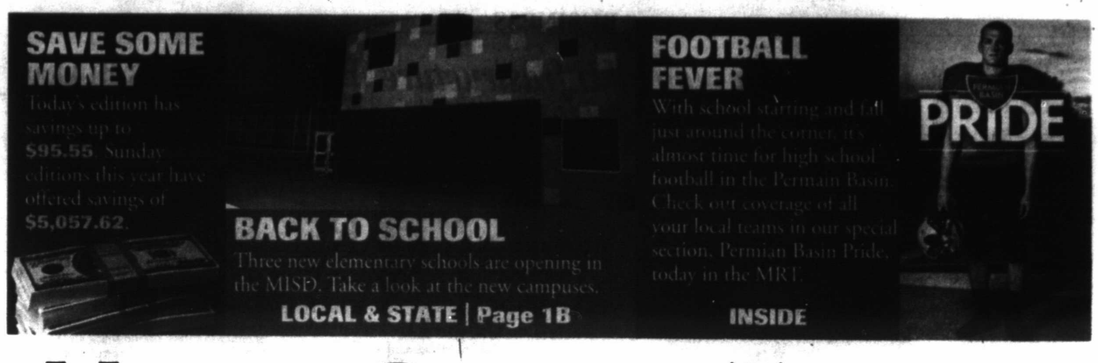

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MDC gives funds for more downtown parking

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland Development Corp. will provide a $4 million forgivable loan to COG Realty to help with the construction of a multi-level parking facility downtown.

The parking structure is set to be built at the old First National Bank site — in the 100 block of East Wall Street — which Concho is developing into a mixed-use development for retail, offices and condominiums. In a previous article, it was reported that Concho purchased the "two-story landmark downtown building that was unable to withstand the 1980s oil bust, but does not plan to be the major tenant." The plans are for an eight-story building and parking garage with an estimated 346 spaces. The company's cost toward this "revitalization effort" is about $8 million, according to the economic development agreement, passed by the MDC board in a 2-0 vote (with two abstentions).

"(Concho CEO) Tim Leach is doing the project more as a service to the community than as a developer project," said Mark Wellen of Rhotenberry Wellen Architects in a previous article. Wellen is working as the development's project manager. "It's a way to make a historic building go online and yet make an integral part of downtown preserved."

The agreement with the MDC will allow for more than 200 spaces to be used for public parking. Plans, according to MDC officials, are for the customers of the Doubletree by Hilton hotel to also have access to the parking garage.

When asked about the demand for parking in that area of the city, Pam Welch, executive director of the MDC, said the garage will be available for Midland Center events.

The city provided $6.2 million in incentives for the Wall Street Lofts project, with the majority going toward its parking garage (and the 140 public spaces added there). The MDC's share was more than

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Old oil wells pose creeping problem for Pecos County water supplies

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FORT STOCKTON — A cluster of old oil test wells have given Pecos County landowners an unusual problem — a cluster of wellheads that are now spewing a seemingly endless flow of water from deep aquifers, turning hardscrabble desert into a chain of small pools and lakes.

But these pools aren't what typically come to mind at the mention of "lake." The water that has been spilling out in Pecos County for years is putrid and nauseating. Salt and sulfur crystals encase everything the water immediately touches; dead vegetation surround the lakes within a 30-foot radius.

So-called Beamer Lake, which sits just south of Imperial along Farm-to-Market Road 1053, is one of the larger pools of such water. An orphaned well drilled about a half century ago feeds the lake.

"When they hit water, they flooded the area and left, and gave the water wells to the landowners, and they used to farm with these wells," said Ty Edwards, assistant general manager of the Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District, the entity that manages the water quality and pumping of underground freshwater water supplies in Pecos County. "The whole area used to be nothing but farmland, but now that water's horrible."

At about 50 years old, the artesian wells tap into the brackish San Andres aquifer roughly 2,600 feet below the surface. The water in this aquifer has been measured at 9,000 total dissolved solids (TDS), or minerals and salts, per milligram of water. Potable drinking water has a TDS rating under 1,000 or below; ocean water is about 35,000 TDS.

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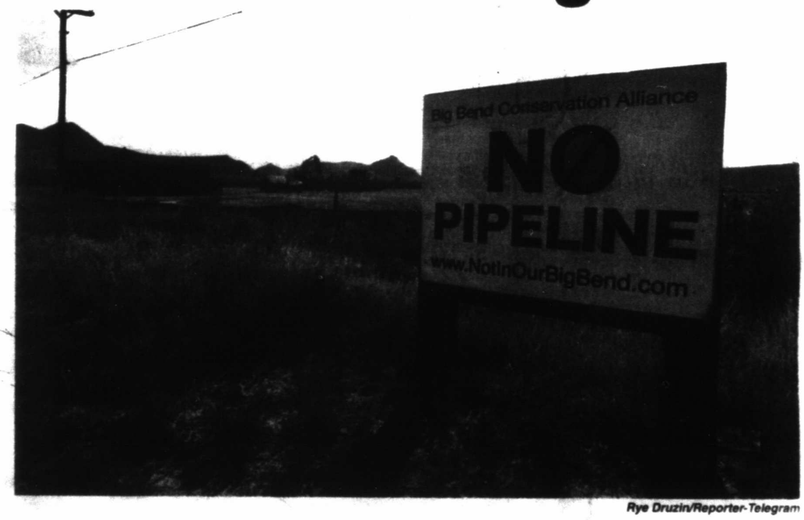

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An anti-pipeline sign sits outside of a Pumpco site in the Alpine neighborhood of Sunny Glen on Aug. 13. Pumpco cleared the 20-plus acre sight months ago in preparation to use it for the construction of the Trans-Pecos Pipeline.

Pipeline fight in Trans-Pecos is dividing community

■ Natural gas pipeline would cut across region

By Rye Druzin
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ALPINE — Hundreds of miles away in the mountainous Trans-Pecos region a fight is on over a 143-mile, 42-inch natural gas pipeline that is pitting multi-billionaires on both sides of the border against a community that itself is divided over the project.

If approved and completed, the pipeline will transport up to 1.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day from the Waha hub processing plant in Coyonosa to a location north of Presidio. The pipeline would then cross underneath the Rio Grande River, where it will connect with a pipeline in Mexico to deliver natural gas to the Comisión Federal de Electricidad (CFE), Mexico's state-owned electric utility. CFE chose a consortium of American and Mexican companies in January to build the pipeline. Energy Transfer Partners, led by Texas billionaire Kelcy Warren, and Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim's Carso Energy are attempting to build the 143 miles of pipe on the American side of the border.

The area in dispute is the 143 miles on the U.S. side, where opponents claim that the pipeline will cross one of the last regions in the state of Texas untouched by large-scale energy pipeline projects. Maps on the Texas Railroad Commission's website show the Trans-Pecos region is devoid of major pipeline projects, although it is bordered on all sides by regions that are heavily involved in pipelines to move petroleum and gas products.

People for and against the pipeline are spread out across the communities of Alpine, Marfa and Presidio, the three

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Investing in judicial infrastructure aids prosperity now and later

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The Economist

The founding principles of Western civilization rest on the premise that governments are created and financed collectively in order to provide services to society that cannot be easily obtained in the private sector. In any modern economy, these "public goods" span a diverse spectrum, including public health and safety, national defense, infrastructure, environmental protection, public education, and safety-net programs. In capitalist nations, the ability to protect property rights and enforce contracts is also an essential element of effective and sustainable governance.

Obviously, one of the most critical institutions required to secure this time-honored and proven framework for prosperity is an independent system of adequately staffed and funded courts. Public safety can only be sustained through a robust criminal justice system in which laws are properly enforced. Similarly, individuals and businesses cannot effectively make investments and transact commerce without a viable mechanism to provide confidence that assets and agreements will be properly recognized and preserved in a predictable and timely manner. This phenomenon dates at least to the Middle Ages, when the merchants of Florence developed a crude system of courts to facilitate the purchase and transport of wares from Nice. Then and now, contracts must be protected for commerce to flourish.

Every court system must evolve and expand to accommodate economic and demographic growth, as well as the changing nature and character of business activity. The sheer increase in people and production will in and of itself place more demands on the judiciary. This pattern is repeated and magnified as society grows more complex. For example, an economy driven by technology and intellectual property requires exponentially more judicial infrastructure resources than one based on agrarian production. Property rights, ownership, and contractual obligations are much simpler to define, interpret, and enforce for crops and livestock than for modern products embodying thousands of patents and trade secrets and which are subject to attack by electronic means.

Similarly, urbanization, the globalization of commerce, and greater concentration of business activity demand a more expansive and responsive system of courts. Correspondingly, a larger, more urbanized, and increasingly sophisticated global economy generates notable challenges in law enforcement and the protection of rights, thus compelling more robust judicial infrastructure. In short, economies can only prosper by 1. increasing the quantity and quality of productive resources or 2. using existing resources more efficiently. The court system is essential to both mechanisms.

Despite this undeniable reality, the infrastructure of justice has not automatically been well maintained. Many state and municipal courts throughout the country are woefully underfunded, a trend that appears to be intensifying.

Simultaneously, delays in filling vacancies in the Federal courts and the failure to expand the number of judgeships to keep pace with increases in the population and the level and sophistication of production processes are compromising the essential framework for social progress and prosperity. Just as a failure to maintain an adequate network of roads, bridges, rails, utilities, and communication to accommodate growing needs will limit prosperity, a lack of sufficient judicial infrastructure retards economic and individual potential and frustrates societal advancement.

One of the most significant representations of this phenomenon is reflected in the Federal courts presently serving the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (Eastern District), a region which stretches from refining and petrochemical complexes on the Gulf Coast to the technology corridor in the northern Metroplex. Caseloads have more than doubled since 2009, thanks in part to rapid population and economic growth in Collin and Denton counties. The inadequacy of judicial infrastructure in the Eastern District, which is among the most strained in the U.S., will predictably constrain economic growth over time. This outcome is unavoidable in the absence of corrective action.

On the other hand, investing in the judicial infrastructure can not only improve quality of life, but also enhance future prosperity by reducing uncertainties and time required to resolve business disputes. We recently studied the issue and found that filling the two positions now vacant in the Eastern District would add almost 78,200 jobs as of 2030 compared to a baseline situation reflecting current infrastructure. If the vacant positions are filled and two additional judges are added as recommended by the Court Administrator, the benefits would increase to approximately 148,400 net incremental jobs as of 2030. (The study is available for complimentary download on our website at www.perrymangroup.com.)

Without additional judges, the current difficulties in the Eastern District and a number of other districts around the country will only become worse in the future, with caseloads rising, judges increasingly overworked, criminal and civil cases delayed, and people and businesses unable to resolve disputes in a predictable and efficient manner.

If a critically strained judicial infrastructure is not addressed, "…and Justice for All" — citizens, businesses, and those who protect them — will, over time, become less and less attainable. If this stressed infrastructure were to crack or collapse, the economic disruptions could be calamitous until a functioning and predictable system could be restored.

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Building permits issued from August 10-14

500 W. Illinois Ave., Commercial Alteration
2500 Haynes Drive, Commercial Alteration
4517 N. Midland Drive, Commercial Alteration
210 W. Longview Ave., Commercial Alteration
2508 Legacy Oaks Court, Swimming Pool
507 N. Lee St., New Residence
6905 Sheppard Court, New Residence
6720 Cowboy Drive, New Residence
6726 Cowboy Drive, New Residence
6003 Wichita Court, New Residence
3612 Baumann Ave., Residential Addition
5112 Rio Grande Ave., Residential Addition
6403 Commonwealth Road, New Residence
6719 Cowboy Drive, New Residence
6708 Cowboy Drive, New Residence
6700 Spur Drive, New Residence
1113 N. Weatherford St., Residential Alteration
314 Affirmed Ave., Residence-Detached
1007 Ward St., Residence-Detached
1801 Solomon Lane, Residence-Detached
4725 Bedford Ave., Residential Addition
2510 Colonial Oaks Court, New Residence
902 Gallantry Lane, Residential Addition
1205 W. Missouri Ave., Residential Addition
6001 Green Hill Court, Residence-Detached
1605 N. Fort Worth St., Residence-Detached
2207 Ward St., Residential Alteration
2100 Belmont St., Sign
610 N. Big Spring St., Sign
1506 W. Texas Ave., Sign
3302 E. Highway 158, Sign
4519 N. Garfield St., Sign

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BBB warns utility scam is targeting local consumers

Recently, some consumers in the Permian Basin have received phone calls from individuals claiming to be with TXU Energy. Customers are being told their power will be disconnected unless a prepaid card is purchased and a payment is made. This type of scam is nothing new, and similar scams have been reported throughout the Permian Basin.

According to TXU Energy's website, TXU Energy is aware of the recent circulating phone scam and is dedicated to protecting its customers' information. TXU Energy recommends customers report suspicious activity promptly, collect as many details as possible, such as the dialogue, phone number and date of contact, and don't click on any suspicious links in emails.

Typically, scammers gain customer trust by using electric utility terminology. In some cases, scammers make their phone numbers show up on Caller ID as if it originated from the real utility company. Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin advises consumers who have been contacted this way to call the police and their utility company directly. You can also report or find scams near you with BBB's Scam Tracker.

Customers should know that TXU Energy employees will never:

■ Ask you to purchase a prepaid card and call back with the information in order to pay an outstanding or delinquent balance.

■ Ask for you to provide personal information in an email.

■ Perform door-to-door collections at your residence or place of business.

BBB wants consumers to be on alert and has this advice to avoid being scammed:

■ Hang up the phone. Utility representatives should never ask customers to wire money for payment or ask asks customers to pay with a prepaid debit card. Beware if you are asked to provide credit card numbers or banking information over the phone. Hang up and call the utility company directly to verify whether you owe money.

■ Never give out personal information. Never give out your bank account numbers, date of birth, credit card number or Social Security number to unidentified individuals.

■ Get informed. Find out what forms of payment your utility company accepts. If the caller is requesting a wire transfer or prepaid debit card payment, that's a red flag. If you are visited by someone claiming to be a TXU Energy representative, you can call the company at 1-800-242-9113 or send an email to fraudgroup@txu.com to confirm that the individual is an actual TXU Energy employee.

■ Keep numbers updated. If you are contacted by a utility company employee and asked for personal information, it's best to hang up and dial the number on your bill to be sure you are speaking with a legitimate representative.

■ Get help. If you receive a phone call to make a wire transfer to pay a utility bill, report the incident immediately to your utility company.

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major towns that the pipeline will run near. Dave Durant, who owns The Stable Performance Cars in Alpine, went so far as to make a pro-pipeline sign to put in front of his business. He claims that there are many more people in the community who are for the pipeline than are against it.

Durant said those who are for the project have been the subject of harassment by anti-pipeline protesters.

"The people that have come to me — business owners, responsible citizens — have said that they are amazed at the bullying and the vilifying that goes on when someone has a different opinion than they do," he said over the phone.

Durant, who moved to Alpine in 1991 when he worked with the Border Patrol, has run his business since 2006. Expensive race cars line his windows facing onto West Holland Avenue, the de facto main street of the city with a population 5,900. Durant said he has attended one public meeting held by Energy Transfer Partners, a town hall event at Sul Ross State University in early July. Durant said that, as a business owner, it was the only meeting he was able to attend to find any information.

"Many of us went up there to listen to what Energy Transfer and Pumpco and the company people (had to say)," he said. "It'd been far enough along now that we could say, 'OK, this is their proposed route, they've been here three or four or five months doing their stuff.' Instead of getting a lot of information … some protesters were disrupting the meeting. Completely inappropriate behavior."

Those protesters are anti-pipeline activists, many of whom attended multiple meetings between ETP and the community. When asked why there are not more pro-pipeline voices present at such meetings or in the debate, Durant said that it comes down to simple economics.

"A lot of business owners don't want to speak up because they're afraid of the political correctness, that type of discussion that goes on in national politics now," he said. "They think they might lose business because of this vilifying and bullying going on."

Many of the anti-pipeline activists that the Reporter-Telegram spoke to cited a litany of complaints against ETP and Pumpco, a pressure-pumping company contracted by ETP that has set up a work site on the outskirts of Alpine. Many cited a perceived lack in transparency, the potential destruction of the local environment and the impact that such a pipeline and the construction work could have on the area's tourism economy. Pumpco did not return phone calls from the Reporter-Telegram for comment.

"I've lived here 23 years. I love the beauty, I love the mountains, I love the climate," said Alpinian Bennye Meredith. "I love everything about this place, and the people are great. So I don't want big industry, big trucks or more transportation. This is a little town. We chose it because it's little."

Meredith was sitting on a chair along with a few dozen other protesters who gather every Friday at noon at Alpine's intersection of Holland Avenue and 5th Street to protest the pipeline. Many of the passing cars honked and shouted support toward the protesters, many of whom are retired persons. The protests have been going on since the residents learned of the project in March. Some longtime residents say the pipeline is having them reconsider their locale.

"I've told people for the first time in 50 years I'm thinking about what I would do if I left Alpine," resident Audrey Painter said. "I don't know what I'd do, but I don't want to live where I am living and watch this happening. And they say they'll cover it up and it'll be just like it is — sometime. I won't live that long."

A spokesperson for ETP, Vicki Granado, said the company has held multiple open houses and a town hall meeting with the affected communities. She said that ETP is in constant contact with community leaders and residents regarding issues surrounding the pipeline.

"We respect their perspective and their opinions. Everybody does," Granado said.

Precinct 1 Brewster County Commissioner Luc Novovitch, a former Reuters photojournalist who moved to Alpine in 1998, said he will not pick sides in this fight. But because the pipeline will cut through his precinct, which includes the small neighborhood of Sunny Glen just west of Alpine, his biggest concern has become the safety of his residents.

"We (the county) are very limited in what we can do," Novovitch said. "What concerns me is the safety issue primarily, like Sunny Glen has only one road going in and out, (Farm-to-Market Road) 1703. So we're trying to put in place through the emergency coordinator some kind of emergency plan in case something happens, what would be the best way to face that. We're supposed to get some training from Energy Transfer. We haven't heard anything so far."

The commissioner's safety concerns are not without warrant.

In mid-June an ETP natural gas pipeline in south Texas exploded, shooting flames up to 100 feet into the sky, according to the Victoria Advocate. No injuries were reported, and ETP said the incident involved a line at least 36 inches in diameter.

Novovitch cited the region's limited resources when it comes to disaster response; two ambulances serve Brewster County; the fire department is made up of volunteers with standard equipment; the region's main hospital and airport are in Alpine; and the only way to get patients out of the area, he said, is through a $45,000 helicopter flight to Odessa. Novovitch said that because of the cost of the helicopter flight some patients who need advanced treatment will drive themselves because they lack insurance.

He also brought up the fact that the pipeline, which will export natural gas to Mexico, is treated as an intrastate pipeline rather than an interstate or international pipeline. This classification allows for all of the pipeline except for the border crossing to fall under the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission, which Granado claimed has approved ETP's T-4 permit for the pipeline. A T-4 permit is an application for a permit to operate a pipeline in Texas. Despite attempts to locate ETP's T-4 permit for the Trans-Pecos Pipeline through the RRC's online database, no record of the permit was found by press time.

"I wouldn't say it's a joke, but it's surprising because you have a pipeline that's 143 miles. And so the 1,093 feet from the site in Presidio to the border is a different project? It's exactly the same," Novovitch said.

Part of the project is currently under review by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), which is conducting an environmental assessment of the border crossing in lieu of granting a presidential permit, a step required for ETP to secure the border crossing part of the project.

FERC spokeswoman Tamara Young-Allen said that FERC has asked for Trans-Pecos Pipeline LLC, the applicant for the project, to provide the commission with a description of the upstream facilities but not necessarily for FERC's review.

"We're not doing a full-blown Environmental Impact Statement on the non-jurisdictional aspect," she said. "There will be a description just for information purposes only, and we issued a data request to the company earlier in July asking them to describe what they're planning to do on the intrastate side."

Granado of ETP said she believes the FERC will grant the presidential permit after the four-to-six month process. With more than 135 miles of the 143-mile pipeline surveyed, Granado said she sees ETP moving forward with easement acquisition talks in the coming months as the company gears up to begin construction. She confirmed that ETP is still looking to send the first deliveries of natural gas in the first quarter of 2017.

When asked if ETP would consider using eminent domain to seize land for an easement, a right the Railroad Commission's website says pipeline companies have, Granado emailed a response stating, "It is our first priority to secure voluntary easements with landowners. Historically, Energy Transfer has been able to successfully secure voluntary easements with more than 90 percent of the landowners it has worked with … that percentage is higher for Texas. The use of legal proceedings to secure easements is a last resort for the company."

Novovitch said that at the July town hall meeting, one of ETP's vice presidents, Rick Smith, said the portion of the pipeline crossing through Sunny Glen would be upgraded to Class 3 and would be buried deeper than the 4-foot depth where most of the pipe will rest. While he believes this is a good start, he still sees potential for continued collaboration with ETP to address safety concerns and a lack of trust and transparency.

The commissioner cited one instance where Smith told the town hall meeting that the best place to place a compressor station would be somewhere south of Marfa. This comment, he said, came after months of ETP denying that any compressor stations would be placed along the route.

"What these people don't understand, or they don't give a damn about, it is that every time a question like that arises and we get this type of answer, it just muddles it even more and it raises the level of suspicion and distrust among the public," Novovitch said. "OK, what else don't they tell us? Instead of putting it up front and saying, 'Here, this is what we're going to do, and, by the way, it's completely legal, so you like it or not, that's great, but that's the way it is.' No, they have a trickle of superficial information under pressure all the time, and that doesn't help."

In response to a question about future public meetings, Granado said no more will be held because of the private nature of easement acquisition discussions. On the issue of helping the community with further safety concerns, Granado said it was too early in the process to figure out exactly what type of assistance ETP would offer local communities in order to prepare them for potential hazards.

Novovitch said the county is being left in the lurch because its are not able to use the time now to prepare for what may come in the future.

"At least give us some information that's practical and that could help us not only to understand what's going, on but to be prepared and that would also help us to answer the questions from the constituents," he said.

With the county having little control over what it can permit or do in regard to the pipeline, Novovitch said people have complained to him that he should do more even though he has no power to.

"When there is no situation with the pipeline, everybody is against all the rules, and, suddenly, most of them want rules now," he said. "So make up your mind. What do you want, the minimum of rules or do you want to have things done the way they should? It's a tradeoff, and that's a decision of the people out there. I wish we would have more tools at our disposal to address safety issues, to address some of the public concern that is completely legitimate."

In the end, Novovitch is pessimistic about the community's fight against the pipeline and said that unless the pipeline moves somewhere else and "is in someone else's backyard," it is unlikely that ETP will decide to not build the pipeline at all.

"When we look at the hard facts, the fact that we don't have much power, don't know much, that these people are in their rights to do this … we interpret the situation like that, we are mostly spectators," he said. "Even if we were a team player or want to participate in the game, we can't."

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Protesters Bennye Meredith and Audrey Painter, sitting left to right, protest on Friday, Aug. 14 in Alpine. A group of anti-pipeline protesters stands at the corner every Friday at noon.

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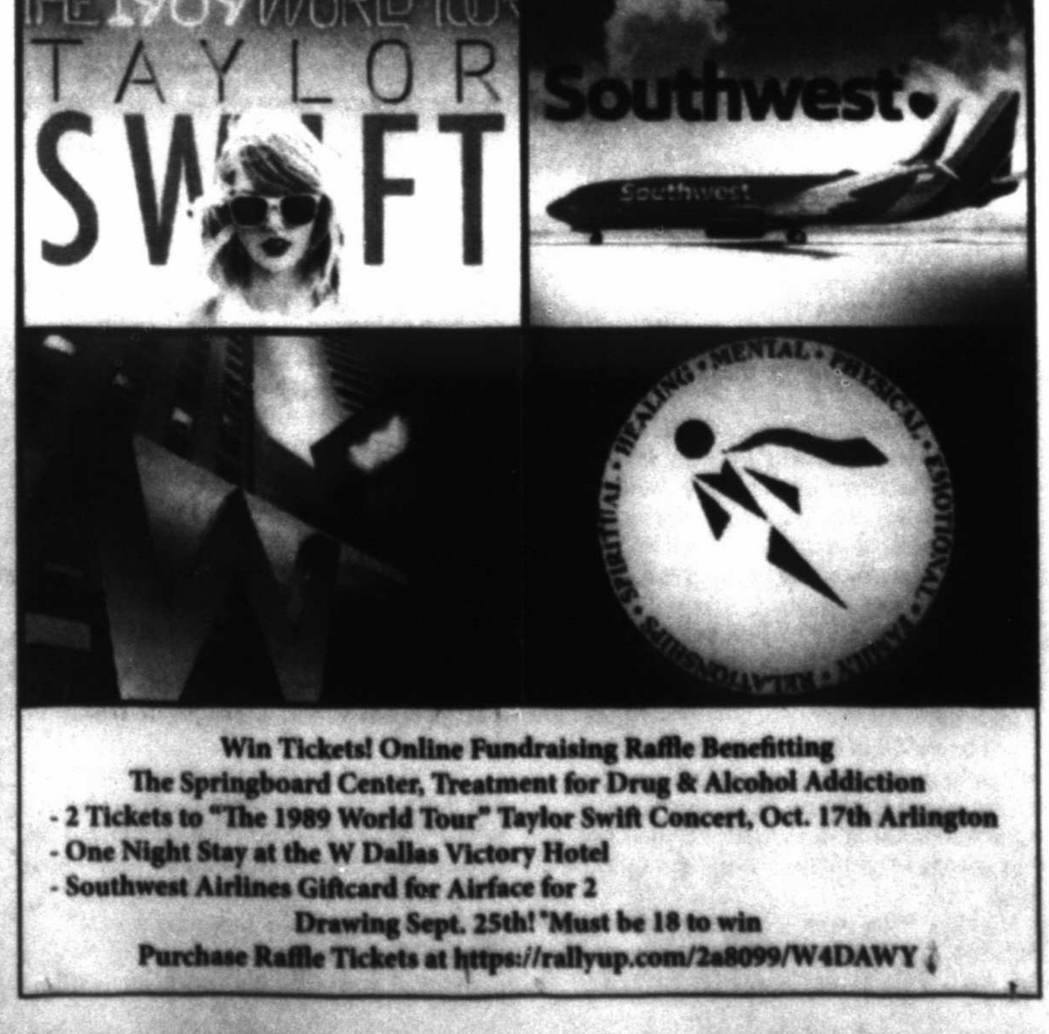

Scenes from the Midland County Fair on Saturday at Horseshoe Arena. *James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram*

An evening at the fair

It's 5:30 p.m., and it's hot out at the Horseshoe fairgrounds. Everybody's sweatin' and sucking down their grande sodas or cups of Bud.

The kids don't ever notice the 100-degree heat though, and you can hear them laughing and yelling from the spinning rides. The adults are holding back their nausea or feeling like they're 5 again, screaming just as loud as the kids as they whirl around at speeds and in directions reserved only for the slightly sketchy fair ride. Still, most are avoiding the heat and milling about inside the new Horseshoe Pavilion and Arena where dogs bark hoping to be adopted, the bucking Broncos and bulls kick their hooves and snort, and the goats at the petting zoo serenely observe giggling kids pulling at their ears and petting their snouts.

By 8 p.m. the air has cooled and those who stayed hidden from the sun most of the day have come out to play. The sunset serves as a perfect backdrop to the silhouettes of the Ferris wheels and corndog stands. The blinking carnival lights stand out gaily like a Las Vegas skyline. By this time the teenagers have arrived with their posses, walking with the confidence and cockiness that comes with their age. The old-timers hold hands and share funnel cake, peaceful in the whirling color that surrounds them. The kiddos shriek and laugh with their faces painted, clutching balloons and oversized toys, mouths sticky with melted ice cream from the hot afternoon.

Welcome to the Midland County fair, a place where memories are made, first kisses had, and good times remembered as the sun sets on the Technicolor lights blinking into the blackening sky. Though school has started for some, it still feels like summer right here.

Erin Stone, Reporter-Telegram

WATER

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Andres aquifer, through the well, and into the lake has a toxic 100,000 TDS. The current assumption for why the San Andres brackish water is coming up in its condition lies in the deteriorating rusty well casings, which, is hypothesized, allows the water to wash through salt and oil deposits as it rises, according to Odessa-based hydrologists Gil Van Deventer and Darrell Peckham.

The orphaned well began sprouting water again in about 2002. By about 2005, the water began engulfing a nearby dirt road, and by 2008, the road was completely covered.

"That used to be all flat wild land out there, and now it's a friggin' lake," Edwards said.

The MPGCD's fear is how this saltlake might percolate through the soils and contaminate the freshwater aquifer beneath, from which communities and farmers pump for irrigation and municipal use.

Having yet to be studied, the science behind the saltlakes and their potential impact to groundwater have yet to be pinned down. But Van Deventer hopes to perform that study.

"We want to make a current compilation of information that specifically documents these San Andres wells. Including their locations, status, condition and history of use," Van Deventer said during a presentation to the MPGCD board earlier this week. "I mean for the last 50 years there is very little known about these wells except for hearsay."

Preliminary estimates count at least 40 orphaned wells tapping the San Andres aquifer. The obvious ones flow water at the wellhead; others lie more dormant. All pose the risk of creating a sinkhole, which would advance the threat to groundwater contamination.

Satellite imagery of Beamer Lake shows has a smooth circular shape, which hydrologists believe is a sign of an initial sinkhole.

"The fact that it's a circle means that it could be a developing sinkhole underneath," said Peckham, who works for Odessa-based Water Quest. "It won't be a catastrophic collapse, but it's going to be a slow sink."

Such a "slow sink" happened after 2009 when a free-flowing well was plugged by the MPGCD and Texas Department of Transportation because its proximity to FM 1053. The project cost the state department about $1 million, according to Edwards, and soon after, the ground began to sink, taking the highway with it.

"They plugged it, but they couldn't get the plug down deep enough, and they were told it was OK because it would protect the (useable groundwater)," Peckham said. The well was only plugged about 200 feet beneath the freshwater aquifer yet far from the full 2,600-foot depth of the well.

"This water can move, and if it can migrate into another formation, or if it can make it up around the plug, it could dissolve layers beneath it and create a sinkhole," Peckham said.

The highway has since been rebuilt, but a large crater remains just along the right-of-way.

"It's kind of hard to say how many are out there because nobody knows. That's why I want to do this," Van Deventer said before the groundwater board. "They have the potential for sinkhole development. It's happened once. I'm telling you, it's going to happen again."

Brandon Mulder/Reporter-Telegram

A bank of Beamer Lake with white salt crystals washed up on its edges on Aug. 13.

Beyond assessing the condition and inventory of the orphaned wells, finding the funds to either plug the wells or identify a beneficial use of the water — for oil and gas production or irrigation, for instance — is another issue.

The Texas Railroad Commission, through its Orphaned Well Plugging Program, administers a fund for plugging old abandoned oil wells.

Yet, though the wells were originally drilled for oil exploration, many of them have since been used for irrigation purposes and have been reclassified as water wells, and RRC funding is limited to wells related to oil and gas production.

"We call the Railroad Commission, and they say, 'Well, they're water wells now because they were given to the landowner.' So then the landowner is liable," Edwards said. "But if you make the landowner plug them, they'll say, 'We ain't got a million dollars to plug these wells.' So what do you do? Where do you get the money?"

Nearly 15 years ago, the issue fell into the hands of Schuyler Wight, a Pecos County rancher.

In 1987, Wight purchased land in Pecos County near Grandfalls.

Unbeknownst to him, the property included a sleeping water well 3,200 feet deep. In 2001, the old well began spewing a column of saltwater from its wellhead. The well also produced quantities of oil and gas from an underlying shale formation, according to a 2002 Livestock Weekly article.

The RRC, by law, was unable to use funds to plug Wight's problem, and professional oilfield pluggers gave Wight unaffordable estimates for the plugging job. It wasn't until 2004 that the rancher finally got the well plugged, conceding some of his own funds for the fix, according to Van Deventer.

Wight's costly experience with the well set an apprehensive tone for other landowners, Van Deventer said.

"Because the landowners, like Wight, end up paying for some of that," he said. "They're worried that landowners will be financially viable for plugging the wells if the result of my study — or anybody's study — is that they should be looked at and plugged."

His proposal for studying and assessing the numerous wells for the MPGCD, he fears, might be turned down next month when the proposal comes to a vote before the board.

"So that's what we're facing here. We're faced with scared landowners — scared of the liability that might incur to mitigate that risk these San Andres wells pose," he said.

And the district has already expressed uncertainty over how it will take action.

"I don't know if the board will do it," Edwards said. "We've already lost 30 percent of the budget this year due to the oil crash — the whole county has. So I don't know if they're going to approve it or not."

Van Deventer's tone, however, is much more urgent.

"I've started using the word 'environmental disaster' because there's a lot of these wells out there," he said. "I've been here in West Texas doing environmental consulting and hydrology for 26 years — this could be the biggest environmental disaster I've seen in that time. I'm going to tell them that they're just hiding behind the bushes here. This has got to be dealt with."

TODAY IN MIDLAND

This date in Midland

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Things to do

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

Monday
JBS Lecture Series, The Power of a Leader's Promise: Alex Sheen, 7 p.m., Wagner Noel Free. wagnernoel.com.

Thursday
MISD Education Foundation presents Kansas, 8 p.m., Chaparral Center. boxofficesolutions.net.

Saturday
TallTownes Backyard BBQ with Band of Heathens, Wood & Wire, Mayeux & Broussard, 5:30 p.m., KD's Bar-B-Q. talltownes.com

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Thomas Rhett 8:30 p.m.
Florida Georgia Line 10:45 p.m.

On the Texas Troubadour Stage:
Gary Kyle 5:30 p.m.
Judson Cole 9:45 p.m.
Brian Milson midnight

Meetings

- Commissioners' Court 9 a.m. Monday Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom. 500 N. Loraine Ave.
- MISD 5:30 p.m. Monday First floor boardroom 615 W. Missouri Ave.
- City Council 10 a.m. Tuesday Council Chambers City Hall 300 N. Loraine Ave.
- Hospital District 11:45 a.m. Thursday Administation boardroom

Start of school

- Midland College, Midland Classical Academy, Hillander, Greenwood ISD, Monday
- Midland ISD, Wednesday

JBS Lecture series

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

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

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

Kansas to perform Thursday at Chap Center

Classic rock band Kansas will perform at the Midland ISD Education Foundation's Concert for Kids on Thursday. The eighth-annual event, presented by Pioneer Natural Resources, will be 8 p.m. at Chap Center.

A staple on the Billboard charts in the 1970s and 1980s, Kansas is celebrating its 40th anniversary. The Topeka, Kansas-based band released its debut self-titled album in 1974. Since then, Kansas has produced hits such as "Dust in the Wind" and "Carry On Wayward Son" — now constants on classic rock radio.

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$5 million, according to previous Reporter-Telegram articles.

Midland Center appears to be a focus for both of the parking garage efforts. The City Council is debating spending $29 million to $39 million on two potential options for replacing the current facility.

MDC throws Tradewinds money behind Briarwood project

The MDC also passed a couple of items having to do with thoroughfare construction in newer developments. The board first withdrew funds dedicated to a project that would have extended Tradewinds Boulevard from Thomason Drive to Business 20, linking the sports complex area with Cinergy Cinemas and Entertainment area in west Midland.

The board then added the $3 million-plus to the Briarwood Avenue project. City Councilman Jeff Sparks, who along with Mayor Jerry Morales attended the MDC board meeting, said both projects had trouble staying under the budgets set years ago. He also said the purpose of moving the money is to get action going on one of the two projects. City and MDC officials want to expand the Briarwood Avenue (formerly County Road 60) in northwest Midland from two to four lanes.

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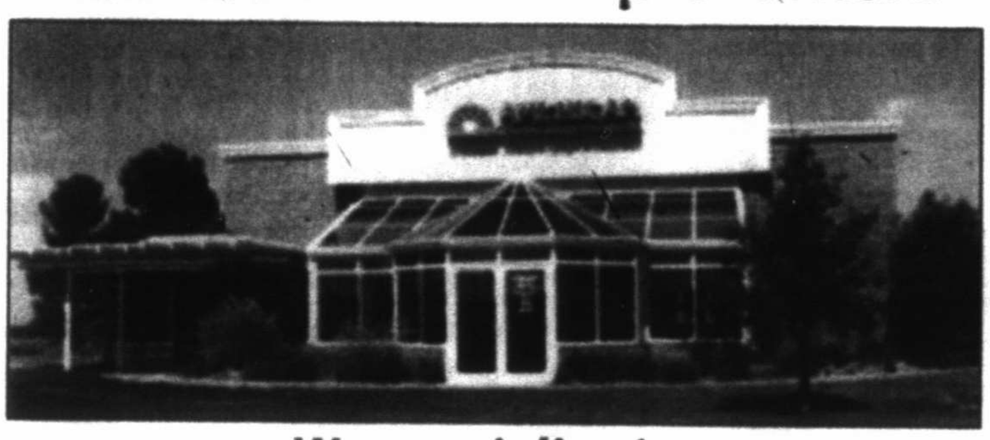

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New Orleans rises decade after Katrina — but gaps remain

By Rebecca Santana
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Talking about New Orleans a decade after Hurricane Katrina, people here often reach for the Biblical, describing an economic and cultural resurrection.

Helped by billions in recovery money, buoyed by volunteers and driven by the grit of its own citizens, the city is enjoying a resurgence. Reforms from schools to policing to community engagement and water management are in progress, buttressing people against the next monster storm.

But in the same breath, people also point to the many left behind. This 'New' New Orleans is whiter and more expensive, and blacks still suffer society's ills disproportionately, especially in the chronically neglected Lower 9th Ward, a bastion of black home ownership before the floodwalls failed.

"A lot of folks say things are so much better, the economy is so improved, and other people are going to say it is so much worse," said Allison Plyer at The Data Center, a think tank in the city. "And both those realities are true."

Katrina swamped 80 percent of New Orleans with polluted water up to 20 feet deep. More than 1,500 from Louisiana died, the National Hurricane Center reported a year later. Hospitals and police were overwhelmed. The economy shut down. Survivors felt abandoned. Many evacuees didn't return.

It seemed like a death blow for a city already suffering from crime, racism, poverty, corruption and neglect. New Orleans is a national treasure, where African-American, French, Spanish and Caribbean traditions had mixed for nearly three centuries. Could the people who create its unique forms of music, food and fun survive such devastation? Could they thrive?

"We're still standing," said Jannis Moody, a young black woman enjoying a free concert featuring the Rebirth Brass Band. "What's clear" is that the people of New Orleans "are a resilient people."

Signs of renaissance abound:

The city has recovered nearly 80 percent of its pre-storm population. Most public schools are being run as private charters, and the graduation rate has jumped, although criticism abounds. The old Charity Hospital, a first and last resort for the uninsured, has been replaced by a gleaming new University Medical Center.

Associated Press

Steps lead to the empty foundation of a home destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in the Lower 9th Ward on Forstall Street in New Orleans, just behind a new charter high school being built in the neighborhood, Monday. Ironically, the fact that many homes were owned for generations worked against these homeowners, because without mortgages to pay, they weren't required to and often didn't have flood insurance, says Darryl Malek-Wiley, a Sierra Club activist working to restore the community.

Louis Armstrong Airport, where thousands tried to flee in August 2005, now handles more passengers than before Katrina. There are more restaurants. New businesses open 64 percent faster than the national average. Sales revenue this year is up.

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie bought a French Quarter mansion and built new housing, part of a wave of up to 40,000 new residents, Tulane professor Richard Campanella estimated. Countless "YURPS" (young urban renewal professionals) and millennials followed the recovery and insurance money to what seemed like a "kind of undiscovered bohemia," he said.

At Launch Pad, a co-working space meant to foster community, co-founder Chris Schultz said the storm "catalyzed people who stuck around to really care about the city."

"The city has changed and ultimately we needed to change," said New Orleans native Brooke Boudreaux, operating manager at the iconic Circle Food grocery near Treme, a neighborhood that calls itself "the Birthplace of Jazz."

Once catering almost exclusively to black customers, the flooded grocery finally reopened last year, responding to an influx of Hispanics and whites by adding tamales and organic produce to New Orleans staples like Camellia red beans.

The Industrial Canal cleaves the Lower 9th Ward apart from all this. Eighty-year-old Oralee Fields calls it "the wilderness" as she looks out from her porch in frustration at the vegetation overtaking her street. "I had nice neighbors. We all grew up together, children walking home together from school."

Massive piles of garbage and homes ruined by toxic mold are gone. What remains in the Lower 9th is an emptiness. Brad Pitt's "Make it Right" houses, community gardens and a new $20.5 million community center attest to hard-fought progress. But only one school has reopened, and few stores.

Generations of home ownership worked against the Lower 9th, because many lacked the flood insurance mortgage lenders require, said Sierra Club activist Darryl Malek-Wiley. Reconstruction money matched pre-Katrina market values that didn't cover rebuilding. A protracted debate over whether to abandon the Lower 9th as livable space slowed recovery.

The city's black population is down from two-thirds before Katrina to about 60 percent. Those who remain earn half the income of white households. Thirty-nine percent of children remain in poverty.

"When Katrina hit, you got to see the real New Orleans, people who were trapped at the Superdome and the Convention Center — 99 percent poor, black. We don't have anyone who seems to know how to fix that problem," said Wayne Baquet, who owns Lil Dizzy's Cafe in Treme.

With cheap rentals largely destroyed, rents skyrocketed by 43 percent. Public housing projects were demolished and replaced with lower-density housing. Thousands of families remain on a waiting list for subsidized housing. Many workers face longer commutes.

"The quality of the housing is definitely not worth the price that they're charging now," said Adrian Brown, a chef in the French Quarter who moved outside the city center.

New Orleans capitalized on "the power and the spirit of the comeback," said Michael Hecht of Greater New Orleans Inc., but most of the disaster relief and philanthropy has come and gone. He says the next ten years will likely be harder than the first.

At the Rebirth concert, an upbeat crowd enjoyed a lush summer evening, with kids playing and couples swaying as the Mississippi lapped at the levee.

"You're not going to recover from the impact of Katrina and be the same," concertgoer Torrie Jakes said. "Do I mourn the loss of that New Orleans? Yes, but do I like the new parts of New Orleans? Yes, I do."

How New Orleans has changed since Katrina

NEW ORLEANS — A by-the-numbers look at the lasting impact of Hurricane Katrina, which hit New Orleans on August 29, 2005. The metro area includes New Orleans and seven surrounding parishes.

■ Toll: Katrina caused more than 1,800 deaths and $151 billion in damage across the Gulf Coast region.

■ Population: New Orleans' estimated population last year was 384,320 compared to 494,294 before the storm. Last year the city climbed back into the nation's 50 most populous cities for the first time since Katrina. The city was 67 percent black and 26 percent white before the storm; Now it's about 60 percent black and 31 percent white. Hispanics have grown from 3.5 percent to 5.5 percent now.

■ Economy: The metro area has five percent more jobs than in 2005, and venture capital doubled in the last four years to $32 per capita in 2014. Metro area businesses are starting at a rate 64 percent higher than the rest of the country — 471 startups per 100,000 adults during 2011-2013. Tourism is rebounding, with 39,000 hotel rooms, a few hundred more than the city had in 2004. Hotel revenue rose from nearly $1 billion in 2004 to $1.37 billion in 2014.

■ Quality of Life: Revenue to arts and culture nonprofits surged from $213 per capita before the storm to $428 per capita in 2014 — far ahead of the U.S. average of $103 per capita. The amount of bike lanes and bike paths has increased from 11 miles in 2004 to 92 miles in 2014.

■ Inequality: 77 percent of white men in the metro area are employed, compared to 57 percent of black men. Only 12 percent of black men in the metro area have bachelor's degrees, compared with 35 percent of white men. Since 1999, the share of the city's white households considered middle and upper class has climbed while black households in this group have shrunk. Child poverty is 39 percent, a rate virtually unchanged since before the storm, while rents have risen about 40 percent since 2000.

■ Crime: The jail population has dropped almost in half since 2004, but remains three times the national rate. Murders dropped last year to one of the lowest rates in decades, but are up 29 percent since then.

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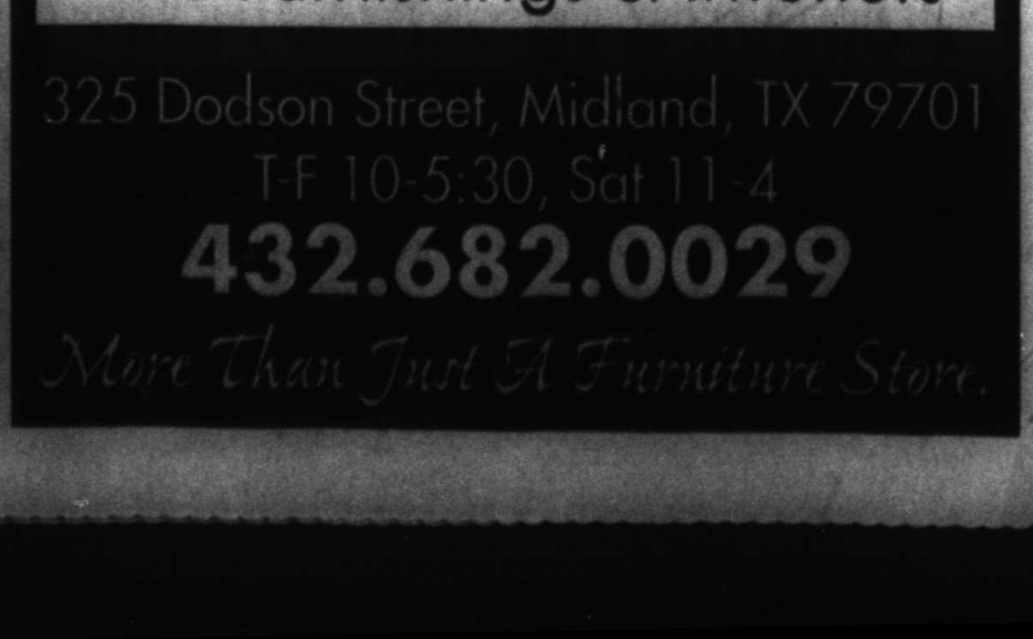
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Indiana enlists NRA to train Guard on firearms

By Brian Slodysko
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The National Rifle Association has been instructing Indiana's National Guard members on how to use concealed weapons after Republican Gov. Mike Pence directed the state's military bases and training centers to beef up security in response to recent attacks in Tennessee.

According to a survey by The Associated Press, Indiana is the only state to enlist the NRA's help in the training, which the gun-rights group said it will conduct free of charge for any guardsman who wants to carry a concealed handgun.

Although National Guard members traditionally have not been allowed to carry weapons while conducting most stateside duties, Pence is one of 14 governors who decided to arm them in the wake of a gunman's attacks last month on two U.S. military sites in Chattanooga that left four Marines dead.

Gun control advocates argue it's inappropriate for a state to involve a political lobbying organization in training members of the military, and even some National Guard officials from states that allow guardsmen to carry weapons question why a civilian organization is needed.

"This is a military problem to deal with, so we're going to deal with it with the military," said Lt. Col. Joel Lynch, a spokesman for the Arkansas National Guard, which is handling the training of its Guard members itself.

As governor, Pence has wide-ranging powers over the Indiana National Guard and appoints the adjutant general who oversees operations.

Pence spokeswoman Kara Brooks declined to comment and directed inquiries to the Indiana National Guard. Guard spokeswoman Lt. Col. Cathy Van Bree said guard instructors have previously offered handgun instruction themselves but that Pence's executive order last month allowing guardsmen to be armed requires a "deeper level of training." She did not elaborate.

In order to be armed, a guardsman must have a valid conceal-carry permit and undergo training. Van Bree declined to say how many members have been approved to be armed.

Guy Relford, an NRA instructor who recently trained about 65 Indiana guardsmen at an armory in Franklin, said his "basic pistol" course delves into safety scenarios on when and when not to shoot.

Without training, the National Guard has "dramatically increased the possibility that someone could hurt themselves or others with a gun," Relford said.

The AP survey of the 14 states that have armed their National Guards shows that most states had members of the military or law enforcement conduct the training. Only Indiana, Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky and Oklahoma said they allow guardsmen to carry concealed weapons. At least seven others — including the largest state of California — allow Guard members to carry weapons in plain sight. Officials in Alabama declined to release information about their firearms rules for guardsmen, while the Texas National Guard wouldn't say if concealed handguns were allowed.

"The fact is, our folks are very comfortable in using weapons and using discernment in when they use those weapons, so having an outside agency involved is a little bit of a surprise," Capt. Will Martin, a spokesman for the California National Guard, said of Indiana's policy.

Eric Dietz, a professor at Purdue University who studies homeland security issues, said his research suggests causalities in some active shooter situations could be reduced if someone, such as a guardsman, has a concealed handgun.

Although more known for its role as an advocacy group, the NRA also frequently conducts handgun training programs for civilians. Relford said most Guard members don't get pistol training from the military, and those who do are taught using the standard 9mm. Pence's policy applies to a vast array of firearms ranging from a .22-caliber up to a .357 Magnum.

There are also legal and philosophical considerations because the military's overarching focus is on threats abroad, not at home, which is the traditional role of law enforcement.

Allowing different states to adopt different training methods also goes against the grain of military orthodoxy.

"You don't want to have the Indiana National Guardsmen trained a certain way that may be different from Illinois or Kentucky. There does have to be a standard across the board," said David Harris, a former adjutant general of the Illinois National Guard and now a Republican legislator, who supports the idea of arming guardsmen.

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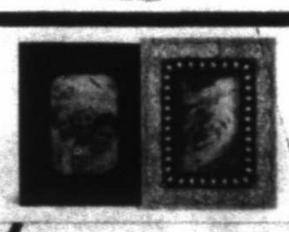
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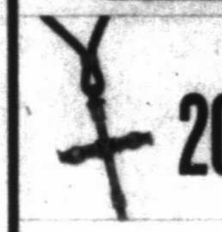
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Experts: Deleted online information never actually goes away

By Bree Fowler
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Ashley Madison hack is a big reminder to all Web users: If you submit private data online, chances are it will never be fully deleted.

The hackers, who stole the data about a month ago and then posted it online this week, claimed in a statement that part of the reason for the theft was Ashley Madison's fraudulent promise to fully delete users' information if they paid the company a $19 fee.

The website — whose slogan is "Life is short. Have an affair" — is marketed to people looking for extramarital relationships. It purports to have about 39 million members.

The hackers said the company failed to delete the information, even though it collected the fees. Toronto-based Avid Life Media Inc., Ashley Madison's parent company, hasn't commented on the hackers' accusation. A company spokesman didn't respond to multiple emails seeking comment.

It's virtually impossible to exist in modern society without putting at least some personal information online. Many people can't get through a day without using the Internet to shop, pay a bill, or check their credit card balance.

People have become accustomed to trusting their most precious personal information to companies. But they also need to know that all of that information is being shared more than they would expect, privacy experts said.

Before you hit "submit," stop and think before giving up your personal information to any kind of website, said Michael Kaiser, executive director of the National Cyber Security Alliance, an industry-funded group that educates consumers about cybersecurity.

"Ashley Madison actually charges you to remove your information when you remove your account," said Kaiser. "That's a big clue about how they feel about your personal information."

People also need to sometimes take a pass on convenience in the name of online security.

Many consumers like it when e-commerce sites have their credit card and other information on file, or when Web browsers automatically fill in forms with their name, address and other details, says Peter Tyrrell, chief operating officer of the data security firm Digital Guardian. Meanwhile, worries about data theft and loss have prompted companies to back up important information in multiple places.

But both practices increase the likelihood that information could be leaked or shared. And it means that even when a person thinks that their information has been permanently deleted, chances are there are still copies floating around somewhere.

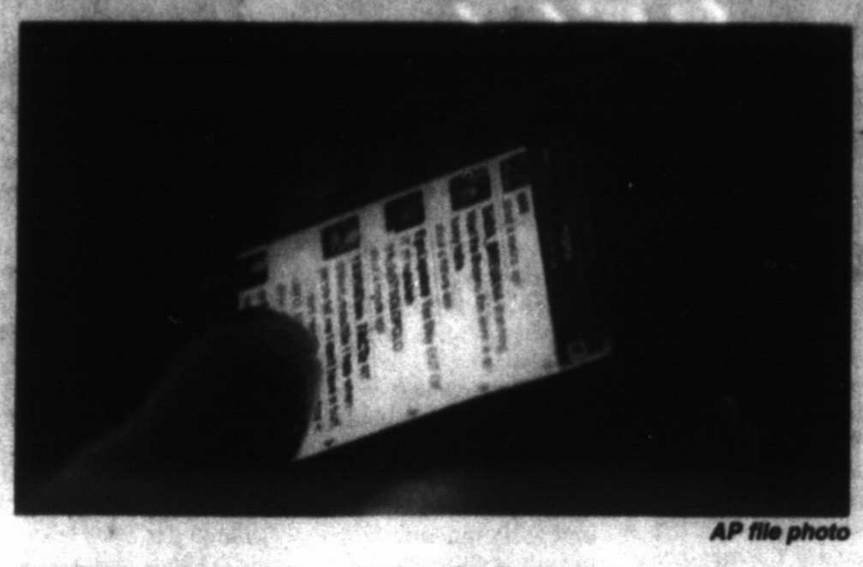
"Ashley Madison is a company with a service that's completely predicated on privacy," Tyrrell said, adding that that characteristic sets it apart from many traditional e-commerce sites such as retailers.

Breaches, whether they be at a major retailer such as Target Corp., a health insurance company such as Anthem Inc., or Ashley Madison, have become so common that people should give some serious thought before putting personal information online, says Caleb Barlow, a vice president at IBM's security division.

And while Social Security numbers weren't involved Ashley Madison hack, people should be especially wary of using them as a backup password to access online information, given the potentially disastrous consequences that could result if they're intercepted, he said.

AP poll: No lag on tech use by black, Hispanic millennials

By Glynn A. Hill
Associated Press



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Tyrell Coley, 21, holds his iPhone displaying his Twitter account in the Queens borough of New York in 2011. A new poll finds African American millennials are just as engaged in getting news online as their white counterparts, further debunking a long-held belief that people of color are at risk of being left behind technologically.

WASHINGTON — A new poll finds African-American and Hispanic millennials are just as technologically connected and likely to get news through social media as regularly as their white counterparts, further narrowing the risk of people of color being left behind technologically.

Overall, 57 percent of millennials say they get news and information from Facebook at least once a day, and 81 percent say they get it from Facebook at least once a week. The poll also found that Hispanics and African-Americans are just as likely as any millennials to have a paid news subscription.

There was little differentiation between racial groups getting news from Facebook, the poll found. But about half of African-American millennials said they comment on news stories posted to Facebook, compared to about 3 in 10 whites and Hispanics.

The findings suggest that, despite fears that millennials — those 18-34 years old — may not be going to traditional sources for news, they are clearly getting news from social media.

"People of color are very wired and just as adept in using technology," said Tom Rosenstiel, executive director of the American Press Institute, which funded the study. "If you want a subject that hasn't been covered in the mainstream, millennials have found ways to get at that information through community sharing more than traditional ways. The way they get news is heavily influenced by topic."

In general, 64 percent of millennials said they read and watch news online regularly, including 66 percent of African-Americans, according to the poll, which was conducted by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and the American Press Institute. Sixty-five percent of white millennials said they keep up with the news online, while Hispanics were slightly less likely to say so, at 53 percent

In the 1990s, policymakers and advocacy groups expressed concern that minorities would have less access to technology than whites, a situation labeled the "digital divide." Over time, however, minorities emerged among the biggest users of certain forms of technology, such as smartphones.

The AP-NORC study found no evidence to suggest that African-Americans' and Hispanics' use of technology lags behind whites, with nearly all millennials using a smartphone and half using a tablet.

African-Americans are also more likely to use Facebook for keeping up with what's "trending" on social media — 41 percent of African-Americans compared with 29 percent of whites and 24 percent of Hispanics.

Those who are Hispanic or African-American are more likely than white millennials to get news and information from YouTube (38 percent of Hispanics compared with 33 percent of African Americans and 20 percent of whites) and Instagram (30 percent of Hispanics compared with 45 percent of African-Americans and 19 percent of whites).

According to Rosenstiel, YouTube's popularity partially stems from users' ability to produce content without gatekeepers.

"We see topics that aren't mainstream finding a big audience — a lot of gamers, comedy, news commentary. As something goes mainstream, young people look for new channels to exercise some control," he said.

Streaming music, TV or movies is the most commonly cited online activity among African-Americans, while keeping up with what their friends are doing is the most commonly cited online activity among Hispanics. For white millennials, checking and sending email was most common.

"What we've seen is millennials' similarities are much greater than the differences people thought that there were going to be," Rosenstiel said of the online experience. "We've created new common ground."

The survey of 1,045 young adults, including 163 non-Hispanic African-Americans and 162 Hispanics, was conducted from Jan. 5 through Feb. 2, 2015. It was conducted by the Media Insight Project, a partnership between the AP-NORC Center and the American Press Institute, which funded the study.

The survey was conducted using online interviews in English and Spanish done with a random sample of adults age 18-34 who were initially recruited and screened to take part in the survey over the phone. Results from the full survey have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.8 percentage points. The margin of error is higher for subgroups.

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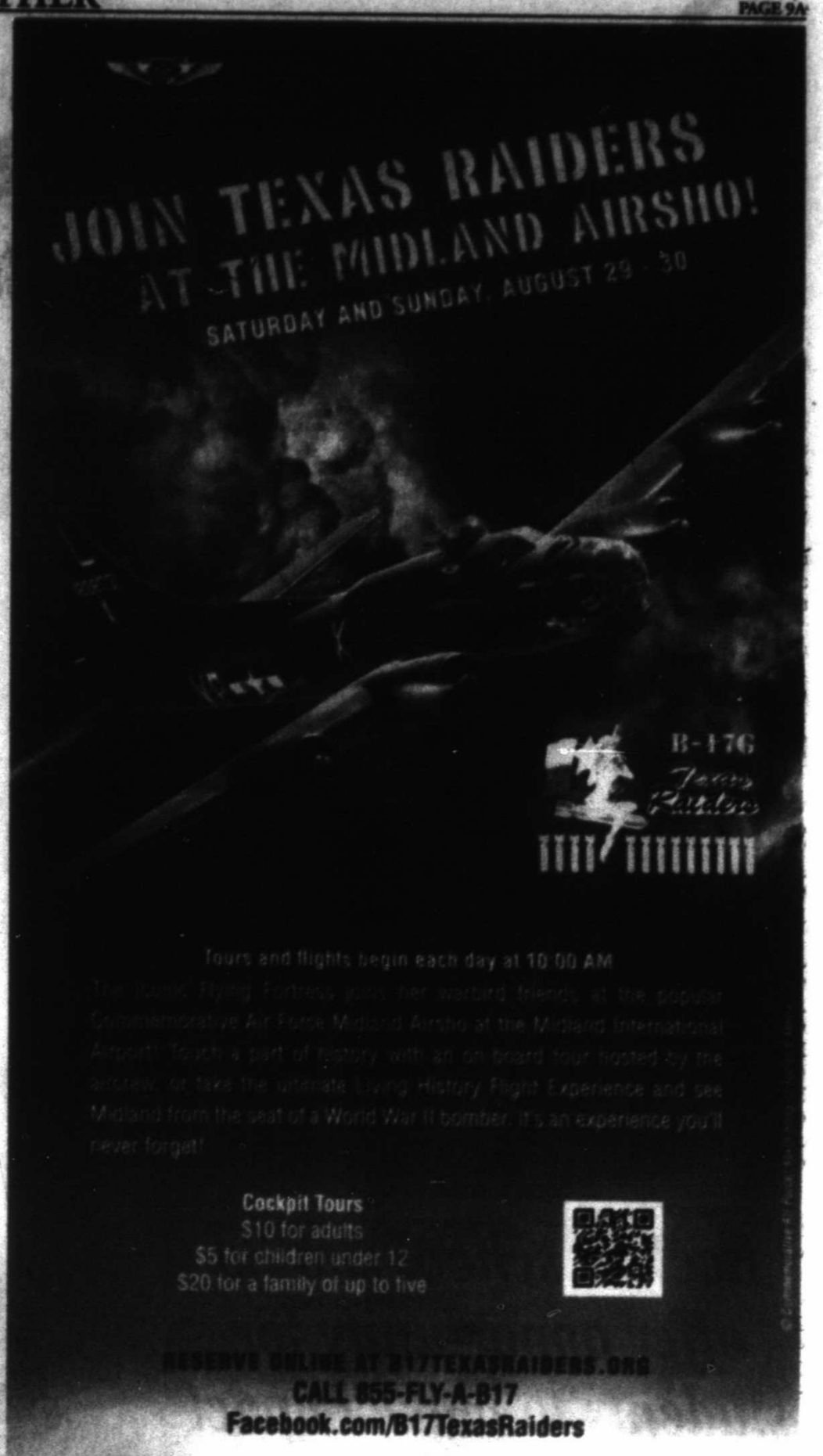

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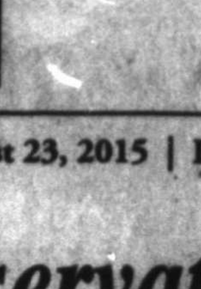
Trump dangers conservatism with ideological TNT

■ The Republican frontrunner is "choosing an enemy in order to organize and direct public anger"



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What is Donald Trump's secret? He is a "joyful warrior" who understands the "entertainment value" of politics. He is "outrageous" and "spontaneous" and "fun to watch." Bryan Cranston, the star of "Breaking Bad," finds Trump's "I don't give a s---" attitude a "surprise benefit to the country" and "refreshing."

"I am Batman," Trump told some children at the Iowa State Fair, before providing helicopter rides.

But this is reality television with a kick. Trump's first stab at policy is an immigration plan involving mass deportation and an end to birthright citizenship.

Here is Trump explaining his proposal to Bill O'Reilly on Fox News: "We're losing so much to so many," including the jobs they're "taking" and "a literal crime wave." "We have to do something about it," Trump explained, because "we're losing our country." The plain meaning of the 14th Amendment — which states that anyone born in the United States is a citizen — won't be an obstacle to deportations because "many lawyers are saying that's not the way it is."

And then there was this exchange: "Do you envision federal police kicking in the doors in barrios around the country and dragging families out and putting them on a bus?" asked O'Reilly. "We have to start a process where we take back our country," responded Trump. "Our country is going to hell. We have to start a process ... where we take back our country."

It is all fun and games until the mass roundups begin. This summer's main form of public entertainment is proposing a contraction in the protections of the 14th Amendment and a continent-wide dragnet to capture and deport more than 11 million men, women and children, overwhelmingly of Latino background, because, in Trump's view, they are taking the country and causing it to go to hell.

How refreshing. How un-P.C. And what about those Heidi Klum comments? Just outrageous.

This is jarring, or should be. It is like "Keeping Up with the Kardashians," but with divisive, politically motivated ethnic stereotyping. The Mexicans, according to Trump, are "cunning." Latinos without papers are out to rape our women. They are predators and burdens. They are ruining the country. They. They.

It is not easy, but now necessary, to start examining Trump's joyful, spontaneous combination of ignorance and malice. Lawyers, of course, can be made to say anything. But they can't prove the 14th Amendment means something other than what it says. In the debates surrounding the amendment and the Civil Rights Act of 1866, the Republican sponsors of these transformational measures affirmed that citizenship covered "children begotten of Chinese parents" as well as the children of "Gypsies" — the hated immigrants of their time.

Radical Republicans embraced the principle of *jus soli* — the grant of citizenship to those born on our soil — for a reason. They wanted to constrain future political majorities from stealing the rights of children of any background. It is one of the most radical and wonderful things about America. If a desperate, impoverished, undocumented Guatemalan woman has a baby in Dallas today, he or she, when it comes to citizenship and the right to run for president, is Donald Trump's exact equal. And he can get two-thirds of the House and Senate, and three quarters of state legislatures, to change it — or he can lump it.

When it comes to Trump, some conservatives have adopted the strategy of "There are some good points here, but ... " and "He is tapping into some real anxiety, but ... ." It is an approach that effectively legitimizes Trump's disturbing enterprise. He is not making a series of arguments about the role of immigration in depressing wages or increasing unemployment. He is choosing an enemy in order to organize and direct public anger. There is a difference between striking a populist chord and feeding cultural resentment with racial overtones.

Conservatives who support restrictionist immigration policies, above all, should distance themselves from Trump's ethnic polarization. He has become the discrediting stereotype of their views, using rhetoric and arguments more suitable to European right-wing populists. Ethno-nationalist. Conspiracy-minded. All our humiliating national failures result from treacherous foreigners or a stab in the back by our own weak and corrupt leaders. All our problems can be solved by a strong leader who embodies the national will.

No conservative should be playing with this ideological nitroglycerin — unless they truly want to blow up our political order. And then they have ceased to be conservatives at all.

OUR VIEW

Back to school should offer opportunity for students to make impact

Most of the time, Our View addresses topics that are more interesting to our older readers.

Today, we want to do something different. School has either started or is about to start for our community's younger residents, and our message is for them.

Older readers, this one is for the students, so feel free to check back in another time. We need face-to-face time with the next in line.

To those students, we know some of you are bummed about the summer ending. We were there once. We get it.

But the start of the school year shouldn't be something you dread. We want you to think of it as an opportunity. An opportunity for what, you might ask? Our answer is an opportunity to make an impact in the community.

This isn't meant to load more onto your plate because we think you have nothing else to do. For some students out there, there is no free time once the school year begins. Midlanders, this editorial board included, take those students for granted.

However, we want all students — in public, private and charter schools — to ask themselves: "Am I doing everything I can to make a difference?" We know it's a loaded question, and we know we could ask the same of the entire community. Trust us, we have.

But as the school year begins, our hope is you assess your situation. Then, start off slow. Do you have an hour a week to give? Do you have an interest, like helping a nonprofit, working with younger students who need a mentor or tutor, or working with a student group at your school?

Once you realize what you have to give, ask someone how you can turn that interest into action. Start off with a school leader or parent. Now is the right time. Students rarely have the community's attention like they do during the start of the school year.

Again, we say start off slow. Give an hour and go from there. In the end, you will have more than just additional material for your college transcript. You will have helped the community with solutions to its problems or perhaps will have influenced another Midlander to be a better student/person/resident.

We could write about how Midlanders feel better about seeing the next generation step up, but the reality is this really isn't about us. This is about your being able to say you made the most of every moment of the school year and that you made the impact on your school, your community and for those who needed a little help.

We know by sheer numbers that if every high school student gave one hour a week to a cause he or she felt passionately about, our community would be a much better place. But for right now, let's focus on one person — you. So, what do you say? When the 2015-16 school year is complete, how will you have impacted our community?

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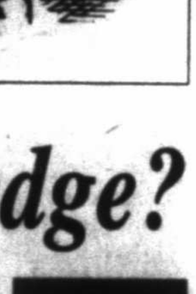
Forget Trump's loyalty pledge?

■ GOP should continue to want their candidates to earn every vote, endorsement



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Principles only mean something in times of confusion, conflict or chaos. When things are going smoothly, it's easy for the leaders of a political party to proclaim what they believe. But you should check back when things are falling apart and see if they're still believers.

Thanks to the insurgent presidential campaign of Donald Trump, the conservative movement in America is falling apart. In the most recent example of the intramural tumult, conservative columnist Ann Coulter dismissively attacked Bill O'Reilly and "the rest of the scholars on Fox News" for daring to challenge Trump's assault on birthright citizenship. The billionaire wants a do-over on the 14th Amendment so it no longer contains this sort of inconvenient language: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside." So now Coulter has battered the one cable network that heretofore has given her a forum for her nativism and nuttiness.

One thing that divides conservatives is the question of whether Trump should take a loyalty oath to support the eventual Republican nominee if that person is not named "Trump."

During the Cleveland debate, Fox News' Bret Baier asked the 10 candidates in the main event to raise their hands if they were "unwilling tonight to pledge your support to the eventual nominee of the Republican Party and pledge to not run an independent campaign against that person."

Trump's hand went up.

Republicans were shocked — shocked! — to learn that Trump is not a team player. Where had they been? You would have thought, given that Trump assailed Marco Rubio and Jeb Bush by name right out of the gate when he first announced he was running for president, the Republican National Committee would have already figured out that Trump is only loyal to Trump.

Now there is a new movement afoot to get tough and bar from the next debate — which is scheduled to be televised on CNN on Sept. 16 — anyone who refuses to pledge support for the party's eventual nominee. (Read: Donald Trump.)

Good luck. Someone should have checked with CNN on that one. Because the Fox News debate attracted a record 24 million viewers, and because we can assume most of those people tuned in to see Trump, CNN will do everything in its power to make sure the showman is center-stage in the next debate.

In any case, even though I think his immigration proposals aren't worth the cocktail napkin they were scribbled on, Trump should continue to resist the loyalty pledge.

For one thing, the Republican Party has it backward. Instead of demanding that Trump support the nominee, it should ask other GOP hopefuls to support Trump if he's the nominee. The billionaire is leading the Republican pack in polls in Iowa and New Hampshire. A new CNN/ORC survey shows that he has won the trust of Republican voters on a variety of issues ranging from the economy to immigration to fighting terrorism. And the same poll shows that Trump has pulled to within six points of defeating Hillary Clinton in a general-election matchup.

More importantly, if Trump were to take the loyalty pledge, how could he continue to call himself a good Republican?

I thought the Republican Party opposed the idea of getting something for nothing. Isn't that why Republicans argue against welfare or other social programs? So why does the GOP expect Trump to unconditionally back the party's nominee sight unseen?

I thought this party didn't believe in entitlements but valued merit. That's what Republicans say when they rail against affirmative action, which some of them must see as non-white privilege. Shouldn't whoever wins the GOP nomination have to earn Trump's support like he or she would that of any other voter?

I thought the GOP was all about competition. Or at least that's what you hear from Republicans who support free trade or promote vouchers for school choice.

Finally, I thought Republicans had low tolerance for playing the victim. If Trump doesn't get the nomination and runs as an independent, you can bet the GOP establishment will claim that the renegade is ruining the party's chances to retake the White House. This sounds like playing the victim to me.

You see, what we're watching isn't simply another nomination battle. It's a war for the soul of a party.

From the Left | Doonesbury

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Big tent to get much smaller under Trump

■ GOP has issues as its frontrunner defines down the party

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It has come to this: The GOP, formerly the party of Lincoln and ostensibly the party of liberty and limited government, is being defined by clamors for a mass roundup and deportation of millions of human beings. To will an end is to will the means for the end, so the Republican clamors are also for the requisite expansion of government's size and coercive powers.

Most of Donald Trump's normally loquacious rivals are swaggeringly eager to confront Vladimir Putin, but are too invertebrate — Lindsey Graham is an honorable exception — to voice robust disgust with Trump and the spirit of, the police measures necessary for, and the cruelties that would accompany, his policy. The policy is: "They've got to go."

"They," the approximately 11.3 million illegal immigrants (down from 12.2 million in 2007), have these attributes: Eighty-eight percent have been here at least five years. Of the 62 percent who have been here at least 10 years, about 45 percent own their own homes. About half have children who were born here and hence are citizens. Dara Lind of Vox reports that at least 4.5 million children who are citizens have at least one parent who is an illegal immigrant.

Trump evidently plans to deport almost 10 percent of California's workers, and 13 percent of that state's K-12 students. He is, however, at his most Republican when he honors family values: He proposes to deport intact families, including children who are citizens. "We have to keep the families together," he says, "but they have to go." Trump would deport everyone, then "have an expedited way of getting them ("the good ones": "when somebody is terrific") back." Big Brother government will identify the "good" and "terrific" from among the wretched refuse of other teeming shores.

Trump proposes seizing money that illegal immigrants from Mexico try to send home. This might involve sacrificing mail privacy, but desperate times require desperate measures. He would vastly enlarge the federal government's enforcement apparatus, but he who praises single-payer health care systems and favors vast eminent domain powers has never made a fetish of small government.

Today's big government finds running Amtrak too large a challenge, and Trump's roundup would be about 94 times larger than the wartime internment of 117,000 persons of Japanese descent. But Trump wants America to think big. The big costs, in decades and dollars (hundreds of billions), of Trump's project could be reduced if, say, the targets were required to sew yellow patches on their clothing to advertise their coming expulsion. There is precedent.

Birthright citizenship, established by the 14th Amendment and opposed by Trump and his emulators, accords with America's natural-rights doctrine. Arguably, this policy is unwise. But is this an argument Republicans should foment in the toxic atmosphere Trump has created, an argument that would injure the next Republican nominee even more than Mitt Romney injured himself? Romney, who advocated making illegal immigrants' lives so unpleasant they would "self-deport," might be president if he had received 10 points more than his 27 percent of the Hispanic vote.

About 900,000 Hispanic citizens reach voting age each year. In 2012, less than half of eligible Hispanics voted, but Republicans have figured out how to increase Hispanic turnout.

A substantial majority of Americans — majorities in all states — and, in some polls, a narrow majority of Republicans favor a path for illegal immigrants not just to legal status but to citizenship. Less than 20 percent of Americans favor comprehensive deportation.

This may, however, be changing now that so many supposed Republicans embrace a candidate who, six years into Ronald Reagan's presidency, disparaged Ronald Reagan as someone who tried to "con" the public. Looking on the bright side, perhaps Trump supporters are amiably broadminded in their embrace of a candidate who thinks we cannot presently be proud to be American citizens (he said his presidency will enable us to again be proud).

If, after November 2016, there are autopsies of Republican presidential hopes, political coroners will stress the immigration-related rhetoric of August 2015. And of October 1884.

Then, the Republican presidential nominee, former Sen. James G. Blaine, returning home to Maine in the campaign's closing days, attended a New York rally on his behalf, where a prominent Protestant clergyman said Democrats were a party of "rum, Romanism and rebellion." Catholics, many of them immigrants, noticed. Blaine lost New York, and with it the presidency, by 1,200 votes out of more than 1 million cast.

Editor's Note: The columnist's wife, Mari Will, works for Scott Walker.

Flamboyant Trump evolved into cautious businessman

By Bernard Condon
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Donald Trump sells himself as a bold empire-builder, the kind of businessman who could force through big changes in Washington as president.

Yet for all his bravado — "I've done an amazing job," the Republican White House hopeful boasted during his announcement speech — a review of the billionaire's financial filings and recent deals suggests he's no swashbuckler.

Trump is reluctant to take on debt after it nearly ruined him in the 1990s. He holds few stocks for someone of his wealth and has grown increasingly dependent on making money by lending out his name to others rather than developing real estate himself.

"People think of him as big. They see the Trump name around the world. But that's not his money," said Don Peebles, a real estate developer who oversees a $5 billion real estate portfolio. "He's not taking big risks."

That's not a knock.

Peebles calls Trump a "pioneer," praising his move into a nearly risk-free business. In an industry prone to booms and bust, say branding experts and rival developers, it's a shrewd shift that only someone with Trump's name recognition could pull off. In essence, Trump gets a stream of fees without risking any of his own money.

But it's not the image that Trump is projecting as a candidate for president, given that his White House campaign is built around his prowess in the boardroom. The candidate's company, the Trump Organization, rejects any suggestion he's playing it safe.

"We have been major buyers of properties," said the candidate's son, Eric Trump, who oversees real estate development and acquisitions at the Trump Organization. "We believe in owning dirt."

A few hoteliers had created buzz by putting their names on buildings — think Conrad Hilton of Hilton Hotels — when Donald Trump was getting his start in the 1970s, but the idea hadn't really caught on in luxury residential real estate. Trump made it work, thanks to unabashed love of glitz and glamour — and some good timing.

He broke ground on New York's Trump Tower in 1980, just before New York City's resurgence from near bankruptcy and the start of the longest bull stock market in history. He bought and built more and diversified into airlines and casinos — all with his name leading the way.

Then boom turned bust in the late 80s, and Trump lost nearly everything. Unable to pay back billions of dollars of debt, he threatened to tie up lenders in court, threw two of his casinos into bankruptcy, cut a series of deals that erased most of his personal liability, then began buying and building once again.

In 2001, he completed the 90-story Trump World Tower, a residential building across from the United Nations in New York. Three years later, he launched his runaway TV hit "The Apprentice" and his brand began to take off as a business in and of itself. Today you can buy a myriad of Trump-labeled products, including cologne and cufflinks, men's suits and furniture and fragrances.

Not all the branding deals have gone smoothly. Condo buyers in failed Trump-named properties in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Baja, Mexico, have claimed in lawsuits that the billionaire misled them into believing he was more involved in the projects than just lending his name. Trump won the Fort Lauderdale case and settled the one in Baja.

It's difficult to know how much risk Trump is taking with his money today, because it's not clear how much he's got.

In a recently released list of assets, he estimated his worth at $8.7 billion — more than double the figure calculated by Forbes magazine, which has been tracking his wealth for three decades. Trump pegged the biggest line item as "real estate licensing deals, brand and branded developments" worth $3.3 billion — or nearly 40 percent of his net worth.

One area where Trump is digging into his own pocket is golf resorts. Last year, he bought Ireland's Doonbeg club on the Atlantic coast and Scotland's Turnberry Resort, the site of several British Opens and the 17th course in his collection.

Eric Trump said the golf ventures are doing "fantastically" well. Others aren't so sure, noting that club membership and play in general have dropped since the financial crisis.

"It's is not a booming business and yet he wants us to believe that his is," said Ron Whitten, a senior editor at Golf Digest. If Trump is making money on his golf clubs, Whitten said, "he is the only one doing that."

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Donald Trump ascends the stairs with his fist raised from the genie's lamp after opening the Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort in a spectacular show of fireworks and laser lights in Atlantic City, N.J., in this 1990 file photo. Trump sells himself as a bold empire builder, the kind of risk taker who can force through big changes in Washington as president the country needs. Yet a review of the billionaire's financial filings and recent deals suggests he's no swashbuckler. Trump is reluctant to take on debt after it nearly ruined him in the 1990s, holds few stocks for someone of his wealth and has grown increasingly dependent on making money by lending out his name to others rather than developing real estate himself.

Trump has done well, but not as well as the stock market

Maybe he should have put his money in stocks instead.

By the measure of success he holds most dear — wealth — Donald Trump has done well. Since 1987, when the real estate mogul published his best-seller "Art of the Deal," his net worth has jumped 300 percent to $4 billion, according to figures from wealth-tracker Forbes magazine.

Turns out, though, there was an easier way for Trump to add to his wealth than all the deal-making and TV shows — and far more effective. It's the same strategy many wealth advisers are telling middle-class families to follow: Stick your money in an index fund tracking the stock market and forget about it.

If Trump had done that in 1988, he would be worth $13 billion today, more than triple the Forbes estimate.

How Trump's wealth has changed over the years compared with the performance of other billionaires, according to Forbes, and the gains in Standard and Poor's 500, an index of stock market value:

Bill Gates (Microsoft founder)
2015: $80 billion
1988: $1.1 billion
Gain: 7,173 percent

Warren Buffett (investor)
2015: $67.8 billion
1988: $2.5 billion
Gain: 2,612 percent

Donald Bren (real estate)
2015: $15.2 billion
1988: $1.9 billion
Gain: 722 percent

Donald Trump (real estate, TV)
2015: $4 billion
1988: $1 billion
Gain: 300 percent

S&P 500
2015: 2,084
1988: 263
Gain: 1,336 percent (including gain from dividends reinvested in the index)

Associated Press

It's not just poor and uneducated Mexicans who move to the US

By Tim Johnson
McClatchy Washington Bureau

MEXICO CITY — If Donald Trump thinks all Mexican migrants are criminals, it's because he hasn't met the likes of Pablo Meyer, a computational biologist, or Enrico Ramirez Ruiz, an astrophysicist.

They are two of the thousands of Mexicans with doctorates who've left their homeland, mostly for the United States, in a brain drain that saps Mexican academia of super-hot minds.

Some of them sought jobs in Mexico and couldn't find them, securing slots instead on the faculties of U.S. universities. Others long to return. Still others did come back, only to get fed up with bureaucracy or disgusted by crime and return to the United States, where academia and industry recognize talent without regard to citizenship.

It's the flip side of presidential candidate Trump's calls for higher border walls to keep Mexican immigrants out. Highly skilled Mexicans also travel north and are met with open arms. By one estimate, 11,000 Mexicans with doctoral degrees reside and work in the United States. Another estimate says 27 percent of all Mexicans who hold such degrees work north of the border.

The United States reaps clear benefit from such an exodus.

"Americans are free riders in terms of Mexican brains," said Mauricio Tenorio Trillo, a Mexican historian at the University of Chicago who got his master's and doctorate at Stanford University in California.

One of those brains resides in the head of Pablo Meyer, 38, whose academic path led him from Mexico to France and on to Rockefeller University in New York City, where he got a doctorate delving into the mysteries of gene sequencing. His Ph.D. in hand, Meyer arrived back in Mexico to look for a job. He went to the National Medicine and Genomics Institute, the Institute of Cellular Physiology and to the Center for Research and Advanced Studies at the National Polytechnic Institute.

"There were no open positions," Meyer recalled. "Older people were not retiring and there was no funding for new positions."

Recognizing Meyer's sharp intellect, the Thomas J. Watson Research Center, part of IBM Research, hired him for a research position at its lab in Yorktown, N.Y., where he studies metabolic networks and is part of a team with a patent pending.

President Enrique Pena Nieto pledges to boost government spending on science and technology to the equivalent of 1 percent of the gross national product by the end of his term in 2018. It's barely over half a percentage point now.

The sprawling National Autonomous University of Mexico, considered the biggest and perhaps the best university in the Spanish-speaking world, has 229,000 undergraduate and graduate students. It draws science, engineering and medical students from around the hemisphere.

Other universities in Mexico's largest cities routinely send their best students on to Ivy League universities in the United States and top universities in Europe.

Still, scientists who have left Mexico, and educational experts who study the exodus, see Mexico's universities as part of the problem. Bureaucracy, politics and government pressures all constrain research at Mexican universities.

"You don't have enough money to buy materials and chemicals to do your work. Sometimes, you don't have the time to do your work," said Jesus Velasco, a political scientist now at Tarleton State University in Stephenville who has written extensively about the brain drain.

Jorge Soberon, a theoretical ecologist, abandoned a 30-year academic career in Mexico City a few years ago to take a senior post at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

"Moving from Mexico City to Lawrence in Kansas was very different in terms of stress and traffic," Soberon said. "The entire city of Lawrence could fit in the Estadio Azteca," the Mexican capital's main soccer arena, which can accommodate 95,000.

Since he moved to Kansas, other Mexican academics are pestering him.

"I have friends calling me 'How did you do it? How can I do it?'" he said.

Even a general improvement in what Mexican academics can earn in Mexico hasn't helped.

"The basic salary that the university gives you is very low, but almost everyone gets extra compensation from the National System of Research, and it can double or triple your salary," said Gabriel Gasque, a biophysicist who now works in San Francisco.

Criminal mayhem is another factor pushing some academics out of Mexico.

Tenorio, the historian at the University of Chicago, was born and raised in a small city in Michoacan state surrounded in the family home by 3,000 books. He noted that 1.5 million people of Mexican origin live in Chicago.

"It's more Mexico than where I was born," he said.

Tenorio dismissed as "a disgrace" Trump's recent remarks labeling Mexican migrants as criminals and rapists.

"If you've never run into a smart Mexican, you have to be trying really hard," said Tenorio, whose resume contains more than 10 pages of book chapters, articles, essays and reviews he's published.

Soberon concurred that the "brain drain" is sapping Mexico of potential for innovation, discovery and research, and that "it's not good for Mexico to have so many highly trained people on the outside."

Added Gasque: "It elevates the prestige of Mexico knowing that there are Mexican scientists at MIT or Harvard or Stanford or UCSF. But it would be better if they were back in Mexico."

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On the reverse side, Mike assists companies trying to hire immigrants in need of visas for specialized positions.

Borland & Borland attorneys and staff aim to give their best to each client through ability, experience, knowledge and resources. A state-of-the-art computer network for client contact, litigation management, legal research, medical research and data collection promote efficiency in serving clients. Fourteen people staff the two offices, in Midland and Odessa, many of whom have been with the firm 10 to 25 years.

"I hope that our commitment to quality representation and caring for our clients comes through in our dealings with them and the community and I believe that has inspired them to vote for us," Misty said.

Again, Misty harked back to her family roots, which included Mike's time in a variety of jobs, as a painter, a pumper and well service hand in the oil field, as a sandblaster and pipe coater in an oilfield pipe plant, and as a Department of Public Safety trooper, a law student who was also employed full time and the struggle her parents endured raising children while earning diplomas.

"My parents eloped when they were just kids at Midland High. They are still together. They have worked hard and achieved their goals with single minded determination, will, brains, sweat and guts. They instilled in me those values. We try to bring that to the table when we are dealing with people living paycheck-to-paycheck or losing their jobs. We know what we are doing, but we weren't born with silver spoons in our mouths," she said.

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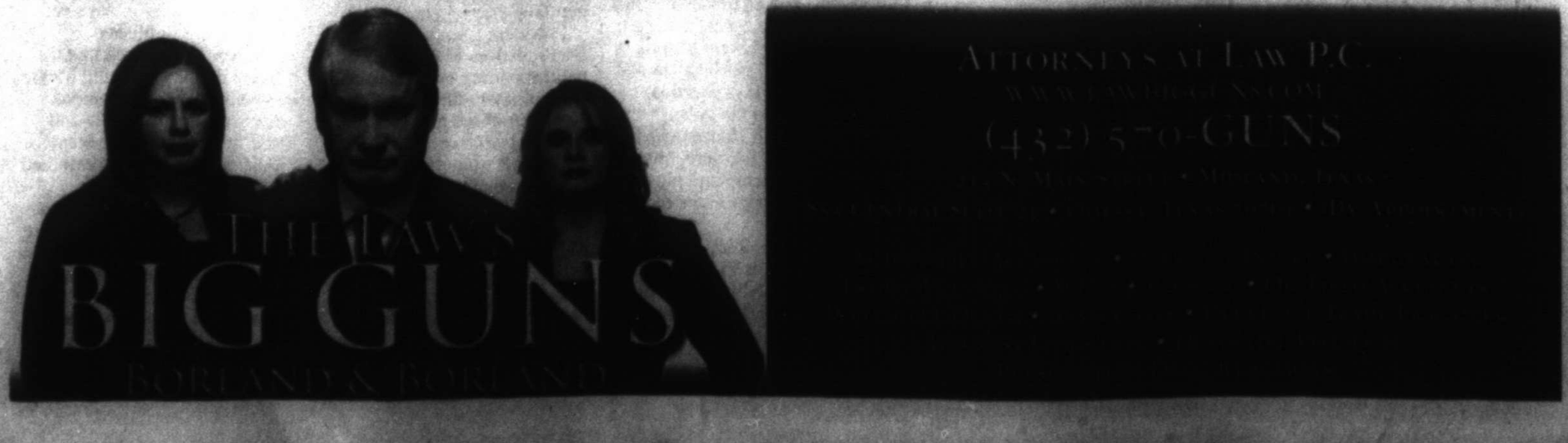

Drug industry links run deep in field of sexual medicine

By Matthew Perrone
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — How do you measure sexual desire?

If you're a drugmaker trying to win approval for a medication to boost female libido, it might come down to two questions on a medical questionnaire. Those questions made the difference for Sprout Pharmaceuticals, which received federal approval Tuesday for Addyi, the first pill for women who suffer from a loss of sexual appetite.

But the history and development of that questionnaire — funded by drugmakers — underscores how closely the field of sexual medicine is intertwined with the pharmaceutical industry. And lends weight to arguments that low libido is just the latest commonplace sexual problem — like impotence or low testosterone — to be transformed into a medical condition by drugmakers.

"Creating a diagnosis gives a company monopoly over the market it created," says Dr. Adriane Fugh-Berman of Georgetown University, who organized a petition urging the FDA to reject Addyi.

The questionnaire that helped push Addyi over finish line is called the Female Sexual Function Index, a 19-question form used to measure women's sexual problems, including issues with pain, orgasm, arousal and desire. Only two questions specifically address desire, asking women to rank the level and frequency of their libido in the last month.

Drugmakers Bayer and Zonagen paid for the development of the questionnaire in 2000, when the companies were exploring drugs for female sexual disorders. The companies hired a panel of medical experts to design the form, which was intended to help doctors define and diagnose sexual disorders.

While it might seem odd to diagnose a medical condition based on self-reported questions, researchers say it's the only way.

"Obviously, there's no biochemical thing you can measure to say 'this women has so much desire,' so it has to be a subjective rating of some kind," says Ray Rosen, the psychiatrist who led the FSFI panel. In the 1990s, Rosen worked with Pfizer to develop a five-question form to diagnose erectile dysfunction in men. He credits that easy-to-use questionnaire with the blockbuster success of Pfizer's Viagra.

But whereas erectile dysfunction is relatively easy to measure and observe, women's desire disorders can only be studied through psychological tools and methods.

Today, the form is widely-used, cited in hundreds of papers on women's sexual health. But for years it failed to win the support of one critical group of experts: the Food and Drug Administration.

That presented a challenge for Sprout and its drug Addyi, which the FDA rejected twice in 2010 and 2013 due to side effects and minimal benefits. Regulators noted that the original drug studies failed to show an increase in female desire based on daily journal entries by women.

Sprout argued that the FDA should disregard those results and instead look to monthly results from the questionnaire, which showed a small, but statistically significant, boost. Patients taking the drug reported a 34 percent increase in desire, compared with 25 percent for women taking a placebo.

Rosen, who also consults for Sprout, argues that the questionnaire's longer timespan actually makes it more accurate.

"I'm convinced that these women just got bored or fatigued of doing the diary every day," said Rosen. "That doesn't happen with the (questionnaire). The best thing about it is it's only given once a month."

But FDA scientists disagreed, questioning the form's approach: Could women accurately remember their sexual desire over four weeks? What change in score represented a meaningful boost? And was feeling sexual desire "most times" instead of "a few times" per month really a medical benefit?

But as the FDA review dragged on — through a formal dispute with Sprout and an outside lobbying campaign by company supporters — the agency's view of the questionnaire seemed to evolve.

Finally, in its third round reviewing the pill, the FDA conceded that while the form "may not be an optimal assessment, it may provide interpretable findings of efficacy."

A panel of FDA advisers voted 18-6 in June that Sprout's drug should be approved, with safety restrictions. The FDA followed that recommendation earlier this week, approving Addyi with a boxed warning and other safety measures to address side effects like dizziness, low blood pressure and fainting.

Despite those restrictions, critics still say the FDA capitulated to industry-developed standards of sexuality, setting a dangerous precedent for future approvals.

Fugh-Berman, of Georgetown, notes that company-funded questionnaires are a familiar tool in the drug industry playbook, previously used to promote conditions like social anxiety, overactive bladder and low testosterone in men.

"The industry-generated tests are rigged tests, designed to make healthy people think they are ill," she said. "They medicalize normal human variation and normal ups and downs."

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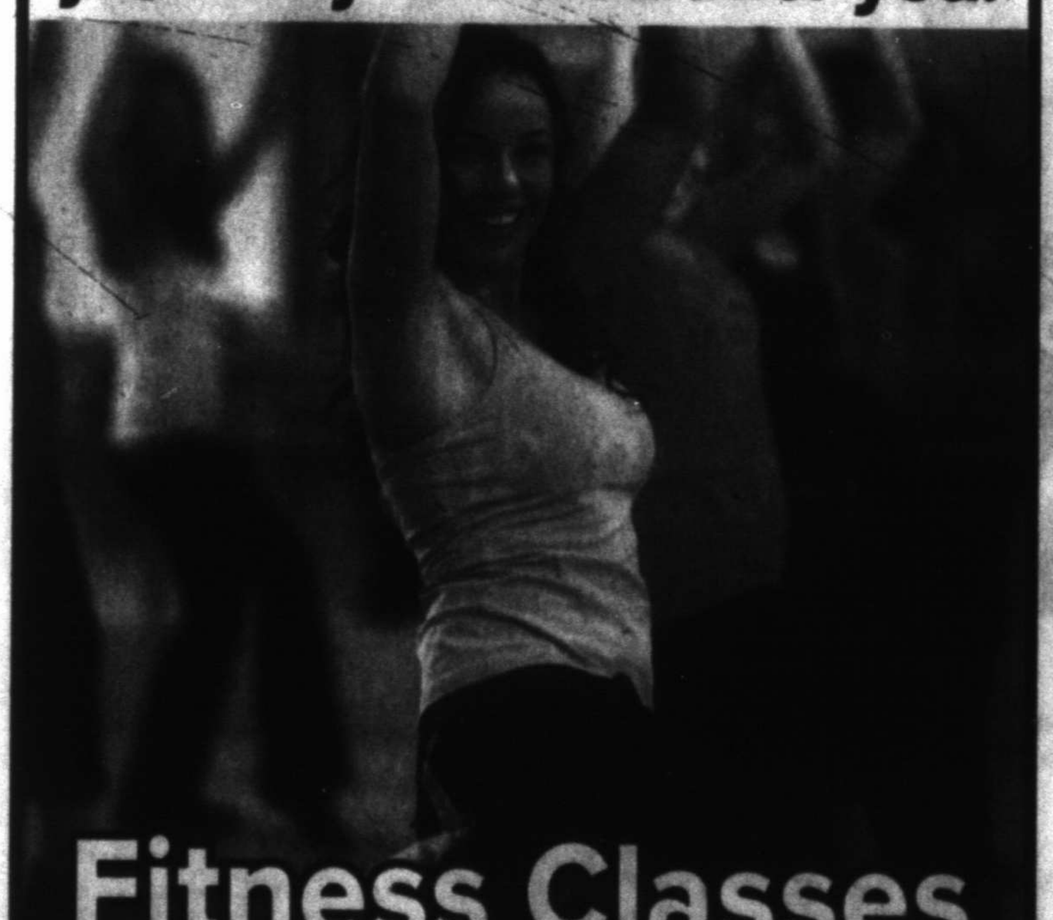

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New FACES to empower female high school students

School organization works to help students connect with successful women in various industries

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Four years later, XY will now have an XX.

Aug. 26 marks the launch of Community in Schools of the Permian Basin's new pilot program FACES, or Friendship, Acceptance, Connection, Encouragement, Sisterhood. The program acts as the female-version of the XY-Zone, which helps at-risk male students graduate from high school.

CISPB first turned its attention to the XY-Zone program four years ago and launched it at Midland High and Lee High schools, according to Executive Director Bob Rice. The organization's brochure describes the program's mission as assisting teen males complete high school through mentorship, counseling, facilitating discussions about issues associated with adolescent risky behaviors and arranging group activities.

FACES is "patterned" off of the XY-Zone and has been a goal for several years that only became possible with newly acquired funding, according to Rice. CISPB is nonprofit and relies on volunteers and donations.

"As far as we know, (FACES) is one of a kind, so we're really pleased and excited to have that program beginning," Rice said.

A key objective of the program is to help participants learn their full potential by introducing them to successful women in various industries. It's appropriate since FACES was created by Karli Smith, who Rice said "single-handedly" created the program's curriculum that is intended to stretch from sophomore year to graduation.

Smith interned at CISPB while pursuing her master's degree in social work and learned about the XY-Zone by shadowing the Midland High campus coordinator Mike Mills. Unlike the XY-Zone, which is a program originally founded in Austin and gives participating cities a curriculum to follow, Smith planned FACES. She said that she made contact with people who

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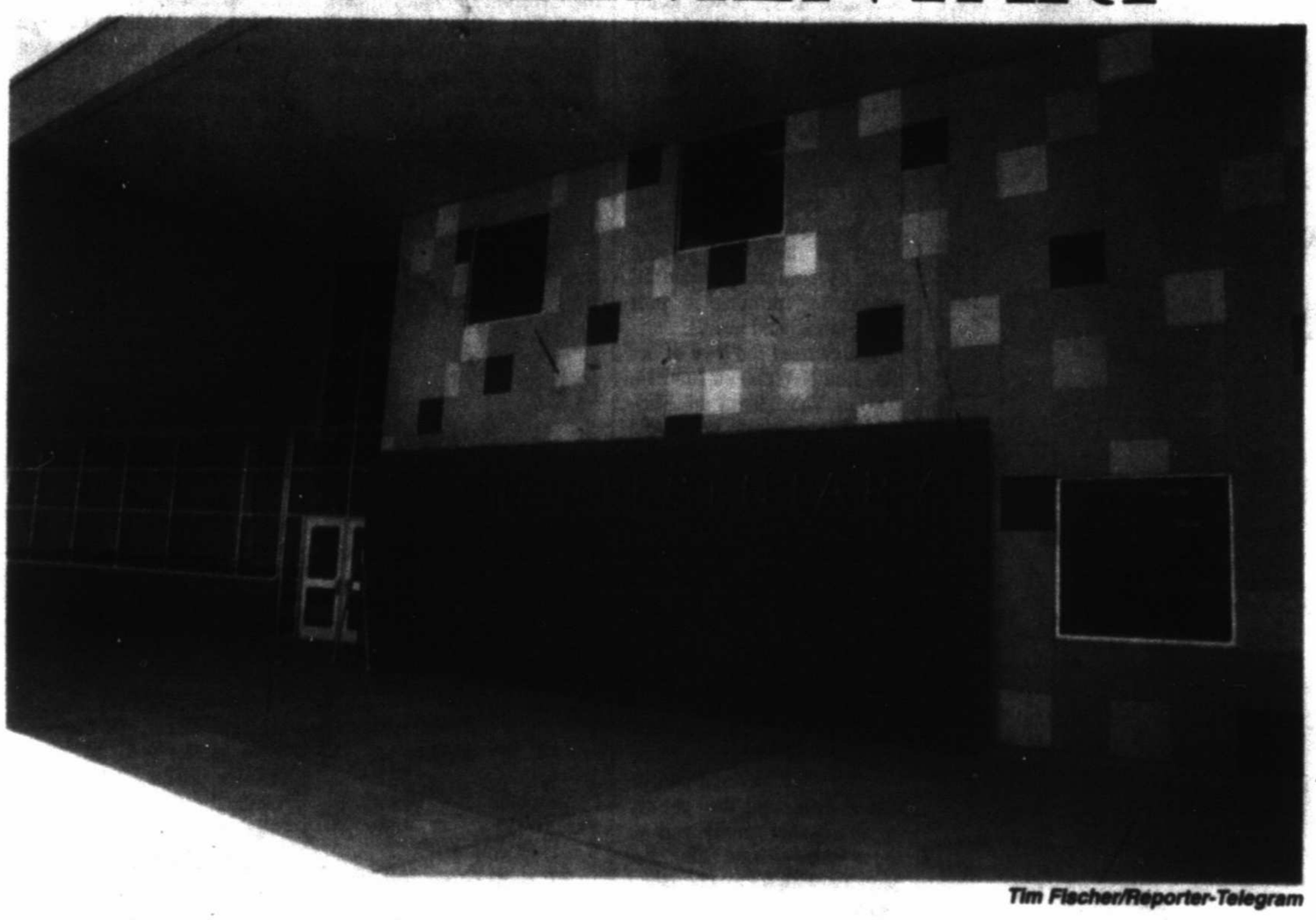

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Work continues Aug. 13 as MISD teachers begin to move in and set up Bunche Elementary. Read columns by the principals of the schools on 3B.

MISD to open doors of 3 new elementary schools

By Cassie Burton
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On Wednesday, hundreds of students will venture where no student has gone before. Armed with notebooks, pencil cases and backpacks, thousands of sneaker-clad feet will hit freshly dried pavement and explore newly built halls as three elementary schools open their doors for the first time.

Ralph Bunche Elementary, Barbara Fasken Elementary and Barbara B. Yarbrough Elementary are set to open on time, according to MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren. Warren also said that Bunche was opened sooner to teachers as existing utilities from the previous Bunche elementary made construction easier.

While Fasken and Yarbrough have identical layouts with differing color schemes, Bunche Elementary has a more compact two-story design to fit on the older site.

All were built to provide flexibility, according to Midland ISD Chief Operations Officer James Riggen, in that chairs, tables, cubbies and other classroom equipment are completely on wheels or easily moved.

"The only thing that is permanent is where the sinks are," Riggen said.

The idea is that teachers can move into small or large groups depending on classroom needs.

"Each space is built around individual needs of students," said Sha Burdsal, principal of Bunche, during a walk-through of Bunche.

Smart whiteboards, wireless access and handheld devices are some of the new technology available to students and teachers. Classrooms and the media center, or library, use a mixture of relaxing color schemes, windows and lamps to generate natural light, as opposed to old-school fluorescent lights.

"We just have a lot of advanced technology that's great for the students," said Cameron Purvis, who will teach Fine Arts for kindergarten through sixth grade at Bunche. "I feel really lucky to be in a new school. There's a whole lot more that I can do."

The schools took about 10 months to design as school administrators and architects traveled around Texas visiting newly constructed schools to see what was the latest in "21st century education," according to Riggen.

Bunche's mascot will be the Bears, and its school colors are blue and white. Yarbrough and Fasken will have their mascots chosen by members of the community, according to Riggen.

Tina Evans, who previously worked at Sam Houston and then Travis, said the new facilities bring more value to the education being taught as well as enjoyment.

"(The kids) are very excited," said Evans, who will be involved with literacy and reading intervention. "It is enjoyable just to be in such a bright, happy place."

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Anxious moments turn into satisfying parenting

First grade. How is this possible? I have been trying to prepare myself all summer long. I have given away all of his too-small clothes and shoes, gotten rid of his "baby" books. We swapped colors for Minecraft on the TV and complex Lego creations. Counting and color books have given way to "Hank the Cowdog," "Eerie Elementary" and Junie B. Jones chapter books. We have added hair gel and mouthwash into the morning routine. He upgraded his Old Navy swim trunks to a preppy Ralph Lauren plaid and even got himself a cool new haircut. Small steps inching toward giant steps.

When he insisted on riding the bus to school this year, I said I was onboard, and, "what a great idea" even popped out of my mouth. So I thought I was ready — ready to admit to myself that he was getting big and growing up some every day.

But when he looked at me this morning, all tan and teeth and spikey hair, I just wanted to grab him and crush him to me, wad him up and stuff him back inside so I could keep him all to myself. But I am a grown-up. So I didn't. Instead, I kissed him and breathed in his warm buttered toast smell. I told him how proud I am of him and that it was going to be a great day.

I was anxious all afternoon, hoping that my sweet, shy boy was having a good day. Finally it was time to go get him! I'm all chill, waiting for the bus to stop. I want to run to the doors and snatch him up. But I don't. I wait. And I wait some more. Seconds feel like hours, and I am literally starting to vibrate in my own skin. He hasn't gotten off the bus and suddenly there are NO MORE CHILDREN inside. Panic is rising, and I am shoving The Hubs at the bus driver. Where is my son, my precious baby? WHAT have you done with him? What? You delinquent, you baby snatcher! Where is my — what, oh? Sorry. Wrong bus. Whew. That was a close one. I am so relieved my son did not see that. No one wants to have "that mom" on the first day.

The next bus rolls to a stop, and off he strolls, cool as a cucumber. I hug him anyway. He'll get over it. Because even though I fight her all the time, I really am "that mom."

Modeling my self-help parenting skills, I tried to ask him how his day was without using those words. You know, all low key and no pressure. Little Son is a lot like his pops. They are as introverted as I am extroverted. That means that my way of communicating with them has to be pretty much the exact opposite of my personality.

So I decide to play it cool, too. "Hey, Bud. How was your day?"

He smiles. "Good!"

I wait for it to all come tumbling out. The pretty girls and the computer lab, the new teacher, what he did at recess, the bus ride. But of course, it never comes. And I don't push. After 16 years, I am almost finally-ish getting the hang of just being quiet.

We opt for a night out with pizza. I ply him with root beer to loosen him up a little. And sure, he can have more ranch dressing, too!

"So, Bud. Tell me the two best things about your day!"

But that must have been a little over the top because he shrugs his head down into his shoulders like some terrified turtle. I wait, not rushing to fill the silence. He screws his face all up, raising one eye brow up while flattening the other.

"Wellllllll, it's not about school. Or learning anything."

OK … Still waiting.

"It was my lunch! My cafeteria food was delicious, and I was actually full!" Score one for mom who opted to pre-pay for meals online so I have back-up.

"The second thing was PE because we played tag, and I am one of the fastest kids in my class." Score two for mom, who is finally seeing the competitive side of his personality develop. I know it should seem like that point should go to the boy, but, as you know, I take credit for everything that is good. "Oh. I am also the best reader. I

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First day of school meant getting out of something else

All of us have memories of going back to school after a summer of bliss. The only real difference is we don't always share the same feelings of those back-to-school moments.

Some look forward to going back to school with great anticipation.

Take my grandkids as an example. I have young Cooper, who is going to school for the first time. He can't wait because his older brother, Drew, has been going to school for three years already.

I really don't know if Drew is ready for school or not because he's not really forthcoming on such issues. My oldest grandchild, Jaycee, is looking forward to being the big dog on campus this year since she is going into the sixth grade. Her younger sister, Sadie, is headed to the second grade, and she assures me she is ready because her mom has already taken her shopping for school supplies.

When I was a kid, I don't remember being so excited about going back to school. I just remember my mom being excited that the summer was over.

However, things began to change for me as I entered junior high school. Then I was ready for school to start so I could quit my summer job. And after that I wanted school to start so we could end those miserable two-a-day workouts in football.

But mind you, I never wanted school to start just for the sake of going back to school. I have discovered through my life that getting out of things is usually more fun than starting things. I spent most of my school years looking forward to the last day of school.

My school life was a total paradox. I couldn't wait for school to be out, but I always wanted it to start. It was always geared toward getting out of something.

I fell into the same trap in college. All I could think about was getting out of school, but I stayed in school as long as possible to avoid the call of the military.

How did that work out for me? Well, I do have a tour of duty to Vietnam on my résumé. I figure that the draft added significantly to my misery quotient while going to school. But there finally came a day when Uncle Sam said, "Guess what? Greetings: You aren't going back to school this year."

My dad probably felt different about going back to school in his day.

Back then, prior to World War II, going back to school didn't have that permanent fit like it does today.

My dad went to a small country school where all grades were in one classroom. All those kids lived and worked on a farm. They would start school in September but were off at least a month by November to help pick cotton.

Now, I don't know about you, but even I would choose school over picking cotton. That's brutal work. Picking cotton is another thing I was always trying to get out of doing. I discovered early on that if you played football, the coaches wouldn't let you pick cotton after school.

I said, "Coach, where do I sign up?"

I thought I had it made when I finally finished college and got out of the Army. I didn't have to go back to school. I thought I was finished with waiting to get out of things.

However, one thing in my plan went wildly wrong. I got married. Now, don't get me wrong here. I wouldn't have it any other way, but I will say I still spend a great deal of time trying to get out of things.

And kids, if I could get out of this to-do list sitting before me, I would gladly go back to school with you this week.

And always remember that school ain't half bad.

Thought for the Week: "I have always had school sickness, as others have seasickness. I cried when it was time to go back to school long after I was old enough to be ashamed of such behavior." — Jacques Derrida, French philosopher

Obituaries

Betty Fay Collins

Betty Fay Collins, 90, of Midland, and formerly of Big Spring, passed away on Thursday, August 20, 2015 in Midland. There will be a private inurnment at Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene, Texas.

Betty was born on September 20, 1924 to J.B. and Eldie Collins in Abilene, Texas. She grew up in Coahoma and graduated in 1945 from Abilene Christian College. She was a Christian and long-time member of the Church of Christ. Although she was frugal, she was also a wise and selfless person who had a generous spirit about her. She was a frequent donor to the children's homes in Lubbock and in New Mexico. Although she had no children of her own, she accepted her four nieces and their families as her own. She loved spending her summers in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Survivors include her four nieces, Jill Lankford, Sarah Roberson, Nancy Upham, and Betty Wright; nine great nieces and nephews; and 11 great, great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, J.B. and Eldie Collins; and her sister, Barbara McWhorter.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated to The Children's Home of Lubbock, childshome.org.

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

Boley Bart Embrey

Boley Embrey passed from this life on Saturday August 22, 2015. He was born the second of four children on December 21, 1936 in Brownwood, Texas to Myron Hutchison Embrey and Jewel Ida Millhollon Embrey, and graduated from Brownwood High School in 1955.

Boley married his high school sweetheart, Raye Ann Hoyle, on February 1, 1958. The couple moved to Midland in March, 1958, where Boley took a position as an account executive with KCRS radio. Subsequently, he was Vice President of the First National Bank of Midland and later became President of Western State Bank, also in Midland. He entered the oil and gas business in 1979 and remained active in the business until his death.

Boley had a passion for his adopted home town of Midland, always seeking to promote its positive growth and development. He served on numerous boards and committees, including the Midland Chamber of Commerce, Midland International Airport Economic Development Committee, Midland County Water Board, the original Downtown Midland Committee, Casa de Amigos, Midland Country Club and the Petroleum Club of Midland. He worked tirelessly on many city/county/Midland College bond issues and assisted with a number of local political campaigns.

Boley's proudest civic accomplishments were as serving as Co-Chairman of the Midland College Landscape Committee and also as Co-Chairman of the Citizens for a New Airport Terminal Committee. Among his other interests were various sporting events, particularly Houston Astros baseball and horseracing.

Preceding Boley in death were his parents, Myron and Jewel Embrey; brothers, Jodie R. Embrey and Tully M Embrey; and his sister, Myronna Embrey Snell.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Raye Ann; children, Mark C. Embrey of Houston and Portland, Oregon, Chris H. Embrey of San Antonio, and Anne Embrey Painter of Madison, Mississippi; grandchildren, Nicholas Embrey of Portland, Joseph Embrey of Burlington, Vermont, Reese, Sam, and Mac Barden of Midland, and Embrey Elizabeth Painter of Madison. Also surviving are sisters-in-law, Molly Embrey of Brownwood, Texas and Judy Embrey of Austin, Texas; along with numerous nieces and nephews and countless friends.

Graveside services will be held at the Indian Creek Cemetery in Brown County on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., with nephew Scott Snell officiating.

The family invites friends to join them at the home for remembrance and a celebration of Boley's life on Wednesday August 26, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Salvation Army, 300 S. Baird St., Midland, TX 79701, the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, P. O. Box 834, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866, Gifts of Hope, 2100 W. Tennessee, Midland, TX 79701, or the charity of one's choice.

Pallbearers will be Boley's five grandsons and nephews, Dr. Jeffrey Embrey of Irving, Texas and Ty and Doak Embrey of Austin. Honorary pallbearers are Chris Painter of Madison, Mike Doss of Round Rock, Texas, Jerry Bratton of Coppell, Texas, Jack Byrd, Joe Liberty, George Staley, Glen Ellis, Charles Perry, Ricardo Elizondo, Charles Tierce, Ted Fergeson, all of Midland, and Donald Nentwig of Irving.

Services are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland. Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*.

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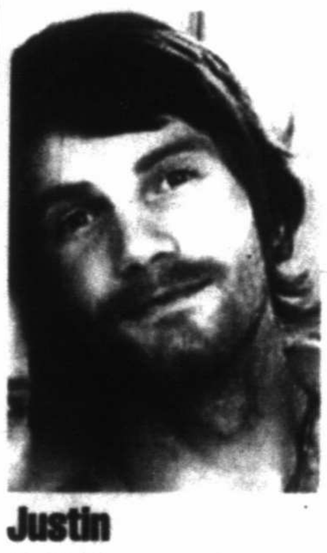

Justin Colt Southerland

Justin Colt Southerland, 25, of Midland, went to join his Lord and Savior on August 20, 2015. He was born on July 14, 1990. Justin loved to snowboard, ski, and fish in Colorado. He was very smart and excelled in every sport. He attended high school at Greenwood High School. He was employed with Ledford Pump Service as a pump technician. He had a huge heart and the gentlest soul. Justin loved to spread the Word of God. He is loved and missed by so many. God has a bigger plan for Justin. He was too beautiful for Earth.

Justin leaves behind his parents, Rene' and Jesse Estes, and Paul Southerland; grandparents, Leroy and Mary Sue Ledford, Dale and Cindy Estes, and Rodney and Glenda Southerland; sisters, Ariel Southerland and spouse Robby Hargrove, and Brooke Southerland and spouse Justin Holley, along with their daughter "Little Baby" Kyleigh Holley; Uncle Glen and Aunt Mikie Ledford and cousins, Matt and Jessie with Karson, Emerson Ledford, Brandy Roos with Hailey Cartier Ledford; Aunt Carol Talalis and cousins Angela Ledford with Collin, Jordan Bauknecht with Ryder and Bryson; Uncle Marty Ledford and cousins Colten Ledford and Halli Ledford with Shailyn and Preston; Uncle David Ledford and cousins Hayden, Tiffany, and Jordan Hudgins with Kristine Ledford; Uncle Mike, Ledford, Rene' Moore, and Tiffany Rutledge and cousins Cheyenne Ledford and Steffan Jordan, Kenzie and Wyatt; Uncle Chris and Aunt Marisol Southerland with cousin Brittany; Aunt Cheryl Southerland and Thomas Moore; and by many friends.

Pallbearers will be his uncles, Glen Ledford, Martin Ledford, David Ledford, Mike Ledford, and Chris Southerland; and his cousins, Matt Ledford, Hayden Ledford, and Colten Ledford

Honorary pallbearers will be Charlie Weaver, J.J. Sisco, Preston Bloodworth, Casey Jones, Shea Shubert, and Braden Allen.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Ellis Funeral Home and further information will be passed on. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donations to M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) on behalf of Justin's name.

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Until we see you again…

Monica Ruiz

Monica Ruiz, 27, passed away on August 18, 2015, in Midland, Texas. She was born in McAllen, Texas, on October 14, 1987.

Monica graduated from Robert E. Lee High School of Midland in May 2006. She earned her Phlebotomy Certificate at Midland College. Monica was primarily employed as a server /bartender for her adult work life. She always had a smile to share, a word of encouragement, and a motivating attitude for all those she met.

Recently, Monica became very involved in fitness and MMA training and she encouraged friends and family members to embrace a healthy lifestyle. Her bright smile and beautiful spirit will be sorely missed.

She is survived by her sons, Johnathan Lopez and Jesse Lopez. She is also survived by her mother, Ester Deninger; her brother, David Andrew Deninger; her sister, Yvonne Ruiz Alvarado, along with her brother-in-law, Luis Alvarado, and their children, Addison De La Fuente and Jacob Alvarado.

Monica is also survived by her live-in companion, Victor Hernandez.

She was preceded in death by her father, David R. Deninger.

To live in the hearts of those we love is never to be forgotten. Monica will be sorely missed.

Viewing will be held on Monday, August 24, 2015 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The funeral service will be held that same day at 7:00 p.m. at American Heritage Chapel.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

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Sue Slaton-Weis

Sue Slaton-Weis, 74, of Odessa, passed away on August 19, 2015, at her home peacefully after an extensive battle with an illness.

Johnnie Sue was born on July 27, 1941 in Humphries, Tennessee to Loyd and Thelma Gibbons. Sue was the first of seven children.

Sue's greatest joy in life were her three boys. They were the shining light in her life. She raised them to be dedicated, self-sufficient, successful men.

Sue's greatest education accomplishment was going back to school in her mid-fifties and obtaining her GED and Associates Degree from Odessa College.

Sue's wisdom through life experiences led her to the employment position of the very first Crisis Intervention Unit Director of Midland County Sheriff's Department under Sheriff Gary Painter, Midland, Texas. She was the CIU Director until she retired.

Red hair, slender build, 5'6", Sue was a model for Neiman Marcus Fashion Clothing in her young adult years. Her most memorable places of travel were abroad to Italy and Greece. Sue was always well-dressed for any occasion, as she loved fancy clothes, shoes, boots, and jewelry.

She was a natural artist. She drew the cartoon characters for Andrews Mustangs, during football season, when her middle son, Marty Slaton, was one of the top star football players. She loved to dress up jogging suits by designing beautiful and casual designs in puff paint, fabric, and jewels.

Sue married the love of her life, Rod K Weis, on June 14, 2003. They lived in Midland, Texas, where both were employed. Sue was the CIU Director of the Sheriff's Office and Rod was employed by MISD and retired from teaching after retiring from the United States Navy as a Senior Chief Officer, salvage diver during the Vietnam Era. They shared their home with Sox and Pepper, their beloved schnauzers.

Sue always left a special mark on just about everyone she met. Unique and charismatic, Sue will be greatly missed by her family and all those she helped and befriended with many cherished memories.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents and her dearly loved husband, Rodney Weis.

She is survived by her three sons and their families, Kevin and Sharon Slaton, Marty and Alicia Slaton, and Byron and Susan Slaton, all of Odessa, Texas; eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; six younger siblings, Barbara Strong and Beverly Cleveland, both of Tyler, Texas, Loyd Gibbons of Riverside, California, Nick Gibbons of Wills Point, Texas, Rick Gibbons of Bullard, Texas, and Jackie Gibbons, whereabouts unknown; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes memorials be donated to the Crisis Intervention Unit Midland Sheriff's Department, Midland, Texas.

There is no service information at this time.

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

Susan J. Holtkamp

Susan J. Holtkamp, 72, of Midland passed away on Tuesday, August 4, 2015. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church Chapel in Midland.

Susan was born on October 17, 1942 to Marion and Vic Schember in Orange, California. Susan graduated with her Bachelor's degree from Sam Houston State University in 1965 and received her Master's degree from Texas A&M University in 1972. She married Charles E. Holtkamp in 1984. Susan was an elementary teacher in College Station and Midland for a total of 14 years. Susan attended Texas A&M Presbyterian Church in College Station and First Baptist Church in Midland.

She is survived by her step-daughters, Susan Holtkamp and husband, Jeff Ellis and Karen Wallace and husband, Byron, and their children, Justin and Josey Wallace; sister-in-law, Sheri S. Quick; brother-in-law, Jim C. Quick; niece, Kari S. Lu and husband, Jimmy; nephew, Kyle Schember; great-niece, Piper Lu; great-nephew, Porter Lu; and her dear friend, Percy Tate.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Marion and Vic Schember; husband, Charles E. Holtkamp; and brother, Kurt Alan Schember.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Hospice of Midland, PO Box 2621 Midland, TX 79702 or to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202.

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Marianne S. Yeager

Fiery, smart, determined, loyal.

A world traveler, lifelong learner and engaging storyteller.

Marianne S. Yeager, 82, passed away in Lakeway, Texas on August 19, 2015.

As a teenager, Marianne played the kettledrum and the clarinet in the marching band and sang "Good Night, Irene" to the football crowd at the stadium. Her high school physics teacher noted that her college professors were "in for a good time as well as a lot of arguments." Marianne almost always shared exactly what she thought.

She met her husband, the late Wilbur A. Yeager, Jr., while he was stationed in her hometown of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. They both wanted, and were blessed with, a large family. They were married for nearly 60 years.

Marianne was a voracious reader with a thirst for knowledge about the world, cultures, history, art, music and religion, which she satisfied by traveling to the world's great sites, museums and celebrations, sampling foreign cuisines and taking stock of great hotels along the way. She and Wilbur enjoyed sending pictures of their travels to friends and inquiring "Where are we?"

For many years, she played tennis and loved skiing.

Marianne also enjoyed playing the piano, especially during the Christmas season when she gathered her family to sing Christmas carols.

Behind a gruff exterior, Marianne hid a compassionate heart. When folks she cared about fell on hard times, she shared her home until they got back on their feet. She was very good in a crisis and quickly took action. One of her mantras: "Do something even if it's wrong!"

A lover of the natural world, both flora and fauna, one or more pets always inhabited her home while bird feeders adorned her beautiful yard. When it was time to end the suffering of an aged pet, she was right beside the veterinarian.

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity was an important part of her life. She and Wilbur were members of the congregation for over 50 years, and she served in the church office weekly for the last few years. She also was a member of the Junior League, a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, and a member of an informal sewing club known as "Stitch and Bitch."

Born in Los Angeles, California to Sue Myers Scott and Walter H. Scott, Marianne grew up in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. She attended Sophie Newcomb Memorial College (the women's affiliate of Tulane University) in New Orleans where she pledged Chi Omega and majored in chemistry. Marianne became a Midlander when she married Wilbur.

Marianne is survived by her daughter Robin Yeager of Prescott, Arizona, her daughter Cynthia Yeager Lundy and son Scott Yeager (wife Laura) of Austin, Texas, her son Arthur Yeager (wife Allison) of Dallas, Texas and her daughter Kathleen Yeager Bogan (husband Roy) of Hugoton, Kansas.

Marianne had 13 grandchildren: Patrick and Sean Lundy; Christian, Sarah, Katie and Patrick Yeager; Nicholas, Harrison and Gwyneth Yeager; Ethan, Lynnelle, Trevor and Heidi Bogan.

Survivors also include her brother Robert Scott of Dallas, Texas.

The family requests that any memorial donations be made to the Midland College Foundation or the charity of your choice.

Services are scheduled for Sunday, August 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity in Midland, Texas. The Reverend Barbara Kirk-Norris will officiate. Marianne's brother and the male members of the families will serve as pallbearers.

Death Notices

Gordon Kenneth Ellis

Gordon Kenneth Ellis, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, August 22, 2015.

Funeral services will be held at Greenwood Baptist Church on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland, Texas.

He is survived by, wife, Frances Ellis; daughter, Sandra Ellis Wills; son, John Ellis; daughter, Terry Oliver.

Leslie Allen

Leslie Allen passed away Friday, August 21, 2015.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, August 15, at 10:00 a.m. at O'Donnell Cemetery in O'Donnell, Texas.

He is survived by his son and daughter, Paul Edward Allen and Mary Frances Pierce; and by one brother.

Travis Marvin Morgan

Travis Marvin Morgan, 83, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, August 22, 2015.

The family will receive friends on Monday, August 24, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Graveside services will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland. Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Morgan; daughter, Laura Morgan; son, Travis "Wayne" Morgan; and by a sister.

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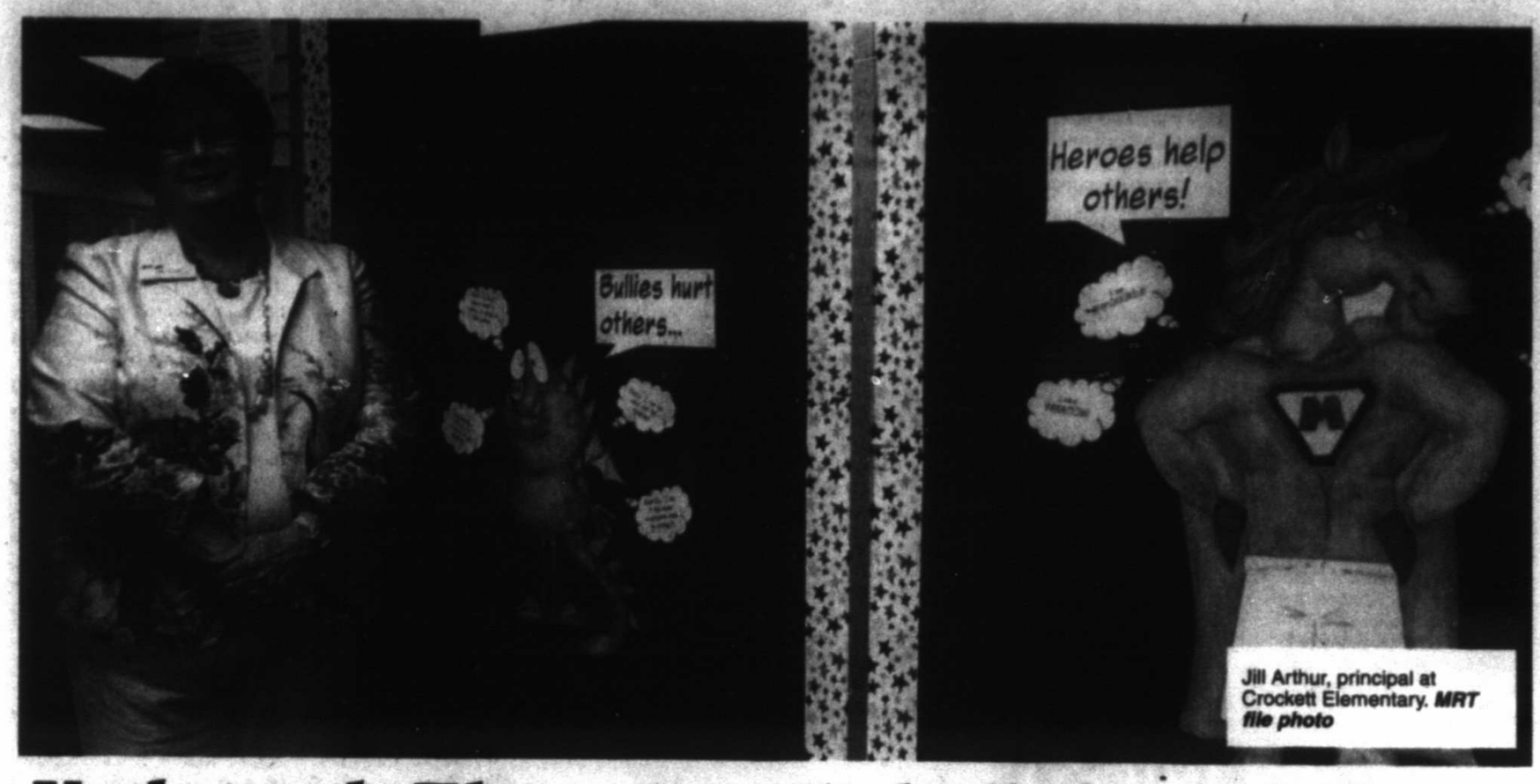


Jill Arthur, principal at Crockett Elementary. *MRT file photo*

Yarbrough Elementary is built for excellence

Jill Arthur
Barbara B. Yarbrough Elementary School principal

In 2012, Midland resident saw the need for more elementary classrooms and passed a $163 million school bond. Part of the bond money was earmarked for three new elementary schools. One land site was purchased in the Legends Park housing development. A school naming committee was formed. The Midland Independent School District board of trustees selected Barbara B. Yarbrough, the name of a longtime Midland educator, as the name of the new school located in southwest Midland.

After I was named the future principal, I visited other 21st-century schools around the state with school officials and architects. Ideas from those schools were incorporated into the Yarbrough plans. It was exciting to be involved with every aspect of planning the school. Master teachers contributed input as well. Efforts were made to design a school that is safe, efficient and conducive to educating students who can access the knowledge of the world. The school has been equipped with the most up-to-date security technology. With the touch of one button, the entire school can be locked down in case of an emergency.

Opening for the 2015-16 school year, Barbara B. Yarbrough Elementary has been designed for flexibility and collaboration. Its flexible spaces welcome students, families, staff and community members to work together, problem-solving creatively. Movable furniture and walls can be converted to create larger learning environments. Walls between the commons area and gym can be opened to provide enough space for whole school programs and parent activities. At each grade level, teachers have a collaboration lab where they can plan together for optimal student success. Natural lighting reflects off of the brightly colored interior design, encouraging creativity. Students can move from their classroom to another learning environment in a secure flex space, located in each grade-level neighborhood. Each classroom contains the latest technology — promoting interactive instruction.

I am beginning my 17th year as a MISD principal. This has been, by far, the most exciting project I have ever been part of designing. Midland is going to have three new elementary schools like residents have never seen before. I want Yarbrough Elementary to be the heart of the neighborhood. We will be planning activities encouraging parent and community involvement in our school.

Yarbrough's theme will be "Yarbrough: Building a New Foundation of Excellence." The administration and staff are committed to building a community of learners, thus forming their foundation as future leaders and residents.

Teachers eagerly await Fasken opening

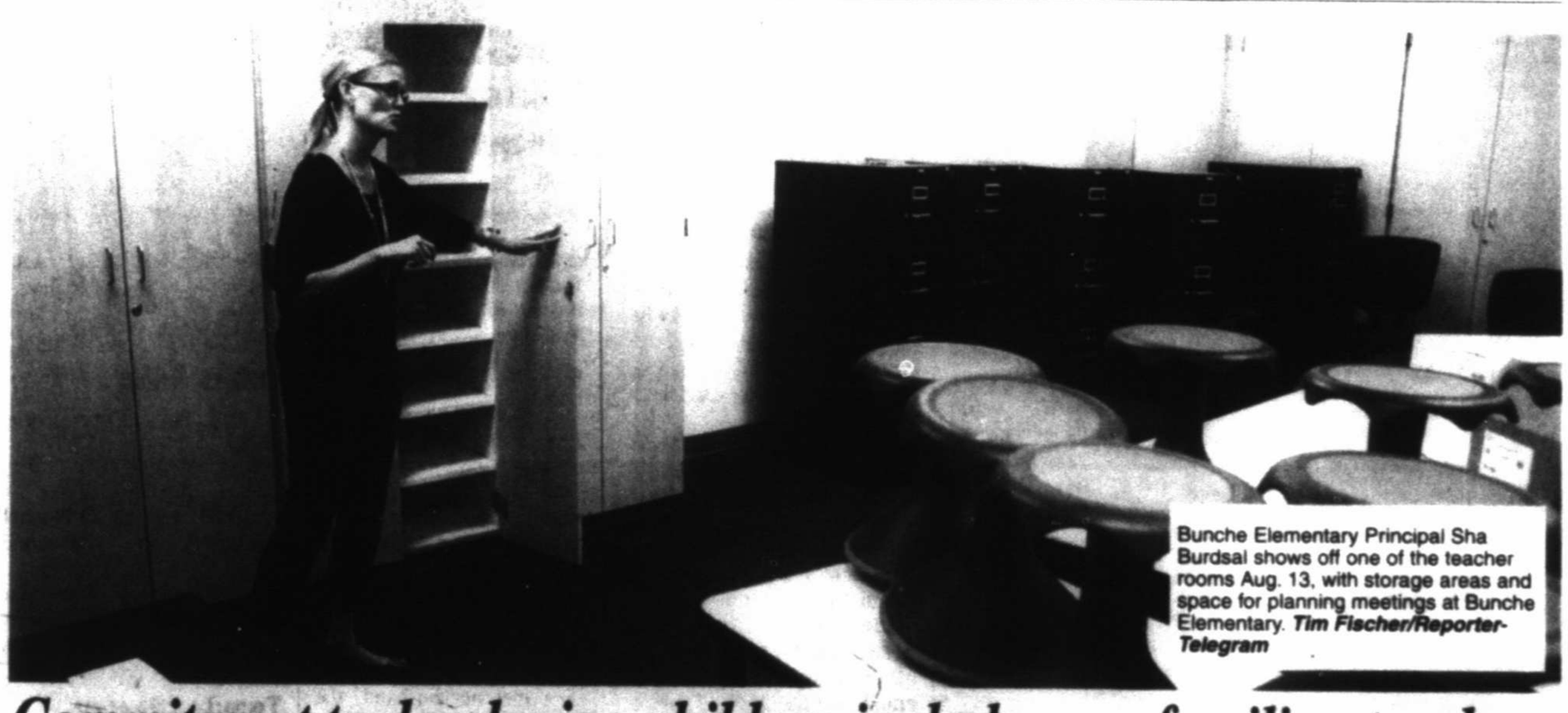
Lina Baiza
Barbara Fasken Elementary School principal

Baiza

What an exciting year for Barbara Fasken Elementary School. Wednesday will mark the first day of school for students in our brand new building. We will welcome more than 500 learners, their families and our community through our doors. We are excited to be the first to occupy this wonderful elementary campus.

This school was designed to accommodate the changing needs of students, staff and teachers. The 21st-century classroom design includes flexible learning spaces which have the ability to take student learning to the next level. The classrooms feature up-to-date technology, furniture that supports collaboration, lots of natural lighting and physical space that goes beyond the single classroom to provide the best opportunities to meet the needs of our students.

All stakeholders, including teachers, have awaited anxiously the opening of Fasken. Many teachers and students have been in portable classrooms across the district and look forward to being in a new building. Although the building doesn't make good teachers, it can support teachers to use more innovative, cutting-edge instructional strategies that will engage our students and prepare them for the future. Parents look forward to giving their children this wonderful opportunity. The community, as a whole, has been very supportive; residents are ready to help make Fasken and the other two new schools a success. We look forward to a great school year.



Bunche Elementary Principal Sha Burdsai shows off one of the teacher rooms Aug. 13, with storage areas and space for planning meetings at Bunche Elementary. *Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram*

Commitment to developing children includes our families, teachers

Sha Burdsal
Ralph Bunche Elementary School principal

Ralph Bunche Elementary School is one of the three brand new campuses that will be opening Wednesday. What an exciting and incredible privilege it is to be a part of opening a fabulous, new facility funded through the generosity of the taxpayers of Midland. Yet, it's really all about the kids. Everything we do — bond issues, construction, training, instruction and classes — is all about preparing our children to live happy, fulfilling and productive lives. Children are why we are committed to education. We work very hard, not just on academics, but we work at building relationships with students and families. We want family members to participate fully in children's education. Our parents, grandparents and community members are the linchpins to an effective education at Bunche Elementary. We encourage the families and community members to join us in a commitment to developing the mind and character of our children.

In addition to being the future hub of activity for the families and community around Bunche, the school will house some of the most amazing teachers in Midland. Teachers from all over Midland, outside of Midland and new to the profession, have come together as a tremendous team to do whatever it takes to help our children prosper in the classroom and as individuals. They will work collaboratively to support, encourage and enable our students to be successful.

Bunche is not just a new building, but is a showcase for the latest effective education tools to help the children learn, develop and grow. The classrooms and instructional spaces are built around flexible learning spaces that are adaptable to the specific learning needs of the children. Also, the highest levels of technology are accessible to all students, so that they will be prepared for 21st-century opportunities.

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GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed by district Judges George D. Gilles, Robin Malone Darr, Elizabeth B. Leonard and Rodney W. Satterwhite:

Aug. 10-14

Miguel Angel Castillo, 64, driving while intoxicated third or more, four years TDCJ, 365 days drivers license suspension.

Colton Ray Corser, 18, aggravated assault, four years deferred, fine, court cost, restitution and 200 hours community service.

Ramon Tucker Galan, 44, forgery, eight months state jail.

Jose Alfredo Gallegos, 01/21/1992, 23, obstruction or retaliation, two years TDCJ.

Christopher Cory Garrett, 29, deferred adjudication, three years community service, pay fine and restitution.

Raymond Lamont Jefferson, 36, assault on public servant, 12 years TDCJ.

Raymond Lamont Jefferson, 36, harassment of public servant, 12 years TDCJ.

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Nakesha Myretta Jenkins, 23, theft of property $1,500 but less Than $20,000, deferred adjudication, three years community supervision, pay fine and 200 hours community service.

Jacque Waynette Kohanek, 54, possession of controlled substance, deferred adjudication three years, fine, pay restitution, 150 community service hours, 180 days drivers license suspension, TAIP.

David Ray Moseley, 36, prohibited substance in correctional facility, deferred adjudication five years, fine, 200 community service hours, 365 days drivers license suspension, TAIP.

Billy George Nelson, 54, manufacture or delivery of substance, 15 months state jail.

Billy George Nelson, 54, possession of substance, 15 months state jail.

Samantha M. Pantoja, 33, tampering with government record, one-year state jail, $5,584.13 restitution.

Patricio Reyes Jr, 44, possession of controlled substance (less than 1 gram), two years state jail suspended two years community supervision, $500 fine, 150 community service hours.

Antonio Rios, 48, failure to comply with sex offender registration, 10 years TDCJ

Antonio Rios, 48, indecency with a child by exposure, 10 years TDCJ.

Antonio Rios, 48, indecency with a child By contact, 10 years TDCJ.

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Jose Anthony Rodarte III, 45, evading arrest with a motor vehicle, two years TDJ.

Eric Tarin Rosas, 41, driving while intoxicated third or more, 10 years TDCJ probated for four years community supervision, 30 days jail, fine, pay restitution, 200 community service hours, 180 days drivers license suspension, AA meetings, interlock device.

John Taku, 43, driving while intoxicated with a child passenger, two years TDCJ suspended four years of probation, fine, court cost, 15 days jail, 150 hours community service, TAIP and interlock.

Christopher Thomas, 39, possession of controlled substance, deferred adjudication three years, pay restitution, 240 community service hours, TAIP.

Fedel A. Martinez, 51, theft by repetition, extend supervision one year, 100 community service hours.

Fedel A. Martinez, 51, theft of property greater or equal to $1,500 and less than $20,000, extend supervision one year, 100 community service hours.

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Miguel Angel Parra, 27, possession of controlled substance, less than 1 gram, adjudicate two years state jail suspended three years of probation, CRTC.

Anthony Tyrell Perkins, 23, possession of a controlled substance, revoke, six months state jail.

Anthony Tyrell Perkins, 23, prohibited substance in a correctional facility, revoke, two years TDCJ.

Kristen Rolan Rangel, 32, evading arrest with a vehicle, adjudicate and revoke two years.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Kely R. Garcia, 34, of Midland was charged Aug. 13 with tampering/fabricating physical evidence.

Leonel A. Hernandez-Torres, 23, of Midland was charged Aug. 13 with assault of a family/house member.

Jessie J. Johnson Jr., 25, of Midland was charged Aug. 13 with evading arrest, possession of controlled substances less than 200 grams and prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility.

Marina D. Quinteia, 28, of Midland was charged Aug. 14 with attempting to take a weapon from an officer and assault of a public servant.

Logan J. Seibel, 20, of Midland was charged Aug. 14 with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and theft of a firearm.

Keith R. Brown, 34, of Midland was charged Aug. 15 with aggravated assault of a date/family/house member.

Hrang K. Lian, 36, of Midland was charged Aug. 15 with driving while intoxicated.

Tyler G. Smith, 18, of Midland was charged Aug. 15 with possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

Iram N. Baeza, 19, of Odessa was charged Aug. 16 with assault of a public servant.

Paul H. Martinez, 43, of Fort Worth was charged Aug. 16 with robbery.

Ruben Ortiz Jr., 24, of Big Spring was charged Aug. 16 with evading arrest/detainment with a vehicle.

Perla Ruiz, 27, of Midland was charged Aug. 16 with aggravated assault of a date/family/house member.

Daniel S. Urias, 18, of Midland was charged Aug. 16 with obstruction or retaliation and assault of a public servant.

Noel Zamora, 39, of Midland was charged Aug. 16 with evading arrest/detainment with a previous conviction.

Magdalena Guiterrez, 24, of Midland was charged Aug. 17 with assault of a public servant and obstruction/retaliation.

Patrick D. Hobson, 18, of Midland was charged Aug. 17 with burglary.

Jose Velazquez, 42, of Midland was charged Aug. 17 with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and tampering/fabricating physical evidence.

Esther C. Lozano, 26, of Midland was charged Aug. 18 with theft less than $1500.

Christopher A. Miller, 25, of Midland was charged Aug. 18 with burglary, theft less than $20,000, unauthorized use of a vehicle and tampering/fabricating evidence.

Manuel R. Banks Jr., 20, of Midland was charged Aug. 19 with tampering/fabricating physical evidence.

Jonathan A. Brown, 26, of Midland was charged Aug. 19 with manufacturing/delivering a controlled substance less than 200 grams.

Julio C. Flores, 31, of Midland was charged Aug. 19 with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Isaac D. Provencio, 20, of Midland was charged Aug. 19 with fraudulent use/possession of identification.

Misty D. Russell, 34, of Midland was charged Aug. 19 for possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Elizabeth D. Cardenas, 24, of Midland was charged Aug. 20 with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Adrianna Rangel, 20, of Midland was charged Aug. 20 with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and prohibited substance/item in a correctional facility.

Robert Sanchez, 35, of Midland was charged Aug. 20 with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

NICHOLAS

From 1B

even helped some of the other kids." What's that? That's the sound of the crowd after I spike the ball, folks.

Another slice of pizza and a few more swigs of root beer, and he is ready to head home for a few minutes of Minecraft gaming with his sister. His little sister. He's even carrying the left-overs box on his own.

So, let's recap. He got up on time, rode the bus, liked cafeteria food, whipped up on some kids in PE and actually wanted to play with Bodacious? All on his own?

I am pretty sure that I just won the back-to-school Super Bowl. Now. Someone. Give me a diamond ring because I earned it!

Melanie Nicholas is a full-time momma, writer and mommy blogger. She and The Hubs have two uh-mazing children, Parksalot, 6, and Bodacious, 4. You can find her here, on Facebook, Twitter and at TheBathwaterBlogs.com. Her column appears in the Midland Reporter-Telegram every other week.

Crimes of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland Police Department need your help identifying two suspects involved in a burglary of building.

On Aug. 3, the Midland Police Department responded to an alarm call at 900 S. Big Spring St. in the early morning hours. Upon the officer's arrival, the front glass door had been busted out. The surveillance video showed two suspects breaking the front door with a crow bar. Once inside the suspects stole some tobacco products and other miscellaneous items. The suspects were in and out in less than a minute. The first subject is described as a Hispanic male in his late teens to early 20s wearing a camo hat, black shirt and gray shorts. The second subject also appears to be Hispanic in his late teens or early 20s wearing a blue shirt, gray sweat pants and wearing a mask.

If you are the first person to provide information identifying these suspects and it leads to an arrest, it will be worth a $1,000 cash reward. You will remain anonymous and no caller ID is ever used.

Surveillance video can be viewed at www.midland-crimestoppers.com.

The Midland County Sheriff's Office and Midland Crime Stoppers also need your help on a theft.

On June 4, officers were called to Lamar Industries located at 3700 S. County Road 1295 in regard to a theft.

The fence had been cut and more than 2,000 pounds of copper wire and a utility shop trailer were missing. The trailer is a gray and blue shop made trailer and is not for public roadways and has no license plate. The trailer has two wheels and no fenders with four cross members going from one side to the other. The wire and trailer along with the cut fence is valued at more than $7,500.

If you are the first person to call with information leading to the arrest of the suspects, it will be worth a $1,000 cash reward.

How to submit a secure tip

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STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LUBBOCK

Lubbock County coroner seeks dismissal of firing lawsuit

A West Texas coroner says a $1 million wrongful termination lawsuit filed against him should be dismissed.

Lubbock County Medical Examiner Sridhar Natarajan denied allegations of professional wrongdoing raised by a deputy medical examiner who was fired Aug. 14.

Dr. Luisa Florez filed suit Wednesday against Lubbock County, its commissioners, the medical examiner's office and Natarajan. The lawsuit says the office backdated autopsy reports, changed her final autopsy reports without her knowledge and let unqualified technicians do autopsies.

She says her complaints were ignored and that she unfairly lost her $217,000-a-year job because she's a whistleblower. Florez said the county suspended and later fired her as a direct result of her "good faith report" when she requested an investigation into alleged illegal activities.

Natarajan asked a judge Thursday to remove him from the lawsuit, saying he did nothing wrong. He also sought immunity from the official suit, stating, "all of his actions were in the furtherance of his professional duties in the capacity of his duties as a medical examiner for Lubbock County, Texas. As such, he is entitled to immunity from both suit and liability."

Lubbock County commissioners, in response to the lawsuit, released a statement saying they look forward to defending the work and integrity of the medical examiner's office and other county staffers.

CRYSTAL BEACH

Authorities say man's body washes ashore at Crystal Beach

Authorities are investigating the death of a man whose body washed ashore at Crystal Beach.

The Galveston County Sheriff's Office received reports of a body found late Friday afternoon.

The sheriff's office says the man possibly drowned. Authorities found no immediate signs of foul play.

His name and other details on the man weren't immediately released.

Officials ordered an autopsy.

FORT WORTH

Broken water main floods part of Trinity Park in Fort Worth

Water from a broken main has flooded part of a Fort Worth park as crews shut down other pipelines to stem the flow to the area.

Utility officials say nobody was hurt in Saturday's water main break at Trinity Park.

Fort Worth water department officials are trying to determine what caused the 48-inch concrete line to give way.

Water was seen gushing several feet high and flooding portions of the park along the Trinity River. Some of the escaped water flowed down toward the river.

Fort Worth police diverted some nearby street and bicycle traffic, as a precaution.

WACO

No threat found when Waco biker rally cut short

A biker rally at the county courthouse in Waco to remember those killed in a May shootout ended early when officers saw a suspicious cooler and suitcase that turned out to contain nothing threatening.

About 75 bikers outside the McClennan County Courthouse dispersed Saturday when a sheriff's deputy spotted the items near the crowd. A bomb squad deployed a robot to investigate the contents, but found no hazardous materials.

County holds public hearing for property tax

By Cassie Burton
cburton@mrt.com

County commissioners heard opposition to the recently proposed property tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year on Thursday morning.

The county commissioners' court proposed 14.0811 cents per $100 valuation at the Aug. 10 meeting. Midland County resident Hugh A. Schaffer spoke against the proposed rate.

"I understand there are a lot of things to fund," said Schaffer, who is retired, "but the rate will increase my taxes. I ask that the county to consider that those of us who are unemployed are not adversely affected."

Schaffer pointed to new facilities that will be added to the tax roll as a reason why he thought that the property tax rate could be lowered before final approval.

County judge Mike Bradford said that the court spoke with the Midland Central Appraisal District and that many of newer properties have already been included in the taxable value for the current year.

Bradford said that the court chose the 14.0811 cents instead of the effective rate of 12.8010 cents in part because of a decrease in mineral values. Bradford and Commissioner Robin Donnelly, precinct 2, said that even with the increase, the county will have to dip into reserves to pay each county employee; the chosen rate reduces the amount.

Donnelly said that the county will not hire any new employees or give out raises except for some workers' anniversary raises.

The next public hearing for the proposed tax rate will be held Aug. 31, and the next regular county commissioners' meeting is Monday.

Reinforced guardrail to be introduced to TX, US roadways

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Some roadways in Texas and around the country will get new guardrails after Texas A&M University found that a specially made reinforced concrete barrier works better to protect drivers.

Engineers from Texas A&M's Transportation Institute and the Texas Department of Transportation teamed up a year ago to develop a guardrail that could prevent vehicles from driving through or over it, The Eagle reported Saturday.

TTI associate research engineer William Williams said the decision to start the project was spurred by increasingly frequent tractor-trailer accidents.

"Whenever we see an accident involving an 18-wheeler that goes off a roadway and falls onto the roadway below, there's always a discussion about using a rail to redirect larger trucks," Williams said.

The rail is made of reinforced concrete that weighs 420 pounds per foot. To test it, a tractor-trailer drove 50 mph along a steep cable and into the barrier on Friday. Except for kicking up dust, nothing much happened at impact.

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FACES

From 1B

have worked with female high school students and merged elements of different mentoring curriculums into one.

"It's not just preparing you for school, it's preparing you for life after school," Smith said. "It's kind of giving them real life experiences, trying to teach them as much as possible in a little amount of time, and…making connections here in the community as well."

Just like the XY-Zone, FACES will feature different types of counseling, off-campus trips to colleges and guest speakers teaching about different aspects of life.

"I think some girls think, because society might be telling them, that all they can do is be a house mom," Smith said. "(It's) having women come in and say, 'You can live outside the confines of that. You can do more than society says. You can have a successful career. You can do what you want.'"

Because it is a pilot program that will be hosted at Midland High, only 50 girls will be admitted. Smith said they will start with team-building exercises as splitting into small groups and talking about different issues in each girl's life will be easier.

"Mentoring doesn't work if you have 100 people sitting around you because you can't connect," Smith said. "Some of these girls don't know each other so that's kind of another part of this program, is to connect (them) with other girls at a school that could potentially have 2,300 kids, and that makes the rest of the year a little bit easier where you're not telling your life story in front of a bunch of strangers."

Smith said that about 50 students expressed interest at registration but she will not know the full number until school starts. Just like with XY-Zone, the idea is to expand FACES to other schools and to junior high schools so as to have a sixth grade through graduation curriculum.

Smith said the main message she wants to send with the curriculum is to fix the "bad rep" that girls have of being dramatic or overly emotional and causes them to be "pushed aside," and to help girls who believe they are limited in some way by their gender.

"I think girls come in and they're already just defeated," Smith said. "People come in and say 'I can't do this because I'm dumb' or 'because I'm a girl,' and this (program) is coming beside them and saying, 'Actually, you can. You can go further in life than what the rest of the world says.'"

The program is funded by donations and relies largely on volunteers, according to Smith.

"They have basic needs sometimes and sometimes they just need another person to hang out with them," Smith said. "We are happy to take anyone if they're able to."

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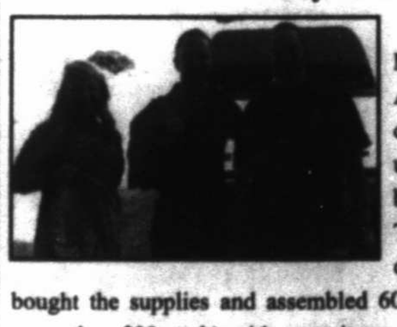

The Young Adult Ministry of Calvary Assembly of God decided to help the underprivileged with back to school supplies. They raised the money, ordered the backpacks, bought the supplies and assembled 60 backpacks (valued at more than $30 each) with most items needed for children to return to school. They chose Helping Hands as their avenue for getting those supplies to the children most in need. We immediately put out an alert to other area agencies to please send us those low-income families that still needing school supplies. We were especially busy this week in responding to those needs for both school supplies and clothing.

Many people have asked us why we do not have the city-wide school supplies give-away that we had done in years previous. We quit doing the "open" giveaway when we realized that many of the people coming for the supplies were more than financially capable of providing those items themselves. We judge this way we help those who are most in need. We also thank all of the other people who have donated school supplies to us over the past few months, and we assure you that those items went to needy families as well. God bless all of you for your donations, and we again thank the Young Adult Ministry of Calvary Assembly of God for using us as your arms to reach out to the poor of Midland. Special blessings to all of you!

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In this Aug. 12 photo, a ministry meets in the sanctuary at Avenue L Baptist Church in Galveston. The church, the oldest African American church in Texas, is celebrating its 175th anniversary this year. *Associated Press*

Galveston church born of slavery continues to minister

By Rick Cousins
Galveston County Daily News

GALVESTON — It was a rare person who transgressed the draconian laws issued in the 1800s forbidding the teaching of reading to any slave. Those who did take the risk of violating those early laws faced fines of $400, a fortune in that day, or worse, up to 20 lashes in public.

On Galveston Island, the all-white First Baptist Church, in an unprecedented burst of liberality, uncharacteristic of the times, admitted five male slaves as members. The year was 1840. As more blacks came, an all-black church was formed. It met first in the less hospitable courthouse environs, and later in its own building, although the members couldn't hold title to property themselves until after the Civil War's conclusion.

It was there, Roland Thomas, a direct descendant of an Avenue L founder and the oldest living member of the Thomas family, which is all but synonymous with the church itself, explained that in their own building slaves could learn to read the Bible and write for the first time. They were ensconced in the sacred space conferred by the altar of God — a boundary which even the most evil slaveholders would be required, by culture and convention, to respect.

"You couldn't learn to read as a slave back then, it was actually illegal," Thomas told the Galveston County Daily News. "But at Avenue L it was possible, since it was a safe place."

One hundred and seventy-five years later, Avenue L Missionary Baptist is still focused on God, education and the young.

It's hard to characterize the confluence of community, culture and church that has taken place for generations at Avenue L. The modern, suburban megachurch offers no parallel for the persistence and power that comes from being the weekly center of focus for so many families continually for dozens of decades. The Thomas family, which traces its name back to one of the enslaved founders, now stretches to six or seven generations, depending on which member of the clan is doing the reckoning.

The Rev. E.R. Johnson, who now leads the historic church, agreed.

"Over the years, what God has done for this church is for it to become an integral leader in the faith-based community in Galveston," he said. "He has kept it in the forefront of families for generations with its rich history. You continually keep that faith for the people of God as we grow to the next level."

Lawrence Thomas, a close relative of Roland, and also longtime member, said that emphasis on youth had paid off for Avenue L, even in this age of the "Nones," the disaffected of American's post-Christian culture.

Now in his 60s, this Thomas came of age in a Galveston where blacks were still not equal members of society. Although education had become universal, life in the 1950s was far from equally shared.

"Growing up there were places like the (old) Pleasure Pier where blacks weren't allowed to go," he said. "So Avenue L was the place we came to have fun. It was the one safe place we could go as young people."

Mary Patrick coordinates the children's ministry at Avenue L. Her programs combine education, service, practical skills and spiritual formation in an ongoing successful effort to retain the congregation's youth — a generation that, nationally, is being lost to the church-at-large.

"We do a lot of things in the community with our students," she said. "They visit and sing in the assisted living centers and we hold a Sunday church just for them. We also teach everything from cooking, to public speaking, to singing."

There are many ways to do church. Some congregations are highly organized, forming committees and providing top-down solutions to individual needs. Avenue L isn't that type of church. Here, members pursue a more fluid, organic model that might be termed "See a need; meet a need."

"If a student has needs here, someone will meet them," Patrick said. "One woman saw three girls from a family, she took them to lunch and then to Walmart to get them school clothes and supplies.

"We have individuals who will work with schools and parents to meet needs: spiritual, mentoring, social or even legal referrals — often they don't even have to ask, folks just know what to do."

Although Avenue L is subtitled, "Texas' oldest black church" it is has members from various races and even a few foreign countries. Someday soon, cruise passengers arriving in Galveston may consider this a must-do Sunday stop, one as salutary as those in New York City. There, various tour companies funnel visitors through Harlem's finest old houses of worship. The historic black church has become a strong cultural drawing card for a generation of tourists from the Northeast and Europe.

"Sixty of Harlem's 338 churches take part in the gospel sightseeing trade," reported Slate Magazine on this contemporary phenomenon.

Why? The intensity and style of worship; the rich, structured singing and musicality. The 2 1/2 hour worship services, typical of both Harlem and Avenue L, are the kind of attraction that is a felt-need — something missing from the often purely secular diet of world travelers.

Case in point, a recent Facebook post by a Ramon Blakley, gave Avenue L a five-star rating.

"We cruised out of Galveston and stopped in for worship and prayer before boarding our ship," Blakley wrote. "If time allows, I highly recommend a visit if you're in the area."

Modern man is then found in awe, not of some elaborate, complex and ornate cathedral by the sea, but instead of a somewhat simpler sanctuary filled with the fervent faith of families singing and swaying to some of the same songs that slaves sang 175 years ago.

MIDLAND
Community Development

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

The City of Midland has prepared a draft Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice. The AI may be examined at the following locations from August 20, 2015 to September 18, 2015 or on the City Website (www.midlandtexas.gov):

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As a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds the City is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to conduct an AI and to affirmatively further fair housing. The AI resulted in the identification of six major impediments to address in the next five years. The impediments are:

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- Insufficient public awareness of fair housing
- Lack of affordable housing near the better schools
- Private market barriers exist
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Please direct any written comments to the City's Community Development Division, PO Box 1152, Midland, Texas 79702, by September 18, 2015. The Midland City Council will consider approval of the AI on September 22, 2015 at a 10:00 AM Public Hearing. For more information, call the City's Community Development Office at 685-7408 or 685-7472.

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Hudl up: MHS, Lee take advantage of film sharing tool

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Jackson Anuszkiewicz scrambles for yards May 21 during the spring game at Grande Communications Stadium. MHS uses Hudl, an online tool that enables teams to share game and practice film on computers and smart devices. Anuszkiewicz says he likes Hudl because it allows him to view games from both a sideline view and end zone view.

By Christopher Hadorn
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Watching game film long has been an instrumental aspect of high school football.

Old timers might recall the days of watching an upcoming opponent's game film on a 16mm projector in a dark room that resembled a miniature, impromptu movie theater.

About a decade ago, it was still common for opposing head coaches to meet in person to exchange hard copy film before an upcoming game or assign an assistant coach to shoot an opponent in advance of a game.

But those days are gone.

Today's high school football programs use an Internet site called Hudl to upload video and share game film with future opponents.

The site is so high-tech that coaches and players can access the film from their cellphones and tablets.

And the content isn't just limited to game footage.

Nowadays, it's common for coaches to upload practice footage and have it readily available on the same day for their players to view.

"Right after practice, pretty much right when we get home, you can check your email and the coach already has it sent out to you, so it's pretty nice how fast you can get it," Midland High quarterback/wide receiver Jackson Anuszkiewicz said.

Anuszkiewicz says he likes Hudl because it allows him to view games from both a sideline view and end zone view.

The Hudl technology allows players to study their opponent at their convenience and wherever they want.

"I remember during the season last season, I would watch film before I went to sleep," Bulldogs inside linebacker Jack Youngblood said. "I'd go through and just keep on going. Like the night before a game, I would watch so much film, just try and memorize what they'd do and what their tendencies were."

James Morton and his Rebels coaching staff use Hudl at Lee, using the website to even film practices and share the footage with players.

Morton feels that today's players already have enough on their plate with academics, so he doesn't overemphasize film study when his boys leave the football premises.

"I think you have to be careful with that, just because you can become oversaturated with information, too," Morton said. "Playing with a clear mind and fast feet need to be taken into account for, too."

With access to every play in every game, players can easily create personal highlight videos on Hudl.

The highlight videos on Hudl enable college recruiters to watch players that they might have never had contact with, including their coaches. Morton says colleges these days will watch footage of his players and that he has no idea of knowing who they'

Please see HUDL/4C

It's Kingsbury's call

On Oct. 25, 2014, Texas Tech head coach Kliff Kingsbury watches play in the first half against TCU in Fort Worth. Kingsbury calls his options at quarterback this season a "luxury." Sophomore Patrick Mahomes and junior Davis Webb will vie for the starting spot. *AP file photo*

Tech's starting QB decision down to the wire

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury calls his options at quarterback this season a luxury.

Sophomore Patrick Mahomes and junior Davis Webb will vie for the starting spot, and Kingsbury says the competition will make each better.

Webb, coming off a season-ending ankle injury and shoulder surgery on his non-throwing arm, started eight games last season, while Mahomes started four.

"It's the best I've ever felt as a coach as far as depth at a quarterback position, because we have two guys who've played games," said Kingsbury, in his third year as coach of his alma mater. "Both guys can get it done."

The Red Raiders finished 4-8 last season, ending four games below .500 for the first time since 1983 and with the fewest overall victories since 1990. They won just two Big 12 games, their fewest since the league began in 1996.

Kingsbury's quarterback decision will come before the end of fall workouts, but the public may not know his choice until the opener at home Sept. 5 against Sam Houston State. His main criteria will be which one can protect the ball. Last year, the team had 28 turnovers. The previous season's tally was 33.

"That kind of tells you where we're at," Kingsbury said. "You can't do that and be successful."

On top of drastically reducing turnovers on offense, Kingsbury is hopeful the Red Raiders' eighth defensive coordinator since 2007, David Gibbs, can create some.

Gibbs, who led Houston's defense to back-to-back top 25 finishes nationally in turnovers, is the most experienced member of the Red Raiders' youthful coaching staff. He coached nine years in the NFL before moving to Houston for two seasons.

Last season, the Cougars snared 30 interceptions and fumbles from opponents. The year, before they got 43 turnovers.

"He brings instant credibility based upon where he's been in his resume," Kingsbury said. "We've already seen it."

Here are some things to watch this season at Texas Tech:

MAHOMES OR WEBB: Webb

Please see TECH/4C

Manning debuts and reserves lead Broncos over Texans

Broncos 14
Texans 10

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Peyton Manning couldn't score in more than a quarter of work in his preseason debut before Denver's reserves rallied late to help the Broncos to a 14-10 win over the Houston Texans on Saturday night.

Manning led the team on four drives that all ended with punts before he was replaced by Brock Osweiler with 11 minutes left in the second quarter. The 39-year-old Manning was 8 of 14 for 52 yards.

Ryan Mallett, competing with Brian Hoyer to be Houston's starting quarterback, opened the game on Saturday. He failed to move the offense, and the Texans punted on his two possessions. Hoyer was also unable to get into the end zone in his four drives.

Osweiler gave the Broncos a 7-0 lead on a 57-yard touchdown pass to Andre Caldwell early in the second quarter.

They were up 7-3 in the third quarter when Kourtnei Brown returned Osweiler's interception 69 yards for the score. Osweiler was 7 of 16 for 121 yards.

A 26-yard touchdown catch by Corbin Louks from rookie Trevor Siemian put Denver on top 14-10 late.

Last season's Defensive Player of the Year J.J. Watt and veteran nose tackle Vince Wilfork were both healthy, but sat out for the second straight week. Last year's top overall pick outside linebacker Jadeveon Clowney, who returned to practice Monday, dressed for the game but did not play.

Demaryius Thomas made his preseason debut after missing the entire offseason and signing a five-year, $70 million contract in July. He had three catches for 24 yards, but was unable to connect with Manning the two times he was targeted deep. Rookie cornerback Kevin Johnson, the 16th overall pick, was covering Thomas on both of those throws.

Lady Chaps volleyball shows growth at Kick-Off Classic

By Oscar LeRoy
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Midland College sophomore outside hitter DeeAnn Greehey said it's almost like night and day with the way her team is playing now compared to last year.

As a freshman-dominated squad, the Lady Chaparrals went through a few growing pains along the way to a 13-19 season.

But in the four matches played over the weekend during the Midland College Kick-Off Classic at Chaparral Center, the Lady Chaps looked like a more experienced team with something to prove.

MC finished off the classic with a pair of wins Saturday as the Lady Chaps defeated Laredo Community College 25-17, 25-22, 32-30 before dominating against overmatched Richland College 25-14, 25-6, 25-7 to finish 3-1 on the season-opening weekend.

"This weekend, we played really well," said Greehey, who is from Bigfoot. "From last year, we've progressed amazingly and the offense is much faster. The defense is getting there, but we just need to work on moving our feet and getting to the ball. Other than that, we've been doing great, and practices have been great. We're so much better than last year."

The Lady Chaps had to scratch and claw a bit against Laredo CC as the Palominos had MC on its heels at times, especially in the third set, up 20-12 at one point.

"We definitely made it tough on ourselves," said MC coach Tammie Jimenez about the match against Laredo. "I don't know if I planted the wrong seed in their heads because I told them initially in the locker room that teams like Laredo and teams like Richland are teams that can bite us in the butt if we don't execute our fundamental volleyball. And that's pretty much what happened."

But MC regrouped and pulled out the marathon third set to take the match 32-30.

"(It shows) that we have heart to win, and when we're down, we're going to do our best to win it and pull through," said Greehey, who led the team with 10 kills in the match.

Jimenez also liked that her team showed fight.

"They understand that it's a team effort and everybody has got to do their part and there's not one person who can just shut down because everybody is needed," she said. "It's good

Please see LADY CHAPS/2C

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Shelby Bartley hits against Richland College on Saturday at Chaparral Center during the Midland College Kick-Off Classic. The Lady Chaps swept the match 25-14, 25-6, 25-7.

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SATURDAY'S SCORE
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Tulsa 4

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

Arena Football League
Eastern Conference Championship: Jacksonville at Philadelphia, 4 p.m., CBSSN

Beach Volleyball
FIVB World Seires, 1:30 p.m., NBC

Cycling
US Pro Challenge, Stage 7, 3 p.m., NBC

Golf
European PGA: Made in Denmak, Final Round, 5:30 a.m., GOLF
PGA: Wyndham Championship, Final Round, Noon, GOLF
PGA: Wyndham Championship, Final Round, 2 p.m., CBS
US Amateurs, Finals, 2 p.m., FOX
Champions: Boeing Classic, Final Round, 4 p.m., GOLF
LPGA: Canadian Pacific Women's Open, Final Round, 6 p.m., GOLF

Little League World Series
G13: Santiago de los Caballero, Dominican Republic/Kampala, Uganda winner vs Barquisimeto, Venezuela/Sydney, Australia winner, 10 a.m., ESPN
Junior League Final, Noon, ESPN
G14: Texas East/Oregon winner vs Kentucky/Southern California winner, 2 p.m., ABC
G15: British Colombia, Canada/Mexicali Baja California, Mexico winner vs Tokyo, Japan/Taipei City, Chinese Taipei winner, 4 p.m., ESPN
G16: Rhode Island/South Carolina winner vs Missouri/Pennsylvania winner, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Major League Baseball
Texas at Detroit Noon, FSSW
LA Dodgers at Houston, 1 p.m., TBS/ROOT
San Francisco at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m., ESPN/ESPNDEP

Men's Soccer
Scottish Championship: Rangers vs Hibernian, 6:30 a.m., FOXSOC+
Ligue 1: Lille OSC vs FC Girondins de Bordeaux, 6:55 a.m., beIN
English Premier: West Bromwich Albion vs Chelsea, 7:30 a.m., USA/NBCU
Bundesliga: FC Ingolstadt 04 vs Borussia Dortmund, 8:30 a.m., FS1/FOXDEP
Eredivisie: NEC vs AFC Ajax, 9 a.m., UDN
English Premier: Everton vs Manchester City, 10 a.m., NBCSN/TELE
English Premier: Watford vs Southampton, 10 a.m., NBCET
Bundesliga: Borussia Monchengladbach vs FSV Mainz 05, 10:30 a.m., FS2/FOXDEP
La Liga: Athletic Club vs FC Barcelona, 11:25 a.m., beIN/beIN2
Liga MX: Pumas UNAM vs CS and D Dorados de Sinaloa, 11:45 a.m., UNIV/UDN
La Liga: Real Sporting de Gijon vs Real Madrid CF, 1:25 p.m, beIN/beIN2
MLS: New York City at LA Galaxy, 2 p.m., ESPN/ESPNDEP
Brazil: Flamengo vs Sao Paulo, 2 p.m., GolTV
Italian Serie A: Juventus FC vs Udinese Calcio, 3:25 p.m., beIN
La Liga: Real Betis vs Villarreal CF, 3:25 p.m., beIN2
Uruguay: Nacional vs River Plate, 4 p.m., GolTV
Liga MX: Puebla vs Pachuca, 4:50 p.m., UDN
Italian Serie A: ACF Fiorentina vs AC Milan, 6:30 p.m., beIN

Mixed Martial Arts
UFC: Holloway vs Oliveira, Prelims, 6 p.m., FS1
UFC: Holoway vs Oliveira, 8 p.m., FS1

Motorsports
F1: Belgian Grand Prix, 6:30 a.m., NBCSN/UniMas
United Sportscar: Virginia International Raceway, Noon, FS1
IndyCar: ABC Supply 500, 1 p.m., NBCSN
ARCA: SuperChevyStores.com Allen Crowe 100, 1:30 p.m., CBSSN
National Football League
Green Bay at Pittsburgh, Noon, NFL
Dallas at San Francisco, 7 p.m., KMID
St. Louis at Tennessee, 7 p.m., FOX/FOXDEP

Skateboarding
New Jersey, 3:30 p.m., FS1

Tennis
ATP: Western & Southern Open, Men's Doubles Final, 10 a.m., TENNIS
ATP: Western & Southern Open, Men's Final, Noon, ESPN2
ATP: Western & Southern Open, Women's Final, 2 p.m., ESPN2

WNBA
Chicago at Washington, 3 p.m., NBAtv
Minnesota at Phoenix, 5 p.m., NBAtv

Women's Soccer
NCAA: Beijing Normal at Arizona State, 1 p.m., P12

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Texas at Detroit, Noon, KBST 95.7 FM (Big Spring)

National Football League
Dallas at San Francisco, 7 p.m., KBST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KBAT 99.9 FM (Odessa, Midland, Andrews), KTXC 104.7 FM (Spanish)

Texas League Baseball
Midland at Tulsa, 7 p.m., KCRS 550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Acquired OF Michael Choice from Texas and optioned him to Columbus (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHP Jose Valdez to Toledo (IL). Released 1B Marc Krauss. Selected the contract of LHP Randy Wolf from Toledo.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned RHP A.J. Achter to Rochester (IL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Designated LHP Chris Capuano for assignment. Recalled RHP Branden Pinder from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned 2B Tyler Lastendorf and RHP Dan Otero to Nashville (PCL). Reinstated LHP Sean Doolittle from the 60-day DL. Transferred 1B Ike Davis to the 60-day DL.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Assigned RHP Jose Dominguez outright to Durham (IL).
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Sent LHP Manny Banuelos to the GCL Braves for a rehab assignment.
MIAMI MARLINS — Agreed to terms with RHP Chuck Weaver on a minor league contract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Traded LHP Neal Cotts to Minnesota for a player to be named.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Optioned OF Ryan Lollis to Sacramento (PCL). Reinstated RHP Mike Leake from the 15-day DL.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Sent RHP David Carpenter, OF Denard Span and 2B Dan Uggla to Harrisburg (EL) for rehab assignments.
American Association
AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Released OF KC Judge.
JOPLIN BLASTERS — Signed INF Matt Padgett.
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Signed LHP Brandon Stennis. Released RHP David Herndon.
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Traded RHP Jeremy Strawn to Kansas City for RHP Joe Van Meter.
ST. PAUL SAINTS — Signed RHP Mikey Mehlich.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed OF Nick Van Stratten.
Can-Am League
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released RHP Coby Cowgill.
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Released OF Byron Wiley.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS — Waived DT Jeremy Towns. Signed WR Austin Willis.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Waived TE Manasseh Garner. Signed TE Anthony Ezeakunne.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Placed LB Adam Hayward on injured reserve.
Canadian Football League
MONTREAL ALOUETTES — Named Antony Calvillo quarterbacks coach.
HORSE RACING
NTRA — Reappointed Judy Wagner to the board of directors.
COLLEGE
TCU — Announced WR/KR Cameron Echols-Luper has left school.

PRESEASON NFL GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	35	35
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	33	45
New England	1	1	0	.500	37	49
Miami	0	2	0	.000	40	58
South						
Houston	1	1	0	.500	33	24
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	35	43
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	24	31
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	21	59
North						
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	23	10
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	47	67
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000	27	31
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	24	37
West						
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	48	32
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	39	30
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	19	3
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	17	7

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	2	0	0	1.000	41	34
Philadelphia	2	0	0	1.000	78	27
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	58	35
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	7	17
South						
Carolina	2	0	0	1.000	58	54
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	58	54
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	16	58
New Orleans	0	2	0	.000	51	68
North						
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	40	19
Chicago	2	0	0	1.000	50	21
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	22	11
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	40	24
West						
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	19	34
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	10	22
St. Louis	0	1	0	.000	3	19
Seattle	0	2	0	.000	33	36

Scores & schedule

Saturday's scores
Philadelphia 40, Baltimore 17
Carolina 31, Miami 30
New England 28, New Orleans 24
Chicago 23, Indianapolis 11
N.Y. Giants 22, Jacksonville 12
Denver 14, Houston 10
Oakland at Minnesota, late
San Diego at Arizona, late

Today's games
Green Bay at Pittsburgh, noon
Dallas at San Francisco, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Tennessee, 7 p.m.

Monday's game
Cincinnati at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.

Friday's games
New England at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Tennessee at Kansas City, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
Baltimore, Aug. 29
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Cincinnati, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at Baltimore, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at San Diego, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Indianapolis at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
San Francisco at Denver, 8 p.m.

Are you ready for some high school football?

OSCAR LEROY
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West Texas folks have waited long enough, but high school football is finally here.

It all begins at 7 p.m. Thursday with Midland High hosting Keller at Grande Communications Stadium, while Trinity heads to Loraine at 7:30 p.m.

Then there is a full slate of games on Friday, highlighted by Lee taking on Smithson Valley at Grande Communications Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

I know there are a few people who think we emphasize high school football too much, and they might be right.

But name another sport that sparks as much excitement and conversation as football around here. I guarantee you it doesn't compare.

Now, if we were in a bigger city with a professional sports team or a major college or university, that would be another story.

But in the Permian Basin, high school football is the thing to watch and do on a Friday night for a lot of people.

That's why this year's football section is entitled "Permian Basin Pride." It was short, simple and straight to the point. I hope you get a chance to read it in today's newspaper. It's always a major task to put it all together, and there were a lot of people who put in countless hours and the dedication needed to get everything done. I mention some of those people in the section, and I can't thank them enough.

There will be some stories and other items that will be put in the regular section and online because we just didn't have enough room in the football section, so keep that in mind when you're reading the paper or going to www.mrt.com.

From the early indications, it looks like we're going to have several teams that might end up with some pretty good seasons, barring any major injuries.

It's really hard to predict what 16-, 17-year old kids are going to do, especially these days, but that's what makes each season so interesting. You just never know who's going to surprise you.

■ I'm sure to many Baylor fans, football season can't come soon enough.

And it's not because the football team has high expectations. Rather, it's because of the controversy involving defensive end transfer Sam Ukwuachu and his conviction of sexual assault on Thursday.

How much did Baylor know about this player before he transferred from Boise State? Bears coach Art Briles said Boise State never informed him of any problems involving Ukwuachu, whose former girlfriend while at BSU testified he had struck and choked her.

Former Boise State coach Chris Peterson released a statement to ESPN on Friday that he had reached out to Briles to let him know about the player's past. Briles denied that conversation ever took place.

Now Baylor University is investigating the school's handling of the transfer of Ukwauchu, who has never played a down with the Bears.

Either way, this doesn't look good, and this might only be the beginning of a firestorm for the football program.

There has already been some harsh criticism of Baylor and Briles in several publications, including a scathing article in Texas Monthly, so this is not going away any time soon.

I've written before in this column that it's a shame that a program is sometimes punished becatise those in charge didn't do what they were supposed to do in the first place.

Is this a win-at-all-cost mentality? Or is it just an oversight?

Briles has allowed some players into the program with some questionable character before, so this is definitely not an isolated incident.

It's really a shame because this program finally had the recognition many of its fans wanted with its recent success. But now it's faced with having to answer some tough questions, and it might have to re-evaluate its priorities because if it doesn't, it might be forced by somebody else to do so.

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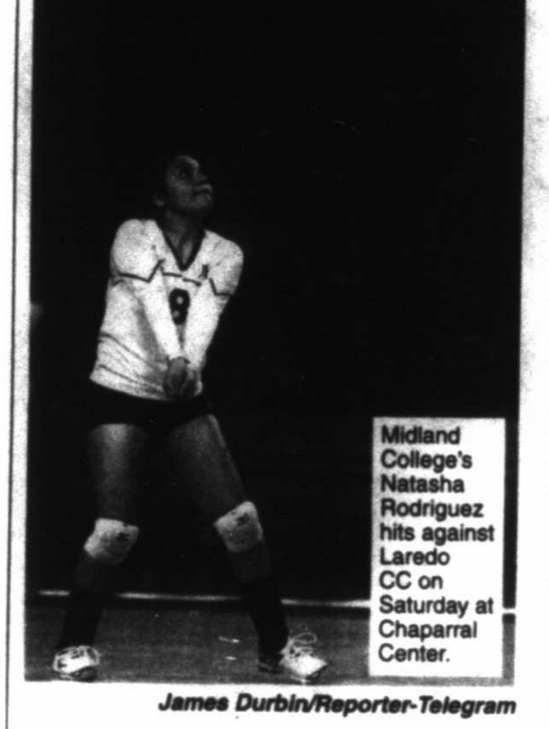

Midland College's Natasha Rodriguez hits against Laredo CC on Saturday at Chaparral Center.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

LADY CHAPS

From 1C

to see them fight back like that.

Also for MC, Samantha Furtmann had 17 assists, Bailey Wright had 14 assists, Aleana Crow had 14 digs and Shelby Bartley had six blocks to lead the Lady Chaps.

MC held Richland to just a .014 attack percentage and was led by Crow with 13 kills. Furtmann had 20 assists and four aces, and Ashley Rocha added eight digs.

"Overall, I'm very pleased with our performance," Jimenez said. "I'm very excited for the changes that we can make and the things we can fix to be even better."

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MIDLAND COLLEGE DEF. LAREDO CC 25-17, 25-22, 32-30
Laredo CC statistics
Kills — Ebony Smith 9, Valeri Beltran 8, Michelle Castro 7, Jasmine Idrogo 5, Francis Tobias 3, Aimee Ruiz 1, Linda Perez 1
Assists — Perez 26, Castro 2, Kerri Okino 1
Digs — Castro 16, Okino 15, Perez 9, Idrogo 7, Tobias 2, Ruiz 1, Smith 2.
Blocks — Tobias 1, Smith 1.
Aces — Idrogo 3, Castro 1, Ruiz 1, Smith 1.
Midland College statistics
Kills — DeeAnn Greehey 10, Daina Lohrke 8, Shelby Bartley 6, Yahaila Villegas 6, Aleana Crow 5, Krystal Lopez 4, Larissa Gomes 3.
Assists — Samantha Furtmann 17, Bailey Wright 14, Myta Price 3, Villegas 1, Crow 1
Digs — Crow 14, Greehey 11, Price 9, Wright 8, Furtmann 6, Lohrke 5, Villegas 1, Natasha Rodriguez 1, Krystal Lopez 1, Gomes 1.
Blocks — Bartley 6, Lohrke 4, Crow 2.
Aces — Lohrke 2, Furtmann 1, Crow 1.

MIDLAND COLLEGE DEF. RICHLAND COLLEGE 25-14, 25-6, 25-7
Richland statistics
Kills — Claire Johgson 3, Iranishia O'Brien 3, Megan Harden 2, Heather Allen 1, Jasmin Simmons 1, Tynisha Washington 1.
Assists — Allen 5, Washington 1.
Digs — Allen 8, Wright 8, Taryn Duncan 6, Alexis Sims 3, Johnson 2, Harden 1, Washington 1.
Blocks — Harden 1.
Midland College statistics
Kills — Crow 13, Villegas 9, Bartley 7, Lopez 7, Lohrke 5, Greehey 4
Assists — Furtmann 20, Wright 13, Price 1, Lohrke 1, Rodriguez 1, Bartley 1, Rocha 1
Digs — Rocha 8, Crow 7, Greehey 7, Furtmann 4, Price 4, Rodriguez 4, Wright 4, Lohrke 1, Bartley 1
Blocks — Bartley 4, Villegas 1
Aces — Furtmann 4, Crow 2, Wright 2, Greehey 1, Rocha 1.
Record: Midland College 3-1.
Next: Midland College at Coastal Bend Tournament, Aug. 28

HSVOLLEYBALLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MHS WINS CONSOLATION AT NITA VANNOY TOURNEY

SAN ANGELO — The Midland High volleyball team went 2-1 at the Nita Vannoy Tournament on Saturday and won the consolation championship in the gold bracket. MHS finished 5-1 in the tournament.

MHS fell to Bushland (11-25, 17-25) but then recovered to beat Midland Christian (25-16, 25-22) and Andrews (25-15, 25-19) to win the consolation.

Claire Lancaster led the Lady Bulldogs with 24 kills over the three matches. Konner Wood tallied 52 digs and Emily Wickman had a team-high 40 assists. Gentry Foreman had six blocks to go along with her nine kills.

MHS will next play in the Margaret Hussman Tournament, beginning on Friday in El Paso.

BUSHLAND DEF. MHS 11-25, 17-25
MHS DEF. MCS 25-16, 25-22
MHS DEF. ANDREWS 25-15, 25-19
MHS cumulative stats
Kills — Claire Lancaster 24, Krista Epley 17, Christen Beckham 9, Gentry Foreman 9, Jenna Gaddy 9, Jaycie Brooks 4, Sarah Nelson 2, Emily Wickman 1
Digs — Konner Wood 52, Lancaster 18, Elizabeth Low 17, Wickman 14, Madison Ford 13, Gaddy 11, Emily Kay 11, Beckham 9, Epley 5, Foreman 3
Assists — Wickman 40, Key 26, Beckham 1, Gaddy 1
Blocks — Foreman 6, Gaddy 3, Lancaster 3, Beckham 1, Epley 1
Aces — Wickman 3, Low 2, Lancaster 2, Key 1.
Record: MHS 12-5.
Next: MHS vs. TBA at Margaret Hussman Tournament, Friday, El Paso

LEE WINS SILVER BRACKET AT NITA VANNOY

SAN ANGELO — Lee won all three of its matches and the captured the silver bracket championship in the Nita Vannoy Tournament on Saturday.

The Lady Rebels beat Odessa High (27-25, 25-14), San Angelo Lake View (25-11, 21-25, 25-19) and Monahans (25-23, 27-25) to win the silver bracket. Lee put together a 5-1 showing over the two-day tournament.

Madison Petrich led Lee with 26 kills on the day and every Lee player had at least one kill. Alicin Lathram picked up 56 assists, while Taylor Hopkins added 38. Kelsen Olson had 21 digs for Lee and Darby O'Grady posted six blocks for the Lady Rebels.

Lee will next host Abilene Cooper at 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

LEE DEF. ODESSA HIGH 27-25, 25-14
LEE DEF. SAN ANGELO LAKE VIEW 25-11, 21-25, 25-19
LEE DEF. MONAHANS 25-23, 27-25
Lee cumulative stats
Kills — Madison Petrich 26, Taylor Hopkins 16, Darby O'Grady 14, Emily Hillman 12, Alissa Erdeurm 11, Caddie McCollum 5, Sadie VanSchellkwyk 4, Alicin Lathram 2, Andrea Ganthner 1, Kelsey Olson 1, Shelby Olivas.
Digs — Olson 21, Olivas 15, Lathram 10, Hopkins 6, O'Grady 5, Hillman 5, Ganthner 4, Petrich 2, VanSchellkwyk 1.
Assists — Lathram 56, Hopkins 38, Hillman 1, Olson 1, VanSchellkwyk 1
Blocks — O'Grady 6, Hillman 2, McCollum 1, Erdeurm 1.
Record: Lee 9-7
Next: Abilene Cooper at Lee, 6 p.m. Tuesday

GREENWOOD GOES 2-1 ON DAY 2 AT NITA VANNOY

SAN ANGELO — Greenwood finished on a positive note at the Nita Vannoy Tournament on Saturday, as it won two of its final three matches.

The Rangerettes defeated Ingram (25-8, 25-14), lost to Colorado City (19-25, 25-18, 23-25) but bested San Angelo Lake View (25-18, 25-16).

Payslee Sims was responsible for 19 kills and 23 digs, while Caity Payne contributed 18 kills and 22 digs to lead Greenwood. Setter Faith Duran had 57 assists and Kailey Martinez picked up a team-leading three blocks for the Rangerettes.

Greenwood will next face Odessa High at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Odessa.

GREENWOOD DEF. INGRAM 25-8, 25-14
COLORADO CITY DEF. GREENWOOD 19-25, 25-18, 23-25
GREENWOOD DEF. SAN ANGELO LAKE VIEW 25-18, 25-16
Greenwood cumulative stats
Kills — Payslee Sims 19, Caity Payne 18, Kyndall Dove 14, Alex McConnell 10, Faith Duran 5, Kailey Martinez 5, Briseyda Martinez, Kaitlin Murphy 1.
Digs — Kaitlyn Ellis 25, Sims 23, Duran 23, Payne 22, Murphy 19, McConnell 6, Dove 6, Madi Ucak 4, Kailey Martinez 2, Briseyda Martinez 2.
Assists — Duran 57, Murphy 2, McConnell 1, Payne 1.
Stocks — Kailey Martinez 3, Dove 3, Payne 2, McConnell 1.
Aces — Sims 9, Ellis 6, Murphy 6, Payne 5, Duran 3, Dove 3.
Record: Greenwood 3-11.
Next: Greenwood at Odessa High, 6 p.m., Tuesday

MCA CRUISES PAST COAHOMA

Midland Classical Academy swept Coahoma at home Saturday 25-8, 25-9, 25-12 in non-district action.

Morgen Jones led the Lady Knight with eight kills, while Elleri Haest added seven. Beth Ann Holmes paced MCA with seven digs and Alissa Beattie recorded a team-high 14 assists in the win.

MCA will next host Colorado City at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

MCA DEF. COAHOMA 25-8, 25-9, 25-12
MCA statistic leaders
Kills — Morgen Jones 8, Elleri Haest 7, Alissa Beattie 5, Hallie Stokes 4, Beth Ann Holmes 3, Micaela McDougall 2, Ally Scott 1
Digs — Holmes 7, Delanie Griffin 5, Scott 4, McDougall 4, Morgen Jones 3, Shelby 3, Haest 2, Beattie 1, Stokes 1
Assists — Beattie 14, McDougall 9, Scott 4
Stocks — Beattie 1.
Aces — Beattie 7, Holmes 2, Stokes 2, Haest 2, McDougall 2, Morgen Jones 1, Bekah Jones 1, Shelby 1.
Record: MCA 8-1
Next: Colorado City at MCA, 6 p.m. Tuesday

FRIDAY'S LATE SCORES

Nita Vannoy Tournament
MCS DEF. WALL 25-20, 25-20
MCS DEF. SAN ANGELO LAKEVIEW JV 25-8, 25-12
MCS DEF. UVALDE 25-4, 25-23
MCS cumulative stats
Kills — Emma Holder 20, Kenzie Pullen 17, Megan Ashton 16, Bayle Weaver 15, Meegan Thomason 14, Emma Holder 13, Madi Blanchard 1.
Digs — Blanchard 26, Ashton 23, Savana Walker 13, Pullen 12, Weaver 11, Mady Jo Warren 3, Whitney Newman 3, Makenzie Mondragon 1.
Stocks — Holder 4, Pullen 2, Ashton 2, Walker 1.
Aces — Pullen 3, Walker 1, Ashton 1, Warren 1, Newman 1.

Tigers say injured fan released from hospital

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

DETROIT — A day after hitting a foul ball that injured a fan behind the Detroit dugout, Anthony Gose said there's nothing a spectator in that situation can do.

"Even if you're paying attention you can't react that fast. We can't react that fast in the dugout and we're paying attention to the game," the Tigers outfielder said Saturday. "A fan who's never seen anything moving that fast at them in their life? No chance. Zero chance in this world."

The Tigers said the female fan was released from the hospital Saturday.

Justin Verlander and Nick Castellanos said immediately after Friday's game that baseball needs to make changes at ballparks to keep fans safe, and Gose echoed those sentiments before Saturday night's game against Texas.

LOCALS IN THE PROS

Here is an update through Aug. 22 of baseball players from Midland or players with a Midland connection who are active and playing professional baseball

Pitchers

Carson Smith (Midland Christian), RHP, Seattle Mariners

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
53	50.1	1-5	13	35	16	16	17	67	2.86

Jim Henderson (Midland College), RHP, Colorado Springs Sky Sox (Milwaukee Brewers Triple-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
31	25.2	1-1	2	28	13	13	16	22	4.56

Logan Bawcom (Greenwood, Midland College), RHP, Tacoma Rainiers (Seattle Mariners Triple-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
40	67.1	2-3	1	75	39	34	27	51	4.54

Reid Redman (Midland Christian, Midland College), RHP, Northwest Arkansas (Kansas City Royals Double-A), 7-day disabled list

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
9	17.1	0-0	1	17	8	7	1	14	3.63

Jason Zgardowski (Midland College), RHP
Lakewood BlueClaws (Philadelphia Phillies Single A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
24	42.0	2-1	0	25	17	17	19	34	3.64

Williamsport Crosscutters (Philadelphia Phillies Short-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
6	3.0	1-0	2	5	2	2	4	9	2.25

Matt Withrow (Midland Christian), RHP, Danville Braves (Atlanta Braves Rookie)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
11	38.1	0-3	0	38	20	17	16	26	3.49

Thomas McIlreith (Midland College), RHP Kingsport Mets (New York Mets Rookie)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
10	44.0	4-1	0	34	11	10	18	28	2.05

Position players

Blair Beck (Midland High, Midland College), OF, Princeton Rays (Tampa Bay Rays Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
67	12	18	3	1	2	10	11	1	.269

GCL Rays (Tampa Bay Rays Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
47	4	7	2	0	0	5	6	1	.149

Chris Shaw (Midland College), C, Aberdeen IronBirds (Baltimore Orioles Single-A Short Season)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
65	7	16	7	0	1	8	6	0	.188

GCL Orioles (Baltimore Orioles Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
17	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	.059

LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES GLANCE

At South Williamsport, Pa.
UNITED STATES

GREAT LAKES, Bowling Green, Ky.
MID-ATLANTIC, Lewisberry, Pa.; MIDWEST, Webb City, Mo.; NEW ENGLAND, Cranston, R.I.; NORTHWEST, Portland, Ore.; SOUTHEAST, Taylors, S.C.; SOUTHWEST, Pearland, Texas; WEST, Bonita, Calif.

INTERNATIONAL

ASIA-PACIFIC, Taipei, Taiwan; AUSTRALIA, Sydney; CANADA, White Rock, B.C.; CARIBBEAN, Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic; EUROPE & AFRICA, Kampala, Uganda; JAPAN, Tokyo; LATIN AMERICA, Barquisimeto, Venezuela; MEXICO, Mexicali Baja California

Double Elimination
Thursday, Aug. 20
All games spcd., rain
Friday, Aug. 21

Kampala, Uganda 4, Santiago de los Caballero, Dominican Republic 1
Pearland, Texas 1, Portland, Ore. 0
Barquisimeto, Venezuela 5, Sydney 2
Bonita, Calif. 14, Bowling Green, Ky. 2. 4 innings, mercy rule
Mexicali Baja California, Mexico 1, White Rock, B.C. 0
Taylors, S.C. 7, Cranston, R.I. 1
Tokyo 7, Taipei, Taiwan 5
Lewisberry, Pa. 18, Webb City, Mo. 0. 4 innings, mercy rule
Saturday, Aug. 22
Sydney 3, Santiago de los Caballero 0
Bowling Green 7, Portland 5
Taipei 16, White Rock 4, 4 innings, mercy rule
Cranston 6, Webb City 3
Sunday, Aug. 23
Game 13 — Kampala vs. Barquisimeto, 10 a.m.
Game 14 — Pearland vs. Bonita, 2 p.m.
Game 15 — Mexicali Baja California vs. Tokyo, 4 p.m.
Game 16 — Taylors vs. Lewisberry, 6 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 24
Consolation — Santiago de los Caballero vs. Portland, 11 a.m.
Game 17 — Game 15 loser vs. Sydney, 1 p.m.
Game 18 — Game 16 loser vs. Bowling Green, 3 p.m.
Game 19 — Game 13 loser vs. Taipei, 5 p.m.
Game 20 — Game 14 loser vs. Cranston, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 25
Consolation — White Rock vs. Webb City, noon
Game 21 — Game 17 winner vs. Game 19 winner, 3 p.m.
Game 22 — Game 18 winner vs. Game 20 winner, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 26
Game 23 — Game 13 winner vs. Game 15 winner, 3 p.m.
Game 24 — Game 14 winner vs. Game 16 winner, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 27
Game 25 — Game 21 winner vs. Game 23 loser, 3 p.m.
Game 26 — Game 22 winner vs. Game 24 loser, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 29
International Championship
Game 27 — Game 23 winner vs. Game 25 winner, 11:30 a.m.
United States Championship
Game 28 — Game 24 winner vs. Game 26 winner, 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 30
At Lamade Stadium
Third Place
Game 27 loser vs. Game 28, 9 a.m.
World Championship
Game 27 winner vs. Game 28 winner, 11:30 a.m.

'HOUNDS REPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 7, DRILLERS 4
at ONEOK Field, Tulsa, Oklahoma

TOP HITTERS: Midland catcher Nick Rickles went 2-for-3 with three RBI to pace the RockHounds. ... Second baseman Wade Kirkland collected two hits in four at-bats and also scored a pair of runs. ...Third baseman Ryon Healy finished 2-for-5 with an RBI and a run. ... Tulsa right fielder Yahir Drake had a 3-for-5 night at the plate, while driving in one and scoring one.

TOP PITCHERS: RockHounds reliever Ryan Doolittle earned his third save of the season after striking out one over a hitless ninth inning. ... Tulsa reliever Jairo Heredia pitched the eighth and ninth innings and surrendered one hit while striking out two and walking none.

HIGHLIGHTS: Trailing, 1-0, in the top of the second, Midland grabbed a 2-1 lead on Rickles' two-RBI double to left that scored Kirkland and Beau Taylor. ...Then in the top of the third, the RockHounds reeled off five runs, headlined by Healy's RBI double and Anthony Aliotti's run-producing single.

NOTES: Midland has won four straight games and 11 of its last 13. ... After Saturday's win, the magic number for the RockHounds to clinch a playoff berth is four. The magic number to win the Texas League second-half title is now eight. ... Midland is now a season high 21 games over .500 for the season. ... The RockHounds will try for the road sweep of the Drillers today at 7:05 p.m.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — RHP Parker Frazier (3-1, 1.99); Tulsa — RHP Jose De Leon (2-5, 3.72).

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	28	27	.509	—
Springfield	27	28	.491	1
Tulsa	27	29	.482	1½
x-Northwest Arkansas	21	33	.389	6½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	38	17	.691	—
x-Corpus Christi	30	25	.545	8
Frisco	28	28	.467	11½
San Antonio	24	31	.436	14

x-clinched first half

Saturday's Scores
Northwest Arkansas 2, Corpus Christi 1
Frisco 4, Springfield 2
Arkansas 5, San Antonio 4
Midland 7, Tulsa 4

Today's Games
NW Arkansas at Corpus Christi, 6:05 p.m.
Arkansas at San Antonio, 6:05 p.m.
Frisco at Springfield, 6:10 p.m.
Midland at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 7, DRILLERS 4

Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Brugman cf	4	0	0	0
Walsh lf	3	1	0	0
R. Healy 3b	5	1	2	1
Whitaker rf	5	0	0	0
Pinder ss	4	1	0	0
Aliotti 1b	3	1	1	1
Kirkland 2b	4	2	2	0
Taylor dh	3	1	0	1
Rickles c	3	0	2	3
Tristeon 3b	4	0	0	0
Totals	36	7	7	6

Tulsa	ab	r	h	bi
Torreyes 2b	4	1	1	1
Drake rf	5	1	3	1
Garvey pr	0	0	0	0
Rahlyn rf	0	0	0	0
Kramer dh	4	0	0	0
Anderson 1b	4	0	2	1
Dixon lf	3	0	0	0
Lavin cf	3	1	2	0
Amundsen ss	5	1	1	0
Rivas c	3	1	2	0
Totals	39	4	11	4

Midland	000	000	007
Tulsa	103	000	010

E — R. Healy (15), Pinder (21), Tristeon (4), Amundsen (6), Rivas (1). DP — Midland 1, Tulsa 1. LOB — Midland 7, Tulsa 12. 2B — Rickles (3), R. Healy 2 (28), Anderson (33), Lavin (22). SF — Rickles.

Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Maness W, 4-1	5.0	5	3	3	4	4
Urlaub	2.0	2	0	0	1	1
T. Healy	1.0	4	1	1	0	0
Doolittle S, 3	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Tulsa						
Stults L, 3-4	6.0	6	7	4	4	2
Dayton	1.0	1	0	0	2	3
Heredia	2.0	1	0	0	0	2

WP — Maness, Stults, Dayton.
T — 2:59. A — 8,515.

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American League

RANGERS 5
TIGERS 3

DETROIT — Yovani Gallardo took a shutout into the seventh inning, and Texas spoiled Randy Wolf's return to the majors by defeating Detroit.

Gallardo (10-9) allowed eight hits in six-plus innings. The Tigers didn't score until Ian Kinsler's three-run homer with two outs in the ninth.

Wolf (0-1) gave up three earned runs and nine hits in seven innings in his first major league start since June 2014. Wolf, who turned 39 on Saturday, was acquired by Detroit in a trade with Toronto on Thursday.

YANKEES 6
INDIANS 2

NEW YORK — Luis Severino earned his first major league win, getting all the support he needed in the first inning Saturday on a pair of home runs from Brett Gardner and Brian McCann as the New York Yankees beat Cleveland.

Making his fourth career start, the 21-year-old Severino (1-2) gave up a one-out homer in the first to fellow rookie Francisco Lindor, but yielded only two singles and four walks in the remainder of his gritty innings.

Danny Salazar (11-7) took the loss.

The Yankees retired the No. 20 of former catcher Jorge Posada before the game.

TWINS 3
ORIOLES 2

BALTIMORE — Byron Buxton picked up his first major league RBI with a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning and Minnesota beat Baltimore.

After overcoming a two-run deficit in the eighth on Friday night, Minnesota handed Chris Tillman (9-8) his first loss since May 31.

The Twins have won seven straight over Baltimore dating to last season. They are 6-0 against the Orioles this season.

Casey Fien (4-5) pitched 1 1-3 innings to earn his second win in two nights. He entered in the sixth and struck out Manny Machado with the bases loaded and two outs.

Kevin Jepsen got three straight outs for his eighth save.

ROYALS 6
RED SOX 3

BOSTON — Salvador Perez hit a three-run homer, Yordano Ventura pitched six effective innings and AL Central-leading Kansas City ended Boston's four-game winning streak.

Ventura (8-7) gave up one run and six hits, striking out six. He improved to 4-0 in his last six starts.

Greg Holland got Travis Shaw to pop out with the bases loaded for final out, earning his 28th save.

Mookie Betts hit a solo homer and David Ortiz had two singles and three walks for the Red Sox.

Leading 2-0 in the sixth, the Royals chased Matt Barnes (3-4) when Perez homered.

Interleague

ASTROS 3
DODGERS 1

HOUSTON — Scott Kazmir pitched six solid innings, Jose Altuve and Luis Valbuena homered and the Houston Astros defeated Zack Greinke and the Los Angeles Dodgers 3-1 Saturday night.

A night after teammate Mike Fiers pitched a no-hitter against the Dodgers, Kazmir (7-8) didn't permit a runner until Jimmy Rollins singled to start the fourth inning.

The Astros won a matchup of division leaders and ended an eight-game winning streak by Greinke (13-3).

Kazmir rebounded from his worst start with the Astros, giving up one run and six hits while striking out eight.

Relievers Will Harris and Pat Neshek each pitched a perfect inning and Luke Gregerson worked the ninth for his 24th save.

National League

PIRATES 3
GIANTS 2

PITTSBURGH — Starling Marte hit a solo home run off George Kontos with two outs in the ninth inning, lifting Pittsburgh over San Francisco.

Jung Ho Kang hit a pair of solo homers for the Pirates in the matchup of playoff contenders.

Marte sent the first pitch he saw from Kontos (2-2) into the sun-drenched seats in left field for his second career walkoff hit. Mark Melancon (3-1) needed six pitches to get through the top of the ninth.

CUBS 9
BRAVES 7

CHICAGO — Miguel Montero and Jorge Soler hit back-to-back home runs and the eighth inning and the Chicago Cubs beat Atlanta for their third straight win.

Nick Swisher homered from both sides of the plate in the Braves' sixth loss in a row.

Montero and Soler connected off Edwin Jackson (2-2), released by the Cubs last month. Addison Russell and Anthony Rizzo homered earlier for Chicago.

Swisher connected left-handed and right-handed in the same game for the 14th time, tying Mark Teixeira for most ever.

NATIONALS 6
BREWERS 1

WASHINGTON — Anthony Rendon homered and doubled to drive in two runs, rookie Joe Ross allowed one run in seven innings and Washington beat Milwaukee.

Michael Taylor hit a home run for the third straight night, connecting on a two-run shot for Washington, which had lost eight of 10.

Ross (4-5), 0-2 with a 9.35 ERA in his two previous starts, gave up six hits, struck out four and didn't walk a batter.

Taylor Jungmann (7-5) endured his worst outing of the season. He went four innings, allowing five runs and seven hits.

DIAMONDBACKS 11
REDS 7

CINCINNATI — Paul Goldschmidt hit a pair of two-run homers, Ender Inciarte homered Arizona handed Cincinnati its eighth straight loss.

Goldschmidt, who hadn't homered since July 27, had the seventh multihomer game of his career and finished with four hits and three runs.

All-Star center fielder A.J. Pollock followed his back-to-back four-hit games by going 3 for 5 and scoring two runs for Arizona.

Zack Godley (4-0) allowed one run in 3 2-3 innings. Daniel Hudson got two outs for his second save.

Anthony DeSclafani (7-9) took the loss.

PHILLIES 4
MARLINS 2

MIAMI — Aaron Altherr and Darin Ruf hit back-to-back solo home runs in the ninth inning, sending Philadelphia past Miami.

Altherr broke the tie with a homer off A.J. Ramos (1-4). Ruf followed with a homer on the next pitch to give the Phillies consecutive homers for the first time this season.

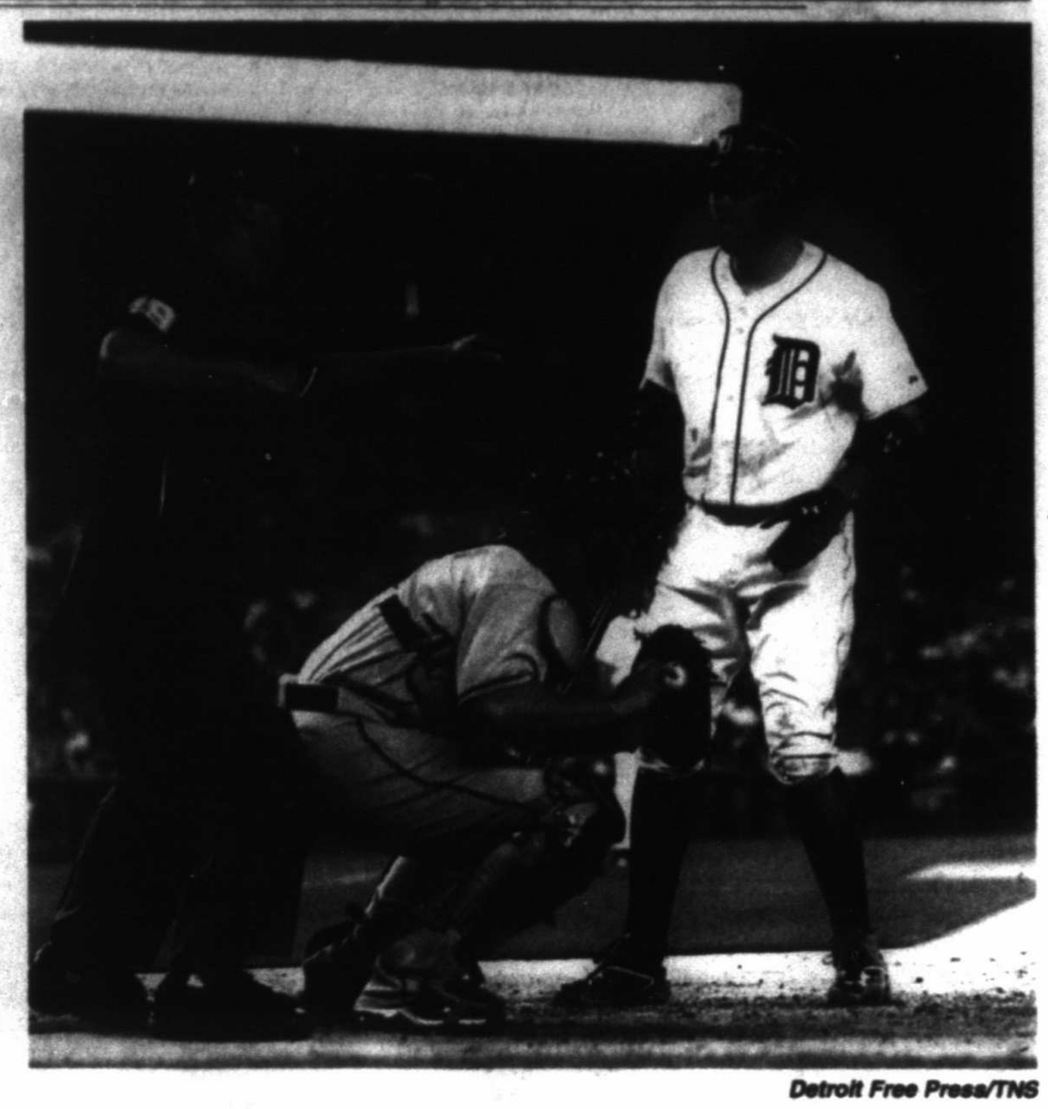
Elvis Araujo (2-1) got the final out of the eighth inning to earn the win. Ken Giles pitched a perfect ninth for his ninth save in 12 chances.

METS 14
ROCKIES 9

DENVER — The New York Mets roughed up the Colorado Rockies by the exact same 14-9 score for the second straight day, with Juan Uribe homering to start an eight-run burst in the third inning Saturday night.

The NL East leaders got a season high-tying 21 hits, including 10 for extra bases. Every New York starter had at least one hit, with pitcher Jonathon Niese (8-9) delivering a two-run single in the big third.

Coming off his first career shutout, Chris Rusin (4-6) went two-plus innings and allowed 11 runs and 12 hits, eight of them doubles.



Detroit Free Press/TNS

The Detroit Tigers' Nick Castellanos, right, stares in disbelief at home plate umpire Vic Carapazza as he calls strike three for the second out of the fourth inning against the Texas Rangers on Saturday at Comerica Park in Detroit. The Rangers won 5-3.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	68	54	.557	—
Toronto	67	55	.549	1
Baltimore	62	60	.508	6
Tampa Bay	61	61	.500	7
Boston	58	67	.455	12½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	74	48	.607	—
Minnesota	62	61	.504	12½
Detroit	59	63	.484	15
Chicago	57	63	.475	16
Cleveland	57	66	.467	17

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	68	56	.548	—
Los Angeles	63	59	.516	4
Texas	63	59	.516	4
Seattle	58	65	.472	10
Oakland	53	70	.431	14½

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	66	56	.537	—
Washington	61	61	.500	4½
Atlanta	53	70	.431	13
Miami	50	73	.407	16
Philadelphia	49	74	.398	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	77	44	.636	—
Pittsburgh	73	48	.603	4
Chicago	70	51	.579	7
Milwaukee	53	71	.427	25½
Cincinnati	51	70	.421	26

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	67	55	.549	—
San Francisco	66	57	.537	1½
Arizona	61	61	.500	6
San Diego	60	62	.492	7
Colorado	49	71	.408	17

Saturday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
N.Y. Yankees 6, Cleveland 2
Minnesota 3, Baltimore 2
Texas 5, Detroit 3
Kansas City 6, Boston 3
Tampa Bay 5, Oakland 1
Toronto at L.A. Angels, late
Chicago White Sox at Seattle, late

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago Cubs 9, Atlanta 7
Pittsburgh 3, San Francisco 2
Washington 6, Milwaukee 1
Arizona 11, Cincinnati 7
Philadelphia 4, Miami 2
N.Y. Mets 14, Colorado 9
San Diego 8, St. Louis 0

INTERLEAGUE
Houston 3, L.A. Dodgers 1

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Cleveland (Bauer 9-10) at N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 4-9), 12:05 p.m.
Texas (Hamels 9-11) at Detroit (Boyd 1-3), 12:08 p.m.
Kansas City (Volquez 11-7) at Boston (E.Rodriguez 7-6), 12:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Pelfrey 8-7) at Baltimore (Gausman 2-5), 12:35 p.m.
Toronto (Dickey 7-10) at L.A. Angels (Richards 12-6), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 6-6) at Oakland (Graveman 6-8), 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Ash Danks 6-10) at Seattle (T.Walker 8-7), 3:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Arizona (Ch.Anderson 5-5) at Cincinnati (R.Iglesias 3-4), 12:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Rios 3-1) at Miami (Conley 1-0), 12:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Garza 6-13) at Washington (Zimmermann 9-8), 12:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Wisler 5-3) at Chicago Cubs (Hammel 6-5), 1:20 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Verrett 0-0) at Colorado (Hale 3-4), 3:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wacha 14-4) at San Diego (Rea 2-0), 3:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Vogelsong 9-8) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 8-6), 7:08 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 10-6) at Houston (McCullers 5-4), 1:10 p.m.

Texas box scores

RANGERS 5, TIGERS 3

Texas	ab	r	h	bi
DShrds cf	4	1	1	0
Choo rf	4	1	1	0
Fielder dh	4	1	1	1
Beltre 3b	4	1	3	1
Napoli 1b	4	0	1	1
Andrus ss	4	0	1	1
Odor 2b	4	1	2	1
BWilln c	4	0	0	0
Stroop lf	4	0	0	0
RDavis ph-cf	2	1	1	0
Totals	38	5	10	5

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	5	1	2	3
YCstro lf	5	0	0	0
MCarr 1b	4	0	2	0
VMrtnz dh	4	0	1	0
JMrtnz rf	4	0	1	0
Collins 3b	4	0	2	0
JMcCn c	3	0	0	0
Jiglesis ss	4	1	2	0
Gose cf	2	0	0	0
Totals	37	3	11	3

Texas	000	000	005	— 5
Detroit	000	000	003	— 3

E — Ty.Collins (2). DP — Texas 1. LOB — Texas 4, Detroit 6. 2B — Kinsler (32), Mi.Cabrera (23), Castellanos (6). HR — Odor (10), Kinsler (8).

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Gallardo W, 10-9	6	8	0	0	1	4
Diekman	1	1	0	0	0	1
S.Dyson	1	0.3	2	2	2	0
2						
Dn.Tolleson	1.0	1	1	1	0	1
Detroit						
Wolf, L 0-1	7	9	4	3	0	5
VerHagen	1	0	0	0	0	0
Krol	1	1	1	1	0	2

Gallardo pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
T — 2:55. A — 39,082 (41,574).

ASTROS 3, DODGERS 1

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
JRollins ss	4	1	2	0
Puig rf	4	0	1	0
Ju.Mrtnz 3b	4	0	1	0
AGnzlz 1b	4	0	2	0
Vn.Blnc lf-cf	3	0	0	0
Pederson ph	1	0	0	0
Utley 2b	4	0	1	0
Kn.Hndrx cf	2	0	0	0
Ethier ph-lf	2	0	0	0
Grandl c	2	0	0	0
Guerr dh	2	0	0	0
Crwfrd ph-dh	1	0	0	0
Totals	36	1	7	1

Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	3	2	2	1
CGnzlz cf	3	0	0	1
Correa ss	3	0	0	1
Lowrie 3b	3	0	0	0
Gattis dh	3	0	0	0
Cfferty lf	3	0	0	0
Valbuen rf	3	1	1	0
MGnzlz ph-1b	1	0	0	0
Maxwll lf	1	0	0	0
J.Castro c	3	0	0	0
Totals	27	3	3	3

Los Angeles	000	000	001	— 1
Houston	110	001	00x	— 3

E — Ju.Turner (10). LOB — Los Angeles 5, Houston 3. 2B — J.Rollins (21), Utley (13), Altuve (31). HR — Altuve (10), Valbuena (22), CGnzlz (9).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Greinke L, 13-3	7	3	3	3	0	5
Howell	1	0	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Kazmir W, 7-8	6	6	1	1	1	8
W.Harris H, 7	1	0	0	0	0	2
Neshek H, 27	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gregerson S, 24-29	1	1	0	0	0	1

T — 2:26. A — 39,999 (41,574).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
YANKEES 6, INDIANS 2

Cleveland	100	000	010	—	2	6	2
New York	300	000	01x	—	6	13	0

Salazar, A.Adams (5), R.Webb (7), Manship (8) and R.Perez; Severino, Warren (7), Betances (8), A.Miller (8) and J.Murphy. W — Severino 1-2. L — Salazar 11-7. HRs — Cleveland, Lindor (6). New York, Gardner (12), B.McCann (22).

TWINS 3, ORIOLES 2

Minnesota	000	001	200	—	3	7	0
Baltimore	010	001	000	—	2	7	0

Nolasco, Fien (6), May (8), Jepsen (9) and K.Suzuki; Tillman, Brach (7), Matusz (8), Jo.Garcia (8) and Wieters. W — Fien 4-5. L — Tillman 9-8. Sv — Jepsen (7).

ROYALS 6, RED SOX 3

Kansas City	000	000	510	—	6	12	0
Boston	200	001	000	—	3	9	1

Ventura, Madson (7), W.Davis (8), K.Herrera (9), G.Holland (9) and S.Perez; M.Barnes, Hembree (6), Breslow (7), Layne (9) and Swihart. W — Ventura 9-7. L — M.Barnes 3-4. Sv — G.Holland (28). HRs — Kansas City, S.Perez (18). Boston, Betts (11).

RAYS 5, ATHLETICS 4

Tampa Bay	011	000	102	—	5	7	1
Oakland	010	003	00x	—	4	8	0

E.Ramirez, Colome (6) and Casali; S.Gray, Venditte (6), Pomeranz (6) and Phegley. W — Colome 6-4. L — Venditte 0-2. HRs — Tampa Bay, Forsythe (14), Jaso (2), A.Cabrera (9). Oakland, Canha (10), Phegley (7).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PIRATES 3, GIANTS 2

San Francisco	000	010	010	—	2	4	0
Pittsburgh	000	000	03x	—	3	6	0

Lecure, Strickland (7), Kontos (8) and Posey; G.Cole, Soto (8), Melancon (9) and Stewart. W — Melancon 3-1. L — Kontos 2-2. HRs — Pittsburgh, Kang 2 (12), S.Marte (15).

CUBS 9, BRAVES 7

Atlanta	000	201	004	—	7	11	0
Chicago	111	021	03x	—	9	11	2

W.Perez, Maybin (5), Marimon (7), Wisler (8) and Ad.Conley; E.Jackson (7) and Montero. Hrbek (8), Strop (8), H.Rondon (9) and M.Montero. W — Strop 2-0. L — E.Jackson 2-2. Sv — H.Rondon (23). HRs — Atlanta, Schafer 2 (3), Chicago, Rizzo (25), A.Russell (6), M.Montero (12), Soler (7).

NATIONALS 6, BREWERS 1

Milwaukee	000	000	100	—	1	7	0
Washington	003	001	20x	—	6	9	0

Jungmann, Gallardo (6), C.Smith (7) and Lo.Lucroy; J.Ross, Treinen (8), Thornton (9) and W.Ramos. W — J.Ross 4-5. L — Jungmann 7-5. HRs — Milwaukee, K.Davis (16). Washington, M.Taylor (13), Rendon (23).

PHILLIES 4, MARLINS 2

Philadelphia	000	000	022	—	4	9	1
Miami	000	000	002	—	2	7	0

Hamels, Lo.Garcia (8), Asadi (8), Giles (9) and Ruiz; Nolasco, B.Mantiply (6), A.Ramos (8) and Realmuto. W — Araujo 2-1. L — A.Ramos 1-4. Sv — Giles (9). HRs — Philadelphia, Sweeney (1), Altherr (2), Ruf (5).

DIAMONDBACKS 11, REDS 7

Arizona	301	110	230	—	11	18	0
Cincinnati	103	010	002	—	7	13	0

Delgado, Godley (3), Chafin (7), D.Hernandez (7), Hessler (8), D.Hudson (9) and Ba.Mondesi Jr.; DeSclafani, Villarreal (6), Matthews (8), Badenhop (9) and Barnhart. W — Godley 4-0. L — DeSclafani 7-9. Sv — D.Hudson (2). HRs — Arizona, Inciarte (4), Goldschmidt 2 (24).

METS 14, ROCKIES 9

New York	030	630	000	—	14	21	0
Colorado	000	014	100	—	9	14	1

Niese, O'Flaherty (6), C.Torres (8), Clippard (8), Familia (9) and d'Arnaud; Rusin, J.Miller (3), Oberg (5), Betancourt (7), Friedrich (8), Kahnle (9) and Hundley. Games, W — Niese 8-9. L — Rusin 4-6. HRs — New York, Uribe (13). Colorado, Blackmon (14), Reyes (2).

PADRES 6, CARDINALS 0

St. Louis	000	000	000	—	0	8	1
San Diego	000	100	70x	—	8	12	0

C.Martinez, Choate (7), Maness (7), Lyons (7) and Molina. T.Cruz, Kennedy, Kelley (7), Rzepczynski (7), B.Norris (7), Quackenbush (8), Despaigne (9) and De.Norris, Hedges. W — Kennedy 8-11. L — C.Martinez 12-6.

Friday's late linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
RAYS 5, ATHLETICS 1

Tampa Bay	010	000	001	—	2	7	1
Oakland	000	000	001	—	1	10	2

Smyly, S.Gomes (6), Geltz (8), Boxberger (9) and Casali; Bassitt, Venditte (7), Scribner (8) and Phegley. W — Smyly 1-2. L — Bassitt 1-5. Sv — Boxberger (30). HRs — Tampa Bay, De.Jennings (1)

WHITE SOX 11, MARINERS 4

Chicago	000	112	043	—	11	16	0
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Logano defends Bristol victory

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Joey Logano spoiled what was expected to be a rout by Joe Gibbs Racing at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Logano won the Bristol night race for the second straight year, grabbing the lead on the final restart Saturday night when he zipped past Team Penske teammate Brad Keselowski. He had to hold off a handful of challenges from Kevin Harvick, but ultimately cruised to his third win of the year.

Logano has won on a superspeedway in the Daytona 500, on the road course at Watkins Glen and now Bristol's short track. He has won twice this month as he readies for the start of the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

There are two more races before the playoffs begin.

"We are hitting it at the right time, that's for sure," Logano said. "I feel like we are right where we need to be. I can't wait for the Chase to start."

Logano led 176 laps, second only to JGR driver Kyle Busch, who led a race-high 192 laps.

Harvick finished second for the 10th time this season. The reigning Sprint Cup champion has a career-best 17 top-five finishes this year and had his 250th career top-10 finish in 526 starts.

Many believed JGR would pick up its 10th win of the season, particularly after Denny Hamlin, Busch and Carl Edwards swept the top three spots in qualifying. Then Busch won Friday night's Xfinity Series race.

Although Busch dominated early, he had faded a bit as the laps clicked off. Then he was hit with a speeding penalty on the final round of pit stops and finished eighth. Edwards led 74 laps but had a tire go flat when he was out front and it cost him two laps.

"Damn," Edwards said on his radio. "All right, we'll still get this. We've got a good car."

He finished seventh.

Matt Kenseth, the winner for JGR in the spring race at the track, had no chance to sweep the season. An engine issue 177 laps into the race ended his night. He finished 42nd and said he had no warning that his engine was faulty.

"They never warn you, it would be cool if they would send you a text or something," Kenseth said. "It broke in the middle of the straightaway — it had that hop and that noise that it makes when you know you dropped a valve.

That left Hamlin to carry the banner for JGR. He finished a team-best third, but said he just didn't have the same speed as Logano and Harvick. Asked if had expected to see JGR and Toyota celebrating once again, he noted that practicing in the day at Bristol doesn't always translate to the night race.

Still, he said, "Did I expect it? No. But I thought it was probable."

Associated Press

Joey Logano celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race Saturday in Bristol, Tenn.

TCU's Echols-Luper has left the team

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — TCU receiver and kick returner Cameron Echols-Luper has left the school.

Echols-Luper announced the decision on his Twitter account. TCU officials confirmed Saturday that the junior, whose father is the Horned Frogs running backs coach, is no longer in the program.

In his Tweet, Echols-Luper said he decided to begin a new chapter in his life with a "fresh start."

He made no reference to where he was going.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that Echols-Luper is transferring to Arkansas State, and Frogs coach Gary Patterson said the move is for him to play quarterback.

Echols-Luper played 24 games the past two seasons for the Horned Frogs. He was primarily a returner, averaging 11.8 yards on 47 punt returns with one touchdown. He had 13 catches for 93 yards.

No QB choice yet for Spurrier, Gamecocks

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Steve Spurrier said South Carolina's offense improved on Saturday, just not enough to show a clear front-runner among the four players competing for starting quarterback.

The Gamecocks coach said he was happier with the offensive showing in the second stadium scrimmage of fall camp. However, he said Connor Mitch, Perry Orth, Michael Scarnecchia and Lorenzo Nunez didn't separate themselves in the race.

"All the quarterbacks did a lot of good things," Spurrier said. "Shoot, I wished one of them would've outplayed the rest. But if you look at the stats, probably pretty similar."

South Carolina opens the season Sept. 3 against North Carolina in Charlotte.

Mitch is a third-year sophomore who was expected to take control of the job from last year's senior record-setter Dylan Thompson. But Mitch threw two interceptions and didn't have a touchdown in the closed session.

The biggest offensive play came from tailback Brandon Wilds, who broke off a 70-yard TD run.

The offense produced five touchdowns and a field goal — a significant improvement from its two-touchdown, one field goal last week in a scrimmage open to fans.

Spurrier kept out fans and media for Saturday's workout.

Mitch was 5 for 10 passing for 71 yards, junior Orth was 5 of 10 for 56 yards, redshirt freshman Scarnecchia was 6 for 10 for 58 yards and true freshman Nunez was 3 of 3 for 44 yards.

Spurrier said earlier in the week that the offense would have a place for Nunez this fall. The 6-foot-3, 210-pound Nunez is more of a dual-threat quarterback who combined for 1,996 yards running and throwing his senior season at Harrison High in Kennesaw, Georgia.

Spurrier also said he would begin paring down the four-way competition to better prepare the starter and prime backup for when the Gamecocks open against the Tar Heels at the Carolina Panthers' Bank of America Stadium.

Pocono CEO Igdalsky says IndyCar '50-50' to return in next season

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Pocono Raceway CEO Brandon Igdalsky said it's "50-50" that IndyCar will return to the track next year.

IndyCar returned to Pocono in 2013 after a 24-year absence for the first race of a three-year contract. With the deal over, Igdalsky hopes to know within two weeks if the financial numbers justify another season.

IndyCar ticket sales at Pocono have been soft the last two years. Igdalsky said sales for Sunday's race are not where they were in 2013. While the track does not disclose attendance figures, about 30,000 to 35,000 fans were estimated at the 2013 race.

The race date was moved this season to August after two years around the July 4 weekend.

"The new date had a big effect early on," Igdalsky said Saturday. "We had a lot of people early that decided they wanted to come. Why that didn't continue and grow, I don't know."

Pocono Raceway, a 2 1/2-mile triangle track, has had two NASCAR weekends on the schedule for decades.

This isn't the first time Pocono and open-wheel racing have reached a crossroads. During the days of the dueling USAC and CART series in the late 1980s, Pocono track founder Joseph Mattioli wanted out. Mattioli, who died in 2012, chose not to seek a new deal after 1989.

"I don't know why the fans don't come," Igdalsky said. "I wish it would be better. It's a great series. Fans just don't get it yet."

IndyCar has added dates for 2016 for the road course at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, and a street race in downtown Boston. But the series won't return to Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, California, in a move that weakens the series' dwindling presence on oval tracks.

IndyCar, which was created as a series that would race on ovals in America, has just six on this year's 16-race schedule. Two of the ovals, Milwaukee and Pocono, could also vanish from the schedule next season because the facilities have struggled to make IndyCar a commercial success.

Associated Press

Will Power, left, of Australia, drives out of the pits past Scott Dixon (9), of New Zealand, during practice for Sunday's Pocono IndyCar 500 auto race Saturday in Long Pond, Pa.

AUTO RACING GLANCE

Sprint Cup

Irwin Tools Night Race Results
By The Associated Press
Saturday
At Bristol Motor Speedway
Bristol, Tenn.
Lap length: .533 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (5) Joey Logano, Ford, 500 laps, 47 points.
2. (7) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 500, 42.
3. (1) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 500, 42.
4. (10) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 500, 40.
5. (9) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 500, 39.
6. (6) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 500, 39.
7. (3) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 500, 38.
8. (2) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 500, 36.
9. (20) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 500, 35.
10. (18) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 500, 34.
11. (21) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 500, 33.
12. (14) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 500, 32.
13. (16) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 500, 31.
14. (11) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 499, 30.
15. (22) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 498, 29.
16. (19) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 498, 28.
17. (31) Aric Almirola, Ford, 497, 27.
18. (26) Sam Hornish Jr., Ford, 497, 26.
19. (40) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 497, 25.
20. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 496, 24.
21. (8) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 496, 23.
22. (15) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 496, 0.
23. (28) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 496, 21.
24. (29) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 496, 20.
25. (17) Greg Biffle, Ford, 496, 19.
26. (25) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 495, 18.
27. (32) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 495, 17.
28. (23) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 495, 16.
29. (33) Cole Whitt, Ford, 495, 15.
30. (27) Brett Moffitt, Ford, 495, 14.
31. (30) Michael McDowell, Ford, 495, 13.
32. (38) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 494, 12.
33. (42) Joel Stimkovitz, Toyota, 493, 11.
34. (39) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, 492, 0.
35. (34) Josh Wise, Ford, 491, 9.
36. (37) David Gilliland, Ford, 488, 8.
37. (43) Mike Bliss, Chevrolet, 486, 0.
38. (36) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 480, 0.
39. (41) Timmy Hill, Ford, 476, 0.
40. (4) David Ragan, Toyota, accident, 443, 4.
41. (12) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, accident, 356, 3.
42. (13) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, engine, 110, 2.
43. (35) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, engine, 0, 1.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 96.890 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 45 minutes, 2 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.220 seconds.
Caution Flags: 6 for 52 laps.
Lead Changes: 14 among 5 drivers.
Lap Leaders: D.Hamlin 1-26; Ky.Busch 27-52; D.Hamlin 53; Ky.Busch 54-127; D.Hamlin 128-154; Ky.Busch 155-224; J.Logano 225-252; C.Edwards 253-350; Ky.Busch 351-352; C.Edwards 353-356; J.Logano 357-358; C.Edwards 359-363; J.Logano 364-432; B.Keselowski 433-436; J.Logano 437-500.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): Ky.Busch, 4 times for 192 laps; J.Logano, 4 times for 176 laps; C.Edwards, 3 times for 74 laps; D.Hamlin, 3 times for 54 laps; B.Keselowski, 1 time for 4 laps.
Wins: Ky.Busch, 4; J.Johnson, 4; M.Kenseth, 3; J.Logano, 3; Ku.Busch, 2; D.Earnhardt Jr., 2; K.Harvick, 2; C.Edwards, 1; D.Hamlin, 1; B.Keselowski, 1; M.Truex Jr., 1.
Top 10in Points: 1. K.Harvick, 908; 2. J.Logano, 885; 3. D.Earnhardt Jr., 819; 4. B.Keselowski, 793; 5. J.Johnson, 792; 6. M.Truex Jr., 771; 7. M.Kenseth, 753; 8. Ku.Busch, 712; 9. D.Hamlin, 712; 10. J.McMurray, 696; 11. R.Newman, 685; 12. Pastarejo, 674; 13. J.Gordon, 672; 14. C.Edwards, 665; 15. C.Bowyer, 655; 16. A.Almirola, 600.

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 500 Lineup
After Saturday qualifying; race Sunday
At Pocono Raceway
Long Pond, Pa.
Lap length: 2.5 miles
(Car number in parentheses)
All cars Dallara chassis

1. (3) Helio Castroneves, Chevrolet, 220.53 mph.
2. (22) Simon Pagenaud, Chevrolet, 220.495.
3. (1) Will Power, Chevrolet, 220.396.
4. (67) Josef Newgarden, Chevrolet, 220.141.
5. (15) Graham Rahal, Honda, 220.118.
6. (26) Carlos Munoz, Honda, 219.891.
7. (25) Justin Wilson, Honda, 219.655.
8. (28) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Honda, 219.672.
9. (14) Takuma Sato, Honda, 219.578.
10. (11) Sebastian Bourdais, Chevrolet, 219.521.
11. (9) Scott Dixon, Chevrolet, 219.068.
12. (10) Tony Kanaan, Chevrolet, 218.81s.
13. (19) Tristan Vautier, Honda, 218.598.
14. (41) Jack Hawksworth, Honda, 218.391.
15. (7) James Jakes, Honda, 218.248.
16. (98) Gabby Chaves, Honda, 216.182.
17. (16) Pippa Mann, Honda, 217.372.
18. (5) Ryan Briscoe, Honda, 217.241.
19. (2) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 217.194.
20. (6) Sage Karam, Chevrolet, 216.401.
21. (20) Ed Carpenter, Chevrolet, 216.315.
22. (27) Marco Andretti, Honda, 215.101.
23. (83) Charlie Kimball, Chevrolet.
24. (4) Stefano Coletti, Chevrolet.

Formula One

Belgian Grand Prix Lineup
After Saturday qualifying; race Sunday
At Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps
Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium
Lap length: 4.352 miles
Third Session

1. Lewis Hamilton, England, Mercedes, 1 minute, 47.197 seconds.
2. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 1:47.685.
3. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Williams, 1:48.537.
4. Romain Grosjean, France, Lotus, 1:48.561.
5. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Force India, 1:48.599.
6. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull, 1:48.639.
7. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Williams, 1:48.665.
8. Pastor Maldonado, Venezuela, Lotus, 1:48.754.
9. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Ferrari, 1:48.825.
10. Carlos Sainz Jr., Spain, Toro Rosso, 1:49.771.

Eliminated after second session
11. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Force India, 1:49.121.
12. Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Red Bull, 1:49.228.
13. Marcus Ericsson, Sweden, Sauber, 1:49.598.

Eliminated after first session
14. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 1:49.269.
15. Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Toro Rosso, 1:49.891.
16. Felipe Nasr, Brazil, Sauber, 1:49.952.
17. Jenson Button, England, McLaren, 1:50.975.
18. Fernando Alonso, Spain, McLaren, 1:51.420.
19. Will Stevens, England, Marussia, 1:52.548.
20. Roberto Merhi, Spain, Marussia, 1:53.069.

TECH

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says he feels confident that experience will win him the starting spot: "Pat is going to be a good quarterback one day, but I feel like right now this is my chance to take advantage of this." Mahomes, who started the last three games last season, says his mobility helps his chances: "That helps out a lot, not so much just running but I can move around and make passes. create more time."

TURNOVERS AND PENALTIES: The Red Raiders look to reduce turnovers and penalties this season. Last year, Texas Tech had 28 giveaways landing them in a tie for 117th in the nation. The Red Raiders also really hurt themselves with penalties, finishing last in the nation in penalty yards per game (89.2).

RUN FIRST? Kingsbury is intimating just that, which would be a departure from the Air Raid offense. The Red Raiders' top three RBs last year — DeAndre Washington, Justin Stockton and Quinton White — gained 1,630 yards on 265 carries for a 6.1-yard average. Should Mahomes get the nod as starter, his ability to scramble and extend plays could meld well with a strong backfield. "If we can run it, we're going run it," Kingsbury said. "If we're not running very well, we'll try to throw it. But we're going to run it first."

OFFENSIVE LINE: Four starters return, including three juniors. But there's not a lot of depth behind Le'Raven Clark, Alfredo Morales, Jared Kaster, Baylen Brown and Justin Murphy.

RECEIVING CORPS: Dropped passes and mistimed sideline routes hobbled the offense early last season. Kingsbury likes the way receivers have progressed during spring workouts and over the summer. Time will tell if Jakeem Grant, Devin Lauderdale, Reginald Davis, Ian Sadler and Dylan Cantrell can sync with the starting QB.

HUDL

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re seeing.

Youngblood believes his Hudl highlight video, which he created after his junior year, has spurned interest in him this past offseason.

"I've had some (Division II schools) and some (Division III schools) contact me about it, and the Ivy Leagues are kind of wondering about me," Youngblood said. "They are trying to see how I am doing senior year, and I try to decide from there. But that's all because of Hudl."

However, Morton believes the new-age technology has made it more difficult to expose legitimate prospects to college football coaches. He misses the days of picking up a rotary telephone and getting through to a coach when caller identification wasn't prevalent.

"Instead of having to sort through 50 (highlight films), maybe now they're sorting through thousands," Morton said. "Everybody thinks that they've got a player or every parent has a son that is a player. I think it's a lot more challenging for recruiters now than actually what it used to be just because you can bombard them with Hudl and those kind of things with just a click of a mouse.

"Before, if you were going to put a highlight video together, it took a lot of work, you're going to put a lot of work into it. You're not going to send out 500. You're going to pick the 10 people that you think you have a chance at, the 10 people that would be receptive to you and your skill level."

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Woods 2 strokes behind Gore at Wyndham

By Joedy McCreary
Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Tiger Woods couldn't have asked for much more at his first Wyndham Championship.

He's playing with confidence. His scores show it. And now he'll play round today that matters.

Woods shot a 2-under 68 in the third round Saturday, leaving him two strokes behind leader and longtime friend Jason Gore in a three-way tie for second.

Gore had a career-best 62 to reach 15-under 195 at Sedgefield Country Club.

"I need to go out there tomorrow and make a run and get myself up there and make some birdies," Woods said. "There's a bunch of guys ... at 13 (under). There's a whole slew of guys at 12, 11, 10. Anybody can make a run and shoot the score Jason and Jonas (Blixt) did."

Woods — whose streak of 28 holes without a bogey ended on the 18th when his 6-foot par putt lipped out — reeled off 10 straight pars before briefly moving within one stroke of Gore with a birdie on the par-3 16th.

"I felt very steady from the word 'go,'" Woods said.

Blixt and Scott Brown joined Woods at 13 under. Blixt shot a career-best 62, and Brown had a 66.

Former Wyndham winners Webb Simpson (64) and Brandt Snedeker (67) were three strokes back along with Paul Casey (66), Jim Herman (66) and Cameron Percy (67).

Woods was poised to make a run at his first win in more than two years — one that would earn him enough points to clinch a spot in the FedEx Cup playoffs opener next week in New Jersey. Depending on the math, a solo second-place finish also might be enough for Woods, who's at No. 187.

"I think it's awesome to see him playing well again, to see him playing like Tiger Woods," Gore said, "because that's what we all want to see."

He also moved one step closer to his 80th PGA Tour victory — and first since the 2013 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational.

Playing the Wyndham for the first time in an effort to hone his game and earn a spot in The Barclays, Woods is attempting to win a tournament in his first try for the first time since 1999 — when he won the WGC-Cadillac Championship in Spain.

For him, this day was about consistently making pars — 15 in all, including a remarkable save on the 10th with a 24-foot putt.

"The putter just felt really good. My pace, I felt like I could be aggressive," Woods said. "I took a few runs at putts and ripped them past the hole, but I never felt like I was going to miss any of them. I took a rip at them. Some I made, some I didn't."

His only birdie on the back nine was an important one. He plopped his tee shot on 16 about 12 feet from the hole and rolled in the putt to move to 14 under before giving that stroke back on his final hole.

That bogey prevented a final today pairing with Gore — who was instead paired with Blixt. Gore says he's known Woods "since we've been 12 years old" as kids in California.

Gore started the round six strokes off the lead. He took over the top spot at 14 under with a birdie on the 15th, then closed with another on the 18th — hitting his second shot to 7 to set up his ninth birdie of the day.

At No. 166 on the points list, Gore put himself in position for his second career win on tour and his first since the 84 Lumber Classic in 2005. He has just 15 top-10 finishes in the past decade.

"Contrary to popular belief," Gore quipped, "I'm still a good golfer."

His big round came in relative anonymity because once again, an overflow crowd followed Woods' every move.

Woods began the day sharing the lead with rookie Tom Hoge at 11 under, but claimed sole possession for the first time with a birdie on the first hole.

Blixt joined him at 12 under moments later, then jumped ahead with a birdie on the 17th. Woods caught him by rolling in a 5-foot birdie putt on the fifth before Gore shot past them both.

Still, Blixt has given himself a shot to make the playoffs and earn his tour card for next year. He's at No. 135 on the points list and No. 147 on the money list, and said he'd be "very pleased if I secured my job.

"A win will take care of that," he added. "Shoot another 62, I should have a good chance."

Erik Compton, a two-time heart transplant recipient who shared the first-round lead, withdrew before his third round with an injured left ankle but says he's hopeful of playing in The Barclays.

Had he pulled out a day earlier, the cut line would have moved to 2 under and 19 more players — including bubble players Michael Putnam (No. 134) and Tom Gillis (No. 138) would still be around this weekend.

Associated Press

Tiger Woods tees off on the second hole during the third round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament at Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, N.C., on Saturday. Woods finished the day tied for second and only two strokes behind leader Jason Gore.

GOLF GLANCE

PGA Tour

Wyndham Championship Scores
Saturday
At Sedgefield Country Club
Greensboro, N.C.
Purse: $5.4 million
Yardage: 7,127; Par: 70
Third Round

Jason Gore	66-67-62—195
Jonas Blixt	65-70-62—197
Scott Brown	66-65-66—197
Tiger Woods	64-65-68—197
Webb Simpson	67-67-64—198
Jim Herman	63-69-66—198
Paul Casey	66-68-66—200
Cameron Percy	65-66-67—198
Brandt Snedeker	70-61-67—198
Justin Leonard	68-68-65—199
Charl Schwartzel	67-66-66—199
Carl Pettersson	64-67-68—199
Bill Haas	65-66-68—199
Nick Watney	66-65-68—199
Davis Love III	64-66-69—199
Ryan Moore	68-66-65—200
Patrick Rodgers	67-66-67—200
Harris English	68-65-67—200
William McGirt	62-70-68—200
Chad Campbell	65-62-73—200
Justin Thomas	67-66-68—201
Brooks Koepka	67-67-67—201
Ben Martin	67-67-67—201
Morgan Hoffmann	63-71-67—201
Derek Ernst	63-69-69—201
Tom Hoge	62-67-73—201
Jason Dufner	67-70-65—202
Adam Hadwin	66-68-68—202
Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano	66-68-67—202
George McNeil	66-67-67—202
Luke Donald	66-67-67—202
Camilo Villegas	66-66-67—202
Martin Flores	66-66-68—202
Oscar Fraustro	65-68-68—202
Martin Kaymer	64-66-70—202
Byeong-Hun An	67-69-67—203
Jerry Kelly	67-68-67—203
Lucas Glover	66-70-67—203
Sam Saunders	65-69-69—203
George Coetzee	65-69-69—203
Vaughn Taylor	67-70-67—204
Jonathan Byrd	67-70-67—204
Tim Clark	66-71-67—204
Will Wilcox	70-67-67—204
Cameron Smith	67-68-69—204
Charles Howell III	67-68-69—204
Scott Langley	71-66-66—205
Brandon Grace	67-70-68—205
Ryo Ishikawa	71-66-68—205
Troy Kelly	68-68-69—205
Vijay Singh	66-70-69—205
Daniel Summerhays	67-70-68—205
Austin Cook	70-67-69—206
Kyle Reifers	68-69-69—206
Spencer Levin	66-71-69—206
Luke Guthrie	69-67-70—206
Michael Thompson	68-69-72—209
Bryce Molder	68-67-73—208
Greg Chalmers	67-70-70—207
Adam Scott	67-69-71—207
Roberto Castro	67-70-71—208
Kyle Stanley	68-69-71—208
John Huh	70-65-73—208
Martin Laird	68-68-74—208
Alex Prugh	70-67-72—209
K.J. Choi	68-69-72—209
Bo Van Pelt	69-67-73—209
Ernie Els	67-70-75—212
Byron Smith	67-70-76—213
Erik Compton	62-74-WD

LPGA Tour

Canadian Pacific Women's Open Scores
Saturday
At Vancouver Golf Club
Coquitlam, British Columbia
Purse: $2.225 million
Yardage: 6,691; Par: 72
Third Round

Lydia Ko	67-68-69—204
Candie Kung	69-66-71—204
Alison Lee	70-70-66—206
Karine Icher	69-70-72—207
Azahara Munoz	71-67-70—208
Shanshan Feng	70-72-67—209
Charley Hull	69-73-67—209
Sei Young Kim	69-71-69—209
Stacy Lewis	68-70-71—209
Xi Yu Lin	70-66-73—209
Lexi Thompson	72-72-66—210
Jaye Marie Green	73-68-69—210
Inbee Park	71-69-70—210
Ariya Jutanugarn	75-68-68—211
Ilhee Lee	71-74-67—212
Yani Tseng	73-71-68—212
Mi Jung Hur	70-73-69—212
Lizette Salas	71-72-69—212
Eun-Hee Ji	71-69-72—212
I.K. Kim	68-72-72—212
Sadena A Parks	70-75-68—213
Amy Yang	71-74-68—213
So Yeon Ryu	71-72-70—213
Mirim Lee	74-68-71—213
Anna Nordqvist	69-73-71—213
Jennifer Song	71-71-71—213
Hyo Joo Kim	71-69-74—214
Beatriz Recari	74-71-69—214
Sarah Kemp	72-72-70—214
Wei-Ling Hsu	71-72-71—214
Alena Sharp	71-72-71—214
Ryann O'Toole	72-70-72—214
Lee-Anne Pace	71-71-72—214
Jenny Shin	71-71-72—214
Therese Koelbaek	73-68-73—214
Carlota Ciganda	70-70-74—214
Suzann Pettersen	72-68-74—214
Sakura Yokomine	72-73-70—215
Sun Young Yoo	73-72-70—215
Sydnee Michaels	71-73-71—215
Jane Rah	74-70-71—215
Cristie Kerr	71-71-73—215
Mo Martin	73-69-74—215
Katie Burnett	73-71-72—216
Moriya Jutanugarn	71-73-72—216
Mika Miyazato	71-73-72—216
Mi Hyang Lee	72-70-74—216
Danah Bordner	69-73-75—216
Ha Na Jang	69-72-75—216
Brooke M. Henderson	70-75-72—217
Jessica Korda	71-74-72—217
Paula Reto	74-71-72—217
Haru Nomura	73-71-73—217
Pernilla Lindberg	68-73-76—217
Gerina Piller	71-70-76—217
Brittany Lincicome	75-70-73—218
Ji Young Oh	73-72-73—218
Dewi Claire Schreefel	74-71-73—218
Maria McBride	71-73-74—218
Austin Ernst	75-68-75—218
Lauretta Buck	74-71-74—219
Caroline Hedwall	72-73-74—219
Kim Kaufman	74-71-74—219
Sandra Gal	72-72-75—219
Seulbi Kim	73-71-75—219
Morgan Pressel	74-70-75—219
Christina Kim	79-73-75—220
Maude-Aimee Leblanc	74-71-75—220
Maria Hernandez	71-73-76—220
Jenny Suh	72-72-76—220
Angela Stanford	72-71-77—220
Chie Arimura	71-73-77—221
Min Lee	72-71-78—221
Julieta Granada	75-72-77—222
PK Kongkraphan	73-71-80—224
Felicity Johnson	79-73-80—225

Champions Tour

Boeing Classic Scores
Saturday
At TPC Snoqualmie Ridge
Snoqualmie, Wash.
Purse: $2 million
Yardage: 7,172; Par: 72
Second Round

Billy Andrade	69-65—134
Bernhard Langer	71-66—137
Jeff Freeman	69-68—137
Fran Quinn	72-66—138
Michael Allen	70-70—140
Woody Austin	70-70—140
Fred Couples	69-71—140
Larry Mize	67-73—140
Mark O'Meara	73-68—141
Jeff Sluman	72-69—141
Scott Dunlap	74-67—141
Rod Spittle	72-69—141
Marco Dawson	71-70—141
Gary Hallberg	71-70—141
Tom Pernice Jr.	69-72—141
Duffy Waldorf	69-72—141
Mark Brooks	69-72—141
Joe Durant	73-69—142
John Inman	73-69—142
Gene Sauers	73-69—142
Loren Roberts	72-70—142
Gary Hallberg	75-67—142
Scott Hoch	71-71—142
Mike Goodes	71-71—142
Frank Esposito	73-70—143
Corey Pavin	70-73—143
Lee Janzen	70-73—143
Russ Cochran	73-71—144
Mark Calcavecchia	73-71—144
Fred Funk	74-70—144
Jesper Parnevik	72-72—144
Gil Morgan	75-69—144
Tom Kite	73-72—145
Tom Byrum	74-71—145
Roger Chapman	72-73—145
Paul Goydos	72-73—145
Stephen Ames	71-74—145
Jeff Hart	73-73—146
Steve Lowery	73-73—146
Steve Jones	74-72—146
Hal Sutton	74-72—146
Bob Tway	76-72—148
Jerry Smith	75-73—148
Brad Bryant	71-75—146
John Huston	76-70—146
Wes Short, Jr.	77-69—146
Olin Browne	72-75—147
Grant Waite	74-73—147
Tom Purtzer	73-75—147
Duffy Waldorf	75-72—147
Steve Pate	75-72—147
Blaine McCallister	76-71—147
Mark McNulty	77-70—147
Lance Ten Broeck	71-77—148
Joey Sindelar	75-73—148
Craig Stadler	71-77—148
Bob Gilder	71-77—148
Peter Senior	76-72—148
David Frost	73-76—149
Skip Kendall	73-76—149
Tommy Armour III	74-75—149
Dan Forsman	74-75—149
Joe Durant	76-73—149
Mark White	76-73—149
Willie Wood	79-71—149
Mark Brooks	74-76—150
Joel Edwards	75-77—150
John Inman	74-76—150
John Cook	71-79—150
John Riegger	75-75—150
Peter Fowler	78-74—150
Jeff Coston	73-78—151
Jeff Maggert	74-77—151
Brian Henninger	75-77—152
Esteban Toledo	76-76—152
Jim Rutledge	74-79—153
Ricky Touma	79-75—153
Tom Jenkins	78-76—154
Bobby Wadkins	81-73—154
Sandy Lyle	81-73—154
Nolan Henke	80-77—157
Rocco Mediate	74-WD

European Tour

Made in Denmark Leading Scores
Saturday
At Himmerland Golf and Spa Resort
Farso, Denmark
Purse: $1.66 million
Yardage: 7,033; Par: 71
Third Round

David Horsey, England	63-67-69—199
Terry Pilkadaris, Australia	66-68-65—199
Chris Paisley, England	68-68-66—202
John Parry, England	68-67-69—202
Richard Green, Australia	68-68-70—203
Bradley Dredge, Wales	68-68-70—204
Soren Kjeldsen, Denmark	68-71-66—205
Paul Lawrie, Scotland	65-72-68—205
Mads Sogaard, Denmark	69-68-68—205
Rikard Karlberg, Sweden	69-68-69—206
Julien Guerrier, France	71-70-66—207
Robert Dinwiddie, England	70-70-67—207
Daniel Wollman, United States	69-72-67—207
Oliver Fisher, England	70-69-68—207
Damien Clarke, Northern Ireland	69-70-68—207
Florian Fritsch, Germany	68-70-69—207
Paul Peterson, United States	71-67-69—207
Tom Lewis, England	68-70-69—207
Daniel Gaunt, Australia	69-67-71—207
Also	
David Lipsky, United States	71-71-69—208
Connor Arendell, United States	69-72-68—209
Marc Warren, Scotland	71-67-71—209
Peter Uihlein, United States	71-71-68—210

Djokovic faces Federer in finals; Serena Williams there, too

By Joe Kay
Associated Press

MASON, Ohio — Novak Djokovic had to rally against a lowly qualifier to get another shot at a title he's never won. Next in his way: Roger Federer, who has more Cincinnati trophies than anyone else.

Djokovic got a little help in the tie-breaker and pulled away to a 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2 victory over Alexandr Dolgopolov on Saturday to reach the Western & Southern Open final.

He'll face Federer, a six-time champion who has never lost a Cincinnati title match.

"There's always a lot at stake, this one in particular," Federer said.

The top-ranked Djokovic is 0-4 career in finals at Cincinnati, where he's never even won a set. It's the only one of the nine ATP Masters to elude him.

A victory Sunday would make him the first player to win all nine ATP Masters during his career.

"I gave myself another chance to fight for the trophy," Djokovic said. "That was the goal and that was the wish coming here in Cincinnati. Obviously last couple of years, it was always in the back of my mind, the potential history making, and obviously that motivates me even more.

"Having that in back of my mind helped me to go through matches like the one today."

On the women's side, defending champion Serena Williams gave herself a chance to make it two Cincinnati titles in a row. She beat 14th-seeded Elina Svitolina 6-4, 6-3.

Williams will face third-seeded Simona Halep, who beat Jelena Jankovic 6-1, 6-2 in the other semifinal. Halep's win will move her ahead of Maria Sharapova, who withdrew from Cincinnati with a leg injury, into the No. 2 seed for the U.S. Open.

"It definitely feels good to be back in the finals," Williams said. "I was playing aggressive more today and it really helped me, and it can keep me going for the next few weeks."

Federer won the marquee matchup of the semifinals, using his steady serve to beat Andy Murray 6-4, 7-6 (6). The defending champion is trying for an unprecedented seventh title in Cincinnati.

It's his first tournament since he beat Murray in straight sets at Wimbledon before losing to Djokovic in the finals.

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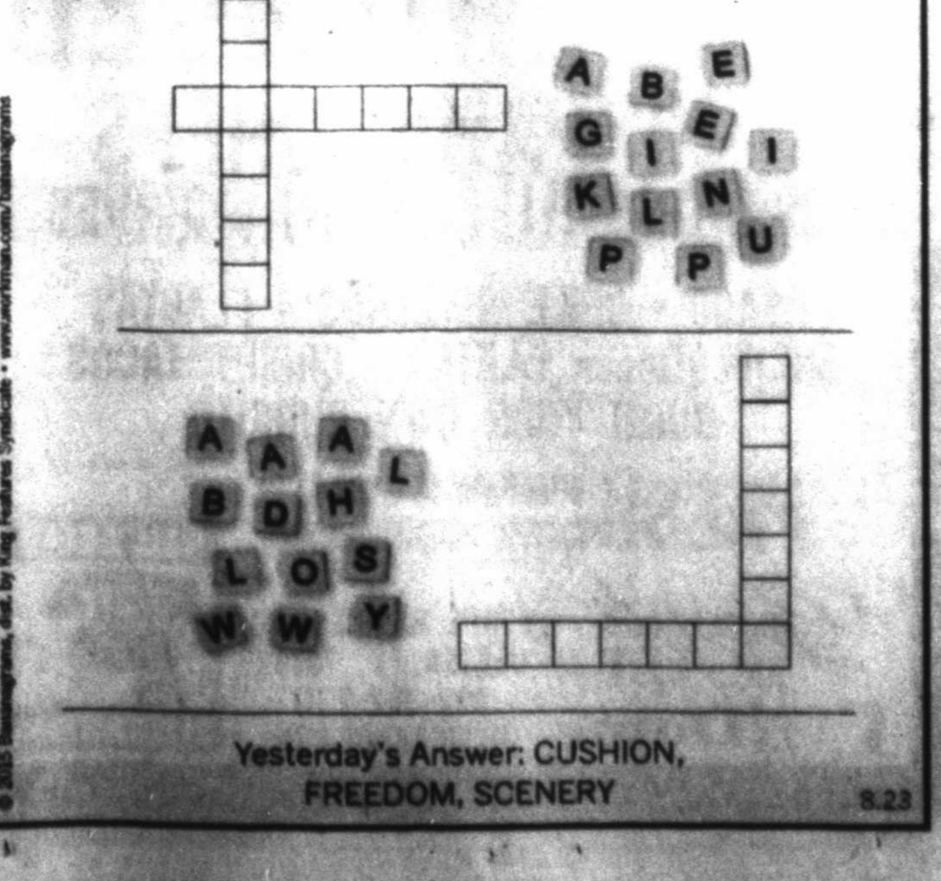

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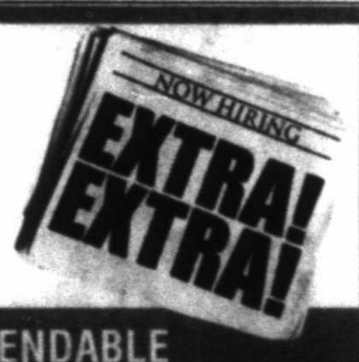

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SAVE WORK EMAILS FOR 9 to 5

EXPERTS OFFER RULES FOR MODERN EMAIL ETIQUETTE

By PATRICIA V. RIVERA
CTW FEATURES

More than a third of full-time employees frequently check email outside normal work hours, Gallup research has found. Perhaps it's not love of work that drives them. Given how quickly email builds up, after-hours monitoring may be an attempt to keep their inboxes under control.

Whatever the reason, this constant surveillance raises a question: Since we all have around-the-clock access to email but also more email than ever before, how quickly are we obligated or expected to reply?

The generally accepted threshold is still 24 to 48 hours, although NetManners.com warns that people have come to consider email an "instantaneous medium" and expect a much quicker response. In fact, the email etiquette site doesn't seem to think there's any excuse not to send a same-day response of some sort, even if it's an automated reply indicating you're in meetings or on deadline and will answer emails the following day.

Even waiting for more than a day or two to respond to an information request until you know the answer is inadvisable since it's so easy to write "I'll get back to you" to stave off the sender's follow-up emails, says executive coach Amelia Gandomi Lewis of Advance Yourself Coaching.

However, there is one excuse for a delayed email response besides a power failure or other extenuating circumstance, and that's anger.

"The 24-hour rule for responding to telecommunications needs to be reconsidered if you're answering out of anger, frustration or ill-intent, or you're bent on proving a point," says George Rathman, CEO, The Alternative Board Atlanta Central.

After 24 hours, "Your emotions are likely to settle, and the situation may even diffuse or resolve itself," he adds.

Anger may even excuse you from acknowledging receipt of an email in the first 24 to 48 hours. "This is because email is so ineffective at conveying tone and body language that even saying 'I will get back to you' in a situation that is provocative could elicit misinterpretations," says Lewis, adding that if the email is time-sensitive, "you could try for, 'Let me give this some thought and get back to you because this is an important issue.'"

As for those after-hours missives, although plenty of folks are sending them, "No one expects you to answer right away to an email they send at 2 a.m.," says Jacob Barr, founder of the website design firm iRapture.

In fact, Lewis says, answering puts you at risk of entrapment: "I believe there's some wiggle room in setting your response time, and if I'm responding to emails late at night, then people will come to expect it all the time."

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HOW TO CONQUER MONDAYS

FOLLOW THESE 7 TIPS FOR GETTING YOUR WEEK OFF TO A PRODUCTIVE START

By CHRIS GELBACH
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Many workers face the return to the office on Monday with trepidation. But the right outlook and approaches can make the day one of your most productive — and set the tone for a more successful week. Here are seven tips from productivity experts on how to make your Mondays more effective.

1. PREPARE IN ADVANCE

David Allen, author of "Getting Things Done" (Penguin Books, revised edition 2015), suggests that everyone take time either on Friday afternoon or over the weekend to review the week and identify upcoming commitments.

"You need to make sure you've cleared your deck and cleaned up your act so that you have a really clear sense of what your week is going to look like," says Allen. "It's the best thing to do to make Monday a productive event instead of a regurgitating event."

2. KNOW YOUR TO-DO'S

After the weekly review, Allen recommends writing the five or six things you absolutely need to get done over the coming week on a Post-it or index card.

"But you need to be willing to tear that up and rewrite it because life changes," Allen says. "You need to have that level of flexibility."

3. TAKE THE WEEKEND OFF

Julie Morgenstern, author of "Never Check E-Mail in the Morning" (Touchstone, 2005), recommends avoiding weekend work whenever possible.

"Even if you have just a couple of hours of work to do over the weekend, your weekend has that cloud over it. You never fully relax," Morgenstern said.

Instead, she advises people to plan renewing weekend activities by viewing the weekend as seven chunks including Friday night. Morgenstern says to book at least three of those periods in advance with activities that advance your physical health, give you an escape through a hobby or other passion that recharges you, or include quality time with people who fuel you.

"Having those plans and setting them in advance has a way of energizing people throughout the week in anticipation of them," Morgenstern says. "People actually perform better at work knowing they have that to look forward to. Peak performers put as much thought and care into how they spend their time off as they do into how they spend their workweek."

4. BE READY FOR MONDAY DISCOMFORT

Even people who love their jobs will feel this, so just acknowledge it.

"Monday is going to be like a cold wet boot," Allen says. "It's like going in for exercise. But once you put on the cold wet boot, pretty soon you get going and you're having fun."

5. DO SOME DEEP THINKING

Mondays are a great time for your most proactive, strategic work because you're likely to have fewer interruptions.

"If you just do the mindless reactive stuff and think you're going to get to the proactive stuff on Wednesday, it's going to keep slipping away from you," Morgenstern says. "Leverage the rhythm of the world."

6. BUILD IN BREAKS

If you've got a computer-centric job, Morgenstern recommends setting your smartphone alarm for every 90 minutes or two hours. When it rings, get up and stretch and walk to help maintain your productivity.

"It'll help keep you from getting that 'glazed brain' situation where you're working but not getting anywhere," Morgenstern says."

7. DON'T OVER BOOK YOURSELF

In a 24/7 world, Allen recommends setting aside time for the work that will accumulate over the weekend or over any vacation time that you take off. An hour of catch-up time for each day you've been out is a good starting point.

"Beyond seven days, just come back on Monday but don't tell anybody you're there," Allen says. "It'll take you all day Monday to catch up from the week you were just gone."

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JOB HUNT

DISAPPEARING WORK HISTORY

Job applicants struggle with resumes filled with now-defunct firms

The Great Recession circa 2008-2009 killed off many businesses, many leaving few traces behind.

This saddled job applicants who held positions with now-defunct firms with a problem, namely a work history that's difficult to verify.

Bill Franck, executive vice president of screening provider First Advantage reports: "When verifying employment over the past five years, 'no responses' from businesses nearly doubled from 10 percent to 17.7 percent between 2010 and 2014."

It's more difficult – but usually possible – to validate past positions with now shuttered firms.

State records on corporations or records held by a city or local Chamber of Commerce may yield "a name who can then be contacted to obtain information on where personnel files are held or archive," adds Judith Gootkind, vice president of Creative Services Inc., a consumer reporting company.

Job applicants themselves may also be asked to help to dig up evidence of their past position with a firm.

Employers may ask for previous pay stubs or other tax documents, or for contact information of the previous manager or owner of the business, agree background check experts.

Besides businesses, colleges and universities close, or merge with other schools. Accrediting bodies are once source as well as "database companies that have relationships with universities where the records are catalogued," says Christine Cunneen, current chairperson of the National Association of Professional Background Screeners. She has never "not been able to retrieve" verification of a degree.

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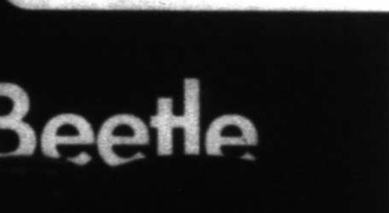

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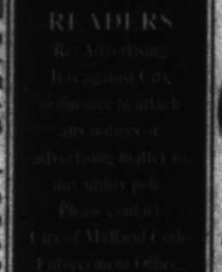

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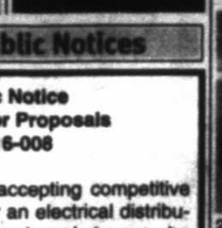

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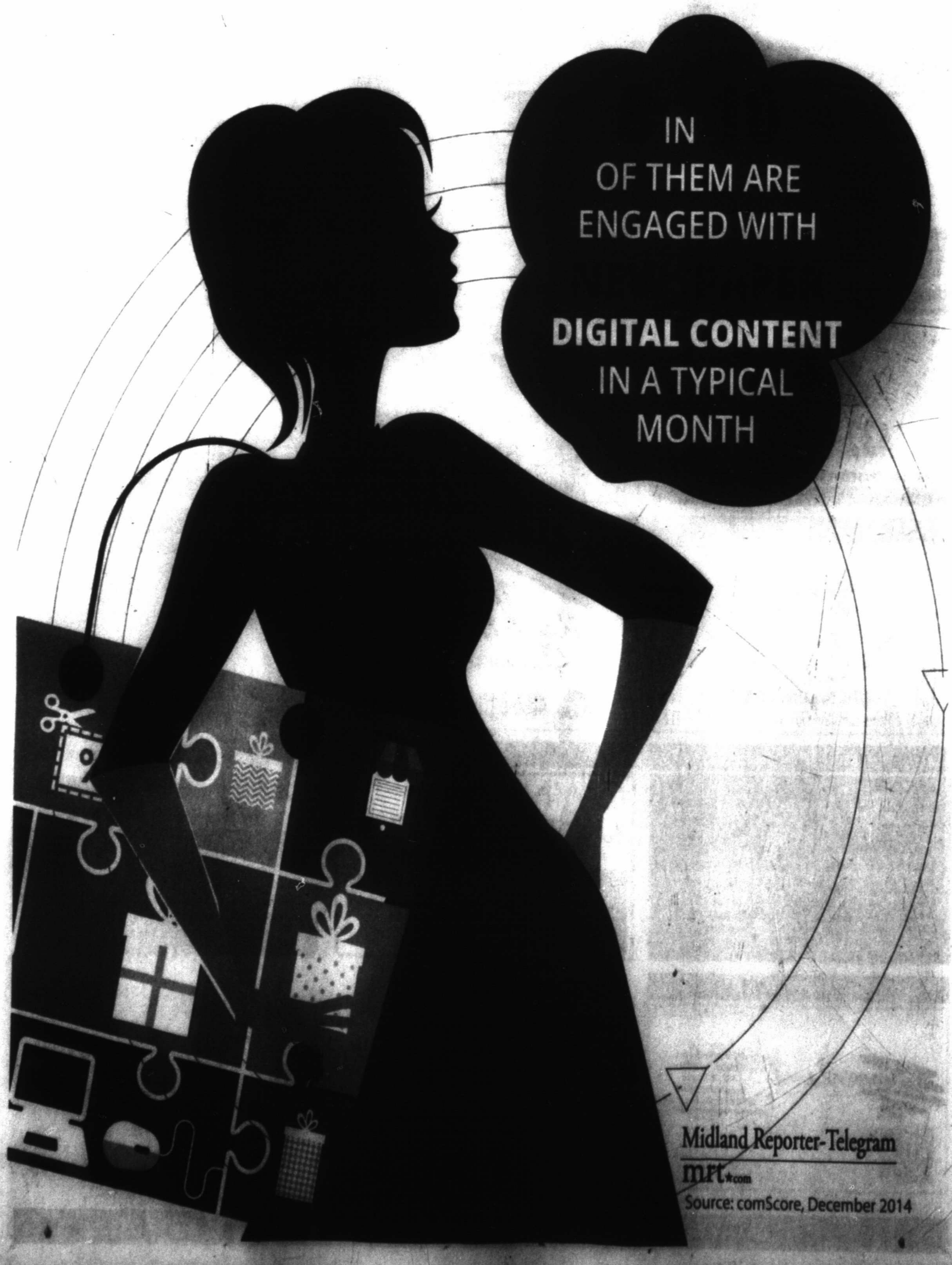

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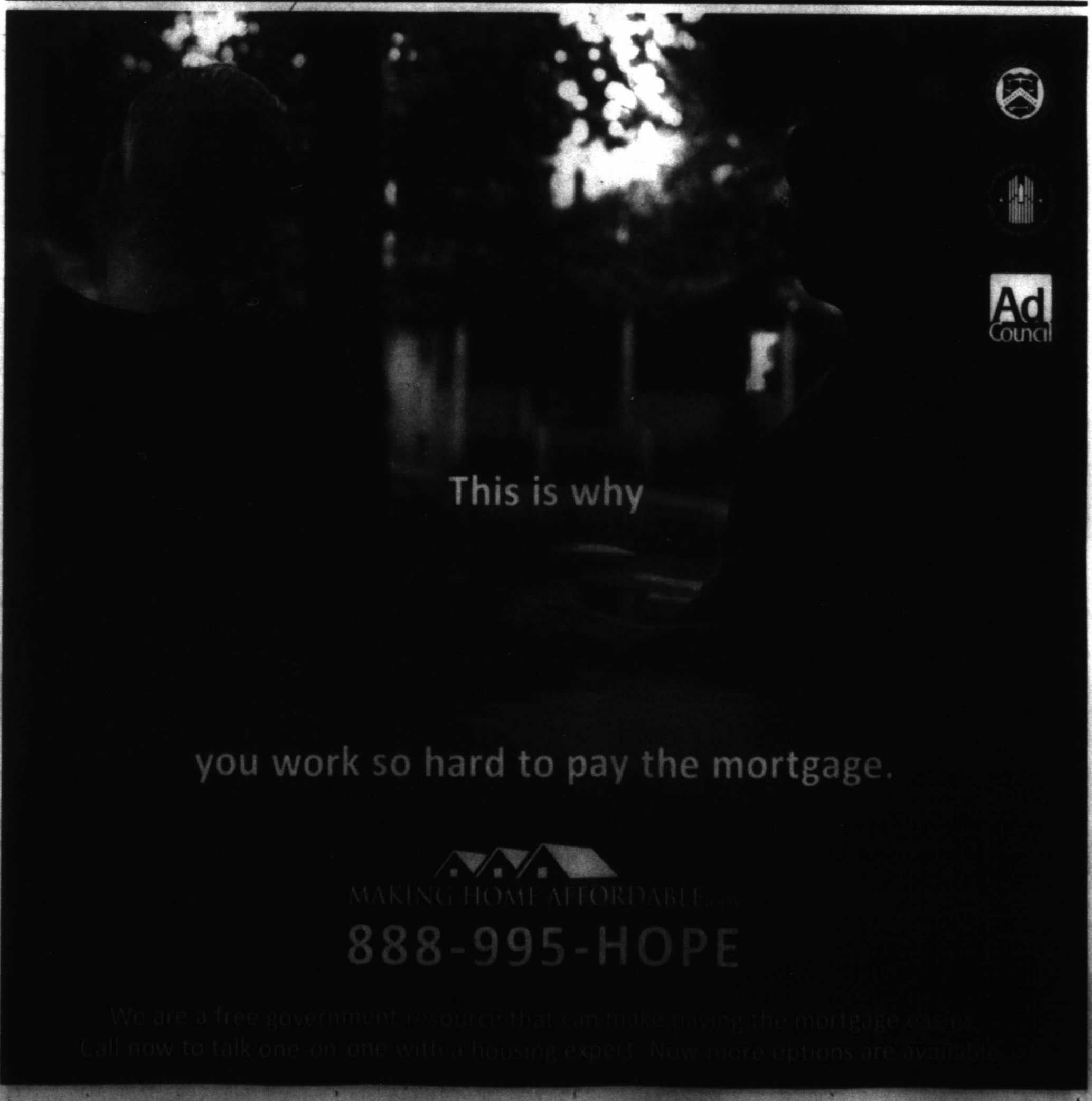

REAL ESTATE

Listing price for the 3,500-square-foot, four-bedroom Albuquerque house that was featured as Jesse Pinkman's home on the hit show "Breaking Bad"

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Moving is a big step and, naturally, involves a lot of work and worry, but there are 10 baseline steps you can take to reduce the hassles and costs of a move.

1. The less you move the less you pay. Months before you plan to move start weeding out household goods. It's usually pretty simply to donate clothes, however, it can be a problem to donate furniture. Because few charities take furniture – and because they have few trucks – schedule furniture donations as far in advance as possible.

2. Many libraries welcome donations. Library donations help local communities and, not incidentally, books are heavy.

3. Save donation receipts; they may be tax deductible.

4. Look at what moving services you'll need. Do you need someone to pack your goods? Can you get free or low-cost boxes and packing materials? Do you actually need a mover or just a shipping container? There now are services that will leave a shipping container at your front door. You load it, and they truck it to your new home. But be aware: There may not be enough containers available during busy times of year, such as early summer.

5. Census figures show that about one-fifth of all moves are for new jobs. If you move at least 50 miles for a new job you may be able to write off the cost of moving.

6. If you have stuff to throw out, your local government may make bulk pickups from your house. Ask about costs and specific requirements well in advance – you may need separate pickups for wood, metal and trash. Chemicals, paints and electronics should be taken to the nearest recycling center.

7. It's OK to ask friends and family for help, especially if you have relatively few goods.

8. If you use professional movers, get recommendations from local real estate brokers – some may be able to get you discounts. Remember that a mover's reputation is enormously important. Get several estimates, and get them in writing. Have the movers break out costs. There will be a difference if you pack or they pack. Maybe they can just pack a few special items such as a grandfather clock. Ask how they charge; if by weight you might want to verify the weighing before the truck is filled and after.

9. In addition to a moving van you may want to use or rent a van or SUV for personal items and valuables, things that require your personal handling and oversight.

10. Be sure to set aside special items such as medicine, pet food, and children's toys, so the moving process interferes as little as possible with daily needs.

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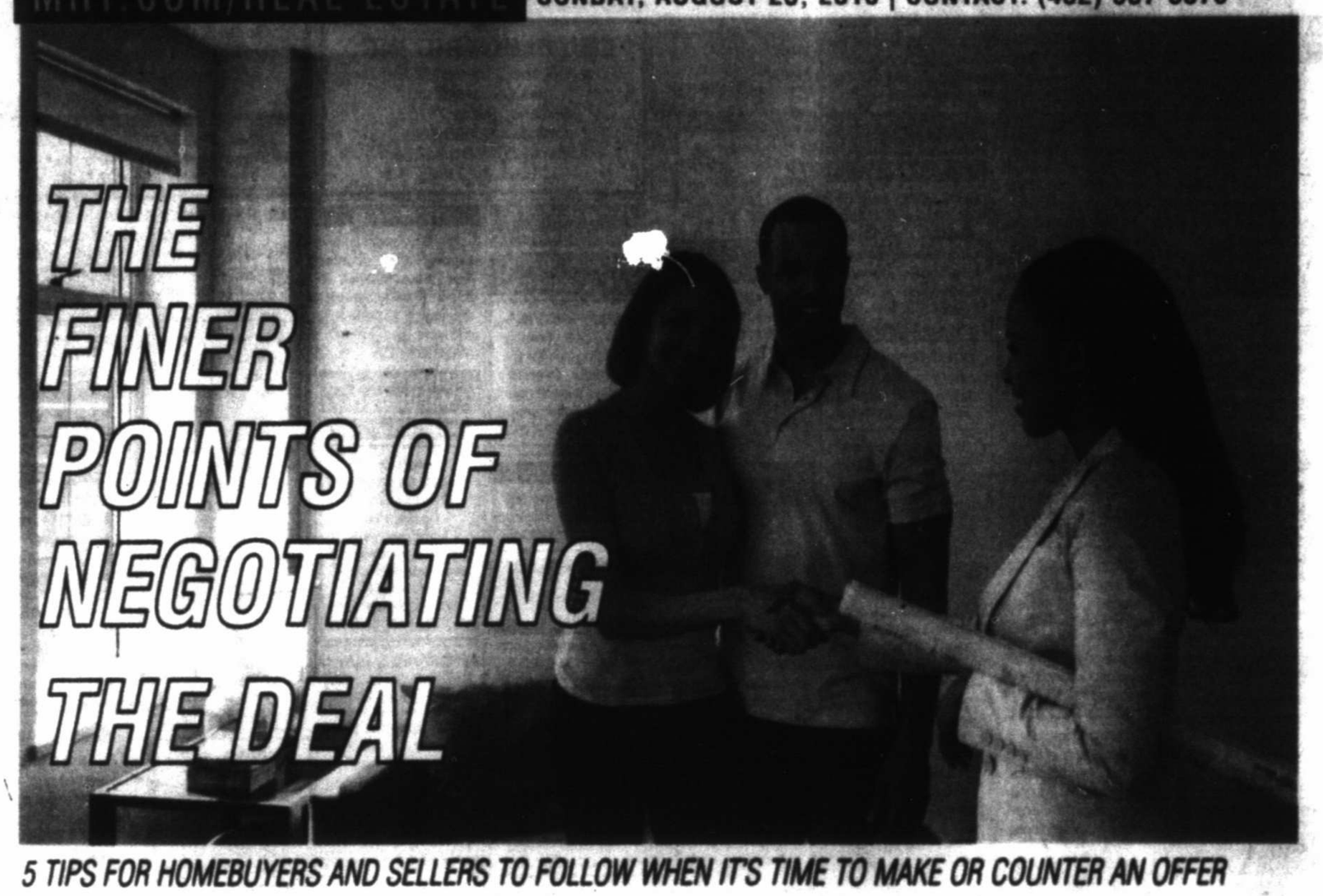

THE FINER POINTS OF NEGOTIATING THE DEAL

5 TIPS FOR HOMEBUYERS AND SELLERS TO FOLLOW WHEN IT'S TIME TO MAKE OR COUNTER AN OFFER

By ERIK J. MARTIN
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If you're shopping for a home and think you've located the perfect property, you likely want to act with swift determination and submit a bid before somebody beats you to it. If you're a home seller, you're probably eager to hear offers and close a sale as soon as possible.

But for both parties, patience can be a valuable virtue, maintaining an emotional distance is recommended, and compromise can be the key to success. Because the truth is that when it's time to strike a bargain on a home sale, things don't always go according to plan or schedule. Working closely with your agent and adopting the right negotiation techniques, however, can lead to a more satisfactory transaction.

Before making or fielding an offer, it's important to refrain from attaching yourself too strongly to the deal, says Tali Raphaely, president of Armour Title Company in Miami. In short: Be prepared to walk away at any time without beating yourself up about it.

"Buyers and sellers have to play it cool and immediately develop the mentality that if it's meant to be it will be, but have a backup plan so that you don't need the deal too badly," Raphaely says.

BUYING POWER

Ron Rovtar, a broker with Cherry Creek Properties in Denver, suggests the following five tips buyers should follow prior to making or countering an offer:

1. Control your emotions and don't let personalities get in the way. "Search for the best acceptable outcome while keeping a cool head," Rovtar says.

2. Listen carefully to what the other side is telling you. "Listening is the foundation of so-called 'win-win' solutions," Rovtar says. "Where mutually positive results are possible, they should be pursued vigorously, but that involves being a good listener."

3. Don't cave too quickly because of pushback from the other side. A first reaction doesn't always mean an absolute "no!" Take the time to carefully explain the reasons behind your position, and ask the seller to explain what's behind his or her position. The other side may agree, offer a compromise or stick with their original answer. "Always remember – your position today need not be your position tomorrow. Good negotiators are flexible," he says.

4. Make your most important decisions in the morning. You are typically more alert and focused in the a.m. hours and may become less sharp and more willing to acquiesce as the day moves on.

5. Weigh every option and alternative available to you. When you understand your best option, it is a lot easier to know when walking away from the current deal makes sense and when staying engaged is better, even though you are not getting everything you want.

SELLING SMARTS

Sellers, meanwhile, should heed these negotiation suggestions provided by Chantay Bridges, senior real estate specialist with Los Angeles-based Clear Choice Realty & Associates:

1. Don't be too demanding. Even in a seller's market, this type of behavior can quickly kill the deal.

2. Keep your counteroffer simple and to the point. "Do not keep adding on items for the buyer to pay or you may definitely send them running," Bridges says.

3. Counter on things that are must-haves, not just because you want to be greedy or take advantage. "If you are OK with paying your own title and escrow, don't be so quick to ask the other party to agree to it. They may be considering another offer somewhere else and yours will end up being discarded," she says.

4. Put yourself in the buyer's shoes. If you would never agree to the counteroffer you submit, don't expect someone else to.

5. Listen to your agent and trust the advice this expert gives you.

Lastly, keep in mind that the bargaining process can take anywhere from several days to up to six months. "Every step of the process takes longer than you would estimate," Raphaely says. "A delay in one step tends to affect subsequent steps, so be prepared for delays and unforeseen consequences. Getting angry or stressed will only exaggerate any issues that arise, so do your best to enjoy the process and keep things in perspective."

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BUILDING

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF NEW HOMES

Annual Census data gives a close look at the year in new construction

Every year, hundreds of thousands of new are constructed. And every year, the U.S. Census Bureau highlights the makeup of the new homes in its annual "Survey of New Construction." Here, a look at the makeup of new homes from 2014:

There were 620,000 new single-family homes completed in 2014. Of them:

- 565,000 had air-conditioning
- 64,000 had two bedrooms or fewer; 282,000 had at least four bedrooms
- 25,000 had one and a half bathrooms or fewer; 221,000 had at least three bathrooms
- Vinyl siding was the principal exterior material on 184,000 homes
- 263,000 homes were one-story homes.
- 522,000 had a public sewer system; 95,000 had an individual septic system
- The median size of a completed single-family home was 2,453 feet.

There were 264,000 multifamily units completed in 2014. Of them:

- 23,000 were age-restricted
- 127,000 were in buildings of at least 50 units
- 123,000 had at least two bathrooms
- The median size of a multifamily unit for rent was 1,080 feet; the median size of one built for sale was 1,432 feet.
- There were 11,000 multifamily buildings completed in 2014.

Overall, 437,000 single-family homes were sold in 2014. Of them:

- 17,000 were in an age-restricted development
- 314,000 were in a homeowners' association
- 169,000 had one story; 244,000 had two stories; 25,000 had at least three stories
- 311,000 were paid for with conventional financing; 37,000 were cash purchases
- 137,000 had both a patio and a porch
- The average sales price of a new single-family home was $345,800.
- The median size of a new single-family home was 2,506 square feet.

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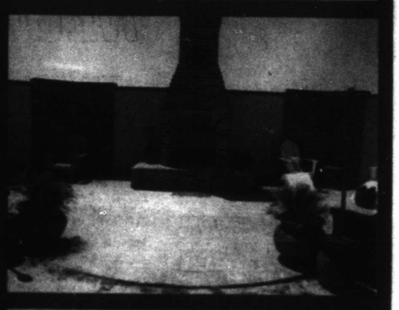
6418 Saddle Horn Lane

Does your house hunting wish list include high end amenities, a quiet neighborhood and as a bonus, gorgeous views? This home has that and much more! A house must be exquisite to be featured on the Ashington Parade of Homes as this one was in 2013. Located in Los Cinchos Estates on .936 acres, 6418 Saddle Horn Lane has architectural details including arched windows and doorways, various ceiling styles and is constructed of stone and brick. It also has the NAHB Bronze rated green energy package and STAR wired tech system.

Built in 2012, there are 3,859 square feet (per MCAD) on two bedrooms, three full bathrooms, one half bath, two living areas, two dining areas and a four car garage. Schools for this neighborhood include Scharbauer Elementary, Goddard, Jr. High and Midland High.



A partially xeriscaped front yard and circular drive lead to the impressive entrance. A stone wall in the foyer separates the living area from the entrance. Large tile that with a wooden appearance flows throughout the house. Plantation shutters, oversized crown and floor molding, spacious rooms and tall ceilings create a welcoming atmosphere.

To the left of the entrance is the study. One wall features a slate fireplace surrounded by built-ins. To the right of the front door is the formal dining room with a coffered ceiling. Open to the den, you will enjoy the view out the wall of windows. A corner stone fireplace with a recessed wall provides a unique area for display.

You will love the gourmet kitchen! A wrap around bar with seating is open to the den. The best of the best amenities are here including granite countertops, dark wood cabinetry, stainless Bosch appliances including a five burner gas cooktop, two ovens (one is convection), a warming drawer, microwave, ice maker, built-in wine rack, farmhouse sink with RO system and touch activated faucet. Additional above and below counter lighting and a skylight provide bonus light to the room. A walk-in pantry is right off the kitchen and the breakfast area is perfect for casual meals.

The door to the four car garage is around the corner from the kitchen. Especially delightful is the butler's pantry which leads to the extensive laundry organization center with cabinets, a mud bench, sink and space for the washer, dryer and freezer. Outside the laundry door is a foyer with a built-in desk. From here you will find three bedrooms. All have walk-in closets with mirrors and two share a Jack and Jill bathroom while one has its own full bathroom.

A secluded master suite is on the other side of the house. A morning bar is in the hallway leading to the master suite. It also has room, coffee, a small refrigerator and sink without having a trip to the kitchen. Once in the master, you can see a stacked ceiling, a door leading to the porch, a bathroom with an arches tub, dual sinks and dressing areas. A walk-in closet and a glass tiled shower complete the master.

Outside the covered porch is a great place to enjoy and enjoy the view. The grass area may be the perfect spot for a pool. In the corner of the stone and brick fenced yard is a covered fireplace and sitting area. Beyond the fence are the trees and a stream. Additional access points to the home are here and space for a workshop. Plans are available for the home and the house is set for viewing.

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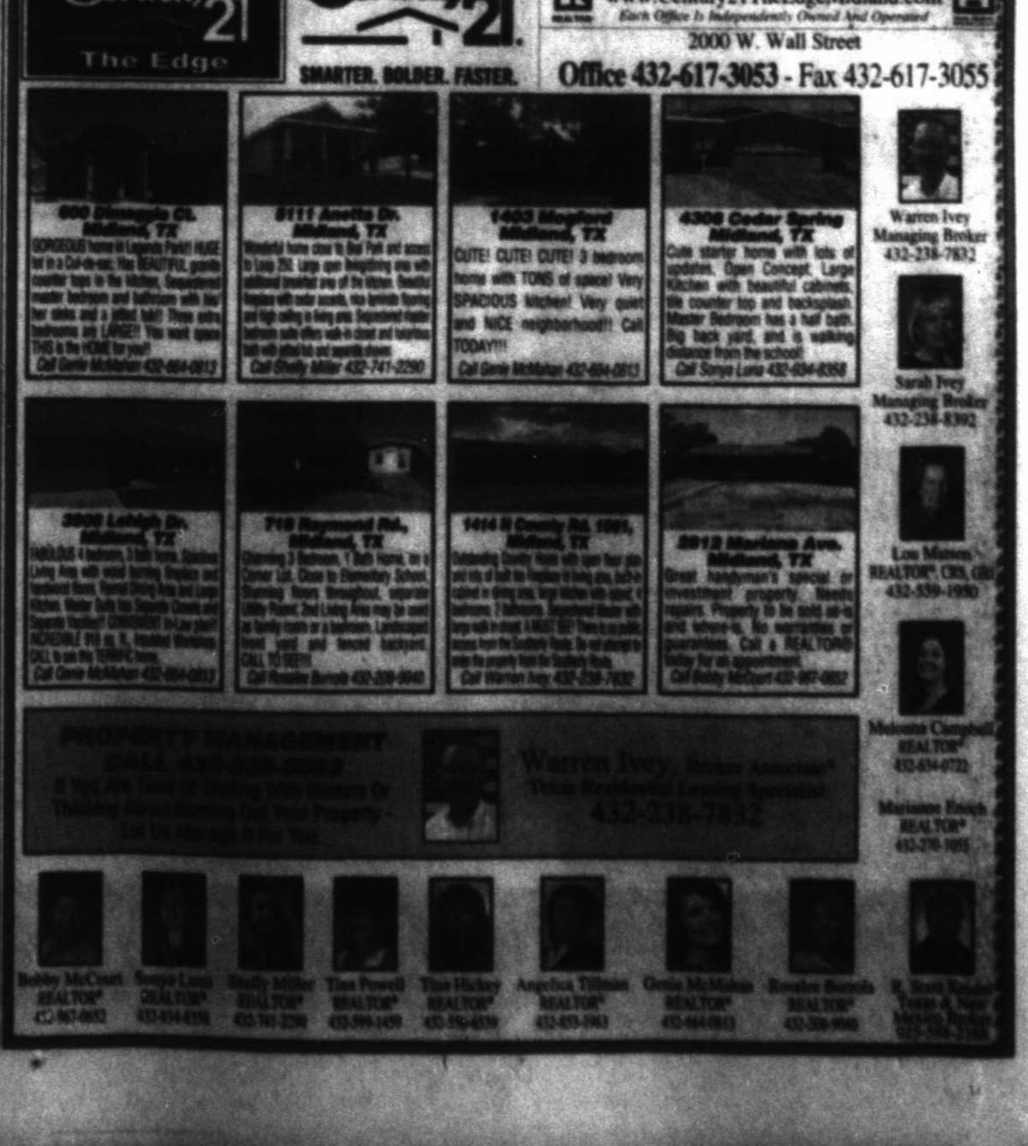
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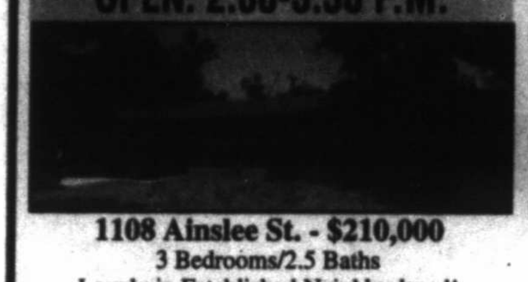

1108 Ainslee St. - $210,000
3 Bedrooms/2.5 Baths
Lovely in Established Neighborhood!
Shown by Deborah Gillum

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2803 Golf Course - $209,900
3 Bedrooms/2 Baths
NEW PRICE!
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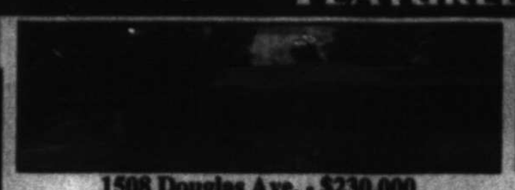
Featured Homes



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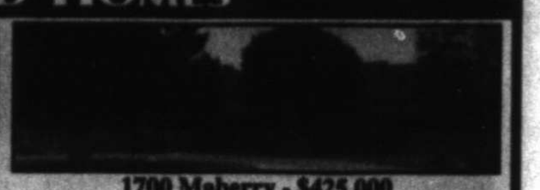

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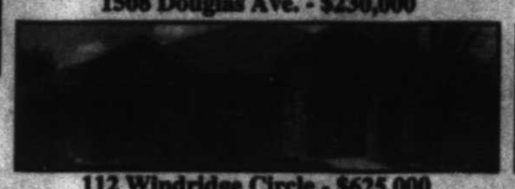
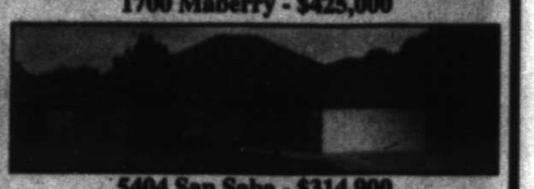


112 Windridge Circle - $625,000



5404 San Saba - $314,900

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New and Reduced Listings

6418 Saddle Rock Ln.-Gorgeous 2012 Parade of Homes on .936 acres. 4Br. 3.5 ba, 2 living, 2 dining, 4 garage $899,000
4410 Tradewind Ave.-Bad acreage in city limits! Wonderful 3 bdrm/2 bath home on 2.75 acres with room to roam! $475,000
6607 E. Co. Rd. 116-Beautiful 4 bdrm/2.5 bath home offers quiet spacious country living well the bells & whistles! $442,000
602 W. Pine St.-Lovely townhome in Highland Park $264,000
2302 Westfield-Stainless appliances!! Fridge, washer & dryer stay with this 4/2/3 living in Fannin School area $263,500
1508 Douglas Ave.-Wonderful location! $230,000
3000 Princeton Ave.-3 bedroom home - move right in! Good plan, pretty kitchen, no yard in back $235,000
2701 Oakcrest Dr.-Fairmont Park beauty! 3bdrm/2bth on large lot! $217,900
1108 Ainslee St.-Lovely 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on quiet tree lined street in established neighborhood with nice updates $210,000
2803 W. Golf Course Rd.-Spacious 3BR/2BA home w/heated paint throughout, some updates, abundant storage $209,900
2624 Lonnie Ave.-Beautiful spacious townhome w/2 bedrooms each suite $199,000
2 Bdl Lease Pools-2 bdrm/2 bths Low Maintenance townhouses in Oaktown Park! $189,000
2100 Wadley #85-Large spacious Chantelle Condo w/3 bdrms/2bths $184,900
412 E. Wadley Ave.-Very well taken care of and is lovely and comfortable as can be! $130,000
0 S. Weatherford St.-Residential Lot close to downtown $39,500

Two Bedrooms

2001 E FM 1379-Fabulous home on 54+ ac. 1/2 ac. Long list of amenities! $699,000
4101 S. County Rd. 184-Killer built 3 bdrm/2 bth home on 10.5 acres with restrictions, and is a very nice neighborhood! ..... SOLD $345,000
2309 North B St.-Spacious 2br, 2 bath, neutral decor, open kitchen/dining area, large utility room and pantry. $219,000
4410 W Spring Addition Ln.-Spacious 2br, 2 1/2 bath, gorgeous fireplace, walls of windows, great kitchen ..... UC $215,000
2624 Lonnie Ave.-Beautiful spacious townhome with 2 bedrooms each a suite $199,000
2 Bdl Lease Pools-2 bdrm/2 bths Low Maintenance townhouses in Oaktown Park! $189,000
412 E. Wadley Ave.-Very well taken care of and is lovely and comfortable as can be! $130,000
499 Lisbon-Charming, updated, affordable classy 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath condo ..... UC $119,000
3602 Cunningham-2 bdrm/1 bth home w/recent gas hot water heater, well heater, and lavatory $49,000

Three Bedrooms

1209 W. Cuthbert-Updated in the heart of Old Midland, wonderful pool! ..... UC $695,000
112 Windridge Circle-Truly beautiful 3 bdrm/3.5 bth home w/pool & hot tub $625,000
2607 Boxboard Ave.-Wonderful 3 bd/3.5 bth home in the heart of Warwick! Master bedroom has his and her baths! UC $595,000
10005 S. Co. Rd. 1213-Great country property! New appliances, granite, wood shutters and more! $575,000
4410 Tradewind Ave.-Bad acreage in city limits! Wonderful 3 bdrm/2 bath home on 2.75 acres with room to roam! $475,000
2910 Coyote-Spacious quiet country living! Perfect for entertaining inside and out! You will never need to leave home! ..... UC $449,000
4402 Green Tree-Contemporary 3bdrm/3.5 bath home in Green Tree $369,900
7701 Mulberry-Simply gorgeous, 3-2-2, tornado, white gates, many new upgrades, lovely Huntington Place $349,900
4910 Kingsboro Ct.-Master Pool area!! Lots of new in this spacious 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath home! Walk to Pool and Clubhouse! $329,000
Lot 1/2/3/4 E. County Rd. 129-New construction 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home in The Meadows. $316,000
2102 Neely Ave.-Many updates in this 3 bdrm/2.5bth townhouse in Old Midland $315,000
602 W. Pine St.-Lovely townhome in Highland Park $264,000
3105 Brighton Place-Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bath home in Saddle Club South $257,900
3008 San Saba-Wonderful 3/2.5/2/2 Mark Payne one owner home. A must see! $249,900
13004 FM 307- Wonderful 3Bdrm/2Bth home with great additions. $239,900
3000 S. County Rd. 1184-Spacious 3BR, great country property $225,000
4308 Bushdrop-3BR/2BA/2 car patio home $225,000
2512 Stansfield Ave.-Spacious and charming home in Fannin district. Great kitchen ..... UC $224,000
4400 Big Brenda Ave.-Beautiful, spacious, 3 bedroom/2 bath home with open floor plan and tons of light! ..... UC $216,000
2800 Exeter Ave.-Lovely patio home with updated kitchen. Centrally located to everything. $214,900
4205 Nelson-Spacious 3bdr/2.5bth home with many updates. Spectacular back patio w/gorgeous ..... UC $209,900
2504 Bloxham-3 bedroom/2 bath home. Great block in Old Midland ..... UC $204,900
1700 Huntington St.-Lots of new in this charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 2 living areas and 2 dining. ..... UC $199,900
91 Ward Rd.-Fabulous Lake Henry get-away. This 3 bdrms/3bth home is located within HOA gated community. $149,900
3103 Shea Dr.-Spacious 3 bdrm/2 bth home in lovely quiet neighborhood with mature trees. $139,000
3005 Princeton Ave.-3 bedroom home - move right in! Good plan, pretty kitchen, no yard in back $235,000

Three Bedrooms

3010 Padre Pl.-Comfy feel in 3bdrm/2bth home with vaulted fireplace ..... UC $219,900
2920 W. Golf Course Rd.-Spacious 3BR/2BA home w/heated paint throughout, some updates, abundant storage. $209,900
1109 Ainslee St.-Lovely 3 bdrm/2.5 bth home on quiet tree lined street in established neighborhood with nice updates $210,000
2717 Lockheed Dr.-Updated 3 bdrm/2bth home, 2 great floor plan & location! Investors welcome! $175,000
2100 Wadley #85-Large spacious Chantelle Condo w/3 bdrms/2bths $184,900
3010 Dawnaire Ave.-Can you say right place at right time? Open kitchen/den concept and ..... UC $135,000

Four Bedrooms

910 Sir Barton Pkwy-Custom built home in Solomon Estates. Open spacious plan $1,200,000
4020 Island Circle-5/5.5-Exquisite Greentree jewel. Fabulous master suite. ESTATE on the LAKE!! $899,000
6418 Saddle Rock Ln.-Gorgeous 2012 Parade of Homes on .936 acres. 4Br. 3.5 ba, 2 living, 2 dining, 4 garage $899,000
3900 Stonehill Cir.-Updated in Misdemeanor Heights. 2 great floor plans & location! Investors welcome! $799,000
2100 Co. Rd. 1000-Beautiful custom 4bdr/3bth Tom Wood-built resale on 5 acres w/all the bells and whistles! $495,000
Lot/1/Acre E. County Rd. 129-New construction in The Meadows. Call Holly to make selections now such as granite, brick, etc. $453,750
6607 E. Co. Rd. 116-Beautiful 4 bd/2bth Ashington home offers quiet spacious country living well the bells & whistles! $442,000
1707 Cuthbert Ave.-Great 4 bedroom/3 bath home for entertaining and family living, grand pool and patio! ..... UC $429,000
7200 E. Co. Rd. 112-Beautiful Chaney Ranch Harry Hines you can still choose your selection today $408,500
3000 Hillwood-Gorgeous 4bdrm/3bth w/perfect location, large living room $399,000
7200 E. County Rd. 112-Chaney Ranch is finally ready for your Dream Home! You can make all your selections now $380,000
5713 Cimarron-Beautiful high quality executive 3 bedroom/2 bath Corsaca home with attention to details and amenities! ..... UC $379,000
4305 Llano Ct.-Beautiful custom 4br/2bth - priced below most comps in the neighborhood! Don't miss this 4 car garage! $379,000
4007 Llano Ct.-Custom 4br/3bth with oversized kitchen with oversized island is also plumbed for a gas cooktop. Beautiful! $379,000
Lot/Block E. County Rd. 129-New construction in The Meadows. Call Holly to make selections now. $353,750
6002 Wood Hollow Ct.-Fantastic 4bdrm/2.5bth home! Move-in condition! ..... UC $349,900
3701 S. Co. Rd. 1089-Better than new! 4 bdrm/3 bth with lots of amenities, great plan, great fenced yard on 1.2 acres! $339,000
6404 San Saba Ct.-Beautifully laid out 4bdrm/3bth home w/oversized rooms, high ceilings, open kitchen $337,500
2502 Dunbarton Ave.-Just wonderful! 4bdrm/2bth home ..... UC $333,000
602 Boyd Ave.-Large, wonderful 4 bedroom, 4 full bath home, under 300k on oversized lot, great for large family $299,000
7 Bristol Court-Move-in ready! Spacious updated home on quiet cul-de-sac! ..... UC $299,750
3021 Web Dr.-Great storage throughout this 4bdrm/2.5 bath home with attractive backyard and spa! $289,000
6111 San Tee-The Mineola plan by Riverside Homes in Dogwood Estates ..... UC $279,900
2902 Lockheed Ave.-Stainless appliances!! Fridge, washer & dryer stay with this 4/2/3 living in Fannin School area $263,500
1601 E. Co. Rd. 1197- 4 bedroom/3 bath home on 3.76 acres. A perfect little oasis in the country $250,000
3000 Parade Ave.-Open living and dining, great location $207,500
6009 S. Co. Rd. 1130-Large, spacious 4 bdrm/2 bth manufactured home on 1 acre. $120,000

Five or More Bedrooms

2001 Sinclair Ave.-Best of the best in Warwick! 7bdrms/6bths/4baths. WOW! $2,200,000
4020 Island Circle-5/5.5-Exquisite Greentree jewel. Fabulous master suite. ESTATE on the LAKE!! $899,000
2609 Brentwood-Spacious 5 bedroom in Warwick. 4.5 pool, spa, game room, beautifully updated ..... UC $599,000
2902 Lockheed Ave.-Well maintained 5 bdrm/4.5 baths, great block in Old Midland ..... SOLD $350,000
6010 W. County Rd. 41-Charming country home in Sunridge Ranch Estates. Gorgeous kitchen and tile wood floors! ..... UC $300,000

New Construction

4305 Llano Ct.-Beautiful custom 4br/2bth - priced below most comps in the neighborhood! Don't miss this 4 car garage! $379,000
4307 Llano Ct.-Custom 4br/3bth with oversized kitchen with oversized island is also plumbed for a gas cooktop. Beautiful! $379,000
Chaney Ranch-Call Holly Cohen to build your dream home. Greenwood subdivision entourage ..... $$$-$$$$

Town Houses and Patio Homes

4302 Guadalupe-3BR/2BA/2 car, patio home ..... UC $289,900
4308 Bushdrop-3BR/2BA/2 car patio home $225,000
499 Lisbon-Charming, updated, affordable classy 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath townhome under $120,000 ..... UC $119,000

For Lease

2100 Wadley Ave. #74-Completely gutted and remodeled 2 bdrm/2bth chantelle condo $2,000/Month
4305-B LaSalle Circle-Well cared for 2bdrm/2bth duplex for lease $1,000/Month
1400 Connell St.-4,000 sq. ft. industrial/whse w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, ... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
1601-A W. Murphy, Odessa-For sublease, 7,700 shop & 1,500 sq. ft. of office, on I-20 Service Rd ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111

Lots, Land and Acreage

Cheney Ranch-Call Holly Cohen to build your dream home. ..... $$$-$$$$
S. Co. Rd. 1120-Could be a great location for cattle and livestock, track yard, pipe yard, etc. on 160 acres in Greenwood $2,000,000
NS. West Wesley & Loop 250 in West Odessa-1111E.25 acres, terrific frontage. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111 ..... $1,000,000
S. Co. Rd. 1040-Perfect area for subdivision development - 325.8 acres in Greenwood $1,302,000
3012 Jacksboro-Deals on the corner $540,000
7100 E. Co. Rd. 109-59.38 acres with a 4,500 sf quonset barn, mobile home can stay for $50,000. Perfect for all kinds of $475,000
business or pipe yard. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
600 Neely Ave.-Eight (8) townhome lots sold as a whole ONLY - No individual lots sales $399,000
3300 E. Co. Rd. 68-5784 sq. ft. w/lo-bay plan $360,000
4700 Desert West-10 acres - Perfect for one home w/lots of land or nice location to develop a small community $350,000
W. County Rd. 125-Ready to develop! $350,000
44 Lincoln Park-Gin Angelo lot & boat house, Lake Raywortby $175,000
4400 Andrews Hwy-Lot in Green Tree North 6.18 acres $150,000
11010 W. County Rd. 88 1/2 W - 6 acre, in a great residential neighborhood $114,000
2500 Regency Gate Ct.-4,224 acre lot in Development Gate. $97,500
E. Co. Rd. 109-Prior 1 acre lots in new subdivision in Greenwood - The Meadows ..... UC $95,000
0 S. Weatherford St.-Residential Lot close to downtown $39,500

Commercial Investment Property

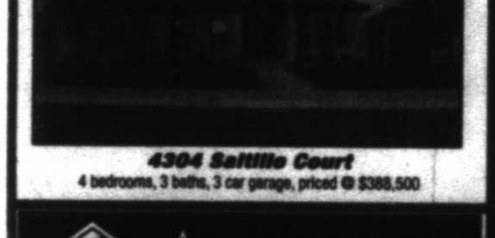
1400 Connell St.-4,000 sq. ft. industrial/whse w/2 restrooms, paved and fenced yard. Perfect for light duty manufacturing, ... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
10 Desta Drive-For Sublease, approx. 13,000 sq. ft. of Class A office space - entire floor-Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
3400 Andrews Hwy-For Lease, approx. 2,100 sq. ft. ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
501 Andrews Hwy.-Approx. 8,301 sq. ft. office building, great location - near hospital Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
Continental Tower-Downtown Sublease, approx. 3,729 sq. ft., Class A Bldg. with covered parking. ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
4500 N. Big Spring-Sublease in Class A Bldg., approx. 10,507 sq. ft. ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
501 Andrews Hwy.-For lease, approx. 8,301 sq. ft. of very attractive site, convenient location w/parking ..... Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
3000 S. Co. Rd. 1270-2.330 acres with a 10,792 sf industrial warehouse/distribution center. Fenced, gated and secured ..... UC $900,000
facility, located conveniently just south of Midland International Airport. Grade level access and dock high loading.
Call Bill Scott or Brandee Hall 682-1111
901 S. Garfield St.-Wonderful money making commercial building! $650,000
6000 Block of S. Midkiff-2.5+/- acres for development, great for office complex. Call Bill Scott $575,000
3402 Cuthbert-Approximately 2,470 sq. ft. of custom office space in the Cutlers Plaza Complex. Convenient access to ..... UC $500,000
Midkiff & Loop 250
0 Cotton Flat Rd.-Zoned Industrial Park $150,000
12029 West I-20-For Lease, Approx. 4,000 sq. ft., light or medium duty manufacturing or as warehouse space. Call Bill or $4,000/Month
Brandee @ 682-1111

Out of Town Properties

91 Ward Rd.-Fabulous Lake Henry get-away. This 3 bdrms/3bth home is located within HOA gated community in Oak Canyon $149,900
Estates. Public dock for residents only

New Construction

Houston Chalmers Homes



4304 Saltillo Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $388,500

Ashington Homes

6308 Brown Heart Lane
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $429,500

Walter Pate's Texas Classic Homes
432.853.5782 www.TexasClassicHomes.net

4308 San Pedro Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $446,900

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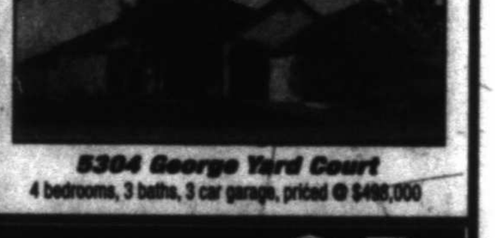
Featured Home

6406 Los Conchos Lane
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $799,500

"It's always nice to have someone in your life that makes you smile when they're not around."
~ Unknown

New Construction

Midland Gallery Homes



6304 George Yard Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $498,000

Saenz Signature Homes

4304 Coronado Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $389,500

Carrasco Homes

5319 Half Moon Circle
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $489,900

Residential Listings/Home Sites/Acreage

Residential

501 Bohemian Dr.	1 Bdrm/1 Ba	$94,000
607 S. Judkins	2 Bdrm/1 Ba	SOLD
109 N. Stafford	2 Bdrm/1 Ba	SOLD
3007 W. Cuthbert Ave.	2 Bdrm/2 Bath Carport	SOLD
1400 Westerfield Dr.	3 Bdrm/2 Bath Car Garage	SOLD
2609 Cassidy Lane	Odessa/3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Living Areas/2 Car Garage	$199,000
601 N. Terrell St.	Corrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	$199,000
605 N. Terrell St.	Corrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	$199,000
4204 Whitney	3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
2605 Sand Hill Circle	3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
4405 Stillmeadow	3 Bdrm/2.5 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
2109 Haynes Drive	3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
1400 Westchester Dr.	3 Bdrm/2.5 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
3112 Brighton Place	3 Bdrm/2.5 Bath/2 Car Garage	$294,000
5717 Highland Blvd	4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
5521 Los Patios	3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	$334,000
4301 Rockingbird Ln.	4 Bdrm/3.5 Bath/2 Car Garage, Bonus/Bigs & Garage	$499,000
6301 Rosewood Drive	4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	$499,000
1309 Pittsgrewood St.	4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Living Areas/2 Car Garage	$477,700
5313 Half Moon Circle	4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	$489,900
5302 George Yard Ct.	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	$516,000
6413 Rosewood Drive	4 Bdrm/3 Bath/Living Areas/3 Car Garage/Spectacular Pool	$694,000
6406 Los Conchos Ln.	4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage, In-ground pool	$799,500
NEW CONSTRUCTION		
917 N. Weatherford	Corrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Bar/ 2 Car Garage	$199,000
3414B S. Co. Rd. 1089	Building a New Tomorrow/ 3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	$275,000
2007 Cowboy Circle	Corrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	$279,000
2004 Cattle Ct.	Corrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	$289,000
4304 Coronado Ct.	Sioux Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Bath/2 Car Garage	$389,500
4405 Cisco Verde Ct.	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Bath/2 Car Garage	$419,000
6308 Brown Heart Ln.	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Bath/2 Car Garage	$429,500
7407 E. Co. Rd. 83	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	$441,900
4308 San Pedro	Texas Classic Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	$446,900
6310 Brown Heart Ln.	Rio Homes/5 Bdrm/3.5 Bath/2 Car Garage	$469,900
3304 Brown Heart Ln.	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
3308 Brown Heart Ln.	Corrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	$482,900
2319 Half Moon Circle	Corrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	$489,900
2307 Pomona St.	Corrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	$510,000
3912 Legacy Oaks	Ashington Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
6417 Rosewood St.	Rosewood Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Bath/2 Car Garage	$1,270,000

Suburban/Acreage

7200 Co.Rd. 00	3 Bdrm/2 Bar/ Mobile Home/1.1 acres $119,000
3400 S. Co. Rd. 1071	3 Bdrm/2 Bath/Mobile Home/1.1 acres $129,000
2170 Barbara St.	Roosevelt Schools/Mobile Home ..... SOLD
4309 W. Co. Rd. 110	3 Bdrm/2 Bath/Mobile Home ..... SOLD
4310 Rockingbird Ln.	1,007 Acres $149,000
4010 E. Co. Rd. 1129	Greenwood Schools/Mobile Home/2.2 Acres $209,000
Lone Rose Estates	Centerfield/Mini Farms ..... Call Mary
3609 S. Co. Rd. 1197	4 Bdrm/2 Bath/ Car Garage $279,000
3414B S. Co. Rd. 1089	Building a New Tomorrow/ 3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage $275,000
3408 Los Conchos Trl.	4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage $799,500
Highway 87	Big Spring/87 Park ..... SOLD
7200 E. Co. Rd. 110	3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage/6.38 Acres $1,700,000

Suburban Home Sites

Lone Rose Estates	W. Co. Rd. 2001/3-2 Acre Lots ..... Call Mary

Out of Town Properties

400 Duck Puddle Road	Canyon City/4 Bdrm/3 Bathroom House $159,000

Commercial Property

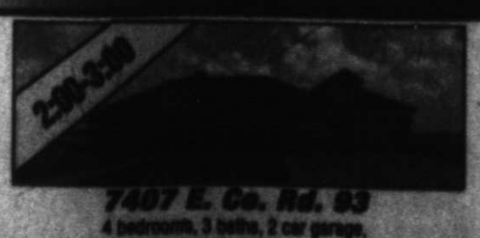
E. Co. Rd. 110	10.3 Acres $475,000
3100 W. Co. Rd. 1000	Office building/6 offices/parking room/3 acres $975,000
3005 Shea Rd.	5.25 Acres $1,000,000

Open Houses Today

5112 Brighton Place
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $294,000

5521 Los Patios
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $334,000

6413 Rosewood Drive
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 living areas, 3 car garage, spectacular pool, priced @ $694,000



7407 E. Co. Rd. 83
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $441,900

4400 N. Big Spring Street, Ste. C-30 www.midlandreco.com

Commercial

COMMERCIAL BLDG for Lease 2817 W. Industrial Ave. Office Area includes reception area, 5 offices, 2 restrooms and break area. Shop area includes 1 restroom with overhead door Grass building area approx 8500 sq ft. Fenced Yard. Call 683-5276 ext 305 leave a message.

"MAN CAVE" New storage on 1798. 1500-4500 square ft starting at $650 RV's/cars/industrial ask for Don 352-2067.

NOW LEASING Office/Warehouses Small Office Suites Fenced Yards Various locations. Call 432-661-4057.

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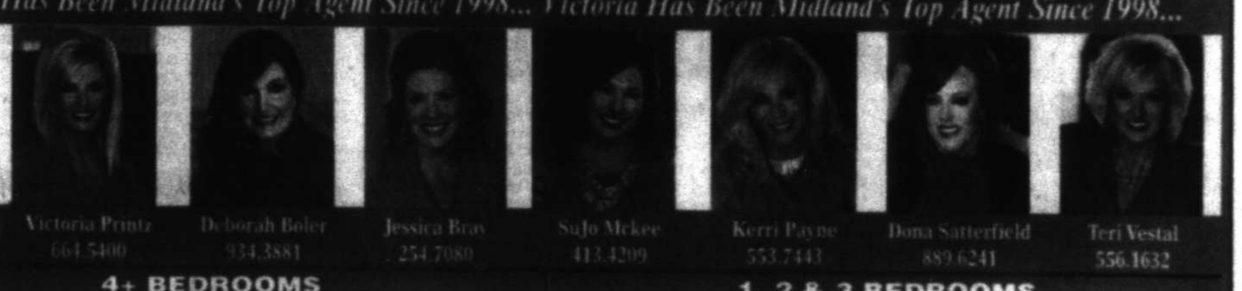

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 1:30 TO 2:30	2102 DEEANNA
OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 1:30 TO 2:30	3704 GULF
OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 1:30 TO 2:30	4813 NEELY
OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 1:30 TO 2:30	2602 CAMARIE
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OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 3:00 TO 4:00	4413 VERDE GLEN
OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 3:00 TO 4:00	4610 TATTENHAM CORNER
OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 4:30 TO 5:30	3605 BERMUDA CT.

4+ BEDROOMS

116 Bateman-Auth this stately, extremely buttoned 2 tone of gorgeous glazed, darling pool, outdoor kitchen & 3,700 sq ft park like! $1,500,000

2100 Deeanna Ln. - Spectacular & totally updated 6 bed/6 full bath+3 half bath/10 living $999,900

3301 Elkins - Want something unique & wonderful? Unbelievable showplace on almost 20 acres with guest house! $995,000

4910 Tottenham Corner - Absolutely spectacular starts w style green home on 3.43 Acres $875,000

3800 Trinity; 4 Bed/5 Full/2 Half Bath Home in Trinity Estates Bright & Dramatic-Beautiful Museum Lighting! $749,000

3400 E County Rd 97 - Unbelievable forever property! Gorgeous 4bed/5bath/2liv/3car home! $725,000

8 Rikkeh-Absolutely lovely home in saddle club estates-4 bed/2.5 Bath/4 living/2 dining areas $650,000

2102 Deeanna Ln. - Fabulous home in Grassland Estates 4 Bed /3.5 Baths/3 living areas /2 dining areas & gourmet kitchen! $535,000

4402 Tonkawa - Fantastic 4 bed/4 bath/2 car. Custom on 2 irrigated acres with Workshop and Barn! $485,000

4413 Verde Glen Ct-Absolutely spectacular 5 bed/3.5 bath/2 living/2 dining area/4 car gar home on quiet street in gla! $479,000

3101 Castleford - Spacious & open floor plan! 4 Bed/2.5 Baths/ 3 Car garage! Wonderful outdoor living area! $440,000

4910 Tottenham Corner-Fabulo updated 3381 sq ft, 4bed/3bth w/stained wood quarters floors! 2012 wht kitchen,tile,bi-dir $399,900

3501 Drexel - Master Bath Remodel Underway!!Fabulous 4Bed/2.5Bath/3Gar. W/Separate Liv Qtrs! $399,900

4+ BEDROOMS

2103 Shell Avenue - Absolutely lovely & totally updated (since 2012) 5 bed/3 bath/2 living/2 dining/2 car gar wall hard-surface flooring $349,900

3609 Bermuda Court-3rd Custom Home in Town! The 4bed/2.5 Bath Home Boasts Tons Of Built-ins, Granite, Granite Sink & Much More! $299,900

415 Nolan Ryan- Awesome spacious 4 bed/3bthrm/2 bathroom/2 car home on curvy street in legends park on super large lot! $264,900

1503 Mayford St. - Fabulous 4 bedroom 3 bath 2 living home in wonderful old midland area! Total remodel in process! $240,000

3503 Mile High-Absolutely darling-better than new 4 bed/2 bath/formal dining or breakfast room/2 car gar home built in 2014! $235,000

2502 Camarie - fantastic 4 bed/2.5 Bath/2 garage with curb appeal! Gated front courtyard! $229,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

10010 FM 307-Spectacular Reliaventry-Melen designed 3202 2437 sq ft main residence on 12 acres w/additional acreage available! $749,000

5201 Trebaugh-Fabulous custom hill country home on 4.550 Acres! 5,219 Sq. ft. workshop w/kitchen, bath & hookup! $749,000

5011 Grassland-3 bd w/study & heated or 4 bd w/out - pool heat w/12 bth weather shield (or wedding/getaway) & wg exercise! Br or gr & wg HVAC $349,000

2000 S CR 1220 - Great investment property - live in the 4 bedroom brick family home and collect $1,800 per month from 6 Hase spaces for mobile homes! $999,000

3207 Leatherwood-Great location! 3 bath/2 bedroom/2 living areas or 3 dining areas/2 car garage, and 4 water well + storage building & masonry fence! $249,900

2507 Galt-Spacious 3 bed, 2.5 Bath, 2 liv, 2 dine, 2 car garage home in heart of the city w/ water well!! $229,900

3704 Gulf-Cute & updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 dining area, 2 living area, 1 car garage added in 2007 home in Wedgewood Park neighborhood! $215,000

4513 Shady Ct -This beautifully updated home has a remodeled kitchen with french country cabinets, stainless appliances & granite counters! $207,000

2300 Regal - Darling home on quiet cul-de-sac on great location has 3 bed/2 bath/2 car garage. Spacious living area w/heated ceiling & fireplace! $199,900

701 S. Lincoln - Absolutely spectacular new construction from g. O. Homes! Fabulous kitchen with granite, tons of cabinets! $185,000

842 E Whatley, Kermit - Best yard in town! 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living area home with huge backyard! $164,000

4311-A SCR 1172 - gorgeous 3 bed/2 bath manufactured home on 1 acre of land! $139,000

603 N Madison-Super cute cottage like 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 1 living area and 1 dining area home! Recently remodeled inside and outside! $139,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

800 Linton #68 - Super cute and updated 2 story ridden townhome in sutton place! $115,000

1315 East 30th - Charming brick/siding house w/whirlpool gas range & frigerator! Spacious den open to dining area & kitchen in Odessa $97,500

COMMERCIAL, LAND AND LOTS

4107 N County Rd. 1247 - RV PARK with clubhouse and 2 cabins! 26-RV spots rent for $575 a month! 2 cabins rent for a yr! 30ft x 4 month! $1,000,000

3900 SCR 1220 - Great investment property - live in the 4 bedroom brick family home and collect $1,800 per month from 6 Hase spaces for mobile homes! $999,900

2010 E FM 1212 - Fabulous country property on 12.000 Acres, all fenced with 2 water wells, 40x25 workshop, 2 storage building, over 100 trees $225,000

7013 CR 82 - nice! 4.51 acre investment property for building a spectacular home with a grand southern view of downtown Midland! $139,300

6102 S County Road 1700 - TERRIFIC LOT! Approx 4 acres! Water well, septic tank and electric on site! $94,900

4100 County Rd. 01 - 2 acre building site in established north east Midland residential subdivision! $80,000

2221 Timber Wolf Lane - Build in Midland's newest subdivisions, Timber Wolf Estates! Roads will be paved by developer! 25 LOTS! $75,000

1975 Timber Wolf Lane - Build in Midland's newest subdivisions, Timber Wolf Estates! Roads will be paved by developer! 25 LOTS! $62,400

Cutter Estates - Build in Gardendale's newest subdivision. Cutter Estates! Approximately .75 acre lots! $25,000 per lot! 16 LOTS! $30,000

UNDER CONTRACTS & SOLDS!

3309 Maplewood	UNDER CONTRACT!	3602 Trinity SOLD!
4102 Dyer Circle	UNDER CONTRACT!	3312 W Michigan SOLD!
4220 Deer Tree Trail	UNDER CONTRACT!	5501 Highland SOLD!
5600 S S FM 1788	SOLD	2305 Rex SOLD!
2105 Hughes	SOLD!	1000 La Caverna Van Horn SOLD!
3501 S County Road 1057	SOLD!	4002 Avondale SOLD!
1004 Castleford	SOLD!	4410 Humble SOLD!
3005 Gillespie	SOLD!	4429 Gloucester SOLD!

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3809 FANNIN - $199,700
3BR/2BA, master BR w/walk-in closet! New shower in bath! 2 other brms w/lg. closets. Dining room & big kitchen. Lots of countertops and cabinets. 2 ovens & DW! 2 lots over the entire block w/2 corners and 2 drives! 2 car garage w/driveway, metal carport w/ driveway that protects 4 cars. 14'Hx40'L. Roll up doors at each end! Bldg has its own gas heater/motor hoist/ lrg. air compressor/1/2 bath/attic loft!
Shown by Ruth Young, 432-352-5996

OPEN 1:00-3:00
506 NOLAN RYAN DR. - $293,000
4BR/3BA home with lots of upgrades in Legends Park! Built in 2012. The high ceilings are topped with crown molding and the windows that allow for plenty of natural light. The kitchen features stainless appl. and granite countertops. The master bath has marble countertops and a incredibly large closet. Spacious bedroom top this house off. This is a must see!! Don't wait.
Shown by Cassie Hudson, 432-269-9947

OPEN 1:00-3:00
1205 TELLURIDE DR. - $529,900
WOW! Another Wonderful, Immaculate Tom Woodruff Signature Homes, resale...beautiful open floor plan w/hand scrapped hardwood floors in all the public areas. Full granite thruout - Terrific cooks kitch w/gas cook top, dble ovens, tons of work space & storage! Sqstrd mstr w/dble vanities, elongated soaking tub, commodious stwr w/bench & amazing walk-in closet! 5th bedrm or/mancave/theatre rm/gamerm/exec off.
Shown by Suzi Knight, 432-559-5836

OPEN 2:00-3:30
4703 NEELY AVE. - $215,000
Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with nice size living area with wood floors, wood burning fireplace and lovely custom built-in bookshelf unit. Two dining areas - eat in kitchen and formal dining. Large master bedroom with lovely bathroom. Nice size bedrooms. Landscaped front yard and large backyard with covered patio.
Don't miss - come see today!
Shown by Sharon Horton, 432-853-7875

4+ BEDROOM

1205 TELLURIDE DR	$549,000	
2101 PARTON WAY	FACT ID #1805	D.C
3307 HOLLY DR	FACT ID #1817	D.C
3309 OAK CREEK DR		$399,500
3313 SKYLARK DR	FACT ID #1824	D.C
3501 OAK VALLEY DR	FACT ID #1825	D.C
3505 SPRUCE CREEK DR		D.C
4107 VALLEY DR	FACT ID #1833	$339,000
4109 MADISON	FACT ID #1834	D.C
4202 NOTTINGHAM AVE	FACT ID #1835	SOLD
4206 NOTTINGHAM AVE	FACT ID #1836	$293,000
4207 DEVONSHIRE	FACT ID #1837	SOLD
4209 DEVONSHIRE	FACT ID #1838	SOLD
4210 DEVONSHIRE	FACT ID #1839	SOLD
4211 DEVONSHIRE	FACT ID #1840	SOLD
4213 DEVONSHIRE	FACT ID #1841	SOLD
4214 DEVONSHIRE	FACT ID #1842	SOLD
4215 DEVONSHIRE	FACT ID #1843	SOLD
4217 DEVONSHIRE	FACT ID #1844	SOLD
4218 DEVONSHIRE	FACT ID #1845	SOLD
4219 DEVONSHIRE	FACT ID #1846	SOLD
4221 DEVONSHIRE	FACT ID #1847	SOLD
4222 DEVONSHIRE	FACT ID #1848	SOLD
4223 DEVONSHIRE	FACT ID #1849	SOLD
4225 DEVONSHIRE	FACT ID #1850	SOLD
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4229 DEVONSHIRE	FACT ID

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4005 CARDINAL
$2,500,000
Amazing property w/3.997 acres, 4bd, 4 1/2 ba home w/guest house.
Shown by Deborah Pierce 432-889-2489

OPEN 1:30-3:00
3326 PROVIDENCE
$209,000
Updated 3BR, 2BA, 2LA, 2DA. Near HEB.
Shown by Les Carnes 432-528-9577

OPEN 2:30-3:30
906 SORRELL
$375,000
Low maint. detached townhome. Saddle Club - 2 bd, 2 ba, sunroom.
Shown by Deborah Pierce 432-889-2489

NEW & ACTIVE LISTINGS

4005 Cardinal-Amazing property w/3.997 acres. 4 bd, 4 1/2 ba home w/guest house. RV storage, pool, huge outdoor kitchen $2,500,000
30 Ac. Mockingbird Lane-11 platted lots, 2+ acres each $1,900,000
4200 ECR 63-New construction in Bonito Estates, 4bd, 3 ba, 3 car gar, 2 AC $737,990
4310 ECR 63-2AC, 4 bd, 3 ba, 3 car garage, new construction $734,900
Dove Acres FM 1213-115 acres see details/pix at fm1213.ePropertySites.com $599,000
4209 Wood-Gorgeous like new 4bd, 3.5ba, 2la, 3 car in Mockingbird Hts $519,000
South CR 1140 - 24 Acres more or less $496,000
5704 Mosswood-4br, 3 ba, new construction $486,450
3405 Trinity Meadows -4200 Feet $484,900
6409 Sequoia-4bd, 31/2 ba w/Pool -Green Tree low maint. Updated throughout $450,000
906 Sorrell-Low maint. detached townhome Saddle Club - 2 bd, 2 ba, sunroom, atrium $375,000
6707 ECR 110-Greenwood 3/2/2, built 2010, pasture for horses, vinyl fencing, wind generator $360,000
6000A S FM 1788-3br, 3ba, 2LA, 30x60 shop, 2.66+/- acres $340,000
2912 Shanks-3bd, 2½ ba on 1.3 acres, 2 water wells. Nicely updated $327,000
5920 Llano Ct.-3br, 2.5ba, 2LA, 2 car garage $325,000
4801 Knights Pl.-Polo Park Estates! Updated 3 bed, 2.5 bath, 2 living, 2 garage $315,000
2304 Chretien-3br, 2ba, 2 dining, granite throughout $314,900
3720 SCR 1316-Odessa 3br, 3.5ba, 2LA, 2 dining, 2 car garage, POOL, MISD workshop $299,900
2804 Caldera Blvd - 4bd. 3ba, in law plan $299,900
3206 Haynes-3 br, 2.5 ba, indoor pool $265,000
1802 E. Pecan St.-New construction, 3 or 4bd, 2ba, 2car, 2 story $250,000
#2 Linda Ct.-Wow! 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 living, 2 dining $250,000
4310 ECR 63-New Construction 4 Bedroom 3 bath 3 car garage 2 acres $239,900
1303 McDonald-Attractive & spacious 3bd, 2 ba, 2LA, 2 car gar ..... REDUCED...$235,000
12808 Alcario, Odessa-5/3, 1 living, 1 dining, 3 car garage $215,000
3336 Providence-Nicely updated 3br, 2ba, 2 car garage ..... REDUCED...$209,000
Commerical Lots - 10 Lots on Front St $198,000
2004 Bedford-Great location Old Midland, 3 bed, 2 bath $190,000
12700 ECR 81- 3 bedroom 2 bath 2013 Mobile Home w/ 2.5 acres 2 convex storage buildings & 2 water wells, orchard & garden $189,000
1428 Westbrook, Odessa-Looks like new 3 bed, 2 bath $185,000
3215 Golf Course-2 master suites, wonderful location $168,000
4808 Shady Lane-3 Bedrooms 1.5 baths $159,900
609 W. Kansas-3br, 1.5ba, 2 storage buildings, hardwood floors $149,900
4611 Pasadena-3 bed, 2 bath, great workshop $139,000
2405 City View Rd.-3 bdrm, 1 bath, efficiency apartment in back $135,000
503 Brooks Dr.-3 bed, 1 ba, 2 LA, recent windows $135,000
111 Blue Dr., Odessa-4 bed, 2 ba $129,900
4501 Roadrunner – Zac $129,000
4503 Roadrunner – Zac $129,000
County Road 81-Greenwood, 6 acres, no restrictions $120,000
4209 ECR 61-2.34 AC, Bonito Estates $104,130
4001 ECR 61-2.34 AC, Bonito Estates $104,130
4291 ECR 61-2 AC, Bonito Estates $89,000
3215 Hill Ave.-2 bd, 1 bath in Crestview Heights addition $69,000
Bonito Estates - MISD New Home Lots ..... $89,000-$104,000
Champion's Run - GISD - New home lots, gated community, 1.5-2 AC ..... $61,750-$95,000

SUNDAY FEATURED HOMES

4209 WOOD DR.
$519,000
Custom 2011 Gem w/4bd, 3.5ba, 2la, 3 car garage, low maint. yards. Come see.

5920 LLANO CT.
$325,000
3 br, 2.5 ba, 2LA, 2 car garage.

1428 WESTBROOK
$185,000
Looks brand new, Odessa!

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Stunning 4 Bedroom home with High-end finishes throughout!
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Absolutely Stunning 4 Bedroom with a fabulous pool on 2 acres! Backyard oasis, beautiful views! Fabulous pool!
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NEW LISTING
400 Pinewood Court • $235,000
Beautiful 4 bedroom home in the Woodlands! Spacious floor plan, open living and dining areas, large kitchen with breakfast bar, fabulous backyard with pool and spacious entertaining area. Huge master with luxury bath. Perfect setup for family and entertaining!

NEW LISTING
300 Elmwood • $369,900
Low maintenance property at it's finest! So much detail in this 4 Bed, 2 Bath in coveted Woodlawood Estates.

NEW LISTING
3804 Rosewood • $329,900
Beautiful 4 bedroom home in the Cherry Creek Subdivision! Open floor plan, granite throughout, large master suite, huge corner lot, covered patio, and more! Must see!

4+ BEDROOMS

5 La Pradera, Odessa - 4 Bedroom, 4.5 Bath, Super Floor Plan w/Upstairs Master Bedrooms, Full Chefs Kitchen & Fireplace!	New Construction! $1,100,000
600 Wellingborough - 5 Bedroom, 5 Bath, 2 Story Home in Los Carolina! Brand New Price by Current Owner!	New Construction! $1,099,000
6300 Dunbrook - 5 bed 4 bath. Incredible price on this luxurious estate, perfect for entertaining.	New Price! $999,000
5917 Mira Vista - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, Designer's Choice Home! Outdoor Kitchen, Guest House, Pool, & More!	New Price! $899,900
201 Ridge Line, Alpine - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath. Large enough to be corporate retreat! 77+ Acres in the Mountains! Guest House, Barn!	New Price! $885,000
2301 Stoneleigh - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath in Coveted Stoneleigh Court! This Does LOADED! Still Time to Make Selections! Est. Completion July 20!	SALE PENDING! $777,400
4700 NCR 1147 - Absolutely Stunning 4 Bedroom home with a fabulous pool on 2 acres!	$699,900
4701 E Co Rd. 40 - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath Country Living w/4022 Schools! Stone Floors, Cedar Beams!	New Listing! $694,200
6004 Stonegate - Designer's choice with all the upgrades, huge master, with gorgeous views!	$624,900
5717 Ridgemont-Stunning 5 Bedroom w/POOL! walls of windows and formal living.	New Listing! $625,000
4005 Rosewood - 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Fabulous Almond Home. Soaring 16 Ft ceilings in Living area, Plantation shutters throughout. Loads of space with extra game/Media room	New Listing! $469,900
3102 Shell Ave. - 5 bd, 4.5 Bath in Old Midland. Finlinson's Dream house! Gigantic living area, gourmet kitchen, quartz counters, wet bar, vaulted ceilings, 2 fireplaces. Texas sized house with mass guest	SALE PENDING! $477,200
5514 Corte Grande - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Stunning New ASA Home! Energy Efficient, High End Finishes!	New Price! $457,000
1700 Trail Dr. - Odessa Gorgeous Country Living! Sep Master w/Decadent Master Bath. Large Living area, elegant double entry foyer, Gourmet kitchen off den, all on 2.5 Acres!	New Listing! $417,000
2225 Fairfield - Builder's personal home w/lots of high end upgrades	SALE PENDING! $395,000
4403 Sandalwood - 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, Brand NEW Construction in Los Patios! Still Time to Make Selections. Est. Completion May 2015	SALE PENDING! $374,900
406 Pinewood Court - The perfect package with all the extras! Huge lot with extra. Study or 2nd living area	SALE PENDING! $359,900
12701 E Co Rd. 01 - Tons of upgrades, 2 living areas, sequestered master, spa room w/hot tub. On 5 Acres!	New Price! $299,900
1410 Tejas - 4 Bed, 2 Bath on over a half acre, wrap around porch, open living area, country kitchen, re-done Master Bath w/Japanese soaking tub,huge bonus room upstairs.	New Listing! $295,000
19 Cambridge Court - Great floor plan w/2 living areas, large detached guest quarters has full kitchen and bath on nicely landscaped yard	NEW LISTING! $279,900
4200 Merrill Dr. - 4 Bd 2.5 Bath. Beautifully landscaped w/many updates. Large living area, granite in kitchen. Backyard features a gas fire pit and beautiful low maintenance landscaping! Well maintained	New Listing! $274,900
3302 E Co Rd. 144 - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 Story Home on 3 Acres! Main House 3BR, 2BA, Guest House 1BR, 1BA. Great Investment Home!	New Price! $247,500
3407 Fairview Ave., Odessa - Tons of space in this oversized home, formal dining and large lot	New Listing! $239,900
1703 A. Garfield - Great bonus home with circular drive on large lot	SALE PENDING! $164,900
4015 Wormsley-Almost total update, RARE 4 bedroom and 2 full baths. New roof in 2012, OPEN kitchen to living are breakfast room, EVEN a kitchen island!	New Listing! $144,900

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

1606 Stirling - 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Fantastic Low Maintenance Town Home! ALL REDONE! Very Tasteful Trendy & Fun!	SALE PENDING! $374,900
4307 Dallas - 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath. Beautiful New ASA Home. Huge Open Plan w/High Ceilings! Located on a Quiet Cul-de-sac in Los Patios	New Price! $350,000
3200 Haynes - Drop dead gorgeous Town Home. Outside party perfection, tile-ed, covered porches and trellis. Fully updated inside, including Granite, shutters and Master shower. This is like buying a brand new home!	New Listing! $345,000
3300 Hope Dr. - Immaculate with wood floors throughout, cozy fireplace and Tray ceiling. Large open kitchen with breakfast Bar. Beautiful neighborhood close to shopping	New Listing! $337,000
4024 Lahoma Dr. - Updated top to bottom, Nothing left to do!	SALE PENDING! $314,000
811 Hutton Place - Immaculate Bloomburgh home in Legends Park! Great mix of carpet and tile, High ceilings and a huge, open kitchen & Dining area. Completely Move-in Ready	SALE PENDING! $298,000
4001 W. Michigan - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Spacious 2 Living, 2 Dining, over 2,300 sq ft ! Close to Downtown! AS IS SALE, Renovation Ready!	New Price! $169,900
104 S Tyler - Outstanding Marquez Home! Spacious living w/room to select your colors. Granite in kitchen and rock accents on roof	$165,900
1408 W. Kentucky - 3 Bed, 2 Bath, Completely remodeled	New Listing! $170,000
5200 Leisure Drive - Immaculately maintained 3 bed, 2 bath home with fresh exterior paint and lovely landscaping	$164,000
5411 FM 715 - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Clean Country Property w/Horse Stalls!	New Listing! $150,000
4700 Dunbar #307 - 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath Fairmont Condominium, Ground Level w/Enclosed Patio!	SALE PENDING! $62,000

LOTS & ACREAGE

Hwy 190, Ozona - 300 Acres in Deer Canyon Ranch	$299,000
3001 Eastridge, Odessa - 1.03 Acre, Seller will finance, appraised at $500,000!	Hot New Price! $375,000
100 Dolorosa - Build Your Dream Home! 2.02 Acres	$300,000
6400 N Hwy. 349 - Vacant 84 Acre, Great investment opportunity here on this High Traffic area	$75,000
1301 N Co Rd. 1001, Greenwood - 3.8 Acres to Build a Dream Home!	$75,000
1201-1207 Scarbrower Dr. - 4 Commercial Lots	$65,000
1103 E Golf Course - Commercial Lot, Zoned LR-2	$60,000
2004 S Lamesa - Residential Lot, Build to Suite!	$49,000
405 & 407 Wadley - Prime Spot to Build! Residential Lots!	New Price! $35,000/each
E Co Rd. 60 - Mobil & Modular Homes Allowed	Call Now! 349-0140

COMMERCIAL

1001 Big Springs St. - Building on .28 Acre in High traffic area. Turn key operation	$995,000
2000 West Illinois - Day care building for sale!	$950,000
503 W Industrial - 4 Buildings on 1.5 Acres. Negotiable!	$594,000

FOR LEASE

2310 Cinnamon Ave. - 3 Bed, 2Bath, study or 2nd living area. Huge home in a beautiful neighborhood	New Price! $2,000

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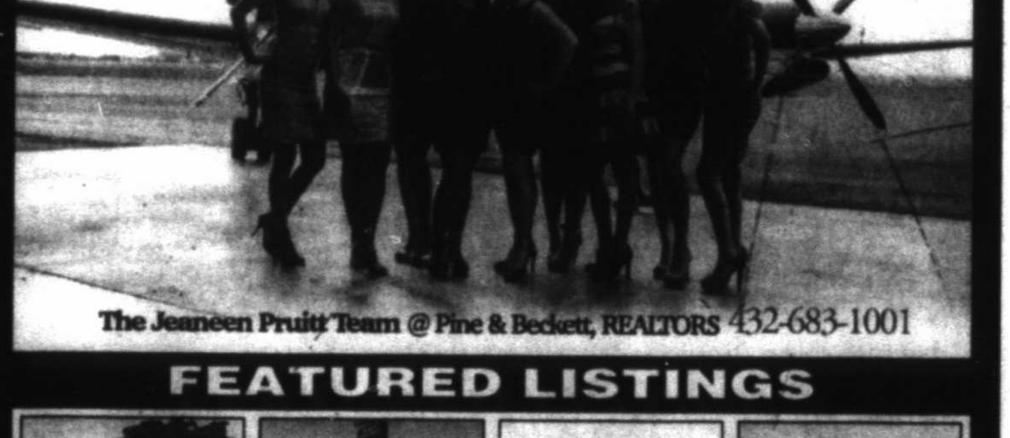

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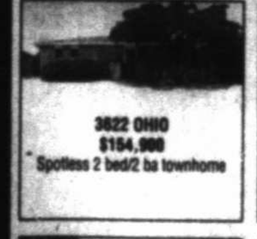
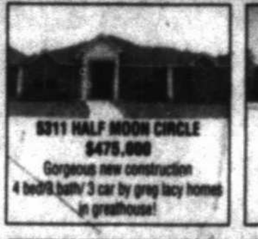


3622 OHIO
$194,900
Spotless 2 bed/2 ba townhome

3010 WALL ST.
$850,000
Hot multi-commercial property! TO BE MARKETED AS SHOP SPACE, OFFICE CLOSE TO PARKING, LOT Lovely corner lot!



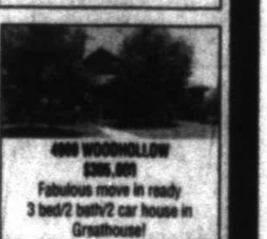
5311 HALF MOON CIRCLE
$475,000
Gorgeous new construction 4 bed/3 bath/ 3 car by greg lacy home in greathouse!

5205 HILLTOP
$815,000
Spacious 4,000 sq. ft. home w/ giant gourmet kitchen.

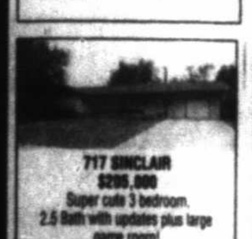
4514 PARKDALE
$169,900
4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, natural light. Covered patio.

4428 ROOSEVELT
$185,000
Spacious 3 bedroom home on corner lot w/carport, workshop & water well!

12101 E. CO. RD. 102
$449,900
Fabulous 4 bed, 2 ba, 2 car on 1.15 acres w/a dazzling pool, pergola, workshop & storage bldg.

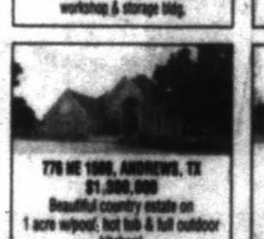


4000 WOODHOLLOW
$365,000
Fabulous move in ready 3 bed/2 bath/2 car house in Greathouse!



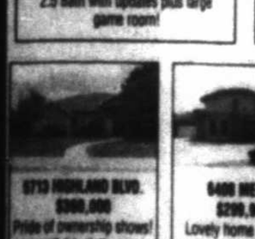
717 SINCLAIR
$295,000
Super cute 3 bedroom 2.5 Bath with updates plus large game room!

4411 CARDINAL
$1,600,000
Gorgeous oasis on 2 acres w/guest house & pool in town!



770 NE 1000, AMHERST, TX
$1,200,000
Beautiful country estate on 1 acre w/pool, hot tub & full outdoor kitchen!

5101 TEAKWOOD TRACE
$429,900
Gorgeous 4 bed/3.5 bath/3 car garage in great new Sterling Ridge subdivision. 4 patios perfect for entertaining!



9713 BRIDLEWOOD BLVD.
$369,000
Pride of ownership shows! 3 bed/2.5 bath/2 garage in grassland!

6409 MECCA
$299,900
Lovely home on quiet cul-de-sac with inground pool + separate yard!

6601 SHERWOOD
$315,000
Wonderful 4 bed/2 bath home on 0.68 acres in 349 ranch estate

6401 COYOTE
$599,000
Beautifully updated home in northwest midland on 3.25 acres!

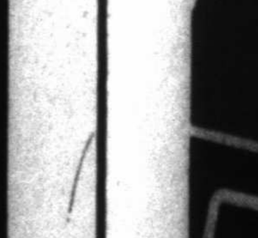
UNDER CONTRACT
5101 TEAKWOOD TRACE
$429,900
Gorgeous 4 bed/3.5 bath/3 car garage in great new Sterling Ridge subdivision. 4 patios perfect for entertaining!

UNDER CONTRACT
2804 WOODWOOD
$710,000
Fabulous Robert Graham classic. 5 bed/4.5 Bath/ 4 car!

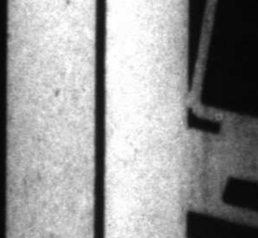
UNDER CONTRACT
5107 ANETTA
$219,000
Well maintained 3 bed/ 2 bath home w/easy access to Red Park & Loop 250!

UNDER CONTRACT
6000 QUEENS CT.
$299,000
Lovely 4 bed/2 bath on cul-de-sac. Updated kitchen w/granite!

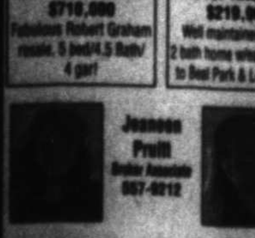
UNDER CONTRACT
7015 ROSS RD.
$225,000
Well maintained 4 bed/2 bath/2 car garage in cheapside!



UNDER CONTRACT
2310 ABBY PL.
$245,000
Nice 4 bed/2 bath/2 car on a quiet cul-de-sac



UNDER CONTRACT
5205 HAYNES
$299,900
Beautiful 3 bed/2 bath/2 car home w/ many updates incl. trim, roofing & paint throughout! Must see!



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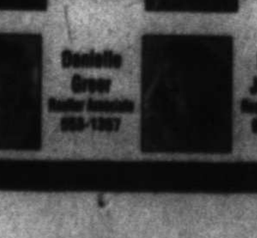

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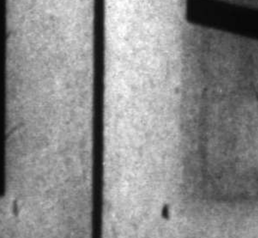

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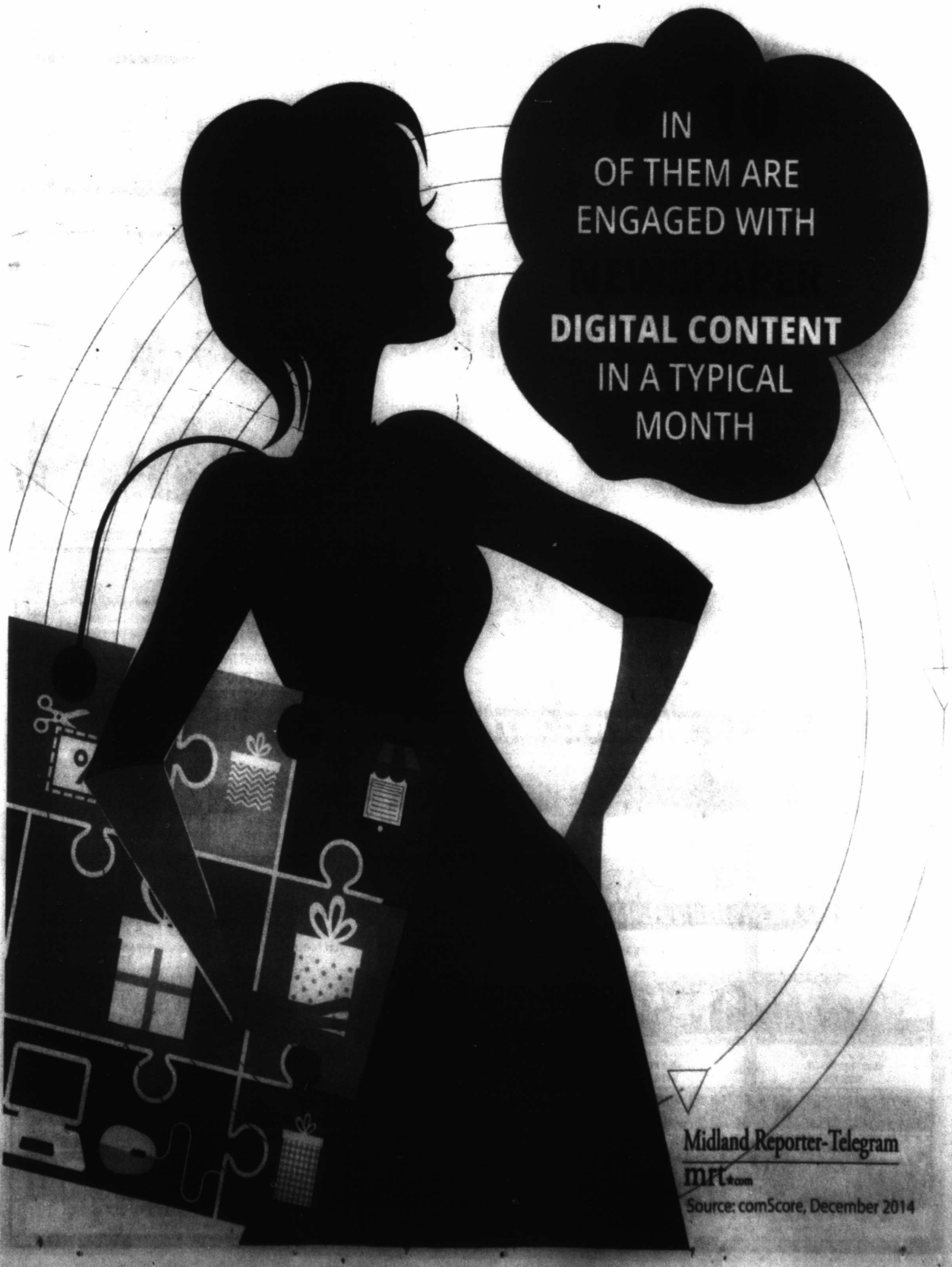

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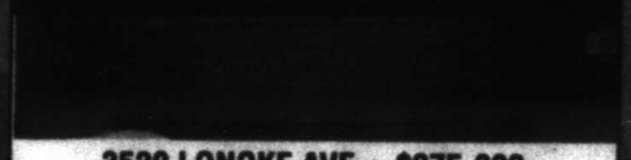

3529 LONOKE AVE. - $275,000
SHOWN BY KATE CHRISTIAN 853-0315

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3528 STANOLIND AVE. $250,000
SHOWN BY PAM DODD 413-0780

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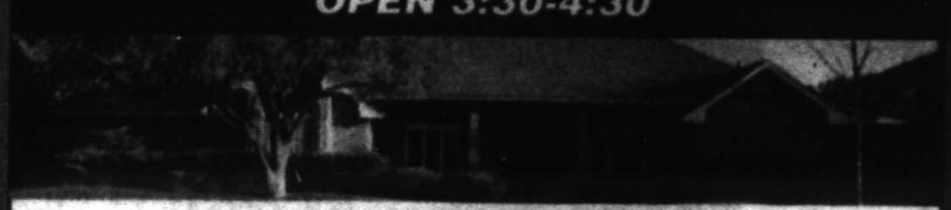


4013 BAYBROOK CT. - $589,900

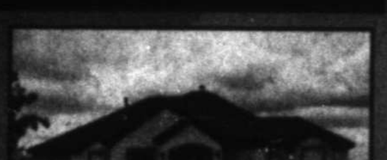
ACTIVE LISTINGS

4101 TIMBERGLEN CIRCLE
$1,000,000

5001 MIRA VISTA
$825,000

349 BARTLETT RD., CRANE
$747,000

5624 HATHAWAY CT.
$675,000



6506 MOCKINGBIRD LN.
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11509 W. CO. RD. 58
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58 LAFAYETTE PLACE
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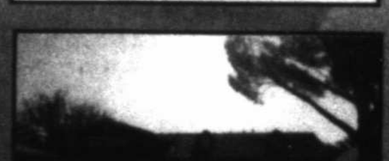
219 WINDRIDGE CIRCLE
$500,000



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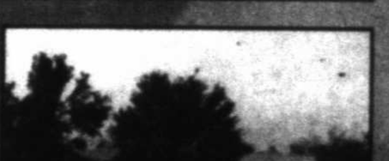

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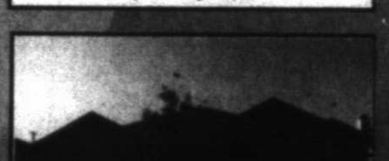

6118 CANDLESTICK
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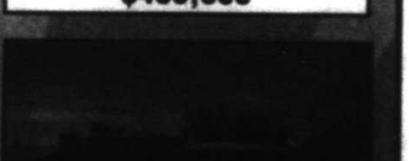
3300 GREENBRIAR DR.
$315,000

1201 OVERSHINE LN.
$310,000



2107 WESTERN DR.
$290,000

2604 ADONIA ST.
$275,900

901 CHEYENNE ST.
$274,500

2804 CIMMARON AVE.
$270,000

5711 CHAMPIONS DR.
$260,000

1400 N. CO. RD. 1110
$259,900

305 S. JEFFERSON ST.
$250,000

4103 DYER CIRCLE
$250,000

2024 PCR 2240
$235,000

2410 CAMARIE AVE.
$225,000

2609 SPARTAN DR.
$200,000

800 GULF AVE.
$185,000

4802 W. ILLINOIS AVE.
$170,000

313 20TH ST.,
CRANE $155,000

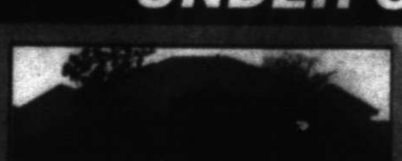
1221 S. MARY ST.
$140,000

4700 BOULDER DR. #101
$90,000

211 E. 6TH ST., CRANE
$85,000

UNDER CONTRACT LISTINGS

SALE PENDING
515 MOCKINGBIRD LN.
$1,500,000



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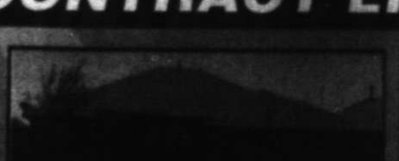

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6001 OAK CREEK
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14045 W. CO. RD. 124
$365,000

SALE PENDING
4001 LANCASHIRE
$305,0000

SALE PENDING
4003 NAVASOTA
$344,500

SALE PENDING
3600 STANOLIND AVE.
$270,000

SALE PENDING
3805 DOUGLAS AVE.
$250,000

SALE PENDING
1121 PORTERFIELD RD.
$240,000

SALE PENDING
807 CHEYENNE ST.
$230,005

SALE PENDING
4508 TREVINO ST.
$225,000

SALE PENDING
3700 HEELY
$210,000

SALE PENDING
1401 MURRAY ST.
$185,000

SALE PENDING
282 E. 19TH ST., CRANE
$167,000

SALE PENDING
4613 PLEASANT DR.
$165,000

SOLD LISTINGS

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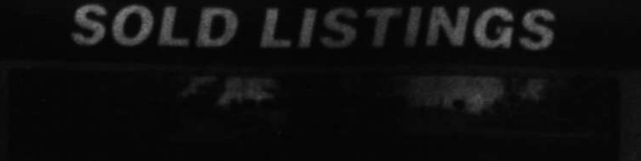
3403 LIMESTONE LANE - $310,000



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2913 CAMARIE AVE. - $270,000

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1309 VENTNOR - $260,000

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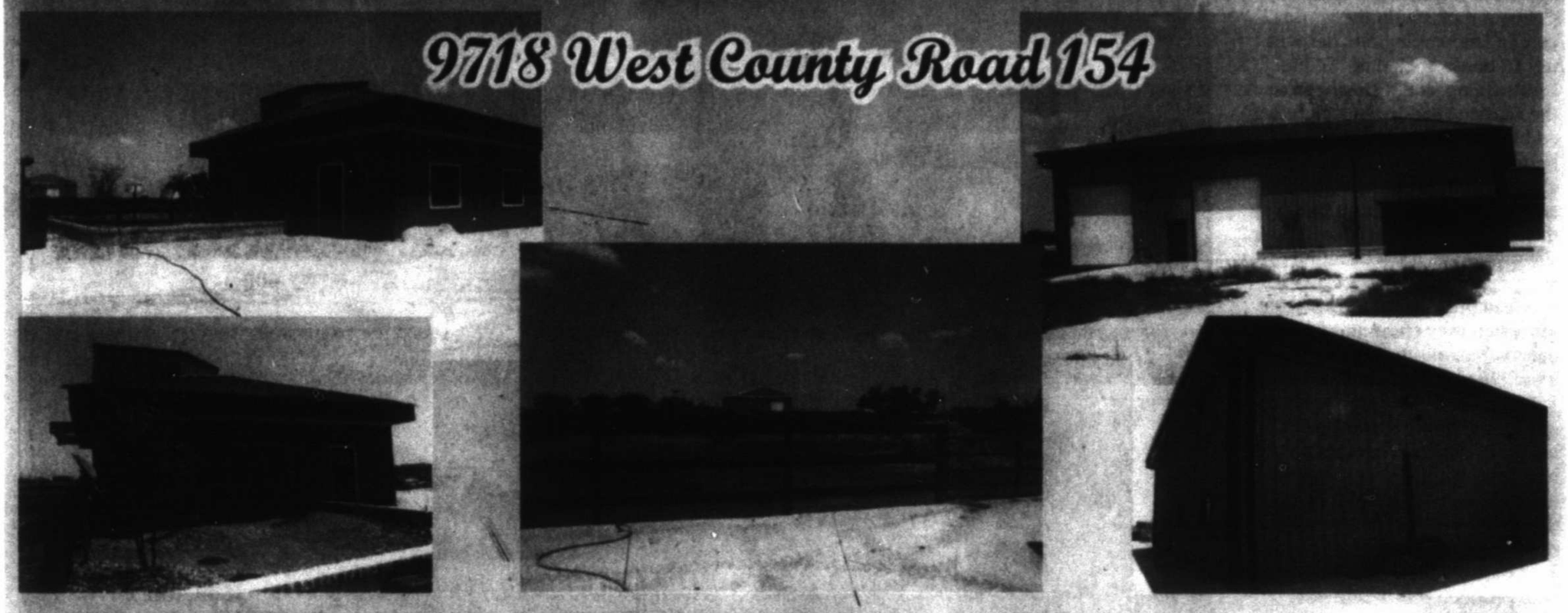
Commercial Property

9718 West County Road 154



Completed in 2015 this 75' X 60' office/warehouse is located between Midland and Odessa off of 1788. This central location means your employees can easily transit between Midland and Odessa allowing an accessible pool of employees from both cities. This beautiful new construction building has 20' walls, 27' peak in the shop, insulated, central air and heat, CAD 5 wiring, loading dock, concrete pad with room for expansion, showroom with recessed lighting, oak cabinets, granite counter tops, stained concrete floors, 3 offices, 2 bathrooms, crown molding, 5 1/2 baseboards, storage room with oak shelves, security system, security lights.

Separate office building containing approximately 1,800 square feet with two offices,1 bathroom, reception area, stained concrete floors, wall mounted fireplace, central air and heat, cable and internet. This property could be used for multiple businesses and is on 1.047 acres. There is additional acreage that can be purchased separately.

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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN 1:00-2:00
2201 S. CO. RD. 1086 - $399,900
New Greenwood Listing! 4 bdrm, 2 living, workshop.
Listed by Lisa Janse, Shown by Pam Messer

OPEN 1:00-2:30
2707 CALDERA BLVD. - $295,000
Prime location. 3 BR, 2 living, 2 dining. With pool.
Shown by Sue Lytle

OPEN 1:30-2:30
2516 HUMBLE - $265,000
New price! 3 bed, 2 bath.
Shown by Stephanie Rogers

OPEN 1:30-2:30
3529 LONOKE
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Kate Christian

OPEN 1:30-2:30
3528 STANOLIND
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Pam Dodd

OPEN 1:30-2:30
6225 PRAIRIE RIDGE
Listed by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 1:30-2:30
2911 CALDERA BLVD. - $302,500
Open and bright with 3 br, 2.5 ba, 3 car garage, built in 2010, granite, sunroom, so many amenities!
Shown by Maria Mallory

OPEN 1:30-2:30
4207 VALLEY - $250,000
Spacious 3-2-2 with fresh paint and carpet!
Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 1:00-3:00
8 WARWICK, ODESSA, TX. - $550,000
Beautifully nestled on a cul-de-sac on nearly a half acre w/3 bedrooms, 2 full & 2 half baths, 2 LA's, 2 DA's and a 7 car garage.
Shown by Sandy J. Hanson

OPEN 1:30-3:00
5711 SAN SABA - $309,900
Fabulous Tom Woodruff home with an open floor plan!
Shown by Cherith Hamilton

OPEN 1:30-3:30
403 SPRABERRY DR. - $127,000
Charming 3/1 with great living space!
Listed by Samantha Smith

OPEN 2:00-3:00
6208 SEQUOIA DR. - $479,900
4 bedroom, 3 bath, remodeled home on the Golf Course!
Shown by Darla Davis

OPEN 2:00-3:00
6000 YORKSHIRE DR. - $315,000
Stunning Troy Hunt Resale 4BR/3BA, open living & soaring ceilings, water softner, zeroscape backyard!
Shown by Leah Watkins

OPEN 3:00-4:00
5007 GATEWAY - $355,000
Beautiful Carrasco resale with 3 br, 2 ba, 3 car garage, built in 2011, over 2400 sf, quiet cul-de-sac, gorgeous granite throughout, cool tile, beautiful!
Shown by Maria Mallory

OPEN 3:00-4:00
4012 TRINITY COURT
Gorgeous custom 3-2 1/2-3 house with high-end finishes and details!
Shown by Reece Bivens

OPEN 3:30-4:30
4013 BAYBROOK DR.
Listed by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 3:30-4:30
3223 CAMARIE AVE.
Listed by DeLaura Gammage, Shown by Pam Dodd

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Eat What You Sow

The best vegetables and herbs pull double duty, gracing the garden and the dinner table

By Deb Acord | CTW Features

In Rosalind Creasy's lush gardens in Los Altos, California, vivid dahlias share the stage with geraniums and cherry tomatoes, tulips coexist with delicate lettuce leaves and deep purple cabbages live in harmony with plump blueberries.

This fantastical-meets-practical approach to gardening has made Creasy a rock star in the world of garden landscaping. She has written 18 books, including "Edible Landscaping" and "Cooking from the Garden." For Creasy, combining edible and decorative plants is a perfect approach to gardening. "It changes your life and puts you in and touch with the earth, and with the seasons and with other people," she says. "I can grow beautiful roses and people will come and ask if they can pick them for their table. But when they come and pick my cherry tomatoes for a fresh salad, it's a different kind of connection."

When Creasy first started teaching people about edible landscaping more than two decades ago, it was considered a radical approach to gardening. "For a long time, there has been such a distinct line between the people who produce food in this country and the people who produce plants," she says. "Growing plants was mainly about weed control and disease control. There was no thought to aesthetics. There was always an emphasis on production for food, and beauty for ornamentals."

Creasy says there was also a disconnect between people who were gardening and people who were cooking. "That's changing, too," she says. "Now, there are so many cooks who have their own gardens. In the world of food, they've realized that fresh is really fresh."

In the gardens that surround her home, an ever-evolving mix of vegetables, fruits, herbs and flowers offer a lush landscape. "If I weren't me, I would envy me," Creasy says. "My house has a lot of windows that look out on the garden. I'm fed by looking at beautiful things, just like I'm fed by beautiful music."

Creasy changes her garden twice a year. Coming up: a small wheat crop; different colors of bok choy; cilantro, carrots, lettuce, onions, scallions and a vast blanket of tulips and daffodils in purples, yellows and reds. A giant Mexican sage engulfs an arbor, and strawberries welcome visitors to her front door.

Andrea Bellamy, Vancouver, B.C., grows her own gardens about 700 miles north of Creasy's. Like Creasy, Bellamy focuses on growing edibles that are pleasing to the eye as well as the palate. She is the author of "Sugar Snaps and Strawberries: Simple Solutions for Creating Your Own Small-Space Edible Garden" (Timber Press, 2011) and writes about gardening on her blog, www.heavypetal.ca

Bellamy says her favorite vegetable plants are peas and beans, not just for their taste "but also because they create fabulous screens and make great use of vertical space."

She says she often experiments with plants and edible flowers, and she says she makes "a nice lavender shortbread."

Both seasoned gardeners suggest beginners start small as they experiment with their gardens. "I call herbs 'edible plants with training wheels,'" Creasy says. "They can make quite an impact on your kitchen. Thyme, lemon thyme, sage, chives, parsley and cilantro can make all the difference in your meals."

"Herbs are easy to grow," Bellamy says. "And because they are so pungent, most repel damaging insects while still attracting other pollinators."

How do you create an edible landscape?

Think about size, form, texture and color, Creasy says. "Some people design their garden on paper. Others are good at visualizing things. I can close my eyes and see what something is going to look like." To help visualize the end result, Creasy reminds beginners to always trust the tag on a new plant. "It might be a cute little six inch plant, but it will grow into a three-foot monster by summer." Bellamy suggests aiming for a variety of leaf shapes and plant forms – consider climbing and cascading plants along with slim or tall ones.

Learn about your soil type. Soil is usually made up of sand, clay and loam. If you have clay or sand or a combination, you'll need to add organic material, Creasy says.

Play with colors. Creasy suggests choosing between subdued tones or intense shades. For a romantic look, combine pastels with silver-leaved plants. For energy, use colors opposite each other on the color wheel – purple and yellow, or red and green. For a calming effect, consider shades of the same color. Bellamy likes to use colorful varieties of edibles – bright rhubarb and peppers, purple cabbages – and suggests grouping similar plants together throughout a garden.

These edible plants are especially attractive in a garden: Basil, beets, cabbage, chives, fennel, strawberries, runner beans, sage, rhubarb and lettuce.

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Divide and Conquer

Privacy in a shared room is essential. These tricks will help ensure peaceful cohabitation

By Christine Bockelman | CTW Features

No matter how much fun communal living can be, even the closest of siblings or college roommates need to retreat into their own corners for some privacy.

On sitcoms, drawing a line down the middle of the room can solve the problem or make it worse. Luckily, in real life, interior designers have come up with some better ways to keep the peace.

Curtain Call

Fabric can do more than split a room in half. Curtain panels can cocoon beds on opposite sides of a bedroom, leaving a big area in the middle for play or work. Designer Louis M. Pereira principal of Alberta, Canada based design firm thirdstone inc., created such a space for boy-girl siblings to share. The curtains can easily be moved or taken down in the future as the family's needs change.

En-cased

Bookcases and other furniture – temporary or permanent – work as privacy partitions when placed in between two beds. For a vacation home bunk room, Milford Cushman, founder and president of Cushman Design Group Inc., in Stowe, Vermont, wanted a space that encouraged togetherness but allowed for some alone time. "It gives them the sense of being in a bunk – a big, cozy space – but the dividers create a little bit of separation," Cushman says.

Power Positioning

Create harmony in shared spaces just by moving the furniture around. Designer Laura Umansky, president and creative director of Laura U Inc., in Houston, Texas, positioned bunk beds in the middle of a large room shared by two sisters. On one side of the bed are twin vanities and on the other is a reading nook. "Even though the room is shared, there is plenty of opportunity to have some quiet alone time," Umansky says.

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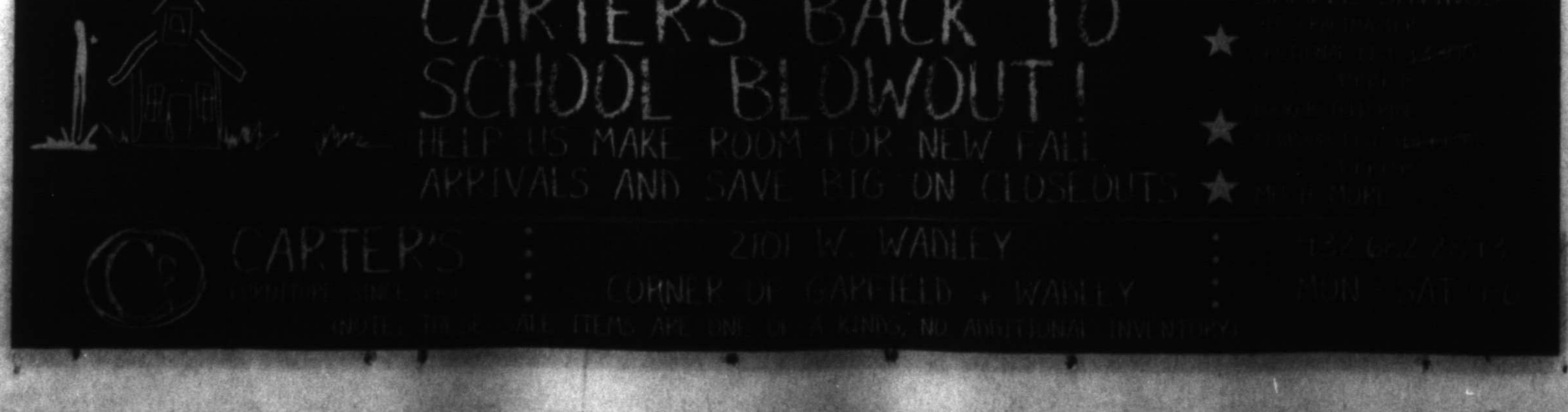

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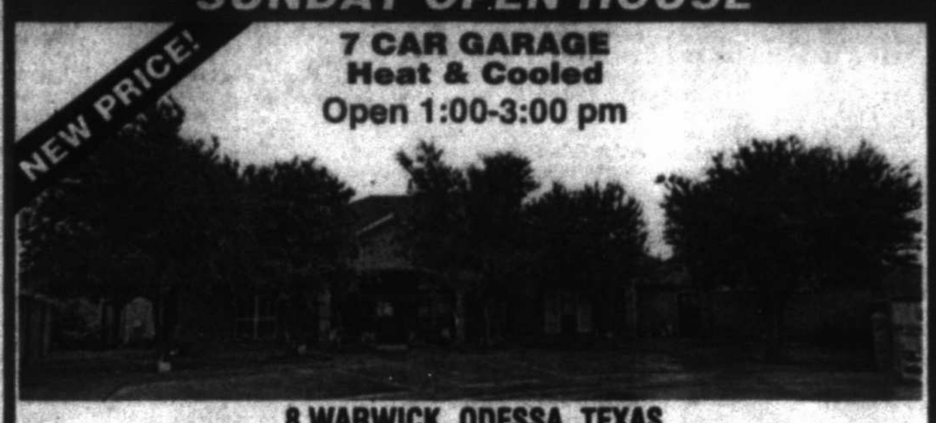

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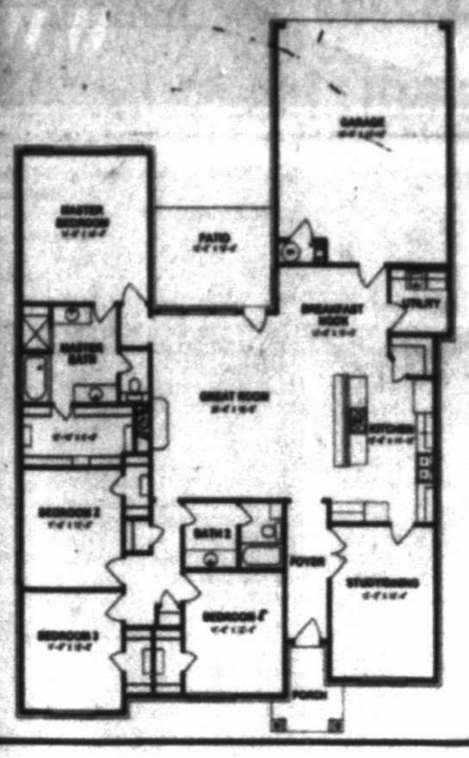

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4305 N. CO. RD. 1284...Lisa Jarosa 618-3389 ... MLS #104991 ... $625,000
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1001 E. CO. RD. 130...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #104388 ... $599,000
11909 W. CO. RD. 58...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #104295 ... $550,000
2500 E. CO. RD. 148...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS#105341 ... 70 Acres/$525,000
200 E. CO. RD. 120...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #105280 ... $460,000
2007 S. CO. RD. 1093...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #105715 ... $440,000
230 E. CO. RD. 128...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #105975 ... $430,000
7300 E. CO. RD. 100, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... SALE PENDING
2112 S. CO. RD. 1128...Lisa Russell 741-5964 ... MLS #104672 ... $410,000
2201 S. CO. RD. 1085...Lisa Jarosa 618-3389 ... MLS #105063 ... $399,000
7100 FM 307, GREENWOOD...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633 ... MLS #105207 ... 5 Acres/$400,000
14845 W. CO. RD. 124...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS#103799 ... SALE PENDING
600 E. CO. RD. 148...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #104750 ... SALE PENDING
1011 CO. RD. 1086...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #104243 ... $329,000
4201 S. CO. RD. 1126...Reannah Wyatt 210-275-9015 ... MLS #100444 ... $325,000
4299 S. CO. RD. 1290...Ashley St. John 352-9254 ... SALE PENDING
10256 CO. RD. 85, GREENWOOD...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633 ... MLS #104668 ... 10 Acres/$280,000
1400 S. CO. RD. 1110...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #103113 ... $250,000
2106 WESTSIDE, STANTON...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #105659 ... $9,?,000
2024 PCR 2346, Stanton...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880... MLS #105600 ... 2 acres/$295,000
1401 K.L.I 1091...Ashley St. John 432-352-9254 ... MLS#105512 ... $215,000
100 CHUKAR RUN, ODESSA, TX...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #105498 ... $212,000
202 E. 10TH ST...CRANE, TX...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #105137 ... SALE PENDING
408 1ST, STANTON...Michelle Kidd ... MLS #101475 ... $195,000
10002 FM 307, GREENWOOD...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633 ... SALE PENDING
6007 E. CO. RD. 130...Reannah Wyatt 275-9015 ... MLS #103511 ... $240,000
6007 S. CO. RD. 1288...Jo Keller 269-8319 ... MLS #104643 ... $235,000
6007 S. CO. RD. 1288...Ashley St. John 352-9254 ... MLS #104642 ... $215,000
7200 E. CO. RD. 90...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633 ... MLS# 102274 ... SALE PENDING
1210 N. CO. RD. 1084, GREENWOOD...Tracy Farrow 432-413-4412 ... MLS #105294 ... $179,900
1210 N. CO. RD. 1091...Michelle Leslkar 230-3633 ... MLS#101074 ... 29Ac/$174,000
3004 E. CO. RD. 141...Samantha Smith 978-3588 ... MLS #105043 ... SALE PENDING
2509 W. WASHINGTON AVE...Steve Parra 294-3336 ... MLS #103997 ... SALE PENDING
2811 W. CO. RD. 116...Mark Phillips ... MLS #105232 ... SALE PENDING
10900 ECR 108...Tracy Farrow 432-413-4412 ... MLS# 105544 ... SALE PENDING

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

349 BARLETT RD, CRANE, TX...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #104091 ... $747,000
3977 E 1ND ST...ODESSA, TX...Sue Lytle 432-661-5358 ... MLS#105511 ... $570,000
0 WARWICK, ODESSA...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #104606 ... $550,000
4406 SE 19th, ANDREWS...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS#7133 ... 25+ Acres/$425,000
14899 S. DORWOOD AVE., GARDENDALE...Caleb Mallott 349-3330...MLS #104548 ... 5 Acres/$397,000
11402 W. CO. RD. 48, GARDENDALE...Ashley St. John 352-6254 MLS #104636 ... 3 Acres/ $360,000
2106 WESTSIDE, STANTON...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #105659 ... $9,?,000
2024 PCR 2346, Stanton...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880... MLS #105600 ... 2 acres/$295,000
1401 K.L.I 1091...Ashley St. John 432-352-9254 ... MLS#105512 ... $215,000
100 CHUKAR RUN, ODESSA, TX...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #105498 ... $212,000
202 E. 10TH ST...CRANE, TX...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #105137 ... SALE PENDING
408 1ST, STANTON...Michelle Kidd ... MLS #101475 ... $195,000
313 20TH ST...CRANE, TX...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #105709 ... $159,000
10977 DRAKE, GARDENDALE...Lisa Jarosa ... MLS #105721 ... $149,000
1003 3RD, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker ... MLS #101790 ... $143,500
1221 S. HARY ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #102029 ... $140,000
211 E. 6TH ST, CRANE, TE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #104054 ... $65,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

19304 FM 307...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #103036 18.11 Ac/$2,100,000
2114 SUNDUST...Wendy Waddell 638-9955 ... MLS #102751 ... $1,000,000
9388 WALL ST...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ... MLS #99121 ... $799,000
1002 MARKFIELD...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #101869 ... $599,000
902 E. 2nd Street, Odessa...Sue Lytle... MLS 105511 ... $570,000
810 W. KENTUCKY...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ... MLS #104257 ... $550,000
FM 715...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... 25+ Acres/$399,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 4, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136... MLS #102474 ... 7.917 Ac/$337,500
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 3, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #102473 ... 11.252 Ac/$337,500
CO. RD. 149-LOT 11...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS #103744 ... 5 Acres/$339,000
CO. RD. 149-LOT 2...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS #102240...8.7 Acres/$291,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 1, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #102472 ... 9.479 Ac/$284,370
1011 ORCHARD DR...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ... MLS #104555 ... $229,000
S. HWY. 137-TRACT 2, MARTIN CO...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #102473 ... 9.396 Ac/$300,100
CO. RD. 149-LOT 9...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS #102244...6.7 Acres/$171,000
CO. RD. 149-LOT 7...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS #102245...6.7 Acres/$171,000
CO. RD. 149-LOT 5...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS #102246...6.7 Acres/$171,000
CO. RD. 149-LOT 4...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS #102243...5.8 Acres/$150,000
CO. RD. 149-LOT 13...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS #102251...5.3 Acres/$150,000
CO. RD. 149-LOT 12...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS #102250...5.3 Acres/$150,000
CO. RD. 149-LOT 10...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS #102249...5.3 Acres/$150,000
CO. RD. 149-LOT 18...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS #102253...5.1 Acres/$150,000
CO. RD. 149-LOT 15...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS #102257...5 Acres/$150,000
CO. RD. 149-LOT 17...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS #102255...5 Acres/$150,000
CO. RD. 149-LOT 16...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS #102254...5 Acres/$150,000
CO. RD. 149-LOT 14...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS #102252...5 Acres/$150,000
701 & 703 S. BIG SPRING...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136... MLS #105030...2 Lots/$129,000
401 HIGHLAND DR...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ... MLS #103987 ... $94,000
1859 W. NEW YORK AVE...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #105786 ... $84,000

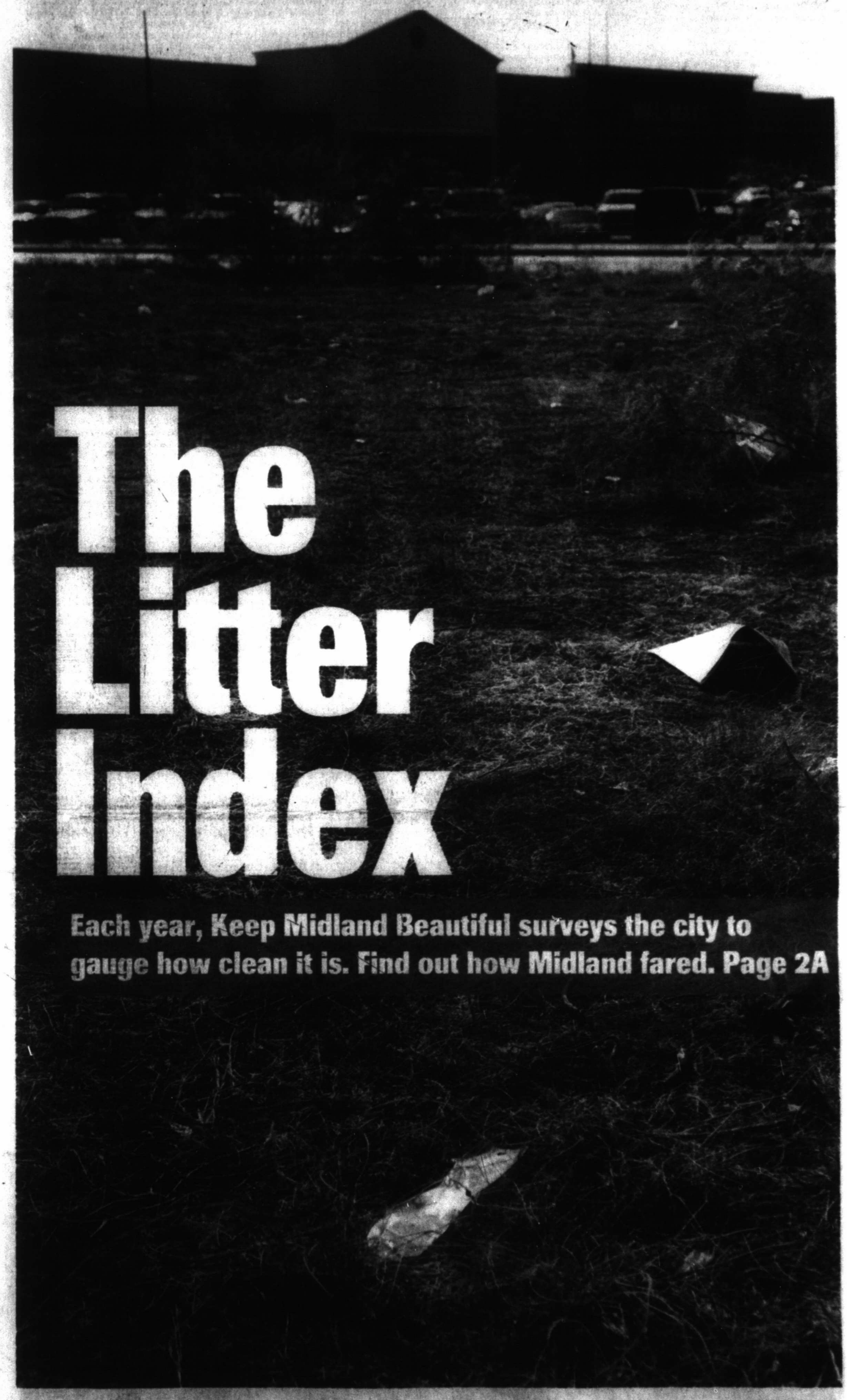
LAND AND LOTS

CO. RD. 95...Jennifer Martin 349-2632 ... MLS #102675 ... 5 Acres/
W. CO. RD. 116...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... 12.54 Acres/$4,000,000
LAKE ALAN HENRY...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... North Ridge Dev., RV Park, Storage Complex ... $29,000,000
CO. RD. 1085...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS #97403 ... CLEAN Land; Will Split, 585+ Acres/$2,340,000
CO. RD. 160...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS #97409 ... IDEAL Land, 592.20 Acres/$2,368,800
3292 S. CO. RD. 1058...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #101019 ... 98.01 Acres/$1,543,000
5015 E. Co. Rd. ... 190 Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS #104230 ... 155.7 Acres/$1,350,000
606 FM 1213...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ... MLS #101072 ... $1,300,075
K. Co. Rd. 1100...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS #104231 ... Quiet area; will split $1,200,000
S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... 80.00 Acres/$800,000
CO. RD. 3100, STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #94070 ... 185 Acres/$925,000
CO. RD. 100 & CO. RD. 1085...Caleb Mallott 349-3330...Superb Land; Caliche Pit ...160 Acres/$676,000
FM 715...Caleb Mallott 349-3330...No Restriction or Zoning ... 20+Acres/$300,000
2416 ISLEWILDE DR...Leah Watkins 599-2187 ... MLS #102445 ... $230,750
1290 STOKES...Larry Hoff 552-4061 ... MLS #100781 ... 10+ Acres/$200,000
FM 715...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #99808 ... 22 Acres/$444,000
CO. RD. 1130...Clemmie Sorge 618-5012 ... MLS #99616 ... 20.1 Acres/$276,400
N. CO. RD. 1100/ELENA RD...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS #95394 ... 20 Acres/$100,000
6000 ECR 112, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD...Caleb Mallott 349-3330...MLS #102119 ... 5+ Acres/$104,000
HWY. 80...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #101909 ... $140,000
2211 DUNSTON OAKS BLVD...Sandy Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #102976 ... 3+ Acre Lots/$100,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy Hanson 638-3819 ... 3+ Acre Lots/$100,000
6001 CO. RD. 41...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #103863 ... $135,000
6000 ECR 112...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #103296 ... 5+ Acres/$100,000
2600 SCR 1124, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD...Caleb Mallott 349-3330...MLS #102131 ... 5+ Acres/$100,000
CO. RD. 84...Pam Mooser 349-3075 ... MLS #100052 ... $105,000
6710 ECR 112, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD...Caleb Mallott 349-3330...MLS #102123 ... SALE PENDING
6000 ECR 112, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD...Caleb Mallott 349-3330...MLS #102123 ... 5+ Acres/$100,000
7400 E. CO. RD. 90...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #100047 ... 4.59 Acres/$96,390
0015 SCR 1121, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD...Caleb Mallott 349-3330...MLS #102135 ... 5+ Acres/$97,500
2601 SCR 1121, COWBOY ESTATES, GREENWOOD...Caleb Mallott 349-3330...MLS #102135 ... 5+ Acres/$97,500
W. CO. RD. 75 ENTRADA ESTATES...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #104285 ... SALE PENDING
7411 E. CO. RD. 90...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #100044 ... 1.488 Acres/$94,561
7295 E. CO. RD. 112...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #102096 ... $82,000
7295 E. CO. RD. 112...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #102096 ... 1.488 Acres/$82,000
3262 S. CO. RD. 1130...Reece Bivens 230-8647 ... MLS #105605 ... 5 Acres/$82,500
7316 E. CO. RD. 90...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136 ... MLS #100046 ... 1.917 Acres/$80,000
CO. RD. 90...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061 ... MLS #102975 ... $60,000
1103 CARPENTER, STANTON...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136... MLS #105625 ... $50,000
GRAM, RIDGE SUBDIVISION...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... 84 Lots Available/Starting At $40,000
0000 CO. RD. 1290...Kim Merrill 664-4702 ... MLS #102642...8.982 Acres/$42,000
S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... 80.00 Acres/$10,000/Acre
CO. RD. 100 & CO. RD. 1085...Caleb Mallott 349-3330 ... MLS #97405 ... GREAT Land, 160 Acres/$4,000/Acre

FARMS AND RANCHES

CASA DE PIEDRAS RANCH, TERRELL COUNTY...Caleb Mallott 349-3330...Relaxation and Serenity ... 7240+/- Acres Price ... Not Disclosed
LAKE ALAN HENRY...Caleb Mallott 349-3330...HUGE OPPORTUNITY; Water Rights ... 29 Acres/$4,000,000
5001 W. CO. RD. 75 ENTRADA ESTATES...Tracy Farrow 413-4412 ... MLS #104364 ... 2 Acres/$629,000
THE FLYING T GAME RANCH, STONEWALL COUNTY...Caleb Mallott 349-3330...Exotic Wildlife, Bronze Rivers ... 1,280 Acres/$2,560,000
THE EAST L RANCH, ECTOR COUNTY...Caleb Mallott 349-3330...Rare Find, Exceptional ... 1,280

CULTURE



The Litter Index

Each year, Keep Midland Beautiful surveys the city to gauge how clean it is. Find out how Midland fared. Page 2A

5 QUESTIONS

Susan Graham | opera singer

What's inside

KMB finds most litter around Loop 250, commercial areas

By Megan Lea Buck
Contributing writer

On a Thursday in mid-July, a group of Midlanders spent the morning in a city van to on a nearly four-hour road trip and yet never left town.

Instead, the team embarked on an in-depth tour of the Tall City — driving through new developments and established neighborhoods, major thoroughfares and two-lane streets, commercial and industrial areas.

Only the tour was far from a joy ride.

The team was tasked with completing a litter index survey for Keep Midland Beautiful.

"We do this every year as part of our mechanism of telling the community," Keep Midland Beautiful executive director Amanda Byrom said. "It's important for the community to be aware of litter because it affects the economics of our community."

The survey — used by the nonprofit to gauge effectiveness of education programs and future needs — requires volunteers to keep their eyes on the sides of the road for several stretches within the city. Areas for rating are pre-measured and drawn out on a map that roughly represents voting districts within the city.

Each area is assigned a score from 1 to 4.

For an area to receive a 1, it must have "minimal or no litter."

A 2 is given when the area is "slightly littered" and could be cleaned fairly easily.

Areas considered "littered" that would require an organized effort for cleanup score a 3 and "extremely littered" areas call for a 4.

Volunteer citizen scorers included the author of this piece, Linda Hicks, Sharla Hotchkiss and John Love. KMB board president Jeffery Ahrlett drove the van while Byrom and Sue Cervantes, assistant to Byrom, rode along to score other categories including illegal signs, graffiti, junk cars and outside storage.

Volunteers chatted and commented on beautiful homes and neighborhoods.

At least until Byrom mentioned the van was coming to an area to rate. When the van arrived, Byrom would call out "go."

The group would go silent looking out the windows to evaluate how much litter was visible in streets, medians, parking lots and lawns. After she broke the silence with "stop," the volunteers would all stop to jot down a score.

Overall, the community scored a 1.9 on the litter index, which is the same score Midland earned last year.

Not surprising to the volunteers, more litter was spotted around Loop 250, at major intersections and in commercial and industrial districts. Residential areas were mostly kept tidy.

The scores for graffiti, illegal signs, junk cars and outside storage were low, with the highest score a 1.4 for illegal signs. Though the community maintained a fairly low score on the litter index, all of the districts included at least one "littered" rating.

"It is apparent that the more industrial and business zones an area had, the more littered it was," Byrom said in an email reporting the results. "I hope that this information will help us target businesses in the littered areas to improve appearances."

Byrom added that KMB talks about litter in three words: Pick it up.

"I like to think a lot of litter is accidental, but imagine if we all picked up one piece of litter everyday. I think our community has a lot of pride and we all want to do the right thing."

For more information on Keep Midland Beautiful, go to keepmidlandbeautiful.org.

Midland's most littered

Only 7 out of 50 sample scored higher than a 3 on the litter index

- Loop 250 south access road from Holiday Hill Road to Midland Drive (score: 3.5)
- Fairgrounds Road from Wadley Avenue to the Lone Star SPCA (score: 3)
- Rankin Highway from I-20 to Montgomery Avenue (score of 3.75)
- I-20 access from Midkiff Road to Cotton Flat Road (score of 3.75)
- Florida Street between Moran Street and Garfield Street (score of 3.5)
- Scharbauer Drive from A Street to Big Spring Street (score of 3.25)
- Midland Drive from Illinois Avenue to Cuthbert Avenue (score of 3.5)

5Qs

From 1E

conductor/pianist James Levine, Music Director of The Metropolitan Opera, is his very own category of phenomenal musician.

MRT: What's the significance of the arias/songs you will be performing in Midland?

Graham: "D'amour, l'ardente flamme"is an aria from Berlioz' La Damnation de Faust. It is passionate, French, and from one of my favorite works which I have performed many times on stage and in concert, all over the world.

MRT: How different is it to perform in front of your home crowd?

Graham: It's way, more nerve-wracking! Although I certainly do feel the love, I also want everything to be perfect for the people I'm closest to and who supported me and lots of other musicians growing up!

ENTERTAINMENTBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TENNESSEE

Aerosmith's Steven Tyler to headline music festival with country band

NASHVILLE — Aerosmith's Steven Tyler will be performing with country band Loving Mary next month at the inaugural Pilgrimage Music & Cultural Festival in Tennessee.

The two-day festival will be held Sept. 26-27 on a horse farm in Franklin. Willie Nelson, Sheryl Crow, Wilco, Weezer and The Decemberists will also be featured.

The festival will likely be the first time fans can hear more music from Tyler's upcoming solo record with the Big Machine Label Group. He released a first single, "Love is Your Name," which hit No. 19 on Billboard's Hot Country Songs chart. Aerosmith wrapped up their Blue Army Tour this month.

The festival was created by Better Than Ezra's Kevin Griffin. It encompasses a mix of roots, indie rock, jazz and country artists who will be performing acoustically and in special collaborations.

NEW YORK

'Hedwig and the Angry Inch' to close on Broadway next month

Hedwig is packing up her mini-skirt and high heels and leaving Broadway.

Producers of the Tony Award-winning revival said Tuesday that it will play its final show at the Belasco Theatre on Sept. 13. When it closes, it will have played 22 previews and 506 regular performances.

Written by John Cameron Mitchell and composer Stephen Trask, "Hedwig" is a tale of obsession, glam rock, a botched sex-change operation and a quest for identity. It was a cult hit off-Broadway and made into a 2001 film.

NEW YORK

A film reveals how Morton Downey Jr. pioneered loudmouth TV

A man clears his throat and rages at the world. He claims to speak for everyday folks with conservative ideals and he savages anyone who challenges him. He is uncensored and high-decibel, an avatar of theatrics and must-see TV. He changes the terms of public discourse forever.

A quarter-century after dropping from sight, Morton Downey Jr. can be felt all too vividly these days on talk TV and radio, even reality shows — not to mention the presidential campaign trail.

What a great time to recall (or discover) this earth-shaking talk-show host. And what a fine portrait of him is "Evocateur: The Morton Downey Jr. Movie," which premieres Thursday at 8 p.m. on CNN.

He exploded on the scene in 1987 with a syndicated talk show that shattered the decorum of Phil Donahue's program and the genteel give-and-take of "Meet the Press."

Deploying a cavernous mouth stocked with a huge set of pearlies that inspired his program's logo, Downey was raucous, raw, belligerent and derisive. From his studio in the working-class locus of Secaucus, New Jersey, he baited and bad-mouthed one segment of his audience while, for his proto-dittoheads, he reigned as a populist rock star who claimed to identify "with their needs, with their dreams, with their frustrations." But no matter how they took him, no one could turn away from this architect of what was promptly dubbed Trash Talk.

After just two seasons, Downey self-destructed and was off the air. But just that swiftly he had paved the way for the likes of Rush Limbaugh and Glenn Beck and, arguably, Donald Trump.

Produced and directed by Seth Kramer, Daniel A. Miller and Jeremy Newberger, "Evocateur" traces this blink-of-an-eye rise and fall with sass yet remarkable balance while drawing on a wealth of archival material.

The film features vintage clips with guests including then-Congressman Ron Paul (to whom Downey bellows, "If I had a slime like you in the White House, I'd puke on you!") as well as attorney Alan Dershowitz, attorney-activist Gloria Allred and the Rev. Al Sharpton, who, a party to an on-stage brawl, ends up on the floor.

Zenith Ducette Mystery books are well-worth your time

GLEN AARON
Columnist

This is a plea for more, as in more Zenith Ducette Mystery books. Five years ago, author Michael Haberer wrote a two-volume series of young adult books, "Z (1)" and "Z (2)." I read "Z (2)" and it is close to one of the best YA books I have ever read.

"Z(2), The Wonders Of Mother Earth" is a mystery that keeps a young reader, or an old one like me, completely engrossed in the plot and wondering if the mystery is going to be solved.

The mysterious Mother Earth brings her carnival to the small Texas town of Hurricane where Zenith and her companion, Armando live. The carnival is named The Wonders Of Mother Earth. DPS trooper Billy Kuykendahl, who knows some of Mother Earth's history, mentions to Zenith that generally mysterious things happen when this carnival comes to a town .

Zenith ("Z") is a precocious young person who loves solving mysteries. She has well-trained powers of observation, taking after her father, who is chief of police. Armando, Zenith's friend, often follows along with her and participates in the excitement of problem solving, although he is no match for Zenith. However, together they make quite a team.

Various players are introduced as the plot begins, but Z and Mando are the central figures as they begin to slip around the confines of the carnival camp to see what they can discover. As one might expect, they began meeting some colorful and unusual people. There are Gypsies and confusing myths from a rattlesnakes to curses to be explained.

But while this is going on, an old recluse dies, and there are many boxes in his house. In the wee hours of the night, there seems to be a lot of interest and activity with someone breaking into the house looking for something. What is it? Are the burglars dangerous?

At the town library, the librarian, Edgar Two Scalps, gets bitten by a snake. How unusual. How did the snake get there? Then there is a rumor that a comet is heading for Hurricane and Z must get to the truth of this. She begins learning about comments and in her search meets Albertus Max and his wiry hair hound, Copernicus. Albertus knows a lot about celestial bodies and says he was sent to Hurricane to save someone.

These mysteries, and there are more, seemed to come about with the coincidence of the carnival and a church revival coming to town at the same time. Is there a connection? Z wonders.

Back to the recluse's house, which was that of Wadley Teach, deceased, someone set fire to it and burned it to the ground. Why? Ultimately, through her investigative ability, Z figures it out. It is all about a treasure map and as for the other mysteries, gradually, the plot comes together.

You can't have any more fun than this. The dialogue between the players is perfect, well designed for suspense, and well-written. The plot takes the reader down neck-jerking trails confusing the mind until Z begins to straighten it out.

It is disappointing that Harberer has written only two books in the Zenith Ducette Mystery series. He is really good at this. We really want more. My young readers who pass on YA books say "Z(1)" and "Z(2)" are outstanding. With a little marketing of a developed series, Z could become very popular. Beyond that, Harberer's writing sets a high moral standard without being preachy.

The Zenith Ducette Mystery books, Z(1) and Z(2) can be purchased online through Amazon or likely ordered upon request through your favorite bookstore

BESTSELLERS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

The top 10 fiction audiobooks on Audible.com

1. "Private L.A." by James Patterson, narrated by Jay Snyder (Random House)
2. "The Martian" by Andy Weir, narrated by B.C. Bray (Podium)
3. "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins, narrated by Clare Corbett, Louis Brealey and India Fisher (Penguin)
4. "Go Set A Watchman" by Harper Lee, narrated by Reese Witherspoon (Harper)
5. "The Red Badge of Courage" by Stephen Crane, narrated by Anthony Heald (Blackstone)
6. "SuperEgo" by Frank J. Fleming, narrated by Joel Richards (Audible Studios)
7. "V for Vendetta" by Steve Moore, narrated by Simon Vance (Blackstone)
8. "Baltimore Blues" by Laura Lippman, narrated by Deborah Hazlett (Blackstone)
9. "Maisie Dobbs" by Jacqueline Winspear, narrated by Rita Barrington (Blackstone)
10. "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr, narrated by Zach Appelman (Simon & Schuster)

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Guest authors highlight September at the library

JOHN TRISCHITTI
Midland County Public Libraries director

Summer is winding down and school schedules are ramping up. At the Midland County Public Libraries we are enthusiastic about the coming weeks bringing a slate of both new programs and offerings and the annual return of one of the most successful projects offered each year.

The Midland County Public Libraries are reimagining an old idea with the rollout of the MCPL bookmobile this fall. This mobile branch will give us the opportunity to reach even more of our patrons, especially children, who may not have the ability to get to a traditional library facility.

Dating to 1905, Mary L. Titcomb, the librarian at the Washington County Free Library in Hagerstown, Maryland, is credited with developing and implementing the first bookmobile. Originally a foreboding black wagon pulled by two horses, the bookmobile has changed and evolved over time but the concept is still the same: get library services to those that need it most.

We are thrilled to offer this service to patrons of Midland County and the surrounding communities.

This year in conjunction with the Reporter-Telegram and Wells Fargo's "Project Literacy," the library is excited to celebrate reading and the people who write. Reading is a time-honored tradition, but how often do we truly think about the writers whose books changed our lives most?

With financial support from the Midland County Public Library Foundation, the library is bringing an incredible lineup of authors and illustrators to Midland who are responsible for shaping generations of readers.

Marc Brown, the author of the timeless Arthur series has just released his first new series in years. "Monkey: Not Ready for Kindergarten" hit bookshelves over the summer. Marc Brown will be signing books at the Centennial branch at 5 p.m. Sept. 14.

Buzz Bissinger, author of the smash hit "Friday Night Lights," will return to Midland for the first time in 25 years to present a 45-minute talk followed by a book signing at the Centennial branch at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 15. In the evening, Bissinger will then anchor a panel discussion moderated by Jay Hendricks and include former high school, college and pro standout Roy Williams and Lloyd Hill, a member of the '88 Permian team and Texas Tech football alum.

John Erickson, author of the longstanding Texas favorite Hank the Cowdog series, will be joindd by illustrator Sophie Blackall of the more recently popular Ivy & Bean series at 5 p.m. Sept. 16 at the Centennial branch. Both will be meeting patrons and signing books.

Miss Texas 2015, Shannon Sandercord, will make school appearances focusing on the importance of education and literacy and will make an appearance at the Centennial branch at 5 p.m. Sept. 18 to read and visit with patrons.

The authors will also all make school visits to MISD campuses during the week to inspire and answer questions and emphasize the importance of literacy.

The Permian Basin Writers' Workshop (PBWW) will happen Sept. 18 and 19 and will feature complete and breakout sessions for writers from across West Texas.

PBWW offers two tracks for attendees. There will be a focus on the elements of the writing process. Then there will be a track for those navigating the industry. Presenters include many Texans who are established in the publishing world including Midland native Seth Fishman who spends his time as both a literary agent for The Gernert Company and an author.

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Celebrations

Wilkerson - Edwards

Miss Brittaney Ann Wilkerson and Mr. John Matthew Edwards were united in marriage on Saturday May 30, 2015 at 6:00 in the evening at Kessler's reception hall. The Honorable Powell T Calhoun, II, a family friend of the groom, officiated.

Following the ceremony, guest enjoyed dinner catered by Exquisite Catering and dancing with music provided by Boyd's Events, hosted by the bride's parents. Beautiful decorations and floral provided by Designs by Imagine if of Midland, Texas and Stanton Weddings of Stanton, Texas. Both bride and groom's cakes were by Leslie Rabenaldt of Midland, Texas. The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at Wall Street Bar and Grill on the eve of the wedding.

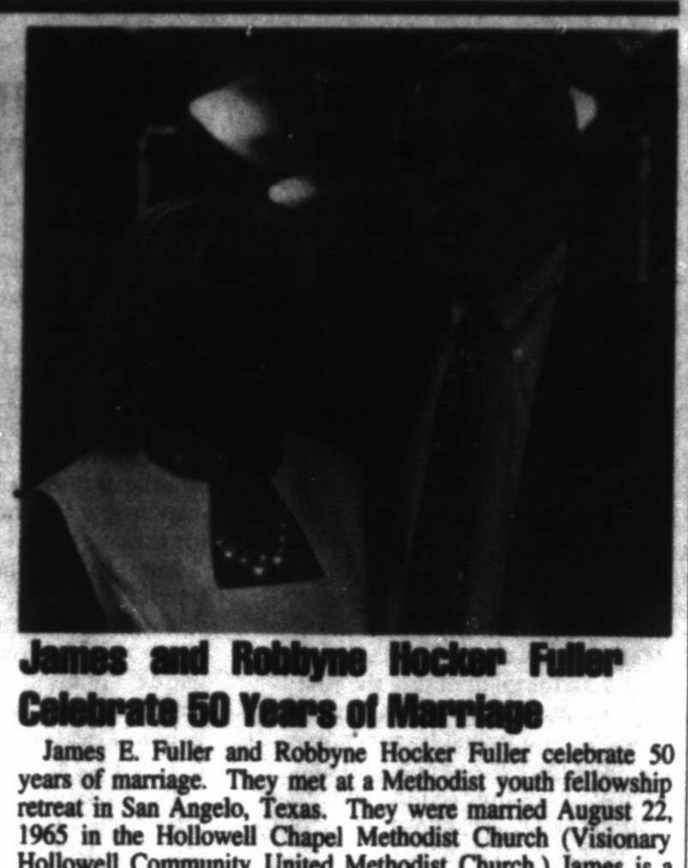
The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Wilkerson of Midland, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Keena of Midland, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilkerson of Proctor, Texas.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Denver Edwards of Midland, Texas. He is the grandson of Mrs. Doris Tompkins, Mrs. Marjorie Stegall and of late Preston Stegall of Midland, Texas, and Mrs. Etta Edwards and of the late Harold Edwards of Clovis, New Mexico.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents and was escorted by her father. Serving as maid of honor was Kaylee Keena of Midland, Texas, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids included Sara Puckett, Brandy Quiroz, Sydney Burleson, Sara Chappell and Lori Cast, all childhood friends of the bride. Haigen Salazar and Kambri Puckett served as flower girls.

Serving as the best man was Madison Edwards of Pearland, Texas, brother of the groom. Groomsmen include Chase Puckett, friend of bride and groom, Curt Demel, childhood friend, Josh Wilkerson, brother of the bride, Clayton Dunnaway childhood friend of the groom and Cameron Conwell, college friend of the groom. Whitten and William Gray of Midland, Texas served as ring bearers.

The couple honeymooned in Montego Bay, Jamaica and currently resided in Midland, Texas.



James and Robbyne Hocker Fuller Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage

James E. Fuller and Robbyne Hocker Fuller celebrate 50 years of marriage. They met at a Methodist youth fellowship retreat in San Angelo, Texas. They were married August 22, 1965 in the Hollowell Chapel Methodist Church (Visionary Hollowell Community United Methodist Church.) James is a native San Angeloan and Robbyne was born in Clarksville, Texas; at the age of 11, her family relocated to Midland. A graduate of Carver High School, she was the first African American female licensed to sell real estate in Midland County. In 1966, she joined her husband in Lubbock. She was employed at Litton Data Systems and he was employed by the Lubbock Independent School District.

After completing graduate school, James and his family relocated to Midland, where he joined the English faculty at Midland College in 1975; the two have been active in the Midland community in educational, social, cultural, silver rights and civil rights initiatives.

Robbyne is a Texas Instruments retiree, a Midland College graduate, co-owner of Fulsemaj's Diaspora Art and Gifts (inside BeDazzle), and a Soul Purpose/Youngevity entrepreneur; she is the founder and CEO of the Midland Black Chamber, CEO of the Midland African American Roots Historical/Cultural Arts Council, Inc. and a board member of Midland Festival Ballet. James serves on the Midland ISD board of trustees. Both are members of the St. Mark's United Methodist Church and are certified lay ministers.

Cover crops can help enrich your soil

By Lee Reich
Associated Press

Cover crops are plants that gardeners and farmers have, since the beginnings of agriculture, grown not to eat but for the good of the soil.

Blanketing the ground to hold soil particles in place, a cover crop prevents the erosive effects of wind and water. It helps nourish plants by pulling up nutrients from deep in the soil and nitrogen from the air.

Our forebears also appreciated how a cover crop could suppress weeds by shading them out and even, in the case of crops such as rye and oats, by releasing natural, weed-suppressing chemicals into the soil. Organic matter is at the heart of good gardening, and cover crops provide that organic matter, grown in place, so you don't have to buy and spread other organic materials, such as compost, straw or leaves.

Cover crop reality check

But where do you put cover crops when you already have a full garden?

There's room. In a vegetable or annual flower garden, you might plant cover crops toward the end of the season as space becomes available. Or a different part of the garden might be set aside each year for a whole season's growth of some cover crop.

Cover crops also could be planted in among perennials and shrubs to grow for part of the season. The right cover crop might even look decorative among (other) ornamental plants. Crimson clover, for example, puts on such a spectacular show — its blossoms clustered tightly like strawberry popsicles on upright stalks — that you'd hardly suspect it was improving the soil.

Plants to use

Plants in the grass or legume family are commonly used as cover crops. Grasses are valued for their extensive roots, which "plow" through the soil. Once those roots die, they become valuable organic matter — lots of it. For example, 385 miles of roots have been estimated to lie beneath a single rye plant! Legumes' roots are less extensive, but harbor microorganisms that enrich the soil with nitrogen taken from the air.

Some species or varieties of grasses or legumes are better adapted to drier sites, some to wetter ones, and some to less or more fertile soils. Also consider when the cover crop will be planted: Cool-weather ones are best for the end of the season in the North or during winter in the South; warm-weather cover crops are for summers everywhere.

One commonly used summer cover crop is buckwheat, which is neither a legume nor a grass. (It's related to rhubarb.)

Seeds for cover crops are available at feed stores, and sometimes at garden centers.

Termination

How do you deal with cover crops once they have served their purpose? Annual plants eventually flop down dead on the ground — but not necessarily at an opportune time.

Tilling is the usual option, but is disruptive to the soil and "burns" up much of the organic matter that the cover crop might have added.

Simplest, of course, is to grow something that dies by itself at the right time. In my vegetable garden, I plant oats and field peas in any beds that become free of vegetables before the end of September.

Re-Leaf

By Debbie Frost

Harsh summer weather conditions can exacerbate previous winter's woes

Looks like we've had an ice storm relapse. If you are seeing dead branches appear in some of your trees, it may be a direct result of damage that occurred during the January ice storm.

Live oak and pecan are two tree species in which dead limbs have been showing up in during the last couple of months. If the dead limbs are on the northeast side of the tree, chances are it is from structural damage that may have taken place during the ice event.

As we know from experience, the ice broke and damaged many tree branches leaving quite the mess in trees, landscapes, structures and for waste management. Due to the weight of the ice, many branches were bent, twisted and contorted that escaped attention. These branches had just enough structure and vascular tissue intact to support growth and maintain the branch.

That is until the rain stopped and the dry heat started.

July and August are two of the most brutal months of the year for plants and trees pushing them to their limits. Numerous days of 100-degree-plus weather along with dry conditions and high winds have revealed these damaged limbs. Now when you look up in the canopy of trees, you are likely to see flagged branches that were able to hang on until the harsh conditions caught up with them.

It is clear to see which branches are dead or damaged and need to be removed and now would be an excellent time to remove those branches.

This is especially true with live oaks which are susceptible to oak wilt fungus. This fungus is spread in part by sap-feeding beetles that are attracted to freshly cut limbs, but they are not very active in hot weather. The chance of oak trees becoming infected by a beetle is pretty slim when daytime temps rise to 100 degrees.

Just when you thought it was a thing of the past, that ice storm resurfaces in the form of dying tree branches. Get re-leaf by removing damaged limbs now while they are easily identified.

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Neil Sperry

Neil Sperry can be heard on radio stations across the state. Email him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Mature Arizona ash is best pruned in winter

Dear Neil: We have moved into a 50-year-old house that has a mature Arizona ash. I'm fine with its height, but it's too wide for where it is. I'm afraid its branches will break in a storm. When can it be pruned?

Answer: You can prune ash trees at pretty much any season, although winter is best because you can see the limb structure very plainly then. Don't leave stubs as you make the cuts. Each cut should be flush with a remaining branch or with the trunk. Since this is a mature tree, you may want to invest in a certified arborist who knows all the tricks of successful pruning to do the work for you. the old rule of green thumb is never lift a chain saw as high as your head, and for consumers, I usually say that you shouldn't cut anything that you can't reach from the ground.

Dear Neil: We have had this bed of cast iron plants for about 10 years. Over that time, they have spread out far beyond where we planted them. When and how can I trim them back closer to the trunk?

Answer: If those were growing in one-gallon pots you could fund someone's college education. OK. Maybe not, but they'd certainly be worth a great deal. Aspidistras are expensive plants to buy, and they're relatively slow-growing as well. Yours have done really well. These plants have large and heavy root systems that can be dug with several leaves intact and replanted into new beds. If you don't want the excess plants, find a friend who does. But don't just cut them back and destroy them. You have done really well. By the way, if you have some utility scissors, you can easily trim away the browned tips. Leave a taper to keep them looking natural.

Dear Neil: When I lost my husband I was given a peace lily that I really want to save. Over the course of the summer, it has developed a black ooze around the crown, where the leaves enter the potting soil. What causes it, and what can I do? The plant isn't looking very good.

Answer: The sample of the "ooze" was really deteriorated when it arrived. I suspect that it was some type of saprophytic fungus (as in mushrooms) that arose from the organic matter in the potting soil and ended up engulfing the crown of the plant. Some of the heavier types of potting soils have too much heavy, fresh organic matter, and this sort of fungal growth isn't uncommon. You might try a lighter weight potting soil in the top two or three inches of the pot. But that's just a guess based on what I've seen in other people's plantings. Keep the plant moist, never wet for prolonged periods, and never dry to the point of wilting.

Dear Neil: I cut down two mature crape myrtles that were making a mess over my car. But then sprouts came up everywhere that the crape myrtle roots had been. How can I kill them? I drilled into the stump and put in root killer. I waited a week, then I sprayed everything with black pruning sealant. What more should I do?

Answer: If you continue to have sprouts emerging, apply a broadleafed weedkiller spray to them. There are several combination products, but a clue that you have a broadleafed weedkiller is if it contains 2, 4-D. Your local independent retail garden center operator can show you your choices. You may have to spray several times over the next year, but the sprouts will gradually "get the message" and die away.

Dear Neil: We have property that had high water on it in June. Nutria swam up to three bald cypress trees and peeled the bark off their trunks for about a 12-inch swath. The trees still look fine. Is there anything I can put on the exposed trunks, or will they heal on their own?

Answer: Pruning sealant would actually slow healing down. You could hire a certified arborist to look at the trees and give you advice. If they're not browning by now, after all of this hot and dry weather, I would hope that they will pull through. Perhaps the damage wasn't as deep as you might have imagined.

Dear Neil: Our two large oak trees lost branches in spring windstorms. A tree man said he would trim them, then apply a fungicide to stop a disease they have. When should they be trimmed, fed and treated?

Answer: Be doubly sure that they have a disease. If the man is a certified arborist, that should help validate his suggestions. If samples came back from the Texas A&M Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (or another reputable lab) confirming a pathogen, that would be even better. Oaks can be pruned summer, fall and winter, but they should not be pruned in spring. Oak wilt fungal mats are active in spring, but inactive the other seasons. You really want your arborist to give you specifics of what he has diagnosed, and you want to confirm that the fungicide he is proposing will offer a good degree of control.

Have a question you'd like Neil to consider? E-mail him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com. Neil regrets that he cannot reply to questions individually.

Gingers bring a taste of Tahiti to late summer

By Norman Winter
Tribune News Service

As the dog days of summer make many of us cast a wishful eye toward the Arctic for relief and our gardens look a little tired, gingers start to really put on a show. Though it was in the Caribbean that I first developed a passion for them, they have since become an integral part in all of my personal gardens. They are doing that now at the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens in Savannah, too.

If you have never grown a ginger, then you may be thinking, "Isn't it an herb or spice?" indeed both are true. The edible ginger you buy at the store and grate for those zesty chicken dishes is Zingiber officinale. The spice Tumeric comes from the ginger known as Curcuma longa. Most of us grow gingers, however, for the lush tropical-looking foliage and spectacular blooms.

When I introduce gardeners to gingers for the first time I am usually inclined to direct them to the hidden ginger, Curcuma petiolata. The foliage and flower is usually enough to sink the proverbial hook and have a new convert.

It has lush canna-like foliage and a bloom that would make you swear it was grown in Tahiti. The bloom, also called Queen Lily, is a cluster of colorful pinkish-purple waxy bracts with yellow flowers. There is a wonderful variegated form we have in the garden called Emperor. These curcuma are cold hardy to zone 7.

The Jewel of Thailand is similar to the hidden ginger but with a larger flower produced higher above the foliage. It is often sold as Curcuma cordata. Then keep your eyes open for Scarlet Fever, a stunning red-stemmed hybrid that has blooms on an adjacent stalk.

The Siam Tulip, Curcuma alismatifolia is another that should be tried in many more gardens and containers. Pink to purple tulip-looking flowers are produced on long stems reaching 24 to 36 inches in height. They are as cold hardy, but they do go dormant, making them easy to overwinter without a lot of fuss.

The second group I recommend for beginners is the Hedychium. They offer us some of the most fragrant flowers available for the garden. Consider first the butterfly ginger Hedychium coronarium. White butterfly-shaped flowers with a fragrance as enticing as a gardenia make this plant a winner.

Showier however is the scarlet ginger Hedychium coccineum with its exotic-looking 10-inch-long orange to red floral spikes produced on 6- to 7-foot canes. Tara is the leading variety of the scarlet ginger, but I am partial to one called Peach.

My favorite, though, is the Kahili ginger, Hedychium gardnerianum. This ginger produces enormous clumps with canes topped by clusters of large yellow flowers that have red stamens. It, too, is a perfumed delight! All of these hedychiums are also cold hardy to zone 7. If you live in a frost free area check to see if these are considered invasive. Winters with freezing temperatures keep them in check.

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Women should get tested for cervical cancer at young age

JACQUELYN WARNOCK
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Cervical cancer is the easiest female cancer to prevent. A Pap test, which screens for cervical cancer, can help prevent cervical cancer or find it early. It is one of the most reliable and effective cancer screening tests available. With a Pap test, the doctor is looking for any cell changes on the cervix that might become cervical cancer if they are not treated appropriately.

For this reason, women should start getting regular Pap tests at age 21.

So, who should be screened and when should they be screened?

According to the American Cancer Society's guidelines, women between ages 21 and 29 should have a Pap test every 3 years. The doctor may also suggest an HPV test if there are abnormal Pap test results.

For women between the ages of 30 and 65, it is preferred that they have a Pap test plus an HPV test every 5 years, but it is also okay to have a Pap test alone every 3 years.

If a woman is over age 65 and has had regular cervical cancer testing with normal results, she should not be tested for cervical cancer.

Once testing stops, it should not be started again. However, women with history of a serious cervical pre-cancer should continue to be tested for at least 20 years after that diagnosis, even if testing continues past age 65.

If a woman's uterus and cervix were removed for reasons not related to cervical cancer and she does not have a history of cervical cancer or serious pre-cancer, she also should not be tested. Women with a history of serious pre-cancer will need to visit with their doctor about their screening needs.

To help women have a better understanding of breast and cervical cancer and the best way to prevent these cancers, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Midland County will conduct a Friend to Friend party on August 27, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

The party will include a presentation on breast and cervical cancer by a medical professional. There will be a discussion of the obstacles women may encounter when trying to access mammograms and Pap tests locally. Participants will have an opportunity to visit with exhibitors that conduct these screenings, and the exhibitors will have staff members available to make screening appointments for participants. Information will be available on how those who qualify can access financial assistance if the cost of the screening prevents them from getting a screening.

Join other women for food, information, and fellowship at the Friend to Friend party.

For more information, contact the Midland County AgriLife Extension office at 432-686-4700.

Associated Press

On Aug. 17, Kim Sung-jin, 14, broadcasts himself eating delivery Chinese food in his room at home in Bucheon, south of Seoul, South Korea. Every evening, he gorges on food as he chats before a live camera with hundreds, sometimes thousands, of teenagers watching. That's the show, and it makes Kim money: 2 million won ($1,700) in his most successful episode. Better known to his viewers by the nickname Patoo, he is one of the youngest broadcasters on Afreeca TV, an app for live-broadcasting video online launched in 2006.

A meal and a webcam form unlikely recipe for fame in South Korea

By Youkyung Lee
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Every evening, 14-year-old Kim Sung-jin orders fried chicken, delivery pizza or Chinese food to eat in a small room in his family's home south of Seoul. He gorges on food as he chats before a live camera with hundreds, sometimes thousands, of teenagers watching.

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Kim, who has a delicate physique and chopstick-like slight limbs, has been broadcasting himself eating almost every evening since he was 11. Sometimes he invites friends to eat with him. To add fun, he once wore a blonde wig and dressed as a woman.

While the Internet has been making stars for years — from bloggers to gamers who play for millions of YouTube viewers — outsiders may find it puzzling, if not outright bizarre, for young people to spend hours watching someone eating. But in South Korea, Afreeca TV has become a big player in the Internet subculture and a crucial part of social life for teens.

Shows like Kim's are known as "Meok Bang," a mash-up Korean word of broadcast and eating. They are the most popular and often most profitable among some 5,000 live shows that are aired live at any given moment on Afreeca TV.

Kim started the show essentially to find someone to eat with. His parents worked in another city so he was living with his grandparents, and they ate dinner so early he got hungry at night.

He said the show made his dining more regular, although most of his meals on Afreeca TV begin after 10 p.m. The show also brought him unexpected joy: He said that even though he's just an ordinary teenager, "people say hello to me on the street."

"I do what I want. That's the perk of a personal broadcast."

Many connect the popularity of Meok Bang to the increasing number of South Koreans who live alone, and to the strong social aspects of food in this society.

"Even if it is online, when someone talks while eating, the same words feel much more intimate," said Ahn Joon-soo, an executive at Afreeca TV. He noted South Koreans' common habit of bidding farewell to friends by saying, "Let's eat together next time," even when they don't literally mean it.

There are plenty of other quirky offerings on Afreeca TV. Late at night there is "Sool Bang" — broadcast drinking — in which melancholic South Koreans drink liquor alone discussing their tough lives. Then there is "Study Bang," or broadcast studying: A screen shows the hand of an unidentified person writing notes on a thick book under the light of a desk lamp.

About 60 percent of the 8 million unique monthly visitors to Afreeca TV are teens or in their 20s. That means nearly 40 percent of the 12.5 million South Koreans aged 10 to 30 watch a show on Afreeca TV at least once a month.

"Young generations believe that TV is naturally something like Afreeca TV where they can interact with broadcasters," said Ahn, the company executive. He believes TV in the long run will be completely replaced by such apps.

Cho Young-min, a 12-year-old who has watched an online game show on Afreeca TV since he was a third-grader, aspires to have his own show on Afreeca TV, not on the TV in the living room.

Ahn Won-jun, a 17-year-old high school student, said he prefers to eat dinner in his room to watch Kim's Meok Bang, rather than dining with his parents.

Kim isn't a particularly polite virtual dinner guest. He burps loudly before his audiences and sometimes walks off abruptly, announcing with some specificity that he needs to use the bathroom. He usually leaves his fans with a mission, during his absence, promising a prize to the person who last clicks the "like" button when he is back.

Hardcore Afreeca TV viewers are drawn to hosts like Kim because they can interact with them, unlike more distant TV stars. Fans say they feel their blood rush and heart flutter when a host reacts to their comments, singling them out in the stream of hundreds of live chat messages.

"I was so moved," said Lee Yeon-joo, a 15-year-old recalling the moment when a 26-year-old man read her message in the middle of his live show. "You cannot really approach celebrities."

Afreeca TV users can get broadcasters' attention by giving them "star balloons," which cost them about 10 cents apiece. The show hosts keep most of that money, though Afreeca TV takes a cut of up to 40 percent.

A 'burger' of a different sort — a Middle Eastern shish kebab

By Aarti Sequeira
Associated Press

With autumn winking at me from the horizon, Labor Day grilling takes on a whole new significance. I've either worked my rusty old charcoal grill to the bone over the summer and I'm looking for something a little different to wrap up the season, or I'm swimming in regret over not grilling enough and I'm looking for a quick, satisfying recipe that will make me feel like I've accomplished something this summer.

Enter the Middle East's answer to a hamburger: the shish kebab. Ground meat, woven together with onions, parsley and a native spice mix, molded onto a metal skewer like a delicate sausage, then cooked over smoldering coals. The charred yet perfectly tender kebab is pulled off the skewer using a piece of qubbus, a soft pita bread, then smothered in fresh vegetables and sometimes a little tahini, and eaten right there and then.

It's Arabic street food at its most practical (who needs plates?) and most delicious.

One of the keys to a great shish kebab is that spice mix, baharat, which in Arabic means nothing more than spices. Typical components include allspice, cumin, black pepper, cardamom, cinnamon and cloves, though it varies by region (for example, a Moroccan version includes dried mint and rose petals).

To me, baharat bears a striking resemblance to Indian garam masala, which is a fine substitute if you don't have any baharat kicking around (though it's a snap to make a batch yourself). Use the leftover spice mix to coat meat or fish, or sprinkle a teaspoon into your autumnal stews, especially anything with root vegetables. A pinch stirred into some yogurt also makes a fantastic dip.

KEBAB MASHWI

Baharat usually is available in the spice section or international aisle of the supermarket. Alternatively, you can find it at Middle Eastern stores or online. In a pinch, substitute with garam masala or a mix of 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin, 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper and 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon. For the meat, you want a fatty beef, such as 80 percent lean. A mix of ground lamb and ground beef also is good.

To make this meal really pop, season a bit of plain Greek yogurt with a generous pinch (or more) of extra baharat, then spoon that over the assembled sandwiches.

Start to finish: 30 minutes

Servings: 4

1/2 cup roughly chopped fresh parsley

1 medium white onion, peeled and roughly chopped

1 teaspoon kosher salt

1 teaspoon baharat seasoning

1 pound 80 percent lean ground beef

1/4 teaspoon baking soda

8 small (5 inch) wholewheat pita rounds

Romaine lettuce or watercress

Sliced ripe tomatoes

Sliced cucumber

Sliced scallions

Heat a grill to medium-high.

In a food processor, combine the parsley, onion, salt and baharat. Pulse just until finely chopped (don't overdo it or you'll end up with a watery paste!). Add the beef and baking soda. Pulse a few more times until the meat and onion-parsley mixture are evenly mixed together. Transfer to a bowl and knead a few times until the mixture looks like a piece of knitted fabric.

Divide the mixture into 8 portions, then roll each portion into a ball. Pierce each portion with a skewer and mold the mixture into a long, even sausage shape, 4 to 6 inches long, along the skewer.

Carefully place the kebabs on the grill, rotating every couple of minutes or so until they are cooked evenly and all the way through, about 8 minutes total. Warm the pita rounds on the grill, then use them to pull the meat off each skewer. Encourage your guests to add whatever vegetables they like to their sandwich.

Nutrition information per serving: 460 calories; 220 calories from fat (48 percent of total calories); 24 g fat (9 g saturated; 1.5 g trans fats); 80 mg cholesterol; 890 mg sodium; 37 g carbohydrate; 6 g fiber; 3 g sugar; 26 g protein.

Here's how you can get your avocados ready to perfection

HINTS FROM HELOISE
King Features Syndicate

Dear Heloise: I use many avocados but do not like the brown bruised spots. I buy some very firm avocados, keeping them in the refrigerator for two or more days. I wash and dry the outside, cut it top-to-bottom down to the seed and firmly, using the knife, press it open. It's easy to peel off the skin, leaving a beautiful half avocado. — Margaret L., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Ole! Being a Texas gal, I love guacamole made from fresh, ripe avocados! When shopping, do NOT buy an avocado that has brown bruised spots. It's past its prime!

If they are ripe and ready to eat, into the refrigerator is perfect. However, if they are "very firm," as you said, keeping them in the refrigerator will STOP the ripening process. It will come out just the way it went in — not ripe.

Try this: Buy one or two ready to eat — these can go into the fridge. Get a few that are a little firm; they will ripen when set out. You are set! — Heloise

Iridescent roast beef

Dear Heloise: I read your column in The Delaware Gazette, published in Delaware, Ohio. I'm writing to ask about the discoloration on roast beef. It looks like an oil slick — iridescent. When I reheated the meat, it was bright pink. All of the meat wasn't like this. Is it harmful to eat? — A Reader in Central Ohio

No, it's not harmful to eat. It may look a little funny, but you're good for a go on eating the "Wow, look at that cool color!" This trusted information is from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the go-to expert this expert relies on. — Heloise

Taco seasoning

Dear Heloise: Please share the recipe for your Heloise's Taco Seasoning again. I love to put it on meat and use it to make nachos. It's delicious! — Linda T. in Pennsylvania

Yes it is, and it's easy to make. Here you go:

2 teaspoons chili powder

Salt, pepper and onion powder to taste (start with small amounts and add as needed)

A dash of crushed, dried oregano

Mix the ingredients together, and it's ready to use! Save whatever is left over (if you make extra) in an old spice jar. Use in taco recipes, nachos or to add flavor to meat. — Heloise

No drip

Dear Heloise: I keep a bag of miniature marshmallows in the pantry. In the summer, they are great for placing at the bottom of ice-cream cones to keep the ice cream from dripping out. It also is a delicious surprise at the end of eating the cone. — Patty W. in Alabama

DEAR ABBY

Universal Press Syndicate

Surgery douses man's fire, leaving his wife in the cold

DEAR ABBY: Eleven years ago my husband had a prostatectomy, which left him impotent. His sex drive dropped from 100 to zero.

I have told him many times I don't care what he can or can't do. I have also told him I married him in sickness and health, and if this is the worst thing to happen, we are pretty lucky.

This is the man I couldn't walk by for many years without him all over me. We made love two or three times a day. I miss the man I married desperately. He is the one who had surgery, but I didn't.

I would never cheat on him, but I don't know what to do. Anytime we are intimate, it is always my idea, never his. I feel lost and hope you can help. — LOST IN MICHIGAN

DEAR LOST: In one paragraph you tell me that you don't care what your husband can or can't do. In the next you tell me you miss the man he was and need more than you're getting.

Here's what I advise: Have a talk with your husband, and suggest that he have a talk with his urologist. There are medical interventions that could improve the state of your union, but only if he is aware of them and is willing to avail himself.

DEAR ABBY: One of my male friends is having a child with a woman he is not married to and isn't dating. I want to throw a baby shower/party for him, and he seems excited about it.

I will invite the mother of his future child, but I don't really know her. The party is more for my friend.

Our circle of friends thinks it's strange to throw a baby shower for a male. Am I breaking some rule of etiquette here? — BROOKE IN WASHINGTON

DEAR BROOKE: Is the mother of the child a surrogate and is he planning to be a father to the child, or was she impregnated during a one-night stand? Baby showers are supposed to be for the BABY, and the mother-to-be is usually the star of the show, not an add-on. If your friend's participation ended at conception, he is not entitled to a shower.

DEAR ABBY: I am 27 and "blessed" with a young face. All my life I've been told it's a gift, and I should be thankful people assume I'm much younger than my age.

Now that I'm married and have a family (three children under the age of 5), I often find myself on the receiving end of dirty looks from total strangers. My husband works night shifts, so I often run errands with my children. As much as I love spending time with them, the trips can be unpleasant for me.

I constantly spot women checking to see if I'm wearing a wedding band or engagement ring. I have also overheard comments about single teen mothers and the judgmental things people say about them. How can I tactfully handle these situations while being a good role model for my kids? — BLESSED IN PHILADELPHIA

DEAR BLESSED: The way to handle rude remarks would be to ignore them, and to remember to wear your wedding band when you and your children are out running errands.

Parents' support can motivate school-age children

MARY BIGGS

Centers for Children and Families

Children with parents involved in their education get better grades, are more involved in extracurricular activities and have a more positive attitude and better behavior.

Being successful at school begins at home.

Parents can help their child by providing a good study area with a table and good light and make the area off limits to others during study time.

Provide a quiet environment. A quiet house during study time helps your child to concentrate and lets them know that learning is important to everyone in the family. A child who is too young for homework can use this time for quiet creative play in other areas of the house. Set a regular time for studying. To help your child make homework an important part of their week day routine, schedule the same study time each day. Even when your child has no homework, they can use the time for school and learning activities. Ask your child's teacher how much time your children should spend on homework. Times vary for different ages and levels.

Help your child learn organization skills. If your child writes down the assignments and then checks them off when they are finished. They will learn organization techniques that will be important for the rest of their lives.

Have your child help you in the kitchen by teaching them how to follow a recipe. Following a set recipe helps your child with understanding of how important being organized is to get positive results as is the case of making delicious food for the family.

Get your child involved in some family conversations with beginning, middle and endings. Practice playing family activities and games together. Parents might help their child with a hobby.

All of these activities build strong family relationships as well as the joy of learning new things. Showing support and making learning fun will motivate your child to learn. These activities also help your child make learning a part of their everyday life.

Reading makes a big difference. Read aloud with your child and continue reading together when your child learns to read. Parents might create a special reading time such as reading together at bedtime. Encourage older children to read for a few minutes after you have said goodnight and they will associate as a positive part of their day. Parents can also be a positive example by reading themselves.

Don't forget to stay involved in your child's education by attending scheduled parent/ teacher conferences. Participating in parent-teacher associations also demonstrates to your child that you are interesting in their education.

Strength in friendship: 2 lifters' inspiring story

By Janeae Francis
Standard Examiner

ROY, Utah — In the long list of things that get put off when life gets tough, hitting the gym is usually among the first things to get cut out.

Frank Brown, who has a litany of health issues and devotes time to caring for his ailing father, is exactly the type of person who could have every excuse not to make losing weight a priority.

But thanks to some new found friends, the 27-year-old Roy man has gained a lot more than a smaller waist at the gym.

Brown's challenges are many. He has multiple disabilities, including spina bifida, hydrocephalus and he's been having frequent seizures that doctors haven't been able to explain. He was also born without a skull and has had too many surgeries to count to correct it, but as a result only has hearing in one ear and has no peripheral vision.

On top of all that, his father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease within the past year and he has made efforts to help with his father's care.

And yet, Brown has managed to lose 58 pounds in four months and says he's found his share of happiness in the process.

He's well on his way to becoming a weight-loss motivational speaker for Isagenix International, a company that markets dietary supplements and personal care products. His company sponsor is planning some local speaking engagements and he's a hopeful in the national Isagenix weight loss challenge, which could net him a prize of up to $25,000.

Brown's Isagenix sponsor, Layton resident Kimber King, said his challenges are what make him an inspiration.

"A lot of people have lost weight but he has the challenges too," she said. "I've coached a lot of people through the system but he's been the easiest because he's so motivated."

Brown's mother, Tammy Brown, said Brown refuses to see the obstacles in his path.

"Frank does not feel he is disabled or has any limitations," said Tammy Brown. "He wants to do everything he can."

That's not to say Brown has always found it easy to be upbeat. At one time, Brown said the lack of close friends in his life was making him lonely and sad.

Tina Bryan, who knew Brown from the SNAP Fitness Gym in Roy, said it all started with a comment Brown made on her Facebook under a post about a girls' night out with her friends.

"He said 'I wish I could have a guys' night out. . But I don't have any friends.'"

Tina's son Tanner Bryan stepped forward saying he would give Brown a boys' night out, complete with dinner and video games.

The workout and nutrition help soon followed.

Tina said she can't believe the number of people she has discovered who consider themselves Brown's friend. She said people recognize him and go up to him all the time.

"He is, without a doubt, the gym favorite," she said.

But even so, Brown didn't feel as if anyone was really close to him.

"It broke my heart when he said people are nice to him but they don't want to be his friend," Tina said.

The result of Tanner and Brown's instant friendship was that Tanner decided to become Brown's personal trainer. And like in any strong friendship, Tanner was willing to make sacrifices.

Tanner is a competitive body builder who has won a number of novice titles but he decided to give up his competitive schedule for a few months to help his friend.

Tina gets tears in her eyes when she thinks about her son and his bond with Brown.

"He said 'I'm going to bag this year and just help Frank get to his journey,'" she said. "He's 22. He's fit. He's got things to do."

Tanner said his goal is to use his skills to help others too. He wants to get more clients and become a full-time personal trainer.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

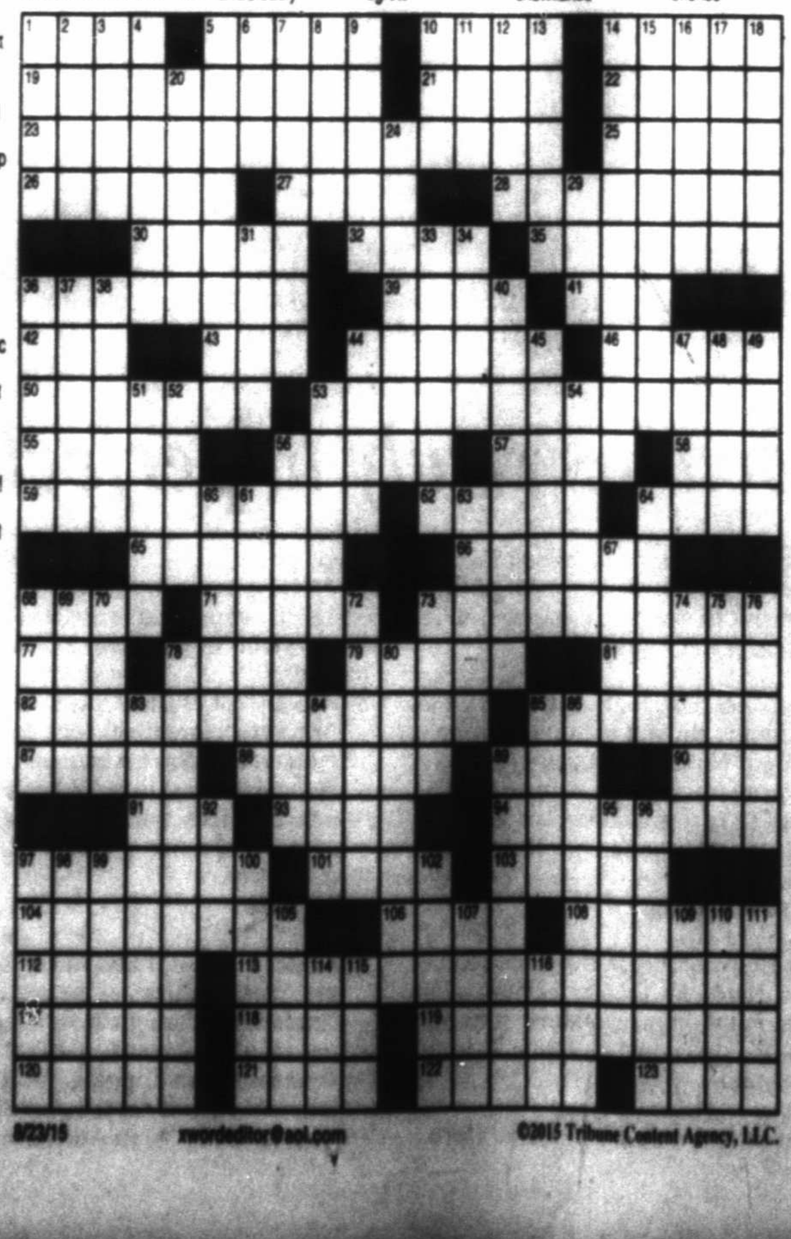
'EIGHT IS ENOUGH' By GORDON JOHNSON

ACROSS

1 Unwilling to listen
5 "Please don't ___"
10 Pot holder
14 Japanese comics
19 Lacking originality
21 Work on the road
22 Subject of a 1988 international trade ban
23 "I won't tell a soul!"
25 "Yes ___!"
26 Riyadh natives
27 Botanical cover
28 One scouring the junkyard
30 Dam city
32 104 of Haydn's are numbered Abbr.
35 Familiar octet
36 ""You're not even close!"
39 Burpee product
41 Like Brahms' Third
42 Word repeated before "sis"
43 Ending with cup
44 Snoopy-Red Baron conflict, e.g.
46 Where some precious metal may be exchanged
50 Valued geologic mass
53 "Not just a shot in the dark"
55 Whiskered swimmer
56 "Ah Sun-flower ... / Seeking after that sweet golden ___": Blake
57 Sheltered at sea
58 Dune buggy, e.g., briefly
59 "Sci-fi fleet leader
62 Renaissance fiddle
64 Storm harbinger
65 Hilo his
66 Kubla Khan's palace
68 Street ___
71 Commeal loaves
73 "Not seriously"
77 "Found it!"
78 Chopped down
79 Nonnative Hawaiian
81 Stiller's mom
82 "Words from the aptly punished"
85 1969 #1 hit for The Association
87 DNA structure
88 7-___
89 Foe of Chiang
90 Sigma follower
91 Jersey casino, with "The"
93 Gets it
94 "Adversarial attitude
97 Apple and Google started in them
101 "Dang!"
103 Tending to ooze
104 A typical one for the 35-Across can be found in the first words of the answers to starred clues
106 Kind of agt.
108 Arrive, as clouds
112 Contribute
113 "Popular party dish
117 "The Three Sisters" sister
118 More than think
119 Environmental activist
120 Allowed
121 Alluring
122 Moving about
123 Shore thing

DOWN

1 Doo-wop syllables
2 "Omnoco Pow" singer
3 NSA wiretap challenger
4 When Shabbat begins
5 Linden tree
6 BWI posting
7 Arizona opponent in a landmark Supreme Court case
8 Categorically state
9 Both Amaz guys
10 Tax season VIP
11 Shakespearean prince
12 Where or when attachment
13 Exasperated
14 Handle badly
15 Frequent flier's malady?
16 Sweden ___ Sverige
17 Meet partner
18 Australia's ___ Rock
20 Certain Prot.
24 Mythological heaven
29 11th-century year
31 Friend
33 Macon university
34 "___ needle pulling thread"
36 Formula One sound
37 Keep an ___ the ground
38 Butler with "a cynical humor in his mouth"
40 Record collection
44 Take ___ try the pool
45 Cave
47 Blush green
48 Hammett hound
49 It may contain regrets
51 Get conned
52 Russian city east of Kiev
53 Beethoven honoree
54 Unleaded?
56 Speaks for spirits
60 Lured (in)
61 "This I gotta see"
63 Rejoice
64 One using salt, perhaps
67 Rounded roof
68 Kind of cow?
69 South Korean president, 1948-1960
70 "Downton Abbey" title
72 Cold response
73 Biblical baptist
74 "Taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase": MLK
75 Latin bears
76 Book describing the fall of Nineveh
78 Like typical snowflakes
80 Way back when
83 Carrot nutrient
84 Swamp thing
85 Check out, as a joint
86 Sci-fi transport
89 Prohibitive words
92 "Friends" actress, familiarly
95 Violinist Louis who invented the chinrest
96 1840s White House family
97 AOL alternative
98 Planet Watts
99 Excavate again
100 Founders
102 Where cruise ships go
105 Sugar source
107 Roombas, briefly
109 Sister of Luke
110 "The heat ___!"
111 Stereotypical computer whiz
114 Crew chief
115 Pacific Coast or Alaska: Abbr.
116 115-Down offense



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BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Creative play

Both vulnerable. North deals.

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♡ 7
♢ A K Q 9 4
♣ A 9 8 4

WEST
♠ K J 8
♡ Q 10 4
♢ 10 7 6
♣ K J 5 2

EAST
♠ 6 4
♡ K J 8 2
♢ 8 2
♣ 10 7 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q 9 7 2
♡ A 9 6 5 3
♢ 5 3
♣ Q

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♢	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	6♠	All pass

Opening lead: Four of ♡

There is no shortage of fine bridge players in Sweden. Peter Fredin is considered one of their more "creative" experts, never shy about taking an unusual action in hopes of a great result. Fredin was South, in today's deal.

Fredin believed that his team was trailing late in a match and needed something good to happen. His bidding on this deal cannot be easily explained, nor should it be shown to children — and he played it like he bid it!

Fredin captured the king of hearts with the ace at trick one. He cashed three rounds of diamonds, shedding a heart from hand, then cashed the ace of clubs and ruffed a club. A heart was ruffed in dummy, another club was ruffed in his hand, and another heart was ruffed in dummy. So far, so good.

Fredin now led dummy's last club and ruffed it in his hand with the queen of spades. The nine would have worked just as well on this lie of the cards. In the three-card ending, with the 10 of trumps still in the dummy, Fredin exited with the nine of hearts. West was down to the king-jack-eight of trumps. What could he do? West ruffed in with the jack of spades, but had to lead another spade away from his king, allowing Fredin to bring home his "impossible" slam. Two sure trump losers for most of us, but apparently not in Sweden.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015:

This year you express yourself in a way that others can't resist. You mix logic with adventure. You will be unusually lucky in your choices.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You could be full of energy, ready to take off for your version of an escape. You might want to invite a loved one along.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Your imagination takes you beyond the obvious and prepares you to follow through on an adventure. You have a sense of fun that is unique to you and a special person in your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You will listen carefully while someone shares his or her ideas, but later will ask for a compromise. The other party will see no reason for negotiation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ For some reason, you seem to be able to help others relax and enjoy their day. You forgot about one person, though — you forgot about you. It is time for a change.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You could be one of the major players of the day, whether you are at a baseball game or simply hanging out with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Try to relax at home. You seem to have kept your feelings to yourself for some time, but despite your best efforts, they will emerge from out of the blue and force you to deal with a situation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ A call comes with an invitation. Don't negate what your inner voice is telling you, but say "yes" if you have any interest in what is happening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You might be coveting a special item that you're not sure you can afford. Do some comparison shopping.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You feel impulsive. Some of you are likely to pick up the phone and reach out to a loved one at a distance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ You have a sense of needing space or solitude. Do make it so. You will be more relaxed than you have been in a while. Go for a change of pace.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You are playful and full of energy. Fortunately, you have a lot of friends who want to make more of this day, too.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You are full of excitement. You might not be sure which direction you should head in, but give yourself some time.

BORN TODAY (23) Basketball player Kobe Bryant (1978), actor River Phoenix (1970), actor Gene Kelly (1912)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	J.Jones	The Week	/	Church	Paid	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Hunt	Paid	M. Lyon	CBS Sunday Morning				FaceHist.	First Baptist Church	First Baptist Odessa	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Abbott	Abbott	BackScatter	BackScatter	Gilligan	Gilligan	SeveBell	SeveBell	SeveBell	SeveBell	Brady&.	Brady&.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	5	8	Support	W.Minist	Insight	Consumr	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	Faithlive	Rain	Consumr	Consumr	Consumr
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Light of south		Walking	Stringer	In Touch Ministries		Zion	Day Disc.	BJManusc	HaYesod	Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Montelo.	Motor S.	Montelo.	Montelo.	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		First Baptist Church		W.America	BN
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Curious George 3: Back to ...		D.Tiger	Sesame	DinoTrain	DinoTrain	Peg + Cat	Cat/ Nat	Odd Squ	Wild K.	Arthur	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Pagado	Pagado	Programa pagado		Durmiendo mi jefe		Al punto		Tras la Verdad		Fútbol Central	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		ITV	ITV Direct	Spaces	Hotheown.	Green	niezelton	O.House	Home!.	Bucket	Trobador	Paid	Paid
FLIX	340	575		165		Movie	(:20) Neil Young: Heart of Gold			(:20) The Night We Never Met				The Station Agent		Movie	
HBO	300	590	14	14		(:30) The LEGO...		(:15) Hard Knocks '15		(:15) Ballers		Good Night and Good Luck.		Bill Maher		Catch a Fire	
HBO2	302	591	15	101	23	(5:45) Tashi	Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unl...			(:05) Toe Tag Parole				In and Out Kevin Kline.		(:10) Draft Day	
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(:30)	Contact	(:20)	Make Your Move Derek Hough.			Living With Lincoln		(:40)		Lover Jason Bigg...	
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:00) The Andron...		(:15) Lovely, and Amazing		(:50)		Divergent ('14, Act) Shailene Woodley.				(:15) The Insider	
MAX2	382	598	18	122		Movie	(:50)	Groove		(:15)		Larry Crowne Tom Hanks.		(:55)		Red Dragon	
PLEX			96			Movie	(:50)	Santa With Muscles Hulk Hogan.						(:10)		Forget Paris Billy Crystal.	
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:55)	Last Holiday		Akeelah and the Bee			Delivery Man Vince Vaughn.				Snowpiercer	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	Movie	(:40)	Comedy Warriors: Keeli...				Finding Vivian Maier		(:25)		Godsend	
ABE	27	58	28	35	47	Dog Bounty Hunter		Dog Bounty Hunter		Dog Bounty Hunter		Beyond Scared Stra.		Beyond Scared Stra.		Beyond Scared Stra.	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(:05) Dead "Self Help"		(:10) Dead (N)	(:15) Dead			(:15) Dead "Coda"		(:15) Walking Dead		(:15) Dead "Them"	
BET	58	-		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Lift Voice		Daddy's Little Girls ('07, Rom) Gabrielle Union.				Madea's To...	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Married to Medicine		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		H.Wives "Girl Code"	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	New Day Sunday		New Day	Politics	State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Treasure "No Exit"		Treasure Quest		Edge of Alaska		Edge of Alaska	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Sniffins	Sofia 1st	M.Mouse	Miles	LEGO	Dog Blog	Austin	LivMad	KC Under	Friends	Dog Blog	Dog Blog
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report (N)	SportsCenter		Baseball Little League World Series (L)			
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	BASS Fishing		BASS Fishing		SportsCenter		OLines	Report	SportsCenter			
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	Mirror Mirror ('12, Adv) Lily Collins.				Steel Magnolias ('89, Com/Dra) Sally Field.						Bruce Almighty	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		Media Buzz		News HQ	Housecall
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Rachel Ray's Week In		Barefoot	Giada	Pioneer	Giada	BBQ	Cooking	Giada (N)	Daphne	Pioneer	Southern
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Outdoors	Paid	Golf Life	Swing	Paid	Paid	OU Sooner	Caravan	Lunch Rangers (N)		Insider	Pre-game
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Ellen	M&M	M&M	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother				Parental Guidance Billy Crystal.	Ted
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	I Want to Marry Ryan Banks	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	Free Vacation (N)	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Ax Men		Ax Men		Ax Men "Battle Ax"		Ax Men "Trucked Up"		Ax Men		A. Pickers "Big Bear"	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid			Melissa Harris-Perry		The Anna Nicole Story Cary Elwes.	The Brittany Mu...
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Lockup	Business	Up With Steve Kornacki								Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	43				Racing	F1 Auto Racing Belgian Grand Prix (L)					F1 Extra	Bridge	EPL Soccer Manchester City at Everton (L)			
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Parents	Parents	Dino	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Ninja (N)	Pig Goat	Sponge	Parents
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	Bar Res. "Dog Bite"		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		Geeks/		Beautiful Creatures ('13, Dra) Alden Ehrenreich.				Stake Land ('10, Hor) Connor Paolo.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Married	Married	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Friends	The Campaign ('12, Com) Will Ferrell.				Road Trip	
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	Movie	Give a Girl a Break			The Affairs of Dobie Gillis				The Gazebo		The Tender ...	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Raggs	Hoodie	De chica	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	EPL Fútbol Manchester City at Everton (L)			
TLC	51	61	32	38	53	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress
TNT	24	34	40	26	56	Law & Order "Doped"		LawOrder	"Shotgun"	Law & Order	"Fed"	Law&O. "Blackmail"		Law & Order			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	Friends	Friends	G. Girls		G.Girls		G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Paid Program		EPL Soccer (L)					House	Suits		NCIS "Call of Silence"	
WGN	19	85				Lord	Creflo	Key David	Paid	Law&O. "Deadbeat"		Law & Order		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night	

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Baseball Little League World Series (L)					Paid	News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Dog Challenge		PBR Bull Riding		PGA Golf Wyndham Championship Site: Sedgefield Country Club (L)						FaceHist.	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Brady&.	Brady&.	The Love Boat		Remington Steele		Streets Francisco		Mod Squad "Corboy"		Hawaii Five-O	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	5	8	BigBang	BigBang	Blue Bloods		USGA Golf U.S. Amateur Site: Olympia Fields Country Club (L)						Consumr	Consumr
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	S. Baras	Mani Erfan	Biblical	Sal.	Light of the Southwest		Best of Week		J.McGee	Dollars	House	Dr. R.B.
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	IAAF Track & Field				FIVB Volleyball World Series (L)		Cycling U.S. Pro Challenge (L)				Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Cyberch.	Maya&M.	Sit Fit	W.L.Yoga	Knitting	Beads	Sewing	Africa	Family	Global	News. (N)	Ireland
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	MFL Fútbol Dorados vs Pumas (L)				Republica deportiva		Rosa Guadalupe		Como dice el dicho		Nacional	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Paid	Paid	Paid	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	Entertainers		Flipside	Insider	Access Hollywood
FLIX	340	575		165		(11:30) Swingers		(:10)		Mad Love Chris O'Donnell.				The Illusionist Edward Norton.		(:55) Up Close & ...	
HBO	300	590	14	14		Movie	(:40)	The Theory of Everything Eddie Redmayne.				(:55)		The Fault in Our Stars		(:05) Dumb & D...	
HBO2	302	591	15	101	23	(11:10) Draft Day		Real Sports				The Devil Wears Prada			The Brink	The Brink	The Brink	LastWeek
HBO5	304	552	16	102		Movie	(:25)	The Best Man Holiday			LastWeek	Ballers	Show Me a Hero		Movie		
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(11:15)	The Insider Al Pacino.			(:55)		Vertical Limit Chris O'Donnell.		StrikeBk		(:50) Firewall Harrison Ford.	
MAX2	382	598	18	122			Her Joaquin Phoenix.			(:10)	Runner Runner			(:45)		16 Blocks ('06, Thri) Bruce Willis.	Movie
PLEX			96			(:55)	Nadine	(:20)	The Greatest Show on Earth ('52, Dra) James Stewart.					(:55)		Desolation ...	(:20) Baby Gen...
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(10:55)	Snowpiercer	Masters "Two Scents"		Ray Donovan "Ding"		Ray Donovan				Ray Donovan	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(11:10)	Arachnophi...		The Hurricane ('99, Dra) Denzel Washington.				Finding Vivian Maier			(:55) Hart's War	
ABE	27	58	28	35	47	Beyond Scared Stra.		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		Behind B "Gangland"		Inter. "Michelle"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(:20) Dead (:25)	The Walking Dead	(:25) Walking Dead		(:25) Dead "Forget"		(:25) Dead "Spend"		Walking Dead "Try"		Dead	
BET	58	-		40		(11:20)	Madea's ...	(:55)	Good Deeds ('12, Com/Dra) Tyler Perry.					(:45)		Madea Goes to Jail ('09, Com) Tyler Perry.	
BRAVO	65	76		41		The Real Housewives		Tardy...	Tardy...	Tardy...		Tardy...		Manzo'd	Manzo'd	Manzo'd	Married to Medicine	Medic.
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom			CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch		D. Catch	"We Have Not Yet Begun to Fight"			Naked and Afraid XL			Naked&Afraid XL (N)		Naked and Afraid XL
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Dog Blog	KC Under	KC Under	KC Under	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Friends	Friends	KC Under	Jessie	Austin
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Baseball Junior League World Series (L)				MLS Soccer New York City vs Los Angeles (L)						Baseball Little League World Series (L)	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	ATP Tennis Western & Southern Open (L)				WTA Tennis Western & Southern Open (L)						Poker World Series	
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	Movie	Kevin Wt		What to Expect When You're Expecting						How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days		
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		Journal E.	Housecall	America's News HQ		Media Buzz		Fox News Sunday	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	The Kitchen		Cravings	BeachEat	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	TacoTrip	TacoTrip	Food Network Star	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Detroit Tigers Site: Comerica Park (L)						Rangers	Polaris	Champions Tennis Champions Challenge			
FX	31	56	59	64	69		Ted Mark Wahlberg.							The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Pa...			
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34		Doctor Dolittle Eddie Murphy.					A Novel Romance Milena Govich.				The Snow Year Hitch Darin Brooks.	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		A. Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(11:00)	The Britian...		Made of Honor Patrick Dempsey.						The Proposal Sandra Bullock.		27 Dresses
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		Meet the Press		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	43				Goal Zone (L)		IndyCar Auto Racing ABC Supply 500 Site: Podgorica Stadium -- Podgorica, Montenegro (L)								Mobsteel	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Parents	Parents	Parents	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sophia Grace &...		Thunder	Nicky
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Res. "Bikini Bust"		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67		30 Days of Night ('07, Hor) Josh Hartnett.							Blade: Trinity ('04, Thri) Wesley Snipes.			The Mortal Inst...
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(11:00) Road Trip		MLB Baseball Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim at Houston Astros (L)						Friends	Friends	The Campaign	
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(11:15)	The Tende...		The Mating Game					How Sweet It Is! Debbie Reynolds.			Hit the Deck
TELE	20	-	10	20		Deportivo	Enfoque	Premios Tu Mundo						Noticiero	Videos	Conducta	Movie
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Answered Prayers		Little People		Little People		Little People				Little People	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Law&O. "Boy on Fire"		Sherlock Holmes ('09, Adv) Robert Downey Jr..						How You See Me ('13, Cri) Jesse Eisenberg.			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	Christine	Christine	Christine	Christine	Christine	Christine	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba
USA	26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "Heart Break"		NCIS		NCIS				NCIS "Twilight"		NCIS "Kill Ari, Part 1"	NCIS "Kill Ari, Part II"
WGN	19	85				In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In the Heat of the Night: By Duty Bound				In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night	

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Countdown to Kick Off (L)		NFL Football Pre-season Dallas Cowboys at San Francisco 49ers Site: Levi's Stadium -- Santa Clara, Calif. (L)						KMID News	Monopoly Millionaires' Club	(:35) W.Collar	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Big Brother		Madam Secretary "The Ninth Circle"		CSI: Cyber "The Evil Twin"		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Good Wife	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	S. Squad "Deadliest Enemy of Fall"		Columbo "Etude in Black" Maestro murders mistress. Pt. 1 of 2.				Man U.N.C.L.E. "The Bridge of Lions Affair"		Minion "The Mind of Stefan Mikkon"		Get Smart	Get Smart
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	5	8	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	NFL Football Pre-season St. Louis Rams at Tennessee Titans Site: Nissan Stadium -- Nashville, Tenn. (L)						Modern Family	Modern Family	Jack Van Impe	Consumer Corner
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	All About Life	Light of the Southwest				Zola Levitt	News	Update	Day of Discovery	Dollars & Sense
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Game Night "Don't Drink and Game Night"		GameNight "The Scott Wolf of Wall Street"		American Ninja Warrior "Pittsburgh Finals"				NewsWest 9 at 9	Country Reporter	Monsters	Whacked Out
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	G. Trekker "Art Trails of the French Riviera"		PBS Pre. (N)	PBS Previews	Masterpiece Mystery! "The Hounds of Baskerville"				Theater Talk	On Story	Front and Center "Hunter Hayes"	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aquí y Ahora		Premios Banda Max				Sal y pimienta		Familia P. Luche	Noticiero Univision	Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Ent. Tonight		Castle		Scandal				The Closer		Anger M.	M&M	Office	Named.
FLIX	340	575		165		(4:55) Up Close & ...		Sneakers ('92, Act) Robert Redford.						(:40)		The Horse Whisperer ('98, Dra) Robert Redford.	
HBO	300	590	14	14		(5:05) Dumb & D...		Show Me a Hero (N)		Show Me a Hero (N)		Ballers	TheBrink	LastWeek	The Brink	Ballers	LastWeek
HBO2	302	591	15	101	23	Bill Maher											
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(5:30)	Gone Girl ('14, Mys) Ben Affleck.										
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(:35)	Divergent ('14, Act) Shailene Woodley.									
MAX2	382	598	18	122		(5:30)	The Unborn	Strike Back									
PLEX			96			(5:30)	Baby Geni...										
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Ray Donovan		Ray Donovan		Masters of Sex (N)		Ray Donovan				Masters of Sex	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(6:50)	Hart's War										
ABE	27	58	28	35	47	Inter. "Jonas"		Intervention		Intervention "John"		Inter. "Carrie" (N)		Behind B "Gangland"		Intervention	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:30) Dead "Conquer"		The Talking Dead (N)		Walking Dead "Pact" (N)		Fear the Walking Dead "Pilot"				Walking Dead "Pilot"	
BET	58	-		40		(5:15)	Madea Go...	Sunday Best (N)		365Black Awards (N)		Sunday Best		Punk'd	Runkwanda	BET Inspiration	
BRAVO	65	76		41		(:20) Medic.	Married to Medicine	Married Medicine (N)		Married Medicine (N)		Tardy (N)	Manzo'd	Married to Medicine		Tardy...	Manzo'd
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Money	Blue Collar	West Texas		West "A Time to Grill"		West Texas		Millionaire Inventor		Blue	Blue
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	CNN Special Report		The Hunt		The Hunt (N)		Death Row Stories		The Hunt		The Hunt	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked&Afraid XL (N)		Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid XL	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Gift	Liv Maddie	Austin	Friends	LivMad	Bunk'd	Gift	Dog Blog	Austin	Friends	LivMad	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Baseball Tonight (N)		MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at Pittsburgh Pirates (L)						SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Baseball Little League World Series (L)										ESPN FC	
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	Bride Wars ('09, Com) Kate Hudson.				Just Like Heaven Reese Witherspoon.				Startup U		J.Osteen	Jeremiah
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	FOX Report Sunday				On the Record		Greg Gutfeld Show		Legends & Lies		On the Record	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Game (N)		Food Truck Race (N)		Cutthroat (N)		Cutthroat Kitchen		Food Truck Race	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Bull Riding		MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Detroit Tigers Site: Comerica Park						Game365	School (N)	WPT Poker (N)	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Movie	The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2							Strain "The Born" (N)		(:05) Strain	"Kimmy"
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Beach Flip (N)		Island (N)	Island	H. Hunt (N)	Island (N)	Beach Flip	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Truckers "Icy Grave"		Ice Road Truckers (N)		Ice Road Truckers (N)		Cajun Outlaw Chr...		(:05) Amer. Pickers		Ice Road Truckers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(11:30)	27 Dresses	The Unauthorized Full House Story				Headline "Full House"		To Be Announced		The Unauthorized	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Planes "Human Error"		Why Planes Crash		Lockup		Lockup	
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Midland Arts Association presents work by Sean Patty in the Community National Bank lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave., during August. midlandartsassociation.org

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Museum of the Southwest 1706 W. Missouri Ave. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Turner Memorial Art Gallery currently closed for renovations through 2015. MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display along with Ben Woitena's "Windswept."$5 adults, $3 children. 432-683-2882. museumsw.org.

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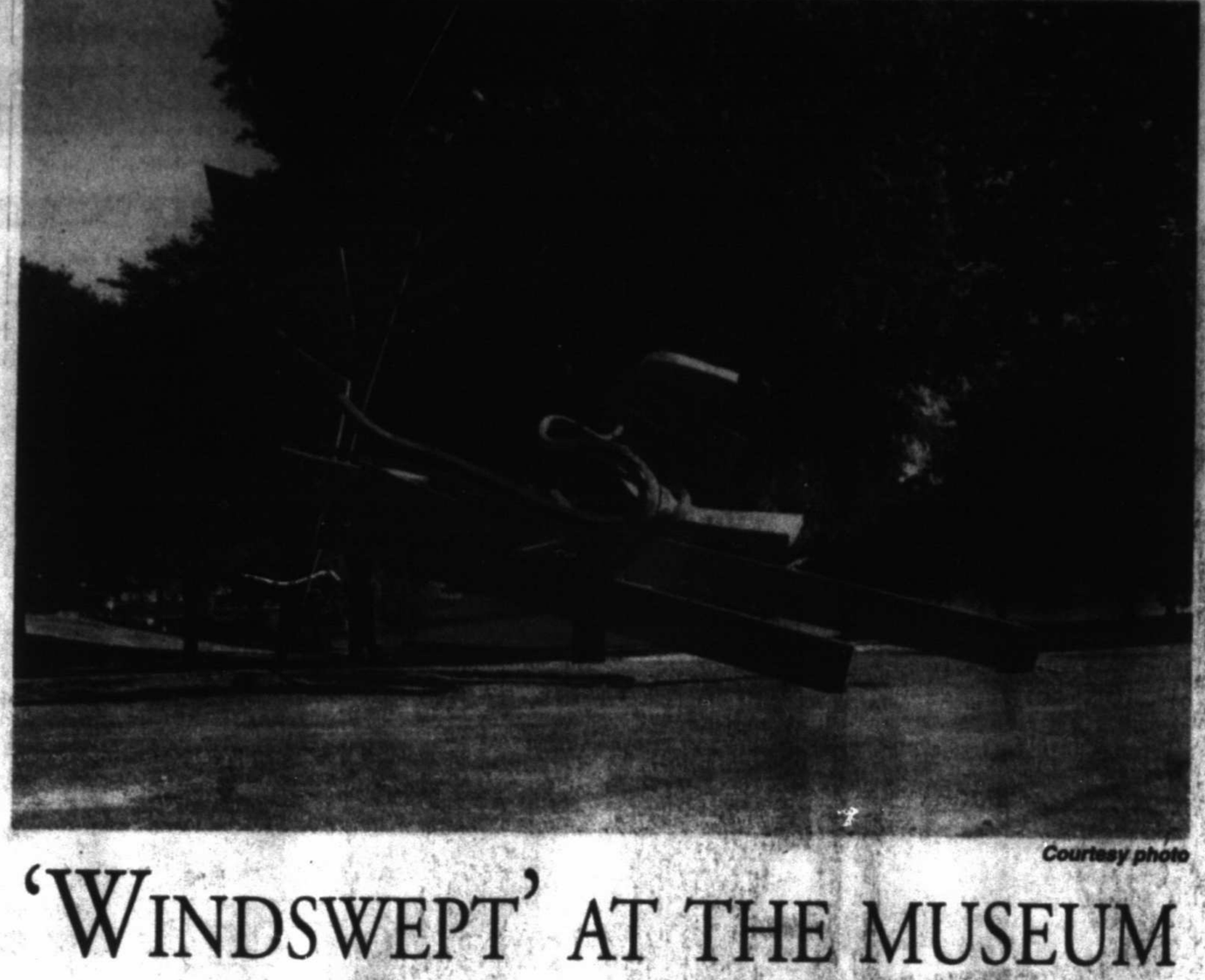

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'WINDSWEPT' AT THE MUSEUM

Ben Woitena's sculpture "Windswept" can be seen on the lawn of the Museum of the Southwest. He is the 2015 West Texas Triangle artist.

CALENDAR

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TODAY

Midland County Fair at the Horseshoe Arena, Pavilion and Outdoor Arena. Closes today. $5. midlandhorseshoe.com.

MONDAY

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the college. Contact 432-553-0632 for more information.

TUESDAY

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.

"Nature Notes" on Marfa Public Radio Tuesdays -Thursdays at 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

Palette Club Painting meeting and demos, 9 a.m.-noon. at the Palette Club. Open to the public. paletteclubmidland.com.

WEDNESDAY

Story Time, 9:30 a.m. for ages up to 2 years; 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

THURSDAY

West Texas Dance Club with live country music, 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 697-0281 or 631-6125.

FRIDAY

Summer Mummers "Masked Mummers in Midtropolis ... or No News is Good News" Fridays and Saturdays through Sept. 5 at the Yucca Theatre. summermummers.com.

SATURDAY

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

Standing Ovation: The Homecoming World Class Opera from the Permian Basin, 7 p.m. Aug. 29 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

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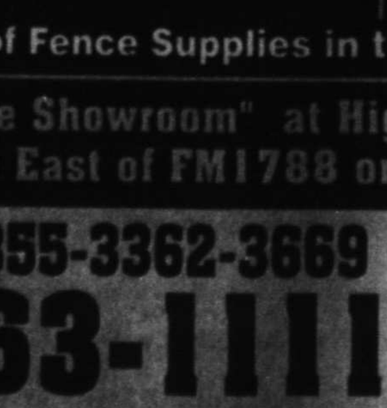
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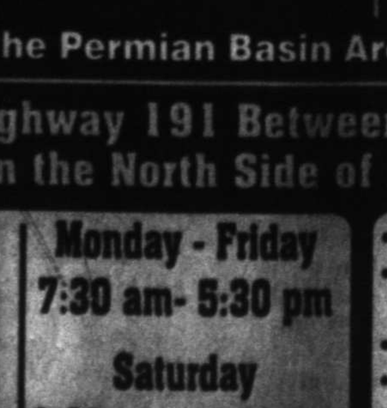
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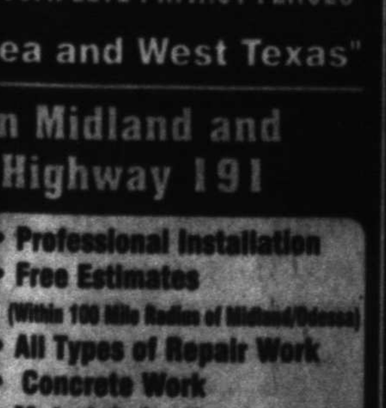
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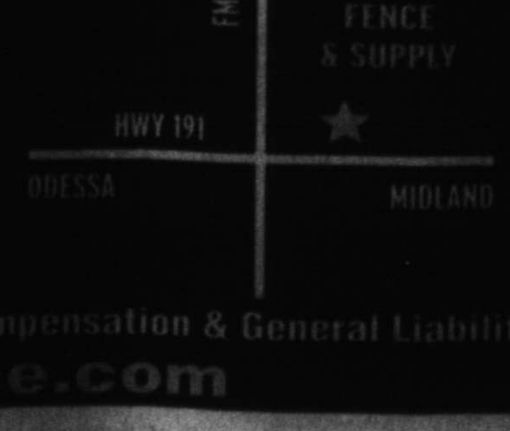

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A worker waits to connect a drill bit on Endeavor Energy Resources LP's Big Dog Drilling Rig 22 in the Permian Basin outside of Midland on Dec. 12. *Houston Chronicle file photo*

OUTLOOK GROWS LESS POSITIVE

Optimism for quick recovery wanes after decline

By Mella McEwen
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Permian Basin oil and gas operators have been riding a roller coaster of emotions since crude oil prices began to decline last June, a decline that accelerated in November after members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries decided to maintain their production levels.

That decision sent prices plummeting to $40 a barrel before they rebounded to near $60 a barrel. But a recent retreat by posted oil prices to below $40 a barrel seems to have dashed hopes of a relatively quick recovery.

"Optimism for that is waning," said Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index.

Ingham reported that the index fell 10 points from May to June and is down 13.4 percent compared to June 2014. Since its October peak, the index has fallen about 17 percent, he said.

In the Permian Basin, the new mantra appears to be "Lower for longer," he said.

There is increasing nervousness on his part that, given the continued increase in oil supplies to an already oversupplied market, the market might be preparing to send an even more punitive signal to cut production by sending oil prices even lower.

Ingham said traders had sent prices higher based on their expectations the 60 percent drop in the rig count and sharp decline in drilling permits indicated production levels would fall.

"People were talking about how this was a different scenario, that production from shale wells declines rapidly. But for a great many oil and gas producers out there with debt loads and overhead, the only way to maximize cash flow is to produce as much as they can," he said.

What is shocking to him is the rate of continued production growth through the first half of this year, he said. Permian Basin oil production volumes are up 16.1 percent in June compared to last June and are up 17.6 percent in the first half of the year compared to the first half of 2014. Texas will, this year, break its all-time oil production record that was set in 1972, he said.

Domestic production in the first half of this year is also up, by an estimated 13 percent, he said. Crude oil in storage midway through 2015 is up by about 8 percent compared to crude oil stocks in June 2014. OPEC production is on the rise, particularly in Saudi Arabia and Iraq, and the market is also dealing with the prospect of Iranian crude oil making its way into the global marketplace as a result of the nuclear weapons deal that would permit the marketing of crude oil from Iran.

Production will begin to decline because there is no way producers can continue producing oil at high levels with oil prices at $40 or $45 a barrel, Ingham said. The fact that it hasn't begun to occur until the second half of the year isn't that surprising because of the historic lag time between falling prices and production trends.

The good news is that the industry has managed to cut costs to such an extent that "it won't take as much of a price increase to be stimulative," he said.

June crude oil prices averaged $56.24 a barrel, down 44.7 percent from $101.68 last June. For the year, the average price of $49.54 is down 49.1 percent from last year's average of $97.35.

The average rig count plunged 58.7 percent to 191 rigs in June compared to 462 rigs last June. For the year, the rig count is averaging 260 rigs, down 39.6 percent from 430 in the first six months of 2014.

The Railroad Commission issued 400 drilling permits in June, down 60.6 percent from 1,016 last June. The agency has issued 2,549 permits so far in 2015, down 53.4 percent from 5,470 issued last year.

Operators reported 965 oil well completions in June, down 20.8 percent from 1,218 last June. So far this year, 6,495 oil wells have been completed.

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Gulf Coast Western launches energy services subsidiary

By Mella McEwen
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Dallas-based Gulf Coast Western is launching a new energy services subsidiary that has its roots in a Midland company.

Late last year, Gulf Coast Western acquired Frac Restraints LLC of Midland and earlier this year acquired CND Energy Services of Weatherford.

Now the two are being combined into Gulf Coast Western Energy Services to provide well completion and safety services with a focus on South and West Texas and the Marcellus and Utica Shale fields in Pennsylvania. Gulf Coast Western Energy Services has facilities in Midland, San Angelo and Pittsburgh to service operations.

In a prepared statement, Gulf Coast Western CEO Matthew H. Flieger said, "We are excited with the potential for growth in this sector of the oil and gas industry, we believe that the pullback from low commodity pricing has provided well capitalized companies like ours with the ability to take advantage of acquisition and pricing opportunities. Our flow back and water transfer divisions are experiencing incredible growth and our Cold Clean division is capitalizing on tremendous opportunities both outside of and within the industry. Since our first acquisition in 2014, we have experienced double digit quarterly growth in both head count and revenue. We expect continued strong organic growth and are currently negotiating several strategic acquisitions."

Stephen Claybourn, who serves as president of Gulf Coast Western Energy Services, answered a few questions about the new entity and its future in the Permian Basin.

MRT: With significantly fewer wells being drilled, how do you expect your completion services to grow? Will you take advantage of operators wanting to recomplete existing wells?

Claybourn: With the drop in oil and gas commodity pricing there has been a correlating reduction in energy service costs, which is resulting in a lower break-even price and is resulting in many of our customers continuing their development activities. We are seeing a resurgence in completion activities and expect this trend to continue. By offering competitive pricing with excellent service, our experienced management team is able to capitalize on their well respected reputation and long term industry relationships.

MRT: Please detail your operational safety services.

Claybourn: At Gulf Coast Western Energy Services, we pride ourselves on safety. We offer a wide range of training awareness programs led by our onsite Safety Coordinator as well as safety training upon hire. While working at Gulf Coast Western Energy Services, employees receive multiple

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Former Midlander's firm climbs ranks of fast-growing companies

By Mella McEwen
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In steady steps, Denver-based Acoma Energy LLC is climbing the rankings of fast-growing companies.

Founded and owned by former Midlander Matthew Anderson, Acoma was just ranked 54th on Inc. Magazine's list of top 500 fastest growing companies, just below Fitbit and just above online hardware retailer Mac Warehouse.

Speaking by phone from his Denver office, Anderson said the honor was special because he is a long-time reader of the magazine.

"It offers real-time stories of success and struggles. For every article about success, there's another article by an entrepreneur or business owners talking about his challenges. Inc. let me compare and realize I'm not the only one who's made foolish mistakes or had success," he said.

One of three children of Ed and Dianne Anderson, Matthew graduated from Midland High School. He freely admits that when he left Midland to attend Texas Tech University, unlike other graduates who have visions of their future, "I had nothing but blurred lines."

He worked his way through school at restaurants and bars and when he graduated in 2002, returned to Midland to work with his father in the oil business.

"Only then did I realize the opportunities that existed. I also realized I didn't learn enough at Tech and was under-prepared to be an entrepreneur," he said.

"I don't think entrepreneurs get enough credit for taking risks, for taking on the challenges and creating jobs and taking on risks to maintain those jobs," Anderson said.

He worked in Midland a couple more years then returned to Tech to earn a master's degree in business administration.

"Then I felt comfortable that I had the skills and the vision and the idea that I'd be successful in the oil and gas industry," he said.

"It's not about the money to me; it's about the deals. I strive to put together good deals together with partners," Anderson said.

In 2007 he founded Acoma Energy LLC, originally AED Group, as a landman brokerage firm.

He headed to Dallas, where he began his company. In Dallas, there were so many distractions that threatened to keep him from focusing on building his company, creating income and building wealth, he said.

He also realized he wasn't just creating income and building wealth,

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MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$55.50	Sun*	$55.50
Flint Hills Resources*	$55.50	Nymex futures	$59.05*
Phillips 66	$55.50		
Plains*	$55.50	Net price without transportation charge	
Shell Trading	$55.50	Note: Posted prices as of May 20	

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price May 19	Same period one year ago
Nymex future price	$2.517	$2.935	$4.358
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	$2.340	$2.690	$4.330
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	$2.220	$2.626	$4.348
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	$2.280	$2.645	$4.338
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	$2.270	$2.855	$4.365
CompositeField Prices For Midcontinent	$2.248	$2.693	$4.301
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	$2.444	$2.821	$4.416

CFO leaves struggling Goodrich Petroleum

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

The chief financial officer for Goodrich Petroleum Corp. has jumped ship from the financially strapped oil producer amid its effort to avoid falling into bankruptcy.

Houston-based Goodrich said Wednesday its senior vice president and CFO, Jan Schott, resigned to join an unnamed private company. Goodrich emphasized that Shcott's decision did not result from any disagreement regarding the company's operations.

Goodrich, which could soon receive a delisting warning from the New York Stock Exchange for trading below $1 for 30 consecutive business days, saw its stock close at a new low Wednesday of 71 cents a share, down 7 cents for the day. Oil prices hit a new six-year low on Wednesday, with many energy stocks suffering.

Goodrich has traded below $1 since July 22. The company was trading as high as nearly $30 a share in June 2014 before oil prices began plummeting, but started 2015 at $4.55 a share.

The company said Schott will remain with Goodrich into early September to assist Robert Turnham, the president and chief operating officer, who will also take over interim CFO duties while a search is conduced to fill the vacancy.

Schott first joined Goodrich in 2007.

Goodrich is selling much of its Eagle Ford Shale acreage in Texas to Houston-based EP Energy for $118 million, with Chairman and CEO Gil Goodrich saying earlier this month the company pursued the sale to try to keep the itself afloat and pay off existing debt. The company said it would net a $50 million gain from the deal.

Goodrich will still keep a small majority of its undeveloped Eagle Ford acreage, but the company is focusing primarily going forward on the Tuscaloosa Marine Shale in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Linn disappoints income-seeking investors

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

Executives at Linn Energy have angered their most ardent investors by eliminating distributions and dividends in a bid to maintain positive cash flow, something that every oil and natural gas company is trying to do right now.

Low oil prices have meant less revenue to pay off the huge debts that many companies took on when $100 a barrel crude oil seemed like a birthright. Linn was no different, borrowing more than $10 billion to buy natural gas and oil assets at the height of the market.

Unlike other exploration and production companies, though, Linn was organized and marketed as a reliable source of income for investors, who could buy units in the master limited partnership or buy shares in Linn Co., a regular corporation that owned units in the partnership and offered high-yielding stocks. The strategy attracted income investors, who expect steady cash payments or want the tax advantages offered by partnerships.

That promise of consistent payouts is what made Linn's announcement last month feel like a betrayal. Investors had already seen the quarterly payouts cut in half in January, so it was a surprise when CEO Mark Ellis opened the second quarter conference with more bad news.

"Linn's senior management intends to recommend to the board of directors to suspend the payment of Linn's distribution and LinnCo's dividend at the end of the third quarter 2015 and reserve approximately $450 million in cash," Ellis said. "The Board and Management believe this suspension to be in the best long-term interest of all company stakeholders."

The question for investors, though, is why bother with Linn at all if it doesn't make quarterly payments?

■ Commentary

The unit price for the MLP has collapsed from a 52-week high of $31.80 and recently traded as low as $2.97. The market value of the company's outstanding shares has dropped from $11.3 billion to $1.1 billion as of Tuesday.

Linn's problems are not that different than those faced by most exploration and production companies. The added trouble comes from attracting a particular kind of investor and disappointing them. In the five trading days after Linn's conference call, units sold at seven times the normal volume and their value dropped 50 percent.

Here's what Linn is doing to keep above water and perhaps recover.

Ellis has finalized two innovative partnerships with private equity firms. The first was with GSO Capital Partners, the credit platform of The Blackstone Group, to provide $500 million in capital for oil and natural gas development over the next five years. The second is with Quantum Energy Partners, who promise to commit up to $1 billion to fund acquisitions and develop assets.

In both cases, the firms agree to pay for developing Linn's highest-grade natural gas and oil fields in return for the vast majority of the profits until the firms realize a negotiated return on their investment. After the private equity firms get their money, the majority of future profits from future production will go to Linn.

Because all wells eventually go dry, these capital expenditures on new wells are critical to Linn's future. Getting someone else to make the capital investment is a good idea.

Linn's hedge book is the company's other big asset. Executives thought they could guarantee payouts by smoothing volatility in the market by selling much of its 2015-17 production on the futures market. That turned out to be a wise move before prices dropped because those contracts are worth about $1.8 billion, more than the company's current market value.

Hedges, though, don't last forever. While 100 percent of Linn's natural gas is hedged through 2017 at more than $4.40 per million British thermal units, only 70 percent of the company's oil is hedged through 2016 at $90 a barrel. If prices haven't bounced back by the end of 2016, though, Linn could be in trouble.

While the income side of the balance sheet is OK for now, Linn's debt load is scary, with much of it coming due in 2019.

Linn's bonds are trading about 65 cents on the dollar, reflecting serious market doubts about the company's future. Ellis and chief financial officer Kolja Rockov saw this as an opportunity and last month spent $392 million to buy back $599 million in senior notes.

So far this year, Linn has bought back $783 million worth of debt at a discount, cutting interest payments by $52 million this year.

"We believe this not only represents the best current use of our capital, but will also help solidify the company's long-term financial position," Ellis said during the conference call.

Combine the interest savings with the $450 million the company will no longer pay out to investors, and that's a half-billion dollars the company can spend on other things.

Ellis and Rockov had no choice but to stop quarterly payments to maintain cash flow during the downturn. If prices get above $70 a barrel for oil before the end of 2016, Linn could come out stronger than ever. But income investors may never trust the company again.

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MRT: Gulf Coast Western Energy Services has local facilities in Midland and San Angelo. What kind of growth do you anticipate for these facilities?

Claybourn: In April 2015 we doubled the size of our Midland facility and are currently finalizing further expansion for equipment storage. Our large facility in San Angelo will allow us to effectively service the oil and gas industry in that area for quite some time.

MRT: Is there a specific sector of your business that is stronger? If so, how do you look to grow the weaker sectors?

Claybourn: We are seeing strong growth in all sectors but are always looking for ways to improve our operations and service. Each individual sector is managed by an experienced Service Manager and all managers work together as a team to efficiently operate as a single unit at a well site.

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he was also creating jobs.

For an entrepreneur such as himself, "when you realize you're responsible for others, for their families, that's when the rubber meets the road. You get up each day and realize the decisions you make impact others. If I had been selfish, if I'd been focused on my own family, I'd have lost sight of what's the most important: My employees," he said.

Once he felt comfortable the company was on firm footing, he felt free to relocate to Denver, leaving some of his vice presidents there to oversee their own units "and report to me electronically."

Moving to Denver five years ago helped him obtain a comfortable work-life balance — "Everybody's outdoors; that's what I love about Denver," he said. The move even allowed him to shift his focus from building his company to his personal life: He got married about 18 months ago.

His employees are one of two reasons he offered for the company's 4,908 percent growth in the last three years.

"To grow your company, you need the right team in place. And if you want them showing up each day with a smile on their face and ready to work, you have to take care of them," he said. He proudly noted he has not laid off a single employee, even during the oil and gas industry's downturn. "They know we're in this fight together," he said.

"If you reach the point where you think your business is above the upturns and downturns in oil prices, you lose sight of your business. If you rely on the peaks and valleys, you're handcuffed to the commodity," he said.

The price of oil matters, but it's not the only thing, Anderson said. "The key is to put a deal together and sell it for more than you spent," he said.

Which leads to the second reason for Acoma's growth: He got comfortable with the idea of selling assets even though he could have gotten more money for them. It was necessary in order to keep his employees and to stay in the game, he said.

Acoma Energy has transformed from a landman brokerage to instead focusing on locating and developing oil and gas plays in the Permian Basin and Rocky Mountains.

Anderson estimates 90 percent of the company's projects are in the Permian Basin, with a focus on conventional resources in the Central Basin Platform. He does not operate any wells.

"We have a handful of partners we work with in the Permian Basin and, without naming any names, they know why we choose to partner with them," he said.

In the past and moving forward, Acoma will locate prospects, ensure they work from an engineering and geological basis, secure the leaseholds and let their partners take the lead while Acoma works alongside them, ensuring all bills are paid.

"We let them decide where and when to drill and ensure we're caught up on our obligations," Anderson said. "Our partners are some of the best operators in the Permian Basin and I attribute our massive amount of success to their decision-making abilities and their expertise," he said.

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down 36.6 percent from the 10,248 completed last year.

Natural gas followed the path set by crude oil. Natural gas prices averaged $2.66 per Mcf in June, down 42.4 percent compared to last June while the year-to-date average of $2.67 per Mcf is down 44.5 percent from last year's average of $4.82.

Operators reported 10 natural gas well completions in June, down 16.7 percent from 12 last June; 106 natural gas wells have been reported this year, up 65.6 percent from 64 well completions last year.

Natural gas production volumes in June were up 13.9 percent over last June and so far this year are up 17 percent compared to the first half of 2014.

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UTPB Football Set to Kick Off this Weekend

Ryan Haage
Communication and Special Projects

A new era in UTPB Athletics begins this weekend when UTPB Football steps on the practice field for the first time Sunday night with the first ever practice set for Monday morning.

The team will take to the field at 7:30 p.m. Sunday for conditioning tests, and return Monday morning to break out footballs for the team's first official practice at 6 a.m.

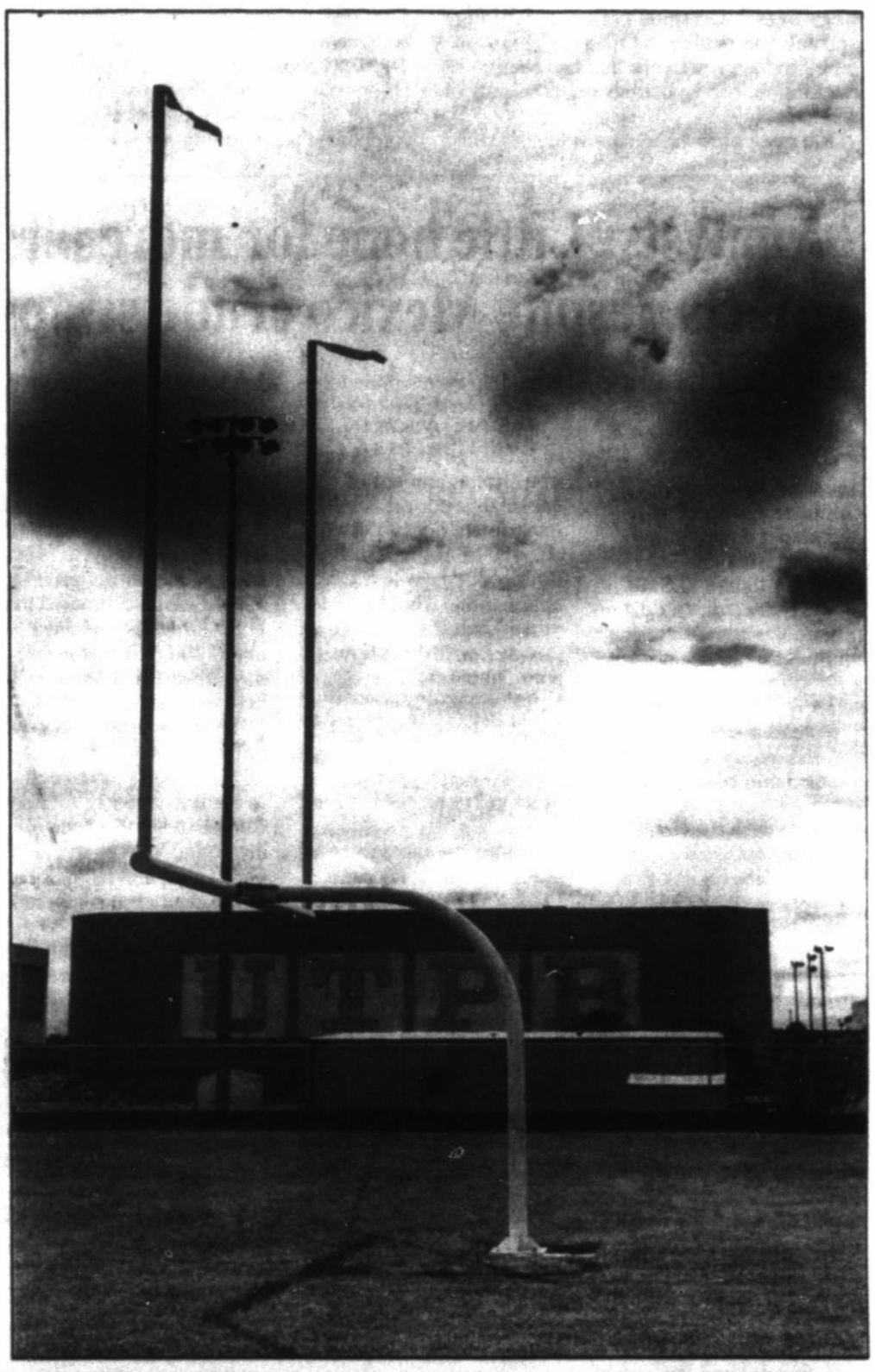
"There's going to be a lot of teaching technique and fundamentals early on, especially when we can't wear pads," said head coach Justin Carrigan.

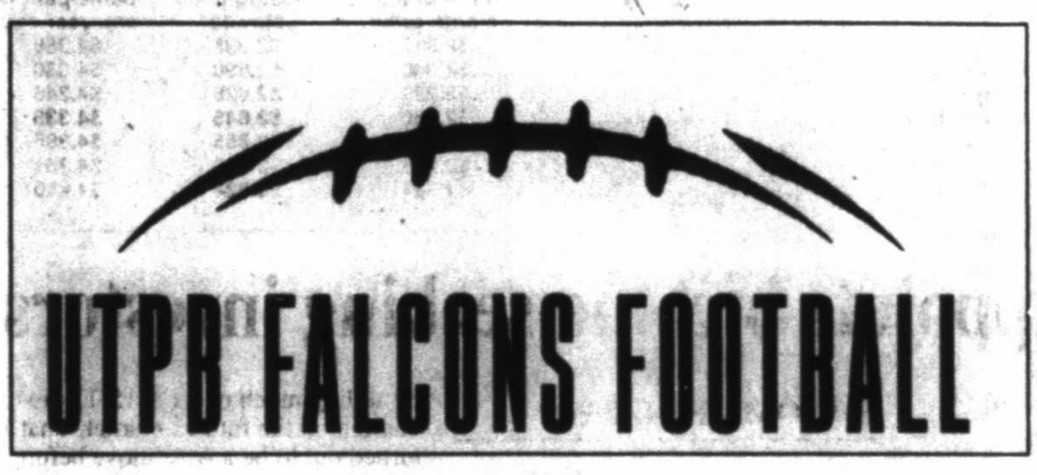
Football met together as a team for the first time earlier this weekend, combining for team & positional meetings and orientation Friday and Saturday.

"After they report, they'll be filling out NCAA paperwork & insurance paperwork," Carrigan noted. "One of the first things we'll do is a conditioning test to see where guys are at and see what they need to do with our strength staff to keep them healthy throughout this first year of practice."

Football is set to practice at 6 a.m. on Monday through Friday with an optional off day every Wednesday. The team will likely remain in shorts and t-shirts throughout August with a goal of wearing pads in September. With the team unable to play games for another year, keeping players focused on 2016 will be one of the challenges presented to the coaching staff.

"Our main goal this year is to get better every day, and part of that is recruiting our guys every day," said Carrigan. "Keep them here, recruit them to stay and share the big picture of what lies ahead for them. The opportunity to make history and be part of the first football team at UTPB is exciting for players and coaches."





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Oil listings on job websites fell by half after cutbacks

By Rhiannon Meyers
Houston Chronicle

Big Oil companies aren't just slashing jobs. They've slowed down on hiring, too, a move that's likely to leave a more lasting mark on the industry.

A newly released analysis of hiring trends among the world's supermajors revealed that the world's six largest publicly traded oil and oil gas companies have reduced their number of job postings as oil prices fell from $100-per-barrel highs last year to near $40 this week.

Overall, worldwide job listings for upstream oil and gas companies tumbled from 24,000 to 11,600 between November and July, according to OilPro, a Houston-based industry network that has been tracking industry postings on thousands of websites.

Job openings at companies like Exxon Mobil, Chevron and BP represent only a fraction of the total number of listings on Indeed.com, a leading website for job seekers across the globe. But in aftermath of a global crude slump, those postings now make up an even smaller percentage of the total listings than they did before.

In October, before crude began its rapid slide downward, about .012 percent of Indeed.com's job openings were tied to the supermajor companies, the company said in a newly released analysis.

By April, that number had collapsed in half to .006 percent before rebounding slightly in July after oil prices had stabilized for $60 per barrel for several weeks. The fresh collapse in prices — domestic benchmark oil was trading at $41.24 on Thursday morning — has renewed speculation that more job losses may be coming, a trend that could further dissuade companies from adding new positions or filling existing empty slots.

Worldwide, layoffs in the oil and gas industry have topped 176,000, according to Swift Worldwide Resources, an oil and gas industry staffing firm that has been tracking the industry job cuts. Multinational oil giant Chevron recently announced plans to slash 1,500 jobs, including 950 in Houston. About 270 were already vacant and won't be filled, the company said. Royal Dutch Shell revealed that it's axing more than 6,500 jobs worldwide, including some that have already been cut.

While the job cuts signal an industry desperate to slash costs amid a downturn that has sapped revenue and forced down profits, the slowdown in hiring provides a more troubling example of how major oil companies are positioning themselves for a "new normal," Tara Sinclair, chief economist at Indeed.com, wrote in an article about the analysis published on TheStreet.com.

"The new reality is that this sector may have peaked with the higher prices last year, and that trend has normalized to a smaller part of the U.S. economy," she said.

Still, the downturn in the oil industry is happening at the same time that the recovering U.S. economy spurs an uptick in job creation, which has helped blunt the effect of the losses nationwide. All sectors are growing, with no signs of slowing down through the rest of 2015, Sinclair wrote.

"Lower gas prices are fueling industries such as transportation and construction which may offer opportunities to displaced oil workers," she wrote. "The energy industry will of course remain a key driver for the U.S. labor market, but it may be better to consider it running on a V6 engine, not the V8 of recent years."

Analysts: Little hope for more oil exports despite Mexico crude swaps

By Robert Grattan
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — About one week after the U.S. Commerce Department signaled it would allow trades of Mexican heavy crude for lighter U.S. oil, analysts have mostly dismissed the swap's impact on the oil markets as only a minor improvement to refining efficiency.

Instead, market watchers say, the largest impact of the decision could be its symbolic value, cementing a crack in the long-standing crude oil export ban that U.S. oil can flow through.

But even symbolically, the move isn't groundbreaking, said Mark Broadbent, an analyst at energy consulting firm Wood Mackenzie. The U.S. shares a long history of economic agreements with Mexico, and there's little evidence that regulators are prepared to offer a similar exception for crude exports to more far-flung countries.

"In terms of the actual impact on the U.S. refining industry, it's going to be relatively small," Broadbent said, adding that "Symbolically, it's a small step."

The Commerce Department said on Aug. 14 it would approve applications on a case-by-case basis for selling U.S. oil to Mexico in exchange for purchases of a similar amount of Mexican crude oil. The department doesn't discuss specific oil rulings and didn't specify which applications would be approved, but it's well known that in Jan. 2015, Mexico's national oil company Petróleos Mexicanos asked the U.S. government for permission to swap about 100,000 barrels per day of its heavy oil for lighter U.S. crude.

In Mexico, the lighter crude oil would allow Pemex's refineries to shift their output toward valuable gasoline and away from less valuable fuel oil. Mexico uses about 300,000 barrels per day of gasoline more than it produces, in part because its refineries yield about 25 percent less gasoline per barrel than U.S. refineries, according to Wood Mackenzie. Adding more lighter oil should help close that gap.

In the U.S., a swap could also help boost efficiency. Gulf Coast refineries are geared to run on heavier oil, and the shale boom has left many with too much light oil and less heavy crude — meaning a swap could help refiners run more efficiently too.

The U.S. already imports a large amount of heavy oil from Mexico and Canada. Energy consulting group RBN Energy estimated that U.S. refineries imported about 700,000 barrels per day of Mexican crude between January and May 2015, down from about 1.1 million barrels per day in 2011. Imports have been in decline recently as more Canadian heavy crude oil has found its way to the Gulf Coast and as Mexican oil production has tapered off.

One destination for the heavy crude could be the 340,000 barrel per day refinery Pemex owns in a 50-50 joint venture with Shell in Deep Park. RBN Energy said. In total, there's about 2.4 million barrels per day of heavy crude processing capacity on the Gulf Coast.

Still, the total impact of 100,000 barrels per day moving in either direction would be measurable only by individual producers or refiners, said analysts at Barclays.

Mitchell Foundation supports methane crackdown

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — An Obama administration plan to slash methane emissions from oil wells and gas processing facilities has deeply angered some industry leaders who say the rules would hike costs and throttle domestic energy development.

But not everyone is howling.

The Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation — the philanthropic organization that is a legacy of the "father of fracking" — endorsed the proposal as a "prudent regulatory strategy."

The Environmental Protection Agency proposal "is a critical step in protecting health and the environment," the group said in a statement released late Wednesday.

The Texas-based foundation has funded research on methane emissions, and one of its four main grant-making programs is in "shale sustainability," supporting work with the potential to boost the sustainability of extracting oil and gas from dense shale rock formations.

But the foundation has largely avoided big pronouncements on public policy — particularly proposals as controversial as the EPA's methane plan.

The group stressed that the oil and gas industry has already made "important progress" cutting emissions of methane.

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Ector County

ConocoPhillips Company
Clyde Cowden #277
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 660 fel, 11326 fnl, Sec 13, Blk 44, T-1- S, Abst. 276, T&P RR, 14 nw Odessa; TD 7276; Comp 7/24/2015; producing from 6775-6800, fracture stimulated; pump 44 BO, 117 MCF, 1297 BW, 34.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-43297

Loving County

Shell Western E&P
Bonnethead "53-2-13" LOV Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 261 fnl, 882 fel, Sec 13, Sec 53, T-2, Abst. 26, T&P RR, 11.7 ne Mentone; TD 11793 TVD, 18950 MD; Comp 8/9/2015; producing from 12503-18473, fracture stimulated; flow 634 BO, 1360 MCF, 2145 BW on 13/64 inch choke, FTP 4088 psi; API #42-301-32507

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Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Jones "21" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2193 fsl, 2173 fel, Sec 21, Blk 37, T-2-N, Abst. 246, T&P RR, 1.9 w Tarzan; TD 11550; Comp 7/29/2015; producing from 8851-11330, fracture stimulated; pump 49 BO, 5 MCF, 300 BW, 36.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-40199

Midland County

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Donald L. Hutt Fee #1601H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 345 fnl, 2806 fel, Sec 16, Blk 38, T-3-S, Abst. 923, T&P RR, 14.5 se Midland; TD 9347 TVD, 14288 MD; Comp 7/15/2015; producing from 9374-14149, fracture stimulated; gas lift 1186 BO, 1257 MCF, 2702 BW on open choke, 45.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-39637

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Gaines County

XTO Energy Inc.
Russell Clearfork Unit #588
Russell (Clearfork Consolidated); 2694 fnl, 1327 fwl, Sec 457, Blk G, Abst. 38, CCSD&RGNG, 7.6 sw Denver City; TD 7908; Comp 7/14/2015; producing from 7389-7731, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 120 BO, 452 BW, 33.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-38310

New Mexico

Eddy County

Apache Corp.
Outlaw State #10
Artesia; Sec 29 T17S R28E; 1650/S & 1650/E; EL 3692 GL, TD 5000, PBTD 4950; Spud 1-24-15, Comp 4-9-15; production is through perfs: 3445-3716. IP: 4-15-15 Pump 24 hrs 40 BO, 409 BW, 97 MCF. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 430 w/700 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5000 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3826; API #30-015-42560

Apache Corp.
Crow Federal #36
Fren; Sec 3 T17S R31E; 970/S & 537/W. BHL: 960/S & 332/W; EL 3929 GL, TD 11061 MD, 5700 TVD, PBTD 11022; Spud 7-14-14, Comp 1-23-15; production is through treated perfs: 6932-10930. Treat: 1914 bbls acid & 2,890,516# sd, IP: 4-12-15 Pump 24 hrs 532 BO, 2143 BW, 263 MCF, GOR 494, Gty 37. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 655 w/710 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3498 w/1410 sx, 7 @ 11034, 5 1/2 @ 11034 w/650 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5559; API #30-015-42141

Apache Corp.
Lee Federal #64
Cedar Lake; Sec 20 T17S R31E; 95/N & 1835/W. BHL: 322/N & 2300/W; EL 3666 GL, TD 6373, PBTD 6339; Spud 10-29-14, Comp 2-3-15; production is through treated perfs: 4550-5004, 5080-5580, 5630-6200. Treat: 110,964 gals 16# pad, 353388 gals 16# gel, 4620018 sd, 18674 gals acid, 27,720 gals linear gel. IP: 3-9-15 Pump 24 hrs 60 BO, 160 BW, 238 MCF, GOR 3967, Gty 37. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 308 w/700 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3512 w/3480 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6373 w/910 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6301; API #30-015-41988

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Gobbler 5 B2PM State Com #1
East Palmillo; Sec 5 T19S R29E; 330/S & 300/E. BHL: 334/S & 337/W; EL 3409 GL, TD 12245, PBTD 12220; Spud 1-8-15, Comp 4-25-15; production is through perfs: 8234-12229. IP: 4-27-15 Flow 24 hrs 366 BO, 3307 BW, 280 MCF, 38/64" Ch, CP 400. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 414 w/755 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1104 w/450 sx, 7 @ 8176 w/450 sx, 4 1/2 @ 12225 w/1000 sx; API #30-015-42851

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Wolf AJA Federal #17
Lost Tank; Sec 25 T21S R31E; 1920/N & 300/E. BHL: 652/N & 342/W; EL 3665 GL, TD 11,865, PBTD 11,836; Spud 7-26-14, Comp 2-7-15; production is through perfs: 7626-11340. IP: 2-11-15 Flow 24 hrs 140 BO, 1902 BW, 114 MCF, 18/64" Ch, TP 300, CP 100. Csg: 20 @ 80 w/245 sx, 13 3/8 @ 925 w/820 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4625 w/1145 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11340 w/2045 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6785; API #30-015-39829

Mack Energy Corp.
Lost River Fee #1
Cass Draw; Sec 23 T23S R27E; 990/S & 990/E; EL 3132 GL, TD 9523, PBTD 9476; Spud 6-11-14, Comp 12-11-14; production is through perfs: 6834-9084. IP: 4-1-15 Pump 24 hrs 56 BO, 37 BW, 235 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 421 w/470 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2089 w/705 sx, 7 @ 9523 w/1385 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6740; API #30-015-41920

Oxy USA Inc.
Cypress 28 Federal #6
NE Harroun Ranch; Sec 28 T23S R29E; 330/S & 2000/W. BHL: 140/N & 1661/W; EL 3021 GL, TD 11425 MD, 6574 TVD, PBTD 11235 MD, 6581 TVD; Spud 1-9-15, Comp 4-8-15; production is through treated perfs: 6998-11121. Treat: 247758 gals slick water + 58183 gals 15% HCL acid, 9332012 gals 15# BXL + 413053 gals 18# BXL. IP: 5-6-15 Pump 24 hrs 138 BO, 2421 BW, 346 MCF, GOR 2507. Csg: 11 1/2 @ 368 w/630 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3006 w/1380 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11425 w/1820 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5884; API #30-015-41138

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Devon 6 Fee #2
Willow Lake; Sec 6 T25S R28E; 1980/N & 300/E. BHL: 1960/N & 164/W; EL 3042 GL, TD 12640 MD, 7943 TVD, PBTD 12133 MD, 7952 TVD; Spud 2-19-15, Comp 4-15-15; production is through perfs: Perfs: 8305-12364. IP: 5-4-15 Flow 24 hrs 528 BO, 1512 BW, 840 MCF, 32/64" Ch, CP 600. Csg: 10 1/2 @ 554 w/360 sx, 7 5/8 @ 2501 w/660 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12630 w/710 sx; API #30-015-42931

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Chamaeleon BIN State Com #2
Hay Hollow; Sec 25 T26S R27E; 10/N & 990/E. BHL: 327/S & 643/E; EL 3110 GL, TD 14,597, PBTD 14,386; Spud 8-21-14, Comp 4-20-15; production is through perfs: 8086-14578. IP: 4-24-15 Flow 24 hrs 203 BO, 1562 BW, 474 MCF, 48/64" Ch. Csg: 20 @ 60 w/162 sx, 13 3/8 @ 418 w/350 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2444 w/725 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14595 w/2390 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7124; API #30-015-42059

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Ross Draw Unit #41
East Ross Draw; Sec 22 T26S R30E; 1980/S & 330/W; EL 3035 GL, TD 7490, PBTD 7390; Spud 2-23-15, Comp 4-3-15; production is through perfs: 5618-7161. Treat: 15% HCL, 20# linear, 20# x-link, 16/30 white, 20# Borate, 16/30 Super/TLR=7,478 total prop=353,880. IP: 4-14-15 Pump 24 hrs 219 BO, 760 BW, 52 MCF, 21/64" Ch, TP 310, CP 110, GOR 237, Gty 40. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 801 w/700 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3462 w/1350 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7478 w/1025 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5568; API #30-015-42944

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Ross Draw Unit #42
East Ross Draw; Sec 22 T26S R30E; 1980/S & 1800/W; EL 3039 GL, TD 7520, PBTD 7462; Spud 3-8-15, Comp 4-7-15; production is through treated perfs: 5610-7174. Treat: 15% HCL,20# liner, 20# x-link, 16/30 white, 20# borate, 16/30 super/TLR=7970 bbls / prop=730,200#. IP: 4-19-15 Flow 24 hrs 368 BO, 887 BW, 632 MCF, 20/64" Ch, TP 300, CP 120, GOR 1717, Gty 41.8. Csg; 13 3/8 @ 807 w/800 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3465 w/1300 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7505 w/1025 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5490; API #30-015-42945

Lea County

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Marathon Road 14 NC Federal #1
Lea; Sec 23 T20S R34E; 170/N & 1980/W. BHL: 339/N & 1829/W; EL 3655 GL, TD 15880 MD, 10903 TVD, PBTD 15856 MD, 10903 TVD; Spud 11-17-14, Comp 3-14-15; production is through treated perfs: 11489-15856. Treat: Frac in 25 Stages 518,742 gals SW, carrying 95,280# 100 mesh, 244,902# linear gel. IP: 3-20-15 Flow 24 hrs 636 BO, 845 BW, 823 MCF, 21/64" Ch, CP 1750, GOR 845, Gty 42.6. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1063 w/1150 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3072 w/2290 sx, 4 1/2 @ 11013-15861; API #30-025-40984

Nearburg Producing Co.
Laguna 23 Federal Com #3
South Lea; Sec 23 T20S R34E; 330/S & 2130/W. BHL: 365/N & 2078/W; EL 3683 GL, TD 13955 MD, 9620 TVD, PBTD 13917 MD, 9620 TVD; Spud 9-19-14, Comp 11-20-14; production is through treated perfs: 9945-13808. Treat: 2,576,200# 20/40 white sd, 1,006,760# garnet w/983 bbls HCL, 68,143 bbls gel. IP: 12-13 14 Flow 24 hrs 314 BO, 765 BW, 384 MCF, CP 260. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1692 w/1250 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3641 w/1750 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13955 w/2700 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8916; API #30-025-41946

Fasken Oil & Ranch Ltd.
Paloma 21 Federal Com #3
Lea; Sec 21 T20S R34E; 350/N & 2200/E. BHL: 2368/N & 1876/E; EL 3642 GL, TD 17990 MD, 11097 TVD, PBTD 17970 MD, 11097 TVD; Spud 11-16-14, Comp 2-9-15; production is through treated perfs: 11266-17956. Treat: Frac w/6,019,883 gals crosslink fluid & acid, 4984,545# sd. IP: 3-1-15 Flow 24 hrs 582 BO, 654 BW, 621 MCF, 20/64" Ch, TP 1950, CP 120, GOR 1067, Gty 45. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1643 w/1335 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5219 w/2335 sx, 5 1/2 @ 17977 w/3600 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10274; API #30-025-41995

COG Operating LLC
Osprey 20 State Com #1
Wildcat; Sec 20 T21S R34E; 2450/S & 330/E. BHL: 341/S & 944/E; EL 3724 GL, TD 20727, PBTD 18554; Spud 7-18-14, Comp 3-12-15; production is through treated perfs: 11205-18542. Treat: Acdz w/231467 gals 7 1/2%, Frac w/5823763# sd & 7025998 gal fluid. IP: 4-5-15 Flow 24 hrs 557 BO, 1958 BW, 457 MCF, TP 460. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1855 w/1095 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5845 w/2380 sx, 5 1/2 @ 20669 w/3675 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10086; API #30-025-40968

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Chevron USA Inc.
Brinninstool 24 23 33 USA #2
North Bell Lake; Sec 24 T23S R33E; 150/N & 1980/W. BHL: 324/S & 1902/W; EL 3586 GL, TD 15896, PBTD 15666; Spud 10-11-14, Comp 12-21-14; production is through treated perfs: 11539-15629. Treat: Frac /total prop 4,328,060# white 20/40, 3,340,270 CRC 16/30 802,690#. IP: 1-17-15 Flow 24 hrs 456 BO, 1580 BW, 506 MCF, GOR 1110, Gty 42.6. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1261 w/1880 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5103 w/1720 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15866 w/2250 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10482; API #30-025-41935

Oxy USA Inc.
Foxgloves 29 Federal Com #6
Triple X; Sec 29 T23S R33E; 340/N & 1660/E. BHL: 181/S & 1683/E; EL 3691.9 GL, TD 15585 MD, 11150 TVD, PBTD 15495 MD, 11150 TVD; Spud 12-11-14, Comp 2-10-15; production is through treated perfs: 11349-15410. Treat: 198011 gals trt wtr + 230649 slickwater + 49080 gals 15% HCL acid + 4208 gals 15# BXL. IP: 3-11-15 Flow 24 hrs 453 BO, 1196 BW, 157 MCF, 18/64 Ch, TP 1600, GOR 347. Csg: 11 1/2 @ 1399 w/1400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 5203 w/1310 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15584 w/1790 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10490; API #30-025-41850

COG Producing LLC
Corvo Federal #3
North Paduca; Sec 29 T24S R32E; 190/S & 1880/W. BHL: 378/N & 1879/W; EL 3494.4 GL, TD 12907 MD, 8446 TVD, PBTD 12875 MD, 8448 TVD; Spud 10-4-14; Comp 12-14-14; production is through treated perfs: 8634-12830. Treat: Acdz w/673223 gals 7 1/2%, Frac w/2228671# sd & 2161759 gals fluid. IP: 1-10-15 Pump 24 hrs 675 BO, 2025 BW, 681 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 838 w/640 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4520 w/1350 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12897 w/1705 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7763

EOG Resources Inc.
Mara 10 State #502
Triple X; Sec 10 T24S R33E; 325/N & 1330/E. BHL: 230/N & 1100/E; EL 3593 GL, TD 15983 MD, 10949 TVD, PBTD 15983; Spud 12-2-14, Comp 3-2-15; production is through perfs: 11261-15857. IP: 3-26-15 Flow 24 hrs 1129 BO, 1862 BW, 1333 MCF, 128/64" Ch, TP 199, CP 1047. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1345 w/1000 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5070 w/1790 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15983 w/2275 sx; API #30-025-42038

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OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD, S CROSSETT (DETRITAL) (O) DRILL Well# 270 SOUTH CROSS UNIT, 1333 FSWL 3132 FSEL, SEC 58 BLK 35, H&TC/ TM RENNOLDS SUR., A-4937 6000', 5 SW MCCAMEY API# 42-105-42219

Upton County

APACHE CORPORATION, MCELROY (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 11H KING SOUTH U-0515, 400 FSL 1196 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 3 1/2, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-1155 3700', 11 SE CRANE API# 42-461-40019

COG OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 17 AMACKER 67, 271 FNL 591 FWL, SEC 67 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-44 12000', 12 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-40070

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Andrews County

ENCANA O&G (USA) INC., LOWE (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 204O UNIVERSITY 8-1, 2204 FEL 875 FSL, SEC 2 BLK 8, UNIV LAND SUR. 12460', 15 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47095

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 1322Z MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 708 FSL 2025 FEL, SEC 1 BLK A35, PSL/HD DENNIS SUR., A-376 5300', 10 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47105

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 1422Z MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 573 FNL 1878 FEL, SEC 10 BLK A35, PSL/HD DENNIS SUR., A-379 5300', 10 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47104

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 1964A MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 1355 FNL 2467 FEL, SEC 12 BLK A35, H DENNIS SUR., A-486 5300', 8 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47103

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 1862 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 209 FSL 1452 FWL, SEC 9 BLK A35, HD DENNIS SUR., A-377 5300', 8 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47102

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 1814A MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 751 FNL 2090 FEL, SEC 12 BLK A35, H DENNIS SUR., A-486 5300', 8 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47101

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 6910 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 1986 FNL 1327 FWL, SEC 12 BLK A35, H DENNIS SUR., A-486 5300', 8 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47100

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 6324Z MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 722 FSL 683 FEL, SEC 1 BLK A35, PSL/HD DENNIS SUR., A-376 5300', 10 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47106

XTO ENERGY INC., MEANS (O) DRILL Well# 6962 MEANS SAN ANDRES UNIT, 1394 FNL 2021 FWL, SEC 12 BLK A35, H DENNIS SUR., A-486 5300', 8 NE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47099

Culberson County

CAPITAN ENERGY, INC., W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H STATE ALEXANDRA 14-11, 519 FSL 500 FEL, SEC 14 BLK 110, PSL/CW CALDWELL SUR., A-6410 10200', 41 NE KENT API# 42-109-32846

COG OPERATING, LLC, W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2024H GLENN, 133 FSL 421 FWL, SEC 20 BLK 58 T1S, T&P/ WN ROGERS SUR., A-2063 10500', 50 NW PECOS API# 42-109-32821

Ector County

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# N142 GOLDSMITH ANDECTOR UNIT, 2095 FSL 1690 FWL, SEC 18 BLK 44 T1N, T&P/ JT MEEKS SUR., A-610 7500', 24 NW ODESSA API# 42-135-43325

XTO ENERGY INC., GOLDSMITH (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1090 GOLDSMITH SAN ANDRES UNIT, 1327 FNL 2663 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/ JC BEATY SUR., A-684 4500', 3 SW GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-20081

Glasscock County

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, NW GARDEN CTY (STRWN) (O) DRILL Well# 11 JONES A, 475 FNL 475 FEL, SEC 31 BLK 36 T3S, T&P SUR., A-406 12000', 6 SE SPRABERRY API# 42-173-37144

Howard County

BREITBURN OPERATING L.P., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H HAMLIN 34-39 (SL), 20 FNL 2368 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 33 T2N, T&P/JF MCGEE SUR., A-1441 12000', 4 SE KNOTT API# 42-227-38515

BREITBURN OPERATING L.P., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H MCGARY 34-39, 255 FNL 350 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 33 T2N, T&P/JF MCGEE SUR., A-1441 12000', 4 SE KNOTT API# 42-227-38509

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BREITBURN OPERATING L.P., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H SYBIL TRUST 33-40 (SL), 20 FNL 415 FEL, SEC 33 BLK 33 T2N, T&P SUR., A-334 12000', 4 SE KNOTT API# 42-227-38513

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BREITBURN OPERATING L.P., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H MCGARY 34-39 (SL), 255 FNL 370 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 33 T2N, T&P/JF MCGEE SUR., A-1441 12000', 4 SE KNOTT API# 42-227-38510

Loving County

MEWBOURNE OIL CO., JEANITA (CHERRY CNYN) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 TXL 33 SWD, 2640 FSL 2590 FWL, SEC 33 BLK 56 T1, T&P SUR., A-156 6150', 8 N ORLA API# 42-301-32559

Martin County

RELIANCE ENERGY, INC., LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 SALE 26, 467 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 26 BLK 37 T1N, T&P/ SW HARRINGTON SUR., A-650 13500', 9 NW STANTON API# 42-317-40155

RELIANCE ENERGY, INC., LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 EPLEY 2, 467 FNL 2690 FWL, SEC 2 BLK 37 T1N, T&P/JF EPLEY SUR., A-880 13000', 4 SE TARZAN API# 42-317-40164

Midland County

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1HB RIO GRANDE 25-20SL UNIT 1, 2325 FSL 441 FEL, SEC 25 BLK 39 T3S, T&P SUR., A-207

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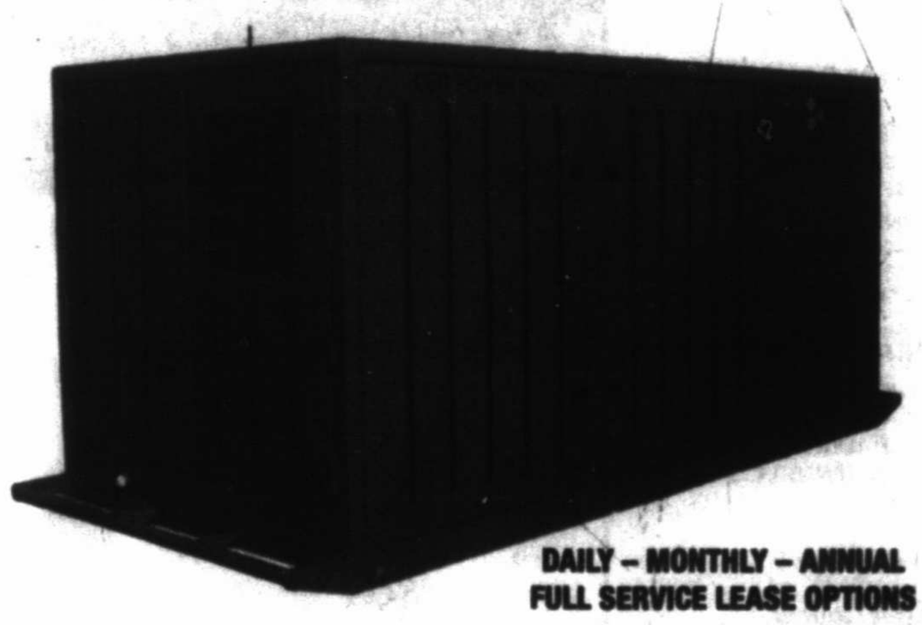

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PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H PRESTON 36B, 1161 FWL 1517 FSL, SEC 36 BLK 38 T4S, T&P/ RC CAUBLE SUR., A-871 11167', 24 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40181

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H ET O'DANIEL 3E, 295 FWL 655 FNL, SEC 3, S WRIGHT SUR., A-1011 10800', 15 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40123

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2205BH LHS RANCH 27-22 AL-LOCATION 2205, 2310 FEL 2201 FSL, SEC 27 BLK 38 T4S, T&P SUR., A-111 10000', 22 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40071

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2215AH LHS RANCH 27-22 AL-LOCATION 2215, 2285 FEL 2201 FSL, SEC 27 BLK 38 T4S, T&P SUR., A-111 9600', 22 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40075

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2217AH LHS RANCH 27-22 AL-LOCATION 2217, 1016 FEL 1698 FSL, SEC 27 BLK 38 T4S, T&P SUR., A-111 9600', 22 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40076

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2208BH LHS RANCH 27-22 AL-LOCATION 2208, 330 FEL 2201 FSL, SEC 27 BLK 38 T4S, T&P SUR., A-111 10000', 22 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40074

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Pecos County

SAMSON EXPLORATION, LLC, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BERKLEY STATE EAST UNIT, 650 FEL 780 FNL, SEC 46 BLK 49 T8S, T&P/HD MENDEL SUR., A-8538 12000', 23 NW FORT STOCKTON API# 42-371-39318

Reeves County

PATRIOT RES., INC., WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H DAYTONA UNIT 1A, 500 FNL 500 FWL, SEC 12 BLK C1, PSL/L EDDINS SUR., A-4541 13000', 18 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34824

Winkler County

MEWBOURNE OIL CO., BLK 20 (DELAWARE) (RE-ENTER) (INJ) Well# 1W UNIVERSITY 7-21, 987 FNL 1983 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 21, UL SUR., A-U47 6510', 7 W WINK API# 42-495-31118

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Scurry County

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, N SNYDER (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 9 ML STEWART, 985 FSL 1680 FEL, SEC 211 BLK 97, H&TC/WE CLOYES SUR., A-1914 8000', 6 W SNYDER API# 42-415-34326

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, N SNYDER (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 6 AE DENNIS, 2404 FNL 1071 FWL, SEC 337 BLK 97, H&TC/HB SMOOT SUR., A-2413 8000', 6 NW SNYDER API# 42-415-03742

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC, N SNYDER (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 5 JM NEWTON, 1413 FSL 1329 FWL, SEC 160 BLK 3, H&GN/ JM & JC SMITH SUR., A-945 8000', 4 NW SNYDER API# 42-415-30405

New Mexico

Chaves County

Mack Energy Corp. Halifax Federal #3 Round Tank; Sec 23 T15S R28E; 1500/N & 130/E; 16 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3627 San Andres; API #30-005-64288

Mack Energy Corp. Calgary Federal #9 Round Tank; Sec 24 T15S R28E; 330/S & 1650/W; 17 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3500 San Andres; API #30-005-64287

Mack Energy Corp. Toronto Federal #1 Round Tank; Sec 25 T15S R28E; 330/S & 1550/W; 17 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3506.6 San Andres; API #30-005-64286

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC Beech 25 Federal #11 NE Red Lake; Sec 25 T17S R27E; 581/S & 237/W; 10 mi SE Artesia; Rot 3970 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-43176

Ray Westall Operating Inc. Sand Tank 32 State SWD #1 SWD; Sec 32 T17S R30E; 660/S & 1980/W; 2 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 9980 Penn; API #30-015-28960

Yates Petroleum Corp. Apollo APU Fed Com #4 Undesignated; Sec 23 T19S R25E; 265/N & 400/W; 1 1/2 mi NE Lakewood; Rot 7839 Yeso; API #30-015-43149

Yates Petroleum Corp. Baroque BTQ Fed Com #1 Undesignated; Sec 5 T19S R30E; 1980/S & 2440/E; 9 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 15414 Bone Spring; API #30-=015-43148

Mewbourne Oil Co. Roscoe 6 B3AD Fed #1 Avalon; Sec 6 T21S R27E; 1270/N & 265/E; 5 mi N Carlsbad; Rot 13090 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43168

Matador Producing Co. Scott Walker 36 22 27 RB #204 Cass Draw; Sec 12 T22S R27E; 330/S & 240/W; 4 1/2 mi E Carlsbad; Rot 14100 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43162

Matador Producing Co. Tom Walters 12 23 27 RB #203 NW Pierce Crossing; Sec 12 T23S R27E; 2262/S & 250/W; 2 1/2 mi SW Otis; Rot 14100 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43147

Mewbourne Oil Co. Zepplin 32 B2IL St #1 South Culebra Bluff; Sec 32 T23S R28E; 1650/S & 205/E; 1 1/2 mi SW Loving; Rot 12625 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43165

Mewbourne Oil Co. Foreigner 4 B2BO Fee #1 South Culebra Bluff; Sec 33 R23S R28E; 185/S & 1980/E; 1 1/2 mi S Loving; Rot 13025 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43145

Mewbourne Oil Co. Foreigner 4 W2DM Fee #1 South Culebra Bluff; Sec 33 T23S R28E; 350/S & 1160/W; 1 1/2 mi S Loving; Rot 14725 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43146

Mewbourne Oil Co. Zepplin 32 W2PM St #1 South Culebra Bluff; Sec 33 T23S R28E; 450/S & 360/W; 1 1/2 mi S Loving; Rot 15600 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43161

Mewbourne Oil Co. Zepplin 5 B2AD Fee #1 South Culebra Bluff; Sec 5 T24S R28E; 660/N & 205/E; 1 1/2 mi SW Loving; Rot 12625 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43166

Mewbourne Oil Co. Boston 7 B2 LI Fee #1 South Culebra Bluff; Sec 7 T24S R28E; 1850/S & 205/W; 3 1/2 mi SW Loving; Rot 12420 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43153

Mewbourne Oil Co. Boston 7 B2EH Fee #1 South Culebra Bluff; Sec 7 T24S R28E; 1500/N & 185/W; 3 1/2 mi SW Loving; Rot 12470 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43167

Mewbourne Oil Co. Boston 7 W2DA Fee #1 South Culebra Bluff; Sec 7 T24S R28E; 330/N & 185/W; 3 1/2 mi SW Loving; Rot 14610 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43154

Mewbourne Oil Co. Boston 7 W2MP Fee #1 South Culebra Bluff; Sec 7 T24S R28E; 330/S & 185/W; 3 1/2 mi SW Loving; Rot 14600 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43155

Mewbourne Oil Co. Journey 12 B2 MD Fee #1 South Culebra Bluff; Sec 12 T24S R28E; 215/S & 550/W; 2 mi E Malaga; Rot 12973 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43171

Mewbourne Oil Co. Journey 12 W2 MD Fee #1 South Culebra Bluff; Sec 12 T24S R28E; 215/S & 620/W; 2 mi E Malaga; Rot 15287 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-43172

Cimarex Energy Corp. Laguna Grande 29 Fed #6 Laguna Salado; Sec 20 T23S R29E; 98/S & 2562/W; 5 mi E Loving; Rot 13731 Bone Spring; API #30-015-43174

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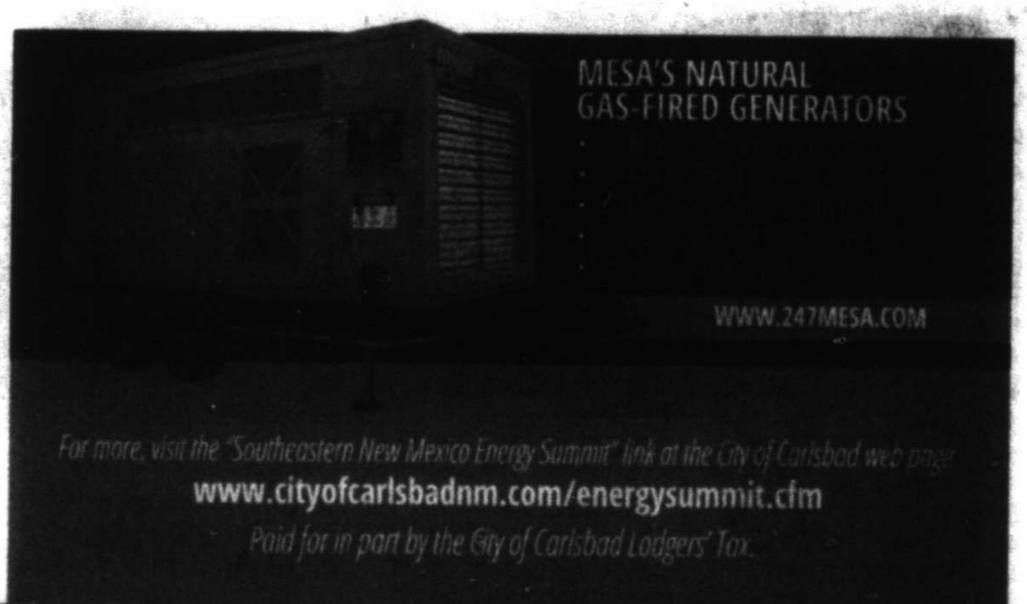

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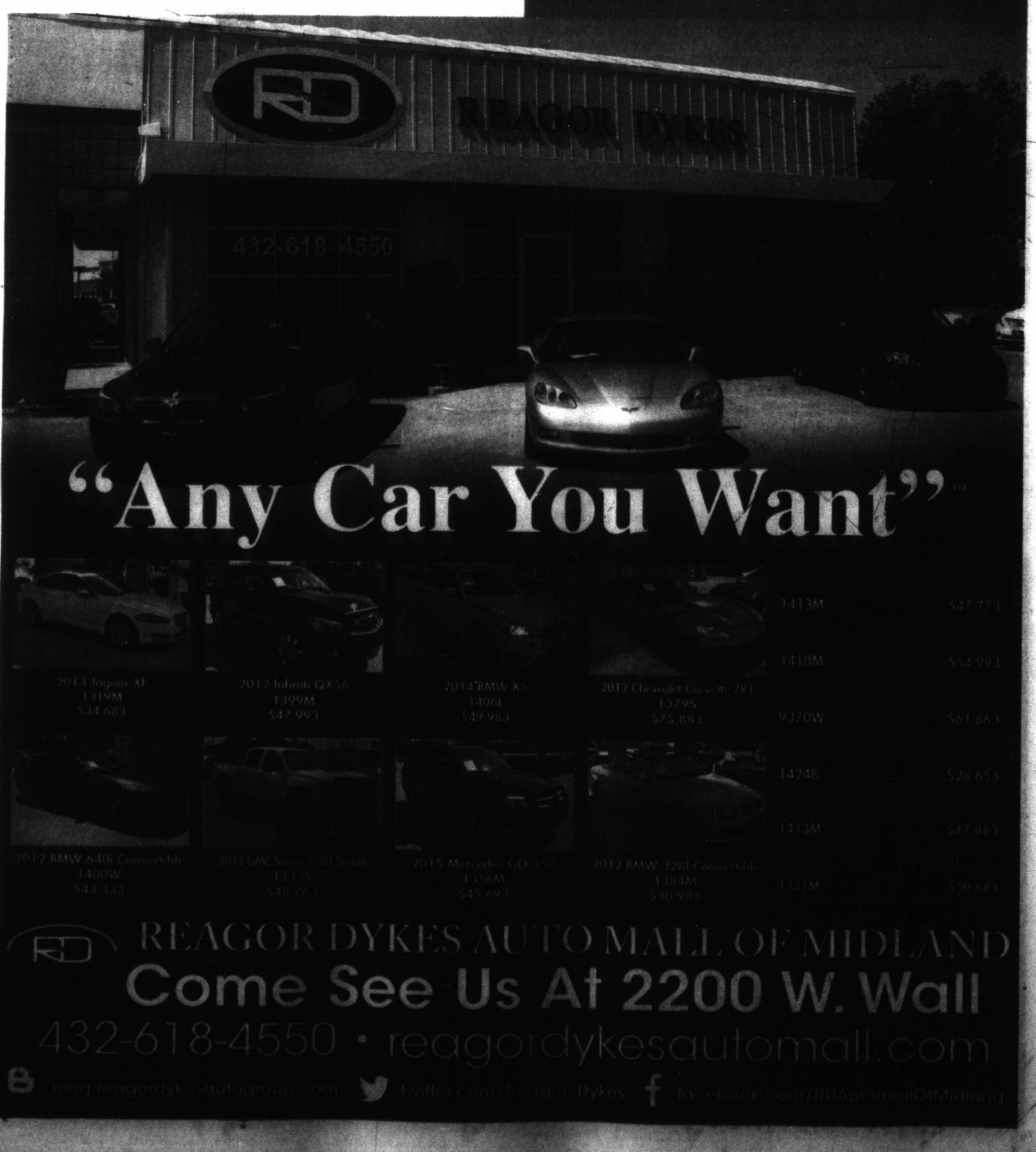

PERMIAN BASIN PRIDE

Lee's Kaleb Nunez (left) and Ryan Dean (right) will combine to form a formidable tackle duo this season.

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HOPING TO RELIVE GLORY DAYS

Permian Basin squads look to someday get back to competing for state titles

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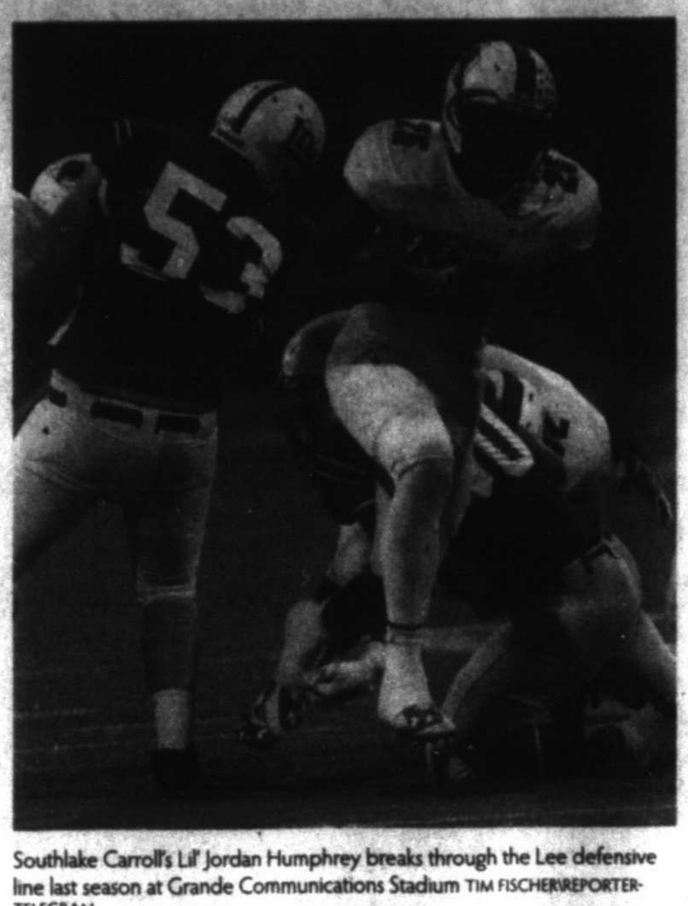

Southlake Carroll's Lil' Jordan Humphrey breaks through the Lee defensive line last season at Grande Communications Stadium TIM FISCHER/REPORTER-TELEGRAM

High school football in the Permian Basin has been appreciated from afar because of the unbridled passion and fervor the area has for "Friday night lights".

That admiration extended to on-field achievement as the Permian Basin made its presence felt with nine state championships in UIL 11-man football between 1980-2000, including seven titles in what is now Class 6A.

While the spirit for high school football remains strong, the area has been less of a factor in the UIL 11-man state championship race over the past decade.

No Permian Basin 11-man team has competed for a state title since McCamey fell in the Class 1A Division I championship game in 2006.

The deep postseason runs have been rare too. Monahans was the last area team to reach the state semifinals in 2011, while Crane made a run to the Class 2A Division II state quarterfinals in 2009.

The major stumbling blocks that Permian Basin teams typically have encountered in the postseason are power programs east of Abilene toward the Dallas Metroplex area.

"The Metroplex area has drawn a lot of students and population has moved that way to the (Interstate 35) corridor and that direction," said Stanton head coach John Peterson, whose program won the 1997 Class 2A title. "You've seen a lot of people leaving West Texas and moving in those directions and that's built up those programs because the more students you have, you have a better choice, selection of students, things like that."

PERMIAN/LEE GLORY YEARS HAVE LONG PASSED

The history of Texas high school football would not be complete without a chapter of the historic rivalry that exists between Odessa Permian and Lee.

Between 1980-2000, the pair of programs combined to win seven state championships and reached 10 state title games.

No Permian Basin 11-man team has won a state championship since Lee achieved the feat in 2000, which completed a string of three straight Class 5A titles.

Since 2002, Lee hasn't been able to advance past the area round.

Permian, a six-time state champion, hasn't been able to get past the regional round in the new century.

Permian head coach Blake Feldt, a Midland High grad, says it's a misconception in the area that District 3-6A teams can't compete with Metroplex teams as a whole.

"People don't understand that, they talk about football in the Metroplex, but they're really talking about five football teams," Feldt said. "They're talking about Allen, they're talking Euless Trinity, Southlake Carroll, DeSoto and Cedar Hill. Everybody else in the Metroplex, I think our district is as good or better than and we have proven that time and time again."

Feldt points to District 3-6A's 3-1 record versus 4-6A in the 2014 bi-district round as proof. In fact, Permian was eliminated in the regional round from 2006-08 by Southlake Carroll, Euless Trinity and Allen in successive years.

Euless Trinity eliminated Permian with a 42-14 victory in last year's regional playoffs.

"We were overwhelmed with their strength and size," Feldt said. "If we played them 100 times, we would get beat 100 times by that team last year because we were overwhelmed with their size and strength. In order for us to compete against them and have an opportunity to beat them, we've got to get big and strong enough to beat them. Now does that mean that you have to get bigger and stronger than them? No, it's not. But you need to get big and strong enough."

WEST TEXAS SCHOOLS SEEK TO CLOSE THE GAP

So how does the Permian Basin overcome shortcomings in athleticism when the natural talent cycle is not always on their side?

Midland High head coach Craig Yenzer has identified two areas. Yenzer is a big proponent of his football players taking part in multiple sports to improve their athleticism during an era where athletes tend to specialize with one. He says one reason why Southlake Carroll has been so successful in athletics and football is that they have a 85-90 percent participation rate in extracurricular activities among its student body. Yenzer believes MHS' extracurricular participation rate is under 60 percent.

"I can't teach that to our pitcher (and quarterback Brady) Bolger going into that baseball game in the seventh inning and having to get three outs to win the game," Yenzer said "Or that basketball player on the free-throw line, with three seconds left, to win the game. We're losing by one and you gotta hit two free throws. You can't emulate that in the offseason. That's why track, everybody hates track, if you want to get faster you run track. We tell our guys, if you're not playing baseball, you're running track, especially if you want to play a skill position."

Yenzer said his 2002 Bulldogs team reached the Class 5A state championship even though their postseason opponents they defeated -- Tyler Lee, Duncanville and Arlington Lamar -- were comprised with more talent: Yenzer believes a championship caliber team needs more than just talent. He says his 2002 squad consisted of tough kids and they had a special camaraderie.

Andrews head coach Ralph Mason knows that having the most talent doesn't always win either. Mason was the offensive coordinator at Muleshoe when the Mules won the 2008 Class 2A Division I title and believed his team had less talent than the last three teams they beat.

Mason says the Permian Basin's Class 4A Region I rivals -- Stephenville, Graham and Celina -- are consistently good because they have built a successful program over time and the kids have the confidence and the belief they're going to win. But he says their rivals' talent level is much more similar to West Texas schools in comparison to far east Texas powers like Gilmer and Carthage, which are bigger and faster.

Mason believed Muleshoe prevailed against tougher competition because it concentrated on doing the little things right, all the time, while some superior athletic teams tend to lean on their physical superiority and not adjust. Lee head coach James Morton agrees that execution is what can overcome gaps in talent to an extent.

"(Allen) signs double-digit Division I kids every year," Morton said. "That's something completely different that we don't have control of. I think focusing on those things that you do have control of and definitely execution is a big part of it."

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FROM THE SPORTS EDITOR

We hope you will enjoy our 2015 football section, simply entitled "Permian Basin Pride".

The title was straight to the point and I think it perfectly describes what football means to folks here in the Permian Basin. We examine what makes football special, to go with features and team previews.

There are a few people I would like to thank.

I want to thank first my staff of Will Korn and Christopher Hadorn, who hustled to get stories done to make our deadlines in addition with the regular work they had to do on a daily basis. Having a three-person staff has its many challenges but we try our best to live up to those challenges every day.

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If I forgot anybody, I am sorry but this is a big collective effort and not just one person or one department is responsible for putting together this section, as we all take pride in Permian Basin football.

Oscar LeRoy, Sports Editor

Ready to get back to prime time

Rebels, Bulldogs look to improve in hopes of joining district's top 3

By Terry Williamson
MRT Columnist

District 3-6A showed signs last year that it is ready to once again become one of the premier districts in the state.

After all, three teams – Odessa Permian, San Angelo Central and Abilene High – all went three rounds deep in the state playoffs last year.

That was a good showing for the district, but obviously the names of Midland High and Lee were not among that elite list. MHS did make the playoffs by virtue of wins over both Lee and OHS, but exited early from the playoff run.

As we look forward to the 2015 season, there are a lot of indications that the league may be headed for a similar run that we saw in 2014. It still looks like the Big Three and the chasers.

But there are four playoff berths in the prize pot, so that should provide entertainment for all concerned.

Of course, a lot of eyes will be on the Rebels of Lee, who are coming off a dreadful 1-9 season. In fact, Lee didn't win a game after Week 1, a close two-point win over Keller. So, the Rebels come into the season with a nine-game losing streak.

MHS, on the other hand, also had a losing season at 5-6 after winning its first three games of the year. The Bulldogs had only two wins in the last eight games.

It's been hard for me to understand why the talent level has not increased significantly over the past two or three years while the Permian Basin was in the midst of a boom in the oil field.

In years past, boom conditions have meant more talent in the local sports programs. You can almost chart it on a calendar grid. But this past boom didn't seem to give Midland much extra punch. In fact, the talent pool is still considerably down with far fewer college prospects than in former boom eras.

I guess that can only mean that the oil companies have stopped recruiting employees with athletes in the family. Don't get all huffy. I'm just mostly kidding.

Here's the way District 3-6A standings will stack up from top to bottom on Nov. 6, 2015. It should be a good race with a lot to look for as the season grinds to what could be an exciting climax.

1. San Angelo Central: SAC hosts Odessa Permian on the last night of the season and that particular home field advantage will spell another district championship for the Bobkitties. Also watch for district newcomer Brennen Wooten, who threw for over 3,200 yards and 24 TDs at Marble Falls last year before transferring to Central.

2. Odessa Permian: Old Mojo is tantalizingly close to being back at championship caliber under former Midland High grad Blake Feldt and should be in a position to make another deep run in the playoffs just like last year. What helps most is the return of 1,000-yard rusher Brandon Bailey to the lineup.

3. Abilene High: There is no question that the Eagles own some talent, including running back Abram Smith, who suffered an injury after gaining just over 900 yards through six weeks of play last year. But coach Steve Warren is now retired after leading AHS to 15 playoff berths and a state championship in the last 16 seasons. He is replaced by Del Van Cox and not much should change since he has been the team's offensive coordinator for the past decade.

4. Midland High: The Bulldogs made the playoffs last year, but was one and done. The offense will have to find its stride, but the defense should be better than a year ago. Expect Courtney McMaryion to be a 1,000-yard receiver if he stays healthy and all that should add up to another chance at the playoffs.

5. Midland Lee: It's too far of a stretch to project a 1-9 team from a year ago clearing all the hurdles to a playoff berth in one year, but there is some good news here. Newcomers in the offensive line should make a huge impact. Lee also must keep senior Kaleb Nunez healthy. He is needed on both sides of the ball.

6. Odessa High: The Bronchos actually have some key pieces to use in its puzzle, which make OHS a bit of a mystery going into the season. However, the general feeling is that the OHS roster is a bit thin for 3-6A play, meaning any major injuries could pull the plug on a fruitful season. And this league always produces injuries.

LEE REBELS

Q&A with Lee tight end, defensive end Kaleb Nunez

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If the Lee football team has designs on returning to prominence after a 1-9 campaign in 2014, newly converted senior defensive end Kaleb Nunez will need to remain a major factor.

Nunez, who stands 6-foot-2 and weighs 244 pounds, is expected to be a defensive force this year after making the switch from tight end -- the position he's played the last two seasons for the Rebels.

In 2013, Nunez hauled in 50 passes for 865 yards as a sophomore for a Lee team that went 9-3. Last season, Nunez recorded 214 yards on 15 receptions, as the Rebel offense struggled and managed just 22.3 points per contest.

In 2015, Nunez will help lead a revamped Rebel defensive unit that figures to be the backbone of the team and one of the better ones in the always competitive District 3-6A.

As perhaps the most recruited player on Lee's roster this season, Nunez has high expectations for himself and in turn, for the Rebels.

Nunez received his first Division I football offer from Army on July 31. But several Divison I programs are scouting him on both sides of the ball. Some of those programs include Rice, UTSA, TCU, New Mexico State, Sam Houston State and Air Force. Nunez said he is currently most interested in Rice since he would like to pursue a degree in engineering.

The Reporter-Telegram sat down with Nunez for a question and answer session about his offseason position switch, his thoughts on the defense and his views on the upcoming season.

How do you feel about switching from tight end to defensive end?

Don't get me wrong, I love tight end. Defense has always been kind of my niche, what I was good at. It's not too big of a deal that I'm going defense. I'd rather play tight end, but D-end is a good fit for me, especially for the recruiting process. If I can play both ways, it'd be really good for scouts to look at me.

Since the switch, what's your favorite thing about playing defensive end?

You can go and just blow stuff up. Honestly, off the ball you can go and just blow that guy up and then look for the ball. That's one of the fun things about football, to go and actually hit somebody. You don't get too much of that on offense.

What are your impressions of how the defense will shape up this year?

I think we're going to be really good. We're all returners and so we have the experience. Our defense during spring ball was looking pretty solid, especially our front line. I think it's going to be really good for us this year.

Given that college football is likely in your future, how are you remaining focused on helping Lee win in 2015?

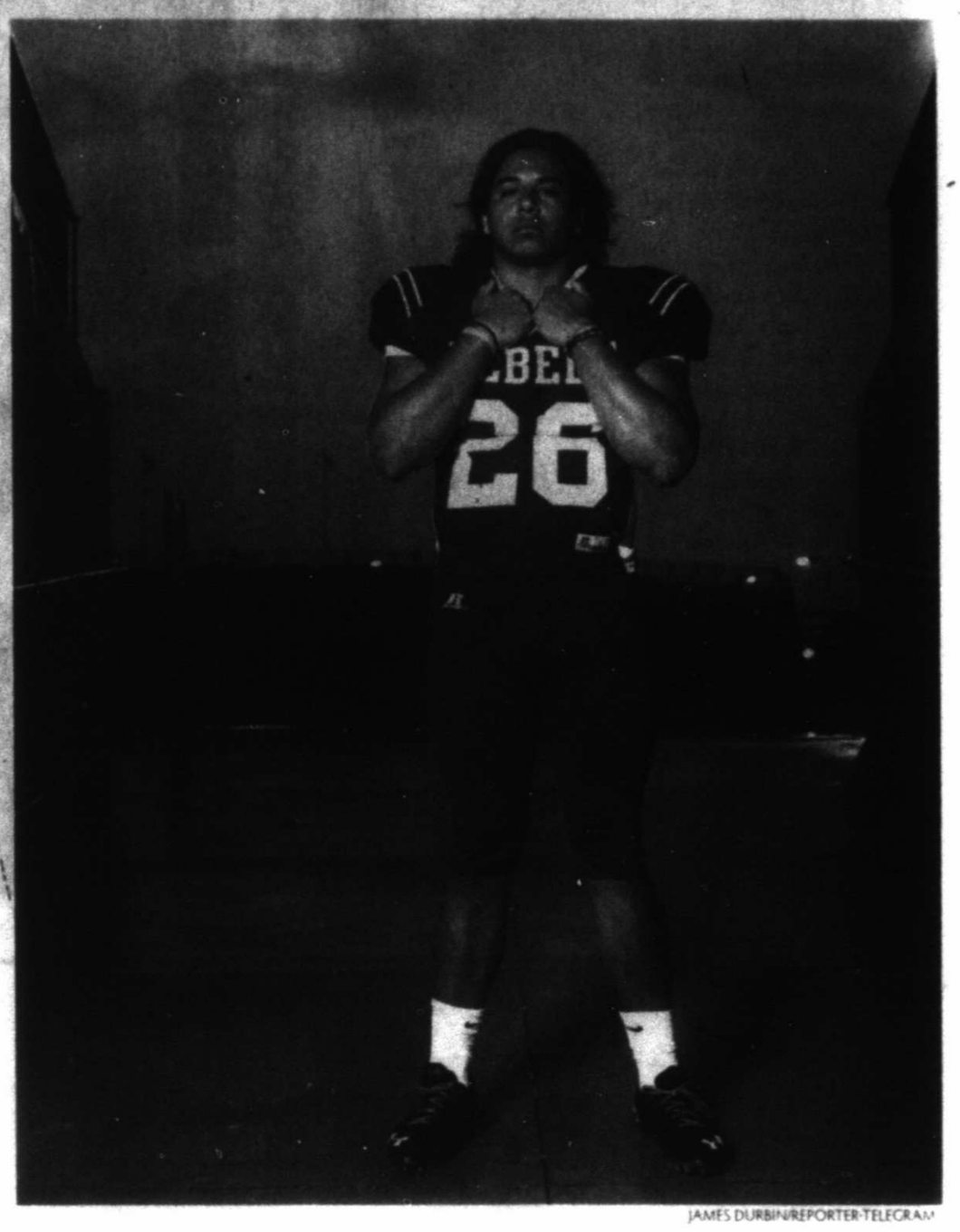
Part of being a leader is service to others. If you're thinking about yourself and thinking about college football, you're not going to enjoy your senior season. So my focus right now is to help my teammates out the best I can so that we can be a successful team this season.

What do you guys have to do to get back to the prominence Lee had in 2013?

My sophomore year, we were more of a unit, more of an actual team. Last year it was more selfish, 'me, me, me' kind of guys that came through and there was no real leadership. I believe we all saw that and the seniors this year, and some of the juniors too, are trying to step up and they're trying to take that role so we can lead the team to success this season.

Do you have a specific pre-game routine?

It's actually kind of crazy what I do. I just kind of single myself out, put my earphones in. What's funny is that I don't listen to rap or rock or anything like that. I listen to soft R&B just to calm my mind. I don't need the adrenaline. In sports, I go by the saying 'calm before the storm.' You're just calm, at ease and then once you get out there on that field, it turns on. Everything is flowing, you're flowing and then it just kicks into gear."



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What are you most excited for about this season?

Just to see how the team is going to progress. Obviously, we were 1-9 last year, but that's pretty much the lowest you can be. The only way we can go is up from here, so I'm really excited to see how that's going to go.

What are your expectations for Lee fooball this season?

To have a winning season, definitely. To be positive, to go to the playoffs. We're aiming for a district title and to go to the playoffs.

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HOPING TO MAKE A BIG IMPACT

Jones has lofty expectations going into first varsity season with Rebels

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Lee's running back Tony Jones maxes out during the first team practice of the season Monday, Aug. 10, 2015. JAMES DURBIN/REPORTER-TELEGRAM

Lee senior running back Tony Jones has set quite the goal for himself in the upcoming football season.

"I'm going to try to beat Cedric Benson's (rushing) record," Jones said.

Benson's legacy at Lee qualifies as legendary. The former NFL and Texas Longhorn running back set a Lee record in the 1999 season, as he ran for 3,526 yards in 15 games and led the Rebels to the second of three consecutive state championships. That year's total of 3,526 yards stands as the eighth most rushing yards in a single season in Texas high school football history.

It's unlikely that Jones -- who will be playing his first year of varsity football this season -- will surpass Benson's mark even if the Rebels make a deep playoff run this season. Since he's likely to split time with fellow senior back Ashton Akbar and others, Jones probably won't get the high number of touches that he would need to come close to Benson's mark.

But even if he falls short of making Lee history, Jones has an aggressive approach to running the football and has a nose for the end zone that should help him make good headway on that goal. Standing 6-foot-1 and weighing in at 190 pounds to go along with 4.6 speed, Jones has equal measures of talent and athletic ability.

"My goal is to score as fast as possible and to, if needed, carry the team as far as rushing goes," Jones said. "Hopefully that opens up some doors for the passing game."

Jones, who moved to Midland from Detroit before last season, went on to help the Rebels' JV team to a 9-1 record in 2014. Although he only played running back for five games with the JV squad last season, he scored 11 touchdowns and established himself as an impact player worthy of a varsity workload.

Lee head coach James Morton said having the opportunity to play on the JV team was a good way for Jones to become accustomed to the intensity of high school football in Texas.

"He moved from Detroit and probably wasn't in a well structured program there," Morton said. "Getting his football IQ up some, having the chance to be a JV player and learn the Rebel way, was good for him."

Morton added that he's been impressed with what he's seen from Jones this offseason, even before the senior had taken the field with a football in his hands.

"He's had a great summer," Morton said. "He looks incredible, a very physical specimen. Pound for pound, this is one of the best offseasons we've had, strength-wise."

In preparation for a heavier workload and more responsibility as one of the varsity backs, Jones has spent a lot of time in the weight room this offseason.

Jones said that the mentality he has adopted in the weight room this offseason is one he hopes to carry with him throughout his football career.

"Mostly I try to lift more than all of my lineman do," he said. "I try to exceed in everything so I can push myself to a higher level here in high school, in college and hopefully, in the NFL."

Jones said he is a balanced runner who possesses both the strength to break tackles and the agility to make defenders miss. But even as a combination back, there are still some things he is working to improve on, especially after a season in which he played just half of Lee's games in the backfield.

"Getting my pads down lower," Jones said, when asked which part of his technique he's been working on refining the most in the offseason. "But I'll have that down by the time the season comes."

Replacing Aron Dobbins' gaudy production from last season won't be an easy task for Lee. But the Rebels believe Jones has the ability to make a difference in his own way.

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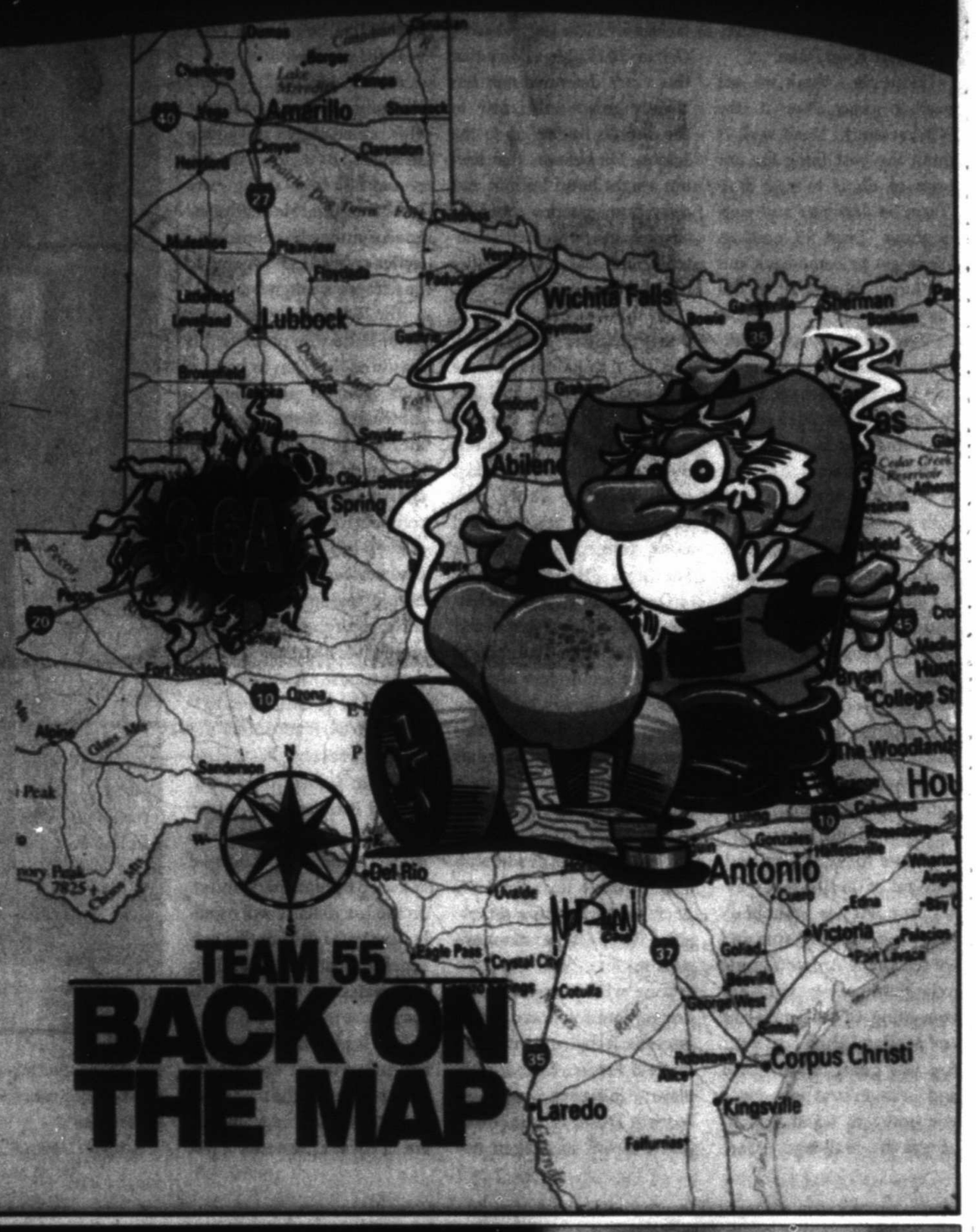

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LEE REBELS

Leading with a positive mindset

Dean brings confidence to Lee locker room

By Will Korn
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What's the best way for the Lee defense to improve this season? Just ask senior defensive tackle Ryan Dean.

"Honestly I think we just need to forget about it (the 2014 season)," Dean said. "I think the best thing for our team to do is to just drop 'Team 54' last year and worry about 'Team 55' coming. We've got to come back and just forget about what we did last year."

'Team 55" is the unofficial nickname that some of the Lee players have given the team for the 2015 season since this year is the Rebels' football program's 55th year of existence. And it's a team with new talent, a new attitude and a fresh perspective heading into the new season.

Dean said this year his Rebels are hungrier than ever for a revival. Going back to spring practice, all throughout midsummer workouts and especially into the start of fall practice, a motivating air of excitement has completely saturated the Lee program.

"We're dying every day out there for it," Dean said. "Several of our leaders -- every day we see somebody who can't do something and we tell them 'Are you going to let Permian beat you? Are you going to let Southlake and Midland High beat you? Are you going to sit down and let them beat you, or are you going to stand up and accept the challenge?' Man, it just lights a fire."

Dean, who played defensive end last season, was fourth on the team in tackles (47) and was the Rebels' leader in both tackles for a loss (9) and sacks (6) in 2014. He added that this year's defensive unit has already grown very close in the months leading up to the season. He believes that having a tight bond both at and away from practice could really strengthen the Rebels' defense and make it a stingier unit this year.

"I think we're going to perform great," Dean said. "So far I think this will be our best bonded unit. Everybody on the defense loves each other. We're not the same team we were last year. We're a whole new team, a whole new unit and we're going to be a better family."

Dean, along with defensive end Kaleb Nunez and linebacker Tyler Thames will form the senior core of a defense that figures to be the strong suit of the team this season. Head coach James Morton said there is quite a bit of talent and depth within the unit.

That trio's leadership and positive mindset has been infectious this offseason. They have demanded the very best from everyone who puts on a Lee practice uniform and walks into the Rebel weight room or field house. That sort of player initiative, especially from Dean, is something that Morton has taken notice of too.

"Ryan is one of the top kids with it," Morton said. "He's not going to say a lot. He's going to let his actions speak and he's had a good year for us."

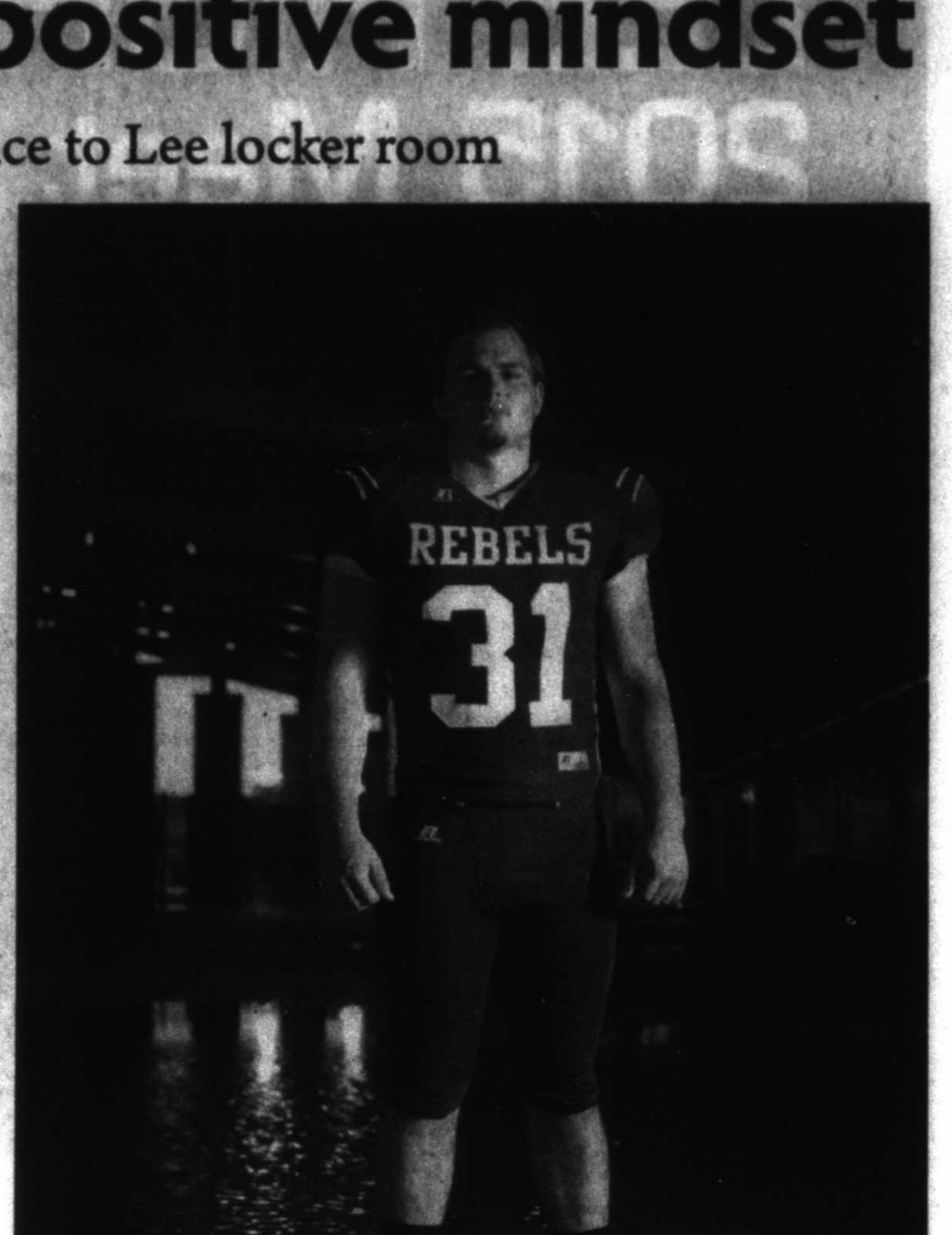
Added Morton: "I think he's going to have a great year. He's gained weight and gotten stronger. His dad is a big lifter and he's been doing extra work with him. He's had a real good summer. His impact as a leader on the team is going to be felt very strongly."

The Rebels will need every bit of leadership possible this season as they aim to bounce back from a miserable 1-9 showing in 2014. To do so, they'll have to fight their way through a gauntlet of a non-district schedule, as well as a competitive District 3-6A.

Lee's five non-district opponents were a combined 36-22 last season with a cumulative record of 20-8 in their respective districts. Two of those teams -- Southlake Carroll and El Paso El Dorado -- averaged over 40 points per game last year.

Within District 3-6A, Odessa Permian, San Angelo Central and Abilene High all fielded offenses that scored at least 31 points per contest. So the Lee defense will usually have its hands full this season. But Dean said he and his teammates feel they are up to the task.

"We'll play them just like any other team," Dean said. "Just because of the name you wear, that's not the team you are. It's just a name on a jersey. We're putting in just as much if not more work than these guys."



Lee's Ryan Dean in portrait Wednesday, July 30, 2015 at Grande Communications Stadium.
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Added Dean: "Especially in my last year, I want to finish strong. This year I want to finish as the best. I want to go all the way to state and hold that trophy."

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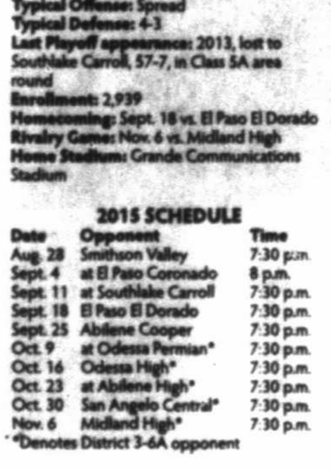
Rebels Fast Facts/Position Breakdown



Coach James Morton

District: 3-6A
Head Coach: James Morton, 7th year (36-29 in six years at Lee, 157-96 in 23 years overall)
Assistant Coaches: Floyd White, Kevin Jackson, Randy Wilson, Kevin Brown, Scott Hicks, Jeff Pair, Ty Byrd, Todd Pearson, Michael Connelly, Will Murchison, Bruce McCrary
2014 record: 1-9, 0-5 in District 3-6A
Returning Starters: 7 offense, 6 defense
Typical Offense: Spread
Typical Defense: 4-3
Last Playoff appearance: 2013, lost to Southlake Carroll, 57-7, in Class 5A area round
Enrollment: 2,939
Homecomings: Sept. 18 vs. El Paso El Dorado
Rivalry Game: Nov. 6 vs. Midland High
Home Stadium: Grande Communications Stadium

2015 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 28	Southern Valley	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	at El Paso Coronado	8 p.m.
Sept. 11	at Southlake Carroll	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	El Paso El Dorado	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	Abilene Cooper	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	at Odessa Permian*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	Odessa High*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	at Abilene High*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	San Angelo Central*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	Midland High*	7:30 p.m.

*Denotes District 3-6A opponent

2014 RESULTS

Aug. 28 Lee 28, Keller 26
Sept. 5 El Paso Coronado 46, Lee 32
Sept. 12 Southlake Carroll 56, Lee 6
Sept. 19 El Paso El Dorado 51, Lee 44 OT
Sept. 26 Abilene Cooper 27, Lee 23
Oct. 10 Odessa Permian 45, Lee 28
Oct. 17 Odessa High 21, Lee 10
Oct. 24 Abilene High 24, Lee 17
Oct. 31 San Angelo Central 49, Lee 21
Nov. 7 Midland High 59, Lee 14

2015 LEE ROSTER (Subject to change)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class
Wynston Sutton	DB	5-10	153	Sr.
JaQuanye Lyons	RB	5-3	130	Sr.
Marcus Carrillo	WR	5-9	150	Sr.
Adan Avitia	WR	5-9	142	Sr.
Tristan Martinez	WR	5-10	150	Sr.
Tony Jones	RB	6-0	194	Sr.
Avery Bowen	WR	5-8	146	Sr.
Wesley Hall	QB	5-11	160	Sr.
Ethan Spray	WR	6-3	182	Sr.
Nathan Nanez	DB	5-10	160	Sr.
Garrett Chalker	DB	5-9	172	Sr.
Daniel Rodriguez	DB	5-8	164	Sr.
James Perissenor	DB	5-11	150	Sr.
Dedrick Strambler	DB	6-2	180	Sr.
Austin McClure	LB	5-8	191	Sr.
Kaleb Nunez	TE	6-5	240	Sr.
Ryan Winston	TE	6-3	218	Sr.
Chris Pino	LB	6-0	197	Sr.
Ryan Dean	DT	6-2	272	Sr.
Tyler Thames	LB	5-11	196	Sr.
Adrian Alder	RB	5-11	172	Sr.
Jonathan Bennett	TE	6-1	180	Sr.
Kayden Thomas	DB	5-8	150	Sr.
Nathan Lopez	DL	6-10	186	Sr.
Damen Orr	DL	6-0	225	Sr.
Daymian Lucero	LB	5-6	165	Sr.
Kade Hicks	LB	6-0	200	Sr.
Andrew Portillo	OL	5-10	285	Sr.
Nick Dennis	OL	6-4	315	Sr.
Michael Marsh	OL	6-2	224	Sr.
Mark Pena	OL	5-8	295	Sr.
Nick Tijerina	OL	5-7	260	Sr.
William Maddaford	OL	6-0	260	Sr.
Marquis Rogers	OL	6-0	260	Sr.
Adan Chavez	OL	5-11	260	Sr.
Kevin Dominguez	OL	6-0	265	Sr.
Brock Murry	OL	5-11	250	Sr.
Moises Valle-Arroyo	DL	6-1	235	Sr.
Alex Gonzalez	OL	6-0	257	Sr.
Anthony Cijera	OL	5-10	240	Sr.
Marquis Rogers	OL	6-1	238	Sr.
Joseph Subia	TE	5-10	222	Sr.
Jerrod Tiambunga	DB	5-10	145	Sr.
Rhequan Strambler	DL	6-5	198	Sr.
Adarius Mingo	TE	6-1	230	Sr.
Conan Hernandez	DL	5-10	235	Sr.
Josh Carrasco	DL	6-2	210	Sr.
Tyler Rodriguez	OL	5-10	235	Jr.
Nicco Sorianello	QB	5-9	142	Jr.
Dustin Hunt	DB	6-0	190	Jr.
C.J. Robles	WR	5-9	142	Jr.
Noah Arredondo	WR	6-1	170	Jr.
Bryce Clevenger	DL	6-1	180	Jr.
Alejandro Diaz	DL	5-10	226	Jr.
Jonathan Villalcanco	DL	5-10	240	Jr.
Sema'J Davis	QB	6-0	174	Jr.
Taye Britt	WR	5-10	155	Jr.
Payton Tranum	WR	6-2	170	Jr.
Michael Parada	DB	6-2	180	Jr.
Connor Friel	DB	5-11	185	Jr.
Jacqui Polk	DL	5-10	194	Jr.
Mason Hubbard	LB	5-10	192	Jr.
Britton Corbett	OL	5-11	220	Jr.
Guillermo Hernandez	OL	6-0	270	Jr.
Austin Jordan	OL	5-8	290	Jr.
Grant Brown	WR	6-0	165	So.
Jordan Trimble	WR	6-0	190	Jr.

2014 STATISTICS

(1-9, 0-5 in 3-6A)

Lee	42	51	67	56	7	–223
Opponent	104	104	95	87		–404

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Aron Dobbins	224	1,388	6.2	15
Wesley Hall	72	391	5.4	1
Terry Sims	50	303	6.1	2
Jon Schwalbach	30	33	1.1	0
Tristan Martinez	2	19	9.5	0
Juwan Lee	4	-3	0.8	0
Tristan Telesca	2	4	-2	0
Zach Fish	5	-7	-1.4	0
Team	10	(-50)	(-5.0)	0
Totals	399	2,070	5.2	18

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Wesley Hall	87	139	6	947	7
Schwalbach	27	57	3	409	3
Dobbins	2	2	0	23	0
Fish	1	3	0	14	0
Totals	87	231	14	1,393	10

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Juwan Lee	36	608	17.5	4
Kaleb Nunez	15	214	14.3	0
Dobbins	11	240	21.8	2
Christian Rodriguez	8	150	18.8	2
Tristan Martinez	7	121	17.3	0
Ruben Clark	6	110	18.3	1
Ethan Spray	4	47	11.8	1
Jon Schwalbach	2	15	7.5	0
Tristan Telesca	2	10	10.0	0
Terry Sims	1	(-4)	-2.0	0
Totals	82	1,363	16.6	10

PUNTING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	L
Brady Roper	34	1,233	36.3	70
Mac Barden	10	331	33.1	45
Tristan Telesca	5	207	41.4	62
Totals	49	1,771	36.1	70

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	FG	2PT	TP
Dobbins	17	0	0	1	106
Lee	6	0	0	0	36
Roper	0	15	4	0	27
Rodriguez	2	0	0	0	12
Sims	2	0	0	0	12
Barden	0	10	0	0	10
Clark	1	0	0	0	6
Spray	1	0	0	0	6
Hall	1	0	0	0	6
Team	0	0	0	1	2
Totals	30	25	7	2	223

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	Int.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Tristan Martinez	1	11	11.0	0
Dedrick Strambler	1	10	10	0
Darrien Wallace	1	6	6	0
Garrett Chalker	2	0	0	0
Kade Hicks	1	0	0	0
Totals	6	27	4.5	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	T	S	TFL	FC	FR
Tyler Thames	100	0	1	1	0
Dedrick Strambler	61	0	0	0	0
Bryce Matthews	50	0	4	1	2
Ryan Dean	47	6	9	0	0
Garrett Chalker	37	0	0	0	0
TJ Soto	36	0	4	0	0
Blake Blessie	33	0	0	0	0
Nathan Sney	33	1	1	0	0
Chris Pino	33	0	0	2	0
Kris Prieto	28	1	3	0	0
Darrien Wallace	22	1	1	0	1
Josh Carrasco	21	0	0	0	0
Tristan Martinez	19	0	0	0	0
Manny Perez	18	0	2	0	0
Nathan Nanez	13	0	0	0	0
Steven Ramirez	13	0	0	0	0
Donovan Fernandez	13	0	1	0	0
Kade Hicks	13	0	0	0	0
Juwan Lee	11	0	0	0	0
Devin Villegas	10	0	0	0	0
Colton Cox	9	0	0	0	0
Avery Bowen	8	0	0	0	0
Brandon Carciaroiz	6	0	0	0	0
Wesley Hall	5	0	0	0	1
Egard Barraza	4	0	0	0	0
Daniel Nelson	3	0	0	1	0
Kaleb Nunez	3	0	0	0	0
Abel Madrid	2	0	0	0	0
Gabriel Baker	2	0	0	0	0
Adrian Augustin	2	0	0	0	0
Zach Fish	2	0	0	0	0

Note: Tackle total includes solo and assisted tackles

TEAM STATISTICS OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
1,881	209.0	1,247	138.6	3,128	347.6

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
1,881	209.0	1,989	221.0	3,870	430.0

BREAKING DOWN THE REBELS

QUARTERBACK

What to expect in 2015: Just as it was at this time last season, three guys are competing for the starting quarterback nod -- senior Wesley Hall, junior Sema' J Davis and junior Nicco Sorianello. Morton and his coaching staff are still evaluating each candidate but Morton said he's looking for one who can be a true dual threat player. Right now, all three QBs appear to have that ability. "All three have good speed and they're athletic enough to make people miss and make things happen. We saw a lot of progress from all three throwing the ball this summer," Morton added that early on in the season he could go with a rotation of signal callers, depending on the game situation, but he and his staff don't want to rush to make a decision on that. "The other thing that is the separator, will be the guy who can mentally handle game situations and reads. I will say the two young guys (Davis and Sorianello), I've been real impressed with the way they've handled that." All in all, it's still a toss up as to who will be the Rebels' starter under center for the season opener.

RUNNING BACKS

What to expect in 2015: No matter what, replacing graduated star Aron Dobbins will be a challenge, as he racked up 1,388 yards and 15 touchdowns last year for the Rebels. This season, seniors Tony Jones and Ashton Akbar figure to be the two main running backs with a couple of others in the mix as depth options. Akbar suited up for one varsity game last season, while Jones helped lead the Lee JV team to a 9-1 record in 2014. Both are talented runners who have pretty similar running styles. "The thing that Tony brings is that he weighs a little bit more. He's probably got a little more power," Morton said. "But Ashton runs really hard. He hits the hole hard and he has good vision too." Expect a balanced mix of both runners this season.

WIDE RECEIVERS/TIGHT END

What to expect in 2015: The Rebels would like to become more of a passing team this season than they were in 2014. And although Morton moved Kaleb Nunez to defensive end, he said there is a chance that Nunez could occasionally play some tight end -- as he did in his sophomore and junior years -- depending on his conditioning level. Senior tight end Ryan Wooten could possibly move into the starting role. He's got varsity experience and has great size, standing 6-foot-3 and weighing 223 pounds. "He passes all the eye tests and looks really good," Morton said. The Rebel receiving corps is young, but Morton believes it's a talented group. Juniors Taye Britt, CJ Robles, Payton Tranum and senior Ethan Spray are expected to be the main four receivers. Several others are in the mix for starting time, as Morton noted that he's cross-training several players at multiple positions. Morton said the collective receiver corps is technically sound but is also one that is very hungry to succeed.

OFFENSIVE LINE

What to expect in 2015: During the spring, the coaching staff made two changes to the offensive line. Brock Murry and Moises Valle, who both started on the Rebels' O-line last season, have been switched to the defensive line in an effort to beef up that unit. Morton said those two switching over strengthened the D-line and has allowed the coaching staff to develop more depth on the O-line. There's a healthy list of names who are in consideration for starting jobs this year, such as Andrew Portillo, Michael Marsh, Joseph Subia, Adan Chavez, Marquis Rogers and Nick Dennis, who is 6-4 and weighs nearly 300 pounds. Competition has been rampant at Lee workouts this fall and things are no different with the O-line. Morton said he'll put his best five offensive lineman on the field to start the season.

DEFENSIVE LINE

What to expect in 2015: With its 4-3 system, the defensive line could very well be Lee's calling card this season. There is a ton of talent stockpiled there, namely senior Ryan Dean -- who was moved inside to defensive tackle after playing defensive end last year -- and Nunez, the team's defensive end and maybe Lee's best overall player. Morton said the team isn't terribly deep at defensive end. Senior Josh Carrasco has made strides and is expected to back up Nunez but Morton said he's still looking to fill out that position more. One other player to keep an eye on is senior Conan Hernandez, who spent part of the 2014 season on varsity, but could become a full-time starter this season. "I've been pleased with him (Hernandez)," Morton said. "He's responded to competition and to the challenges we've put in front of him. He's going to help us a lot." Overall, the defensive line should be a very formidable group this season. It has the size and athletic ability needed to give most offenses a hard time.

LINEBACKERS

What to expect in 2015: The linebacker corps might be Lee's second strongest unit overall and Morton said he's pretty excited about what he has there. It'll be anchored by senior Tyler Thames, who led the Rebels in tackles last season with 100. Senior Chris Pino, who started a couple of games on varsity last season, figures to line up right beside him. Senior Kade Hicks is another starting candidate with a sturdy frame at 5-foot-10, 195 pounds. Junior Mason Hubbard is also competing for a starting nod and has impressed in the summer. Morton said this corps is one that has the agility to cover the opposition from sideline to sideline, but it can also plug up holes on the defensive line.

SECONDARY

What to expect in 2015: The Rebels have a few returners in the secondary and Morton said that although they aren't the biggest and most physical defenders, they are scrappy and handle pressure well. Lee has a nice trio of safety/defensive back types in seniors Garrett Chalker and Tristan Martinez -- both of whom played baseball for Lee in the spring -- and senior Dedrick Strambler. Morton said those three are all proven varsity players he'll lean on this season. Seniors Wynston Sutton and Nathan Nanez also have some varsity playing time under their belts and could see more action at corner this year. Wesley Hall is also an option.

SPECIAL TEAMS:

What to expect in 2015: Morton calls it his "special forces" and said it indeed needs to be special if Lee has real playoff hopes in 2015. Morton added that he and his staff have really emphasized the importance of paying attention to details on this unit and that his team has responded very well. The team is still searching for a true kicker and punter, although Strambler has done an admirable job filling those roles in the past. Meanwhile the return game should be a plus for Lee. Senior Jaquanye Lyons is the de facto return specialist, but Morton said he has a few others he trusts to field punts and gain return yardage.

NEW COACH, SAME GOALS FOR EAGLES

Longtime assistant Cox takes over Abilene High program rich in tradition

By Al Pickett
MRT Correspondent

The biggest change this fall in the Abilene High football program is not on the field but on the sideline.

Steve Warren, the winningest coach in Abilene High history, retired after 19 seasons at the Eagles' helm, and Del Van Cox, who has been on Warren's staff all 19 years and has been the offensive coordinator for the last 10 years, was elevated to the head coaching position.

Cox admits it is different being in charge of the entire program.

"No doubt, it has been hectic," he said. "There are lots of different worries and concerns. I'm not just worried about first downs and touchdowns."

Putting a staff together was his first priority as he had to hire four new coaches.

But don't expect the product the Eagles put on the field to look any different.

"The guys here, this is all we know," he said. "We won't be a whole lot different. We will be fundamentally sound and play fast."

The Eagles, who won seven district titles and one state championship with Cox on the staff, have been to the playoffs 15 of the last 16 years. Abilene High will continue to play its one-back wide-open offense and 3-4 defensive alignment.

The key to the AHS offense is the return of explosive junior running back Abram Smith, who scored touchdowns the first two times he touched the ball as a freshman and rushed for 914 yards and 10 touchdowns last season before going down with a knee injury in Week 7.

"Abram was cleared in April," Cox said, "but we held him out in the spring and 7-on-7 this summer just to make sure he was healed. He has been to a couple of camps and is ready to go. We are excited to see him back."

Junior Peyton Killam moves up from the junior varsity to take over at quarterback. Cox said Killam had a great summer.

The biggest question mark on offense is the receiving corps, where Nick Roy is the only receiver who was on the varsity a year ago. Sebryn Morris will move from safety to wide receiver and will join sophomores David Russell and Raekwon Millsap to give the Eagles speed at the wideout positions.

Coy McMillon will be the tight end, and Jesus Verastiegui, Slayde Anderson and Ruben Leija will rotate on the strong side of the offensive line. Jayton Voss moves up from the JV to play center, while Dawson Worgull and Oscar Garcia will man the backside of the offensive line. McMillon, Anderson and Worgull were starters last year.

The Eagles return seven of the eight starters on the backside of their defense, but they have to find three new defensive linemen. Tony Silva is the only one who saw playing time a year ago. Noah Gonzales, Tyler Bridges and Noah Perez will compete for the other spots on the defensive line.

Linebacker should be a strength for the Eagles' defense. Ronnell Wilson at inside linebacker and Qua'Shawn Washington and Hill Holloway on the outside are returning starters. Wilson has led the team in tackles each of the last two seasons. Dackota Triano moves up from the junior varsity to join Wilson at inside linebacker.

The secondary returns all four starters from a team that went three rounds deep in the playoffs last year. McKendrie Morrison and Ramon Velasquez are the starting safeties, and David Earles and Isaac Buenrostro are back at cornerback.

"In the spots where we don't have experience, the new guys have got to come along fast," Cox said of keys to the upcoming season. "If they get good at the fundamentals and get better every week, we will have a shot at district. Of course, in this district, anyone can beat anyone."

Looking to stay on top

Despite losses to graduation, Bobcats among District 3-6A favorites in 2015

By Quinton Martinez
MRT Correspondent

When Brent Davis took over the San Angelo Central football program in 2009, he began building expectations for success from within.

After three district titles in a four-year span, those expectations are starting to come from outside of the program as well.

Despite the biggest offensive overhaul in Davis' six seasons and the loss of three seniors to Football Bowl Subdivision programs, the Bobcats are still projected among the district favorites in 2015.

It is the type of annual respect that was recently reserved for Abilene High, and before that the likes of Lee and Permian.

"We have our program where it is highly competitive out in West Texas," Davis said. "We've won three of the last four district championships and two in a row. We deserve the respect.

"I think our program is headed in the right direction."

The Bobcats finished 11-2 last year, advancing to the third round of the playoffs for the first time since 2003.

Listing three returning starters on offense may undersell Central's experience, as three-star quarterback prospect Brennen Wooten (6-foot-2, 184) moved to Central from Marble Falls in the offseason, where he had started as a sophomore and a junior.

Wooten threw for 3,000 yards in each season and has verbally committed to sign with TCU.

He will have just one holdover on the offensive line (SMU commit Braxton Webb, 6-5, 272) and one experienced receiver in 6-3 wideout Will Grindstaff.

Running back Khalil Antoine (421 yards rushing, 4 TDs) is the only other returning starter, giving offensive coordinator Kevin Crane the biggest overhaul on offense since 2012.

"I think our receivers have gotten better," Crane said. "It is hard not to improve with the way we practice because they are getting so many reps. The reps in the summer are beneficial too. At first getting the guys on the same page was something we were trying to do. I think that they've come along and we are still trying to fit all the puzzle pieces together. They have to grow up and hop out there and do it."

Grindstaff caught 17 passes for 210 yards and four touchdowns and is poised for a big season alongside newcomers Aaron Wooten, Cal Vincent and Adam West -- all who are 6-feet or taller.

The Central coaches feel strongly about three pieces of the O-Line, including Webb at left tackle, Cameron Cross at center and Rodrick Mayberry at right tackle, but will still be a "work in progress" through much of fall practice and the non-district slate.

While the offense will be finding its form early in the season, there are no such worries about a defense that returns seven starters -- including four regulars along an experienced line (Dylan Parsee, Austin Garcia, Jordan Schellhase and Cedrick Smith).

Parsee, a 6-3 Stephen F. Austin commit at defensive end, is the leader of the group and a player that Davis thinks will be among the best in the district, if not the region.

First team all-district safety Donavyn Jackson is making the move to linebacker to join junior Gehrig Scott as the defensive playmakers.

Scott (54 tackles, 3 sacks) will return to his natural position of MIKE linebacker and is one of the most veteran players that will suit up for Central this fall, having been on varsity since his freshman season.

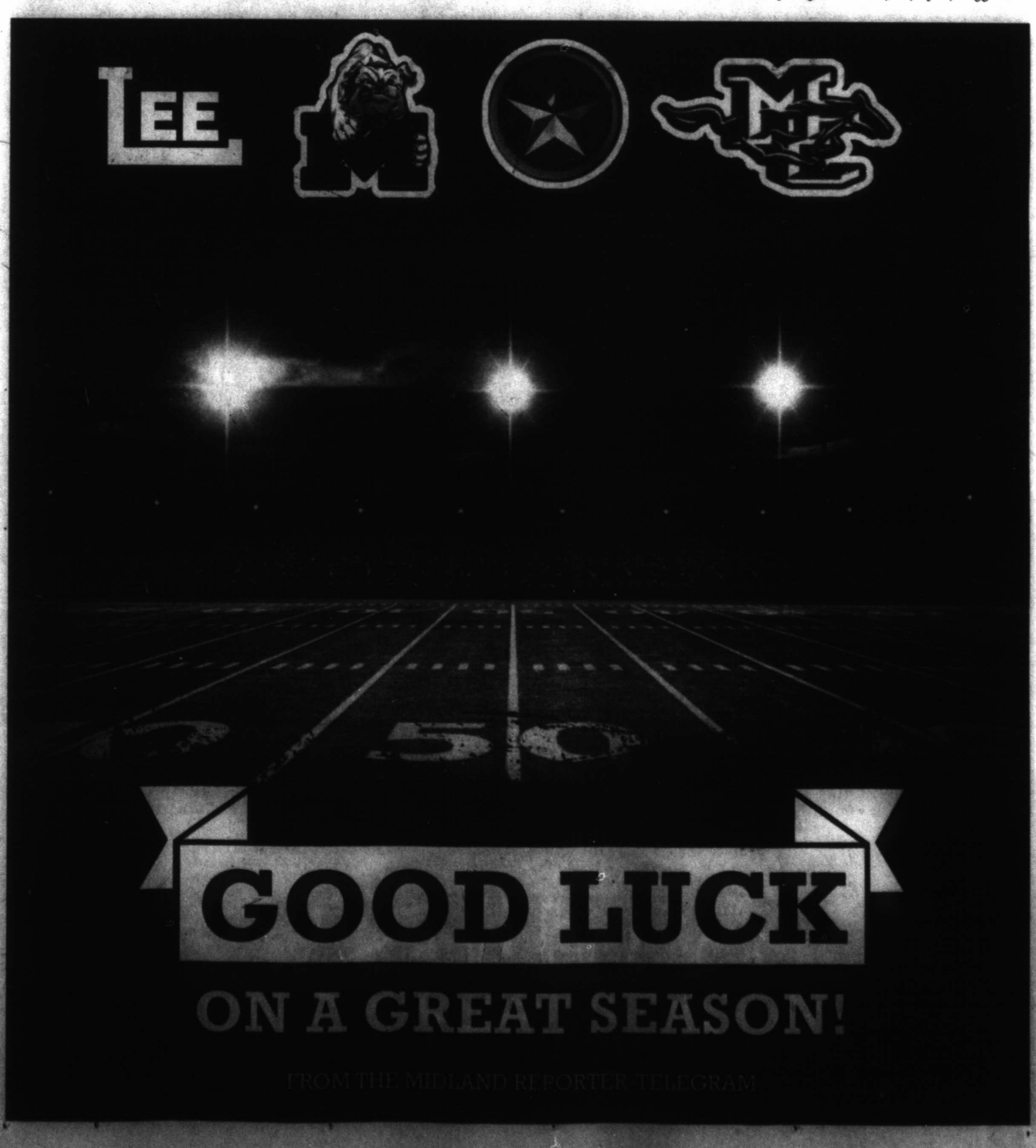
The secondary will break in two new faces, but the Bobcats feel good about Brock Martin at free safety and have given Mike Guzman -- the fastest player in the program - the first crack at replacing Connor Frank at cornerback.

Will Vincent (cornerback) and Beau Lasater (safety) return after getting a year under their belts as juniors last fall.

Davis expects Permian and Abilene High to be improved from last year, the two teams that gave Central the toughest games last fall in District 3-6A play, but he knows every week will be difficult once October rolls around.

Davis expects the district to be the typical dogfight that West Texas football fans are accustomed to.

"I think the whole district is going to be really good," Davis said. "Every week is going to be a battle and that is what makes this district so fun. Last year we were undefeated and that is a big accomplishment in this district. Everybody is pretty dang good."



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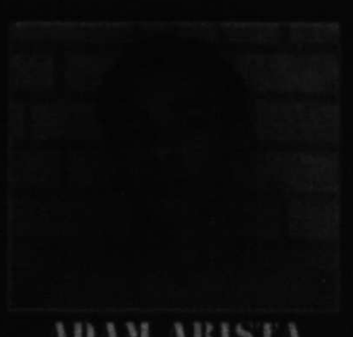
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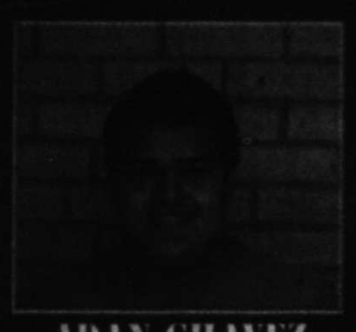
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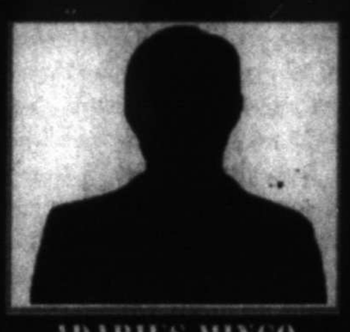
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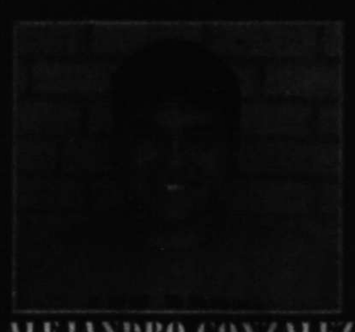
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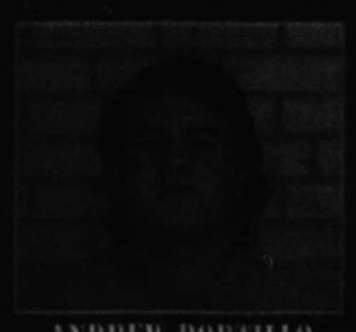
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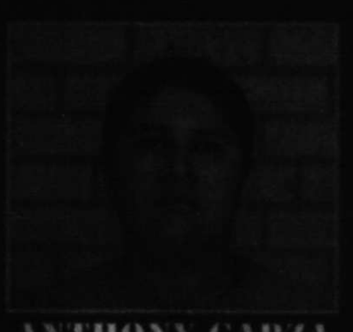
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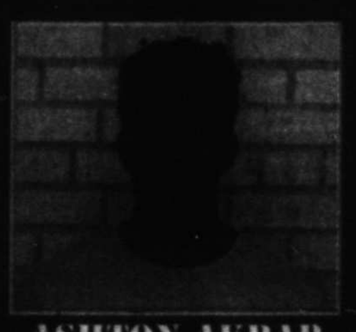
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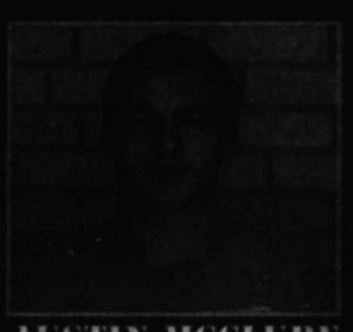
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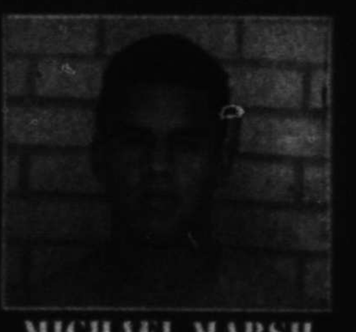
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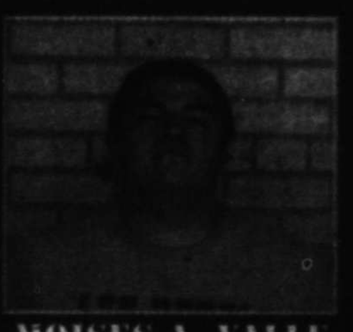
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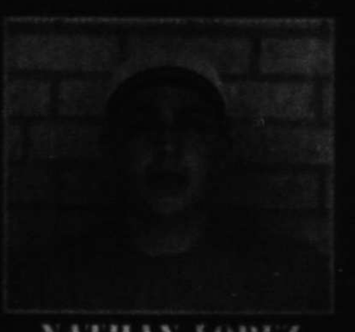
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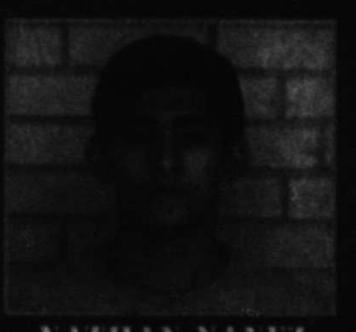
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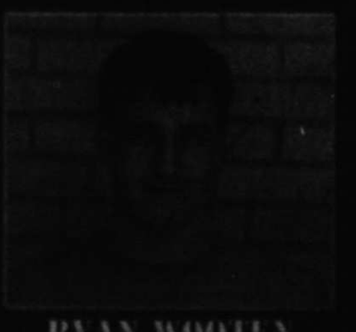
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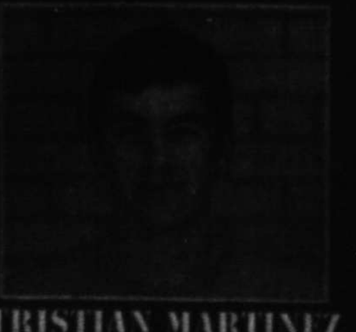
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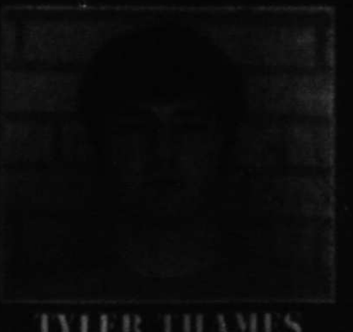
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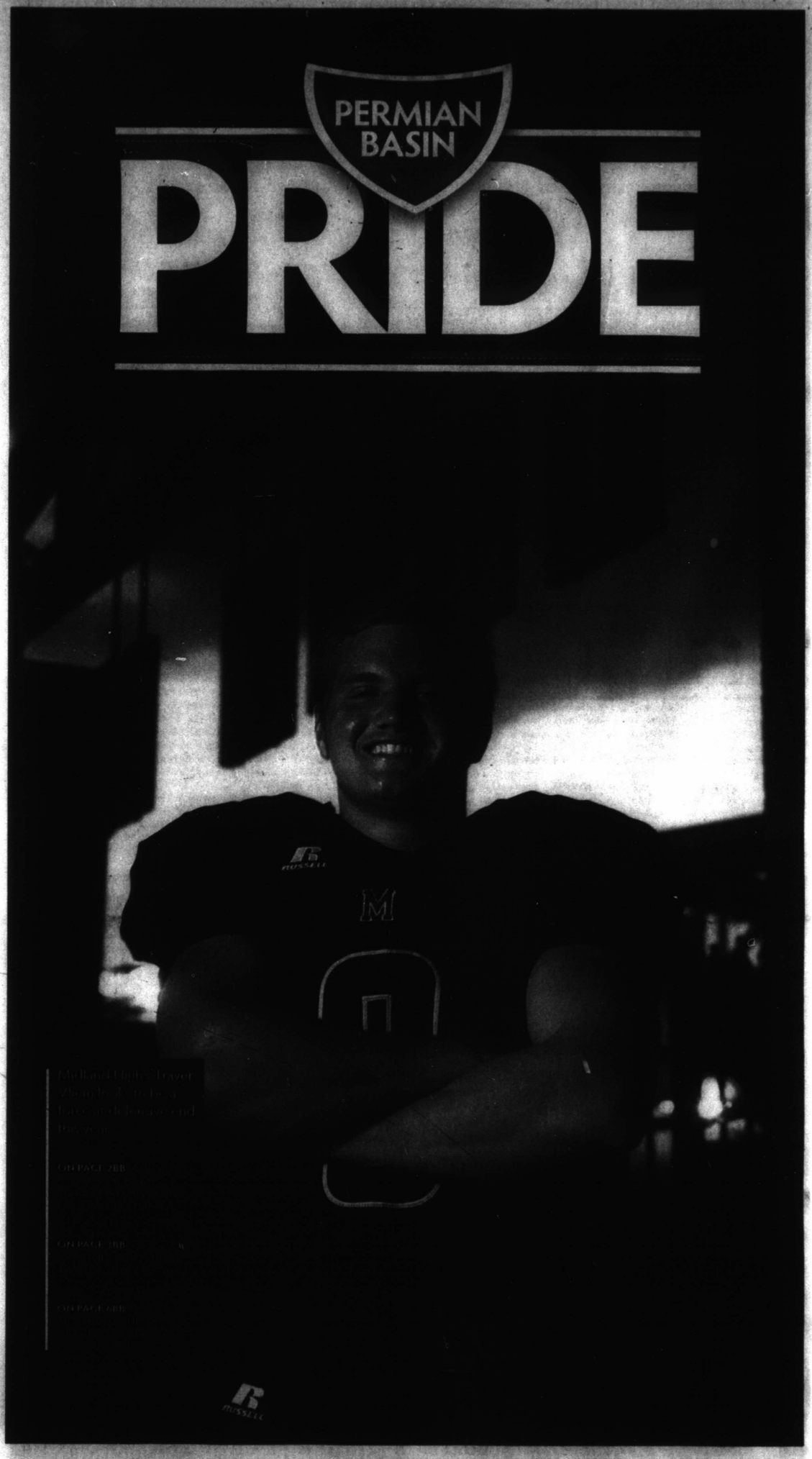

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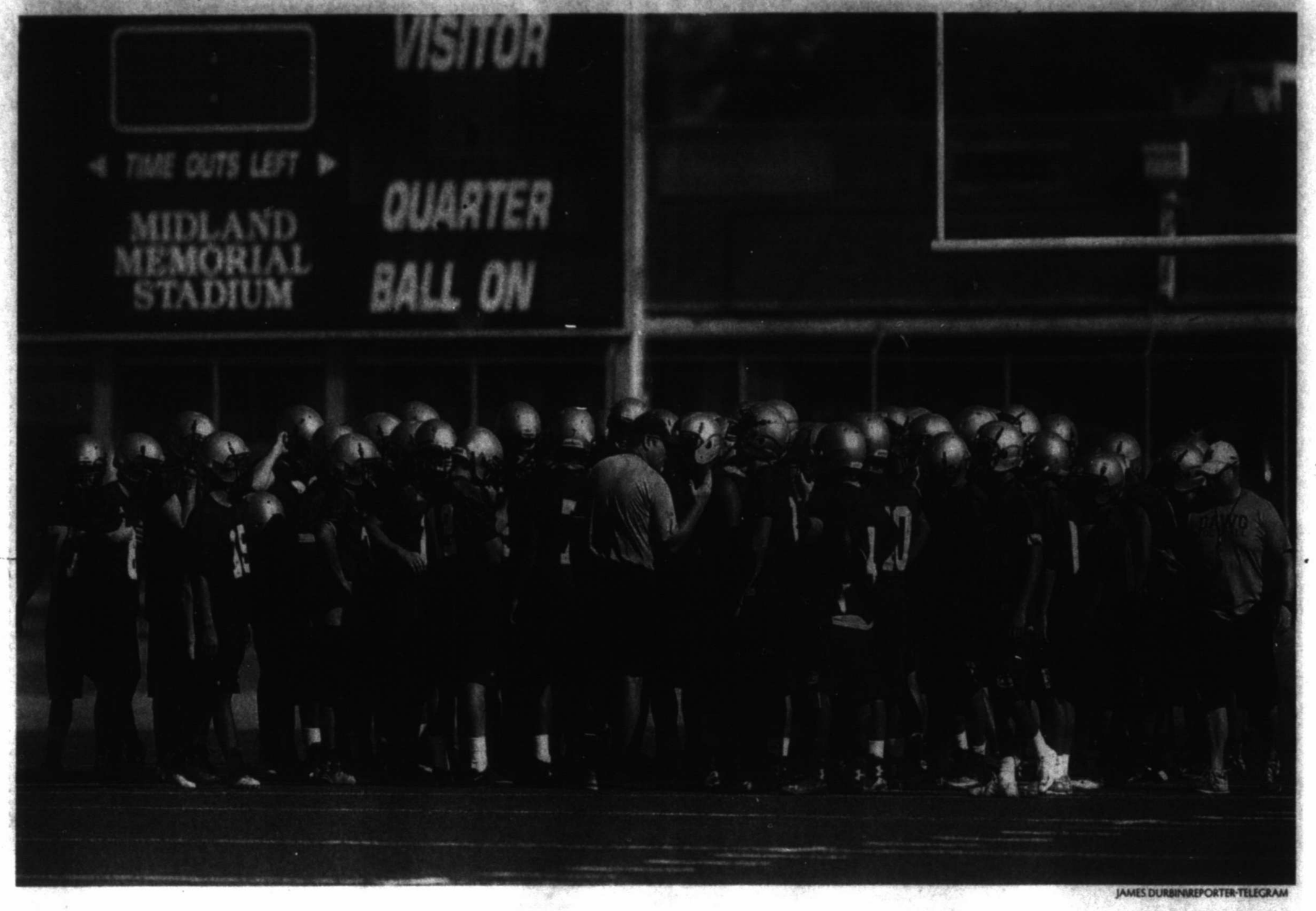
Permian Basin football players take pride in work ethic, tradition



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There is no doubt that football is king in West Texas.

For a while, high school football programs out here were among the most feared in the state. They were the cream of the crop and most coaches and players from other parts of the state admired the way the kids played out here.

Nowadays, state championships -- especially in the larger classifications -- come from teams out east and the more decorated athletic talent is mostly found out east.

But one thing that hasn't changed is that the Permian Basin or West Texas football player is still regarded as one of the toughest anybody can ever encounter, and that reputation is a sense of pride for players and coaches alike.

"Just like the history and tradition from the past years, people knew about West Texas football just 'cause they were hard-nosed and they hit you in the mouth," said Lee senior defensive end Kaleb Nunez. "When they would go to like bigger schools back in the day they used to kill the bigger schools."

"Toughness," said Lee coach James Morton when describing the typical football player in West Texas. "That's the identity that West Texas kids have always been known for. That's something that you build with kids every year. It's a key ingredient in the game of football."

And it doesn't matter if the football is being played at Lee, Big Spring, Stanton or Garden City, the general consensus among players and coaches is that they're known for being tough and hard-nosed.

Even though the players aren't the biggest, strongest or fastest in the state, they believe the attributes they do have will give them a chance to compete every time they step under the Friday night lights.

"It's Friday night lights," Stanton senior running back Estevan Chavez said. "I take a lot of pride in living up to that tradition."

Stanton's eighth-year head coach John Peterson has seen that tradition in his time with the Buffaloes and knows how the kids take pride in being a West Texas football player.

"You hear in the old days where West Texas was a tough place to live," Peterson said. " It was a tough place to raise your children. That still resonates in the community, the toughness of these kids. One thing about Stanton kids is that I never had them back down. I have never seen them give up. I've seen them fight through and it give it everything they've got. They're tough and I appreciate that."

That tough reputation is something that every coach seems to appreciate.

"They may not always be the most talented but they work harder than anyone I've been around," Big Spring coach Phillip Ritchey said. "It's fun to coach. It sure makes it fun when you know you're going to have receptive kids."

Added Greenwood coach Shad Hanna: "We may not have as good of athletes as they do out east but we know how to push our kids. That's why you see a lot of east Texas schools hire West Texas coaches, because coaches out here get the most out of the kids."

West Texas programs tend to take that sense of pride with them, especially when they face the powerhouse programs out east.

"I think our kids understand that for us to be successful against some of the more talented teams from the Metroplex, toughness and execution have helped us to win some of those games in the past," MHS coach Craig Yenzer said.

"There's no question that toughness have helped us against some of those teams in the past," Ritchey said. "We've come up on the short end of the stick more than we would like, but these kids out here play with a chip on their shoulder and they go into those games with a chip on their shoulder. They want to show other teams that we know how to play football and they're not just going to be able to walk out there, treat it like a practice and get a win. They have to earn it on every play."

It is that tradition and reputation that inspires these kids every day out in practice and during Friday night games.

"Here it's like a football town," Nunez said. "Everybody knows like the top football guys. Other sports don't compare to football in West Texas."

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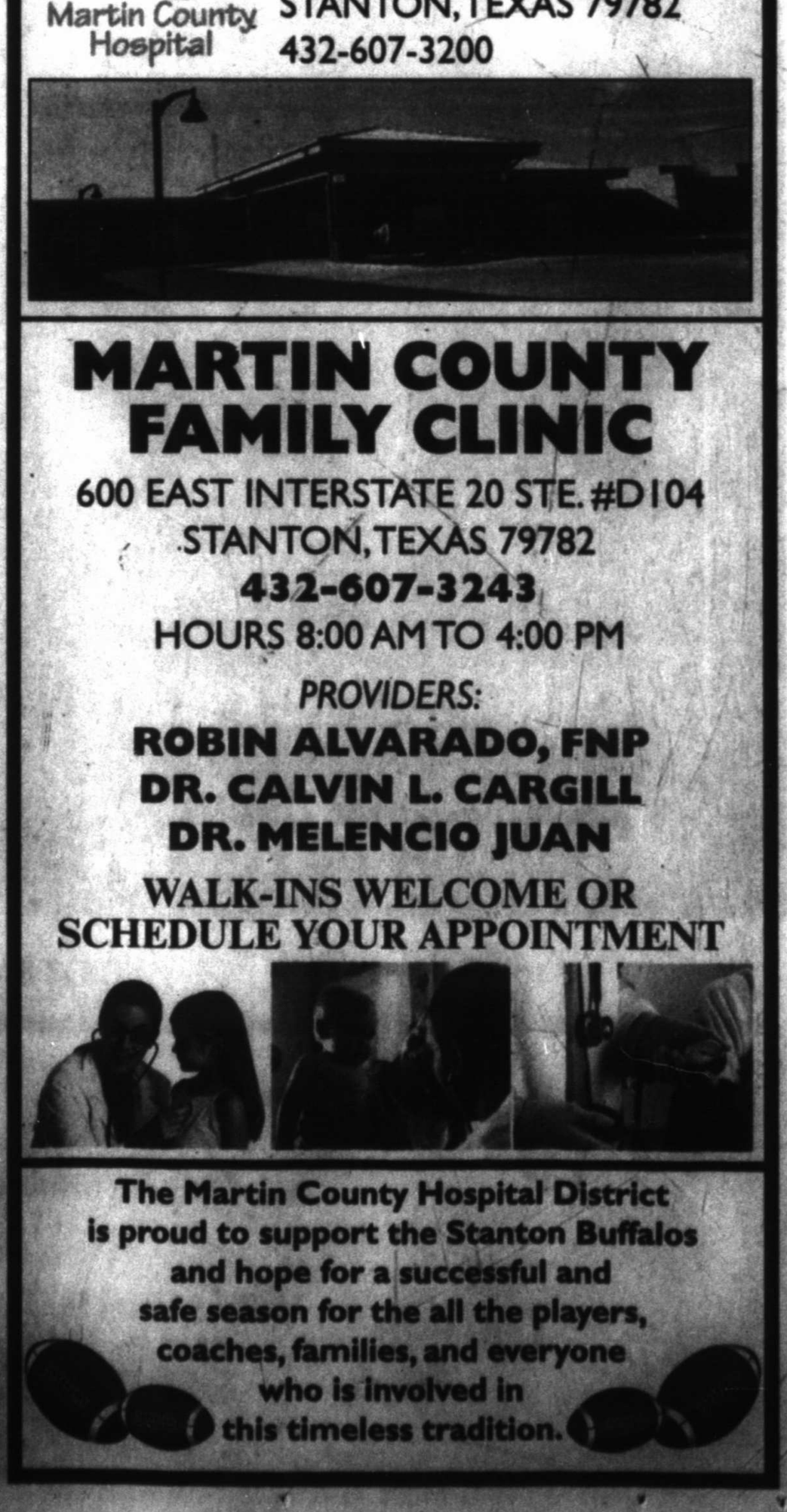

MIDLAND BULLDOGS

Q&A with Midland High defensive end Traver Vliem

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Spring football is a time for players to improve their skills and on-field acumen without the pressure and expectations that come with the regular season in the fall.

However, that wasn't the case this past spring for Midland High senior defensive end Traver Vliem.

The 6-foot-4, 240-pound lineman was under the scrutiny of college scouts that attended both practices and the annual spring game during the four-week period. Every move and every repetition that Vliem made in practice was under a microscope and judged by scouts.

Luckily for Vliem, the MHS senior had already carved out a reputation for his high energy and hustle so being watched constantly wasn't an issue. In drills and scrimmages, Vliem approached each repetition or play with the intensity of fourth-and-goal at the 1-yard line in the state championship game, and often times he showed why he is a handful for any offensive lineman to block.

"I didn't see any ill-effects," Bulldogs head coach Craig Yenzer said. "He continued to do what got him there -- he plays hard, he practices hard, everybody likes his intensity level."

In July, Vliem made a verbal commitment to Sam Houston State, choosing the Division I Football Championship Subdivision power over Nevada, Toledo, Air Force and Stephen F. Austin.

Vliem recently spoke to the Midland Reporter-Telegram about his high-strung play and the upcoming 2015 season.

Where did you develop that drive and tenacity to play hard on every down and repetition?

I think I developed it throughout the years. I think a lot of great football players have it. I think it comes from just the passion you have for the game and when you love the game that much, it's hard to stop.

When you see scouts out here, what's going through your mind when you're on the practice field knowing there is somebody watching every move you make?

I feel like I have practiced like that my whole life whether it was my parents watching or my brothers watching. This was obviously a heightened experience. There's always a sense of pressure if you don't compete, you might lose your spot. I think I have been competing my whole life in the practice field.

What do you think of this experienced defense you are assembling this year?

I think the defense is going to be the backbone of the team, in my opinion, but that's obviously a biased opinion considering I'm on defense. We have a few guys coming back, and other than the guys coming back, we have a lot of reliable guys coming in. I couldn't ask for a better situation for us on defense.

You have a pretty good bookend in Dillon Springer. Have you two talked about what your goals that you want to accomplish at the defensive end position?

I think for Dillon and I, our expectations come down to being the best two-end tandem in the state honestly. Settle for nothing less.

Now that you're committed to Sam Houston State, do you feel like that you're going to get the best from your opponents this year because they're going to know about you?

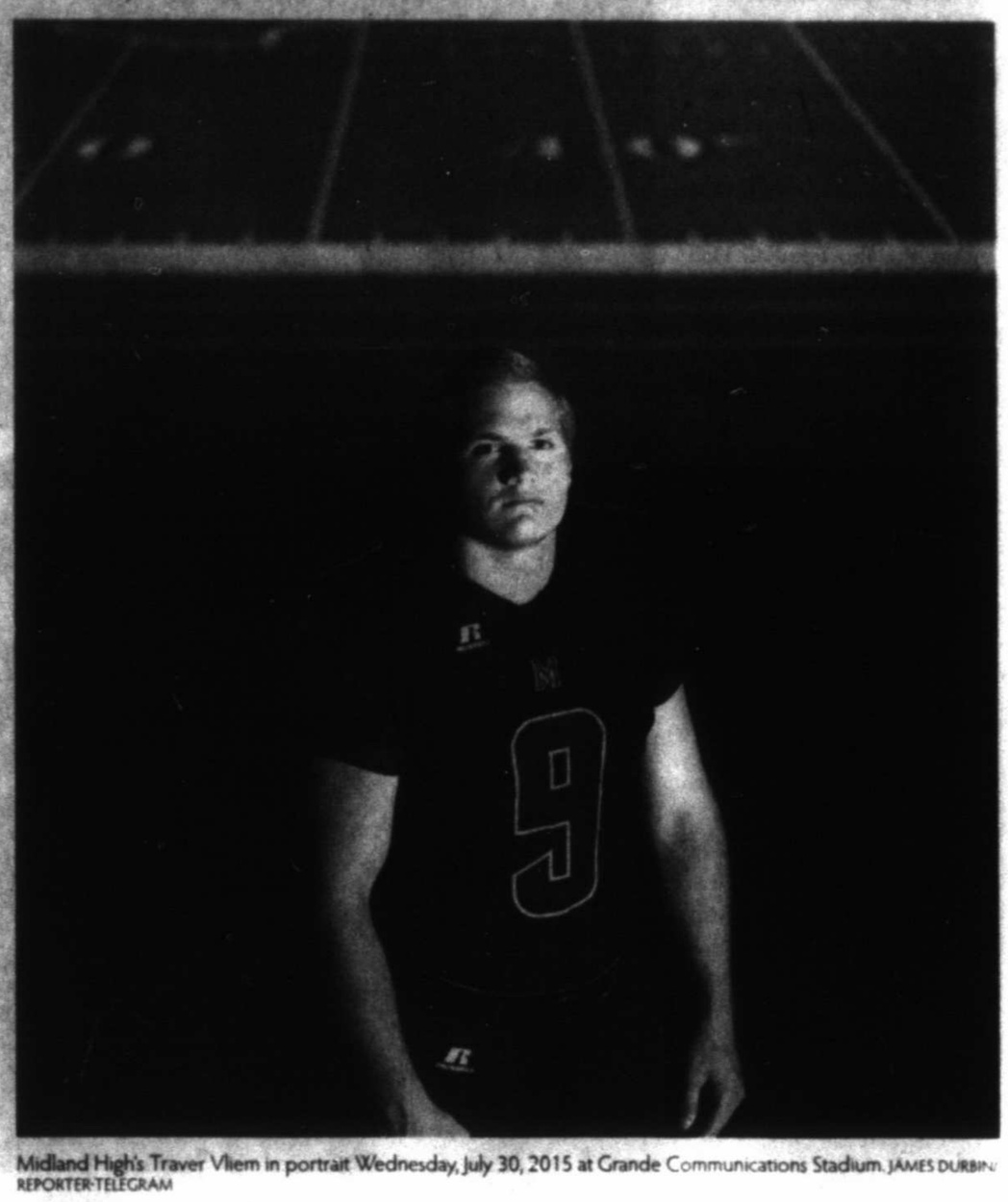
I have thought about that. I don't know. I think I will do even better this year. I feel like I prepared better. I think you have more confidence as a senior and that will help out my game as well.

Even though you have a lot of football left to be played in college, how much does this senior season mean to you?

I think this season means everything. Every next Friday means everything. (It's) maybe like a sense of reasonability or accountability with the team because you know you've been through the program for four years and you've waited for this moment to where people look up to you and now you've got to make moves.

What positions have you played in your career dating back to pee wee football?

I've played offensive guard, offensive tackle on both sides, defensive tackle, defensive end, middle linebacker and I think that's it. I have always been a bigger body even growing up. I was the biggest kid on the field. Yeah, that's really where I fit in.



Midland High's Traver Vliem in portrait Wednesday, July 30, 2015 at Grande Communications Stadium. JAMES DURBIN/ REPORTER-TELEGRAM

What are your strengths as a defensive lineman?

I think I have a high motor. That's what I have generally been recruited for. I think I have pretty decent football IQ, too. I have been playing it for so long, you kind of understand things after awhile, just certain situations, that helps a player tremendously as well.

Is there a play that sticks out in your mind from your Midland High career?

We were playing San Angelo Central and I tripped over our middle linebacker Emilio Solis, I got up and chased down Braden Hucks (now a Texas Tech walk-on quarterback) for about 60 yards.

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Paying tribute in more ways than one

MHS' Youngblood hopes to live up to legendary namesake

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Midland High inside linebacker Jack Youngblood has a football name.

The MHS senior shares the same name with Jack Youngblood, the Pro Football Hall of Fame defensive end who played for the Los Angeles Rams from 1971-1984.

The pro football great is best known for playing in Super Bowl XIV with a fractured left fibula and is described by the Hall of Fame website as a "rugged, determined" player.

The Bulldogs' Youngblood embraces the name he shares with the NFL legend.

This season the MHS defender is going to don jersey No. 85, the same numerals the Rams star wore on the gridiron.

"I don't think there are any linebackers that wear 85 besides me," Youngblood said. "It goes with the name. It really does."

The younger Youngblood knows he has a reputation to live up to on the field as the Hall of Famer embodied tough play.

"I try to play as ferocious as possible," Youngblood said. "He had high energy and he just knew what he was doing. He had amazing football IQ. He just threw people around to get tackles."

The MHS linebacker has had the privilege of crossing paths with the five-time, first-team All-Pro.

For his 13th birthday, Youngblood's father gave him a personalized autographed football from the seven-time Pro Bowler.

Midland High's Jack Youngblood (40) celebrates while coming off the field after the defense returned an interception for a touchdown against Abilene High last season at Grande Communications Stadium. JAMES DURBIN/REPORTER-TELEGRAM

Youngblood ironically broke his left fibula during the Bulldogs' spring football session in April 2014.

Youngblood sent a tweet to the Hall of Famer that stated, "As crazy as it sounds, I broke the same bone in the same leg that the great @theblood85 broke back in the day. That has to be destiny."

The Rams great replied back by typing, "hope you've got more sense than I had back then! Best wishes young man and heal UP!"

Youngblood healed up in time to piece together an impressive junior season by recording 91 tackles, seven tackles for a loss and four sacks for the Bulldogs in 2014.

Youngblood finished second on MHS in both tackles and tackles for a loss, while earning All-District 3-6A honorable mention for his play.

In 2015, Youngblood is being moved from the inside linebacker spot that typically plays near the tight end to the weakside position that will allow him to move to the ball-carrier in less traffic, use his speed more and be involved with more blitzes.

"If you're a middle linebacker, you have to like contact," Youngblood said. "That's the good thing about being a middle linebacker right there, you have a good balance of that. You have a good balance of going head-to-head against guys. At the same time, you have a good balance of being able to just run freely and being able to hunt down people."

The Bulldogs senior is expected to anchor the linebacking corps on a stout defense that includes 2014 all-district performers Noah Marquez, Traver Vliem and Dillon Springer.

But MHS head coach Craig Yenzer says Youngblood's impact is felt beyond the playing field.

"If (a player is) kind of wavering, Jack is one of those guys that will go over and he has always used the positive approach," Yenzer said. "He encourages others. My definition of being a leader, not only can you raise your own level of play, but trying to raise the level of play around you. So I think he fits into that category."

And most of all, the Bulldogs senior pays homage to No. 85 when he crosses the white lines. The Rams legend would be certainly proud that the MHS senior honors him appropriately.

"He definitely has a motor," 'Dawgs linebackers coach Chris Moralez said. "He plays hard. He plays fast. He does everything full speed."

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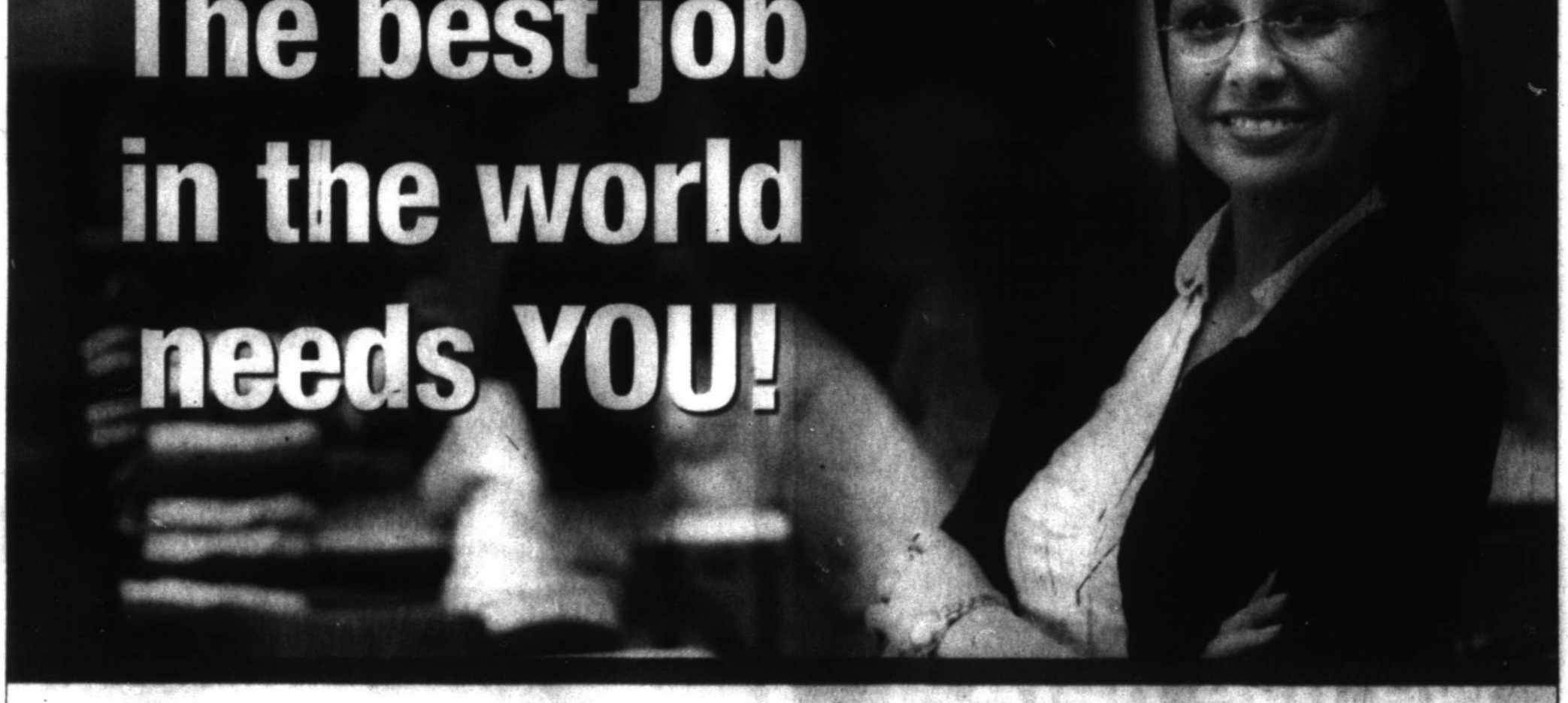

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A TRUE IRON MAN

Anderson ready to do it all to help MHS succeed this season

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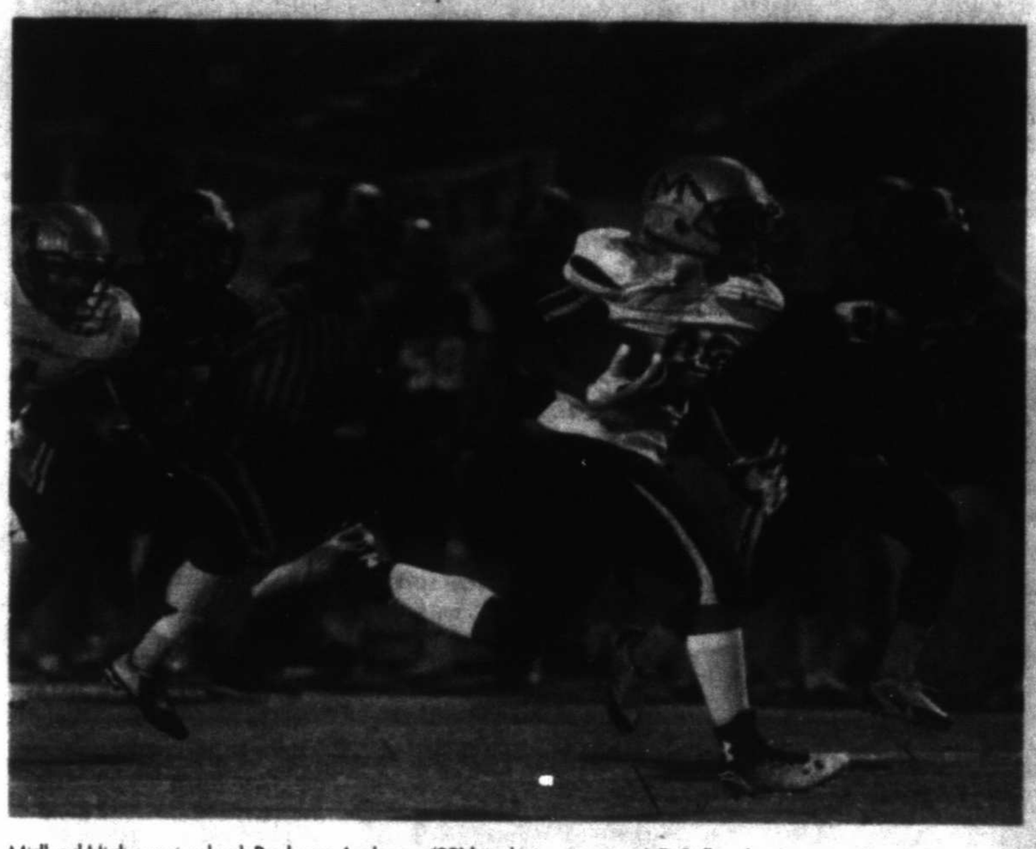
Iron man players, that double as both offensive and defensive contributors, are a rare breed in Class 6A football.

Class 6A is a fast paced, physical brand of football so it takes a special player to handle the burden of playing both ways without much rest.

Midland High has a unique player that can balance both offensive and defensive duties in



Midland High running back Raekwon Anderson (22) breaks away against L.D. Bell on last season at Pennington Stadium in Bedford. JAMES DURBIN/REPORTER-TELEGRAM

senior Raekwon Anderson. The 5-foot-9, 175-pound senior will play halfback and cornerback for the Bulldogs this season, but his responsibilities don't end there.

Anderson is a special teams ace that has served in roles such as "gunner", the one who runs downfield first to tackle the opposing return man on kickoffs and punts.

"You have to be highly athletic (to play iron man)," MHS running backs coach Ector Lopez said. "I think you have to be committed, passionate about it and I think Rae fits all those characteristics. He's a kid over time, he's put the time in the weight room. He does track. Pretty much anything you tell him to do, he's going to go do it."

As a sophomore in 2013, Anderson made the leap to the varsity level as a cornerback, registering 11 tackles.

In 2014, Anderson moved over to the offensive side of the ball to split time at both halfback and fullback. Anderson performed well as he recorded 57 rushing attempts for 333 yards and four touchdowns. His 5.8 average yards per carry ranked tied for first on MHS.

Anderson's willingness to play anywhere and unselfishness is the reason why Bulldogs head coach Craig Yenzer says he is very proud of the jack-of-all-trades.

"Raekwon is putting the team first," Yenzer said. "He's got that great work ethic, brings his lunch pail and he's going to work. He just wants to see the team be successful and so you appreciate guys like that. He's going to be a big part of what we accomplish this year on both sides of the ball so we're excited about him. He was elected captain because of that too."

Anderson is well-versed in a multitude of football skills because of his versatility. There aren't many facets of football that Anderson feels uncomfortable with.

"I don't throw the ball," said Anderson, who moved to Midland from Mississippi early in his high school years. "I can't throw to save my life and I can't kick either. I guess I could do everything else."

This season Anderson will team up with returning lettermen Noah Marquez and Hernan Lujan to give the 'Dawgs an experienced and formidable group of cornerbacks.

Cornerback is often characterized as a finesse position in football, but Anderson likes to play the position with physicality.

"I am more of a pressing guy because I can stop them at the line of scrimmage, slow them down," Anderson said. "I would say I am a pressing corner. I get physical because I feel receivers get too comfortable when I'm off the ball. The reason I press because I have quick speed recovery so I can do that."

While playing halfback, Anderson says he doesn't like to bounce the ball outside by using jukes or special moves. He prefers to run downhill, take whatever yards he can get and put a bruising on opposing tacklers.

With the full plate of responsibilities, Anderson realizes that his game preparation is going to be more demanding this year.

"It's a mental game really," Anderson said. "You gotta study the film, see what they do on offense and defense. You gotta study twice as much as everybody else."

Lopez says Anderson is a bright kid who is ready for the challenge of memorizing two different game plans each week.

"He's highly intelligent," Lopez said. "I know he does real well in the classroom. He challenges himself by taking some of the upper-level classes. He's got a high football IQ. He sees the game well. He understands it. It takes a special kid to be able to play both sides and then you throw the special teams on top of that, he's definitely a three-phase kid."

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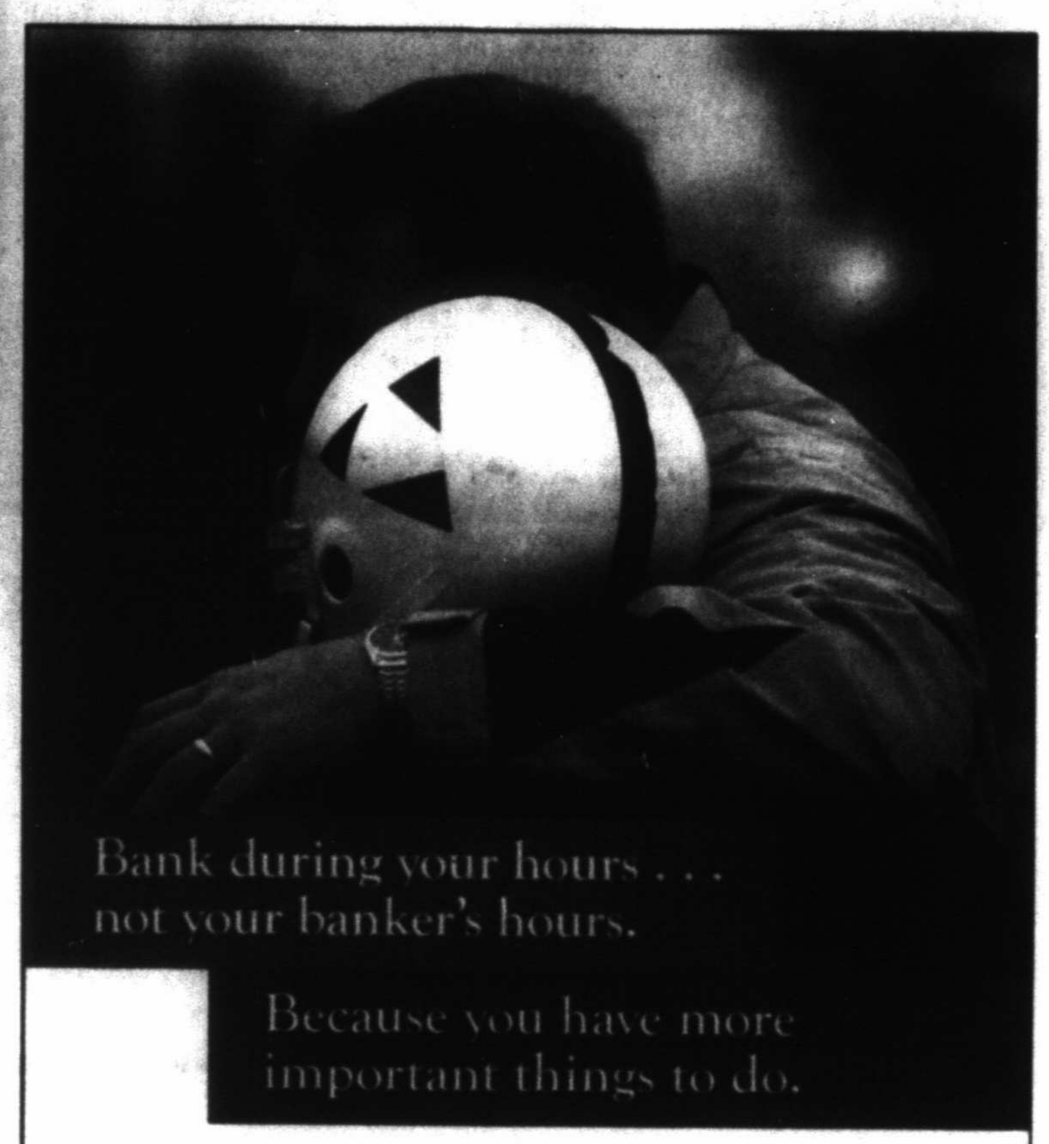

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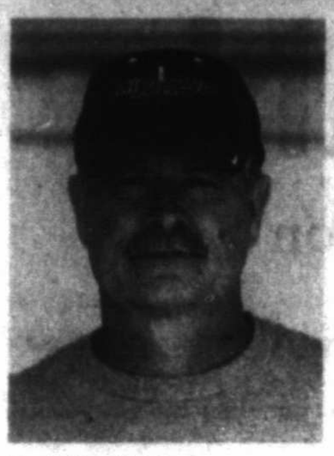

Coach Craig Yenzer

BULLDOGS FAST FACTS

District: 3-6A
Head coach: Craig Yenzer, 14th season (90-60 in 13 seasons at Midland High, 133-84 in 19 seasons)
Assistant coaches: Jim Conger, Tim Anuszkiewicz, Ector Lopez, Rodney Sims, Jeff Strenes, Chris Morales, Danny Neighbors, Mike Sadler, Mike Rushton, Michael Bettenhausen
2014 record: 5-6 (2-3 in district)
Returning starters: 3 offense, 5 defense
Typical offense: I-formation/shotgun
Typical defense: 4-3-5
Last playoff appearance: 2014, lost to Arlington Martin, 43-14, in bi-district
Enrollment: 2,876.5
Homecoming: Oct. 9 vs. Odessa High
Rivalry game: Nov. 6 vs. Lee

2015 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 27	Keller	7 p.m.
Sept. 4	El Paso Montwood	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	at Hurst L.D. Bell**	5 p.m.
Sept. 18	at El Paso Franklin	8 p.m.
Sept. 25	at Amarillo High	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	Odessa High*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	at San Angelo Central*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	Odessa Permian*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	at Abilene High*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	Lee*	7:30 p.m.

All home games at Grande Communications Stadium
*Denotes District 3-6A game
**game played at AT&T Stadium in Arlington

2014 RESULTS

Aug. 29 MHS 33, Spring Branch Smithson Valley 26
Sept. 5 MHS 34, El Paso Montwood 21
Sept. 12 MHS 49, Hurst L.D. Bell 6
Sept. 19 El Paso Franklin 42, MHS 28
Sept. 26 Amarillo High 21, MHS 10
Oct. 10 MHS 26, Odessa High 21
Oct. 17 San Angelo Central 35, MHS 21
Oct. 24 Odessa Permian 15, MHS 14
Oct. 31 Abilene 31, MHS 24
Nov. 7 MHS 59, Lee 14

Playoffs
Nov. 14 Bi-district, Arlington Martin 43, MHS 14

2015 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Class
1	Tim Bernal	WR	Sr.
2	Brady Bolger	QB	Sr.
3	Theron Brown	WR	Sr.
4	Ricky Hubert	RB	Jr.
5	Adderial Henry	FS	Sr.
7	DeAndre Springer	SS	Sr.
8	Noah Marquez	CB	Jr.
9	Traver Vliem	DE	Sr.
10	Hernan Lujan	CB	Sr.
11	Irvin Moreno	WR	Sr.
12	Zelyn Zapata	WR	Sr.
13	Juleion Bowers	RB	Jr.
14	Ryan Perales	QB	Jr.
15	Jackson Anuszkiewicz	QB	Jr.
16	Jalen Childress	WR	Jr.
17	Holt Wood	SS	Jr.
20	Robie McCallum	SS	Jr.
21	Raekwon Anderson	RB/CB	Sr.
22	Will Stratton	WR	Jr.
24	Nick Hernandez	RB	Sr.
26	Gabe Nunez	CB	Jr.
30	Willie Echols	DE	Jr.
31	Joseph Barron	LB	Jr.
32	Caleb Gonzalez	FB	Sr.
34	Joseph Galindo	RB*	Sr.
37	Chris Sims	FS	Jr.
39	Jude Pantoja	FS	Jr.
40	Santiago Hernandez	LB	Jr.
41	Taylor Ward	WR	Sr.
42	Dillon Springer	DE	Jr.
44	Dakota Huff	FB	Jr.
45	Blake Boring	K/P	Sr.
48	Billy Tagle	LB	Jr.
50	Turner Phillips	OL	Jr.
52	Kraft Casedessus	LB	Sr.
54	Adrian Campos	K	Sr.
55	Devon Miller	DL	Sr.
56	Ruben Chavez	SS	Sr.
58	Keoni Garcia	OL	Jr.
61	Christian Fuentes	OL	Sr.
62	Noah Payan	OL	Jr.
63	Elizar Suarez	OL	Sr.
64	Brandon Guijarro	OL	Jr.
66+	Tito Salcido	DL	Sr.
70	Jacob Baeza	OL	Jr.
71	Colton Pyles	OL	Sr.
72	Paxton Heiting	OL	Sr.
74	Braxton Gardner	OL	Sr.
75	Aaron Vanderburg	DL	Sr.
76	A.J. Vasquez	OL	Sr.
77	Christian Yorkman	DL	Sr.
78	Cesar Juarez	OL	Jr.
80	Sam Bertelson	TE	Jr.
81	Courtney McMaryion	WR	Jr.
82	Jacob Horner	TE	Sr.
83	Hunter Holiedy	TE	Sr.
84	Sam Carlstoar	WR	Sr.
85	Jack Youngblood	LB	Sr.
86	Joey Rodriguez	WR	Sr.
88	Greyson Brockington	WR	Jr.
89	Zach Smith	TE	Jr.
99	Jesse Carter	DT	Sr.

2014 Midland High football statistics

(5-6, 2-3)

Midland High	72	100	79	49	7	7	–334
Opponent	81	73	54	61	7	0	–275

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Td.
Darrius Reed	324	699	5.6	4
Raekwon Anderson	57	333	5.8	4
Ricky Hubert	87	507	5.8	5
Ryan Goodrum	55	219	4.0	5
Dalton Strah	11	56	5.1	2
Cooper Meurer	2	9	4.5	0
Courtney McMaryion	1	7	7.0	0
Nicky Hoang	1	3	3	0
Totals	333	1,833	5.5	22

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Ryan Goodrum	146	292	10	2,237	15
Brady Bolger	4	9	1	71	0
Totals	150	271	11	2,308	15

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Courtney McMaryion	34	705	20.7	7
Kahlyl Winn	18	421	23.4	4
Trevor Abney	17	226	13.3	2
Darius Reed	11	140	12.7	2
Chandler Berrones	11	139	12.6	0
Eric Haverstock	12	134	11.2	0
Devorian Dafall	4	100	25.0	0
Matt Calleges	19	191	10.1	0
Jackson Anuszkiewicz	7	86	12.3	0
Raekwon Anderson	6	55	9.2	0
Brandon Sanchez	6	89	14.8	0
Ryan Goodrum	1	15	15.0	0
Ricky Hubert	4	7	1.8	0
Totals	150	2,308	15.4	15

PUNTING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	L
Blake Boring	25	866	34.6	54
Blake Humble	16	637	39.8	69
Totals	35	1,288	36.8	59

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Jeramiah Sullivan	3	31	10.3	0
Blake Humble	3	98	7.3	1
Britt Bixler	2	42	42	1
Emilio Solis	1	45	45	1
Braden Rushton	1	22	22.0	0
Noah Marquez	1	0	0	0
Totals	11	238	21.6	3

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	FG	2PT	TP
Blake Boring	0	39	5	0	49
Darius Reed	8	0	0	0	48
Courtney McMaryion	7	0	0	0	42
Ryan Goodrum	5	0	0	0	30
Kahlyl Wynn	4	0	0	0	24
Ricky Hubert	5	0	0	0	30
Raekwon Anderson	4	0	0	0	24
Dalton Strah	2	0	0	0	12
Trevor Abney	2	0	0	0	12
Emilio Solis	1	0	0	0	6
Britt Bixler	1	0	0	0	6
Braden Rushton	1	0	0	0	6
Eric Haverstock	1	0	0	0	6
Blake Humble	1	0	0	0	6
Juleon Bowers	1	0	0	0	6
Team	0	0	0	1	2
Total	43	39	5	1	314

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	T	S	TFL	PC.	FR	PBU
Emilio Solis	117	9	6	1	1	0
Jack Youngblood	91	4	7	0	0	0
Blake Humble	82	0	1	0	0	5
Britt Bixler	59	.5	1	1	1	8
Mason Gohr	56	0	2	0	0	2
Dillon Springer	52	2	11	1	0	2
Traver Vliem	50	0	3	0	0	0
Coleton Whitlock	44	4	6	0	0	0
Braden Rushton	35	1	1	0	1	1
Salvado Salinas	32	3	5	0	0	0
Noah Marquez	32	0	0	0	0	5
Jacob Granado	28	0	5	0	0	0
Jeramiah Sullivan	21	0	0	0	0	3
Nicky Hoang	19	2	1	0	1	1
DeAndre Springer	15	0	0	0	0	0
Adderial Henry	12	0	0	0	0	0
Arturo Hinojos	12	0	1	0	0	0
Devon Miller	3	0	2	0	0	0
Cole Stanley	2	0	2	0	0	0
Robert Natividad	2	0	0	0	0	0
Justin Sanchez	2	0	0	0	0	0
Jesse Carbajal	1	0	0	0	0	0
Willie Echols	1	0	1	0	0	0
Dannyk Ramos	1	0	0	0	0	0
Blake Boring	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tim Canton	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fernando Candia	1	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Tackle totals include solo and assisted tackles.

OFFENSE/DEFENSE

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
1,829	166.3	2,257	205.2	4,086	371.5

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
1,849	168.1	1,711	155.5	3,221	323.6

BREAKING DOWN THE 2015 BULLDOGS QUARTERBACK

What to expect in 2015:

Through four days of August practice, MHS head coach Craig Yenzer said the quarterback situation remained a four-player competition between Brady Bolger, Jackson Anuszkiewicz, Brooks Betcher and Ryan Perales. Bolger, a senior who threw for 71 yards last year, is the only one of the four with varsity quarterback experience. Bolger missed all of spring football because of MHS baseball commitments. Anuszkiewicz impressed Yenzer with his play during the spring football game in May. Betcher and Perales, both juniors, are vying for varsity spots after playing quarterback on the junior varsity team in 2014. Yenzer said the three quarterbacks that don't win the starting job could help the 'Dawgs in other areas. Anuszkiewicz had 86 receiving yards as a sophomore in 2014.

RUNNING BACKS

What to expect in 2015:

The Bulldogs are in pretty good shape here as junior Ricky Hubert (507 rushing yards) and senior Raekwon Anderson (333 rushing yards) return after accounting for nearly 46 percent of MHS' total rushing output in 2014. Hubert and Anderson have contrasting styles of running. Hubert is more of a game breaking, big-play halfback, while Anderson is a north-south runner that loves contact. Either way, both running backs led the Bulldogs with a 5.8 average yards per rushing attempt in 2014. Caleb Gonzales, Joseph Galindo and Billy Tagle are competing to start at fullback.

WIDE RECEIVERS/ TIGHT END

What to expect in 2015:

Courtney McMaryion earned second-team all-district honors as a sophomore after grabbing 34 balls for 705 yards and seven touchdowns. McMaryion is a top-flight athlete that was one of the region's top high jumpers last spring. The junior has the ability to score from anywhere on the field and is capable of turning a five-yard catch into a long play. Behind McMaryion, Yenzer is bullish about an athletic receiving group that includes Will Stratton, Irvin Moreno, Joey Rodriguez, Zelyn Zapata, Jalen Childress, Tim Bernal and Greyson Brockington. Juleion Bowers and Nick Hernandez will be featured as MHS' H-back position. Sam Bertelson, Jacob Horner and Zach Smith are competing for reps at tight end. Smith is a junior transfer from Canyon Randall.

OFFENSIVE LINE

What to expect in 2015:

Junior Paxton Heiting will anchor this unit at left tackle after starting every game as a sophomore. The 6-foot-3, 250-pound Heiting was credited with 15 pancake blocks in 2014. Heiting is joined on the offensive line by returning lettermen and seniors A.J. Vasquez, Elizar Suarez and Colton Pyles. Vasquez has center experience, while Pyles is competing with juniors Noah Payan and Keoni Garcia for the starting right tackle spot. Turner Phillips and Cesar Juarez, both juniors, are battling to start to left guard. Brandon Guijarro, another junior, will see time at right guard.

DEFENSIVE LINE

What to expect in 2015:

Defensive ends Traver Vliem and Dillon Springer will give opposing quarterbacks nightmares as both are disruptive defenders that can change games. Vliem could not be blocked during spring ball. The 6-foot-3 Vliem has verbally committed to Sam Houston State. Springer was the 2014 District 3-6A Newcomer of the Year after leading MHS with 11 tackles for loss during his sophomore season. Devon Miller, a returning letterman, will start at defensive tackle following a junior season in which he had two tackles for loss in a part-time role. Seniors Tito Salcido, Christian Yorkman, Aaron Vanderburg and Jesse Carter will play alongside Miller at the other defensive tackle spot. Yenzer lauds Salcido for his great work ethic.

LINEBACKERS

What to expect in 2015:

Jack Youngblood anchors this unit following a standout junior campaign in which he had 91 tackles, four sacks and seven tackles for loss. Youngblood will man the weakside linebacker spot. Juniors Joseph Barron and Santiago Hernandez have been engaged in a heated competition for the "mike" linebacker position. Yenzer says the position battle is one of the better ones on the team because both linebackers are good athletes.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

What to expect in 2015:

This might be the best position grouping on the team along with running back and defensive line. The Bulldogs return plenty of experience at cornerback with junior Noah Marquez and seniors Hernan Lujan and Anderson. As only a sophomore, Marquez earned all-district honorable mention honors after breaking up five passes in 2014. MHS is sitting pretty at safety too. Senior Adderial Henry moves to the starting free safety position after serving as a nickel back last season. DeAndre Springer, a fellow senior, will start at strong safety, a position that MHS coaches refer to as the "Dawg". Springer is a thumper that can lay a lick. Boosted by a strong spring, junior Gabe Nunez is making an impression on coaches in the secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS

What to expect in 2015:

Blake Boring, a three-year letterman, will perform kicking and punting duties for MHS. Boring made five field goals and booted a long punt of 54 yards in 2014. Adrian Campos could share some of the kicking duties, while Betcher has shown promise as a punter. The kick and punt return duties will be shared by McMaryion, Bowers, Hernandez and Childress. Bowers returned an 89-yard kickoff return for a touchdown versus Abilene High last year.

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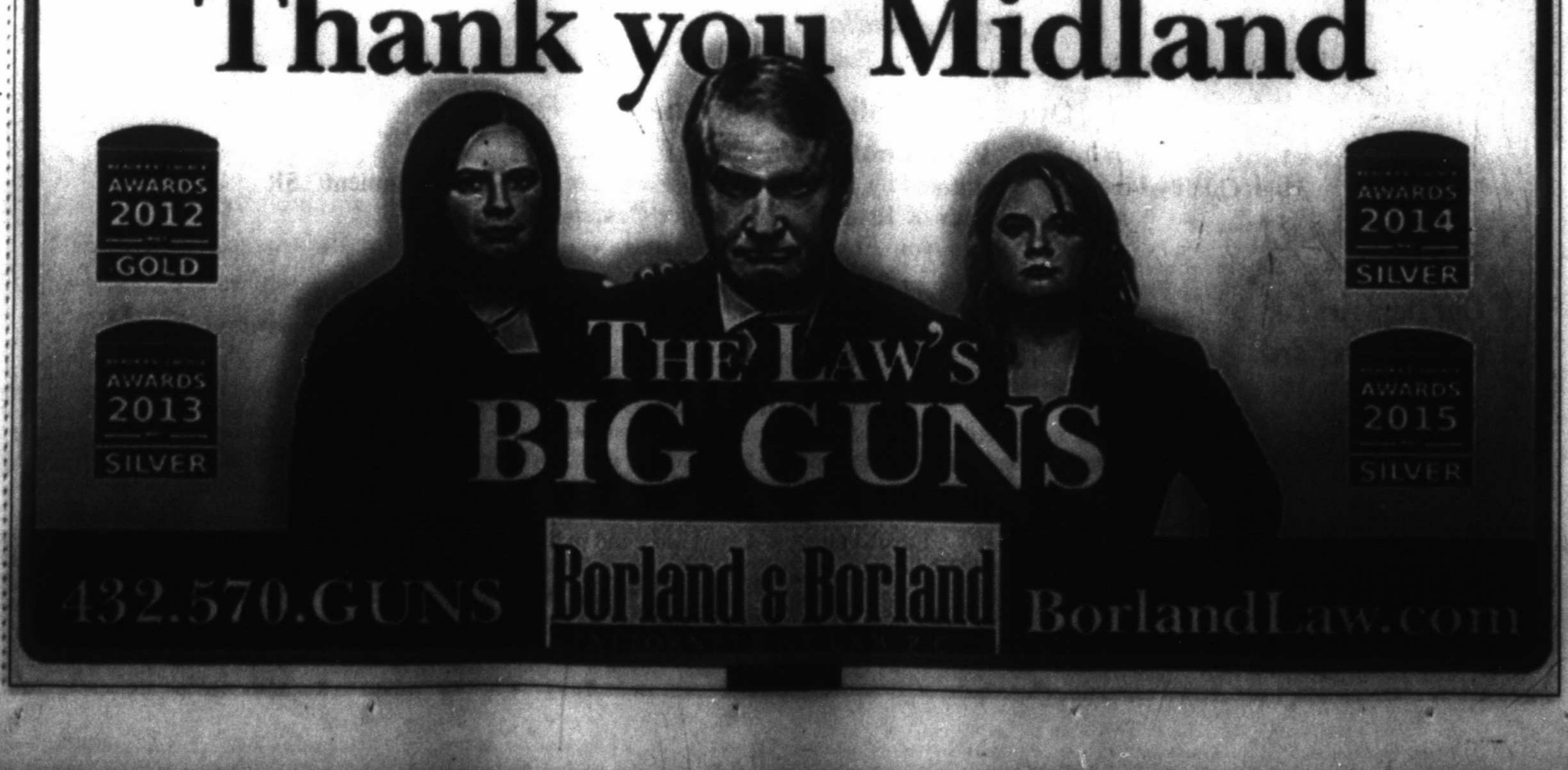
Love, Pop Pop, Nana and Aunt Misty



The returning gunslinger

QB Adams hopes his experience helps OHS return to playoffs

By Christopher Hadorn
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Five of the six District 3-6A teams will be potentially playing with new starting quarterbacks when the season starts on Aug. 27.

The lone exception will likely be Odessa High where senior Nick Adams returns after leading the Bronchos' offense in 2014.

Adams brings stability to an OHS offense that will be starting four new starters on the offensive line, including two sophomores.

The 5-foot-11 signal caller carries postseason credentials too. Adams, as a sophomore, took over for an injured Ryan Martinez during the first quarter of the Bronchos' bi-district playoff game and played most of the game in their 61-15 thumping of El Paso Franklin.

Adams and OHS are seeking a return to the playoffs after losing out on the tiebreaker to Midland High for the fourth and final spot in 2014. The Bronchos went 4-6 with a 2-3 mark in District 3-6A.

"I would say (the Franklin playoff win) was probably one of the most exciting nights of my life," Adams said. "I am never satisfied and I am going to do whatever it takes to get back to the playoffs."

Odessa High will lean on its rushing attack to lead the way. Adams is a dual-threat quarterback, who can pass or rush, that runs an impressive 4.7 40-yard dash time.

When Adams isn't rushing the ball, he will be handing the ball off to running back Sebastian Galindo. Galindo ran 190 times for 1,256 yards and 17 touchdowns in 2014 despite missing several games due to injury.

"Whereas you've got two like Nick and Sebastian, it's one of those circumstances where defenses have to pick their poison," Odessa High head coach Ronald King said. "The thing is, if you don't have a good throwing game, they sit there, defenses will put 8 or 9 in the box on you so you gotta be able to throw the ball to loosen up the defense. For us, the key this year, they know we can run the football, but they're going to force us to throw and we've got to be successful and be consistent in our throwing game."

Adams threw for 1,141 yards passing and seven touchdowns in 2014.

They're numbers that Adams would love to improve on this season.

When asked how far he could heave the football, Adams replied that he could chuck the pigskin about 62-63 yards, but he immediately dismissed arm strength as a factor in his success. Adams, a student of the game, is more concerned about learning the nuances of passing that makes quarterbacks successful.

"It's not about always how far, it's about how accurate you are and making the right reads," Adams said. "I'm just working on my craft."

King is expecting some growing pains with the offensive line because he says it takes time for a new group to gel and play in cohesion. But the good news is King knows that he has a seasoned quarterback that will be touching the football on every offensive play and that gives the Bronchos a chance to battle for a postseason spot in the District 3-6A playoff race.

"(Adams has) familiarity with our offense, understanding the passing game portion of it, understanding the running game, knowing what everybody is supposed to do," King said. "...Plus from the leadership aspect of it, it really helps tremendously for our team, especially since our offense is built around our quarterback. The thing is if you don't have a very good quarterback that operates this kind of offense, you're pretty much dead in the water so to speak."

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ODESSA HIGH BRONCHOS FAST FACTS

District: 3-6A
Head coach: Ron King (11th season, 40-56 in 10 years, all at OHS)
Assistant coaches: Boe Smith, Chris Harbin, Eric Langsharing, Brian Brents, Bryan Gayoso, Brody Smith, Cy Cowart, Zach Williams, Mason Mungaro
2014 record: 4-6, 2-3 in District 3-6A
Typical offense: I-back
Typical defense: 4-3
Last playoff appearance: 2013, lost to Arlington Martin, 52-2, in the area round.
Enrollment: 3,844
Homecoming: Sept. 18 vs. Amarillo High
Rivalry game: Oct. 30 at Odessa Permian

2015 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 28	at Lubbock Monterey	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	Lubbock Coronado	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	at Amarillo Tascosa	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	Amarillo High	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	Wolfforth Frenship	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	at Midland High*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Lee*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	San Angelo Central*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	at Odessa Permian*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	Abilene High*	7:30 p.m.

All home games at Ratliff Stadium
*Denotes District 3-6A game

2014 RESULTS

Aug. 29	Odessa High 45, Lubbock Monterey 7
Sept. 5	Odessa High 42, Lubbock Coronado 38
Sept. 12	Amarillo Tascosa 17, Odessa High 0
Sept. 19	Amarillo High 27, Odessa High 0
Sept. 26	Wolfforth Frenship 38, Odessa High 33
Oct. 10	Midland High 28, Odessa High 21
Oct. 17	Odessa High 21, Lee 20
Oct. 24	San Angelo Central 40, Odessa High 14
Oct. 31	Odessa Permian 17, Odessa High 14
Nov. 7	Odessa High 41, Abilene High 37

OFFENSE

Strength: The 1-2 backfield combination of QB Nick Adams and RB Sebastian Galindo.

Weakness: Youth and inexperience on the offensive line.

Players to watch

QB Nick Adams, Sr. -- Second-year starter has a strong grasp of Coach King's read-option run game.

RB Sebastian Galindo, Sr. -- He quietly rushed for 17 touchdowns and 1,256 yards despite missing time.

WR Juan Gomez, Sr. -- Adams' most experienced passing target had 202 receiving yards in 2014.

Coach King on the offense: "We are really going to rely on (Nick Adams) this year just from the standpoint because we got such a young offensive line in front of him. I think he'll do a great job leading those young men and getting them on point."

DEFENSE

Strength: The front four of the defensive line.

Weakness: Linebacking corps outside of Aaron Galindo

Players to watch

DL Brian McClure, Sr. -- Three-year letterman is tough to block, weighing in at 290 pounds.

LB Aaron Galindo, Sr. -- The elder statesman of a young, inexperienced linebacking corps.

Coach King on the defense: "I would say our front four basically is what we're going to rely on in these early games for us to set the tone and really help us as far establishing our success for this coming season."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Strength: Historically, a unit of strength on the Bronchos.

Weakness: Team is unsure who is going to kick and punt with ongoing tryouts.

Coach King on the special teams: "We just have to find somebody that can be consistent on kickoffs and somebody that can be consistent in our punting game and our extra-point field goals. If we can do that, I feel like we can shore up a lot of our issues that we've had with our special teams, but for the most part we've got to find a kicker that can be consistent and do the things that we need him to do in the games."

Stepping into the spotlight

Potter's emergence at QB could be key to Permian's success

By Will Korn
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After a forgettable 2013 season, Odessa Permian gained back some of its old swagger with a 9-4 record and a run to the Class 6A regional semifinals in 2014.

But the key to an even deeper playoff run this season -- and possibly a full return to the MOJO glory days -- will likely be the emergence of senior quarterback Trey Potter in the Panthers' offense.

Potter understands that the quarterback position is a bit of a question mark for Permian -- especially in the team's spread system -- after the departure of Heath Wood last season. But he has embraced any and all criticism that has been directed his way and he's out to silence the doubters.

"I've been on varsity since my sophomore year," Potter said. "So the atmosphere is nothing new. Coaches going crazy, yelling at us -- it's nothing new. (The quarterbacks are) going to get criticism throughout practice. We just need to take it with a grain of salt and take it as constructive criticism and get better. Don't let it get on your shoulders."

"Some of the younger quarterbacks -- they're getting a little hurt by it. But that's where I have an advantage -- that doesn't get me riled up."

Potter, who started just one contest for Permian last season, has really worked on his game this offseason. Third-year head coach Blake Feldt said he's a dual threat quarterback with an improving arm. Feldt also mentioned that he has been really impressed with the steps his quarterback has taken since the end of last season's playoff run.

"Trey has had a great summer and he's had a great offseason," Feldt said. "Personally, I can't tell you how proud I am of Trey, with his diligence and hard work through the offseason. Trey's been that way all the time -- he's just a hard working kid. After we got beat by Euless Trinity in the third round last year, he has worked extremely hard in the weight room, throwing the football and doing anything and everything he can possibly do to become a better football player and a better quarterback."

Efficient and accurate passing is a major component of a successful spread offense. That's where Potter has improved the most since last year.

"Trey has always done a pretty good job of running the football," Feldt said. "(In the past) we've had some issues here and there with him throwing the ball. But right now, we're really, really pleased with the way he's throwing the ball."

Potter, who was 14-for-26 passing for 120 yards in his lone start last season, will have an arsenal of firepower surrounding him this year -- not to mention a capable defense that should limit the opposition's points. Nearly all of Permian's top skill players are back from last year's playoff team.

Potter will have senior running back Brandon Bailey, who ran for 1,680 yards and 20 touchdowns last year, in the backfield. He'll also have three of the more dangerous receivers in District 3-6A in junior Kobe Robinson, senior Dexter Neboh and junior Hunter Hawkins. Six-foot-three tight end Jack Fawcett could also turn into a formidable weapon for the Panthers.

Having all of that ability around him can only be a plus for Potter, who will be making the transition to full-time starter.

He said he has known those guys for a long time and so the pass and catch chemistry is expected to be in place. He also has an unwavering confidence in his teammates to help him get the job done each and every Friday night.

"A lot of the receivers are seniors and we've been throwing together since seventh grade," Potter said. "There's a bunch of chemistry there and I'm not really worried about it. I've got faith in the coaches and the receivers. They can call anything and I can throw a ball within 10 yards of any of my receivers and they're going to go get it for me."

Potter, who wears No. 20 just as former Permian quarterback Mike Winchell did, understands that he doesn't have to try to do to much and put up spectacular passing yardage and touchdown totals this season. He knows he has all the help he needs.

Rather Potter said he just needs to focus on becoming a game manager --a quarterback who has the ability to make smart decisions and plays in key moments of a game.

"Just limit turnovers," Potter said. "As far as throwing the ball, just complete the balls and do what I can. I'm not trying to be anything special. I'm just trying to run this team like it's supposed to be, be the smartest guy out there and the best leader on the field."

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PANTHERS FAST FACTS

District: 3-6A
Head Coach: Blake Feldt, 3rd year (13-10 in two years at Permian, 104-67 in 15 years overall)
Assistant Coaches: Jeff Elson, Thad Fortune, Vance Washington, Stacey Martin, Chad Coleman, Eric Jones, Phil Loomis, Raul Sanchez, Kirk Thurman, Randel Vaughn, Annaliese Martinez
2014 record: 9-4, 3-2 in District 3-6A
Returning Starters: 8 offense, 10 defense
Typical Offense: Spread
Typical Defense: 3-4
Last Playoff appearance: 2014, lost to Euless Trinity, 42-14, in Class 6A regional semifinal round
Enrollment: 3,523
Homecoming Game: Sept. 11 vs. El Paso Americas
Rivalry Game: Oct. 30 vs. Odessa High
Home stadium: Ratliff Stadium, Odessa

2015 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 29	McAllen (at Converse)	2 p.m.
Sep. 5	Mission Memorial	1 p.m.
Sep. 11	El Paso Americas	7 p.m.
Sep. 18	at El Paso Coronado	7:30 p.m.
Sep. 25	at Lubbock Coronado	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	Lee *	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	Abilene High *	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	at Midland High *	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	Odessa High *	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	at San Angelo Central *	7:30 p.m.

* Denotes District 3-6A opponent

2014 RESULTS

Regular season

Aug. 30	Permian 35, McAllen 7
Sep. 6	Permian 66, Veterans Memorial 8
Sep. 12	Permian 27, El Paso Americas 14
Sep. 19	Permian 31, El Paso Coronado 21
Sep. 26	Lubbock Coronado 15, Permian 14
Oct. 10	Permian 45, Lee 28
Oct. 17	Abilene High 30, Permian 13
Oct. 24	Permian 15, Midland High 14
Oct. 31	Permian 17, Odessa High 14
Nov. 7	San Angelo Central 39, Permian 21

Playoffs

Nov. 14	Bi-district, Permian 31, Sam Houston 7
Nov. 22	Area, Permian 49, Amarillo Tascosa 28
Nov. 28	Regional semifinals, Euless Trinity 42, Permian 14

2015 PANTHERS AT A GLANCE

OFFENSE

Strength: Playmaking ability, experience at skill positions, ball protection

Weakness: Efficiency

Players to watch:

RB Brandon Bailey, 5-9, 188, Sr. -- He ran for 1,680 yards and 20 scores on just 241 carries last season. Feldt said Bailey is one of the best backs in West Texas and is expecting big things from him this season.

WR Kobe Robinson, 5-6, 140, Jr. -- A speedy and dangerous all-purpose player, Robinson totaled 284 yards rushing and four TDs last season and also hauled in 35 passes for 588 yards receiving and eight scores. He runs a 4.4 and will make defenders miss.

QB Trey Potter, 6-0, 190, Sr. -- He only started one game last season as a junior. But Feldt believes he's ready for the starter role and has handed him the keys to the Panthers' offense. If he settles in, this will be a very good team.

DEFENSE

Strength: Experience all-around

Weakness: Improving fundamentals

Players to watch:

DB Des Smith, 6-3, 195, Sr. -- Smith is the unquestioned leader of the Panthers' defense, which will trot out 11 seniors and 10 returning starters this season. Smith, who has committed to play at Texas State next year, recorded 101 tackles and four interceptions in 2014.

S Jax Welch, 5-9, 165, Sr. -- Welch made 125 tackles and one interceptions last season. He's a three-year varisty starter and has been through some good and bad times at Permian.

LB Josh Nguyen, 5-10, 185, Sr. -- Nguyen is the anchor of the linebacker corps, Nguyen tallied a team-high 164 tackles last season, good for an average of 12 per game.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Strength: Several dynamic players in the return game, experienced kicker

Weakness: Needs a long snapper

Players to watch:

K Dakoda Delao, Sr. -- Delao is a returning varsity starter with a strong leg. Should be one of the better kickers/punters in the district.

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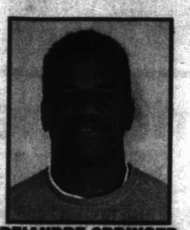
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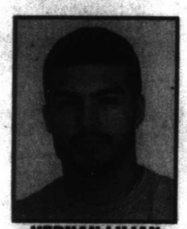
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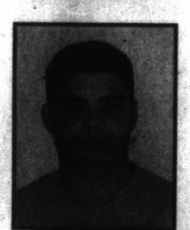
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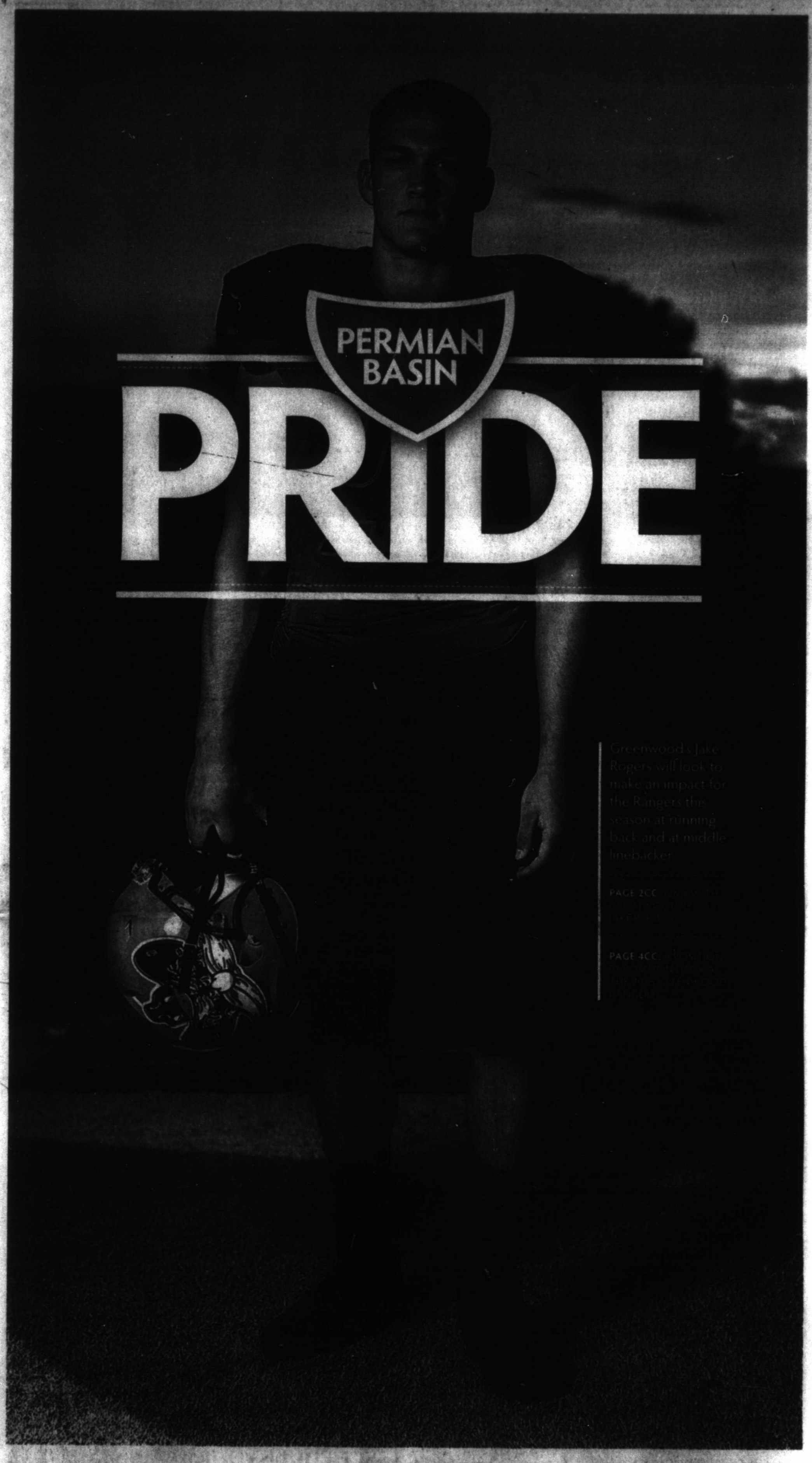

Greenwood's Jake Rogers will look to make an impact for the Rangers this season at running back and at middle linebacker.

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GREENWOOD RANGERS

Q&A with Greenwood's Jake Rogers

By Oscar LeRoy
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Jake Rogers has proven to be valuable on both sides of the ball for the Greenwood football team.

The 6-foot, 185-pound senior is a tough and bruising runner at the running back position as last year he rushed for 536 yards and three touchdowns on 92 carries.

But probably the Rangers value him more on defense as his toughness and his athleticism makes him the ideal middle linebacker and leader of the defense.

"He's going to be that commander of the defense," said Greenwood coach Shad Hanna about his team's top tackler in 2014 with 108 stops to go with 17 tackles for loss. "He's going to be that vocal guy. He's the guy that gets everybody's motor running. He's one of those guys who will play both ways a lot but he's probably more valuable at linebacker because he covers so much ground. He's so fast and so strong and he's a big hitter from sideline to sideline."

Rogers now hopes to lead the Rangers to a run in the playoffs after his team got a taste of it last year before losing to Iowa Park in bi-district round of the Class 3A Division II playoffs.

The Reporter-Telegram sat down with Rogers just prior to the start of two-a-day practices for a question and answer session about him as player and his thoughts about the upcoming season.

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What are your expectations for the upcoming season?

"They're great. I feel we've got a better team this year than we have in the past three seasons. We just have all the skill players wherever we need it, we've got leadership in the right places, and with (quarterback Ben Brockman) taking hold of the offense and me the defense, I think it's going to be a great year."

What do you think your role is as a senior on this team?

"It's just to bring energy to the team every day. I feel I need to have everybody buy into one goal."

As a senior do you feel more comfortable in that leadership role?

"I feel a lot more comfortable. I've matured as the years went on. It's weird to look back on it. As a sophomore I was looking up to everybody and now they're looking up to me. It's a big change. I've just learned a lot as a player and I handle certain situations better than I did two years ago."

Being counted on to produce on both sides of the ball, how do you prepare yourself to play both sides?

"I've been doing since I was in third grade. I don't think it's a big change. I've been conditioning a lot with the guys this summer and we've been bonding as a team. I don't think there's any new preparation, I think it's just giving it my all for the guy next to me."

What do you do to get ready for a game? Any ritual, routine?

"I just walk around the locker room and talk to all the guys, making sure they're ready. It's kind of the fear of the unknown and the thrill of, I don't know what's going to happen. I don't really listen to music, I just listen to whatever they put on. I just make sure everybody is OK with the game plan and I make sure they're not freaking out, especially the young guys."

Can you relate to being a young guys freaking out before a game?

"Yes. The first game I was on varsity and I didn't even play in that game. It was a game at Grande and it was a completely new setting for me. They had metal going on in the locker room and I was about to throw up."

Are games now old hat for you?

"It's a different feeling every game. You can never say you get used to it. But I've adapted to it better."

What is it about football that gets you excited?

"The camaraderie. You spend every second of every day with these guys, from the beginning of April to November or December and it creates a special bond."

Last year your team made the playoffs. After going just one round, how motivated are you to go farther this season?

"It made it worse that we only went one round. We definitely want to go further this year."

Breaking down District 2-4A Division I
(In projected order of finish)

1. Andrews (10-2, 4-0 in district): The Mustangs should once again be the clear-cut favorite to repeat as district champions. The Mustangs appear to be loaded on offense with the return of seven starters from last year's area-round playoff team and a capable quarterback in Triston Williams, who will step right into the Air Raid offense after leading the team to the 7-on-7 state tournament this summer. The defense only returns three starters from a year ago but the unit has plenty of experience as far as players who have been in the system.

2. Clint (6-5, 3-1): The Lions are a regular playoff team and they should be in the postseason again this season with five starters returning on each side of the ball. Clint loves to run with the ball and they will look to lean on running backs Jesus Almanza (13 TDs) and Daniel Zacarius (11 TDs). Almanza is also a standout defensive back as he was an all-district pick last year. Joseph Acuna will anchor the linebacking unit after totaling 52 tackles last year.

3. Clint Mountain View (3-8, 1-3): The Lobos look to return to the postseason with 17 total starters back from last season. Mountain View will run the ball behind Inocencio Perez, who rushed for 924 yards and seven touchdowns on 78 carries. The 5-foot-10, 265-pound Brayan Estrada will anchor both lines for the Loboes. Last year Estrada had 78 tackles and five sacks while playing defense.

4. Fabens (6-5, 2-2): The Wildcats look to continue to be one of the most consistent teams in this district, and with 11 total starters coming back from last season they look to once again make the playoffs. Fabens is another team that will rely on the running game behind first-team all-district running back Thomas Chavez (476 yards, nine TDs) and second-team all-district back Jeffrey Spence. On defense, look for defensive lineman Branden Gonzales, who had 49 tackles last year, to lead the group.

5. San Elizario (3-7, 0-4): The Eagles will have to do some work to make it to the postseason as they lack overall team speed to slow down or keep up with some of their district foes. They have a solid running back in Robert Carreron, who had 691 yards rushing and 234 yards receiving. Linebacker Jon Garcia (76 tackles, four sacks, one interception) looks to lead the defense.

Breaking down District 2-4A Division I
(In projected order of finish)

1. Sweetwater (13-1, 5-0): The Mustangs showed they were the most talented team last year as they won the district title and went four rounds deep in the playoffs. Sophomore Chris Thompson could take over at quarterback for the graduated Kaegan Jeffery, a four-year starter. While they lost some key players to graduation, the Mustangs still have plenty of talent remaining, especially with explosive wide receiver and defensive back Michael Lawrence, who had 1,035 receiving yards and 20 touchdowns. The defensive line should be strong with the return of all-district picks Israel Vera and Daniel Maldonado.

2. Monahans (7-5, 4-1): The Loboes have not only been a consistent playoff team for the last decade but they are never that far out of the mix for a district title. The offense returns solid quarterback Quentin Jones, who threw for 1,475 yards and 18 touchdowns last season, and could be counted on early as the running backs get established. Marcus Montez could be a go-to weapon for Jones at wide receiver, and he is also a standout on defense at defensive back after 44 tackles and 15 pass breakups last season.

3. Greenwood (5-6, 3-2): The Rangers could surprise some people this season with the return of six starters on each side of the ball. The Rangers are expected to use two junior quarterbacks in Ben Brockman and Josh Reyes, and both with have an experienced wide receiver unit to throw the ball to. Also, Jake Rogers returns at running back and he has proven to be a tough runner. Defensively, Rogers will lead the group from his middle linebacker position, while Jesus Rodriguez should be a force on both lines.

4. Fort Stockton (5-6, 2-3): The Panthers made the playoffs last year but they have work to do to replace talented quarterback Lukas Singh, who transferred to Midland Christian and is playing wide receiver. So if the Panthers can somehow replace the loss of Singh, they could once again be back in the postseason. All-state defensive back Ernesto Oyervidez returns to lead the defense.

5. Pecos (2-8, 1-4): The Eagles have the potential to take a playoff spot with 17 starters returning. Bubba Henson, who was the district's Newcomer of the Year, will likely split time at quarterback with Joe Villegas. The Eagles also return four starters on the offensive line. Henson leads the defense and a veteran secondary from his safety position.

6. Lamesa (1-9, 0-5): Head coach Tim James returns to Lamesa after more than a decade away. He had a good run during his first time with the Golden Tornadoes, taking them to the playoffs five years straight from 1998-2002. Lamesa is expected to run the veer with quarterback Heath Derington leading the way. But even with James back, it's going to take a lot of work and improvement for Lamesa to challenge for a playoff spot.

Breaking down District 3-4A Division I
(In projected order of finish)

1. Abilene Wylie (10-3, 4-0): It seems like every year the Bulldogs have to replace a ton of starters lost to graduation, only to have several players who are more than capable of filling their shoes. Wylie returns just three starters on each side of the ball. A key returner is quarterback Tyler Ward, who split time at the position last year with J.T. Cary. Ward threw for 308 yards and three touchdowns last year. Another key returner is tailback Jared Asbill, who rushed for 438 yards and five touchdowns. The defense has a few key players coming back such as linebacker Riley Hedge (49 tackles) and safety Blake Johnston (four interceptions).

2. Stephenville (9-4, 2-2): The Yellow Jackets suffered two big losses in quarterback Jarrett Stidham, who graduated, and running back Kaegun Williams, who moved to Cedar Hill. But the cupboard isn't bare as 6-foot-4, 200-pound Josh Nowell (44 catches, 744 yards, 9 TDs) is a big weapon for whoever is quarterback, while Darian Brown (61 catches, 909 yards, 7 TDs) is a big-time playmaker. Linebacker Zoey Kendall (93 tackles, one sack) and all-state defensive back Jon Clark Giddings (140 tackles) anchor the defense.

3. Brownwood (5-6, 1-3): Last year was kind of an off year for the Lions, but they look to improve and maybe challenge for one of the top two spots in the district. The key for them to find a quarterback but they have a talented wide receiver in junior Conner Howard, who had 484 yards and four touchdowns on 38 catches. Rylee Gregory is another solid receiver after catching 23 passes for 482 yards and six TDs. Running back Harley Price also returns after rushing for 932 yards. The defense will be anchored by defensive back Grant Lewis, who had 65 tackles and two sacks last year.

4. Big Spring (9-3, 3-1): Big Spring may be a big unknown because of how many players it lost on offense, but the Steers are very capable of surprising many in this district race. The Steers will have to replace a big chunk of their offense from last year but they return powerful runner Preston Alexander. Garrett Wigington takes over at quarterback and he brings toughness, athleticism and plenty of varsity experience. Wigington (150 tackles, six sacks) will also anchor the defense at middle linebacker along with defensive lineman Nathan Schneider (78 tackles, five sacks).

5. Snyder (2-8, 0-4): The Tigers will have work to do to make the playoffs in this very tough district but they have some talented athletes, especially at wide receiver with Taylor Munkres (31 catches, 617 yards, seven TDs) and Abram Smith (36 catches, 762 yards, six TDs). Jose Juarez, who is listed as an athlete, looks to lead the defense after totaling 65 tackles, two sacks and two interceptions.

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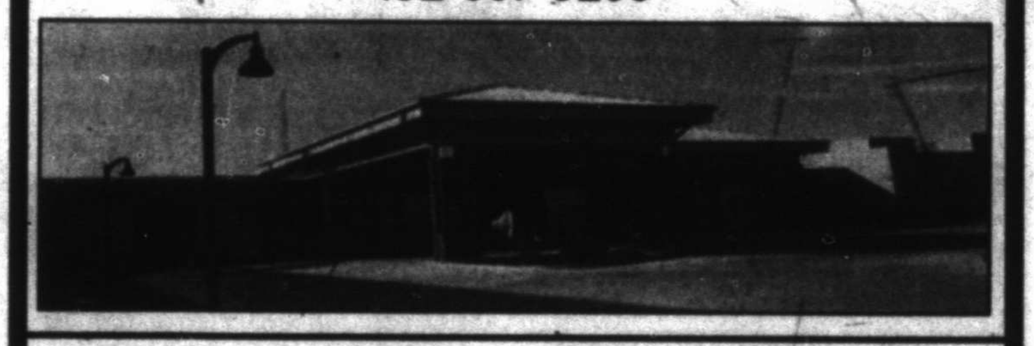

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GREENWOOD RANGERS

A LEADER UP FRONT

Center Rodriguez expected to be key in Rangers' offensive success

Greenwood center Jesus Rodriguez and other offensive linemen run drills Monday Aug. 3, during the first day of practice for the 2015 season.
TIM FISCHER/REPORTER-TELEGRAM

By Oscar LeRoy
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Jesus Rodriguez will come across as a quiet, respectful teenager when one first meets him off the field.

But just put him on the football field and Rodriguez is ready to maul his opponent with the kind of intensity you expect from a standout offensive lineman like him.

Rodriguez is not only the senior center of the Rangers, but head coach Shad Hanna said he's the unquestioned leader of the offense.

"He's a beast," Hanna said. "He'll be the commander of the offense and he just does a great job in the center position. He'll have everybody going in the right direction and leading everybody in a positive way."

Rodriguez is such a difference maker on the offensive line that when they lost him right before the district part of the season with a knee injury, Hanna said the offensive line obviously wasn't the same without him. Rodriguez had to have surgery because of a torn meniscus.

"When we lost him in the middle of the season, it was devastating to our offensive line because they lost their leader," Hanna said. "We just have to keep him healthy and ride him."

For someone who loves the game of football and being around his teammates, Rodriguez was crushed to be forced to be on the sidelines as a spectator.

Rodriguez

"It was pretty tough watching the team struggle and I could have been there to help," he said.

Rodriguez returned and played the last couple of games, including the bi-district playoff loss against Iowa Park. Hanna said despite missing four games, he still led the linemen in knockdowns.

Rodriguez, who is listed at 5-foot-10, 270 pounds, is not only physical but he is considered a leader on the team.

"It doesn't matter where he's going, they're going to follow him," Hanna said. "He's just got that aura about him."

Rodriguez is considered one of the friendliest guys in the locker room. He said he'll talk to anyone and he'll hang out with anyone. He said he'll be funny during the lighter times, but when it's time to get serious, he'll turn up the intensity and go to work.

"I just try to do the best I can with everything," he said. "If coaches tell me to do something, I go 100 percent and go the best that I can. I don't like for a coach to get on me."

Rodriguez is also one of most veteran players on the team as he's been on varsity for four years. He also knows every position on the offensive line and what their responsibilities are. He said that's just part of being a center.

"It's a lot of responsibility trying to get the offensive line going, trying not to slack as a leader and keep everything going smooth," he said. "I think I've grown a lot as a player over the years. I play a lot different than the way I started as a freshman. I see the plays differently and I understand it more. I know how things are supposed to work on the offensive line. I know the way they should be as a senior. The leadership is on us as players and it's not just on the coaches."

As for his toughness, Rodriguez credits his dad, Lalo, and the extra competitive push he gets from brother Felix, who plays alongside him at left guard.

"Felix looks up to me and I just try to show him how I roll," he said.

With one of their key leaders back and key skill players returning, the Rangers seem focused on making a deeper run in the postseason this year. You can bet, Rodriguez will do whatever he can to help the Rangers reach their goals.

"We feel pretty confident with the returners we have and the kids coming up that can help us," he said. "There are no excuses this year."

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GREENWOOD RANGERS

Coach Shad Hanna

RANGER FAST FACTS

District: 2-4 Division II
Head coach: Shad Hanna, 6th year (28-29 at Greenwood, 58-41 in nine years overall)
Assistant coaches: Lee Brockman, Stephen Rodriguez, Josh McDonald, Kyle Kitto, Pat Liles, Tanner Street, Brandon Jackson, Lloyd Chism, Todd Martin, Kendall Thomas, Doug Moore, Brody Anthony
2014 record: 5-6 overall, 3-2 in District 2-4A Division II
Returning starters: 6 offense, 6 defense
Typical offense: Spread
Typical defense: 4-3
Last playoff appearance: 2014, lost to Iowa Park, 35-20, in bi-district round of Class 4A Division II playoffs
Enrollment: 521
Homecomings: Sept. 18, San Angelo Lake View
Rivalry game: Oct. 30 vs. Monahans
Stadium: J.M. King Memorial Stadium

2015 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 28	Seminole	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	Brownfield	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	at Shallowater	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	San Angelo Lake View	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	at Snyder	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	Lamesa*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Sweetwater*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	Fort Stockton*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	Monahans*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	at Pecos*	7:30 p.m.

*Denotes District 2-4A Division II opponent

2014 Results

Aug. 28 Greenwood 49, Seminole 36
Sept. 5 Brownfield 21, Greenwood 6
Sept. 12 Shallowater 33, Greenwood 7
Sept. 19 San Angelo Lake View 40, Greenwood 7
Sept. 26 Greenwood 26, Snyder 20
Oct. 10 Greenwood 36, Lamesa 14
Oct. 17 Sweetwater 41, Greenwood 13
Oct. 24 Greenwood 14, Fort Stockton 7
Oct. 31 Monahans 28, Greenwood 19
Nov. 7 Greenwood 14, Pecos 3

Playoffs

Nov. 15 Bi-district, Iowa Park 35, Greenwood 20

2015 Roster

No.	Name	Class	Ht.	Wt.
3	Ben Brockman	Jr.	5-10	160
5	Lane Gonzales	Jr.	6-0	150
6	Brian Ramos	So.	-	-
7	Luke Cowan	Jr.	5-11	160
8	Josh Reyes	Jr.	5-8	160
9	Tyler Ellison	Jr.	5-9	150
10	Justice Thompson	Jr.	5-9	150
14	Faustino Madrid	Sr.	5-11	175
15	Jake B Rogers	Sr.	6-0	160
16	Daniel Sanchez	Sr.	5-5	140
22	Hunter Wigington	Jr.	5-9	160
23	Jake W. Rogers	Sr.	6-0	180
25	Fabian Madrid	Jr.	5-11	175
31	Stace Bell	Jr.	5-8	160
3366	Josh Swopes	Sr.	5-10	225
42	Eric Rojas	Sr.	5-10	225
50	Kesmond Andrews	Jr.	5-9	200
52	Branxen Skelton	Sr.	6-2	210
53	Jesus Rodriguez	Sr.	5-10	270
54	Felix Rodriguez	Sr.	5-6	220
60	Johnathan Maldonado	Sr.	5-9	190
70	Luis Quintana	Jr.	5-11	230
71	Connor Kendall	So.	0	0
72	Nick Medrano	Jr.	6-0	280
74	Jonathan Rodriguez	Jr.	6-0	250

2014 GREENWOOD STATISTICS (5-6, 3-2)

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Opponents	120	46	56	36	--278
Greenwood	39	51	67	54	--211

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Zach Redwine	160	680	4.3	14
Cole Dickie	128	660	5.2	2
Jake Rogers	92	536	5.8	3
Stace Bell	40	215	5.4	0
Josh Reyes	11	43	3.9	0
Javier Vizcaino	9	16	1.8	0
Fabian Madrid	7	53	13.3	1
Josh Swopes	5	15	3.0	1
Bryce Thompson	2	1	0.5	0
Hunter Wigington	1	(-2)	(-2)	0
Totals	455	2,217	4.9	22

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Z. Redwine	93	206	11	960	7
C. Dickie	7	22	3	72	0
J. Vizcaino	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	100	229	14	1,032	7

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
J. Vizcaino	20	287	14.4	0
H. Wigington	20	190	9.5	1
Faustino Madrid	11	127	11.5	1
Austin Ulcak	9	78	8.7	1
Fab. Madrid	10	109	10.9	1
Eric Rojas	8	43	5.4	1
B. Thompson	5	30	6.0	1
C. Dickie	4	6	1.5	0
J.P. Contreras	2	38	19.0	1
S. Bell	2	22	11.0	0
J. Rogers	2	20	10.0	0
David Sanchez	2	15	7.5	0
Justice Thompson	3	30	10.0	0
Tyler Ellison	2	5	2.5	0
Totals	103	1,032	10.0	7

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
Redwine	14	3	2	0	91
J. Rogers	2	0	2	0	22
J. Vizcaino	2	0	1	0	14
Fab. Madrid	2	0	0	0	12
C. Dickie	2	0	0	0	12
S. Bell	0	3	0	2	8
J. Swopes	1	0	2	0	10
Fau. Madrid	1	0	0	0	6
H. Wigington	1	0	0	0	6
B. Thompson	1	0	0	0	6
Alex Evans	0	4	1	0	6
E. Rojas	1	0	0	0	6
J.P. Contreras	1	0	0	0	6
A. Ulcak	1	0	0	0	6
Totals	30	9	7	2	211

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	TT	TFL	FR	INT
J. Rogers	38	70	108	17	1	0
J. Thompson	37	68	105	1	0	0
Fab. Madrid	21	71	92	5	0	1
J. Vizcaino	35	53	88	0	0	1
Josh Swopes	26	43	69	7	1	0
Eldon Niblett	7	43	50	3	0	0
B. Thompson	20	35	55	6	0	0
P. Simmons	7	37	44	5	0	0
A. Ulcak	16	19	35	0	0	1
Fau. Madrid	21	24	45	8	2	1
Blake Osborn	11	23	34	5	0	0
Sean Strickland	4	22	26	5	0	0
E. Rojas	6	16	22	0	0	1
L. Gonzales	8	12	20	1	0	3
Brandon Fader	4	15	19	3	0	0
J.P. Contreras	9	7	16	0	0	0
H. Wigington	6	14	20	0	0	0
Felix Rodriguez	1	9	10	0	0	0
Nick Medrano	2	7	9	0	0	0
Luke Cowan	3	5	8	0	0	
T. Ellison	3	5	8	0	0	0
Jayden Lane	1	6	7	0	0	
J. Rodriguez	1	5	6	0	0	0
Lorenzo Hinojos	3	3	6	0	0	
Z. Redwine	1	4	5	0	0	
A. Evans	1	4	5	0	0	0
B. Skelton	0	4	4	0	0	0
Blake Cain	2	3	5	0	0	
C. Dickie	1	1	2	2	1	0
Daniel Sanchez	0	2	2	0	0	0
J. Tucker	0	2	2	0	0	0
Z.Carder	0	1	1	0	0	0

Key: ST - solo tackle, AT - assisted tackle, TT - total tackles, TFL - tackle for loss, FR - fumble recovery, INT - interceptions

BREAKING DOWN THE 2015 RANGERS

QUARTERBACK

What to expect in 2015:
The Rangers will likely go with a two-quarterback system with juniors Ben Brockman and Josh Reyes. Both players were on the junior varsity for most of last season but each saw some time on the varsity late in the season. Coach Shad Hanna said Brockman has a good arm and is more of a passer, while Reyes is more of an athlete who can make plays with his feet. Hanna said it's likely each will have a set of plays so they can each use their strengths and not put them in a bad position to do something they can't do. Hanna said both will each play other positions when they're not playing quarterback.

RUNNING BACK

What to expect in 2015:
Senior Jake Rogers is the team's leading rusher coming back from last season after running for 536 yards and three touchdowns on 92 carries. Speedy junior Stace Bell should be in the mix as well after rushing for 215 yards on 40 carries. Hanna added that sophomore Brian Ramos, up from the JV, and Josh Reyes could also be in the mix as well.

WIDE RECEIVERS

What to expect in 2015:
This is probably the deepest unit on the entire team as Hanna said they are two-deep at each of the four receiver positions. Plus, the Rangers are experienced as much of this same group went through ups and downs early in the season in 2014 before showing vast improvement late in the season. Look for junior Hunter Wigington (20 catches, 190 yards, 1 TD), senior Tino Madrid (11-127-1), junior Fabian Madrid (10-109-1), junior Tyler Ellison, junior Eric Rojas, Reyes and senior Justice Thompson to be in the rotation.

OFFENSIVE LINE

What to expect in 2015:
The heart of the offensive line is set with senior Jesus Rodriguez (5-foot-10, 270 pounds) returning at center, junior Nick Medrano (6-0, 260) returning at right guard and senior Felix Rodriguez (5-7, 200) returning at left guard. Hanna considers Jesus Rodriguez the leader of the offense and key to the Rangers' success on that side of the ball. The tackle positions were up for grabs at the start of preseason workout but junior Kesmond Andrews was penciled in at left tackle, while sophomore Conner Kendall was penciled in at right tackle.

DEFENSIVE LINE

What to expect in 2015:
The Rangers were still looking to solidify starting spots during preseason workouts but several kids will be in the rotation. Hanna said his defensive tackles won't be fast as last year but is confident he has the players who can step up and do it. He added they need to figure out who the defensive ends are going to be as well. The mix should include many of the same players from the offensive line, plus Ramos, senior Josh Swopes, as well as some kids who may come up from the JV at some point.

LINEBACKERS

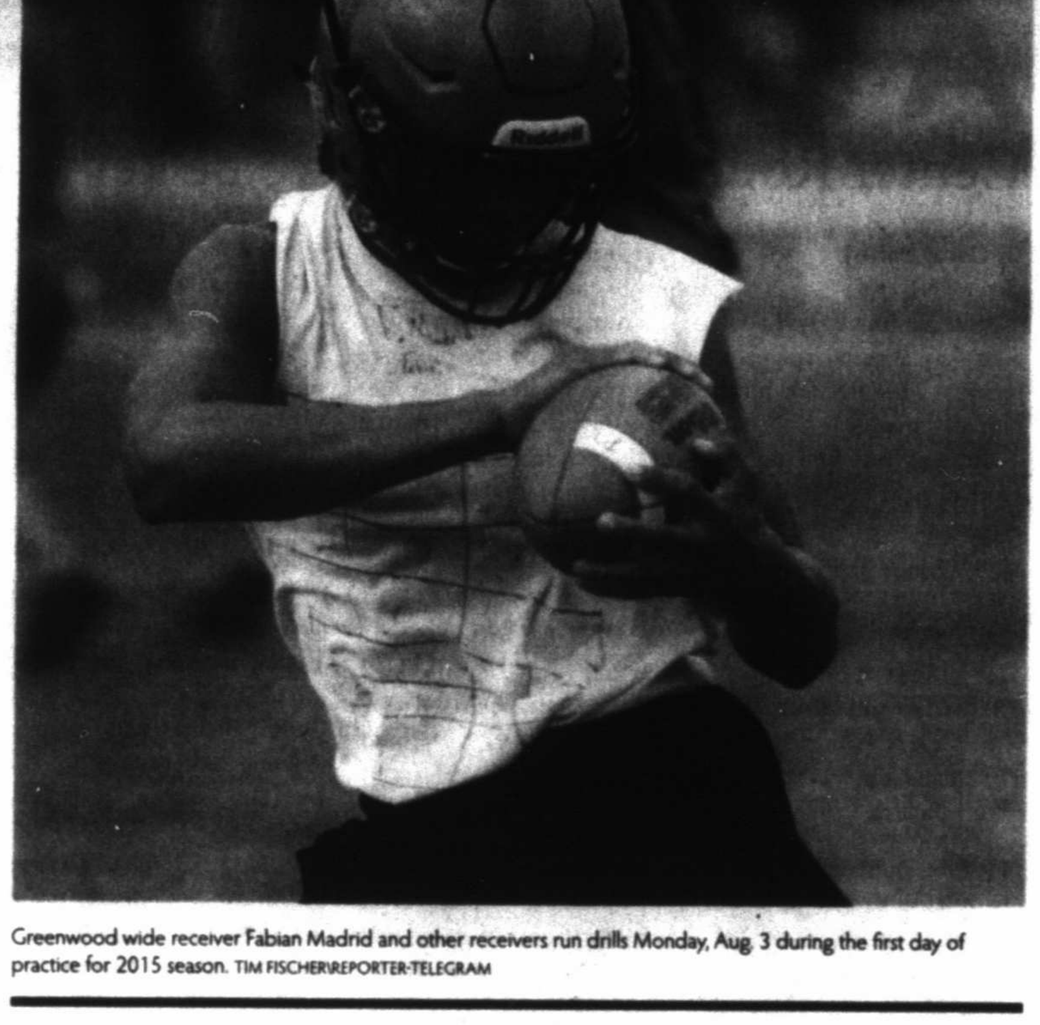
What to expect in 2015:
The heart of the unit is Rogers in the middle. Rogers is not only an instinctive player but can cover sideline to sideline. He led the Rangers last year with 108 total tackles and 17 tackles for loss. Fabian Madrid (92 total tackles, 5 TFL) and Tino Madrid (45 tackles, 8 TFL) will likely man the other linebacker spots. Hanna said they are lacking depth as the unit has about five in the rotation but would ideally like to have as least one or two more kids.

SECONDARY

What to expect in 2015:
The secondary should be solid with many of the skill players on offense playing in this unit. Thompson was the second-leading tackler last year with 105 stops to go with one tackle for loss at the safety position. Manning the other safety will likely be Wigington (20 tackles), while at cornerback Ellison (8 tackles) and Rojas (22 tackle) will likely get the nod to start there.

SPECIAL TEAMS

What to expect in 2015:
Like many small school programs, who will be kicking and punting were not answered at the start of two-a-days. Although, either Jesus Rodriguez or Bell could be doing the majority of the kicking. Bell did some kicking and punting last year and Bell led the team with two field goals made. Hanna is confident they should have plenty of athletes to field pretty good return and coverage units. Players like Rogers, Bell and maybe even Reyes could be quality return men.



Greenwood wide receiver Fabian Madrid and other receivers run drills Monday, Aug. 3 during the first day of practice for 2015 season. TIM FISCHER/REPORTER-TELEGRAM

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Cheerleading Registration Deadline
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Cheerleading Games Begin

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16 - Volleyball Registration Deadline
27 - Volleyball Games Begin

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1 - Basketball Registration Begins
31 - Basketball Registration Deadline

January - 2016
2 - Indoor Soccer Registration Begins
12 - Basketball Games Begin
29 - Indoor Soccer Registration Deadline

February - 2016
1 - Volleyball Registration Begins
9 - Indoor Soccer Games Begin

March - 2016
11 - Volleyball Registration Deadline
14 - T-Ball/Softball Registration Begins
Half Pint Registration Begins
22 - Volleyball Games Begin

April - 2016
15 - T-Ball/Softball Registration Deadline
26 - T-Ball/Softball Games Begin
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ANDREWS MUSTANGS

Determined to be successful

Andrews linebacker Gray looks for big senior season after stellar 2014

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ANDREWS -- Andrews senior linebacker Keegan Gray is not the kind of football player who will take anything for granted.

He believes it's an honor to have younger players and teammates consider him a leader.

He knows that with hard work comes success. And he also knows that without the help of his teammates, especially the defensive tackles, he wouldn't have racked up 156 total tackles for a Mustang team that went 10-2 and made it to area round of the Class 4A Division I playoffs in 2014.

But Gray also has the talent and the desire to be successful, which is why head coach Ralph Mason says the 6-foot, 215-pound middle linebacker is the key to his team's defense.

"He brings a lot of leadership," Mason said. "His motor runs constantly, he's a vocal leader on the field by putting people in the right places. He's also very intense, which is good for that position."

Gray, who was the District 2-4A Division I Defensive MVP last year, will be counted on to lead a defense that has only three returning starters. But Gray said there are several players who have experience and time in defensive coordinator Don Long's system.

"Coach Long has turned me into a linebacker," said Gray, the third-year varsity player, who transferred to Andrews after his freshman season at Midland High. "He knows what he's doing. He knows what he's talking about. You may not think so when you first meet him but the further and further we go along, the more it makes sense and he definitely knows what he's doing. He changed to what were super, slow reactions into second nature."

In addition to being a key member of the Mustang defense, Gray will also be thrown into the wide receiver rotation after being a back-up offensive lineman last season. Gray said he worked on being a receiver this past summer and played on 7-on-7 team that made it to the state tournament in College Station.

"I'm not super experienced playing wide receiver but I hope to score a touchdown every once in a while," Gray said.

It shouldn't be a surprise that Gray can make that transition to wide receiver as he is an excellent and versatile athlete. Gray is also a very good swimmer, as he competes in the 50 freestyle and just barely missed making the state tournament.

Gray said during the football season him and teammate Ethan Azam, a state qualifier in the 50 freestyle, get up between 5 to 5:30 a.m., head to the swimming pool at 6 and swim until 7 a.m. to get ready for school. They do that in addition to having after school practice.

"It keeps you in great shape," said Gray about swimming. "Football is more of a team sport, but in swimming it's only you in that lane swimming by yourself."

Gray also played basketball but he had to give that sport up because it sometimes conflicted with swim meets.

While he excels in swimming, Gray hopes to have a future in football after high school with a desire to play college ball. He said he attended summer camps at Texas State and Abilene Christian University, but so far no serious offers.

He hopes that by helping his team be successful, those offers will come his and several of his teammates' way.

Gray knows that any success the Mustangs have this season will come with them playing as a team.

"We just need to make sure everybody does one-eleventh and takes care of their responsibility," he said. "When that happens, everything falls in place behind you."

Gray will definitely make sure of that.

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MUSTANGS FAST FACTS

District: 2-4A Division I
Head coach: Ralph Mason, 4th year (22-14 at Andrews and overall)
2014 record: 10-2, 4-0 in District 2-4A Division I
Returning starters: 7 offense, 3 defense
Typical offense: Spread
Typical defense: 4-3
Last playoff appearance: 2014, lost to Big Spring, 48-34, in Class 4A Division I area round
Enrollment: 988
Homecoming: Sept. 18 vs. Monahans
Rivalry game: Oct. 2 vs. Big Spring
Home Stadium: Mustang Bowl, Andrews

2015 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 28	at San Angelo Lake View	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	Lubbock High	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	at Levelland	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	Monahans	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	at Sweetwater	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	Big Spring	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	at Clint Mountain View*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	San Elizario*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	at Fabens*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	Clint*	7:30 p.m.

*Denotes District 1-4A Division I opponent

2014 RESULTS

Regular season	
Aug. 29	Andrews 29, San Angelo Lake View 28
Sept. 6	Andrews 60, Lubbock High 8
Sept. 12	Andrews 26, Levelland 13
Sept. 19	Andrews 35, Monahans 25
Sept. 26	Sweetwater 62, Andrews 48
Oct. 3	Andrews 43, Big Spring 42
Oct. 10	Andrews 62, Clint Mountain View 0
Oct. 17	Andrews 47, San Elizario 8
Oct. 31	Andrews 54, Fabens 14
Nov. 7	Andrews 49, Clint 6
Nov. 14	Andrews 49, Clint 6
Playoffs	
Nov. 14	Bi-district, Andrews 61, Borger 20
Nov. 21	Area, Big Spring 48, Andrews 34

2015 MUSTANGS AT A GLANCE

OFFENSE

Strength: Experience and depth at the skill positions. Experience on the offensive line.

Weakness: None

Players to watch

Tajh Kelly

RB Tajh Kelly, 5-10, 210, Sr. -- Kelly will be a key to the offense after having a good junior season with 841 yards rushing and 13 touchdowns. He's also a receiving threat out of the backfield.

QB Triston Williams, 6-2, 175, Jr. -- Mason said he's excited about the potential of Williams. He quarterbacked Andrews to the 7-on-7 state tournament, and last year in limited action late in the season he threw for 253 yards and one TD on 17-of-28 passing.

WR Torey Kelly, 5-9, 170, Jr. -- Tajh's younger brother moves to receiver this season after spending time in the backfield. He's coming off a sophomore season in which he rushed for 654 yards, had 354 receiving yards and scored 15 touchdowns.

WR Keegan Thompson, 5-9, 160, Jr. -- Thompson is another big weapon at wide receiver thanks to his speed. Last year he had 18 catches for 324 yards and three TDs.

Coach Ralph Mason on the offense: "We're really deep right now. We've got three deep at every spot in the skill positions. I'm excited about our new quarterback. I think Triston Williams is going to do a really good job."

DEFENSE

Strength: Key starters returning in each unit. Overall experience of playing in the system for at least a year.

Weakness: Lack of starting experience at several positions.

Players to watch

MLB Keegan Gray, 6-0, 210, Sr. -- Gray is a three-year starter and the unquestioned leader of the defense. He is coming off monster 2014 campaign in which he had 156 tackles.

DE Ethan Azam, 6-3, 210, Sr. -- Azam is the leader of the defensive line and teams tend to run the opposite direction from where he is lined up. Last season he had 42 tackles, one interception and also scored a defensive touchdown to earn all-district honors.

DB Eddie Gabaldon, 5-9, 160, Sr. -- Gabaldon returns after earning second team all-district honors as a junior. He had 45 tackles, a team-high four interceptions and caused two fumbles.

Coach Mason on the defense: "We don't have as many starters coming back on that side of the ball but we have some quality guys coming back and that's going to help us have a good chance to have a good defense. We lost a couple of good defensive tackles that we've got to replace, so that's going to take a little searching."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Strength: Quality return specialists and solid personnel on kickoff teams.

Weakness: Lack of a proven kicker and punter.

Coach Mason on special teams: "Still searching for a kicker and punter. But we feel good about the people around them, the returners and the guys going out on kickoff. It's more about the entire unit than just one person."

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BIG SPRING STEERS

New role, same determination

Wigington looks to step up as quarterback for Steers

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BIG SPRING -- Garrett Wigington has never played quarterback before but don't think for a second that's going to stop him from trying his best to help out his Big Spring football team win this season.

Because of the graduation of star quarterback and three-year starter Tobyn Tannehill, Wigington is going to be asked to commandeer the Steers' offense this season.

"I watched Tobyn and trying to get some pointers," said Wigington, a two-year letter winner for the Steers, about running the team's pistol wing offense. "He's a great quarterback. It's going to be hard to fill his shoes. Tobyn was unbelievable but I'm just going to try to do my best, learn and get better. I can throw the ball. I'm not the shiftiest guy, so if I get the ball I'm probably going to make one cut and go down hill."

The loss of Tannehill, who signed with Mary Hardin-Baylor, was a big one for the Steers as he passed for more than 1,900 yards, rushed for more than 1,500 yards and accounted for 35 total touchdowns.

Head coach Phillip Ritchey was lamenting the eventual loss of losing Tannehill toward the end of last season, but knows his team has to move on.

"I'm not asking Garrett to fill Tobyn's shoes," Ritchey said. "I'm asking Garrett to fill his own shoes, so to speak, and do what he can do. It's our job as coaches to put the scheme and the players around him to be successful. It'll certainly look different than what we were able to do with Tobyn but Garrett is going to be able to do some stuff that maybe Tobyn couldn't do."

There are reasons Ritchey has plenty of confidence in Wigington.

First of all, Wigington knows how to play the game of football. His older brother, Tyler, played for the Steers and his dad, Chris, coached football for 17 years. In other words, this kid has lived and breathed football all his life.

"My mom always has my back," he said. "But I always have somebody stressing me with how I'm doing. I'm always getting better every day, no matter what it is."

Then there is Wigington's desire to win and lead a team, which he has done especially playing middle linebacker on defense.

"He just knows the game so well that you can plug him into any position and he'll be able to understand more quickly than your average player," Ritchey said. "He's intelligent. He's not the fastest guy but he's going to be where he's supposed to be. Our kids look up to him. He's been playing with us for three years now and he's really established himself, in my opinion, as a big leader on the team and that just comes with experience. He walks the walk, that's what I like about him. He doesn't just talk."

Wigington, listed at 5-foot-10 and 190 pounds, said he worked on his quarterback play over the summer by running drills and playing 7-on-7, as the Steers fared well in the Snyder state qualifying tournament earlier this summer.

Junior running back Preston Alexander, who will be another key to the Steers' success on offense, said he has confidence in Wigington's ability to play quarterback.

"It's new but I like it," he said. "(It's) a little more weight in the backfield and a little more power."

If Wigington didn't have enough on his plate as far as leading the offense, he will be once again counted on to be a key player on defense as he is coming off a fantastic year is which he totaled 150 tackles, 15 tackles for loss and six sacks.

Wigington, though, is not fazed by playing both ways as he had to do it last year, playing both tight end and linebacker.

"You can't slack off conditioning, that's for sure, because you're constantly on the field," he said. "I like putting 100 percent in and I hope everyone else on the team does as well. You've got to have the mindset that you're not going to be stopped. Whenever I get tired, I just don't jog. I try to pull up and sprint every single time. Even if I'm tired, I've got to go at it 100 percent."

Wigington has proven that he has the desire to succeed in any position he has played. So it probably wouldn't be wise to doubt what he can do at quarterback this season for a team that's coming off two straight trips to the third round of the playoffs.

"Like I said, I've got big shoes to fill in Tobyn's," he said. "I'm super motivated to do the best I can. It's my senior year so I've got to go all out."

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Big Spring's Garrett Wigington and other players run sprint drills Monday, Aug. 3, during the first day of practice. TIM FISCHER/REPORTER-TELEGRAM

STEERS FAST FACTS

District: 3-4A Division I
Head coach: Phillip Ritchey, 8th year (46-35 in seven years at Big Spring, 57-45 in 9 years overall)
2014 record: 9-3, 3-1 in District 3-4A Division I
Returning starters: 3 offense, 8 defense
Typical offense: Pistol Wing
Typical defense: 3-4
Last playoff appearance: 2014, lost to Stephenville, 59-32, in Class 4A Division I regional round
Enrollment: 941.5
Homecoming game: Sept. 25 vs. Graham
Rivalry game: Oct. 2 at Andrews
Home stadium: Memorial Stadium, Big Spring

2015 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 29	a-Kerrville Tivy	6 p.m.
Sept. 4	Monahans	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Hereford	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	Graham	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	at Andrews	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	Snyder*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	at Stephenville*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	Abilene Wylie*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	at Brownwood*	7:30 p.m.

a-at San Angelo
*Denotes District 3-4A Division I opponent

2014 Results

Regular season	
Aug. 30	Big Spring 58, Kerrville Tivy 56
Sept. 5	Big Spring 33, Monahans 32
Sept. 19	Big Spring 41, Hereford 14
Sept. 26	Big Spring 27, Graham 20
Oct. 3	Andrews 43, Big Spring 42
Oct. 10	Big Spring 42, Snyder 6
Oct. 24	Big Spring 64, Stephenville 57
Oct. 31	Abilene Wylie 49, Big Spring 6
Nov. 7	Big Spring 46, Brownwood 41
Playoffs	
Nov. 14	Bi-district, Big Spring 35, Gainesville 17
Nov. 21	Area, Big Spring 48, Andrews 34
Nov. 28	Regional, Stephenville 59, Big Spring 32

2015 STEERS AT A GLANCE

OFFENSE

Strength: Experience at running back

Weakness: Inexperience at quarterback, offensive line and wide receiver

Players to watch

RB Preston Alexander, 5-10, 220, Jr. -- Alexander is a power running back with good hands. Last year he rushed for 789 yards and 16 touchdowns on 112 carries.

QB Garrett Wigington, 5-10, 190, Sr. -- Wigington takes over for the graduated Tobyn Tannehill. Even though he's never played quarterback before, the coaches love his football IQ and the desire to be successful.

OL Bryson Burt, 5-10, 230, Sr. -- Burt, a two-year starter, is the only returning starter of last year's offensive line and he will counted on to lead the young group.

Coach Ritchey on the offense: "We need to get these guys some experience with a lot of practice and get used to the level we have to play at to be successful."

DEFENSE

Strength: Overall experience with eight returning starters

Weaknesses: Lack of depth at some positions

Players to watch

LB Garrett Wigington -- In addition to playing quarterback, Wigington will be the team's starting linebacker. Last year he had 150 tackles, 15 tackles for loss and six sacks to earn all-state honorable mention honors by the Associated Press Sports Editors.

DL Nathan Schneider, 6-0, 240, Sr. --Schneider explosive, athletic and agile player who will anchor the defensive line. He is coming off a great season in which he had 78 tackles, 10 tackles for loss and five sacks as he earned all-state honorable mention honors by APSE.

CB Anthony Godwin, 5-9, 150, Sr. -- Godwin will anchor the secondary for the Steers after starting every game as a junior. Last year he had 35 tackles, one tackle for loss and one interception.

OLB Manuel Galvan, 5-11, 180, Sr. -- Galvan will be another player counted on for his leadership on the defensive side. Galvan is coming off a good junior season in which he had 87 tackles, five tackles for loss and three interceptions.

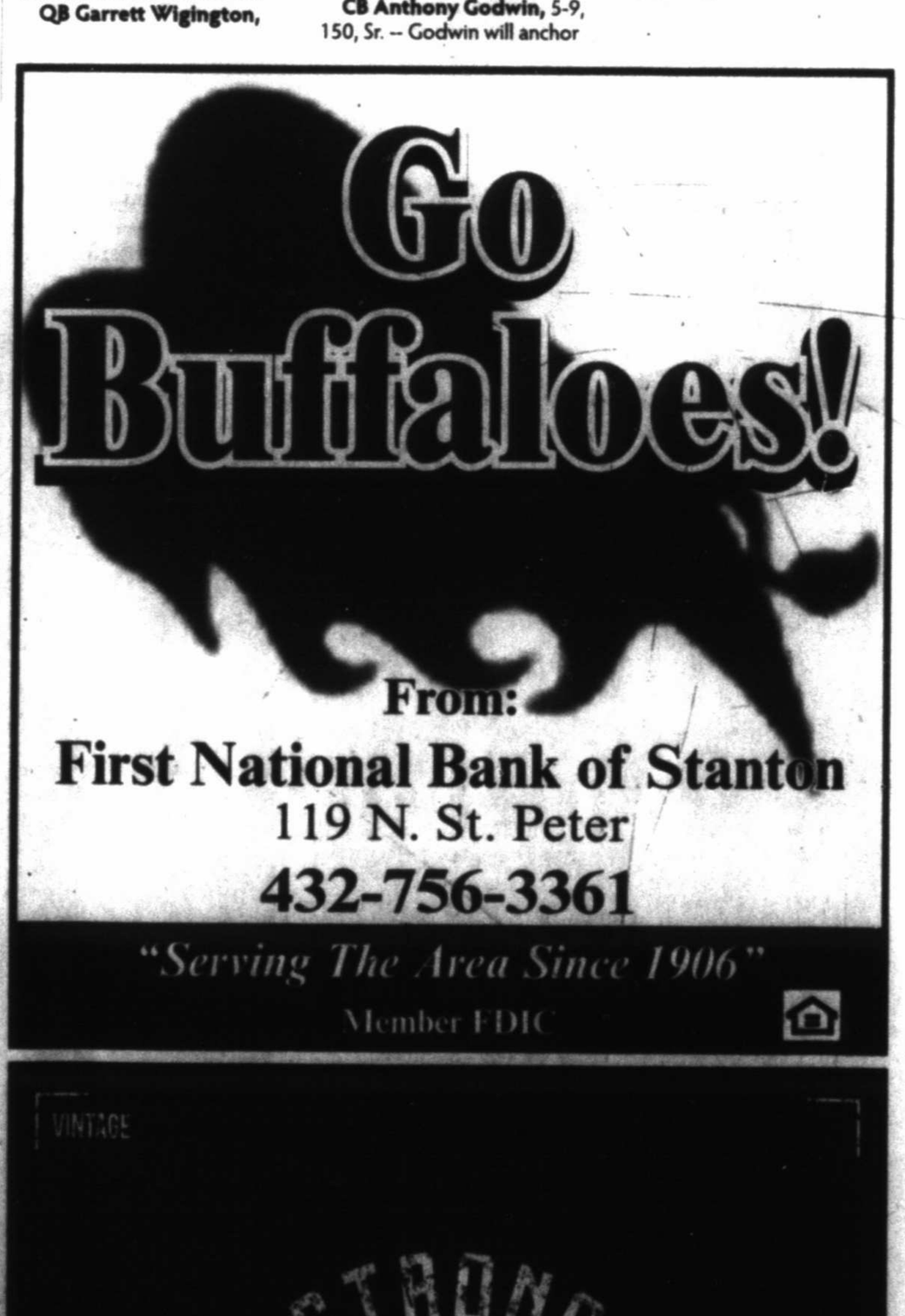
Coach Ritchey on the defense: "The defense is looking good. We've made some little tweaks and adjustments. We gave up a lot of points but a lot of that had to do with how many points we scored. Those other teams were really good offensively, but when you give them the ball that many times it's hard for a defense to keep good offensive teams next to nothing. We have to be a lot better on defense with the inexperience we have on offense."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Strength: Potential in the return game.

Weakness: Lack of a proven kicker and punter.

Coach Ritchey on special teams: "We have some kids that we think will be pretty good, but it's easy to kick when those guys aren't running at you. We had a lot of games where we didn't play as well special teams-wise, so we're going to concentrate really heavy on that."



STANTON BUFFALOES

COMING BACK STRONG

Chavez looks to help Buffaloes return to playoffs after missing most of 2014 with an injury

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Stanton running back Estevan Chavez takes a handoff from Tristan Graves as they and other players run drills Tuesday, Aug. 4, during the first week of football practice.
TIM FISCHER/REPORTER-TELEGRAM

STANTON -- Having a player get injured is one thing but when that player does so many things for a football team, it can be devastating.

The Stanton football team found that out last year when they lost Estevan Chavez with a dislocated left elbow in the third game of the season.

The Buffaloes were playing Forsan when Chavez landed on his elbow wrong after he was tackled.

Not only did the Buffaloes lose Chavez as a running back, but they lost him as a safety and as a reliable kicker in an injury-riddled 2-8 season.

"When he went down in that third game last year, he kind of had the ball rolling," Stanton coach John Peterson said. "He was our go-to guy. Alex Martinez stepped up and did a good job. Now to have him back with Alex, that's a great one-two punch.

"The thing about Estevan, nobody is going to out-work him. He leads by example."

Chavez now returns for his senior season hungry to help the Buffaloes turn things around.

"I feel very confident," said Chavez about the upcoming season. "I had a great offseason, some sweat, a lot of hard work put into it. This year we stick together. We're more like a family. I can see the team chemistry coming along very well. I feel great. I'm just looking to getting back to work, running the ball and playing football."

There was no doubt that Chavez missed playing football last year. It was a helpless feeling standing on the sidelines, knowing that he couldn't do much to help his team.

"I've never had a bone injury. I've had concussions," he said. "I took some time off but after rehab of six weeks I got back into the weight room and started building up some strength."

Having the 5-foot-8, 150-pound Chavez at running back is sure going to help the Buffaloes. He had 309 yards on 59 carries before the injury. Peterson said what sets him apart in that position is his great vision on the field and his ability to maneuver past defenders with ease.

"He's able to slide in and out of those holes and make people miss," Peterson said. "Defensively, he has great instincts for the game. It's something you can't coach, it's something you have. And of course he's a great kicker too."

Added junior quarterback Tristan Graves about Chavez: "We definitely missed him last season. He's always solid and he's one of those players who can go for 80 (yards) at any time."

Even though he's not the most outspoken guy on the field, Chavez prides himself the most in being someone his teammates can look up to.

"I try to be a leader on the team on and off the field," he said. "I try to lead in the classroom and being outside in the real world and doing what's right. You have to play 100 percent on every play. I try to get my teammates to do that as well."

With Chavez back and a team ready to put last year's tough season behind it, the Buffaloes could have an opportunity to turn things around in 2015.

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BUFFALOES FAST FACTS

District: 3-3A Division II
Head coach: John Peterson, 8th year (33-32 in seven years at Stanton and overall)
Assistant coaches: Rob Bird, Jeff Dunn, Jonathon Thibaud, Brad Hale, Dan Artiss, Juan Espinoza
2014 record: 2-8, 0-5 in District 3-3A Division II
Returning starters: 5 offense, 7 defense
Typical offense: Trapread
Typical defense: 4-2-5
Last playoff appearance: 2013, lost to Cisco, 54-10, in Class 2A Division II bi-district round
Enrollment: 222
Homecoming: Sept. 11 vs. Forsan
Rivalry game: Oct. 16 at Coahoma
Home stadium: Buffalo Stadium, Stanton

2015 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 28	Kermit	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	Wink	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	Forsan	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Abernathy	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	at Seagraves	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	at Colorado City*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Coahoma*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	Coleman*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	at Ballinger*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	Post*	7:30 p.m.

*Denotes district opponent

2014 Results

Aug. 29 Stanton 34, Kermit 26
Sept. 5 Stanton 35, Wink 26
Sept. 12 Forsan 33, Stanton 0
Sept. 19 Abernathy 33, Stanton 7
Sept. 26 Seagraves 32, Stanton 10
Oct. 10 Colorado City 41, Stanton 19
Oct. 17 Coahoma 27, Stanton 20
Oct. 24 Coleman 46, Stanton 16
Oct. 31 Ballinger 32, Stanton 14
Nov. 7 Post 41, Stanton 0

2015 ROSTER (subject to change)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cls.
2	Adrian Rodriguez	WR/DB	5-6	138	So.
3	Andrew Wheeler	QB/DB	5-8	144	So.
4	Austin Fryar	RB/DB	5-11	142	Jr.
5	Noel Lopez-Reyna	WR/DB	5-9	138	So.
6	Alex Martinez	RB/DB	5-6	145	Jr.
8	Colby Gordon	RB/DB	5-7	129	Jr.
9	Tristan Graves	QB/DB	5-10	157	Jr.
10	Ben Crockett	WR/DB	5-8	158	Sr.
11	Johnny Jones	WR/DB	5-10	149	So.
14	Austin Luna	RB/DB	6-0	140	Jr.
15	Alejandro Machuca	RB/OLB	5-6	176	Jr.
21	Jimmy Montour	RB/DB	5-7	150	So.
22	Trace Johnson	WR/DB	5-5	149	Jr.
23	Estevan Chavez	RB/DB	5-6	153	Sr.
28	George Marquez	WR/DB	5-10	160	Jr.
33	Austin Hopper	RB/LB	5-9	175	Sr.
34	Hagen Pettit	WR/LB	6-0	163	Jr.
42	Abel Hernandez	RB/LB	5-8	187	Sr.
44	Dominic Strickland	RB/LB	5-9	180	Jr.
50	Renee Munoz	OL/DL	5-7	220	So.
52	Tim Moreno	OL/LB	5-10	170	Sr.
55	Brady Mitchell	OL/DE	6-1	200	Sr.
56	Johnathon Anderson	OL/DE	5-11	187	Jr.
60	Chris Hernandez	OL/LB	5-11	200	So.
63	Esteban Escamilla	OL/DE	6-1	211	Sr.
64	Kaden Kennedy	OL/DE	5-8	208	Sr.
66	Aaron Garza	OL/DE	5-8	231	Sr.
72	Donovan Amendarez	OL/DL	5-9	244	Sr.
73	Edgar Saldana	OL/DL	5-6	195	Jr.
80	Justin Riffe	TE/OLB	6-1	155	Jr.
86	Dante Dahl	TE/OLB	6-1	174	Jr.
88	Ricky Rangel	WR/DB	5-10	140	So.

2015 BUFFALOES AT A GLANCE

OFFENSE

Strength: Experience at running back, offensive line.

Weakness: Overall depth

Players to watch

RB Estevan Chavez, 5-8, 150, Sr. -- Chavez returns after missing the last seven games of the season because of an elbow injury. He should provide an instant spark for the Buffaloes. Last year he ran for 309 yards on 59 carries before the injury.

Martinez

RB Alex Martinez, 5-6, 145, Jr. -- Martinez carried the running back load last year when Chavez was lost for the season. He rushed for 512 yards on 92 carries last season and looks to add another weapon in the backfield.

QB Tristan Graves, 5-10, 160, Jr. -- Graves takes over at quarterback for three-year starter and the graduated K.J. Glaspie. Graves played mostly receiver last year but did get some limited time at QB, completing 7 of 20 passes for 63 yards.

Coach Peterson on the offense: "Tristan Graves is going to step into the quarterback position and we're confident he'll do a good job. Our offensive line needs to stay healthy."

DEFENSE

Strength: Speed, key returners in each unit.

Weakness: Overall depth.

Players to watch

DE Esteban Escamilla, 5-10, 216, Sr. -- Escamilla , a three-year starter, should be a key to the defense's success as he is counted to not only to be a force on the defensive line but be a leader on the field. Last season he was credited with 36 total tackles, one interception and two fumble recoveries.

LB Abel Hernandez, 5-8, 190, Sr. -- Hernandez steps into a starting role position on varsity for the first time but Peterson believes he'll be a force to be reckoned with.

DB Alex Martinez, 5-6, 145, Jr. -- Martinez is coming off a strong season in 2014 and is the returning leading tackler as he recorded 54 total stops to go with one interception, three pass breakups, one fumble recovery and two fumbles caused.

Coach Peterson on the defense: "We made a commitment after the last game against Post that we were going to do everything in our power to put the best players we can on defense and become a better defensive team because we haven't been a very good defensive team. We've made some slight adjustments in our schemes, but for the most part it's the same. We're putting faster kids, stronger kids over there."

Special Teams

Strength: Solid in kicking game

Weakness: Lack of proven players to return kicks

K Estevan Chavez -- Chavez has proven to be a reliable kicker when he's had the opportunity. Last year he was 9-of-9 on extra-point attempts and made his two field goal attempts, with one going for 43 yards.

P Tristan Graves -- Graves will take over the punting duties this year for the graduated Glaspie.

Coach Peterson on special teams: "We've never lacked kickers around here."

Breaking down District 3-3A Division II (In projected order of finish)

1. Coleman (11-1, 5-0): The Bluecats won the district title last year to cap off an undefeated regular season. The Bluecats should be favored to win the district again with 13 total starters back. Quarterback Cord Norris leads the way after passing for 1,177 yards, rushing for 565 yards and accounting for 28 touchdowns. Fullback Kyle Boyet is another weapon after rushing for 619 yards and five touchdowns. Boyet will also be key on defense at linebacker after coming off a 109-tackle season. Norris had three interceptions as a defensive back.

2. Post (8-4, 4-1): The Antelopes will certainly challenge Coleman for the district title with 15 starters returning. Running back A.J. Reed heads the list of returners after rushing for 1,029 yards and 10 touchdowns on offense and had 33 tackles and nine sacks playing on the defensive line. Fullback Blaine Reece added 550 yards rushing and four TDs. Defensive back Cambry Gilbert is another key on defense after 76 tackles and three interceptions in 2014.

3. Colorado City (6-5, 3-2): The Wolves return 11 starters from last year's playoff team and look to be solid again this season. Athlete Trinnon Jackson can line up in several different positions on offense, even quarterback, as last year he had 225 yards rushing, 340 yards receiving and had 13 total touchdowns. Linebacker Andre Burrola leads the defense after totaling 87 tackles last year.

4. Stanton (2-8, 0-5): If the Buffaloes stay healthy, they could challenge for a playoff spot. Last year, the team was riddled with injuries but now they have running back and all-purpose player Estevan Chavez back along with fellow running back Alex Martinez, who rushed for 512 yards and five touchdowns last year. The defense should also be improved and is led by defensive end Esteban Escamilla (36 tackles).

5. Coahoma (6-5, 2-3): Depending on how fast they adapt to the spread offense under first year coach Fred Dietz, the Bulldogs could once again be postseason bound. Coahoma lost a ton of offensive talent but return talented athletes in Kyler Franks and Kody Barber, both of whom are vying for the starting quarterback job. -- Defensive lineman Kincaid Ramsey will lead the defense.

6. Ballinger (2-8, 1-4): The Bearcats struggled last year but the return of 11 starters should give them hope to improve this season. However, they will have to pull off a few upsets to make the playoffs out of this district. Clayton Crab returns at running back after rushing for more than 1,000 yards. Linebacker Rusty Fisher (98 tackles) leads the defense.

-- Compiled by Oscar LeRoy

BREAKING DOWN DISTRICT 3-2A DIVISION I (In projected order of finish)

1. Ozona (8-3, 4-0 in district play): The Lions will return six offensive and six defensive starters to a team that ran the table in district play and advanced to the area round of the Class 2A playoffs last season. Led by defensive end Jose Ojeda and the dynamic all-purpose halfback Tommy Fay, Ozona has perhaps the most talented team in the district. This is a strong team that is expected to control the line of scrimmage and any squad that returns five all-district players is one to be reckoned with. Still, for the Lions, the district title could very well come down to a battle against Christoval on Oct. 16.

2. Christoval (4-7, 3-1 in district): Christoval will be trying to avenge a 42-22 road loss to Ozona that ultimately prevented the Cougars from winning the district last season. A motivated team is always dangerous, but even without that extra edge Christoval will be right there in contention for the district crown. Quarterback Jakob Whitworth will lead an explosive and experienced group of seven returning offensive starters. Watch out for running back Trenton Burchett and wideouts Cole Carpenter and Cody Moreno. The Cougars have weapons everywhere and will be a tough offense to slow down.

3. McCamey (4-7, 2-2 in district): The Badgers get the slight edge here over Forsan because they are returning three more offensive starters than do the Buffaloes. McCamey seems to have a similar makeup to that of Christoval -- a wealth of skill players who can break open a game at any time. Adrian Alonzo will be back under center to take the reigns for the Badgers, who made the playoffs last season. He'll be joined by a pair of playmakers in running back Aliq DeLeon and receiver Zeke Garcia. But at the end of the day, the road back to the playoffs will likely go through Forsan, which is absolutely in the conversation.

4. Forsan (6-4, 1-3 in district): Forsan's last playoff appearance came two years ago and you can bet the Buffaloes don't want to make it three. The good news is that this team has the tools to make the playoffs, even if its window to get in is limited. It's a safe bet that Ozona and Christoval will take the district's top two playoff spots, so Forsan will be fighting for the third spot. Keep an eye on lineman Taylor Morin, who was an all-district selection on both sides of the ball last season. Defensive end Ian Park returns as the district's Co-Defensive MVP and an all-state honorable mention after a 16 1/2 sack output in 2014. The play of dual threat quarterback Jesse Cervantes will be key. If he can build on a solid 2014 campaign, the Buffaloes could very well be back in the playoffs.

5. Anthony (0-10, 0-4 in district): Things have been pretty ugly on the gridiron in Anthony lately. Over the last four seasons, the Wildcats have gone 2-38 and scored just 197 points. Coming off of an 0-10 season in 2014, a successful season for Anthony would be notching more than one win. The Wildcats have some solid players in running back JayRay Hernandez and defensive lineman Chris Williams. But beating any other team in this district will be a tall task. The one possible advantage for the Wildcats? There are zero expectations -- even flying well under the radar, it isn't completely impossible that this team could pull a shocker.

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COAHOMA BULLDOGS

Airing it out

Franks looks to lead Coahoma in switch to spread offense

By Oscar LeRoy
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COAHOMA -- One would think that a running back who put up some pretty good statistics running the ball in the Wing-T offense would prefer to stick that offense.

Kyler Franks is not that kind of player.

He believes he can help the team more as a quarterback in the Bulldogs' switch to the spread offense under new head coach Fred Dietz than he could at running back. And he's not shy to say he wants that starting job.

"I want to play quarterback," said Franks, who wants to take over for the graduated Braxton Iden. "I want to help my team as much as I can, but wherever coach puts me, I'll do whatever I can."

Franks is also excited to see what his team could do with his offense.

"We're, trying to get it down as fast as we can and try to learn as much as we can to run the spread," he said. "I always thought we had athletes who could run the spread. I'm glad that we finally incorporated it, so we can use our speed."

Franks, a senior, is battling another good athlete and last year's backup quarterback in Kody Barber for the starting job. Who knows? The Bulldogs may use both players at the position as well as either at running back or wide receiver on offense, to go with both playing outside linebacker on defense.

Franks is coming off a solid season in which he had 765 yards rushing on 116 carries to go with 286 yards receiving on 16 catches in helping the Bulldogs go 6-5, shake off two bad seasons and make a return to the playoffs.

Dietz took over as the Bulldogs' head coach in late June after Trey Gardner stepped down in late May because of family health issues and to go into administration. Even though Dietz hasn't been around these players as much as Gardner was, it didn't take him long to know what kind of player Franks is.

"He's a kid that definitely is talented, is a big strong guy," Dietz said. "He's a leader, the kids follow his lead and he sets a good example. He gets after it."

Franks is well aware that he will play a key role in any success his team has this season.

"I consider myself as a leader and I have to lead by example," said the third-year varsity player. "I've learned how to be a team player and how to come together as a team. I've become faster, stronger and have grown more as a man and as a person."

"I think we're going to be special. We just have a lot of guys who want to win games and do our best to get better."

Franks is also hungry to help the Bulldogs get back to the playoffs after only going one round last year.

"Last year's seniors don't want us to be better than they were but that's our goal, to be better every year," he said. 'It's going to take hard work and coming together as a team and learning this new offense."

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Coahoma's Kyler Franks drops back to pass Wednesday, Aug. 5, during practice.
TIM FISCHER/REPORTER-TELEGRAM

BULLDOGS FAST FACTS

District: 3-3A Division II
Head coach: Fred Dietz, 1st year (0-0 overall)
2014 record: 6-5, 2-3 in District 3-3A Division II
Returning starters: 2 offense, 4 defense
Typical offense: Spread
Typical defense: 3-3 Stack
Last playoff appearance: 2014, lost to Sonora 35-14 in Class 3A Division II bi-district
Enrollment: 247
Homecoming: Sept. 11 vs. Reagan County
Rivalry game: Aug. 28 vs. Forsan at Big Spring's Memorial Stadium
Home stadium: Bulldog Stadium, Coahoma

2015 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 28	a-Forsan	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	at McCamey	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	Reagan County	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Miles	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	Iraan	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	at Ballinger*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	Stanton*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	at Post*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	Coleman*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	at Colorado City	7:30 p.m.

a-at Big Spring
*Denotes District 3-3A Division II opponent

2014 RESULTS

Regular Season	
Aug. 29	Coahoma 6, Forsan 2
Sept. 5	Coahoma 38, McCamey 7
Sept. 12	Coahoma 27, Reagan County 7
Sept. 19	Coahoma 46, Miles 16
Sept. 26	Iraan 13, Coahoma 0
Oct. 10	Coahoma 19, Ballinger 14
Oct. 17	Coahoma 27, Stanton 20
Oct. 24	Post 14, Coahoma 13
Oct. 31	Coleman 39, Coahoma 13
Nov. 7	Colorado City 27, Coahoma 18
Playoffs	
Nov. 13	Bi-district, Sonora 35, Coahoma 18

2015 BULLDOGS AT A GLANCE

OFFENSE

Strength: Athleticism, quickness

Weakness: Lack of experience in the system, overall depth

Players to watch

ATH Kyler Franks, 6-1, 175, Sr. -- Franks is battling it out for the quarterback starting job, but if he doesn't get it he will play running back or wide receiver. Franks was an all district running back last year after rushing for 765 yards on 116 carries.

ATH Kody Barber, 5-9, 160, Jr. -- Barber is also battling for the starting quarterback position but can also play running back or receiver. Dietz calls Barber an "ultimate competitor".

WR Britton Heath, 5-10, 160, Sr. -- Dietz said Heath has looked good in practice and is being counted to lead the receiving corps.

Coach Dietz on the offense: "We're going to try to play at a faster tempo. The kids have to understand the concepts really well. I think being able to master the concepts and play at the pace we want to play has been the biggest challenge so far."

DEFENSE

Strength : Familiarty with the system

Weakness: Overall depth

Players to watch

DE Kincaid Ramsey, Jr. -- Ramsey was a first team all-district defensive lineman in 2014. Dietz said Ramsey is a big-time player, who's hard-nosed and gets after it.

NG Jesse Cuellar, 5-8, 220, Sr. -- Cuellar will help Ramsey anchor a solid defensive line and Dietz said he is a dependable kid.

OLB Kody Barber -- Barber will team up with Franks at outside linebacker this year. Barber was a second-team all-district pick as a defensive back last year.

Coach Dietz on the defense: "The defense staying the same with Coach (Bryan) Jacobs returning as DC. We played great defense last year. Everybody I talked to talked bout how competitive we were defensively and how we would get after people. With the big learning curve we were going to have offensively, it would be to our advantage to not teach them anything else on defense."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Strength: Capable players to return kicks and punts

Weakness: No proven kicker or punter

Coach Dietz on special teams: "My philosophy is to be sound and simple. They have so much to learn offensively. We're going to get in sound formations, sound schemes and keep them simple. Speical teams can win you games and can lose them."

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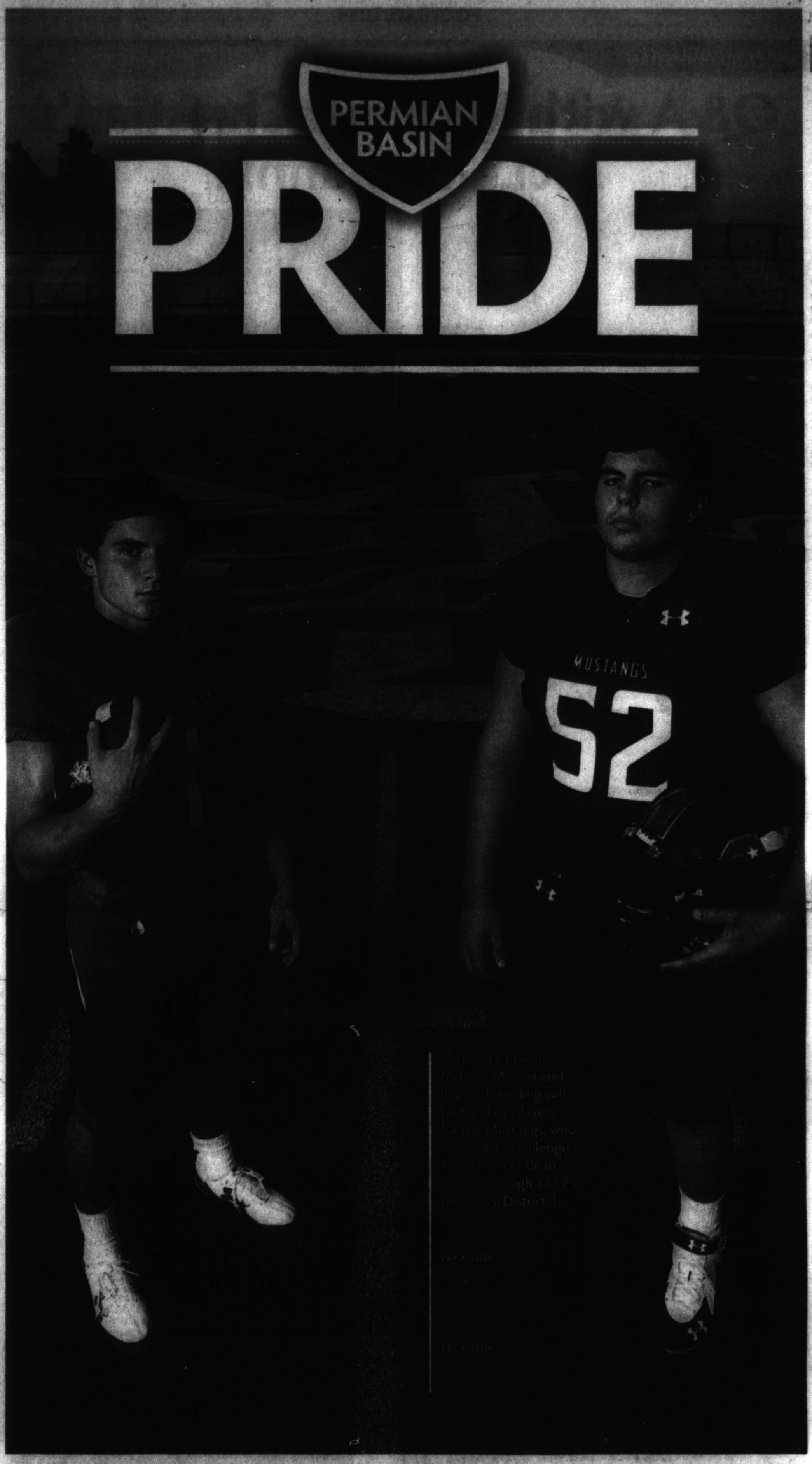

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Q&A with Midland Christian's McLane Mannix

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Midland Christian junior McLane Mannix is a throwback from football's yesteryears.

In an age of specialization, Mannix bucks the current trend as he contributes as a running back, slot receiver, safety, place kicker, punter, kickoff returner and punt returner. The 5-foot-10, 175-pound Mannix would fit right in during the leather helmet era when players of his ilk were common.

Mannix is so versatile that he played quarterback for the Mustangs at the beginning of the season.

Despite missing two games with an injury, Mannix managed 992 all-purpose yards in 2014 and is poised for a big year as a junior.

"He's kind of a hybrid," MCS head coach Greg McClendon said. "He's a wide receiver/running back and he can block very well. He's just a dang good football player.

"He's a real threat to take it to the house on every play," McClendon added. "He just brings a lot of multiplicity to our offense."

The Midland Reporter-Telegram spoke with Mannix on the first day of practice about his multiple roles on MCS, the challenge of playing in TAPPS Division I and the influence that his father had on his football career.

Do you consider yourself like a queen on a chess board because of all the positions you play?

I am the same as all the other guys out here. I can just play different positions, wherever you need me.

With all your roles, do you need to have a comprehensive understanding of the offensive playbook?

There's a ton of stuff you have to know. You have know all the different routes and where you need to be, when the quarterback is going to throw it and where you need to be. At running back, (you have to know) where the linemen are blocking, where the holes are opening up.

How exciting is it playing in this wide-open style of offense?

It's real exciting. We're going to have a real quick offense this year, real explosive. We'll be able to run and pass the ball real good this year.

What was the experience like of playing quarterback last year?

I liked it. We ran some options and some read options out of it. I got to lead the team right there. It was fun. But I got hurt in the second game playing quarterback against (Shreveport Calvary Baptist) Louisiana last year. It was fun.

After winning the state title as a freshman, what was it like to jump to a tougher classification last year while playing against the best teams in state?

It's not harder. We are just playing better talent. We have a lot of good talent and I think we can compete with them. I think we can win the state championship this year if we just play hard.

What are some things you learned playing in this district last year?

The tempo is lot faster and we have to play a lot harder. Our freshman year, we killed every one 50-0 and then we got into that district and they're tight games and we actually had to play four quarters, so we have to be better shape and play hard all four quarters.

Is there a part of you that likes this new challenge because success doesn't come easy?

Winning 50-0 gets old. You gotta have a challenge every once in awhile. In this district in TAPPS (Division I), we will see. It will be good this year.

How much does track and field help you with football this year?

It helped me a lot. I am 10 times in better shape. It helped a lot. We won state in the 4x1 this year. It was good.

How long have you been playing football?

Ever since third grade and flag football before that. I guess about 12 years, 11 years. A long time.

Did your father teach you how to play the game?

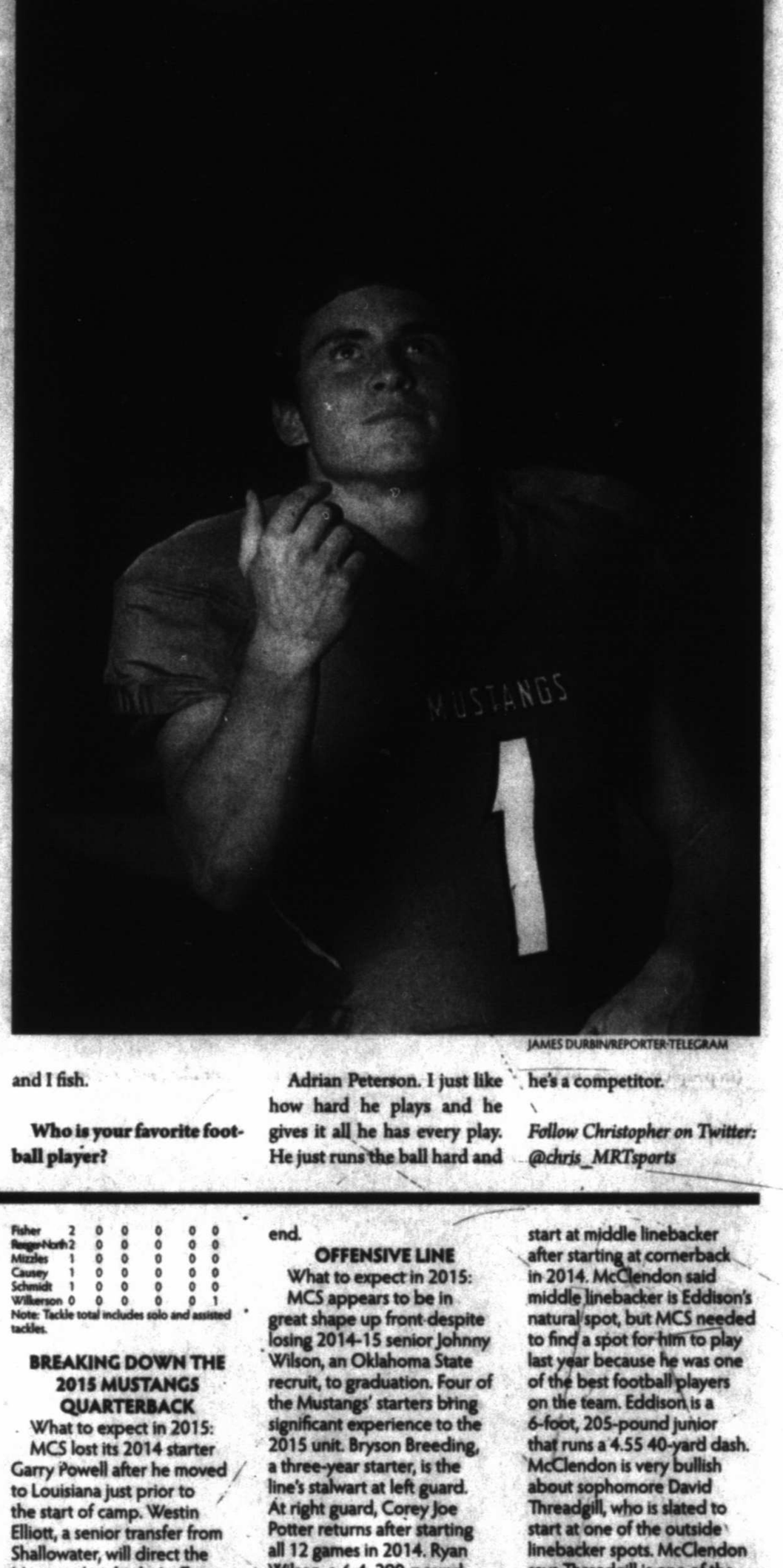
Yes. My dad (Kevin) played for Permian back in the day. On the Friday Night Lights (1988) team, he was the cornerback. That was actually his junior year. The next year they won state. He was No. 28. He started at left corner.

What has your dad taught you about the game of football?

He taught me everything I know about football. He taught me how to be a good man and play football.

What are your hobbies outside of football?

I hunt, I play golf, run track and I fish.



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Who is your favorite football player?

Adrian Peterson. I just like how hard he plays and he gives it all he has every play. He just runs the ball hard and he's a competitor.

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Coach Greg McClendon

MUSTANGS FAST FACTS

District: TAPPS Division I-1
Head coach: Greg McClendon, 18th season (156-55 in 17 seasons, all at Midland Christian)
Assistant coaches: Mike Mungula, Dub Huckabee, Ronnie Reeger, Kenneth Hines, Randy Josey, Ryan Tucker, Tucker Schneemann, Tyler Fleet, Grant Davis, Chris Jaut
2014 record: 7-5, 4-3 in TAPPS Division I-1
Returning starters: 5 offense, 5 defense
Typical offense: Multiple-I
Typical defense: 4-3
Last playoff appearance: 2014, lost to Dallas Bishop Dunne, 41-14, in the TAPPS Division I quarterfinals.
Enrollment: 381
Homecoming: Oct. 2 vs. Addison Trinity
Rivalry game: Oct. 9 at Argyle Liberty Christian
Home stadium: Mustang Field

2015 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept.4	at Houston Bishop Gorman Episcopal	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	Dallas Madison	11 a.m.
Sept. 18	at El Paso Americas	8 p.m.
Sept. 25	at Dallas Bishop Lynch*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	Addison Trinity*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	at Argyle Liberty*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Plano Prestonwood*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	Plano John Paul II*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	Dallas Bishop Dunne*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	at FW Nolan*	7:30 p.m.

a-game played in Waco
*denotes TAPPS Division I, District 1 game
All home games at Mustang Field

2014 RESULTS

Sept. 1	MCS 56, Hardy, Ark. Highland 7	
Sept 11	Shreveport La Calvary Baptist 43, MCS 17	
Sept. 19	MCS 35, El Paso Americas 10	
Sept. 26	MCS 45, Dallas Bishop Lynch 36	
Oct. 3	MCS 38, Addison Trinity 20	
Oct. 10	Argyle Liberty 20, MCS 13	
Oct. 17	Plano Prestonwood 47, MCS 28	
Oct. 24	MCS 68, Plano John Paul II 24	
Oct. 31	Dallas Bishop Dunne 24, MCS 14	
Nov. 7	MCS 23, Ft. Worth Nolan Catholic 20 (OT)	

Playoffs

Nov. 14	Bi-district, MCS 56, San Antonio Central Catholic 0
Nov. 21	Quarterfinal, Dallas Bishop Dunne 41, MCS 14

2015 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Cls
1	McLane Mannix	QB/S	5-10	175	Jr.
12	Cody Wolfe	TE/OLB	6-0	195	Jr.
2	Randall Blanscett	WR/DB	5-9	135	Fr.
3	Josh Brown	WR/DB	5-9	150	So.
4	Luke Singh	WR/DB	5-9	160	Sr.
5	Ty Young	WR/DB	5-9	165	Jr.
5	Langston Hopkins	WR/DB	5-3	115	Fr.
6	Landon Garrett	DB	5-10	170	Sr.
6	Vinny Rodriguez	RB/FB	n/a	n/a	Fr.
7	Zayne Lujan	RB/DB	5-8	165	Fr.
7	Coy Stewart	WR/DB	5-7	120	So.
8	Weston Elliott	QB	6-1	200	Sr.
9	Landon Tingle	WR/DB	5-11	140	Jr.
9	Cooper Jaut	QB/DB	5-10	155	Fr.
10	Luke Sheppard	RB/DB	5-10	145	So.
12	Anderson Needham	QB/S	5-10	135	So.
13	Ty Russell	TE/DE	6-0	190	Jr.
13	Chandler Carter	WR/DE	6-3	195	Fr.
16	Evan McKinney	WR/OLB	5-10	170	Jr.
16	Avery Wilkerson	WR/DB	n/a	n/a	Fr.
18	Luke Watson	WR/S	6-1	155	Jr.
18	Tommy Moore	WR/DB	n/a	n/a	Fr.
19	Peyton Murdock	WR/DB	n/a	n/a	Fr.
20	Garrett Eddison	RB/S	5-11	190	Jr.
20	Blaine Brunson	FB/OLB	5-9	135	So.
21	Skip Crews	RB/OLB	6-0	175	So.
22	Tyson Banks	TE/DE	6-1	205	Jr.
22	Jack Mitchell	WR/DB	n/a	n/a	Fr.
24	Blake Ray	WR/S	5-9	140	Jr.
24	Hayden Awtry	WR/DB	5-4	120	Fr.
25	Bryan Nguyen	WR/DB	5-9	135	Sr.
25	Zac Tilton	WR/DB	5-8	125	So.
26	Tristen Davis	RB/DB	5-9	140	Jr.
26	Zach Thomas	WR/DB	n/a	n/a	Fr.
27	Casey Hart	WR/DB	5-9	155	Jr.
28	Logan Schmidt	RB/DB	5-8	160	Jr.
28	Brody McLure	FB/OLB	n/a	n/a	Fr.
32	Joseph Bermea	WR/DB	5-7	125	So.
33	Brett Thomason	TE/DE	6-2	155	Sr.
33	Bryson Harper	RB/DB	5-11	165	So.
34	Daniel Lottis	FB/LB	5-11	160	Fr.
35	Dustin Duncan	FB/DE	5-11	180	So.
41	Ryan Weathers	FB/LB	n/a	n/a	Fr.
44	Luke Thomason	TE/DE	n/a	n/a	Fr.
45	David Threadgill	TE/MLB	5-11	165	So.
45	Daniel Gower	TE/DE	6-1	210	Fr.
46	Mack Plemons	WR/DB	n/a	n/a	Fr.
47	Josh Rogers	FB/MLB	n/a	n/a	Fr.
48	Luke Spencer	TE/DE	6-2	230	Sr.
50	Joe Smith	OL/DE	5-10	250	So.
51	Jake Moravcik	OL/DL	n/a	n/a	Fr.
52	Bryson Breeding	OL/DL	6-2	265	Sr.
53	Stephen Welch	OL/DL	5-11	245	So.
53	John Granicany	OL/DL	6-0	170	Fr.
55	Noah Hooper	OL/DL	6-0	205	Sr.
55	Jimmy Helmcamp	OL/DL	5-9	200	So.
56	Corey Joe Potter	OL/DL	6-0	250	Sr.
56	Preston Michel	OL/DL	5-9	160	So.
57	Sean Gil	OL/DL	5-8	170	n/a
57	Dillon English	OL/DL	n/a	n/a	Fr.
59	Nefemi Esn	OL/DL	5-8	180	So.
61	Jake Weathers	OL/DL	6-2	230	Jr.
61	Todd Gibson	OL/DL	5-5	170	Fr.
62	Jackson Anglin	OL/DE	6-1	170	So.
63	Christian Duewall	OL/OL	5-10	190	So.
65	Andrew Howles	OL/DL	5-9	225	Jr.
66	Jake Stephen	OL/DL	n/a	n/a	Fr.
67	Alex Wall	OL/DE	5-11	170	So.
72	Ben Thompson	OL/DL	n/a	n/a	Fr.
73	Hutt Reeger-North	OL/DL	5-9	230	Jr.
73	Landon Richardson	OL/LB	n/a	n/a	Fr.
75	Harrison Albright	OL/LB	n/a	n/a	So.
75	Luke Fisher	OL/DL	6-3	305	So.
77	Mark Mizzles	OL/DL	6-6	260	Sr.
77	Zach Prieto	OL/DL	n/a	n/a	Fr.
79	Ryan Wilson	OL/DL	6-4	290	Sr.
79	Samuel Lujan	OL/DL	5-9	250	So.
80	Gideon Kutner	WR/DB	n/a	n/a	Fr.
86	Jacob Decker	WR/DB	5-8	130	So.
88	Josh Bailey	WR/DE	6-0	165	So.
95	Joe Agnew	TE/DE	5-11	140	Fr.
99	Colton Kelso	OL/DL	5-10	230	Jr.
99	Kameron Hale	OL/DL	n/a	n/a	Fr.

2014 STATISTICS

Midland Christian	140	134	51	79	3 —407
Opponent	77	93	85	37	0 —292

Team statistics

	MCS	Opponent
First Downs	236	170
Rushes-Yards	452-2,782	385-1,446
Passing Yards	2,280	2,242
Comp.-Att.-Int	141-266-13	183-516-9
Fumbles-Lost	11-9	11-7
Penalties-Yards	72-675	70-617

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
J. Fender	207	1,120	5.4	27
Powell	109	691	6.3	6
Mayberry	56	413	7.4	2
Mannix	35	282	8.1	3
Burditt	18	141	7.8	3
D. Fender	10	80	8.0	1
Wall	1	33	6.4	0
T. Davis	3	10	3.3	0
Sheppard	4	9	1.0	1
Crews	1	1	1.1	0
Needham	2	1	0.5	0
Ray	1	(-1)	(-1.0)	0
Totals	452	2,782	6.2	42

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Powell	133	251	13	2,075	13
Mannix	4	8	0	78	1
Needham	3	7	0	27	0
Totals	140	266	13	2,180	14

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Brown	38	575	15.1	5
Mannix	31	488	15.7	2
Mayerwe	20	294	14.7	2
Burditt	15	243	16.2	3
J. Fender	13	207	15.9	0
Nguyen	11	193	17.5	1
Wolfe	2	65	32.5	0
Warren	3	49	16.3	1
Mayberry2		20	10.0	0
D. Fender2		19	9.5	0
Watson	2	17	8.5	0
Bailey	1	10	10.0	0
Totals	140	2,180	15.6	14

KICKOFF RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Burditt	9	222	24.7	0
Mannix	9	200	22.2	0
Nguyen	7	134	19.1	0
Hall	4	87	21.8	0
Mayberry2		62	31.0	0
Gilbert	3	51	17.0	0
D. Fender 1		0	0.0	0
Totals	35	756	21.6	0

PUNT RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Mannix	2	22	11.0	0
Brown	5	59	11.8	0
Totals	7	81	11.6	0

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Mannix	28	1,074	38.4
Brown	4	86	21.5
Totals	32	1,160	36.3

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD
J. Fender	3	66	22.0	0
Eddison	2	31	15.5	0
Gilbert	1	24	24.0	0
Warren	1	0	0.0	0
Hart	1	0	0.0	0
Brown	1	0	0.0	0
Totals	9	121	13.4	0

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	FG	2PT	TP
J. Fender	27	0	0	0	162
Causey	0	53	6	0	71
Burditt	5	0	0	0	30
Powell	6	0	0	0	36
R. Brown	5	0	0	0	30
Mannix	5	0	0	0	30
Lawrence	2	0	0	0	12
Mayberry2		0	0	0	12
Warren	1	0	0	0	6
D. Fender 1		0	0	0	6
Nguyen	1	0	0	0	6
Sheppard1		0	0	0	6
Totals	55	53	6	0	407

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Through Nov. 14

Player	T.	S	TFL	FC	FR	PBU
Warren	78	0	7	1	0	2
J. Fender	65	1	3	1	0	5
Hall	63	5	5	1	2	2
Sanford	61	3	8	1	1	0
Calhoun	57	4	6	2	2	1
Talley	54	4	5	0	0	1
Gilbert	44	0	1	0	0	8
Brown	42	0	0	1	0	0
Morris	40	0	3	0	0	0
Hooper	40	2	1	0	0	0
Eddison	33	0	1	0	0	0
Thomason	30	2	4	1	1	0
D. Fender	25	0	0	0	0	0
Garrett	22	0	0	2	1	0
Howles	19	1	1	0	0	0
Davis	13	0	1	0	0	0
Burditt	12	0	0	1	0	1
Lawrence	12	0	1	0	0	1
Nguyen	11	0	2	0	0	1
Wilson	8	0	0	0	0	0
Wolfe	8	0	2	0	1	0
Mayberry	7	1	0	0	0	0
Threadgill	5	0	0	0	0	0
Hart	4	0	0	0	0	0
Weathers	4	0	1	0	0	0
R. Wilson	4	0	0	0	0	0
Breeding	3	0	0	0	0	0
Fisher	2	0	0	0	0	0
Reeger-North	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mizzles	1	0	0	0	0	0
Causey	1	0	0	0	0	0
Schmidt	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wilkerson	0	0	0	0	0	1

Note: Tackle total includes solo and assisted tackles.

BREAKING DOWN THE 2015 MUSTANGS

QUARTERBACK

What to expect in 2015:

MCS lost its 2014 starter Garry Powell after he moved to Louisiana just prior to the start of camp. Westin Elliott, a senior transfer from Shallower, will direct the Mustangs' multiple-I offense that utilizes a wide array of formations and shifts. The 6-foot-5, 200-pound Elliott was 3-0 as a starter on a 2014 Shallowater squad that went 13-2 and was a Class 3A state semifinalist. Elliott draws rave reviews from McClendon for his football intelligence, work ethic and willingness to learn. Sophomore Anderson Needham is MCS' backup.

RUNNING BACK

What to expect in 2015:

McLane Mannix is a unique weapon that can score from anywhere on the field, whether he is rushing the ball or catching the ball as a wideout. Garrett Eddison is a valuable piece in the backfield as well that can serve as a ball carrier, a ferocious blocker at fullback and a weapon in the passing game as an H-back. Logan Schmidt will spell Eddison at fullback.

WIDE RECEIVER/TIGHT END

What to expect in 2015:

The Mustangs' wide receiving corps will be anchored by seniors Bryan Nguyen and Lukas Singh. Singh is a transfer that played quarterback at Fort Stockton in 2014. In an offensive system that will use five wideouts at times, juniors Blake Ray, Luke Watson, Landon Tingle and Evan McKinney will see plenty of time on the field too. Tyson Banks is an extension of the MCS' offensive line at tight end and H-back. McClendon calls Banks "an outstanding blocker". Banks, a 210-pound junior, will also play an integral role as a pass catcher. Brett Thomason, 6-foot-2 senior, is the Mustangs' reserve at tight end.

OFFENSIVE LINE

What to expect in 2015:

MCS appears to be in great shape up front despite losing 2014-15 senior Johnny Wilson, an Oklahoma State recruit, to graduation. Four of the Mustangs' starters bring significant experience to the 2015 unit. Bryson Breeding, a three-year starter, is the line's stalwart at left guard. At right guard, Corey Joe Potter returns after starting all 12 games in 2014. Ryan Wilson, a 6-4, 290-pound senior, is back at starting the majority of games at right tackle last season. Luke Fisher has big shoes to fill at Wilson's left tackle spot, but the 305-pound sophomore already is used to the big stage after starting about a 1/3 of the Mustangs' season at right tackle. Junior Jake Weathers is the only newcomer to the MCS line at center. However, McClendon praised Weathers' work ethic, intelligence and athleticism.

DEFENSIVE LINE

What to expect in 2015:

Junior Andrew Mowles will man the Mustangs' defensive tackle position again after starting there as a sophomore. Mark Mizzles, a 6-6, 260-pound senior, will complement Mowles at the other defensive tackle spot. Mowles and Mizzles will be spelled by Breeding and Fisher in the defensive tackle rotation. The Mustangs welcome back Noah Hooper and Tomason to the defensive end spots after both started there in 2014. Hooper and Thomason will be spelled by Banks and Weathers. McClendon says Banks "should be a high-quality defensive end." Ty Russell, 6-foot, 190 pound junior, will factor into the defensive end equation as a transfer.

LINEBACKER

What to expect in 2015:

This is an area that has always been one of MCS' strengths, but the Mustangs have some big shoes to fill after 2014 standouts Justin Fender, Kaleb Warren and Will Sanford all graduated. Eddison is penciled in to start at middle linebacker after starting at cornerback in 2014. McClendon said middle linebacker is Eddison's natural spot, but MCS needed to find a spot for him to play last year because he was one of the best football players on the team. Eddison is a 6-foot, 205-pound junior that runs a 4.55 40-yard dash. McClendon is very bullish about sophomore David Threadgill, who is slated to start at one of the outside linebacker spots. McClendon says Threadgill is one of the hardest working kids in the program and is a fixture in the weight room. On the other side of the field, juniors McKinney and Schmidt are vying to start at the other outside linebacker position.

SECONDARY

What to expect in 2015:

Landon Garrett is back for his senior season after he manned one of the starting cornerback positions in 2014. On the other side of the field, sophomore Luke Sheppard and Nguyen are competing for the other starting cornerback role. Mannix, the Mustangs' jack-of-all-trades, is expected to start at one of the two safety positions. Casey Hart, Singh, and Ty Young are vying for playing time at the other safety spot. Young is a junior transfer and is vying for playing time at receiver too.

SPECIAL TEAMS

What to expect in 2015:

Mannix could do a little bit of everything, which includes booting the actual kickoffs, attempting extra points, punting and carrying the ball on both kick and punts returns. Zayne Lujan, a freshman, is the team's other place kicker. Elliott is the team's other punter in addition to Mannix. The Mustangs never punt out of a traditional set, only offensive formations. Singh will share return duties on both kickoffs and punts with Mannix.

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MIDLAND CHRISTIAN

A leader among the big boys

Breeding brings experience, championship credentials to Mustang offensive line

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Midland Christian left guard Bryson Breeding is the elder statesman of the team's offensive line.

Breeding's 2015 senior season will be his third year starting at guard and he's the only returning lineman that garnered all-district honors in 2014.

In addition to experience, Breeding brings championship credentials too as he started on the 2013 Mustangs squad that secured the TAPPS Division II state title.

Yet, like most linemen, Breeding doesn't relish in individual accolades. He feels uncomfortable being singled out for doing his job. Breeding takes pride in what the offensive line unit does as a whole to help the Mustangs achieve the only goal that matters, which is winning.

"I don't label myself as the guy," Breeding said. "The offensive line is one group. I think I am as much as a leader as the next person that wants to stand up and do what he has to do. If every one takes care of their business, we will be all right."

Breeding's selfless attitude is what MCS head coach Greg McClendon believes has the most resonating effect on his younger, impressionable players.

"That's part of what we believe in, the leaders not being the head, pointing to them and everybody else what to do," McClendon said. "It's being a servant and serving every one else and the humility that comes with that. I am very proud of Bryson and these other leaders that we have on our team.

"I believe that's the key to building champions right there is the fact he doesn't want the spotlight. He doesn't want to be out front other than when you need him to get something done. He's going to get it done like leaders do."

In 2014, Breeding and the Mustangs were humbled by a move up to TAPPS Division I and their new competition in District 1.

Accustomed to state championships after winning three straight from 2011-13, MCS finished in a three-way tie for third in its new district and were soundly defeated, 41-14, by district foe Dallas Bishop Dunne in the state quarterfinals.

The Mustangs' new district not only included Bishop Dunne, the eventual state champion, but also the state runner up in Plano Prestonwood.

"It's a blast," Breeding said of TAPPS DI-1. "I really enjoy it. It's a little step up from our older division, but I definitely think we belong here. I definitely think we know how to play in this division. I think we can hold our own. I think we can win the state championship this year."

Facing bigger and faster defensive linemen, Breeding said last year's experience taught him that he couldn't take shortcuts. It forced the 6-foot-2, 265-pound guard to be meticulous with his blocks.

"Foot work and technique are just very important," Breeding said. " I am a fairly big guy, but I just can't muscle guys around anymore. I have to really to get in the right position, get the right technique to get the job done."

Luckily, Breeding and the MCS offensive linemen have one of the most knowledgeable and accomplished coaches to teach them the art of playing in the trenches.

The unit is directed by offensive line coach Ryan Tucker, a 12-year NFL veteran that played as a tackle on the St. Louis Rams' Super Bowl XXXIV championship squad in 1999-2000.

As a result of Tucker's tutelage, the offensive line has been one of the Mustangs' most dependable units. Johnny Wilson, who played alongside Breeding at left tackle in 2014, is at Oklahoma State this fall to begin his collegiate career. Tucker played a role in Wilson's development.

"(I love) the in-depth instruction he's able to give us as a high school offensive line coach," Breeding said of Tucker. "The things he knows and the things he can expose to us, it's just far more beyond what we have learned elsewhere. He's definitely the best offensive line coach you can find."

Even with Wilson's departure, Breeding has plenty of help on the offensive line as left tackle Luke Fisher, right guard Corey Joe Potter and right tackle Ryan Wilson all have starting experience at the varsity level.

Breeding says the group is a tight-knit unit that bonds together outside of football, especially when the players need to load up on calories to sustain their massive playing weights.

"All you eat can be a little dangerous for (restaurants) sometimes," Breeding said jokingly of his linemates' appetites.

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Midland Christian's Bryson Breeding in portrait Thursday, July 30, 2015.
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Breaking down TAPPS Division I, District 1 (In projected order of finish)

1. Plano Prestonwood (10-4, 5-2 in TAPPS Division I, District 1): The Lions, the 2014 TAPPS Division I state runner ups, are poised for a deep run with seven returners on both offense and defense. Quarterback Ryan Cash returns to direct Prestonwood's high-octane, air raid offense after throwing for 4,845 yards and 48 touchdowns in 2014. Cash's favorite target Jonathan Heasley is also back following a 1,571-yard, 20-touchdown receiving season. The Lions defense could be vulnerable though after they surrendered 426 points last year.

2. Dallas Bishop Dunne (12-1, 6-1 in TAPPS Division I, District 1): The defending state champions lost four key Division I players to graduation, which includes A.D. Miller of Oklahoma, Darrion Daniels of Oklahoma State, Micah Simon of BYU and Dallen Sutton of Air Force. Despite the losses, the Falcons bring back a good staple of their offense with eight returners. The offense lit up the scoreboard with 508 points last season. Bishop Dunne running back Rajan Cunningham returns after amassing 1,339 yards on the ground and 14 touchdowns in 2014.

3. Midland Christian (7-5, 4-3 in TAPPS Division I, District 1): Even with the loss of left tackle Johnny Wilson to Oklahoma State, the Mustangs' offense has a chance to be a well-oiled machine because of a strong offensive line, which is arguably the best position unit on the team. The offensive line will create daylight for running back McLane Mannix, a big play threat in both the rushing and passing game. The team's long-term outlook may come down to how quarterback Westin Elliott, a 6-foot-4 transfer from Shallowater, adjusts to learning a new offense.

4. Dallas Bishop Lynch (8-5, 4-3 in TAPPS Division I, District 1): The Friars might be the darkhorse of the district as they return eight starters on offense and nine starters on defense. Bishop Lynch showed its potential last year as it downed Prestonwood, 48-42, in the regular season finale. Lynch scored a whopping 495 points in 2014, but its Achilles heel was a defensive unit that yielded 433 points, which forced the Friars to win mostly shootouts.

5. Argyle Liberty Christian (7-5, 4-3 in TAPPS Division I, District 1): In 2014, the Warriors had their moments with victories over MCS and Bishop Lynch, but also played down to their competition as evidenced by a loss to Addison Trinity. Despite returning six starters on both offense and defense, Liberty has a chance to improve this year because its players will be more accustomed to head coach Barton Hundley's system, now entering his second year in charge.

6. Fort Worth Nolan Catholic (3-7, 2-5 in TAPPS Division I, District 1): The Vikings are proof how competitive this district truly is. Nolan won three straight Division I state championships from 2011-13 and five of the last seven state titles since 2008, but fell to seventh place last year after losing most of its 2013 talent. There could still be more tough times ahead for the Vikings as they bring five starters back on both offense and defense, a modest total compared to the powers in district.

7. Addison Trinity Christian (6-6, 3-4 in TAPPS Division I, District 1): Mark Howard enters the season in his first year as head coach so it could be an adjustment year for the Trojans. Only Prestonwood Christian scored more points than Trinity's 531-point output in 2014. With seven offensive starters back, the Trojans have the talent and track record to score, but they may encounter some growing pains while running a new system.

8. Plano John Paul II (0-10, 0-7 in TAPPS Division I, District 1): The hapless Cardinals lost all seven district games by an average margin of 33.8 points in 2014 so they have to some ground to cover in order to be competitive. John Paul II returns five starters each on offense and defense.

Compiled by Christopher Hadorn

Here's a breakdown of how Dave Campbell's Texas Football predicted area districts:

CLASS 6A

Top 4 teams to playoffs
District 3-6A: 1. Odessa Permian; 2. San Angelo Central; 3.Abilene High; 4. Midland High; 5. Odessa High; 6. Lee

CLASS 4A

Top 4 teams to playoffs
2-4A Division I: 1. Andrews; 2. Clint; 3. Clint Mountain View; 4. Fabens; 5. San Elizario
3-4A Division I: 1. Stephenville; 2. Abilene Wylie; 3. Brownwood; 4. Big Spring; 5. Snyder
2-4A Division II: 1. Sweetwater; 2. Monahans; 3. Greenwood; 4. Fort Stockton; 5. Pecos; 6. Lamesa

CLASS 3A

Top 4 teams to playoffs
3-3A Division II: 1. Coleman; 2. Post; 3. Colorado City; 4. Coahoma; 5. Stanton; 6. Ballinger
4-3A Division II: 1. Sonora; 2. Alpine; 3. San Angelo TLC 4. Crane; 5. San Angelo Grape Creek; 6. Reagan County

CLASS 2A

Top 3 teams to playoffs
3-2A Division I: 1. Christoval; 2. Ozona; 3. McCamey; 4. Forsan; 5. Anthony
5-2A Division II: 1. Iraan; 2. Wink; 3. Eldorado; 4. Van Horn; 5. Irion County

CLASS 1A

Top 2 teams to playoffs
4-A Division I: 1. Borden County; 2. Grady; 3. Klondike; 4. O'Donnell
5-A Division I: 1. Marfa; 2. Rankin; 3. Garden City; 4. Fort Davis

TAPPS

Division I, District 1: 1. Plano Prestonwood; 2. Dallas Bishop Dunne; 3. Argyle Liberty Christian; 4. Dallas Bishop Lynch; 5. Midland Christian; 6. Fort Worth Nolan; 7. Trinity Christian-Addison; 8. Plano John Paul II
Six-Man Division I, District 1: 1. Trinity; 2. Watauga Harvest Christian; 3. Dallas Lutheran; 4. Rockwall Heritage Christian; 5. Abilene Christian; 6. Red Oak Ovilla Christian

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TRINITY CHARGERS

Not your ordinary big man on campus

Trinity's Baiano is quiet, humble leader at quarterback

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The starting high school quarterback is often referred to as the "big man on campus" because of his popularity among the student body and magnified persona that extends beyond the football field.

Trinity senior Vincent Baiano contradicts the high school quarterback stereotype that is portrayed in motion pictures.

Baiano is humble, polite and soft spoken.

"Vincent is very humble, very humble," Chargers head coach Antwan Alexander said. "There were times in the game when he would score, he does what you're supposed to do, hand the ball back to the official, high five his teammates, get back and tell them, that play is over. Now we have to concentrate on the next thing.'"

"His humbleness, I think at times may be his weakness that the world perceives," Alexander added. "Him being humble, God will bless him in many ways on down the road."

Even though Baiano isn't much of a talker, the Trinity senior has earned the respect of his teammates with his commitment and work ethic. Alexander said Baiano, receiver Peter Rodenko and lineman Chris Picciano were three daily participants during the Chargers' offseason program over the summer.

"He leads leaps and bounds by example," Alexander said. "He'll go out, he's going to work. Nobody is going to outwork Vincent Baiano. Nobody. He will literally die before he allows somebody to outwork him and I love that as far as a leader or quarterback of the team."

Trinity has high hopes for the 2015 season following a year in which it went 9-2 and undefeated with a 5-0 mark in TAPPS Six-Man Division I, District 1 play.

Baiano is back to direct a potent Trinity offense that averaged 58.3 points per game during its 10 regular season contests. Baiano has some familiar faces returning, which include a deep and experienced receiving corps that includes Peyton Harrington, Rodenko and speedster Cade Lawson.

"A lot of our offense is back," Baiano said. "We will put up a lot of points on the board this year. They're all back and they play almost every snap last year so they know everything. It's another year, do it again, but better.

"I think us four have created a pretty strong bond out on the field and for this year, I think it will work really well."

Alexander calls Baiano the brain of the Chargers' high-tempo, high-output attack.

Alexander says Baiano is in tune with his thought process and he is able to relay his coaching to teammates on the field.

In 2014, Alexander turned the Trinity offense into a hurry-up unit that had a "pedal to the metal" mentality and didn't allow defenses much time to organize between plays.

"Don't show the other team any weakness, just keep hitting them until the final buzzer rings," Baiano said of the Chargers' offensive style.

On the other side of the ball, Trinity welcomes back a stout defensive unit that brings back four of six starters and recorded two shutouts in 2014.

Baiano plays an instrumental role on defense too where he earned first-team, All-TAPPS Six-Man Division I, District 1 honors as a safety in 2014.

"Vincent is a ball hawk," Alexander said. "It seemed like every time the ball was in the air, he's right there. He has great anticipation skills, being a quarterback, knowing where the quarterback wants to throw the ball. It kind of gives him an advantage."

Baiano and the Chargers have lost their first postseason game in each of the last three seasons, which included a 30-16 loss to Katy Faith West in the quarterfinals in 2014.

While a state championship is within reach and a goal of the squad, Baiano says the coaching staff or players don't talk about it.

"Not yet," Baiano said. "It's just little steps at a time. In the end that will come and be our main prize."

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Trinity's Vincent Baiano (20) takes the ball down the field against Loraine on Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium
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CHARGERS FAST FACTS

District: TAPPS Six-Man Division I, District 1
Head coach: Antwan Alexander (Third season, 14-7)
Assistant coaches: Hank Cunningham, Michael Midkiff, Orlando Padilla, Shane Roberts, Alen Young
2014 record: 9-2, 5-0 in TAPPS Six-Man Division I, District 1
Returning starters: 4 offense, 4 defense
Typical offense: Spread
Typical defense: 4-2
Last playoff appearance: 2014, lost to Katy Faith West, 30-16, in quarterfinal round
Enrollment: 150
Homecoming: Oct. 23 vs. Rockwall Heritage Christian
Rivalry game: Oct. 16 at Abilene Christian
Home stadium: Coombes Field

2015 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 27	at Loraine	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	Rankin	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	at Grandfalls-Royalty	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	Imperial Buena Vista	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	Sanderson	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	at Watauga Harvest*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Abilene Christian*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	Rockwall Heritage*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	at Red Oak Ovilla*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	Dallas Lutheran*	7:30 p.m.

All home games at Coombes Field
*Denotes TAPPS Six-Man Division I, District 1 game

2014 RESULTS

Regular Season
Aug. 30 Trinity 45, Loraine 20
Sept. 5 Rankin 50, Trinity 36
Sept. 12 Trinity 34, Grandfalls-Royalty 24
Sept. 19 Trinity 59, Lubbock Christ the King 0
Sept. 26 Trinity 51, Sanderson 0
Oct. 10 Trinity 66, Watauga Harvest 50
Oct. 17 Trinity 84, Abilene Christian 34
Oct. 24 Trinity 88, Rockwall Heritage 62
Oct. 31 Trinity 62, Red Oak Ovilla 14
Nov. 8 Trinity 58, Dallas Covenant 8
Playoffs
Nov. 22 Katy Faith West 30, Trinity 16

2015 ROSTER

No.	Name	Class
1	Ja'cyree Webbs	Sr.
2	Logan Ramsey	So.
3	Lewis Ohlman	Jr.
8	Peyton Harrington	Sr.
9	Carrson Parish	Fr.
11	Chelsey McDonald	Fr.
12	Ethan Schlittler	So.
13	Daniel Webb	So.
14	Peter Rodenko	Sr.
19	Luke Hartzer	Jr.
18	Dawson Butts	Fr.
20	Vincent Baiano	Sr.
21	Pertson Picciano	Fr.
22	Cade Lawson	So.
23	Noah McIntosh	Fr.
24	John Stevens	Jr.
28	Brack Foreman	So.
29	Chris Picciano	Jr.
30	Louis Stevens	Fr.

BREAKING DOWN THE 2015 CHARGERS QUARTERBACK

What to expect in 2015:
Senior Vincent Baiano is back to direct the Chargers' high-octane offense that lit up the scoreboard with 599 points in 2014. Alexander calls Baiano an extension of the coaching staff on the field as he is in tune with what the sidelines wants to accomplish on the field.

RUNNING BACK

What to expect in 2015:
Alexander said the running back spot was being sorted out during two-a-day practices. One player who has emerged has been Treydon Seay, a fleet-footed sophomore. After finding his way as a freshman, Seay has come back this season with a swagger. Alexander says Seay has the confidence that he can score anytime he touches the ball and has the drive to a great player.

LINEMAN/RECEIVERS

What to expect in 2015:
The receiving corps might be Trinity's deepest position group. Alexander raves about Peyton Harrington's route running and ability to catch the deep ball. Peter Rodenko, a weight-room warrior, added 10 pounds of muscle during the summer. Rodenko has a knack for snatching the ball out of the air from defensive backs. Alexander says sophomore wideout Cade Lawson is the fastest player on the team. Chris Picciano is projected to start at center.

DEFENSIVE LINE

What to expect in 2015:
Ja'cyree Webbs, a first-team, all-state selection, will anchor the Chargers' front. Webbs is an adept pass rusher who has grown into a team leader. Alexander says that Webbs is still figuring out how strong and fast he is and believes his best football is ahead of him. Lawson will team up with Webbs to give Trinity two formidable pass rushers:

LINEBACKERS/SECONDARY

What to expect in 2015:
Picciano, a defensive lineman, has the versatility to drop back into a linebacker spot too. Baiano is the leader of the Chargers' defensive backfield. Baiano is a ball hawk who has a nose for picking off passes.

SPECIAL TEAMS

What to expect in 2015:
Seay is expected to be a force as a returner on Trinity's kick and punt units.

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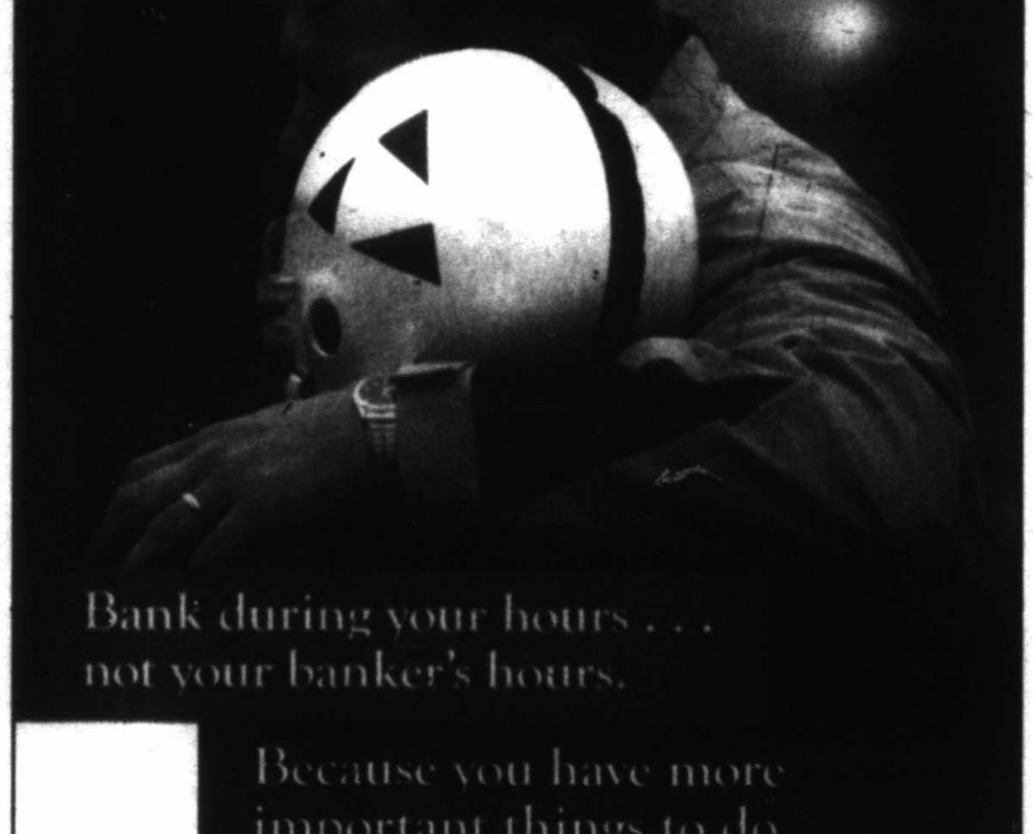
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FORSAN BUFFALOES

Leading by example

Forsan's Park brings non-stop motor, great attitude to team

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Park

Forsan senior defensive end Ian Park isn't the biggest player around. Based on his size, one might confuse him for an average sized linebacker or maybe even a plus-sized safety or defensive back. Forsan, as a program, doesn't have much size to go around.

But make no mistake, for what Park and his team lacks in-mass, they more than gain back in heart, hustle and attitude. And it's that non-stop motor which he said he and his teammates plan to use to help his Buffaloes get back to the playoffs after a disappointing end to 2014.

"We're quick and we realize how small we are," Park said. "But we have more heart and that allows us to come out as the underdogs and have some fun with it."

Last season, Forsan was in prime position for a playoff spot in District 3-2A Division I with three games left to play. The Buffaloes had won six of their first seven games. But consecutive losses to McCamey, Ozona and Christoval knocked the Buffaloes out of the playoff hunt in devastating fashion.

In its search for redemption this season, Forsan will lean on its defense and its players' character as the strengths of the program.

"Year in and year out, we're always undersized, outside of probably this year," head coach Jason Phillips said. "Our guys are just hard-nosed kids that play hard and give you everything they've got on every play. Very seldom are we the biggest team on the field. Our guys play bigger than they are and that just plays to their heart and their character."

The Buffaloes' defense returns eight starters from last season's team that finished 6-4. At the forefront is Park, who amassed 16 1/2 sacks last season as a junior and earned District 3-2A Division I Co-Defensive MVP honors. He also helped to put Forsan on the map by earning a Class 2A All-State Honorable Mention selection in 2014.

Park's style of play has always impressed Phillips, who has spent the last three seasons watching him come into his own from the sideline.

"He has a high motor," Phillips said. "When that ball is snapped, he's going 100 percent. In practice if he's on scout team and we're running our offense against him, we can't block him. He's very difficult to block and his motor never stops."

And following a breakout season, Phillips said he believes Park still has more potential to discover as a player, even as the opposition is much more aware of him.

"As great a season as he had last year, we expect even more things from him (this year)," Phillips said. "The thing is, last year, nobody knew about him. Now he's not a well kept secret anymore."

Park, who doesn't say much, said that his main goal is to surpass his sack total of 16 1/2 from last season. As far as his mindset goes, he's just trying to keep things simple when it comes to producing an encore season in 2015.

"I want to break what I did last year and be more consistent towards the end of the district (season)," Park said. "Just surround yourself with the people who support you and go out and pray it all works out and goes the same way."

Both Park and Phillips believe that a district title, and possibly more, is within Forsan's reach this season.

"Really, I think there are four teams that can win our district," Phillips said. "I think we're right in that mix. It's just depends who's playing the best. Anybody can beat anybody on any given day.

Added Park: "It's going to take us going every week and prepping and paying attention to coaches, listening to them," Park said. "Trusting each other and just rely on each other and be with each other."

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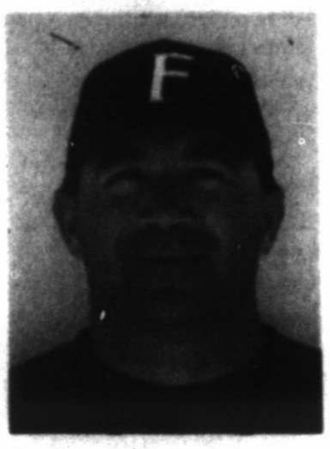
Coach Jason Phillips

FORSAN BUFFALOES
Head Coach: Jason Phillips
2014 record: 6-4, 1-3 in District 3-2A Division I (4th)
Returning Starters: 5 Offense, 8 Defense 8
Typical Offense: Spread
Typical Defense: 3-4
Last playoff appearance: 2013 (Lost to Windthorst, 20-14, in bi-district)
Enrollment: 196
Homecoming: Sept. 25 vs. Miles
Rivalry game: Aug. 28 vs. Coahoma at Big Spring
Home Stadium: Buffalo Stadium, Forsan

2015 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 28	Coahoma (at Big Spring)	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	Plains	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	at Stanton	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Reagan County	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	Miles	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	at Wink	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	at Anthony *	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	McCamey *	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	at Ozona *	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	Christoval *	7:30 p.m.

Denotes District 3-2A game

2014 RESULTS

Aug. 29	Coahoma 6, Forsan 2
Sep. 5	Forsan 57, Plains 0
Sep. 12	Forsan 33, Stanton 0
Sep. 19	Forsan 17, Reagan County 6
Sep. 26	Forsan 49, Miles 22
Oct. 3	Forsan 28, Wink 20
Oct. 10	Forsan 51, Anthony 0
Oct. 17	McCamey 26, Forsan 20, OT
Oct. 24	Ozona 32, Forsan 22
Oct. 31	Christoval 26, Forsan 20

BREAKING DOWN THE BUFFALOES

OFFENSE

Strength: Depth, speed
Weakness: Inexperience at receiver
Players to watch: QB Jesse Cervantes, OL Taylor Morin, RB Walker Park
Coach Phillips on the offense: "The offensive line -- the sky is the limit for those guys. We're bigger than we've ever been up front. It's a good situation for us. We're going to be young at wide receiver but we have a good crop to pick from."

DEFENSE

Strength: Depth, speed
Weakness: Size in the secondary
Players to watch: DE Ian Park, DT Chance Edwards, LB Lane Schafer
Coach Phillips on the defense: "Our defense all around is going to be our strongest suit. We're returning eight starters from a really good defense last year."

Here are recent UIL state football champions.

2004
5A Division I: Tyler Lee 28, Spring Westfield 21
5A Division II: Southlake Carroll 27, Smithson Valley 24
4A Division I: Ennis 23, Marshall 21
4A Division II: Kilgore 33, Dallas Lincoln 27 OT(2)
3A Division I: Wylie (Abilene) 17, Cuero 14
3A Division II: Gilmer 49, Jasper 47
2A Division I: Boyd 17, Newton 14
2A Division II: Crawford 28, Troup 14
1A, Shiner 33, Stratford 19
6-Man: Richland Springs 58, Turkey Valley 38

2005
5A Division I: Euless Trinity 28, Converse Judson 14
5A Division II: Southlake Carroll 34, Katy 20
4A Division I: Highland Park (Dallas) 59, Marshall 0
4A Division II: Lewisville Hebron 28, Calallen (Corpus Christi) 0
3A Division I: Wimberley 21, Gainesville 7
3A Division II: Tatum 38, Hutto 34
2A Division I: Newton 28, Argyle 20
2A Division II: Celina 28, Omaha Paul Pewitt 12
1A: Stratford 21, Big Sandy 20
6-Man: Throckmorton 68, Turkey Valley 22

2006
5A Division I: Southlake Carroll 43, Austin Westlake 29
5A Division II: Cedar Hill 51, Cypress Falls 17
4A Division I: San Antonio Alamo Heights 40, Copperas Cove 28
4A Division II: La Marque 34, Waco 14
3A Division I: Texarkana Liberty-Eylau 35, Waco Robinson 34
3A Division II: Liberty Hill 22, Celina 19
2A Division I: Tatum 32, Littlefield 14
2A Division II: Mart 23, Cisco 13
1A Division I: Alto 42, McCamey 13
1A Division II: Chilton 20, Windthorst 10
Six-Man Division I: Richland Springs 78, Rule 58
Six-Man Division II: Vernon Northside 60, Jayton 41

2007
5A Division I: Euless Trinity 13, Converse Judson 10
5A Division II: Katy 28, Pflugerville 7
4A Division I: Lamar Consolidated 20, Copperas Cove 14
4A Division II: Lake Travis 36, Highland Park 34
3A Division I: Libert Hill 38, Gilmer 13
3A Division II: Celina 21, China Spring 14
2A Division I: Farmersville 27, Tatum 24 (OT)
2A Division II: Canadian 40, Elysian Fields 25
1A Division I: Alto 22, Seymour 0
1A Division II: Munday 26, Bremond 6
Six-Man Division I: Richland Springs 98, Rule 54
Six-Man Division II: Motley County 44, Woodson 38

2008
5A Division I: Allen 21, Fort Bend Hightower 14
5A Division II: Kayt 17, Wylie 3
4A Division I: Lake Travis 48, Longview 23
4A Division II: Sulphur Springs 69, Dayton 49
3A Division I: Prosper 17, Waco La Vega 10
3A Division II: Carthage 49, Celina 37
2A Division I: Muleshoe 48, Kirbyville 26
2A Division II: Daingerfield 28, Cisco 6
1A Division I: Canadian 38, Marty 7
1A Division II: Stratford 24, Cayuga 13
Six-Man Division I: Strawn 58, Follett 29
Six-Man Division II: Borden County 54, Woodson 8

2009
5A Division I: Euless Trinity 41, Austin Westlake 38 (OT)
5A Division II: Abilene High 28, Katy 17
4A Division I: Lake Travis 24, Longview 17
4A Division II: Aledo 35, Brenham 21
3A Division I: Gilmer 43, Abilene Wylie 26
3A Division II: Carthage 13, Graham 12
2A Division I: Pilot Point 35, Kirbyville 18
2A Division II: Daingerfield 62, Bushland 14
1A Division I: Goldthwaite 29, Canadian 25
1A Division II: Cayuga 38, Albany 24
Six-Man Division I: Garden City 122, Strawn 88
Six-Man Division II: Borden County 28, Highland 14

2010
5A Division I: Pearland 28, Euless Trinity 24
5A Division II: Cibolo Steele 24, Denton Guyer 21
4A Division I: Lake Travis 27, Denton Ryan 7
4A Division II: Aledo 69, La Marque 34
3A Division I: Henderson 28, Tyler Chapel Hill 21
3A Division II: Carthage 47, Coldspring-Oakhurst 22
2A Division I: Daingerfield 33, Cameron Yoe 27
2A Division II: Idalou 20, Lexington 7
A Division I: Mart 28, Goldthwaite 7
A Division II: Falls City 32, Windthorst 7
Six-Man Division I: Garden City 82, Throckmorton 68
Six-Man Division II: Richland Springs 46, Sterling City 0

2011
5A Division I: Southlake Carroll 36, Fort Bend Hightower 29
5A Division II: Spring Dekaney 34, Cibolo Steele 14
4A Division I: Lake Travis 22, Hewitt Midway 7
4A Division II: Aledo 49, Manvel 28
3A Division I: Tyler Chapel Hill 20 Alvarado 19
3A Division II: Wimberley 21, Argyle 14
2A Division I: Melissa 28, Hempstead 14
2A Division II: Refugio 36, Cisco 35
A Division I: Mason 62, Stamford 40
A Division II: Tenaha 51, Munday 28
Six-Man Division I: Throckmorton 48, Borden County 36
Six-Man Division II: Richland Springs 76, Motley County 28

2012
5A Division I: Allen 15, Houston Lamar 21
5A Division II: Katy 35, Cedar Hill 24
4A Division I: Denton Guyer 48, Georgetown 37
4A Division II: Cedar Park 17, Lancaster 7
3A Division I: Stephenville 70, El Campo 35
3A Division II: Navasota 39, Gilmer 3
2A Division I: Cameron Yoe 38, Daingerfield 20
2A Division II: East Bernard 56, Corsicana Mildred 14
A Division I: Stamford 35, Mart 28
A Division II: Munday 42, Tenaha 14
Six-Man Division I: Throckmorton 72, Abbott 30
Six-Man Division II: Richland Springs 60, Follett 14

2013
5A Division I: Allen 63, Pearland 21
5A Division II: Cedar Hill 34, Katy 24
4A Division I: Denton Guyer 31, SA Brennan 14
4A Division II: Aledo 38, Brenham 10
3A Division I: Carthage 34, Kilgore 23
3A Division II: Argyle 38, Fairfield 33
2A Division I: Cameron Yoe 35, Wall 14
2A Division II: Cisco 56, Refugio 36
A Division I: Stamford 41, Shinder 28
A Division II: Wellington 42, Falls City 20
Six-Man Division I: Crowell 78, May 52
Six-Man Division II: Grandfalls-Royalty 73, Milford 28

2014
6A Division I: Allen 47, Cypress Ranch 16
6A Division II: Cedar Hill 23, Katy 20
5A Division I: Aledo 49, Temple 45
5A Division II: Ennis 38, Cedar Park 35
4A Division I: Navasota 42, Argyle 35, 2OT
4A Division II: Gilmer 35, West Orange-Stark 25
3A Division I: Cameron Yoe 70, Mineola 40
3A Division II: Waskom 41, Newton 22
2A Division I: Canadian 34, Mason 7
2A Division II: Bremond 28, Albany 21
1A Division I: Crowell 62, May 16
1A Division II: Throckmorton 66, Groom 20

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August - 2015
1 - Outdoor Soccer Registration Begins
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Cheerleading Registration Begins

September - 2015
13 - Outdoor Soccer Registration Deadline
18 - Flag Football Registration Deadline
Cheerleading Registration Deadline
21 - Volleyball Registration Begins
22 - Outdoor Soccer Games Begin
29 - Flag Football Games Begin
Cheerleading Games Begin

October - 2015
16 - Volleyball Registration Deadline
27 - Volleyball Games Begin

December - 2015
1 - Basketball Registration Begins
31 - Basketball Registration Deadline

January - 2016
2 - Indoor Soccer Registration Begins
12 - Basketball Games Begin
29 - Indoor Soccer Registration Deadline

February - 2016
1 - Volleyball Registration Begins
9 - Indoor Soccer Games Begin

March - 2016
11 - Volleyball Registration Deadline
14 - T-Ball/Softball Registration Begins
Half Pint Registration Begins
22 - Volleyball Games Begin

April - 2016
15 - T-Ball/Softball Registration Deadline
26 - T-Ball/Softball Games Begin
30 - HEALTHY KIDS DAY
Kid's Half Pint
Registration Begins for:
Flag Football
Cheerleading
Summer Mini Camps
Basketball
Outdoor Soccer
Kid's Half Pint

May - 2016
29 - Flag Football Registration Deadline
Cheerleading Registration Deadline

June - 2016
7 - Flag Football Games Begin
Cheerleading Games Begin
25 - Kid's Half Pint

July - 2016
1 - Basketball Registration Deadline
12 - Basketball Games Begin
29 - Outdoor Soccer Registration Deadline

August - 2016
9 - Outdoor Soccer Games Begin

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An offseason of changes

Short, Jones, Potts take over 1A programs with recent success

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Change is always a given whenever the Texas high school football season rolls around. New players, new expectations and occasionally new coaches contribute to all the excitement surrounding this time of year.

In advance of this season, a good portion of that change in the Permian Basin took place at the six-man level, with the arrival of new head coaches Chris Short, Jeff Jones and Pat Potts to Grady, Garden City and Rankin, respectively.

Short, who had coached at Eden since 2003, was hired this summer as the head coach at Grady and replaces the outgoing Chris Kuykendall, who left for a job at Oakwood. In addition to football, he'll also coach the Wildcat boys basketball team, which has been one of the strongest teams in the state over the last several years, under Thomas Clay, who left to take a job at Class 4A Krum.

Jones

Potts

Short

Handling two major sports can be a difficult task. But Short, who has experience doing double duty at some of his other coaching stops, said he's ready for it.

"It's been really good," Short said. "I'm getting to know all the kids. It's been a really positive experience for me."

Short is accustomed to living and coaching in small towns. Before he went to Eden in 2003, he had coached at Rochelle -- a town with a population of just a couple hundred people --from 1992-96 and was the Hornets' head coach for three of those seasons.

But he's particularly impressed with what he has seen at Grady so far.

"I really didn't know what to expect," Short said. "But they (the Grady players) have a great work ethic. These kids work really hard. We've got a lot of quickness and hopefully we can utilize that."

Grady has made the Class 1A playoffs in four of the last five seasons, but has had trouble advancing past the area round. Short said one of his goals as the new head coach is to get the Wildcats over that hump. Short added that he wants to put the football program on the same level as the boys basketball program.

"We've got to have leadership and we have several kids who can do that for us," Short said. "We need to continue to work hard on Friday nights and prove that we can be as successful at football as we are in other programs."

Meanwhile, Jones will take the reigns at Garden City after spending five years as the head coach at District 5-1A Division I rival Marfa. He replaced Matt Odom, who left to be the head football coach at Eden.

Over his five seasons with the Shorthorns, Jones experienced the program's shift from the 11-man game to the six-man game.

Jones said it's a refreshing feeling to move over to Garden City, as he has always admired the Bearkats program from afar.

"It feels good," Jones said. "It's a great school and a good community. There are a bunch of reasons besides the football as to why I came here. I've always wanted to be a part of this tradition, so when there was an opportunity for my family and I to move here, I jumped on it."

Jones became very familiar with the Bearkats in his time at Marfa. He said because of that, the Garden City players have been able to adjust to him more quickly as they too have a general sense of his coaching style and schemes.

"Practices have been going great," Jones said. "They (the Bearkats players) can see that the offense I ran at Marfa and the offense they run now is pretty much identical. It does help. They're all excited that I'm here and I feel the same way."

Jones added that he's really looking forward to his new team's home game against Marfa on Oct. 23.

"It's going to be great to see those kids again," Jones said. "I care about them very much. It was blood, sweat and tears for five years with those guys. Marfa is the district opener for us, so it's a big game. I hope Marfa does well this season."

And Pat Potts, who spent the previous eight seasons as an assistant at Rankin, will take over as the Red Devils' head coach for the 2015 season.

Potts said that over the last few days, he's had to adjust to a lot more responsibility as a head coach.

"You're in charge of everything," Potts, who also coaches the Rankin boys basketball team, said. "You've got to make sure that you're delegating responsibilities to people and not vice-versa. You've got to make sure everything runs smoothly."

As far as his goals for the Red Devils on the gridiron in his first year in charge, Potts said: "We want to be an up-tempo team and we're emphasizing 'no excuses.' We want them (the Rankin players) to grow and mature as men, to take ownership of what they do well and don't do well."

Added Potts: "I expect us to contend for a district championship and make a playoff run."

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Final 2014 Regular Season Area Football Standings

District 2-4A Division I Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct
Andrews	9	1	453	210	900
Clint	6	4	323	221	600
Fabens	6	4	196	215	600
Mountain View	3	7	156	289	300
San Elizario	3	7	231	308	300

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct
xy-Andrews	4	0	212	28	1.000
x-Clint	3	1	152	95	750
x-Fabens	2	2	82	114	500
x-Mountain View	1	3	45	135	250
San Elizario	0	4	84	175	000

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched outright district title

District 3-4A Division I Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct
Ab. Wylie	8	2	303	142	800
Big Spring	7	2	366	328	777
Stephenville	6	3	375	218	667
Brownwood	5	5	314	236	500
Snyder	2	8	217	378	200

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct
xy-Ab. Wylie	4	0	152	30	1.000
x-Big Spring	3	1	165	153	750
x-Stephenville	2	2	153	126	500
x-Brownwood	1	3	118	142	250
Snyder	0	4	46	187	000

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched outright district title

District 2-4A Division II Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct
Sweetwater	10	0	493	262	1.000
Monahans	6	4	386	258	600
Fort Stockton	5	5	282	218	500
Greenwood	5	5	191	243	500
Pecos	2	8	176	298	200
Lamesa	1	9	207	349	100

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct
xy-Sweetwater	5	0	239	89	1.000
x-Monahans	4	1	202	122	.800
x-Greenwood	3	2	96	93	600
x-Fort Stockton	2	3	114	91	400
Pecos	1	4	89	177	200
Lamesa	0	5	75	243	000

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched outright district title

District 3-3A Division II Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct
Coleman	10	0	426	104	1.000
Post	7	3	260	140	700
Coahoma	6	4	207	159	600
Colorado City	6	4	342	254	600
Ballinger	2	8	160	325	200
Stanton	2	8	155	337	200

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct
xy-Coleman	5	0	193	42	1.000
x-Post	4	1	108	53	.800
x-Colorado City	3	2	143	107	600
x-Coahoma	2	3	90	114	400
Ballinger	1	4	47	184	200
Stanton	0	5	69	187	000

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched outright district title
Last week's scores

District 3-2A Division I Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct
Ozona	8	2	350	207	800
Forsan	6	4	299	138	600
Christoval	4	6	301	263	400
McCamey	3	6	209	292	333
Anthony	0	8	27	383	000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct
xy-Ozona	4	0	191	64	1.000
x-Christoval	3	1	144	90	750
x-McCamey	2	2	133	109	500
Forsan	1	3	113	90	250
Anthony	0	4	00	228	000

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched outright district title

District 4-A Division I Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct
Borden Co	10	0	616	221	1.000
Klondike	6	4	457	359	600
Grady	5	4	506	335	555
O'Donnell	4	6	475	504	400

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct
xy-Borden Co.	3	0	92	30	1.000
x-Grady	2	1	140	109	667
Klondike	1	2	104	128	333
O'Donnell	0	3	134	153	000

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched outright district title

District 5-A Division I Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct
Rankin	7	3	478	427	700
Marfa	7	3	303	295	700
Garden City	7	3	561	250	700
Fort Davis	4	5	214	344	444

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct
xy-Garden City	2	1	160	72	.667
xy-Marfa	2	1	138	94	.667
y-Rankin	2	1	126	98	.667
Fort Davis	0	3	22	126	000

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched share of district title

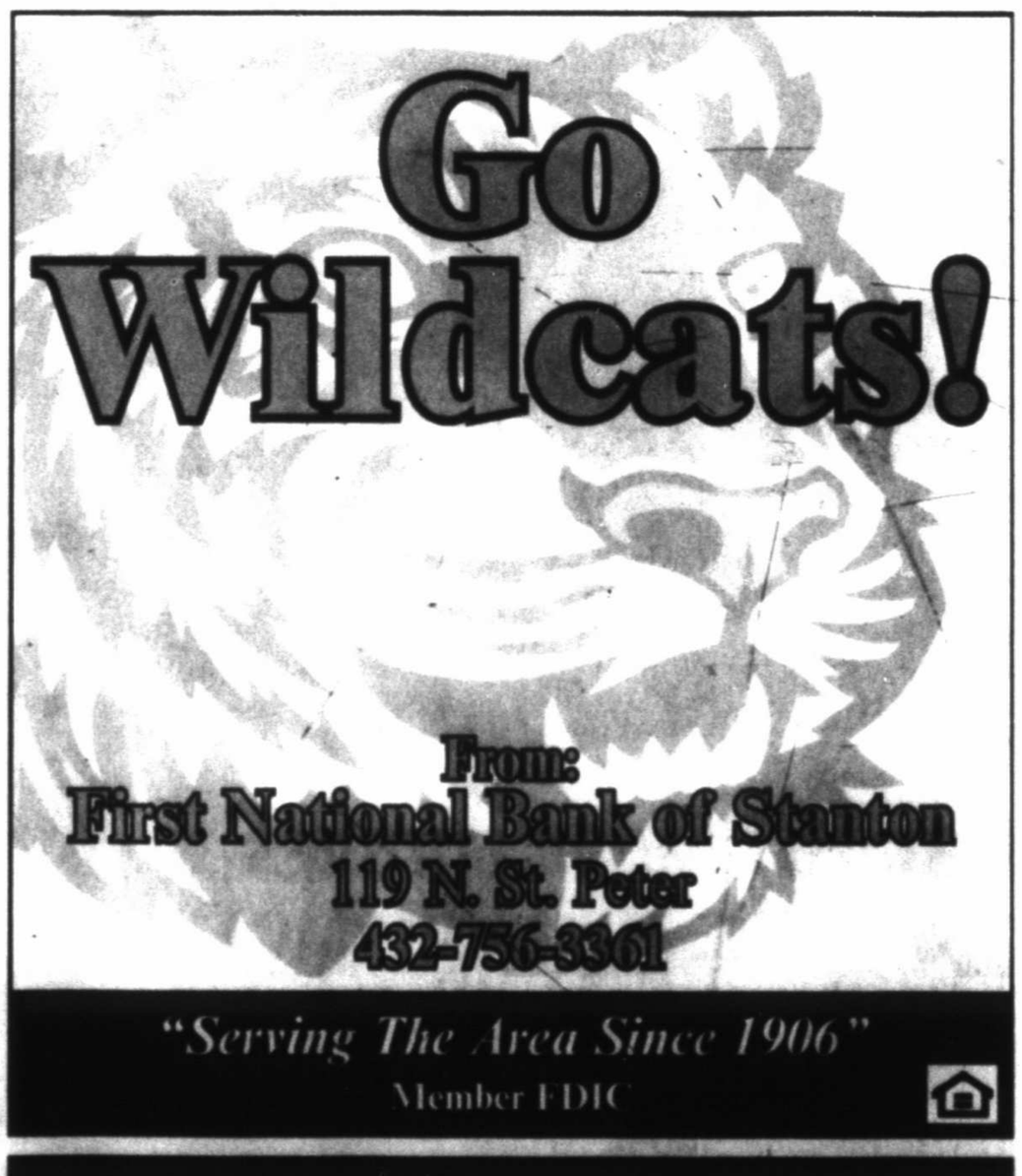
TAPPS Division I, District 1 Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Bishop Dunne	9	1	399	178	.900
Prestonwood	7	3	437	314	.700
Bishop Lynch	7	4	484	358	.636
Argyle Liberty	6	4	352	256	.600
Mid. Christ.	6	4	337	251	.600
Add. Trinity	5	5	476	399	.500
FW Nolan	3	7	204	276	.300
John Paul II	0	10	243	533	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
xy-Bishop Dunne	6	1	228	188	.857
x-Prestonwood	5	2	340	217	.714
x-Argyle Liberty	4	3	243	182	.571
x-Bishop Lynch	4	3	285	259	.571
x-Mid. Christ.	4	3	229	191	.571
Add. Trinity	3	4	261	274	.428
FW Nolan	2	5	159	216	.285
John Paul II	0	7	161	394	.000

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched outright district title



WILDCATS FAST FACTS

District: 4-1A Division I
Head coach: Chris Short, 1st year with Grady
2014 record: 6-5, 2-1 in District 4-1A Division I
Returning starters: 2 offense, 2 defense
Typical offense: Multiple formations
Typical defense: 3-2
Last playoff appearance: 2014, lost to Happy 60-36 in Class 1A area round
Enrollment: 63
Homecoming game: Sept. 25 vs. Water Valley
Rivalry game: Oct. 23 at Borden County
Home stadium: Tunnell Stadium, Lenorah

2015 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 28	Throckmorton	7 p.m.
Sept. 4	Ira	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	at Kingdom Prep Academy	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Rankin	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	Water Valley	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	at New Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	Garden City	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	at Borden County *	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	O'Donnell *	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 5	at Klondike *7:30 p.m.	

* Denotes District 4-1A Division I opponent

2014 Results

Regular season
Aug. 28 Throckmorton 36, Grady 22 (suspended by lightning)
Sept. 5 Ira 76, Grady 26
Sept. 12 Grady 66, Lubbock Kingdom Prep 20
Sept. 19 Grady 66, Rankin 36
Sept. 26 Water Valley 58, Grady 56
Oct. 3 Grady 76, New Home 30
Oct. 10 Garden City 56, Grady 26
Oct. 24 Borden County 52, Grady 24
Oct. 30 Grady 74, O'Donnell 24
Nov. 6 Grady 42, Klondike 33
Playoffs
Nov. 14 Bi-district, Grady 78, Ropes 62
Nov. 21 Area, Happy 60, Grady 36

2015 WILDCATS AT A GLANCE

OFFENSE

Strength: Versatility, several skill players

Weakness: Depth

Players to watch:

QB Kyle Garza, Sr. -- Talented dual threat quarterback, who started at the position last season.

RB/LB Devynn Smith, Jr. -- Will play a major role in the Wildcats' offense.

Coach Short on the offense: "My expectation is ball control, being very efficient and not turning the ball over."

DEFENSE

Strength: Intelligence, work ethic

Weakness: Not as athletic as years past, size

Players to watch:

LB/RB Devynn Smith, Jr. -- Could be Grady's best all-around athlete. Has a nose for the football.

Assistant coach Brent Lucas on the defense: "They're intelligent and coachable. We're not as fast or athletic as we've been so they have to make up for that by being smart."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Strength: Junior kicker Edrei Trejo

Weakness: Squib/onside kicking, depth

Coach Lucas on the special teams: "We have a few first-year varsity guys. They have some ability, but they need to believe in themselves now. That's all they're missing."

BEARKATS FAST FACTS

District: 5-1A Division I
Head coach: Jeff Jones, 1st year with Garden City (21-30 in five years overall)
2014 record: 8-4, 2-1 in District 5-1A Division I
Returning starters: 5 offense, 3 defense
Typical offense: Tight unbalanced
Typical defense: 3-3
Last playoff appearance: 2014, lost to Ira 70-22 in Class 1A area round
Enrollment: 88
Homecoming game: Sept. 18 vs. Highland
Rivalry game: Nov. 6 vs. Rankin
Home stadium: Bearkat Stadium, Rankin

2015 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 29	Zephyr	10 a.m.
Sept. 4	at Eden	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	Sterling City	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	Highland	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	at Balmorhea	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	at Robert Lee	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	at Grady	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	Marfa*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	at Fort Davis *	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	Rankin *	7:30 p.m.

* Denotes District 5-1A Division I opponent

2014 Results

Regular Season
Aug. 30 Garden City 52, Zephyr 6
Sept. 5 Garden City 75, Eden 14
Sept. 12 Sterling City 38, Garden City 28
Sept. 19 Garden City 70, Highland 42
Sept. 26 Garden City 80, Balmorhea 54
Oct. 3 Robert Lee 50, Garden City 40
Oct. 10 Garden City 56, Grady 26
Oct. 24 Marfa 50, Garden City 46
Oct. 31 Garden City 56, Fort Davis 0
Nov. 7 Bi-District, Garden City 58, Rankin 22
Playoffs
Nov. 14 Area, Garden City 64, Sterling City 16
Nov. 21 Regional, Ira 70, Garden City 22

2015 BEARKATS AT A GLANCE

OFFENSE

Strength: Quickness and work ethic

Weakness: Varsity inexperience at some positions

Players to watch

RB/DB Riley Eggemeyer, 5-10, 150, Jr. -- Extremely athletic playmaker who could see time at multiple positions including quarterback, where he threw for 418 yards and four TDs last season.

WR/DB Ethan Goodwin, Jr. -- Jones said that Goodwin is one of his top newcomers who could have an immediate impact as a wideout.

Coach Jones on the offense: "We're a run first team. We'll run some option and are looking for ground control."

DEFENSE

Strength: Quickness and work ethic

Weakness: Varsity inexperience

Players to watch

LB/RB Isaac Enriquez, 5-7, 150, Sr. -- will anchor a potentially strong linebacker corps. There's plenty of speed on the defense and Enriquez is one of its fastest players.

C/DE Hugo Almanzan, 6-0, 185, Sr. -- Almanzan returns to anchor both the offensive and defensive line. He brings a lot of experience to both units.

Coach Jones on the defense: "We've got more experience back on defense. The quickness there is amazing too."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Strength: Kicker Deyli Cruz

Weakness: Cruz' varsity inexperience

Coach Jones on the special teams: "Cruz can really boot the ball. Just watching him, he kicking them from 40-45 (yards) out last year before JV games. He might help us out this year."

RED DEVILS FAST FACTS

District: 5-1A Division I
Head coach: Pat Potts, 1st year with Rankin (first year overall as head coach)
2014 record: 7-3, 2-1 in District 5-1A Division I
Returning starters: 3 offense, 3 defense
Typical offense: Multiple formations
Typical defense: 4-2
Last playoff appearance: 2013, lost to Water Valley, 52-6, in Class 1A bi-district round
Enrollment: 60
Homecoming game: Sept. 18 vs. Grady
Rivalry game: Nov. 6 at Garden City
Home stadium: Red Devil Stadium, Rankin

2015 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 28	Balmorhea	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	at Trinity	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	Borden County	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	Grady	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	at Grandfalls-Royalty	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	Sterling City	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Sanderson	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	Fort Davis *	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	at Marfa *	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	at Garden City *	7:30 p.m.

* Denotes District 5-1A Division I opponent

2014 Results

Aug. 29 Rankin 95, Balmorhea 73
Sept. 5 Rankin 50, Trinity 36
Sept. 12 Borden County 54, Rankin 6
Sept. 19 Grady 66, Rankin 36
Sept. 26 Rankin 66, Grandfalls-Royalty 48
Oct. 10 Rankin 54, Sterling City 52
Oct. 17 Rankin 45, Sanderson 0
Oct. 24 Rankin 64, Fort Davis 14
Oct. 31 Rankin 40, Marfa 26
Nov. 7 Garden City 58, Rankin 22

2015 RED DEVILS AT A GLANCE

OFFENSE

Strength: Depth, several talented players

Weakness: Inexperience at some positions, size

BREAKING DOWN DISTRICT 4-A DIVISION I (In projected order of finish)

1. Borden County (11-1, 3-0 in district): The Coyotes lost a bit of the firepower that carried them to the Class A regional semifinals last season. Borden County only returns four offensive starters, but it's still the team to beat in this district and figures to be a lock for another playoff appearance. Watch out for junior star running back Corbin Sumner, who ran for 2,213 yards and 39 scores last season, as well as gunslinging junior quarterback Hunter Jones, who threw for 1,778 yards and 23 touchdowns through the air. This team should go 3-0 in district play once again.

2. Grady (6-5, 2-1 in district): Grady made a somewhat surprising run to the regional semifinals last season. This is a school that is well known for its basketball program, but it is working to earn a stronger reputation on the football field. The talent is there, even after losing nine letterman from last year's team. The Wildcats will rely on the likes of senior quarterback Kyle Garza and on the small, but shifty running back Alejandro Jimenez. For the fourth straight season, Grady's always important matchup with Klondike will round out the regular season. It's a good bet that the winner will be back in the playoffs and the loser will be back home watching.

3. Klondike (6-4, 1-2 in district): For now, Grady gets the edge over Klondike because of the fact that the Wildcats appear to be the more complete team with a better running game. Still, it's only a slight advantage and anything can happen once district play kicks off on Oct. 23. Quarterback Chris Arismendez and wideout William Barker should have the Cougars well positioned going into the season finale against Grady.

4. O'Donnell (4-6, 0-3 in district): The Eagles have quite the offensive duo in running back Donovan Pesina and scat back A.J. Rivas, who together, totaled 3,168 yards and 53 scores. Meanwhile, O'Donnell's defense returns completely intact. It remains to be seen if the Eagles can overtake either Grady or Klondike for a playoff spot. But don't expect them to fold during district season either. It's unlikely that this team goes 0-3 in district again this season.

BREAKING DOWN DISTRICT 5-A DIVISION I (In projected order of finish)

1. Marfa (7-4, 2-1 in district): The Shorthorns return more lettermen (19) than any other district team by a wide margin and that should bode very well for them this season. That signals a potentially major advantage in both depth and experience that should put Marfa on the inside track to a district title. This is a team headlined by a dangerous ground attack. Running back Albert Ramos piled up 1,280 yards and 16 touchdowns last season, while scatback Salvador Roman added 832 yards and 13 scores on the ground. Marfa likely won't roll to a district crown, but it should be the favorite.

2. Garden City (8-4, 2-1 in district): The Bearkats advanced to the regional semifinals last season but they'll only return seven players from the 2014 team. Garden City has a disciplined and skilled senior class but thanks to all the departed players from last season's team, it has several roles to fill and solidify. Junior quarterback and safety Riley Eggemeyer is the leader of this team and if he can build upon a solid sophomore season (27-59-418, four TDs passing), the Bearkats will be in the thick of the playoff race.

3. Rankin (7-3, 2-1 in district): Rankin got the short end of the stick in last year's three-way tie for the district title. So you can bet that the Red Devils will be out to prove something this season. Personnel wise, Rankin looks to be a bit shorthanded on offense, outside of running backs Michael Rodriguez and Jonathan Storie. Rodriguez ran for 950 yards and 20 scores on 97 carries and it's a mystery as to where points will come from outside of his production. Don't write off Rankin yet though.

4. Fort Davis (4-6, 0-3 in district): The Indians recovered from a winless 2013 season with a much better 4-6 campaign last year. Fort Davis has a very nice player in two-way running back Trent Whitesell (161-1,215, 17 TDs rushing and 66 tackles, eight sacks on defense). But will he get enough help? Six-foot-two quarterback Maverick McIvory is another player to watch but the Indians will begin the season on the outside of the playoff picture looking in.

Players to watch

RB/LB Michael Rodriguez, 5-9, 160, Sr. -- Last season, Rodriguez ran for 954 yards and 20 scores on 92 carries. He'll be the focal point of Rankin's attack this season.

QB Markus Black, 5-9, 165, So. -- Black will be under center this season for the Red Devils. He has a good arm but does not have much starting experience. How he progresses will be key.

Coach Potts on the offense: "With the kids we have, we're going to spread it out and put in space. We'll be a balanced offense."

DEFENSE

Strength: Depth, second string size

Weakness: Inexperience at some positions, youth

Players to watch

RB/LB Michael Rodriguez, 5-9, 160, Sr. -- He was also the team's leading tackler with 115 last season and will be just as important to Rankin's defense as he is to the offense.

Coach Potts on the defense: "We've got some kids that are new and need to fill big roles. We've got to have them step up and be big players on Friday nights."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Strength: Potential for strong return game

Weakness: Limited kicking game

Coach Potts on the special teams: "Michael (Rodriguez) will kick for us and he did a good job last year. Everything depends on the situation and so many things could happen."

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DISTRICT PREDICTIONS

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District 3-6A: 1. San Angelo Central; 2. Odessa Permian; 3. Abilene; 4. Midland High

District 2-4A Division I: 1. Andrews; 2. Clint; 3. Fabens; 4. Clint Mountain View

District 3-4A Division I: 1. Abilene Wylie; 2. Stephenville; 3. Big Spring; 4. Brownwood

District 2-4A Division II: 1. Sweetwater; 2. Monahans; 3. Greenwood; 4. Fort Stockton

District 3-3A Division II: 1. Coleman; 2. Post; 3. Colorado City; 4. Coahoma

District 3-2A Division I: 1. Ozona; 2. Christoval; 3. McCamey

District 4-1A Division I: 1. Borden County; 2. Grady

District 5-1A Division I: 1. Marfa; 2. Garden City

TAPPS Division I, District 1: 1. Plano Prestonwood; 2. Dallas Bishop Dunne; 3. Argyle Liberty Christian; 4. Midland Christian

TAPPS Six-Man Division I, District 1: 1. Trinity; 2. Watauga Harvest; 3. Rockwall Heritage

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STAFF PREDICTIONS

Oscar LeRoy

Best story: Trinity might have the ingredients to make a nice run in the TAPPS six-man Division I playoffs with four starters returning on each side of the ball off of last year's 10-2 team.

Team to watch: Andrews could be a team that could make the deepest run in the playoffs out of the area schools. The Mustangs should destroy everybody in District 2-4A Division I and they might have what it takes to get over the Big Spring hurdle.

Player to watch: Midland High defensive end Traver Vliem, a Sam Houston State commit, could be primed to have a monster year for the Bulldogs. With his commitment out of the way, Vliem will look to prove that he deserved some of the preseason accolades.

Game of the Year: Big Spring at Andrews on Oct. 2 could once again be a classic between the two rivals. Last year, Andrews won a 43-42 nailbiter during the regular season before the Steers got revenge in the area round of the playoffs with a 48-34 victory.

Coach of the Year: Midland Christian's Greg McClendon always brings the best out of his team. This season, his Mustangs could surprise some people playing in the ultra-tough TAPPS Division I District 1 as his team is motivated to show last year's fourth place showing was a fluke.

Will Korn

Best story: Odessa Permian's potential resurgence: Key losses to Central and Abilene High cost the Panthers the district title last season. You can bet that they'll be motivated to avenge those defeats and get back to the roots of their historic program.

Team to watch: Permian: 18 returning starters and most of the skill players are back from last year's 9-4 regional semifinalist team. Defensive back Des Smith is perhaps the district's top defensive player. The one major question is at quarterback with Trey Potter, who was a backup last season. But with all the offensive weapons, he should be able to make most of the throws on the field. If Potter can figure things out early, this could be a very dangerous team and a real threat for a deep playoff run.

Player to watch: RB Tony Jones, Sr., Lee: Jones could very well morph into the Rebels' best offensive player at some point this season. Possessing plenty of talent, he also has the speed and size to make an instant impact after an impressive showing as the JV running back. He may not carry Lee to the playoffs, but he could turn into a special player this season in his senior year.

Game of the Year: Permian vs. San Angelo Central, Nov. 6. On the surface, this appears to be the potential district title game. Central is loaded, but the Panthers will be in search of payback. Expect a close, physical battle between two very good and pumped up teams for 48 minutes.

Coach of the Year: Del Van Cox, Abilene High: Van Cox has some sizable shoes to fill after long time head coach Steve Warren retired. He's got plenty of experience as the Eagles' offensive coordinator but he takes the reigns of a team that lost half of its 22 starting players from last season. Still, AHS has enough to get into the playoffs for the 16th time in the last 17 years. Continuing the program's playoff streak would be a great first accomplisment for Van Cox and would be worthy of the honor.

Christopher Hadorn

Best story: How does Midland Christian adapt to year two in the loaded TAPPS Division I-District 1? Last year MCS had a lackluster 7-5 season by its standards and head coach Greg McClendon said his boys are hungry to show they are better. The Mustangs have the coaching, the offensive ingenuity, the athletes and a mammoth offensive line to surprise in this district of state powers.

Team to watch: Odessa Permian, fresh off a regional semifinal appearance, welcomes back eight starters on offense and 10 starters on defense. The Panthers have arguably the best player in the Permian Basin with Texas State-bound cornerback Des Smith. The pressing question here is how Trey Potter will fare at quarterback after making one start in 2014?

Player to watch: Midland High junior wide receiver Courtney McMaryion burst on the scene as a sophomore with 705 receiving yards, seven touchdown receptions and averaged an eye-popping 28.7 yards per reception. With a young MHS offense that's growing and finding its way, McMaryion is the type of playmaker that could cover up for some of its deficiencies by delivering long yardage plays.

Game of the Year: District 3-6A couldn't end its slate with more than a dandy than with Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central on Nov. 6. The district title could be at stake as the Panthers will try to upend a Bobcats squad that reloaded with TCU-bound quarterback Brennen Wooten, a transfer from Marble Falls.

Coach of the Year: Andrews head coach Ralph Mason has the difficult chore of keeping his Mustangs motivated and on top of their game as they manuever through a challenging non-district schedule and then go through a much weaker District 2-4A Division I slate, which they blew through by an average margin of victory of 45 points in 2014. Following the regular season, Andrews will see a steep rise in competition, but this could be the year that Mason gets his Mustangs past Big Spring and onto the regional semifinal round of the playoffs.

Terry Williamson

Best story: The 19-year era of Steve Warren is over at Abilene High. Now we look on with great interest at the new era of Del Van Cox. Where will this lead the highly successful War Eagles?

Team to watch: Midland Christian has been the dominant show in the Permian Basin for a few years now, but get set for the arrival of the Trinity Chargers, a private school making some noise on the six-man level.

Player to watch: Odessa Permian defensive back Des Smith is a top 300 recruit and may be the best athlete in District 3-6A. If not, he's at least fun to watch.

Game of the Year: San Angelo Central will host Odessa Permian on Nov. 6 in a season-ending shootout that will most likely decide the district championship.

Coach of the Year: Brent Davis of San Angelo Central or Mojo coach Blake Feldt. It depends on who wins the SAC-Permian game on Nov. 6.

John Tee

Best story: I honestly don't know that much about the intricacies of high school football, as I'm more of a college fan. However, I've been hearing a lot about how Odessa Permian is resurgent. As a guy whose first exposure to the Permian Basin was "Friday Night Lights," I do remember hearing a lot about an absolutely dominant Odessa Permian. If that happens again, that's going to be an ... interesting story.

Team to watch: Refer to the above paragraph. San Angelo Central should also be pretty solid. I also think that after last season, we might have to watch the Lee Rebels. I personally think the teams that did really poorly last season will be some of the hungriest this season. And I'm betting coach Morton and his Rebs are pretty hungry.

Player to watch: I'll have to go with Tony Jones from Lee. Apparently, he led Lee's JV team to a 9-1 record last season, so that could translate to an immediate impact for varsity this season. I know it was JV that he performed exceptionally well in and that this is a tough district, but if he rises to the challenge ... well, that's why we're watching him.

Game of the Year: San Angelo Central playing Odessa Permian on Nov. 6 is my pick. You have these two very high-caliber teams playing for what might decide the district championship. It'll either be a massive shootout or a massive slugfest. Either way, it's going down. To a guy like me, that sounds like Godzilla fighting King Kong in this one 1962 movie.

Coach of the Year: I'll go with Midland Christian's Greg McClendon. He's been a mainstay in the Basin long enough that he's actually coached several friends of mine. He'll probably have a stellar or at the very least a solid season.

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