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Orbital Outfitters prepares to install new chambers

Facility's new pressure chambers estimated to cost $3.3 million

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The new Orbital Outfitters building at Midland Air & Space Port has received one of its more expensive — and fragile — pieces of equipment: a two-person pressure chamber.

The chamber, which is 6 feet in diameter and weighs 6,500 pounds, will give the company the ability to test its suits in near-vacuum before being sent into space, according to Will McCarren, head of business development. The hypobaric chamber is one of three that will be installed in the chamber room at Orbital Outfitters.

Hypobaric chambers pull air out of a space, creating a near-vacuum that mimics high altitudes, allowing for testing of equipment that eventually will be used in vehicles such as XCOR Aerospace's Lynx space plane, he said.

A second, smaller chamber will be used for testing equipment and components.

The third chamber is the biggest at 17 feet long, 8 feet in diameter and weighing more than 25,000 pounds. The cabin chamber, made of 2-inch-thick acrylic, can hold up to eight people sitting down and two people standing up. McCarren said that the large chamber, scheduled to arrive in August, will allow Orbital Outfitters to place scale models of the Lynx's cockpit into a near-vacuum environment and test how the spacesuits interact with the vehicle.

"That's really something that no other facility in the world would be capable of doing," he said.

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Three-vehicle rollover wreck

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Both westbound lanes of Interstate 20 were shut down Saturday while emergency personnel worked to clear a three-vehicle rollover wreck west of the Midkiff Road overpass. The wreck, which occurred about 12:45 p.m., involved a truck towing a trailer, an SUV and a semi-truck, according to city spokeswoman Sara Bustilloz. The truck-trailer was traveling eastbound on I-20 when the trailer became disconnected, causing both vehicles to roll across the median into oncoming traffic near mile marker 134. The SUV was traveling westbound, and when the driver took evasive action, the SUV hit the semi, which ended up in a ditch on the north side of westbound I-20, Bustilloz said. One person was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening, she said. The investigation continued late Saturday night.

Target to be remodeled; updates include Starbucks

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The Target store on North Midland Drive will be remodeled beginning next month, and the updates will include a Starbucks, according to Orion Peter, executive team leader of human resources.

The remodeling will bring the store more in line with newer Target locations, Peter said. While he did not know the age of the store, he said that he has employees who have worked at the store for decades.

"It is something that's been planned for quite some time now prior to the H-E-B over by Sam's (Club)," Peter said, referencing a planned new H-E-B at Andrew's Highway and Loop 250.

The store will remain open during the remodeling, which should be complete by mid-October. The Starbucks is planned to be opened by the end of August, he said.

Some products might be in a different place in the store while work is being done, but Peter did not expect there to be any product loss.

"There are going to be teams of people in here that are moving shelves around, putting in new fixtures and things like that," Peter said. "It'll be virtually a 24-hour process where we have a team in here doing something overnight, a team in here doing something during the day."

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Fasken's Vineyard development on time

■ Third office building under construction, two more pending; housing delayed a year

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Four years after Fasken Oil and Ranch unveiled The Vineyard, its master planned community, the company's plans continue coming to fruition.

In addition to Fasken's own headquarters, two office buildings in its Office Park at The Vineyard have been built. Building No. 1 is occupied by SM Energy and Building No. 3 by Cudd Energy. Construction on Building No. 5 is underway with completion expected in November.

"We have half of the building leased and a number of prospects" for the remaining space, said Bill Skeen, multifamily development manager with Fasken.

That leaves two buildings in the planned five-building development. Skeen said SM Energy has an option to build Building No. 2 and Building No. 4 will be built "depending on leasing activity."

While Fasken is following the master plan and timeline set out several years ago, the company is also taking a conservative approach to the development, he said.

Crude prices have declined sharply and oilfield activity declined significantly since Fasken unveiled its 1,000-acre community on two sections of its C Ranch, but that has not affected plans for the office park, Skeen said.

"So far, based on the prospects we're talking to, there's been no change," he said.

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Scenes from construction of the new XCOR facility near Midland International Air & Space Port are shown Friday. The new Orbital Outfitters building at Midland Air & Space Port has received one of its more expensive — and fragile — pieces of equipment: a two-person pressure chamber. ***Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram***

CHAMBERS

From 1A

Ken Doyle, a design and test engineer for Holder Aerospace — the company contracted to build the chambers — said that the chambers' acrylic makeup gives a full view of what is going on inside as the chambers become depressurized, while most chambers are made of steel and have limited visibility through side ports. An 8-inch-wide pipe in each of the chambers will allow for near instantaneous depressurization, which will be instrumental in their testing.

"If your pressurized cabin fails suddenly with some mechanical failure, you want your spacesuit to take over right away," Doyle said. "We call that our hammer test."

He said they'll also be able to pressurize up and down "at a reasonable rate."

McCarren estimated that the chamber room will cost $3.3 million; Orbital Outfitters' entire facility will be $5.5 million. The structure will include a manufacturing area to build their Industrial Suborbital Spacesuit (IS3), which will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to McCarren.

The chamber room will have an observation platform for individuals who are monitoring those being tested. In the event of a suit failure, the monitors will be able to repressurize the chamber.

Orbital Outfitters' suits are not made like those worn by astronauts who are selected for a mission, McCarren said.

"(NASA picks) the astronauts to fit the suits that they're building," he said. "We don't have that luxury. You have essentially an infinite size customer base, and you've got to figure out the most cost-effective way to develop these expensive items that can be adjustable and still give the person the performance and the fit that they require."

He said the spacesuits are a safety mechanism, like airbags, that he believes are necessary — though he hopes they will never have to be used.

"Whenever you've designed a vehicle, and you've gone to what they call a shirtsleeve environment, or you've gone away from using suits, they've always lost people and then been forced to going back to using suits," McCarren said.

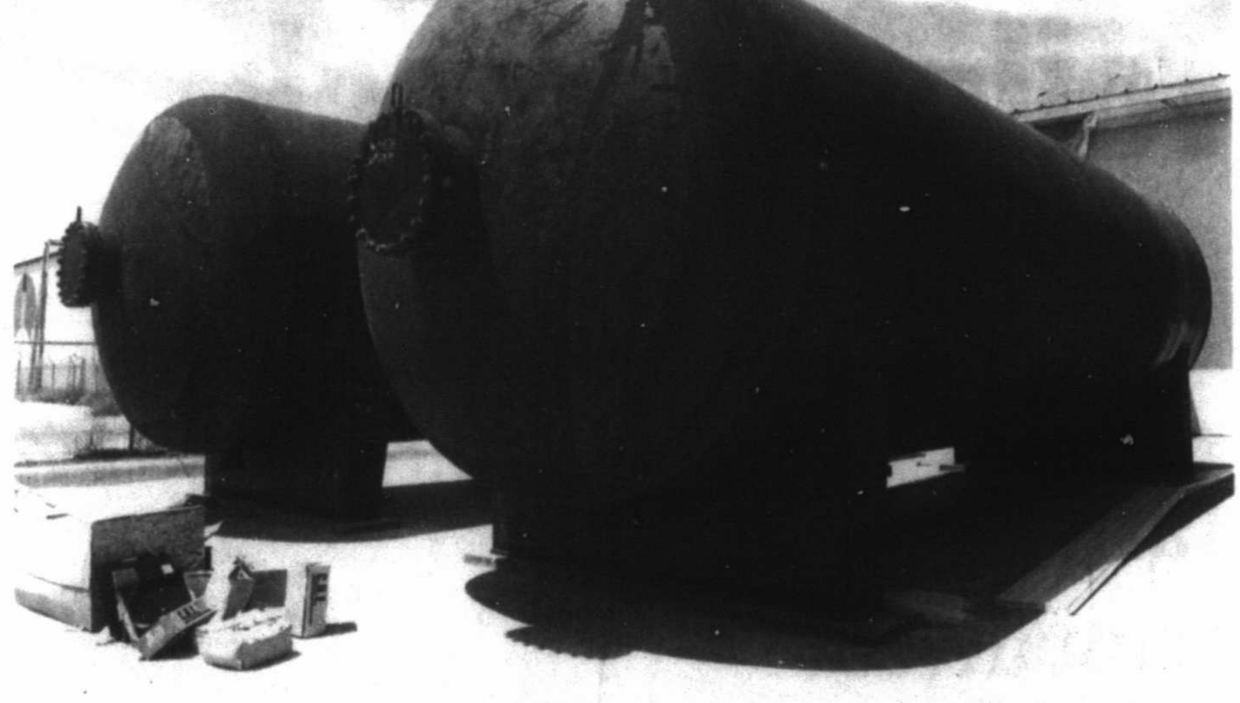
High-altitude flight comes with many risks, and a loss of cabin pressure without protection can be extremely dangerous, if not fatal.

"You don't want to be exposed to a near vacuum without any type of a suit because you'll have all types of problems," McCarren said. "Basically, above 63,000 feet, at body temperature, fluids actually boil."









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Drop in oil prices will only slightly lower Texas growth rate

THE ECONOMIST



By M. Ray Perryman

For several years, Texas has been leading the way in economic growth, with the state and its metropolitan areas ranking among the strongest performing in the nation. The oil surge was a key reason for this strength, with companies and communities across the state benefitting from the entire industry spectrum: drilling to headquarters operations to service companies and everything in between. With the sharp decline in oil prices and resulting scaling back in the industry, the Texas economy has been affected. I recently took a close look at what's going on and what we can expect going forward. Here are a few highlights from my updated economic forecast for Texas given lower oil prices.

Looking out over five years, average annual growth is only slightly lower. Over the 2014 to 2019 period, I'm now estimating that the state will add almost 1.2 million net new jobs, a 1.91 percent compound annual growth rate. Real gross product is likely to expand at a 3.97 percent yearly pace, for an increase of $321.4 billion over the next five years. This level of growth exceeds the national rate, even though lower oil (and, hence, lower fuel) prices will have a modest positive effect on the U.S. economy.

To put this growth outlook in perspective, I'll compare it to expectations in our forecast from last fall. As I prepared those projections, oil prices had backed off of the $100 per barrel level where they had been for several years, but were still much higher than they are now. Between the end of July and late November 2014, crude oil prices fell from about $100 to $75 per barrel. Given that situation, our baseline forecast called for the addition of 1.3 million jobs from 2014 through 2019, a 2.13 percent rate of growth, and gains in real gross product of $352.3 billion (4.34% growth).

In January 2015, crude prices dipped below $45, stayed in the $40-$50 range for several months, and are now about $60 per barrel. The inevitable result of cutting the price by half (or more on some days) has been a sharp decline in drilling activity. Oil and gas exploration and production is not a huge source of direct employment, with only about 300,000 of the 12 million people working in Texas employed directly in the sector. However, jobs in the industry tend to pay well, capital investments are large, productivity levels are high, and multipliers are significant. Reductions in activity in the industry therefore leads to relatively larger economic fallout than that observed in other sectors.

The timeframe I'm seeing as notably different in terms of economic performance is the next couple of years. This year, we are estimating that Texas will add only about 171,000 jobs (rather than the 284,000 projected under a higher oil price situation like we had in the fall). The pace of growth will pick up fairly soon again after that, but a residual effect remains. Looking at the 2014-2019 span, job growth in Texas comes in at a pace just under 240,000 net new positions per year in our latest projections, rather than the 267,000 per year pace we had been expected. On average over the next five years, we're coming out only about 10 percent behind the original projections, though the pattern in intervening years is quite different.

Real gross product tells a similar story, with expected growth during 2015 down from $71.1 billion in the old model run to $36.8 billion in the update. It takes a little more time for momentum to build enough to get the yearly growth rates back up to what I had expected last fall, but in the last couple of years of our forecast horizon, I think growth will begin to exceed what I had projected before (though remain lower over the five-year span).

While the rate of expansion has certainly slowed over the past few months and I'm feeling a little less bullish on the Texas economy than I was with oil at $75-$100 per barrel, it still represents relatively healthy performance. It's not the 400,000 jobs per year of 2014, the level is consistent with the growth the state was seeing before the recent spurt in energy activity, but will still keep Texas on a modest growth trend.

Energy has not been the only source of growth in Texas; the state economy was growing nicely even before the energy surge, and I don't think the state economy is likely to experience a prolonged setback given the oil price decline. How rapidly the pace of growth gains momentum depends on how low oil prices go and how long they stay there. As I've discussed in prior columns, the difficulty in predicting when oil prices will turn around is that a key determining factor right now is political, not economic. Oil prices at $45 (or even $65) per barrel are below the sustainable long-term equilibrium level, and it is highly unlikely that they will stay in that range for an extended period of time. Once prices recover, drilling activity in Texas will trend upward, with faster economic growth the inevitable result.

High oil prices certainly gave the state (and, in particular, regions with strong energy ties) an economic boost, but other industries continue to expand nicely even now that oil prices have fallen. While our economic growth pace may not be as rapid as it has been, Texas remains a fundamentally strong economy.

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Give your money something specific to do when you have it

ASK DAVE



Dave Ramsey, financial expert

DEAR DAVE: My wife and I are in our twenties. We have no debt and $50,000 in the bank. Our income is $90,000 a year, and we're cautious to live on less than we make. Still, we can't seem to get motivated to make a budget. How can we get inspired to do this? — *Isaac*

DEAR ISAAC: Two of the biggest motivators we have are pain and pleasure. Financially, you guys don't have any pain. You're killing it! So, we're going to have to figure out something associated with pleasure.

I think you need to look for something bigger than money to push you. You guys need to ask yourselves, "What are we saving for?" On a bigger scale, ask yourselves, "What can we do with this money?"

It sounds to me like you both realize money can't be the goal. And that's a good thing. You guys are obviously smart, gifted people. I'm sure you have ideas and goals, dreams and desires. Talk about them and write them down. By doing this, you'll be taking the first steps toward making these things reality. When you have something specific that you want money to do, it gives you a reason to make it behave.

God calls us to manage well the resources He gives us, so that we're able to do good things for His kingdom and His people. Broke people can't give, so my advice would be to use your talents and resources for the good of others.

DEAR DAVE: My husband and I work and live in an RV. The vehicle is paid for, and I'd like to upgrade to a larger one, but that would mean taking out a $30,000 loan. We have $30,000 in savings, including our emergency fund, and we make $55,000 a year. What are your thoughts? — *Renee*

DEAR RENEE: I think what you're doing with your lives is kind of cool. But I can't advise financing something that will go down in value as quickly as an RV. I wouldn't even do it on the basis that it's going to be your primary residence.

Let's look at things from a different angle. First of all, I think your emergency fund is a little high. I recommend three to six months of expenses, and on a household income of $55,000, holding $20,000 in reserve would be a lot. If you kept $15,000 in the bank, that would leave you with $15,000. If you're talking about a $30,000 upgrade, you'd only need to save up another $15,000.

See where I'm going with this? With a little patience and planning, you can have your upgrade in the not-too-distant future and still have the peace of mind that goes with knowing you have a reasonable emergency fund sitting in the bank!

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Redevelopment of Warfield Truck Stop underway

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A major redevelopment is underway at the former Warfield Truck Stop at Interstate 20 and FM 1788.

Owner Petroleum Wholesale LP demolished the Warfield Truck Stop and Warfield Restaurant and is building a 41,000-square-foot 24-hour Travel Center expected to open in early August.

"We've owned Warfield for 20 years and it's been very successful for us, but it was tired and outdated — parts of it were 40 years old and needed to go," said John Cook, president and chief executive officer of Petroleum Wholesale.

The new Warfield will contain a 24-hour Ace Hardware, 24-hour Carquest Auto Parts, a full-service convenience store and a discount grocery. The food court will include a Steak-n-Shake, a Subway and a Texas barbecue restaurant.

The interior of the new building will be designed to evoke the heritage of the region and will include many historic photos of Midland and the surrounding area, the company said.

On adjoining property, Petroleum Wholesale is building an RV park with 162 spaces. Among the amenities at the RV park will be a dog run, washers and dryers, sewer and water hook-ups, cable and Internet.

What makes the project unique is its 24-hour availability, Cook said.

"It is definitely the first travel center to present the community with 24-hour access. You don't see auto parts and hardware stores available 24 hours a day," he said.

Cook estimated that Warfield's business is equally divided between local residents and people traveling along Interstate 20.

The fuel site will be expanded and offer gasoline, diesel and compressed natural gas/liquefied natural gas.

Petroleum Wholesale is also renovating a motel as part of the project. The renovated motel will have eight rooms, each measuring 24x20.

The project, 18 months in the planning, will pretty much fill the 24 acres Petroleum Wholesale owns at that intersection, Cook said.

The company also has begun a similar project at its travel center in Wickett, southwest of Midland in Ward County. Cook reported it will include a True Value hardware store, Steak-n-Shake, Subway and grocery store. Another project will soon get underway in San Simon, Arizona, he said. Yet another travel center will be renovated in Vado, New Mexico.

"We think this is a great opportunity and we're glad to bring the convenience to local residents and travelers," Cook said.

Online listings lead to vacation rental scams

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Renting someone else's home, condo or apartment can be a fun alternative to staying in a hotel or motel. In the digital age, it is easy to connect directly with property owners who advertise their vacation homes online. However, it is also easy to fall victim to rental scams.

Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin warns of scammers who sometimes see vacation plans as an opportunity to rip off consumers. Scammers create online rental listings that contain appealing photos to attract renters. Bait-and-switch is when the scammer shows consumers a home that isn't actually available, and at the last minute changes the location to a less appealing property. The phony landlord then collects an up-front deposit, leaving the vacationer to find out they have been cheated when they show up at the address. In many cases, the address is fake or the property looks nothing like the photos online.

In 2014, BBB received hundreds of consumer complaints nationwide regarding vacation rentals. Most complaints reported issues with advertising, refund and exchange and customer service. Because online advertising can be deceiving, visit websites that offer secure payment solutions, visitor comment sections and rating systems. BBB warns consumers to look out for these red flags:

■ The photography shows a perfect home. Don't be fooled by photography. Scammers will post beautiful photos of homes and condos, some real and some fake. It may be a good idea to ask for additional photos — an honest landlord will always have them.

■ The deal sounds too good to be true. Scammers will often list rentals at a very low price to lure victims. Find out how comparable listings are priced. If the rental comes in suspiciously low, consider walking away.

■ The landlord is located elsewhere and prefers to communicate via email. Scammers get you this way because often times you won't live within a distance to visit the property and check it out. If they avoid talking on the phone or sound like they live in another country, that's a red flag.

■ They ask for a wire transfer or cash. Never pay with cash. The preferred methods of payment among criminals are cash and wire transfer. Use a credit card instead, as most will allow you to recover money you lose to fraud.

To protect yourself from fake classified ads, BBB recommends the following:

■ Research the owner. Search online for the owner and listing with words like review, scam or complaint. You may find comments from others who have labeled this listing as a rip-off. If you find the same ad listed under a different name or with different contact information, it may be a scam.

■ Get a copy of the contract before you send any deposit money. Check that the address of the property really exists. If the property is located in a resort, call the front desk and confirm the location of the property and other details on the contract.

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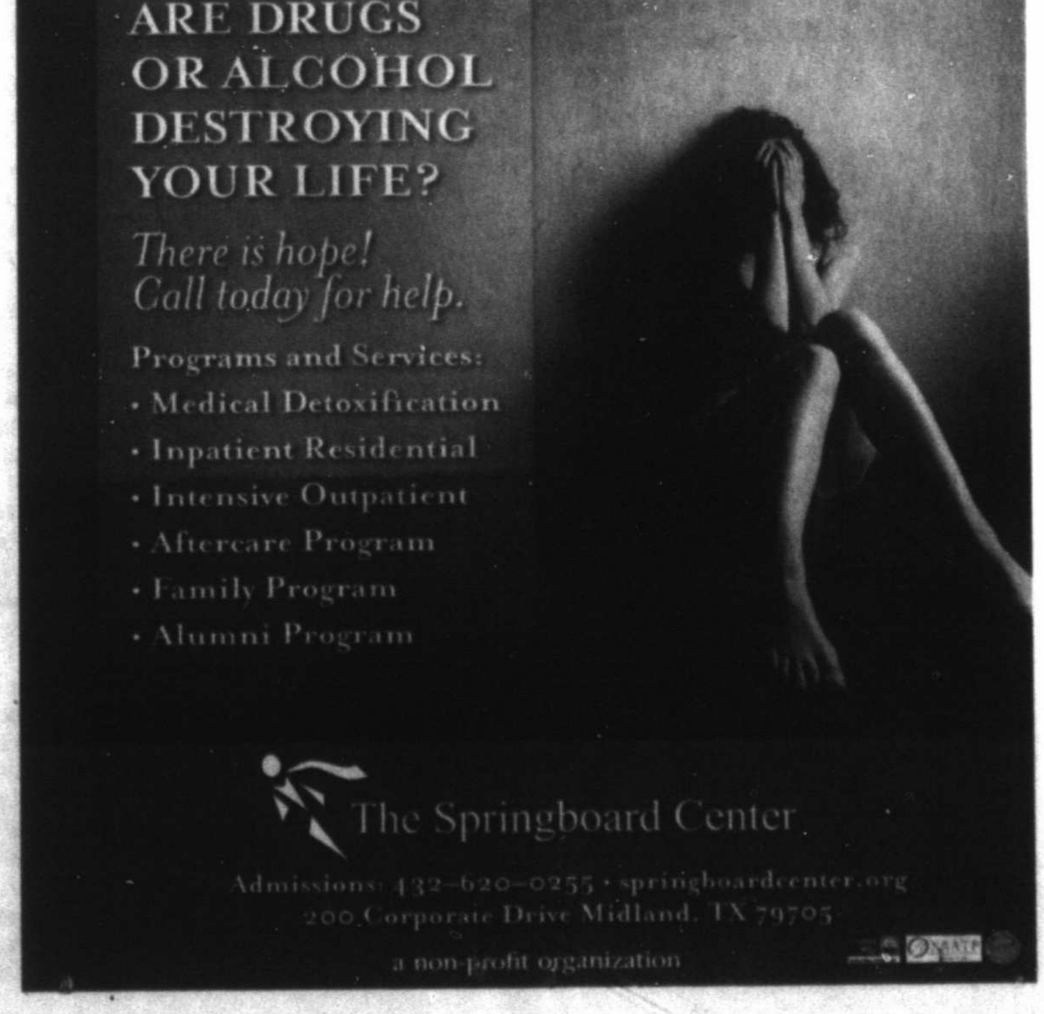
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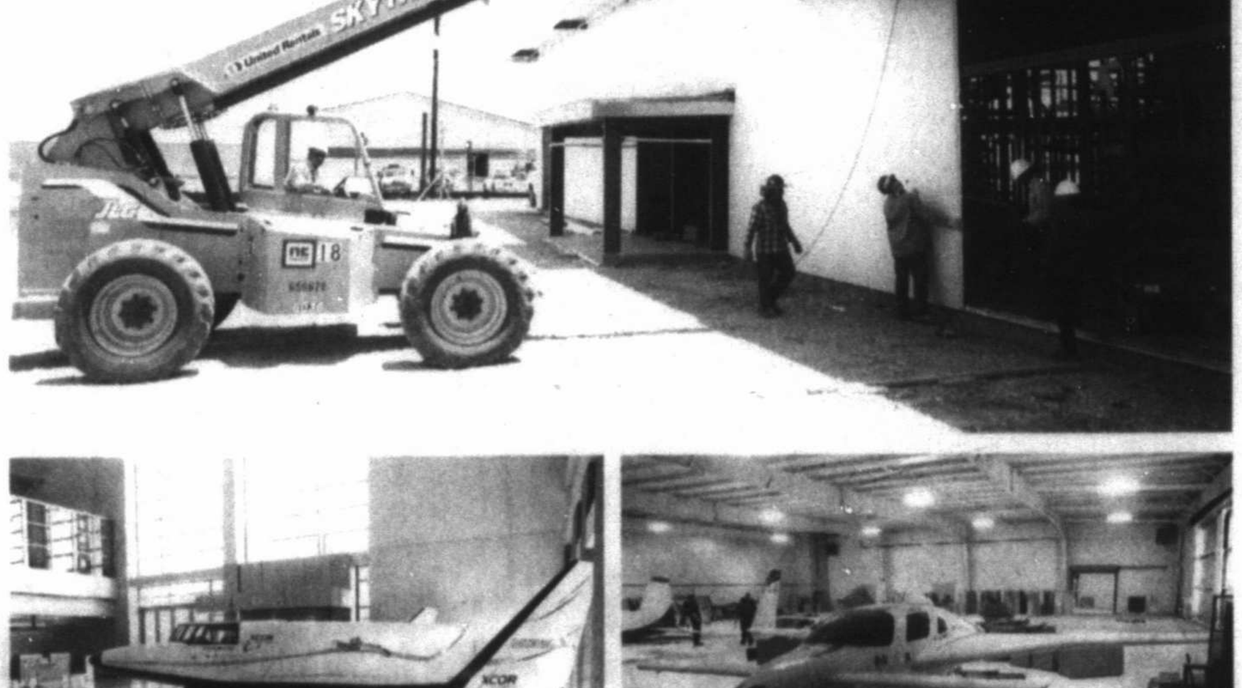
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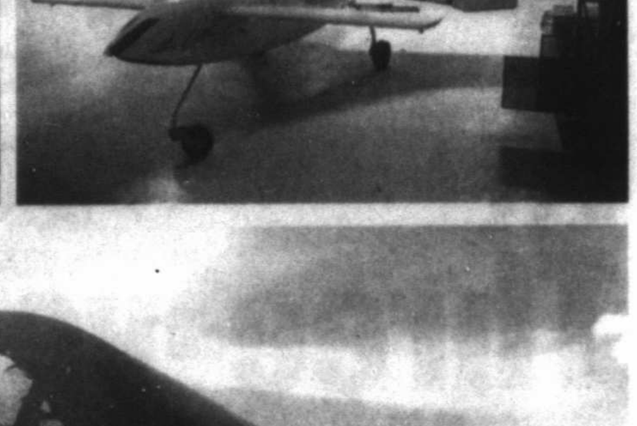
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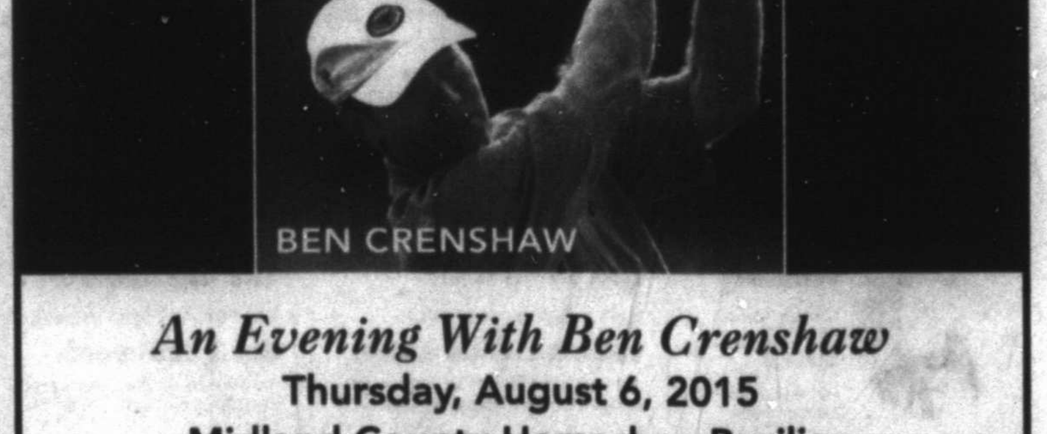








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In January 2015, crude prices dipped below $45, stayed in the $40-$50 range for several months, and are now about $60 per barrel. The inevitable result of cutting the price by half (or more on some days) has been a sharp decline in drilling activity. Oil and gas exploration and production is not a huge source of direct employment, with only about 300,000 of the 12 million people working in Texas employed directly in the sector. However, jobs in the industry tend to pay well, capital investments are large, productivity levels are high, and multipliers are significant. Reductions in activity in the industry therefore leads to relatively larger economic fallout than that observed in other sectors.

The timeframe I'm seeing as notably different in terms of economic performance is the next couple of years. This year, we are estimating that Texas will add only about 171,000 jobs (rather than the 284,000 projected under a higher oil price situation like we had in the fall). The pace of growth will pick up fairly soon again after that, but a residual effect remains. Looking at the 2014-2019 span, job growth in Texas comes in at a pace just under 240,000 net new positions per year in our latest projections, rather than the 267,000 per year pace we had been expected. On average over the next five years, we're coming out only about 10 percent behind the original projections, though the pattern in intervening years is quite different.

Real gross product tells a similar story, with expected growth during 2015 down from $71.1 billion in the old model run to $36.8 billion in the update. It takes a little more time for momentum to build enough to get the yearly growth rates back up to what I had expected last fall, but in the last couple of years of our forecast horizon, I think growth will begin to exceed what I had projected before (though remain lower over the five-year span).

While the rate of expansion has certainly slowed over the past few months and I'm feeling a little less bullish on the Texas economy than I was with oil at $75-$100 per barrel, it still represents relatively healthy performance. It's not the 400,000 jobs per year of 2014, the level is consistent with the growth the state was seeing before the recent spurt in energy activity, but will still keep Texas on a modest growth trend.

Energy has not been the only source of growth in Texas; the state economy was growing nicely even before the energy surge, and I don't think the state economy is likely to experience a prolonged setback given the oil price decline. How rapidly the pace of growth gains momentum depends on how low oil prices go and how long they stay there. As I've discussed in prior columns, the difficulty in predicting when oil prices will turn around is that a key determining factor right now is political, not economic. Oil prices at $45 (or even $65) per barrel are below the sustainable long-term equilibrium level, and it is highly unlikely that they will stay in that range for an extended period of time. Once prices recover, drilling activity in Texas will trend upward, with faster economic growth the inevitable result.

High oil prices certainly gave the state (and, in particular, regions with strong energy ties) an economic boost, but other industries continue to expand nicely even now that oil prices have fallen. While our economic growth pace may not be as rapid as it has been, Texas remains a fundamentally strong economy.

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Give your money something specific to do when you have it

ASK DAVE



Dave Ramsey, financial expert

DEAR DAVE: My wife and I are in our twenties. We have no debt and $50,000 in the bank. Our income is $90,000 a year, and we're cautious to live on less than we make. Still, we can't seem to get motivated to make a budget. How can we get inspired to do this? — *Isaac*

DEAR ISAAC: Two of the biggest motivators we have are pain and pleasure. Financially, you guys don't have any pain. You're killing it! So, we're going to have to figure out something associated with pleasure.

I think you need to look for something bigger than money to push you. You guys need to ask yourselves, "What are we saving for?" On a bigger scale, ask yourselves, "What can we do with this money?"

It sounds to me like you both realize money can't be the goal. And that's a good thing. You guys are obviously smart, gifted people. I'm sure you have ideas and goals, dreams and desires. Talk about them and write them down. By doing this, you'll be taking the first steps toward making these things reality. When you have something specific that you want money to do, it gives you a reason to make it behave.

God calls us to manage well the resources He gives us, so that we're able to do good things for His kingdom and His people. Broke people can't give, so my advice would be to use your talents and resources for the good of others.

DEAR DAVE: My husband and I work and live in an RV. The vehicle is paid for, and I'd like to upgrade to a larger one, but that would mean taking out a $30,000 loan. We have $30,000 in savings, including our emergency fund, and we make $55,000 a year. What are your thoughts? — *Renee*

DEAR RENEE: I think what you're doing with your lives is kind of cool. But I can't advise financing something that will go down in value as quickly as an RV. I wouldn't even do it on the basis that it's going to be your primary residence.

Let's look at things from a different angle. First of all, I think your emergency fund is a little high. I recommend three to six months of expenses, and on a household income of $55,000, holding $20,000 in reserve would be a lot. If you kept $15,000 in the bank, that would leave you with $15,000. If you're talking about a $30,000 upgrade, you'd only need to save up another $15,000.

See where I'm going with this? With a little patience and planning, you can have your upgrade in the not-too-distant future and still have the peace of mind that goes with knowing you have a reasonable emergency fund sitting in the bank!

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Redevelopment of Warfield Truck Stop underway

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A major redevelopment is underway at the former Warfield Truck Stop at Interstate 20 and FM 1788.

Owner Petroleum Wholesale LP demolished the Warfield Truck Stop and Warfield Restaurant and is building a 41,000-square-foot 24-hour Travel Center expected to open in early August.

"We've owned Warfield for 20 years and it's been very successful for us, but it was tired and outdated — parts of it were 40 years old and needed to go," said John Cook, president and chief executive officer of Petroleum Wholesale.

The new Warfield will contain a 24-hour Ace Hardware, 24-hour Carquest Auto Parts, a full-service convenience store and a discount grocery. The food court will include a Steak-n-Shake, a Subway and a Texas barbecue restaurant.

The interior of the new building will be designed to evoke the heritage of the region and will include many historic photos of Midland and the surrounding area, the company said.

On adjoining property, Petroleum Wholesale is building an RV park with 162 spaces. Among the amenities at the RV park will be a dog run, washers and dryers, sewer and water hook-ups, cable and Internet.

What makes the project unique is its 24-hour availability, Cook said.

"It is definitely the first travel center to present the community with 24-hour access. You don't see auto parts and hardware stores available 24 hours a day," he said.

Cook estimated that Warfield's business is equally divided between local residents and people traveling along Interstate 20.

The fuel site will be expanded and offer gasoline, diesel and compressed natural gas/liquefied natural gas.

Petroleum Wholesale is also renovating a motel as part of the project. The renovated motel will have eight rooms, each measuring 24x20.

The project, 18 months in the planning, will pretty much fill the 24 acres Petroleum Wholesale owns at that intersection, Cook said.

The company also has begun a similar project at its travel center in Wickett, southwest of Midland in Ward County. Cook reported it will include a True Value hardware store, Steak-n-Shake, Subway and grocery store. Another project will soon get underway in San Simon, Arizona, he said. Yet another travel center will be renovated in Vado, New Mexico.

"We think this is a great opportunity and we're glad to bring the convenience to local residents and travelers," Cook said.

Online listings lead to vacation rental scams

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Renting someone else's home, condo or apartment can be a fun alternative to staying in a hotel or motel. In the digital age, it is easy to connect directly with property owners who advertise their vacation homes online. However, it is also easy to fall victim to rental scams.

Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin warns of scammers who sometimes see vacation plans as an opportunity to rip off consumers. Scammers create online rental listings that contain appealing photos to attract renters. Bait-and-switch is when the scammer shows consumers a home that isn't actually available, and at the last minute changes the location to a less appealing property. The phony landlord then collects an up-front deposit, leaving the vacationer to find out they have been cheated when they show up at the address. In many cases, the address is fake or the property looks nothing like the photos online.

In 2014, BBB received hundreds of consumer complaints nationwide regarding vacation rentals. Most complaints reported issues with advertising, refund and exchange and customer service. Because online advertising can be deceiving, visit websites that offer secure payment solutions, visitor comment sections and rating systems. BBB warns consumers to look out for these red flags:

■ The photography shows a perfect home. Don't be fooled by photography. Scammers will post beautiful photos of homes and condos, some real and some fake. It may be a good idea to ask for additional photos — an honest landlord will always have them.

■ The deal sounds too good to be true. Scammers will often list rentals at a very low price to lure victims. Find out how comparable listings are priced. If the rental comes in suspiciously low, consider walking away.

■ The landlord is located elsewhere and prefers to communicate via email. Scammers get you this way because often times you won't live within a distance to visit the property and check it out. If they avoid talking on the phone or sound like they live in another country, that's a red flag.

■ They ask for a wire transfer or cash. Never pay with cash. The preferred methods of payment among criminals are cash and wire transfer. Use a credit card instead, as most will allow you to recover money you lose to fraud.

To protect yourself from fake classified ads, BBB recommends the following:

■ Research the owner. Search online for the owner and listing with words like review, scam or complaint. You may find comments from others who have labeled this listing as a rip-off. If you find the same ad listed under a different name or with different contact information, it may be a scam.

■ Get a copy of the contract before you send any deposit money. Check that the address of the property really exists. If the property is located in a resort, call the front desk and confirm the location of the property and other details on the contract.

For consumer information, BBB Business Reviews, to schedule a guest speaker or to file a complaint, visit Better Business Bureau online at bbb.org. To find or report scams in your area, check out BBB's Scam Tracker on bbb.org/central-texas.

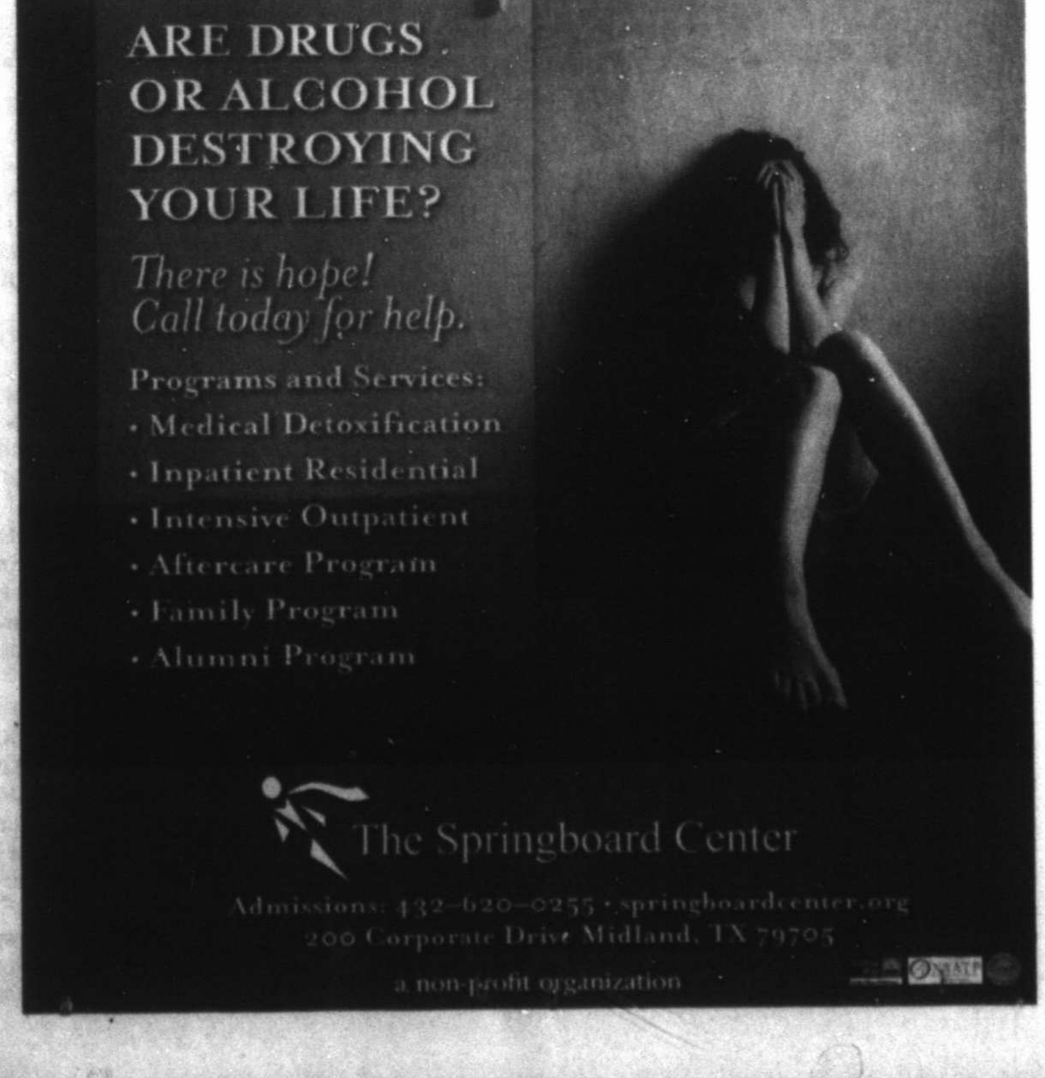
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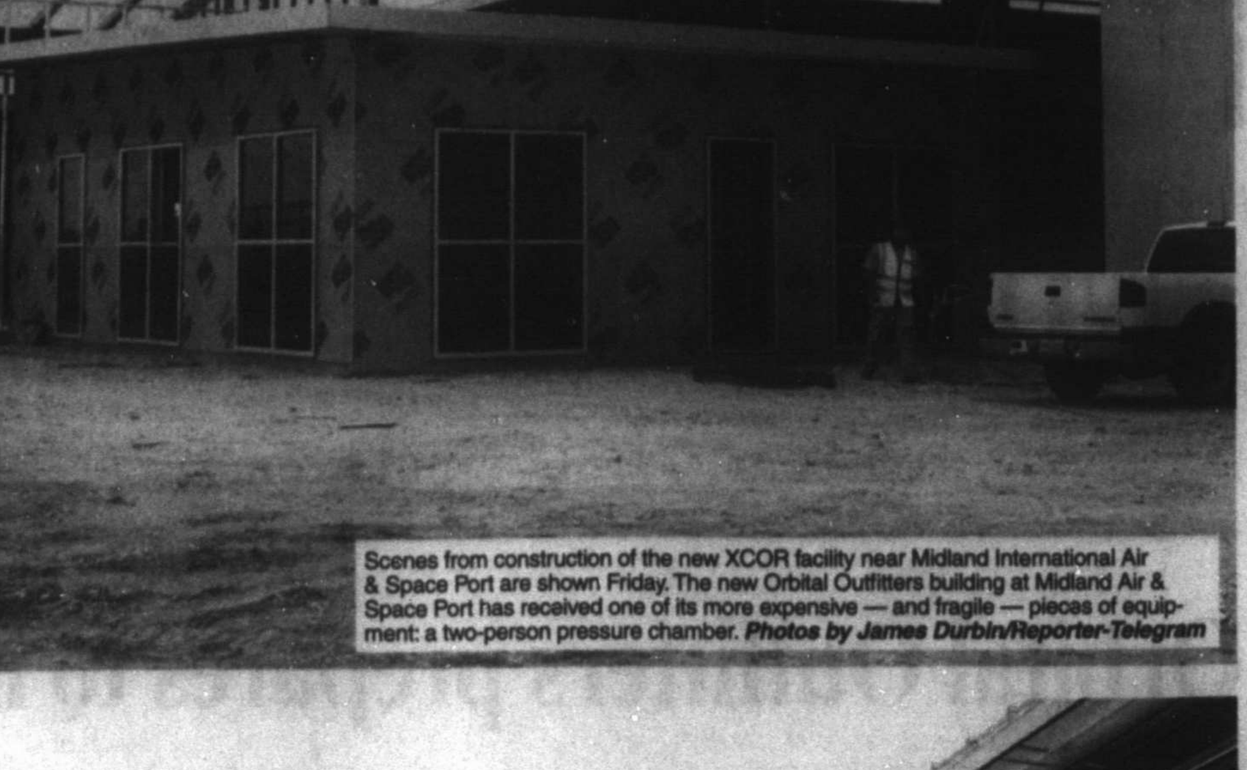
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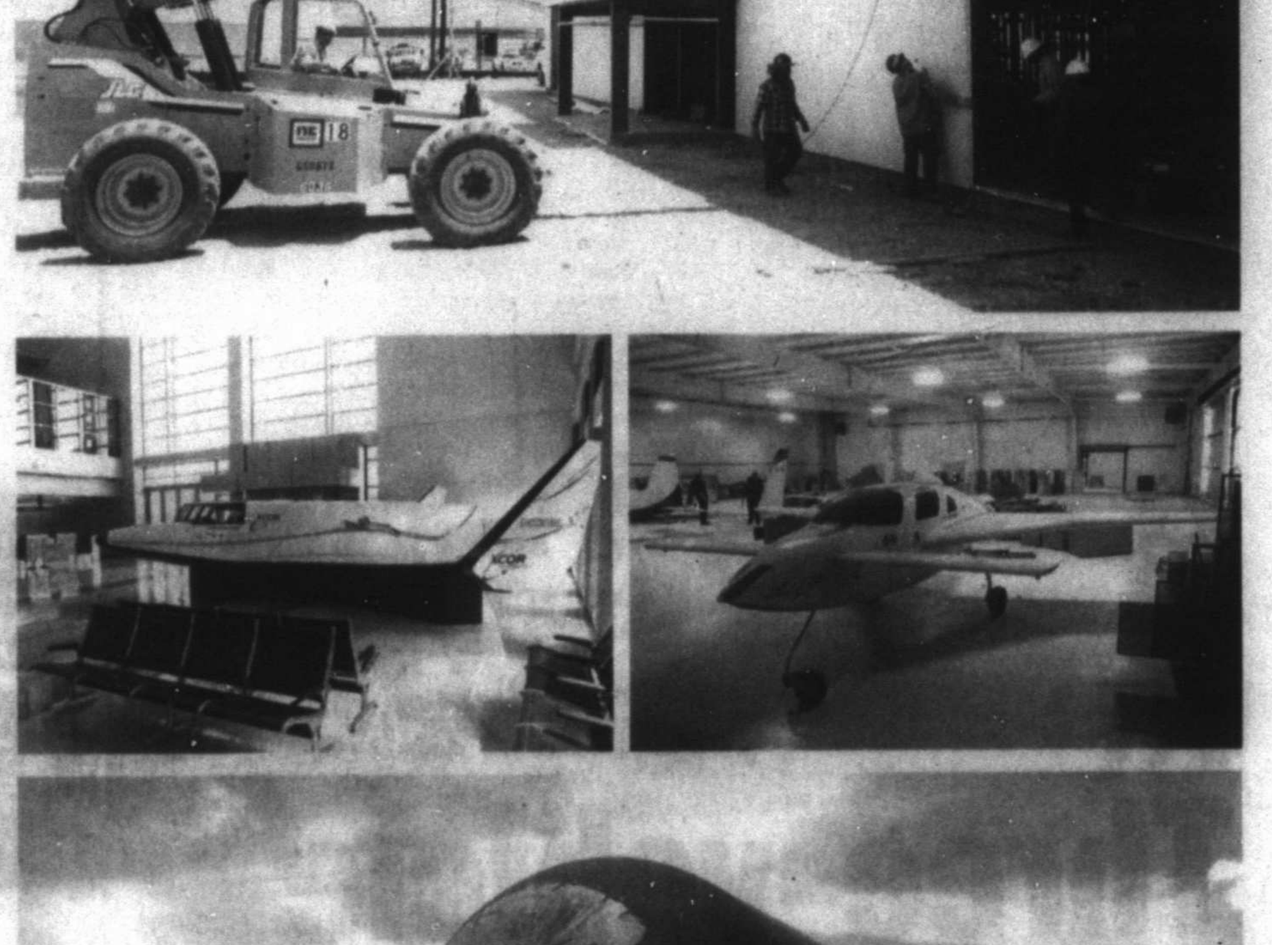
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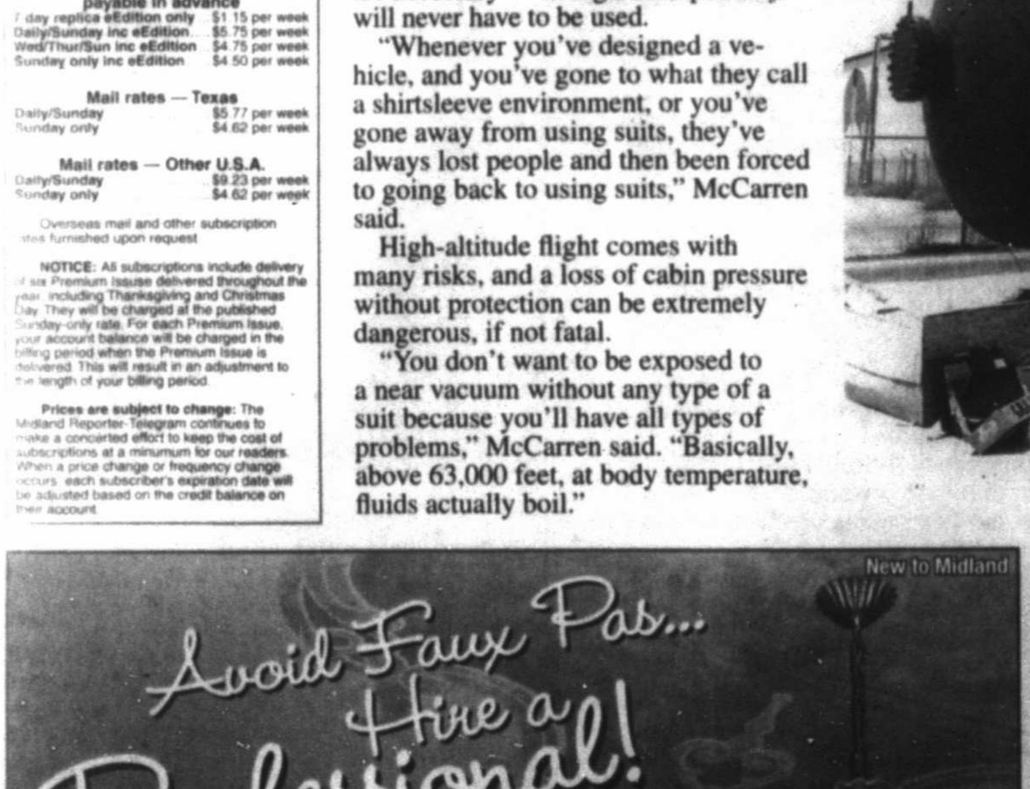






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Redevelopment of Warfield Truck Stop underway

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A major redevelopment is underway at the former Warfield Truck Stop at Interstate 20 and FM 1788.

Owner Petroleum Wholesale LP demolished the Warfield Truck Stop and Warfield Restaurant and is building a 41,000-square-foot 24-hour Travel Center expected to open in early August.

"We've owned Warfield for 20 years and it's been very successful for us, but it was tired and outdated — parts of it were 40 years old and needed to go," said John Cook, president and chief executive officer of Petroleum Wholesale.

The new Warfield will contain a 24-hour Ace Hardware, 24-hour Carquest Auto Parts, a full-service convenience store and a discount grocery. The food court will include a Steak-n-Shake, a Subway and a Texas barbecue restaurant.

The interior of the new building will be designed to evoke the heritage of the region and will include many historic photos of Midland and the surrounding area, the company said.

On adjoining property, Petroleum Wholesale is building an RV park with 162 spaces. Among the amenities at the RV park will be a dog run, washers and dryers, sewer and water hook-ups, cable and Internet.

What makes the project unique is its 24-hour availability, Cook said.

"It is definitely the first travel center to present the community with 24-hour access. You don't see auto parts and hardware stores available 24 hours a day," he said.

Cook estimated that Warfield's business is equally divided between local residents and people traveling along Interstate 20.

The fuel site will be expanded and offer gasoline, diesel and compressed natural gas/liquefied natural gas.

Petroleum Wholesale is also renovating a motel as part of the project. The renovated motel will have eight rooms, each measuring 24x20.

The project, 18 months in the planning, will pretty much fill the 24 acres Petroleum Wholesale owns at that intersection, Cook said.

The company also has begun a similar project at its travel center in Wickett, southwest of Midland in Ward County. Cook reported it will include a True Value hardware store, Steak-n-Shake, Subway and grocery store. Another project will soon get underway in San Simon, Arizona, he said. Yet another travel center will be renovated in Vado, New Mexico.

"We think this is a great opportunity and we're glad to bring the convenience to local residents and travelers," Cook said.

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■ The landlord is located elsewhere and prefers to communicate via email. Scammers get you this way because often times you won't live within a distance to visit the property and check it out. If they avoid talking on the phone or sound like they live in another country, that's a red flag.

■ They ask for a wire transfer or cash. Never pay with cash. The preferred methods of payment among criminals are cash and wire transfer. Use a credit card instead, as most will allow you to recover money you lose to fraud.

To protect yourself from fake classified ads, BBB recommends the following:

■ Research the owner. Search online for the owner and listing with words like review, scam or complaint. You may find comments from others who have labeled this listing as a rip-off. If you find the same ad listed under a different name or with different contact information, it may be a scam.

■ Get a copy of the contract before you send any deposit money. Check that the address of the property really exists. If the property is located in a resort, call the front desk and confirm the location of the property and other details on the contract.

For consumer information, BBB Business Reviews, to schedule a guest speaker or to file a complaint, visit Better Business Bureau online at bbb.org. To find or report scams in your area, check out BBB's Scam Tracker on bbb.org/central-texas.

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Scenes from construction of the new XCOR facility near Midland International Air & Space Port are shown Friday. The new Orbital Outfitters building at Midland Air & Space Port has received one of its more expensive — and fragile — pieces of equipment: a two-person pressure chamber. *Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram*

CHAMBERS

From 1A

Ken Doyle, a design and test engineer for Holder Aerospace — the company contracted to build the chambers — said that the chambers' acrylic makeup gives a full view of what is going on inside as the chambers become depressurized, while most chambers are made of steel and have limited visibility through side ports. An 8-inch-wide pipe in each of the chambers will allow for near instantaneous depressurization, which will be instrumental in their testing.

"If your pressurized cabin fails suddenly with some mechanical failure, you want your spacesuit to take over right away," Doyle said. "We call that our hammer test."

He said they'll also be able to pressurize up and down "at a reasonable rate."

McCarren estimated that the chamber room will cost $3.3 million; Orbital Outfitters' entire facility will be $5.5 million. The structure will include a manufacturing area to build their Industrial Suborbital Spacesuit (IS3), which will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to McCarren.

The chamber room will have an observation platform for individuals who are monitoring those being tested. In the event of a suit failure, the monitors will be able to repressurize the chamber.

Orbital Outfitters' suits are not made like those worn by astronauts who are selected for a mission, McCarren said.

"(NASA picks) the astronauts to fit the suits that they're building," he said. "We don't have that luxury. You have essentially an infinite size customer base, and you've got to figure out the most cost-effective way to develop these expensive items that can be adjustable and still give the person the performance and the fit that they require."

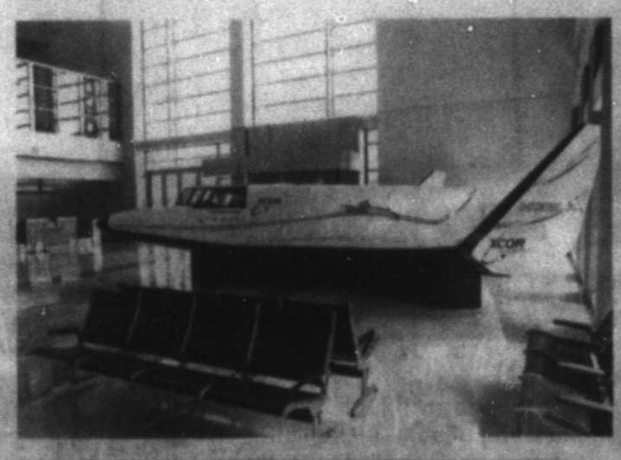
He said the spacesuits are a safety mechanism, like airbags, that he believes are necessary — though he hopes they will never have to be used.

"Whenever you've designed a vehicle, and you've gone to what they call a shirtsleeve environment, or you've gone away from using suits, they've always lost people and then been forced to going back to using suits," McCarren said.

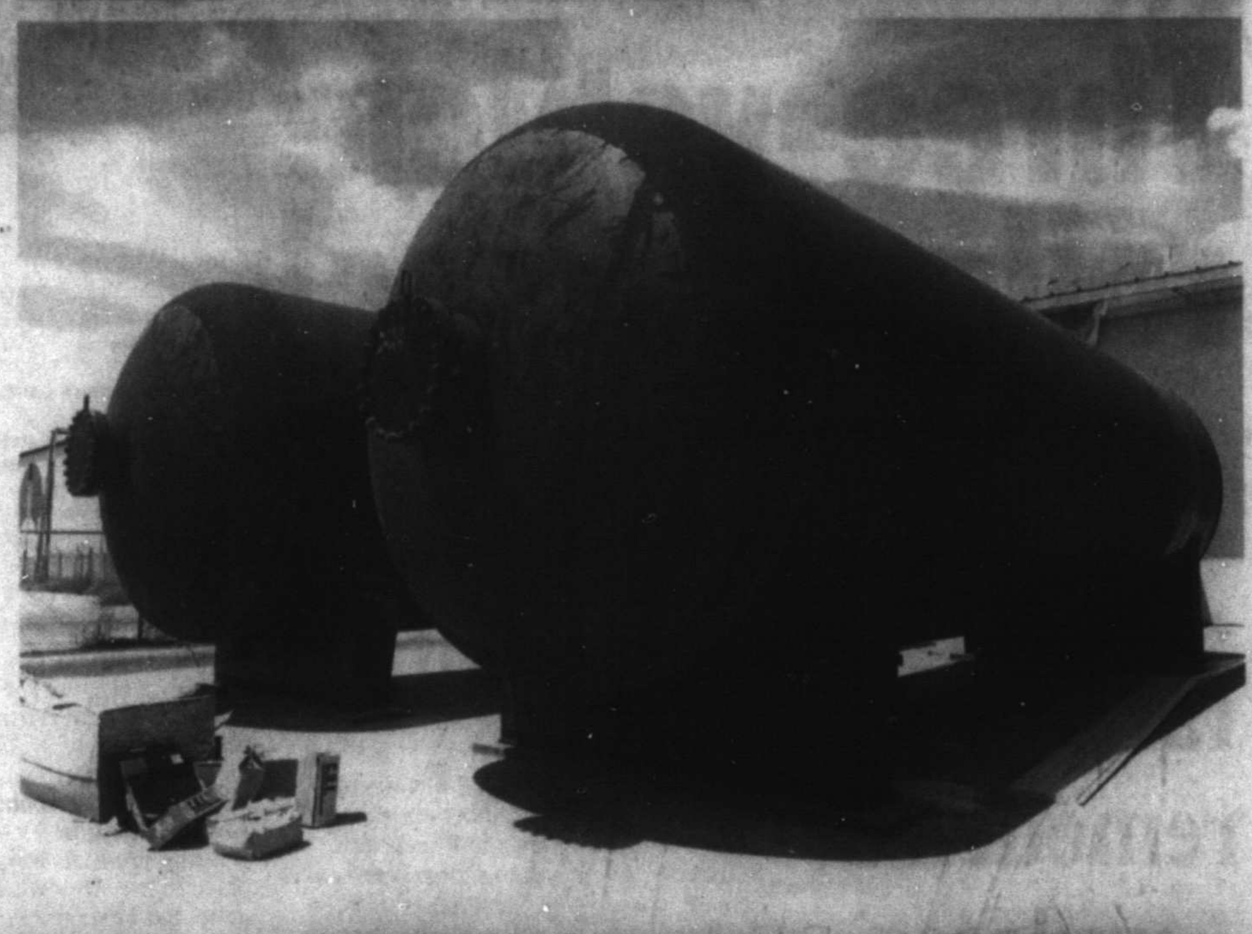
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"You don't want to be exposed to a near vacuum without any type of a suit because you'll have all types of problems," McCarren said. "Basically, above 63,000 feet, at body temperature, fluids actually boil."









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Drop in oil prices will only slightly lower Texas growth rate

THE ECONOMIST



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For several years, Texas has been leading the way in economic growth, with the state and its metropolitan areas ranking among the strongest performing in the nation. The oil surge was a key reason for this strength, with companies and communities across the state benefitting from the entire industry spectrum: drilling to headquarters operations to service companies and everything in between. With the sharp decline in oil prices and resulting scaling back in the industry, the Texas economy has been affected. I recently took a close look at what's going on and what we can expect going forward. Here are a few highlights from my updated economic forecast for Texas given lower oil prices.

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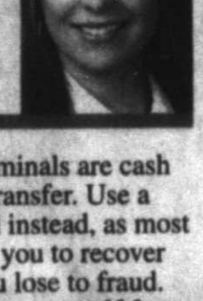
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■ The landlord is located elsewhere and prefers to communicate via email. Scammers get you this way because often times you won't live within a distance to visit the property and check it out. If they avoid talking on the phone or sound like they live in another country, that's a red flag.

■ They ask for a wire transfer or cash. Never pay with cash. The preferred methods of payment among criminals are cash and wire transfer. Use a credit card instead, as most will allow you to recover money you lose to fraud.

To protect yourself from fake classified ads, BBB recommends the following:

■ Research the owner. Search online for the owner and listing with words like review, scam or complaint. You may find comments from others who have labeled this listing as a rip-off. If you find the same ad listed under a different name or with different contact information, it may be a scam.

■ Get a copy of the contract before you send any deposit money. Check that the address of the property really exists. If the property is located in a resort, call the front desk and confirm the location of the property and other details on the contract.

For consumer information, BBB Business Reviews, to schedule a guest speaker or to file a complaint, visit Better Business Bureau online at bbb.org. To find or report scams in your area, check out BBB's Scam Tracker on bbb.org/central-texas.

Redevelopment of Warfield Truck Stop underway

By Mella McEwen
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A major redevelopment is underway at the former Warfield Truck Stop at Interstate 20 and FM 1788.

Owner Petroleum Wholesale LP demolished the Warfield Truck Stop and Warfield Restaurant and is building a 41,000-square-foot 24-hour Travel Center expected to open in early August.

"We've owned Warfield for 20 years and it's been very successful for us, but it was tired and outdated — parts of it were 40 years old and needed to go," said John Cook, president and chief executive officer of Petroleum Wholesale.

The new Warfield will contain a 24-hour Ace Hardware, 24-hour Carquest Auto Parts, a full-service convenience store and a discount grocery. The food court will include a Steak-n-Shake, a Subway and a Texas barbecue restaurant.

The interior of the new building will be designed to evoke the heritage of the region and will include many historic photos of Midland and the surrounding area, the company said.

On adjoining property, Petroleum Wholesale is building an RV park with 162 spaces. Among the amenities at the RV park will be a dog run, washers and dryers, sewer and water hook-ups, cable and Internet.

What makes the project unique is its 24-hour availability, Cook said.

"It is definitely the first travel center to present the community with 24-hour access. You don't see auto parts and hardware stores available 24 hours a day," he said.

Cook estimated that Warfield's business is equally divided between local residents and people traveling along Interstate 20.

The fuel site will be expanded and offer gasoline, diesel and compressed natural gas/liquefied natural gas.

Petroleum Wholesale is also renovating a motel as part of the project. The renovated motel will have eight rooms, each measuring 24x20.

The project, 18 months in the planning, will pretty much fill the 24 acres Petroleum Wholesale owns at that intersection, Cook said.

The company also has begun a similar project at its travel center in Wickett, southwest of Midland in Ward County. Cook reported it will include a True Value hardware store, Steak-n-Shake, Subway and grocery store. Another project will soon get underway in San Simon, Arizona, he said. Yet another travel center will be renovated in Vado, New Mexico.

"We think this is a great opportunity and we're glad to bring the convenience to local residents and travelers," Cook said.

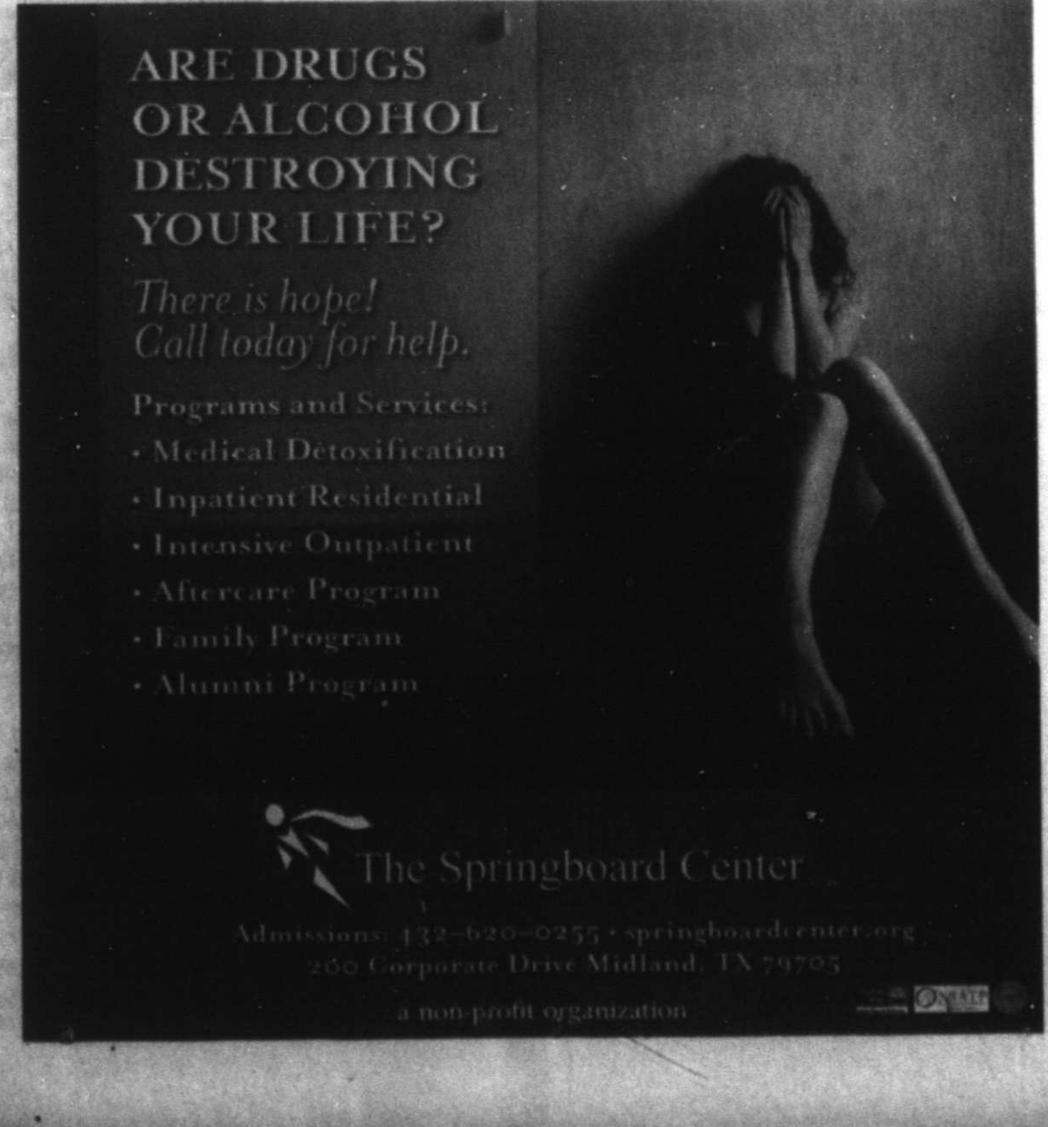
BUILDING PERMITS

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2208 N. Loop 250 W.	Commercial Alteration
5300 W. Wadley Ave.	Commercial Addition
610 E. Florida Ave.	Commercial Alteration
405 E. Indiana Ave	Fence
1707 S. Colorado St.	Fence
5701 Champions Drive	Swimming Pool
5408 Alysheba Lane	Swimming Pool
4319 Tanner Drive	Residential Addition
305 Tanglewood Drive	Residence-Detached
1112 E. Nobles Ave.	Residential Alteration
1322 E. Cuthbert Ave.	Residence-Detached
929 Edwards St.	Residence-Detached
3702 Dentcrest Drive	Residence-Detached
5306 Balfour Court	New Residence
1507 Cherry Lane	Residential Addition
2409 Briaroaks Court	New Residence
1208 Randolph Lane	New Residence
1707 S. Colorado St.	Residence-Detached
5012 Melville Drive	Residence-Detached
1100 W. Washington Ave.	New Residence
6910 Redbud Court	New Residence
6900 Redbud Court	New Residence
1211 Red River Lane	New Residence
6712 Spur Drive	New Residence
6707 Cowboy Drive	New Residence
1201 Red River Lane	New Residence
1206 Randolph Lane	New Residence
1221 Red River Lane	New Residence
1506 Douglas Ave.	Residential Addition
1310 N. Fairgrounds Road	Residence-Detached
2212 Somc;laor Ave.	Residence-Detached
1301 Daybreak Way	New Residence
1303 Daybreak Way	New Residence
6100 Copper Sky Court	New Residence
6108 Indigo Sky Court	New Residence
6700 Moswood Drive	New Residence
4703 Mimosa Court	Residential Addition
4007 E. 81	Residential Addition
1202 W. Louisiana Ave.	Residence-Detached
300 E. Texas Ave.	Sign
402 Andrews Highway	Sign
4214 Andrews Highway	Sign

Source: City of Midland

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FOR THE FATHERS

Happy Father's Day to everyone out there. This year, the Reporter-Telegram asked three fathers who also represent local churches a set of questions about Father's Day, the message being delivered about fatherhood in their respective churches and the challenges and duties that come with being a father.

COURTESY PHOTOS



The family of the Rev. Roy Smith, grandson GeoNarsey Mitchell, from left, daughter Lakeisha Smith, wife Carla Smith holding granddaughter Javiin Mitchell, Roy Smith, granddaughter Jenia Mitchell and son Georvarsey Mitchell.

Rev. Roy Smith, True-Life Christian Fellowship

■ Family
Wife, Carla Smith; daughter, Lakeisha Smith; son, Georvarsey Mitchell; granddaughters, Javiin, Jenia Mitchell

■ Favorite Father's Day memory:
Getting up on that day when my kids were very young, going into their rooms and suddenly it hits me that apart of who I am rested in my offspring! What a powerful knowing that was as it struck responsibility upon my heart.

■ What does Father's Day mean to you?
It is a sobering reminder that my life is not my own! Having children meant that I was to impart to them what it means to be a viable Christian citizen of the greatest nation on the planet. To impart the importance of what it means to live and love the mother of my children and to make sure that they understand that model.

■ What is the message you pass on about Father's Day and being a father to your congregation?
One of the most powerful things that a father can pass on is that he participates in the life of his children and the family as a whole. They, both children and wife must know that they are his priority, ALWAYS!

■ Talk about the impact technology has had in raising children.
Technology has had more of a negative impact on the family than positive in my view. It has caused a mandate of isolationism and a disconnect from others within the family unit. The family can all be in one car and everyone is on their cell phones totally void of communication with the very people they are in the company of. Technology has caused fragmented families at every level. Money, power, position, all these have been easily attained through various means of technology and with these successes has come a depravity of priorities connected to the things that should be valued, especially the family.

■ Talk about the challenges of being a father in Midland right now.
One of the greatest challenge's set before fathers today is getting our children to view us as their hero. To many things have taken the place of the influence of "DAD". Another of the problems in Midland is the ability to acquire wealth? Midland is oil rich, and many men are seeking that goal as a means of it determining how well of a father they might be to their children. Somehow wealth and the ability to give our children more than we had seems to be paramount in the thinking to this generation of fathers.

■ What impact did your own father have on you?
My father died in a car accident when I was the age of 4. I have never had a man in my life that I could call my father or dad. Everything I know about parenting and being a father, was taught to me out of the Bible. And what a great tool it has been in my life. My wife and I have been married now for almost 35 years, and we had no model to look at, only the word of God and its instruction to us. And I might add, it still works!

■ What words of wisdom do you want to pass/have you passed on to your children?
Owe no man nothing but to love him. Honor the Lord with your life and most of the time he will give you favor with himself and with others. Do not love anything that cannot love you back. And lastly, remember that to err is human, BUT, to FORGIVE is DIVINE. Know that you can love people, but you are not responsible for them! As it relates to the men of my church, I teach them that if they are not well, neither will their families be? He sets the tone for the well being of his house and for the comfort of his children. Build a home that they want to come home to.

Pastor Brian Fairchild, Colonial Bible Church

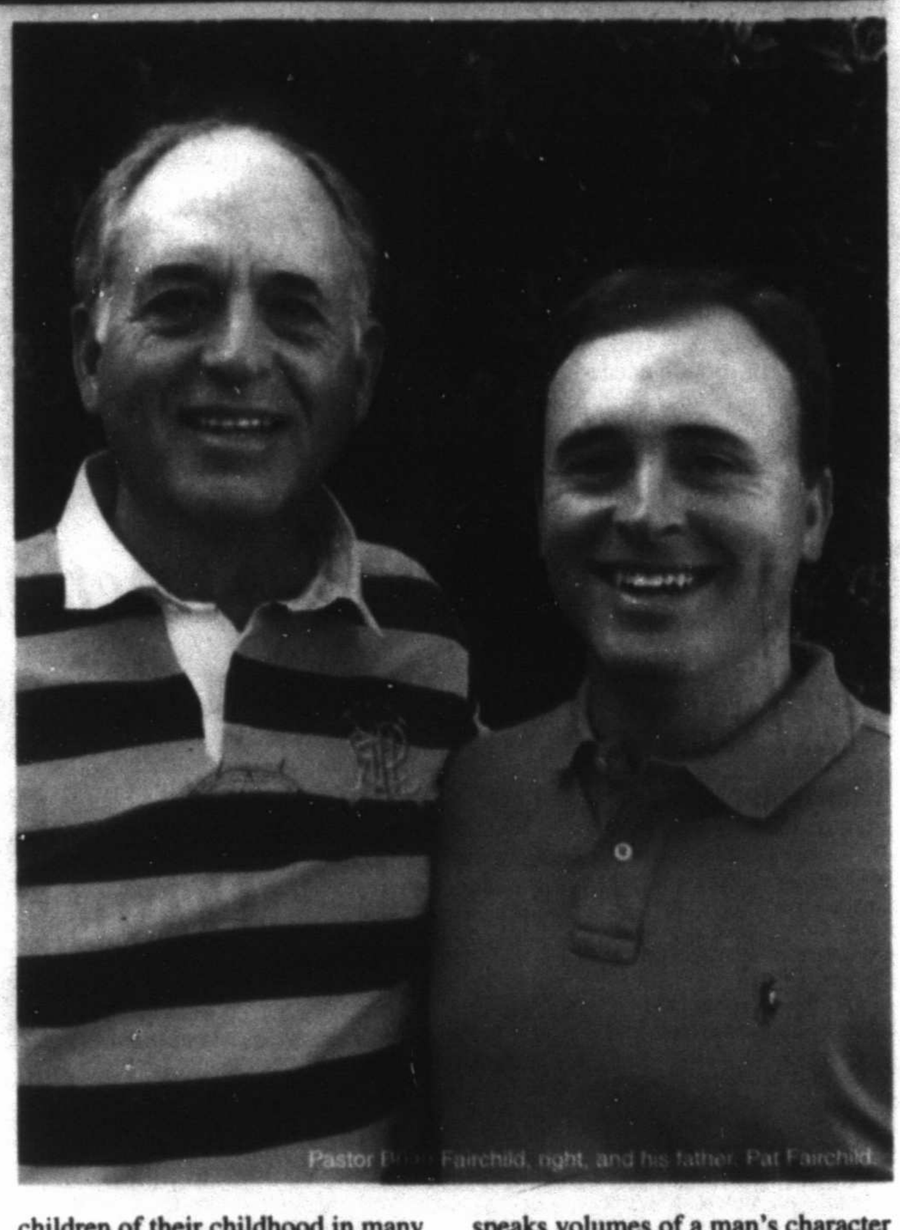
■ Family
Wife, Nicole; sons, Weston and Evan

■ Favorite Father's Day memory:
My favorite Father's Day memory was the year my oldest son was 2 years old. For my gift that year, my wife had worked with our son to memorize Psalm 119:9-11, a passage that speaks about the way that a young man is to follow God's Word as his guide for life. To hear his little voice recite such precious words thrilled me to tears.

■ What does Father's Day mean to you?
To me, Father's Day is a special day to be reminded of the wonderful blessing and responsibility that God gives in allowing us to have our children. There is a great joy and a great sobriety in this calling of fatherhood. I can't think of anything I'd rather do, than to be a father to my boys. Even though the day is set aside to honor fathers, it is also a wonderful reminder of the treasure that my wife is in raising our children with me.

■ What is the message you pass on about Father's Day and being a father to your congregation?
I think the message that I want to convey to our congregation, not just on Father's Day, but year round, is that we are blessed with a sacred calling. Fatherhood is not just another hat that we wear. We are called to be the primary influence of our children's lives, and ultimately, we are called to model for them the character of our Heavenly Father. I believe that the greatest lessons about God should come from fathers. If you want to know what the future of a church or a culture looks like, simply look at the investment that fathers are making in their children. It takes time, sacrifice and hard work, yet nothing is more satisfying.

■ Talk about the impact technology has had in raising children.
To talk about technology and children, I think we first have to talk about technology and parents. I think the greatest impact technology has had on parenting is the distraction and addiction it is for so many of us adults. More than ever, we are constantly accessible to work, extended family and friends which too often pulls us away from our children. In turn, they see investing in relationships through technology as superior to investing in human-to-human interaction. It is far to easy to create pseudo-realities through technology, rather than preparing them to live life as it really is, with real relationships. Only now are we beginning to see that studies are showing how detrimental this paradigm is. When it comes to children using technology it is truly a two-edged sword. On the one hand they have access to vast amounts of learning that previous generations never had. On the other, they are exposed to a variety of dark influences that tend to win their hearts and minds quietly and convincingly. In my opinion, technology is robbing children of their childhood in many ways. In our home we really try to limit the availability to technology outside of constructive learning contexts.

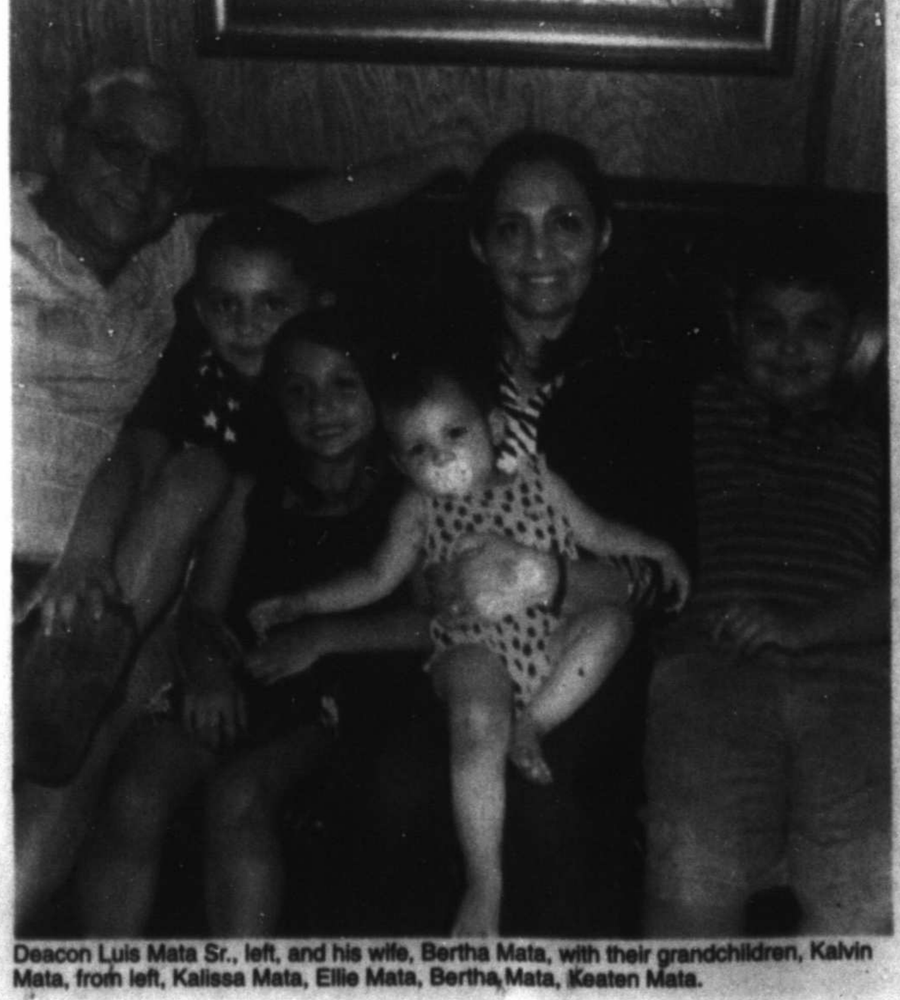


Pastor Brian Fairchild, right, and his father, Pat Fairchild.

■ Talk about the challenges of being a father in Midland right now.
I'm not sure how different being a father in Midland is to other places. I'm pretty sure fathers across the board face many of the same challenges. However, I do think Midland is beginning to present some different challenges as the city grows. The biggest challenge I see facing fathers here is time spent with their families. Midland is a unique city that is built on a strong work ethic in an industry that runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I think this means that fathers have to be more intentional about spending both quality and quantity time with their kids. In turn, this means sacrifice for us, as it requires us giving up more personal time and interests to spend with our kids. Make no mistake, that investment will pay huge dividends!

■ What impact did your own father have on you?
Where do I even begin to answer this question? His impact on me is really almost impossible to put into words. I know that many people did not, or do not, have a positive relationship with their father and my heart breaks for them. I am blessed with a father who embodies what it means to love, sacrifice, and model the character of God for his family. I can't quantify the impact or scope of those lessons. My father was always humble enough to admit mistakes and seek our forgiveness. That speaks volumes of a man's character to his children. As I think through all the lessons, another monumental lesson was to love your wife. My dad is crazy about my mom! After 45 years of marriage he still can't find enough good things to say about her. I learned a lot about the way a man should treasure his wife from my dad. When it comes to his kids and grandkids, it isn't any different. He is always there for all of us. I can remember as a small boy when my dad would literally stand up and walk out of business meetings to be at YMCA flag football game on time. He just didn't miss any opportunity he could find to be involved in our lives. Then there are lessons I've learned from him later through other people who tell me how he had served them and been a blessing to them. He didn't tell us, he didn't want that kind of attention. Most importantly however, my dad pointed me to Jesus Christ with his actions and his words. In spite of my failures he loves me, just as God does because of His Son Jesus. That impact is both earthly and eternal. I love you dad!

■ What words of wisdom do you want to pass on to your children?
In Ecclesiates 12:1, King Solomon says to his son, "Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth..." This is what I want to say, and hopefully do say, to my sons. I want them to love God with all their being, and when that happens, they are capable of loving others the way God has loved them. A life lived for God and others, will be a life without regrets.



Deacon Luis Mata Sr., left, and his wife, Bertha Mata, with their grandchildren, Kalvin Mata, from left, Kalissa Mata, Ellie Mata, Bertha Mata, Keaten Mata.

Deacon Luis Mata, St. Stephen's Catholic Church

■ Family
My wife, Bertha, our son Luis Jr., his wife, Amanda, and his children, Keaten 9, Kalvin 7, Kalissa 5, and our son Elias, his wife, Desiree, his children Ellie 1, and Noah, soon to be born.

■ Favorite Father's Day memory:
Each one is special, but I do believe that the first one with Luis Jr., and then the first one with Luis Jr. and Elias stand out.

■ What does Father's Day mean to you?
Father's Day is about thanking God for the gift of men who sacrifice for their family.

■ What is the message you pass on about Father's Day and being a father to your congregation?
Jesus asked about who the people said he was and then asked "who do you say that I am?"
So the important thing is not what the world might say about who your father is, but more importantly, who is he to you? The world might not think much of my non-English speaking immigrant father, but he is, and always will be, awesome in my mind.

■ Talk about the impact technology has had in raising children.
Technology is making it difficult to spend time with family. Most of us have done away with family meals shared at one table, and those of us who still do have to fight to eliminate technological interference at the table. Mobile communication devices have a very unusual characteristic: They make the distant close, and the close distant.

■ Talk about the challenges of being a father in Midland right now.
I do not think that the location or house that a family resides in is of key importance to raising children. I believe that a home is characterized by the faith and love that are shared within the family.
I think that the poem, "It takes a heap of livin'" by Edgar Guest speaks of this notion. Our pastor, Msgr. (James) Bridges recites it to us at least once a year in a homily to remind us of the value of "home." If we make our house a home, we will survive the challenges of living and raising our children in this modern world and its temptations to sin.

■ What impact did your own father have on you?
Through his words and actions he taught me how to be a responsible man. His imperfections and my perceived notions of the mistakes he made in raising me brought me to the understanding that I, too, would make mistakes in raising my sons, but if I did everything out of love for them, eventually they would understand as I have now.

■ What words of wisdom do you want to pass/have you passed on to your children?
Love calls for tolerance and forgiveness on an epic scale, but through Jesus, everything becomes possible!

FASKEN

From 1A

It has, however, altered Fasken's plans for single-family housing development, he said.

"We've pushed off the single-family component for a year. We're waiting to see what impact (the slowdown) will have on the real estate market," Skeen said.

Fasken plans to celebrate on Aug. 20 the completion of its 170-unit Sandstone Ridge luxury apartment community. The complex features one-, two- and three-bedroom units.

There is also a second set of apartments planned for the northern end of The Vineyard. The complex, approved last year, will be comprised of nine two-story buildings holding up to six units for a total of 39 two- and three-bedroom apartments with a gated entrance, attached garages and 128 parking spaces.

The Vineyard is also home to the new Barbara Fasken Elementary School, which is under construction and expected to open for the 2015-16 school year. The 40-classroom building will house up to 600 students; the design includes three playgrounds. Skeen said road infrastructure to the new school has been completed.

Work is also proceeding on a monument-style entry sign welcoming visitors to the community, located at Holiday Hill Road and Sherwood Drive.

Landscaping projects as construction proceeds helps meet the green space planning that was part of The Vineyard project, Skeen said.

"We've had a lot of positive response to the project," he said.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Work continues Wednesday on the new Barbara Fasken Elementary in Fasken Oil and Ranch's The Vineyard development.

TODAYINMIDLAND

Today is Father's Day

Father's Day in the United States is on the third Sunday of June. It celebrates the contributions that fathers and father figures make in their children's lives. Its origins may lie in a memorial service held for a large group of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia, in 1907.

Source: www.timeanddate.com

Summer begins

The summer solstice heralds the beginning of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. The timing of the summer solstice depends on when the sun reaches its northernmost point of the equator.

In 2015, the summer begins with the solstice on June 21 at 11:38 p.m. CDT. The word solstice is from the Latin solstitium, from sol (sun) and stitium (to stop), reflecting the fact that the sun appears to stop at this time (and again at the winter solstice).

Source: http://www.almanac.com

Things to do

Today

■ Crash Masters Summer Festival at Horseshoe Outdoor Arena. midlandhorseshoe.com.

■ West Texas Round Up skateboarding competition, 6 p.m., Beal Park. rtdskatepark.com.

■ Tommy Lewis and The Piano Room with Adam Rivera at Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts, 7:30 p.m., Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Monday

■ Longest Day Zumbathon, 6:30 p.m., Midland YMCA. midlandymca.org.

Tuesday

■ Summer Movie Camp "The Nut Job," 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m., Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Wednesday

■ The Storybook Theatre of Texas Puppet Show, 2 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ Magic Show with Harlin, 2:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library downtown location. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Friday

■ Summer Science Class "Pumped about Science," 9 a.m.-noon, Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

■ Hank Williams Jr., 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

■ SciFriday Show: "King Kong vs. Godzilla," 8 p.m., Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org.

Former Dallas Cowboy

Former Dallas Cowboy Larry Brown will appear at three Midland Stripes convenience stores' for the company's NASCAR celebration. He will be at the 2411 Rankin Highway store 2-5 p.m. Wednesday, the 4508 N. Big Spring St. store 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday and the 3201 E. Highway 158 store 2-5 p.m. Thursday. Also participating in the celebration is the Stripes store at 3200 E. Highway 158, 11 a.m.-1:30p.m. Wednesday.

Customers will have a chance to win $25 Stripes gift cards, play games and sample food.

Meetings this week

County commissioners
9 a.m. Monday
Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom.
500 N. Loraine Ave.

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

City Council
10 a.m. Tuesday
Council Chambers City H all
300 N. Loraine Ave.

Midland Development Corp.
8:30 a.m. Friday
City Hall basement,
300 N. Loraine Ave.

Support groups today

■ Midland Odessa Chapter of the United Ostomy Association , 2:30 p.m., Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus.

■ Overeaters Anonymous, 4:30 p.m., B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

■ Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club, 5 p.m., First Presbyterian Church; 687-2588.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7866.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

Pools today

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

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

Community calendar

■ Half Pint Triathlon Kid's Half Pint Triathlon is 9 a.m. Saturday at Midland YMCA. The event is for children 4-12. Registration fee is $15 for members and $25 fr non-members and includes a T-shirt and medal.

Deadline to register is Friday. For more information, call 682-2551.

Movies in the Park

Movies in the Park: "Into the Woods," 9 p.m., Windlands Park, 1001 W. Dengar Ave. Admission: Free.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 9-7-3
Pick 3 day: 2-4-0
Pick 3 evening: 3-8-9
Pick 3 night: 0-5-3
Daily 4 morning: 0-4-8-0
Daily 4 day: 7-3-0-4
Daily 4 evening: 6-8-4-0
Daily 4 night: 7-2-7-0
Cash Five: 2-5-15-24-34
Lotto Texas: 4-5-12-19-22-23
Powerball: 9-10-16-20-57 PB: 15 Power Play: 2
All or Nothing morning: 2-4-5-6-8-10-11-13-15-16-22-23
All or Nothing day: 1-3-4-5-7-12-14-15-19-21-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-4-10-11-12-13-16-18-19-20-22-23
All or Nothing night: 3-4-5-8-10-11-13-14-16-17-18-24

Today in history

Today is Sunday, June 21, the 172nd day of 2015. There are 193 days left in the year. Summer arrives at 11:38 a.m. This is Father's Day.

On this date:

In 1932, heavyweight Max Schmeling lost a title fight rematch in New York by decision to Jack Sharkey, prompting Schmeling's manager, Joe Jacobs, to exclaim: "We was robbed!"

In 1982, a jury in Washington, D.C., found John Hinckley Jr. not guilty by reason of insanity in the shootings of President Ronald Reagan and three other men.

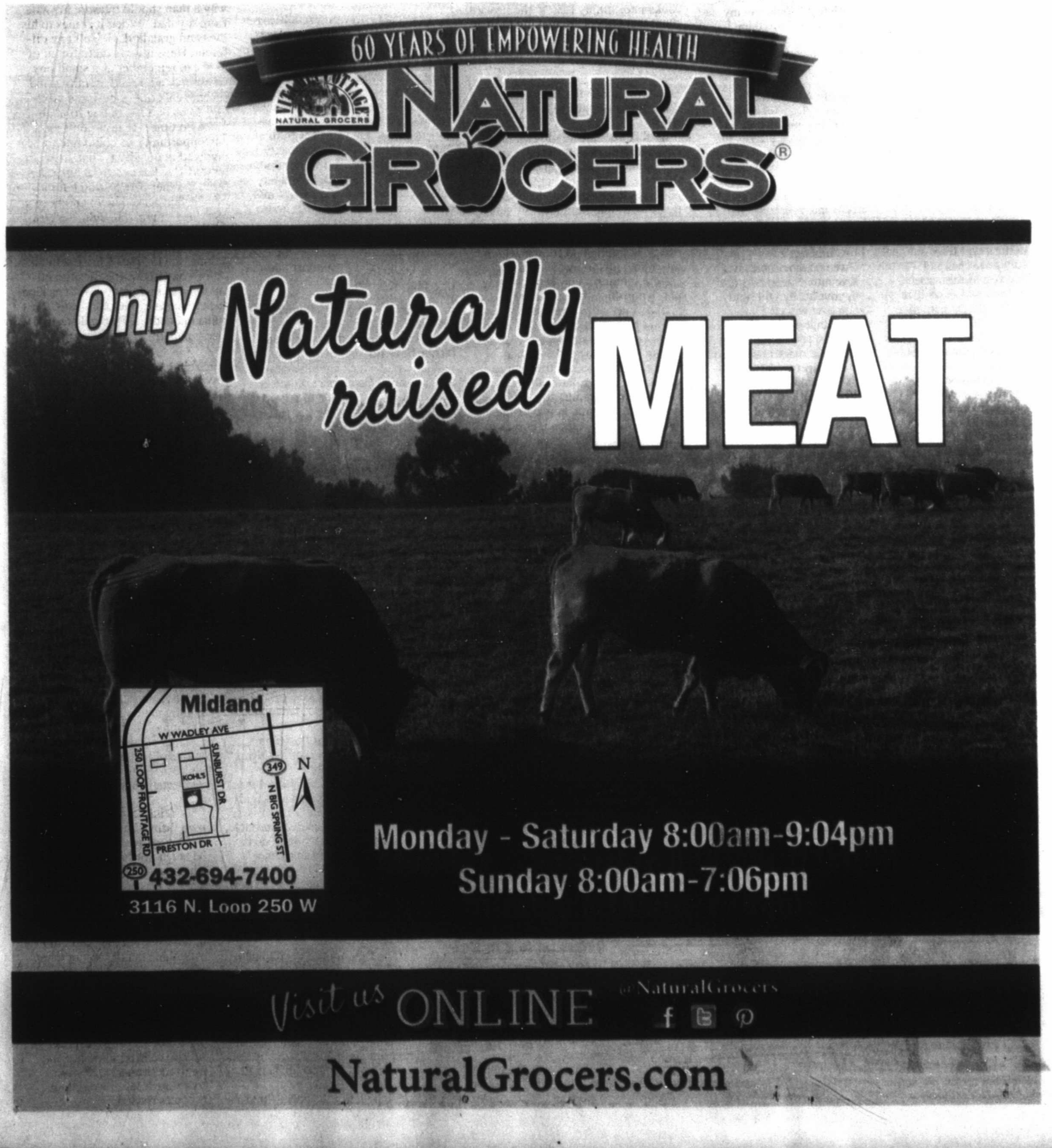
UPGRADE

From 1A

The remodeling comes in the midst of extensive work taking place at the northside Wal-Mart just down the street from Target. The Wal-Mart, which closed suddenly in early April because of problems with its plumbing system, is slated to reopen for the holiday season.

The new H-E-B, which was announced at the end of May, is slated to open in spring 2016, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. The store is being built at the site of the former AT&T call center, which has been demolished. The store will be 112,000 square feet, according to Kimberly Harle, manager of public affairs, making it slightly smaller than the current 118,000-square-foot store at Wadley Avenue and Midkiff Road. The new H-E-B will feature a restaurant.

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Associated Press

Mourners Cynthia Wright-Murphy, right, hugs her sister Carolyn Wright-Porcher outside the Emanuel AME Church on Saturday in Charleston, S.C. A steady stream of people brought flowers and notes and shared somber thoughts at a growing memorial in front of the church. **BELOW:** Allen Sanders, right, kneels next to his wife Georgette, both of McClellanville, S.C., as they pray at a sidewalk memorial. "You can't have love and hate residing in the heart at the same time," Georgette said. "We're just going to have to love one another," her husband added.

Church shooting site re-opens; FBI reviews manifesto

By Jeffrey Collins and Emily Masters
Associated Press



CHARLESTON, S.C. — A small group of parishioners was allowed inside the bullet-scarred Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal church on Saturday, getting a firsthand glimpse of the room where nine people from their congregation were slain.

Meanwhile, the FBI said it was investigating a manifesto purportedly written by the suspected gunman, 21-year-old Dylann Roof.

The website linked to Roof contained photos of him holding a burning American flag and standing on one. In other images, he was holding a Confederate flag, considered a divisive symbol by civil rights leaders and others.

The hate-filled 2,500-word essay talks about white supremacy, and the author says "the event that truly awakened me was the Trayvon Martin case" — the unarmed black teenager fatally shot by neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman while walking home in Florida in 2012.

The manifesto said "it was obvious that Zimmerman was in the right" and that the case led him to search "black on White crime" on the Internet.

"I have never been the same since that day," it said.

It's unclear whether Roof wrote the rants, but they are in line with what he has told friends and what he said before allegedly opening fire inside the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal church Wednesday night.

Cleaning crews worked at the church Saturday, and church members announced they will hold a Sunday service. Harold Washington, 75, was with the small group that saw the lower-level room where the victims were shot.

"They did a good job cleaning it up," he said. "There were a few bullet holes around, but what they did, they cut them out so you don't see the actual holes."

He said he expected an emotional service with a large turnout Sunday.

"We're gonna have people come by that we've never seen before and will probably never see again, and that's OK," he said. "It's a church of the Lord — you don't turn nobody down."

The church had that same welcoming nature when Roof walked into their Bible study, Felecia Sanders said at Roof's bail hearing Friday. Sanders survived the shooting, but her son Tywanza died.

As for the possible manifesto, Internet registry records show that the website was created Feb. 9 via a Russian registry service with the owner's personal details hidden. A man who answered the phone at the Moscow-based company would not say who the site's owner was.

Roof is being held in jail, facing nine counts of murder and a weapons charge.

A police affidavit released Friday accused Roof of shooting all nine multiple times and making a "racially inflammatory statement" as he stood over an unidentified survivor.

Roof had complained while getting drunk on vodka recently that "blacks were taking over the world" and that "someone needed to do something about it for the white race," according to Joey Meek, who tipped off the FBI when he saw his friend on surveillance images.

Just about 100 miles from Charleston, a large crowd rallied Saturday in Columbia against the presence of the Confederate flag on the grounds of the Statehouse. The church massacre has renewed calls for the removal of the flag.

Police wouldn't give an estimate for attendance, but there appeared to be hundreds, if not thousands, of people there, chanting "take it down."

"We know what that flag symbolizes," Michaela Pilar Brown, a Columbia artist, said at the rally. "We know the hate. We know the danger. It says 'stop.' It says 'you are not welcome here.' It says 'fear for your life.' Take down the flag."

In Charleston, the grief was so palpable three days after the shooting that a family re-routed its trip home from the beach and a bride-to-be interrupted her wedding day to pay their respects.

"It's been a weird feeling, trying to have a celebration this weekend. But the whole city has been so supportive and such a show of grace," said Kathryn Cole, 27, who lives two blocks away from the church and is set to say her nuptials Saturday night.

"Life is carrying on. We aren't letting this change our everyday lives."

Greenville residents Stacey and Kenneth Penland arrived in Charleston for vacation Friday. During their first full day in the city, they came to the church with their children, 6-year-old Luke and 3-year-old Logan.

"We've been at the beach, and then the market, and of course we stopped by here," said Kenneth Penland.

Derrick Jones was vacationing on Hilton Head Island when he decided to drive an hour out of his way home to Greenville. He stopped at the church with his wife and three boys.

"They've been asking questions all day since this has happened," Jones said. "And I don't really have all the answers. I try to explain it the best way I can."

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After killings, city remains calm, and open

By John Eligon and Richard Fausset
N.Y. News Service

CHARLESTON, S.C. — In the heart of this southern city's historic downtown, there has been in the last few days an almost surreal paradox playing out on the street.

There is no bigger news, no larger topic of discussion, than the massacre at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church. And yet in so many ways, life has gone on.

On Saturday, tourists packed the Charleston City Market, shopping for Panama hats, ordering tarragon shrimp salads, and admiring the handiwork of the Gullah sweet-grass basket vendors.

At Husk, the acclaimed bastion of upscale, new southern cooking, reservations were hard to come by Friday night. The night before, a line of partygoers in their early 20s wrapped out the door at Mynt, a bar that sits practically in the shadow of Emanuel AME.

The business of Charleston is tourism, with more than 4 million visitors each year. Even some African-Americans here said there was no reason to suspend that business, even after one of the worst racist attacks in recent American history.

"You can't let something like that stop your life," said Michael Ellis, 54, a sweet-grass basketmaker who had come to the City Market every day to sell his delicate wares at his regular table. "It's good to see all of the people out here. To stay home, that's not going to help anybody."

Ellis, 54, an African-American native of South Carolina's Lowcountry, learned the art of basket weaving from his Gullah grandmother and mother. It is the region's signature craft, the baskets a physical connection to the African roots that have defined this region for centuries, although, Ellis notes, many African-Americans over the years have moved out of the expensive historic downtown peninsula and into the outlying areas.

Ellis said he was sickened by the shooting, and by the fact that some South Carolina whites still harbored the racist sentiments that the suspected shooter — Dylann Roof, a 21-year-old white man — espoused half a century after the storied gains of the civil rights movement.

But still, he said, he came to work.

"I'm sure a lot of the people walking around here are concerned, that they're thinking about it," he said as a slow-moving river of tourists, most of them white, sauntered by in deck shoes and sandals on Saturday morning. "It's like me — I'm here, but it's still on my mind."

Man accused of church killings spoke of attacking college

By Mitch Weiss and Michael Biesecker
Associated Press



Associated Press

Charleston, S.C., shooting suspect Dylann Storm Roof is escorted Thursday from the Cleveland County Courthouse in Shelby, N.C. Roof is a suspect in the shooting of several people Wednesday night at the historic The Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston.

COLUMBIA, S.C. — A black drinking buddy of the white man accused of killing nine people at a Charleston church says the suspect told him a week earlier that he planned to shoot up a college campus in the city.

The friend, Christon Scriven, told The Associated Press on Friday that he thought Dylann Roof's statements were just drunken bluster. Still, Scriven said he was concerned enough that he and another friend, Joey Meek, went out to Roof's car and retrieved his .45-caliber handgun, hiding it in an air-conditioning vent of a mobile home until they all sobered up.

"He just said he was going to hurt a bunch of people" at the College of Charleston, said Scriven, 22.

"I said, 'What did you say? Why do you want to hurt those people in Charleston?'"

He just said, "In seven days, they all got seven days.'"

A week later, on Wednesday, authorities say the 21-year-old Roof went into Charleston's historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, sat for nearly an hour at a Bible study class, and then opened fire on the participants.

The exchange recounted by Scriven matches accounts from other friends of Roof who have been interviewed by the AP.

They described him as a troubled and confused young man who alternated between partying with black friends and ranting against blacks to his white friends.

Four months before the deadly shooting rampage, court records show Roof was arrested at a Columbia shopping mall on a misdemeanor drug charge after going around dressed all in black, asking suspicious questions about when stores closed and employees left for the night. He was later arrested again, this time for trespassing at the mall despite being banned from the premises.

On his Facebook profile, Roof posted a photo of himself wearing a jacket adorned with the flags of the now defunct white-supremacist regimes in South Africa and Rhodesia, yet he also counted several black people among his online social connections.

Scriven lives next door to Meek in a Lexington, South Carolina, mobile home park where residents say Roof was a frequent visitor in recent months. Meek and his family were close to Roof until Roof dropped out of their high school. The two lost touch for several years before recently reconnecting, Meek said.

In an interview on Thursday, Meek recounted how Roof had complained while getting drunk on vodka that "blacks were taking over the world" and that "someone needed to do something about it for the white race." Meek says Roof also told him he used birthday money from his parents to buy a .45-caliber Glock semi-automatic handgun.

Scriven said he first met Roof through Meek and they frequently drank together in recent weeks. They talked about fishing, NASCAR and guns, Scriven said, but never race.

"One night we all got drunk together and since then, me and Dylann were just homeboys," Scriven said. "We would just chill every day."

Soon, Roof began opening up. Scriven said Roof confided that he was unhappy, bouncing between the homes of his divorced parents. He would stay for days at the mobile home park, smoking American Spirit cigarettes and drinking hard, Scriven said. Then he would go home for a day or two to get clothes and money.

Scriven said he could tell Roof was depressed, and that he complained that he wasn't getting the love and emotional support he needed from his parents. When he got upset, Roof would retreat to his car, blasting a cassette tape of opera.

"I don't think his parents liked his decisions, the choices that he made to have black friends," Scriven recounted. "His mom had taken the gun from him and somehow he went back and took it from her. ... That's when we saw the gun for the first time: .45 with a high-point laser beam."

Last week, while they were drinking in the back of Scriven's house, Roof blurted out his plan about carrying out a mass shooting at the College of Charleston.

"I don't think the church was his primary target because he told us he was going for the school," Scriven said Friday. "But I think he couldn't get into the school because of the security ... so I think he just settled for the church."

Scriven said he told Meek about what Roof had said, and the two of them decided to take Roof's gun. They hid the gun in Meek's trailer. But Meek's girlfriend later told them they needed to get the gun out of the house because he was on probation. So they gave it back to Roof.

When Scriven saw this week that Roof was arrested, he said it hit him "that he actually did all the stuff he said he was going to do, like he actually killed these people."

Though none of them took the statements seriously, Scriven said he and Roof's other friends are now struggling with the knowledge that they might have been able to prevent the killings.

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Local forecast

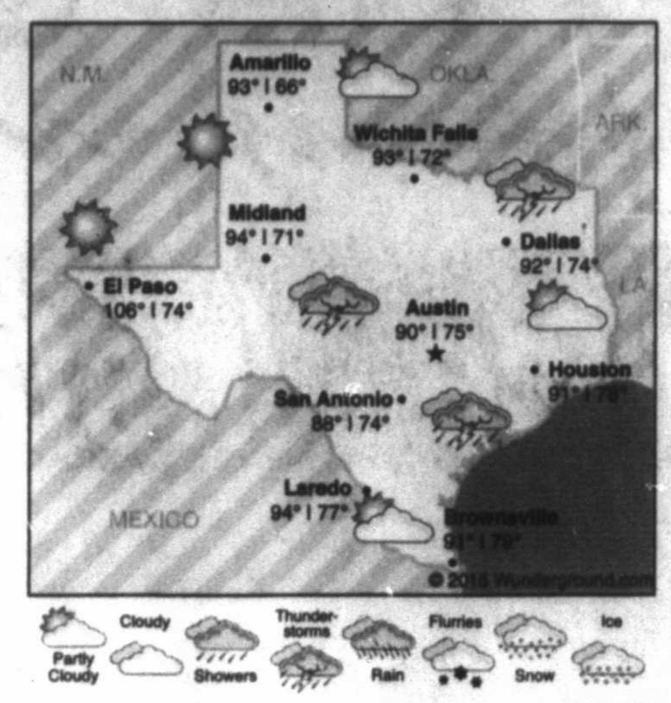
There is no rain in the forecast for the next six days, according to the National Weather Service, and winds will be from the south 10-15 mph, but sometimes gusting as high as 25 mph. Also for the next six days, the forecasted high is in the lower 90s, and the low in the lower 70s.

The high on Saturday reached 91, while the low was 68. Last June 20, the temperatures were 84 and 68. The record high for June 20 is 109 set in 1951. The record low is 52 set in 1973.

National forecast

Wet weather will shift from the Great Lakes and Mid-Atlantic today. The surge of moisture associated with the remnants of Tropical Storm Bill will slide along the Northeast coastline, bringing rain and thunder, some heavy in the morning, to places from Long Island to coastal Maine.

Behind this heavier rain, a front will move through the Great Lakes and Midwest to the interior Northeast, bringing with it showers and thunderstorms. Some of these thunderstorms, from Illinois to southern Ohio, could turn severe in the afternoon, bringing the threat for flooding downpours, hail and damaging gusts.



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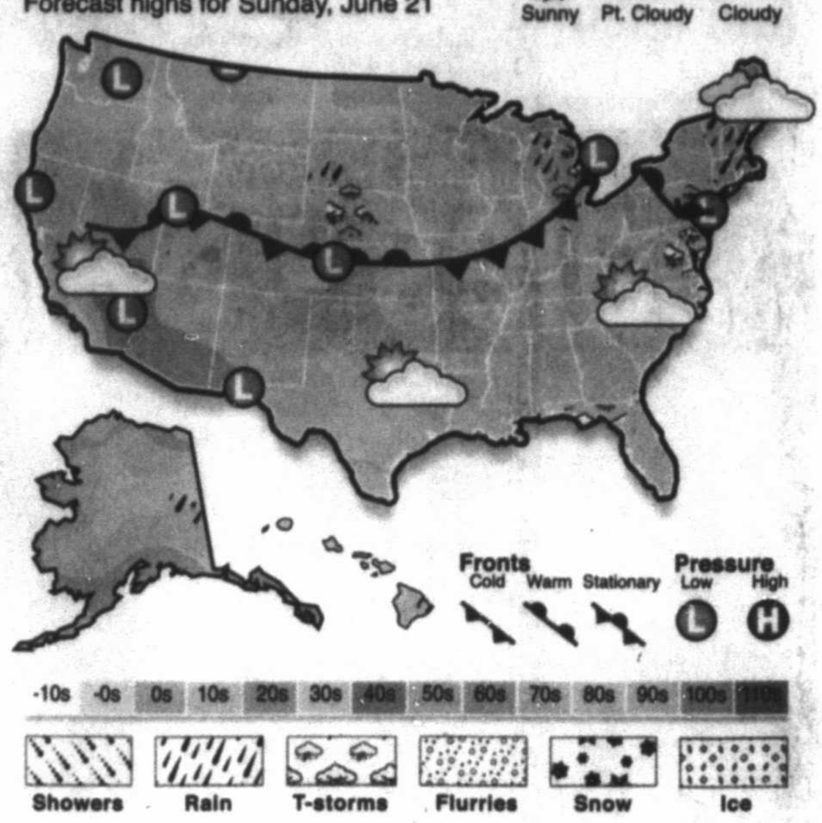
Friday	0.09 in.
Saturday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.33 in.
Year total	10.32 in.
Normal total (year to date)	5.49 in.

Saturday's temperatures

High	91
Low	68
Normal high	94
Normal low	68
Sunrise	6:43 a.m.
Sunset	8:58 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, June 21



California feeling dry wildfire season from north to south

Associated Press

BIG BEAR LAKE, Calif. — Hot, dry California was beginning to feel the full brunt of fire season as blazes burned throughout the state, threatening hundreds of homes, although most areas dodged serious destruction.

As firefighters knocked down dozens of small brush fires from north to south, a fleet of helicopters took on what was by far the largest of the wildfires, in the San Bernardino Mountains.

That blaze grew to 25 square miles and was 15 percent contained Saturday as it pushed east through dense, old-growth wilderness in the towering mountain range that lies between inland cities east of Los Angeles and the Mojave Desert.

Helicopters were considered the best option for attacking the fire. Winds above and near the ridge lines were too turbulent for air tankers, said Lyn Sieliet, a U.S. Forest Service fire spokeswoman.

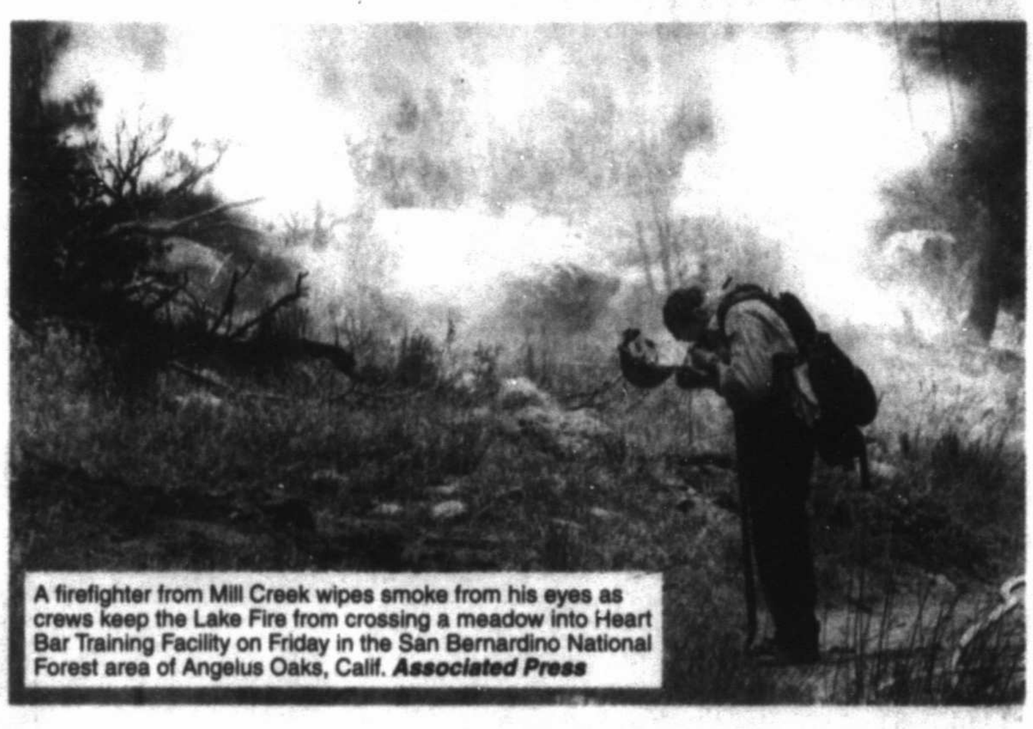
Nearly 1,900 firefighters were working the blaze. None had been reported injured since the fire broke out for unknown reasons on Wednesday near one of the many permanent camps along state Route 38. The fire forced several hundred people to leave the camps and vacation homes.

The National Weather Service issued a heat advisory for high temperatures through Sunday evening because of strong high pressure aloft. Mountain temperatures were predicted to range from 90 degrees at 6,000-foot elevations to 100 degrees at 3,000 feet. Humidity levels were low, which makes vegetation easier to burn.

About 400 buildings, including old cabins, were threatened but none was lost.

The winds pushing the fire east carried the smoke even farther, into the desert and the Coachella Valley, where air-quality levels reached unhealthy levels Friday, the South Coast Air Quality Management District said.

The fire could eventually reach the desert, Sieliet said. Ten fire engines and a bulldozer were sent to patrol the Morongo Valley and Pioneertown areas at the east end of the mountain range.



A firefighter from Mill Creek wipes smoke from his eyes as crews keep the Lake Fire from crossing a meadow into Heart Bar Training Facility on Friday in the San Bernardino National Forest area of Angelus Oaks, Calif. ***Associated Press***

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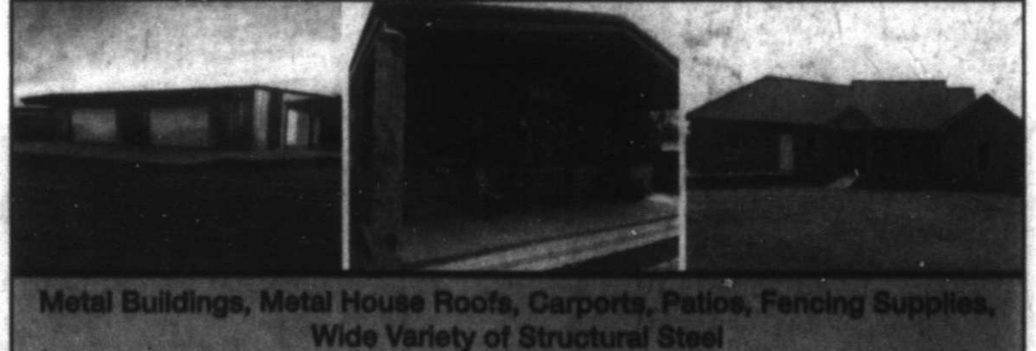
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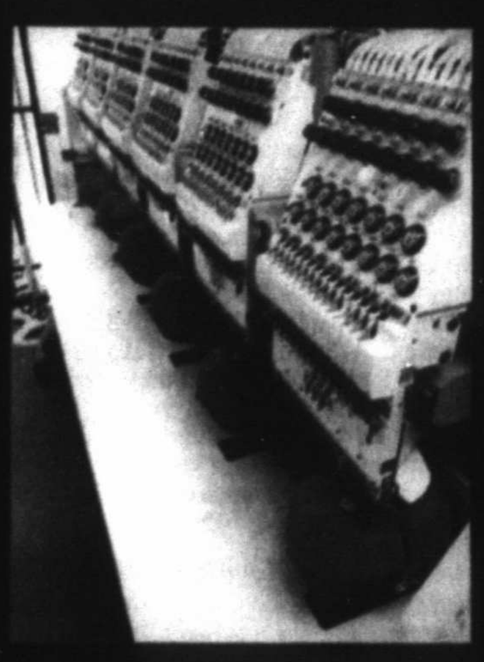









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OPINION

Give Charleston, South Carolina, time to grieve

■ In this vibrant, diverse city, race isn't swept under the rug but is discussed with mutual respect and purpose



KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

Unspeakable, unimaginable, incomprehensible and unthinkable are the words we've heard and used to describe the horrific murders of nine African-Americans as they prayed in a Charleston, South Carolina, church, shot by a hate-filled racist on a genocidal purge.

These are all we can summon to describe an event that is not human. The shooter, who had sat for an hour of Bible study and prayer with the very people he intended to kill, made his mission clear. Suspect Dylann Roof, now in custody, was unswayed by 26-year-old Tywanza Sanders, who tried to talk him out of shooting his aunt, Susie Jackson.

No, you have to go, Roof said. Blacks are "raping our women and taking over the country."

Then he opened fire.

We know this from a witness, the single person spared so that she could recount what happened. When Sanders dived in front of his aunt to protect her, he took the first bullet. It didn't matter who died first, Roof had told Sanders before he shot him, because he was going to kill them all anyway.

Unimaginable. Unfathomable.

We try to place ourselves in that church in that time, sitting with the pastor, Clementa Pinckney, who was also a state senator and a married father of two children. His booming voice, replayed in videos, and the testimony of friends will echo in our memories for a long time. Yet, the imagination hits a wall. It is too painful to ponder those last moments when these nine people, ranging in age from 26 to 87, realized that the person they had welcomed into their sanctuary, if not possessed of evil, was in that moment not quite human.

Unspeakable.

If any consolation can be found in the carnage, it is that the victims' spirits were close to God when they were taken.

The grief Charleston and all of us feel is nauseating. The layers and layers of meaning in that single, sick act — the church's historic place as a meeting place for blacks from before the civil war through the civil rights era to the present — add extra dimension to human losses so profound and freighted with meaning that one weeps for humanity.

To the people of Charleston, among whom I count myself as my family settled there more than 300 years ago, this senseless murder was a deep gouge in the soul of a city that has deliberately reconstructed itself as both a place of beauty and a beacon of diversity. Blacks make up about a third of the city's population and have joined whites in governing the city with the goal of racial harmony and cooperation. Much credit goes to the leadership of Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr., who was mayor when I began covering him in the late 1970s as a reporter for Charleston's afternoon paper.

You've likely seen him on TV — the white-haired fellow wearing tortoise-shell glasses and bearing the countenance of a man bereaved. He is one of the nation's longest-serving mayors for good reason. Not only did he envision that Charleston could become a tourist destination, but he has been a leader for social justice and racial reconciliation for decades.

Back when I sat in the council chambers taking notes, Riley presided over a City Council that usually voted along racial lines. The mayor cast the tie-breaking vote, most often to my recollection in agreement with the African-American council members. Although a Democrat, Riley's wasn't an ideological vote. Rather, it was the result of extensive reasoning, the process and culmination of which he shared in a conciliatory tone that has served him and his city well.

Charlestonians, black and white, have responded to his leadership with civic pride and racial unity, as television viewers have witnessed these past few days. At least several residents have reminded reporters that the shooter wasn't from Charleston. *We're* not like that, they were saying.

Thus, my sadness as I write is also for Riley, who has worked so hard to achieve what was unimaginable not so long ago — a vibrant, diverse city where race isn't swept under the rug but discussed with mutual respect and purpose. This is the Riley difference.

As I hear talk-show hosts scramble to turn this tragedy into issues — gun control, race, mental illness, what's next? — I can't help thinking that some manners are in order. People need time to recover from shock and to heal. Grief isn't bound by deadlines or expressed in sound bites. Southerners, especially, like to take time with their mourning.

Let's allow them.

OUR VIEW

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The slowdown has brought many of those men home. Forty-hour work weeks and nights at the dinner table are the new norms. We hope fathers are taking advantage of the opportunity provided by the West Texas economic landscape.

And for those fathers who might not always be under the same roof as their children, your place in your child's life very much matters. Fathers, no matter their proximity, still matter. Just because you are not there 24/7 doesn't mean you are not the most important male presence in their lives all the time.

And being a father means making sure the next generation knows their responsibilities. We cannot be a society where today's teenage boys don't know the responsibility that comes with having a child. It's financial, emotional, psychological. Being a father is the most important thing a man will ever do, and if you are not ready to take on that awesome responsibility, don't put yourself or another person in the position of having a child. That is what we hope the next generation learns.

Just as we mentioned last month, when it was time to salute mom, today — on a day meant for dad — he might be working to make a better life possible for his kids. No putting his feet up and watching the U.S. Open today, and tomorrow doesn't look good either for some dads looking to relax. If you see a dad making the effort, tell them thank you. Even if they are at work, it's still their day, or at least it's supposed to be.

Still, we hope all fathers out there take some time for themselves. The job you do, whether you realize it or not, matters. Treat every day like it matters as much as it really does.

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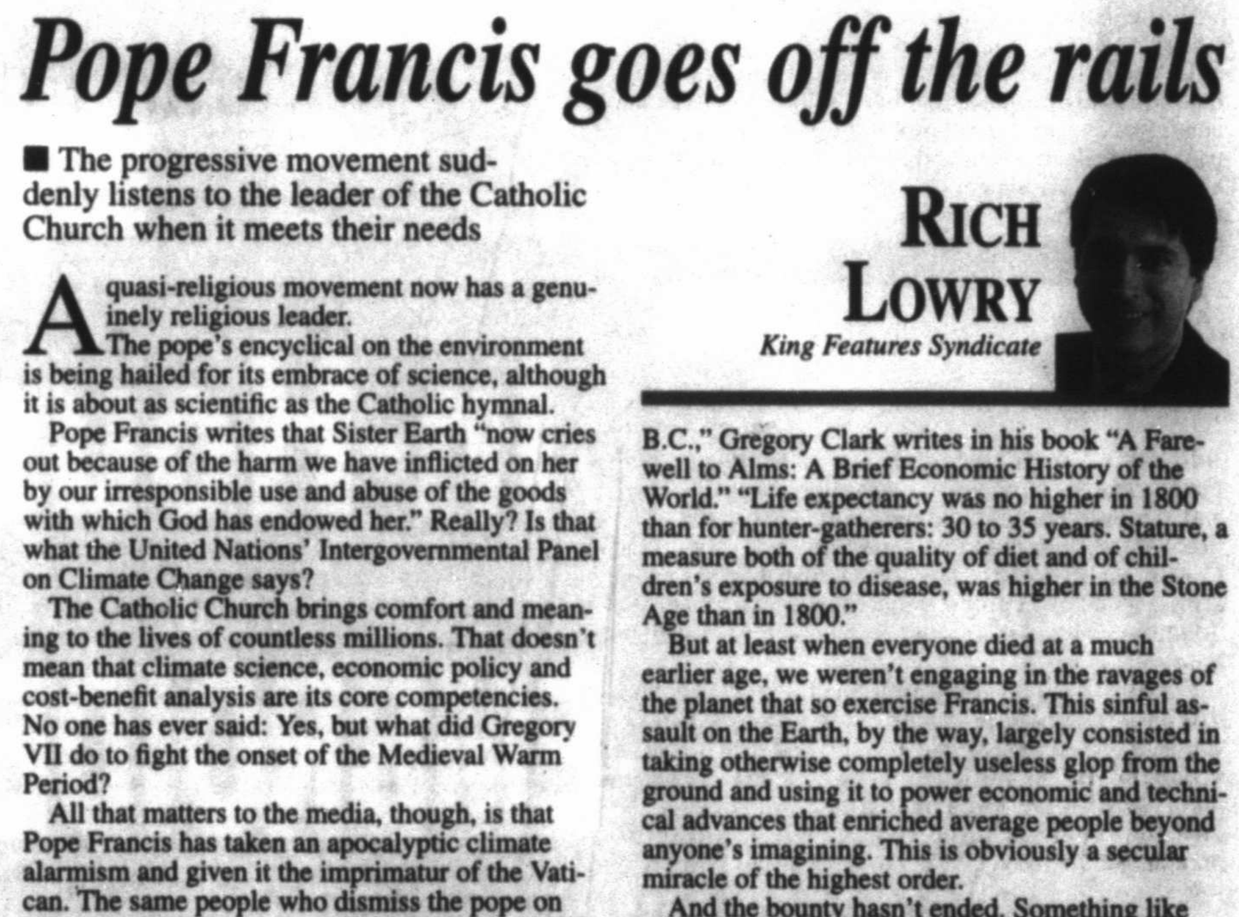
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Pope Francis goes off the rails

■ The progressive movement suddenly listens to the leader of the Catholic Church when it meets their needs

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

A quasi-religious movement now has a genuinely religious leader.

The pope's encyclical on the environment is being hailed for its embrace of science, although it is about as scientific as the Catholic hymnal.

Pope Francis writes that Sister Earth "now cries out because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her." Really? Is that what the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change says?

The Catholic Church brings comfort and meaning to the lives of countless millions. That doesn't mean that climate science, economic policy and cost-benefit analysis are its core competencies. No one has ever said: Yes, but what did Gregory VII do to fight the onset of the Medieval Warm Period?

All that matters to the media, though, is that Pope Francis has taken an apocalyptic climate alarmism and given it the imprimatur of the Vatican. The same people who dismiss the pope on more central moral matters, like the dignity of life, are now attributing to him an authority that might have made Pope Innocent III, who challenged kings, blush.

The document could have benefited from an editor cutting out the bizarre ramblings. The pope writes of "harmful habits of consumption," including "the increasing use and power of air conditioning." He argues that "an outsider looking at our world would be amazed at such behavior."

That's assuming the outsider lives in a very cool climate, or doesn't mind sweating. Anyone not so lucky probably thinks the inventor of air conditioning should be canonized.

While the pope pays lip service to technological advances, he doesn't truly appreciate their wonders. The Industrial Revolution was a great boon to humankind. Consider the unrelieved misery — the disease, the poverty, the illiteracy — before around 1800, when if you weren't an aristocrat, a general or a bishop, your life was probably nasty, brutish and short.

"The average person in the world of 1800 was no better off than the average person of 100,000 B.C.," Gregory Clark writes in his book "A Farewell to Alms: A Brief Economic History of the World." "Life expectancy was no higher in 1800 than for hunter-gatherers: 30 to 35 years. Stature, a measure both of the quality of diet and of children's exposure to disease, was higher in the Stone Age than in 1800."

But at least when everyone died at a much earlier age, we weren't engaging in the ravages of the planet that so exercise Francis. This sinful assault on the Earth, by the way, largely consisted in taking otherwise completely useless glop from the ground and using it to power economic and technical advances that enriched average people beyond anyone's imagining. This is obviously a secular miracle of the highest order.

And the bounty hasn't ended. Something like a billion people have been lifted out of poverty in places like India and China in recent decades as they have embraced markets and global trade. The pope should be delighted, except he has a blinkered view of capitalism as a zero-sum game benefiting only the privileged.

In this vein, he writes of the "ecological debt" that exists "between the global north and south." Well, if we are going to speak of debts, the global north gave the global south the modern world. (You're welcome.) The best thing that can happen to developing counties now is that they can follow our example of economic growth driven in part by cheap energy.

For all that the pope portrays modern development as a long exercise in environmental devastation, it is the advanced countries that have the cleanest water and air, and are best prepared to adapt their way around any far-off environmental challenges.

His encyclical will be portrayed as the best thing the church has done since Pope Leo dissuaded Attila from sacking Rome, but on climate change, it merely bends to the fashions of the hour.

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Telemedicine restrictions are going to harm Texans



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Imagine a Texas man in his late-50, a rancher or farmer, who after a long day's work comes home at night suffering from chest pain. He's not sure how serious it is and, as many people do, hesitates to call 911. There's no way for him to see a doctor until tomorrow, and the hospital is more than an hour's drive away. He decides to call his doctor in the morning.

That night, he has a fatal heart attack.

This is not an unusual or fantastical story. It happens all the time, especially in rural areas like West Texas where hospitals are spread out and emergency services take longer to reach patients.

But it need not happen so often anymore thanks to telemedicine technology. Instead of having to decide on his own whether to call 911 or drive to the ER, the man described above can speak to a doctor by video conference and get sound medical advice when he most needs it. In some cases, a doctor can even pull up a patient's records and medical history during a telemedicine conference.

For many patients, this emerging technology can mean the difference between life and death.

Unfortunately for Texans, telemedicine is highly restricted in the Lone Star State — more so than anywhere else in the country. Rules issued by the Texas Medical Board in April would impose a host of new restrictions on telemedicine, like not allowing the establishment of a doctor-patient relationship through video or teleconference.

That means Texans, and Texas employers, would not be allowed to make full use of services provided by companies like Teladoc, MDLIVE, or Doctor On Demand, all of which offer physician consultations by phone or internet connection, a service that's rapidly expanding nationwide.

The American Telemedicine Association estimates about 450,000 Americans will see a primary care doctor via a secure internet connection this year. As more employers offer telemedicine benefits for their workers, major insurers are beginning to cover such visits. UnitedHealth and Anthem estimate that 40 million people will have access to covered telemedicine services next year.

Walgreens recently announced the expansion of a telemedicine smartphone application that gives patients 24-hour access to doctors who can diagnose and treat a limited range of ailments. The app will be available in California, Michigan, Illinois, Colorado and Washington, and Walgreens will expand to 20 additional states by the end of this year.

But it probably won't be available in Texas. In response to the TMB's new telemedicine restrictions, Teladoc, a Dallas-based firm serving millions of customers nationwide, has filed a federal lawsuit against the board. A judge recently granted an injunction to allow the company to continue operations in Texas while the lawsuit proceeds, but if the proposed regulations stand they would have the effect of preventing people from consuming health care using telemedicine.

That would mean residents of many other states, including neighboring New Mexico and Oklahoma, would have far greater access to telemedicine services than Texas, whose regulations on telemedicine would be far more restrictive than any other state.

What's the motive underlying such strict rules? According to Federal Judge Robert Pitman, the TMB fears competition from out-of-state doctors. In the injunction, Pitman wrote: "Plaintiffs have presented specific evidence detailing the financial harm they will suffer ... As to the threat to public safety and health, the TMB has presented only anecdotal evidence of possible public harm."

Texans often pride themselves on being leaders in business and innovation, creating jobs and growing the economy. But our state lags far behind the rest of the country when it comes to the regulation of telemedicine. If we want to continue to lead the country in job growth and point the way toward economic prosperity, we should avoid regulations designed merely to protect in-state doctors from innovative competition. Lives really do depend on it.

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Those who take issue with this op-ed and want to submit their own take on the regulation of telemedicine can contact Editor Stewart Doreen at 687-8856 or sdoreen@mrt.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Murder-suicide has immense repercussions

Death is difficult to deal with. A violent homicide complicates things. A violent murder-suicide complicates things immensely. But how do you deal with a murder-suicide that involves a close professional colleague in a small town like Midland? It is further complicated when two health professionals are involved and one is a psychiatrist.

The Asian Indian community in Midland is disproportionately represented in the physician community, specifically among the few psychiatrists here (which includes this writer). The true feeling of the "shock and awe" is indescribable. However, the repercussions are still immense. The loss of providers, one permanently and the other hopefully temporarily, is unsettling. However, the moral foundations of our society are shaken as role models display such a despicable act, which some call an act of insanity.

Murder-suicides are not uncommon in the U.S. It is estimated that between 1,000 and 1,500 deaths per year in the United States are the result of murder-suicide. In a series of studies, "American Roulette: Murder-Suicide in the United States," for the period Jan. 1, 2011, through June 30, 2011, (the latest year for which such statistics are available) there were an estimated 1,382 murder-suicide deaths. All major murder-suicide studies in the United States completed since 1950 have shown that firearms are by far the most common method of committing homicide, with the offender choosing the firearm as a weapon for suicide. Males compromised 90 percent of the offenders. Most murder-suicides involve an intimate partner. Most murder-suicides with three or more victims involve a male "family annihilator"— a subcategory of intimate partner. Most murder-suicides occur in the home and children are often victims or witnesses.

While there are many unanswered questions and abundant speculation, it is time for the community to pull together and help our physicians grieve and heal from this irreplaceable loss. While we physicians come back to our sacred moral duty to heal and reduce pain and suffering, know that part of us is now broken and we need Midlanders to offer what they are best known for: a big friendly hug. Your doctor needs to heal, too.

Dr. Bobby Jain
regional chair
Texas Tech HSC — Permian Basin

Midland is not immune to mayhem

It seems there is a lot of confusion, some of it deliberate, ahead of Gov. Abbott's signing the open carry and campus carry of handguns into law. One local police official, sounding like a psychic, said it could lead to wild gun play in the streets. Another hinted that an armed society is a polite society, with which I agree. To think Midland is immune to mayhem is delusional, to say the least.

Shortly after I moved here in the fall of 1999, there was a grudge shooting at one of the local doughnut shops in which the intended victim was killed. I would venture to say that had there been an armed presence there, whether law enforcement or private citizen, the incident would have happened differently, if at all. To paraphrase the movie, "We are not in Kansas anymore."

The attitude that we are too lucky for such to recur is insane. In his "On War," von Clausewitz stated, "Obstinacy is a fault of temperament. We would call it a form of vanity if it were not, of course, something better; vanity is satisfied with the appearance but obstinacy rests upon the enjoyment of the thing."

Read any treatise on famous last words, and "It can't happen here" will be at the top of the list.

Drew Matthews

Law enforcement's efforts appreciated

I am posting this letter in order to express Amanda Hankins' families' most sincere thanks to those officers with the Midland County Sheriff's Office, CID Sgt. Allee and the Midland Police Department Patrol Unit, with a special note of thanks to Officer Melendez. Chief, she is a keeper. Her heart is bigger than West Texas.

When our beloved granddaughter became missing, both MCSO and the MPD came running to our rescue. Sadly, sometimes we can never run fast enough in order to have a happy ending. But within 36 hours, the search was over and Amanda had been found, and the man who confessed to killing Amanda was arrested.

My oldest granddaughter, Amanda Hankins, is the daughter of Lori Hankins. She was found in a shallow grave in northwest Midland County.

In Brandin Conley's signed confession, he stated he shot her with a 9 mm pistol in the back of her head. We pray that she died instantly, but we shall never know.

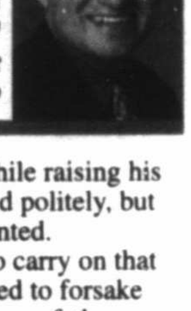
Funeral services are pending. A fund has been set up at First Capital Bank of Texas, downtown Midland. The account is No. 116426. Tara Swanner is overseeing the account.

Once again we appreciate all the efforts of both departments in finding Amanda. Thank you, and God bless each of you.

Timothy L. Parker



A good dad doesn't stop the sermon



RUBEN NAVARRETTE
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As we honor America's dads, I'd like to offer my children some fatherly advice — which, in keeping with a long-standing family tradition, they'll surely ignore.

I won't take it personally. It's the nature of being a dad. We're always second string to that other parental unit, the one with a bigger name. Even the U.S. government plays favorite. Mother's Day has been observed since 1914, but Father's Day has been on the calendar only since 1972.

In my family, we love and respect our fathers. We just tend to not listen to them — especially on the important matters, such as whom to marry, what job to take, how to live our lives. We stubbornly go our own way.

I bet that's how it went in the Mexican state of Chihuahua in the early 1900s when my grandfather Roman Navarrette was no doubt lectured often by his father, Jose, about how to conduct himself and fulfill his responsibilities.

It was that way, about 40 years later, when — I gather from years of listening to stories from my father and uncles — Roman would frequently put in his two cents while raising his five sons. They listened politely, but then did what they wanted.

And I did my best to carry on that tradition when I decided to forsake law school — the path my father would have chosen for me — and instead build a career in the field of ideas as a writer, journalist and speaker.

Now it's my turn to preach to my children, and — in all likelihood — not be heard.

As fatherly advice goes, I like what Scott Eastwood, a young actor whose dad achieved some success in that profession, said his father told him. During an interview last year on NBC's "Today," the 29-year-old said his dad, Clint Eastwood, was less concerned with his career path than with his character.

"[My dad] didn't care what I did," Scott said. "He didn't care if I was a plumber or if I was an actor. He said, 'Whatever you do just do it well, and be humble about it and be a good guy, and tell the truth.'"

He also said that his father emphasized the need to "be a man." By that, the film legend apparently meant that he expected his son to not put on airs or let success go to his head but rather — as Scott put it — "shut up and do the job."

One day, when he's old enough to understand, I plan to tell my 8-year-old son much the same thing with a few extra admonishments: "Take your responsibilities seriously. Don't make excuses, play the victim or give up — not ever. Work hard, cherish learning, think deeply, follow your dreams and never doubt your abilities or what you can accomplish. Be thankful, be humble and be helpful to your fellow man. Defend the little guy, and never back down from the big guy. Choose

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Diversity comes naturally in El Paso, unlike the rest of America



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EL PASO —

Recently spent four days in "Latino-landia."

Seriously.

I've visited heavily Hispanic communities in Florida, California and Arizona, but nothing like what I experienced on a reporting trip arranged by the Aspen Institute's Latinos and Society Program.

Since I was coming from Chicago, a famously segregated city where race and class divide nearly all segments of life — we are famous for our many ethnic neighborhoods, if that isn't separation, I don't know what is — the experience was a shock.

I'm used to walking through city halls, professional offices and grocery stores and taking a mental note of the one or two (if any) Hispanics to be seen. But in the El Paso area, most of the population is Hispanic.

"Here, even the Anglos are Latino," said Cindy Ramos-Davidson, the CEO of the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. "And that goes for our black, Jewish, and other residents, too. Here we embrace diversity at all levels, including age, religion and gender."

Rep. Beto O'Rourke, a fourth-generation El Paso native representing Texas' 16th District, is quick to point out that he is just as white as white can be but in El Paso, "everyone is binational, bilingual and bicultural."

"In El Paso, we really are the Ellis Island of the Americas," said O'Rourke, whose given name is Robert but whose parents always called him by the Spanish affectionate version, "Beto." "Everyone here is just welcoming and so connected to both cultures, either by birth or marriage, that I'm not the only one — you'll find 'Paco Wongs' and plenty of other mixtures of both cultures."

Like many other families, O'Rourke and his wife, Amy, send their kids to public school, where they are enrolled in dual-language programs that pump out children who are fluent in speaking, reading and writing both Spanish and English.

Over at the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine at Texas Tech University, President Richard Lange proudly told a group of journalists, "This is the only medical school in America that *requires* doctors to learn the practice of medicine, medical terminology as well as conversational Spanish and cultural competence as the foundation of their training."

Being in such a "colorblind" place was really weird.

I'd venture to say that most Hispanics in America spend a fair amount of their mental energies dealing with others' perception that their language skills, education levels, income or social attainment might be based on their name or the shade of their skin.

In El Paso and the surrounding

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Presidential candidate Rand Paul plans to 'blow up' tax code

By Steve Peoples
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Republican presidential candidate Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., speaks during the Road to Majority 2015 convention in Washington on Thursday.

WASHINGTON — Republican presidential candidate Rand Paul called Thursday for a "fair and flat tax" that would "blow up" the nation's tax code, offering a proposal his campaign said would cut taxes by $2 trillion over the next decade.

The first-term senator from Kentucky released the outline of a plan to institute a 14.5 percent income tax rate on all individuals, as well as a tax of the same rate on all business revenue. It was among the first major policy proposals released by Paul's presidential campaign, although he did not make the full plan available for review.

"Basically my conclusion is the tax code can't be fixed and should be scrapped," he said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We should start over."

Many of the dozen major Republican candidates for president list tax reform among their priorities. Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, for example, is among the GOP contenders calling for the wholesale abolition of the Internal Revenue Service — a position many experts say is unrealistic.

But few have offered detailed proposals, and while Paul said his plan would benefit American both rich and poor, he cited an independent analysis that his campaign did not make available to reporters.

In a column describing highlights of his plan published Thursday in The Wall Street Journal, Paul called for the outright elimination of payroll taxes on workers and of several other federal taxes, including those on gifts and estates, telephone service and all duties and tariffs. He also proposed eliminating all corporate tax subsidies and personal tax deductions, except those for mortgage interest and charitable donations.

Paul says the first $50,000 of income for a family of four would not be taxed and the earned-income tax credit would be preserved.

The plan would also replace the corporate tax with a 14.5 percent tax on businesses' capital income — including profits, rents, and royalties — and labor expenses such as wages and salaries, according to an analysis by the conservative Tax Foundation. Nonprofits and governments would also pay a 14.5 percent tax on wages for their employees.

While his campaign disputes the value-added tax label, the proposed changes would essentially cycle through the economy as a sales tax on businesses. For example, an auto dealer would pay a tax on its profits from selling a car, as would the automaker that provided the vehicle to the dealer, the parts makers on their profits from selling to the carmaker, and the steel mill that sold metal to the parts makers.

It was not clear how Paul would ensure cutting taxes so deeply would not at the same time explode the nation's debt. He wrote in the column that his plan would "reduce the national debt by trillions of dollars over time when combined with my package of spending cuts," but he did not detail those cuts.

In the interview, Paul referred to his previous budget proposals, which include sweeping cuts in foreign and domestic spending. In particular, he has previously called to eliminate all aid to foreign governments, including Israel. He has also proposed eliminating the federal departments of education, energy and housing and urban affairs.

He noted, however, he's also called for increased national security spending in his most recent spending plans. "I think that the priority for spending is national defense and national security so we don't have significant cuts in our preparedness," he said.

Florida Sen. Marco Rubio stands out among his Republican colleagues for offering the most detailed economic agenda of the GOP candidates for president, anchored by a massive tax cut that the conservative Tax Foundation said could add as much as $4 trillion to the nation's debt in its first decade.

That approach keeps with conservative economic thinking that the best way to spark growth and increase wages is to reduce the tax burden on businesses, the wealthy and investors. Rubio would also eliminate all taxes on investment income, a change that largely favors the most wealthy Americans.

Like Paul's emphasis on tax cuts, however, it is an approach that exposed Republicans to Democratic criticism that they favor the rich.

While Paul offers just one tax rate, Rubio's plan would set two: 15 percent for those making less than $75,000 (or families earning under $150,000), and 35 percent for all making more.

Cruz, meanwhile, has repeatedly promised to scrap the tax-collecting agency as he runs for the GOP presidential nomination.

He did not address taxes while speaking to evangelical Christians on Thursday, but Cruz advisers said the senator would soon release more details on his proposal, which he has said would allow most Americans to file their taxes on the back of a postcard-size form.

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region, there seems to be little, if any, of that. No emotional baggage about whether the brown people in the office are affirmative-action hires, no political stances about who should "learn the language" (everyone is bilingual, even on the Mexican side), and no culture clashes.

Dan Olivas, a Latino business leader based in El Paso said the same thing I heard from at least 100 people I met across the region: "We hope to be an example to the rest of the country. Hispanics need to step up and take a leadership role in America. We're doing it here, we can do it anywhere."

I'm not so sure it's possible everywhere else.

It seems as though there's a homogeneity to the biculturalism here that I haven't encountered elsewhere.

It may be that in this nexus of three states and two countries, the diversity is sort of baked in so that it doesn't need to be addressed the way it does in metropolitan areas where there is very real competition among the major racial groups, all of which are diverse in and of themselves.

Davin Lopez, of the Mesilla Valley (New Mexico) Economic Development Alliance, assured our group that the same goes in his part of the Borderplex region.

"I never knew what segregation was until I moved to San Diego," Lopez said, "Here we're blended all together."

It's difficult to know whether the Borderplex region really is, as everyone here repeatedly promised, a preview of what the rest of America will look like in coming decades.

Having heard the area described as "one of the last bastions of 1950s-era friendliness," it's hard to imagine.

But wouldn't it be nice?

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your partner wisely and — once you do — be kind, patient, loyal and generous. And one day, when you have kids of your own, love them, support them, spend time with them, and believe in their abilities. Finally, defend your family, serve your community and love your country."

With my daughters, 5 and 10, I'll repeat that message but add: "Never accept the idea that there is anything in this world you can't do. Always do your best, be ready to sacrifice, and command respect. Go as far as your dreams can take you, and give it your all so you complete the journey. If a door won't open, kick it down. Don't let any person demean, degrade or diminish you. Don't be distracted by shiny objects. Don't date the cute guy or the cool guy; the only thing that matters is that he's a good guy. It won't be easy finding someone who is worthy of you, but don't settle for less than you deserve. Finally, challenge those around you to be better people. They may resent you for it. But, in the end, they and the rest of society will benefit."

My kids might take this advice or toss it. But, whether he's heard or not, a good dad doesn't stop the sermon. He cares enough about his kids to keep pushing — until he stops breathing.

I'm proud to say that this, too, is a family tradition.

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The Bush brothers have a very complex relationship

By Mark Z. Barabak
Los Angeles Times

MIAMI — When Jeb Bush was born, his big brother didn't exactly celebrate the news.

Sibling relations can be fraught, a tangle of love, envy and compassion. In that way, Jeb and George W. Bush — separated by nearly seven years and vastly different life experiences — are no different than any other set of brothers.

But they are, of course, like no other: They're part of a political dynasty, and their dramas play out for the world to watch, their personal history entwined with that of their country.

As he strives to become the third member of his family to win the White House, Jeb Bush bears the blessings as well as the burdens of that heritage and, especially, the legacy of his brother, who left the presidency a scant 6 1/2 years ago amid an unpopular war and the near-collapse of the U.S. economy.

Conflating the two, however, masks a more complex relationship, marked by fierce rivalry, wounded feelings and long periods of estrangement.

Though they share the same political philosophy — both are more conservative Republicans than their father, President George H.W. Bush — they have never been personally close.

Stylistically, they stand poles apart: George W. Bush, 68, outgoing and gregarious, using gut instinct as a guide; Jeb Bush, 62, introverted, data-driven and happiest burrowing in the nooks of a briefing book.

Ron Kaufman, an old family friend, remembers seeing the pair once at a black-tie dinner, where George W. Bush, then Texas governor, was in his back-slapping element. Jeb Bush, Florida's new governor, was politely pleasant "but his eyes were saying he'd rather be back in Tallahassee," Kaufman recalled, "working on the state budget."

One constant, though, has been loyalty, to the family cause and one another.

Jeb Bush's most politically difficult moments of the 2016 campaign surround his fumbling response when asked whether he supported the war in Iraq his brother started. Bush took several days, shaping and reshaping his answer, before flatly declaring that, in retrospect, the invasion should never have taken place.

A few days later, it was news when Bush took issue with his brother's fiscal policies, suggesting he should have been quicker to wield his veto pen. "He could have brought budget discipline to Washington, D.C.," Bush said.

Such public breaches, however, are extremely rare.

In 1983, Jeb and George W. Bush go fishing with their father, Vice President George H.W. Bush, in Maine.

The sentiment, however, was not always reciprocated.

"When they were young, Jeb was somebody for George to torture," their cousin Ellis recounted in the 2004 book "The Bushes: Portrait of a Dynasty."

As adults, the two grew even further apart. One advisor to George W. Bush's 2000 presidential campaign recalls him rolling his eyes when his brother chimed in on conference calls, suggesting if they weren't related they would probably have nothing to do with each other.

From early on the brothers forged strikingly different paths.

George W. Bush followed his father's route through New England prep school and Yale, where he was an unimpressive student. After graduating, he eagerly partook of bachelor life in Houston — "I was a spirited lad," he later said with wry understatement — and spent more than a decade knocking about the oil business, with middling success. Bush was married with twin daughters when he finally quit drinking, after a 40th birthday bash that was a haze, save for the hangover.

John Ellis Bush, by contrast, breezed through the University of Texas in 2 1/2 years, married at age 21 and moved to Florida, partly because of the social ostracism faced by his wife, Columba, a native of Mexico. He became a father at 23 — the couple has three children — and grew rich in Miami's booming real estate business. In the early 1980s, he became active in state Republican politics, helped along by the Bush name; his father was then vice president under Ronald Reagan.

The year 1994 was pivotal for both brothers.

Jeb Bush was running for Florida governor when George W., by then an executive with the Texas Rangers baseball team, unexpectedly launched an uphill bid for governor of his home state. Jeb Bush made no secret of his displeasure, griping that his brother's Texas candidacy turned their twin campaigns into a "cute People magazine story."

Jeb — the sober, dutiful son — had always been the one expected to assume the Bush political mantle. George W. was good for laughs, but not a lot more. It was a shock then, both inside the family and out, when Jeb lost his race and George W. won. The latter kept eager track of the competition with his sibling, checking the private Florida polling each morning to see where his race stood compared with his brother's.

On election night, George W. was struck that his parents seemed more upset about Jeb's loss than happy for his victory. "Why do you feel bad about Jeb?" he asked his father during a phone call that has become political lore. "Why don't you feel good about me?"

Still, four years later, Bush rallied to help his demoralized brother win a second try for Florida governor, tapping his Texas fundraising base and schooling his supposedly more astute sibling.

The evolution of the brothers' relationship, from condescension to grudging respect, recalls that of another famous pair of dynastic offspring, John F. Kennedy and his younger brother Robert. The older Kennedy spent much of his life dismissing his sibling — he appointed him attorney general largely to appease their father — until they forged a strong bond during the crucible of the Cuban missile crisis.

The trial that drew the Bush brothers closer was the 2000 Florida recount, in which Jeb played an important behind-the-scenes role helping deliver the electoral votes that put George W. Bush in the White House.

Among Jeb's first steps was ensuring his brother locked up the top legal talent in the state, hampering Democrat Al Gore in the rush to the courthouse.

When George W. Bush was president, Jeb mostly muffled their differences, though he did speak out against a plan to expand oil drilling off the Florida coast — it was sharply cut back — and challenged aspects of the president's No Child Left Behind education initiative.

A rare social visitor to the White House, Jeb nonetheless benefited during his 2002 re-election campaign from a steady flow of federal dollars to Florida and a parade of Bush administration luminaries.

Two years later, with George W. seeking a second term and Florida once more in play, Jeb laid low rather than hurt his brother by risking an association with his political problems. The president carried Florida easily.

Their interactions reflect a pattern: Whatever hostilities or hard feelings built up, the two have been there for each other in their times of political need, publicly when it suited them, but more often in less obvious fashion.

It is an arrangement, say those familiar with Bush family dynamics, that will likely persist.

"Sibling rivalry aside, blood is thicker than water," said David Beckwith, who worked in the administration of George H.W. Bush, where he got to know both brothers. "W. will do whatever he can to help. Including being invisible, if need be."

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Report: Higher deficits, more uninsured if health law tossed

By Andrew Taylor and Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Repealing President Barack Obama's signature health care law would modestly increase the budget deficit, while the number of uninsured Americans would rise by more than 20 million, said a nonpartisan government study released Friday.

The report from the Congressional Budget Office comes ahead of a highly anticipated Supreme Court ruling that could have a major impact on the Affordable Care Act, nullifying health insurance subsidies for some 6 million people in more than 30 states. The budget analysts said that would add a host of new uncertainties to their estimates.

Republicans now in control of both chambers of Congress say they are not backing away from their promise to repeal "Obamacare."

But repealing the law's spending cuts and tax increases would add $137 billion to the federal deficit over the coming decade, CBO said, even though almost $1.7 trillion in coverage costs would disappear.

Repeal would up the number of uninsured people by about 24 million people, and the share of U.S. adults with health insurance would drop from roughly 90 percent now to about 82 percent, the report said.

On the other side of the balance sheet, the report says that completely repealing the law would, on average, boost the economy by 0.7 percent a year after the start of the '20s. That's mostly because more people would enter the workforce or work more hours to make up for the lack of government health care subsidies.

But the positive economic effects of repeal would fade over time, the budget agency said, offset by the increased budget deficits. Repeal of the excise tax on high-cost plans is a major reason why deficits would increase in later years, because more and more plans would be hit by this "Cadillac tax."

The CBO provides lawmakers with nonpartisan budget and economic analysis. Republicans controlling Congress have increasingly asked the office to incorporate a broader range of potential economic consequences of major legislation into its work, and Friday's report is the first major study released since GOP appointee Keith Hall took over as CBO director.







Need reason to pay by phone? Apple, Google add new features

By Brandon Bailey and Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The tech industry has been saying for years that smartphones would make traditional wallets obsolete. But most people still use cash or plastic when they shop in stores.

That could change later this year when three leading tech companies are promising to give shoppers more reasons to use "digital wallets."

Apple said last week that it's adding store-issued credit cards and store rewards programs to Apple Pay, the mobile payments service it launched last fall. Google is readying a similar service for millions more smartphones to run on its Android software. And Samsung promises a service for its newest Galaxy smartphones will be accepted in more stores than both Apple Pay and Google's Android Pay.

"Our ultimate goal is to replace the wallet," Apple vice president Jennifer Bailey told software developers last week.

The new options come as numbers show mobile payments are still in their infancy: About 16 million U.S. shoppers used smartphones to pay for $3.5 billion in store purchases last year, according to the eMarketer research firm. That includes payments with Apple Pay, other services like PayPal and apps from merchants like Starbucks and Dunkin' Donuts.

While that's a tiny slice of the $4.3 trillion spent in stores overall last year, eMarketer expects mobile payments will grow to $27.5 billion in 2016.

"We're still in this very early stage of laying the groundwork to be able to make this happen," said analyst Brian Yeager at eMarketer. "But there's progress being made."

The progress follows years in which the industry has struggled to get digital wallets off the ground as major players failed to agree on technical standards, security measures and financial terms. Some big merchants have balked at services developed by Apple or Google, saying they'd rather build and control their own system.



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In this photo taken Oct. 17, 2014, Eddy Cue, Apple senior vice president of internet software and services, demonstrates the new Apple Pay mobile payment system at a Whole Foods store in Cupertino, Calif. Apple on June 8 said that it's adding store-issued credit cards and store rewards programs to Apple Pay, the mobile payments service it launched last fall.

Still, Apple opened the door for widespread adoption of digital wallets last year when it launched Apple Pay with endorsements from major banks and retail chains. With Apple Pay, which only works on the latest models of iPhones and the Apple Watch, users link a credit card or bank account to their iPhone.

Once that's done, a user only has to hold the phone next to a device at a store counter. The phone and the store device communicate wirelessly, prompting the user to authorize payment by pressing the phone's fingerprint sensor instead of swiping a plastic card. Apple Pay uses encrypted codes to protect shoppers' financial information.

Apple says shoppers and merchants have embraced Apple Pay, although it hasn't released usage details.

One early fan is Allison Lucas, a 35-year-old tech worker who tapped her Apple Watch to pay for a box of breakfast cereal and other items at a Walgreens store in San Francisco's Financial District last week.

"You don't realize how much freedom it gives you until you try it," said Lucas, who used her watch to pay for lunch on another day when she accidentally left her wallet at home.

But not everyone is convinced they need Apple Pay.

"I might come around and try it at some point, but I haven't really seen a reason," said Amalia Bornstein, a 29-year-old data analyst. Though she carried her iPhone 6 in hand as she walked along a busy San Francisco sidewalk, Bornstein said she still uses cash or plastic for most purchases.

Apple says it's offering more reasons this fall with its next software update, which will let shoppers charge store credit accounts and redeem loyalty points from major chains. Forrester Research analyst Sucharita Mulpuru said frequent shoppers see loyalty rewards as an important benefit, and they want an easy way to use them.

Walgreens expects more customers will pay with smartphones or watches when 80 million members of the chain's Balance Rewards program will be able to use their loyalty points with Apple Pay, said Ben Weiss, Walgreens mobile products manager. J.C. Penney also is betting iPhone users will want to use their store-label credit cards. Spokeswoman Daphne Avila said the store's own credit card is used on more J.C. Penney transactions than any other payment card, because customers earn points for every transaction.

Google, which had struggled to win support for its earlier Google Wallet service, says major banks and retail chains have signed on to its new Android Pay. The service will work similarly to Apple Pay when released later this year.

Google says it will incorporate store rewards, but won't work with store credit cards to start. Android Pay will work on a variety of phones running the two latest versions of Android software — or about half of all Android phones in use.

Samsung, meanwhile, says it's addressing another hurdle with a service called Samsung Pay, due for release this fall. Unlike rival services Apple Pay and Android Pay, Samsung says its technology will work with traditional store credit-card readers.

Apple Pay and Android Pay only work in stores with equipment capable of receiving data from smartphones via "near-field communication" or NFC radio. But new models of Samsung's Galaxy smartphones will transmit two kinds of signals — one for NFC readers and one that works with older equipment that merchants use to read the magnetic stripe on credit cards.

Many smaller stores don't have NFC readers. But Visa and MasterCard are pushing retailers to meet an October deadline for installing new terminals that read cards with embedded microchips, which are more secure than magnetic stripes. While the technologies are separate, many chip-card readers will accept NFC signals too.

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Here are some ways you can soon pay with your phone

Big tech companies are competing to help you pay for a store purchase with your phone. Here are some options:

Apple Pay

How it works: Apple Pay lets you pay by placing an iPhone 6 or 6 Plus, or Apple Watch, next to a store device equipped for near-field communication (NFC) signals. You authorize the transaction with your fingerprint. For security, Apple Pay uses a "tokenization" method that replaces your credit or bank account number with an encrypted code and generates a second code for each transaction. The service works with most bank cards; it's adding Discover and store cards this fall.

Where it works: Apple says it will be accepted at 1 million locations by next month. Most are chains, although some independent stores have NFC readers as well. A few chains like Wal-Mart are resisting Apple Pay while an industry group works on an alternative. Apple Pay also works with many online sites and apps.

Android Pay

How it works: Google struggled to win traction for its old app, Wallet, but it's struck deals with major banks, retail chains and wireless carriers to support a new service called Android Pay. It will use "tokenization" and work much like Apple Pay. Android Pay will be available for any smartphone with an NFC chip and Android software known as KitKat, Lollipop or the upcoming M. For older phones without fingerprint readers, it will require a PIN to authorize transactions.

Where it works: Google says the new Android Pay will be accepted at 700,000 retail locations to start, including many of the same chains that accept Apple Pay, and even some vending machines with NFC readers.

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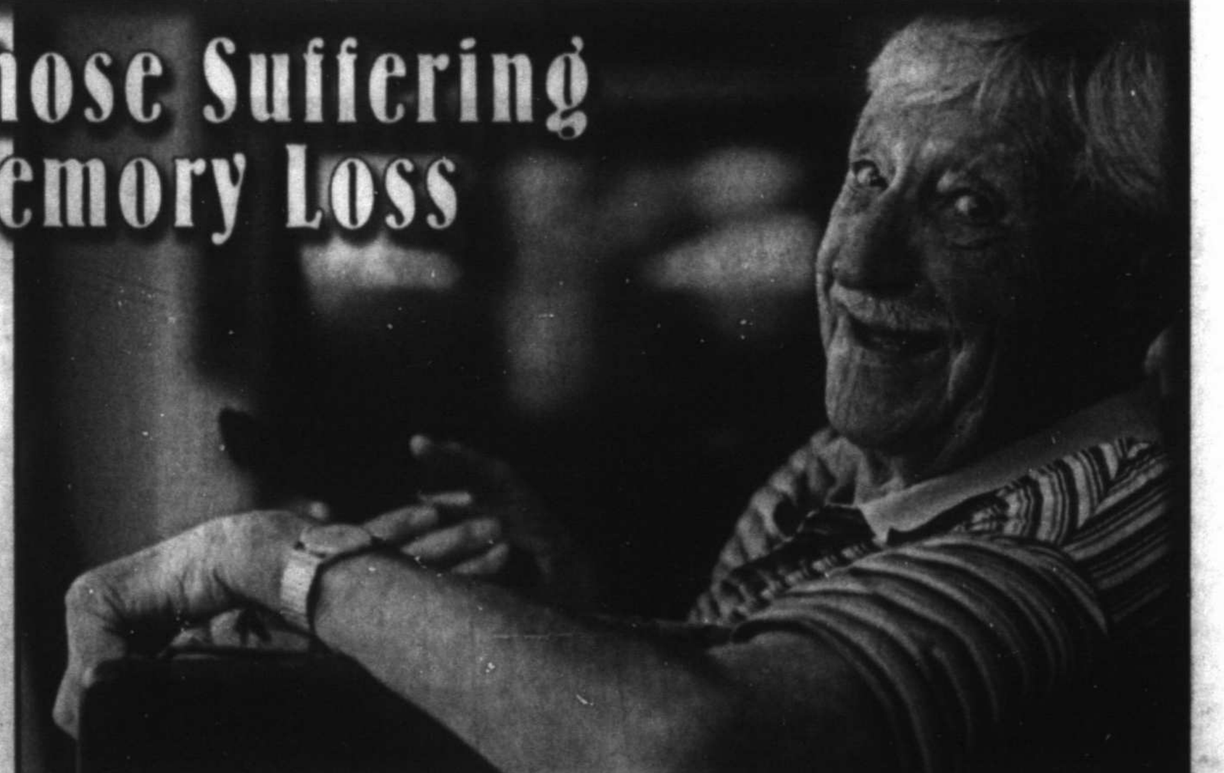
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Google cracks down on 'revenge porn' under new nudity policy

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google plans to censor unauthorized nude photos from its influential Internet search engine in a policy change aimed at cracking down on a malicious practice known as "revenge porn."

The new rules announced Friday will allow people whose naked pictures have been posted on a website without their permission to ask Google to prevent links to the image from appearing in its search results. A form for submitting the censorship requests to Google should be available within the next few weeks, according to the Mountain View, California, company.

Google traditionally has resisted efforts to erase online content from its Internet search engine, maintaining that its judgments about information and images should be limited to how relevant the material is to each person's query. That libertarian approach helped establish Google as the world's most dominant search engine, processing roughly two-thirds of all online requests for information.

The company decided to make an exception with the unauthorized sharing of nude photos because those images are often posted by ex-spouses and jilted romantic partners or extortionists demanding ransoms to take down the pictures.

"Revenge porn images are intensely personal and emotionally damaging, and serve only to degrade the victims — predominantly women," Amit Singhal, Google's senior vice president of search, wrote in a Friday blog post.

Google's stand against revenge porn won't necessarily purge it from the Internet because it has no authority to order other sites to remove offensive or even illegal content. But Google is hoping revenge porn will prove less mortifying to its intended victims by making it more difficult to find.

Other heavily trafficked sites, including the social forum Reddit, have embraced policies banning nude photos from being posted without the subject's permission. Earlier this year, Google tried to prohibit sexually explicit material from the publicly accessible sites in its Blogger service only to reverse itself within a few days amid cries of unwarranted censorship among Blogger's users.

This isn't the first time Google has excised sensitive content from its search index. In most instances, the company has been forced to do so under laws imposed in various countries where it operates. While its search engine operated in mainland China from 2006 through 2010, Google blocked information that the country's Communist government deemed to be inappropriate and the company has been scrubbing humiliating information from people's pasts in Europe for the past year.

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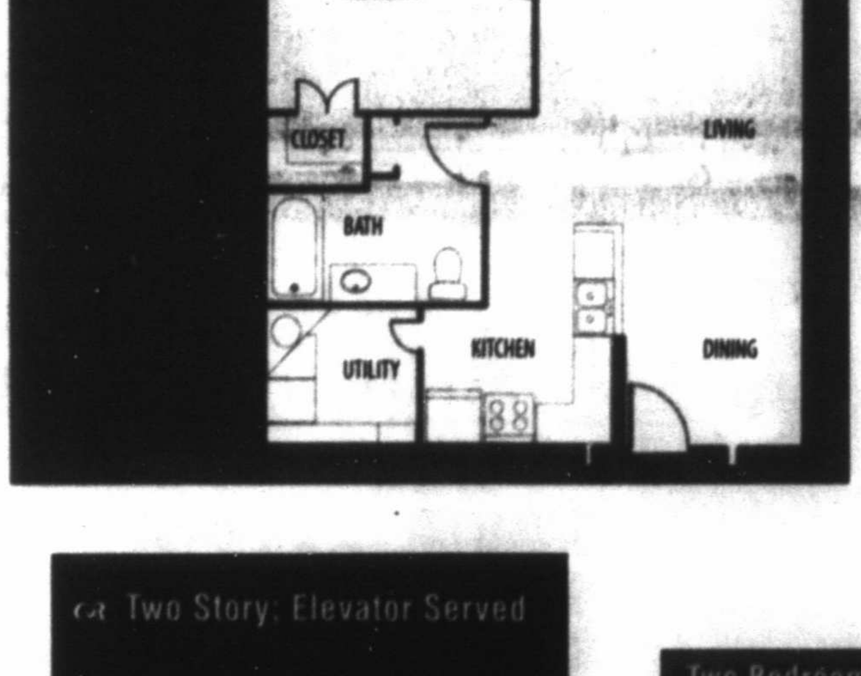
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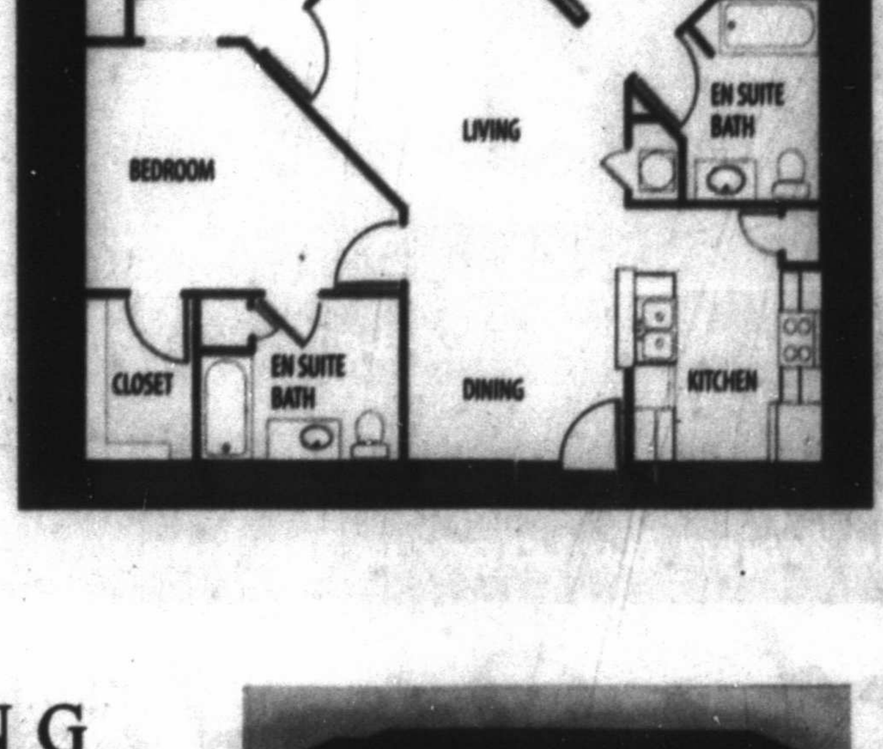
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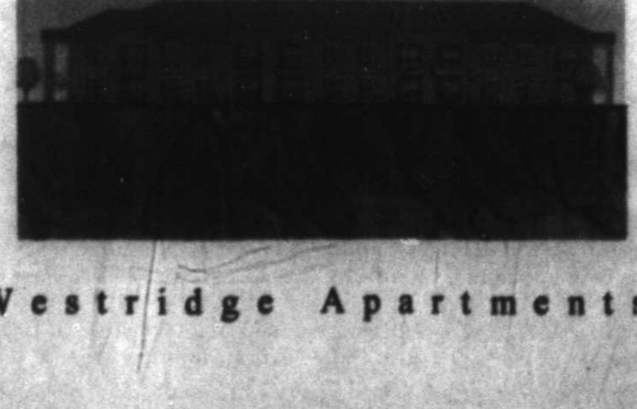


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Texas turns away from criminal truancy courts

By Jamie Stengle
Associated Press

DALLAS — A long-standing Texas law that has sent about 100,000 students a year to criminal court — and some to jail — for missing school is off the books, though a Justice Department investigation into one county's truancy courts continues.

Gov. Greg Abbott has signed into law a measure to decriminalize unexcused absences and require school districts to implement preventive measures. It will take effect Sept. 1.

Reform advocates say the threat of a heavy fine — up to $500 plus court costs — and a criminal record wasn't keeping children in school and was sending those who couldn't pay into a criminal justice system spiral. Under the old law, students as young as 12 could be ordered to court for three unexcused absences in four weeks. Schools were required to file a misdemeanor failure to attend school charge against students with more than 10 unexcused absences in six months. And unpaid fines landed some students behind bars when they turned 17.

"Most of the truancy issues involve hardships," state Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, said. "To criminalize the hardships just doesn't solve anything. It costs largely low-income families. It doesn't address the root causes."

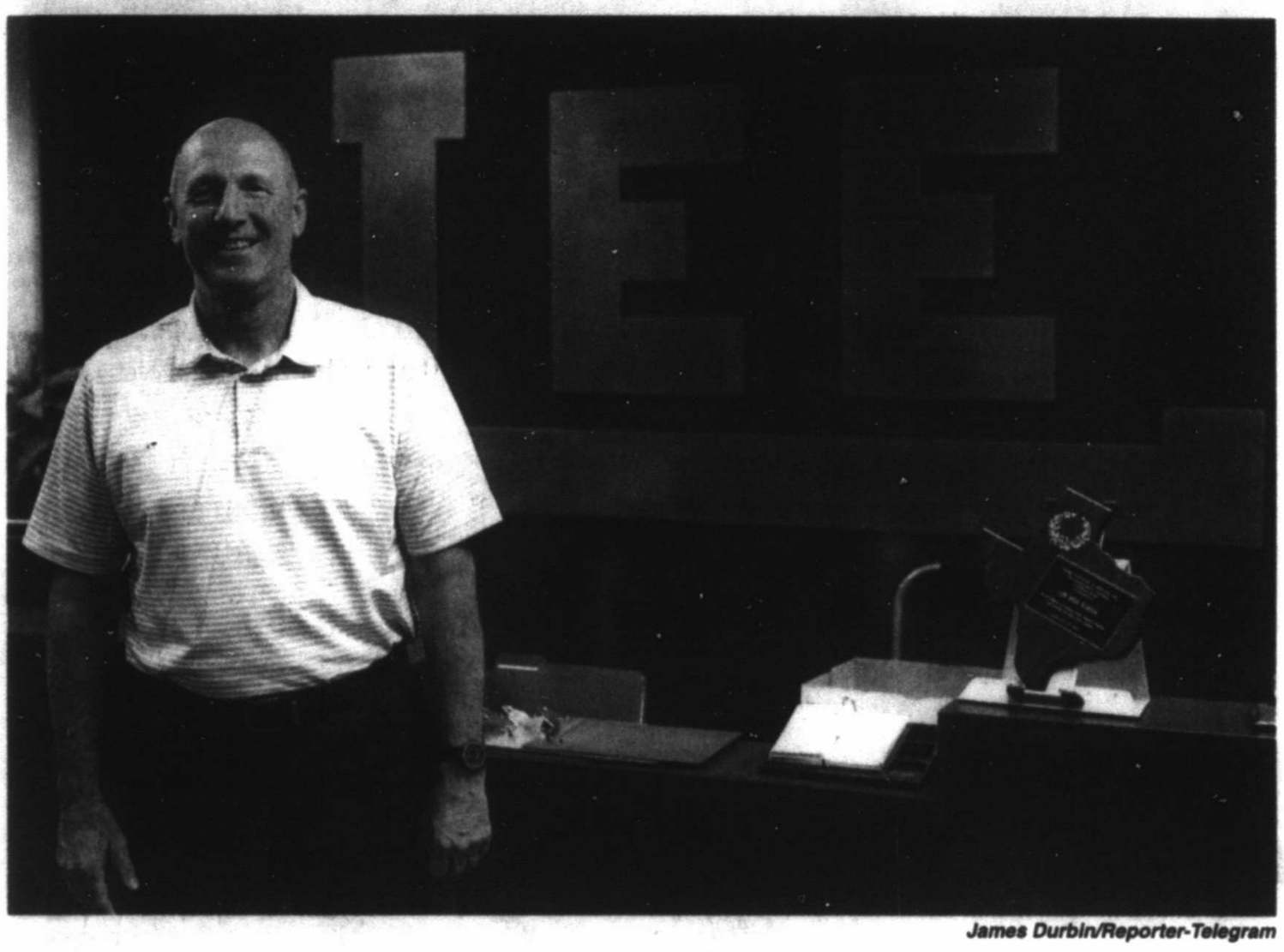
Only two states in the U.S. — Texas and Wyoming — send truants to adult criminal court. In 2013, Texas prosecuted about 115,000 cases, more than twice the number of truancy cases filed in juvenile courts of all other states, according to a report from the nonprofit advocacy group Texas Appleseed. An estimated $10 million was collected from court costs and fines from students for truancy in fiscal year 2014 alone, the Texas Office of Court Administration said.

Texas Appleseed said the policies disproportionately affected low-income, Hispanic, black and disabled students. The group was also among several groups that filed a U.S. Justice Department complaint about Dallas County's specialty truancy courts, which in 2012 prosecuted over 36,000 cases, more than any other Texas county. The Justice Department in March began looking into whether students had received due process, something spokeswoman Dena Iverson said will continue as the department evaluates the new legislation's impact.

In 12 of the state's largest 15 counties, Texas Appleseed told The Associated Press, at least 1,283 teenagers were jailed for failure to attend school from January 2013 through April 2015. At least 910 of

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RETURN TO LEE



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee High School's new principal Stan VanHoozer poses for a photo Wednesday in his office at the school.

Meet Stan VanHoozer, new LHS principal

From staff reports

Vital statistics

Family: Wife, Lori; two daughters, Kendra and Courtney; two grandchildren, Camryn (7) and Jackson (1); and two rescue dogs, Abby and Candy.

Background: Born and raised in Midland. Attended Jane Long, Alamo, Lee Freshman and Lee High School.

Number of years in education: Starting his 22nd year.

College: Graduated from UTPB with a BA in accounting, a post-baccalaureate in history and a MA in administration education

Favorite Midland restaurant: Jorge's

Favorite Midland memory: "Riding my bike all over town as a kid, and especially over to my aunt and uncle's house. My uncle was the fire chief (Melvin Little), and they were always two of my biggest supporters."

Q&A

MRT: How much change can a principal really make?

VanHoozer: Research shows that principals are an important part of successful schools, but real sustained change in schools comes when the teachers make student learning their main focus. Good principals help to build a campus culture that encourages and supports the teachers by using best practices in developing a positive learning environment for students.

MRT: Is there a problem with principals not staying in the seats long enough at a job? Some might remember George Cooper who was principal at Lee for more than a decade, but he appears to be the exception. Does having a rotating door of principals actually matter one way or another?

VanHoozer: The educational landscape has changed over the past decade. High-stakes accountability ratings and state testing are two of the main factors. When principals do well and the school shows improvement, those principals are in high demand at other schools or in the central office to help guide others. When the school does not do well, those principals are replaced in hopes of turning things around. The principal that stays in one place for 10 or more years is not the norm anymore. Ms. Howard and Ms. McNeely both did good jobs at Lee and were well thought of. One moved on to further her career, and the other wanted to be closer to her family, which I understand.

MRT: How does your experience in the Metroplex help prepare you for the changing demographics of Midland?

VanHoozer: Getting the opportunity to grow as a professional in a suburban district (Lewisville ISD) and in an urban district (Dallas ISD) exposed me to a wide variety of experiences, training and educational view points. The demographics in the Metroplex resemble those in Midland and across the state. Texas is a global state, which is being enriched by people from all over the world.

MRT: Based on test scores and other metrics you see, what is the one thing that needs to be addressed first?

VanHoozer: Based on our test scores, writing is still one of our biggest challenges at Lee. Ms. McNeely started a program last year of writing across the curriculum. This means every class will have a focus on students doing meaningful writing in their class. We will continue this practice, as well as, look for other ways to enhance student progress in this area.

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TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist



Rules change for how spouses divvy up chores

I'm afraid that the time is coming when some fathers are going to be less appreciated as years go by.

I was reading an article the other day about a survey done by Merry Maids, a home- cleaning company. It was sobering news, especially if you are an old-school dad.

The wife had to explain to me how Merry Maids work. At first, I thought the article was talking about some happy wives.

And, of course, this happened right before Father's Day, so the worst among us will squirm at the wrath and future expectations brought by this dreadful news.

Nearly all of the dads surveyed (96 percent) said moms and dads now share the home-cleaning responsibilities, according to the article. This is a huge change in perception even if it is a tad off the reality scale. I know men. We think we are helping by just standing in the way.

Still, the company responsible for the survey suggests Father's Day is the perfect time to recognize dads for all that they do to help keep their homes neat and clean.

If you hadn't noticed, that declaration for support for all of the "cleaning" dads out there leaves some of us out of the loop.

Don't be surprised if your Father's Day take is a little light this year. Let's face it, some of us have never been on the north end of a mop.

I'll admit it. The wife stayed at home with the kids while I went to work. Fair? I don't know, but that's the way we divvied up the work load around our house. I mowed the yard and the wife did all the cleaning, dish washing, cooking, nursing and diaper changing.

Oh, yes, I did occasionally take out the trash. I was always looking for ways to help other than bringing home a meager pay check.

It's a different world we live in now. Women work and expect the men to help raise the kids, clean the house and maintain that meager pay check.

Someone explain to me how dad trying to do unnatural things is better than the old family model. We're being asked to do things that challenge us on a technical level.

First, I don't even know how to turn on the vacuum cleaner or how to empty

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Trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens was 'best day ever'

MELANIE NICHOLAS
Columnist



The Hubs has been traveling a bit for work again. When he said he was going to Birmingham, Alabama, next, I told him the kids and I would love to go with him.

I have heard so many good things about Birmingham, and even though it was going to be a very short trip, I was excited to go. I reviewed a lot of things close to our hotel that were kid-friendly. We do zoos and science museums a lot already, and I loathe amusement parks and water parks. So I decided we should do something completely different. The Birmingham Botanical Gardens looked like the perfect spot to get some sunshine, stretch our legs and see truly vibrant gardens. The botanical gardens are essentially a living museum with more than 12,000 different plants on 67 acres and in 27 unique gardens. Meemaw gave the kids cameras this year, and this seemed like a brilliant opportunity to use them.

What I did not anticipate about Birmingham though, was that it is a lot like Houston, only so much worse. It was 100 degrees by 10 a.m. and so humid, we could not breathe. My sweat was sweating. So our first stop had to be the new Super Target, an immense air-conditioned slice of heaven, filled with sunscreen and floppy, wide-brimmed hats. Bodacious even found a pearl-studded baseball cap that she said made her look "awesome." I thought she looked like a tiny old woman, but what the heck. We were on a mini break and I intended to go with the flow.

So, $80 later, we were back on the road again. But now we needed to stop and eat lunch. But it was so hot inside the sandwich shop, we actually took our food outside to eat in the car. When we left, I took a wrong turn onto the freeway and it took me another 10 minutes to get turned back around. It's amazing we got there at all. I can't read a map, and I couldn't hear the mapping directions on my phone over the movie and video games that were cranked up in the car.

But success. I parked the car in the last shady spot available at about 2 p.m. and I was starting to look ... wilted. In my mind, I was channeling Julia Roberts in the polo scene from "Pretty Woman," but I suspect that I actually looked a little crazy. I had on my orthopedic tennies, a black-and-white-striped skirt and light brown T-shirt, plus the biggest coral straw hat you have ever seen. Make-up was running down my face like a sobbing Tammy Faye Bakker. And we haven't even started trekking yet. Sixty seven acres — what was I thinking?

Our first stop was the Dunn Formal Rose Gardens, and it was breathtaking. In addition to the hundreds of roses, there was an amazing bronze abstract sculpture and an iron topiary that Bodacious thought made a perfect princess playhouse. Whenever a rose hedge ended, she thought she had discovered a secret trail into more roses. Everyone could hear her commanding us with a cheerful, "Follow me!"

Next we meandered into the Ireland Iris Garden. I love Irises, especially the light purple ones. But this garden had white ones, maroon ones and even mustard-yellow ones. Gorgeous. As we climbed our way up the stone stairs, Parkaslot was almost vibrating with anticipation. He was so excited to see the lily pond, and

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Obituaries



Amanda Leigh Hankins

Amanda Leigh Hankins, born April 10, 1989, received her angel wings and soared to be with her mother, Lori Lynn Kilgore Hankins, at the beginning of June 2015.

She is survived by her grandparents, Tim and Linda Parker, and Wade Hankins; her father, Randall Hankins; brother Aaron Hankins, and youngest brother Jeffrey Hankins and his wife and son, Alysana and Jaxton Hankins; and aunts and uncles, Alan and Staci Kilgore, Jerry and Jodi Henley, and Richard and Tammy Brandstetter.

She will be missed by many. Amanda was very caring, one of the many great qualities she shared with her mother. As a family grieving, we take comfort knowing she was greeted with open arms by her loving mother. We now have two angels looking down on us.

Her service will be held at American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home. At this time, we do not have a set date or time.



Edwin Rogers Mickle, MD

Edwin Rogers Mickle, a longtime member of the medical profession, passed away peacefully at 93 years of age on June 13, 2015, just a few days before his birthday. He was born June 18, 1921 in Dallas to Raymond Morris Mickle, Sr. and Grace Lillian Haislip Mickle. He was the youngest of twins.

He was preceded in death by his father (August 7, 1895 in Birdville, Texas to July 10, 1953, Kerrville, Texas); his mother (December 10, 1895 in Farmersville, Texas to June 14, 1974, Midland); his older brother Raymond Morris Mickle, Jr. (September 21,1917 in Commerce, Texas to September 6, 1995 in Fort Worth, Texas); his older twin brother Earl Clifton Mickle (June 18, 1921 in Dallas, Texas to April 20, 1922 in Dallas, Texas); his beloved wife Mary Frances Yoder Mickle (February 26, 1926 in Snyder, Texas to October 10, 2013, Midland); and his daughter Virginia Sue Mickle (October 15, 1958 in Midland to July 22, 2011, Midland).

His father instilled a love of education in Dr. Mickle, which caused him to build his own Amateur Radio station at 14, receiving his first QSO on October 12, 1936. He attended Texas A&M for a year, graduating with a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas in 1943. He was also a member of several honorary engineering societies - Eta Kappa Nu (Honorary Mechanical Engineering) and Tau Beta Pi, holding leadership positions in them and other student electrical engineering organizations. During 1938-1939 he was serving as a member of the National Guard in Kerrville including two weeks at Camp Bullis. But he moved to Wichita Falls, which ended his time in the Guard. The Wichita Guard tried to get him to join them, but he was discharged, thereby escaping the fate later when they were captured by the Japanese in Java.

After graduation, he was employed by General Electric in Schenectady, New York as a test engineer, where he worked on the huge electrical motors used aboard United States submarines in the War. While at GE, he met and worked with the remote control aiming system on B-29s and other projects with Drs. Langmuir and Shafer, as well as Carl Vonnegut and Kurt Vonnegut on the development of "cloud seeding" to produce rain.

From 1946 to 1948, he studied for his M.S. in electrical engineering and took some pre-med courses and discovered his passion in medicine. He then enrolled in the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston, Texas, graduating with his Medical Degree in June, 1952. While a student in Galveston, he worked on a Food Pump for burn patients, which was described in the April 16, 1951 issue of Life magazine. He also worked part time at several jobs while in medical school.

After his internship at Corpus Christi Memorial Hospital, he served in the United States Coast Guard and the U.S. Public Health Service as an Assistant Surgeon and First Lieutenant, initially at Galveston and later aboard the USCG Cutter Storis in Alaska for six months. The Storis was later famous for making the first North-West Passage, thereby completing the first circumnavigation of the North American Continent. He was later promoted to Senior Surgeon.

He soon moved to Midland, Texas with his long-time bride, where he practiced medicine until his retirement in 1991. He assisted numerous doctors with surgery and was very active in local hospital matters. He also got his stock broker license after his retirement.

Doctor Mickle was an accomplished designer and machinist, well known locally for his membership in the Antique Clock and Watch Association for over 50 years. He was a member of the Midland Amateur Radio Club. He held at least two patents for his work. He was also a member of Midland Masonic Lodge No. 623 and involved in numerous aspects of the El Paso Scottish Rite Association as a 33rd Degree Mason.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews and close friends, as well as his care givers, who were like family during his later years, particularly after the passing of his beloved wife Mary.

His memorial service is set for June 29, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Ellis Chapel in Midland.





Joyce James

Joyce James, 82, of Midland, passed away on Thursday, June 18, 2015. A visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Sunday, June 21, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 22, 2015 at Fairview Cemetery.

Joyce was born on November 30, 1932 in Haskell, Texas to Marvin Wade Fannin and Dora Alma Scoggins. She married the love of her life, Billy O. James, on August 11, 1950 in Lovington, New Mexico. They were married for 43 years until he passed away in October of 1993. Joyce was an active, long-time member of Second Baptist Church.

Joyce was very out-going, sweet and never met a stranger. She had a great smile that lit up every room she entered. Though, she was one you never wanted to make mad! Joyce was a very supportive person. She loved going to her kids and grandkids sporting games, sewing, crocheting, gardening and visiting people in the nursing home.

She is survived by her daughters, Nelda and husband, David Lewis, Judy and husband, Ronnie Harvey, Carolyn Barnes; grandchildren, Ronnie Harvey, Mistie Harvey, Kathy Sayles, Kristy James, Kacey Simmons and Joye Lewis; 11 great-grandchildren; and six great, great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Billy O. James; son, Billy D. James; and her parents, Marvin Fannin and Dora Scoggins.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated to The Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

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

All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.



Rhonda Kay New Watson

Rhonda Kay Watson, 43, of Midland, Texas, passed away on June 17, 2015 at Midland Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Rhonda was born on February 5, 1972 to Jerry and Carolyn New in Midland. She spent her entire life in Midland. She graduated from Robert E Lee High School in 1990. She was the beloved mother of Allison Lemon and Austin Collins. She married Steve Watson on June 8, 2001.

Rhonda was passionate about animals. She loved her "four legged kids," Harley, Chester, Cooper, Browning, Tucker, Rocket, and Hawk. Her family, especially her children, was the most important things to her. She was an avid NASCAR fan with Kasey Kayne and Kevin Harvick being her favorite. She enjoyed watching football and softball at any chance.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Harland "Monk" New and Mae Nell New; maternal grandfather, James Lowery; aunts, Jeanette Lowery and Mary Lou Stewart; and an infant grandchild.

She is survived by her husband, Steven Watson of Midland; mother, Carolyn New of Midland; father and step-mother, Jerry and Donna New of Lubbock; maternal grandmother, Lois Richmond of Midland; daughter, Allison Lemon of Midland; son, Austin Collins of Midland; sister, Amy Burgess of Odessa; niece, Lindsey Wilson and spouse Jarnell Lackey; nephew, Anthony Thibodeaux of Lubbock; grandchild, Laiyah Sims and her mom Kristin Sims of Midland; great nieces, Aryanna and Ava Lackey of Midland; and great nephew, Jayden Lackey of Midland; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family would like to express their heart felt gratitude to the physicians and nurses of Midland Memorial Hospital for the outstanding care and compassion shown to her throughout this long hard battle.

The viewing will be at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel on Monday, June 22, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The family will be receiving friends from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The family will be having a memorial service on Friday, June 26, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Midland Humane Collation, Colorectal Cancer Association, or Wegner's Granulomatosis Research.

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

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William Doyle (Bill) Gill, Jr.

William Doyle (Bill) Gill, Jr., 67, of Midland, Texas, died Tuesday, June 16, 2015, following a brief battle with cancer.

Bill was born in Dallas and moved to Midland in 1949. He was the son of William Doyle Gill of Bellevue, Texas, and Verna Matilda Clark Gill of Mansfield, Louisiana. He attended Robert E. Lee High School and continued his education at Texas A&M University, serving in the Air Force Corps of Cadets. Bill's favorite memory of A&M was receiving a Cadet Formal Inspection from Major General James Earl Rudder himself, for whom Rudder Tower (on the A&M campus) is named.

In 1931, Rudder was the roommate of Bill's dad, W.D. Gill Sr.,when the black-and-white mutt that would later become Reveille I was found and brought back to Legett dormitory to be nursed back to health. Bill's dream of piloting the F4-J Phantom was shot down in flames due to his 6' 4" height, so he concluded his education with an Associate of Science Degree from Odessa College in 1969.

Bill's early passion in life was cars. He fixed them, modified them, and raced them. His favorite cars were the 1969 Dodge Charger R/T that he and his dad bought new off the showroom floor and the 1979 Lincoln Continental Cartier Edition he bought for himself when "his ship came in." Better than each of these, though, was his first car - a 1955 Buick that a neighbor PAID HIM $25 to drag off of his property and onto the Gill Family driveway, much to Verna's displeasure.

Upon returning to Midland, Bill became a life-long "oil man" in the Midland/Odessa area. He worked for many years with both Dyne-Mac and Bingham Pumps, selling and servicing oil pumps. For the past decade, he has worked for Albritton Machine, Inc. as Danny Albritton's "right hand man," with responsibilities and territories expanding to the all the way to Kansas. Chances are if you have used any petrochemical product in West Texas since the 1970's, Bill most likely had a part in transporting it to you.

Bill was an avid outdoorsman who loved guns, hunting, and camping. He had an extensive gun collection and loved to tell hunting stories (over and over and over!). While there may have been exaggerations in the size of the prey he was stalking, or the life-challenging conditions of his camping location, his stories were always entertaining.

Bill loved dogs, particularly the Shih Tzu and Pekingese breeds. His three loyal companions in life were Chin Li, Su Li, and Maximillian the Hound.

Bill's home was always open to others and was a frequent social gathering place. The TV was guaranteed to be blaring an Outdoorsman show or a black-and-white Western movie. He enjoyed having family and friends come visit him, where he would hold court from his broken-down recliner.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, William Doyle and Verna Gill.

Bill is survived by his sister Wilma Ann Gill Hill and husband Dave of Arlington, and his nephews Bryan Hill and wife Karla of Dallas and John Hill of Fort Worth, along with numerous cousins and good friends. He made an impact on those who knew him, and he will be dearly missed.

A memorial service celebrating Bill's life will be held at Ellis Funeral Home, at 801 Andrews Highway in Midland, at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 25, 2015. Please plan to stay for a small reception afterward so the family can hear some new and different stories about Bill.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Bill's name can be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

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Death Notices

Alton Lee "Blackie" Kidd, Sr.

Alton Lee "Blackie" Kidd, Sr., 88, of Midland, passed away on Friday, June 19, 2015.

Viewing will be from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, with a visitation from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. that evening.

Funeral services will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel with interment following at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Blackie is survived by his children, Alton Lee Kidd, Jr., Sheila Ruth Masdon, and Barry Lynn Kidd, Sr.

Rickie J. Taylor

Rickie J. Taylor, 63, of Midland, passed away on June 19, 2015.

Graveside service is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery.

Weldon E. Allen

Weldon E. Allen, 88, of Odessa, passed away on June 19, 2015.

Services are pending with Martinez Funeral Home.

William Robert Parks

William Robert Parks died on June 18, 2015.

Bob is survived by his wife, Cathy; his daughters, Christi Eddings, Lisa Smith, Justin Parks, and Allison Parks; and by one sister.

A public memorial service will be held in the coming weeks, announcement to follow.

Allen Weinstein, 77, expert who retraced Hiss spy case, dies

N.Y. Times News Service

Allen Weinstein, a historian of Cold War espionage whose 1978 book, "Perjury: The Hiss-Chambers Case," marshaled a mountain of new evidence to argue that Alger Hiss was guilty as charged in one of the most famous spy trials of the post-war era, and who served as the ninth national archivist of the United States, died Thursday at a nursing home in Gaithersburg, Maryland. He was 77.

The cause was pneumonia, his son Andrew said. He had been suffering from Parkinson's disease for several years.

Making use of newly available FBI documents totaling tens of thousands of pages, Weinstein set forth, in damning detail, the case against Hiss, one of the most divisive figures of the postwar period.

Accused by Whittaker Chambers, an editor and writer at Time and a former Communist, of passing government documents to the Soviet Union when he worked for the State Department in the 1930s, Hiss was regarded as a traitor by most Americans but many liberals and leftists saw him as an innocent victim of anti-Communist paranoia. He was convicted of perjury in 1950, and Weinstein said he had started out writing the book to prove him innocent, only to reverse his judgment in the face of the evidence.

Hiss, who died in 1996, dismissed the book as "terribly thin stuff" and "childish," but the historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. called it "the most objective and convincing account we have of the most dramatic court case of the century." Irving Howe, a critic with impeccable leftist credentials, praised it as "lucidly written, impressively researched, closely argued." He added, "The result is formidable."

It was "Perjury" that exposed Weinstein to controversy and put him in the public eye.

He was attacked by Victor Navasky, the editor of The Nation, who accused him of mischaracterizing the testimony of key figures interviewed for the book. Weinstein, fighting back, said his tapes of the interviews proved their accuracy and promised to play them back for Navasky. That never happened, and Weinstein's reticence about the tapes and other source material would come back to haunt him when President George W. Bush nominated him to the post of national archivist.

In 1981, Weinstein became a professor at George Washington University and for two years edited The Washington Quarterly, a publication of the school's Center for Strategic and International Studies.

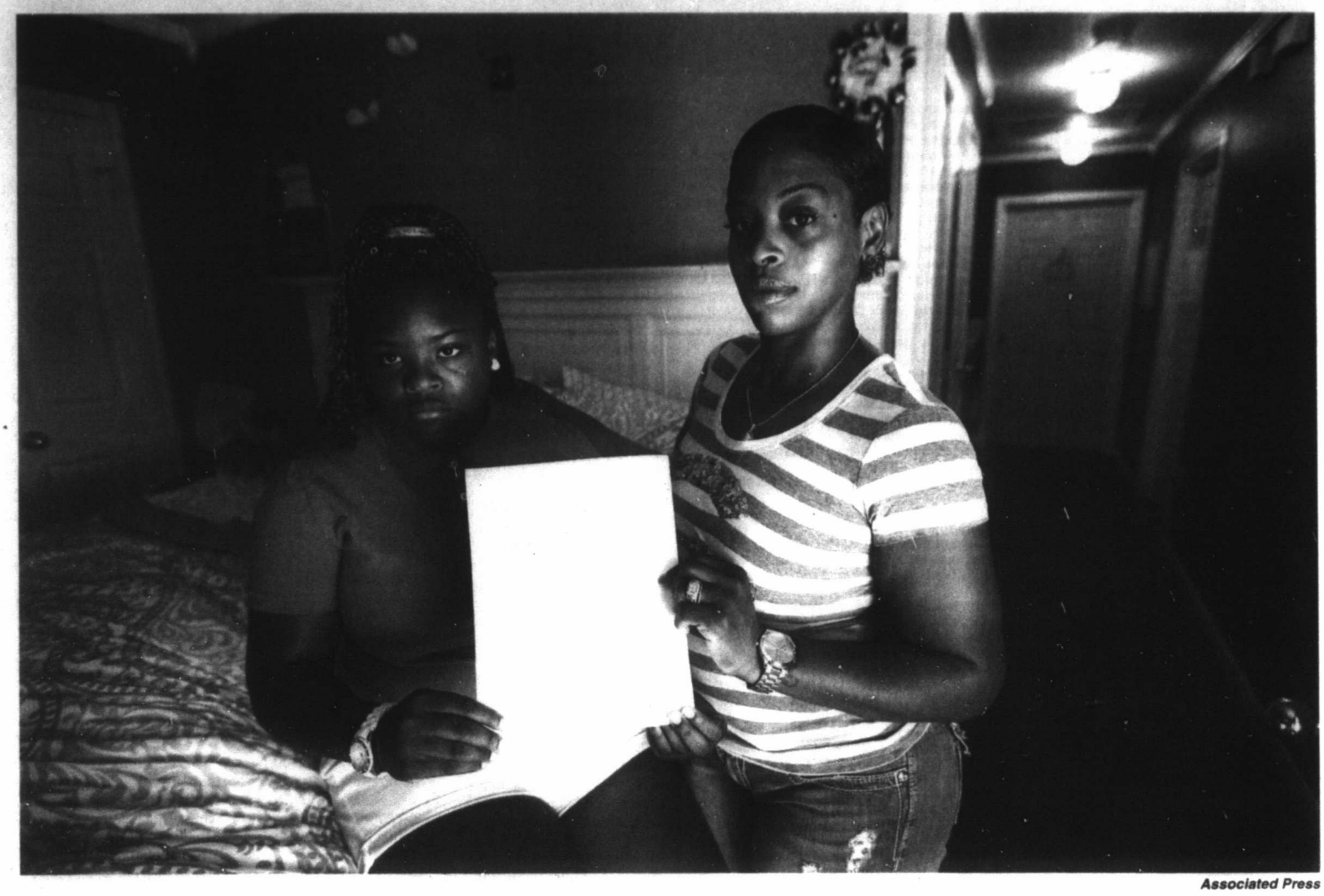
Through his involvement with Soviet dissidents, he became interested in initiatives to spread democracy around the world. In 1985, while teaching at Boston University, he founded the Center for Democracy, a nonprofit organization that advised struggling democracies and directed election-monitoring teams in the Philippines and Nicaragua, among other countries. The center's documentation of fraud in the Philippine election of 1986 weighed heavily in President Ronald Reagan's decision to withdraw support for Ferdinand Marcos, the president of the Philippines, who soon fled into exile.

Closely allied with Boris Yeltsin, Russia's president, the center was the conduit for information from Yeltsin to the White House and the State Department when, in 1991, Yeltsin was trapped in government headquarters during an attempted coup.

Through his newfound Russian sources, Weinstein gathered new information about the Hiss case that he incorporated in a revised version of "Perjury" and that formed the basis for his next book. Working with Alexander Vassiliev, a former KGB agent with access to formerly sealed archives, he wrote "The Haunted Wood: Soviet Espionage in America — the Stalin Era," published in 1999.

In 2004, Bush nominated Weinstein to head the National Archives and Records Administration. The nomination aroused stiff opposition among several organizations devoted to historical scholarship and record-keeping, such as the Association of Research Libraries and the Society of American Archivists; they protested that Weinstein had shown a tendency to guard information and keep it from other scholars. Critics wondered whether he might try to block or delay access to part of the presidential papers of the first President George Bush, being prepared for release by the archives.

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Associated Press

Natod'Ja Washington, left, 16, poses for a photo with her mother, Natasha Holloway, in their home as they hold a student sign in sheet for truancy court Friday in Dallas. The form must be signed by all of her teachers confirming Washington's attendance in school.

TRUANCY

From 1B

them spent at least one night in jail.

Peyton Walker's absences began piling up in seventh grade as she suffered from depression, anxiety and migraines, she said. After missing a court date in Dallas County truancy court at the age of 12, she said she was arrested and handcuffed at school in the Dallas suburb of Mesquite. Walker said the legal situation just made things worse.

"It was more: No matter if I go (to school) or not, I'm going to go to court anyway," said now-18-year-old Walker, who graduated from high school this spring. She and her mother, who is on disability, still have $2,000 in pending fines, and Walker won't be able to get a driver's license until they are paid.

All past truancy convictions will be expunged under the new law. But what will happen to students' pending fines will be up to the courts to decide, said David Slayton, executive director of the Texas Judicial Council.

Districts will still have the option of sending students with 10 unexcused absences over six months to court, but it will be civil court, with treatment and community service among the sentencing options.

"I feel like they need to find what is really going on before they send these students to court," said Natasha Holloway, who has six children and spent a night in jail for failure to pay fines related to their absences.

Her 16-year-old daughter Natod'ja Washington had about 20 unexcused absences — which she blamed on lacking a doctor's note and school activities, among other things — when she was summoned to a Dallas County truancy court this spring. Holloway, a hair stylist, didn't have an attorney and Googled advice on how her daughter should plead. Washington pleaded no contest and was fined $180, which her mother paid.

Students' fines for not completing their sentence will not exceed $100 under the new law. And though parents can still be charged with a misdemeanor under the new law, the fines are now graduated, with $100 for the first offense instead of up to $500.

"Anything is better than what it was," said Rose Comeaux, a single mother of four in the Houston area who has fines totaling about $2,600 for her children's absences for reasons such as being tardy between classes, missing school during and after pregnancy and missing the bus.

Comeaux, who earns $9 an hour working for a cable company, said she has lost out on better jobs because arrest warrants were issued for her failure to pay. Her 16-year-old daughter, Taqayisha, was fined $395 this spring for missing school after staying home with her 2-year-old when daycare fell through.

"I know some teenagers skip school," Comeaux said, "but some teenagers have good excuses to why they can't attend school."

Harris County cancer clusters get extra study

Associated Press

HOUSTON — For the first time in a decade, Texas health officials are considering a deeper investigation of cancer clusters after determining that findings near the polluted San Jacinto River in eastern Harris County were "significant enough."

The Texas Department of State Health Services has published more than 260 cancer cluster investigations since 2004. But until now, the state has never recommended the next step of seeing if an epidemiologic study is feasible, the Houston Chronicle reported Saturday.

An initial state report identified several tracts near the river with greater-than-expected incidences of childhood cancers of the eyes, skin and brain. The report was designed only to determine if there is more of a specific cancer in an area than expected — and not to pinpoint causes.

"While these cancers are rare and few total cases were identified, the analysis determined that these findings are significant enough to warrant a discussion of whether additional study is feasible," state officials concluded in a report released this week.

> *"We knew it was going to be bad, but holy cow."*
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> **Jackie Young,** Harris County resident

The San Jacinto Waste Pits on the river's western banks hold toxic paper mill waste that seeped into the water for years, leading to several lawsuits. Residents who live nearby have spent years pointing to the site as a possible cause for the cancers.

Both state and federal officials say it is extremely difficult to link elevated cancers with any particular environmental exposure.

Epidemiologists found elevated levels of childhood eye cancer, known as retinoblastoma, in one Harris County census tract that includes Highlands. That town, which is near the waste pits, also had elevated levels of kidney and cervical cancer.

Another tract near Lake Houston had elevated levels of brain cancer. The state found 23 cases; it expected to see 13.5. Seven cases involved children — roughly double the expected number. Researchers also found elevated childhood glioma, brain stem cancer, in a census tract north of U.S. Route 90 and east of Texas 8.

A neighboring census tract had double the expected number of childhood leukemia cases.

"We knew it was going to be bad, but holy cow," said Jackie Young, who grew up two miles from the San Jacinto Waste Pits.

Only a handful of residential cancer cluster investigations prompted by community concerns across the nation have resulted in the identification of an environmental trigger, according to a 2012 study led by an Emory University professor.

Chris Van Deusen, a spokesman for the state health agency, said the state is primarily focused on the elevations of childhood cancers, since adult cancer is far more difficult to study.

NICHOLAS

From 1B

Bodacious was running amok among the ground cover plots and urging us to "follow me" at the top of her lungs.

The sun is relentless in Alabama, and I was thrilled to see a bench in the shade. I swear, I have really been trying to up my cardio, but this heat was getting me down. My head was starting to throb, like one of those dull too-much-cheap-red-wine headaches. Bodacious was fanning me with magnolia leaves the size of a man's hand. Vegetation is huge here. Meanwhile, Parksalot has barely broken a sweat and has offered to carry the back pack. I silently thank God for blessing me with the world's tallest and strongest 6-year-old.

We find the Japanese gardens, and Little Son loves the reflective quality they have. He takes picture after picture of the ponds and statues, enjoying the dark bamboo leaves and Japanese maples. I just shuffled along wearing my best melted game face and just want to sit down and cool off. But I love watching them as they snap photo after photo. They are wrapped up in their own thoughts and visions, walking and talking to themselves. Another statue makes Bodacious wonder whether mermaids exist, and she takes it up with her brother, her most trusted source of information.

"They're a lot like fairies," he said. "They are in a lot of stories, but I have never seen one, and they might be fake. Not like Santa. He's real. But I'm not sure about his elves. How would anything so small really help make toys?"

And on goes their discussion until we get to the Alabama Woodlands garden. I am throwing around words like "ice cream" and "gift shop" in hopes they'll cut this garden off our route. I can see the indoor exhibit hall from and an ice-cold Diet Coke is calling my name. But no. My kiddos are pretty sure if they are going to see a fairy, it will be here, in these seven-acre woods. There are supposed to be 400 different trees, shrubs, vines and perennial and annual wildflowers. And mosquito fish. But all I can see is green. Green leaves, green trees, green moss on bark. And flying bugs. And sweat is stinging my eyes. But then he sees it: an enormous old tree upended on the trail — twisty roots and rock-hard dirt. He is snapping photo after photo, and then he decides to shoot a documentary-style video. I leave him to it, and we wander about the trails for another 10 minutes or so, searching for the pond.

We don't find it.

Bodacious has decided she could go for an ice cream now, so we turn back. A few minutes later, we are walking toward the land of fountain drinks when Little Son reaches for my hand. He tells me he loves it here and that this has been one of his "best days ever."

And I was sure, in that instant, that my heart was going to explode. Now, I couldn't tell if it was from love or impending heat stroke, but all I could say in return was that I agreed.

You can see some of our photos and videos on the BabiesLoveBathwater Facebook page or at www.TheBathwaterBlogs.com. Find out more about the Birmingham Botanical Gardens at www.bbgardens.org.

Melanie Nicholas is a full-time momma, writer and mommy blogger. She and The Hubs have two uhmazing children, Parksalot, 6, and Bodacious, 4.

You can follow her amazing adventures fighting grime and insecurity on Facebook, Twitter and at TheBathwaterBlogs.com.

Her column appears in the Midland Reporter-Telegram every other week.

LEE

From 1B

MRT: What is your message to teachers?

VanHoozer: Have a passion for students, have a passion for learning and have a passion for teaching.

MRT: You were at Lee from 1996 to 2000, a time football fans will remember well, coincidentally. What do you remember most from that period, and did your previous time spent at Lee and Midland factor in your return?

VanHoozer: I'm excited to come back to a school where I graduated from and where I made some life-long friends in education. I still stay in touch with many of my students from that time and it is great to see the adults they have become. I still have a daughter, granddaughter and mother-in-law in Midland so coming back to Lee High School was an easy decision for me.

MRT: To end on a positive, when you look at the situation at Lee, what's gets you the most excited about the opportunity in front of you?

VanHoozer: Thirteen was my baseball number when I played at Lee, so I'm excited to be the 13th principal at this school. I'm looking forward to leading a school that helped develop me as a person and as an educator. There are many good things going on at Lee, and in Midland ISD and I'm glad to once again be apart of both of them.

WILLIAMSON

From 1B

it when it gets full. Why, some dads don't even know that you have to empty the vacuum cleaner every so often.

I don't know how to open the washing machine, much less how to put the soap in — or how much to use — or set the timer. And what about mixing whites and colors? Am I supposed to care if I don't mind wearing shades of pink to work?

I simply don't know what to expect today as Father's Day breaks. At this point, I would be satisfied with a good, old pat on the back.

I'm sorry, but I grew up when there was man's work and there was woman's work and never the twain shall meet. But now the rules are changing, leaving some of us old nonconformers on the outside looking in.

And baby, it's cold outside.

Thought for the Week: *"I hope I am remembered by my children as a good father."* — novelist Orson Scott Card

ROBERT G. KONCHAR, D.P.M.
ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT AS A PODIATRIST EFFECTIVE JULY 4, 2015

To obtain a copy of your medical record, send a written request to P.O. Box 80722, Midland, TX 79708 by July 10, 2015. Include your address, daytime telephone number, date of birth, and a copy of your driver's license or other government issued picture identification. Have your signature witnessed.

Dr. Konchar would like to thank his patients for their trust and confidence over the last 30+ years, and he wishes each of you the very best!

Obituaries



Amanda Leigh Hankins

Amanda Leigh Hankins, born April 10, 1989, received her angel wings and soared to be with her mother, Lori Lynn Kilgore Hankins, at the beginning of June 2015.

She is survived by her grandparents, Tim and Linda Parker, and Wade Hankins; her father, Randall Hankins; brother Aaron Hankins, and youngest brother Jeffrey Hankins and his wife and son, Alysana and Jaxton Hankins; and aunts and uncles, Alan and Staci Kilgore, Jerry and Jodi Henley, and Richard and Tammy Brandstetter.

She will be missed by many. Amanda was very caring; one of the many great qualities she shared with her mother. As a family grieving, we take comfort knowing she was greeted with open arms by her loving mother. We now have two angels looking down on us.

Her service will be held at American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home. At this time, we do not have a set date or time.



Edwin Rogers Mickle, MD

Edwin Rogers Mickle, a longtime member of the medical profession, passed away peacefully at 93 years of age on June 13, 2015, just a few days before his birthday. He was born June 18, 1921 in Dallas to Raymond Morris Mickle, Sr. and Grace Lillian Haislip Mickle. He was the youngest of twins.

He was preceded in death by his father (August 7, 1895 in Birdville, Texas to July 10, 1983, Kerrville, Texas); his mother (December 10, 1895 in Farmersville, Texas to June 14, 1974, Midland); his older brother Raymond Morris Mickle, Jr. (September 21,1917 in Commerce, Texas to September 6, 1995 in Fort Worth, Texas); his older twin brother Earl Clifton Mickle (June 18, 1921 in Dallas, Texas to April 20, 1922 in Dallas, Texas); his beloved wife Mary Frances Yoder Mickle (February 26, 1926, in Snyder, Texas to October 10, 2013, Midland); and his daughter Virginia Sue Mickle (October 15, 1958 in Midland to July 22, 2011, Midland).

His father instilled a love of education in Dr. Mickle, which caused him to build his own Amateur Radio station at 14, receiving his first QSO on October 12, 1936. He attended Texas A&M for a year, graduating with a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas in 1943. He was also a member of several honorary engineering societies - Eta Kappa Nu (Honorary Mechanical Engineering) and Tau Beta Pi, holding leadership positions in them and other student electrical engineering organizations. During 1938-1939 he was serving as a member of the National Guard in Kerrville including two weeks at Camp Bullis. But he moved to Wichita Falls, which ended his time in the Guard. The Wichita Guard tried to get him to join them, but he was discharged, thereby escaping the fate later when they were captured by the Japanese in Java.

After graduation, he was employed by General Electric in Schenectady, New York as a test engineer, where he worked on the huge electrical motors used aboard United States submarines in the War. While at GE, he met and worked with the remote control aiming system on B-29s and other projects with Drs. Langmuir and Shafer, as well as Carl Vonnegut and Kurt Vonnegut on the development of "cloud seeding" to produce rain.

From 1946 to 1948, he studied for his M.S. in electrical engineering and took some pre-med courses and discovered his passion in medicine. He then enrolled in the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston, Texas, graduating with his Medical Degree in June, 1952. While a student in Galveston, he worked on a Food Pump for burn patients, which was described in the April 16, 1951 issue of Life magazine. He also worked part time at several jobs while in medical school.

After his internship at Corpus Christi Memorial Hospital, he served in the United States Coast Guard and the U.S. Public Health Service as an Assistant Surgeon and First Lieutenant, initially at Galveston and later aboard the USCG Cutter Storis in Alaska for six months. The Storis was later famous for making the first North-West Passage, thereby completing the first circumnavigation of the North American Continent. He was later promoted to Senior Surgeon.

He soon moved to Midland, Texas with his long-time bride, where he practiced medicine until his retirement in 1991. He assisted numerous doctors with surgery and was very active in local hospital matters. He also got his stock broker license after his retirement.

Doctor Mickle was an accomplished designer and machinist, well known locally for his membership in the Antique Clock and Watch Association for over 50 years. He was a member of the Midland Amateur Radio Club. He held at least two patents for his work. He was also a member of Midland Masonic Lodge No. 623 and involved in numerous aspects of the El Paso Scottish Rite Association as a 33rd Degree Mason.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews and close friends, as well as his care givers, who were like family during his later years, particularly after the passing of his beloved wife Mary.

His memorial service is set for June 29, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Ellis Chapel in Midland.





Joyce James

Joyce James, 82, of Midland, passed away on Thursday, June 18, 2015. A visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Sunday, June 21, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 22, 2015 at Fairview Cemetery.

Joyce was born on November 30, 1932 in Haskell, Texas to Marvin Wade Fannin and Dora Alma Scoggins. She married the love of her life, Billy O. James, on August 11, 1950 in Lovington, New Mexico. They were married for 43 years until he passed away in October of 1993. Joyce was an active, long-time member of Second Baptist Church.

Joyce was very out-going, sweet and never met a stranger. She had a great smile that lit up every room she entered. Though, she was one you never wanted to make mad! Joyce was a very supportive person. She loved going to her kids and grandkids sporting games, sewing, crocheting, gardening and visiting people in the nursing home.

She is survived by her daughters, Nelda and husband, David Lewis, Judy and husband, Ronnie Harvey, Carolyn Barnes; grandchildren, Ronnie Harvey, Mistie Harvey, Kathy Sayles, Kristy James, Kacey Simmons and Joye Lewis; 11 great-grandchildren; and six great, great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Billy O. James; son, Billy D. James; and her parents, Marvin Fannin and Dora Scoggins.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated to The Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

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

All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.



Rhonda Kay New Watson

Rhonda Kay Watson, 43, of Midland, Texas, passed away on June 17, 2015 at Midland Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Rhonda was born on February 5, 1972 to Jerry and Carolyn New in Midland. She spent her entire life in Midland. She graduated from Robert E Lee High School in 1990. She was the beloved mother of Allison Lemon and Austin Collins. She married Steve Watson on June 8, 2001.

Rhonda was passionate about animals. She loved her "four legged kids," Harley, Chester, Cooper, Browning, Tucker, Rocket, and Hawk. Her family, especially her children, was the most important things to her. She was an avid NASCAR fan with Kasey Kayne and Kevin Harvick being her favorite. She enjoyed watching football and softball at any chance.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Harland "Monk" New and Mae Nell New; maternal grandfather, James Lowery; aunts, Jeanette Lowery and Mary Lou Stewart; and an infant grandchild.

She is survived by her husband, Steven Watson of Midland; mother, Carolyn New of Midland; father and step-mother, Jerry and Donna New of Lubbock; maternal grandmother, Lois Richmond of Midland; daughter, Allison Lemon of Midland; son, Austin Collins of Midland; sister, Amy Burgess of Odessa; niece, Lindsey Wilson and spouse Jarnell Lackey; nephew, Anthony Thibodeaux of Lubbock; grandchild, Laiyah Sims and her mom Kristin Sims of Midland; great nieces, Aryanna and Ava Lackey of Midland; and great nephew, Jayden Lackey of Midland; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family would like to express their heart felt gratitude to the physicians and nurses of Midland Memorial Hospital for the outstanding care and compassion shown to her throughout this long hard battle.

The viewing will be at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel on Monday, June 22, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The family will be receiving friends from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The family will be having a memorial service on Friday, June 26, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Midland Humane Collation, Colorectal Cancer Association, or Wegner's Granulomatosis Research.

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

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William Doyle (Bill) Gill, Jr.

William Doyle (Bill) Gill, Jr., 67, of Midland, Texas, died Tuesday, June 16, 2015, following a brief battle with cancer.

Bill was born in Dallas and moved to Midland in 1949. He was the son of William Doyle Gill of Bellevue, Texas, and Verna Matilda Clark Gill of Mansfield, Louisiana. He attended Robert E. Lee High School and continued his education at Texas A&M University, serving in the Air Force Corps of Cadets. Bill's favorite memory of A&M was receiving a Cadet Formal Inspection from Major General James Earl Rudder himself, for whom Rudder Tower (on the A&M campus) is named.

In 1931, Rudder was the roommate of Bill's dad, W.D. Gill Sr.,when the black-and-white mutt that would later become Reveille I was found and brought back to Legett dormitory to be nursed back to health. Bill's dream of piloting the F4-J Phantom was shot down in flames due to his 6' 4" height, so he concluded his education with an Associate of Science Degree from Odessa College in 1969.

Bill's early passion in life was cars. He fixed them, modified them, and raced them. His favorite cars were the 1969 Dodge Charger R/T that he and his dad bought new off the showroom floor and the 1979 Lincoln Continental Cartier Edition he bought for himself when "his ship came in." Better than each of these, though, was his first car - a 1955 Buick that a neighbor PAID HIM $25 to drag off of his property and onto the Gill Family driveway, much to Verna's displeasure.

Upon returning to Midland, Bill became a life-long "oil man" in the Midland/Odessa area. He worked for many years with both Dyne-Mac and Bingham Pumps, selling and servicing oil pumps. For the past decade, he has worked for Albritton Machine, Inc. as Danny Albritton's "right hand man," with responsibilities and territories expanding to the all the way to Kansas. Chances are if you have used any petrochemical product in West Texas since the 1970's, Bill most likely had a part in transporting it to you.

Bill was an avid outdoorsman who loved guns, hunting, and camping. He had an extensive gun collection and loved to tell hunting stories (over and over and over!). While there may have been exaggerations in the size of the prey he was stalking, or the life-challenging conditions of his camping location, his stories were always entertaining.

Bill loved dogs, particularly the Shih Tzu and Pekingese breeds. His three loyal companions in life were Chin Li, Su Li, and Maximillian the Hound.

Bill's home was always open to others and was a frequent social gathering place. The TV was guaranteed to be blaring an Outdoorsman show or a black-and-white Western movie. He enjoyed having family and friends come visit him, where he would hold court from his broken-down recliner.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, William Doyle and Verna Gill.

Bill is survived by his sister Wilma Ann Gill Hill and husband Dave of Arlington, and his nephews Bryan Hill and wife Karla of Dallas and John Hill of Fort Worth, along with numerous cousins and good friends. He made an impact on those who knew him, and he will be dearly missed.

A memorial service celebrating Bill's life will be held at Ellis Funeral Home, at 801 Andrews Highway in Midland, at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 25, 2015. Please plan to stay for a small reception afterward so the family can hear some new and different stories about Bill.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Bill's name can be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

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Death Notices

Alton Lee "Blackie" Kidd, Sr.

Alton Lee "Blackie" Kidd, Sr., 88, of Midland, passed away on Friday, June 19, 2015.

Viewing will be from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, with a visitation from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. that evening.

Funeral services will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel with interment following at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Blackie is survived by his children, Alton Lee Kidd, Jr., Sheila Ruth Masdon, and Barry Lynn Kidd, Sr.

Rickie J. Taylor

Rickie J. Taylor, 63, of Midland, passed away on June 19, 2015.

Graveside service is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery.

Weldon E. Allen

Weldon E. Allen, 88, of Odessa, passed away on June 19, 2015.

Services are pending with Martinez Funeral Home.

William Robert Parks

William Robert Parks died on June 18, 2015.

Bob is survived by his wife, Cathy; his daughters, Christi Eddings, Lisa Smith, Justin Parks, and Allison Parks; and by one sister.

A public memorial service will be held in the coming weeks, announcement to follow.

Allen Weinstein, 77, expert who retraced Hiss spy case, dies

N.Y. Times News Service

Allen Weinstein, a historian of Cold War espionage whose 1978 book, "Perjury: The Hiss-Chambers Case," marshaled a mountain of new evidence to argue that Alger Hiss was guilty as charged in one of the most famous spy trials of the post-war era, and who served as the ninth national archivist of the United States, died Thursday at a nursing home in Gaithersburg, Maryland. He was 77.

The cause was pneumonia, his son Andrew said. He had been suffering from Parkinson's disease for several years.

Making use of newly available FBI documents totaling tens of thousands of pages, Weinstein set forth, in damning detail, the case against Hiss, one of the most divisive figures of the postwar period.

Accused by Whittaker Chambers, an editor and writer at Time and a former Communist, of passing government documents to the Soviet Union when he worked for the State Department in the 1930s, Hiss was regarded as a traitor by most Americans but many liberals and leftists saw him as an innocent victim of anti-Communist paranoia. He was convicted of perjury in 1950, and Weinstein said he had started out writing the book to prove him innocent, only to reverse his judgment in the face of the evidence.

Hiss, who died in 1996, dismissed the book as "terribly thin stuff" and "childish," but the historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. called it "the most objective and convincing account we have of the most dramatic court case of the century." Irving Howe, a critic with impeccable leftist credentials, praised it as "lucidly written, impressively researched, closely argued." He added, "The result is formidable."

It was "Perjury" that exposed Weinstein to controversy and put him in the public eye.

He was attacked by Victor Navasky, the editor of The Nation, who accused him of mischaracterizing the testimony of key figures interviewed for the book. Weinstein, fighting back, said his tapes of the interviews proved their accuracy and promised to play them back for Navasky. That never happened, and Weinstein's reticence about the tapes and other source material would come back to haunt him when President George W. Bush nominated him to the post of national archivist.

In 1981, Weinstein became a professor at George Washington University and for two years edited The Washington Quarterly, a publication of the school's Center for Strategic and International Studies.

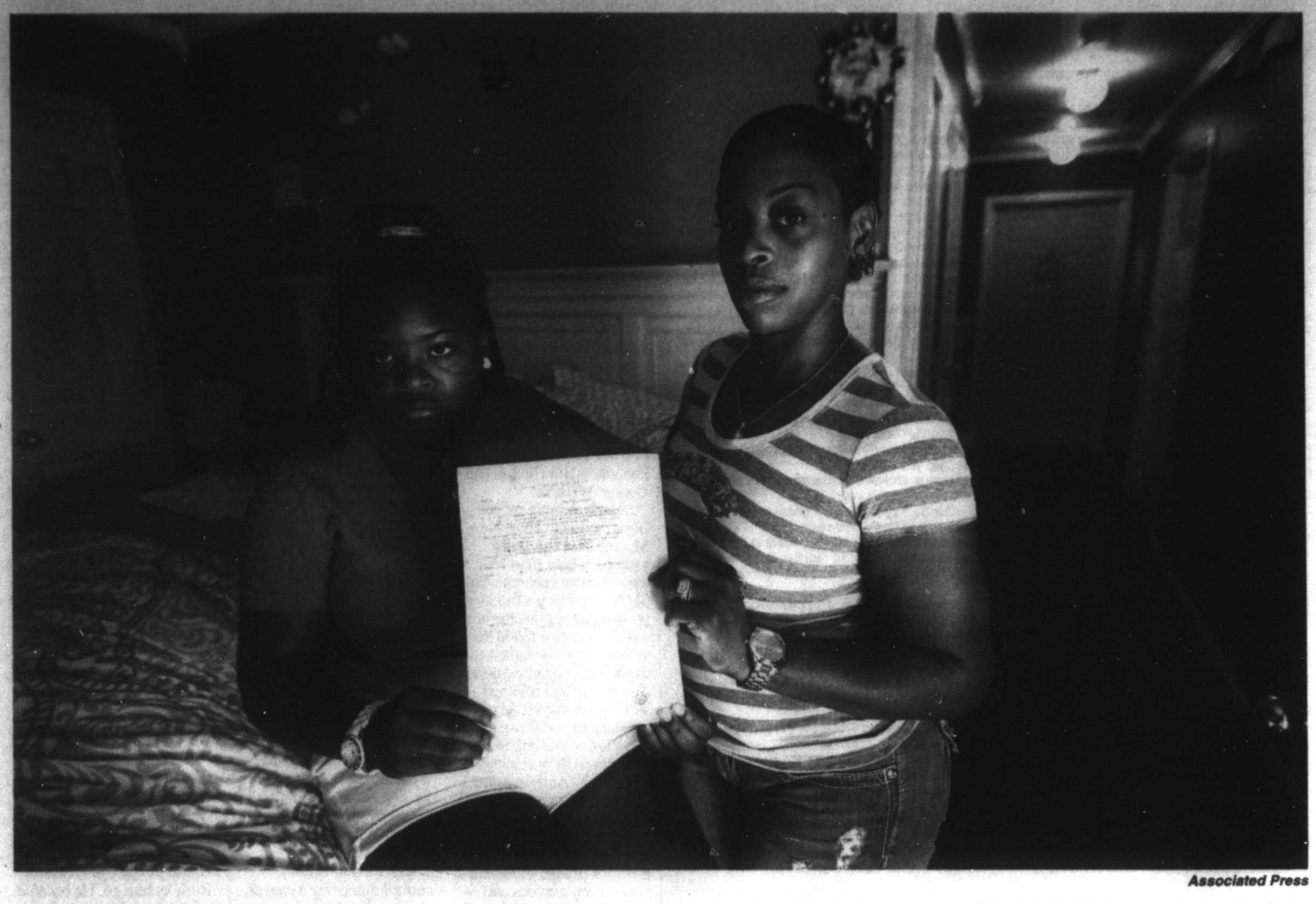
Through his involvement with Soviet dissidents, he became interested in initiatives to spread democracy around the world. In 1985, while teaching at Boston University, he founded the Center for Democracy, a nonprofit organization that advised struggling democracies and directed election-monitoring teams in the Philippines and Nicaragua, among other countries. The center's documentation of fraud in the Philippine election of 1986 weighed heavily in President Ronald Reagan's decision to withdraw support for Ferdinand Marcos, the president of the Philippines, who soon fled into exile.

Closely allied with Boris Yeltsin, Russia's president, the center was the conduit for information from Yeltsin to the White House and the State Department when, in 1991, Yeltsin was trapped in government headquarters during an attempted coup.

Through his newfound Russian sources, Weinstein gathered new information about the Hiss case that he incorporated in a revised, version of "Perjury" and that formed the basis for his next book. Working with Alexander Vassiliev, a former KGB agent with access to formerly sealed archives, he wrote "The Haunted Wood: Soviet Espionage in America — the Stalin Era," published in 1999.

In 2004, Bush nominated Weinstein to head the National Archives and Records Administration. The nomination aroused stiff opposition among several organizations devoted to historical scholarship and record-keeping, such as the Association of Research Libraries and the Society of American Archivists; they protested that Weinstein had shown a tendency to guard information and keep it from other scholars. Critics wondered whether he might try to block or delay access to part of the presidential papers of the first President George Bush, being prepared for release by the archives.

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Associated Press

Natod'Ja Washington, left, 16, poses for a photo with her mother, Natasha Holloway, in their home as they hold a student sign in sheet for truancy court Friday in Dallas. The form must be signed by all of her teachers confirming Washington's attendance in school.

TRUANCY

From 1B

them spent at least one night in jail.

Peyton Walker's absences began piling up in seventh grade as she suffered from depression, anxiety and migraines, she said. After missing a court date in Dallas County truancy court at the age of 12, she said she was arrested and handcuffed at school in the Dallas suburb of Mesquite. Walker said the legal situation just made things worse.

"It was more: No matter if I go (to school) or not, I'm going to go to court anyway," said now-18-year-old Walker, who graduated from high school this spring. She and her mother, who is on disability, still have $2,000 in pending fines, and Walker won't be able to get a driver's license until they are paid.

All past truancy convictions will be expunged under the new law. But what will happen to students' pending fines will be up to the courts to decide, said David Slayton, executive director of the Texas Judicial Council.

Districts will still have the option of sending students with 10 unexcused absences over six months to court, but it will be civil court, with treatment and community service among the sentencing options.

"I feel like they need to find what is really going on before they send these students to court," said Natasha Holloway, who has six children and spent a night in jail for failure to pay fines related to their absences.

Her 16-year-old daughter Natod'ja Washington had about 20 unexcused absences — which she blamed on lacking a doctor's note and school activities, among other things — when she was summoned to a Dallas County truancy court this spring. Holloway, a hair stylist, didn't have an attorney and Googled advice on how her daughter should plead. Washington pleaded no contest and was fined $180, which her mother paid.

Students' fines for not completing their sentence will not exceed $100 under the new law. And though parents can still be charged with a misdemeanor under the new law, the fines are now graduated, with $100 for the first offense instead of up to $500.

"Anything is better than what it was," said Rose Comeaux, a single mother of four in the Houston area who has fines totaling about $2,600 for her children's absences for reasons such as being tardy between classes, missing school during and after pregnancy and missing the bus.

Comeaux, who earns $9 an hour working for a cable company, said she has lost out on better jobs because arrest warrants were issued for her failure to pay. Her 16-year-old daughter, Taqayisha, was fined $395 this spring for missing school after staying home with her 2-year-old when daycare fell through.

"I know some teenagers skip school," Comeaux said, "but some teenagers have good excuses to why they can't attend school."

Harris County cancer clusters get extra study

Associated Press

HOUSTON — For the first time in a decade, Texas health officials are considering a deeper investigation of cancer clusters after determining that findings near the polluted San Jacinto River in eastern Harris County were "significant enough."

The Texas Department of State Health Services has published more than 260 cancer cluster investigations since 2004. But until now, the state has never recommended the next step of seeing if an epidemiologic study is feasible, the Houston Chronicle reported Saturday.

An initial state report identified several tracts near the river with greater-than-expected incidences of childhood cancers of the eyes, skin and brain. The report was designed only to determine if there is more of a specific cancer in an area than expected — and not to pinpoint causes.

"While these cancers are rare and few total cases were identified, the analysis determined that these findings are significant enough to warrant a discussion of whether additional study is feasible," state officials concluded in a report released this week.

"We knew it was going to be bad, but holy cow."

Jackie Young, Harris County resident

The San Jacinto Waste Pits on the river's western banks hold toxic paper mill waste that seeped into the water for years, leading to several lawsuits. Residents who live nearby have spent years pointing to the site as a possible cause for the cancers.

Both state and federal officials say it is extremely difficult to link elevated cancers with any particular environmental exposure.

Epidemiologists found elevated levels of childhood eye cancer, known as retinoblastoma, in one Harris County census tract that includes Highlands. That town, which is near the waste pits, also had elevated levels of kidney and cervical cancer.

Another tract near Lake Houston had elevated levels of brain cancer. The state found 23 cases; it expected to see 13.5. Seven cases involved children — roughly double the expected number. Researchers also found elevated childhood glioma, brain stem cancer, in a census tract north of U.S. Route 90 and east of Texas 8.

A neighboring census tract had double the expected number of childhood leukemia cases.

"We knew it was going to be bad, but holy cow," said Jackie Young, who grew up two miles from the San Jacinto Waste Pits.

Only a handful of residential cancer cluster investigations prompted by community concerns across the nation have resulted in the identification of an environmental trigger, according to a 2012 study led by an Emory University professor.

Chris Van Deusen, a spokesman for the state health agency, said the state is primarily focused on the elevations of childhood cancers, since adult cancer is far more difficult to study.

NICHOLAS

From 1B

Bodacious was running amok among the ground cover plots and urging us to "follow me" at the top of her lungs.

The sun is relentless in Alabama, and I was thrilled to see a bench in the shade. I swear, I have really been trying to up my cardio, but this heat was getting me down. My head was starting to throb, like one of those dull too-much-cheap-red-wine headaches. Bodacious was fanning me with magnolia leaves the size of a man's hand. Vegetation is huge here. Meanwhile, Parksalot has barely broken a sweat and has offered to carry the back pack. I silently thank God for blessing me with the world's tallest and strongest 6-year-old.

We find the Japanese gardens, and Little Son loves the reflective quality they have. He takes picture after picture of the ponds and statues, enjoying the dark bamboo leaves and Japanese maples. I just shuffled along wearing my best melted game face and just want to sit down and cool off. But I love watching them as they snap photo after photo. They are wrapped up in their own thoughts and visions, walking and talking to themselves. Another statue makes Bodacious wonder whether mermaids exist, and she takes it up with her brother, her most trusted source of information.

"They're a lot like fairies," he said. "They are in a lot of stories, but I have never seen one, and they might be fake. Not like Santa. He's real. But I'm not sure about his elves. How would anything so small really help make toys?"

And on goes their discussion until we get to the Alabama Woodlands garden. I am throwing around words like "ice cream" and "gift shop" in hopes they'll cut this garden off our route. I can see the indoor exhibit hall from and an ice-cold Diet Coke is calling my name. But no. My kiddos are pretty sure if they are going to see a fairy, it will be here, in these seven-acre woods. There are supposed to be 400 different trees, shrubs, vines and perennial and annual wildflowers. And mosquito fish. But all I can see is green. Green leaves, green trees, green moss on bark. And flying bugs. And sweat is stinging my eyes. But then he sees it: an enormous old tree upended on the trail — twisty roots and rock-hard dirt. He is snapping photo after photo, and then he decides to shoot a documentary-style video. I leave him to it, and we wander about the trails for another 10 minutes or so, searching for the pond.

We don't find it.

Bodacious has decided she could go for an ice cream now, so we turn back. A few minutes later, we are walking toward the land of fountain drinks when Little Son reaches for my hand. He tells me he loves it here and that this has been one of his "best days ever."

And I was sure, in that instant, that my heart was going to explode. Now, I couldn't tell if it was from love or impending heat stroke, but all I could say in return was that I agreed.

You can see some of our photos and videos on the BabiesLoveBathwater Facebook page or at www.TheBathwaterBlogs.com. Find out more about the Birmingham Botanical Gardens at www.bbgardens.org.

Melanie Nicholas is a full-time momma, writer and mommy blogger. She and The Hubs have two unmazing children, Parksalot, 6, and Bodacious, 4.

You can follow her amazing adventures fighting grime and insecurity on Facebook, Twitter and at TheBathwaterBlogs.com.

Her column appears in the Midland Reporter-Telegram every other week.

LEE

From 1B

MRT: What is your message to teachers?

VanHoozer: Have a passion for students, have a passion for learning and have a passion for teaching.

MRT: You were at Lee from 1996 to 2000, a time football fans will remember well, coincidentally. What do you remember most from that period, and did your previous time spent at Lee and Midland factor in your return?

VanHoozer: I'm excited to come back to a school where I graduated from and where I made some life-long friends in education. I still stay in touch with many of my students from that time and it is great to see the adults they have become. I still have a daughter, granddaughter and mother-in-law in Midland so coming back to Lee High School was an easy decision for me.

MRT: To end on a positive, when you look at the situation at Lee, what's gets you the most excited about the opportunity in front of you?

VanHoozer: Thirteen was my baseball number when I played at Lee, so I'm excited to be the 13th principal at this school. I'm looking forward to leading a school that helped develop me as a person and as an educator. There are many good things going on at Lee, and in Midland ISD and I'm glad to once again be apart of both of them.

WILLIAMSON

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And baby, it's cold outside.

Thought for the Week: *"I hope I am remembered by my children as a good father."* — novelist Orson Scott Card

ROBERT G. KONCHAR, D.P.M.

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Obituaries



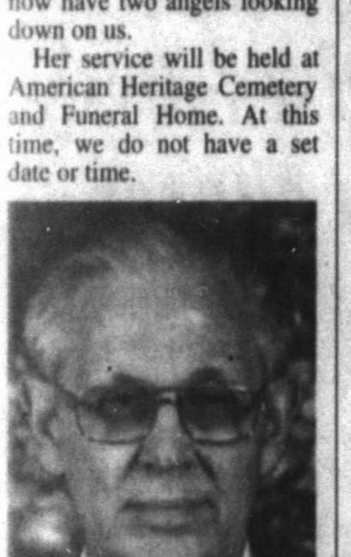
Amanda Leigh Hankins

Amanda Leigh Hankins, born April 10, 1989, received her angel wings and soared to be with her mother, Lori Lynn Kilgore Hankins, at the beginning of June 2015.

She is survived by her grandparents, Tim and Linda Parker, and Wade Hankins; her father, Randall Hankins; brother Aaron Hankins, and youngest brother Jeffrey Hankins and his wife and son, Alysana and Jaxton Hankins; and aunts and uncles, Alan and Staci Kilgore, Jerry and Jodi Henley, and Richard and Tammy Brandstetter.

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Her service will be held at American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home. At this time, we do not have a set date or time.



Edwin Rogers Mickle, MD

Edwin Rogers Mickle, a longtime member of the medical profession, passed away peacefully at 93 years of age on June 13, 2015, just a few days before his birthday. He was born June 18, 1921 in Dallas to Raymond Morris Mickle, Sr. and Grace Lillian Haislip Mickle. He was the youngest of twins.

He was preceded in death by his father (August 7, 1895 in Birdville, Texas to July 10, 1983, Kerrville, Texas); his mother (December 10, 1895 in Farmersville, Texas to June 14, 1974, Midland); his older brother Raymond Morris Mickle, Jr. (September 21,1917 in Commerce, Texas to September 6, 1995 in Fort Worth, Texas); his older twin brother Earl Clifton Mickle (June 18, 1921 in Dallas, Texas to April 20, 1922 in Dallas, Texas); his beloved wife Mary Frances Yoder Mickle (February 26, 1926, in Snyder, Texas to October 10, 2013, Midland); and his daughter Virginia Sue Mickle (October 15, 1958 in Midland to July 22, 2011, Midland).

His father instilled a love of education in Dr. Mickle, which caused him to build his own Amateur Radio station at 14, receiving his first QSO on October 12, 1936. He attended Texas A&M for a year, graduating with a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas in 1943. He was also a member of several honorary engineering societies - Eta Kappa Nu (Honorary Mechanical Engineering) and Tau Beta Pi, holding leadership positions in them and other student electrical engineering organizations. During 1938-1939 he was serving as a member of the National Guard in Kerrville including two weeks at Camp Bullis. But he moved to Wichita Falls, which ended his time in the Guard. The Wichita Guard tried to get him to join them, but he was discharged, thereby escaping the fate later when they were captured by the Japanese in Java.

After graduation, he was employed by General Electric in Schenectady, New York as a test engineer, where he worked on the huge electrical motors used aboard United States submarines in the War. While at GE, he met and worked with the remote control aiming system on B-29s and other projects with Drs. Langmuir and Shafer, as well as Carl Vonnegut and Kurt Vonnegut on the development of "cloud seeding" to produce rain.

From 1946 to 1948, he studied for his M.S. in electrical engineering and took some pre-med courses and discovered his passion in medicine. He then enrolled in the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston, Texas, graduating with his Medical Degree in June, 1952. While a student in Galveston, he worked on a Food Pump for burn patients, which was described in the April 16, 1951 issue of Life magazine. He also worked part time at several jobs while in medical school.

After his internship at Corpus Christi Memorial Hospital, he served in the United States Coast Guard and the U.S. Public Health Service as an Assistant Surgeon and First Lieutenant, initially at Galveston and later aboard the USCG Cutter Storis in Alaska for six months. The Storis was later famous for making the first North-West Passage, thereby completing the first circumnavigation of the North American Continent. He was later promoted to Senior Surgeon.

He soon moved to Midland, Texas with his long-time bride, where he practiced medicine until his retirement in 1991. He assisted numerous doctors with surgery and was very active in local hospital matters. He also got his stock broker license after his retirement.

Doctor Mickle was an accomplished designer and machinist, well known locally for his membership in the Antique Clock and Watch Association for over 50 years. He was a member of the Midland Amateur Radio Club. He held at least two patents for his work. He was also a member of Midland Masonic Lodge No. 623 and involved in numerous aspects of the El Paso Scottish Rite Association as a 33rd Degree Mason.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews and close friends, as well as his care givers, who were like family during his later years, particularly after the passing of his beloved wife Mary.

His memorial service is set for June 29, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Ellis Chapel in Midland.





Joyce James

Joyce James, 82, of Midland, passed away on Thursday, June 18, 2015. A visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Sunday, June 21, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 22, 2015 at Fairview Cemetery.

Joyce was born on November 30, 1932 in Haskell, Texas to Marvin Wade Fannin and Dora Alma Scoggins. She married the love of her life, Billy O. James, on August 11, 1950 in Lovington, New Mexico. They were married for 43 years until he passed away in October of 1993. Joyce was an active, long-time member of Second Baptist Church.

Joyce was very out-going, sweet and never met a stranger. She had a great smile that lit up every room she entered. Though, she was one you never wanted to make mad! Joyce was a very supportive person. She loved going to her kids and grandkids sporting games, sewing, crocheting, gardening and visiting people in the nursing home.

She is survived by her daughters, Nelda and husband, David Lewis, Judy and husband, Ronnie Harvey, Carolyn Barnes; grandchildren, Ronnie Harvey, Mistie Harvey, Kathy Sayles, Kristy James, Kacey Simmons and Joye Lewis; 11 great-grandchildren; and six great, great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Billy O. James; son, Billy D. James; and her parents, Marvin Fannin and Dora Scoggins.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated to The Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

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

All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.



Rhonda Kay New Watson

Rhonda Kay Watson, 43, of Midland, Texas, passed away on June 17, 2015 at Midland Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Rhonda was born on February 5, 1972 to Jerry and Carolyn New in Midland. She spent her entire life in Midland. She graduated from Robert E Lee High School in 1990. She was the beloved mother of Allison Lemon and Austin Collins. She married Steve Watson on June 8, 2001.

Rhonda was passionate about animals. She loved her "four legged kids," Harley, Chester, Cooper, Browning, Tucker, Rocket, and Hawk. Her family, especially her children, was the most important things to her. She was an avid NASCAR fan with Kasey Kayne and Kevin Harvick being her favorite. She enjoyed watching football and softball at any chance.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Harland "Monk" New and Mae Nell New; maternal grandfather, James Lowery; aunts, Jeanette Lowery and Mary Lou Stewart; and an infant grandchild.

She is survived by her husband, Steven Watson of Midland; mother, Carolyn New of Midland; father and step-mother, Jerry and Donna New of Lubbock; maternal grandmother, Lois Richmond of Midland; daughter, Allison Lemon of Midland; son, Austin Collins of Midland; sister, Amy Burgess of Odessa; niece, Lindsey Wilson and spouse Jarnell Lackey; nephew, Anthony Thibodeaux of Lubbock; grandchild, Laiyah Sims and her mom Kristin Sims of Midland; great nieces, Aryanna and Ava Lackey of Midland; and great nephew, Jayden Lackey of Midland; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family would like to express their heart felt gratitude to the physicians and nurses of Midland Memorial Hospital for the outstanding care and compassion shown to her throughout this long hard battle.

The viewing will be at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel on Monday, June 22, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The family will be receiving friends from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The family will be having a memorial service on Friday, June 26, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Midland Humane Collation, Colorectal Cancer Association, or Wegner's Granulomatosis Research.

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

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
2006 N. Big Spring - Midland, TX - 432-682-2900



William Doyle (Bill) Gill, Jr.

William Doyle (Bill) Gill, Jr., 67, of Midland, Texas, died Tuesday, June 16, 2015, following a brief battle with cancer.

Bill was born in Dallas and moved to Midland in 1949. He was the son of William Doyle Gill of Bellevue, Texas, and Verna Matilda Clark Gill of Mansfield, Louisiana. He attended Robert E. Lee High School and continued his education at Texas A&M University, serving in the Air Force Corps of Cadets. Bill's favorite memory of A&M was receiving a Cadet Formal Inspection from Major General James Earl Rudder himself, for whom Rudder Tower (on the A&M campus) is named.

In 1931, Rudder was the roommate of Bill's dad, W.D. Gill Sr.,when the black-and-white mutt that would later become Reveille I was found and brought back to Legett dormitory to be nursed back to health. Bill's dream of piloting the F4-J Phantom was shot down in flames due to his 6' 4" height, so he concluded his education with an Associate of Science Degree from Odessa College in 1969.

Bill's early passion in life was cars. He fixed them, modified them, and raced them. His favorite cars were the 1969 Dodge Charger R/T that he and his dad bought new off the showroom floor and the 1979 Lincoln Continental Cartier Edition he bought for himself when "his ship came in." Better than each of these, though, was his first car - a 1955 Buick that a neighbor PAID HIM $25 to drag off of his property and onto the Gill Family driveway, much to Verna's displeasure.

Upon returning to Midland, Bill became a life-long "oil man" in the Midland/Odessa area. He worked for many years with both Dyne-Mac and Bingham Pumps, selling and servicing oil pumps. For the past decade, he has worked for Albritton Machine, Inc. as Danny Albritton's "right hand man," with responsibilities and territories expanding to the all the way to Kansas. Chances are if you have used any petrochemical product in West Texas since the 1970's, Bill most likely had a part in transporting it to you.

Bill was an avid outdoorsman who loved guns, hunting, and camping. He had an extensive gun collection and loved to tell hunting stories (over and over and over!). While there may have been exaggerations in the size of the prey he was stalking, or the life-challenging conditions of his camping location, his stories were always entertaining.

Bill loved dogs, particularly the Shih Tzu and Pekingese breeds. His three loyal companions in life were Chin Li, Su Li, and Maximillian the Hound.

Bill's home was always open to others and was a frequent social gathering place. The TV was guaranteed to be blaring an Outdoorsman show or a black-and-white Western movie. He enjoyed having family and friends come visit him, where he would hold court from his broken-down recliner.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, William Doyle and Verna Gill.

Bill is survived by his sister Wilma Ann Gill Hill and husband Dave of Arlington, and his nephews Bryan Hill and wife Karla of Dallas and John Hill of Fort Worth, along with numerous cousins and good friends. He made an impact on those who knew him, and he will be dearly missed.

A memorial service celebrating Bill's life will be held at Ellis Funeral Home, at 801 Andrews Highway in Midland, at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 25, 2015. Please plan to stay for a small reception afterward so the family can hear some new and different stories about Bill.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Bill's name can be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

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Death Notices

Alton Lee "Blackie" Kidd, Sr.

Alton Lee "Blackie" Kidd, Sr., 88, of Midland, passed away on Friday, June 19, 2015.

Viewing will be from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, with a visitation from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. that evening.

Funeral services will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel with interment following at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Blackie is survived by his children, Alton Lee Kidd, Jr., Sheila Ruth Masdon, and Barry Lynn Kidd, Sr.

Rickie J. Taylor

Rickie J. Taylor, 63, of Midland, passed away on June 19, 2015.

Graveside service is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery.

Weldon E. Allen

Weldon E. Allen, 88, of Odessa, passed away on June 19, 2015.

Services are pending with Martinez Funeral Home.

William Robert Parks

William Robert Parks died on June 18, 2015.

Bob is survived by his wife, Cathy; his daughters, Christi Eddings, Lisa Smith, Justin Parks, and Allison Parks; and by one sister.

A public memorial service will be held in the coming weeks, announcement to follow.

Allen Weinstein, 77, expert who retraced Hiss spy case, dies

N.Y. Times News Service

Allen Weinstein, a historian of Cold War espionage whose 1978 book, "Perjury: The Hiss-Chambers Case," marshaled a mountain of new evidence to argue that Alger Hiss was guilty as charged in one of the most famous spy trials of the post-war era, and who served as the ninth national archivist of the United States, died Thursday at a nursing home in Gaithersburg, Maryland. He was 77.

The cause was pneumonia, his son Andrew said. He had been suffering from Parkinson's disease for several years.

Making use of newly available FBI documents totaling tens of thousands of pages, Weinstein set forth, in damning detail, the case against Hiss, one of the most divisive figures of the postwar period.

Accused by Whittaker Chambers, an editor and writer at Time and a former Communist, of passing government documents to the Soviet Union when he worked for the State Department in the 1930s, Hiss was regarded as a traitor by most Americans but many liberals and leftists saw him as an innocent victim of anti-Communist paranoia. He was convicted of perjury in 1950, and Weinstein said he had started out writing the book to prove him innocent, only to reverse his judgment in the face of the evidence.

Hiss, who died in 1996, dismissed the book as "terribly thin stuff" and "childish," but the historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. called it "the most objective and convincing account we have of the most dramatic court case of the century." Irving Howe, a critic with impeccable leftist credentials, praised it as "lucidly written, impressively researched, closely argued." He added, "The result is formidable."

It was "Perjury" that exposed Weinstein to controversy and put him in the public eye.

He was attacked by Victor Navasky, the editor of The Nation, who accused him of mischaracterizing the testimony of key figures interviewed for the book. Weinstein, fighting back, said his tapes of the interviews proved their accuracy and promised to play them back for Navasky. That never happened, and Weinstein's reticence about the tapes and other source material would come back to haunt him when President George W. Bush nominated him to the post of national archivist.

In 1981, Weinstein became a professor at George Washington University and for two years edited The Washington Quarterly, a publication of the school's Center for Strategic and International Studies.

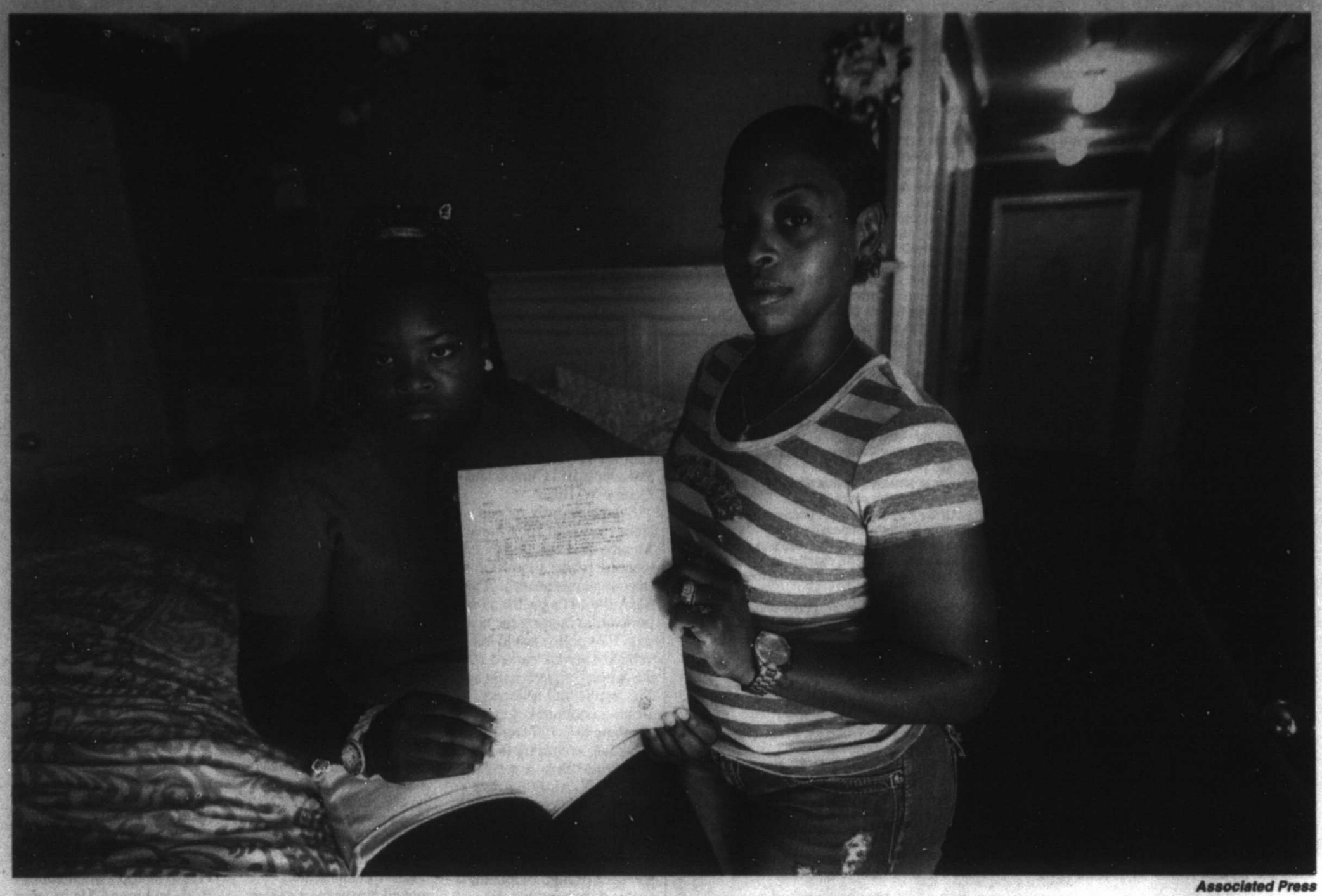
Through his involvement with Soviet dissidents, he became interested in initiatives to spread democracy around the world. In 1985, while teaching at Boston University, he founded the Center for Democracy, a nonprofit organization that advised struggling democracies and directed election-monitoring teams in the Philippines and Nicaragua, among other countries. The center's documentation of fraud in the Philippine election of 1986 weighed heavily in President Ronald Reagan's decision to withdraw support for Ferdinand Marcos, the president of the Philippines, who soon fled into exile.

Closely allied with Boris Yeltsin, Russia's president, the center was the conduit for information from Yeltsin to the White House and the State Department when, in 1991, Yeltsin was trapped in government headquarters during an attempted coup.

Through his newfound Russian sources, Weinstein gathered new information about the Hiss case that he incorporated in a revised version of "Perjury" and that formed the basis for his next book. Working with Alexander Vassiliev, a former KGB agent with access to formerly sealed archives, he wrote "The Haunted Wood: Soviet Espionage in America — the Stalin Era," published in 1999.

In 2004, Bush nominated Weinstein to head the National Archives and Records Administration. The nomination aroused stiff opposition among several organizations devoted to historical scholarship and record-keeping, such as the Association of Research Libraries and the Society of American Archivists; they protested that Weinstein had shown a tendency to guard information and keep it from other scholars. Critics wondered whether he might try to block or delay access to part of the presidential papers of the first President George Bush, being prepared for release by the archives.

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Associated Press

Natod'Ja Washington, left, 16, poses for a photo with her mother, Natasha Holloway, in their home as they hold a student sign in sheet for truancy court Friday in Dallas. The form must be signed by all of her teachers confirming Washington's attendance in school.

TRUANCY

From 1B

them spent at least one night in jail.

Peyton Walker's absences began piling up in seventh grade as she suffered from depression, anxiety and migraines, she said. After missing a court date in Dallas County truancy court at the age of 12, she said she was arrested and handcuffed at school in the Dallas suburb of Mesquite. Walker said the legal situation just made things worse.

"It was more: No matter if I go (to school) or not, I'm going to go to court anyway," said now-18-year-old Walker, who graduated from high school this spring. She and her mother, who is on disability, still have $2,000 in pending fines, and Walker won't be able to get a driver's license until they are paid.

All past truancy convictions will be expunged under the new law. But what will happen to students' pending fines will be up to the courts to decide, said David Slayton, executive director of the Texas Judicial Council.

Districts will still have the option of sending students with 10 unexcused absences over six months to court, but it will be civil court, with treatment and community service among the sentencing options.

"I feel like they need to find what is really going on before they send these students to court," said Natasha Holloway, who has six children and spent a night in jail for failure to pay fines related to their absences.

Her 16-year-old daughter Natod'ja Washington had about 20 unexcused absences — which she blamed on lacking a doctor's note and school activities, among other things — when she was summoned to a Dallas County truancy court this spring. Holloway, a hair stylist, didn't have an attorney and Googled advice on how her daughter should plead. Washington pleaded no contest and was fined $180, which her mother paid.

Students' fines for not completing their sentence will not exceed $100 under the new law. And though parents can still be charged with a misdemeanor under the new law, the fines are now graduated, with $100 for the first offense instead of up to $500.

"Anything is better than what it was," said Rose Comeaux, a single mother of four in the Houston area who has fines totaling about $2,600 for her children's absences for reasons such as being tardy between classes, missing school during and after pregnancy and missing the bus.

Comeaux, who earns $9 an hour working for a cable company, said she has lost out on better jobs because arrest warrants were issued for her failure to pay. Her 16-year-old daughter, Taqayisha, was fined $395 this spring for missing school after staying home with her 2-year-old when daycare fell through.

"I know some teenagers skip school," Comeaux said, "but some teenagers have good excuses to why they can't attend school."

Harris County cancer clusters get extra study

Associated Press

HOUSTON — For the first time in a decade, Texas health officials are considering a deeper investigation of cancer clusters after determining that findings near the polluted San Jacinto River in eastern Harris County were "significant enough."

The Texas Department of State Health Services has published more than 260 cancer cluster investigations since 2004. But until now, the state has never recommended the next step of seeing if an epidemiologic study is feasible, the Houston Chronicle reported Saturday.

An initial state report identified several tracts near the river with greater-than-expected incidences of childhood cancers of the eyes, skin and brain. The report was designed only to determine if there is more of a specific cancer in an area than expected — and not to pinpoint causes.

"While these cancers are rare and few total cases were identified, the analysis determined that these findings are significant enough to warrant a discussion of whether additional study is feasible," state officials concluded in a report released this week.

> *"We knew it was going to be bad, but holy cow."*
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> **Jackie Young,** Harris County resident

The San Jacinto Waste Pits on the river's western banks hold toxic paper mill waste that seeped into the water for years, leading to several lawsuits. Residents who live nearby have spent years pointing to the site as a possible cause for the cancers.

Both state and federal officials say it is extremely difficult to link elevated cancers with any particular environmental exposure.

Epidemiologists found elevated levels of childhood eye cancer, known as retinoblastoma, in one Harris County census tract that includes Highlands. That town, which is near the waste pits, also had elevated levels of kidney and cervical cancer.

Another tract near Lake Houston had elevated levels of brain cancer. The state found 23 cases; it expected to see 13.5. Seven cases involved children — roughly double the expected number. Researchers also found elevated childhood glioma, brain stem cancer, in a census tract north of U.S. Route 90 and east of Texas 8.

A neighboring census tract had double the expected number of childhood leukemia cases.

"We knew it was going to be bad, but holy cow," said Jackie Young, who grew up two miles from the San Jacinto Waste Pits.

Only a handful of residential cancer cluster investigations prompted by community concerns across the nation have resulted in the identification of an environmental trigger, according to a 2012 study led by an Emory University professor.

Chris Van Deusen, a spokesman for the state health agency, said the state is primarily focused on the elevations of childhood cancers, since adult cancer is far more difficult to study.

NICHOLAS

From 1B

Bodacious was running amok among the ground cover plots and urging us to "follow me" at the top of her lungs.

The sun is relentless in Alabama, and I was thrilled to see a bench in the shade. I swear, I have really been trying to up my cardio, but this heat was getting me down. My head was starting to throb, like one of those dull too-much-cheap-red-wine headaches. Bodacious was fanning me with magnolia leaves the size of a man's hand. Vegetation is huge here. Meanwhile, Parksalot has barely broken a sweat and has offered to carry the back pack. I silently thank God for blessing me with the world's tallest and strongest 6-year-old.

We find the Japanese gardens, and Little Son loves the reflective quality they have. He takes picture after picture of the ponds and statues, enjoying the dark bamboo leaves and Japanese maples. I just shuffled along wearing my best melted game face and just want to sit down and cool off. But I love watching them as they snap photo after photo. They are wrapped up in their own thoughts and visions, walking and talking to themselves. Another statue makes Bodacious wonder whether mermaids exist, and she takes it up with her brother, her most trusted source of information.

"They're a lot like fairies," he said. "They are in a lot of stories, but I have never seen one, and they might be fake. Not like Santa. He's real. But I'm not sure about his elves. How would anything so small really help make toys?"

And on goes their discussion until we get to the Alabama Woodlands garden. I am throwing around words like "ice cream" and "gift shop" in hopes they'll cut this garden off our route. I can see the indoor exhibit hall from and an ice-cold Diet Coke is calling my name. But no. My kiddos are pretty sure if they are going to see a fairy, it will be here, in these seven-acre woods. There are supposed to be 400 different trees, shrubs, vines and perennial and annual wildflowers. And mosquito fish. But all I can see is green. Green leaves, green trees, green moss on bark. And flying bugs. And sweat is stinging my eyes. But then he sees it: an enormous old tree upended on the trail — twisty roots and rock-hard dirt. He is snapping photo after photo, and then he decides to shoot a documentary-style video. I leave him to it, and we wander about the trails for another 10 minutes or so, searching for the pond.

We don't find it.

Bodacious has decided she could go for an ice cream now, so we turn back. A few minutes later, we are walking toward the land of fountain drinks when Little Son reaches for my hand. He tells me he loves it here and that this has been one of his "best days ever."

And I was sure, in that instant, that my heart was going to explode. Now, I couldn't tell if it was from love or impending heat stroke, but all I could say in return was that I agreed.

You can see some of our photos and videos on the BabiesLoveBathwater Facebook page or at www.TheBathwaterBlogs.com. Find out more about the Birmingham Botanical Gardens at www.bbgardens.org.

Melanie Nicholas is a full-time momma, writer and mommy blogger. She and The Hubs have two uhmazing children, Parksalot, 6, and Bodacious, 4.

You can follow her amazing adventures fighting grime and insecurity on Facebook, Twitter and at TheBathwaterBlogs.com.

Her column appears in the Midland Reporter-Telegram every other week.

LEE

From 1B

MRT: What is your message to teachers?

VanHoozer: Have a passion for students, have a passion for learning and have a passion for teaching.

MRT: You were at Lee from 1996 to 2000, a time football fans will remember well, coincidentally. What do you remember most from that period, and did your previous time spent at Lee and Midland factor in your return?

VanHoozer: I'm excited to come back to a school where I graduated from and where I made some life-long friends in education. I still stay in touch with many of my students from that time and it is great to see the adults they have become. I still have a daughter, granddaughter and mother-in-law in Midland so coming back to Lee High School was an easy decision for me.

MRT: To end on a positive, when you look at the situation at Lee, what's gets you the most excited about the opportunity in front of you?

VanHoozer: Thirteen was my baseball number when I played at Lee, so I'm excited to be the 13th principal at this school. I'm looking forward to leading a school that helped develop me as a person and as an educator. There are many good things going on at Lee, and in Midland ISD and I'm glad to once again be apart of both of them.

WILLIAMSON

From 1B

it when it gets full. Why, some dads don't even know that you have to empty the vacuum cleaner every so often.

I don't know how to open the washing machine, much less how to put the soap in — or how much to use — or set the timer. And what about mixing whites and colors? Am I supposed to care if I don't mind wearing shades of pink to work?

I simply don't know what to expect today as Father's Day breaks. At this point, I would be satisfied with a good, old pat on the back.

I'm sorry, but I grew up when there was man's work and there was woman's work and never the twain shall meet. But now the rules are changing, leaving some of us old nonconformers on the outside looking in.

And baby, it's cold outside.

Thought for the Week: *"I hope I am remembered by my children as a good father."* — novelist Orson Scott Card

ROBERT G. KONCHAR, D.P.M.
ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT AS A PODIATRIST EFFECTIVE JULY 4, 2015

To obtain a copy of your medical record, send a written request to P.O. Box 80722, Midland, TX 79708 by July 10, 2015. Include your address, daytime telephone number, date of birth, and a copy of your driver's license or other government issued picture identification. Have your signature witnessed.

Dr. Konchar would like to thank his patients for their trust and confidence over the last 30+ years, and he wishes each of you the very best!

GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed June 8-12 by district Judges George D. Gilles, Robin Malone Darr, Elizabeth B. Leonard and Rodney W. Satterwhite:

Isaac Isaiah Alexander, 25, assault on a public servant, 10 years deferred adjudication, $1,500 fine, court cost, 150 hours community service, anger management.

Jasmine Latrece Bedford, 22, possession of a controlled substance, revoke supervision, three years TDCJ.,

Eric Garcia Bermea. 43, felony driving while intoxicated, five years community supervision, fine, restitution, 30 days jail, driver's license suspended for 365 days.

Karenan Elizabeth Bradley, 24, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, eight years deferred adjudication, 10 days jail, $1,500 fine, court cost, AA meetings, TAIP.

Charles Everette Butler, 18, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, two years deferred adjudication, $750 fine, court cost.

Alex Hernandez Carrillo, 19, theft of property greater than $1,500 but less than $20,000, five years deferred adjudication, fine, pay restitution, 250 hours community service.

Darian Marquis Ceasar, 24, assault family violence with a previous conviction, three years TDCJ; continuous violence against the family, revoke supervision three years TDCJ.

Vanessa Villa Chavez, 31, debit card abuse, five years TDCJ; theft by repetition, five years TDCJ.

Karl Ray Cooper, 28, forgery, extend community supervision two years; possession of a controlled substance - cocaine, extend community supervision two years, TAIP; tampering with physical evidence, extend community supervision two years, TAIP.

Jerome Earl Ervin, 26, robbery, eight years TDCJ.

Marvis Escejeda, 48, possession of a controlled substance, three years deferred adjudication, $800 fine, court cost, 50 hours community service, TAIP.

Edurado Guerra-Moreno, 24, tampering with physical evidence, extend probation two years, 30 days jail.

Yvonne Marie Lujan-Rodriguez, 24, evading arrest with a motor vehicle, eight years TDCJ suspended five years probation, $1,500 fine, court cost, 200 hours community service, driver's license suspended for 365 days, CRTC.

Marco Antonio Marquez, 24, aggravated assault of a child, seven years deferred adjudication.

Terence Andrew Mendoza, 23, evading arrest with a motor vehicle, four years TDCJ suspended four years probation, 20 days jail, $2,000 fine, court cost, 150 hours community service, anger management.

Santos Adriana Monje, 34, endangering a child, adjudicate, two years TDCJ suspended for two years probation.

Gabriela Garcia Ochoa, 25, four counts of endangering a child, extended two years, CRTC.

Antonio Gonzalez Quintana, 36, burglary, six years TDCJ.

Fernando Rodriguez, 22, retaliation, continue supervision, AA meetings.

Monrique Rosilee, 40, possession of a controlled substance, deferred adjudication, two years community supervision.

Isaac Jeremy Salazar, 19, burglary of a habitation, two years TDCJ.

George Morales Samarripa II, 30, aggravated sexual assault, six years TDCJ.

Katrina Kay Senter, 26, possession of marijuana, nine months state jail.

Jesus Gabriel Subia, 35, evading arrest with previous convictions, 10 months state jail; evading arrest with previous convictions, 10 months state jail.

Shondel Sundwall, 37, possession of a controlled substance, revoke supervision, three years TDCJ.

Kenneth Wayne Turnbill Jr., 38, attempting to take officer's weapon, five years TDCJ.

Jose Antonio Vela, 35, driving while intoxicated third or more times, revoke supervision, two years TDCJ.

Jeffery Bernard Williams, 47, burglary of a building, 180 days state jail.

Brandon Shane Wooten, 23, possession of a controlled substance, revoke supervision, nine months state jail.

TDCJ = Texas Department of Criminal Justice; TAIP = treatment alternative to incarceration program, CRTC = court residential treatment center; ISP = intensive supervision parole

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Julio C. Flores, 30, of Midland was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance under one gram.

Deborah A. Lamas, 52, of Midland was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance under one gram, and possession of another controlled substance under 200 grams.

Karisma N. Martinez, 23, of Midland was charged Friday with forgery of a government financial instrument.

Clarence L. Mosley, 39, of Midland was charged Friday with theft.

Jessica Y. Rodriguez, 28, of Midland was charged Friday with three counts of abandoning or endangering a child.

Chad Barnhart, 39, of Midland was charged Saturday with theft under $1,500 with two or more previous convictions.

Isaiah Cano, 18, of Midland was charged Saturday with tampering or fabricating physical evidence.

Naomi Cooper, 17, of Midland was charged Saturday with aggravated assault of a house member with a weapon.

Sergio C. Flores, 50, of Midland was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance under one gram.

Jorge A. Martinez-Ugalde, 27, of Odessa was charged Saturday with fraudulent use or possession of identification information.

Christopher M. Fino, 30, of Midland was charged Sunday with three counts of possession of a controlled substance under four grams.

Charlie W. Gamel, 56, of Midland was charged Monday with a third count of driving while intoxicated.

Rubin P. Molinar, 51, of Midland was charged Monday with a third count of driving while intoxicated.

Juan J. Nevares, 54, of Midland was charged Monday with injury to a child, elderly, or disabled with bodily injury.

Mark A. Santiesteban, 31, of Midland was charged Monday with evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction.

Reyna I. Suchil, 19, of Midland was charged Monday with injury to a child, elderly, or disabled by reckless behavior.

Wesley R. Allison, 26, of Midland was charged Tuesday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Michael J. Bermea, 40, of Midland was charged Tuesday with unauthorized use of vehicle.

Johnny Rendon III, 57, of Midland was charged Tuesday with a third count of driving while intoxicated.

Sergio M. Rodriguez, 31, of Midland was charged Tuesday with aggravated assault of a family or house member with a weapon, and assault of a family or house member by impeding breath.

Lai K. Thang, 43, of Midland was charged Tuesday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Andreana R. Campos, 19, of Midland was charged Wednesday with possession of a controlled substance under one gram.

Michael Z. Diaz, 19, of Midland was charged Wednesday with possession of a prohibited item or substance in a correctional facility.

Caleb S. Ochoa, 18, of Midland was charged Wednesday with possession of a controlled substance.

Walter W. Ahola III, 37, of Midland was charged Thursday with evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction.

Anthony G. Dunn, 32, of Midland was charged Thursday with four counts of theft under $100,000.

Reuben J. Gutierrez, 23, of Midland was charged Thursday with assault of a public servant.

Lance E. Snow, 21, of Midland was charged Thursday with unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Maria G. Soto-Hernandez, 18, of Midland was charged Thursday with tampering or fabricating physical evidence.

Justin D. Williams, 21, of Midland was charged Thursday with burglary of a habitation with intent to commit another felony, and obstruction or retaliation.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Search resumes in NM for missing ex-White House chef

Associated Press

TAOS, N.M. — Authorities resumed a search by air and ground Saturday in a New Mexico mountain range for a former White House chef who has now been missing for a week.

New Mexico State Police spokeswoman Elizabeth Armijo said the agency plans to exhaust all resources to conduct an extensive search for 61-year-old Walter Scheib, the White House chef for 11 years under Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush

Scheib recently moved from Florida to Taos, New Mexico, and reportedly went for a hike June 13 in the mountains near the Taos Ski Valley. His girlfriend reported him missing the next day. Taos police found his vehicle Tuesday parked at the Yerba Canyon trailhead. The 4-mile trail follows a canyon bottom before climbing to 3,700 feet in elevation, according to the U.S. Forest Service website.

The U.S. Air Force and the New Mexico National Guard are assisting in the search. An air search has been made difficult with the presence of high mountain peaks, deep canyons and dense vegetation. The rough terrain has also made the ground search harder.

Scheib, who graduated from New York's Culinary Institute of America in 1979 and later worked at grand hotels in Florida and West Virginia, became White House executive chef in April 1994 when First Lady Hillary Clinton hired him.

He was in charge of a full-time staff of five and oversaw a part-time staff of 20. Scheib was known for refocusing the White House kitchen on distinctly American cuisine with seasonal ingredients and contemporary flavors. He was responsible for preparing everything from first family meals to formal state dinners.

Last month, Scheib cooked dinner for a cancer charity's fundraiser at a hotel in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He told the Times Leader newspaper that preparing meals at the White House had required him to have a different outlook on food and cooking.

"When you're working at the White House, it's not a hotel or a restaurant, or a private club. It's a personal home," Scheib said. "Our goal wasn't just to cook food at the White House, it was to give the First Family an island of normal in a very, very crazy world."

His creations were served to many world leaders including Tony Blair, Jacques Chirac, Vicente Fox, Nelson Mandela and Boris Yeltsin.

Scheib left the White House in 2005 when Laura Bush let him go. He became a food consultant and speaker, often entertaining guests with anecdotes from his time at the White House. He also appeared on the Food Network's "Iron Chef America" show in 2006.



Associated Press

In this July 27, 2004, photo, outgoing White House chef Walter Scheib greets chefs from around the world at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, Md. Authorities are searching by air and ground in a rugged New Mexico mountain range for Scheib, reported missing on a solo hike.

Crime of the week

This week the Midland County Sheriff's Office and Midland Crime Stoppers need help solving a robbery.

A man walked into the 7-Eleven at 13920 W. Highway 80 at about 11:30 p.m. June 15. He had a handgun and demanded the money out of the register and three cartons of cigarettes. He then left the store running on foot behind the store. The Sheriff's office is in need of finding a person of interest in this case who is in the video. If you are the first person to call with information on this case and it leads to an arrest and/or case solved, it will be worth a $1,000 cash reward. You will remain anonymous and no caller ID is EVER used.

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Yesterday's Answer: NIGHT, INGOT, TONIC, COUNT, CLOUT, CLOUD; FLUSH, FLASH, HALTS, HEATS, WASTE, WATER

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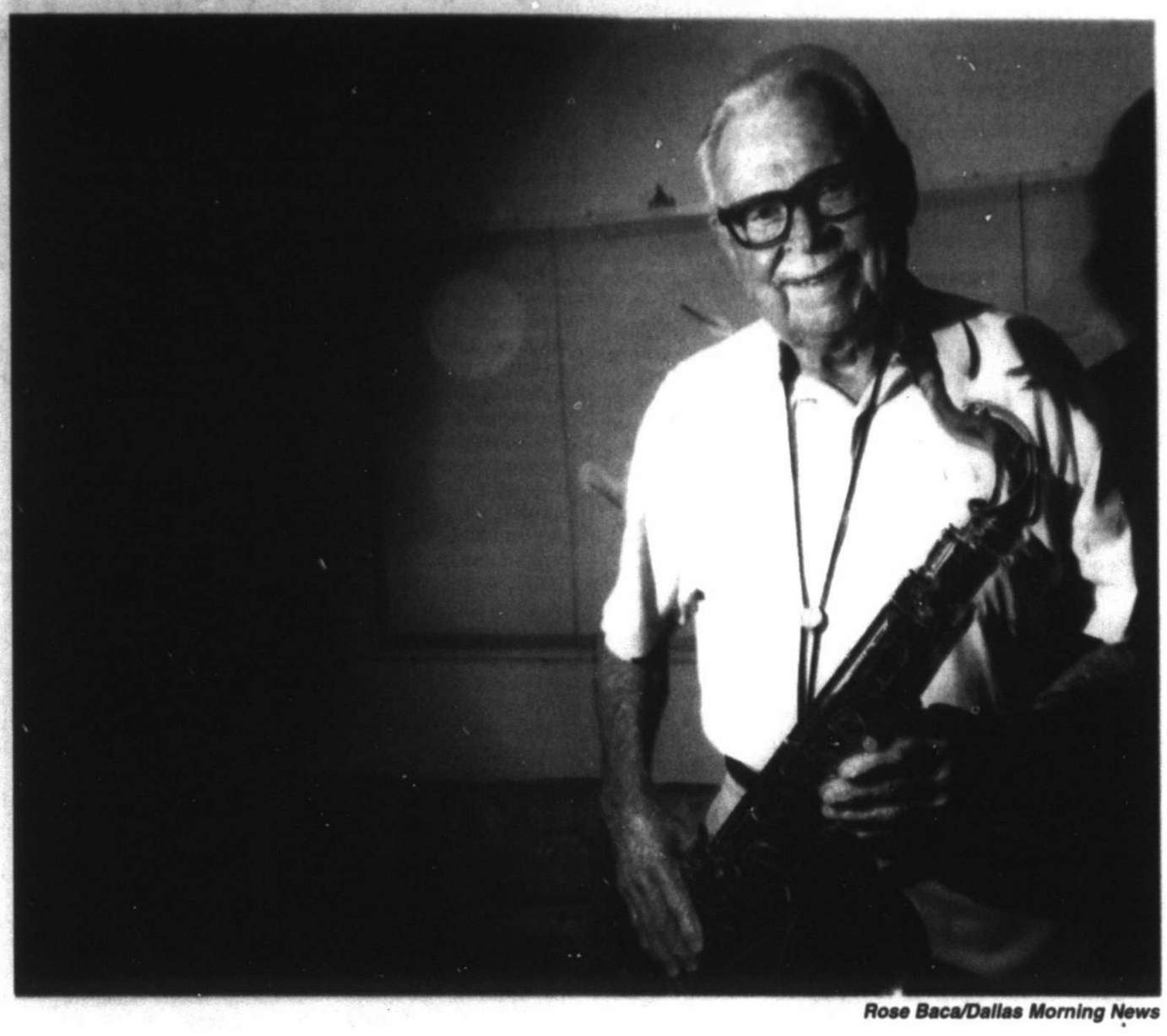
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Ex-Playboy sax player shows it's never too late to swing

By Nanette Light
Dallas Morning News



Rose Baca/Dallas Morning News

Billy Briggs poses for a portrait with his saxophone June 1 at his home in Plano. Briggs has been playing the saxophone since he was 14 and has played with many bands over the years, including Asleep at the Wheel last February at Austin City Limits.

DALLAS — Billy Briggs slid the saxophone's neck strap over his head and stood to play.

His khakis were crisply pressed down the middle and his polo shirt tucked.

Set in front of his living room couch, there were no stage lights or fellow jazz players. He never liked to perform as a one-man show, he said.

"I've got to have some kind of rhythm," said Briggs, a Plano resident, as his hands gripped his Martin tenor saxophone. Made in 1938, the model name etched into the brass is barely readable.

Decades earlier, Briggs once lay on the stage floor among a 12-piece band, kicking his legs in the air while he played.

But his knees aren't what they once were. He isn't 27 years old anymore, performing as one of the Texas Playboys in Bob Wills' Western swing band.

He's 92 — but he's still playing.

So is his 77-year-old tenor sax.

"(People) think I'm going forever, but I know better. I'm fortunate I can still do what I do, and that people like what I do," Briggs told The Dallas Morning News.

He began playing the saxophone in 1938, two years after his high school in Calvert — a midpoint city between Waco and College Station — started its first band.

"I just liked the sound of it," Briggs said of the sax.

Four years later, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. First stationed at the Blackland Army Air Field in Waco, he joined the 639th Army Band, where he sometimes played clarinet. While in the service, he bought the Martin horn for about $120. It's still his sax of choice.

He wouldn't trade it for a fancier model. It's a part of him until he dies, he said. Then, one of his daughters will inherit the horn.

"I told her, 'I don't want another breath blown through it.' It's paid its dues," Briggs said.

He came to Dallas in 1950 to play with Bob Wills' Western swing band. There, Briggs spent one year touring and playing in dance halls throughout the state, Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico. On the weekends, the band played at Wills' ranch house club on Corinth and Industrial — later named the Longhorn Ballroom under new ownership.

With a bar top lined in silver dollars, the ranch house was a far cry from Briggs' first gig as a teenager during the Great Depression playing $2 per show for a string band in Hearne — about 8 miles southeast from his home in Calvert.

"It was a magnificent thing," Briggs said of the ranch house.

He left the Playboys after a year to attend business college. That led to a 32-year career with Mobile oil company, where he worked in purchasing at the research laboratory then on Duncanville Road.

During that time, he formed his trio, astutely named The Bill Briggs Trio. About three nights per week, the group played at fancy Dallas dinner clubs such as the Chaparral Club. One of the most exclusive restaurants in downtown, the club overlooked the city from the 37th floor of the Sheraton Dallas Hotel.

Briggs still plays at some of those clubs for special events such as the Dallas Petroleum Club on Ross Avenue. He has plans to perform there on New Year's Eve. Occasionally, he takes the stage at The Free Man Cajun Cafe and Lounge on Commerce Street in Deep Ellum.

His daughter, Ann Briggs-Cutaia of Plano, will drive him to the show. She's spent a lifetime watching her father play his sax.

"To me and my siblings, it was just that's the way life was. Your dad played a saxophone," said Briggs-Cutaia, a professional dancer and former Dallas Cowboys cheerleader. "We never really thought anything of it until we got older and realized what a talent he is."

In October, Briggs is scheduled to play at the State Fair of Texas.

"If I'm living, I'll be there," he said.

At age 87, he recorded his first and only solo album with a friend in his Garland studio. The CD is in memory of his wife, Agnes, who died of leukemia two years earlier. They were married 63 years. He said she always wanted him to make an album.

"I sure wish I'd done it before she went," he said.

On the cover, it reads "87 and still swinging."

On June 20, Briggs plans to perform with Dave Alexander and His Big Texas Swing Band in Wichita Falls. Briggs has had a standing spot in the band since 1988 when he joined the group — then named Dave Alexander and the Legends of Western Swing.

"We called him 'Take No Prisoners Billy' because when he played I honestly felt like he was playing like this was the last time he would ever play the saxophone," said Alexander, a Dixieland trumpet player who studied jazz at the University of North Texas. "I can't tell you the thousands of standing ovations he got in the middle of our performances because he would wow the crowd so much."

Originally, the band included about six former Texas Playboys. It was an effort by Alexander, then a recent college graduate, to revive Bob Wills' legendary group. Alexander's dad, Ashley Alexander Jr., was a former Texas Playboy. His grandfather also was a professional piano player.

"It was horns and piano and steel and fiddles and just total Texas music," Alexander said.

The group quickly secured a 14-year performance run at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Briggs played for about eight of those years.

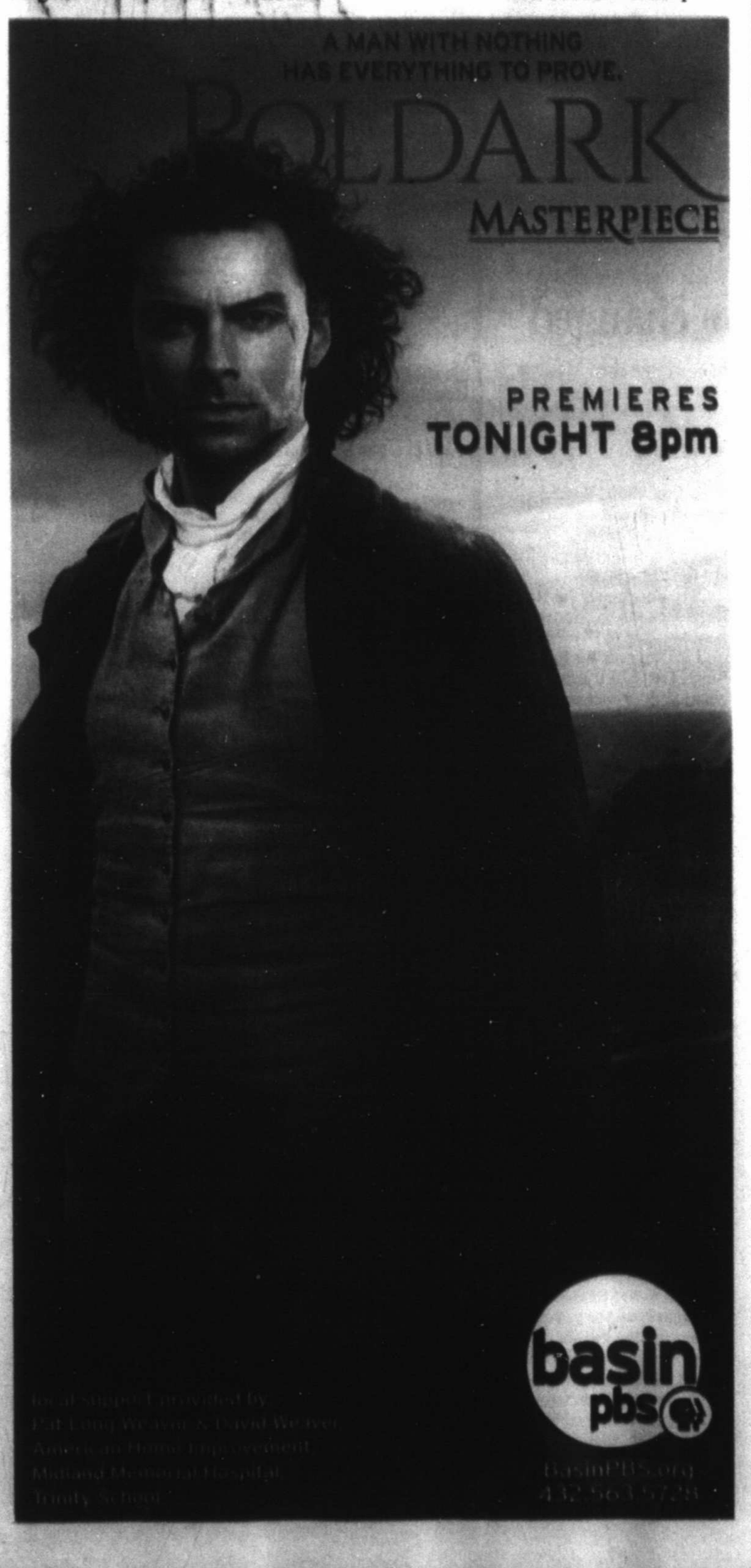
"When I brought that band to Houston, it was like I brought back Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys. Everybody that remembered those Texas Playboys became friends with us," Alexander said.

That included former President George H.W. Bush, who attended the band's shows and hired them for additional performances, Alexander said.

Last year, Alexander and Briggs performed alongside Willie Nelson and Asleep at the Wheel on stage at the Eisemann Center in Richardson. In February, the pair joined the band in an onstage recording at Austin City Limits Live to launch the show's 41st season.

Briggs doesn't practice anymore for these performances.

"It's just in my soul," he said.



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Juneteenth's legacy for the 21st century



REX SMITH
Hearst News Service

Two days before the 150th anniversary of Juneteenth, in a state that still flies the Confederate flag, a baby-faced 21-year-old white man fearing that "blacks were taking over the world" opened fire in a prayer meeting at an historic black church and shot to death nine African-Americans.

Juneteenth isn't a national holiday, but it should be, to remind Americans that the fight for freedom and justice has no ending, any more than slavery and its pernicious legacy ended when the Civil War was over.

If your American roots aren't traced to Africa, chances are you don't know about Juneteenth. It's an important story, both as history and as metaphor.

On June 19, 1865 — that is, two months after the Confederate surrender at Appomattox, five months after Congress passed the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery, and two years after Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation — 1,800 U.S. Army troops stormed Galveston Island on a mission to enforce the freedoms that had become the Civil War's great cause. White Texans still fought to sustain their state as an outpost of slavery. A months-long military campaign of 50,000 U.S. troops finally imposed the rule of law and the principle of freedom for African-Americans.

It was a military incursion to put down a domestic insurrection that had as its target a racial minority. So, then, should we observe Juneteenth as settling once and for all America's commitment to justice for all?

Hardly. The promise of equality that we like to think is part of America's charter still hasn't arrived for many. The U.S. Senate passed the Civil Rights Act on the 99th anniversary of Juneteenth, but laws don't quickly change hearts and minds. In the 1970s, as I traveled in East Texas, I saw signs labeling separate bathrooms and water fountains for "coloreds" at service stations.

And today, living in northern cities, we see neighborhoods where poverty and race go hand-in-hand. Nor is the problem diminishing: The wealth of white U.S. households was 13 times the median wealth of black households in 2013, compared to eight times the wealth in 2010.

You may imagine, then, that wealth inequality will be an overriding issue in the next presidential race, but it may not be.

On the day before the 150th anniversary of Juneteenth, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas captivated hundreds of evangelicals gathered in Washington for the annual Faith & Freedom Coalition conference, declaring that 2016 will be "the religious liberty election," and denouncing "mandatory gay marriage" as the great threat to freedom of religion.

Yesterday, on the 150th anniversary of Juneteenth, a message to the 6.3 million Twitter followers of Pope Francis drew from his new encyclical on climate change: "Reducing greenhouse gases requires honesty, courage and responsibility." We must leave "an inhabitable planet to future generations," he added.

Is your faith guiding your political views on climate change? Or on marriage equality? On income inequality?

It wouldn't be surprising. It was religious teaching, of course, that brought together the nine people who were slain in South Carolina, and religion drew the hundreds to cheer Cruz and other Republican candidates this week. Teachings of the same faith prompted Francis to warn that human-caused climate change, with consumerism and blind pursuit of profit at its core, is destroying the earth.

Americans have always searched for the right place of religion in politics. Sometimes we seem to get it right, such as when 19th-century abolitionist preachers pushed against slavery, or when clergy led the 20th-century civil rights movement.

Now, as fewer Americans engage fully with organized religion, politicians play the religion card awkwardly. Both Jeb Bush and Rick Santorum quickly dismissed the pope's climate change letter. "I think religion ought to be about making us better as people and less about things that end up getting in the political realm," Bush said. Santorum said the pope ought to stick to "theology and morality."

Yet both Bush and Santorum link their opposition to abortion to their faith. Politicians seldom hesitate to invoke religion in claiming that God's will matches their own, nor to scurry for religious leaders' endorsements.

On this, though, we should all agree: Just as no faith tradition tolerates the murder of people because of their race, the conditions that make life nearly intolerable for some must also be a matter of religious concern.

A century and a half after the government sent troops to bring freedom to Americans of African lineage, people in both political and religious life are called to attack the causes of the injustice that still permeates the lives of their descendants.

Abbott cuts $300M from budget, vetoes 42 bills

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Republican Gov. Greg Abbott dealt a final blow Saturday to his own pledges to tighten Texas' loose ethics rules, vetoing two reform bills poisoned by a last-minute rider that would have given lawmakers cover to hide their spouses' financial dealings.

The vetoes, which wereamong 42 bills rejected by the new governor, capped Abbott's inability in his first year to strengthen ethics laws as promised shortly after taking office in January. He even named it one of five legislative priorities, alongside upgrades to border security and Texas pre-K.

Abbott delivered on his other so-called emergency items, but when it came to state lawmakers putting new rules on themselves, they fought for months over allowing more transparency about their personal wealth and curbing conflicts of interests.

Although the vetoed bills would have tightened some disclosure rules, even ethics watchdosg considered what became known as the "spousal loophole" amendment far too toxic.

"Provisions in this bill would reduce Texans' trust in their elected officials, and I will not be a part of weakening our ethics laws," Abbott said in a statement. "Serious ethics reform must be addressed next session — the right way. Texans deserve better."

The amendment would ave shielded lawmakers from disclosing how their spouses make money. It was stuck into the bill by Republican state Sen. Joan Huffman, a former judge, whose husband has myriad business interests.

Another comprehensive ethics bills sank earlier this session over whether to politically active nonprofit should have to disclose their donors, in what is known as dark money.

Although critics have long denounced Texas' ethics laws as soft, Abbott was forced to confront issues of transparency and oversight early when a $110 billion no-bid state contracting scandal erupted shortly after he was elected in November.

Abbott has now cleared his desk of thousands of bills to sign into law or reject. He also vetoed softer penalties for prostitution and another that would have given state employees more flexibility to work from home. It's the most bills vetoed since former Gov. Rick Perry rejected 56 bills in 2007, but far short of the 83 bills Perry spiked during his first year on the job, which helped set his defiant tone.

Abbott said he also eliminated $300 million from the Texas budget in line-item vetoes, though that amounts to only a mere fraction of a $209 billion two-year budget.



John Shapley/Houston Chronicle

Deborah Wilkers and Lee Perry, also known as Fanci Dancer and Lee Mr. Smooth, perform at the 2015 Juneteenth Emancipation Celebrations on Saturday in Houston.

'Boyhood' director Linklater loses appeal over film mementos

Associated Press

AUSTIN — "Boyhood" director Richard Linklater again has lost in a lawsuit against his insurance company over what he says was $500,000 in property and film memorabilia destroyed by Texas wildfires in 2011.

A Texas appeals court this week upheld an earlier ruling against Linklater, who lost old scripts, videos and memorabilia from "Dazed and Confused" and his other films in the massive blaze. The Golden Globe winner had used a storage building in Bastrop County as a personal archive for his career.

Truck Insurance Company denied Linklater's claim on the basis that the storage building was not covered by the filmmaker's policy.

The deadly 2011 wildfires near Austin scorched more than 32,000 acres and destroyed more than 1,600 homes.

Conservative views of Juneteenth have changed

By Harvey Rice
Houston Chronicle

GALVESTON — When state Rep. Al Edwards introduced a bill in 1979 to make Juneteenth a state holiday, he asked a minister known for leading celebrations of the date when Texas slaves were freed to testify on the bill's behalf.

The minister scoffed at its chances, the former lawmaker recalled, and refused to take part in what he viewed as a futile effort.

"He really had an uphill battle," said attorney Doug McLeod, a conservative Democratic representative from Galveston at the time. "He had opposition from the left and the right."

But the Houston Democrat prevailed, making Texas the first state to proclaim Juneteenth a state holiday and prompting other states to follow suit. Now 43 states and the District of Columbia recognize Juneteenth in some fashion as communities across the state and the nation celebrated its 150th anniversary on Friday. The number of Juneteenth events has exploded this year — the sesquicentennial anniversary of the June 19, 1865, proclamation in Galveston that finally freed the last remaining slaves in the United States.

Nearly three years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation and two months after Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered, Texas slave owners were still refusing to release their slaves. Slave owners viewed Texas as the last redoubt of slavery, and they poured into Texas with an estimated 125,000 slaves from other southern states.

"The idea was Texas was so vast that the federal government would never be able to conquer it all," said Jackie Jones, a history professor at the University of Texas at Austin. "There is this view that if they want to hold onto their slaves, the best thing to do is get out of the South and go to Texas."

Those dreams were crushed when Gen. Gordon Granger, the newly appointed military governor of Texas, arrived in Galveston with 2,000 troops and issued General Order No. 3. The celebration of Juneteenth spread throughout black communities despite ill will from whites in southern states, in part because of the fine clothing donned by many celebrants.

"By putting on their very best clothes, the black people were signaling they were free," Jones said. "It enraged white people. They hated to see black people dressed up because it turned their world upside down."

The views of conservative Texans have changed markedly since 1979, and two prominent conservative politicians were to be guests at a June 19th prayer breakfast at historic Ashton Villa in Galveston: U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and U.S. Rep. Randy Weber. The Republicans were to join U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Houston, and Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, the archbishop for Galveston-Houston.

The prayer breakfast is just one of the Juneteenth events taking place in the Houston region. Galveston is planning two parades, and balls, festivals and parties are scheduled in Houston, Missouri City and Texas City.

Galveston school children waged a letter-writing campaign to try to persuade President Barack Obama to attend that city's celebrations, but he declined, citing a conflict.

Still, the commemoration of the event has come a long way.

The bill making Juneteenth a Texas holiday appeared to be headed for oblivion when it was filed in 1979 by Edwards, a Houston Democrat who was new to the legislature. The conservative Democratic majority viewed the bill as a hard sell to their constituents and many of Edwards' 14 fellow black legislators saw it as a diversion from securing a holiday for Martin Luther King.

"Think what it was like 36 years ago," McLeod said. "Conservatives were worried about supporting this kind of bill, fearing that their constituents would not like their support."

Craig Washington, a Democratic legislator from Houston at the time who later became a congressman, said a handful of black legislators saw the Juneteenth bill as a way of "defusing the interest in a holiday for Dr. King."

Edwards, now a real estate broker, was unable to get a single co-sponsor until he approached McLeod. "I said, 'No one signed that bill?'" McLeod recalled. "He said, 'No one.' I said, 'Give me that bill, I'll sign it.'"

Fortune then allowed Edwards to win over a powerful member of the Legislature: Speaker of the House Bill Clayton.

Clayton wanted the Rev. Jesse Jackson to address a joint session and he promised his support for the Juneteenth bill if Edwards could deliver Jackson, Edwards recalled.

Edwards delivered, flying back from New Orleans to Austin with Jackson in a four-seat private aircraft. Even with the backing of the speaker, Edwards had to cut deals with other opponents. A conservative legislator who had sworn to kill the Juneteenth bill abruptly changed his mind when he learned that Edwards had helped him pass an anti-abortion bill.

An act of kindness gained him support of another legislator who couldn't find his car after a bout of drinking, said Edwards, who gave him a ride home.

Then-Gov. Bill Clements, a Republican, declined to endorse the Juneteenth bill, but he agreed to sign it if passed.

When it was passed, opponents urged the governor not to sign the bill, but Clements kept his word. He signed the bill on the Texas State Capitol steps before a happy gathering of onlookers. "Oh, that was the greatest feeling," Edwards of the bill-signing. "I could never explain how I felt."

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Finally, after meeting with his father, he came to the register. "This is a good bike. How much are you asking for it, ma'am?"

"We usually get $10 for a bike like this one."

The look of disappointment on his face was huge. "I only have $5. Do you think you could save it for me until I can get the rest of the money? It will only take a couple of days."

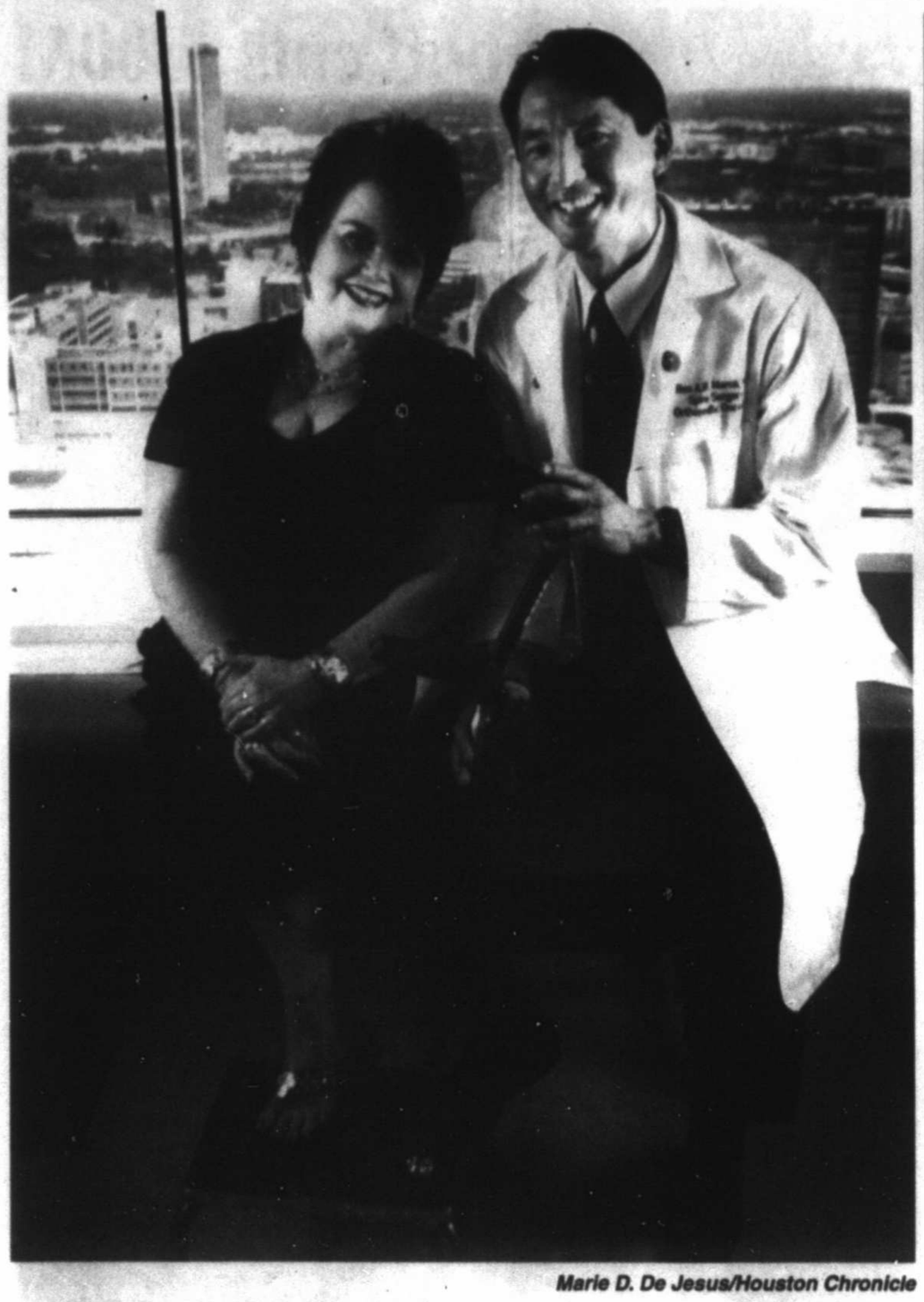
The cashier told him that, believe it or not, there was a special on bikes that day only, and he could have the bike for $5. He carefully paid for it with quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies that he had collected, and turned it over to us with all of the solemnity of a major financial transaction.

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This is just one of the many joys and blessings of working the thrift store at Helping Hands.

And special thanks to the family who donated that bicycle to us, to pass along to that young boy in need. God bless you and thank you very, very much!



Marie D. De Jesus/Houston Chronicle

Rhonda Johnson, 61, underwent an extreme surgery performed orthopedic oncologist Rex A. W. Marco, losing her leg and half her pelvis. Johnson believes that her legs don't define who she is and that giving up her leg to be able to enjoy life cancer free is worth it. Now Johnson council other patients facing the same situation and inspiring them to fight against cancer.

Amputee with 'too much to live for' helps others

By Kyrie O'Connor
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Rhonda Johnson knew it was a bad sign when Dr. Rex Marco walked into the examining room carrying a skeleton.

She was right.

Johnson, a heretofore healthy, vibrant Pasadena photographer with a head of auburn hair, had been diagnosed in July 2010 with a cancerous tumor known as a sarcoma in her hip socket.

She underwent surgery, which removed most of it, and then began chemotherapy. Through it all, she chose red as her "positive energy color": red clothes, red room decorations, even a bright-red hair extension. When the nurses told her that her exceptionally harsh chemo treatment was called the Red Devil, she said "No, that's not allowed." Red meant good.

Throughout treatment, even when her hair fell out, Johnson kept the red hair extension. Not once did she become nauseated. Instead, the other patients knew her as "The Walker" for her long marches down the hospital corridors.

But now it was January 2011, and Marco, an orthopedic oncologist at Houston Methodist Hospital, was worried the cancer would come back.

"The risk involved was going to be too great," he said.

He arrived with the skeleton to recommend to Johnson a drastic course: an operation called a hemipelvectomy, the removal of her leg, her hip and half her pelvis. In any case, even if she decided against it, further necessary surgery on her deteriorated hip socket was going to render her right leg useless. The chance of cancer coming back was greater if she retained the leg.

"I did not cry," Johnson, 61, said. "I asked, 'What do I have to do to live?'?"

Ask yourself: How much of your literal, physical self would you give up to stay alive? This much? Not this much? More?

To help answer these questions, hospitals in the Texas Medical Center offer cancer patients a broad range of emotional, psychological and spiritual support. Houston Methodist has 15 chaplains and 40 social workers available around the clock. Memorial Hermann Hospital has more than 35 counselors of various kinds available to oncology patients, including social workers, chaplains and nurse navigators. Peer-to-peer counseling is less common.

In Johnson's case, she knew what she had to do. "My leg doesn't define who I am," she told herself. "I have too much to live for."

Marco, the vice chairman and chief of orthopedic oncology and reconstructive spinal surgery in the department of orthopedic surgery at Methodist, wore red scrubs for the operation, which he described as "massive." The surgery is rare, and few surgeons perform it. Marco does only three to five a year; about 30 are performed each year at M.D. Anderson.

It's the kind of surgery that takes a lot out of the doctor, too.

But it's not the most radical surgery he can perform. That would be a hemicorporectomy, in which the entire lower half of the body is removed. Given the choice, Marco said, few patients decide to go through with that.

Johnson pulled through and endured the reconstruction of her hip.

"She was the most amazing thing about it," Marco said. "You can go through the worst of the worst if you're grateful, happy and optimistic. It helps keep life in perspective." As he spoke, a bright red cardinal lands outside his window. "That never happens," he said.

Johnson gets around on crutches now and drives herself everywhere. She found a prosthesis to be more trouble than it was worth.

She takes delight in her 16-year marriage to Roland (whom she called "the caretaker of all caretakers. Everybody should have a Roland."), their blended family and their three, soon four, grandchildren.

"My trade-off is life," Johnson said. "If I could go back, I don't know if I would."

The story should end here, but it doesn't.

Enter Robyn Jackson. She is 35 and lives in Oklahoma City, the mother of five children ranging in age from 7 to 19.

She was in pain for two years straight and making repeated trips to the emergency room, where she was told she had a urinary tract infection and given more and more antibiotics. Somehow, she knew that was wrong.

"I asked the Lord, is this cancer?" she said.

After she collapsed in a store in the fall of 2013, tests revealed that she had a sarcoma at her spine. Having spent years as a certified nurse's assistant, Jackson knew what that was.

Doctors sent her to Houston to see Marco. Her situation was even more serious than Johnson's had been. Marco said he would have to remove three vertebrae, as well as the left leg, hip and half the pelvis.

She was dumbfounded and reeling, scared and confused. Was the operation going to leave her with a life she would want?

"I had doubts in my mind," said Jackson. "If there wasn't life behind it, I wasn't going to do it."

Marco called in Johnson and asked her to talk to Jackson.

Johnson had been through the fire. She would not be speaking in the abstract.

"When Rhonda called me, I thought 'OK, you can be happy still.' She encouraged me and told me it would not be easy."

When Jackson flew down alone to Houston for her surgeries, Johnson met her at the hospital and stayed with her.

Jackson developed an infection and ultimately required four surgeries and a full year to recover.

"The man up above was always with me. I was in so much peace. He gave me strength and peace to get over that," she said.

Marco believes Johnson made the younger woman less fearful and more hopeful.

"It becomes a matter of perspective," he said. "It's a big decision, and the ones who decide to do it wind up with an incredibly powerful outlook."

Johnson acted as a mentor all along the way.

"We're sisters from other mothers," Jackson said. She is grateful to Johnson and Marco for seeing her through.

"Don't get me wrong - I miss the life I had," Jackson says. "But I enjoy life now."

She gets around in a wheelchair — she hopes to graduate to crutches soon — and last month saw her oldest son graduate from high school. She watches the younger ones play football, and she's grateful to be part of her children's lives. That's what she lives for.

"God works his miracles through people," she said.

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PALESTINE

2 dead, suspect sought after fatal shootings

Police are seeking a suspected gunman after a man and a woman were fatally shot at a house in East Texas.

Palestine police said another man at the home during the shootings early Saturday was not harmed and called for help.

Capt. James Muniz said the caller, who's cooperating with officers, is related to the man who died at the scene.

The wounded woman died at a hospital in Palestine, about 100 miles southeast of Dallas.

The suspect fled. Police did not immediately provide details on the wanted man or a possible motive.

The Palestine Herald-Press reported the man who was slain lives at the home. Names of the victims and further details on their relationships weren't immediately released.

HOUSTON

Planned Parenthood: No new abortion clinics in works

Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards said Saturday that her organization has no immediate plans to build more abortion clinics in Texas, where only eight facilities are likely to remain if another round of strict regulations takes effect July 1.

Only the U.S. Supreme Court can now stop Texas from forcing abortion facilities to be constructed like surgical centers, and prevent a second major wave of clinic closures statewide in as many years. Texas had 41 abortion clinics in 2012.

More than half shut down last year when a court allowed Texas to require doctors at abortion clinics to have hospital admitting privileges. Planned Parenthood locations were among those forced to stop offering abortions, and Richards said new construction is no cure-all to restoring abortion access.

Of the handful of Texas abortion clinics that would be likely to stay open next month, half are operated by Planned Parenthood. All are exclusively in major cities in a state of 27 million people.

"We can build compliant facilities, but unless there is a local hospital that would give admitting privilege — which is a highly political issue, not a medical issue — it's very difficult," Richards told The Associated Press.

Richards did not rule out more Texas clinics but said Planned Parenthood has none immediately in the pipeline.

Richards, the daughter of former Texas Gov. Ann Richards, led a rally outside the Texas Governor's Mansion on Saturday in opposition of state lawmakers cutting off money to Planned Parenthood clinics that screen low-income women for cancer. It's the latest effort by the Republican-controlled Legislature to weaken the nation's largest abortion provider in Texas.

She was joined by Democrat Wendy Davis, whose failed run for Texas governor last year was propelled by her nearly 13-hour filibuster in 2013 to temporarily block sweeping anti-abortion measures.

The surgical center standards are the final major component of the law to take effect. Most traditional abortion clinics are like doctor's offices. But new rules upheld by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals now require Texas abortion facilities to meet a range of building requirements, including standards over air ventilation systems and the dimensions of hallways and rooms.

On Friday, the same appeals court declined to put their ruling on hold until the Supreme Court reviews the case.

Owners of small abortion clinics say they can't afford upgrades that they say would cost millions of dollars. Richards said Planned Parenthood would be ready to pick up the slack if needed.

"We have in other states, and if we have to in Texas, we will," Richards said.

AUSTIN

Officer suspended for belittling homeless woman

An Austin police officer has been suspended for 10 days for belittling a homeless woman in a incident captured on patrol car video.

Sr. Officer Mark Lytle was assigned to duty at a homeless shelter for 20 days when he returns.

Chief Art Acevedo on June 15 suspended Lytle, saying his demeanor and language were rude and unprofessional. Lytle can appeal.

Police on Friday released video of the Dec. 18 incident under an overpass. The woman uses a wheelchair. Lytle is heard using vulgar language, tells her to leave and threatens her with jail. She apologizes and calls him "sir."

The Austin Police Association didn't immediately return a message for comment Saturday.

Lytle was suspended for five days last fall after he and another officer allegedly joked about rape.

AUSTIN

Thousands seek help after devastating May storms

Thousands of Texans have sought government help in the weeks since deadly storms and flooding devastated parts of the state.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced Saturday that more than 17,500 individuals have registered so far for assistance. A federal disaster declaration was updated Wednesday to cover 30 Texas counties.

FEMA said nearly $29 million has been approved for claims linked to recovery since severe weather began May 4.

Two people were killed May 10 when a tornado hit Van. Memorial Day weekend flooding in parts of Texas damaged or destroyed hundreds of homes and businesses. More than two dozen people were killed statewide.

Disaster assistance for homeowners and renters may include grants for housing and home repairs. The U.S. Small Business Administration offers low-interest loans for eligible applicants.

WACO

Gunman gets 30 years for 2013 fatal shooting in Waco

A convicted robber has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for the 2013 killing of one Waco teenager and the wounding of another.

Aveaon Roshun Anderson was sentenced Friday in Waco after pleading guilty to murder and aggravated assault.

Officials believe Anderson and the victim, 17-year-old Dhaodrique Eastland, knew each other. They allegedly had an altercation prior to the April 2013 shootings in the parking lot of a Waco smoke shop.

The gunfire left 19-year-old Rahideame "Ray" Washington wounded.

Investigators believe the 23-year-old Anderson fled to Dallas and carjacked and robbed a man.

Anderson in June 2013 was convicted of aggravated robbery, evading arrest in a vehicle and aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon. Anderson was serving eight years in prison when he was arrested for the Waco shootings.

DEKALB

Grand jury does not indict officers in fatal shooting

Two Northeast Texas law officers will not be prosecuted over the 2014 fatal shooting of a domestic disturbance suspect during an exchange of gunfire.

The Texarkana Gazette reported a Bowie County grand jury Thursday declined to indict anyone in the death of Eddie Davis of De Kalb.

Officers on Aug. 8 answered a domestic disturbance call at the 64-year-old man's home, approached a back door and Davis began firing.

De Kalb police Officer Sharon Coleman was shot in the leg as she and sheriff's Deputy Danny French tried to subdue Davis. Coleman's body camera showed Davis ignored multiple requests from the officers to drop his gun before he was fatally shot.

De Kalb is a town of about 1,900, located 140 miles northeast of Dallas.

AUSTIN

Judge orders mental evaluation of Texas death row inmate

A Texas death row inmate faces another mental evaluation as he seeks to drop his appeals in the 2012 slaying of an Austin police officer.

A judge on Friday ordered the psychiatric review of Brandon Daniel.

Jurors last year convicted Daniel in the April 2012 fatal shooting of Officer Jaime Padron as he answered a disturbance and shoplifting call at a Wal-Mart. Daniel has acknowledged being under the influence of an anti-anxiety drug.

The ex-software engineer was convicted of capital murder but seeks to drop automatic appeals, represent himself and be executed. Daniel prior to trial had a competency review.

Daniel earlier wrote the judge saying he wanted to drop appeals so justice could be served and to spare the victim's family and his own from more angst.

ORANGE

Contractor dies, electrocuted at school

Officials say a contractor has been killed in an electrical accident while working on air conditioners at a Southeast Texas school.

Tommy Moser of La Porte was declared dead Friday afternoon at a hospital in Orange.

Orange County Sheriff Keith Merritt says the 54-year-old Moser came in contact with a live electrical panel while working on a new air conditioning unit.

The accident happened at Orangefield Junior High School in Orange, about 100 miles northeast of Houston.

HOUSTON

1 killed in gunfire into crowd after party

Investigators say one man has been killed in gunfire following a party at a Houston-area apartment complex.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office says nobody was immediately arrested following the fatal shooting early Saturday.

Authorities say at least two people began shooting at each other, with up to 10 shots fired into the crowd of those leaving the party.

The body of a 22-year-old man was discovered in the parking lot after the altercation ended. The name of the victim wasn't immediately released. Nobody else was hurt.

Investigators are trying to determine who opened fire and whether any suspects fled before officers arrived.

DALLAS

Man sentenced to 45 years for shooting boy in face

A Dallas man has been sentenced to 45 years in prison for randomly shooting an 8-year-old boy in the face at an apartment complex.

Brian Cloninger could have received life in prison after being convicted June 10 of injury to a child in the 2013 incident.

Cloninger testified he does not remember the shooting that happened on a day when he had been using drugs and alcohol.

The 48-year-old plumber on Friday asked a judge to allow him time to work and help pay the boy's medical expenses. The judge instead sent Cloninger to prison for disfiguring the child.

Testimony indicated Cloninger was at the complex, where he did not live, to visit a prostitute and came across the boy playing in the parking lot.













Midlanders came out to Washington Park and took part in various activities to celebrate Juneteenth on Saturday.

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4. An Elm tree all the way from Siberia.
5. A Red-winged Blackbird.
6. Waterfowl of any kind.
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8. A Cottontail Rabbit.
9. Butterfly of any kind.
10. An old bridge.

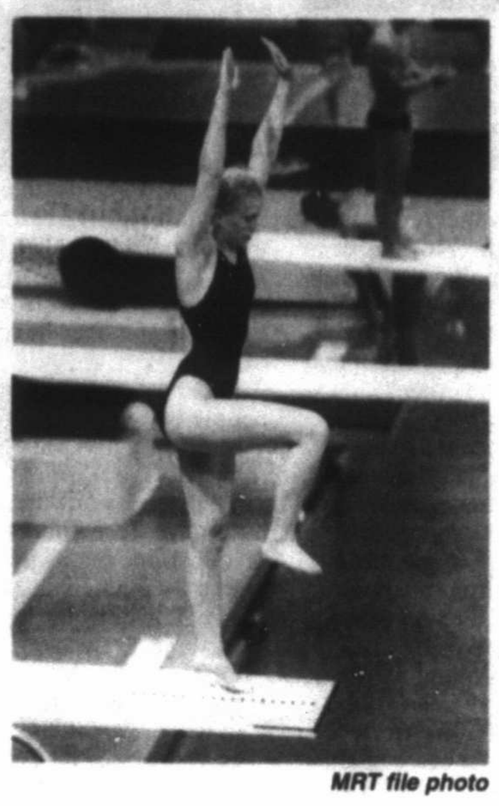
Riddles:

1. A Locust tree with no thorns and something sweet that bees make.
2. The facial hair of a man who is not young.
3. A nice place to live – if you're a rat!
4. A source of hand cleaner for Native Americans.
5. Brigham Young might have enjoyed drinking this on his way to Utah.
6. I'm just stumped on this one!
7. A Willow that is not white.
8. "Bigger than big" cane.
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MCS grad Allen picked for World University Games



Haley Allen competes in a regional diving competition at Mabee Aquatic Center on June 14, 2013. Allen, a Midland Christian School graduate and City of Midland Aquatics diver, will compete next month at the World University Games. The event will take place in Gwanglu City, South Korea.

MRT file photo

By Oscar LeRoy
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Haley Allen had only one practice with partner Olivia Rosendahl before competing in the 3-meter synchronized diving event during last December's USA Diving Winter National Championships in Ohio.

The duo placed fourth in the event, but that was enough to make a lasting impression.

Allen, a Midland Christian graduate and City of Midland Aquatics diver, and Rosendahl of Los Angeles were among 11 divers recently chosen to represent the United States at the World University Games in Gwangju City, South Korea, from July 3-14.

The team was chosen based on results from the Winter National Championships.

"I felt very honored and excited when I found out about it," said Allen, who had just moved into her dorm at Ohio State University, where she will be competing collegiately. "I'm also nervous about the food and what they will feed us."

Allen admitted she was a little surprised about the selection because she hadn't been diving much because of some knee injuries and a change in diving coaches.

"I was nervous about that, but whatever happens, it's just an honor to represent the U.S.," she said.

Allen said she has known Rosendahl for a while thanks to their participation in various diving meets across the country, and it was Rosendahl who asked her to be her syncho partner for the Winter Nationals.

"We literally just had one practice before the event," Allen said. "We got third in the prelims and fourth in the finals. We have the same body style and same technique, so that's why we fit well together."

Allen admits she's not certain whether or not her and Rosendahl will again team up at the World University Games or compete as individuals.

Allen, who also qualified for the Olympic Trials next summer in Indianapolis, is not necessarily new to international competition. She competed at the ASA Nationals in Leeds, England, when she was 10 years old after winning the 3-meter springboard event at Junior Nationals. She said she doesn't remember much about that previous experience because she was so young but that she hopes to make this trip a memorable one.

"I'm definitely looking forward to the experience," she said "This meet is kind of like the going to the Olympics. We'll be staying in an athletic village and there will be opening and closing ceremonies."

The event will have U.S. representation in up to 21 sports, and with 550 athletes, this will be by far be the largest American participation in the Games.

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QUITE THE COMEBACK



Associated Press

Jason Day, of Australia, watches his tee shot on the 18th hole during the third round of the U.S. Open golf tournament at Chambers Bay on Saturday in University Place, Wash.

Day recovers from vertigo, tied for lead at Open

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

UNIVERSITY PLACE, Wash. — One day after he collapsed from a bout of vertigo, Jason Day was standing taller than ever Saturday in the U.S. Open.

When the medication began to wear off and the vertigo returned, Day fought his way to the finish with a 31 on the back nine for a 2-under 68. He wound up in a four-way tie for the lead with Masters champion Jordan Spieth, Dustin Johnson and Branden Grace of South Africa.

Day felt nauseous over the final hour. He had to steady himself to stick a tee in the ground and pluck a ball out of the cup. And he considered quitting three times.

Good thing he didn't.

The 27-year-old Australian is playing in the final group of a major for the first time.

"That was the greatest round I've ever watched," said Colin Swatton, his caddie and longtime coach who whispered words of encouragement along the hilly terrain of Chambers Bay. "I said, 'You've got the heart of a lion. You get to show the world today you get to be the greatest you can be and look, let's do it.' And he just put his head down and kept walking, one foot in front of the other. It was pretty impressive."

Day steadied himself with a performance that brought to mind Ken Venturi

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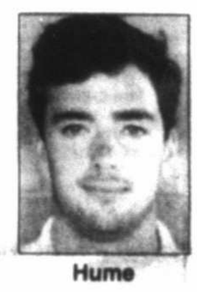
Sockers rout Laredo behind early barrage

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By Will Korn
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Forwards Tucker Hume and Danny Riley each had four-point nights as the Sockers clobbered the Laredo Heat, 5-0, Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

With the convincing home victory, the Sockers (4-1-1) moved back into first place in the PDL's Mid South Division with a two-point lead over the second-place Mississippi Brilla. The Sockers will host the Brilla at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Grande Communications Stadium.



Hume



Riley

Hume finished with a goal and a pair of assists, while Riley netted two goals in the win.

Sockers assistant coach Johnny Clifford coached the team in place of head coach Matt Barnes, who received a red card in the Sockers' June 6 home loss against Houston and was suspended on Saturday.

Clifford said his team was focused after having not played a match in two weeks.

"We were really focused on coming back from a disappointing last two games," Clifford said. "We've been working really hard in practice, done a lot of finishing, worked a lot on scoring goals and I think that showed tonight."

Clifford added that the Sockers weren't at their best, despite the lopsided score.

"There's a lot of room for improvement," Clifford said. "I don't think we were clean on the ball. I think we gave the ball away too much. But in the attacking third, we were absolutely excellent."

The Sockers grabbed a 1-0 lead in the 12th minute, when Tucker Hume headed in a goal off of an assist by Andrew Fox on a free kick.

"We really wanted to come out early

Please see **SOCKERS**/2C

Rangers fall to struggling White Sox after tough 6th inning

By Dave Royse
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Texas Rangers right-hander Nick Martinez pitched five good innings Saturday, working out of trouble and battling out of bad situations with men on base. Unfortunately, he pitched six innings.

The White Sox have been struggling, losers of eight straight. But that one inning, in which they got three singles, Martinez hit a batter and shortstop Elvis Andrus made an error, led to two runs, all Chicago needed to snap the streak with a 3-2 victory.

Unlike on Friday, when the Rangers rallied in the ninth for a 2-1 win , there were no late-game heroics this time. Prince Fielder of the Rangers struck out and Mitch Moreland and Ryan Rua popped out in the ninth to give White Sox closer David Robertson his 14th save. Robertson had given up the game-winning hit on Friday.

Martinez (5-3) had a much better outing than the last time he faced the White Sox, when he gave up seven runs in 3 1-3 innings on June 3. On Saturday, he was done in by one bad inning. After loading the bases on three singles, Adam LaRoche gave Chicago the lead with a sacrifice fly. Then Martinez hit Melky Cabrera on the foot to again load the bases before Alexi Ramirez' soft groundball up the middle got by Andrus, allowing the Sox to score two more.

"I get the same ground ball a thousand times, I know I will make that play," Andrus said. "It was an easy ground ball, I just took my eye off the ball too quick. ... I feel bad for (Martinez). He was throwing a tremendous game."

Texas closed to 3-2 in the fifth when Carlos Corporan hit an RBI single and Rougned Odor beat out a double play to allow another run to score.

Texas manager Jeff Banister thought the Rangers tied the game in the seventh on Leonys Martin's long, high fly ball to right that was ruled foul. Banister challenged the ruling, which was allowed to stand.

"I felt like we had a really strong case," Banister said.

The Rangers struck out 11 times.

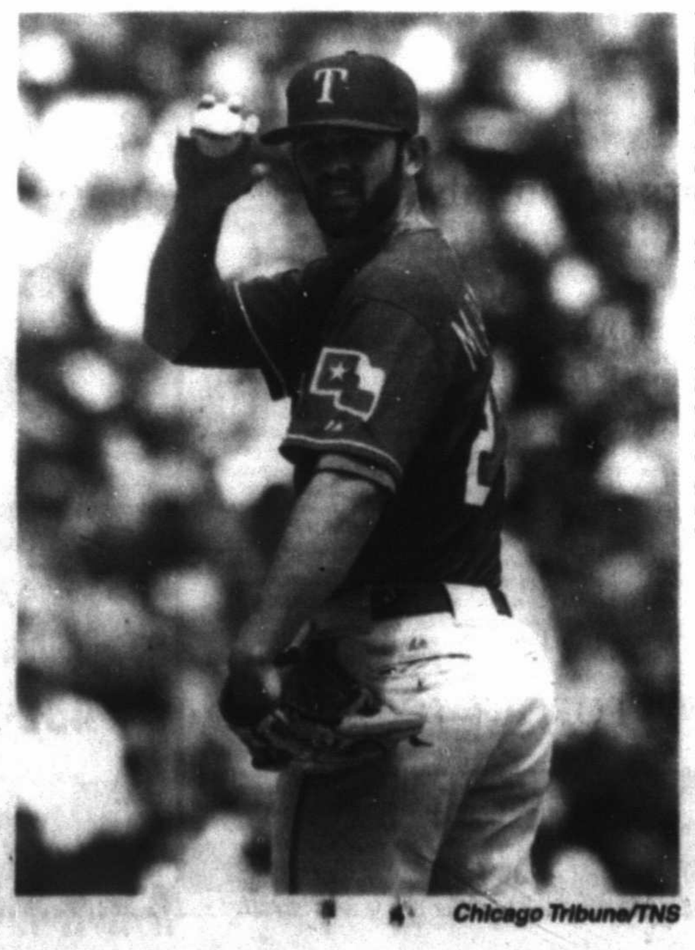
Carlos Rodon (3-1) got the win for the White Sox, giving up two runs and four hits, striking out five and walking three. Zach Putnam and Zach Duke combined to strike out five straight during the seventh and eighth innings for the White Sox.

The White Sox scored more than two runs for the first time in seven games. Chicago avoided losing nine consecutive games for the first time since 2013.

Gallo gets reps

Rangers 3B Joey Gallo is getting practice

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Chicago Tribune/TNS

Texas Rangers pitcher Nick Martinez looks toward first base in the first inning against the Chicago White Sox at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago on Saturday. In the sixth inning, Martinez hit a batter and shortstop Elvis Andrus made an error, which led to two runs — all Chicago needed to snap an eight-game losing streak with a 3-2 victory.

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Rances Barthelemy vs. Antonio DeMarco, Sammy Vasquez vs. Wales Omotoso, 3 p.m., CBS

Golf
U.S. Open, Final Round, 1 p.m., FOX
U.S. Open, Final Round, 6 p.m., FOX/FOXDEP

Major League Baseball
Detroit at NY Yankees, Noon, MLB
Texas at Chic. White Sox, 1 p.m., FSSW
Houston at Seattle, 3 p.m., ROOT
San Francisco at LA Dodgers, 7 p.m., ESPN/ESPNDEP

Men's Soccer
Euro U-21: Sweden vs. England, 10:40 a.m., ESPNDEP
Euro U-21: Italy vs. Portugal, 1:30 p.m., ESPNDEP
Copa America: Colombia vs. Peru, 1:50 p.m., beIN/beIN2
MLS: New England Revolution at D.C. United, 4 p.m., ESPN2/ESPNDEP
Copa America: Brazil vs. Venezuela, 4:20 p.m., beIN/beIN2
MLS: Sporting Kansas City at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m., FS1
MLS: Sporting Kansas City at Real Salt Lake, 9:30 p.m., FOXDEP

Motorsports
FIM Superbike: Italy, Race 2, 6 a.m., beIN
F1: Austrian Grand Prix, 6:30 a.m., NBCSN/UniMas/UDN

Tennis
ATP: Halle, ATP: London, & WTA: Birmingham, 6 a.m., TENNIS

WNBA
New York at Atlanta, 2 p.m., NBAtv
Connecticut at Los Angeles, 4 p.m., NBAtv
Tulsa at Minnesota, 6 p.m., NBAtv
Phoenix at Seattle, 8 p.m., NBAtv

Women's World Cup
Brazil vs. Australia, Noon, FS1/TELE
France vs. Korea Republic, 3 p.m., FS1/TELE
Canada vs. Switzerland, 6:30 p.m., FS1/NBCU

ON THE RADIO

Major League Baseball
Texas at Chic. White Sox, 1 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
Texas League Baseball
Midland at Frisco, 6 p.m., 550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Activated RHP Kevin Gausman off the 15-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Mychal Givens from Bowie (EL). Optioned RHPs Mike Wright and Tyler Wilson to Norfolk (IL). Transferred RHP Jason Garcia to the 60-day DL.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Recalled RHP Aaron Brooks from Omaha (PCL). Optioned RHP Yohan Pino back to Omaha.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Agreed to terms with CF Skye Bolt. OF James Terrell and RHP Xavier Altamirano on minor league contracts.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Reassigned hitting coach Howard Johnson to the minor league system. Named Edgar Martinez hitting coach.

National League

MIAMI MARLINS — Recalled LHP Justin Nicolino from New Orleans (PCL). Designated C Jhonatan Solano for assignment.

American Association

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Sent RHP Jonathan Kountis to Washington to complete an earlier trade.

LAREDO LEMURS — Released LHP Casey Harman. Signed INF Jeudy Valdez.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed INF Aaron Payne.

SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Released INF Edwin Gomez.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed LHP Bo Logan.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CALGARY FLAMES — Signed C Mikael Backlund to a multiyear contract.

MLS GLANCE

Standings

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
D.C. United	8	5	4	28	20	16
New England	6	4	6	24	22	20
Orlando City	5	6	5	20	20	21
Toronto FC	6	6	1	19	19	18
Montreal	5	5	2	17	16	18
Columbus	4	6	5	17	21	22
New York	4	5	5	17	18	19
New York City FC	4	7	5	17	17	19
Philadelphia	4	9	3	15	18	25
Chicago	3	8	3	12	17	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	9	5	2	29	23	13
Vancouver	9	6	2	29	20	16
Sporting Kansas City	6	2	6	24	22	15
FC Dallas	6	5	5	23	19	23
San Jose	6	5	4	22	16	15
Portland	6	5	4	22	15	14
Los Angeles	5	5	7	22	16	19
Houston	5	5	5	20	21	19
Real Salt Lake	4	5	6	18	13	18
Colorado	2	4	9	15	12	13

Scores & schedule

Friday's Score
Colorado 1, FC Dallas 1, tie

Saturday's Scores
San Jose 2, Seattle 0
New York City FC 2, Toronto FC 0
Vancouver 2, New York 1
Montreal 2, Orlando City 0
Houston at Portland, late
Philadelphia at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games
New England at D.C. United, 4 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.

Wednesday, June 24
Seattle at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
New England at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Orlando City, 6:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto FC, 7 p.m.
D.C. United at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

WNBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	5	1	.833	—
Washington	4	2	.667	1
Chicago	3	3	.500	2
New York	3	3	.500	2
Atlanta	3	4	.429	2½
Indiana	3	5	.375	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	5	1	.833	—
Tulsa	5	1	.833	—
Phoenix	2	3	.400	2½
Seattle	2	3	.400	2½
Los Angeles	0	3	.000	3½
San Antonio	0	6	.000	5

Scores & schedule

Friday's Scores
Tulsa 86, Washington 82
Atlanta 74, Chicago 73
Indiana 80, New York 63
Minnesota 74, San Antonio 59
Connecticut 90, Phoenix 78, OT

Saturday's Scores
Washington 87, Indiana 75
Chicago 95, San Antonio 87, OT

Today's Games
New York at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
Connecticut at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Tulsa at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 8 p.m.

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 73-82 degrees; 1.47 feet high. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, Senkos and medium running shad pattern crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 72-79 degrees; 1.33 feet high. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.

COLORADO CITY: 21.34 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 73-81 degrees; 13.17 feet low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 75-83 degrees; 20.35 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early, later switching to Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

NASWORTHY: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 74-81 degrees; 20.14 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on buzzbaits early, later switching to Texas rigs and crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs under a slip cork. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 75-83 degrees; 43.06 feet low. Black bass are good on Yellow Magics early, later switching to Texas rigs, Senkos and crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished shallow. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 76-83 degrees; 1.15 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on spinnerbaits, Texas rigs, jigs and medium running crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on Road Runners. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on live shad and nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 63.4 feet low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 0.83 feet low. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water off color; 74-81 degrees; 27.8 feet low. No report available.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 75-82 degrees; 15.76 feet low. No report available.

PANHANDLE

GREENBELT: 34.58 feet low. No report available.

MACKENZIE: 72.79 feet low. No report available.

MEREDITH: 70.65 feet low. No report available.

PALO DURO: 55.49 feet low. No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 73-77 degrees; 28.10 feet low. Black bass are very good on topwaters, crankbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are fair on Red Fins, crankbaits, and Pencil Poppers. White bass are fair on watermelon crankbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are slow. Catfish are fair on cheesebait, shrimp, and prepared bait over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

BRAUNIG: Water stained. Black bass are fair on crankbaits and dark soft plastics. Striped bass are slow. Redfish are fair on perch, shad, and silver spoons. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp, cheesebait, cut bait, and liver.

CALAVERAS: Water stained. Black bass are fair on dark soft plastic worms and spinnerbaits. Striped bass are fair on spoons and striper jigs. Redfish are slow. Channel catfish are fair on shrimp and shad. Blue catfish are fair on cut bait and liver. Yellow catfish are slow.

CHOKE CANYON: Water murky; 72-76 degrees; 19.89 feet low. Black bass are good on watermelon Rat-L-Traps, crankbaits, soft plastic lizards, and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and pink tube jigs. Drum are fair on nightcrawlers and spoons. Channel and blue catfish are good on punchbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

COLETO CREEK: Water murky; 85 degrees in main lake, 85 at hot water discharge; 0.36 feet high. Black bass are good on crankbaits and spinnerbaits over grass beds. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and white tube jigs at the Coletoville Bridge in 10-12 feet. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on live perch and cut bait in 8-10 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

FALCON: Water murky; 73-77 degrees; 18.07 feet low. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits, and shallow running crankbaits. Striped bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cut bait and frozen shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

SOUTHEAST

CONROE: Water murky; 72-76 degrees; 0.13 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon Rat-L-Traps and pumpkinseed Texas and Carolina rigged soft plastics and crankbaits. Striped bass are fair on silver striper jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and blue tube jigs. Catfish are good on stinkbait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers.

GIBBONS CREEK: Water clear. Black bass are good on chartreuse/gold flake soft plastics, Rat-L-Traps, and crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and blue tube jigs. Catfish are good on stinkbait, shrimp, and liver.

Chambers Bay lacks appeal for a US Open



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The U.S. Open has had its share of controversy and complaints regarding the golf course, and I can certainly see why.

Let me preface this by saying that I don't golf and that I have absolutely no patience to spend half my day hitting a small ball into a round hole. That's just not my cup of tea.

But if I did, I would have no desire to golf at Chambers Bay in University Place, Washington, after what I've been watching and hearing, which doesn't look or sound pleasing. I'd rather golf on the local courses because they at least look greener with a few more trees. We're living on the edge of a desert. You have a big body of water right next to you, Chambers Bay.

That place looks like the planet Tatooine, for you Star Wars fans, with its bunkers and dry grass. I keep waiting for the Tusken Raiders or the Jawas to make an appearance and scare the bejesus out of the golfers. Who knows, maybe that would have gotten Tiger Woods out of his funk.

I went to the Chambers Bay website, and it sure touts it as one of the best golf courses to play in the country. It's not cheap, either. For a non-resident to golf there from May 1 through July 12, it costs $299 plus tax. For Washington residents, it's $249 plus tax. Oh, and you have to book your tee time 90 days in advance.

But don't take my word for it — ask former pro golfer and major champion Gary Player, who said the course "was one of the worst" he's ever seen earlier this week. He then went on the Golf Channel on Saturday morning and said, "This has been the most unpleasant golf tournament I've seen in my life," along with this doozy of a quote: "The man who designed this golf course must have had one leg shorter than the other."

Yikes!

It certainly hasn't been an easy course for the golfers, but then again, do you really want a major to be?

Personally, I would struggle to shoot below a 150 in a single round at a course I would actually enjoy.

■ The TCU baseball team ended its run in the College World Series with a 7-1 loss to defending national champion Vanderbilt.

Both of the losses for the Horned Frogs in the tournament came against the Commodores, who are looking to be the first repeat champions since South Carolina in 2010 and 2011.

It was good to see TCU have a nice local connection with Midland High grads Connor Beck and Austen Wade as freshmen outfielders, along with senior first baseman and former Midland College standout Jeremie Fagnan.

I got to know Fagnan, who hails from Calgary, Alberta, during his two years at Midland College, and he was one of the nicest, most humble guys you could meet. During his sophomore year at MC, Fagnan had to deal with the death of his father in the fall of 2012 before helping the Chaparrals qualify for their first JUCO World Series appearance. He also earned the NJCAA Division I Player of the Year honor in the spring of 2013.

It's always great to see good people enjoy success in life.

■ And finally, Max Scherzer was robbed.

That was one of the weakest hit-by-pitches Jose Tabata will ever get. To come one out away of being just one of 24 pitchers in Major League Baseball history throw a perfect game is just cruel.

Oh well, a no-hitter against the Pirates is nice consolation. Right?

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Few details on Boston 2024 plans for referendum

By Bob Salsberg
Associated Press



AP file photo

On Jan. 21 shadows of organizers and reporters pass a video display screen prior to a news conference by organizers of Boston's campaign for the 2024 Summer Olympics in Boston. The city was selected in January by the United States Olympic Committee as the U.S. bid city for the games. But support has sagged in public opinion polls. Organizers of the bid have promised a statewide vote on whether to host the 2024 Summer Games, but unanswered questions remain about the referendum process.

BOSTON — Nearly three months after promising a statewide vote on its bid to host the 2024 Summer Games, many unanswered questions remain about the referendum process even as Boston Olympic organizers prepare to roll out a new master plan they hope will begin to address the concerns of a skeptical public.

What may sound simple — and up-or-down vote on the Olympics — may well be more complex; for example, how will the referendum be worded? And will the results be legally binding?

Adding a further wrinkle is a separate ballot initiative launched by a former third-party candidate for governor, one that could result in two questions on the November 2016 state ballot and the possibility — however unlikely — of competing results.

Boston was selected in January by the United States Olympic Committee as the U.S. bid city for the 2024 Olympics. But support for the games has sagged in-public opinion polls, in part due to concerns that taxpayers might get stuck with the bill for any cost overruns.

John Fish, then-chairman of Boston 2024, announced in March that the group would not go forward with a final bid unless a majority of both Massachusetts voters and those who live in Boston gave the green light.

The state's ballot initiative process involves several steps over a roughly 15-month time frame. The first deadline, on Aug. 5, is the filing of the initiative with the state attorney general. The attorney general reviews it to certify that it meets strict constitutional requirements and if it does, backers must then hit the ground to gather tens of thousands of signatures by December.

A simpler alternative to that process would be to attempt a nonbinding referendum. Under this scenario, Boston 2024 could ask the Legislature to authorize putting a question on the ballot, and pledge to abide by the results even if it is not legally required to do so.

Organizers have given few hints as to how they plan to proceed. Erin Murphy, the group's chief operating officer, said the immediate focus was on the new master plan expected by month's end.

"Boston 2024 is focused on continuing to provide information to the community and elected officials, as well as listening to the suggestions and concerns of the public as the next phase of the bid is shaped," she said.

Organizers have recently focused on venue announcements, including sailing in New Bedford, beach volleyball in Quincy and tennis in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood.

Evan Falchuk, founder of the United Independent Party, has already submitted a proposed ballot question to the attorney general that does not directly ask voters if they would support hosting the Olympics, but instead seeks to rule out any public financing.

"What our ballot question says is that you can't spend taxpayer money on the Olympics," said Falchuk, who got a little more than 3 percent of the vote in the 2014 election won by Charlie Baker. It would, however, allow for public investment in transportation infrastructure improvements that would have far-reaching benefits beyond the games.

Boston 2024's current chairman, Steve Pagliuca, has said that while there is no plan to ask for public subsidies, there's also no way to reduce to zero the potential risk to taxpayers.

A group spearheading opposition to the Olympics has no plans of its own to offer a referendum. But Chris Dempsey, leader of No Boston Olympics, said the language of Boston 2024's question is critical and he would be wary of one that simply asks voters if they want the games.

"For us, that really only talks about the pros and not the cons," Dempsey said. He has used the analogy of asking a child if he or she wants cotton candy, without the added warning that it might be bad for his or her teeth.

SOCKERS

From 1C

and get the first goal and set the tone early for the game," Hume said. "Then we just kept going and scored more goals, which was great for our offense."

Hume got involved again just four minutes later, as he set up Riley for a tap in and a 2-0 advantage. And in the 28th minute, Hume assisted on an Andrew Fox goal.

Later, in the 43rd minute, Riley cashed in off an assist by Beto Garcia, who took a angled shot that deflected off Laredo goal keeper Jorge Ortega. Riley outworked Laredo defenders in the box and ripped the ball into the net for a commanding 4-0 lead.

Hume added that it isn't easy for a team to maintain its intensity once it has a comfortable lead. But that's exactly what the Sockers did. Garcia tallied again in the 59th minute to give the Sockers a 5-0 lead and the defense held on for the shutout, despite losing Josh Taylor to a red card in the 73rd minute.

"It's definitely difficult to keep going after them when we're winning," Hume said.

"We just know that one goal and they can be back in it. So we just didn't take our foot off the pedal and just kept going," he said.

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RANGERS

From 1C

shagging fly balls in center field, in case he's needed to fill in should something happen to CF Leonys Martin, with both Josh Hamilton and Delino DeShields on the DL. "I want (Gallo) to go out there and see the ball in center field (in case) we get in a pinch," Banister said. He said RF Shin-Soo Choo has experience playing center and might field some fly balls there, too.

Trainer's room

Rangers: OF Josh Hamilton (hamstring) is expected to work out at Double-A Frisco on Sunday, then take Monday off before he works out with the Rangers on Tuesday in Arlington. Then he will possibly begin a rehab assignment.

Up next

Rangers RHP Yovani Gallardo (6-6, 3.16 ERA) is scheduled to start against White Sox LHP Jose Quintana (3-7, 4.03) in today's series finale.

LOCALS IN THE PROS

Here is an update through June 19 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
G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
30	38.2	1-2	4	16	5	5	8	44	1.39

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

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
15	15.2	0-1	0	19	9	9	13	15	5.17

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

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
20	41.1	0-1	1	44	19	17	16	29	2.77

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

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, Williamsporte Crosscutters (Philadelphia Phillies Short-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
1	1.0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.00

Lakewood BlueClaws (Philadelphia Phillies Single A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
12	23.2	1-1	0	18	11	11	10	20	4.18

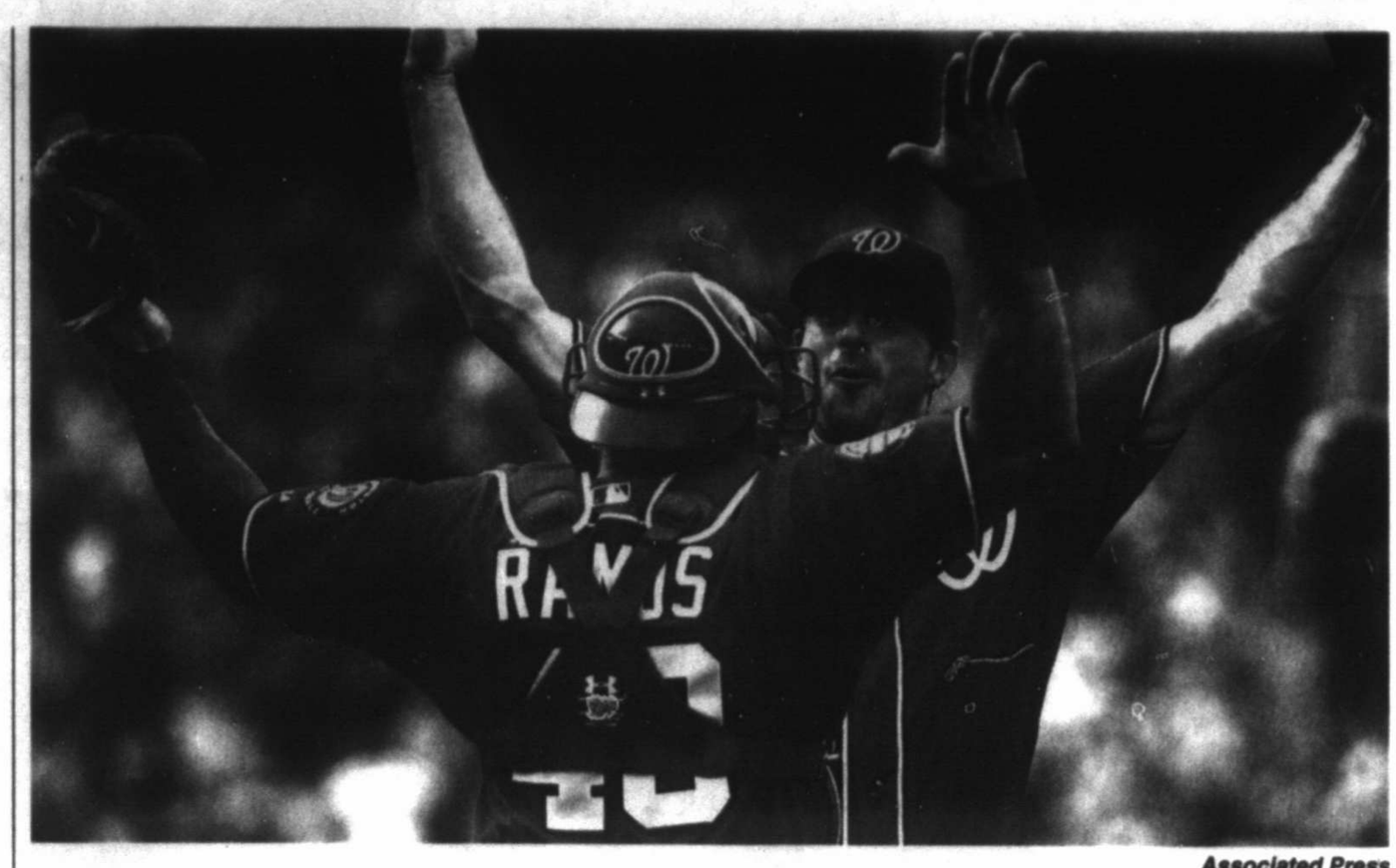
Position players

Jayson Nix (Midland High), 2B, Lehigh Valley IronPigs (Philadelphia Phillies Triple-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
86	6	14	2	0	2	4	5	0	.163

Hunter Redman (Midland Christian, Midland College), C, Ogden Raptors (L.A. Dodgers Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.500



Associated Press

Washington Nationals starting pitcher Max Scherzer, right, celebrates with catcher Wilson Ramos after his no-hitter against the Pittsburgh Pirates on Saturday in Washington. The Nationals won 6-0.

Scherzer loses perfect game, throws no-hitter

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Just one strike from a perfect game, Max Scherzer saw it slip away with a misplaced slider. Or, some thought, a misplaced elbow.

Scherzer lost his bid in agonizing fashion, plunking a batter with two outs in the ninth inning before finishing off a no-hitter Saturday in the Washington Nationals' 6-0 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

A letdown? Yeah, a little.

"I mean there is, just because you're so close, one strike away from a perfect game," he said. "But to get a no-hitter in front of these fans, there's nothing better."

Pinch-hitter Jose Tabata was all that stood between Scherzer and pitching's ultimate achievement. Tabata fouled off three 2-2 deliveries, then seemed to slightly drop his left elbow and got nicked.

Scherzer immediately grimaced as the ball ricocheted to the ground. The crowd at Nationals Park seemed stunned, too, and surely many wondered whether Tabata leaned into the 86 mph pitch with his elbow protector to get hit.

"He tried to throw me a slider inside," Tabata said. "The slider, no breaking. I stayed right there and it got me."

"That's my job. I got to get on base whatever the situation," he said.

Nationals catcher Wilson Ramos had a different view.

"His elbow was a little bit in the strike zone. That's what I saw in the videos. But it's happened," he said.

Scherzer came within one strike of throwing the 22nd perfect game in major league history since 1900.

If anything, Scherzer's teammates seemed to take the near-miss harder than he did.

"I got down into a squat and just, I don't know, I wanted to cry," right fielder Bryce Harper said. "To be able to see a perfect game, be a part of that, would've been awesome."

'HOUNDSWATCH

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 9
MISSIONS 6
At Nelson W. Wolff Municipal Stadium

TOP HITTERS: Left fielder Jaycob Brugman went 4-for-4, with a triple, a RBI, two runs and a walk to lead the RockHounds' 18-hit parade. ... Bruce Maxwell and Chad Pinder each enjoyed three-hit performances for Midland. Maxwell led the RockHounds with three RBI. ... Missions second baseman Taylor Lindsey was a triple short of the cycle after going 3-for-5 with two runs scored.

TOP PITCHER: RockHounds reliever Seth Frankoff was the only pitcher not to allow a baserunner as he struck out two in the ninth inning to record his second save. Frankoff holds a 0.87 ERA this season.

HIGHLIGHTS: Trailing 4-2, the RockHounds took control of the game with five runs in the top of the sixth inning. Midland first baseman Matt Olson started the scoring with a RBI double. Two batters later, Colin Walsh stroked a two-run double, which was the most damaging hit to the Missions in the frame.

NOTES: Olson clubbed a solo home run in the top of the seventh, his eighth of the season. It was Olson's first round-tripper since May 28. ... Every RockHounds starter tallied a hit except for Renato Nunez. Six Midland hitters had multiple hit performances. ... The RockHounds claimed the series after winning three of four games.

TODAY'S PROBABLES:
Midland — RHP Jake Sanchez (4-5, 5.50); **Frisco**—LHP Frank Lopez (2-1, 3.55).

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Northwest Arkansas	39	29	.574	—
Arkansas	37	32	.536	2½
Springfield	30	38	.441	9
Tulsa	28	39	.418	10½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	47	20	.701	—
Midland	33	33	.515	12½
San Antonio	33	36	.478	14
Frisco	27	41	.397	20½

Saturday's Scores
Arkansas 3, Tulsa 1, 1st game
Springfield 11, Northwest Arkansas 8
Corpus Christi 2, Frisco 1
Midland 9, San Antonio 6
Arkansas 6, Tulsa 3, 2nd game

Today's Games
San Antonio at Corpus Christi, 5 p.m., 1st game
Midland at Frisco, 6:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Springfield, 6:10 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Arkansas, 6:10 p.m.
San Antonio at Corpus Christi, 8:30 p.m., 2nd game

ROCKHOUNDS 9, MISSIONS 6

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi
Obenchain cf	6	1	1	0	Jankowski cf	4	0	0	0
Walsh 2b	4	0	2	2	Martinez lf	4	0	1	0
R. Healy 3b	5	0	1	0	McElroy ss	4	1	2	0
Whitaker rf	5	1	2	1	Renfroe rf	4	1	1	1
Pinder ss	5	2	3	0	Erickson c	4	0	1	0
Nunez dh	4	0	0	1	Jones 3b	4	1	1	1
Olson 1b	5	2	2	1	Lindsey 2b	5	2	3	2
Brugman lf	4	2	4	1	Domonmo 1b	5	0	2	1
Maxwell c	4	1	3	3	Reina dh	4	1	2	1
Totals	42	9	18	9	Totals	38	6	13	6

Midland	010	105	200—9
San Antonio	020	021	100—6

E—Healy (1). DP—San Antonio 2. LOB—Midland 10, San Antonio 12. 2B—Whitaker (15). Pinder (10), Olson (17), Walsh (22), Lindsey (1), Reina (1). 3B—Brugman (7). HR—Olson (8), Lindsey (1). SB—Walsh (4). SH—Erickson. SF—Nunez, Jones.

Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Atherton W, 4-3	5.0	9	4	4	2	1
Lamp	0.1	1	1	1	2	0
Doolittle	1.2	2	1	1	1	2
T. Healy	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
Frankoff S, 2	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
San Antonio						
Morris L, 2-6	5.1	11	7	7	3	2
Dimock	1.2	4	2	2	0	2
Alger	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
Kohlscheen	1.0	2	0	0	0	0

WP—Morris
T—3:14. A—6,685.

LEADINGOFF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

A look at what's happening all around the major leagues today:

Not again

Mets catcher Travis d'Arnaud is hurting with a hyperextended left elbow. He was injured in a collision with Atlanta runner A.J. Pierzynski on Saturday night. D'Arnaud returned 10 days earlier from the disabled list after missing seven weeks with a broken right hand.

Pends ailing

The Red Sox will see how Pablo Sandoval is feeling after he left a game because of a sprained left ankle. He hurt himself while making a team-high 10th error Saturday night at Kansas City.

More Morton

Pirates righty Charlie Morton has won all five of his starts this year. He began the season on the disabled list while recovering from an injured hip, and has a 1.62 ERA going into his matchup with Gio Gonzalez at Nationals Park.

Burning it up

Billy Burns has done quite well filling in for A's leadoff man Coco Crisp, who's missed much of the season with a variety of injuries. Burns leads AL rookies in hits and steals, and takes an 11-game hitting streak into the series finale vs. the visiting Angels.

Better luck?

Phillies lefty Adam Morgan will make his big league debut vs. St. Louis, filling in for injured Jerome Williams. Morgan was winless in 13 starts at Triple-A Lehigh Valley, going 0-6 with a 4.74 ERA.

Happy to see you

Mariners lefty J.A. Happ has never lost a start against Houston, one of his former teams. He's 3-0 with a 3.48 ERA in five starts vs. the Astros, and is set to face them again at Safeco Field.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ORIOLES 5
BLUE JAYS 3

TORONTO — One big missed opportunity helped bring an end to the Toronto Blue Jays' nine-game home winning streak.

Darren O'Day escaped a bases-loaded jam in the eighth inning, Caleb Joseph singled home the go-ahead run with two outs in the ninth and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Blue Jays 5-3 Saturday.

ATHLETICS 4
ANGELS 1

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jesse Hahn pitched into the eighth inning for his third consecutive win, Josh Reddick hit a tiebreaking double in the sixth and the Oakland Athletics beat the Los Angeles Angels 4-1 on Saturday afternoon despite committing their majors-leading 70th error.

One day after blowing a five-run lead with ace Sonny Gray on the mound in a 12-7 loss, the A's pounded out five doubles — three in the three-run sixth.

ROYALS 7
RED SOX 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kendrys Morales homered on his 32nd birthday and the Kansas City Royals rallied to beat the Boston Red Sox 7-4 on Saturday night.

Morales hit a two-run, tie-breaking shot in a five-run fifth off Rick Porcello (4-8). It was his third career homer on his birthday.

YANKEES 14
TIGERS 3

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez added to his momentous weekend with a homer and five RBIs, Carlos Beltran went deep from both sides of the plate and the New York Yankees routed the Detroit Tigers 14-3 Saturday night.

RAYS 4
INDIANS 1

CLEVELAND — Evan Longoria hit a three-run homer in the first inning and the Tampa Bay Rays handed reigning Cy Young winner Corey Kluber his fourth straight loss with a 4-1 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Saturday night.

Longoria, who has been playing with a sore left wrist, hit his first home run since June 10. The Rays have won four straight and eight of nine to climb to a season-high 10 games over .500 (40-30).

National League

ROCKIES 5
BREWERS 1

DENVER — Charlie Blackmon homered and drove in three runs, Chad Bettis pitched effectively into the seventh inning and the Colorado Rockies snapped a five-game losing streak with a 5-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Saturday.

Adam Lind homered for the Brewers' only run.

GIANTS 6
DODGERS 2

LOS ANGELES — Justin Maxwell and Brandon Belt hit two-run homers and the San Francisco Giants trimmed the Dodgers' NL West lead to a half-game with a 6-2 victory over Los Angeles on Saturday.

CARDINALS 10
PHILLIES 1

PHILADELPHIA — Randal Grichuk hit two home runs, doubled and drove in four runs, and John Lackey pitched seven strong innings to lead the St. Louis Cardinals to a 10-1 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Saturday night.

Lackey (6-4) allowed one run on five hits to earn his first victory on the road this season away from Busch Stadium. He entered 0-3 with a 6.27 ERA in six road starts.

MARLINS 5
REDS 0

CINCINNATI — Left-hander Justin Nicolino pitched seven innings to win his major league debut and Derek Dietrich hit two home runs as the Miami Marlins snapped a three-game losing streak with a 5-0 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Saturday night.

The efficient Nicolino allowed four hits with two walks and two strikeouts while outpitching Anthony DeSclafani, his former roommate in the Toronto and Miami organizations.

BRAVES 6
METS 4

ATLANTA — Andrelton Simmons got four hits for the Atlanta Braves in a 6-4 win Saturday night over the New York Mets 6-4, who lost their fourth in a row and catcher Travis d'Arnaud to an elbow injury.

A.J. Pierzynski tripled, doubled and singled. He scored standing up on Pedro Ciriaco's tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the sixth inning, and his left leg appeared to hit d'Arnaud's left arm.

Interleague

CUBS 4
TWINS 1, 10 INNINGS

MINNEAPOLIS — Starlin Castro atoned for a costly error the previous night with a two-run single in the in the 10th inning on Saturday, helping the Chicago Cubs to a 4-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

MLB AT A GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	40	30	.571	—
New York	38	30	.559	1
Toronto	37	33	.529	3
Baltimore	35	33	.515	4
Boston	30	40	.429	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	39	28	.600	—
Minnesota	37	31	.544	3½
Detroit	34	34	.500	6½
Cleveland	31	36	.463	9
Chicago	29	38	.433	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	40	29	.580	—
Texas	37	32	.536	3
Los Angeles	35	34	.507	5
Seattle	31	37	.456	8½
Oakland	30	41	.423	11

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	36	33	.522	—
New York	36	34	.514	½
Atlanta	34	35	.493	2
Miami	30	40	.429	6½
Philadelphia	23	47	.329	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	45	23	.662	—
Pittsburgh	39	29	.574	6
Chicago	36	30	.545	8
Cincinnati	31	36	.463	13½
Milwaukee	25	45	.357	21

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	38	31	.551	—
San Francisco	38	32	.543	½
Arizona	33	34	.493	4
San Diego	33	37	.471	5½
Colorado	29	39	.426	8½

Saturday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Baltimore 5, Toronto 3
Chicago White Sox 3, Texas 2
Oakland 4, L.A. Angels 1
Kansas City 7, Boston 4
Tampa Bay 4, Cleveland 1
N.Y. Yankees 14, Detroit 3
Houston at Seattle, late

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Washington 6, Pittsburgh 0
Colorado 5, Milwaukee 1
St. Louis 10, Philadelphia 1
Miami 5, Cincinnati 0
Atlanta 6, N.Y. Mets 4
San Francisco 6, L.A. Dodgers 2
San Diego at Arizona, late

INTERLEAGUE
Chicago Cubs 4, Minnesota 1, 10 innings

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Detroit (An.Sanchez 5-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 4-2), 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Tillman 5-7) at Toronto (Copeland 1-1), 12:07 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Colome 3-3) at Cleveland (Co. Anderson 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
Boston (Miley 6-6) at Kansas City (C.Young 6-2), 1:10 p.m.
Texas (Gallardo 6-6) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 3-7), 1:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Richards 7-4) at Oakland (Kazmir 3-4), 3:05 p.m.
Houston (Velasquez 0-0) at Seattle (Happ 3-3), 3:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Miami (Phelps 4-3) at Cincinnati (Lorenzen 2-2), 12:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Morton 5-0) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 4-4), 12:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Wacha 9-2) at Philadelphia (Morgan 0-0), 12:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Garza 4-8) at Colorado (Rusin 2-2), 3:10 p.m.
San Diego (Cashner 2-8) at Arizona (Hellickson 4-4), 3:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Harvey 7-4) at Atlanta (Teheran 4-3), 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 7-3) at L.A. Dodgers (B.Anderson 2-4), 7:08 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE
Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 6-5) at Minnesota (Gibson 4-5), 1:10 p.m.

Texas box score

WHITE SOX 3, RANGERS 2

Texas					Chicago				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Choo rf	4	0	0	0	Eaton cf	4	1	2	0
Andrus ss	3	0	0	0	AvGarc rf	4	1	1	0
Fielder dh	4	0	0	0	Abreu 1b	4	1	1	0
Morlnd 1b	4	0	1	0	LaRoch dh	1	0	0	1
Rua lf	4	1	1	0	McCann lf	2	0	0	0
Rosales 3b	0	1	0	0	AlRmrz ss	4	0	1	1
Gallo ph-3b	1	0	0	0	Gillespi 3b	3	0	1	0
LMartn cf	2	0	0	0	GBckh 3b	1	0	0	0
Corprn c	3	0	2	1	Flowrs c	1	0	0	0
Odor 2b	3	0	0	1	Bonifac pr	0	0	0	0
Soto c	0	0	0	0					
CBrchz 2b	4	0	0	0					
Totals	28	2	4	2	Totals	28	3	6	2

Texas	000	020	000—2
Chicago	003	000	00x—3

E—Andrus 2 (14). DP—Texas 2, Chicago 2. LOB—Texas 3, Chicago 9. SB—Odor (3). CS—Bonifacio (3). S—L.Martin. SF—LaRoche.

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
N.Martinez L,5-3	6	6	3	2	3	2
Detwiler	2	0	0	0	1	0
Chicago						
Rodon W,3-1	6	4	2	2	3	5
Putnam	1	0	0	0	0	3
Duke	1	0	0	0	0	2
Dav.Rob. S,14-18	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by N.Martinez (Ma.Cabrera, Ma.Cabrera, Flowers). WP—N.Martinez, Rodon.
T—2:47. A—25,738 (40,615).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
ORIOLES 5, BLUE JAYS 3

Baltimore	100	001	003—5 10 0
Toronto	110	000	001—3 10 0

Gausman, Roe (6), Brach (7), O'Day (8), Brinton (9) and Joseph; Buehrle, Osuna (8), Loup (9), Tepera (9) and Ru.Martin. W—O'Day 3-0. L—Loup 2-4. Sv—Britton (19).

ATHLETICS 4, ANGELS 1

Los Angeles	000	001	000—1 5 1
Oakland	100	003	00x—4 11 1

Weaver, Bedrosian (6), C.Ramos (7), Salas (8) and C.Perez; Hahn, Clippard (8) and Phegley. W—Hahn 5-5. L—Weaver 4-8. Sv—Clippard (11).

RAYS 4, INDIANS 1

Tampa Bay	301	000	000—4 6 1
Cleveland	000	000	010—1 6 1

E.Ramirez, Cedeno (4), Bellisario (5), Geltz (7), B.Gomes (8), Boxberger (9) and Rivera. Kluber, R.Webb (8), Crockett (9) and Y.Gomes. W—Cedeno 1-0. L—Kluber 3-9. Sv—Boxberger (18). HRs—Tampa Bay, Longoria (7).

ROYALS 7, RED SOX 4

Boston	101	020	000—4 10 1
Kansas City	010	051	00x—7 11 0

Porcello, S.Wright (6), Layne (6), Breslow (7) and Swihart, S.Leon; Volquez, F.Morales (6), Madson (6), K.Herrera (7), W.Davis (8), G.Holland (9) and S.Perez. W—Volquez 7-4. L—Porcello 4-8. Sv—G.Holland (13). HRs—Boston, Betts (7). Kansas City, S.Perez (11), K.Morales (8).

YANKEES 18, TIGERS 3

Detroit	000	000	300—3 7 1
New York	125	230	01x—14 18 0

Simon, Krol (3), Gonzalenny (5), A.Wilson (6), Alburquerque (7), Jo.Wilson (8) and J.McCann; Eovaldi, Mitchell (7) and B.McCann, J.Murphy. W—Eovaldi 6-2. L—Simon 7-4. Sv—Mitchell (1). HRs—New York, Gregorius (4), Beltran 2 (7), A.Rodriguez (14), C.Young (8).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
NATIONALS 6, PIRATES 0

Pittsburgh	000	000	000—0 5 0
Washington	000	104	10x—6 8 0

Liriano, Scahill (6), Worley (7) and Cervelli; Scherzer and W.Ramos. W—Scherzer 8-5. L—Liriano 4-6. HRs—Washington, Harper (23).

ROCKIES 5, BREWERS 1

Milwaukee	000	001	000—1 6 0
Colorado	010	030	20x—5 7 0

Lohse, Blazek (7), R.Rodriguez (8) and Maldonado; Bettis, Kahnle (7), Axford (9) and McKenry. W—Bettis 3-2. L—Lohse 3-9. HRs—Milwaukee, Lind (10). Colorado, Blackmon (9).

CARDINALS 10, PHILLIES 1

St. Louis	000	103	141—10 16 0
Philadelphia	010	000	000—1 6 0

Lackey, Choate (8), Rosenthal (9) and Molina. T.Cruz; Harang, Araujo (7), Rosin (8) and Ruiz. W—Lackey 6-4. L—Harang 4-8. HRs—St. Louis, Grichuk 2 (8). Philadelphia, Asche (3).

MARLINS 5, REDS 0

Miami	000	300	200—5 6 1
Cincinnati	000	000	000—0 5 0

Nicolino, Capps (8), A.Ramos (9) and Realmuto; DeSclafani, Badenhop (6), M.Pena (7), Adcock (7), Contreras (9) and S.Pena. W—Nicolino 1-0. L—DeSclafani 5-5. HRs—Miami, Dietrich 2 (3).

GIANTS 6, DODGERS 2

San Francisco	200	022	000—6 9 0
Los Angeles	002	000	000—2 7 0

T.Hudson, Strickland (7), Romo (9) and Posey. Fries, Y.Garcia (6), West (8) and Grandal. W—T.Hudson 5-6. L—Fries 4-5. HRs—San Francisco, Maxwell (6), Belt (9). Los Angeles, Pederson (18), Ju.Turner (8).

BRAVES 6, METS 4

New York	200	011	000—4 8 2
Atlanta	011	202	00x—6 10 0

Syndergaard, Leathersich (5), Verrett (6), Gilmartin (6), Robles (8) and d'Arnaud. Piawicki, W.Perez, Avilan (7), J.Johnson (8), Grilli (9) and Pierzynski. W—W.Perez 4-0. L—Leathersich 0-1. Sv—Grilli (20). HRs—New York, Granderson (9), d'Arnaud (4).

INTERLEAGUE
CUBS 4, TWINS 1 (10 INNINGS)

Chicago	001	000	003—4 11 0
Minnesota	010	000	000—1 7 1

Lester, Grimm (7), Strop (8), J.Russell (9), Motte (9), H.Rondon (10) and D.Ross. M.Montero; May, Fien (7), Perkins (9), Boyer (10), A.Thompson (10) and K.Suzuki. W—Motte 4-1. L—Boyer 2-3. Sv—H.Rondon (12). HRs—Minnesota, K.Suzuki (3).

Friday's late linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
MARINERS 5, ASTROS 2

Houston	100	000	010—2 4 1
Seattle	301	020	00x—5 8 0

McCullers, W.Harris (5), R.Hernandez (6) and Conger; Elias, Lowe (6), Ca.Smith (9) and Zunino. W—Elias 4-4. L—McCullers 3-2. Sv—Ca.Smith (4). HRs—Houston, Springer (11), Ma.Gonzalez (4).

ANGELS 12, ATHLETICS 7

Los Angeles	010	100	803—12 12 0
Oakland	310	012	000—7 11 4

Shoemaker, J.Alvarez (5), Salas (6), Gott (7), J.Smith (8), C.Ramos (9) and Iannetta. Gray, Pomeranz (7), Mujica (7), Scribner (7), O'Flaherty (8), Abad (9) and Vogt. W—Salas 1-1. L—Mujica 2-2. HRs—Los Angeles, Pujols (20), Oakland, Zobrist (4), Vogt (13).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BREWERS 5, ROCKIES 5

Milwaukee	311	100	300—9 16 0
Colorado	000	301	001—5 11 1

Jungmann, Knebel (7), W.Smith (8), Braxton (9) and Lucroy; J.De La Rosa, Bergman (8), Hawkins (7), Oberg (8) and Hundley. W—Jungmann 2-1. L—J.De La Rosa 4-3. HRs—Milwaukee, Braun (14), Ar.Ramirez (8).

DIAMONDBACKS 4, PADRES 2

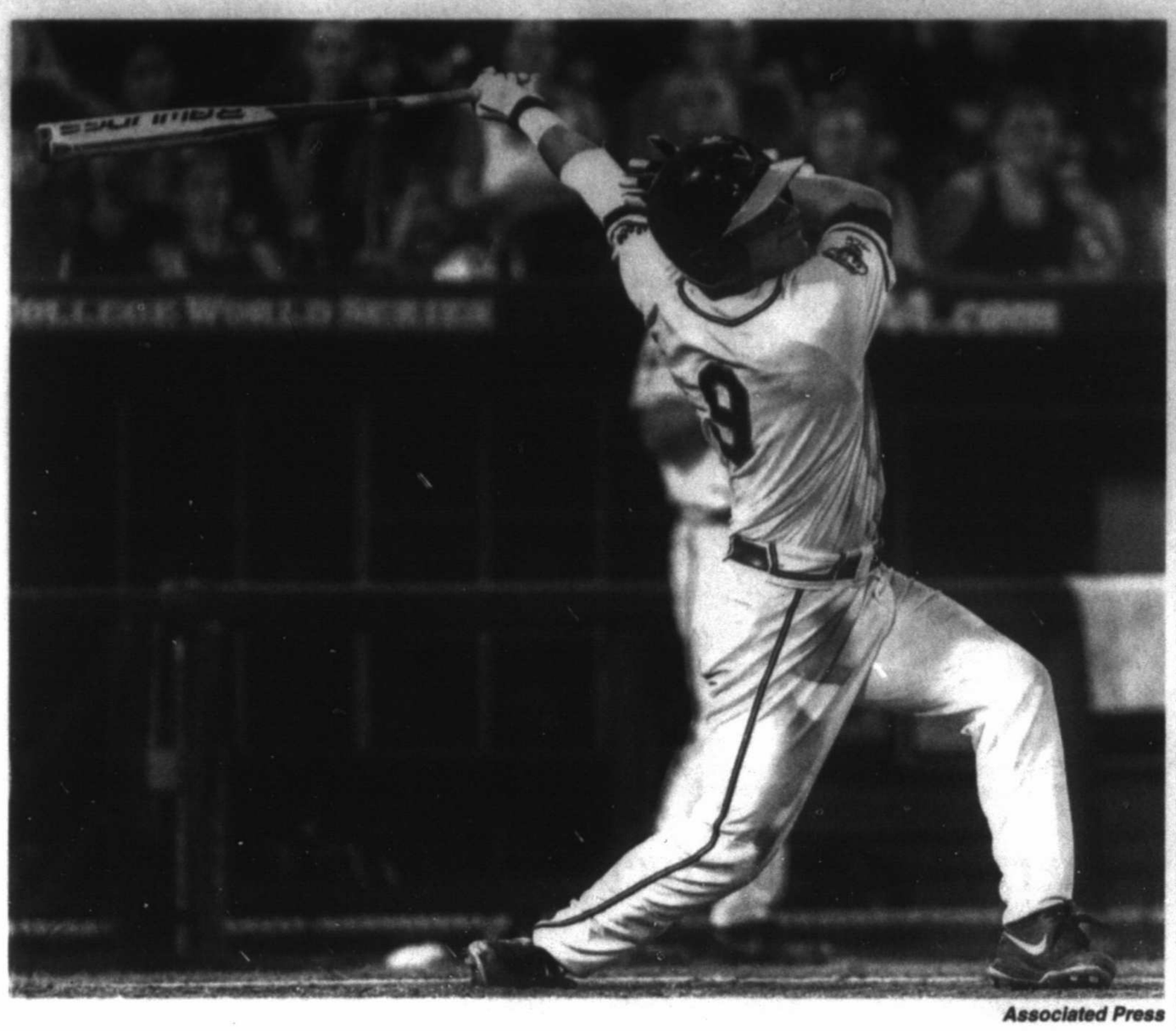
San Diego	000	010	010—2 6 1
Arizona	103	000	00x—4 9 2

Shields, Garces (7), Vincent (8) and De.Norris; R.De La Rosa, D.Hudson (8), Ziegler (9) and W.Castillo. W—R.De La Rosa 6-3. L—Shields 7-1. Sv—Ziegler (10).

GIANTS 9, DODGERS 5

San Francisco	004	001	400—9 12 0
Los Angeles	012	000	011—5 9 0

Heston, Affeldt (6), Kontos (8), Broadway (9), Casilla (9) and Posey; Bolsinger, Coulombe (6), Ravin (7), Nicasio (8) and Grandal. W—Heston 7-5. L—Bolsinger 4-2. Sv—Casilla (19). HRs—San Francisco, Posey (10). Los Angeles, Ju.Turner (6).



Associated Press

Virginia's Kenny Towns follows through with his RBI sacrifice fly that scored Ernie Clement in the seventh inning of a NCAA College World Series baseball elimination game against Florida at TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha, Neb., on Saturday.

Virginia beats Florida, faces Vandy in College World Series finals again

By Eric Olson
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Kenny Towns drove in three runs, including the winner in the seventh, and Josh Sborz pitched four innings of shutout relief as Virginia defeated Florida 5-4 on Saturday night to set up a College World Series finals rematch against Vanderbilt.

Virginia (42-23), which lost 10-5 to Florida on Friday, took two of three CWS games against the Gators (52-18) and now has won eight of its nine NCAA Tournament games. The Cavaliers open the best-of-three finals against a Vanderbilt team that beat them in three games for the championship last year.

It will be the first CWS finals rematch since Oregon State beat North Carolina in 2006-07.

Sborz (6-2) ran his shutout innings streak to 23 since May 15, getting Richie Martin to ground out after Harrison Bader reached on a two-out single in the ninth. Danny Lewis (6-2) took the loss.

After second baseman Ernie Clement flipped the ball to shortstop Daniel Pinero for the final out, catcher Matt Thaiss ran to the mound and embraced Sborz and first baseman Pavin Smith and Towns, the first baseman, dashed across the diamond to do a jumping back bump.

The Cavaliers took the lead for good in a back-and-forth game after Lewis intentionally walked Thaiss to load the bases with one out in the seventh. Towns, Virginia's career leader in NCAA Tournament RBIs who hit a game-winning double against Arkansas earlier in the week, sent a sacrifice fly to right to bring home Clement.

Sborz, who hasn't allowed a run since the eighth inning against North Carolina over a month ago, allowed three hits in relief of Brandon Waddell.

No complaints

TCU coach Jim Schlossnagle left Omaha with a more favorable impression of the college game.

Last year, after his team was eliminated, he said it was a "travesty" what had happened to the game. He complained that bat standards hamstrung offenses, all but eliminated the threat of home runs and allowed outfielders to play shallow, so moving from first to third on basehits was difficult. The reduction of offense was magnified in the cavernous TD Ameritrade Park, where the prevailing summer winds blow in.

There have been 14 home runs hit in 13 games compared with three in 16 last year, and per-team scoring was up from 3.1 runs a game to 4.6. The bump is a result of the flat-seam ball, which replaced the more wind-resistant raised-seam ball.

"This park, the wind is still going to play a factor," Schlossnagle said. "But there are plenty of parks in the country where that's what makes baseball great. It's not a basketball gym where everything is the same. It's unique. So I think the ball seems to have definitely helped.

"I still think we can take one more step and play with the minor league baseball, but it's a huge step in the right direction."

The minor-league ball also has flat seams, but the core is harder.

CWS glance

At TD Ameritrade Park Omaha
Omaha, Neb.
Double Elimination
x-if necessary
Saturday, June 13
Virginia 5, Arkansas 3
Florida 15, Miami 3
Sunday, June 14
TCU 10, LSU 5
Cal State Fullerton 3, Vanderbilt 0, 5 innings, susp., rain
Monday, June 15
Vanderbilt 4, Cal State Fullerton 3
Miami 4, Arkansas 3, Arkansas eliminated
Virginia 1, Florida 0
Tuesday, June 16
LSU 5, Cal State Fullerton 3, CSF eliminated
Vanderbilt 1, TCU 0
Wednesday, June 17
Florida 10, Miami 2, Miami eliminated
Thursday, June 18
TCU 8, LSU 4, LSU eliminated
Friday, June 19
Florida 10, Virginia 5
Vanderbilt 7, TCU 1, TCU eliminated
Saturday, June 20
Virginia 5, Florida 4, Florida eliminated
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-3)
Vanderbilt vs. Virginia
Monday, June 22: Vanderbilt (50-19) vs. Virginia (53-17), 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 23: Vanderbilt vs. Virginia, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 24: Vanderbilt vs. Virginia, 7 p.m.

Neid would like to see more women lead national teams

By John Wawrow
Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ontario — Silvia Neid is all in favor of FIFA placing an emphasis on having more women coaching national teams.

Germany's coach, however adds, it's also important for females to put in the work to pursue those opportunities.

"Of course, I'm always glad for any female coach, any woman who wants to become a coach and get her license," Neid said through an interpreter in Ottawa on Friday, a day before top-ranked Germany faces the Pia Sundhage-coached Swedes in a Round of 16 match. "But women have to take responsibility for themselves. They have to want it. They have to make that journey."

Neid's journey is coming to an end after announcing she will retire after spending the past 10 years coaching Germany.

That will leave the women's game minus one of its accomplished female coaches. Neid is a two-time FIFA women's coach of the year.

Sundhage, who previously coached the United States National team, was also asked about the state of the game and female coaches.

"I think that is a very good question, but bad timing," Sundhage said. "Tomorrow is a game against two good teams. You might want to ask that question some other time."

Of the 24 nations qualifying for the World Cup, only eight had a female head coach. And that includes Nuengrutai Srathongvian, Thailand's first female head coach.

A NATION WAITS: In Vancouver, host country Canada and Switzerland will hold official trainings Saturday at BC Place before they meet in the round of 16 on Sunday. Soccer fans seeking some culture in this picturesque city can walk on the waterfront path from the stadium just around False Creek by Olympic Village to a weekend dragon boat festival.

On the pitch, Canada coach John Herdman insists midfielder Sophie Schmidt won't miss this game for the eighth-ranked Canadians, winner of Group A, despite falling awkwardly during a 1-1 draw with The Netherlands on Monday and bruising her hip.

Spanish departure

Spain, ranked No. 14 in the world, was knocked out of the Women's World Cup, finishing last in a group behind Brazil, South Korea and Costa Rica.

Now the team's players are calling for the removal of coach Ignacio Quereda, who has led the national team since 1988.

"We believe an era has come to an end and we need a change," the 23-player squad said in a statement. The team includes Veronica Boquete, considered among the top players in the world.

In their statement, the players said they were ill-prepared for the World Cup, with few advance games and poor analysis of opponents.

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP GLANCE

SECOND ROUND
Saturday, June 20
At Ottawa, Ontario
Germany 4, Sweden 1
At Edmonton, Alberta
China 1, Cameroon 0
Today
At Moncton, New Brunswick
Brazil vs. Australia, noon
At Montreal
France vs. South Korea, 3 p.m.
At Vancouver, British Columbia
Canada vs. Switzerland, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, June 22
At Ottawa, Ontario
Norway vs. England, 4 p.m.
At Edmonton, Alberta
United States vs. Colombia, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 23
At Vancouver, British Columbia
Japan vs. Netherlands, 9 p.m.

QUARTERFINALS
Friday, June 26
At Montreal
Germany vs. France-South Korea winner, 3 p.m.
At Ottawa, Ontario
China vs. United States-Colombia winner, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 27
At Edmonton, Alberta
Brazil-Australia winner vs. Japan-Netherlands winner, 3 p.m.
At Vancouver, British Columbia
Norway-England winner vs. Canada-Switzerland winner, 6:30 p.m.

SEMIFINALS
Tuesday, June 30
At Montreal
Ottawa winner vs. Montreal winner, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, July 1
At Edmonton, Alberta
Edmonton winner vs. Vancouver winner, 6 p.m.

THIRD PLACE
Saturday, July 4
At Edmonton, Alberta
Semifinal losers, 3 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, July 5
At Vancouver, British Columbia
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

Reflection on Clemente's career reveals he was a double outsider

By Michael Beschloss
N.Y. Times News Service

Today, there is an abundance of Latinos in Major League Baseball, but there wasn't when Roberto Clemente took right field for the Pittsburgh Pirates 60 years ago this spring.

Clemente's ordeal as a Puerto Rican breaking into what was then a very white preserve — and the aplomb with which he transcended his difficulties — reminds us of how far Latinos have come in American life.

Had he lived, Clemente, at the age of 81 this August, would have witnessed the formidable surge of Latinos into the national pastime — a phenomenon he had helped launch.

Born to what he called "the most wonderful mother and father who ever lived" (the latter a foreman in the sugar cane fields), the proud, intense, sometimes melancholy Clemente was discovered at age 18 by the Brooklyn Dodgers scout Al Campanis, who later called him "the best free-agent athlete I've ever seen." After signing with the Dodger organization, he was drafted at 20 by the Pirates.

As Rob Ruck wrote in "Raceball" (2011), every player with Latino heritage who was in the majors before Jackie Robinson broke the color bar in 1947 "was either Caucasian or to pass as such." (An example of the latter was Ted Williams, who diverted public attention from the fact that his mother was born to Mexican parents.)

Like the Cuban-born Minnie Minoso, who started playing with the Cleveland Indians in 1949, Clemente was not only Latino but also black. Encountering mainland American culture after what he considered to be the more racially harmonious Puerto Rico, he later said he felt like a double outsider. Hank Aaron observed (as quoted by David G. Ogden in the 2008 book "Reconstructing Fame") that early in Clemente's career, when he had to improve his English and adjust to American society, "it was probably harder on him than it was on me."

During one spring training in Florida, when Clemente had to stay on the bus while teammates dined in segregated restaurants, he warned the Pirates general manager Joe L. Brown that he and black teammates (who were also barred from residing in the team's hotel) would refuse to take the bus "if we can't eat where the white players eat." (Brown tried to defuse the problem by finding his black players a station wagon.)

Nor did he feel very welcome in working-class Pittsburgh, where there were few Latinos, and white and black citizens lived largely apart. Unschooled in speaking for a public audience and with English as his second language, he accidentally offended some African-Americans by telling a reporter that after his upbringing in Puerto Rico, he had not been prepared to endure discrimination "like a Negro," then later defended himself, explaining, "Look at my skin — I am not of the white people."

After a stellar performance when the Pirates defeated the New York Yankees in the 1960 World Series, Clemente smoldered when he was denied the award for Series most valuable player. (The winner, Bobby Richardson, remains the only player to receive the award despite being on the losing team.)

After a 1961 interview with Clemente, Howard Cohn wrote in Sport Magazine that Clemente believed that black Latinos "are treated today much like all Negroes were treated in baseball" during the early years after 1947 and that they "bear the brunt of the sport's remaining racial prejudices."

In 1964, San Francisco Giants manager Alvin Dark barred his Latino players from speaking Spanish in their clubhouse, insisting that it would damage team cohesion. This was also the era of the stereotyped Hispanic character Jose Jimenez (played by comedian Bill Dana, until he finally dropped it, in 1970, after pressure from American Latinos).

From the start, some sportswriters tried to portray Clemente as a similarly ludicrous Mr. Malaprop, speaking "Spanglish." Les Biederman of The Pittsburgh Press, for example, rendered young Clemente as confiding: "Me like hot weather, veree hot. I no run fast cold weather." Others had him saying, "Me no married yet."

Incensed, Clemente complained, "I never in my life start a sentence with 'me.' " As noted in David Maraniss' 2006 Clemente biography, the Pirates' Don Leppert was concerned that Roberto was being cast as a "buffoon"; Leppert challenged Biederman, "Why the hell don't you ask him questions in Spanish?" Ignoring Clemente's requests to use his actual first name, some reporters Anglicized it throughout his career as "Bob" or "Bobby."

Clemente was cast as a "chronic complainer" for his occasional tendency to overshare information about his physical maladies (he indeed had spinal problems, the lingering result of a car crash, as well as malaria and other ailments). Myron Cope, writing for Sports Illustrated, was not alone when he said in 1966 that Clemente was "baseball's champion hypochondriac."

"Hypochondriacs cannot produce," Clemente privately responded in fury. "I produce!"

Clemente's monumental self-possession was sometimes mistaken for conceit. In support of the narrative of Clemente as hot dog, some reporters cited the fact that he had once declared (perhaps trying to convey the depth of his professional commitment), "For me, I am the best ballplayer in the world."

Stung by such treatment, Clemente generally kept his distance from the press but once bluntly insisted to a reporter that the reason he was treated with such disrespect was "because I'm black and Puerto Rican." He once told Phil Musick of The Pittsburgh Press, "You don't know a damn thing about me."

Thus Clemente immersed himself in a personal world revolving around his extended family, his assiduous work on the baseball diamond — he was a four-time National League batting champion — and the people of Puerto Rico, who exalted him as a hero. He made sure that all three sons born to him and his wife, Vera, were born on the island, where he kept a farm, and was deeply involved in Puerto Rican charities relating to young people and sports.

After Pittsburgh defeated the Orioles in the 1971 World Series, Clemente, who had batted .414, was this time indeed named most valuable player. Speaking in Spanish, he started a live postgame television interview with the Pirates' announcer, Bob Prince (who referred to him as "Bobby"), by asking for the "blessing" of his parents on his home island, and thanking all Puerto Ricans on "the proudest moment of my life."

The sportswriter Ira Berkow rightly complained at the time that "out of ignorance or confusion," Prince "did not ask Clemente to interpret, and the poignant moment was lost in the following button-down clichés from a mayor, a governor, a commissioner, an owner."

In September 1972, Clemente achieved his 3,000th major league hit in his last time at bat in the regular season.

Three months later, just before Christmas, Clemente, at home in Puerto Rico, was distraught to learn of a disastrous earthquake in Nicaragua, where he coached amateur baseball players. After trying to get help, disgusted by reports that food, medicine and other emergency resources were being mismanaged or stolen, he chartered a DC-7 to fly from San Juan to Managua with relief supplies on New Year's Eve.

Soon after takeoff, Clemente's plane disappeared into the Atlantic. His Pirates teammate Manny Sanguillen braved shark-heavy waters to help search for his friend's remains, which were never found. Clemente had confided to his wife that he always expected to die young.

The following year, the Baseball Hall of Fame suspended its traditional five-year waiting period to admit Clemente; The New York Times pronounced him "the first Latin-American player picked for the museum."

Musick, the Pittsburgh sportswriter, later said, "When I heard he was dead, I wished that sometime I had told him I thought he was a hell of a guy."



Associated Press

Jordan Spieth hits out of the tall fescue grass on the 10th hole during the third round of the U.S. Open golf tournament at Chambers Bay on Saturday in University Place, Wash.

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winning the U.S. Open at Congressional in 1964 with a 36-hole final while suffering from heat exhaustion and severe dehydration, and Tiger Woods winning the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines in 2008 with a shattered left leg.

Day still has one day to go and a course that is getting faster and scarier by the day. And he has plenty of company.

Spieth, trying to become only the fourth player since 1960 to win the first two legs of the Grand Slam, squandered three birdie chances late in his round and had to settle for a 71. Johnson twice smashed driver that set him up for birdies down the stretch, and he couldn't convert in his round of 70.

Grace overcame a rough patch in the middle of his round — three bogeys in five holes — and shot a 70.

Day wasn't sure he would even play in the third round. He collapsed to the ground Friday in a frightening moment. He managed to get up with help, stagger into a bunker to play his next shot and made bogey to finish three shots out of the lead.

And then he delivered one of his best rounds considering the situation.

Day chose not to speak to the media out of sheer exhaustion. He offered a few comments to a USGA official, and then headed to his motor home to lie down.

"I didn't feel that great coming out early," said Day, who dropped two shots in his opening four holes to fall as many as seven shots behind at one point. "I felt pretty groggy on the front nine just from the drugs that I had in my system, then kind of flushed that out on the back nine. The vertigo came back a little bit on the 13th tee box, and then felt nauseous all day. I started shaking on 16 tee box and then just tried to get it in, really. Just wanted to get it in."

He said it was worse than the vertigo he suffered last year at Firestone that caused him to withdraw. This time, he kept playing.

"I think the goal was just to go through today and see how it goes," he said.

For everyone else, it was a matter of hanging on.

Spieth, Johnson and Grace each had the lead at one point on the front nine.

Spieth holed a pair of 35-foot birdie putts early and stretched his lead to three shots until he gave them back with a pair of three-putts, slapping his knee at the mistakes. He held on with some key pars, rolled in a birdie at the 15th to get back into a share of the lead, and then wasted three great opportunities — three putts from just off the 16th green for a par, a missed 10-foot birdie on the 17th and a 12-foot birdie putt that missed on the final hole.

"Just need to limit the mistakes tomorrow," he said.

Johnson built a two-shot lead early on the back nine, only to give it back with a double bogey on the 13th hole with a poor second shot into the bunker. His tee shot on the 372-yard 16th hole landed near the front of the green, but three putts from the back forced him to settle for par. He also was in prime position in the fairway on the par-5 18th only to find a bunker.

Louis Oosthuizen, meanwhile, set himself up for a shot at U.S. Open history. No one since World War II has ever shot 77 in the first round of the U.S. Open and gone on to win. Oosthuizen was part of that horror show with Tiger Woods (80) and Rickie Fowler (81) in the opening round. He figured he would be watching the weekend at his home in Florida. Instead, he shot 66 to make the cut. And then the South African shot another 66 on Saturday and was at 1-under 209.

Cameron Smith of Australian had a 69 and joined Oosthuizen at 209, along with Shane Lowry of Ireland (70) and J.B. Holmes (71).

The number of players under par kept dropping — 25 after the first day, 16 after the second, now only eight going into the final day.

Rory McIlroy was losing hope in this major. He shot a 70 and was at 4-over 214. Phil Mickelson, meanwhile, lost another bid at the career Grand Slam with a 77 that put him at 10-over 220.

US OPEN SCORES

Saturday
At Chambers Bay
University Place Wash.
Purse: $10 million
Yardage: 7,837; Par: 70 (35-35)
Third Round
a-denotes amateur

Jason Day	68-70-68—206
Dustin Johnson	65-71-70—206
Branden Grace	69-67-70—206
Jordan Spieth	68-67-71—206
Louis Oosthuizen	77-66-66—209
Cameron Smith	70-70-69—209
Shane Lowry	69-70-70—209
J.B. Holmes	72-66-71—209
Brandt Snedeker	69-72-70—211
Andres Romero	71-69-71—211
Henrik Stenson	65-74-72—211
Tony Finau	69-68-74—211
Joost Luiten	68-69-74—211
Patrick Reed	66-69-76—211
Charl Schwartzel	73-70-69—212
Matt Kuchar	67-73-72—212
Alexander Levy	70-69-73—212
Kevin Kisner	71-68-73—212
Charlie Beljan	69-75-69—213
Francesco Molinari	68-73-72—213
Adam Scott	70-71-72—213
Hideki Matsuyama	70-71-72—213
Jason Dufner	68-72-73—213
Jamie Lovemark	70-68-75—213
Ian Poulter	72-73-69—214
Brooks Koepka	72-72-70—214
Rory McIlroy	72-72-70—214
John Senden	72-72-70—214
Marc Warren	68-74-72—214
Kevin Na	70-72-72—214
Justin Rose	72-70-72—214
a-Ollie Schniederjans	69-73-72—214
a-Jack Maguire	73-68-73—214
Paul Casey	72-69-73—214
Sergio Garcia	70-75-70—215
Jimmy Gunn	72-73-70—215
a-Denny McCarthy	71-73-71—215
Daniel Summerhays	70-67-78—215
Webb Simpson	72-73-71—216
John Parry	72-73-71—216
Keegan Bradley	73-71-72—216
Brad Fritsch	70-74-72—216
Tommy Fleetwood	74-69-73—216
a-Beau Hossler	71-72-73—216
Geoff Ogilvy	69-72-75—216
Colin Montgomerie	69-76-72—217
Troy Kelly	72-73-72—217
Jimmy Walker	72-73-72—217
George Coetzee	72-73-72—217
Jim Furyk	71-73-73—217
Kevin Chappell	69-75-73—217
Robert Streb	74-70-73—217
Billy Horschel	72-72-73—217
Ryan Palmer	74-70-73—217
Luke Donald	73-71-73—217
Cameron Tringale	75-68-74—217
a-Brian Campbell	67-72-78—217
Thomas Aiken	74-71-73—218
Mark Silvers	72-71-75—218
Ernie Els	72-70-76—218
Morgan Hoffmann	71-74-74—219
Angel Cabrera	70-75-74—219
C.T. Pan	71-72-76—219
Marcus Fraser	71-71-77—219
Lee Westwood	73-69-77—219
Sam Saunders	72-72-76—220
Brad Elder	76-68-76—220
Phil Mickelson	69-74-77—220
a-Nick Hardy	70-75-77—222
Andy Pope	74-71-77—222
D.A. Points	74-71-77—222
Zach Johnson	72-72-78—222
Chris Kirk	70-73-80—223
Ben Martin	67-70-86—223
Camilo Villegas	72-73-80—225

McIlroy can't make a move back into contention

By Tim Booth
Associated Press

UNIVERSITY PLACE, Wash. — Rory McIlroy went out in 33 on Saturday and was 2 over for the tournament after his first nine holes, poised for a possible charge up the leaderboard at the U.S. Open.

His inability to make putts on the back nine at Chambers Bay left McIlroy back where he started.

"Whenever you start to miss a couple you start to get a little tentative," McIlroy said after his even-par round of 70. "You start to doubt yourself. You start to doubt the greens a little bit. And then it just sort of — it snowballs from there. I holed a few nice ones early on, but once I missed a couple it got into my head and couldn't really get out of it."

McIlroy's third round was filled with crisp, clean ball-striking, following by frustration on the greens. He missed a number of putts inside 10 feet on the back nine and fell behind the field playing Nos. 11 and 12.

McIlroy made a bogey on the par-4 11th, and then could not take advantage of the drivable par-4 12th, putting his tee shot in the rough and missing his birdie attempt.

McIlroy joined the chorus of players noting the putting surfaces are not perfect, but it's something everyone has to deal with.

Quote the rebound

Louis Oosthuizen played his first 18 holes at Chambers Bay in 7 over.

He has played the last 36 in 8 under.

Oosthuizen posted his second straight round of 66 on Saturday, the lowest score of the third round by two shots. He is one of eight players under par going to the final day.

Oosthuizen played his first two rounds with Tiger Wood and Rickie Fowler. The trio was a combined 28-over par on Thursday.

But while Fowler and Woods continued to tumble, Oosthuizen turned his game around.

"Being 9 over through 20 holes, it looked like I would have been back in Florida today," Oosthuizen said. "But, just I made a few putts yesterday and started hitting the ball really well."

A US Open of birdies, bogeys and mind games at Chambers Bay

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

UNIVERSITY PLACE, Wash. — Phil Mickelson staggered off Chambers Bay after a 74 that put a big dent in his chances to finally win a U.S. Open. He was eight shots behind and had little hope but to hit the gas in a major where neutral is often the best gear.

When asked his plan for Saturday, Mickelson paused. How could he have a game plan if he didn't know what the USGA was going to do?

"It's a nice little challenge they're throwing at us," Mickelson said.

Shouldn't the golf course be enough?

The greatest mystery about this U.S. Open was Chambers Bay, an 8-year-old golf course built on a sand-and-gravel pit. Now there's a surprise every day.

One par 3 has two tees that are separated by more than 100 feet of elevation. Another hole can be the longest or shortest par 3 on the course, depending on the tee. The 18th hole can be a par 4 or a par 5. The first hole can be a par 4 or par 5. It changes every day.

What hasn't changed about the U.S. Open is the complaining.

That's typical from players with the highest scores. In this case, two of the strongest comments were from the co-leaders, Jordan Spieth and Patrick Reed.

USGA executive director Mike Davis, who has been mentioned as much as any player this week, moved the tee forward on the 18th hole to change it from a par 5 to a par 4 for the second round. It led to an awkward landing area off the tee. Spieth was seizing control of the U.S. Open, coming off three birdies in his last four holes, when he had no idea where to hit his tee shot. A bunker on the left side was not first choice.

And when he tried to take on too much because of a 10-foot deep bunker that Davis recently had installed, Spieth's shot caught the lip and tumbled about 10 yards away into the fescue rough.

"This is the dumbest hole I've ever played in my life," Spieth said.

He went on to make double bogey and did his best to keep calm, finish out a 67 and share the lead at 5 under. Spieth is walking commentary on the golf course in the best of times, and he wasn't bothered that microphones picked up his quick rant.

"I'm not going to put a smile on and be happy with the way I played the hole," he said. "I think the hole doesn't make sense because you can hit it down the left center of the fairway and end up in the right bunker in trouble."

Reed nearly wound up in the bunker. His ball somehow stopped a few feet from the edge, and he hit 7-iron to the middle of the green. From 50 feet away, on the putting surface, he really had little chance to get it close. Reed wound up 20 feet away, three-putted for bogey and a 69, and slipped into a tie with Spieth.

"I felt like I hit two quality golf shots and had to play Mickey Mouse on the green because the pin was ridiculous," Reed said.

For the rest of the field, or at least the 75 players who made it to the weekend, the biggest complaint was the condition of the greens. They look bad on television, which should not be a problem. Golf is not supposed to be about the color of grass. Smooth or rough, everyone has to play them.

But as bumpy as they became in the afternoon, it appears to be a case of hit-and-hope. And as always, it's a matter of opinion.

Davis said going into the week that the fescue with patches of poa annua actually became slicker and rolled truer in the afternoon. At most championships, the greens are fast and smooth in the morning, slightly slower and bumpier in the afternoon after so much foot traffic.

"When they get dry, they roll very smooth," Davis said on Wednesday.

The guys actually playing the course see it differently.

"It's borderline laughable at some of the greens and some of the pin positions," said Henrik Stenson, who fell out of a tie for the lead with a 74 on Friday. "And it's pretty much like putting on broccoli, as well. Obviously, the way you play is going to affect the scoring, but I'm sure many of my colleagues would fall in on a few of those remarks."

Ernie Els did.

"We have to go out there in front of millions of people and putt on these things," Els told Golfweek magazine. "The USGA, they have got to take a bit of responsibility."

None of this is new. The USGA has shown over the years that it really doesn't care what the players think, much less what they say. It likes to keep them guessing. No one knows what to expect until they arrive at the course.

Sixteen players were under par going into the weekend. No telling how many will be left at the end. And one tradition that never changes no matter where the U.S. Open is played is that whoever leaves with the trophy won't be complaining at all.

Lutsenko wins Tour de Suisse stage

Associated Press

BERN, Switzerland — Alexey Lutsenko of Kazakhstan powered to victory in the Tour de Suisse eighth stage on Saturday, and Thibaut Pinot's overall lead was cut again.

Frenchman Pinot is only 34 seconds clear of Geraint Thomas before today's decisive 24-mile time trial.

Thomas, a British rider for the Sky team, seized three seconds from the overall leader as the main pack trailed behind a breakaway group.

It was the third straight day Thomas, who is typically stronger in time-trial stages, has taken time from Pinot, who rides for FDJ.

Lutsenko finished one second ahead of Jan Bakelants of Belgium in almost 3 1/2 hours.

Both were in a long 19-man break, then went clear together with 12 1/2 miles left in the 102-mile stage around Switzerland's capital, Bern.

Results

Tour de Suisse Results
Saturday
At Bern, Switzerland
Eighth Stage
102.4-mile circuit around Bern

1. Alexey Lutsenko, Kazakhstan, Astana Pro Team, 3 hours, 28 minutes, 11 seconds.
2. Jan Bakelants, Belgium, AG2R La Mondiale, :01 behind.
3. Warren Barguil, France, Team Giant-Alpecin, :17.
4. Marco Haller, Austria, Team Katusha, :22.
5. Daniele Bennati, Italy, Tinkoff-Saxo, same time.
6. Michael Albasini, Switzerland, Orica GreenEdge, same time.
7. Matteo Trentin, Italy, Etixx - Quick-Step, same time.
8. Danilo Wyss, Switzerland, BMC Racing Team, same time.
9. Winner Anacona, Colombia, Movistar Team, same time.
10. Stijn Devolder, Belgium, Trek Factory Racing, same time.

Also:
46. Lawrence Warbasse, United States, IAM Cycling, 2:36.
47. Joseph Lloyd Dombrowski, United States, Cannondale-Garmin, same time.
84. Alex Howes, United States, Cannondale-Garmin, 10:07.
85. Tom Danielson, United States, Cannondale-Garmin, same time.
87. Benjamin King, United States, Cannondale-Garmin, same time.
108. Carter Jones, United States, Giant-Alpecin, 13:01.
124. Danny Pate, United States, Sky, same time.

Overall Standings
(After eight of nine stages)

1. Thibaut Pinot, France, FDJ, 29 hours, 25 minutes, 28 seconds.
2. Geraint Thomas, Britain, Sky, 34 seconds behind.
3. Simon Spilak, Slovenia, Katusha, :47.
4. Domenico Pozzovivo, Italy, AG2R La Mondiale, :50.
5. Miguel Angel Lopez, Colombia, Astana, 1:14.
6. Tom Dumoulin, Netherlands, Giant-Alpecin, 1:24.
7. Steve Morabito, Switzerland, FDJ, 2:29.
8. Sebastien Reichenbach, Switzerland, IAM Cycling, 2:43.
9. Sergio Henao, Colombia, Sky, 2:46.
10. Warren Barguil, France, Team Giant-Alpecin, 2:51.

Also:
25. Joseph Lloyd Dombrowski, United States, Cannondale-Garmin, 11:25.
29. Lawrence Warbasse, United States, IAM Cycling, 17:38.
42. Tom Danielson, United States, Cannondale-Garmin, 30:40.
51. Benjamin King, United States, Cannondale-Garmin, 43:23.
95. Alex Howes, United States, Cannondale-Garmin, 1:16:17.
115. Carter Jones, United States, Giant-Alpecin, 1:34:28.
118. Danny Pate, United States, Sky, 1:41:20.

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Sprint Cup

DRIVER STANDINGS
Through June 14

1. Kevin Harvick, 576.
2. Martin Truex Jr., 561.
3. Joey Logano, 520.
4. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 508.
5. Jimmie Johnson, 506.
6. Brad Keselowski, 480.
7. Jamie McMurray, 464.
8. Matt Kenseth, 456.
9. Kasey Kahne, 447.
10. Jeff Gordon, 434.
11. Kurt Busch, 426.
12. Paul Menard, 421.
13. Denny Hamlin, 412.
14. Carl Edwards, 401.
15. Aric Almirola, 401.
16. Ryan Newman, 400.
17. Clint Bowyer, 398.
18. Kyle Larson, 361.
19. Danica Patrick, 357.
20. Greg Biffle, 351.

SCHEDULE
Next race: Toyota-Save Mart 350, June 28, Sonoma Raceway, Sonoma, California.
Last week: Kurt Busch won the rain-shortened race at Michigan for his second victory of the year.

IndyCar

DRIVER STANDINGS
Through June 14

1. Juan Pablo Montoya, 374.
2. Will Power, 347.
3. Scott Dixon, 339.
4. Helio Castroneves, 302.
5. Graham Rahal, 283.
6. Sebastien Bourdais, 274.
7. Marco Andretti, 272.
8. Josef Newgarden, 268.
9. Tony Kanaan, 244.
10. Simon Pagenaud, 232.
11. Charlie Kimball, 224.
12. Carlos Munoz, 218.
13. Takuma Sato, 200.
14. Ryan Hunter-Reay, 194.
15. Gabby Chaves, 188.
16. James Jakes, 184.
17. Luca Filippi, 181.
18. Jack Hawksworth, 151.
19. James Hinchcliffe, 129.
20. Stefano Coletti, 122.
21. Sage Karam, 95.
22. Conor Daly, 81.
23. Tristan Vautier, 79.
24. Simona de Silvestro, 66.
25. Sebastian Saavedra, 61.
26. Ryan Briscoe, 60.
27. J.R. Hildebrand, 57.
28. Rodolfo Gonzalez, 40.
29. Francesco Dracone, 38.
30. Townsend Bell, 32.
31. Carlos Huertas, 31.
32. Pippa Mann, 29.
33. Alex Tagliani, 27.
34. Justin Wilson, 25.
35. Ed Carpenter, 18.
36. James Davison, 10.
37. Oriol Servia, 10.
38. Bryan Clauson, 10.

SCHEDULE
Next race: MAVTV 500, June 27, Auto Club Speedway, Fontana, California.
Last week: Josef Newgarden won in Toronto for CFH Racing's first series victory. Teammate Luca Filippi was second.



Associated Press

Jockey Frankie Dettori does his flying dismount after winning the Diamond Jubilee Stakes with Undrafted during day five of the 2015 Royal Ascot Meeting at Ascot Racecourse, in Berkshire, England, on Saturday. Dettori rode Undrafted, who is owned by NFL player Wes Welker.

Undrafted gives Welker a Royal Ascot winner

Associated Press

ASCOT, England — Undrafted, owned by NFL player Wes Welker, won the Diamond Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot on the final day Saturday.

Welker, a former wide receiver for the Denver Broncos who is a free agent, named the horse after his status in the 2004 draft when he was not selected.

"I can't believe I didn't make the trip over!" Welker wrote on Twitter. "Can't believe we won!"

The 14-1 shot, ridden by Frankie Dettori, also gave American trainer Wesley Ward a first Group One success in England after previously winning only juvenile events at Ascot.

Welker tweeted a picture from television of the trophy being handed over by Queen Elizabeth II to Ward.

"This is the biggest race I've ever won, including Breeders' Cups and everything," Ward said. "He's been training great, he really has, and Frankie just has the magic touch. He's a magical guy, a real go-getter as we'd say."

Ward, who won the Group Two Queen Mary Stakes with Acapulco on Wednesday, nearly didn't make it to Ascot on Saturday because daughter Denae was unwell.

"We had a rough night, my daughter got a touch of the Bell's palsy so we were in hospital all night," Ward said. "(We got) fixed up with a great doctor and she was determined to be here today. This is unreal. It's really special for my little girl."

The final 100 yards turned into Australia against the United States, with Brazen Beau looking set for glory until Undrafted outran the 7-2 joint favorite to win by half a length.

"I saw him, I didn't want to kick too soon, I was going well," Dettori said after his third win of the week at Ascot which took his career tally at the meeting to 52.

"I kept an eye on the yellow colors, but every time this horse runs he finishes strong. So I saved the last bit for the end and it proved me right."

The five-year-old Undrafted was having his second run in England after finishing fourth in the July Cup at Newmarket last year.

"Wesley is a big supporter of mine," Dettori said of the trainer. "That gave me pleasure winning the race for him."

Astaire, a 25-1 shot, claimed third ahead of Music Master, which went out at 14-1.

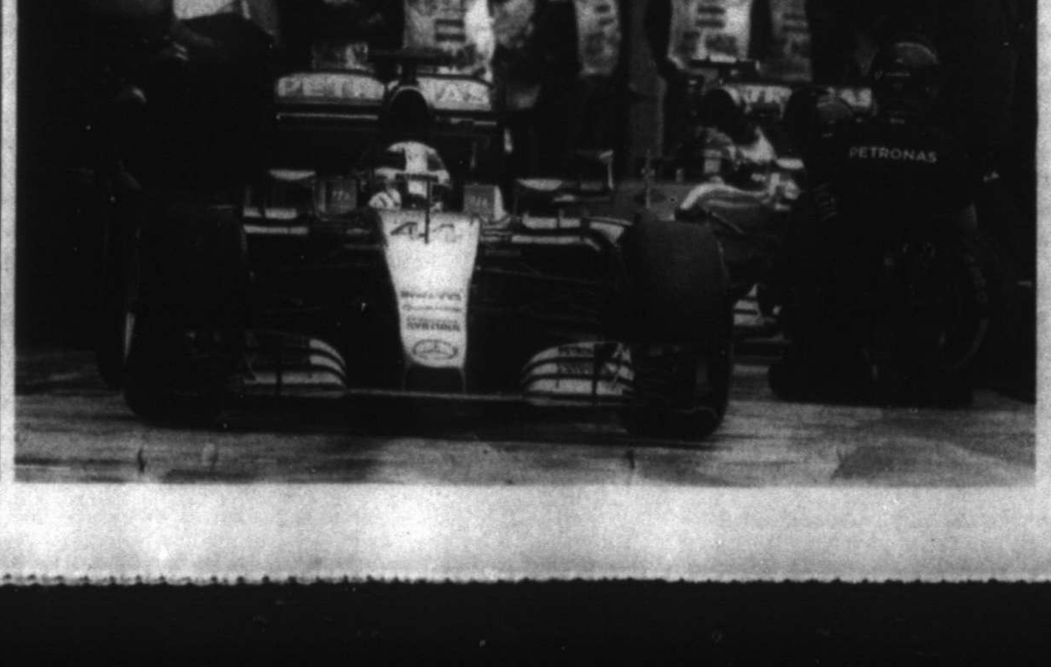
Hamilton finds extra speed to beat teammate Rosberg



Associated Press

ABOVE: Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg of Germany stands beside his car Saturday after he went off the track during qualifying session prior to the Formula One Grand Prix at the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg, southern Austria.

BELOW: Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain, front, and Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg of Germany, rear, are pictured during a pit stop.



By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press

SPIELBERG, Austria — Championship leader Lewis Hamilton found a bit of extra speed when it mattered most to secure pole position for Formula One's Austrian Grand Prix, where the British driver starts from the front for the seventh time in eight races this season and 45th in his career.

After edging his Mercedes teammate Nico Rosberg in a spectacular end to qualifying on Saturday, Hamilton said "when it counted I did what I need to do."

The defending champion left it very late to clock a best lap of 1 minute, 8.455 seconds to beat Rosberg's leading mark by 0.20, and his latest pole put him in all-time equal third place alongside four-time champion Sebastian Vettel, who was third fastest for Ferrari.

"I'd much rather have his championships than the pole positions," said Hamilton, who is eyeing a third F1 title. "I'm working on that."

It also completed a calendar year of poles for Mercedes, who were last beaten to pole here last year by Williams driver Felipe Massa.

After finishing quickest in the second and third practice runs, Vettel was hopeful but he qualified .355 behind Hamilton, while Massa was .737 adrift in fourth.

Vettel joked that he was trying to find new ways to catch Mercedes — right down to changing his music selection.

Asked what he was listening to on his headphones, the 27-year-old German quipped that it was 'Help' from the Beatles.

"I need help, they're too quick," he said.

After beating Rosberg's time — but with Rosberg still having time for another lap — Hamilton went out again with only one minute left. It went wrong as he locked his rear tires, span his car backward and flew into gravel.

"Afterwards I was like 'I've probably lost it there,'" Hamilton said. "It was a bad qualifying session for me generally. I'm grateful."

Rosberg was hoping to beat Hamilton in qualifying for only the second time this season after securing pole at last month's Spanish GP.

However, having gone faster in sector two, Rosberg then lost it on the final turn of his last lap, veering too wide left and skidding up a bank before halting in the gravel.

"Maybe it was a little bit wet or I overdid it there," Rosberg said. "I knew I had to go for it because it was very, very close with Lewis."

The German driver looked furious when he climbed out of his car, shaking his head in disbelief before walking back to the pit lane.

"This track is generally very difficult because you have to get the braking right and attack to get a lap time here," said Rosberg, who had topped Q2 ahead of Hamilton. "A lot of humidity on the tires, so maybe that caused the spin, not so sure."

Rosberg, who has won two races this season to Hamilton's four, trails him by 17 points overall.

Vettel, who is third overall, still thinks Mercedes has too much in reserve.

"Generally Mercedes seem to be able to turn up the performance quite a bit," he said. "There's some work for us to do."

It was a much more frustrating day for his teammate Kimi Raikkonen, however, as he failed to even make the second part of qualifying, despite posting the third quickest times in all three practice runs.

Meanwhile, home fans around the Red Bull Ring in Austria hoping to see a strong performance were left feeling disappointed.

Both running with new engines, Daniil Kvyat was eighth quickest and Daniel Ricciardo 14th.

They will tumble further down the grid, having both been given 10-place penalties for taking their fifth engines of the season — one more than each driver is allocated per season.

That is also the case for McLaren drivers Fernando Alonso and Jenson Button, who were already demoted to the back of the grid for the new engines and for further element changes on their power units.

Brady's legacy faces next step in appeal

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady grew from a sixth-round draft choice into one of the best quarterbacks in NFL history. Off the field, he's a celebrity with a supermodel wife and lucrative marketing deals.

All that has made the New England Patriots superstar the object of admiration and respect to some, jealousy and enmity to others.

On Tuesday, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell hears Brady's appeal of a four-game suspension for using deflated footballs in the AFC championship game.

Goodell's decision upholding, reducing or eliminating the punishment won't likely cause major changes in perceptions of a four-time Super Bowl champion — perceptions enhanced during a stellar 15-year NFL career, yet sullied in one game in which he may have knowingly used deflated footballs.

"He is a guy that I have said for a long time is the best in the business," said Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethslisberger, who faces the Patriots in the season opener Sept. 10, when Brady's suspension is set to start. "I have a lot of respect for him on the football field."

Buffalo coach Rex Ryan, a longtime nemesis, says Brady's legacy hasn't been tarnished.

"I just know the kind of quarterback that he is and what he's meant to me personally," Ryan said, smiling and sighing about Brady's success against him when he coached the New York Jets. "I've got nothing but respect for the guy."

Companies the boyishly handsome 37-year-old has represented in stylish ads — Under Armour sportswear, UGG footwear, Movado watches — haven't abandoned him.

Under Armour CEO Kevin Plank sat with him at ringside at the Floyd Mayweather-Manny Pacquaio fight May 2 in Las Vegas, where Brady flew by private jet after attending the Kentucky Derby. Less than six weeks later, Plank said at an appearance in Boston, "Tom has our undying support."

On Memorial Day, fans held a "Free Tom Brady" rally in a parking lot outside Gillette Stadium.

Backers of other NFL teams may not be as supportive.

"People would like to know: yes or no," said Marc Ganis, president of sports business consulting firm SportsCorp. "If it's no, then clear the guy. And if it's yes, then nail him."

The 243-page Wells report issued May 6 said Brady "was at least generally aware" of plans to prepare balls below the NFL-mandated minimum of 12.5 pounds per square inch. Wells defended that in a conference call a few days later.

But in a 16-page report this month, the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank in Washington, said, "The Wells report conclusions are likely incorrect."

Goodell will reach his own conclusions.

"If you're not from the area, the Patriots are an amazingly easy team to hate," said Adam Brasel, an associate professor of marketing at Boston College. "The actual severity of the punishment is not going to change people's perceptions. They've already made up their minds."

The hyper-competitive Brady could challenge Goodell's ruling in court.

"If there was some clear exculpatory evidence, Brady's reputation gets even more enhanced," said Ganis, who grew up a Jets fan and is based in Chicago. "He will have taken these terrible accusations and didn't do what most people do, which is find the easiest, most convenient way out with the least amount of disruption to their lives."

That may not sway critics who feel Brady, MVP in three Super Bowls and two regular seasons, and the Patriots can't be so successful without cheating.

Did he ask team employees to deflate footballs in other games or know they did that?

"As a human, you care about what people think. I think also as a public figure you learn not everyone is going to like you," Brady said at Salem State University the day after the Wells report was issued. "There are a lot of people who don't like Tom Brady, and I am OK with that."

The constant media/social media drumbeat keeps the debate about Brady's culpability alive.

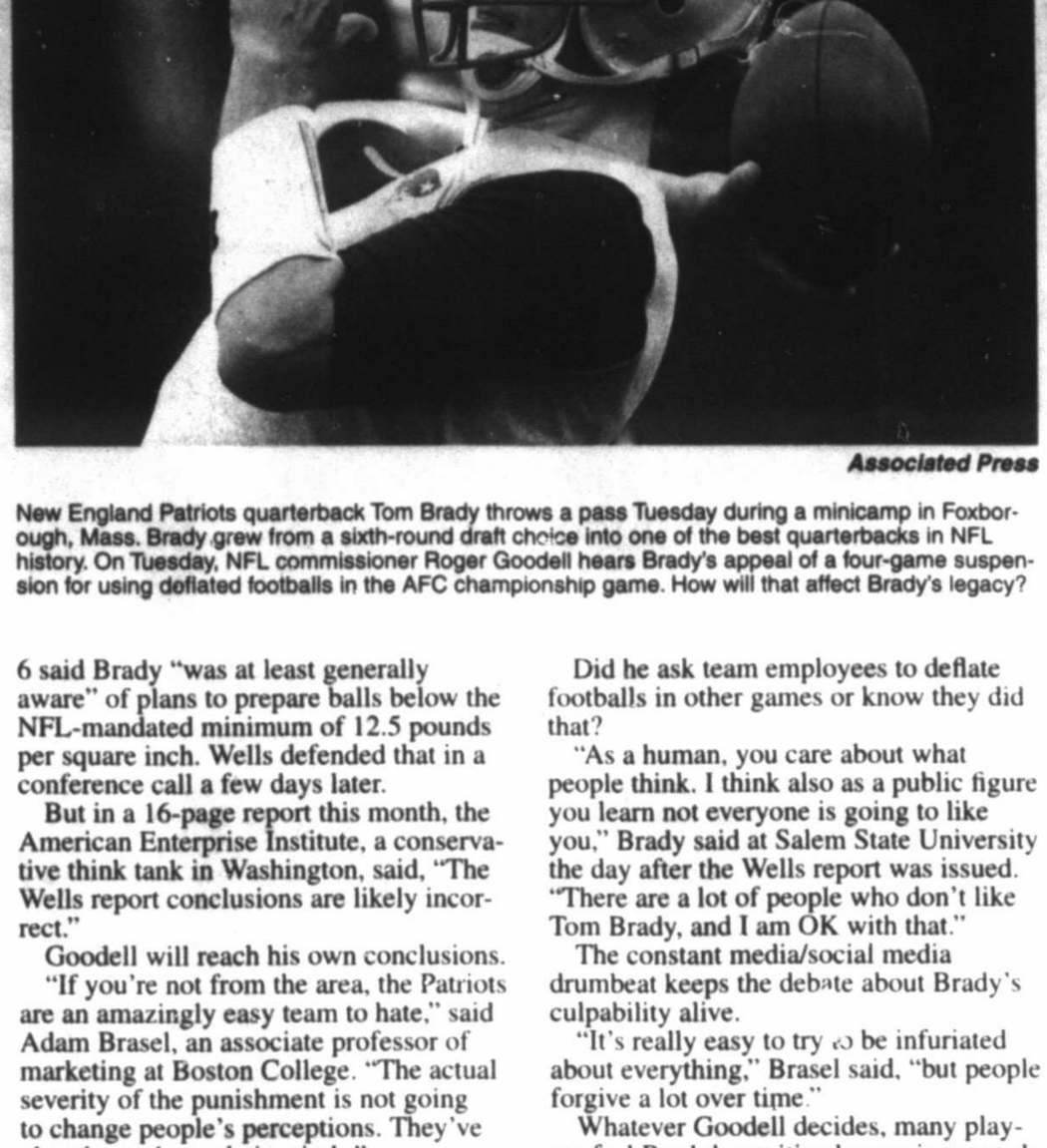
"It's really easy to try to be infuriated about everything," Brasel said, "but people forgive a lot over time."

Whatever Goodell decides, many players feel Brady's positive legacy is assured:

■ "The guy's a winner," said Baltimore linebacker Terrell Suggs, who once said he didn't like Brady and Brady didn't like him. "I don't think it really tarnishes it."

■ "I don't think four games will do anything to tarnish four Super Bowl rings," said Saints cornerback Brandon Browner, Brady's teammate last season.

■ "That's not the talk in the locker room," Cincinnati tackle and NFLPA President Eric Winston said of the feeling Brady's legacy is stained. "He's always going to be one of the great quarterbacks of all time."



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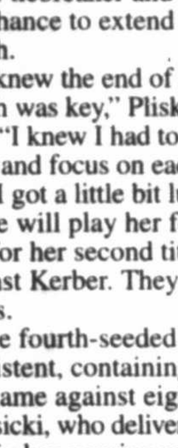
New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady throws a pass Tuesday during a minicamp in Foxborough, Mass. Brady grew from a sixth-round draft choice into one of the best quarterbacks in NFL history. On Tuesday, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell hears Brady's appeal of a four-game suspension for using deflated footballs in the AFC championship game. How will that affect Brady's legacy?

Pliskova, Kerber to meet in AEGON Classic final

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, England — Karolina Pliskova of the Czech Republic reached her first grass-court final when she beat Kristina Mladenovic of France 6-2, 7-6 (6) in the Aegon Classic on Saturday.

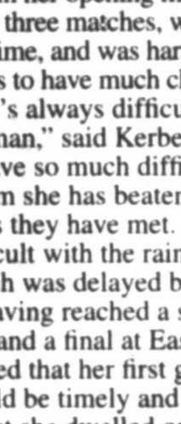
Pliskova's final hurdle will be Angelique Kerber, who won the other semifinal against German compatriot Sabine Lisicki, the former Wimbledon finalist, 6-3, 6-3.



Pliskova

The sixth-seeded Pliskova and unseeded Mladenovic were interrupted three times by downpours, and after two of them Pliskova immediately broke serve.

Mladenovic, who knocked out three seeds, missed three set points in tie tiebreaker and lost her chance to extend the match.



Kerber

"I knew the end of that match was key," Pliskova said. "I knew I had to stay calm and focus on each point at a time. And I got a little bit lucky."

She will play her fourth final this year, and for her second title of the season against Kerber. They are 2-2 on head-to-heads.

The fourth-seeded Kerber produced a consistent, containing, and counterattacking game against eighth-seeded Lisicki.

Lisicki, who delivered a record with 27 aces in her opening match, and who totaled 45 in three matches, was allowed only three this time, and was harassed into too many errors to have much chance of success.

"It's always difficult to play another German," said Kerber, who does not seem to have so much difficulty with Lisicki, whom she has beaten on all five occasions they have met. "It was even more difficult with the rainy weather." Their match was delayed by an hour.

Having reached a semifinal at Wimbledon and a final at Eastbourne, Kerber agreed that her first grass-court title would be timely and nice.

But she dwelled on that possibility only briefly, preferring to point out that last time they played, she lost to Pliskova, albeit on clay. Another defeat would see her lose her No. 10 ranking to Pliskova.

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To fax your information, send to 570-7650.

Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 599-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-8080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com, facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Private lessons
For more info: Call Mike Mungia 432-230-8477 or email mmungia@midlandchristianschool.org

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzanteddie@yahoo.com

1st Hub Fire Cracker Blowout
For: 3rd through 8th grade boys and girls with $500 purse, but JV and varsity divisions with medals only
When: July 3-4
Where: Premier Sportsplex, Lubbock
Entry fee: $225
For more info: Contact Mo Ontiveros at 806-239-4097 or email at morolfo7@gmail.com

Tall City Classic Basketball Tournament
For: Boys and girls 3rd through 8th grades, JV, varsity players. Also will have a mom's open division
When: June 19-20
Where: Midland Christian's McGraw Events Center
Cost: $150 for men's division, $125 if registered by June 15. In youth division, $150 per team, $125 per team for groups bringing two teams, $100 per team for groups bringing three or more teams. Three-game guarantee.
For mor info: Please contact Coach Davis at 432-349-8002 or Coach Sam at 432-634-3631

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 684-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesday
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Midland College 2015 Girls Basketball Camps
Session I: Beginners Fundamental Camp for grades K-4th, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., July 13-16. Session II: Fundamental and Competition Camp for grades 5th-10th, 1-5 p.m. July 13-16
Where: Midland College Physical Education Gymnasium
Cost: $60 for Session I/$100 for Session II, includes camp T-shirt
To reserve you spot or for more info: Call MC women's basketball coach Ron Jones at 432-685-4581 or email rjones@midland1@edu

UTPB Falcon Football Camps
Falcon Youth Camp for ages 7-12
When: June 22-24, 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m.. Check in: June 22, 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Where: UTPB Gym/Football practice fields
Cost: $100 and registration includes insurance, souvenir t-shirt, Gatorade and camp photo.
For more information and to register: Please visit abcsportscamps.com/utpb or call the UTPB football offices at 432-552-268.

Falcog Skills Camp
When: June 22-24, 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Check in: June 22, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
Where: UTPB Gym/Football practice fields
Cost: $100 and registration includes insurance, souvenir t-shirt, Gatorade and camp photo.
For more information or to register: Please visit abcsportscamps.com/utpb or call the UTPB football offices at 432-552-268.

West Texas Lacrosse Clinics
When: Every Saturday between June 20-August 22 with the exception of July 4. Boys aged 8-13: 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Boys 14 and up: 10:30 a.m.-noon.
Where: Hogan Park South
Cost: $10 per clinic
For more information: Visit our website www.westtexaslacrosse.org, e-mail info@westtexaslacrosse.org or follow us on Twitter @WestTexLacrosse.

Athletes Edge Strength and Agility training
When/where: June 8-July 16 (Monday through Thursday), 8 a.m.-9:45 a.m. (for boys entering grades 9-12); 9:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (for girls entering 9-12), 9:45-11:30 a.m. (for junior high boys entering grades 6-8), MCS Field House
Cost: $150 per session
For more info: email Greg McClendon at mcmclendon@midlandchristianschool.org or go to www.midlandchristianschool.org/Athletics/Summer Camps

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon lanier for clinics and lessons at jlanier@midlandchristianschool.org

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Beak Park Ranch House, 5200 W Wall Street, Midland
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-9633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2395

Golf

***7th Annual Midland Christian School Golf Tournament**
Four-person scramble
When/where: Tuesday, July 21, Ranchland Hills Golf Club
Cost: $900 per team
For more info: Contact Jeff Leary at jeffmail@icloud.com

52nd Annual Midland Women's City Golf Tournament
When/where: July 13 at Green Tree Country Club (qualifying), July 14 at Hogan Park Golf Course (first round), July 15 at Ranchland Hills Golf Club (semifinals), July 16 at Midland Country Club (finals)
Who's eligible: Midland County resident for at least 30 days
Entry fee: $30
Deadline: July 8
Entry forms available: At all Midland golf courses
Entry forms can be mailed in: Melissa Peterson, 5724 Hillcrest Place, Midland, Texas 79707. Please make check payable to MWCGT.

Lacrosse

Summer 2015 Lacrosse - Learn-2-Play Clinics
When: Every Saturday from June 20-Aug. 22 (not July 4), 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. (boys ages 8-13), 10:30 a.m.-noon (boys ages 14 and up)
Where: Hogan Park South (across from Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave.)
Cost: $10 per clinic
For more information: Go to Facebook page, Twitter @WestTexLacrosse, go to website at www.westtexaslacrosse.org or email info@westtexaslacrosse.org

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
Ages: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5009 ojimenez3@att.net

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Motosports

West Texas BMX Race for Life & State Qualifier Event
When: July 17-19
Where: 2101 East Cuthbert
Entry fees: $10 (Race for Life-Leukemia Fund Raser at 7:30 p.m. July 17), $20 (Earned Double Points at 7:30 p.m. July 18), $25 (State Race Double Points at noon July 19)
For more info: Contact Travis Bingham at 432-816-1727, email at trvsbingham@yahoo.com, or go on Facebook West Texas BMX

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Redneck Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 81st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Washburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership, $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0999

Coolest 5K in Texas
What: There will be both a 5k and 1k fun run/walk and there will be $100 prizes for 1st overall male and female. T-shirts will be given to all entrants
When: 8:30 a.m., July 5, Jeff Davis County Park, Fort Davis
Entry fee: $15 for 5k and 1k
For more info or to register: Got to permianbasinevents.com, download entry at www.bridavis.com, email seastelling6427@gmail.com, or call 325-207-6427.

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m.and are no cost to the shooter). Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park located at corner of Glat and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Midland United Girls Softball Registration
What: Online registration is now open and registration will only be available online
Fees: T-ball ($75), 8U-18U ($100), late fee $25
For ages: A girl must be 4 by Jan. 1, 2015 to play T-ball. The same date will used to place child in each division. A parent may have opportunity to bump their child up one division.
To register: go to Midlandfastpitch.com or registration will also be available at Midland Park Mall on March 7 and March 14 from 1-5 p.m.

Concho Valley Summer Blast
For: Divisions 12-under, 14-under, 18-under
When: July 11-12
Where: Central High School softball field, Rio Concho Complex, San Angelo
Entry fee: $250 per team (three pool games, top two teams per pool go to single elimination bracket)
Deadline: July 7
To enter call: Chris Cardenas at 325-374-2910

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area
For more info: Call 432-210-0611 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8), Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and or call 520-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midlanor College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennis-club@aol.com

Midland Women's Tennis Association
For more info: 559-7208

MTC Tournaments
What: Singles, doubles, mixed
When: May 9, June 6, July 18, July 25, Sept. 12, Oct. 24, Oct. 31, Nov 1
To enter: Call 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

Track & Field

Midland Crusaders Track Club Summer Track & Field
For: Boys and girls age 7-18
When: 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays May 21-Aug. 2
Where: Lee High Track, 3500 Neely, Ave.
For more info: Call Tony Goyang 432-694-2424 or 349-1125

Ultimate Frisbee

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midlandultimatefrisbee.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-288-3139

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: Fun Walks, 10K, 3rd Saturday morning of the month; Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 5 p.m.
Where: Fun Walks, vary; meetings in Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose 687-2588 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.org

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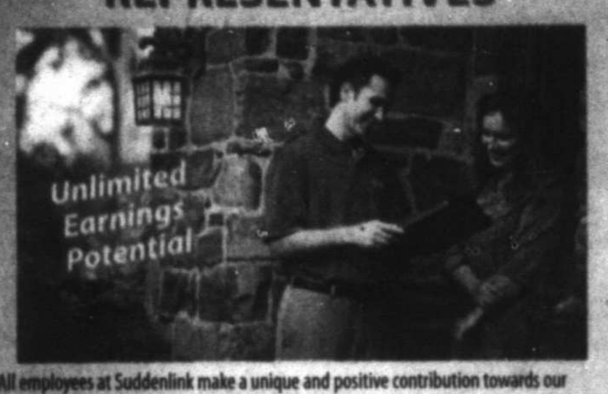
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The City of Big Lake, Texas, is a growing, spirited community with an estimated population of 5,000, located in the epicenter of the Permian Basin. The city has experienced unprecedented growth due to increase in oil exploration/production, and recent annexation.

The City Administrator is responsible for leading overall operations and management of City affairs. The ideal candidate will have excellent leadership, communication, and decision making skills, and be a person of superior integrity and unquestionable ethics. The most competitive candidates will have broad experience in all areas of city management including public works, economic development, finance, budgeting, personnel, community relations and the ability to work effectively in a team environment.

Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration, or related field, with minimum of 5 years of government management experience; or, a minimum of 7 years of government management experience required.

Compensation is dependent upon experience and is negotiable. Benefits are Health/Dental and Vision Insurance for employee fully paid by the city, TMRS retirement 7% with a 2 to 1 match, and Life Insurance.

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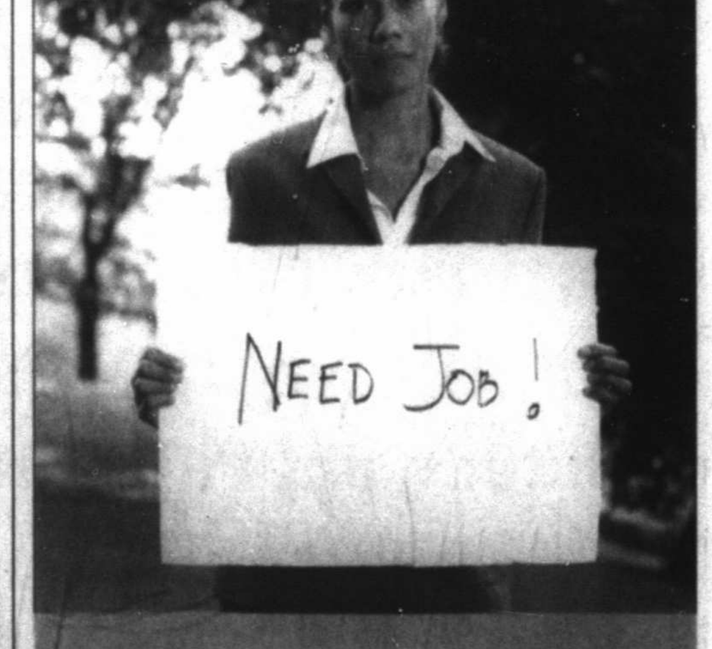
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BEST FOR WOMEN

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
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Some of the best jobs for women in 2015 are in fields where they are still underrepresented. Three so-called STEM professions (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) made this year's list compiled by the job portal CareerCast, including biomedical engineer, statistician and actuary.

"Though STEM fields are notorious for lacking gender diversity, some of the best jobs for women are bucking the trends," says CareerCast publisher Tony Lee.

More traditional jobs for women also made the list. These include professions women have long dominated including dental hygienist, event planner, occupational therapist and public relations manager. Interestingly, the median annual earnings for some of these jobs are comparable to median incomes in male-dominated professions. For example, occupational therapists typically earn around $75,000, and statisticians make about the same.

Jobs rankings were ranked based on projected growth, salaries and other factors, including active recruitment of women and competitive pay regardless of gender.

Dental hygienist and occupational therapist are two of the highest projected growth fields in healthcare, with women making up most of the workforce in both professions.

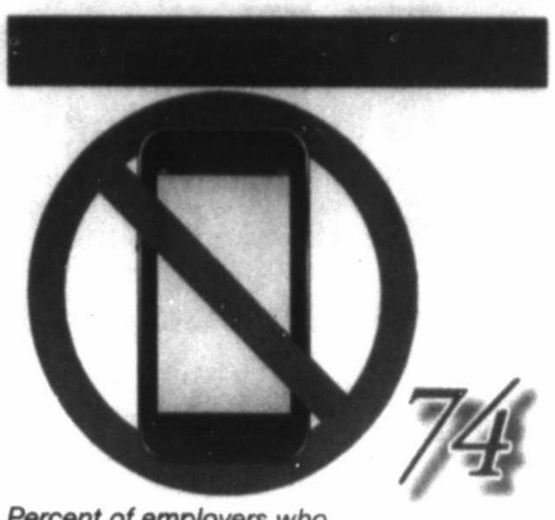
In the burgeoning field of biomedical engineering, women are having a larger impact than in other STEM fields, partly because they now make up 39 percent of biomedical engineering graduates. Similarly, 40 percent of all enrolled students in statistician programs were women last year.

Rounding out the list of best jobs for women are advertising and promotions manager, education administrator, human resources manager and market research analyst.

The outlook seems good not only for women pursuing professions in which they are underrepresented but also for those aspiring to executive-level positions overwhelmingly held by men. "Many companies actively recruit women to reach a gender balance in their workforce and to help fill positions that are hard to fill," including prestigious C-level positions, Lee says. "There are hundreds of examples of companies that strive to attract more women employees, including most Fortune 500 companies."

Perhaps they'll redouble their efforts now that women's leadership skills are being praised in high places. The investor known as Mr. Wonderful on ABC's hit TV show "Shark Tank" told an Entrepreneur magazine contributor in February that women make better CEOs than men. And a 2014 analysis from Fortune showed that Fortune 1000 companies with female CEOs record better stock market returns than those with male CEOs. Still, a scant 51 of the Fortune 1000 companies are run by women.

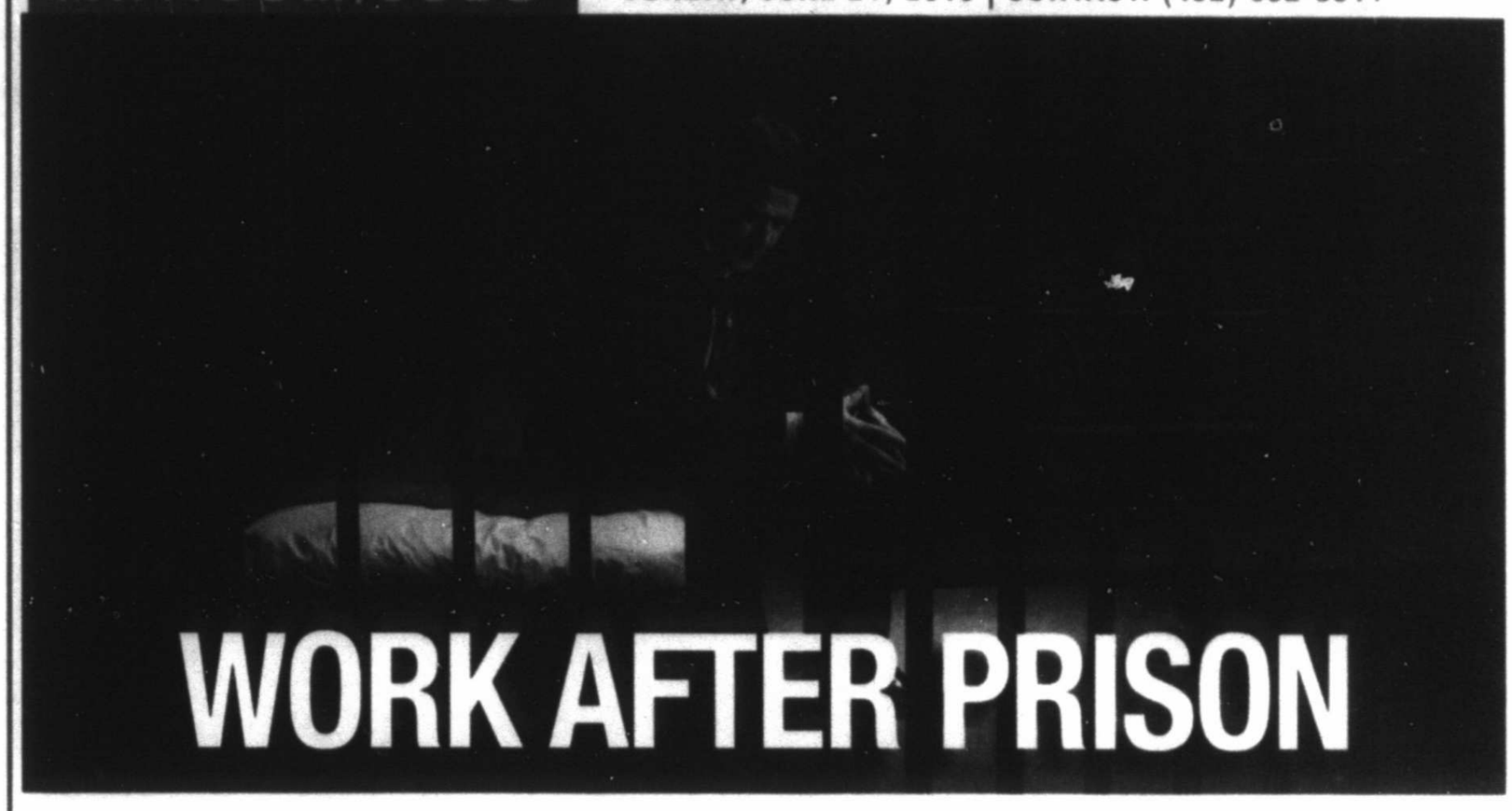
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WORK AFTER PRISON

HOW EMPLOYERS AND PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS APPROACH THE ISSUE MORE SUCCESSFULLY

By CHRIS GELBACH
CTW Features

The U.S. is the world's leader in incarcerating its own citizens. According to the criminal justice reform nonprofit The Sentencing Project, between 70 and 100 million Americans have some type of criminal record. They often also face profound barriers to employment long after they've done their time.

In evaluating job candidates, nearly seven in 10 organizations conduct background checks on all candidates, according to a 2012 survey by the Society for Human Resources management. While employers are often spurred to do this by liability concerns, these concerns are often valid mainly for safety-sensitive jobs that legally require a background check.

"Most jobs do not fall into those categories," says Michelle Natividad Rodriguez, senior staff attorney for the National Employment Law Project. "I think there's a misunderstanding that you are going to be held to this higher standard that's for safety-sensitive positions, and that's just not the case."

Likewise, concerns about the potential for crime at work are also often overblown. "The fact is that very few people are committing any kind of offenses on the job," Rodriguez says. "Most offenses are committed outside of work. It's not even happening in the workplace."

Instead of discounting workers with a record, employers would be better served looking at their qualifications, the job-relatedness of the offense and when the offense was committed. One 2006 study found that once individuals reach six or seven years after release, the risk for recidivism among those with criminal records is only marginally higher than that of those who had never offended.

What is very real, and well-established, is the positive societal impact of employment for the re-entry population. One 2008 study by the Safer Foundation found that formerly incarcerated people with a year of employment had a 16 percent recidivism rate over three years as compared to a 52.3 percent recidivism rate for all those released.

While some companies worry about the brand impact of hiring someone of this background, other companies deliberately embrace the practice. "Johns Hopkins is a great example of this," says Phoebe Potter, program director at The Council of State Governments Justice Center. "They say, 'We're really going to invest in our community here in Boston and proactively hire people with criminal records.' And they actually have data that those people tend to stay longer and have fewer incidents in the workplace than the general population."

Recognizing the positive social impact of a re-entry population that's active in the workforce, 17 states and more than 100 cities and counties have instituted "ban the box" provisions for public employees. These forbid employers from including a box asking about conviction history on the job application, and also delay background checks until after the individual has been determined to be qualified for the job.

"It gives people an opportunity to get their foot in the door," Potter says. "Even though that record can be looked at later in the hiring process, they are having the opportunity to demonstrate to employers that they are good employees."

Banning the box can also prevent disqualification of individuals whose background checks contain errors, a problem that's surprisingly common. One NELP report found that even FBI records are inaccurate 50 percent of the time, often failing to report information on the outcome of arrests that is beneficial to workers.

Because these inaccuracies are so rampant, Potter recommends that anyone coming out of prison seek out legal counsel to check the accuracy of their record. Many communities have free legal clinics that can help people pull their record, see if there's an opportunity to seal or expunge it, and to get it fixed if it's inaccurate. "The last thing that people want to do coming out of prison or jail is to talk to a lawyer, but it can be really helpful when they start to look for a job," Potter says.

Potter also recommends that people think about employment more broadly by considering transitional jobs or job training programs designed for the re-entry population to gain some job experience. Re-entry service providers can also help steer people toward employers known for hiring people with criminal records. They can additionally offer guidance on interviewing and on how to talk about programs like federal bonding or the Work Opportunity Tax Credit that may be useful in convincing employers to hire them.

As society acknowledges the need for criminal justice reform, a growing number of private employers – including Walmart, Target, Home Depot, Koch Industries and Bed Bath & Beyond – have started to ban the box in their hiring practices. Rodriguez recommends that companies go further by formally spelling out their policies to aid hiring managers in making decisions on the issue. The 2012 EEOC guidelines on the issue can provide a good starting point in crafting these policies.

"But fundamentally, it's about changing people's hearts and minds," Rodriguez says. "We've got a long way to go as a country."

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JOB ADVICE

THE DAD'S GUIDE TO WORK/LIFE BALANCE

Memo to working dads: Make lunches and organize carpools, but don't make a big deal about it.



Research published in the journal Academy of Management Perspectives finds that when fathers spend more time with their children during a typical workday, they are more satisfied with their job, are less likely to quit and experience less work-life conflict.

But research author, Jamie Ladge of Northeastern University underscores that fathers benefit from support on their parenting from managers and work colleagues only when they keep their workday involvement to a certain minimum.

Studying 970 fathers at four Fortune 500 companies, researchers found that when fathers made a pronounced parenting commitment, they had lower "career identity," meaning they viewed their working role as less important than other identities, like being a father.

"Being involved a little bit is great, but when it's taken too far, there is a penalty for men," observes Ladge.

Although the study didn't specifically measure the impact of fathers taking a paternity leave, Ladge thinks that a long leave is an example of how too much involvement can penalize men's career identity.

In her blog for Psychology Today magazine, Ladge relates a conversation she overheard in a carpool line by two fathers. The men – who were picking up children at 4 p.m. – were complaining about how some of their colleagues took lengthy paternity leaves. "At the same time they enact involved fathering, they are espousing an 'organization man' mentality whereby parent and other life roles should not interfere with work," she writes.

Similarly, research published in the journal Organization Science studied 115 professionals in the U.S. offices of a global consulting firm and found that men who don't make obvious work sacrifices, but find creative ways to fulfill parenting responsibilities, receive performance reviews and promotions on a par with colleagues who consistently log the long hours expected of the young professionals at the firm.

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Co-Executors of the Estate of Joe Bill Dickey, Deceased, No. P18313 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas.

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c/o: **Katherine Joy Harrison**
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DATED the 16th day of June, 2015

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."

To: THE HEIRS AT LAW OF MANDY M. GARZA, DECEASED

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 238th Judicial District Court of Midland County, Texas in the Courthouse in the City of Midland, Texas at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. Monday, the 29th Day June, 2015, being the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after this citation is issued, and you are hereby required then and there to appear and file written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition. filed in said Court on the 13th day of March, 2015, in suit numbered CV51116 in the docket of said court, wherein U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, Plaintiff(s) sued Mandy M. Garza and Rolando Garza and The Heirs at Law of Mandy M. Garza, Deceased, Defendant(s). The Petition seeks to foreclose the lien on the property and assert superior title to the property located at 6203 South Country Road 1185, Midland, Texas 79706 and legally described as: BEING A 1.62.44 ACRE TRACT OF LAND (MORE OR LESS) BEING DESCRIBED IN TWO DEEDS: TRACT ONE: BEING A 1.5654 ACRE TRACT IN VOLUME 1126, PAGE 204, AND A 0.0590 ACRE TRACT IN VOLUME 1155, PAGE 388, DEED RECORDS OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, ALL OUT OF SECTION 26, BLOCK 39, T-2-S, T&P RR COMPANY SURVEY, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS TO-WIT: THE 1.5654 ACRE TRACT IN VOLUME 1126, PAGE 204, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS IN EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED THERETO.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at Midland, Texas this 13th day of May, 2015.

Issued at the request of: Keith A. Taylor
State Bar Number: 24088511
Address: 13105 Northwest Freeway, Suite 1200, Houston, Texas 77040

ROSS BUSH
DISTRICT CLERK
MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS
By: BRANDIE D. CISNEROS, Deputy

Legal & Public Notices

City of Midland Consolidated Plan for Community Development and Housing Funds

The City of Midland has prepared a draft Consolidated Plan which establishes Midland's long range strategy for investment of its U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) resources linked to activities directed at community development, housing and homeless needs. The Plan covers the five years from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2020. It also co-fairns the Action Plan for the first year. October 2015 to September 2016

The Plan may be examined at the following locations from June 22 to July 21, 2015 (a 30-day public review period) or on the City Website (www.midlandtexas.gov).

City Secretary's Office 300 N Loraine, Room 340, City Hall	Casa de Amigos 1101 E Garden Lane
Midland County Branch Library 2503 W Loop 250 N	SE Community Senior Center 1803 E Indiana
Midland Senior Center 3303 W Illinois Space #18	Midland County Housing Authority 1710 Edwards
City Housing Authority 700 W Scharbauer Drive	Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2300 Buttermut
Midland County Public Library 301 W Missouri	

In summary, the Consolidated Plan includes relative priorities and measurable objectives for its housing, homeless and non-housing community development needs. High priority housing needs are affordable homeowner housing, affordable rental housing and homeowner housing improvements. Priority community development needs are street improvements, public facilities, and public services. Supporting homeless services is also a priority. The Plan consists of a needs assessment, a housing market analysis, the strategy plan and the first year annual action plan. Lead-based paint concerns, barriers to affordable housing, the citizen participation process and an anti-poverty strategy are also discussed.

The Action Plan identifies the HUD resources that will be used in 2015-2016 to address the priority housing, homeless and community development needs. The sole funding source is the City's 2015/16 CDBG entitlement allocation of $656,282

The City also expects to receive $106,800 in program income. Specific projects to be undertaken with the total $763,082 CDBG funds are

Housing Needs	Amount
Owner Housing Minor Repairs Program	$ 50,000
Homebuyer Assistance Program	$100,000
Affordable Housing Development Program	$450,000
Community Development Needs	
SE Senior Nutrition Program	$ 66,500
Home Cleaning Program	$ 32,500
Take Home Terrific Program	$ 15,000
Contingency	$ 49,082
Total	$763,082

The Action Plan provides information on the locations of the proposed activities. The City anticipates that 100% of funds will benefit low and moderate income persons. The Plan includes required certifications and supporting documents in an Appendix. The agency responsible for development of the Plan is the Community Development Division of the City's Development Services Department.

Please direct any written comments to the City's Community Development Division, PO Box 1152, Midland, Texas, 79702, by July 21, 2015. The Midland City Council will consider approval of the plan during the regular Council meeting on July 28, 2015. The Plan will be the forwarded to HUD by August 14, 2015.

For more information, call the City's Community Development Office at 685-7408 or 685-7472.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM E. RICKEY, DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of June, 2015, **Letters Testamentary** were issued to Daisy W. Rickey as Independent Executrix in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled **"In the Matter of the Estate of William E. Rickey, Deceased,"** being No. P-18332 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Daisy W. Rickey, 817 West Golf Course Road, Midland, Texas 79701, within the time prescribed by law.

DATED this 18th day of June, 2015.

Daisy W. Rickey,
Independent Executrix of the
Estate of William E. Rickey, Deceased

NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GREG MAUZY, DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of June, 2015, Letters Testamentary were issued to Joan Michelle Mauzy as Independent Executrix in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Greg Mauzy, Deceased," being No. P-18334 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Joan Michelle Mauzy, P. O. Box 891, Midland, Texas 79702, within the time prescribed by law.

DATED this 16th day of June, 2015.

Joan Michelle Mauzy,
Independent Executrix of the
Estate of Greg Mauzy, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Robert Paul Macina, Deceased, were issued on June 16, 2015, in Cause No. P18317, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Katherine Joy Harrison.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Katherine Joy Harrison**
5605 Hillcrest
Midland, Texas 79705

DATED the 16th day of June, 2015

Austin L. Ramsey
Attorney for Katherine Joy Harrison
State Bar No.: 24073484
300 North Marienfeld, Suite 700
Midland, TX 79701
Telephone: (432) 683-3351
Facsimile: (432) 683-2587
E-mail: aramsey@lcalawfirm.com

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting proposals for **Human Resources - Expansion and Renovation** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Bidders may secure bid documents from McGraw-Hill Construction/DODGE Reports (Kim.McCallon@mhfi.com) and AGC Plan Room at 4500 W. Illinois, Suite 201 Midland, Texas 79703. Please contact 806-473-3646 or KBiggs@team-psc.com for more information. Bid documents are available on or after **Monday, June 22, 2015.**

Pre-Bid conferences will be held Tuesday, June 30, 2015 and Wednesday July 1, 2015 at 1 p.m., in the Human Resources Department of Midland Memorial Hospital, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas. A tour of the proposed construction area will follow this conference. All interested Sub-Contractors are encouraged to attend.

A Bid Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) will be required for all bids. A Performance Bond and Payment Bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price will be required by the Owner.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a general contract with the Midland County Hospital District.

Three (3) hard sealed copies and **One (1) electronic copy** of all bids must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital - Main Campus, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas, 79701 by **2:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 7, 2015.**
Send the electronic (PDF) copy of your submission to: rhanna@midland-memorial.com. To protect your privacy, you may elect to password protect your electronic submission with the password provided after the submission deadline.
Under no circumstances will bids received beyond 2:00 p.m., Tuesday July 7, 2015 be accepted.

All bids must be sealed and labeled **"BID # 1168-062215 Enclosed."**
All bids must be price protected until **November 6, 2015.**

All bids will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the bids in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Pkwy
Midland, Texas 79701

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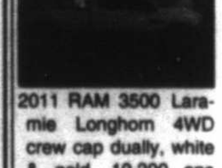
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit

Draft Permit No.: O2502

Application and Draft Permit. DCP Midstream, LP, 10 Desta Drive Suite 400W, Midland, Texas 79705-4515, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a significant revision of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. O2502, Application No. 22475, to authorize operation of the North Booster Station, a Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas facility. The driving directions to the area addressed by the application is as follows: From the intersection of Interstate 20 and State Road 349, located on the south side of Midland Texas, drive 9 miles south west on Interstate 20 to "South" Farm-to-Market Road 1788, turn south and drive 8.3 miles on "South" Farm-to-Market Road 1788 to Dora Roberts Road, turn west and drive 4.8 miles on Dora Roberts Road to a road on the left, turn south and drive 0.4 mile to the station on the right, in Midland, Midland County, Texas 79702.. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to the application. You can find an electronic map of the facility at: http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=31.78754&lng=-102.24777&zoom=13&type=r This application was received by the TCEQ on February 17, 2015.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas; the TCEQ Midland Regional Office, 9900 West Interstate 20 Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79706-2636; and the Midland Centennial Library, 2503 West Loop 250 North, Midland, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The draft permit and statement of basis are available at the TCEQ Website:

www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/tvnotice

At the TCEQ central and regional offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ central office file room at (512) 239 1540.

Public Comment/Notice and Comment Hearing. Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit.

A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing. The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit does not contain all applicable requirements or the public notice procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time, and location for the hearing.

Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html and be received within 30 days after the date of newspaper publication of this notice. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record.

A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that the EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

Mailing List. In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. These on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.

Information. For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Public Education Program, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or toll free at 1 800 687 4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained for DCP Midstream, LP by calling Mr. Martin W. Smith at (432) 620-5463.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Mid-Tex of Midland, Inc.,
Construction Manager-At-Risk
5206 W. Wadley Ave.
Midland, Texas 79707
(432) 697-2282 ofc (432) 694-9627 fax

Mid-Tex of Midland, Inc. is requesting subcontractor and supplier proposals for the REBID of the Construction of Teacher Housing for Pecos Barstow Toyah Independent School District in Pecos, Texas. We are requesting proposals for the following scopes of work: Sitework, fencing, landscape, irrigation, site utilities, concrete, masonry, structural steel, wood frame, wood trusses, residential casework, granite countertops, doors, frames, windows, EIFS, drywall, floor covering, paint, miscellaneous specialties, residential appliance, window coverings, mechanical, electrical and plumbing. Proposals will be received in our Midland office up to and no later than Thursday; July 9, 2015 at 2:00 PM. Bid documents are available for download by contacting Leslie Ramirez at leslie@midtexofmidland.com.

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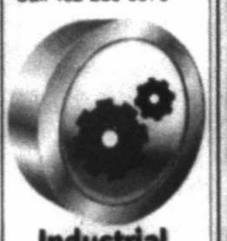
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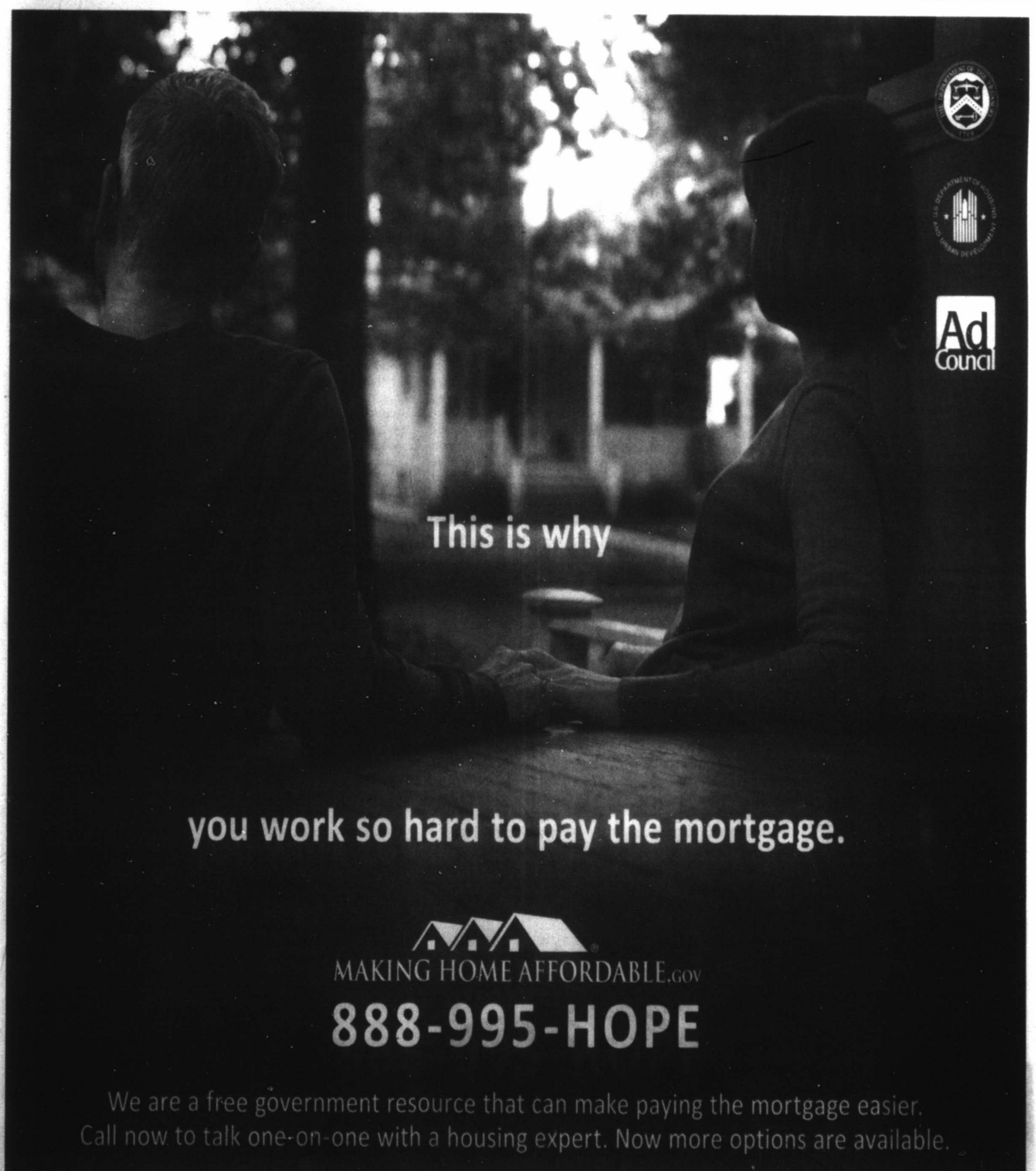
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In an effort to control losses from illegal flipping, the Department of Housing and Urban Development moved in 2003 to limit such transactions with what is now generally known as the "HUD rule." In essence, the rule said that FHA mortgages could not be used to finance a real estate sale where the property had been re-sold during the past 90 days. Many lenders and investors in the private sector adopted the same rule.

Unfortunately, the 2003 rule was too broad. As a result HUD carved out exceptions for such things as real estate inheritances, foreclosures and markets where a presidential disaster area had been declared. However, the rule hit legitimate flippers, including rehabbers with the ability to quickly buy and refurbish homes.

In 2010 – and with a need to re-start the housing sector – HUD waived its anti-flipping rule, meaning FHA financing was available to buyers of flipped homes. This did not mean anyone could get a mortgage or that a mortgage would be automatically granted. Instead, it meant that with an arms-length transaction, an appraisal and a verified and documented loan application a qualified borrower could get FHA financing even if a home had recently been resold.

Apparently the housing sector is now back on its feet. Starting June 15, 2015, HUD again is bringing back the 90-day rule. Unlike the 2003 rule, HUD is including exceptions in the new standard for such situations as properties acquired by inheritance, government sales, sales by nonprofit organizations and properties acquired by a relocation service for resale.

In addition, HUD requires two appraisals for FHA financing if the property is resold between 91 and 180 days and "the resale price is 100-percent or more over the price paid by the seller to acquire the property."

If an exception can be carved out for profit-making relocation services, why not for rehabbers or – indeed – anyone? Unlike 2003, when no-doc loan applications and toxic mortgages were widely marketed, in today's world we have tough new lending and underwriting standards that make it difficult to see why HUD once-again needs the 90-day rule.

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HEALTH-AND-WELLNESS ATTRIBUTES HAVE BECOME SOME OF THE MOST-DESIRED FEATURES FOR AMERICANS TODAY. HERE'S WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

By ERIK J. MARTIN
CTW Features

Americans look for a lot of valued amenities in the neighborhoods they choose to live in, from safe streets to a convenient Starbucks on the corner. But when asked to prioritize the community attributes most important to them when deciding where to live, most people rank healthy and green features over any others, according to a new report.

The Urban Land Institute's "America in 2015" report, published in May 2015, surveyed 1,200 American adults to gauge the desire for and availability of community attributes and livability. According to the survey, Americans' "top" or "high" priorities for community attributes:

- Quality of the environment (air and water) - 87 percent
- Access to fresh/health food - 73 percent
- Green space/access to parks - 55 percent

Other attributes that made the list include family and friends and space between neighbors (53 percent each), walkability and health care (50 percent each), shopping and entertainment (42 percent), and convenient public transit (32 percent).

Timothy Frie, co-owner/real estate associate with Norman & Page, a brokerage in Tampa, Florida, was surprised by the study's findings, particularly the high priority given to healthy and green features.

"I believe people are valuing these factors so highly as a result of the surge of education and media that revolves around health and wellness over the past decade or so," Frie says. "In the previous century, I doubt people were as concerned with the environmental quality of their neighborhood. But now that we know we can positively impact our environment and our food can be healthier, we want to be a part of it."

Diana Pittro, executive vice president with RMK Management Corp. in Chicago, says she was surprised by the number of people who didn't consider access to public transportation a top priority. "Nevertheless, people today are more focused on both their health and the environment, so they seek these attributes because it is indicative of the overall quality of the community" Pittro says.

The report's results reflect a changing society comprised of Americans who want to feel more connected to their environment, neighbors and food, says Denise Pajak, a mortgage banker with Private Bank of Decatur in Decatur, Georgia.

"People today are in tune with core values of what makes a healthy life," Pajak says. "Despite our dependence on technology, we actually want to be around other people in a clean, energetic, beautiful environment. The outdoors are in, and this is reflected in home buying and rental choices," Pajak says.

While it's unlikely that you'll be able to find and enjoy all these features in a single neighborhood, subdivision, or development upon day one of moving in, it is realistic to believe that your chosen community can eventually become the ideal locality you desire, says Judd Bobilin, president/CEO of Chance Partners, an Atlanta-based developer.

"All it takes is some involvement from the neighborhood and patience," adds Bobilin, who cites influences like Small Towns, a nonprofit group fostering stronger communities, and books like "The Great Good Place" as helping to fuel the green community trend.

In addition to desired attributes from the report, Frie recommends also seeking a community that offers:

- Close proximity to police and medical care so that help can arrive quickly in an emergency.
- A homeowner's association, which can better ensure that your neighborhood stays clean, green, healthy and safe by enforcing residential rules.
- Future plans for the area. "Just because a community is great now doesn't mean it's going to be great in five years," Frie says. "A real estate agent should be able to direct you to local resources that publish plans for future developments or changes."

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EMOTION PLAYING A LARGER ROLE IN SELLING A HOME

With multiple bids, today's sellers are considering more than just price before accepting an offer

A real estate transaction is emotional – and not just when you're buying a home.

Despite occurrences of multiple bids, including those over asking price, today's sellers are twice as likely to accept a purchase offer based on emotion – rather than just price – compared to pre-recession years, according to a Coldwell Banker survey of sellers.

The survey of approximately 1,500 sellers examined trends across five periods:

- 2014-2015: Recent Years
- 2010-2013: Initial Recovery
- 2008-2009: Recession
- 2006-2007: Pre-Recession
- 2005 and Earlier

Before the recession, roughly 20 percent of sellers accepted offers based on emotion – not just price. From 2006 to now, that number increased to 36 percent.

"The national housing market has changed significantly over the past decade, and seller sentiments have evolved. Home sellers often want to feel emotionally connected to the buyer," Budge Huskey, president and CEO for Coldwell Banker, said in a statement.

While today's seller's are putting more emotional thought into their offers, they're also doing it on a quicker time frame. According to the survey, more than a quarter (28 percent) of sellers since 2014 have sold their home in less than two weeks, compared to 19 percent of homes in pre-recession years. Among other findings:

- More sellers are receiving multiple offers today (47 percent) than compared to the initial recover years (40 percent).
- Today, more than a quarter (27 percent) are receiving multiple offers, the same level as the pre-recession years.
- During the recession and initial recovery years, nearly 60 percent of sellers took the first offer they received. Today, less than half (46 percent) do.

"While housing has clearly steadied, we have all wondered how the recession might impact home sellers, and we now have additional insight," Huskey added. "During this recovery, sellers are more aware that their home, which played such a critical role in their lives, will have the same emotional impact on the next occupants. Today, they have more information than ever and want to more actively participate in the sale of their home."


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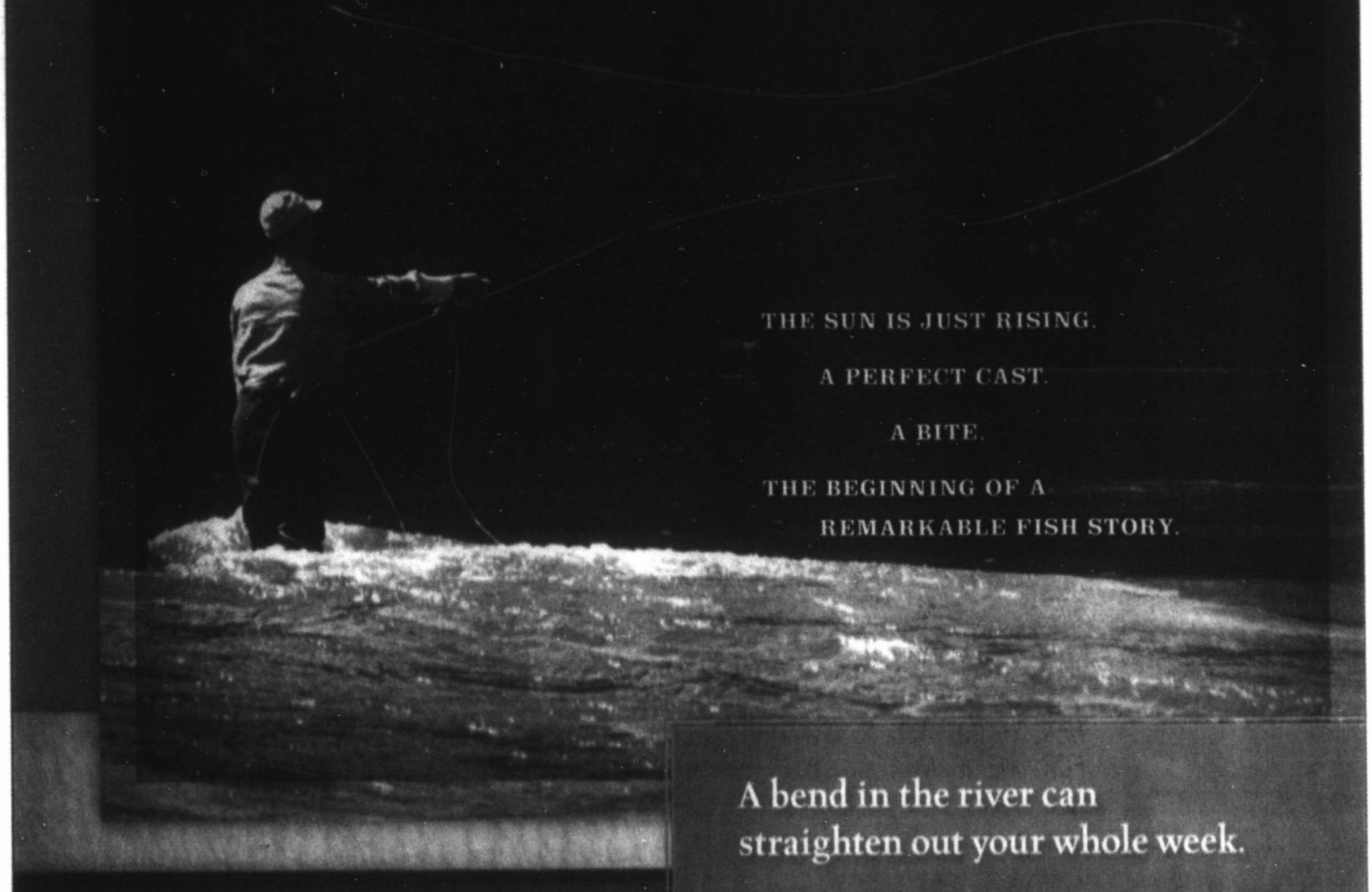


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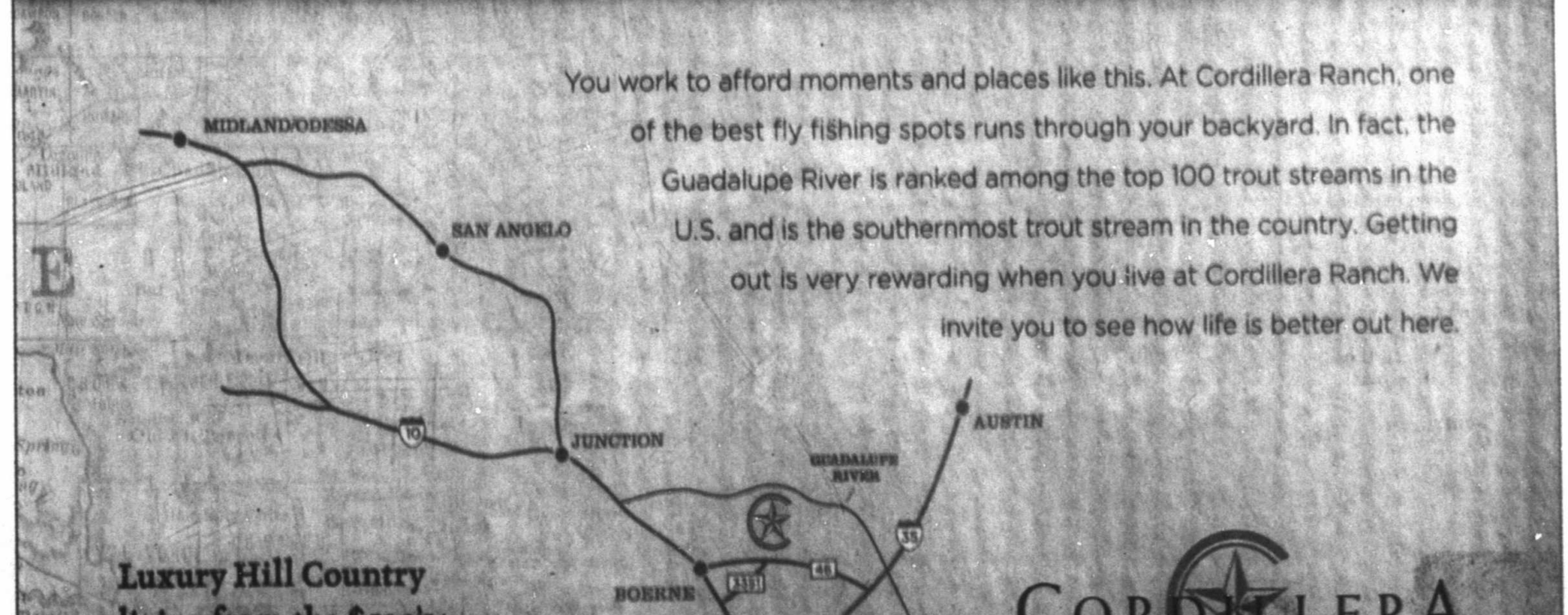
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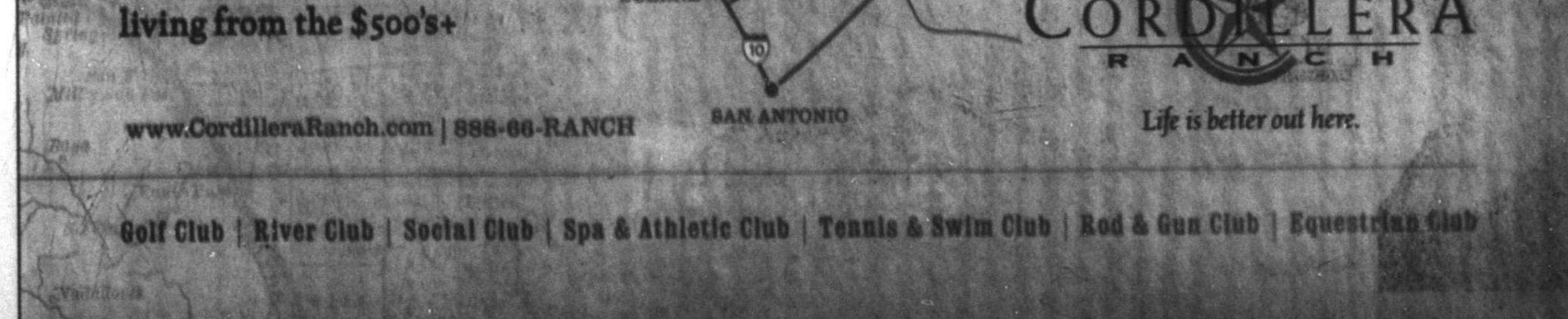


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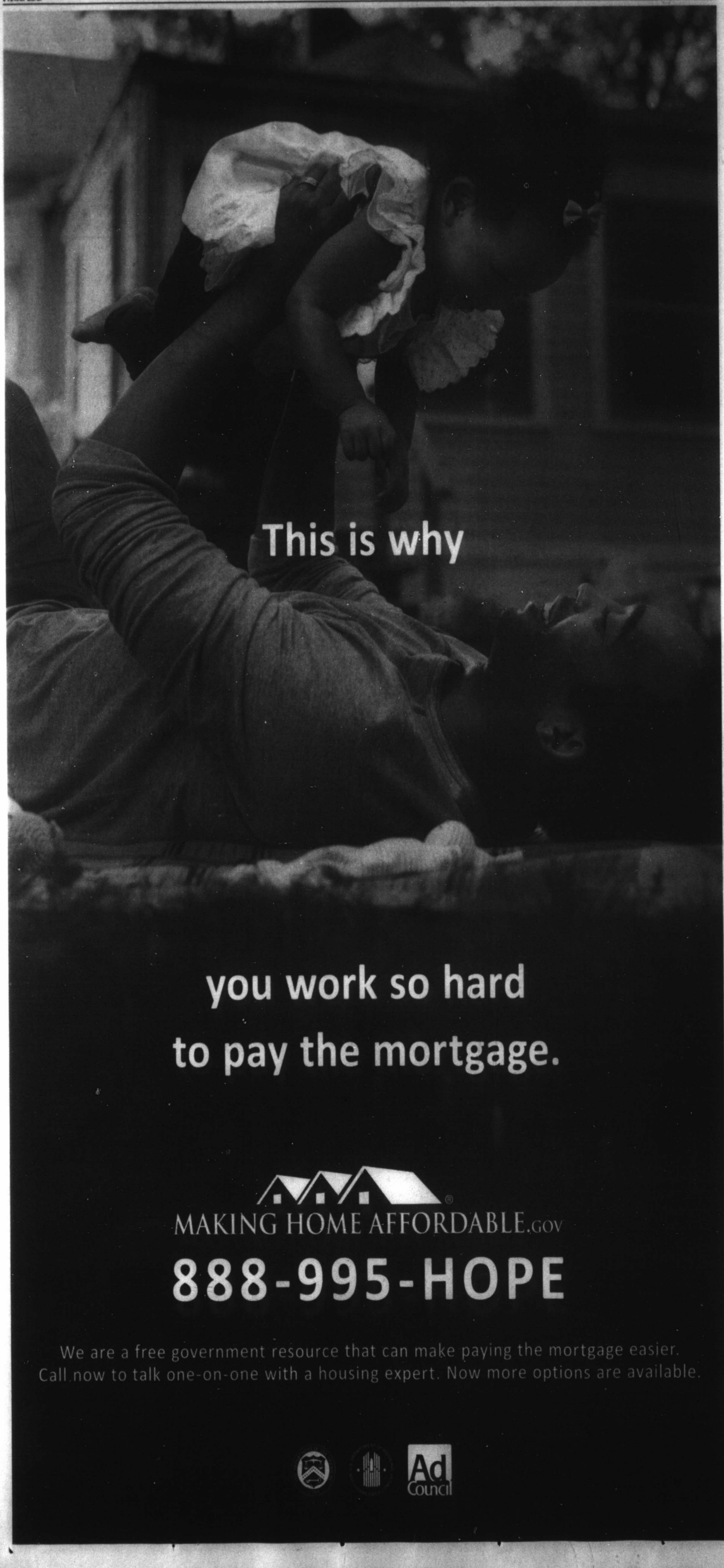
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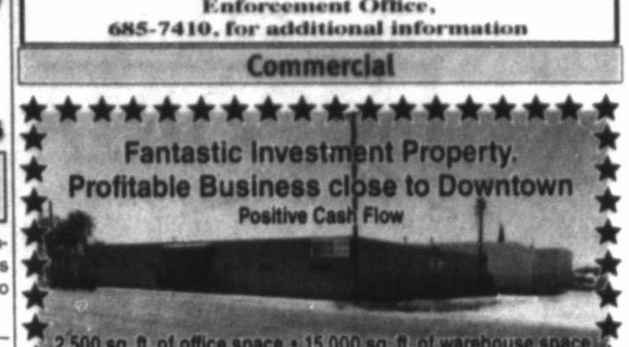
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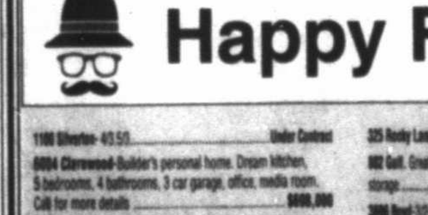
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As a member of the Top 5 in Real Estate Network®, I have had many clients enlist my services after losing valuable time and money attempting to sell their own home. What seems like a relatively easy undertaking at first, can become a time-consuming and overwhelming process. I'd like to share with you some of the most significant snags that often occur when selling one's own home:

1. Ineffective marketing. Most homeowners simply lack the resources necessary to effectively market their own home. Working with a professional real estate agent, such as a member of the Top 5 in Real Estate Network®, however, usually means your home will be marketed to the widest group of potential buyers possible, both through digital and print advertising, virtual tours, and online listing portals.

2. Mispricing your home. In order to sell your home quickly for the best possible price, pricing your home correctly is critical. This very nuanced process of choosing the right listing price, however, is always best left to a real estate professional. Most who sell their own homes price too high, resulting in their home sitting on the market for an extended period of time. And, unfortunately, the longer a home remains on the market, the less desirable it becomes for buyers.

3. Missing documentation. These days, a real estate transaction requires more documentation than ever before. It's virtually impossible for the average homeowner to be aware of all the forms necessary to complete a real estate deal, and missing paperwork will bring any transaction to a grinding halt.

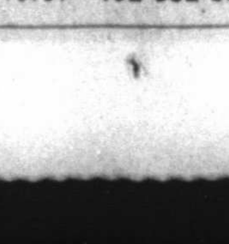
4. Overlooking legalities. The risk of overlooking important legalities, such as disclosure and compliance regulations that vary from state to state, is high for most homeowners. The average person is, understandably, not well versed in the many laws that govern the sale and purchase of a property.

5. Dealing with unqualified buyers. If you accept an offer from an unqualified buyer, you can delay the sale of your home indefinitely. A professional real estate agent will take the necessary steps to work with a lender to ensure a buyer is qualified before accepting their offer.

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2109 Deerene Ln.-Spectacular 3 story updated 5 bed/5 full bath/2 half bath/1 living/ studio, theatre, formals, great room, game room, gym/2 complete kitchens! **$1,100,000**

3201 Elkins-Want something unique & wonderful? Unbelievable showplace on almost 20 acres with guest house! **$995,000**

4916 Tottenham Corner-Absolutely spectacular santa fe style dream home on 3.43 Acres complete w/barn (4-horse stalls & tack room)/ workshop /70x32 w/5 additional garages/rv carport/safe room & dazzling pool! **$899,900**

3802 Trinity-Will be ready to be shown 2/1/015-offer estate sale! Over 1/2 acre lot (.581) W/pool, sport court, gazebo, mature trees! **$695,000**

2102 Deerene Ln.-The fabulous home in coming to the market soon! Seller is moving so! & home will have fresh interior paint & new carpet in bedrooms! **$549,900**

4520 Bent Tree Trail-Spectacular coursal views! 4 Bed/3 bath/2 dining/2 living/3 car garage home in green tree north! **$539,900**

5711 Heartland-Absolutely spectacular w/astounding updates! 4 Bed/3 Bath/2 dining/3 living/3 car gar home w/nature trees & lovely curb appeal! **$499,900**

4433 Verde Glen Court-Absolutely fabulous 4 bed/3 bath/3 living/formal,den,game room/pd dining/3 garage+parking pad! **$479,900**

5101 Castleford-Spacious & open floor plan! 4 Bed/2.5 Bath/2 car garage! Wonderful outdoor living area! **$468,900**

5432 Basswood Circle-Absolutely spectacular & totally updated 4 bed/3 bath/3 car gar home w/course view! **$458,000**

5501 Drexel-Spacious & elegant 4 bed/2.5 Bath/3 garage w/detached game room used as additional bedroom w/wet bar & half bath! **$395,000**

5501 Highland-Fantastic 4 bed/3.5 Bath/2 living/2 dining/4 car gar home w/45 ft+ rv parking pad w/hook up on cul-de-sac! **$388,900**

4+ BEDROOMS

2505 Shell Avenue-Absolutely lovely & totally updated (since 2012) 5 bed/3 bath/2 living/2 dining/3 car gar w/all hard surface flooring **$364,900**

1804 Castleford-Must see this large 4bed/3bath/2living/2dining home in prestigious polo park close to swimming pool, club house & courts **$349,900**

4011 S Cr Rd. 1172-Awesome home minutes away from downtown!! Gorgeous 4 bed/2.5 Bath/4 car garage brick home on 2 acres! **$324,900**

3206 Reo-Fabulous & super spacious 4 bed/3 bath/4 living area (greatroom, formal, game room & study)-(used be 5 bedrooms)-updated home w/dazzling pool! **$309,900**

4101 SCR 1184-Adorable & updated 4 bed/3 bath home on 1.49 Acres w/2 water wells in Ridge Heights! **$299,900**

3508 S Cr 1129-Great investment property - live in the 4 bedroom brick family home and collect $1,300 per month from 4 lease spaces for mobile homes! **$279,000**

1602 Mogford St.-Fabulous 4 bedroom 3 bath 2 living home in wonderful old midland area! Total remodel in process! **$250,000**

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

3200 Green Tree Blvd.-Spectacular 3 bed/3 bath townhome w/3-car garage and sweeping views of golf course! **$399,900**

409 Pinewood Court-One of midland's most fabulous homes will surprise & delight! 3 (Huge) bed/2.5 Bath/2 living/3 car garage! **$375,000**

5700 Wyoming-Beautiful & spacious home w/4 car garage. New gorgeous wood-like tile (carpet in bedrooms)! **$360,500**

5210 Quicksand Drive- Fabulous & gorgeous 3 bedroom/2.5 Bath/ 2 dining/ gourmet kitchen home on a corner lot in Goodhouse! **$317,900**

6008 B S FM 1788-Beautiful like new home on acreage with 2 large bedrooms, 2 baths and large shop (40x40)/3 car garage! **$275,000**

5100 Rio Grande-Fantastic floor design! Open concept kitchen, dining and living room combine to make a great room! **$258,900**

2300 Regal-Darling-home on quiet cul-de-sac in great location has 3 bedrooms/2 baths/2 car garage **$199,900**

3605 Gillespie Lane-Fabulous 2010 2 bed/2bath/2 garage-low maintenance home with granite in kitchen & bathrooms! **$189,900**

405 S Colleen St.-Absolutely spectacular new construction home by D. Homes! Very large back yard with cinder block fence and oversized covered patio! **$175,000**

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3012 W Michigan- Cute 3 bedroom/2 bath/2 car garage home w/fresh exterior & interior paint! **$149,900**

1215 East 30th- Charming brick/siding house w/enclosed gas range & frigerator! Spacious den open to dining area & kitchen! in Odessa **$80,900**

COMMERCIAL, LAND AND LOTS

4107 N County Rd., 1242'-80'FWW with clubhouse and 2 cabins! 26 RV spots rent for $525 a month! 2 cabins rent for a $1,000 a month! **$1,000,000**

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2810 E FM 1212-Fabulous country property on 12.000 Acres, all fenced with 2 water wells, 60x25 workshop, 3 storage buildings, over 100 trees **$225,000**

10307 W County Road- Great industrial Location! 5 acre tract ,of land on corner. Conveniently located off 1788. **$150,000**

4521 North County Road 1147- Looking for a place to build with acreage & privacy? Fantastic location for luxury home site! 0.681 Acres! **$140,000**

7013 CR 52-ideal 4.51 acre investment property for building a spectacular home with a grand southern view of downtown Midland! **$135,300**

2500 W McCormick Odessa- Approx 13 acre lot located south of interstate 20 and west county rd, perfect for a commercial/fleet business! **$125,000**

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! $35,000 per lot! 16 LOTS! **$35,000**

UNDER CONTRACTS & SOLDS!

5502 STERLING PLACE	UNDER CONTRACT!	4505 Westhollow	SOLD!
5000 CRISTA LANE	UNDER CONTRACT!	6607 W. County Rd. 44	SOLD!
1304 SPARKS	UNDER CONTRACT!	2105 Hughes	SOLD!
2113 MANOR LANE	UNDER CONTRACT!	4910 Roosevelt Drive	SOLD!
3306 DENTON	UNDER CONTRACT!	5007 Apple Creek	SOLD!
5701 HILLCREST	UNDER CONTRACT!	407 Helen Ryan Drive	SOLD!
5210 BRAZOS	UNDER CONTRACT!	4906 CDR 01	SOLD!
4011-A SCR 1172	UNDER CONTRACT!	604 W Louisiana	SOLD!
2814 Purple Sage	UNDER CONTRACT!	5309 Cowden	SOLD!
2602 Conarie	UNDER CONTRACT!	6012 Dustmoor	SOLD!
2025 Maxwell Drive	UNDER CONTRACT!	3311 Marble	SOLD!
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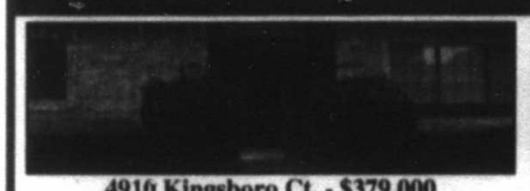
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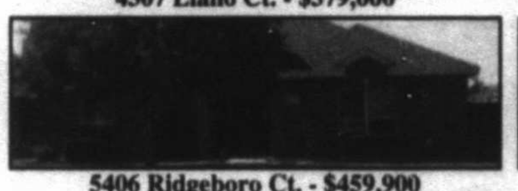
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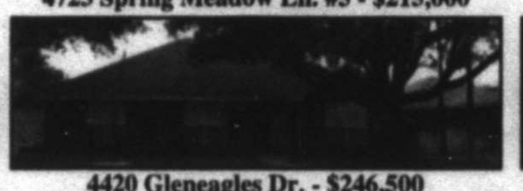
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509 Meadowpark - $349,000

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NEW AND REDUCED LISTINGS

7013 Ridgeboro Ct.- Gently lived in one owner 4 bedroom/3.5 bath McPherson resale w/updates, lovely mature landscaping and pool size yard! **$495,000**

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TWO BEDROOMS

4107 S. County Rd. 184-Kyker built 2 bdrm/2 bth home on 10.5 acres with restrictions, and is a very nice neighborhood. **$245,000**

4723 #5 Spring Meadow Ln.- Spacious 2br/ 2 1/2 bath gorgeous fireplace. walls of windows, great kitchen. formal dining, 2 car garage **$215,000**

2 Oak Lawn Park-2 bdrms/2 bths Low Maintenance townhouse in Oaklawn Park! **UC $199,900**

600 Ledoe-Charming, updated, affordable classy 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath condo **UC $119,900**

THREE BEDROOMS

1209 W. Cuthbert-Updated in the heart of Old Midland. wonderful floor plan! **$337,000**

2907 Seaboard Ave.- Wonderful 3 bdr/3.5 bth home in the heart of Warwick! Master bedroom has his and her baths! Beautiful patio and backyard! **$329,900**

10805 S. Cr. Rd. 1213-Great country property! New appliances, granite, wood shutters and more! **$249,900**

4 Saddle Club Dr.-Beautiful maintained 3 bdrm/ 4 5 bth home with fabulous storage. **SOLD $305,000**

4419 Tantalyan Ave- Rest acreage in city limits! Wonderful 3 bdrm/2 bath home on 2.75 acres with room to ride! **$249,900**

4403 Green Tree-Contemporary 3bdrm/3.5 bath home in Green Tree **$449,900**

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5303 Mellia St.- Wonderful 3bdr/3bth custom home on a quiet cul-de-sac in Greathouse. Beautiful finishes throughout! **UC $369,900**

2516 Sinclair Ave.- Beautiful "Old Midland" charmer. Lots of new. Great price! **UC $304,500**

309 Meadowpark-Updated in Meadowpark! Open living and kitchen area! **$299,900**

5105 Brighton Place-Beautiful 3 bedroom. 2 bath home in Saddle Club South. **$329,900**

1604 Whitfield-Old Midland, lots of new! Lots of space and beautiful backyard! **$319,900**

3225 Patrick-Lovely 3br/2bth with many extras. Open floor plan, lovely kitchen w/granite & spacious rooms **SOLD $307,000**

5808 San Saba-Wonderful 3/2.5/2 Mark Payne one-owner home. A must see! **$294,900**

5811 San Saba-3br/2.5ba, Payne resale. 2 living areas! **$324,900**

505 Shirley Ct.- immaculate townhome with wonderful updates. Beautiful floors, gorgeous patio, move right in! **UC $260,000**

1406 Rio Grande Ave.- Beautiful, spacious, 3 bedroom/2 bath home with open floor plan and tons fr light! Move in ready! **$249,900**

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4302 El Andrews Dr-Well maintained 3bdr/2 bath home with beautiful sparkling pool. located in a great area **SOLD $267,000**

4200 Nelson-Spectacular 3bdr/2.5bth home with many updates. Spectacular back patio w/gorgeous inground pool w/slide, diving board and pool house **UC $299,900**

1700 Castleford Rd.- Gorgeous 3 bedroom / 2 bath / 2 living area, formal dining, hardwoods, shutters, low maintenance yard **UC $249,900**

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34 E. Harvard Circle, Odessa-Upgraded in a grand way. this 3 bdrm/2 bth home is a must see! **UC $239,000**

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2003 W. Golf Course Rd.- Spacious 3BR/2BA home w/neutral paint throughout. some updates. abundant storage and ready to move-in! **UC $215,000**

6412 Commanche Dr.-Beautiful recently built 3Bdrm/2Bth home with all the bells and whistles! **UC $215,000**

4401 Fresno Pl-Beautifully updated and maintained! 3 Bdrm/ 2 Bth home. You won't want to miss it! **UC $214,900**

3224 Fannin Ave.-Charming from curbside to inside! Lots of updatings, move-in condition! Open & bright! **UC $206,000**

3501 Camarie Ave.- Wonderful, updated 3/2/2 home in Fannin Terrace! a must see! **UC $204,900**

5614 Pheasant Dr.-Beautiful newer home with 3bdrms/2bth in newer area of Pheasant with all the bells and whistles! **UC $199,900**

701 W. Pine-Beautifully maintained 3/2/2 home. Lots of updating **UC $199,900**

2602 Hoag Dr.- Adorable 3 Bedroom/2 Bath home in quiet neighborhood **UC $198,000**

5210 Lockwood Dr.-Charming 3 bdrm/2bth home with great floor plan & location! Investors welcome! **UC $195,000**

3610 Beaumont Ave.-Can you say right place at right time? Open kitchen-den concept and garage enclosed for second living area **UC $125,000**

FOUR BEDROOMS

2502 Stanolind-Coveted Warwick - 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, move in ready! **$358,000**

2902 Winfield- "Heart of Warwick" Gorgeous landscaping, great amenities **UC $340,000**

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2010 W. Cr. Rd. 41-Charming country living on 3.5 acres **UC $379,900**

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3009 S. Cr. Rd. 1270-2.330 acres with a 19,792 sf industrial warehouse/distribution center. fenced, gated and secured facility located conveniently just south of Midland International Airport. Grade level access and dock high loading. Call Bill Scott or Brandee Nail 682-1111 **UC $800,000**

901 S. Garfield St.-Well maintained money making commercial building! **$695,000**

5800 Block of N. Midkiff-3.5+/- acres for development. great for office complex. Call Bill Scott **$175,000**

2 Cedars-Approximately 2.476 sq. ft. of custom office space in the Cedars Plaza Complex. Convenient access to Midkiff & Loop 250. **UC $300,000**

5 Cutter Flint Rd.-Zoned Industrial Park **$180,000**

12203 West I-20-For Lease. Approx. 4,080 sq. ft., light or medium duty manufacturing or as warehouse space. Call Bill or Brandee @ 682-1111 **$4,000/Month**

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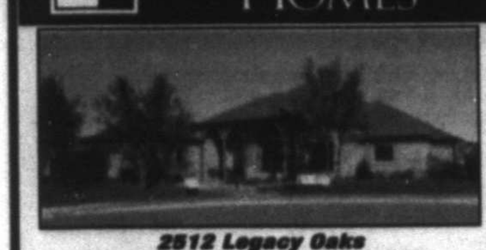
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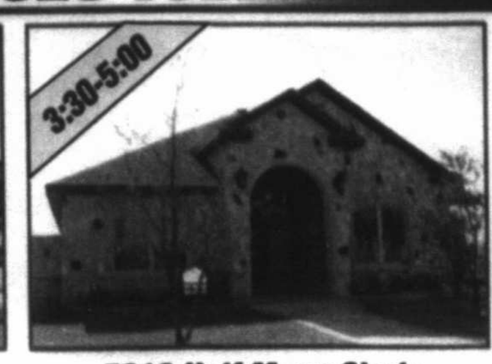
OPEN HOUSES TODAY

1:30-2:30



2607 W. Cuthbert Avenue

3:30-5:00



5313 Half Moon Circle

"Everyone should carefully observe which way his heart draws him, and then choose that way with all his strength."
~ Unknown

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Midland Gallery Homes

SOLD



5304 George Yard Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $498,000

Saenz Signature Homes



4304 Coronado Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $396,500

Carrasco Homes



5607 Camino Reale
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $378,000

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

1309 W. Fairgrounds Rd	5 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home	$84,900
607 S. Jackson	2 Bdrm/1 Ba	$97,000
100 N. Madison	2 Bdrm/1 Ba	$97,000
700 Boyd Avenue	3 Bdrm/2 Ba	U/C
5004 Rainbow Road	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$234,900
2005 Sand Hill Circle	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$269,900
5010 Brunswick Circle	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Living Areas/2 Car Garage	U/C
3109 Haynes Drive	3 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$274,900
4800 Knights Pl	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
5717 Highland Blvd	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$332,500
5521 Los Patios	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$343,300
5511 Los Patios	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/4 Car Garage	$349,900
5801 Llano Ct	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
4301 Mockingbird Ln	4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
5313 Half Moon Circle	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$519,900
6413 Mosswood Drive	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Living Areas/3 Car Garage/Spectacular Pool	$599,000
5401 Los Conchos lane	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Half Ba/4 Car Garage	U/C

NEW CONSTRUCTION

917 N. Weatherford	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 2 Car Garage	$199,800
3219 Beaman Ave	Olgin Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$280,900
2414B S. Co. Rd. 1089	Building a New Tomorrow 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$375,000
6607 Camino Reale	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$378,000
6601 Camino Reale	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
4304 Saltillo Ct	Chalmers Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$388,500
4304 Coronado Ct	Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$396,500
4400 Casa Verde Ct	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5309 Brown Heart Ln	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$430,900
4306 San Pedro	Texas Classic Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$449,900
5315 Brown Heart Ln	Diaz Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$469,900
5304 Brown Heart Ln	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$489,900
5306 George Yard Ct	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$482,500
5308 George Yard Ct	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
5319 Half Moon Circle	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$489,900
5309 George Yard Ct	A&E Home Const./5 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5307 Dunraven Ct	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$529,000
2512 Legacy Oaks	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$775,000
5417 Secretariate St	Diamond Homes/5 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$1,300,000

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

7306 Co.Rd. 80	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/ Mobile Home/1.1 acres	$119,900
3406 S. Co. Rd. 1071	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home/1.1 acres	$137,500
2170 Bonham St	Stanton/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home	U/C
4309 W. Co. Rd. 118	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home	$144,500
9518 Mockingbird Ln	1.007 Acres	$148,005
2175 Bowie St	Stanton/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home	U/C
Luna Rosa Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
10902 E. Co. Rd. 106	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
3609 S. Co. Rd. 1187	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$297,500
4810 N. Co. Rd. 1123	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/Mobile Home/2.2 Acres	$299,900
2414B S. Co. Rd. 1089	Building a New Tomorrow 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$375,000
10510 FM 307	Greenwood/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/16.18	$850,000
6401 Los Conchos lane	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/1 Half Ba/4 Car Garage	U/C
Highway 87	Big Spring/RV Park	$1,099,000
7808 E. Co. Rd. 110	5 Bdrm/4 Ba/5 Car Garage/8.18 Acres	$1,750,000

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Luna Rosa Estates	W. Co. Rd. 30/1.5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary

OUT OF TOWN PROPERTIES

458 Duck Puddle Road	Colorado City/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/Guest House	$159,000

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

3008 Elkins Rd	3.25 Acres/Office/Warehouse	$1,500,000

FEATURED PROPERTIES



5316 Brown Heart Ln
Diaz Homes, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $469,900



6413 Mosswood Drive
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 living areas, 3 car garage, priced @ $599,900



5717 Highland Blvd.
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $332,500



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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE



OPEN 2:00-3:00
2307 HERMITAGE COURT - $220,000
Rare home with 4 car garage! Lovely corner lot on cul-de-sac! Professionally landscaped front yard! Sequestered master bedroom! 2 Large closets in both! Vaulted ceiling in living room! Study makes a good office! Atrium off office with pretty plants!
Shown by Ruth Young 432-352-0996

SUNDAY FEATURED HOMES



307 SKYWOOD CIRCLE - $369,900
Gorgeous Diamond Construction - beautiful details and finish work - immaculate. Better-than-new. Move-in conditoon - granite (thruout) & stainless kitchen w/continuous grate gas cook top - soarking ceilings. 4 bed/3 bath PLUS study. So much TLC and pride of ownership. Lovely oversized outdoor living area with amazing views (backs to golf range). Includes HOA w/clubhouse and pool!
Call Suzi Knight 432-559-5036



5302 HILLTOP DR. - $420,000
Like new, beautiful home in sought after Greathouse. Open floor plan with 4 bedroom, 2 bath & 3 car garage. Lovely large kitchen with granite & walk-in pantry. Sequestered master bedroom with bath that has dual sinks, tub and shower & large closet. Roomy bedrooms. Tile, wood flooring & plantation shutters. Garage is air conditioned. Landscaped front and back yard. Don't miss - won't last!
Call Sharon Horton 432-853-7875

4+ BEDROOM		
2701 PARTON WAY	FACT ID #1005	$465,000
5302 HILLTOP DR	FACT ID #1077	$420,000
6009 OAK CREEK DR		$395,500
307 SKYWOOD CIRCLE	FACT ID #1721	$369,900
4307 VALLEY DR	FACT ID #1036	$339,000
5006 APPLE CREEK ROAD		$341,000
800 WOODLAND PARK	FACT ID #1072	U/C
3704 BLOSSOM	FACT ID #1080	U/C
6002 RIO GRANDE AVE	FACT ID #1033	$324,500
5908 RIO GRANDE	FACT ID #1025	U/C
3294 MAXWELL DR	FACT ID #1082	SOLD
6 AUBURN CT	FACT ID #1067	U/C
4732 COUNTRY CLUB DR	FACT ID #1038	SOLD
4801 YEARWOOD	FACT ID# 1024	SOLD
2307 HERMITAGE COURT		$284,900
3 BEDROOM		
12818 E. CO. RD. 103	FACT ID #1046	U/C
908 TRINIDAD PLACE	FACT ID #1019	$369,900
9030 W VALLEY MEADOW	FACT ID #1082	$378,500
5910 RIO GRANDE	FACT ID #1012	$323,950
3 BEDROOM		
36 LAFAYETTE	FACT ID #1036	$319,500
504 S. CO. RD. 1085	FACT ID #1085	$314,900
5205 TEAKWOOD	FACT ID #1040	U/C
1210 W MISSOURI	FACT ID #1082	$299,500
6008 FRIO	FACT ID #1077	SOLD
4823 SPRING MEADOW	FACT ID #1075	$278,000
2 LINDA COURT	FACT ID #1018	$265,000
4003 COUNTY RD. 1247		$235,000
3809 FANNIN AVE	FACT ID #1008	$229,900
2603 NORTHRUP	FACT ID # 1068	$225,000
2307 HERMITAGE CT	FACT ID #1057	$278,000
4500 GLENEAGLES	FACT ID #1221	U/C
2508 COUNTRY CLUB DR	FACT ID #1056	U/C
1305 PACIFIC AVE	FACT ID #1094	U/C
107 N BENTWOOD	FACT ID #1089	SOLD
2821 CIMMARON AVE	FACT ID#1089	SOLD
211 WALKER CT	FACT ID #1097	$185,000
211 WALKER COUNT		$185,000
511 BROWNWOOD	FACT ID #1038	U/C
3 BEDROOM		
4603 ANETTA	FACT ID #1037	U/C
712 PINE AVE	FACT ID #1069	U/C
2707 MICHIGAN AVE	FACT ID #1078	U/C
1320 N. FAIRGROUNDS RD		$75,000
7100 AIRLINE	FACT ID #1088	PRICE REDUCTION $43,000
2 BEDROOM		
701 W. SINCLAIR AVE	FACT ID #1061	U/C
1501 E. 17TH		$135,000
3307 HILL AVE	FACT ID #0851	SOLD
COMMERCIAL		
6203 E. CO. RD. 67	FACT ID #1029	$300,000
LAND		
13416 W COONTY RD. 100		$200,000
ODESSA		
2507 REDBUD AVE	FACT ID #1068	SOLD
2443 W. 15TH ST.	FACT ID #1061 RESIDENTIAL LOT 0.19 ACRES	PRICE REDUCTION $27,000
1708 E 53RD ST. ODESSA	FACT ID #1068	$230,000
ODESSA LEASE		
2519 JUDY #13		$1,800/MONTH
2519 JUDY #12		$1,600/MONTH

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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES



OPEN 1:30-2:30
3102 STANOLIND - $399,000
Fantastic MaMar home. Great floorplan. 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, sunroom & so much more.
Shown by Deborah Pierce



OPEN 1:30-2:30
5002 QUARTZ - $299,000
Like new RockPoint home. 3bd, 2 1/2 ba, granite counters, low maint., neutral paint.
Shown by Mary Lynn Parsley

NEW & ACTIVE LISTINGS

30 Ac. Mockingbird Lane-11 platted lots, 2+ acres each **$1,900,000**
4310 ECR 63-New construction in Bonito Estates, 4bd, 3ba, 3 car garage, 2AC **$739,900**
4200 ECR 63-New construction in Bonito Estates, 4bd, 3 ba, 3 car gar, 2 AC **$737,900**
5150 E. Hwy 158-Gardendale Residential + Commercial **$695,000**
Dove Acres FM 1213-115 AC, 2006 Lone star land steward award - set up for 10-20 guns **$599,000**
4116 Baybrook-5bd, 3 1/2ba, Mockingbird Heights, pool, cabana **$599,000**
4209 Wood-Gorgeous like new 4bd, 3.5ba, 2la, 3 car in Mockingbird Hts **$528,000**
South CR 1140 - 24 Acres more or less **$496,000**
6702 Mosswood-New construction 4br, 3ba, 4 car garage. Robert Graham **$486,458**
6704 Mosswood-4br, 3 ba, new construction **$486,458**
6606 Mosswood-New construction 4bd, 3ba, 4 car, 2 liv **$469,792**
6409 Sequoia-4bd, 31/2 ba w/Pool -Green Tree low maint. Updated throughout **$450,000**
10505 ECR 105-4/4/2, built 2011, 1/2 AC, Greenwood. Builder's home, loaded with extras, water well, energy efficient ..... ***REDUCED*** **$439,900**
4122 Fox Hollow-Immaculate 4 bed, 3 bath, 2 liv, 3 car garage in Trinity West **$415,000**
3102 Stanolind-MaMar Terrace 4 bd, 3½ ba, 2 liv, 2 din, huge addition sunroom w/walls of windows **$399,000**
FM 715 - 28 AC MORE OR LESS LAND! ..... ***REDUCED*** **$395,000**
2912 Shanks-3bd, 2½ ba on 1.3 acres, 2 water wells. Nicely updated **$335,000**
4801 Knights Pl.-Updated and granite, 3br, 2.5ba, 2 living in Polo Park! **$329,900**
2804 Caldera Blvd - 4bd, 3ba, in law plan ..... ***REDUCED*** **$319,000**
4209 Irvin Dr.-3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 living, 2 dining, pipe fence for horses **$309,900**
2600 N. Midkiff-6 bed, 4 baths. Perfect! **$302,000**
5002 Quartz-Rockpoint 3 bd, 2½ ba, low maint., open floorplan, storage **$299,000**
2307 Shell-Great location, 3 bd, 3 ba, huge corner lot **$285,000**
3206 Haynes-3 br, 2.5 ba, indoor pool **$270,000**
1802 E. Pecan St.-New construction, 3 or 4bd, 2ba, 2car, 2 story **$259,000**
1601 Ventura-3 br, 2 ba, 2 LA, great location **$239,000**
4904 Anetta Dr.-Stunning 3 br, 2 ba, 2 car garage **$229,900**
3336 Providence-Nicely updated 3br, 2ba, 2 car garage **$219,000**
4702 Bedford St.-Pretty home, updated! 3 bed, 2 ba, 2LA's, 2 car carport **$199,900**
709 Mogford-Adorable 3bd, 2ba, 2 living, 2 garage w/water well **$199,900**
Commerical Lots - 10 Lots on Front St **$199,000**
660 Duke Ave., Odessa, Tx-3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage ..... ***REDUCED*** **$187,900**
5304 Canadian-3 bed, 2 ba, fireplace ..... ***REDUCED*** **$184,900**
5100 ECR 136-3bd, 2½ba, 1 acre, double wide ..... ***REDUCED*** **$169,900**
503 Brooks Dr.-3 bed, 1 ba, 2 LA, recent windows ..... ***REDUCED*** **$135,000**
111 Blue Dr., Odessa-4 bed, 2 ba **$129,900**
4209 ECR 61-2.34 AC, Bonito Estates **$104,130**
4001 ECR 61-2.34 AC, Bonito Estates **$104,130**
1410 Lamesa-2bd, 1ba, .641 acres, commercial **$99,000**
4201 ECR 61-2 AC, Bonito Estates **$89,000**
407 N. Fort Worth-2 bed, 1 ba **$85,000**

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



5002 QUARTZ
$299,000
Immaculate 3 bd, 2 1/2 ba, low maint., Reduced!



10505 E. CO. RD. 105
$439,900
4/4/2, GISD, 1/2 Acre, built 2011. Reduced!

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FEATURED LISTINGS



5101 TEAKWOOD TRACE
$449,000
Gorgeous 4 Bed/3.5 Ba/2 Gar In Green Tree! Gourmet Kitchen W/Granite, 3 Patios Perfect For Entertaining!



6207 DUNBARTON OAKS BLVD.
$899,900
Spectacular New construction by Troy Hunt Homes 5 bed, 5 bath, 4 car garage w/a Gameroom in Mockingbird Oaks!



4411 CARDINAL
$1,800,000
Absolutely Fabulous Oasis on 2 Acres w/guest house!



5400 LLANO CT
$280,000
Nice & Clean! Low Maintenance 4 bed/2 bath Mark Payne Resale in Holiday Hill!



5205 HILLTOP
$825,000
Spacious 4000 sq. ft. home w/giant gourmet kitchen



4514 PARKDALE
$169,900
4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, natural light. Covered patio.



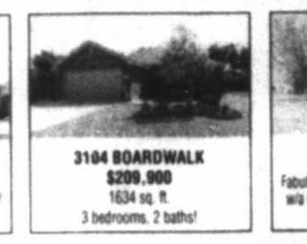
6009 QUEENS CT.
$309,900
Lovely 4 bed/3 bath on cul-de-sac. Updated kitchen w/granite!



3308 HAYNES
$315,000
Immaculate 3 bed/2.5Living + Study! Designer Paint, Crown Moulding & Granite Throughout! Beautiful Courtyard!



1103 CASTLE ROCK COURT
$585,000
Absolutely gorgeous 4 bed/3.5 bath/ 2 living in Woodland Park!



3104 BOARDWALK
$209,900
1634 sq. ft.
3 bedrooms, 2 baths!

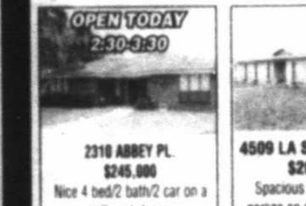


12101 E. CO. RD. 102
$449,995
Fabulous 4 bed, 2 ba, 2 car on 1.15 acres w/a dazzling pool, pergola, workshop & storage bldg.



OPEN TODAY 1-2

4909 WOODHOLLOW
$315,000
Fabulous move-in ready 3 bed/ 2 bath/2 car house in Greathouse!



OPEN TODAY 2:30-3:30

2310 ABBEY PL
$245,000
Nice 4 bed/2 bath/2 car on a quite cul-de-sac



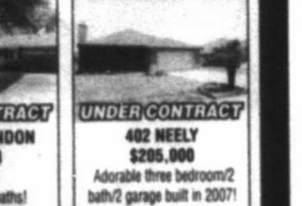
4509 LA SALLE CIRCLE
$299,900
Spacious 3 bed/2 bath/2 garage on quite cul-de-sac!



4428 ROOSEVELT
$160,000
Spacious 3 bedroom home on corner lot w/carport, workshop & water well!



717 SINCLAIR
$205,000
Super cute 3 bedroom 2.5 Bath with updates plus large game room!



UNDER CONTRACT

5524 RIO GRANDE AVE.
$279,900
Super cute 3/2/2 Mark Payne Resale in Holiday Hill!



UNDER CONTRACT

5107 ANETTA
$219,000
Well maintained 3 bed/2 bath home w/easy access to Beal Park & Loop 250!



UNDER CONTRACT

1001 MANOR
$205,000
Lovely 3 bedroom/2 bath/ 2 garage on pretty corner lot!



UNDER CONTRACT

2904 CO. RD. 1060
$299,900
Nice 4bed/2bath/2car michael davis resale on 1 acre in Greenwood.

UNDER CONTRACT

2409 W. SHANDON
$280,000
2051 sq. ft.
5 bedrooms, 3 baths!

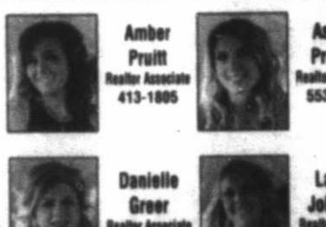


UNDER CONTRACT

402 NEELY
$295,000
Adorable three bedroom/2 bath/2 garage built in 2007!



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Happy Father's Day!



NEW LISTING

5302 Wimberly Springs Ct - $375,000
Fabulous and well maintained 4 bedroom/3bath on quiet cul-de-sac in Greathouse.



SPECTACULAR McPHERSON HOME

2001 Homeland - $617,000
Just a Short Stroll Downhill Shopping Plus, Loaded with High Ceilings, Cooks Kitchen, Huge Bedrooms, Studies Throughout, and Time to Make Selections! Don't Miss This One!



PERFECTION

3116 Chelsea Place - $399,000
All the bells and whistles, 3 bed 2 ba and 2 car gar! Plantation shutters, formal living, bay, master suite, LARGE GUT master bath, Covered patio, gas logs, MOVE IN READY!



OPEN TODAY 2:30 - 3:30

5017 Nine Vista - $499,000
Absolutely gorgeous home with open floor plan, high ceilings and sparkling pool. Status Unlocked! cmalia. Shown by Dakota Boulware! 300-8349

4+ BEDROOMS

6 La Provence, Odessa - 4 Bedroom, 4.5 Bath, Super Floor Plan w/Double Master Bedrooms, Full Outdoor Kitchen & Fireplace! ..... New Construction! $1,100,000
5406 Hemingford - 5 Bedroom, 5 Bath, 3 Story Home in Lots of Sunshine! Brand New Plan by Summit Homes! ..... New Construction! $1,099,000
2504 Tealand - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, Outdoor Kitchen, Pool/Hot Tub, Almost 5,000sqft Barn! Call for more details! ..... SALE PENDING! $1,075,000
6300 Dominion-5 bed 4 bath, incredible price on this luxurious estate, perfect for entertaining $999,000
5817 Nine Vista - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, Designer's Choice Hard Outdoor Kitchen, Guest House, Pool, & More! ..... OPEN TODAY! ..New Price $899,000
201 Ridge Line, Alpine - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Large enough to be corporate retreat! 77+ Acres in the Mountains!, Guest House, Barn! ..... New Price! $895,000
2501 Homeland - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath w/ Coveted Grasscloth Wow!! This Does LOADED! Still Time to Make Selections! Est. Completion July 201 ..... New Construction! $617,000
4701 E Co Rd 45 - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath Country Living w/NISD Schools! Stone Floors, Cedar Beams! ..... New Listing! $604,700
3912 Pidgeonwood - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, Beauty w/Gourmet Kitchen, Media Room & Walls of Windows! ..... SALE PENDING! $568,000
6601 Mosswood - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, New Floor Plan Almost Construction! Easy Patio Style Home! $3,500 Buyer's Incentive! ..... SALE PENDING! $458,900
4100 Redcliff-Beautiful brick home on quiet cul-de-sac ..... New Price! $454,900
3913 Edgebrook - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 3 Living, Open Plan, HUGE Home w/Fabulous Party Pool Room!!!! Gorgeous Pool w/3 Water Falls & Hot Tub! ..... SALE PENDING! $448,500
5514 Casa Grande - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Stunning New 4GA home! Energy Efficient, High End Finishes! ..... New Construction! $439,900
23 Durham, Odessa - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Gorgeous MAM Rosas Home! Custom Accents, Faux Texture Treatments! ..... SALE PENDING! $427,500
3912 Casa Grande - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 4GA Hardie Ex, Completion 8/15, Huge Pantry, Stainless Appliance Package ..... New Listing! $425,000
16 Marcella Odessa TX - Huge rooms, custom cabinets, granite throughout, pick your colors! $424,900
5407 Hillcrest - 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 Living, Designer's Choice in Grassland Estates! Ultra Rich Design, Granite, Stone Accents, Deco Lighting! Don't Miss This Jewel!!! Seller will pay up to $1,500 of buyer's closing costs. ..... New Price! $404,900
5604 Ridgewood - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath Grassland Estates Beauty w/Sequestered Master, Dream Bath & Custom Granite Kitchen $398,000
5200 Mathis - 4 bed, 3 bath, Fabulous home with soaring ceilings, ceramic tile, sequestered Master...A Must See ..... New Listing! $389,500
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5002 E Co Rd 146 - 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Story Home on 5 Acres! Main House 3BR, 2BA. Guest House 1BR, 1BA. Great Investment Home! ..... New Price $267,500
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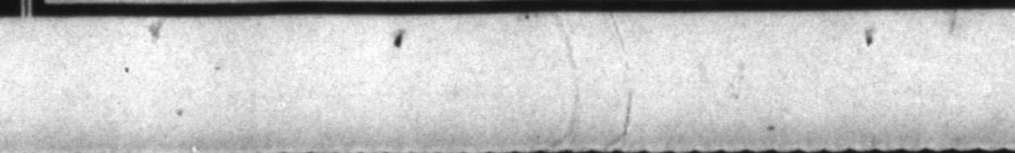
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$600,000



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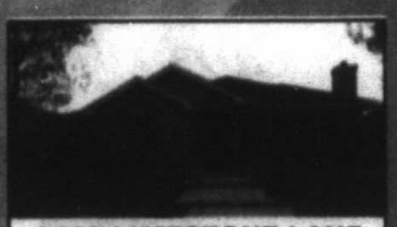
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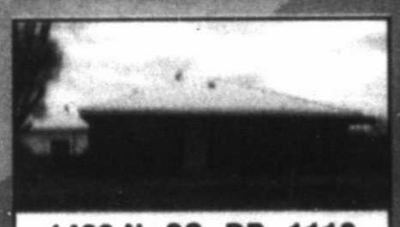
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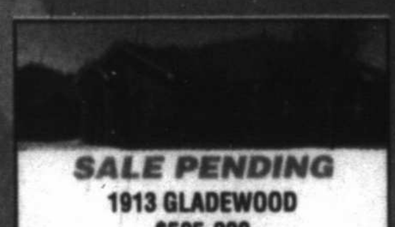
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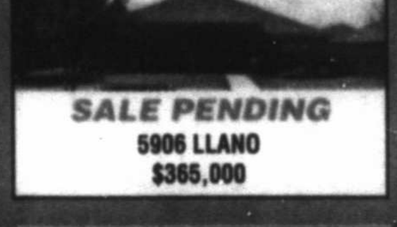
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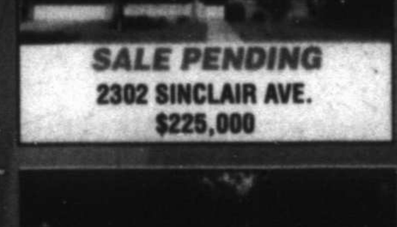
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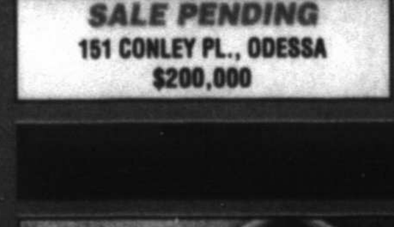
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SALE PENDING
4511 FAIRBANKS DR.
$239,000



SALE PENDING
2302 SINCLAIR AVE.
$225,000



SALE PENDING
151 CONLEY PL., ODESSA
$200,000



SALE PENDING
4511 BELTON PLACE
$195,000



SALE PENDING
3415 S. CO. RD. 1130
$195,000



SALE PENDING
4620 BROOKDALE DR.
$185,000



SALE PENDING
1221 S. MARY ST.
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5108 GREATHOUSE AVE. - $350,000



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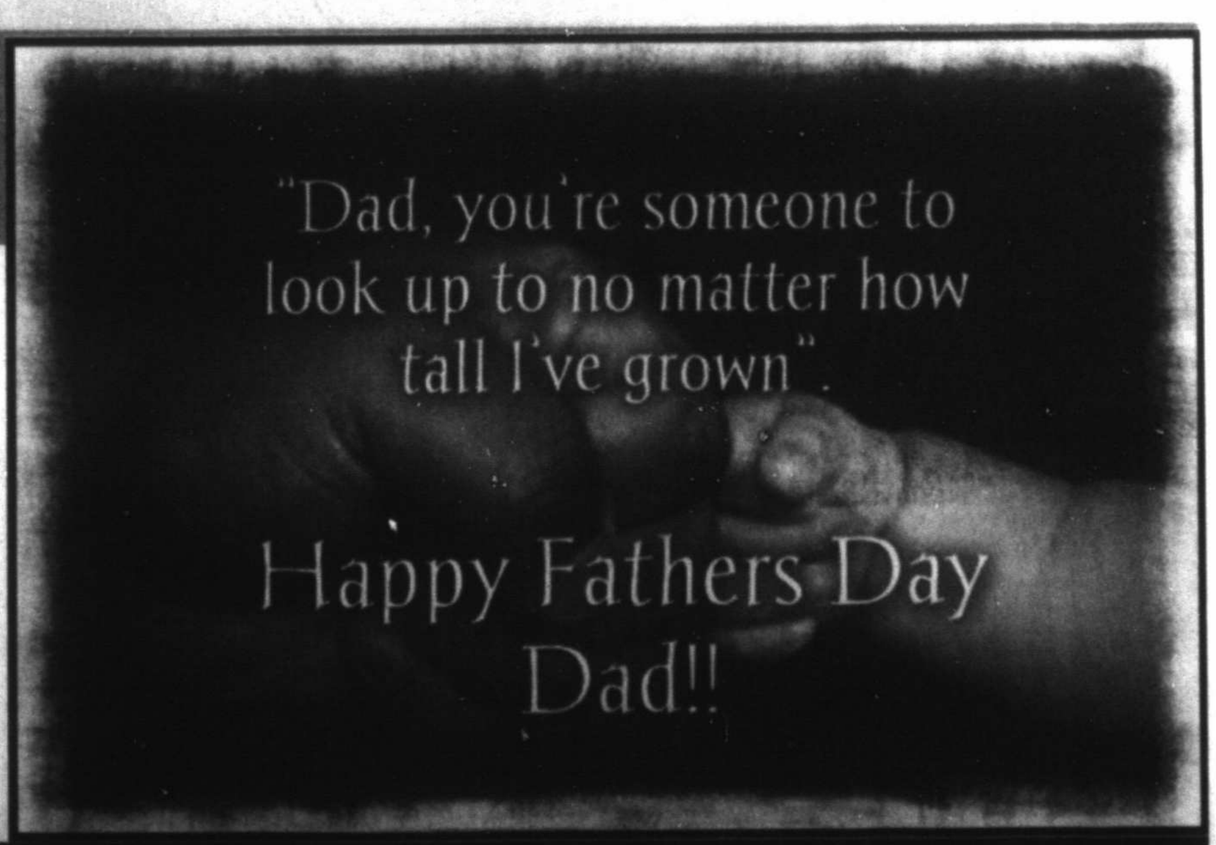
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Let the Light In

Treat your windows to a stylish, functional upgrade

By Kelly Lee-Creel | CTW Features

Dressing up your home with new window treatments is a great way to update a space and put the finishing touch on a room's décor. Today, homeowners can choose from a dizzying array of options - everything from luxurious fabrics to motorized shades.

Ian Gibbs, creative director of The Shade Store, Seattle, says, "When you enter a room, windows are one of the first things you notice. They can take up a large part of the wall. In selecting a new window treatment, you can add drama to a room, you can make a design statement, and you can create the illusion of architectural elements that aren't present - like adding height to a space."

However, homeowners tend to save these decisions for the end of the decorating process. "People sometimes go the safe route, because they aren't aware of how many options are truly available," Gibbs says. His store offers more than 900 different material choices.

Many of those choices are informed by the latest trends in fashion. "Currently, it's a couture look inspired by tailored clothing including textural prints of herringbones, hounds tooth, plaids and stripes," Gibbs says. "We are also seeing popularity in bold, graphic floral prints." While the fabrics are bold and interesting, "the window treatment style is simple - a tailored or ripple-fold drapery paired with a roman shade and layered with a printed or solid roller shade."

"What we're seeing is a desire for more beautiful fabrics across the board," says Kim Kiner, vice president of Hunter Douglas, a worldwide manufacturer of window coverings. Whether shopping for energy-efficient honeycomb shades or gliding panels, homeowners are getting choosier about the materials. "For instance, roller shades, which normally would be considered a very basic window covering, complement a more contemporary, modern design," Kiner says.

When navigating the many options, Kiner recommends starting with a basic question. "What is your most pressing need?" Answers might include energy-efficiency, privacy, or light control.

Child safety is a concern as well. "Unfortunately, there are children every year who get entangled in window coverings," Kiner says. She recommends that homeowners look for window coverings that don't have cords and can be raised or lowered with your hand.

Convenience and functionality also are keys. More consumers than ever are turning to motorized options. "In the past, to have motorized window treatments, you needed your home to be hardwired," Kiner says. Today, many motorized options are battery-driven.

"People want a connected home filled with products that will make life easier for them," Kiner says. "When they are making an investment, they want to buy the most updated technology that will last."



Image courtesy The Shade Store

Motorization not only appeals to younger homeowners who want the latest in technology, but also older consumers who enjoy the convenience of operating multiple window coverings with the touch of a button.

"Homes today are built differently," Kiner says. "There are more windows, more out of reach windows, and urban living where windows are very large. It's not as convenient to open and close window coverings."

With all of those windows, energy efficiency is also a priority. "Layering window treatments . . . can certainly make an impact on the overall energy efficiency of your home by helping to manage the light and heat that enters and escapes your space," Gibbs says.

Not only does energy efficiency cut down on heating and cooling costs, but it also appeals to consumers looking to make a greener choice. Gibbs says to look for products made from natural materials along with products that are recyclable, biodegradable, and certified eco-friendly. **© CTW Features**

Staying? Change & Enjoy

Unsure about a fix-up? If your home is your forever home, remodel with taste, aging in mind

By Dawn Klingensmith | CTW Features

When it comes to diving into a home remodeling project, homeowners take their time. Often they take a long, long time. Procrastination seems to come with the territory. Of some 7,000 folks who shared detailed kitchen remodel plans on the home design website Houzz last year, just one-third had actually taken the first step.

Before some recalcitrant remodelers can bring themselves to green-light a project, "Things are literally falling apart" and they've reached the point where they simply cannot stand their surroundings, says Pamela Martin Johnston, senior designer with Jackson Design and Remodeling in San Diego.

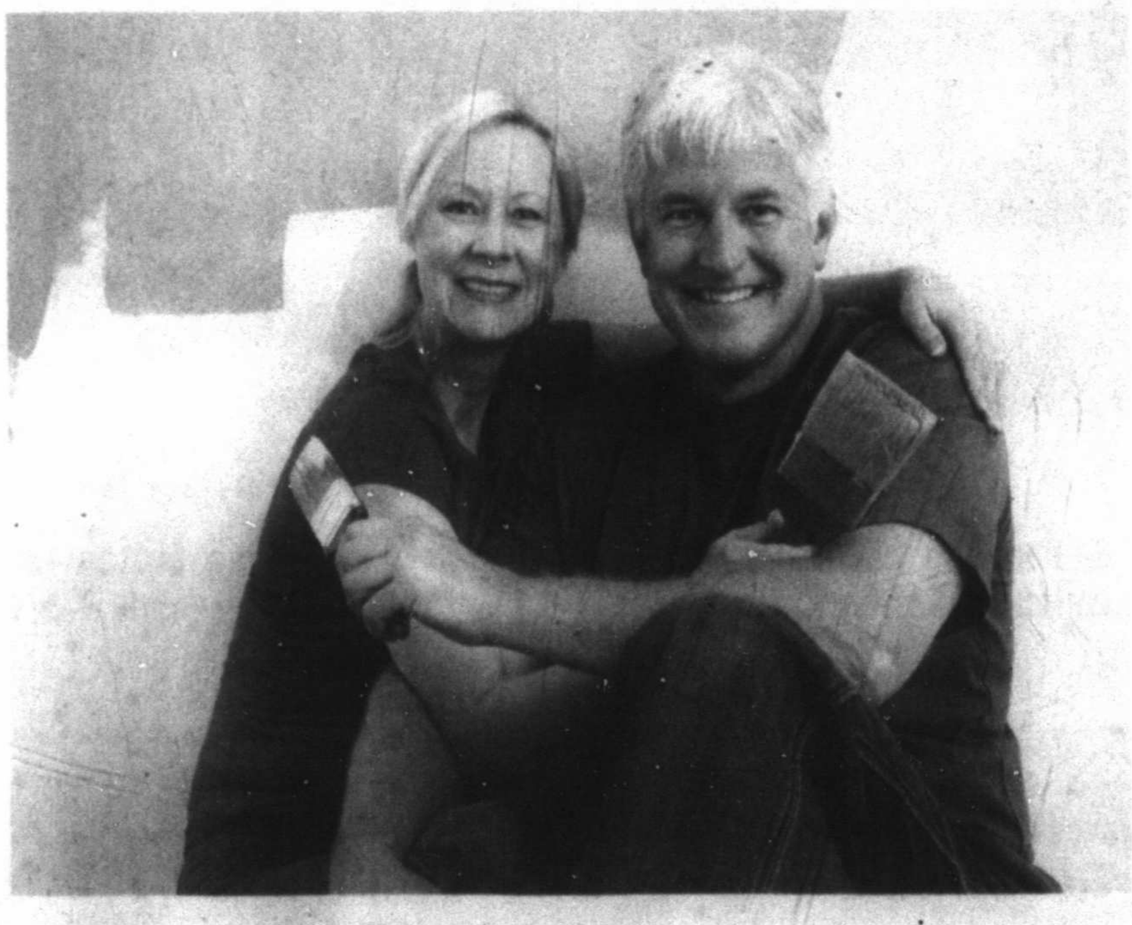
It's a sure sign that the time has come to remodel the kitchen or bathroom, she says, when homeowners want to "take a sledgehammer to it themselves."

There are less drastic indications that the time is right. Here are seven reasons to pull the trigger on an upgrade before the urge strikes to brandish a sledgehammer.

Here is a bonus sign that the time is right for a remodel: You've decided to live out your life in your current home. If that's the case, then it makes sense to remodel not only so your home expresses your tastes and fulfills your desires, but also so you can safely and gracefully age in place.

Homeowners of all ages should consider "universal," or accessible, design elements whether they plan to stay put or not. There no need to sacrifice aesthetics for increased access or maneuverability, Johnston says.

"Think of high-end hotels," she says. "They are required to have grab bars and other accessible features, but they disguise them well as artistic design elements."



Some modifications not only will make life easier down the line, there's an immediate payoff: comfort. Jackson likes these upgrades:

- Wider doorways that tend to make life easier and can accommodate a walker or wheelchair later on.
- A bigger shower with a bench seat for comfort and convenience (many women prop a leg up to shave).
- Grab bars installed now, or walls reinforced so they may be easily installed later.
- A taller "comfort height" toilet.
- A lower countertop that can accommodate a wheelchair on one side of the kitchen island.
- Wheelchair turning radius between the island and other countertops

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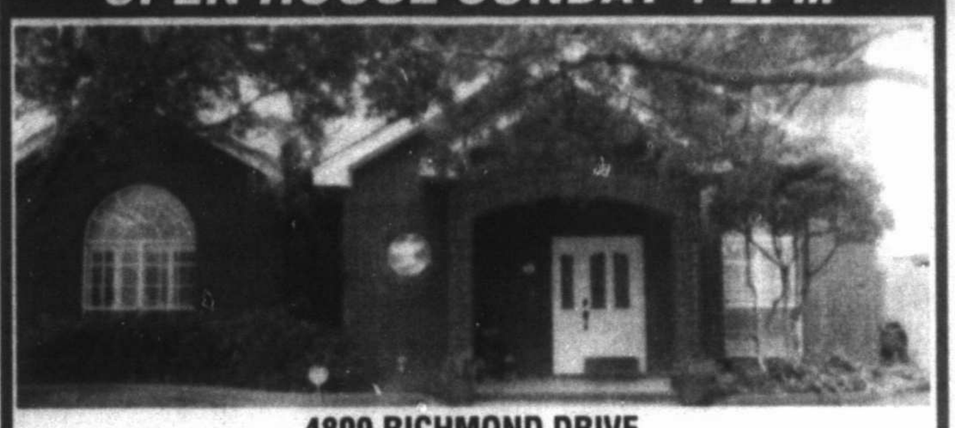
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4809 Richmond Dr.	-4 Bed, 2.5Baths, 2 Story		MLS #104925	$306,900
16967 Aster Dr.	-4/3, on 4.69 Acres, Gardendale		MLS #104602	$249,900
2605 Sunburst Dr.	-3 Bed, 2 Bath		MLS#104829	$232,000
5107 Ashdown Place	-3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car		MLS#104887	$229,000
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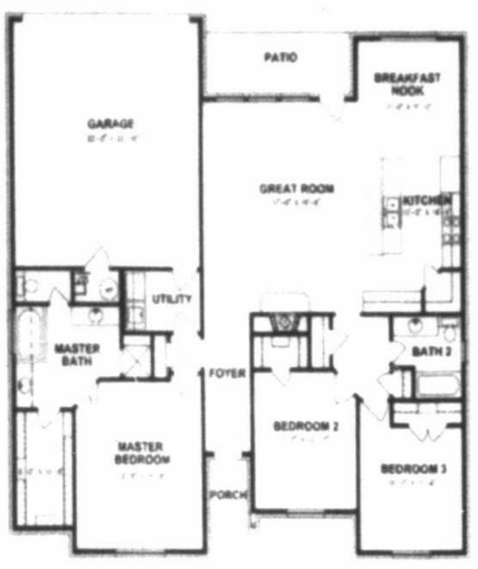
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4008 Heritage Oaks- 4 Bed, 3 Bath, Formal Dining, Game Room, 3 Car	$404,500
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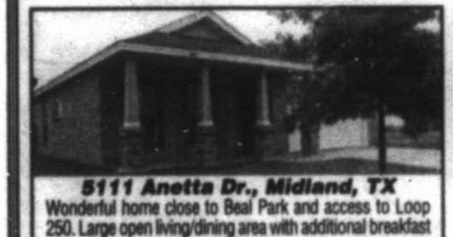
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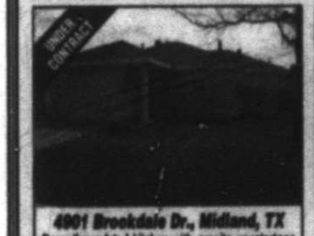
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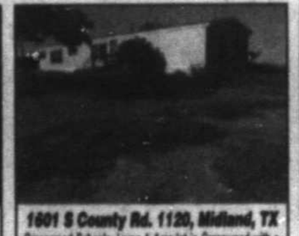
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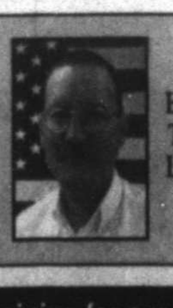
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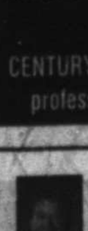


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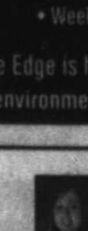
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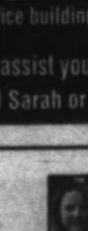
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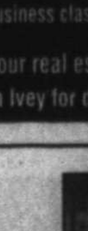
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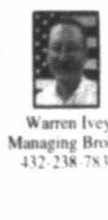
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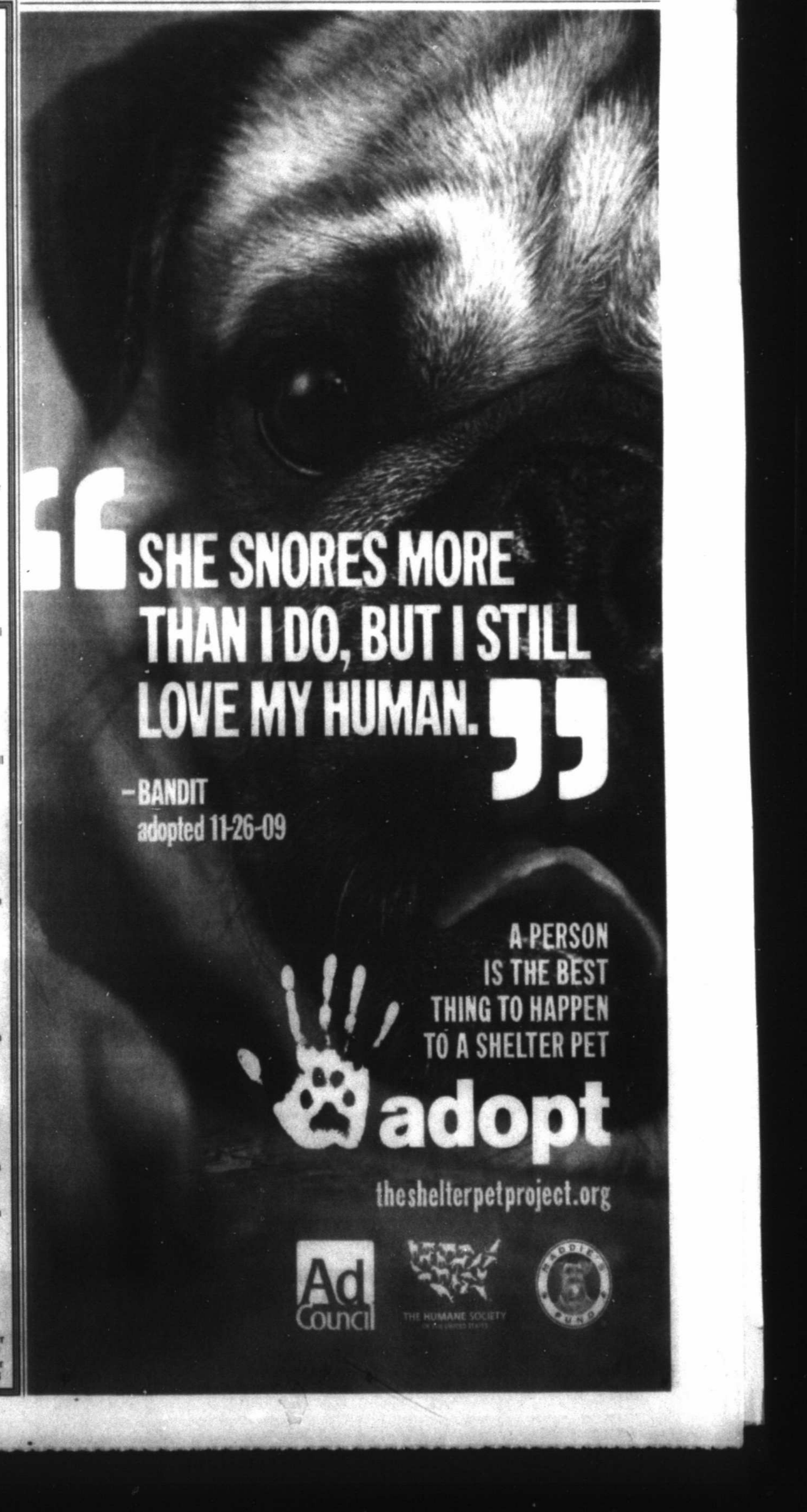


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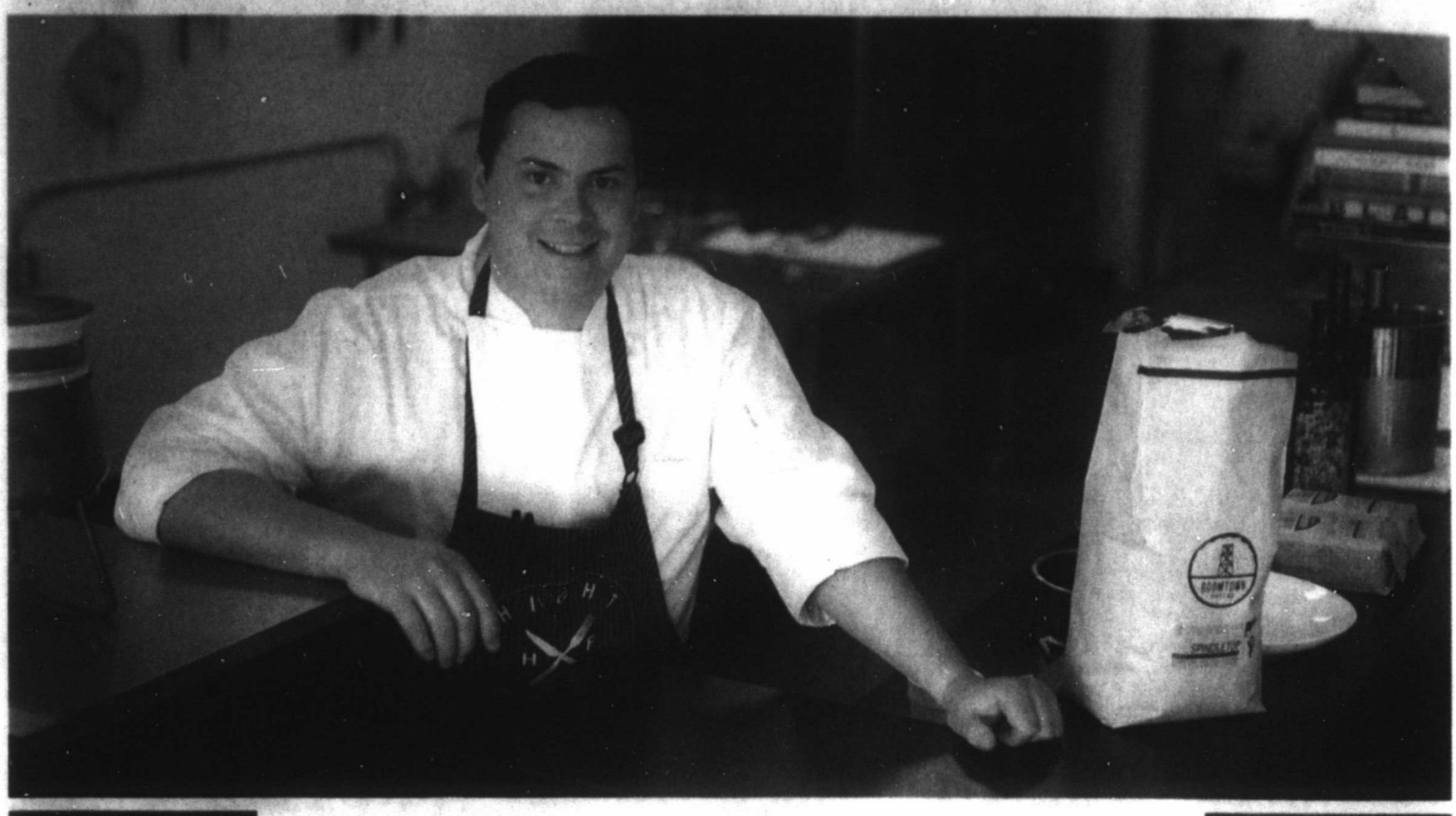
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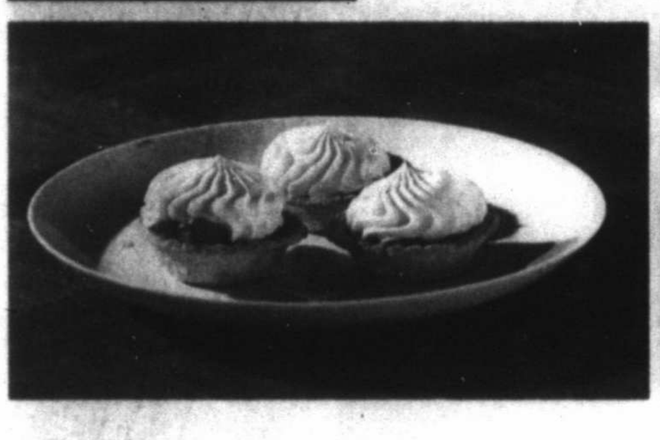
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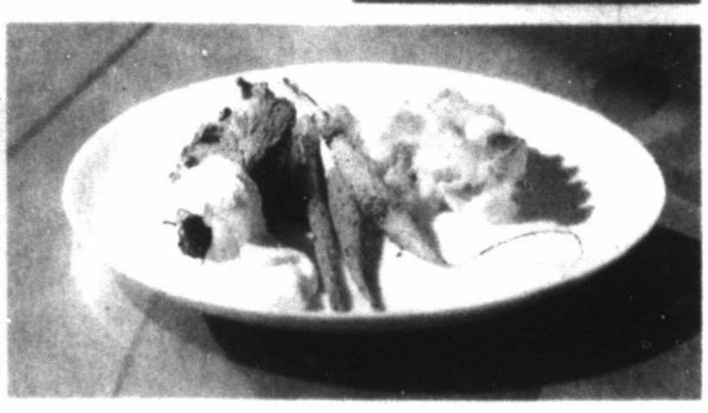
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TAKE YOUR PICK







Chef brings new concept eatery to Midland dining landscape

By Rich Lopez
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Days before his new restaurant is to open, Chef Chip Hight is stuck in a layover on his way to Mexico. If he could help it, he'd have stayed in Midland to finalize everything. But he assures that Hight Foods will be ready to go come Tuesday.

"There may be some bumps that first day, but by Wednesday or Thursday, we'll be in our groove," he said. "I'm just ready to open the doors."

Midland's newest dining option isn't a typical one. There is probably nothing too typical about Hight Foods compared to other local eateries. The small space is part restaurant, part market, part coffeehouse. As a whole, it's inventive.

As is the chef behind it.

Midland has felt Chip Hight's presence since last year when he came to town. He almost seemed to work surreptitiously through catering gigs, but then he was building buzz. And more people learned about his culinary talents when he teamed up with Tall Townes Entertainment.

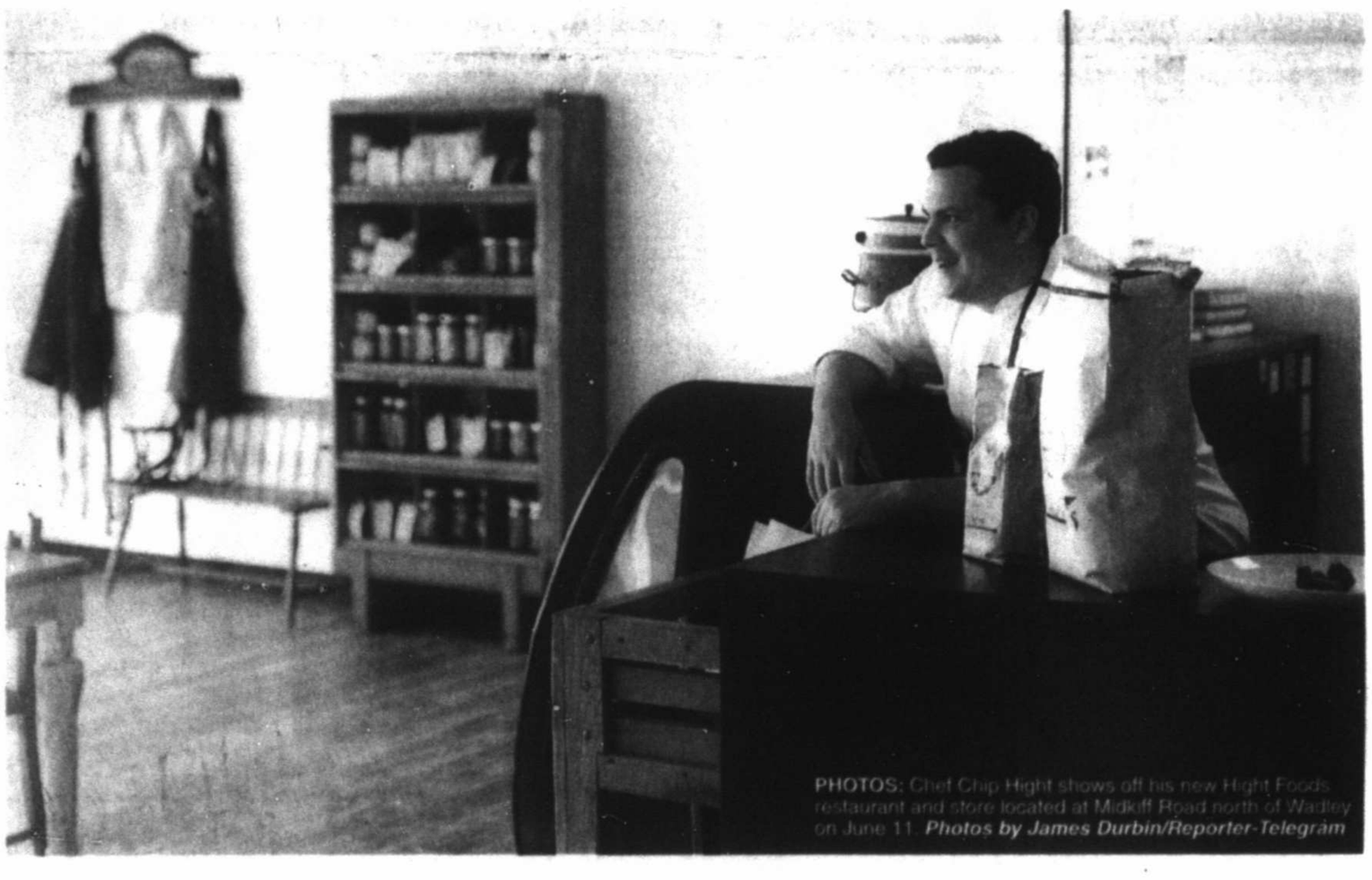
"Chip's menu and abilities are really diverse," Tall Townes' Nate Brignon said. "He can easily tailor his menu to our events, which adds an extra layer to what we are able to offer people attending our shows."

But now is Hight's time — or rather Tuesday is.

"We'll definitely have a different kind of concept compared to others. This was my original idea when I moved here. I just didn't think it would take so long to find a space," he said.

Hight Foods is located in the shopping center at 3320 Midkiff Road. The location is modest, and the concept is simple. Hight Foods will offer lunch and prepared foods from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Dinner service is set to start in July with a fixed-price menu.

With both a hipster and homey charm, Hight Foods is a comfortable small spot. And with antique tables and chairs and décor, the interior reads less restaurant and more like a relaxed nook for 30-something



PHOTOS: Chef Chip Hight shows off his new Hight Foods restaurant and store located at Midkiff Road north of Wadley on June 11. *Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram*

"I'm ready to start this chapter of my Midland tenure, but really, I just want to bring good food to all Midlanders and even experiment with food concepts that haven't been explored. We're ready."

Chef Chip Hight

seats.

But the kicker is the food.

In a preview tasting, Hight served a four-course meal including his pickled shrimp salad, a tomato bisque, brisket with carrots and mac and cheese and a selection of mini-pies for dessert. Each showcased not only his adept skills at meal creation, but also at plating. Each served dish looked like edible pieces of art.

He'll fashion those into his menu for customers to buy from his case by the pound or as part of lunch.

"We do have the new Market Street opening and there is H-E-B, but there isn't anywhere to get prepared food like this," he said. "People who may not feel like making dinner but eat well can stop here."

That food will be elevated versions of everyday items. His vegetables were roasted to perfection with creative spice concoctions that bolstered their natural flavors. His mac and cheese contained a seemingly unending list of cheeses. And his tomato bisque was rich with taste and texture that could be a meal itself.

As a market, Hight Foods will sell

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FATHER'S DAY EDITION

5 QUESTIONS

John Trischitti III | Midland County Public Libraries Director

Many Midlanders know John Trischitti simply as "Mr. T," but they also know him as the director of the Midland County Public Libraries. He's so good at his job that he was named the Texas Librarian of the Year by the Texas Librarians Association in 2014. But his first job is father to five children. He and his wife, Diana, have full schedules rooting Jay, 13; Olivia, 10; Dean, 8; Charlotte, 7; and Paul, 2. Beyond that, Trischitti reviews children's literature for School Library Journal and is a frequent speaker and program presenter across the state and nation on children's literature and best practices for public libraries. He serves on the boards for the city of Midland Air & Space Port and Midland Need to Read. The Trischittis are also active members at Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

MRT: What's your proudest achievement as a father?

Most days I just pray I don't mess them up! As an only child myself, raising five of my own has been quite a departure from what I remember growing up. I am proud of the young people they are becoming. They are doing good in school, they play well with others and each other (for the most part). Most of the credit for my children should go to their mother.

MRT: What is your best parental quality and why?

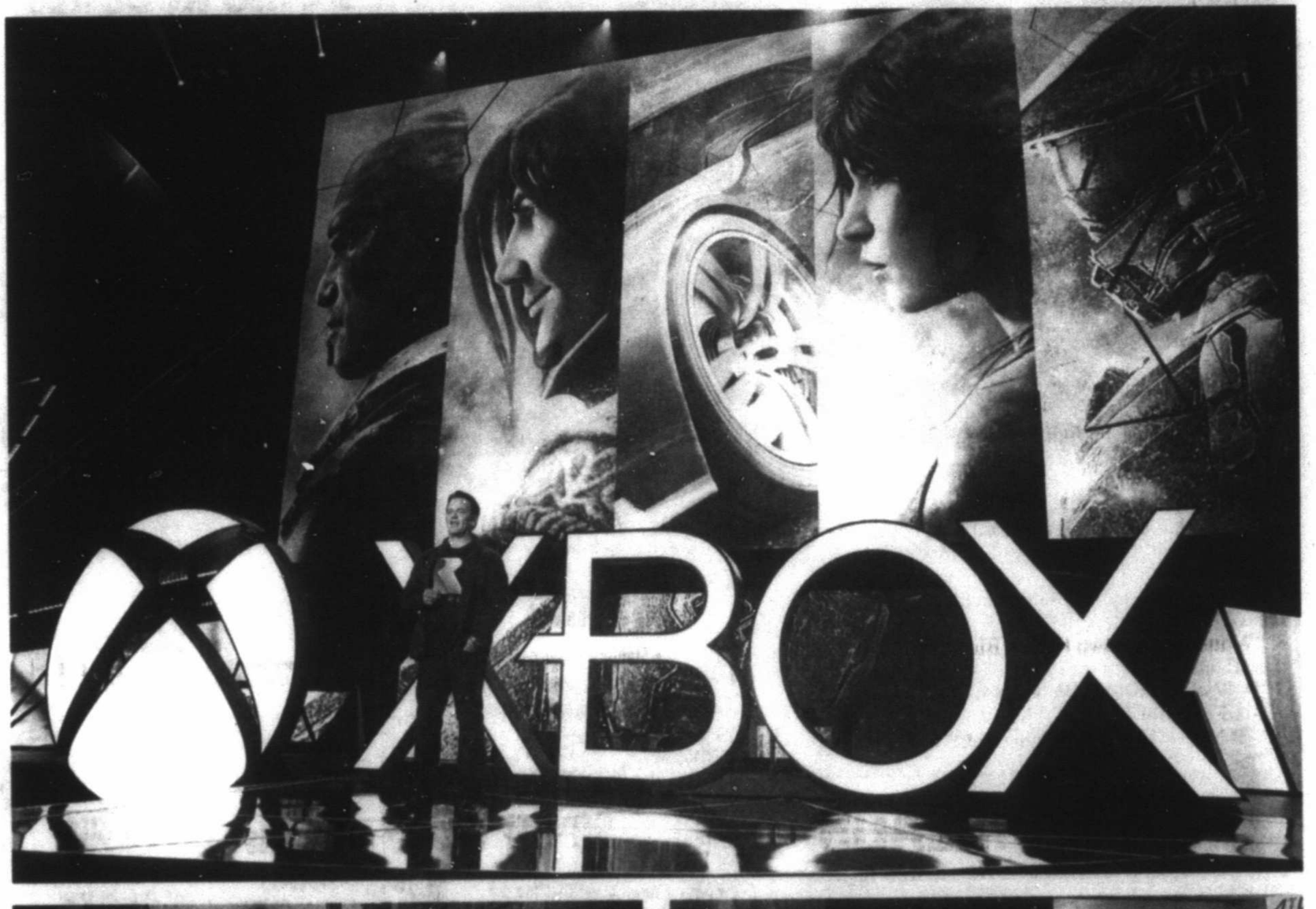
Trischitti: I try to be available. My parents divorced when I was very young. My mother did the best she could but there is no substitute for a father/father figure. I make every attempt to be at their school events, be at home and available should they need me. There is no replacement for quality time.

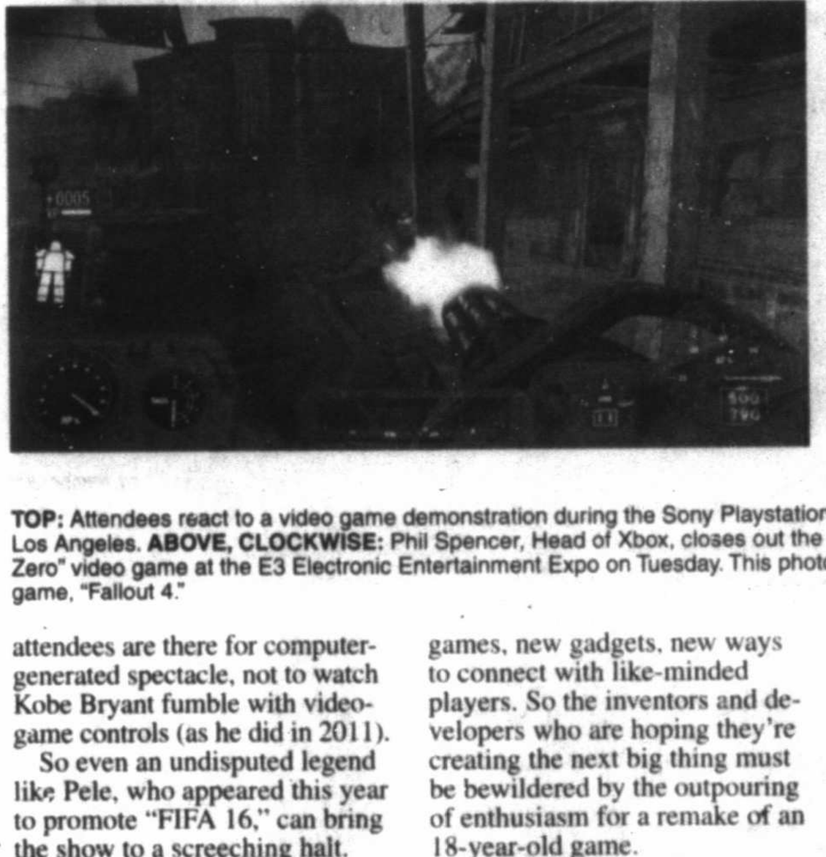
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E3 Buzz: Scenes from the three-day video game event

By Lou Kesten
Associated Press







Photos by Associated Press

TOP: Attendees react to a video game demonstration during the Sony Playstation at E3 2015 news conference at the Los Angeles Sports Arena on Monday in Los Angeles. **ABOVE, CLOCKWISE:** Phil Spencer, Head of Xbox, closes out the Xbox 2015 E3 Briefing. Actor Nicholas Bechtel, 10, plays Nintendo's "Star Fox: Zero" video game at the E3 Electronic Entertainment Expo on Tuesday. This photo provided by Bethesda Softworks shows a screenshot of a scene for the video game, "Fallout 4."

Seen and heard during the annual Electronic Entertainment Expo's three-day run at the Los Angeles Convention Center:

Female protagonists

For the longest time, Lara Croft of "Tomb Raider" was the biggest female star in video games — mainly because she didn't have much competition.

Things are changing, though, with game companies finally waking up to the realization that women make up nearly half of their audience. So at this year's E3, we're seeing more heroines like Emily Kaldwin, the assassin in Bethesda Softworks' "Dishonored 2." Microsoft's "Beyond Eyes" tells the tale of Rae, a blind girl whose other senses are enhanced. Sony's "Horizon: Zero Dawn" features a female hunter on a planet where mechanical dinosaurs run rampant.

Meanwhile, EA Sports' "FIFA 16" brings women's teams to the soccer pitch. Rooftop-running athlete Faith makes her long-awaited return in Electronic Arts' "Mirror's Edge Catalyst." And, of course, Lara herself is back in Square Enix's "Rise of the Tomb Raider."

There are also games like Bethesda's "Fallout 4," EA's "Mass Effect: Andromeda" and Ubisoft's "Assassin's Creed: Syndicate" that let you play as either a man or a woman. And even ultra-macho military franchises like "Halo" and "Gears of War" include female warriors in their squads.

Also encouraging: More women have appeared this year on the E3 stages where companies are showcasing their new games. "Mirror's Edge," EA's "Star Wars: Battlefront" and Ubisoft's "Rainbow Six: Siege" were just a few of the high-profile titles presented by female developers. As "Beyond Eyes" director Sherida Halatoe put it, "If we open ourselves up to new experiences, it can be a beautiful world."

Kinect killed

Five years ago, Microsoft introduced its Kinect motion control device with a flamboyant E3 extravaganza starring Cirque du Soleil.

This year? Kinect didn't even merit a mention at Microsoft's Xbox show. One presenter blurted a Kinect voice command, but the device itself doesn't even appear in most pictures of the Xbox One.

Sony, which has put far less emphasis on its PlayStation Move doodad, didn't bother mentioning it during the presentation. At least Nintendo's Wii U still incorporates the gimmick, last time we checked.

So what's taking motion control's place? "Virtual reality" — with both companies promising immersion in three-dimensional worlds via wraparound headsets. Microsoft has adopted the Oculus Rift for use with the Xbox One and PCs; Sony has its own Project Morpheus.

Can virtual reality thrive where motion control stumbled? We'll check back in 2020.

Star power

Celebrities, no matter how much we love them, don't thrive during E3 presentations. The attendees are there for computer-generated spectacle, not to watch Kobe Bryant fumble with video-game controls (as he did in 2011).

So even an undisputed legend like Pele, who appeared this year to promote "FIFA 16," can bring the show to a screeching halt. Jason Derulo may be a chart-topper, but he wins this year's Flo Rida Memorial Trophy for Awkward Performance promoting Ubisoft's "Just Dance." Neither was greeted with the kind of applause that was received by video game designer Fumito Ueda, creator of the cult classics "Ico" and "Shadow of the Colossus," and the new "The Last Guardian."

But then we have Matt Stone and Trey Parker, the brains behind "South Park." They surprised the Ubisoft audience with a trailer for the forthcoming "South Park: The Fractured but Whole," then treated us to a profanity-filled Q&A with host Aisha Tyler. Stone acknowledged saying they'd never make another game after last year's "The Stick of Truth," but said that they'd just figured out what they were doing by the end of that game's development and didn't want to let it go to waste.

He expressed all that in words unrepeatable in an AP story. That's knowing your audience.

Past in the present

E3 is all about the new: new games, new gadgets, new ways to connect with like-minded players. So the inventors and developers who are hoping they're creating the next big thing must be bewildered by the outpouring of enthusiasm for a remake of an 18-year-old game.

That game is Square Enix's landmark "Final Fantasy VII," a classic Japanese role-playing adventure that introduced many Westerners to the genre. When Sony announced a remake would be coming to the PlayStation 4, its fans — many of whom were children when it first appeared — roared with approval.

But it isn't the only old game that got attention last week. Microsoft won over some skeptics by announcing it would be making the entire library of the good old Xbox 360 playable on the Xbox One. Rare, a studio whose games date back to the early 1980s, announced "Rare Replay," a $30 compilation of 30 of its old hits, including classics like "Battletoads" and "Banjo-Kazooie." And then there are revivals of long-dormant series like Bethesda Softworks' "Doom" and Nintendo's "StarFox."

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Seen and heard during the annual Electronic Entertainment Expo's three-day run at the Los Angeles Convention Center:

Female protagonists

For the longest time, Lara Croft of "Tomb Raider" was the biggest female star in video games — mainly because she didn't have much competition.

Things are changing, though, with game companies finally waking up to the realization that women make up nearly half of their audience. So at this year's E3, we're seeing more heroines like Emily Kaldwin, the assassin in Bethesda Softworks' "Dishonored 2." Microsoft's "Beyond Eyes" tells the tale of Rae, a blind girl whose other senses are enhanced. Sony's "Horizon: Zero Dawn" features a female hunter on a planet where mechanical dinosaurs run rampant.

Meanwhile, EA Sports' "FIFA 16" brings women's teams to the soccer pitch. Rooftop-running athlete Faith makes her long-awaited return in Electronic Arts' "Mirror's Edge Catalyst." And, of course, Lara herself is back in Square Enix's "Rise of the Tomb Raider."

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Five years ago, Microsoft introduced its Kinect motion control device with a flamboyant E3 extravaganza starring Cirque du Soleil.

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Past in the present

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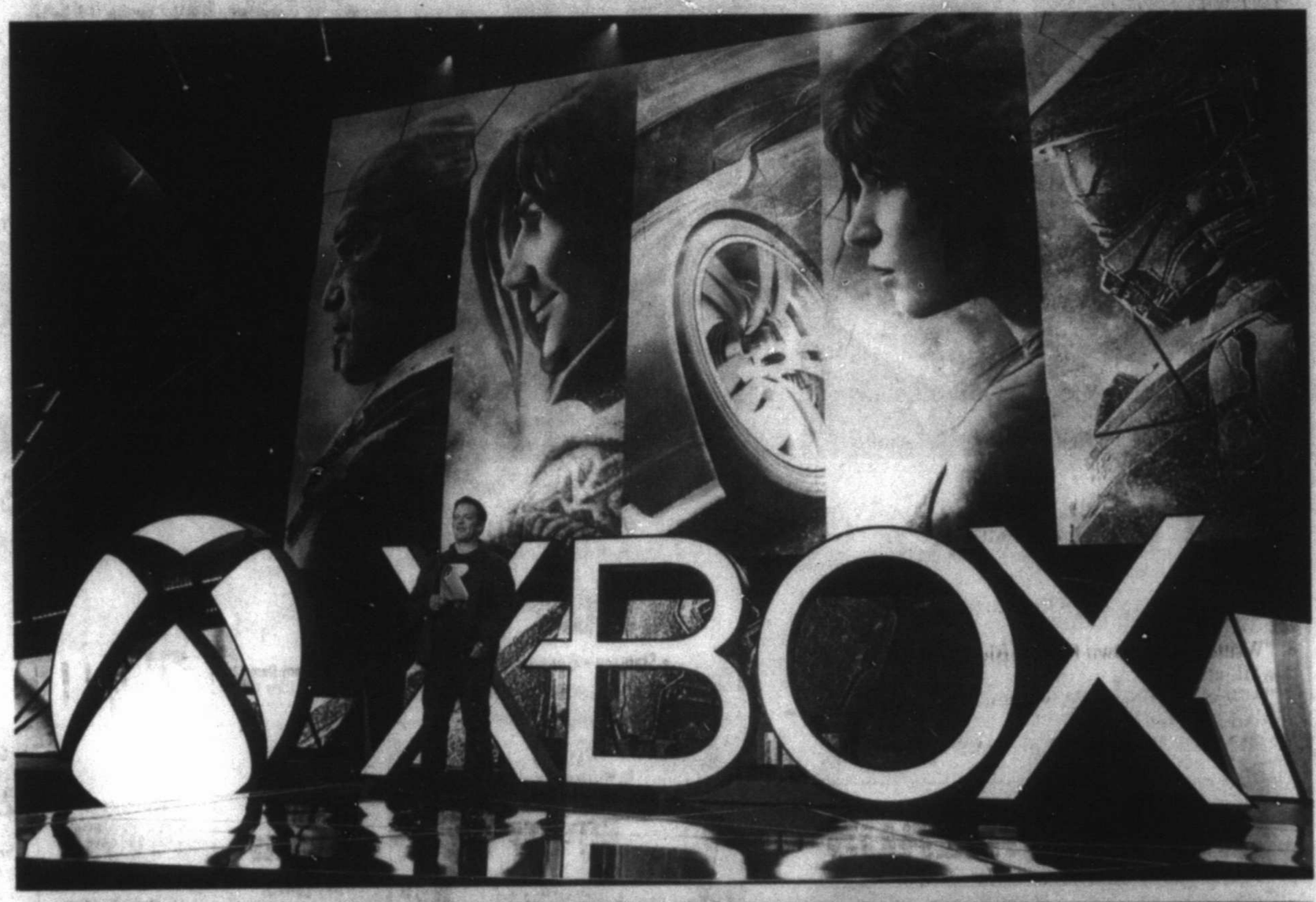
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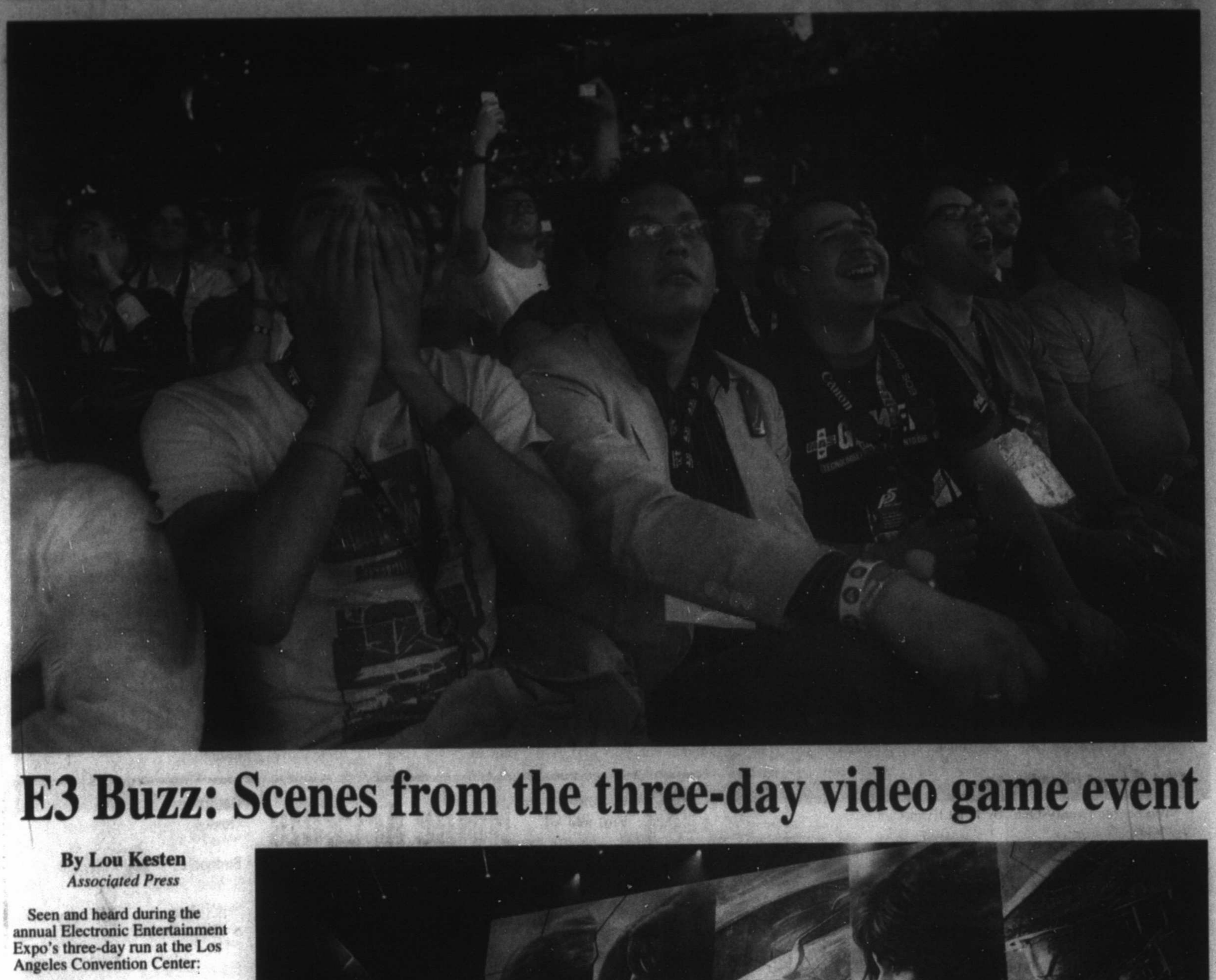
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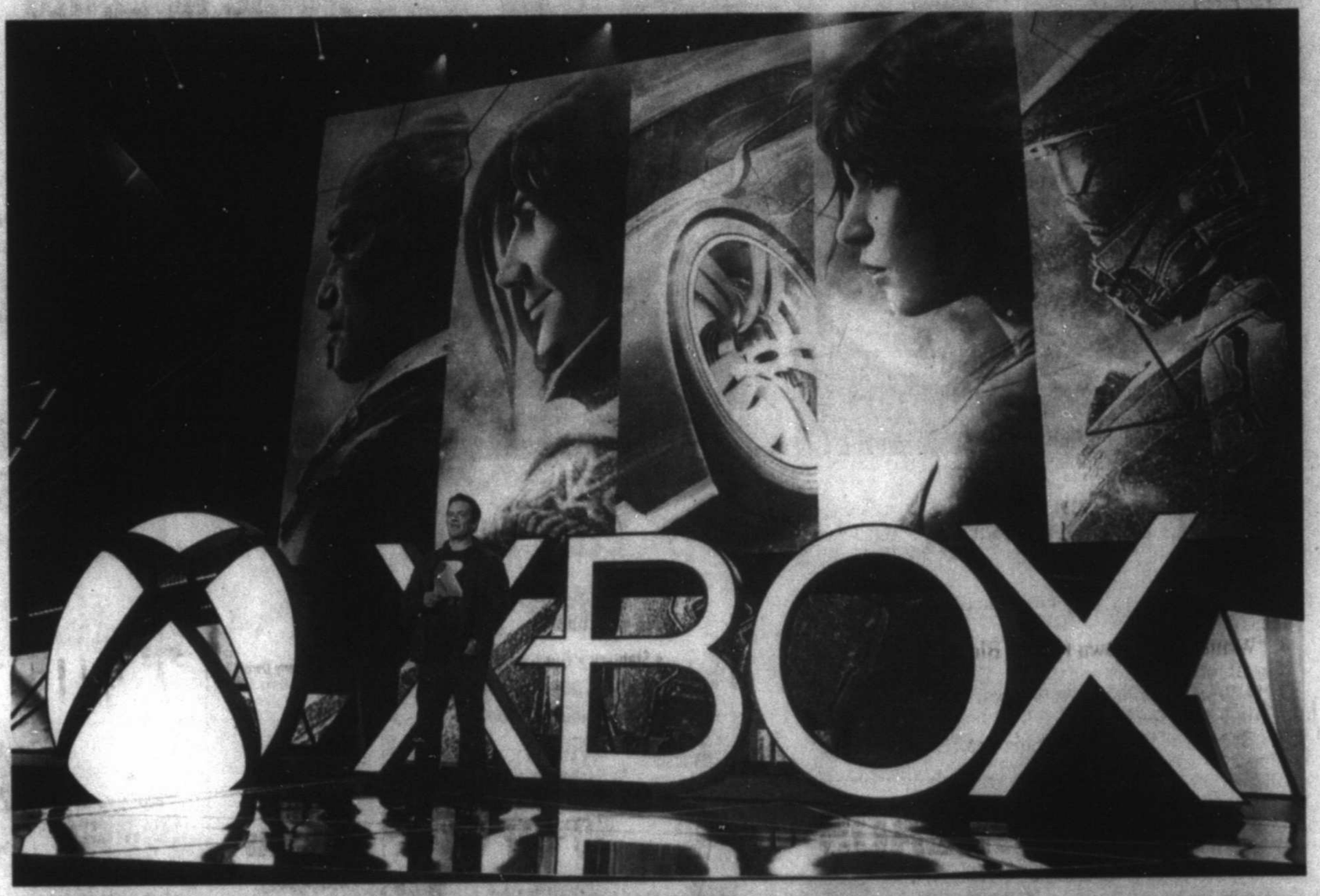
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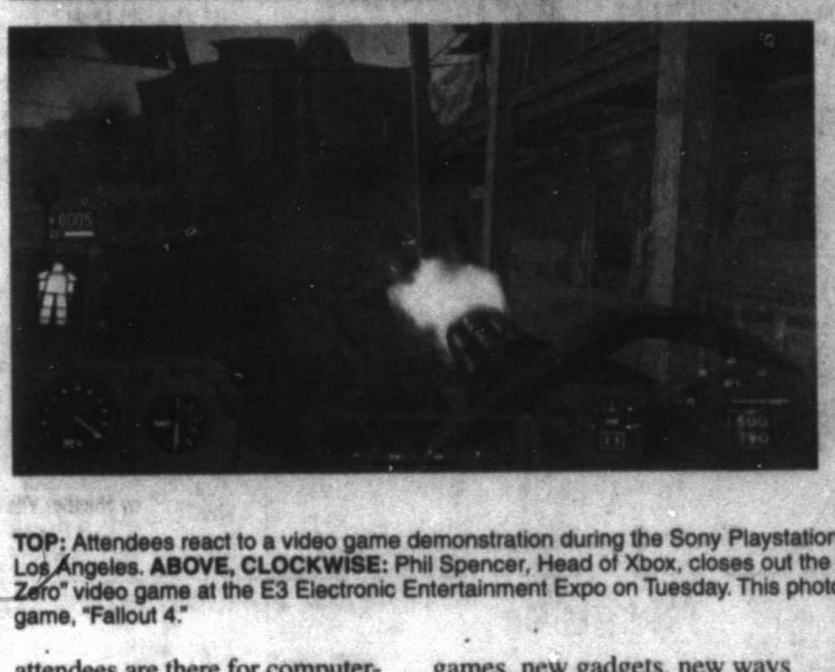
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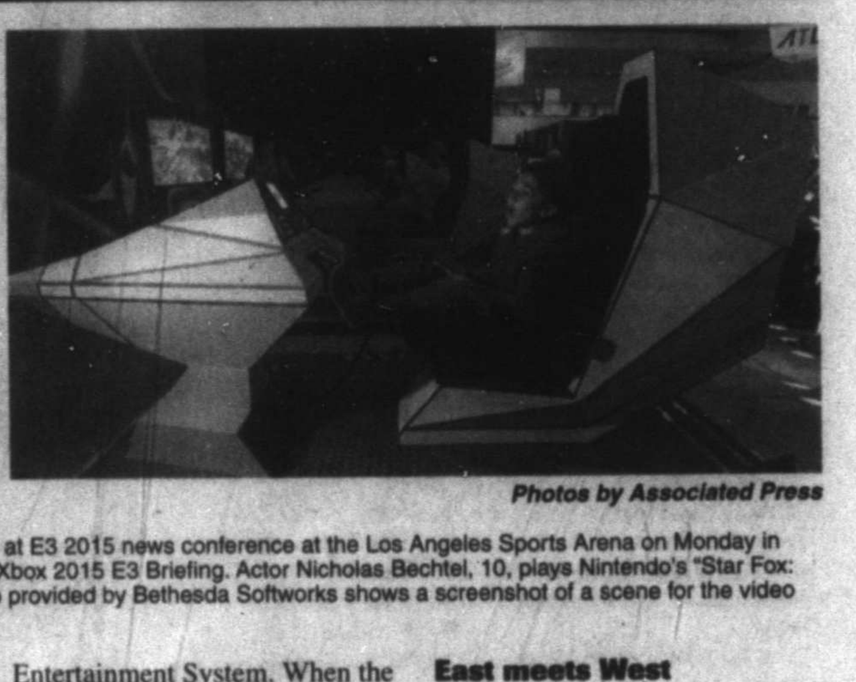


E3 Buzz: Scenes from the three-day video game event

By Lou Kesten
Associated Press







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TOP: Attendees react to a video game demonstration during the Sony Playstation at E3 2015 news conference at the Los Angeles Sports Arena on Monday in Los Angeles. **ABOVE, CLOCKWISE:** Phil Spencer, Head of Xbox, closes out the Xbox 2015 E3 Briefing. Actor Nicholas Bechtel, 10, plays Nintendo's "Star Fox: Zero" video game at the E3 Electronic Entertainment Expo on Tuesday. This photo provided by Bethesda Softworks shows a screenshot of a scene for the video game, "Fallout 4."

Seen and heard during the annual Electronic Entertainment Expo's three-day run at the Los Angeles Convention Center:

Female protagonists

For the longest time, Lara Croft of "Tomb Raider" was the biggest female star in video games — mainly because she didn't have much competition.

Things are changing, though, with game companies finally waking up to the realization that women make up nearly half of their audience. So at this year's E3, we're seeing more heroines like Emily Kaldwin, the assassin in Bethesda Softworks' "Dishonored 2." Microsoft's "Beyond Eyes" tells the tale of Rae, a blind girl whose other senses are enhanced. Sony's "Horizon: Zero Dawn" features a female hunter on a planet where mechanical dinosaurs run rampant.

Meanwhile, EA Sports' "FIFA 16" brings women's teams to the soccer pitch. Rooftop-running athlete Faith makes her long-awaited return in Electronic Arts' "Mirror's Edge Catalyst." And, of course, Lara herself is back in Square Enix's "Rise of the Tomb Raider."

There are also games like Bethesda's "Fallout 4," EA's "Mass Effect: Andromeda" and Ubisoft's "Assassin's Creed: Syndicate" that let you play as either a man or a woman. And even ultra-macho military franchises like "Halo" and "Gears of War" include female warriors in their squads.

Also encouraging: More women have appeared this year on the E3 stages where companies are showcasing their new games. "Mirror's Edge," EA's "Star Wars: Battlefront" and Ubisoft's "Rainbow Six: Siege" were just a few of the high-profile titles presented by female developers. As "Beyond Eyes" director Sherida Halatoe put it, "If we open ourselves up to new experiences, it can be a beautiful world."

Kinect killed

Five years ago, Microsoft introduced its Kinect motion control device with a flamboyant E3 extravaganza starring Cirque du Soleil.

This year? Kinect didn't even merit a mention at Microsoft's Xbox show. One presenter blurted a Kinect voice command, but the device itself doesn't even appear in most pictures of the Xbox One.

Sony, which has put far less emphasis on its PlayStation Move doodad, didn't bother mentioning it during the presentation. At least Nintendo's Wii U still incorporates the gimmick, last time we checked.

So what's taking motion control's place? "Virtual reality" — with both companies promising immersion in three-dimensional worlds via wraparound headsets. Microsoft has adopted the Oculus Rift for use with the Xbox One and PCs; Sony has its own Project Morpheus.

Can virtual reality thrive where motion control stumbled? We'll check back in 2020.

Star power

Celebrities, no matter how much we love them, don't thrive during E3 presentations. The attendees are there for computer-generated spectacle, not to watch Kobe Bryant fumble with video-game controls (as he did in 2011).

So even an undisputed legend like Pele, who appeared this year to promote "FIFA 16," can bring the show to a screeching halt. Jason Derulo may be a chart-topper, but he wins this year's Flo Rida Memorial Trophy for Awkward Performance promoting Ubisoft's "Just Dance." Neither was greeted with the kind of applause that was received by video game designer Fumito Ueda, creator of the cult classics "Ico" and "Shadow of the Colossus," and the new "The Last Guardian."

But then we have Matt Stone and Trey Parker, the brains behind "South Park." They surprised the Ubisoft audience with a trailer for the forthcoming "South Park: The Fractured but Whole," then treated us to a profanity-filled Q&A with host Aisha Tyler. Stone acknowledged saying they'd never make another game after last year's "The Stick of Truth," but said that they'd just figured out what they were doing by the end of that game's development and didn't want to let it go to waste.

He expressed all that in words unrepeatable in an AP story. That's knowing your audience.

Past in the present

E3 is all about the new: new games, new gadgets, new ways to connect with like-minded players. So the inventors and developers who are hoping they're creating the next big thing must be bewildered by the outpouring of enthusiasm for a remake of an 18-year-old game.

That game is Square Enix's landmark "Final Fantasy VII," a classic Japanese role-playing adventure that introduced many Westerners to the genre. When Sony announced a remake would be coming to the PlayStation 4, its fans — many of whom were children when it first appeared — roared with approval.

But it isn't the only old game that got attention last week. Microsoft won over some skeptics by announcing it would be making the entire library of the good old Xbox 360 playable on the Xbox One. Rare, a studio whose games date back to the early 1980s, announced "Rare Replay," a $30 compilation of 30 of its old hits, including classics like "Battletoads" and "Banjo-Kazooie." And then there are revivals of long-dormant series like Bethesda Softworks' "Doom" and Nintendo's "StarFox."

Nintendo, more than any other publisher, has been mining nostalgia for years: Every new "Mario Bros." or "Legend of Zelda" title takes gamers back to the '80s, when they played the originals on the Nintendo Entertainment System. When the company's "Super Mario Maker" comes out later this year, I suspect we'll see tons of fan-created tributes to the Mario games of our youth.

Another old title drawing buzz is "Shenmue," a wildly ambitious Sega game from 1999. It was an intriguing and not entirely successful attempt to combine role-playing, brawling and, well, forklift racing. Despite its drawbacks — in particular, some very slow pacing that's a little too life-like — it pioneered the sprawling open worlds of modern games like "Grand Theft Auto" and "Far Cry."

After a 2001 sequel flopped, Sega ditched plans to complete the trilogy. But on Monday, "Shenmue" creator Yu Suzuki appeared at Sony's pre-E3 event and announced a $2 million Kickstarter campaign to fund "Shenmue III." It reached its goal 12 hours later.

The whole affair has raised plenty of questions. The original "Shenmue" cost nearly $50 million to produce, and games cost a lot more to develop these days. And some critics slammed Sony for asking fans to fund "Shenmue III" rather than providing the financing itself — although Sony is expected to kick in some cash now that fans have demonstrated their ardor.

East meets West

E3 has always been a place where East meets West, and nowhere was that more evident than Square Enix's pre-E3 showcase. Square's portfolio is a fascinating mix of beloved Japanese franchises like "Final Fantasy" and Western-developed series like "Tomb Raider," and the company's presentation was divided pretty much evenly between developers speaking English and Japanese (sometimes without translation).

The epitome of this dichotomy is the newly announced "Kingdom Hearts III," the latest collaboration between Square and Disney. The series mixes anime-inspired characters with classic Disney toons like Goofy and Donald Duck; the latest chapter adds the cast of "Tangled."

That struck me as an odd choice, but director Tetsuya Nomura said through a translator that Rapunzel and her hair offered some interesting potential in the gameplay. He also pointed out that "Tangled" follows the "traditional Disney structure." He was less forthcoming when asked about the possibility of Disney-owned Marvel and "Star Wars" characters coming to "Kingdom Hearts" — but, given the series' focus on old-school animation, I wouldn't count on it.

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4. "Radiant Angel" by Nelson Demille (Grand Central Publishing)
5. "Piranha" by Clive Cussler and Boyd Morrison (G.P. Putnam's Sons)
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8. "The Fateful Lightning" by Jeff Shaara (Ballantine)
9. "Gathering Prey" by John Sandford (G.P. Putnam's Sons)
10. "Beach Town" by Mary Kay Andrews (St. Martin's Press)

Hardcover nonfiction

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2. "The Wright Brothers" by David McCullough (Simon & Schuster)
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4. "Bill O'Reilly's Legends and Lies: The Real West" by Bill O'Reilly and David Fisher (Henry Holt and Co.)
5. "The Whole 30" by Melissa Hartwig and Dallas Hartwig (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
6. "And the Good News Is..." by Dana Perino (Hachette/Twelve)
7. "The Road to Character" by David Brooks (Random House)
8. "Primates of Park Avenue: A Memoir" by Wednesday Martin (Simon & Schuster)
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Trade paperbacks

1. "American Sniper" (movie tie-in) by Chris Kyle (William Morrow)
2. "Leaving Time" by Jodi Picoult (Ballantine)
3. "Hope to Die" by James Patterson (Grand Central Publishing)
4. "I Am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai (LB/Back Bay)
5. "The Goldfinch" by Donna Tartt (Little, Brown)
6. "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin Press)
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8. "Written in My Own Heart's Blood" by Diana Gabaldon (Bantam)
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4. "The One and Only Ivan" by Katherine Applegate
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6. "The Night Gardener: A Scary Story" by Jonathan Auxier
7. "The Battle of the Labyrinth" by Rick Riordan
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9. "The Last Olympian" by Rick Riordan
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7. "Tammy"
8. "Interstellar"
9. "Exodus"
10. "The Gambler"

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MRT: Describe an ideal meal that you make for your children.

Trischitti: If I am making the meal it wouldn't be very ideal! Lots of toast, cereal and frozen waffles. I guess I can grill a decent burger and steak. That is always fun, more for the atmosphere than the food. Kids out back playing while the grill is fired up.

MRT: Name a real life and a fictional hero and why.

Trischitti: I have been so fortunate to have men step forward and be wonderful examples for me of how to be great fathers, husbands and leaders in the community.

My grandfather, a great man, really filled that role in my youth. He is 90 and still healthy and contributing great words of advice. In the last five years, several men have impacted my life greatly both professionally and personally. Doug Robison, Randy Prude and Travis McGraw have really been important to me the last few years, counseling me in personal and professional decisions and challenges. Judge Mike Bradford's positive impact on my life cannot be overstated. These are great men that I can go to for advice or counsel with troubles or praises.

As for fictional heroes, asking a librarian for their favorite fictional hero is like asking me my favorite child. Impossible! I really enjoy Hercule Poriot, Robert Langdon and Charles Lenox. Intellectual heroes solving problems with their mind and charm and manners.

MRT: Your not-so-secret indulgence.

Trischitti: Chocolate. I am a sweets-aholic, and being an insulin dependent diabetic it truly is an indulgence! When my wife, who is a gifted baker, is in the kitchen it is a family event. The smells are heavenly and the tastes sublime.

Judd Apatow reflects on a life in comedy in new book

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The comedy education of Judd Apatow began with unusual access to great comic minds, which he pried for straightforward instruction: How do you tell a joke?

Growing up on Long Island as a comedy nerd before there was such a thing (or many others like him), Apatow managed to land interviews with the likes of Jerry Seinfeld, Jay Leno and Steve Allen, most of whom turned up expecting something other than a 15-year-old kid with a high school radio show.

It was a foundational beginning for what became a career that has done a lot to define comedy in the last 20 years, from "The Larry Sanders Show" to "Freaks and Geeks," from "The Cable Guy" to "The 40 Year-Old Virgin."

In a new book, "Sick in the Head: Conversations About Life and Comedy," out Tuesday, Apatow, 47, returns to those high-school interviews (he kept the tapes) to publish them, as well as add new, more recent talks with many others (Louis C.K., Jon Stewart, Chris Rock). Proceeds go to Dave Eggers' 826, which provides free tutoring and literacy programs to kids.

The conversations center on comedy — where it comes from, how it works — but grow into more expansive and intimate reflections on life from some of the sharpest, most thoughtful minds around. The intervening decades reveal less about Apatow's much-improved standing than his continuing comedy-nerd curiosity and his ongoing pleasure in what Stewart calls "the joy of the funny."

Here are excerpts from a recent Associated Press interview with Apatow:

■ On his first time performing standup

The first time I did standup, I said to the audience: "Hey, I don't know how to respond to hecklers so I'd like you to heckle me so I can learn how to do it." And then the whole crowd started cursing me out. I used to have a tape of it and on the tape you could hear my friend, Kevin Weltmann, screaming at people to shut up because they wouldn't stop cursing me out. So they would curse for a while, then I would take a long pause and say, "See, I don't know what to say. I gotta think of something to say."

■ On his first paying gig

Rosanne (Barr) gave me the job that changed my life the most because she was the first person to pay me well. That was the day I realized I could afford valet parking. I always say money doesn't really change much in life once you can pay for valet parking.

■ On working with comedians

For me to sit in a restaurant talking to Steve Martin, it feels very otherworldly. I always wanted to be part of those groups of comedians, like Second City. I wasn't able to join "Saturday Night Live" or Second City, but in my own way, I was able to create my own groups of funny people that worked together a lot. That was always the dream. It wasn't for me to be successful, it was really for me to collaborate with people I respected. I just loved comedy people and I wanted to be around them.

■ On interviewing performers now

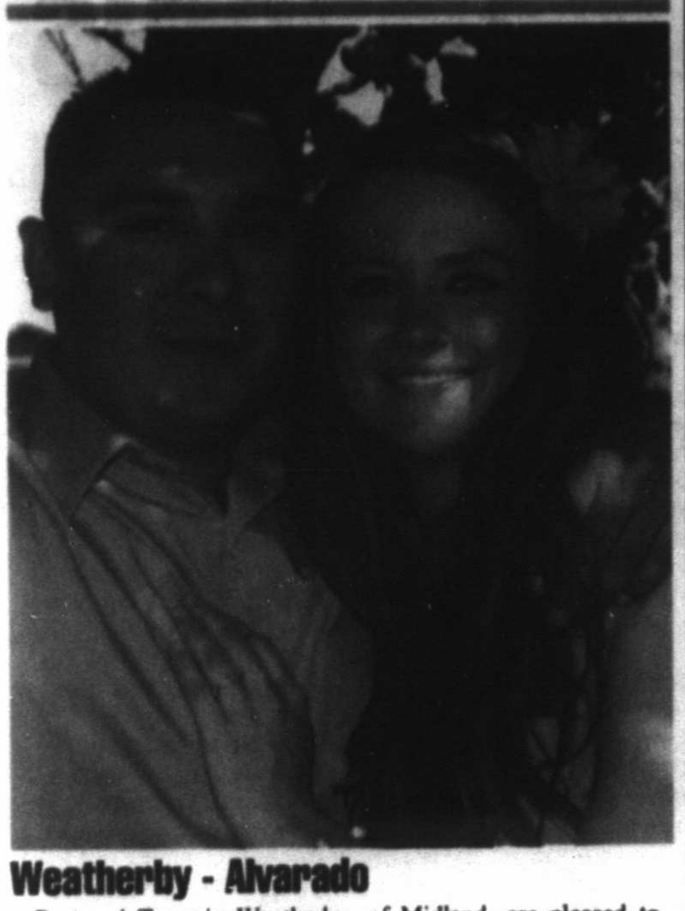
I'm interested just in how people are surviving and trying to remain relevant as the decades go on. After success what is the point of doing this? That's a lot of what (his 2009 film) "Funny People" is about. It's such a strange job. You work very hard to be given the opportunity to tell jokes in front of people or make movies. But when you've done it for a while and the newness of it wears off, you are left with just one question: What do I want to say?

■ On returning to standup

While I was working on (the upcoming comedy) "Trainwreck," Amy Schumer was having so much fun doing stand-up comedy and I got jealous. I thought: "Why did I stop doing that?" One of the reasons was because I was so young. I did it between ages 17 and 24. I didn't have that much life experience to draw on and I wasn't the most innovative comedian. You work on a movie for years and you find out in one weekend if anyone liked it. I wanted to do something in comedy that was immediate and fun and also much lower stakes.

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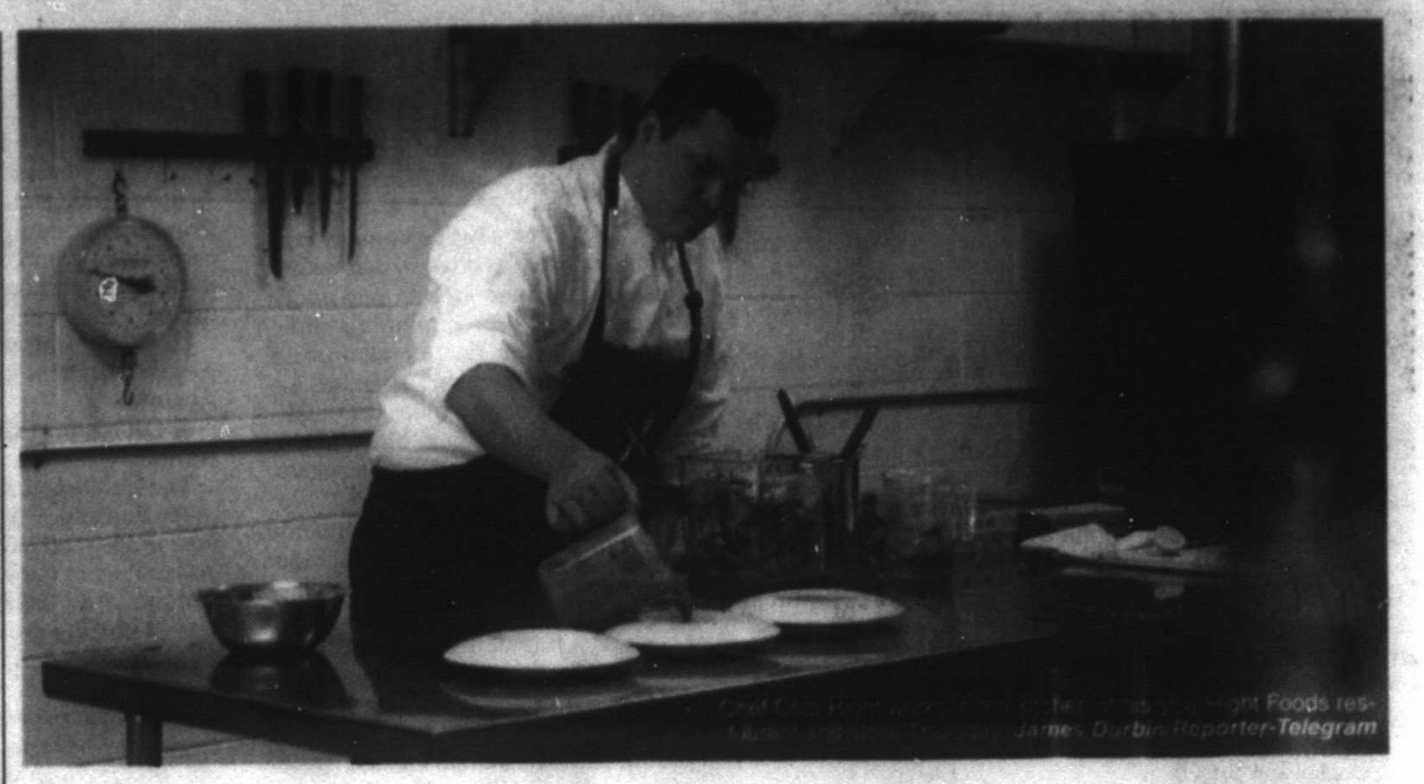
Weatherby - Alvarado

Ray and Tammie Weatherby, of Midland, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tasha Rae Weatherby, to Rudy Alvarado, III, the son of Rudy, Jr. and Martha Alvarado of Brownfield.

The bride-to-be graduated in 2004 from Greenwood High in Midland, Texas and the future groom graduated in 2004 from Brownfield High in Brownfield, Texas. The couple met 11 years ago while attending college in Dallas and have three beautiful children together, Jaedyn Rae, Makenah Rylee, and Brayden Cole.

They will exchange vows September 2015 in Midland, Texas with Angie Garza officiating.

"It's not WHAT I have in my life
but WHO I have in my life that counts."



Jane Foods res-
Jane Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

HIGHT

From 1E

Boomtown Coffee from Houston, high-end chocolates by Mast Brothers in New York, cheeses, charcuterie, dry goods and even candles and Hight merchandise.

"Our inventory will evolve from there," he said. "We'll limit the mercantile to what we can fit."

Hight was profiled last year in the Reporter-Telegram when he was new to Midland from Houston. Looking to fill the food scene gaps his sister and brother-in-law bemoaned, he has been building his local presence ever since. Only Hight Foods took him longer than expected.

"That was the hard part. But, that being said, the normal hurdles of opening a restaurant were really easy, and the officials here were quick and on top of it," he said. "Ironically, that was the least stressful part and now I'm legally and officially set up to go."

In the near future, Hight will expand his services to dinner on Wednesdays through Fridays. For about $60, diners with reservations can enjoy a three- or four-course meal in an intimate setting. Hight expects to expand to dinner after July 4.

Hight Foods will also feature summer cooking classes for children. Classes for kids from 3 to 10 and older will be offered. Classes include Noodle Magic, pizza and even knife skills (for older kids, of course).

Brignon sees Hight's endeavor as part of a newer Midland that continues to grow.

"It continues the trend around town of new restaurants and other entertainment and cultural opportunities that may not have existed when we were growing up in Midland. We can't wait for it to open and look forward to lots of delicious meals at his new location," he said.

And Hight is just hoping for the best.

"I'm ready to start this chapter of my Midland tenure, but really, I just want to bring good food to all Midlanders and even experiment with food concepts that haven't been explored. We're ready," he said.

Menus depict history of Los Angeles through its food

By Christine Armario
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — In the worn Los Angeles menus of the late 1800s, chef Roy Choi saw a glimpse of his own story.

The Hotel Arcadia offered apple pie and braised beef au madre. Diners at The Angelus in modern-day downtown got to feast on Welsh rabbit and mashed potatoes. Don Mateo Keller's Vintage Feast and Ball served French chicken blanquette.

They were menus with one foot in Europe, the other in a still-to-be-defined America. Los Angeles' early restaurants seemed to be trying to hold on to something they left behind — a sentiment the Korean-American Choi could relate to. "It was almost like an immigrant kid trying to figure out, 'What does it mean to be Korean?'" Choi said in a recent interview.

Choi, author Josh Kun and Los Angeles librarians have spent the last year sorting through thousands of restaurant menus that tell a history of Los Angeles through its food. The Library Foundation of Los Angeles is presenting an exhibit of the menus running from June through November 13 and publishing a related book, "To Live and Dine in LA." Events on food history, cooking and nutrition will be held at libraries around the city.

Kun said he wanted to deconstruct menus, "like a short story or poem."

"These are what I call urban texts," he said, beside a table filled with menus from the past.

Two Los Angeles Public Library librarians began collecting the menus in the 1980s. Over the last three decades, they amassed more than 8,000. Today the library is in possession of about 15,000 menus, the oldest dating back to 1875. "These collections tell the story of Los Angeles," said city librarian John Szabo.

Some of the earliest menus were for banquets, a hint of the times; dining out was, at first, a privilege for the wealthy. One of the banquet menus on display is for a dinner honoring "Professor and Mrs. Albert Einstein" at the Hotel Ambassador in 1931. On the cover of the yellow-tinged menu is a black and white portrait of the physicist and his wife, she smiling glibly and he ever straight-faced and with a bushel of gray hair. The dinner that evening featured "Fresh Fruit Supreme California," "Half Spring Chicken Saute Ambassador" and "Fancy Form Ice Cream."

When Kun showed Choi those early menus, it provoked a question: If banquets were where the rich ate, where did the poor and working class eat?

Digging deeper, Kun uncovered another history — lunchrooms that popped up around the same time offering workers a quick bite for 15 cents or less.

"A lot of times what we eat doesn't involve a menu," Choi said. "Or if there is, it's written on paper and then gone."

Questions of food security and the relationship between food, class and culture run throughout the exhibit. While today Los Angeles is considered a destination city for both fine dining and cheap eats across an immense array of cuisines, it is also a city where many still go hungry. More than half of all students in the Los Angeles Unified School District, the nation's second largest, qualify for free or reduced price lunch, a key indicator of poverty.

Looking at the old menus, Choi said it wasn't hard to draw comparison between the past and today.

"I felt the energy of the people and not so much just what I was looking at," Choi said. "Just those lonely moments in an office or at a table, when a guy or girl first wrote that menu: What were they thinking? The dreams in their head, what they ran away from, what they were proud of, what they were possessed by. As a person who writes menus, I felt connected to those moments."



Associated Press

The exhibit "To Live and Dine in L.A." shows restaurant menus June 12 at the Los Angeles Public Library. One of the banquet menus on display is for a dinner honoring "Professor and Mrs. Albert Einstein" at the Hotel Ambassador in 1931. On the cover of the yellow-tinged menu is a black and white portrait of the physicist and his wife, she smiling glibly and he ever straight-faced and with a bushel of gray hair.

Wax paper keeps ice cream frost-free

HINTS FROM HELOISE



King Features Syndicate

Dear Heloise: I enjoy using so many of the ideas (yours, as well as others') that are printed in your column, and I would like to add one of my own.

I do love ice cream. Because it takes some time for me to eat a full gallon or a larger carton, I have found placing wax paper over the ice cream once it has been opened will stop it from becoming icy on top, because the wax paper acts as a shield.

My daughter-in-law now uses this idea and says it works wonderfully. I also make chocolate-pudding pies with no meringue on top, so I use wax paper on them, and they do not dry out or get a film on top. — Frankie Stanford, Chillicothe, Texas

A cold separation

Dear Heloise: I remember reading it is easier to separate eggs when they are cold. Is this true? — Jenna D. in Indiana

Yes, it is true. Cold eggs are easier to separate because everything is, well, cold and not as runny. However, the older the egg, the more runny it will be. So a fresh egg is easier to separate, too. Depending on the recipe, most do call for room-temperature eggs. What to do? Separate the egg and set it out until it reaches room temperature. — Heloise

No waste

Dear Heloise: I'd like to share a simple trick for keeping sour cream and cottage cheese from getting mold after opening. Simply turn the carton upside down in the refrigerator. — Judy J., Allen, Texas

Be sure the lid is on tight, and shake the contents down to make sure they cover the lid. Then place in a bowl or on a plate in case of leaking. I didn't one time ... and never again! — Heloise

Cake decoration

Dear Heloise: I bake a lot of cakes. I don't have the best handwriting when writing a message or decorating the cakes. I use a toothpick to draw the letters first or sketch out the design. Then I just follow the nice-looking letters with the decorating bag. Much better than trying to redo a mistake. I once spelled my mother-in-law's name wrong! — No Name in Upstate New York

Yikes! Bet that won't happen again. — Heloise

Hanging storage

Dear Heloise: I have lived in several homes that had a pantry/broom closet, most of which only had about three high shelves.

I hang a shoe bag on the inside of the door. In its pockets I store all the smaller items that I need places for. For example, everything from spice packets to chocolate chips to rice. — Joy N., via email

No tears

Dear Heloise: I have one more sure way to avoid stinging/tearing eyes when chopping onions: I put a small, personal fan on the counter, turn it on low and then direct it over the onions. I have chopped five large onions without one stinging tear. Plus, the fan came in fun, bright colors, so it looks good on the counter! — Rita, via email

Crank up the flavor and moisture for a better turkey burger

By Melissa D'arabian
Associated Press

The turkey burger has become the healthy default of grilling season. And that's really not a bad call.

That's because a 90 percent lean turkey burger (4 ounces) has only about 160 calories, yet still offers an impressive 20 grams of protein and just 9 grams of fat. Just don't be tempted to buy leaner ground turkey. It may be fine in other recipes, but when making burgers anything leaner than 10 percent fat will produce tough, dry patties.

So for chili or taco night, feel free to grab that 93 percent or 96 percent ground turkey. There's enough sauce to make up the difference. But burgers need some fat for flavor, moisture and tenderness. Even 90 percent ground turkey requires some careful handling in order to ensure a juicy, tasty burger. I have two tricks that are game-changers for your turkey burgers.

First, use an instant-read thermometer. You can get one for under $10 almost anywhere. This is money well spent, and not just for burgers.

Second, flavor the burger — both in the patty and with a topping. Turkey burgers are almost always better when they have a little flavoring in the meat. And then you also want to top them with something to add flavor and moisture, such as marinated summer peaches and goat cheese, which I stretched with some high-protein, low-fat Greek yogurt. This is a turkey burger your guests will love this summer.

Turkey burgers with goat cheese and grilled peaches

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 4

- 1 1/4 pounds 90 percent lean ground turkey
- 1 tablespoon hot sauce
- 1 medium shallot, minced, divided
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon turmeric
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 3 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme, divided
- 1 1/2 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar or white wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 large peaches, sliced into 1/4-inch rounds
- 4-ounce log fresh goat cheese
- 1/2 cup low-fat plain Greek yogurt
- Juice and zest of 1/2 lemon
- Vegetable oil, for brushing burgers
- 4 burger buns
- 1 cup arugula (optional)

In a large bowl, mix together the ground turkey, hot sauce, half of the shallot, the cumin, turmeric and a generous pinch each of salt and pepper. Cover and refrigerate for at least 15 minutes or up to 24 hours.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the remaining shallot, 2 teaspoons of the thyme, the vinegar and olive oil. Add the peach slices and toss gently to coat. Cover and refrigerate for 15 minutes to an hour.

In a small bowl, mix the remaining 1 teaspoon of thyme, the goat cheese, yogurt and the lemon zest and juice until smooth. Refrigerate. Can be made up to 24 hours in advance.

When ready to cook, heat a grill or large grill pan to medium-high. Divide the ground turkey mixture into quarters and form each into a patty. Use your thumbs to press an indentation into the center of each patty. Brush each patty with vegetable oil, then season on both sides with salt and pepper.

Grill the burgers for about 4 minutes per side, or until cooked to 165 F at the center.

While the burgers are cooking, add the peach slices to the grill and cook for 2 to 3 minutes per side. Brush the cut sides of each bun with vegetable oil and grill for about 30 seconds per side. To assemble, set a burger on top of each bun bottom, then top with 2 tablespoons of goat cheese sauce, 2 to 3 grilled peach slices, and arugula if using.

Making mariachis









Students practice notes and songs on the trumpet June 10 during the mariachi workshop at Abell Junior High, put on by Midland Hispanic Cultural Center. Left, Descending: Sarah Robles and other students practice guitar and vihuela. Andrea Perea and Jazmin Grijalva, as well as other violin players, practice. Students practice the trumpet. ***Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram***

CALENDAR

Compiled from staff reports and from the Arts Council of Midland | acmidland.org

TODAY

Crash Masters Summer Festival, at Horseshoe Arena. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Tommy Lewis and The Piano Room with Adam Rivera at Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts, 7:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

MONDAY

MCT Summer Theatre School, 9 a.m.-noon through July 2 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Summer Art Camp: Ceramics and Art & Imagination, 9:15-10:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.-noon through Friday at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

Camp Tiki: Amazaon Jungle Safari, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. through Friday at Tiki Island Water Park. tikiislandwaterpark.com.

YMCA Tennis Mini Camp, 1-4 p.m. through Friday at Midland YMCA. midlandymca.org.

Longest Day Zumbathon, 6:30 p.m. at Midland YMCA. midlandymca.org.

TUESDAY

Marfa Public Radio's "Nature Notes," 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. every Tuesday-Thursday. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

Summer Movie Camp "The Nut Job," 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting from 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. New members always welcome. 432-260-7136.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country-western band, 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom, 4601 Neely Ave. 520-4343.

WEDNESDAY

The Storybook Theatre of Texas Puppet Show, 2 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Magic Show with Harlin, 2:30 p.m. at Midland County Public Library downtown location. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Marco Domingo, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

THURSDAY

Parker McCollum, 7:30 p.m. at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

West Texas Dance Club at Dancing at 301 E. 61st St., Odessa with live country music from 7:30-10 p.m. Members $5. Non-members and guests $6. Alcohol and smoke free environment. 432-697-0281 or 432-631-6125.

FRIDAY

Mini Day Camp: Rock-O-Rama, 9 a.m.-noon at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Summer Science Class "Pumped about Science," 9 a.m.-noon at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Family Fridays: Larger Than Life, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

SciFriday Show: "King Kong vs. Godzilla," 8 p.m. at Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org.

Hank Williams Jr., 8 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Hot Summer Nights: Permian Playhouse Musical Theatre Revue, sundown at Noel Plaza in Odessa. facebook.com/odessaarts

West Texas Salseros Latin Night, 9 p.m. at DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza. wtxsalseros.com.

Koya Con 2, through June 28 at Horseshoe Pavilion. midlandhorseshoe.com.

"Annie Get Your Gun," through July 19 at Theatre of the Big Bend in Alpine. sulross.edu/tobb

Summer Mummers: "Masked Mummers of Midtropolis ... or No News is Good News" on Fridays and Saturdays through Sept. 5 at the Yucca Theatre. summermummers.org.

SATURDAY

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

Standown Veterans Benefits and Resource Fair, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at VFW Post 4149. 213-3718.

Kid's Half Pint Triathlon, 9 a.m. at YMCA. midlandymca.org.

Dog Days of Summer, 9:30-11 a.m. at Beal Plaza at Midland College. midland.edu.

Midland Amateur Radio Club ARRL Annual Field Day, 1 p.m. at the National Weather Service. w5qgg.org.

Opera Gems Appreciation Reception and Fundraiser, 6-9:30 p.m. at Diamonds of Midland. 688-7777.

Ernesto Calderon, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Colton O'Neill, 7:30 p.m. at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

ON DISPLAY

ArtQuest Studios. Reserved Studio Time is $35 per month. 700 Andrews Highway. heronartconnection@sbcglobal.net. 553-0420. www.artquestbx.com.

Blakemore Planetarium's permanent exhibits are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Sky shows throughout the week.1705 W. Missouri Ave. 683-2882.

The Ellen Noël Art Museum. "Mediterranea: American Art from the Graham D. Williford Collection" through Aug. 23. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. noelartmuseum.org. 550-9696.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum. "Permian Monsters: Life Before the Dinosaurs" through July 26. Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., Admission charged. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

George Bush Childhood Home's tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 685-1112

Haley Library and History Center. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free. 1805 W. Indiana Ave. 682-5785

Kamiposi Gallery. 510 S. Big Spring St. 230-0256. Facebook.com/kamiposi.

McCormick Gallery at Midland College. 3600 N. Garfield St. midland.edu.

Midland Arts Association presents photography of H.A. Tuck in the Community National Bank lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave., during June.

Midland County Historical Museum's permanent exhibits include artifacts from the Scharbauer Hotel, Midland school memorabilia, the door from the Pliska Blacksmith shop containing many historic brands and First National and Midland National bank items. Archives include photographs, documents, newspapers and extensive obituary files. 301 W. Missouri Ave. 2-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Free. 688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 682-5447.

Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. "Permian Monsters: Life Before the Dinosaurs" through July 26. co.midland.tx.us

Museum of the Southwest. Turner Memorial Art Gallery closed for renovations through 2015. MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. $5 adults, $3 children. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882. museumsw.org.

Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery, UTPB. Free and open to the public. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Free. 335-6640.

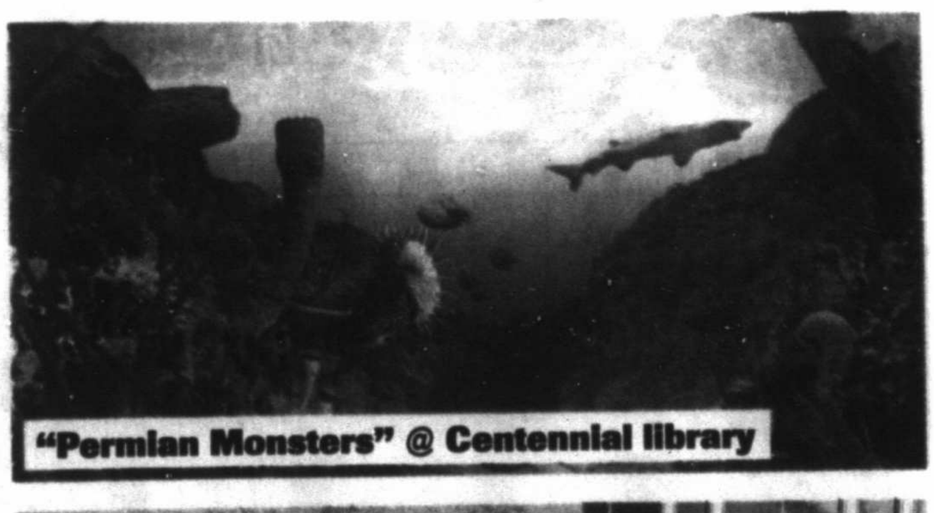
Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403.

RTD Skatepark hosts art exhibits from internationally known pro-skaters and is open to submissions of local artists to sell and display their work. Rock the Desert grounds. rtdskatepark.com.

Scarborough-Linebery House is open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions. 802 S. Main St. 685-7368.

Sibley Nature Center, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. 1307 E. Wadley Ave. 684-6827. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Arts Council of Midland maintains a calendar of all submitted arts-related activities. To submit events see use form from www.acmidland.org.



"Permian Monsters" @ Centennial library



Sculpture garden @ Museum of the Southwest

A phone call from kids best father's day gift



DEAR ABBY
Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR ABBY: It's Father's Day. Maybe now is the time for people to forgive, forget and remember how wonderful their dad was when they were growing up.

I am dating a man whose two grown children live out of state. He and his wife divorced when the kids were young, and he tried hard to keep a good relationship with them. But even with the best intentions, there are sometimes obstacles that get in the way.

He loved being a father and tells me stories about singing songs to his kids at bedtime and getting down on the floor to play with them. I can see how much he loves them and how painful it is for him to not have them in his life. He has no idea why they are distant. I suggested he ask them directly what happened. He said he has tried, with no response.

I'm not saying he's a perfect man, but he is kind, generous and loving. He has many more good qualities than bad. He hasn't heard much from his children for several years, and I think the best gift he could receive this Father's Day would be a simple phone call. No card or necktie would mean as much. Life is short and precious. Holding on to negativity or the past is so much more work than letting it go and forgiving, and it's good for the soul. — WISE LADY FROM THE MIDWEST

DEAR WISE LADY: If your boyfriend was present in his children's lives in spite of the divorce while they were growing up, it's possible they may be so involved in their own lives that they have "forgotten" their dad might appreciate hearing from them. Feeling as you do, continue to encourage him to reach out to his kids.

DEAR ABBY: I incurred a big mortgage two years ago by choice. As a result of the larger payments, I have had little discretionary income to spend.

Both of my parents went into the hospital recently. Fortunately, they were discharged after only a few days. My sister has now decided we should all go on a family vacation, mainly because we don't know how much longer our parents will be alive.

I am all for going on a family vacation, but the one she wants will cost more than $7,000 for my family of four. When I told her I can't afford it, she laid a heavy guilt trip on me. She said I made a bad mistake incurring a big debt, and accused me of not caring about my parents. It has gotten so bad that I don't want to talk to her anymore because she will continue to harp on it. What should I do? — FRUSTRATED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: You're handling this about as well as can be expected. The debt has already been incurred. Because of your current financial obligations, you can't afford the vacation your sister has in mind. Either Sissy will have to plan something more affordable, or your family will be unable to participate. That's reality.

DEAR READERS: Allow me to wish a Happy Father's Day to fathers everywhere — birth fathers, stepfathers, adoptive and foster fathers, grandfathers, and all of those caring men who mentor children and fill the role of absent dads. I applaud you all. — Love, ABBY

Isolation, depression follow amputation

Editor's note: This is part two of a two-part series on loss.



MARIE ALMOND
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My story of loss began on Jan. 27. The night before I was manicuring my toenails and noticed a black spot on the bottom of my big toe. There was a slight panic on my part, but I washed it and began pouring hydrogen peroxide on the wound to clean it. I bandaged the toe and the following day went to the doctor, who referred me to the Wound Care Center. By this time four days had passed and my anxiety level was on the rise.

Upon arriving at the Wound Care Center, a nurse examined my wound and cleaned it before the doctor came in. When he came in, he took one look at it and told me he was admitting me into the hospital. I was shocked and all I wanted to do was cry. For the next week and a half I was on IV antibiotics, a daily wound cleaning regimen and hyperbaric treatments. All of this was in an effort to save my toe and stop the infection from spreading.

On a Wednesday evening, I was taken for an MRI. The following morning my doctor showed me the results and basically my toe was hollow. She told me she could understand if I wanted to be conservative and continue on with antibiotics. However, there were no guarantees, and the alternative was amputation. I went silent, and then told her I would like to think about it. I immediately texted friends and family and to my complete surprise everyone went silent except for one person. She told me I had to do what was best for my health. I had never felt so alone in my life. Approximately four hours later, I had the nurse call the doctor and tell her I had decided on amputation. Surgery was scheduled for the next day. Two days after the surgery, I was released from the hospital. Afterward I visited the Wound Care Center twice every week. I had a hard time looking at the wound and dreaded the day that I would have to change the bandages myself.

I did experience the stages of grief. Even now I experience episodes of depression. I have felt the isolation when people did not know what to say or what to do to help. I continue to go to the Wound Care Center and recently felt absolutely elated that my wound has healed enough to get fitted for inserts, shoes and a toe-filler.

But I look around the waiting room and wonder how the people there made their decisions and what are they going through now. Very little eye contact is made and very little conversation takes place in the waiting room. It is OK to talk and express your feelings. And to family and friends, just be supportive. From my experience, having a friend offer a ride to an appointment or the grocery store is priceless.

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Look to craft shows and shops for last-minute gifts for Dad

By Jennifer Forker
Associated Press

DENVER — From handmade ties to wooden cuff links, it's easy to find last-minute, hand-crafted gifts for Father's Day at small businesses, craft shows and online shops.

Handmade speaks of time and care; these items don't roll off conveyer belts. Find a weekend crafts market or do an online search of your neighborhood to find gifts. Or visit an online handmade marketplace, such as Aftcra, ArtFire or Zibbet.

In Denver, where I live, businesses that gear their handicrafts at dudes seem to be thriving; an art studio, Ink Lounge, began holding "ManCraft" markets four years ago. The latest was ManCraftival Saturday, and it included more than 45 hawkers of "manly" handiwork, including beard oil, designer ketchup, ceramic mugs with a superhero theme, even "mantiques" and "vintage" beer-can crafts.

Knotty Tie Co. is a team of young creative types who make ties of any width and length, including bow ties and pocket squares. The company, launched in 2013 with a Kickstarter funding campaign, offers its own colorful patterns, but much of its business comes from custom orders.

Have an idea for a tie? Knotty Tie's team will design it, digitally print the fabric and sew it. It serves wedding parties and companies looking to highlight a logo, and can also customize a single tie or bow tie for $45.

"We thought ties had become meaningless," said Knotty Tie co-founder Jeremy Priest. "Just the way they were being made and sold our experience of partnering in the design really makes the product more meaningful."

He and business partner Mark Johnson have another agenda: to provide work for skilled refugees living in Denver. Eight of Knotty Tie's 16 full-time employees are refugees from Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq and elsewhere, and many are learning English on the job.

"We thought we could partner with the resettlement agencies to provide opportunities," Priest said.

Another business, Winter Session, began when the recession slowed co-founder Roy Katz's architectural projects in 2009.

He had "that extra 'free' time combined with his desire to start working with his hands again," said his wife and company co-founder, Tanya Fleisher.

Winter Session's canvas bags, backpacks and Dopp kits (men's toiletries travel bags), leather wallets, small cases and notebook covers look decidedly architectural. The vibe is "subtle, toned-down and timeless," said Fleisher.

"We more actively market to men," she said. "Guys typically will not buy anything they think is marketed to women . but women will buy anything."

Winter Session products incorporate sturdy materials — natural and waxed canvas, leather — that will age well, said Fleisher.

"We really are concerned with making things that are functional and durable and actually work," she said. "We like to think of our products as companions — you really start to depend on them. They wear and show marks of your adventures."

William Bussard was an out-of-work architect in 2008 when he created a necklace for his wife using electrical conduit and old wood that he found in his garage.

"I wrote her a little story about it," recalls Bussard. "And she loved it."

Many necklaces, cuff links and belt buckles later, Bussard steers Bussard Designs at the online shop Etsy. His handiwork also looks architectural: Lines are simple, crisp and clean.

He works with aluminum, reclaimed wood (mostly walnut) and even old shotgun shells.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

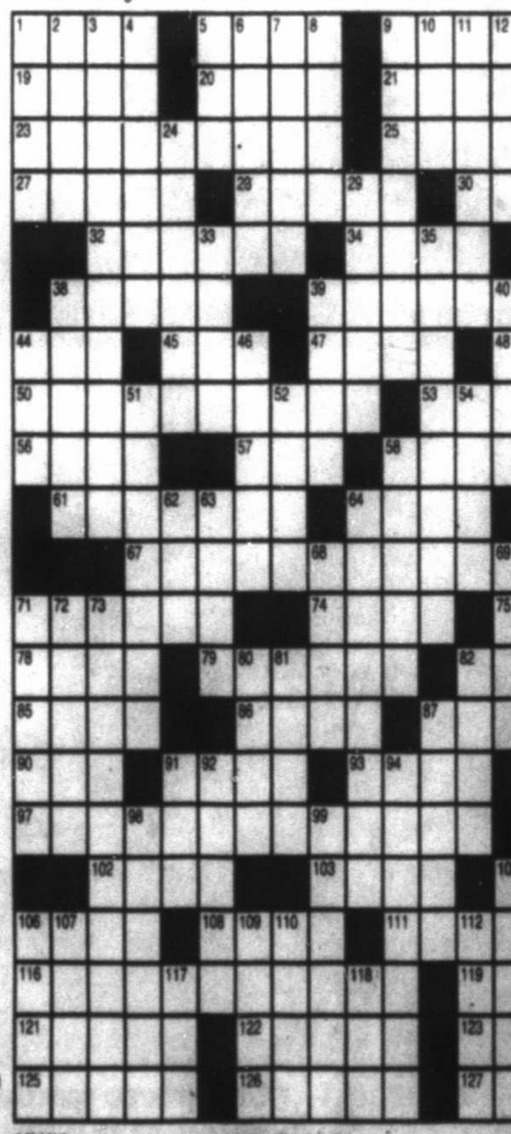
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ACROSS

1 Queens swingers
5 Like New York's Waldorf Astoria
9 Ball queen
14 Sought-after guests
19 "The African Queen" co-screenwriter
20 Bring in
21 "The sharpest-sighted Spirit of all in Heaven," in "Paradise Lost"
22 Jazzy Jones
23 High-end bar?
25 IRS Schedule C, line 7
27 Religion of most Malaysians
28 Shower sponge
30 Telecom unit
31 Tot perch
32 Like some kisses
34 Annual theater award
36 Bullet point
38 Start of an assembly
39 Search feature that shows results as you type
44 "I knew it!"
45 Frustrating waiting time, facetiously
47 Loads
48 21-Across, in Le Havre
49 Marker
50 "Massaging" Dr. Scholl's product
53 Goes (for)
55 Polish prose
56 Clark Kent's father, in 1950s TV
57 Arthur of "Maude"
58 Takes by force
60 Sleekly designed
61 By and large
64 Talk pioneer
65 Time __
67 Broad appeal
71 Eastern temple
74 Like-minded group
75 Burglar
78 Tiger's ex
79 Rites (up)
82 Rescue pro
83 Heavy wind
85 Historian seen in "I, Claudius"
86 League, e.g.
87 Popular Aegean vacation spots
90 Vacation time in Versailles
91 Pusher's nemesis
93 Regrets
95 __-es Salaam
96 Edge
97 Teacher of the Year awardee, say
100 Prepare to surf
102 Doesn't keep
103 Quick kiss
104 Roger, for one
106 Maestro Kemperer
108 Milksy stone
111 Mr. Wrong?
113 Let's Move! campaign launcher Michelle
116 Exodus prohibition
119 "That could work!"
121 Gives a thumbs-up
122 Colorful swimmer
123 Shore acquisitions
124 Wildlife refuge
125 Put forth, as effort
126 Hook's look
127 Go ape
128 Ancient strings

DOWN

1 Wise guys?
2 They may clash on a team
3 Lies
4 Calm
5 Wildlife refuge
6 Duffer's dream
7 Sing jazz standards, perhaps
8 Aware of
9 Cause of fear
10 Mess up
11 Big name in little trains
12 Not as costly
13 Further
14 "King Kong" heroine
15 Picture holder
16 "Brave New World" band
17 Diner's "I'll have that also"
18 Friend's address
24 "Nothing planned for that day"
26 Sweet finish
29 Pays, as the bill
33 Asian nation surrounded by five countries
35 Uninformed
37 Mao __-tung
38 Grain-free cat food brand
39 Earth goddess
40 Gobbles up
41 Technical sch.
42 Bete __
43 One-stone helper
46 Blue-blooded
51 Really hurting
52 Look like a wolf
54 Impudent
55 Wildlife markers
56 Knocks 'em dead at the jazz club
58 Longtime TV journalist Marvin
59 Volvo home Abbr.
62 Light color?
63 Some, in Havana
64 Damson source
66 Obstinate beast
68 Berry promoted as a superfood
69 Salinger character who said, "I prefer stories about squalor"
70 Wrote customer reviews on, say
71 Pequod co-owner
72 Kennedy associate
73 Approximately
76 Retire
77 Big name in fashion
80 Territory
81 Env. stuffer
82 Celtic language
84 Debatable "gift"
87 Spokescritter with a British accent
88 Longtime TV journalist Marvin
89 1950 sci-fi classic
91 Petty peeve
92 Williams of "Happy Days"
94 Ambiguous
98 Mulligan
99 Doing some binge-watching, maybe
101 Legislation signed 6/22/1944 by FDR ... and, initially, what the nine longest across answers in this puzzle comprise
104 Played again
105 Sports center
106 Look like a wolf
107 Cheerios shelfmate
109 Commodities trading areas
110 "You said it!"
112 Pepper et al.: Abbr.
114 '70s Israeli prime minister
115 It passes between Swiss banks
117 Body shop no.
118 Ph.D.: hopeful's hurdle
120 Once-sacred snake



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

The smother play

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A Q 9
♡ A Q 7 5
◇ A 8 7
♣ 7 4 3

WEST
♠ K 7 6 3
♡ 10 8 4 2
◇ K 10
♣ J 9 6

EAST
♠ Void
♡ J 9 6 3
◇ Q J 9 6 5 4 2
♣ Q 10

SOUTH
♠ J 10 8 5 4 2
♡ K
◇ 3
♣ A K 8 5 2

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT	3◇	3♠	Pass
4◇	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♠	All pass

Opening lead: King of ◇

Declarer won the opening lead in dummy with the ace of diamonds. He crossed to his hand with a diamond ruff, cashed the king of hearts, and led a spade to dummy's nine. When East showed out on the first spade, it seemed that South had a trump loser to go with an inescapable club loser.

Not giving up, South cashed the two high hearts in dummy and ruffed a heart back to his hand. He cashed the ace and king of clubs, then led a spade to dummy's queen, leaving the following position:

NORTH
♠ A
♡ Void
◇ 8
♣ 7

WEST
♠ K 7
♡ Void
◇ Void
♣ J

EAST
♠ Void
♡ Void
◇ Q 9 6
♣ Void

SOUTH
♠ J 10
♡ Void
◇ Void
♣ 8

Declarer led the eight of diamonds from dummy and discarded his remaining club. East won this trick, West shedding his last club, and was forced to continue diamonds. South ruffed with the jack and West's king of trumps was "smothered." It didn't matter whether he ruffed low or high — South had the last two tricks and his slam!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, June 21, 2015:
This year you will notice a significant change in August, as you'll become far more upbeat. You also might discover that your life seems to flow better.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You might decide to play it a little more low-key after the past few days. You might want to celebrate the summer solstice, but are unlikely to have the energy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Reach out to a friend or perhaps a family member whom you rarely call or make plans with. Why not change the pattern?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Be more aware of your needs. You seem to be giving more of yourself to other people in various situations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might feel as if someone slipped you an energy drink. Get into the moment, and celebrate the summer solstice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You might want to take yourself off the social stage and spend some quality time with a loved one. Get out of the house. Enjoy a mutually preferred pastime.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You can be found with friends or in a situation where you might enjoy celebrating the advent of summer. You could be holding a grudge against someone you really care about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You might want some time alone, as you could be overworked or perhaps you have enjoyed yourself too much. Pressure builds around an older parent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You have felt pressured of late, but suddenly you'll gain a broader perspective and see no reason to be so tense.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You will need to do a better job listening. How you visualize a matter involving a respected friend might be instrumental.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Many people seek you out, but you know who you want to be with. Allow greater give-and-take with a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ A partner might make a request that you would prefer not to meet. You seem to have had enough of bending and giving.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You'll feel the winds of summer warm up a relationship. If you are single, you seem to attract several potential suitors without batting an eye.

BORN TODAY
Philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre (1905), actor Michael Gross (1947), actress Jane Russell (1921)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	Paid		This Week		Church	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid		Hunt		Paid	M. Lyon	CBS Sunday Morning		FaceNat.		First Baptist Church		First Baptist Odessa
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Abbott	Abbott	BackKotter	BackKotter	Gilligan	Gilligan	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	Brady8	Brady8.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Consumr	W.Minist	Insight	Consumr	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	FaithAve	Rain	Consumr	Consumr	Consumr
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	(5:00) Light of south		Walking	Stringer	In Touch Ministries		Zion	Day Disc.	R/Manusc	HaYesod	Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Reporter	Secrets	Havas	Tree Fu	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		First Baptist Church		Havas	Havas
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KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Spaces	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	Bucket	Trobador	Paid	Paid
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:45) ½ Ride in the...		(10) ★★★ Tough Guys Bust Lancaster.		(55) ★★ Devil's Pond				★★ Little City Josh Charles.			
HBO	300	68	14	14		Movie	(45) ★★★	Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire Daniel Radcliffe.				Tomorrow	★ Get on Up ('14, Bio) Chadwick Boseman.				
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:25) Scooby-Doo...		★ The Judge ('14, Dra) Robert Duvall, Robert Downey Jr..				Real Sports			Rock and Roll Hall of Fame		
HBO5	304	70	16	102		(5:00) ★ Extremely L...		(15) ½ Never Let Me Go Keira Knightley.				★ ★ The Heat ('13, Com) Sandra Bullock.			Veep	LastWeek	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:30) ½ Calvary		(15) ★★ The Devil's Advocate Keanu Reeves.				(40) ★★★ Bad Words			(10) ½ Rumor Has It		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:35) ½ ★★ ATL ('06, Com) T.I..		(25) ★★ Bring It On				(05) ½ ★ Getaway Ethan Hawke.		(40) ½ I Origins Michael Pitt.			
PLEX			96			(5:40) ½ ★★★ To Catch a Thief		(35) ½ Planet Ocean				(10) ½ ★★ The Lazarus Project			(55) ½ Blind Date		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:30) ½ ★★ Dark Skies		(15) ½ ★★ Arachnophobia Jeff Daniels.				(15) ½ Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspe...			½ The Impossible		
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:15) ½ The Way		(20) ½ ★★★★ Dead Poets Society Robin Williams.				½ The Fifth Estate ('13, Bio) Peter Capaldi.			Movie		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Dog Bounty Hunter		Dog Bounty Hunter		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Making the Mob		Halt "The Way In"		½ ★★ Fool's Gold ('08, Adv) Matthew McConaughey.				½ ★★ Shanghai Noon			
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Bobby Jones Gospel		Lift Voice	Lift Voice	Charged Up		BET Awards "2009"	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Girlfriends' Guide		Odd Mom	Odd Mom	Wives "Pop of Crazy"		Real Housewives		Secrets and Wives		Secrets and Wives	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	New Day Sunday		New Day	Politics	State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	D.Catch "Hell's Bells"		Deadliest Catch		Ultimate Homes		Mancave Builds (N)	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Stuffins	Sofia 1st	M.Mouse	Miles	½ Alvin and the Chipmunks		DogBlog	(05) Austin	KC Under		Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report (N)	SportsCenter					
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	BASS Fishing		BASS Fishing		SportsCenter		OLines	Report	Quarter "The Marinovich Project"		30 for 30	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	½ ★★ Happy Gilmore	Adam Sandler.			½ ★★★★ Overboard ('87, Com) Goldie Hawn.				½ ★★ Big		Daddy Adam Sandler.	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		Media Buzz		News HQ	Housecall
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Ray's... "Game On!"		Barefoot	Table	Pioneer	Southern	Dinner (N)	Giada	Brunch	Daphne	Heart (N)	Rules
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Outdoors	Paid	18 Holes		Paid	Paid	H.S. Softball UIL Tournament				Lunch Rangers (N)	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Buffy "Amends"		Buffy "Gingerbread"		M&M	M&M	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	½ ★★ Tron: Legacy	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	★★★ Father of the Bride Steve Martin.			
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	Flippers	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Extreme Marksmen				Sniper "Inside the Crosshairs"				Sniper "Deadliest Missions"			
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	UnREAL "Return"		UnREAL "Relapse"		UnREAL "Mother"	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Lockup	Business	Up With Steve Kornacki				Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	39				Racer TV	F1 Auto Racing	Austrian Grand Prix Site: Red Bull Ring (L)				F1 Extra	/Drive	Offense	Offense	Ocean%co	/Drive
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Parents	Parents	Dino	Sponge	Sponge	100Thing	Sponge	Sponge	Ninja	Sponge	½ One Crazy Cruise	
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	Catch a Contractor		Catch a Contractor	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		★★★ Christopher Plummer.		½ The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Da...						½ The Darkest Hour	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Married	Married	Friends	Friends	½ ★★ Hall Pass ('11, Com) Owen Wilson.				½ ★★★ The Change-Up Jason Bateman.			
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) ½ The Yearling		(15) ½ ★★ The Impossible Years David Niven.				(15) ½ ★★★ Life Begins for Andy Hardy			½ The Courtship o...		
TELE	20	8	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Raggs	Noodle	De chica	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Conducta	Enfoque	Antesala
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order "Hubris"		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law&Order "Phobia"		Law & Order	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(10) G.Girls	(50) G. Girls	(25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	(35) G.Girls	(10) G.Girls	(50) G.Girls	(25) The Golden Girls		Jim Gaffigan	
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Royal Pains		Chrisley	Chrisley	Complications "Pilot"			Complica
WGN	19	18				Lord	Paid	Key David	Paid	In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		½ In the Heat of the Night: Grow Old A...			

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — JUNE 21, 2015

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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	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	E:60 Pictures		News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	½ ★★ Eye for an Eye ('96, Susp) Sally Field.				News	Pursuit of	Boxing Premier Champions (L)				TaceNat.	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	BradyB.	BradyB.	The Love Boat		Remington Steele		S.Frisco "Bitter Wine"		The Mod Squad		Hawaii Five-O	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	2½Men		Two 1/2...	USGA Golf	U.S. Open Final Round Site: Chambers Bay -- University Place, Wash. (L)							
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	S. Baras	Mani Erlan	Biblical	Sal.	Light of the Southwest		Best of Week		J.McGee	Dollars	House	Dr. R.B.
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Havas	Havas	Rallycross				FIVB Volleyball Grand		Slam (L)		Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Cyberch.	Maya&M.	Sit Fit	W.L.Yoga	Knitting	Beads	Sewing	Africa	E.Smith	America	News. (N)	Ireland
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	½ Sor tequilla ('77, Com)		Maria Elena Velasco.		Republica deportiva		Rosa Guadalupe		Como dice el dicho		Nacional	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Paid	Paid	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	Entertainers		Flipside	Insider	Access Hollywood	
FLIX	340	65		165		½ ★★ Son-in-Law Pauly Shore.				(35) ½ Billy's Hollywood Scr...		(15) ½ ★★ The Night We Never Met			½ Mighty Joe Young		
HBO	300	68	14	14		Movie	Bill Maher			½ X-Men: The Last Stand		(15) ½ ★★ The Wolverine ('13, Act) Hugh Jackman.				Movie	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(10:30) Rock&Roll Hall Fame		Tena. D		Tena. D	Tena. D	First Look /(15) ½ Endless Love			Vice	LastWeek	
HBO5	304	70	16	102		½ ★★ Out of Time			Making	(05) Thrones		(05) Silicon	(35) ½ ★★★ Moulin Rouge!		Nicole Kidman,	Movie	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(50) ½ ★★ Moonrise Kingdom				(25) ½ ★★★ Mrs. Doubtfire Robin Williams.		(35) ½ ★★★ Man of Steel				
MAX2	382	72	18	122		Movie	½ Baggage Claim Paula Patton.			(10) ½ ★★★★ Her Joaquin Phoenix.				(20) ½ ★★ My Big Fat Greek Wedding			
PLEX			96			Movie	(35) ½ ★★ North Elijah Wood.			(05) ½ ★★★ The Court Jester		(50) ½ The Tender ('91, Dra) John Travolta.			Movie		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(11:00) ½ The Impossi...		½ Scary MoVie Ashley Tisdale.		½ ★★★ Dark Skies Keri Russell.		(15) ½ ★★★★ Philomena Judi Dench.					
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(11:40) ½ Inside Llewyn Davis		½ ★★★ Delivery Man				(15) ½ The Amityville Horror		(45) ½ The Fifth Estate			
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty		Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	C. Buck$	C. Buck$	C. Buck$	C. Buck$	Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(10:30) ½ Shanghai ..		½ ★★ National Lampoon's Vacation				½ National Lampoon's European Vacation			½ National Lamp...		
BET	58	26		40		(11:00) BET Awards "2009"						BET Awards					
BRAVO	65	63		41		The Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Mother Funders		Shahs of Sunset		Shahs of Sunset		Married to Medicine	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Bush "Home Alone"		Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People		Bush "Bloodlines"	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Jessie	Jessie	I Didn't	I Didn't	Austin	Austin	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad	I Didn't	I Didn't	Austin	Austin
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(9:00) SportsCenter		30 for 30		NHRA Drag Racing Thunder Valley Nationals Site: Bristol Dragway						SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(11:30) 30 for 30		30 for 30 "Survive and Advance"				SEC "Shaq & Dale"		MLS Soccer NE/Wash (L)			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Movie	½ ★★★ Coming to America ('88, Com) Eddie Murphy.					½ ★★ The Birdcage ('96, Com) Robin Williams.				Movie	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		Journal E.	Housecall	America's News HQ		Media Buzz		Fox News Sunday	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	The Kitchen		Diners...	Revival	Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Food "Savory Baking"	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Insider	Pre-game	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Chicago White Sox (L)						Rangers	Mavricks	Sports Unlimited (N)	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	½ Tron: Legacy		(15) ½ ★★★ Real Steel ('11, Sci-Fi) Evangeline Lilly, Hugh Jackman.						½ ★★★ Men in Black 3			
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	½ ★★★ Father of the Bride: Part II				½ Perfect Match ('15, Rom) Danica McKellar.				½ So You Said Yes ('15, Dra) Kellie Martin.			
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	Life	Life	Life	Life	Life	Life	Life	Life	Life	Life
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Sniper "Bulletproof"		(55) Soldier		Texas Rising "Vengeance Is Mine"				Counting	Counting	Counting	Counting
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	½ The Wife He Met Online				½ Babysitter's Black Book Spencer Locke.				I Killed My BFF		To Be Announced	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		Meet the Press		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	39				Motorsport Hour (N)		AVP Volleyball St. Petersburg Grand Slam				F1 Auto Racing Austrian Grand Prix Site: Red Bull Ring				F1 Extra	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Movie	Thunder	Thunder	Thunder	100Thing	Nicky	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	½ One Crazy Cruise	
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Res. "Bug Bite"		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Res. "Beach Rats"	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(11:00) ½ The Darkes...		½ ★★ Babylon A.D. ('08, Act) Vin Diesel.				½ ★★★ Jumper Hayden Christensen.			½ Jurassic Park		
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	½ ★★ Due Date ('10, Com) Zach Galifianakis.				½ ★★★ The 40-Year-Old Virgin Steve Carell.					½ Think Like a Man		
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(11:00) ½ The Court...		(15) ½ ★★★★ Father of the Bride				½ Father's Little Dividend		(45) ½ Life With Father			
TELE	20	8	10	20		FIFA Fútbol Copa Mundial (L)				Angel	Antesala	FIFA Fútbol Copa Mundial (L)			Conducta	Noticiero	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Yes Dress	Marry	Marry	Marry	Marry	Marry	Marry	Marry	Marry
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law&O. "Swept Away"		Law & Order		½ ★★★★ The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey ('12, Fant) Martin Freeman.					Movie		
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(10) King Baby		(20) Jim Gaffigan: Obsessed		Reba		Reba	(35) Reba	(10) Reba	(50) Reba	(25) Reba	
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Complica	½ ★★ Tomorrow Never Dies ('98, Act) Pierce Brosnan.			½ The World Is Not Enough ('99, Act) Pierce Brosnan.				½ ★★★ Million Dollar Baby ('04, Dra) Clint Eastwood.			
WGN	19	18				In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night							

SUNDAY PRIME TIME — JUNE 21, 2015

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos		Celebrity Family Feud (N)		BattleBots (N)		Castle "The Time of Our Lives"		KMID News	(:35) Monopoly Millionaires' Club	(:35) W.Collar	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Madam Secretary "Passage"		The Good Wife "Red Zone"		CSI: Crime Scene "Road to Recovery"		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Good Wife	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Bick Sheep Squadron "Presumed Dead"		Columbo "An Exercise in Fatality" Owner murders partner.				Man Frm U.N.C.L.E. "Children's Day Affair"		Mission: Impossible "The Mercenaries"		GetSmart "Dr. Yes"	Get Smart
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(1:00) USGA Golf (L)	U.S. Open Final Round Site: Chambers Bay -- University Place, Wash.					Big Bang Theory		Modern Family	Modern Family	Jack Van Impe	Big Bang Theory
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	All About Us	Light of the Southwest				Zola Levitt	Update News	Day of Discovery	Dollars & Sense
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC (N)		A.D. the Bible "The Abomination" (F) (N)		American Odyssey "Bug Out" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	Country Reporter	Havas	Whacked Out
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Globe Trekker "Nigeria"		Tales From the Royal Wardrobe (N)		Masterpiece Classic "Poldark" (N)		The Crimson Field (N)		Film "Choices"	On Story	Front and Center "John Hiatt"	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aquí y Ahora		Me Pongo de Pie				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	N'Game
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:00) ½ Mighty Joe...		½ ★★★★ Swingers			(:45) ½	★★ Blackball Vince Vaughn.			½ Billy's Hollywood Screen Kil...		
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:30) ½ Gone Girl ('14, Myst) Ben Affleck.				True Detective (N)		Ballers	TheBrink	LastWeek	(:35) True Detective	TheBrink	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Bill Maher		Game of Thrones		½ The Judge ('14, Dra) Robert Duvall, Robert Downey Jr..					½ Dawn of the Planet of the ...		
HBO5	304	70	16	102		(5:50) ½ ★★ The Mexican Julia Roberts.				½ ★★★ Gravity Sandra Bullock.		½ ★★ The Heat ('13, Com) Sandra Bullock.			½ 2 Guns		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(4:35) ½ Man of Steel		½ Blended ('14, Com) Adam Sandler.				½ ★★★★ The Secret Life of Walter Mitty			(:55) ½ Sexually E...		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		½ ★ Disconnect ('13, Thril) Jason Bateman.				½ The Signal Brenton Thwaites.		Chemist.		(:40) ½ A Walk Among the To...			
PLEX			96			(5:25) ½ Planet Ocean		½ ★★★ North Elijah Wood.				½ ★★★ Blind Date Bruce Willis.		(:15) ½ The Tender John Travolta.		Movie	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Nurse J.	HAPPYish	Penny Dreadful		Nurse J.	HAPPYish	Penny Dreadful (N)		HAPPYish	Penny Dreadful		Nurse J.
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(6:45) ½ The Fifth Es...		½ Inside Llewyn Davis Carey Mulligan.				½ ★★★ Delivery Man Vince Vaughn.			½ Premature		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Duck D.	Duck Dyn.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(5:00) ½ National La...		½ ★★★ National Lampoon's Vacation				Halt/ Catch Fire (N)		Halt and Catch Fire		½ National Lampo...	
BET	58	26		40		(3:00) BET Awards		BET Awards Kevin Hart hosts; Chris Brown and Jill Scott perform.								BET Inspiration	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Married to Medicine		Married Medicine (N)		Mother Funders (N)		Married to Medicine		Watch (N)	Married to Medicine	Funders	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Greed	Money	Crime Inc.		Crime Inc.		The New High		The Costco Craze		Dishonesty	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Anthony "Budapest"		A. Bourdain "Hawaii"		Anthony "Beirut" (N)		The Seventies		A. Bourdain "Hawaii"		A. Bourdain "Beirut"	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Rise: Brother Keeper		Bush People (N)		Bush People (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		Alaskan Bush People		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Jessie	Liv Maddie	Austin (N)	Liv/Mad	I Didn't	Beach/Girl	DogBlog	(35) Jessie	Austin	Liv/Mad	I Didn't	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Baseball Tonight		MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers (L)						SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	30 for 30 "Brian and the Box"		(SEC "The Book of Manning"				A.F.L. Football Spokane Shock vs. Portland Thunder (L)					ESPN FC
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:30) ½ ★★★ Knocked Up Seth Rogen.				½ ★★ What to Expect When You're Expecting				Daddy	J.Osteen	Jeremiah	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report Sunday		Legends & Lies		Legends & Lies		Legends & Lies		Legends & Lies		Legends & Lies	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Game (N)		Food Star (N)		Cuthroat (N)		Cutthroat Kitchen		Food "Trendy Dinner"	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Bull Riding		MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Chicago White Sox						Polaris	School (N)	WPT Poker	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(4:30) ½ Men In Bla...		½ ★★★★ A Good Day to Die Hard				½ ★★★★ A Good Day to Die Hard				M&M	M&M
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	½ Bridal Waves ('15, Rom) Arielle Kebbel.				½ Love, Again ('15, Rom) Teri Polo.				G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Life	Caribbean	Bargain	Bargain	Life	Life	Island	Island	H.Hunt	House (N)	Life	Life
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Counting	CountCars	Alone		Counting Cars		Texas Rising "The Rise of the Republic"				Alone	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	½ Kept Woman (2015, Drama)				½ A Deadly Adoption Will Ferrell.				½ Kept Woman (2015, Drama)			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	CaughtCam "Hostage"		Sex Slaves		SexSlave "Las Vegas"		Sex Slaves (N)		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	39				NASCAR	NASCAR	NASCAR	NASCAR	NASCAR	NASCAR	NASCAR	NASCAR	NASCAR	NASCAR	F1 Auto Racing	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Movie	100 Things	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Catch a Contractor		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) ½ ★★★ Jurassic Park Sam Neill.				½ ★★★ The Lost World: Jurassic Park ('97, Adv) Jeff Goldblum.						Killjoys "Bangarang"	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(4:30) ½ Think Like a...		½ ★ Madea Goes to Jail Tyler Perry.				½ I Can Do Bad All by Myself Tyler Perry.				Movie	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:45) ½ Life With Fa...		½ ★★★ Steamboat Bill Jr. Buster Keaton.				½ ★★★★ Show Boat Irene Dunne.			(:15) ½ Sherlock Ho...		
TELE	20	8	10	20		½ Toy Story (1995, Family)				½ Sr. y Sra. Smith ('05, Act) Brad Pitt.				Titulares	Conducta	Ranking estrellas	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Marry	Marry	Return to Amish (N)		Return to Amish (N)		Gypsy Sisters (N)		Return to Amish		Gypsy Sisters	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(5:45) ½ Olympus Has Fallen Gerard Butler.		The Last Ship		The Last Ship (N)		The Last Ship		The Last Ship		The Last Ship	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Reba	(35) Reba	(10) Reba	(50) Reba	(25) Ray "Brother"		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern
WGN	19	18				½ ★★★ Batman Returns ('92, Act) Danny DeVito, Michael Keaton.						Salem (N)		Salem		Salem	

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Ingenuity Center Established to support WTX Educators

Dr. W. David Watts, president of The University of Texas of the Permian Basin and Dr. Juli D'Ann Ratheal-Burnett, associate vice president of Research and dean of Graduate Studies, announced the establishment of The Ingenuity Center on June 3, 2015.

The primary mission of the UTPB Ingenuity Center (IC) is to increase the number of students who pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM) by offering support to districts, teachers and students across West Texas.

A Neuroeducation Study conducted by John Hopkins and the Dana Foundation in 2009 found evidence that art education improves student memory, cognition, and attention skills in the classroom in addition to benefits seen in life and academic skills. For this reason, the UTPB Ingenuity Center will expand the "STEM" model to include art. The Ingenuity Center support includes but is not limited to 1) research-based professional development, 2) technical support, 3) curriculum development, and, 4) providing engaging activities that promote interest among K-12 students, especially underrepresented populations, in STEAM related subject areas.

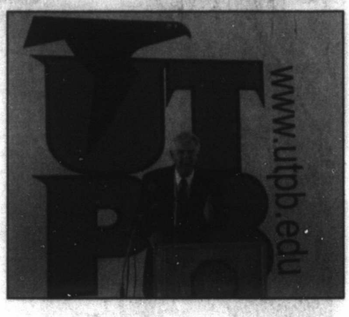
UTPB Ingenuity Center utilizes a four-pronged strategy to address the quality and quantity of STEAM teachers in West Texas.

Strategy 1: Preparing College/Workforce Ready students
Strategy 2: Supporting STEAM teachers and students
Strategy 3: Address the quality of the current STEAM teaching force
Strategy 4: Preparing more qualified STEAM teachers into the pipeline.

The UTPB Ingenuity Center will also provide additional services to schools and education institutions across West Texas. The center will employ and contract a dynamic staff that can provide technical assistance, content and pedagogical content coaching, program evaluation services, grant writing assistance, vertical alignment assistance to meet College and Career Readiness Standards, development of professional learning communities, school restructuring, Charter School management assistance, and professional development programs face-to-face and online.

Major Activities of the UTPB Ingenuity Center are:

- Professional Development for K-12 (technology, flipped classroom design, pedagogy, classroom management, mentoring, content knowledge, other needs as requested by districts)
- Focus Primarily on STEAM
- Oversee the FAB LAB (scheduling with regional districts, hire personnel, over see budget, etc)
- Deliver Professional Development to UTPB STEM Academy
- Grant Writing Services to West Texas K-12 Districts



- Grant Evaluation Services to West Texas K-12 Districts
- Assistance to New Charter Schools
- Develop Curriculum
- Work with Districts on Vertical Alignment
- Activities for K-12 Students to Promote Interest in STEAM
- Prioritize Activities that Target Underrepresented Populations
- Specialized Needs Driven PD District Specific Workshops
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For more information contact Warren Koepp, director of the Ingenuity Center at 552-3252.

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REWRITNG THE RULES

Recent research may rewrite science behind 'dewatering'

■ Significant San Andres play emerging amid ROZ fairways

By Mella McEwen
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Research in the massive living laboratory that is the Permian Basin has unlocked unexpected sources of crude oil and natural gas for decades.

Most recently, through development of new horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing technologies, Permian Basin producers have begun producing from the Wolfcamp and Lower Spraberry shales. As a result, Permian Basin has more than doubled, and U.S. production has reversed a four-decade decline, making the nation the world's leading crude and natural gas producer.

Now the Permian Basin is reinventing itself again, said Steve Melzer, a Midland consultant.

. "I think this will be long term; it has some staying power," he said.

Interested?

A four-day short course on residual oil zones is planned for Aug. 11-14 at Midland College's Petroleum Professional Development Center, 105 W. Illinois.

The new play

Some operators are working on projects to "dewater" the San Andres dolomites, primarily in Andrews and Yoakum counties.

Operators have been interested in what are known as residual oil zones since Hess and Shell did some work in ROZs in the 1980s. Residual oil zones contain remnants of oil that were not swept away by a natural waterflood of a huge paleo trap of oil present in the San Andres formation at the close of the Mesozoic and at the time of the Chicxulub meteor impact in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, Melzer said.

A later, Tertiary Age uplift in what is now central New Mexico exposed the San Andres formation west of Artesia and Roswell, New Mexico, allowing water to infiltrate the subsurface and the oil entrapments of the San Andres. That water moved on through the Permian Basin into the eastern flank, sweeping oil along with it but leaving a portion behind as residual oil, he said.

Recent research by Melzer, the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and Arcadis has mapped the swept areas. Melzer said that research shows the sweep was not just limited to below San Andres oil fields but into regions between fields, known as ROZ "fairways."

"If our maps are accurate, the oil will be there, so the risk of finding the residual oil is really small," Melzer said.

While the San Andres has the largest region and thickness of the residual oil, other zones can have residual oil as well, he said.

Melzer said it is similar to dewatering plays in Oklahoma.

"That is pertinent to this, as well, but this is a hybrid of dewatering and depressuring," he said.

The water must be produced to lower the reservoir pressure, making some of the oil mobile, Melzer said. The produced water can be disposed or processed into drilling or hydraulic fracturing fluids.

Some are calling this new play DUROZ for depressuring the upper ROZ. The man-made secondary recovery waterflood

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Analyst: OPEC production rollover is first round in long battle

By Mella McEwen
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OPEC's decision last November to maintain production levels accelerated the decline in global crude prices, sending them into the $40-a-barrel range.

As U.S. operators slashed spending and stacked drilling rigs in response, it showed that members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries still had influence, despite the surge in domestic shale production.

OPEC continued that strategy of maintaining market share at its early June meeting as crude prices have rebounded to near $60 a barrel, yet U.S,. crude production continues to increase. That raises questions about the success of that strategy.

"I view OPEC as winning the first round of what will likely be a long battle," said Dominick Chirichella, contributing oil analyst and founding partner of the Energy Management Institute at Genscape, a private and patented network of land, sea and satellite monitors that delivers market insight and intelligence.

In an email, he acknowledged that oil prices have fallen and U.S. crude oil production is still rising.

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Pink Petro's efforts to connect women in energy draws Permian Basin support

By Mella McEwen
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Rachel Dobbs, applications engineer with Halliburton

The booming oil and gas industry has opened a flood of opportunities, and women are among those flocking to the industry and working as engineers and geologists and in management.

That has given rise to efforts to help women — and men — connect with peers and mentors and discuss work issues, career issues, even family issues. New organizations such as Women's Energy Network and Pink Petro are spreading through the nation's producing basins, including the Permian.

Pink Petro recently launched in the Permian Basin with its Paint the Permian Pink event. Anong those attending was Karmen Hendrix Bryant.

"I think it's great," she said. "Women are here, they're qualified, they're equipped, they're ready to work. Resources (like Pink Petro) are important."

Bryant, the daughter of an oilman, said she loves the diversity of the industry.

"It's so far-reaching, and no day is ever the same. It touches everything we do," she said.

Rachel Dobbs, an applications engineer with Halliburton, said she was drawn to Pink Petro because "we need to have women sharing our stories, helping each other out.

She moved into applications engineering from marketing after she "fell in love with Halliburton" when placed at the company by a temporary agency. She said she wanted to explore the various aspects of the company and see what she could learn.

Even as she said the industry is more open to women, she had to stand her ground.

"I don't get people coffee, I don't do the things people expect women to do. We're standing our ground and letting women know we're not just homemakers and baby makers."

Dobbs said she plans to serve as a role model for her young daughter.

"I want her to know she can do anything. There's no reason she can't be an engineer. I plan on becoming a country manager (for Halliburton), and she's coming with me."

Helping women in the industry draws wholehearted support from Keith Turman, a landman with Clifton Enterprises who has worked with Kimberly Smith, organizer of Pink Petro in the Permian Basin.

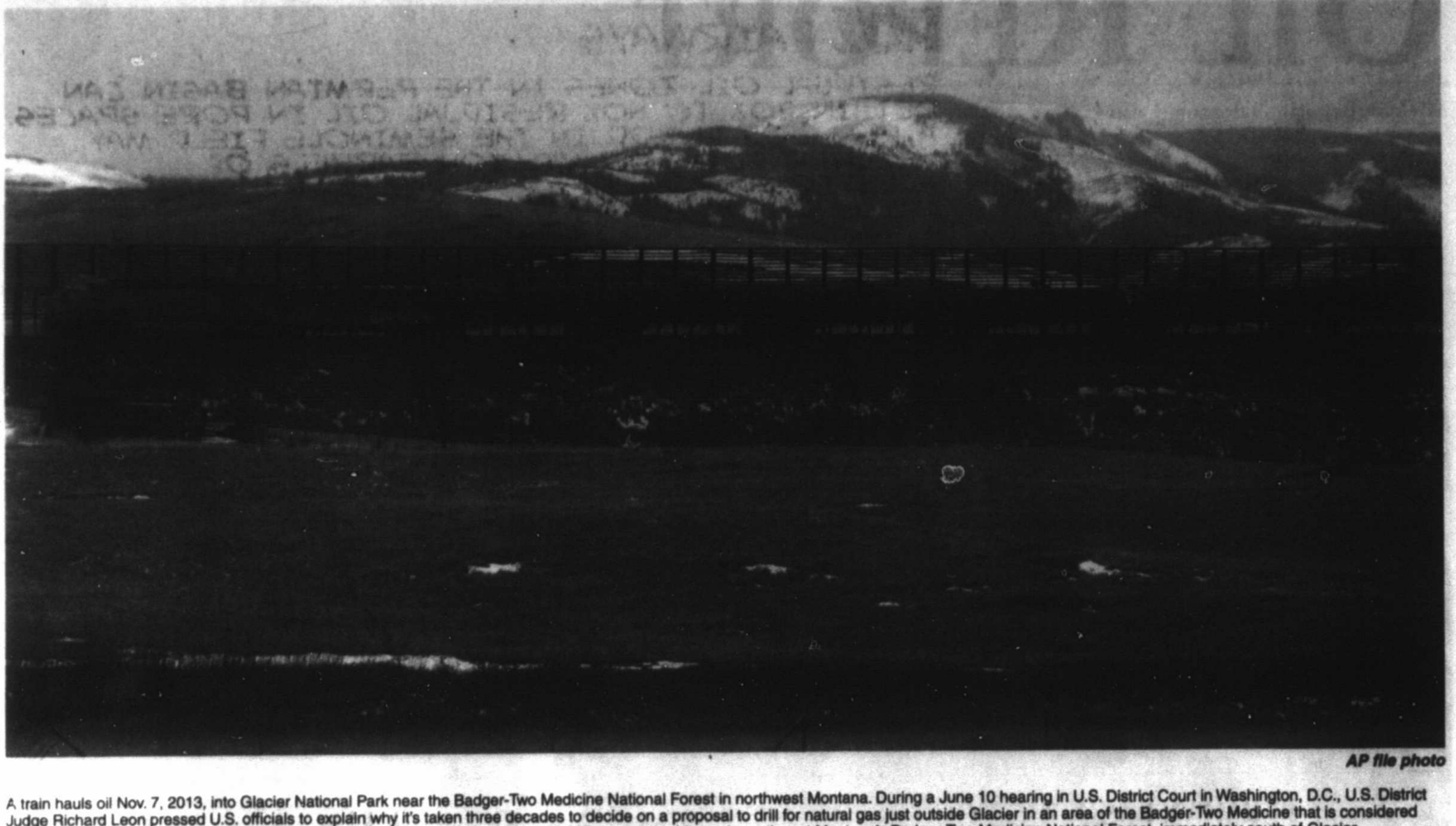
Turman said he trained Smith, president of Development Resources, and at least eight other women as petroleum landmen over the last 13 years and has watched a number of them go on to own their own businesses.

"Women's brains are different, and I think it would be great to team men and women; they'd compliment each other," he said. "Women would bring different perspectives and see issues or solutions men wouldn't."

Lina Torres, who will receive her degree in petroleum engineering from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin next year, said she sees a lot of opportunities for women in the field, especially because there aren't that many women studying engineering.

She likes the concept of Pink Petro because she likes being able to come together with others interested in the same field, "even if you don't have a job yet."

Torres said she is unconcerned about the current downturn in the industry. "We know in the Permian Basin everything may go down, but it comes back up again," she said.



AP file photo

A train hauls oil Nov. 7, 2013, into Glacier National Park near the Badger-Two Medicine National Forest in northwest Montana. During a June 10 hearing in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., U.S. District Judge Richard Leon pressed U.S. officials to explain why it's taken three decades to decide on a proposal to drill for natural gas just outside Glacier in an area of the Badger-Two Medicine that is considered sacred by some Indian tribes in Montana and Canada. At issue in the case is a 6,200-acre energy lease in northwest Montana's Badger-Two Medicine National Forest, immediately south of Glacier.

Judge demands explanation for energy lease delay

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — A federal judge is pressing U.S. officials to explain why it's taken three decades to decide on a proposal to drill for natural gas just outside Glacier National Park in an area considered sacred by some Indian tribes in Montana and Canada.

A frustrated U.S. District Judge Richard Leon called the delay "troubling" and a "nightmare" during a recent court hearing. He ordered the Interior and Agriculture departments to report back to him with any other example of where they have "dragged their feet" for so long.

"This is no way to run a government. No way to run a government," Leon told government attorney Ruth Ann Storey, according to a transcript of the June 10 hearing in Washington, D.C.

At issue in the case is a 6,200-acre energy lease in northwest Montana's Badger-Two Medicine area immediately south of Glacier. Owned by Solenex LLC of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the lease has been suspended since the 1990s.

Solenex sued in 2013 to overturn the suspension and wants to begin drilling for gas this summer. It's represented by the Mountain States Legal Foundation, a conservative Colorado law firm that handles property rights cases and has numerous representatives of the oil and gas industry on its board of directors.

U.S. Justice Department spokesman Wyn Hornbuckle said Wednesday the government will submit a response to the judge's concerns next week. He declined to elaborate.

The Badger-Two Medicine area is the home of the creation story of the four Blackfoot tribes in Canada and Montana and the Sun Dance that is central to their religion. The land is part of the Lewis and Clark National Forest, but it is not on Montana's Blackfeet Reservation.

Dozens of oil and gas leases were originally sold in the area, but over the years most have been retired or surrendered. Only 18 suspended leases remain, including Solenex's.

Blackfoot leaders have asked Interior Secretary Sally Jewell to cancel the leases.

The Interior Department issued the energy lease to Solenex in 1982, and the Forest Service in 1996 asked for it to be suspended so the agency could perform a historic preservation survey of the site. That was completed in 2012, but there's been no final decision on whether the lease should remain in place.

Mountain States Legal Foundation president William Perry Pendley noted the boundaries of the traditional cultural area for the tribes were studied and expanded several times since the leases were issued.

"The feds have thrown money at the tribes and these consultants to do these additional studies," he said. "The bottom line is, this is national forest land."

But Blackfeet Tribal Historic Preservation Officer John Murray rejected any suggestion that the studies were a ploy to block Solenex. He said the Montana tribe opposed the leases from the time they were issued and considered the original cultural studies of the area inadequate.

"It's paramount that it's protected. Bad research does not negate the importance of the area to the Blackfeet," Murray said.

Storey defended the government's handling of the Solenex case in her appearance before Judge Leon. She said it took many years to conduct the necessary site studies, and working with the tribes meant the process wasn't entirely within the agencies' control.

The Forest Service in December determined drilling would adversely affect the sacred site and reduce its spiritual power for the Blackfeet.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation agreed with that finding in January. Its recommendations on how to proceed are pending.

Forest Service spokesman Dave Cunningham said he was not aware of a timeline for a decision.

Permian Basin Petroleum Association hires executive vice president

From staff reports

The Permian Basin Petroleum Association announces the hiring of Stephen M. Robertson as executive vice president.

He joined the PBPA this month to further develop efforts in serving its members and the industry at large, while also fighting federal and state issues affecting the oil and gas industry. Robertson will continue the association's success in providing representation for its membership which includes the most active oil and gas operators in the Permian Basin.

"I am enthusiastic to be joining the PBPA and its strong legacy of advocacy for the oil and gas industry. I am fortunate to be joining such a respected team that prides itself on professional representation and advocacy for its members," Robertson said.

As the son of a former company man for ARCO, the petroleum in Robertson's blood has run thick since his birth. He joined the industry's workforce in 2003 as an employee of Miller Consulting in Austin. Immediately prior to joining the PBPA, Robertson practiced law in Midland with a heavy work load in oil and gas title law.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Government from the University of Texas at Austin, and a Doctorate in Jurisprudence from Texas Tech University School of Law, where he earned a Certificate of Law and Science in Oil and Gas.

PBPA President Ben Shepperd said, "Stephen's wealth of knowledge, experience within the industry, and qualifying background are only a few of the many reasons we chose to bring him on board. We also recognized his strong sense of professionalism and commitment to success as characteristics fit for the PBPA team. We look forward to future growth and success with Stephen helping to lead the way."

Research

From 1F

and tertiary recovery carbon dioxide flood projects in the main pay zones above the ROZs have similar properties to the natural waterflood. There are currently 15 different projects flooding the ROZs, producing an estimated 12,000 barrels of oil per day in the Permian Basin.

Melzer said two projects — the Tall Cotton by Kinder Morgan and the George Allen by Trinity CO2— are testing the next wave of CO2 enhanced-recovery projects. These two, both in Gaines County, are flooding areas without an overlying main pay zone in what is being called greenfield areas because they don't have existing well infrastructure.

Operators are also using the technologies perfected in unconventional shale drilling to exploit these greenfields: They're drilling horizontally into the ROZs, hydraulically fracturing the interval and producing the fluids with submersible pumps.

That primary recovery is a prelude to coming in with tertiary recovery methods, Melzer said.

The skepticism

As a result, the science in this new play refutes the conventional "dewatering" model, he said.

"There's a lot of skepticism about where the oil is coming from. We're not taught that way, but (the production) speaks for itself," Melzer said.

He explained that conventional wisdom dictated the ROZs were limited to intervals below oil fields.

"I think we, as an industry, have been doing this for a very long time, but we haven't been able to observe this process at work. What the greenfield ROZs allow us to do is isolate that the process is working and, even more exciting, that it is working economically even at these prices, when the conditions are right. So, in essence, it is confirmation of and a new explanation for a process we haven't studied in the past," Melzer said.

He said it is an unconventional play like the shales, but in this case is a carbonate formation with more classic reservoir properties. "It just doesn't have the mobile oil component we've exploited for 100 years."

The industry has to "flip out of that mode of conventional thinking into this new mode of thinking. It's really a stretch to use traditional explanations" of fracturing operations connecting mobile oil compartments or the relative permeability explanation" he said.

It's an exciting prospect that opens significant new sources of crude from the Permian Basin, Melzer said.

"Another aspect of this that is really exciting is that we now know how large the ROZ resources are. Not all of them will be productive at $50 a barrel, but a lot will. Some will do better at $70 or $80 a barrel. But this is a huge resource for the Permian Basin's future," he said.

Rollover

From 1F

"But companies have cut (capital and expenditure) budgets strongly while laying off about 150,000 workers so far. Eventually, U.S. oil production will fall somewhat."

Analyzing the OPEC meeting, Chirichella said in his online blog that the West Texas Intermediate futures contract has been trading in a modest range bounded by $57 a barrel on the low end and $61 a barrel at the higher end.

"Market participants are looking for guidance to the next major move in prices," he wrote in the blog.

Since OPEC's November 2014 decision, WTI and Brent prices have fallen 18 to 19 percent, while the OPEC basket of crudes are 13.4 percent lower. At the same time, the U.S. rig count has fallen 58.9 percent since OPEC's November decision, although production is 500,000 barrels a day higher than November 2014. Production is at a record high 9.6 million barrels a day.

In his email, Chirichella said he doesn't expect the massive overhang of oil, which has sent prices tumbling, to be absorbed "for a long time as there is an ongoing glut of oil and Iran is on the cusp of coming back into the market if the Iran nuclear deal is completed."

Chirichella noted in his blog that demand for crude has improved, growing about 130,000 barrels a day for 2015 between the November 2014 and May 2015 Short Term Energy Outlook reports issued by the Energy Information Administration.

"This is a positive, but still not large enough to offset the huge gains still coming from OPEC and non-OPEC supply areas," he wrote.

He said he isn't sure if oil market economics have been permanently altered and that there won't be a return to $100 oil, or if it's another link in the market's economic cycle.

"I would never say never, as I believe the strong cuts in Capex budgets will have strong ramifications down the road as new projects are not completed and normal oil production decline rates set in," he said. "While this is evolving, global oil demand is likely to continue to rise."

Petroleum Professional Development Center

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Instructor: Celia Pane
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Title: Oil and Gas Contracts
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: July 1; End Date: August 1 - Registration Deadline: Noon, July 1st
$599; Out of State, $624
The required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

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Title: Oil and Gas Law and It's Impact on Land Practices
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: July 7; End Date: August 1 - Registration Deadline: Noon, July 7th
Returning Registrants: $599; Out of State, $624 (purchased book for previous modules)
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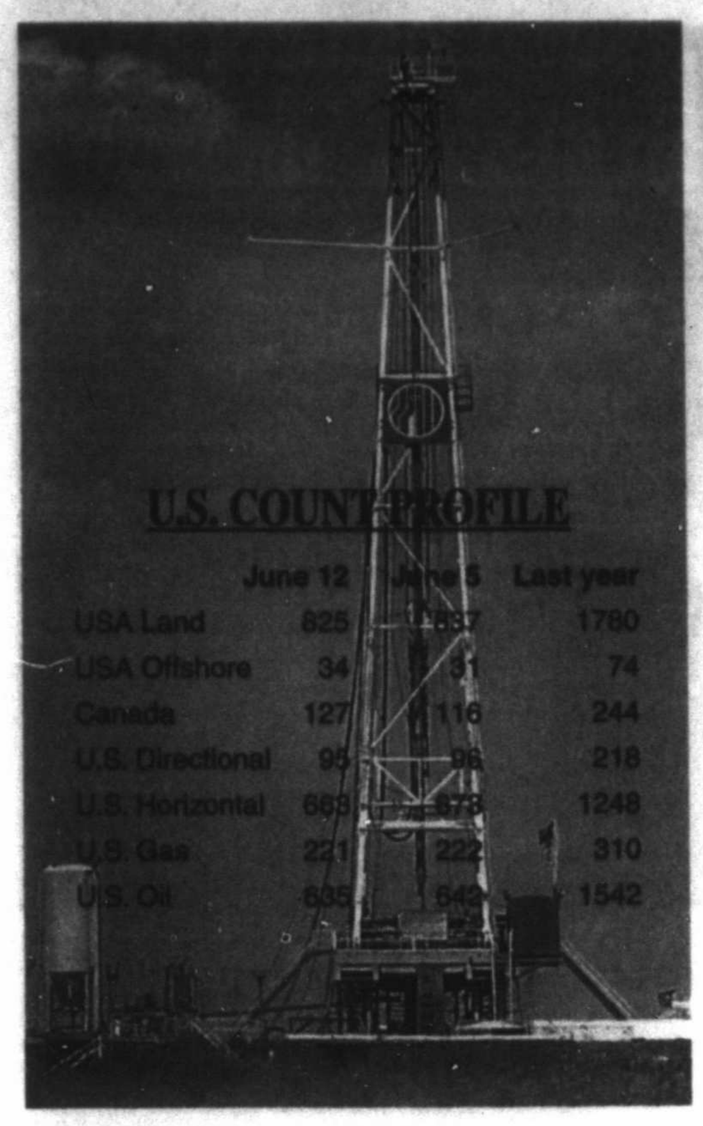
Introduction to Log Interpretation and Quality
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
July 13-15, Mon-Wed, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$1,095; Out of State, $1,120
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

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Instructor: Gary Batcheller
July 16-17, Thu, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Fri, 8 a.m. - Noon
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IHS Advanced Cross Sections and Correlations Techniques
July 21-22, Tue-Wed, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
$1,600 (Register directly with IHS): https://www.ihs.com/products/petra-training.html
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

OFM - Introduction
Instructor: Celia Payne
July 28-29, Tue-Wed, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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July 28-30, Tue-Thu, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
$1,295; Out of State, $1,320
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PERMIAN BASIN RIG COUNTS

Texas

DISTRICT 7B

Coleman	0
Fisher	0
Jones	0
Nolan	1
Taylor	0

DISTRICT 7C

Coke	0
Concho	0
Crockett	3
Irion	2
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	0
Reagan	12
Runnels	0
Schleicher	0
Sutton	0
Tarrell	0
Tom Green	0
Upton	11

DISTRICT 8

Andrews	13
Brewster	0
Crane	4
Culberson	5
Ector	3
Glasscock	7
Howard	10
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	21
Martin	22
Midland	28
Mitchell	1
Pecos	4
Presidio	0
Reeves	24
Sterling	2
Ward	4
Winkler	3

DISTRICT 8A

Bailey	0
Borden	0
Cochran	0
Cottle	1
Crosby	0
Dawson	2
Dickens	0
Floyd	0
Gaines	1
Garza	0
Hale	0
Hockley	0
Kent	0
King	0
Lamb	0
Lubbock	0
Lynn	0
Motley	0
Scurry	4
Terry	0
Yoakum	1

TEXAS TOTAL 189

New Mexico

Chaves	0
Eddy	19
Lea	24
Roosevelt	0

NEW MEXICO TOTAL ... 43



MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	**$56.50**
Flint Hills Resources*	**$56.50**
Phillips 66	**$56.54**
Plains*	**$56.50**
Shell Trading	**$56.50**
Sun*	**$56.50**
Nymex futures	**$60.03***

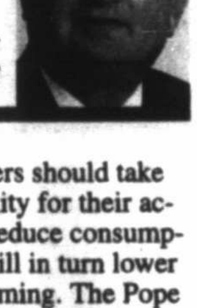
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SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price June 17	Same period one year ago
Nymex future price	**$2.815**	**$2.891**	**$4.530**
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	**$2.650**	**$2.745**	**$4.555**
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	**$2.570**	**$2.643**	**$4.543**
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	**$2.607**	**$2.675**	**$4.567**
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	**$2.590**	**$2.680**	**$4.590**
CompositeField Prices For Midcontinent	**$2.585**	**$2.632**	**$4.476**
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	**$2.758**	**$2.768**	**$4.608**

Pope Francis issues anti-fossil fuel message in document



ALEX MILLS

President of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers

Pope Francis issued an encyclical on global warming on Thursday that said human activity is a primary cause of global warming. The encyclical, considered one of the highest forms of papal writing, raised many questions as to why the Vatican would issue such an important paper at this time.

Some speculate that the timing was planned to elevate the issue of global warming among Catholics and others who haven't given it much thought recently.

Also, about 200 countries will meet in Paris in December to discuss a new climate change agreement. Pope Francis expressed disappointment earlier this year that nations have historically failed to reach an agreement limiting human emissions.

Should religious leaders take a stand on such issues as global warming? Is climate change a religious issue? Is it addressed in the Bible or other religious writings? Does that matter?

Pope Francis obviously believes that the Catholic Church should be engaged in these issues with the hope of influencing the outcome.

The encyclical attempts to convince people that there is strong scientific evidence that humans are the key piece of the global-warming puzzle. It states that global warming is primarily caused by the increase in greenhouse gases emitted by humans burning fossil fuels, and that there is an urgent need to reduce the use of fossil fuels and develop renewable energy.

Doug Bandow, a senior fellow at the Cato Institute, writes that the encyclical "mixes heartfelt concern for the status of the environment and man's connection with the world around him with an often limited or confused understanding of the problem of pollution and meaning of markets."

The climate change issues are more than just reducing greenhouse gases worldwide. The encyclical also touches other issues such as economic, political, property rights, standard of living, and theological issues. These have far-reaching impact on the lives of people around the world.

The document says that capitalism, property rights and a free economic system creates overconsumption, and that capitalism "seems incapable of guaranteeing respect for the environment." Harsh criticism for a system that has made the U.S. a world leader.

The encyclical states that polluters should take responsibility for their actions and reduce consumption that will in turn lower global warming. The Pope says that "disproportionate consumption" steals from poor nations and future generations, and that waste and degradation of the environment will result in disaster unless current lifestyles change.

While the message clearly is anti-capitalism and anti-fossil fuels, it fails to address solutions — other than changing our lifestyles. Could that also mean that Pope Francis would give up traveling around the world by airplane and other means of transportation that uses fossil fuels?

Between now and December, people around the world will read and interpret the meaning of the encyclical. It is clear that Pope Francis has initiated a discussion regarding the theology of the environment.

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To win, Republican candidates must be strong on energy



MARITA NOON

New polling emphasizes support for traditional energy concerns has become a partisan issue. Large majorities of Republicans favor key energy issues — but voters of every ideological stripe say energy will be an important part of their voting decisions.

Hickman Analytics Inc., for the Consumer Energy Alliance (CEA), has done polling on energy issues in several key states: Iowa, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia. While the exact questions asked are not identical in each of the six states, the responses are so similar that assumptions can be made.

For the 2016 presidential candidates, lessons should be learned — to win, Republican candidates must be strong on energy.

In all states polled, the majority of respondents indicated that energy issues will be at or near the top when asked: "Looking ahead, how important are energy issues in terms of how you will vote in the Presidential election next year?" In each state, except West Virginia, 80 percent or more answered: "very important" or "somewhat important." In West Virginia, while still a majority, the percentage is only 54 — though a smaller percentage of West Virginians, 10 percent, claim energy issues will be: "not very important" or "not important at all."

The polling took place in Iowa and New Hampshire in April, South Carolina in May, and in Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina in June.

In Iowa, New Hampshire, and South Carolina, Hickman asked how they feel about "allowing offshore oil and natural gas drilling north of Alaska, in U.S. waters inside the Arctic Circle." Overall, a majority of registered voters support it, but opposition is higher among Democrats.

The numbers on Arctic drilling break out this way:

In Iowa, 74 percent of Republicans support and 10 percent oppose, 48 percent of independents support and 38 percent oppose and 34 percent of Democrats support and 49 percent oppose. In New Hampshire, 70 percent of Republicans support and 18 percent oppose, 54 percent of independents support and 35 percent oppose and among Democrats, 34 percent support and 49 percent oppose. South Carolina Republicans support by 76 percent and 16 percent; 60 percent of indepenents support while 32 percent oppose and 51 percent of South Carolina Democrats support and 29 percent oppose Arctic drilling.

In Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina, Hickman asked about the Atlantic Coast pipeline project — a 550-mile pipeline that will bring natural gas from West Virginia through Virginia and North Carolina — and found that support is strong and extends across almost every group. As with Arctic drilling, Hickman found that support for this important energy infrastructure project is stronger among Republicans, but even among those who self-identify as liberal, more support than oppose it.

In Virginia, 74 percent of Republicans support the pipeline project while 12 percent oppose; 54 percent of independents support it and 24 percent oppose and 43 percent of Democrats support the project and 38 percent oppose. West Virginia Republicans support the pipeline by 79 percent while 12 percent oppose; 66 percent of West Virginia independents support it while 25 percent and 67 percent of Democrats support the project and 20 percent oppose. In North Carolina, 76 percent of Republicans support the pipeline and 9 percent oppose; 56 percent of independents support it and 25 percent oppose and 41 percent of Democrats support the project while 37 percent oppose.

When asked why they support the Atlantic Coast pipeline project, "jobs" was mentioned most frequently with "a positive impact on the economy" being next. "Contribution to energy independence" was also mentioned.

Presidential candidates can learn from the Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina numbers and a similar response could be assumed in Iowa, New Hampshire, and South Carolina — though they were not asked a parallel question on Arctic drilling.

The lesson? Republican and Independent voters understand that energy projects create jobs, help the economy and energy security.

In Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina, Hickman asked about other energy issues, such as coal-fueled power plants, the Keystone pipeline, offshore drilling and hydraulic fracturing. Again, support among Republicans and Independents — even many Democrats — is strong on a wide range of energy issues.

"As the primary season approaches, presidential candidates will need to take a strong stance on energy issues for the 2016 election," CEA President David Holt said. "As we have seen in the past, the success of candidates in 2016 will hinge on their ability to promote issues that foster economic and job growth, while ensuring safety and the protection of our environment. This can be achieved through the promotion of energy infrastructure and production, which will contribute to U.S. self-sufficiency, stimulate the economy, and create jobs."

Energy provides Republican candidates with an opportunity to stand with voters and offer contrast to Hillary Clinton — whose previous speeches indicate that she will continue President Obama's energy policies. At her Roosevelt Rally, she repeated one of Obama's reoccurring themes: "Climate change, one of the defining threats of our time."

As the Hickman/CEA polling shows, the frequently touted fixes for climate change —opposing coal-fueled power plants and blocking fossil-fuel development and infrastructure — are in direct conflict with what most Americans, especially Republicans and Independents, want.

The Hickman/CEA conclusions are supported by previous polls.

Earlier this year, Pew Research Center did its annual Public Policy Priorities Survey, "Dealing with global warming" remained a low priority — with only "Dealing with global trade issues" being lower. However, when looking at the issues to discern the partisan differences, the message is obvious. A slight majority of Democrats, 54 percent, view global warming as a top priority, compared to 15 percent of Republicans (an 8 point drop from 2007) and 39 percent of Independents (a 1 point drop from 2007).

Similarly, a March 2015 Gallup poll on "U.S. concern about environmental threats" found that "Americans worry least about global warming." Again the partisan divide is telling: in 2000, 29 percent of Republicans/Republican leaners worried about "global warming or climate change;"in 2015, 13 percent — a 16 percent drop. For Democrats/Democrat leaners: 2000, 48 percent; in 2015, 52 percent — a 4-point increase.

"It is clear from the Hickman/CEA polling," Holt added, "that energy policy will be top of mind when voters cast their ballots in this upcoming election. Voters clearly support the development of energy infrastructure, such as the Atlantic Coast Pipeline project. In order to win, candidates will have to make clear to voters that they understand and support the issues voters care about."

As we head into the important 2016 election, it is imperative that whoever becomes the 45th president understands energy. Gratefully, as the Hickman/CEA polling indicates, the American public understands the importance of energy and is prepared to vote accordingly.

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Clayton Williams Energy sells Eagle Ford rights

Clayton Williams Energy Inc. has sold approximately 3,700 net acres in Burleson County, Texas for cash consideration of $22.1 million.

The acreage, located east of the company's contiguous acreage block, was sold under a term assignment that terminates on Oct. 27 unless the buyer commences a 90-day continuous development program on the acreage. The company retained its rights to all depths and formations other than the Eagle Ford formation and also retained its interest in acreage and production associated with the Porter E Unit 1, the company's only Eagle Ford well situated on the acreage. Proceeds from the sale were used to reduce outstanding borrowings on the company's bank credit facility.

Clayton Williams Energy also announced that it plans to resume drilling operations in the third quarter of the year, with one rig drilling horizontal Wolfcamp wells on the company's 66,000 net acre position in the southern Delaware Basin in Reeves County, and one rig drilling horizontal Eagle Ford wells on the company's 170,000 net acre block in Robertson, Burleson, Lee and Bastrop counties. Drilling and completion costs associated with these rigs for the remainder of 2015 are expected to total approximately $35 million and will be financed by incremental borrowings on the company's bank credit facility.

Ring Energy launches common stock offering

Ring Energy Inc. intends to offer and sell shares of its common stock in an underwritten public offering. The underwriters will have a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 15 percent of the shares of common stock offered in the public offering solely to cover over-allotments.

The company intends to use the net proceeds from the offering to fund the previously announced acquisition of producing wells and leaseholds in Culberson and Reeves Counties and for general corporate purposes.

SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc. is acting as sole bookrunner for the offering. Seaport Global Securities LLC and Euro Pacific Capital Inc. are acting as senior co-managers for the offering.

MONAHANS

Graco Oilfield Services opens Monahans facility

Graco Fishing & Rental Tools Inc., doing business as Graco Oilfield Services, has completed the expansion of its Monahans facilities.

As part of the continued investment within the Permian Basin area, a new 25,000 square-foot facility offers seven 80 foot pull-through bays, a fully equipped machine shop, overhead cranes, offices, locker rooms, a parts room, and meeting/training space. Complementary facilities have also been added, which provide for the full cycle of rental tubing inventory management capabilities — from storage, cleaning and inspection to repair.

The newly constructed machine shop permits Graco to now offer specialized services for its customers, in addition to the increased volume and quality of equipment maintenance. In addition to its already expansive selection of handling tools, and the resulting increased capacity in its rental tubing capabilities, Graco has also introduced over 370,000 feet of new production tubing to best meet the rental demand from its Permian operators.

Graco's Chief Operating Officer Mark Mixon stated, "This is a critical step in the long-term commitment that Graco has for its Permian Basin customers and one the team is very proud to roll out."

HOUSTON

Energen taps capital markets for $405 million to boost drilling

Energen Corp. said Wednesday it's planning to raise $405 million to boost drilling in West Texas, becoming the latest in a string of U.S. oil producers to tap capital markets for cash this year.

The Alabama-based oil producer's public offering of 5.7 million shares makes it the 30th North American oil company to raise funds from the public equity markets in 2015, bringing the oil-exploration sector's take to about $13.7 billion so far this year. The offering is expected to close Monday.

Oil producers' easy access to capital markets this year is one reason investment bankers and analysts say there hasn't been more financial pain, mergers and acquisitions and debt defaults during the current oil slump. Unlike past oil downturns, financial markets are healthy, and investors have been spurred on because the petroleum industry is the one of the very few facing any widespread financial distress.

"There has been a lot of money on the sidelines wanting to invest in energy," said Dean Burke, vice president of capital markets at Houston investment banking firm Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co.

But Energen's capital raise is more evidence that oil producers are beginning to call on investors not to fix their balance sheets, but to help them ramp up drilling activity.

The firm, with its oil fields in the West Texas' Permian Basin and the San Juan Basin in New Mexico in Colorado, said it will use proceeds from the stock sale to increase drilling in the Midland Basin in the second half of this year. It had 373 million barrels of oil equivalent in proved reserves at the end of last year, it said.

And it said it will "begin a multi-year acceleration of development activities in the Permian Basin in 2016, with capital investment in 2016 at $1 billion or more." Any proceeds leftover, it added, could be used to repay its revolving credit facility, which is a type of corporate loan from which a company can borrow, repay and borrow again.

In another capital raise last month, Denver-based Cimarex Energy Co. said it would use proceeds from its $654 million stock sale to boost drilling in the second half of 2015 and "more significantly" next year. Burke said a few other oil producers also announced plans to use their capital raises to accelerate drilling in coming months.

HOUSTON

Stallion names CEO and board member

David C. Mannon has been named the next president and chief executive officer of Stallion Oilfield Holdings Inc. He has also been named a member of the board of directors.

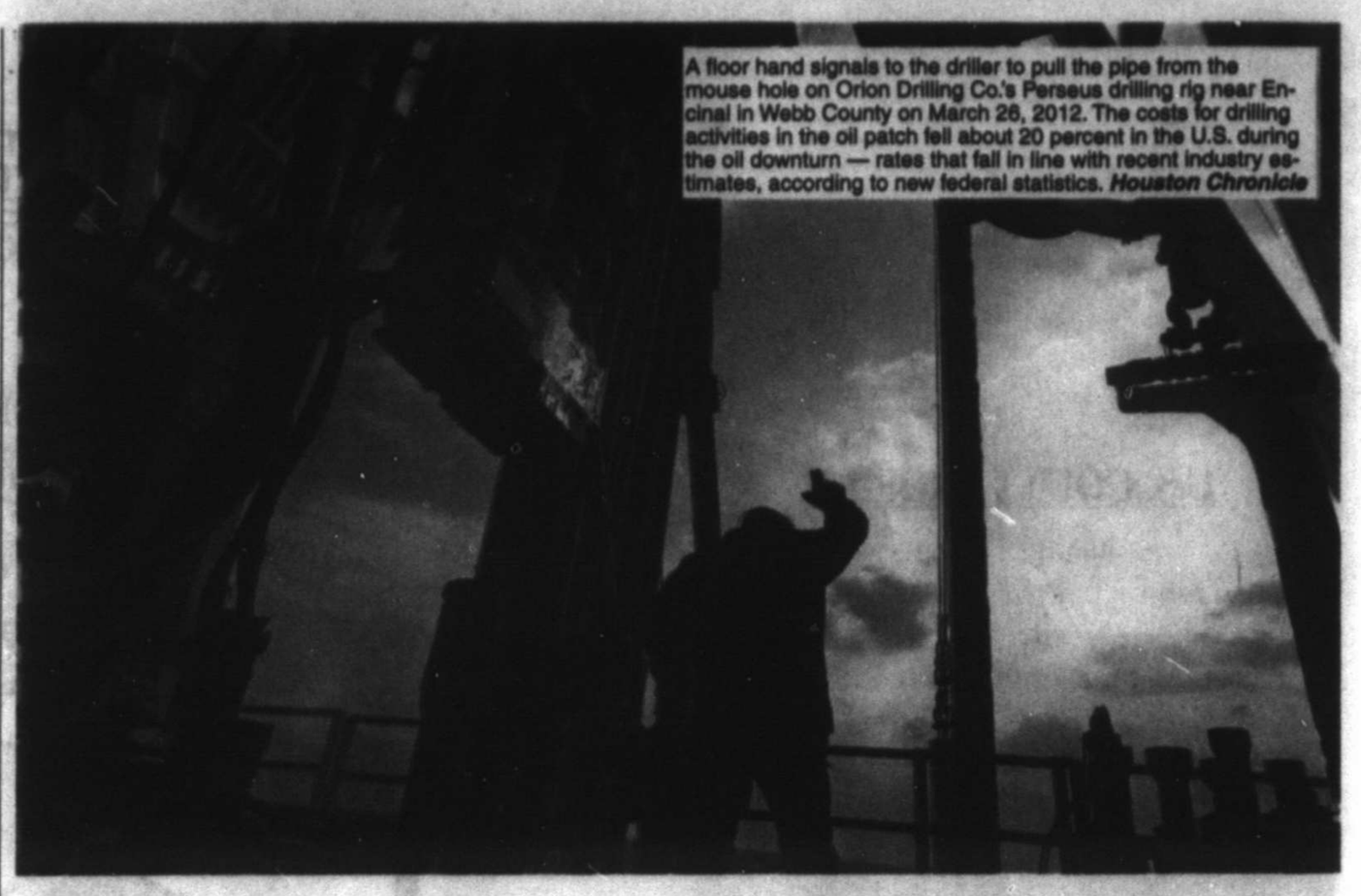
Mannon joins Stallion with more than 30 years of experience in the oilfield industry. He previously served as chief executive officer and president of Parker Drilling Company.

HOUSTON

Energy Transfer signs small Penn. driller on to $1.5 billion Marcellus project

Energy Transfer Partners has signed long-term contracts with a small Pennsylvania driller to support its $1.5 billion Revolution project in in the western part of the state, the company said Monday.

The previously announced Revolution project includes a 100-mile pipeline running from Butler County, Pennsylvania to a planned cryogenic gas processing plant that will be constructed in Western Pennsylvania, the Dallas-based pipeline company said. The plant is expected to be online by the second quarter of 2017.



A floor hand signals to the driller to pull the pipe from the mouse hole on Orion Drilling Co.'s Perseus drilling rig near Encinal in Webb County on March 26, 2012. The costs for drilling activities in the oil patch fell about 20 percent in the U.S. during the oil downturn — rates that fall in line with recent industry estimates, according to new federal statistics. *Houston Chronicle*

Fees for oilfield drillers plummeted amid the crude crash

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

The costs for drilling activities in the oil patch fell about 20 percent in the U.S. during the oil slump — rates that fall in line with recent industry estimates, according to new federal statistics released Thursday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics Producer Price Index that tracks the costs oil and natural gas firms are receiving for goods and services found that drilling rates, which represent service fees for contractors to drill oil and gas wells, dipped by 19.6 percent from June 2014 to May 2015. Oil and gas prices measured by the Producer Price Index fell by 49 percent during the same timeframe.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration said that, as exploration and production companies curtail capital expenditures in response to lower oil prices, the "downward pressure" impacts the rates charged by drillers and support services.

Likewise, a report by the Federal Reserve earlier in June reinforced the theme. The cost of drilling and bringing wells into production dropped 20 percent to 30 percent since the beginning of the year, according to the Fed's Beige Book, a monthly assessment of economic activity in 12 regional districts across the U.S.

Around the world, the oil industry's job losses reached 150,000 at the end of May, and the job cut rate was fastest in the U.S., according to oil recruiting firm Swift Worldwide Resources.

As for the Producer Price Index data, the price of sands used for hydraulic fracturing declined by 12.5 percent, whereas the rates for support activities, which include the surveying, cementing, casing and treatment of wells only dipped by 1.4 percent.

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Zero to 62 in 10 hours

Gentlemen and ladies, before you start your engines and drill another well for which the pay zones and the water zones are not fully established, you will want to consider the benefits of having Cardinal Surveys run a TRAC-III Annulus Production log on your producing wells. It could pay huge dividends, as it did for one company recently.

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Another operator had a well whose production was calculated at 250 BOPD, 10 BWPD and 8MCF of natural gas per day. Cardinal's TRAC-III log on the well found the downhole calculated rate was 298 BOPD—278 of which was from a leaking collar located over 200' deeper than the completed zone. The wells' CIBP was also leaking, accounting for the 20 BOPD difference. The initial completed zones were producing the natural gas and very little oil.

After drilling five wells, all five were logged, locating the non-productive zones. By not completing the non-productive zones as the operator added new wells, they were able to save hundreds of thousands of dollars on the new infield drilling.

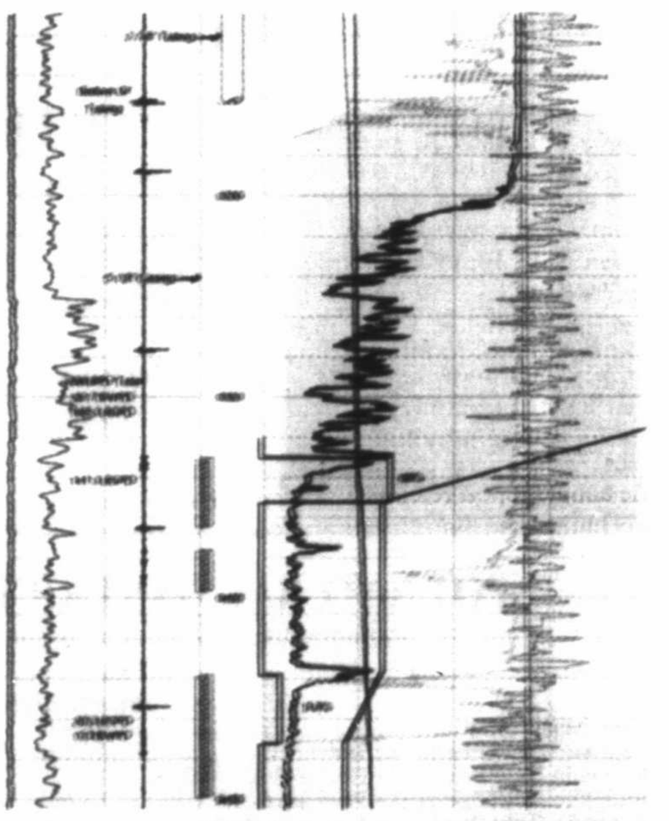
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Quantity and volumetric logs allow producers to closely identify production zones to identify the sources of water and of oil.

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A wind turbine farm makes use of the wind May 6, 2013, near Glenrock, Wyo. The growth of renewable energy outpaced that of fossil fuels in the electricity sector last year, with a record 135 gigawatts of capacity added from wind, solar, hydropower and other natural sources, a new study shows. The annual report released early Thursday in Europe by Paris-based REN21, a non-profit group that promotes renewable energy, underscored how China, the world's top consumer of coal, has become a global leader in clean energy, too.

Record year for renewable power; heat, transport stay fossil

By Karl Ritter
Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — The growth of renewable energy outpaced that of fossil fuels in the electricity sector last year, with a record 135 gigawatts of capacity added from wind, solar, hydropower and other natural sources, a new study shows.

That's more than the generating capacity of all nuclear reactors in the United States and slightly less than Germany's installed capacity from all power sources.

The annual report released early Thursday in Europe by Paris-based REN21, a nonprofit group that promotes renewable energy, underscored how China, the world's top consumer of coal, has become a global leader in clean energy, too.

It also highlighted that while renewables now account for 28 percent of the world's electricity-generating capacity, they still account for only a tiny share of how we heat and cool buildings and fuel our means of transportation.

"The share of renewables in the power sector will continue to grow. We see that already, especially in emerging economies," said Christine Lins, executive secretary of REN21. "But we need attention to the heating-cooling sector and transport."

Renewable energy's share in all forms of energy consumption — currently about 10 percent — will have to increase dramatically to fulfill the vision that President Barack Obama and other leaders of the Group of Seven wealthy economies endorsed last week. To fight climate change, they called for deep cuts in heat-trapping carbon emissions and all but eliminating them by the end of the century.

Meanwhile, global energy production must surge to meet the demands of developing economies and a growing world population. The fossil fuel industry and many energy experts say that can't happen without fossil fuels, even in the electricity sector, where coal remains the top fuel.

"Renewables will grow but that doesn't mean coal is going away," said Benjamin Sporton, head of the World Coal Association.

Sporton said India is commissioning 20GW of coal-fired power generation every year. "And they have a further 118GW under construction or approved," he added.

Supporters of renewable energy say the world is already "decoupling" carbon emissions from economic growth, pointing to preliminary data from the International Energy Agency showing that carbon emissions from the energy sector didn't rise last year even though the global economy grew by 3 percent.

However, earlier this week the IEA said that, among other measures, investments in renewables need to increase from $270 billion last year to $400 billion in 2030 to support a transition to a low-carbon economy.

Paolo Frankl, the head of IEA's Renewable Energy Division, said REN21's figures matched research by his own agency, confirming a clear upward trend in renewables.

The REN21 report said renewables accounted for almost 60 percent of the global power capacity added in 2014. Wind power made the biggest jump among the renewables in 2014, with 51GW of new capacity, almost half of it in China.

"This shows that countries are turning towards clean energy to meet their energy needs, rather than fossil fuels that are driving climate change," said Jake Schmidt of the Natural Resource Defense Council, a U.S. environmental advocacy group.

Solar power also expanded, but from a low level; it accounts for only 1 percent of global electricity production.

Geothermal power added just 700MW of capacity, half of it in Kenya. Other renewable sources, such as ocean energy from tidal forces, are not yet having any significant impact.

In heating and cooling of buildings and industry, which accounts for about half of global energy consumption, there was little change from the year before, with renewables representing about 8 percent, mostly biomass.

In the transport sector, dominated by oil-based fuels, the impact of renewables remained small despite growth in biofuels. In road transport their share was only 3.5 percent in 2014, up from 2 percent in 2007, Lins said. As fuel for jets, renewables are still in the experimental stage.

The report said at least 164 countries have set targets for renewable energy and about 145 had policies in place to support it. The authors called for governments to increase support for renewable energy, particularly in the heating and cooling sector.

Kayak protesters detained after trying to stop Shell oil rig

By Phuong Le
Associated Press

SEATTLE — The U.S. Coast Guard temporarily detained two dozen protesters who formed a blockade with kayaks and other vessels Monday to try to stop Royal Dutch Shell's drill rig as it left Seattle on its way to explore for oil in the Arctic Ocean.

The protesters were scooped up from the water because they were violating the safety zone around the Polar Pioneer, which departed around 6 a.m., Coast Guard Lt. Dana Warr said. They were released after receiving violation notices that carry fines, the Coast Guard said.

Some protesters had indicated they hoped to confront the rig off Port Townsend on Washington's Olympic Peninsula. However, Petty Officer Amanda Norcross said late Monday night that a gale warning was in effect in that area until Tuesday morning. She said the Coast Guard had not had any more interactions with protesters there.

A marine traffic website showed the vessel under way off Port Townsend late Monday.

About a dozen "kayaktivists" paddled out around 4 a.m. Monday to try to prevent the 400-foot-long rig from leaving Seattle, said Cassady Sharp, a Greenpeace spokeswoman. Several dozen supporters in kayaks and canoes lined up behind them, she said.

Seattle Councilman Mike O'Brien was among those detained. He and others in kayaks paddled into Seattle's picturesque Elliott Bay before dawn to oppose Shell's plans to open a new frontier of fossil fuel exploration off Alaska's coast.

"That monstrous rig is headed to the Arctic to attempt to do something unconscionable," he said in a text message as he was processed by the Coast Guard at its offices. "I had done everything I know how to do as a citizen, an activist, and as a councilmember to stop Shell from drilling in the Arctic."

The petroleum giant has been using the port to load drilling rigs and a fleet of support vessels with supplies and personnel before spending the brief Arctic summer in the Chukchi Sea, which stretches north from the Bering Strait between Alaska and Russia.

Shell spokesman Curtis Smith said Monday that the vessels are on the way to Alaska.

"We remain committed to operating in a safe, environmentally responsible manner and look forward to exploring our Chukchi leases in the weeks to come," he said in an email.

The Coast Guard picked up Kelly Mears, 28, in a yellow double kayak as he and others unfurled a massive "Shell No" banner on the water.

"Ultimately, I think that it's pretty negligent decision to allow the vessel to drill in the Arctic," said Mears, who came from South Carolina in April to participate in a series of protests. "My personal moral compass wasn't allowing me to stand idly by and bemoan it as something that we can't escape from."

Monday's blockade was the latest protest since the Polar Pioneer arrived in Seattle in May. Activists say they are concerned about the risks of an oil spill in the remote Arctic waters and the effects that tapping new oil and gas reserves will have on global warming.

Activists also have chained themselves twice to a support ship in Bellingham, north of Seattle. They have tried to block entrances to the Seattle terminal where the rig was loaded. Several have been arrested.

Officials in Alaska, including the governor, have touted the economic benefits that drilling could bring there and to the Pacific Northwest.

The U.S. Geological Survey estimates Arctic offshore reserves at 26 billion barrels of recoverable oil and 130 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Shell says developing these reserves could increase domestic oil supplies by more than 1 million barrels a day.

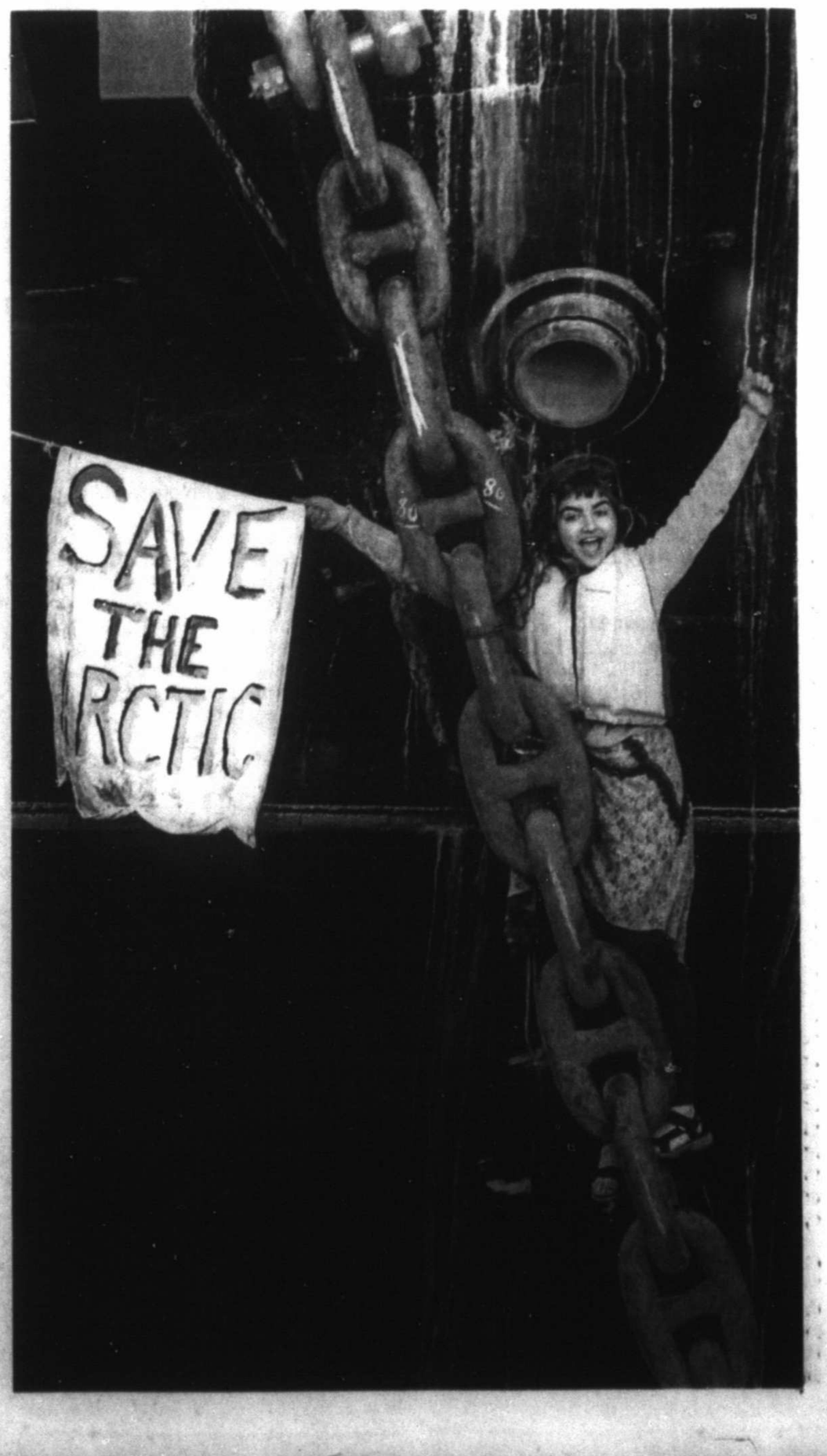


PHOTO: A woman identified as Chiara D'Angelo suspended herself in a climbing harness from the anchor chain of the Royal Dutch Shell support ship Arctic Challenger in the harbor at Bellingham, Wash. Rob Lewis, spokesman for protest organizers Rising Tide Bellingham, said she was protesting Shell's plan for Arctic drilling. The Coast Guard said it had no plans to remove her but has impounded the activists' support vessels. The ship wasn't scheduled to leave the port for several days. *Associated Press*

WILDCATS

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

CHEVRON MIDCONTINENT, LP, WILDCAT (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 3 UNIVERSITY BLOCK 9 JC, 1980 FEL 1980 FSL, SEC 6 BLK 1, UL SUR., A-U6 9979', 6 S ANDREWS API# 42-003-36876

Pecos County

SANTO OPER. LLC, WILDCAT (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 1 HARRAL 8, 662 FWL 1254 FSL, SEC 8 BLK 100, EL&RR/ EW MCKENZIE SUR., A-5935 9000', 28 SE FT STOCKTON API# 42-371-31769

New Mexico

Eddy County

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Jericho BKJ St Com #6
Wildcat; Sec 15 T25S R27E; 510/N & 330/E; 6 mi SE Black River; Rot 12162 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42955

COG Operating LLC
Bradley 8 Fee #8
Wildcat; Sec 8 T19S R26E; 190/S & 340/E; 3 1/2 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 7697 Yeso; API #30-015-42978

COG Operating LLC
Craig State #12
Wildcat; Sec 36 T25S R26E; 210/N & 900/W; 8 mi S Black River; Rot 12341 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42989

Cimarex Energy Co.
Bonnie 35 Fed Com #1
Wildcat; Sec 35T25S R26E; 200/S & 970/E; 8 mi SW Black River; Rot 12028 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42956

Lea County

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Dopplebock 8 State Com #2
Wildcat; Sec 8 T18S R36E; 200/N & 1980/W; 4 1/2 mi NW Arkansas Jct; Rot 13734 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42447

Cimarex Energy Co.
Red Hills Unit #18
Wildcat; Sec 33 T25S R33E; 150/N & 1280/W; 10 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14557 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42451

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Calabash BWC State #1
Wildcat; Sec 31 T21S R34E; 200/N & 660/E; 15 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 15641 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42477

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Trionyx 6 Fed #9
Wildcat; Sec 6 T25S R32E; 200/S & 1300/W; 16 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 15033 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42475

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Trionyx 6 Fed #10
Wildcat; Sec 6 T25S R32E; 200/S & 1350/W; 16 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 15041 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42476

COMPLETIONS

New Mexico

Chaves County

Mack Energy Corp.
Victoria Federal #4
Round Tank; Sec 30 T15S R29E; 2310/N & 2310/E; EL 3741 GL, TD 3297, PBTD 3245; Spud 3-13-14, Comp 9-16-14; production is through treated perfs: 2986-3097, 3114-3202. Treat: 3348 gals 15% HCL, 22,501 bbls slickwater, 41,898# 100 mesh, 245,463# white sd 40/70. IP: 9-29-14 Pump 24 hrs 91 BO, 350 BW, 60 MCF, GOR 659, Gty 38.2. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 457 w/846 sx, 5 1/2 @ 3292 w/650 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3206; API #30-005-64188

Eddy County

COG Operating LLC
Newcastle 6 Fed Com PDK #7
Loco Hills; Sec 1 T17S R29E; 1030/S & 10/E. BHL: 1022/S & 315/E; EL 3678 GL, TD 1949 MD, 4481 TVD, PBTD 9094; Spud 11-24-14, Comp 2-6-15; production is through treated perfs: Perfs: 4749-9054. Treat: Acdz w/62,863 gals acid, Frac w/1,992,029 gals gel, 226,662 gals trt wtr, 137,231 gals wtr frac, 4,137,826# 20/40 white sd, 692,151# 20/40 CRC. IP: 2-20-15 Pump 24 hrs 268 BO, 1670 BW, 302 MCF, GOR 1127, Gty 37.8. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 360 w/950 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1110 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 9145 w/2200 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4044; API #30-015-42506

COG Operating LLC
Hearse 36 State Com #7
North Seven Rivers; Sec 36 T19S R25E; 150/S & 990/E. BHL: 380/N & 964/E; EL 3399 GL, TD 7701, PBTD 7673; Spud 10-21-14, Comp 1-8-15; production is through treated perfs: 3478-7658. Treat: Acdz w/50,614 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/1,689,406 gals gel, 130,245 gals wtr frac, 131,936 gals trt wtr, 2,852,283# 20/40 white sd, 632,763# 16/30 CRC. IP: 1-25-15 Pump 24 hrs 193 BO, 979 BW, 120 MCF, GOR 622, Gty 38.8. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1225 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7701 w/1100 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2638; API #30-015-42325

XTO Energy Inc.
Avalon Delaware Unit #261
Avalon; Sec 30 T20S R28E; 610/S & 2627/E; EL 3265 GL, TD 3845, PBTD 3799; Spud 4-28-14, Comp 11-24-14; production is through perfs: 2599-3654. IP: 1-4-15 Pump 24 hrs 1 BO, 323 BW, 9 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 463 w/465 sx, 8 5/8 @ 2495 w/715 sx, 5 1/2 @ 3845 w/510 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3750; API #30-015-42289

Mack Energy Corp.
Chip State #2
Wildcat; Sec 32 T23S R23E; 1980/N & 2015/E; EL 4332 Gl, TD 7154, PBTD 7009; Spud 11-21-14, Comp 1-26-15; production is through perfs: 6724-6947. IP: 2-19-15 Pump 24 hrs 23 BO, 445 BW, 330 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 451 w/500 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2022 w/1200 sx, 7 @ 7145 w/990 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6965; API #30-015-42107

Oxy USA Inc.
Cedar Canyon 16 State #12
Corral Draw; Sec 15 T24S R29E; 900/S & 860/W. BHL: 901/S & 133/W; EL 2926 GL, TD 14422 MD, 8624 TVD, PBTD 14344 MD, 8634 TVD; Spud 11-7-14, comp 2-13-15; production is through perfs: 9704-14214. IP: 2-14-15 Flow 24 hrs 350 BO, 50 BW, TSTM MCF, 12/64" Ch, TP 500. Csg: 11 ? @ 445 w/680 sx, 8 5/8 @ 2965 w/850 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14417 w/1570 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8059; API #30-015-42683

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit #450-Y
NW Poker Lake; Sec 27 T24S R30E; 116/N & 1524/E. BHL: 1106/N & 356/E; EL 3395 GL, TD 16430 MD, 7848 TVD; Spud 9-15-14, Comp 11-18-14; production is through perfs: 8132-16430. IP: 12-10-14 Pump 24 hrs 395 BO, 1946 BW, 220 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 997 w/800 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3995 w/1228 sx, 7 @ 7977 w/570 sx, 4 1/2 @ 7892-16411, 2 7/8 @ 7087; API #30-015-42651

Cimarex Energy Co.
White City 8 Federal #3
Cottonwood Draw; Sec 8 T25S R26E; 330/S & 2030/W. BHL: 330/N & 1977/W; EL 3220 GL, TD 11776 MD, 7419 TVD, PBTD 11773; Spud 7-18-14, Comp 9-5-14; production is through treated perfs: 7126-11730. Treat: 3466697 bbls fluid, 5010824# sd. IP: 9-16-14 Flow 24 hrs 770 BO, 986 BW, 708 MCF, 32/64" Ch,TP 775, CP 375, GOR 919, Gty 43. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 456 w/495 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2048 w/710 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11776 w/2305 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6761; API #30-015-42160

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Blast "BLA" Federal #3
Welch; Sec 21 T26S R27E; 1040/N & 13/W. BHL: 386/N & 299/E; EL 3248 GL, TD 12,360, PBTD 12,394; Spud 5-20-14, Comp 12-14-14; production is through perfs: 7955-12,178. IP: 12-16-14 Flow 24 hrs 603 BO, 1329 BW, 1193 MCF, 33/64" Ch, CP 900. Csg: 20 @ 460 w/189 sx, 13 3/8 @ 420 w/350 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2066 w/575 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12342 w/2160 sx; API #30-015-42147

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Gissler B #101
Loco Hills; Sec 14 T17S R30E; 2630/N & 480/W; EL 3692 GL, TD 6050 MD, 6020 TVD, PBTD 5954; Spud 10-24-14, Comp 1-8-15; production is through treated perfs: 4926-5190, 5266-5550, 5606-5910. Treat: Acdz w/2500 gals 15% NEFE acid, 84 BS, Frac w/765,114 gals slickwater, 60,000# 100 mesh, 508,600# 40/70. IP: 1-19-15 Pump 24 hrs 173 BO, 399 BW, 345 MCF, Gty 38.3. Csg: 10 1/2 @ 375 w/400 sx, 7 @ 6002 w/1700 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4794; API #30-015-42226

Oxy USA Inc.
Cedar Canyon 23 #2
Pierce Crossing; Sec 23 T24S R29E; 661/S & 661/W. BHL: 725/S & 160/E; EL 2927 GL, TD 13430 MD, 8902 TVD, PBTD 13389 MD, 8902 TVD; Spud 8-17-14, Comp 1-20-15; production is through treated perfs: 9195-13220. Treat: 32220 gals 15% HCL acid + 1687059 gals 15# BXL + 738754 gals trt wtr w/3410118# sd. IP: 2-11-15 Flow 24 hrs 736 BO, 389 BW, 337 MCF, 20/64" Ch, TP 1525, GOR 458. Csg: 11 1/2 @ 467 w/721 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3020 w/1120 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13421 w/1360 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8300; API #30-015-41194

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw 14 Fed Com #1
Paduca; Sec 14 T25S R31E; 330/N & 1150/W. BHL: 339/S & 624/W; EL 3400.6 GL, TD 14735, PBTD 14676; Spud 7-17-14, Comp 1-6-15; production is through treated perfs: 10557-14670. Treat: 44,922 gals 7.5% acid, 1,221,205# 100 mesh, 3,160,744# 40/70 white, 1,630,338# 30/50 black ultra. IP: 1-23-15 Pump 24 hrs 813 BO, 1545 BW, 1421 MCF, GOR 1747.7. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 775 w/775 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4299 w/1430 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14723 w/2700 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6504; API #30-015-42091

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw 14 Fed Com #2
Paduca; Sec 14 T25S R31E; 330/N & 1200/W. BHL: 330/S & 1920/W; EL 340.6 GL, TD 14825 MD, 10427 TVD, PBTD 14769; Spud 8-21-14, Comp 1-5-15; production is through treated perfs: 10590-14753. Treat: 48,668 gals 7.5% acid, 1,234,468# 100 mesh, 3,247,468# 40/70 white, 1,509,817# black ultra 30/50. IP: 1-23-15 Flow 24 hrs 1051 BO, 1333 BW, 1810 MCF, TP 1400, GOR 1722. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 767 w/1050 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4327 w/1650 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14816 w/2630 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9629; API #30-015-42092

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Ross Draw Unit #40
East Ross Draw; Sec 22 T26S R30E; 1650/N & 990/E; EL 3079 GL, TD 7588, PBTD 7504; Spud 11-11-14, Comp 1-1-15; production is through treated perfs: 5676-7363. Treat: 20# linear, 15% HCL, 20# borate, 16/30 white , 16/30 super 20# total sd = 444,365# trt = 8994 bbls. IP: 1-14-15 Flow 24 hrs 333 BO, 1164 BW, 312 MCF, 30/64" Ch, TP 200, CP 200, GOR 93, Gty 40.8. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 853 w/710 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3530 w/1270 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7584 w/1025 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5644; API #30-015-42297

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Ross Draw Unit #60
East Ross Draw; Sec 27 T26S R30E; 580/S & 1650/E; EL 2991 GL, TD 7485, PBTD 7390; Spud 12-11-14, Comp 1-25-15; production is through perfs: 5576-7130. IP: 2-2-15 Flow 24 hrs 260 BO, 993 BW, 224 MCF, 25/64" Ch, TP 260, CP 200. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 855 w/1374 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3412 w/1100 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7477 w/1025 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5518; API #30-015-41979

Lea County

Celero Energy II-LP
Rock Queen Unit #318
Caprock; Sec 30 T13S R32E; 880/S & 1570/W; EL 4377 GL, TD 3178, PBTD 3114; Spud 6-30-14, Comp 8-29-14; production is through treated perfs: 3067-3071. Treat: 2000 gals 7 ?% HCL. IP: 9-23-14 Pump 24 hrs O BO, 328 BW, 0 MCF. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1474 w/800 sx, 5 1/2 @ 3178 w/590 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3023; API #30-025-41526

COG Operating LLC
Lusk Deep Unit A #35
Lusk; Sec 20 T19S R32E; 1980/N & 190/E. BHL: 1993/N & 341/W; EL 3590.9 GL, TD 13079 MD, 8544 TVD, PBTD 13076 MD, 8544 TVD; Spud 11-22-14, Comp 1-23-15; production is through treated perfs: 8729-12933, 12975-12985. Treat: Acdz w/86951 gals 7 1/2% acid, Frac W63267184 sd & 5226756 gal fluid. IP: 1-30-15 Pump 24 hrs 620 BO, 1480 BW, 0 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 900 w/725 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4490 w/2650 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13079 w/2650 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7921; API #30-025-42211

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Cranberry BSU State Com #5
North Berry; Sec 11 T21S R33E; 15/S & 680/E. BHL: 331/N & 674/E; El 3790 GL, TD 15,656, PBTD 15,643; Spud 7-20-14, Comp 1-23-15; production is through treated perfs: 11,261-15,928. Treat: Acdz w/81,500 gals 15% HCL acid & Frac w/4,419,525# 30/50 Econo prop & 20/40 ceramic prop. IP: 2-3-15 Flow 24 hrs 264 BO, 691 BW, 369 MCF, 32/64" Ch, CP 270. Csg; 20 @ 100 w/324 sx, 13 3/8 @ 1866 w/1310 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5630 w/1545 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15646 w/2100 sx; API #30-025-41670

COG Operating LLC
Bebidas State #3
Cruz; Sec 16 T23S R33E; 391/S & 1887/E. BHL: 339/N & 1887/E; El 3721 GL, TD 15140, PBTD 15080; Spud 9-3-14, Comp 11-13-14; production is through treated perfs: 10986-15050. Treat: Acdz w/67092 gals 7 1/2%, Frac w/3330536# sd & 2824878 gals fluid. IP: 11-21-14 Flow 24 hrs 411 BO, 1448 BW, 386 MCF, TP 190. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1353 w/1350 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5130 w/1425 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15100 w/2025 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10299; API #30-025-40856

Chevron USA Inc.
GRAMMA Ridge 14 24 34 #2
North Red Hills; Sec 14 T24S R34E; 330/N & 340/W. BHL: 297/S & 622/W; EL 3508 GL, TD 15,642, PBTD 15,442; Spud 6-13-14, Comp 9-14-14; production is through treated perfs: 12,104-15,385. Treat: Frac w/3,736,837# proppant, 20/40 prem white, 892239# 30/50 prem white, 2,280.321# 16/30 CRC resin, 564,264#. IP: 10-25-14 Pump 24 hrs 332 BO, 881 BW, 465 MCF, GOR 1400. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1195 w/1730 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5363 w/2105 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15626 w/2260 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9929; API #30-025-41731

EOG Resources Inc.
Endurance 36 State Com #5
Bradley; Sec 36 T26S R33E; 330/S & 1790/W. BHL: 251/N & 1694/W; EL 3334 GL, TD 16931 MD, 9656 TVD, PBTD 16931; Spud 6-26-14, Comp 9-16-14; production is through treated perfs: 9865-16830. Treat: Frac w/1212 bbls acid, 9421690# proppant, 202474 bbls load wtr. IP: 9-29-14 Flow 24 hrs 713 BO, 2401 BW, 1021 MCF, Open Ch, TP 280, CP 980, GOR 1432, Gty 45. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 950 w/625 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5130 w/1000 sx, 5 1/2 @ 16931 w/1975 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9454; API #30-025-41085

ConocoPhillips Co.
Garnet Federal #5
West Malajmar; Sec 15 T17S R32E; 869/S & 1084/E. BHL: 355/S & 941/E; EL 4027 GL, TD 7102 MD, 7064 TVD, PBTD 7087; Spud 7-7-14, Comp 11-24-14; treated perfs with 13,000 gals 15% acid, 663,763 total proppants. IP: 12-22-14 Pump 24 hrs 76 BO, 301 BW, 215 MCF, GOR 2829, Gty 39.9. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 927 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7087 w/1400 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6891; API #30-025-41924

COG Operating LLC
Lusk Deep Unit A #27
Lusk; Sec 18 T19S R32E; 1980/S & 190/W. BHL: 2205/S & 345/E; EL 3584.6 GL, TD 13685 MD, 9269 TVD, PBTD 13632 MD, 9269 TVD; Spud 10-30-14, Comp 1-10-15; production is through treated perfs: 9473-13528, 13582-13592. Treat: Acdz w/85339 gals 7 1/2% acid, Frac w/6206107# sd & 5340936 gals fluid. IP: 1-19-15 Pump 24 hrs 735 BO, 1589 BW, 462 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 795 w/650 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4487 w/1925 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13685 w/2600 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8780; API #30-025-42209

COG Operating LLC
Tres Primos 3 State #2
Scharb; Sec 3 T19S R34E; 190/N & 870/W. BHL: 468/S & 539/W; EL 3994 GL, TD 15490, PBTD 15410; Spud 10-9-14, Comp 12-13-14; production is through treated perfs: 11013-15335, 15385-15395, 15469-15470. Treat: Acdz w/74010 gals 7.5%, Frac w/3583728# sd & 2906608 gals fluid. IP: 1-10-15 Pump 24 hrs 433 BO, 446 BW, 167 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1875 w/1350 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3501 w/1050 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15484 w/2425 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10245; API #30-025-42129

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Marathon Road 15 B30B Federal #1
Lea; Sec 15 T20S R34E; 150/S & 2610/E. BHL: 350/N & 2313/E; EL 3722 GL, TD 15625 MD, 10927 TVD, PBTD 15614 MD, 10927 TVD; Spud 10-5-14, Comp 12-11-14; production is through treated perfs: 11371-15614. Treat: Frac in 25 stages w/552,636 gals SW, Carrying 83,230# 100 mesh, 127,344 gals 20# linear gel. IP: 12-22-14 Flow 24 hrs 771 BO, 678 BW, 771 MCF. 19/64" Ch, CP 840, GOR 1254, Gty 45. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1053 w/1200 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3115 w/1999 sx, 4 1/2 @ 10986-15619; API #30-025-41945

Apache Corp.
Lockhart B 12 #14
Wantz; Sec 12 T21S R37E; 660/N & 1905/E; EL 3508 GL, TD 7700, PBTD 7698; Spud 12-1-14, Comp 1-16-15; production is through treated perfs: 6979-7299, 7355-7625. Treat: 10,000 gals acid. IP: 1-24-15 Pump 24 hrs 55 BO, 479 BW, 13 MCF, GOR 236, Gty 38. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1601 w/1215 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7700 w/1580 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7656; API #30-025-42152

COG Producing LLC
Corvo Federal #4
North Paduca; Sec 29 T24S R32E; 190/S & 560/W. BHL: 350/N & 524/W; EL 3501.8 GL, TD 12886 MD, 8439 TVD, PBTD 12800 MD, 8439 TVD; Spud 9-12-14, Comp 12-14-14; production is through treated perfs; 8674-12800. Treat: Acdz w/72464 gals 7 1/2 %, Frac w/5745687# sd & 4916201 gals fluid. IP: 1-10-15 Pump 24 hrs 441 BO, 1354 BW, 454 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 811 w/640 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4518 w/1350 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12853 w/1925 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7922; API #30-025-41912

EOG Resources Inc.
Endurances 36 St Com #2
Bradley; Sec 36 T26S R33E; 330/S & 1760/W. BHL: 229/N & 1114/W; EL 3333 Gl, TD 17042 MD, 9639 TVD, PBTD 17042 MD; Spud 6-7-14, Comp 9-16-14; production is through treated perfs: 9960-16920. Treat: Frac w/1212 bbls acid, 9652131# proppant, 208631 bbls load wtr. IP: 9-29-14 Flow 24 hrs 724 BO, 2099 BW, 1060 MCF, Open Ch, TP 260, CP 1000, GOR 1464, Gty 46. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 924 w/700 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5140 w/1000 sx, 5 1/2 @ 17042 w/2190 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9525; API #30-025-40258



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APPROACH OPER., LLC, HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1334HC MA ELLIOTT A-M ELLIOTT AW, 1335 FEL 330 FNL, SEC 13 BLK AB, D&SE SUR., A-2006 7800', 15 NE OZONA API# 42-105-42201

Irion County

COG OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1508 CARTER, 1980 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 15 BLK 1, H&TC SUR., A-238 7300', 9 NW MERTZON API# 42-235-36038

COG OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1607 CARTER A, 467 FSL 2175 FWL, SEC 16 BLK 2, H&TC/AJ WILLIAMS SUR., A-1057 6750', 8 NW MERTZON API# 42-235-36039

COMPASS ENERGY OPER., LLC, LONESOME RF (WLFCMP) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 12 SUGG 7A, 1230 FSL 500 FEL, SEC 7 BLK 27, H&TC SUR., A-180 5700', 20 NW MERTZON API# 42-235-34643

DISCOVERY NATURAL RES. LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1872SH ROCK HOLLOW, 2172 FNL 476 FWL, SEC 187 BLK 1, T&P SUR., A-629 7800', 8 NW BARNHART API# 42-235-36037

DISCOVERY NATURAL RES. LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1871CS ROCK HOLLOW, 2172 FNL 436 FWL, SEC 187 BLK 1, T&P SUR., A-629 7800', 8 NW BARNHART API# 42-235-36036

Reagan County

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 7NC MCDOWELL C 173-174 (ALLOC-G), 225 FSL 1000 FEL, SEC 173 BLK 2, T&P SUR., A-599 12000', 29 N BIG LAKE API# 42-383-39313

Upton County

COG OPERATING, LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4802BH AMACKER 48, 300 FSL 2635 FEL, SEC 49 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-35 10500', 12 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-40005

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, S KING MTN (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 4203 LAURIE GWEN, 467 FWL 1975 FSL, SEC 42 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG/M WOODMANSEE SUR., A-1294 11600', 14 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-40008

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, S KING MTN (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 4205 LAURIE GWEN, 467 FEL 2173 FNL, SEC 42 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG/M WOODMANSEE SUR., A-1294 11700', 14 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-40009

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, S KING MTN (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 3609 LISA, 467 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 36 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG/ SR PRESTON/B WALTER SUR., A-1489 11700', 14 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-40006

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC, S KING MTN (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 3615 LISA, 467 FWL 467 FSL, SEC 36 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG/ SR PRESTON/B WALTER SUR., A-1489 11700', 13 NW RANKIN API# 42-461-40007

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Andrews County

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H BOHANNON 26, 200 FSL 1084 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 40 T1N, T&P/ CA STARK SUR., A-812 10000', 23 SE ANDREWS API# 42-003-47035

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, LOWE (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 ARABIAN 3, 1750 FNL 475 FEL, SEC 3 BLK A43, PSL/JH MYERS SUR., A-1691 13000', 4 SW ANDREWS API# 42-003-47039

RELIANCE ENERGY, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2305LS MABEE 24, 1980 FSL 1520 FWL, SEC 23 BLK 39 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-299 13000', 19 E ANDREWS API# 42-003-47038

Crane County

APACHE CORPORATION, SAND HILLS (TUBB) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 7 JB TUBB C, 1766 FSL 900 FEL, SEC 6 BLK 32, PSL/JB TUBB SUR., A-1146 4600', 17 NW CRANE API# 42-103-02805

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 9 RAFE, 2217 FNL 582 FEL, SEC 20 BLK 42 T4S, T&P/EG DURHAM SUR., A-862 10403', 16 NE CRANE API# 42-103-36509

Ector County

LINN OPERATING, INC., GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 17 SAMANTHA, 1128 FNL 1689 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 44 T1N, T&P SUR., A-263 7350', 3 NE GOLDSMITH API# 42-135-43313

Glasscock County

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 102H MOLLIE A SN 44-41, 1087 FWL 300 FNL, SEC 44 BLK 33 T5S, T&P/ RL WESTERMAN SUR., A-1064 9500', 10 SW GARDEN CITY API# 42-173-37123

Howard County

BREITBURN OPERATING L.P., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H ROOSEVELT 19-18 (SL), 2389 FNL 2294 FWL, SEC 19 BLK 33 T2N, T&P SUR., A-327 12000', 12 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-38464

BREITBURN OPERATING L.P., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H ROOSEVELT 19-18, 2389 FNL 2272 FWL, SEC 19 BLK 33 T2N, T&P SUR., A-327 12000', 12 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-227-38463

ELEMENT PETRO. OPER. II, LLC, SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H WRIGHT-CHEEK UNIT 33-28, 2628 FNL 1336 FWL, SEC 33 BLK 33 T3N, T&P SUR., A-350 10000', 6 NE KNOTT API# 42-227-38461

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 ROBB B, 467 FEL 660 FSL, SEC 34 BLK 35 T1S, T&P/ FG OXSHEER JR SUR., A-1414 10600', 5 E STANTON API# 42-227-38462

Martin County

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 STRAIN 20, 2173 FSL 767 FWL, SEC 20 BLK 35 T1N, T&P/ H LOVING SUR., A-774 12500', 7 SE LENORAH API# 42-317-40113

LINN OPERATING, INC., PAUL PAGE (ATOKA) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 26G BG COX 26, 2165 FNL 2205 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 34 T3N, T&P/ ZT JOYNER SUR., A-1130 12000', 20 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-317-38334

LINN OPERATING, INC., STA (ATOKA) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 37L CLEAR FORK, 467 FWL 2173 FSL, SEC 37 BLK 36 T2N, T&P SUR., A-169 12500', 30 NW BIG SPRING API# 42-317-38344

QEP ENERGY COMPANY, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# H 15SS MABEE C, 132 FNL 1463 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 39 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-370 10200', 14 W TARZAN API# 42-317-40111

RELIANCE ENERGY, INC., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 10HW MABEE OH, 4250 FNL 2125 FWL, SEC 2 BLK O H, OH BENNETT/ WR ALLRED SUR., A-1071 13000', 12 W TARZAN API# 42-317-40070

WICHITA WATER LLC, SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 2 STANTON BRINE, 134 FNL 1562 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 36 T1S, T&P/ PA PETERS SUR., A-446 2500', 1/2 N STANTON API# 42-317-40112

Midland County

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H BOHANNON 38, 1035 FSL 1716 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 40 T3S, T&P SUR., A-1330 10000', 12 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40016

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4SH BOHANNON 38, 717 FSL 1476 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 40 T3S, T&P SUR., A-1330 9400', 12 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40017

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5SH BOHANNON 38, 747 FSL 1506 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 40 T3S, T&P SUR., A-1330 9400', 12 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40021

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H BOHANNON 38, 1005 FSL 1687 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 40 T3S, T&P SUR., A-1330 10000', 12 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40015

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BOHANNON 38, 1036 FSL 1657 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 40 T3S, T&P SUR., A-1330 10000', 12 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40014

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO., SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6SH BOHANNON 38, 717 FSL 1536 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 40 T3S, T&P SUR., A-1330 9400', 12 NW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40022

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., PARKS (CONS) (O) DRILL Well# 2106M SOA SCHARBAUER SE, 3783 FSL 2341 FWL, SEC 21 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR., A-57 12000', 9 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40066

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., PARKS (CONS) (O) DRILL Well# 2114M SOA SCHARBAUER SE, 3659 FSL 461 FWL, SEC 21 BLK 40 T2S, T&P SUR., A-57 12000', 9 SW MIDLAND API# 42-329-40067

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC, BETTY SUE (DEVONIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 BRAZOS JONES 8, 1600 FNL 2050 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 38 T2S, T&P/ LF HEARD SUR., A-931 12000', 4 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-39956

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (FDTFR) Well# 1 TXL 1, 670 FNL 1983 FEL, SEC 1 BLK 40 T4S, T&P SUR., A-293 10200', 18 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-20041

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2R WINDHAM 10, 1907 FNL 1834 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 40 T4S, T&P/ N LONG SUR., A-1350 12500', 20 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-40057

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (FDTFR) Well# 2 TXL 1, 1233 FEL 2681 FSL, SEC 1 BLK 40 T4S, T&P SUR., A-293 10200', 18 S MIDLAND API# 42-329-33316

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2M CRESPI UNIT 1, 637 FEL 663 FNL, WT MILLER SUR., A-576 11500', 4 SW GREENWOOD API# 42-329-00236

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 301H ET ODANIEL, 2520 FWL 661 FNL, SEC 3, S WRIGHT SUR., A-1011 10800', 15 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40043

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3702H TEXAS TEN Y PU, 836 FNL 1255 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 39 T2S, T&P SUR., A-324 11200', 7 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40049

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3602H TEXAS TEN Y PU, 613 FNL 1590 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 38 T2S, T&P/ IM PEMBERTON SUR., A-746 11200', 9 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40052

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC, SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3601H TEXAS TEN Y PU, 613 FNL 1545 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 38 T2S, T&P/ IM PEMBERTON SUR., A-746 11200', 9 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40053

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3304BH LHS RANCH 27-33 ALLOCATION 3304, 2341 FWL 2203 FNL, SEC 28 BLK 38 T4S, T&P/ JM WEST SUR., A-1005 9950', 22 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40020

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3302BH LHS RANCH 27-33 ALLOCATION 3302, 990 FWL 2201 FNL, SEC 28 BLK 38 T4S, T&P/ JM WEST SUR., A-1005 9950', 22 SE MIDLAND API# 42-329-40018

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1507BH BRADFORD TRUST A UNIT 4, 988 FEL 2342 FNL, SEC 10 BLK 39 T4S, T&P/ WE JOHNSTON SUR., A-942 9980', 24 SE ODESSA API# 42-329-40065

XTO ENERGY INC., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1508BH BRADFORD TRUST A UNIT 4, 330 FEL 2155 FNL, SEC 10 BLK 39 T4S, T&P/ WE JOHNSTON SUR., A-942 9980', 24 SE ODESSA API# 42-329-40068

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XTO ENERGY INC., SPRA (TREND) R 40 EXC (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1506BH BRADFORD TRUST A UNIT 4, 1651 FEL 2154 FNL, SEC 10 BLK 39 T4S, T&P/ WE JOHNSTON SUR., A-942 9980', 24 SE ODESSA API# 42-329-40056

Pecos County

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1601R EICHENHOFER STATE 121, 1696 FNL 2212 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 12, GC&SF/ JB HARPER SUR., A-6637 13500', 18 SW FORT STOCKTON API# 42-371-39059

QUICKSILVER RESOURCES INC., WOLFBONE (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H STALLINGS, 849 FEL 303 FSL, SEC 29 BLK 131, T&STL SUR., A-2292 10500', 9 SE FORT STOCKTON API# 42-371-39300

Reeves County

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., WOLFBONE (TREND) DRILL (WIW) Well# 1WS REEVES TXL FEE T7-50-19, 608 FNL 1330 FEL, SEC 19 BLK 50 T7S, T&P SUR., A-696 1600', 14 SE PECOS API# 42-389-34758

ELK RIVER RES., LLC, WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H WEST TORO 32 STATE, 200 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 32 BLK 50 T7S, T&P SUR., A-5222 11600', 17 NW PECOS API# 42-389-34753

ROSETTA RES. OPER. LP, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 8HB BLUE DUCK 35, 200 FSL 4814 FEL, SEC 20 BLK 5, H&GN/GS JOHNSTON SUR., A-1333 13000', 6 SW PECOS API# 42-389-34684

ROSETTA RES. OPER. LP, PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 8H BLUE DUCK 35, 200 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 5, H&GN SUR., A-438 13000', 6 SW PECOS API# 42-389-34649

Ward County

BLACKBEARD OPER., LLC, SE JANELLE (TUBB) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 QUEEN ANNES REVENGE, 2310 FNL 990 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 18, PSL/C&J EDWARDS SUR., A-1218 7000', 6 SE MONAHANS API# 42-475-36966

BLACKBEARD OPER., LLC, MARSTON RNCH(CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 6 LAWRENCE, 990 FEL 1980 FSL, SEC 1 BLK B29, PSL/MRS CM SHELBY SUR., A-681 7000', 8 SE MONAHANS API# 42-475-36965

JETTA OPERATING CO., INC., TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) (HORZ) (FDTFR) Well# 1H BARSTOW 33-35, 1089 FNEL 875 FSEL, SEC 36 BLK 33, H&TC/JM ABBOTT SUR., A-1025 11000', 10 E PECOS API# 42-475-35999

OXY USA, INC., COLLIE (DELAWARE) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 17 MOBIL, 10106 FNEL 316 FNWL, SEC 43 BLK 33, H&TC SUR., A-166 13000', 2 E PECOS API# 42-475-36967

Winkler County

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP, KEYSTONE (CLR FRK) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1386 WE BAIRD, 1989 FSL 1591 FEL, SEC 13 BLK B3, PSL/WE BAIRD SUR., A-1320 12286', 3 NE KERMIT API# 42-495-33299

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Cottle County

GUNN OIL CO., VCG (CONGL) (G) DRILL Well# 1 VIKING, 2129 FSL 2163 FEL, SEC 1 BLK L, A FORSYTHE SUR., A-660 10500', 14 SE PADUCAH API# 42-101-30730

Crosby County

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC, HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# F573 CLARK WOOD RANCH, 235 FSL 2280 FWL, SEC 1035, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-323 4400', 10 NE SLATON API# 42-107-32029

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC, HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# F564 CLARK WOOD RANCH, 895 FSL 2173 FEL, SEC 1035, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-323 4400', 10 NE SLATON API# 42-107-32028

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC, HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# K116 CLARK WOOD RANCH, 1177 FNL 688 FEL, SEC 10 BLK D19, D&SE/JJ SPIKES SUR., A-1049 4400', 9 NE SLATON API# 42-107-32026

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC, HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# K114 CLARK WOOD RANCH, 1018 FNL 2232 FEL, SEC 10 BLK D19, D&SE/JJ SPIKES SUR., A-1049 4400', 8 NE SLATON API# 42-107-32025

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC, HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# F533 CLARK WOOD RANCH, 2300 FNL 2330 FWL, SEC 1035, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-323 4400', 10 NE SLATON API# 42-107-32027

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC, HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# K101 CLARK WOOD RANCH, 416 FNL 781 FWL, SEC 10 BLK D19, D&SE/JJ SPIKES SUR., A-1049 4400', 8 NE SLATON API# 42-107-32023

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC, HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# K103 CLARK WOOD RANCH, 330 FNL 2320 FWL, SEC 10 BLK D19, D&SE/JJ SPIKES SUR., A-1049 4400', 8 NE SLATON API# 42-107-32024

Gaines County

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., FLANAGAN (CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 421R FLANAGAN UNIT, 365 FNL 1257 FEL, SEC 9 BLK A23, PSL/E FLANAGAN SUR., A-743 7300', 12 SW SEMINOLE API# 42-165-38293

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Scurry County

THREE SPAN O&G INC., ENTERPRISE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H THUNDER VALLEY 2 UNIT, 600 FNL 3693 FEL, SEC 2 BLK O, JB SCARBROUGH SUR., A-515 8000', 16 SE SNYDER API# 42-415-35140

Yoakum County

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD., WASSON 72 (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2741H LEONARDIAN SIX, 896 FNL 1107 FEL, SEC 741 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR. 6100', 7 NE DENVER CITY API# 42-501-36552

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Chaves County

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Churchill Federal #5
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Churchill Federal #7
Round Tank; Sec 13 T15S R28E; 1450/S & 2460/W; 17 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3521 San Andres; API #30-005-64266

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Churchill Federal #10
Round Tank; Sec 13 T15S R28E; 1685/N & 2345/E; 17 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3501 San Andres; API #30-005-64268

Mack Energy Corp.
Churchill Federal #11
Round Tank; Sec 13 T15S R28E; 2310/N & 2310/W; 17 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3500 San Andres; API #30-005-64269

Mack Energy Corp.
Churchill Federal #13
Round Tank; Sec 13 T15S R28E; 990/N & 130/E; 16 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3519 San Andres; API #30-005-64270

Mack Energy Corp.
Churchill Federal #14
Round Tank; Sec 13 T15S R28E; 990/N & 1450/E; 16 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3520 San Andres; API #30-005-64271

Mack Energy Corp.
Churchill Federal #15
Round Tank; Sec 13 T15S R28E; 1140/N & 2160/W; 16 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3517 San Andres; API #30-005-64272

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Round Tank; Sec 13 T15S R28E; 180/N & 480/W; 16 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3519 San Andres; API #30-005-64273

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Round Tank; Sec 23 T15S R28E; 330/N & 1400/E; 16 mi E Lake Arthur; Rot 3526 San Andres; API #30-005-64248

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Halifax Federal #4
Round Tank; Sec 23 T15S R28E; 2310/S & 430/E; 16 mi E Lake Arthur; Rot 3502 San Andres; API #30-005-64249

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Round Tank; Sec 24 T15S R28E; 990/S & 1610/E; 17 mi E Lake Arthur; Rot 3820 San Andres; API #30-005-64247

Mack Energy Corp.
Whistler Federal #7
Round Tank; Sec 17 T15S R29E; 1500/S & 2310/E; 19 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3511 San Andres; API #30-005-64255

Mack Energy Corp.
Whistler Federal #8
Round Tank; Sec 17 T15S R29E; 1800/S & 1140/E; 19 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3575 San Andres; API #30-005-64256

Mack Energy Corp.
Whistler Federal #9
Round Tank; Sec 17 T15S R29E; 2310/N & 480/W; 19 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3505.5 San Andres; API #30-005-64257

Mack Energy Corp.
Whistler Federal #10
Round Tank; Sec 17 T15S R29E; 2310/N & 1650/W; 19 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3550 San Andres; API #30-005-64258

Mack Energy Corp.
Whistler Federal #11
Round Tank; Sec 17 T15S R29E; 2160/N & 2310/E; 19 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3505.5 San Andres; API #30-005-64259

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Round Tank; Sec 17 T15S R29E; 1650/N & 330/E; 19 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3300 San Andres; API #30-005-64260



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Round Tank; Sec 17 T15S R29E; 990/N & 330/W; 19 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3550 San Andres; API #30-005-64261

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Whistler Federal #14
Round Tank; Sec 17 T15S R29E; 800/N & 1850/W; 19 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3522.5 San Andres; API #30-005-64262

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Round Tank; Sec 17 T15S R29E; 886/N & 2240/E; 19 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3504 San Andres; API #30-005-64263

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Round Tank; Sec 17 T15S R29E; 990/N & 990/E; 19 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3300 San Andres; API #30-005-64264

Mack Energy Corp.
Blind River Fed #4
Round Tank; Sec 18 T15S R29E; 1575/S & 2285/E; 18 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3465 San Andres; API #30-005-64250

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Blind River Fed #6
Round Tank; Sec 18 T15S R29E; 2160/N & 2160/E; 18 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3461 San Andres; API #30-005-64251

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Round Tank; Sec 18 T15S R29E; 2110/N & 990/E; 18 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3461 San Andres; API #30-005-64252

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Blind River Fed #8
Round Tank; Sec 18 T15S R29E; 990/N & 2310/E; 18 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3500 San Andres; API #30-005-64253

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Round Tank; Sec 20 T15S R29E; 330/S & 280/W; 18 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3502 San Andres; API #30-005-64274

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Round Tank; Sec 20 T15S R29E; 180/S & 1500/W; 18 mi NE Lake Arthur; Rot 3520 San Andres; API #30-005-64275

Eddy County

Apache Corp.
Jackrabbit State #8
Artesia; Sec 32 T17S R28E; 890/N & 215/E; 12 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5300 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42981

Apache Corp.
Jackrabbit State #9
Artesia; Sec 32 T17S R28E; 1455/N & 330/E; 12 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5300 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42982

Apache Corp.
Jackrabbit State #10
Artesia; Sec 32 T17S R28E; 1503/n & 842/E; 12 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5300 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42983

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Artesia; Sec 32 T17S R28E; 1535/N & 1680/E; 12 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5300 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42984

Apache Corp.
Jackrabbit State #12
Artesia; Sec 32 T17S R28E; 1470/N & 2405/E; 12 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5300 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42985

Apache Corp.
Jackrabbit State #13
Artesia; Sec 32 T17S R28E; 2460/N & 2280/E; 12 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5300 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42986

Apache Corp.
Jackrabbit State #15
Artesia; Sec 32 T17S R28E; 2511/n & 976/E; 12 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5300 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42987

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Penasco 1W State #8
Penasco Draw; Sec 31 T18S R29E; 2310/S & 150/W; 10 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 7192 San Andres Yeso; API #30-015-42980

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Penasco 1W State #9
Penasco Draw; Sec 31 T18S R29E; 990/S & 150/W; 10 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 7181 San Andres Yeso; API #30-015-42988

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Tackitt ADT Com #5
Undesignated; Sec 28 T19S R25E; 400/S & 50/W; 7 mi W Lakewood; Rot 7100 Yeso; API #30-015-42979

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Sterling Pourid 20 State #1
SW Forehand Ranch; Sec 20 T23S R27E; 150/N & 710/W; 4 mi SW Otis; Rot 13941 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-42974

Chevron USA Inc.
White City 21 25 27 Fed #5
North Hay Hollow; Sec 21 T25S R27E; 330/S & 990/W; 6 1/2 mi SE Black River; Rot 16500 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42975

Chevron USA Inc.
White City 21 25 27 Fed #6
North Hay Hollow; Sec 21 T25S R27E; 330/S & 1923/W; 6 1/2 mi SE Black River; Rot 16500 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42976

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #921
Dodd; Sec 14 T17S R29E; 1650/S & 200/W; 4 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 9611 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-42995

Judah Oil LLC
Oxy Doc Slawin Federal #1 SWD-Re-Entry of Marbob Energy, P&A Old TD 11800; Sec 29 T17S R31E; 460/S & 540/W; 5 mi SE Loco Hills; Rot 9360 Bone Spring; API #30-015-33180

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Ithaca 15 B2DA Fed #1
Getty; Sec 15 T20S R29E; 550/N & 185/W; 14 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12566 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42996

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Ithaca 15 B2EH Fed #1
Getty; Sec 15 T20S R29E; 2417/N & 62/W; 14 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12701 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42997

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Glock 16 B2AD Fed #1
Getty; Sec 16 T20S R29E; 900/N & 50/E; 13 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12585 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42991

BC Operating Inc.
Lackey 34 SWD #1
SWD; Sec 34 T23S R26E; 2480/N & 2480/E; 4 mi NE Black River; Rot 5350 Cherry Canyon; API #30-015-42998

Caza Operating LLC
Forehand Ranch 22 State #7
SW Forehand Ranch; Sec 22 T23S R27E; 2440/S & 660/W; 4 mi W Malaga; Rot 17815 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-42994

Mack Energy Corp.
Den SWD #1
SWD; Sec 25 T23S R27E; 330/S & 1320/E; 2 1/2 mi SW Malaga; Rot 4500 Bell Canyon; API #30-015-42990

BC Operating Inc.
Cavegirl 31 State #1
Crooked Creek; Sec 6 T24S R25E; 240/N & 360/E; 6 mi NW White City; Rot 13700 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-42999

Oxy USA Inc.
Cedar Canyon 29 Fed Com #2
Pierce Crossing; Sec 29 T24S R29E; 230/N & 320/E; 4 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13423 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42992

Oxy USA Inc.
Cedar Canyon 29 Fed Com #3
Pierce Crossing; Sec 29 T24S R29E; 1980/N & 150/E; 4 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13289 Bone Spring; API #30-015-42993

Lea County

Occidental Permian Ltd.
North Hobbs G/SA Unit #952
Hobbs; Sec 18 T18S R38E; 828/S & 2299/E; 2 mi NW Hobbs; Rot 4800 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-42478

BTA Oil Producers LLC
Chiso 14 State B711 #2
Ojo Chiso; Sec 14 T22S R34E; 220/N & 2150/E; 13 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 15800 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42431

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
North Thistle 15 10 State Com #2
Brinninstool; Sec 15 T23S R33E; 2632/N & 2032/W; 10 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 17207 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42479

EOG Resources Inc.
Thor 21 #501
Bradley; Sec 21 T26S R33E; 230/S & 350/E; 14 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 15763 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42480

Occidental Permian Ltd.
North Hobbs G/SA Unit #951
Hobbs; Sec 18 T18S R38E; 855/S & 1981/W; 2 mi NW Hobbs; Rot 4750 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-025-42484

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Thistle Unit #72
Triple X; Sec 27 T23S R33E; 330/S & 2630/E; 9 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15698 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42486

EOG Resources Inc.
Mars 10 State #506
Triple X; Sec 10 T24S R33E; 326/N & 2168/W; 7 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 16212 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42482

EOG Resources Inc.
Mars 10 State #507
Triple X; Sec 10 T24S R33E; 326/N & 2138/W; 7 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 16197 Bone Spring; API #30-025-42483

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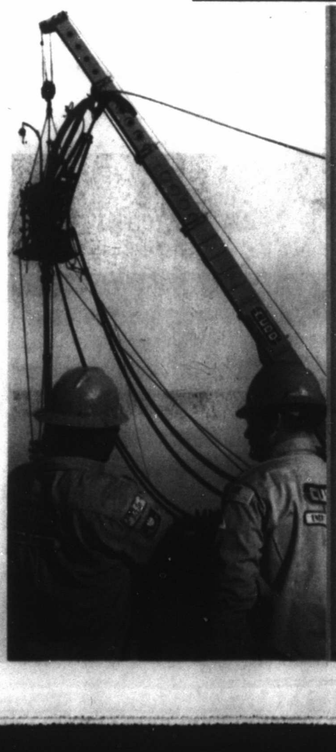
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