracturing operations it conducts across the United States.

The 30-second spot, which features a young, hard-hat-wearing employee named Gabby walking among shiny red trucks, aired air in both Spanish and English across the state, which has become a battleground for fights over oil and gas regulation.

"This is my father; he's an engineer just like me," Gabby says in the ad. "My father brought our family here from Paraguay to give our family a better life. Because of the opportunity that Halliburton gave me, I'm following in his footsteps."

It is Halliburton's second venture into broadcast advertising; the first commercial, which is still running, also focused on Colorado, where the company has about 1,900 employees and is looking to hire 150 more.

"We want to recruit the best people and believe these advertisements will help us reach them," said Emily Mir, director of communications and community initiatives for the firm.

"Many other companies in the energy sector are currently hiring in Colorado, so there is a lot of competition for talent right now," Mir added. "We believe that if potential recruits know about the extraordinary people who already work for Halliburton in Colorado, we will be their first choice."

Mir said Halliburton was spending six figures on the ad buy, which will also be promoted through social media and direct

viewers to a website about the company's involvement in Colorado.

Colorado's airwaves have been crowded with oil- and gas-related advertising for months, as a possible November ballot initiative loomed that would have quadrupled the setback required between homes and drilling operations and added a new environmental bill of rights to the state's constitution. Political leaders reached a deal nearly two weeks ago that keeps those measures off the ballot, in favor of a new commission that will make recommendations on oil and gas regulations to the state legislature.

But depending upon what the commission recommends, anti-drilling measures could be revived in two years; some environmentalists have vowed to renew the push in 2016.

The possibility of ongoing campaigns is keeping the measure on the public relations front-burner.

For example Houston-based Noble Energy Co. has been running a commercial in the state that features Noble Energy employees scaling a rock face and an announcer highlighting the firm's commitment to Colorado's energy and environment.

"When people depend on you, you go above and beyond to protect what matters most; it's about trust," the ad says. "At Noble Energy we're keeping our commitment to deliver energy to Colorado's communities. We're taking a stand, doing what's right and working hard every day to live up to our name."

Separately, Noble has joined Anadarko Petroleum Corp., based in The Woodlands, in funding the group Coloradoans for Responsible Energy Development, which has been running its own ads highlighting the "full oil and natural gas potential of (Colorado's) shale resources."

MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted.....	\$94.15
Flint Hills.....	\$94.00
Resource*.....	\$94.21
Phillips 66.....	\$94.00
Pleins*.....	\$94.20
Shell Trading.....	\$94.00
Sun*.....	\$94.00
Nymex futures.....	\$97.61*
Net price without transportation charge	
Note: Posted prices as of Aug. 13, 2014	

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)			
	First of the month price	Closing price 8/6/14	Same period one year ago
Nymex future price.....	\$3.608	\$3.831	\$3.285
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub.....	\$3.690	\$3.875	\$3.265
Composite Field Prices For RockyMountains.....	\$3.729	\$3.790	\$3.134
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin.....	\$3.745	\$3.890	\$3.228
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin.....	\$3.730	\$3.905	\$3.205
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent.....	\$3.610	\$3.805	\$3.206
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast.....	\$3.741	\$3.896	\$3.296

ENERGYBRIEFS

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SIPES to host lesser prairie chicken export

Members of the Midland chapter of the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists (SIPES) will meet Wednesday at Midland Country Club beginning at 11:15 a.m.

Grant M. Beauprez, lesser prairie chicken biologist with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, will discuss the Range-Wide Conservation Plan for the bird.

There is no charge for members; \$20 for guests.

DALLAS

EnLink Midstream announces new projects

DALLAS — The EnLink Midstream companies, EnLink Midstream Partners LP and EnLink Midstream LLC announced two new growth projects that will expand EnLink Midstream's footprint in the Permian Basin and south Louisiana.

These investments will complement EnLink Midstream's existing asset footprint and offer enhanced midstream services to producer customers in these regions.

The partnership will expand its natural gas gathering and processing system in the Permian Basin by constructing a new natural gas processing plant and

expanding its rich gas gathering system. The entire expansion project is expected to cost over \$200 million, increasing the partnership's total invested capital in the Permian to over \$400 million.

The new 120 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d) gas processing plant will be strategically located near the partnership's existing midstream assets and will offer additional gas processing capabilities to producer customers in the region, including Devon Energy. The processing plant is expected to be operational in the second half of 2015. Upon completion, the partnership's total operated processing capacity in the region will be approximately 240 MMcf/d.

As a part of the expansion, the partnership has signed a long-term, fee-based agreement with Devon Energy to provide gathering and processing services for over 18,000 acres under development in Martin County, one of the premier production locations in the Midland Basin. The partnership will construct multiple low pressure gathering pipelines and a new 23-mile, 12-inch high pressure gathering pipeline that will tie into the previously announced Bearkat natural gas gathering system. The new pipelines are expected to be operational in the first quarter of 2015.

HOUSTON Schlumberger: Russian sanctions could affect profits

Schlumberger, the world's largest oil field services company, said Tuesday that Western sanctions against Russia could affect its operations in the country and hurt its third-quarter profit.

New, stepped-up sanctions against the country are "are placing some restrictions on the engagement of certain people and equipment in our Russian operations, which in the short term will have an impact on operational efficiency and costs in Russia," the company said in a news release and Securities and Exchange Commission filing Tuesday morning.

New sanctions announced by the European Union in the past week build on previous measures by the United States, including some specifically targeting the energy sector. They're aimed at pressuring Russia over its annexation of Crimea and other interventions in Ukraine.

Schlumberger, with headquarters in Houston, Paris and the Hague, Netherlands, said the impact of the sanctions in the third quarter is "limited," about 3 cents in earnings per share.

Because the company reported it had 1.3 billion shares outstanding in its

last SEC report, the overall impact could amount to roughly \$39 million.

"Schlumberger remains confident that we can support our clients in Russia without material disruption, and operations are therefore being adjusted as necessary in response to the U.S. and EU measures, while we continue to work closely with our Russian customers," the company said.

Just a few weeks ago, Schlumberger leaders didn't seem overly concerned about earlier sanctions against Russia.

On a July 18 phone call with analysts, CEO Paal Kibsgaard said sanctions hadn't affected Schlumberger in Russia at that point, said it was "business as usual for us" in the country. He did acknowledge, however, that the situation could change.

It was the second Houston-based services company to warn that the sanctions could hit the bottom line.

National Oilwell Varco, which had \$100 million in sales to Russian customers in the first half of 2014, said in its quarterly SEC filing last week that "some or all such sales may be restricted in the future by these sanctions."

The company said it has a \$140 million investment in Russia overall.

"The severity of delayed or lost future revenue and any possible impairment of our net investment, will de-

pend on the duration of the sanctions and other government actions," NOV wrote.

The head of a third services giant, Halliburton, voiced similar concerns in a conference call with analysts last month. CEO Dave Lesar said that escalating sanctions in Russia could affect the company's business in the second half of the year.

Halliburton's Russia business represents only a "low single-digits" percentage of the company's total revenue, added Mark McCollum, the company's executive vice president and chief financial officer.

HOUSTON

Magnum Hunter will move to Dallas

Magnum Hunter Resources Corp., the Houston-based exploration and production company, will move its corporate headquarters to Dallas around the end of the year, the company announced this past week.

The company also said it will consolidate its accounting office based in Grapevine, a suburb of Dallas, into its new corporate headquarters.

Chairman and CEO Gary C. Evans said in a statement that the company had been considering the move for more than a year.

Magnum Hunter sold its Eagle Ford assets in April 2013 for \$400 million,

and because its growth is focused on the Marcellus Shale and Utica Shale in West Virginia and Ohio — and no longer South Texas — it didn't make sense to have offices in both the Houston and Dallas areas, Evans said.

Evans said the move would help the company gain synergies by having all of its corporate personnel in one building and would also save money on travel expenses.

Magnum Hunter is reviewing office space available for lease in the Las Calinas area in suburban Dallas, he said.

A company spokesman said Magnum Hunter has about 50 employees in the Houston area. That figure includes 25 employees at Eureka Hunter Pipeline, a subsidiary of Magnum Hunter that will remain in Houston.

As of Jan. 31, the company had 445 full-time employees, according to annual report with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Earlier this year, Magnum Hunter announced plans to sell \$150 million of common stock shares to a private investor to help fund an expansion of its activity in the Marcellus and Utica Shales.

The company's strategy focuses on acquiring distressed assets and securing the financing needed to improve their output. It's also active in the Bakken,

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In-depth information for producers is important, but so is learning how to get that production to market. To address those issues, Hart recently added a midstream track that starts at noon on Tuesday and continues throughout the conference—so there is literally something for everyone here.

Registration—and the first of many networking opportunities—opens at 5:00 p.m. on Monday. The opening reception includes a complimentary, fully-catered buffet and complimentary drinks.

The opening keynote, at 8:35 a.m. on Tuesday, September 16, will come from



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Lee M. Tillman, President and CEO of Marathon Oil Corp. Marathon is active not only in the Eagle Ford, but is studying prospects in the nearby Austin Chalk.

The luncheon keynote, keeping with recent conference tradition, will feature a military hero. This year

they will welcome decorated war hero Salvatore "Sal" Giunta to the DUG stage. Now retired from his post as Staff Sgt. of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, Giunta is the first living person since the Vietnam War to receive the U.S. military's highest decora-

tion, the Medal of Honor. Other military decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Wednesday's closing keynote will come from Thomas Tunstall, Ph. D., who is research director of UTSA's Institute for Economic development. This leading analyst will discuss the extension of the Eagle Ford trend into Mexico, including the geologic potential and the possibility of those resources being developed in the near future.

Other speakers include: Charles Cusack, COO for Halcón Resources; Glenn L. Hart, Chairman, President and CEO of Laredo Energy IV LP; Richard Cargile, President of Midstream for Energy Transfer Partners LP; Jim Webster, General Manager of Midstream for Phil-

lips 66; Timothy L. Dove, President and COO of Pioneer Natural Resources; Christopher Guith, Senior Vice President of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Robert L. (Bob) Barnes, SVP of Commercial-Crude Oil for Magellan Midstream Partners; Tom Petrie, Chairman of Petrie Partners and Bob Banks, Executive Vice President and COO of Swift Energy Co.

Between the information and the networking, this conference generates plenty of its own energy, which you will want to be part of. Register by Friday and save \$100 off your fees.

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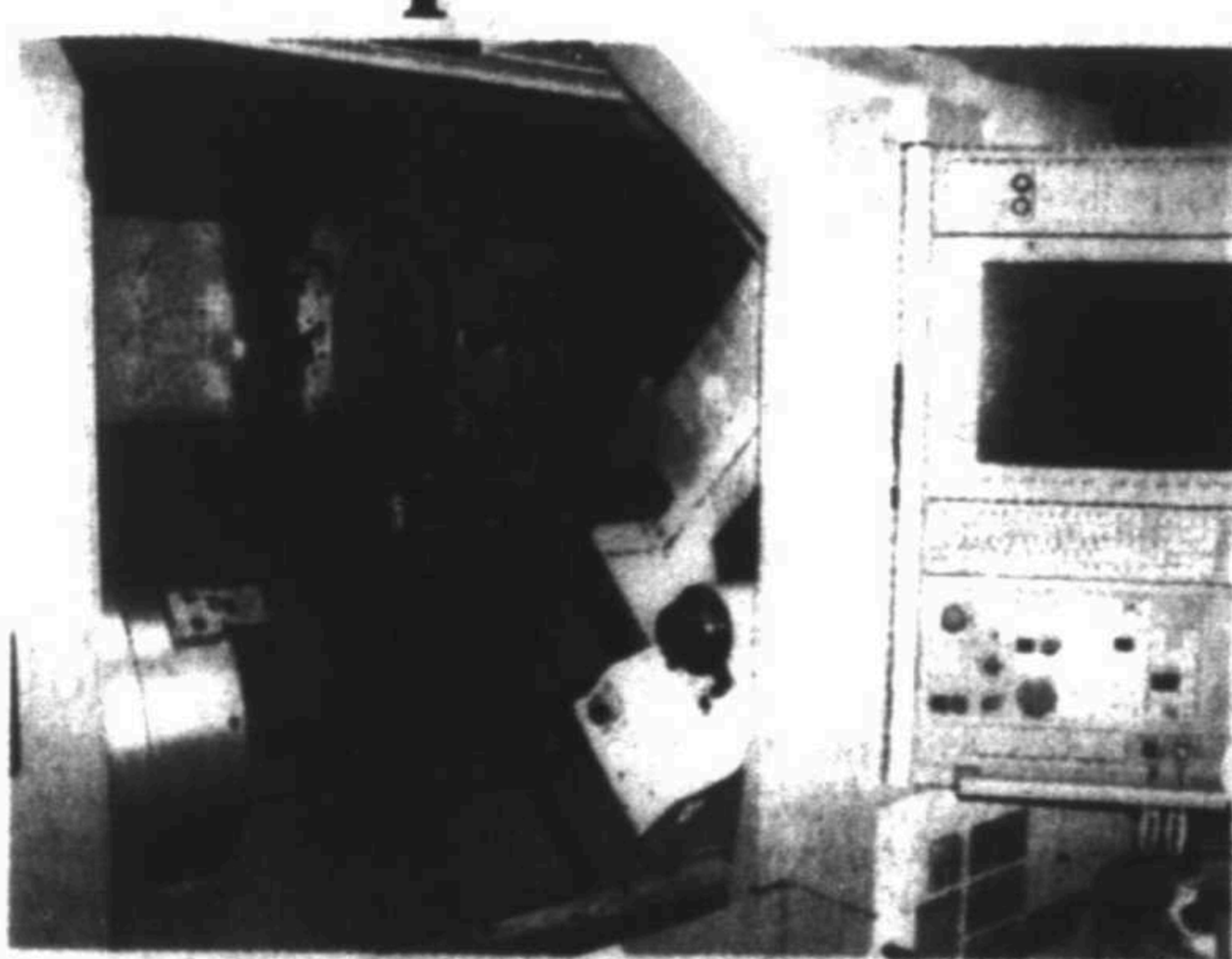
Already using state-of-the-art equipment for the inspection of tubing, casing and drill pipe, Permian Enterprises is adding a new piece designed to speed the reclamation process.

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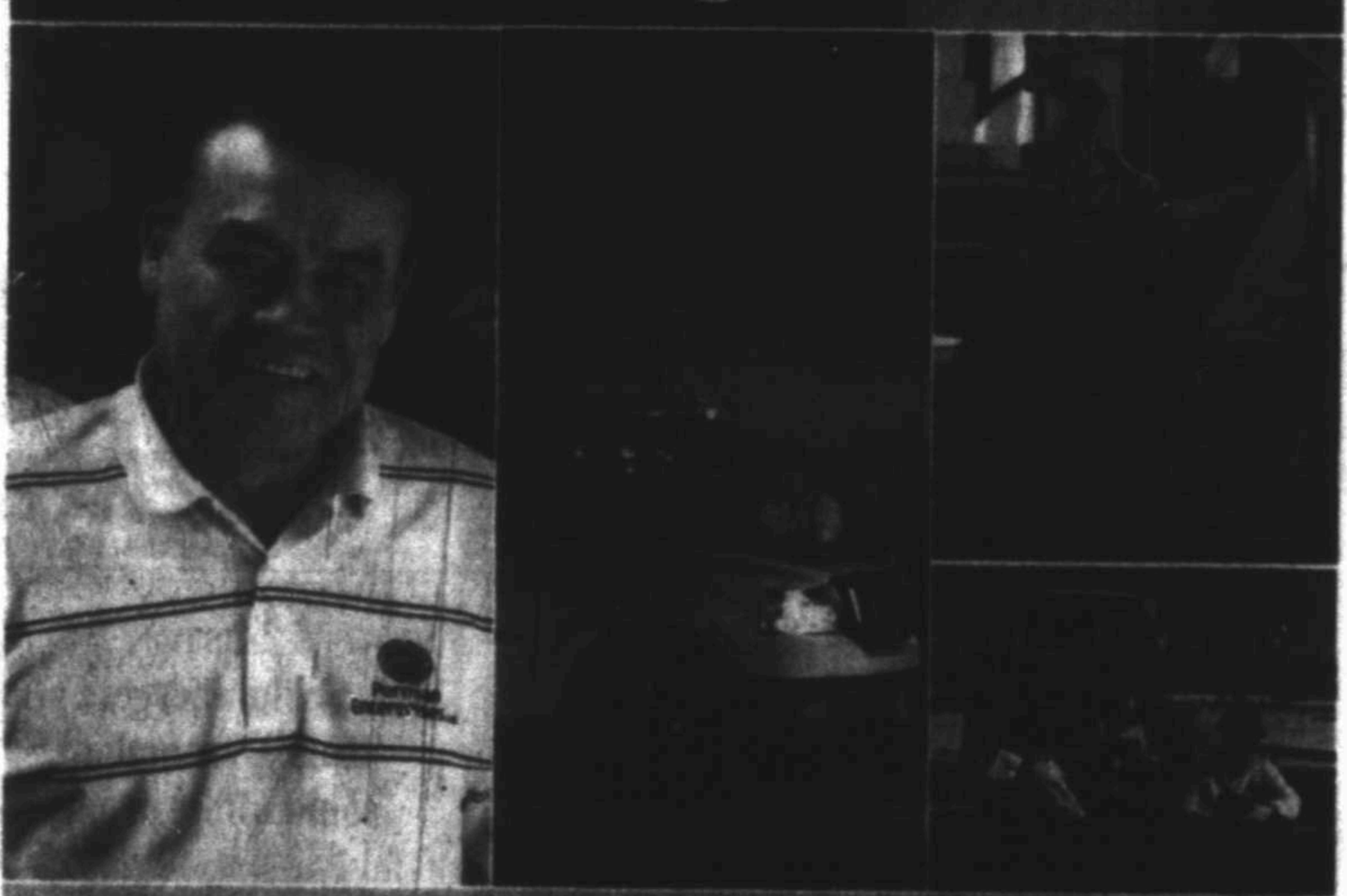
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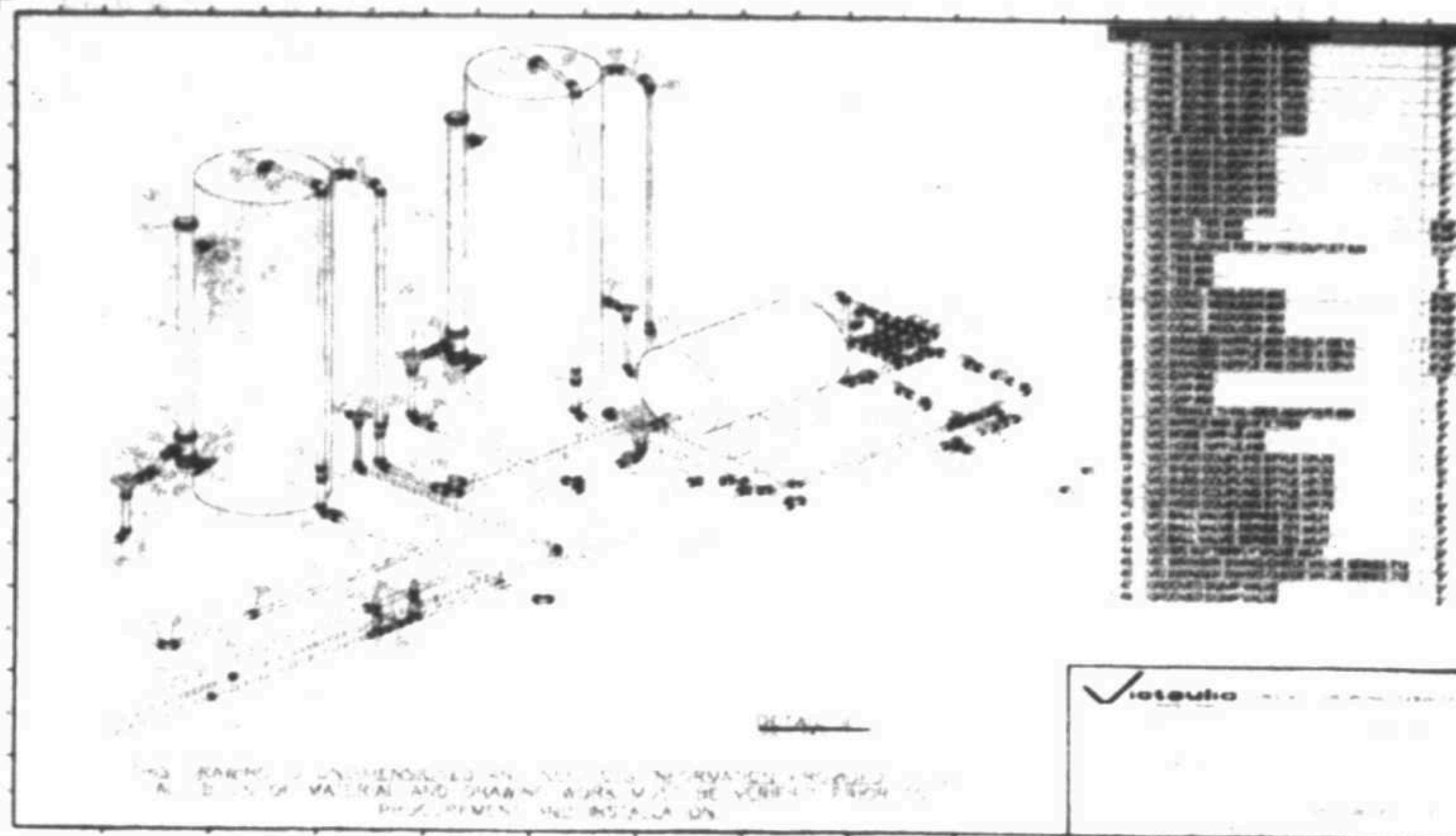
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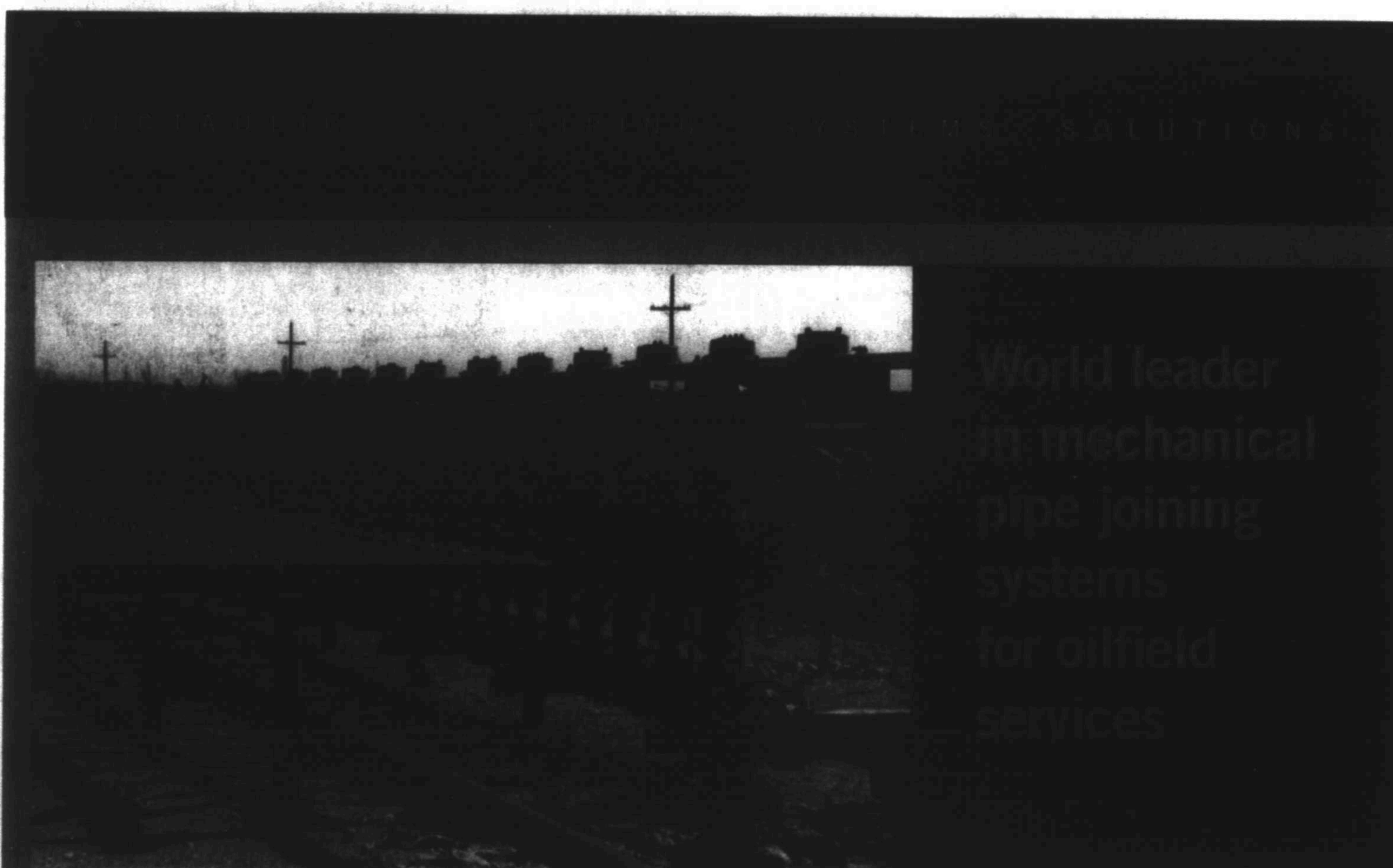
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agency so that we are able to increase staff numbers in response to the growing workload resulting from increased energy production in Texas. We will also be asking for further funding for the continued development of our IT programs, which began in 2012 after we received an increase in funding to overhaul IT at the Commission.

Q. What influence does the position have?

The role of chairman, as outlined in commission rules, is simply to preside over and conduct our monthly conferences.

Q. It's been nearly two years since you were elected and joined the commission. What was your top priority in running for the office and what do you feel you have accomplished since joining the commission?

When I was on the campaign trail, I spoke out about working with the legislature to obtaining allocated funds for the commission's IT overhaul. We did receive what we asked for last budget cycle, and have put into action the first phase of our IT renovations. As I mentioned in my initiatives moving forward, we will ask for further funding again this upcoming session for additional work on IT so that we can continue to put as much of our data online for the industry and the public, and in order to increase efficiencies in our regulatory processes.

Also during the campaign, I stressed the importance of actively working to educate Texans on the energy industry in this state. While we have made some headway on this, there is still a long way to go. I am active every day in forums across the state and on social media, as this is a prevalent way to spread information today, to further educate the public on what is going on with oil and gas in this state and in the U.S.

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percent to capitalize on that growth.

Or the company has grown so large so quickly it has outgrown its local bank and needs to bring in a financial partner to fund continued growth. Sims said. Those are the financial partners, and Sims said he doesn't think a lot of companies "appreciate that element of the business."

Sims sees plenty of upside in the Permian Basin, given the high levels of activity and the basin's stacked pay potential. He agreed with a recent Wood Mackenzie report that said the Midland Basin's Wolfcamp Shale has been attracting increased interest and investment. The report said spending in the Wolfcamp, currently third behind the Eagle Ford and Bakken Shale, is expected to surpass \$12 billion this year, about 80 percent of Bakken Shale expenditures. Wood Mackenzie analysts say spending in the Wolfcamp could exceed the Bakken as early as 2017.

While the Permian Basin is a mature basin, it has more infrastructure in place, with substantially more rigs at work, Sims said. That is why there is such significant investment in upgrading and expanding infrastructure, bringing in needed supplies like sands and proppants to fracture wells.

While the Permian Basin may be in an economic bubble, he said, "activity levels are fundamentally sound."

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Irion County

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cortes #9H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-
Horizontal; 6031 fml, 1929 fwl, Sec 2, Abst. 1231, GC&SF RR, 14.56 sw Mertzson; TD 6632 TVD, 12464 MD; Comp 7/17/2014; producing from 7189-12331, fracture stimulated; gas lift 464 BO, 787 MCF, 752 BW on open choke, FTP 200 psi, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-35493

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cortes #10H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-
Horizontal; 6031 fml, 1969 fwl, Sec 2, Abst. 1231, GC&SF RR, 14.6 sw Mertzson; TD 6392 TVD, 12126 MD; Comp 7/17/2014; producing from 6842-12034, fracture stimulated; gas lift 523 BO, 416 MCF, 669 BW on open choke, FTP 200 psi, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-35494

Reagan County

Energen Resources Corporation
Red River #8
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 1980 fwl, Sec 2, Blk L, Abst. 19, J.R. Barton, 31 ne Big Lake TD 10118; Comp 7/29/2014; producing from 6536-9865, fracture stimulated; flow 93 BO, 50 MCF, 338 BW on 80/64 inch choke, FTP 100 psi, 39.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-38623

Schleicher County

SER E&P Inc.
Meador #5022
Cody Bell Southwest (Wolfcamp); 50 fml, 1685 fwl, Sec 22, Blk LL, Abst. 941, TC RR, 8 nw Eldorado; TD 5600; Comp 7/16/2014; producing from 5306-5342, treated with acid; flow 10 BO on 8/64 inch choke, FTP 200 psi, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-413-32911

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Andrews County

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "38SW" #5
Fuhrman-Mascho; 228 fml, 334 fml, Sec 38, Blk 13, Abst. 38U, ULS, 9 nw Andrews; TD 4976; Comp 7/28/2014; producing from 4514-4898, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 11 BO, 13 MCF, 243 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46052

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "38A" #10
Fuhrman-Mascho; 338 fml, 1063 fwl, Sec 38, Blk 13, Abst. 38U, ULS, 9 nw Andrews; TD 5018; Comp 7/28/2014; producing from 4534-4964, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 38 BO, 34 MCF, 247 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46269

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "13-39" #3
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1320 fsl, 2310 fwl, Sec 39, Blk 13, Abst. 431U, ULS, 9 nw Andrews; TD 5032; Comp 7/28/2014; producing from 4593-4843, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 16 BO, 20 MCF, 164 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46252

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Nix "20 LZS" #21
Fuhrman-Mascho; 270 fsl, 990 fwl, Sec 20, Blk A-47, Abst. 1999, PSL, 12 w Andrews; TD 4920; Comp 7/30/2014; producing from 4532-4755, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 4 BO, 1 MCF, 210 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46107

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "13-28" #10
Fuhrman-Mascho; 330 fml, 343 fml, Sec 28, Blk 13, Abst. 420U, ULS, 12 nw Andrews; TD 4995; Comp 7/29/2014; producing from 4550-4787, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 5.6 BO, 2 MCF, 200 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46331

Unitex Oil & Gas LLC
University "12" #5
Martin (Consolidated); 344.7 fml, 1032 fsl, Sec 12, Blk 11, Abst. 332, ULS, 15.7 sw Andrews; TD 5960; Comp 7/23/2014; producing from 4298-5707, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 609 BO, 421 MCF, 218 BW, 43.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46281

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "40" #10
Fuhrman-Mascho; 330 fml, 1650 fwl, Sec 40, Blk 13, Abst. 432U, ULS, 10 nw Andrews; TD 5028; Comp 8/1/2014; producing from 4610-4952, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 1 BO, 2 MCF, 277 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46101

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "40" #8
Fuhrman-Mascho; 350 fsl, 1650 fwl, Sec 40, Blk 13, Abst. 432U, ULS, 10 nw Andrews; TD 5032; Comp 8/1/2014; producing from 4542-4816, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 1 BO, 2 MCF, 257 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46277

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "40" #4
Fuhrman-Mascho; 330 fml, 2310 fwl, Sec 40, Blk 13, Abst. 432U, ULS, 10 nw Andrews; TD 5000; Comp 8/2/2014; producing from 4582-4788, fracture stimulated; pump 1 BO, 302 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-46335

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "13-28" #9
Fuhrman-Mascho; 433 fml, 1650 fwl, Sec 28, Blk 13, Abst. 240U, ULS, 11 nw Andrews; TD 4990; Comp 8/3/2014; producing from 4560-4909, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 1 BO, 263 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-45906

Ector County

XTO Energy Inc.
C.A. Goldsmith et al #2418
Goldsmith (Clearfork)-
Horizontal; 13370 fml, 1632 fwl, Sec 15, Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 277, T&P RR, 2.3 s Goldsmith; TD 6417 TVD, 6442 MD; Comp 7/22/2014; producing from 5310-6173, fracture stimulated; pump 202 BO, 413 MCF, 2492 BW; API #42-135-

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Martin County

Energen Resources Corporation
Ackerly Davenport "16A" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fsl, 660 fwl, Sec 16, Blk 34, T-3-N, Abst. 1061, T&P RR, 2.1 sw Ackerly; TD 11147; Comp 7/18/2014; producing from 7212-10927; pump 39 BO, 391 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-39177

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Crosby County

Juno Operating Company II LLC
Clark Wood Ranch #1078
Hoople (Clearfork); 660 fsl, 5255 fwl, Sec 10, Blk D-19, Abst. 1049, D&SE RR, 8.5 ne Slaton; TD 4365; Comp 7/16/2014; producing from 4098-4221, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 40 BO, 520 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-107-31771

New Mexico

Chaves County

Hunt Cimmaron LP
Cedar Point 14 L Federal #1
Cedar Point; Sec 14 T15S R30E; 1980/S & 660/W; EL 4136 FL, TD 9502, PBTD 9438; Spud 10-3-12, Comp 10-23-12; production is through treated perfs: 9258-9308 Treat: 2500 gals 15% NEFE. IP: 10-23-12 Shut In. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 626 w/650 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3380 w/1200 sx, 5 1/2 @ 9500 w/1025 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9264; API #30-005-29153

Chesapeake Operating Inc.

Nereid 1 Federal #1
Wildcat; Sec 1 T15S R31E; 660/S & 100/E. BHL: 604/S & 4902/E; EL 4367 GI, TD 13480, PBTD 13480; Spud 3-12-13, Comp 6-7-13; production is through perfs: 9623-13032. IP: 7-1-13 Pump 24 hrs 91 BO, 320 BW, 47 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 408 w/750 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4003 w/2425 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13460 w/1600 sx; API #30-005-29145

Eddy County

EOG Resources Inc.
Sand Tank 1 Federal Com #4
Sand Tank; Sec 1 T18S R29E; 2250/N & 330/E. BHL: 2197/N & 381/W; EL 3538.8 GL, TD 12005 MD, 7426 TVD PBTD 11998 MD; Spud 11-21-10, Comp 2-17-11; production is through treated perfs: 7925-11950. Treat: Frac w/1099 bbbls 7.5% HCL acid, 50 bbbls 10% acetic acid, 14375 bbbls XL gel, 910 bbbls Linear

gel, 116645# 20/40 sd, 952234# 16/30 sd, 150244# 16/30 SLC sd, 21043 bbbls total load. IP: 2-24-11 Pump 24 hrs 386 BO, 42 BW, 276 MCF, GOR 715, Gty 41. Csg: 11 1/2 @ 365 w/800 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3366 w/900 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12005 w/1800 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6956; API #30-015-37214

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Jasper 32 State Com #3

Winchester; Sec 32 T19S R29E; 340/N & 1700/E. BHL: 347/S & 1699/E; EL 3266 GL, TD 12239, PBTD 12236; Spud 9-21-13, Comp 12-22-13; production is through treated perfs: 7942-12221. Treat: Frac w/30,000 gals 15% HCL, 480,794# 20/40 sd, 883,440# 40/70 sd, 224,364# 100 mesh. IP: 1-3-14 Pump 24 hrs 531 BO, 491 BW, 1362 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 415 w/455 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3170 w/1490 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12239 w/2250 sx; API #30-015-40035

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Jasper 32 State Com #7

Winchester; Sec 32 T19S R29E; 340/N & 1875/E. BHL: 332/S & 2226/E; EL 3268 GL, TD 11334 MD, 6947 TVD, PBTD 11332; Spud 10-20-13, Comp 12-23-13; production is through perfs: 7054-11297. Treat: N/A. IP: 1-14-14 Flow 24 hrs 308 BO, 928 BW, 1540 MCF, TP 320, CP 310, GOR 5000. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 343 w/357 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3300 w/1255 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11334 w/2191, 2 7/8 @ 6692; API #30-015-40584

Devon Energy Production Co. LP

Burton Flat Deep Unit #53
East Avalon; Sec 2 T21S R27E; 1570/S & 50/W. BHL: 2012/S & 330/E; EL 3214 GL, TD 11331 MD, 6666 TVD, PBTD 11270; Spud 9-20-13, Comp 12-28-13; production is through treated perfs: 6729-11257. Treat: Frac w/24,000 gals 15% HCL, 566,039# 20/40 sd, 296,605# mesh sd, 1,173,798# 40/70 sd. IP: 1-18-14 Pump 24 hrs 378 BO, 2316 BW, 1852 MCF, GOR 4899. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 705 w/850 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2740 w/1570 sx, 7 @ 6650 w/850 sx, 4 1/2 @ 11331 w/610 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6535; API #30-015-40502

BOPCO LP
PLU Big Sinks 13 25 30 #1

Wildcat; Sec 13 T25S R30E; 125/S & 690/W. BHL: 51/N & 653/W; EL 3299 GI, TD 14150 MD, 9285 TVD; Spud 8-8-13, Comp 1-7-14; production is through perfs: 9180-14125. IP:

1-25-14 Pump 24 hrs 187 BO, 1861 BW, 419 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1146 w/1100 sx, 8 5/8 @ 4004 w/1950 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14149 w/540 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8742; API #30-015-41554

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Delaware Ranch 12
NC Fed Com #1

Red Bluff; Sec 12 T26S R28E; 150/S & 2100/W. BHL: 359/N & 1975/W; EL 2944 GL, TD 12810, PBTD 12686; Spud 11-9-13, Comp 1-14-14; production is through perfs: 8605-12685. IP: 1-24-14 Pump 24 hrs 570 Bo, 1246 BW, 1177 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 570 w/450 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2610 w/1000 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12795 w/2000 sx; API #30-015-41719

Lea County

Mack Energy Corp.
Cutthroat Federal #5
South Baish; Sec 29 T17S R32E; 1650/N & 2310/E; EL 3955 GL, TD 9800, PBTD 9762; Spud 1-7-14, Comp 2-27-14; production is through perfs: 9672-9693. Treat: N/A. IP: 2-28-14 Flow 24 hrs 0 BO, 1400 BW, 3 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 867 w/725 sx, 8 5/8 @ 2258 w/1290 sx, 5 1/2 @ 9800 w/1900 sx; API #30-025-41557

Occidental Permian Ltd.

North Hobbs GB/SA Unit #831
Hobbs; Sec 13 T18S R37E; 1835/S & 1435/W; EL 3679.4 GL, TD 4390, PBTD 4380; Spud 12-2-12, Comp 12-21-12; production is through perfs: 4282-4368. IP: 12-23-12 Pump 24 hrs 1.5 BO, 2131 BW, 79 MCF. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1590 w/840 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4370 w/760 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4041; API #30-025-40816

Apache Corp.
North Monument G/SA Unit #387

Enunice Monument; Sec 19 T19S R37E; 10/S & 1330/E; EL 3644 GI, TD 4100, PBTD 3878; Spud 4-26-13, Comp 6-8-13; production is through treated perfs: 3795-3910. Treat: 22,500 gals 15% acid. IP: 10-21-13 Pump 24 hrs 4 BO, 309 BW, 3 MCF, GOR 750, Gty 33. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1335 w/475 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4100 w/650 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3852; API #30-025-41039

Yates Petroleum Corp.

Avocado BRO State #1
North Berry; Sec 32 T20S R35E; 150/N & 660/W. BHL: 4803/S & 624/W; EL 3696 GL, TD 15,667, PBTD 15,614; Spud 8-10-13, Comp 1-25-14; production is through treated perfs: 11195-15600. Treat:

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COG OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1608 CARTER A, 467 FEL 467 FSL, SEC 16 BLK 2, H&TC/AJ WILLIAMS SUR., A-1057 7700', 8 N MERTZON API# 42-235-35704

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, LIN (WOLFCAMP) DRILL (INJ) Well# 15W UNIVERSITY UNIT 5-20-21, 467 FNL 2912 FEL, SEC 20 BLK 43, UNIV LANDS SUR. 11000', 4 W BARNHART API# 42-235-35712

FORELAND OPER., LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 7H AUGUSTUS MCCRAE 22, 900 FSL 2500 FEL, SEC 22, WC/TW TURNER SUR., A-882 9000', 5 NE BARNHART API# 42-235-35706

FORELAND OPER., LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H AUGUSTUS MCCRAE 22, 900 FSL 2480 FEL, SEC 22, WC/TW TURNER SUR., A-882 9000', 5 NE BARNHART API# 42-235-35705

LEGACY RESERVES OPERATING LP, JOE BROOKS (WOLFCAMP) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 8 BROOKS 10, 1237 FWL 2040 FSL, SEC 10 BLK 3, H&TC/WW CARSON SUR., A-1087 6260', 4 E MERTZON API# 42-235-32991

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 73H ROCKER B, 576 FNL 527 FEL, SEC 109 BLK 1, T&P SUR., A-620 10500', 14 NW BARNHART API# 42-235-35689

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 70H ROCKER B, 226 FNL 1247 FEL, SEC 109 BLK 1, T&P SUR., A-620 7336', 14 NW BARNHART API# 42-235-35688

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 71H ROCKER B, 226 FNL 1217 FEL, SEC 109 BLK 1, T&P SUR., A-620 7115', 14 NW BARNHART API# 42-235-35690

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PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 74H ROCKER B, 576 FNL 497 FEL, SEC 109 BLK 1, T&P SUR., A-620 10500', 14 NW BARNHART API# 42-235-35692

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 75H ROCKER B, 576 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 109 BLK 1, T&P SUR., A-620 10500', 14 NW BARNHART API# 42-235-35693

Reagan County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1339H SRH NORTH, 232 FNL 3310 FWL, SEC 13 BLK A, DG MAY SUR., A-355 8000', 18 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38611

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1341HL SRH NORTH, 232 FNL 3495 FWL, SEC 13 BLK A, DG MAY SUR., A-355 8800', 18 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38616

APACHE CORPORA-

TION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1342HC SRH NORTH, 292 FNL 3310 FWL, SEC 13 BLK A, DG MAY SUR., A-355 9550', 18 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38617

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1340HU SRH NORTH, 292 FNL 3495 FWL, SEC 13 BLK A, DG MAY SUR., A-355 7850', 18 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38612

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6H HALFMANN 1214, 1190 FWL 373 FSL, SEC 1214, D&SE/LB PLATT SUR., A-387 8600', 10 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38642

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H HALFMANN 1214, 1120 FWL 371 FSL, SEC 1214, D&SE/LB PLATT SUR., A-387 8600', 10 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38640

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC, LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H HALFMANN 1214, 1155 FWL 372 FSL, SEC 1214, D&SE/LB PLATT SUR., A-387 8600', 10 NW BIG LAKE API# 42-383-38641

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TION, INC., ELDORADO (CANYON) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1 THACKERSON 4, 1846 FNL 734 FEL, SEC 4 BLK LL, TC/WM FINLEY SUR., A-1470 9000', 11 NW ELDORADO API# 42-413-32916

HIGHMOUNT E&P TEXAS LLC, NE OZONA (CANYON) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H UNIVERSITY 54 6, 97 FSL 2359 FWL, SEC 5 BLK 54, UL SUR., A-U40 6600', 22 NW ELDORADO API# 42-413-32915

HIGHMOUNT E&P TEXAS LLC, NE OZONA (CANYON) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H UNIVERSITY 54 5, 97 FSL 2329 FWL, SEC 5 BLK 54, UL SUR., A-U40 7000', 22 NW ELDORADO API# 42-413-32914

Upton County

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 RS WINDHAM, 1960 FSL, 1800 FEL, SEC 128 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-1306 11100', 11 E CRANE API# 42-461-39234

COG OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 32H NEAL RANCH 57 UNIT, 1320 FEL 201 FSL, SEC 57 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-39 15000', 21 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-39224

COG OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 32H TXL 45, 190 FSL 1248 FEL, SEC 45 BLK 41 T5S, T&P SUR., A-508 15000', 23 NW RANKIN

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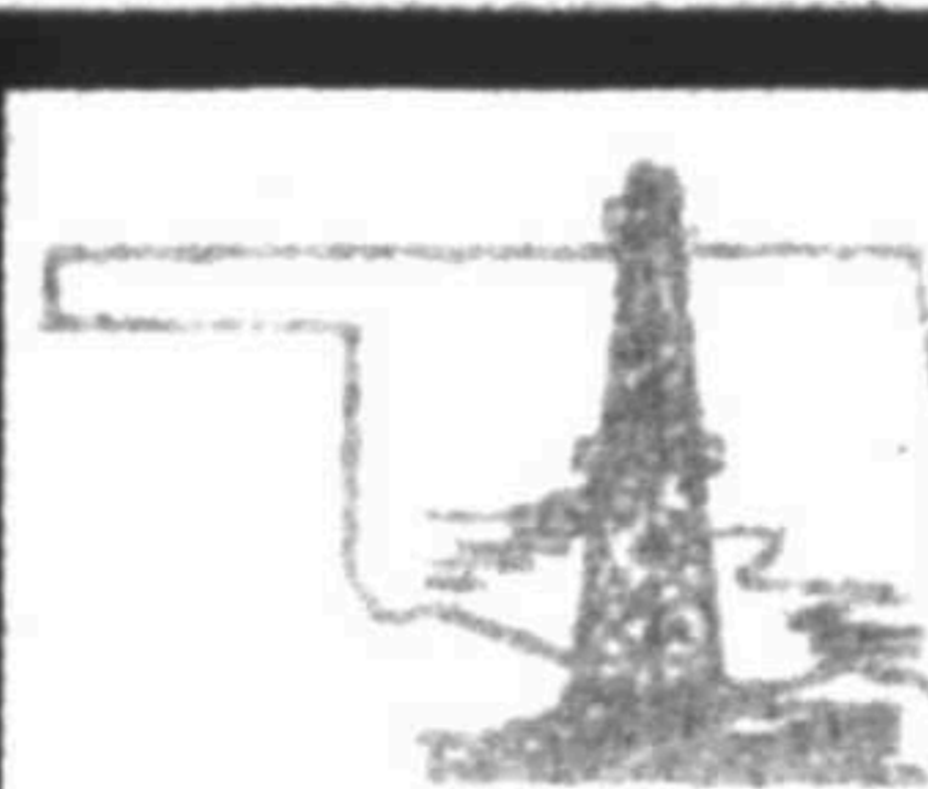
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MIDENERGY OPERATING, LLC, SPRA (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (37) Well# 5810 NEAL, 1709 FNL 2330 FEL, SEC 58 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-1378 12000', 20 N RANKIN API# 42-461-39294

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DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 502H UL DIGGER, 2460 FSL 2200 FEL, SEC 5 BLK 2, UL SUR., A-U43 9000', 9 SE ANDREWS API# 42-003-45969

ENERVEST OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 8 MABEE E, 496 FWL 1846 FNL, SEC 9 BLK 39 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-1735 14000', 19 E ANDREWS API# 42-003-45940

FORGE ENERGY, LLC, N SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H FISHER 8, 330

FSL 2332 FWL, SEC 5 BLK A36, PSL/MRS M HENSON SUR., A-1951 4700', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45993

J. CLEO THOMPSON, MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 2920 WEST MEANS (GRYBG-SAN AND) UNIT, 588 FNL 1486 FWL, SEC 14 BLK A35, PSL/E BUSTIN SUR., A-470 5000', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45986

J. CLEO THOMPSON, MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 616 WEST MEANS (GRYBG-SAN AND) UNIT, 2225 FNL 2180 FWL, SEC 7 BLK A35, PSL/DW PINNELL SUR., A-525 5000', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45981

J. CLEO THOMPSON, MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 313 WEST MEANS (GRYBG-SAN AND) UNIT, 1460 FSL 590 FWL, SEC 7 BLK A35, PSL/DW PINNELL SUR., A-525 5000', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-

45991 J. CLEO THOMPSON, MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 617 WEST MEANS (GRYBG-SAN AND) UNIT, 1460 FSL 2060 FWL, SEC 7 BLK A35, PSL SUR., A-525 5000', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45992

J. CLEO THOMPSON, MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 312 WEST MEANS (GRYBG-SAN AND) UNIT, 2528 FSL 300 FWL, SEC 7 BLK A35, PSL/DW PINNELL SUR., A-525 5000', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45980

J. CLEO THOMPSON, MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 712 WEST MEANS (GRYBG-SAN AND) UNIT, 2163 FSL 1430 FEL, SEC 7 BLK A35, PSL/DW PINNELL SUR., A-525 5000', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45985

RELIANCE ENERGY, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL

(HORZ) Well# 2609WB MABEE 240C, 3475 FNL 1350 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 39 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-83 13000', 18 SE ANDREWS API# 42-003-45953

RELIANCE ENERGY, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 140WB MABEE 240C, 3275 FNL 1350 FEL, SEC 1 BLK 40 T2N, T&P SUR., A-27 13000', 17 E ANDREWS API# 42-003-45952

RING ENERGY, INC., BLOCK A-34 (CLRFRK) DRILL (INJ) Well# 14 FISHER C, 2494 FSL 524 FWL, SEC 34 BLK A34, PSL/MRS B FISHER SUR., A-1926 7000', 10 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46009

RING ENERGY, INC., BLK A-34 (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 3 MM FISHER B, 992 FWL 1991 FSL, SEC 9 BLK A36, PSL/MRS M HENSON SUR., A-1956 5100', 8 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45983

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2017MS CROSS BAR RANCH, 2235 FSL 2410 FWL, SEC 20 BLK 40 T1N, T&P/ G REIGER SUR., A-793 12000', 23 SE ANDREWS API# 42-003-45894

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2017LS CROSS BAR RANCH, 2235 FSL 2370 FWL, SEC 20 BLK 40 T1N, T&P/ G REIGER SUR., A-793 12000', 23 SE ANDREWS API# 42-003-45890

SABER O&G VENTURES, LLC, MARTIN (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 5 JE PARKER ESTATE B, 539 FWL 1945 FNL, SEC 18 BLK A41, PSL/JE PARKER SUR., A-2044 9000', 18 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-45984

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TEXLAND PETROLEUM, LP, FULLERTON (SA) DRILL (INJ) Well# 2029 SCARBOROUGH UNIT, 161 FEL 646 FNL, SEC 20 BLK A31, PSL/ WF SCARBOROUGH SUR., A-2130 4800', 22 NW ANDREWS API# 42-003-46008

Crane County

BURNETT OIL CO., INC., SAND HILLS (MCKNIGHT) (O) DRILL Well# 1420 MCKNIGHT SAND HILLS UNIT, 2129 FSL 2562 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 21, PSL/MB MCKNIGHT SUR., A-1114 3700', 20 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36309

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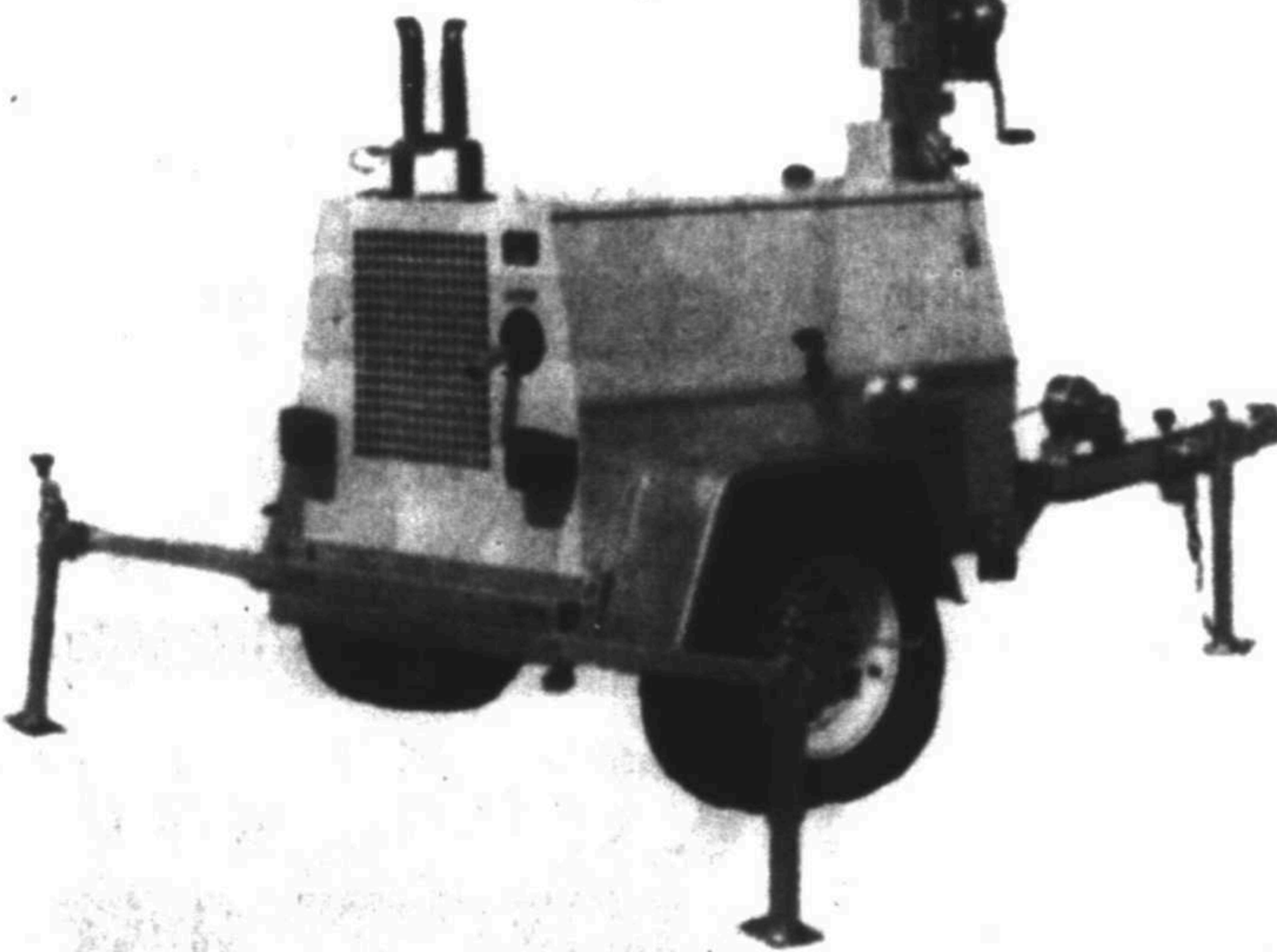


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BURNETT OIL CO., INC., RUNNING W (WICH-ALB) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H CONNELL, 330 FNL 330 FWL, SEC 8 BLK B26, PSL/AS CARROLL SUR., A-331 6100', 20 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36291

BURNETT OIL CO., INC., SAND HILLS (MCKNIGHT) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1208 MCKNIGHT SAND HILLS UNIT, 2000 FNL 2173 FEL, SEC 10 BLK B21, PSL/MB MCKNIGHT SUR., A-1114 4400', 20 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36360

HENRY RESOURCES LLC, UNIV 31 W (U DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 211 SUZAHN, 1980 FWL 1980 FWL, SEC 2 BLK 32, PSL/DK FITZHUGH SUR., A-718 12500', 14 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36307

HENRY RESOURCES LLC, UNIV 31 W (U DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 2513 SUZAHN, 1980 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 25 BLK B26, PSL/JB TUBB SUR. A-694 12500', 14 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36305

HENRY RESOURCES LLC, UNIV 31 W (U DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 1211 SUZAHN, 1905 FWL 1980 FSL, SEC 12 BLK 32, PSL/DK FITZHUGH SUR., A-719 12500', 13 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36308

HENRY RESOURCES LLC, UNIV 31 W (U DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 2314 SUZAHN, 467 FWL 1830 FNL, SEC 23 BLK B26, PSL/JB TUBB SUR., A-693 12500', 16 NW CRANE API# 42-103-36306

OXY USA, INC., BLOCK 31 (DEVONIAN) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# P 2A BLOCK 31 UNIT, 1880 FSL 657 FEL, SEC 21 BLK 31, UL SUR., A-U69 9550', 9 NW CRANE API# 42-103-32162

Ector County

BERRY OIL COMP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 12 GARDENDALE 6, 1368 FNL 225 FEL, SEC 6 BLK 41 T1S, T&P/JH BARRON SUR., A-518 11900', 13 SW ODESSA API# 42-135-42899

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BERRY OIL COMP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 GARDENDALE 6, 467 FWL 1800 FSL, SEC 6 BLK 41 T1S, T&P/JH BARRON SUR., A-518 11900', 12 SE ODESSA API# 42-135-42900

BERRY OIL COMP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 16 GARDENDALE 6, 341 FEL 282 FSL, SEC 6 BLK 41 T1S, T&P/JH BARRON SUR., A-518 11900', 12 SW ODESSA API# 42-135-42906

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BERRY OIL COMP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 15 GARDENDALE 6, 558 FSL 1543 FEL, SEC 6 BLK 41 T1S, T&P/JH BARRON SUR., A-518 11900', 12 SW ODESSA API# 42-135-42907

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BERRY OIL COMP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 14 GARDENDALE 6, 1866 FSL 230 FEL, SEC 6, BLK 41 T1S, T&P/JH BARRON SUR., A-518

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BERRY OIL COMP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 12 GARDENDALE 12, 1070 FWL 2019 FNL, SEC 12 BLK 42 T1S, T&P/JH BARRON SUR., A-517 11900', 12 SE ODESSA API# 42-135-42892

BERRY OIL COMP., W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 6 GARDENDALE 12, 1986 FWL 1903 FSL, SEC 12 BLK 42 T1S, T&P/JH BARRON SUR., A-517 11900', 11 SE ODESSA API# 42-135-42871

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CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., GOLDSMITH (CLFRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 225 CLYDE COWDEN, 1291 FSL 43 FWL, SEC 25 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-282 7500', 12 NW ODESSA API# 42-135-42930

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., GOLDSMITH (CLFRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 222 CLYDE COWDEN, 1375 FSL 1400 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/JW BUCHANAN SUR., A-697 7500', 13 NW ODESSA API# 42-135-42929

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, SALLIE ANN (SPRA-WC) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 17H LEON (AW), 502 FSL 1081 FEL, SEC 5 BLK 42 T4S, T&P SUR., A-158 11000', 12 SE ODESSA API# 42-135-42866

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, SALLIE ANN (SPRA-WC) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 19H LEON (AW), 250 FSL 997 FWL, SEC 5 BLK 42 T4S, T&P SUR., A-158 11000', 13 SE ODESSA API# 42-135-42865

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, SALLIE ANN (SPRA-WC) (O) DRILL Well# 5 MAY-BERRY, 2000 FNL 2333 FWL, SEC 20 BLK 42 T3S, T&P/J HARVEY SUR., A-565 11000', 7 SW ODESSA API# 42-

135-42922

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, SALLIE ANN (SPRA-WC) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 19H NAKEISHA, 441 FSL 1437 FWL, SEC 32 BLK 42 T3S, T&P/J HARVEY SUR., A-566 11000', 10 SE ODESSA API# 42-135-42877

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, GOLDSMITH (CLFRK) (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 1733 GOLDSMITH ADOBE UNIT, 2478 FNL 1920 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 45 T1S, T&P/RD PROF-FITT SUR., A-778 6300', 17 W ODESSA API# 42-135-42925

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, GOLDSMITH (CLFRK) DRILL (DIREC) (INJ) Well# 1735W GOLDSMITH ADOBE UNIT, 2472 FNL 2565 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 45 T1S, T&P/RD PROF-FITT SUR., A-778 6300', 17 W ODESSA API# 42-135-42927

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, GOLDSMITH (CLFRK) (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 1734 GOLDSMITH ADOBE UNIT, 2402 FNL 688 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 45 T1S, T&P/RD PROF-FITT SUR., A-778 6300', 17 W ODESSA API# 42-135-42926

XTO ENERGY INC., GOLDSMITH (CLFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 2411 CA GOLDSMITH ET AL, 1347 FSL 676 FEL, SEC 5 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-272 6880', 2 SW GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-42923

XTO ENERGY INC., GOLDSMITH (CLFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 2414 CA GOLDSMITH ET AL, 2597 FNL 2035 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/JC BEATY SUR., A-684 6900', 3 S GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-42924

Glasscock County

ADVENTURE EXPL PRTRNS II, LLC, NW GARDEN CITY (STRWN) (O) DRILL Well# 1A CALVERLEY 9, 467 FSL 2173 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 36 T4S, T&P SUR., A-419 12000', 15 E GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36374

ADVENTURE EXPL PRTRNS II, LLC, NW GARDEN CITY (STRWN) (O) DRILL Well# 3A CALVERLEY 9, 2173 FNL 2173 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 36 T4S, T&P SUR., A-419 12000', 15 W GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36370

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2308 NICHOLS, 2365 FSL 837 FWL, SEC 23 BLK 34 T3S, T&P SUR., A-228 11000', 6 W GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36364

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3213 BALLENGER, 2590 FNL 2368

FEL, SEC 32 BLK 33 T3S, T&P/AC BRYSON SUR., A-738 10700', 5 N GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36367

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3007 BALLENGER, 2639 FNL 2039 FWL, SEC 30 BLK 33 T3S, T&P/AC BRYSON SUR., A-737 10800', 5 N GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36366

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 18 HARTLEY UNIT, 2535 FNL 1278 FWL, SEC 37 BLK 34 T3S, T&P SUR., A-235 10900', 3 W GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36345

APACHE CORPORATION, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 16 SCHWARTZ 36, 244 FSL 2169 FWL, SEC 36 BLK 34 T3S, T&P/MRS C CHAMBERS SUR., A-1134 10900', 4 W GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36344

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 6 COOPER 34, 1088 FSL 1088 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 35 T2S, T&P/DW BRUNSON SUR., A-932 10400', 14 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36357

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, NW GARDEN CITY (STRWN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 HILLGER HIGH, 475 FNL 2040 FWL, SEC 1 BLK 35 T3S, T&P SUR., A-312 12000', 11 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36301

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, NW GARDEN CITY (STRWN) (O) DRILL (37) Well# 2 MCDANIEL 13, 628 FWL 602 FNL, SEC 13 BLK 35 T4S, T&P SUR., A-342 12000', 6 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36371

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, NW GARDEN CITY (STRWN) (O) DRILL Well# 4 HILLGER HIGH, 650 FWL 2430 FSL, SEC 1 BLK 35 T3S, T&P SUR., A-312 12000', 11 NW GARDEN CITY API#

42-173-36302

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, NW GARDEN CITY (STRWN) (O) DRILL Well# 7 JONES A, 1830 FNL 575 FEL, SEC 31 BLK 36 T3S, T&P SUR., A-406 12000', 6 SE SPRABERRY API# 42-173-36369

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 201H SABINE SN 35-26, 2340 FSL 567 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 34 T5S, T&P SUR., A-282 9500', 2 SE GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36375

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H HOUSTON RANCH 12-FOWLER A PU, 2540 FNL 790 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 36 T2S, T&P/SC HOUSTON SUR., A-1007 10000', 20 NW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-36329

Howard County

BIG STAR OIL & GAS, LLC, BIG SPRING (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 1 PEBBLE BEACH 28, 1258 FNL 1890 FEL, SEC 28 BLK 33 T1N, T&P/JJ PHILLIPS JR SUR., A-1079 12000', 3 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-37836

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, PETEY (FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 2 NORTH-EARN 23, 675 FNL 780 FSL, SEC 23 BLK 34 T1N, T&P SUR., A-392 12000', 7 NW ELBOW API# 42-227-37860

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3131 STALLINGS LOMAX, 467 FWL 1980 FSL, SEC 31 BLK 34 T1S, T&P SUR., A-418 11000', 9 W ELBOW API# 42-227-37857

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2431 GUTHRIE WEST, 680

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ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H UNIVERSITY 19-1, 685 FSL 302 FNL, SEC 1 BLK 19, UNIV LANDS SUR. 14000', 13 E MENTONE API# 42-301-32122

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H UNIVERSITY 19-1, 1320 FSL 330 FNL, SEC 1 BLK 19, UNIV LANDS SUR. 14000', 13 E MENTONE API# 42-301-32123

RED WILLOW PROD., LLC., TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H UNIVERSITY 41-20, 2200 FNL 275 FWL, SEC 41 BLK 20, UL SUR., A-U47 11700', 16 SE MENTONE API# 42-301-32124

TEMA OIL & GAS COMPANY, SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# E001AH Z&T 42, 200 FNL 2113 FSL, SEC 42 BLK 54 T1, T&P/FD TURNER SUR., A-1301 9080', 14 NW MENTONE API# 42-301-32127

Martin County

ENERVEST OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 15 MABEE B, 479 FSL 747 FEL, SEC 3 BLK H A, HA MOORE SUR., A-918 14000', 12 W TARZAN API# 42-317-39192

LEGACY RESERVES OPERATING LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3 DR ORSON A, 2200 FSL 2185 FSL, SEC 2 BLK 38 T2N, T&P/GW TOM SUR., A-902 12300', 18 NW STANTON API# 42-317-39202

LEGACY RESERVES OPERATING LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3 DR ORSON, 2185 FNL 2200 FNL, SEC 2 BLK 38 T2N, T&P/GW TOM SUR., A-902 12300', 18 NW STANTON API# 42-317-39201

LINN OPERATING, INC., PAUL PAGE (ATOKA) (O/G) (RE-COMP) Well# 3402 COX 34, 1980 FNL 660 FNL, SEC 34 BLK 34 T3N, T&P/TW COTTON SUR., A-1102 12000', 19 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-317-37320

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3523H SOUTH CURTIS RANCH, 1800 FNL 1935 FNL, SEC 35 BLK 39 T1N, T&P SUR., A-313 12500', 8 N MIDLAND API# 42-317-39200

PETROPLEX ENERGY, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 WHITE 20A, 2639 FSL 1678 FEL, SEC 20 BLK 36 T1S, T&P/JA DOWDY SUR., A-1079 12000', 3 SW STANTON API# 42-317-39150

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 ABRAXAS 26D, 1860 FNL 1980 FSL, SEC 29 BLK 35 T3N, T&P/HG RUSHING SUR., A-811 11050', 22 N STANTON API# 42-317-39248

PRIME OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2803 STIMSON-BURLEY, 660 FSL 2173 FEL, SEC 28 BLK 38 T1N, T&P/HM CLARK SUR., A-700 12000', 13 W STANTON API# 42-317-39193

RELIAANCE ENERGY, INC., MABEE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 3 SALE 26, 1980 FNL 660 FNL, SEC 26 BLK 37 T1N, T&P/E COPE SUR., A-957 13000', 9 NW STANTON API# 42-317-39250

RELIAANCE ENERGY, INC., MABEE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 1102 JOHNSON B, 1370 FNL 660 FNL, SEC 11 BLK 38 T1N, T&P SUR., A-274 13000', 11 SW TARZAN API# 42-317-39251

RELIAANCE ENERGY, INC., LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 YARBROUGH 45, 1980 FNL 660 FNL, SEC 45 BLK 37 T1N, T&P SUR., A-234 13000', 10 NW STANTON API# 42-317-39249

Midland County

ATHLON HOLDINGS LP, PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 9 TXL N 9-1, 1320 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 9 BLK 39 T4S, T&P SUR., A-222 11500', 19 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-39119

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2007M SOA SCHARBAUER SW, 560 FSL 1980 FNL, SEC 20 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR. 12000', 10 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39144

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2016M SOA SCHARBAUER SW, 810 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 20 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR. 12000', 10 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39145

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2004M SOA SCHARBAUER SW, 1980 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 20 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR. 12000', 10 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39146

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., PARKS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2011M SOA SCHARBAUER SW, 1980 FSL 1980 FNL, SEC 20 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR. 12000', 10 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39147

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4408H ST, 225 FSL 270 FEL, SEC 41 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-260 11000', 5 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39178

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4407H ST, 225 FSL 300 FEL, SEC 41 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-260 11000', 5 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39177

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 3 DAMRON 42, 967 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 42 BLK 40 T1N, T&P/HA MASSEY SUR., A-1134 12000', 9 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39109

LINN OPERATING, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H NOBLES, 417 FNL 2400 FNL, SEC 29 BLK 40 T1S, T&P SUR., A-255 10803', 3 NE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39153

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 10 MABEE FOUNDATION, 660 FSL 1980 FNL, SEC 15 BLK 38 T1S, T&P SUR., A-151 11800', 7 NE

MIDLAND API# 42-329-39100

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 DUNN, 2173 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 38 BLK 38 T1S, T&P/SW ESTES SUR., A-1030 11825', 7 NE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39120

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 7H ET ODANIEL, 1369 FNL 360 FEL, SEC 1, S WRIGHT SUR., A-1009 9500', 4 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39052

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 KENDRICK, 685 FNL 205 FEL, SEC 10 BLK 38 T2S, T&P/LM MURPHY SUR., A-812 11150', 6 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39121

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 SPRINGER, 1980 FNL 1980 FNL, SEC 46 BLK 38 T1S, T&P/WD WATTS SUR., A-729 11700', 5 E MIDLAND API# 42-329-39106

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6H KING D, 262 FSL 919 FEL, SEC 49, JM KING SUR., A-792 10000', 9 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39085

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 102 SPANISH TRAIL, 467 FNL 2197 FEL, SEC 1 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR. 12000', 5 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39112

RSP PERMIAN, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 104 SPANISH TRAIL, 467 FNL 280 FNL, SEC 1 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR., A-263 12000', 5 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-39115

Pecos County

IRAAN BRINE WATER (SRVC), LLC, N MILLARD (SOMA) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 SCONIERS, 10022 FWL 192 FNL, SEC 541, B&B SUR., A-14 2000', 6 N SHEFFIELD API# 42-371-39157

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, YATES (O/G) (HORZ) (RE-COMP) Well# 24D20 YATES FIELD UNIT, 807 FSL 318 FEL, SEC 102 BLK 194, TC/R HOLMES SUR., A-7828 1999', 3 W IRAAN API# 42-371-33397

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, YATES (O/G) (HORZ) (RE-COMP) Well# 49G76 YATES FIELD UNIT, 2292 FSL 2687 FEL, IG YATES SUR., A-8195 1999', 3 S IRAAN API# 42-371-33453

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, YATES (O/G) (HORZ) (RE-COMP) Well# 49E75 YATES FIELD UNIT, 2327 FSL 180 FNL, IG YATES SUR., A-8195 1999', 3 S IRAAN API# 42-371-33420

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, YATES (O/G) (HORZ) (RE-COMP) Well# 23A38 YATES FIELD UNIT, 1883 FWL 243 FWSL, SEC 34 1/2 BLK 194, IG YATES SUR., A-8196 1999', 4 W IRAAN API# 42-371-34282

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, YATES (O/G) (HORZ) (RE-COMP) Well# 275Z50 YATES FIELD UNIT, 117 FNL 2897 FNL, SEC 32 BLK 194, GC&SF/TE HICKOX SUR., A-8657 1999', 5 SW IRAAN API# 42-371-35000

L.E. JONES OPERAT-

ING, INC., WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G)(36)(37) (RE-ENTER) Well# 1 PAGE ROYALTY, 1315 FNL 1317 FNL, SEC 31 BLK 48 T8S, T&P SUR., A-889 13000', 27 NW FT STOCKTON API# 42-371-33191

NEWMAN CUBED, INC., PECOS VALLEY (YATES) (O/G) (RE-COMP) Well# 9 PECOS VALLEY OIL, 1695 FNL 2467 FSWL, SEC 22 BLK 10, H&GN/L SCOTT SUR., A-4947 2200', 8 SW IMPERIAL API# 42-371-37715

Reeves County

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H NARROWS 6-21, 5713 FSL 500 FEL, SEC 21 BLK 6, H&GN SUR., A-355 11960', 14 E PECOS API# 42-389-34146

COG OPERATING, LLC, HOEFS T-K (WLF-CMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 7504H BIG CHIEF, 576 FNL 300 FNL, SEC 175 BLK 1, H&TC SUR., A-953 11000', 25 S PECOS API# 42-389-34140

OXY USA WTP LP, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H CHEVRON MINERALS 5, 200 FSL 1626 FEL, SEC 5 BLK 51 T7S, T&P SUR., A-733 12000', 10 S PECOS API# 42-389-34139

SAN GABRIEL RES. LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1 ARMSTRONG STATE 42, 467 FSL 500 FNL, SEC 42 BLK 55 T5S, T&P/SN GENTRY SUR., A-2152 10600', 18 W PECOS API# 42-389-34141

Sterling County

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SW CONGER (WLF-CMP) (O) (RE-COMP) Well# 6 STERLING N FEE, 660 FSL 2650 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 32 T5S, T&P SUR., A-563 8350', 16 SW STERLING CITY API# 42-431-31244

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SW CONGER (WLF-CMP) (O) (RE-COMP) Well# 10 EB COPE, 2640 FNL 2640 FNL, SEC 1, EL&RR SUR., A-52 8172', 17 SW STERLING CITY API# 42-431-31595

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., SW CONGER (WLF-CMP) (O/G) (RE-COMP) Well# 6 STERLING K FEE, 2300 FNL 1100 FNL, SEC 29 BLK 31 T5S, T&P SUR., A-552 8150', 14 SW STERLING CITY API# 42-431-31233

STELLER ENERGY & INVEST. CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 PARRAMORE, 2031 FNL 2050 FEL, SEC 174 BLK 29, W&NW/WR HARRALL JR SUR., A-1040 9500', 17 NW STERLING CITY API# 42-431-33456

Ward County

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H UNIVERSITY 18-22 B, 200 FSL 500 FNL, SEC 22 BLK 18, UL SUR. 12420', 10 NW PYOTE API# 42-475-36664

CIMAREX ENERGY CO., PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H UNIVERSITY 18-18 UNIT, 265 FSL 2139 FNL, SEC 18 BLK 18, UL SUR. 12330', 8 NW PYOTE API# 42-475-36663

JETTA OPERATING CO., INC., SCOTT (CHERRY CANYON) (O/G) DRILL Well# 20DR BARSTOW 17, 320 FSEL 2822 FNL, SEC 35 BLK 33, H&TC SUR., A-162 7000', 8 E PECOS API# 42-475-36667

OXY USA, INC., COLLIE (DELAWARE) (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 36 WORSHAM 42, 5029 FNL 246 FNWL, SEC 42 BLK 33, H&TC/CA MARTIN SUR., A-1313 6650', 4 E PECOS API# 42-475-36641

OXY USA, INC., COLLIE (DELAWARE) (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 39 WORSHAM 42, 7515 FNL 810 FSEL, SEC 42 BLK 33, H&TC/CA MARTIN SUR., A-1313 6700', 4 E PECOS API# 42-475-36635

WHITING O&G CORP., N WARD-ESTES (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 29R HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 330 FNL 1650 FNL, SEC 1 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-119 3400', 5 SE WICKETT API# 42-475-10119

WHITING O&G CORP., N WARD-ESTES (O/G) (37)(RE-ENTER) Well# 575R HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 330 FNL 330 FNL, SEC 1 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-119 3400', 5 SE WICKETT API# 42-475-10179

WHITING O&G CORP., N WARD-ESTES (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 683R HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 330 FNL 2310 FEL, SEC 1 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-119 3400', 5 SE WICKETT API# 42-475-10787

WHITING O&G CORP., N WARD-ESTES (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 1262R HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 330 FNL 990 FEL, SEC 1 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-119 3400', 5 SE WICKETT API# 42-475-32814

WHITING O&G CORP., N WARD-ESTES (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 1241W HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 990 FNL 330 FEL, SEC 1 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-119 3400', 5 SE WICKETT API# 42-475-32847

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ESTANCIA O&G, LLC, BLACKARD (SPRABERRY) (O) DRILL Well# 1 SMITH, 1133 FNL 1655 FEL, SEC 2 BLK 32, TT/TW FUQUA SUR., A-1586 7700', 12 NW GAIL API# 42-033-32319

TALL CITY OPERATIONS LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H HIGGINBOTHAM 30-19, 394 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 30 BLK 31 T3N, T&P/WH MILLER SUR., A-1194 9000', 16 SW GAIL API# 42-033-32318

Cottle County

E. N. PATTON OIL CO., INC., MA'S (CANYON REEF) (O) DRILL Well# 1 POPP, 1145 FNL 1382 FSL, SEC 3, TT SUR., A-381 5500', 17 NW PADUCAH API# 42-101-30719

Crosby County

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC, HOOPLE (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 3571R CLARK WOOD RANCH, 630 FSL 540 FNL, SEC 1035, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-323 4400', 9 NE SLATON API# 42-107-31836

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, HOOPLE (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 4281 AOCO-HOOPLE CLEARFORK UNIT, 169 FSL 176 FNL, SEC 1042 BLK 1, H&OB/S CAMPBELL SUR., A-1200 5000', 8 NE SLATON API# 42-107-31829

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DUCTION CO., LLC, HOOPLE (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 4284 AOCO-HOOPLE CLEARFORK UNIT, 169 FSL 2031 FNL, SEC 1042 BLK 1, H&OB/S CAMPBELL SUR., A-1200 5000', 8 NE SLATON API# 42-107-31830

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, HOOPLE (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 4285 AOCO-HOOPLE CLEARFORK UNIT, 162 FSL 2592 FEL, SEC 1042 BLK 1, H&OB/S CAMPBELL SUR., A-1200 5000', 8 NE SLATON API# 42-107-31831

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, HOOPLE (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 6988 AOCO-HOOPLE CLEARFORK UNIT, 115 FSL 641 FEL, SEC 1069 BLK D19, EL&RR SUR., A-346 5000', 8 NE SLATON API# 42-107-31835

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, HOOPLE (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 6984 AOCO-HOOPLE CLEARFORK UNIT, 156 FSL 605 FEL, SEC 1042 BLK 1, H&OB/S CAMPBELL SUR., A-1200 5000', 8 NE SLATON API# 42-107-31832

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, HOOPLE (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 6984 AOCO-HOOPLE CLEARFORK UNIT, 134 FSL 2031 FNL, SEC 1069 BLK D19, EL&RR SUR., A-346 5000', 8 NE SLATON API# 42-107-31833

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, HOOPLE (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 6985 AOCO-HOOPLE CLEARFORK UNIT, 122 FSL 2609 FEL, SEC 1069 BLK D19, EL&RR SUR., A-346 5000', 8 NE SLATON API# 42-107-31834

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, HOOPLE (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 6985 AOCO-HOOPLE CLEARFORK UNIT, 122 FSL 2609 FEL, SEC 1069 BLK D19, EL&RR SUR., A-346 5000', 8 NE SLATON API# 42-107-31834

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, HOOPLE (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 2 CO SPECK 262, 922 FSL 660 FNL, BORDEN CSL LABOR 13 LEAGUE 262 SUR., A-399 11500', 16 SW LAMESA API# 42-115-33644

SDX RESOURCES INC., DEROEN (MISSISSIPPIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 2720 HOLLADAY, 660 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 27 BLK 34 T5N, T&P SUR., A-77 11000', 10 SE LAMESA API# 42-115-33653

Dickens County

HALLIBURTON OPER. CO., AFTER FIVE (TANNEHILL) (O) DRILL Well# 1 KIMBERLY, 320 FEL 1520 FNL, SEC 276 BLK 1, H&GN/JJ LINEHAN SUR., A-693 5900', 5 SE SPUR API# 42-125-31327

CAPSTONE NATURAL RES., LLC, NOLLEY (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL Well# 11 HR COPE, 517 FNL 1379 FNL, SEC 314, GAINES CSL SUR., A-1061 9500', 16 NE ANDREWS API# 42-165-37952

CAPSTONE NATURAL RES., LLC, NOLLEY (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL Well# 12 HR COPE, 467 FNL 1100 FNL, GAINES CSL/LG 313/LB 9 SUR., A-1060 9500', 16 NE ANDREWS API# 42-165-37953

CARL E. GUNGOLL EXPL., LLC, WASSON (O/G) DRILL Well# 12 HIGG RANCH 456, 2100 FSL 330 FEL, SEC 456 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG/BJ COCHRAN SUR., A-926 5400', 7 SW DENVER CITY API# 42-165-37966

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CARL E. GUNGOLL EXPL., LLC, WASSON (O/G) DRILL Well# 11 HIGG RANCH 456, 1430 FSL 2520 FEL, SEC 456 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-926 5400', 7 SW DENVER CITY API# 42-165-37965

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, BITTNER (SAN ANDRES) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 22 KINDER MORGAN BERGEN, 2200 FNL 2596 FWL, SEC 427 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-128 6100', 15 NW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-37960

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, BITTNER (SAN ANDRES) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 43 KINDER MORGAN BERGEN, 1243 FSL 1749 FEL, SEC 427 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-128 6100', 15 NW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-37975

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, BITTNER (SAN ANDRES) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 32 KINDER MORGAN BERGEN, 2172 FSL 2602 FWL, SEC 427 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-128 6100', 15 NW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-37972

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, BITTNER (SAN ANDRES) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 23 KINDER MORGAN BERGEN, 2211 FNL 1758 FEL, SEC 427 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-128 6100', 15 NW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-37961

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, BITTNER (SAN ANDRES) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 24 KINDER MORGAN

BERGEN, 2215 FNL 798 FEL, SEC 427 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-128 6100', 15 NW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-37971

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, BITTNER (SAN ANDRES) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 34 KINDER MORGAN BERGEN, 2170 FSL 791 FEL, SEC 427 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-128 6100', 14 NW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-37974

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, BITTNER (SAN ANDRES) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 33 KINDER MORGAN BERGEN, 2171 FSL 1750 FEL, SEC 427 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR.,

A-128 6100', 15 NW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-37973

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON 72 (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 6527 GAINES WASSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 2148 FSL 2560 FWL, SEC 50 BLK AX, PSL/B ANDERSON SUR., A-995 8700', 1 S DENVER CITY API# 42-165-37951

OXY USA WTP LP, N JENKINS (QUEEN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 8 TE SPARKS, 660 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 3 BLK A25, PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND SUR. 4500', 13 SW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-34506

PARALLEL PETROLEUM LLC, CARM-ANN

(SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 303 CARM-ANN SAN ANDRES UNIT, 2604 FNL 645 FWL, SEC 11 BLK A22, PSL/E MURPHY SUR., A-1374 5500', 11 S SEMINOLE API# 42-165-37976

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC, SE TEX-MEX (WICH ALB) (O) DRILL Well# 8 DUNBAR B, 2408 FNL 1924 FEL, SEC 5 BLK A28, PSL/RB WILSON SUR., A-673 8100', 25 SW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-37958

XTO ENERGY INC., RUSSELL (CLEAR-FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 534 RUSSELL CLEAR-FORK UNIT, 47 FNL 664 FWL, SEC 454 BLK G,

CCSD&RGNG/ T ROSS SUR., A-828 8100', 7 SW DENVER CITY API# 42-165-37959

XTO ENERGY INC., RUSSELL (CLEAR-FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 535 RUSSELL CLEAR-FORK UNIT, 34 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 454 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG/ T ROSS SUR., A-828 8100', 6 SW DENVER CITY API# 42-165-37962

Scurry County

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 9-6A SACROC UNIT, 2018 FSL 830 FEL, SEC 450 BLK 97, H&TC/ BL PATTERSON SUR., A-1531 7250', 10 N SNYDER

API# 42-415-35009

PARALLEL PETROLEUM LLC, DIAMOND M (CNYN LM) (O) DRILL Well# 1 8B LION DIAMOND M UNIT, 1517 FSL 132 FWL, SEC 196 BLK 97, H&TC/ AJ BURFORD SUR., A-2687 7500', 9 SW SNYDER API# 42-415-35010

Terry County

MEMORIAL PRODUCTION OPER. LLC, KINGDOM (ABO REEF) (O) DRILL Well# 102 NORTHWEST TERRY (ABO) UNIT, 1372 FNL 1884 FEL, SEC 10 BLK D14, C&M/RF DAUGHTRY SUR., A-1671 8200', 9 SW SUNDOWN API# 42-445-32379



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