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MISD: May election might be too soon

Trustees to weigh both sides of having bond election in May or November

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

With a $158 million proposal from the superintendent on the table, it appears the Midland ISD trustees still are unclear when they'll call a bond election and ask the community to vote for improved facilities.

Although discussion and possible approval to call a school building bond election for May is included on the board agenda for Monday's regular meeting, recent discussions indicate May might be too soon for a bond.

During the past six months, board members and Superintendent Ryder Warren have discussed the timing for the bond election and arrived at two different scenarios.

Warren initially said a bond would need to be called by Monday to have a May election. At the time, he cited the urgency of addressing enrollment growth and overcrowding at the elementary schools.

But at the December board meeting, discussions of timelines started to change. Warren spoke publicly for the first time about how it might be wise to postpone the election until November and use the coming months to educate the community about MISD's needs.

"As I've been discussing with group after group, I've gotten further and further away from that May 2012 date because of the amount of work we're going to have to do to educate the community," Warren said in December.

At that time, the board granted permission for Warren to publish a request for qualifications (RFQs) to architectural firms.

"As we start communicating to the community about the needs of the district, I don't think we can just present them district numbers generated by administrators. We want to show that we have brought experts into our community who can verify what those numbers are," Warren said in December.

It appeared November was the target date; however, when phase one of a two-phase proposal was unveiled Feb. 12, two days before the Feb. 14 board meeting, it appeared Warren was back on track for a May election for phase one, calling it a "visible" bond.

"I got really fired up the first semester, and in my opinion, looking at the needs of our children, I wanted a May 2012 election," Warren told the board.

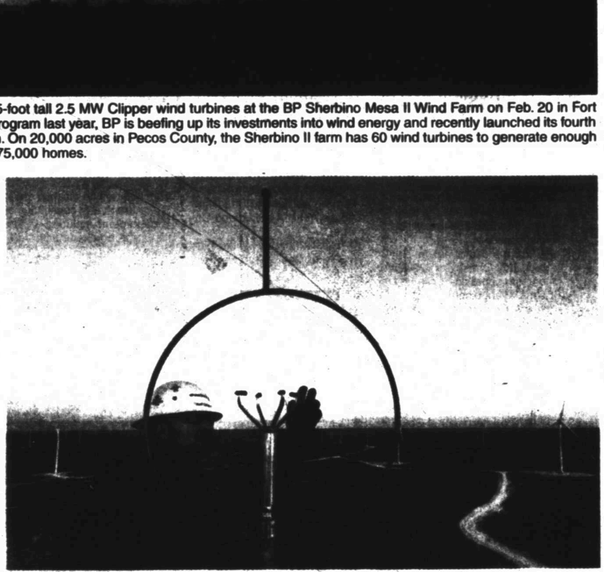
The process again slowed

Please see **BOND**/4A

BLOWNAWAY

The sun sets behind several 285-foot tall 2.5 MW Clipper wind turbines at the BP Sherbino Mesa II Wind Farm on Feb. 20 in Fort Stockton. After cutting its solar program last year, BP is beefing up its investments into wind energy and recently launched its fourth Texas wind farm in Fort Stockton. On 20,000 acres in Pecos County, the Sherbino II farm has 60 wind turbines to generate enough electricity to power more than 175,000 homes.

Basin's new long-term investment is wind farms



Manny Dominguez, deputy facility manager of the Sherbino Mesa II Wind Farm, repositions the anemometer, a device used to check wind speed and direction, atop a turbine.

PECOS COUNTY — Every workday before sunrise, 10 BP workers gather on a West Texas sheep farm for morning calisthenics.

They need loose limbs to manage BP's 22,000 acres in the oil-rich Permian Basin, where temperatures can soar beyond 110 degrees. The oil giant leases the land from struggling farmers to expand its reach in the energy world.

But, you won't find any oil wells or drilling rigs here.

BP and other energy companies are funneling millions into building and operating wind farms in West Texas, helping to transform oil country into one of the nation's leading hubs for green energy production.

Skylines dominated by nodding pumpjacks are increasingly spotted with spinning turbines. Economies tied to the ebb and flow of commodity prices are finding stability in supplying the power grid.

"We've been through lots of booms and busts with the oil and gas industry. The oil and gas areas deplete over time," said Doug May, economic development director for Pecos County in West Texas. "The wind resource here is sustainable. We look at these wind farms as a long-term investment in the future of Pecos County."

Recent energy analyses have forecast that renewable fuels — including wind, solar and biofuels — will be the world's fastest growing energy source in coming decades. BP's own outlook predicts that the country's renewable energy production will surge 252 percent during the next 20 years.

Wind will lead the pack, forecasts indicate. Wind farms have proliferated across the U.S. during the past decade. Now, they generate about 3 percent of the nation's electricity and about 7 percent of the state's, according to the U.S. Energy Information Association.

A mix of sources

That's an incentive for corporations built in the oil patch to launch businesses invested in wind farms, said John Graham, president of BP's wind energy division.

"If you look at the energy growth and what the world needs, renewables are the fastest-growing piece of that," Graham said. "If you want to be exposed to a growing part of the energy mix, then renewables makes sense for a company like ours."

Since it launched in 2005,

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Story by Simone Sebstian • Photos by Michael Paulsen • Houston Chronicle

Council: Residents to mull a taxing question

■ Council members want Midland to consider extending 4B tax to support sports complex, other 'quality of life' expenditures.

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

With the sales tax used to build the Scharbauer Sports Complex set to expire in 2016, Midland City Council members say now is the time for voters to begin considering whether to extend the tax.

"We really believe, as a council, we want to put that back in the hands of voters," Mayor Wes Perry said.

The tax — which is assessed in the form of a quarter-cent 4B sales tax — is used primarily to pay off the debt that was undertaken to construct Citibank Ballpark and Grande Communications Stadium. Additional funds generated by the tax each year are used to pay for maintenance of the complex and for capital improvements, such as chairs, lights, video boards and control room upgrades.

When the tax was approved, voters were told the tax would expire, said Ken Marks, chairman of the Midland Football-Soccer and Baseball Complex Development Corp. (4B) Board. If it's

Please see **TAX**/4A

MISD will implement sex education program in May

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

MISD's seventh-graders will get their first dose of the district's new sex education program in May.

The school board approved an in-school sex education curriculum in April after 172 girls became pregnant during the 2010-11 school year.

"It's Your Game ... Keep it Real" is an abstinence-plus, classroom and computer-based HIV, STI and pregnancy prevention program developed for seventh- and eighth-graders by the University of Texas Prevention Research Center.

Students will learn about sexual health and smart decision-making through role play, group discussions and small group exercises during a dozen 50-minute lessons at each grade level. Personalized journaling, individually tailored computer-based lessons and take-home parent activities are included.

The hope is those take-home activities will prompt families to have important,

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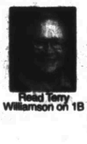

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Re-organization
The Midland Development Corp. plans to rework how it's staff operates LOCAL/1B

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Reporter-Telegram and MyWestTexas.com is looking for community news items. If you think you have one, send it to Editor Stewart Doreen at sdoreen@mrt.com. Selected items will find their way into the paper or online.

It's happening

Today

■ Briar Patch Trade Days at the Ector County Coliseum, Odessa.

■ Circus Gatti, 2 and 6 p.m., Chap Center. Tickets: Adults (18 to 59) $20, ages 13 to 17 and 60 and older $16 and ages 2-12 $10. For more information go to www.circusgatti.net.

■ "Pagliacci," 2:30 p.m., Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road. Tickets: $15 adults, $13 students and seniors, $10 groups of 15 or more, $7 children under 12Call: 432-332-1586 or 580-3177 or go to www.globesw.org

Monday

■ Circus Gatti, 4:15 and 7:30 p.m., Chap Center.

Tuesday

■ The Water Coolers, 7 p.m., Midland High School Auditorium. Call: 789-1249 or go to www.liveonstage-pb.com

Thursday

■ Annual Community & Senior Services Gourmet Gala at Midland Center. Contact 689-6693 for more information.

Friday

■ Children's event, American Girl, 4 p.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

Saturday

■ Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 501 W. Texas.

■ Jazz Ambassadors, The Musical Ambassadors of the Army, Stan Cobb Auditorium, Lee High School. Tickets: Free. Available at Lee High School or In Tune Music & Sound, 3205 W. Cuthbert.

Saturday and Sunday

■ 10th annual Scottish-Irish Faire at the Horseshoe

Meetings schedule

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

MISD
5:30 p.m. Monday
First floor board room
615 W. Missouri Ave.

Parks and Recreation Board
11:30 a.m. Tuesday
Martin Luther King Jr. Center
2300 Butternut Lane

Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals
1:30 p.m. Tuesday
Council Chambers, City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

Midland Development Corp.
8 a.m. Wednesday
City Hall basement conference room
300 N. Loraine St.

Downtown Midland Management District
10 a.m. Wednesday
Chamber of Commerce, upstairs conference room
109 N. Main St.

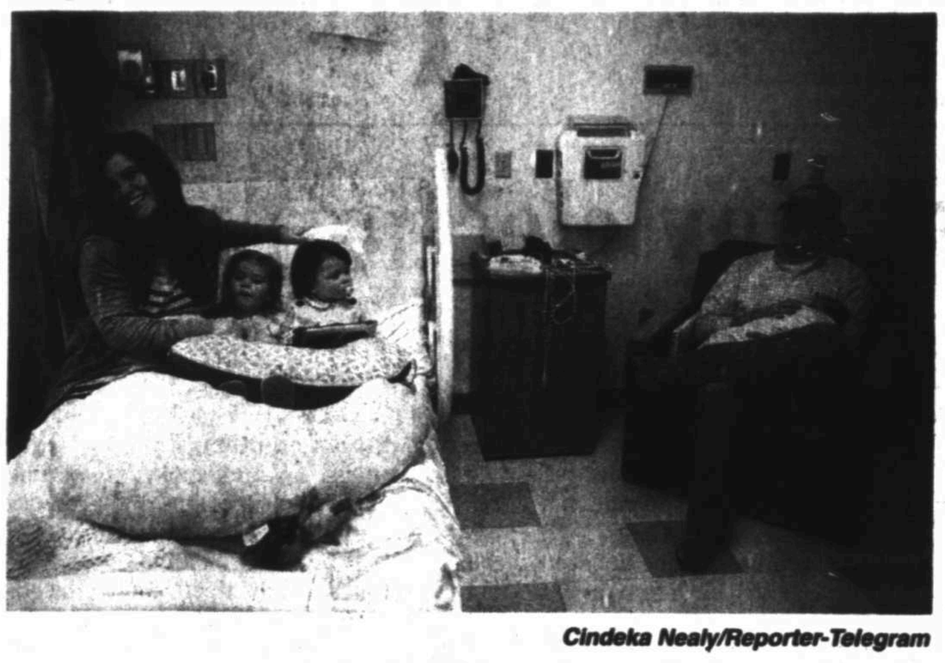
Development program meeting

The city of Midland will hold a public meeting on the city's community development program at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Casa de Amigos Senior Center, 1101 E Garden Lane

The city will receive $699,035 of Community Development Block Grant funds for fiscal 2012-13. These funds are intended primarily for programs and projects to benefit low- and moderate-income residents.

For further information, call the Community Development office at 685-7472 or 685-7408.

LEAP DAY ARRIVAL



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Mellie Jordan, from left, sits with her daughter, Harper, 3, and son, Easton, 1, while her husband, Chase, holds "Baby Jordan" this past week at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus. "Baby Jordan" was born Wednesday morning and was the first leap year baby born at the hospital this year.

It's your birthday

Dillon Cole Bomar, of Midland, turns 20 today.

Hyla Faith Riley, of Midland, turns 8 today.

Colin Blaine Riley, of Midland, turns 8 today. Note: Colin and Hyla are twins.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry is 62 (source: AP).

Put your birthday/anniversary in the paper

The Reporter-Telegram has started running birthdays and anniversaries as part of our daily presentation on 2A or 4A. This includes Sunday's Your City section.

If you would like to submit an entry, please send us the following information.

■ Birthdays: Name, age, birthday and place of residence.

■ Anniversaries: Names, years married, anniversary date and place of residence.

This will not replace the longer, more detailed announcements that run in Sunday's West Texas Living section.

Please submit your item to Editor Stewart Doreen (sdoreen@mrt.com). We will run as many items as space allows.

Note: Because we cannot research and verify all information, by publishing them we neither imply nor guarantee the accuracy of information submitted to us.

Community Calendar

■ Midland Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Health-South Classroom, 1800 Heritage Blvd. Nutrition and gastrointestinal issues, as they relate to Parkinson's, will be discussed.

For more information, contact Jody Ormsby at 699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com.

■ A Community Call to Unity and Prayer is scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Monday at Midland Center. Prayers will focus on youth, families and schools in light of recent suicides.

For more information, call Ginny McLelland at 967-1282.

■ The International Coin Collectors Association will be in Midland this week to purchase "old coin collections, vintage bank notes and scrap gold, silver and diamonds," according to spokesman Dennis Couts.

Association representatives will be at the La Quinta Inn and Suites on Loop 250 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 217-787-7767.

■ The Singing Saints, a 52-voice concert choir of St. Paul Lutheran High in Concordia, Mo., will perform at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Grace Lutheran Church.

■ Anthropologist Mireya Mayor, known as the "female Indiana Jones," is to speak at the Petroleum Museum 7 p.m. March 20.

Her appearance is part of the Arlen Edgar Distinguished Lecture Series and is made possible by National Geographic's Speakers Bureau.

The lecture is free, but tickets are required. There are only 250 seats available. For more information, call 683-4403.

■ The Petroleum Museum is to present the film "spOILed" 11:30 a.m. March 22.

Those attending may bring their lunch; drinks and desserts will be provided.

DVDs of the movie will be available in the museum's gift shop. For more information, call 683-4403 or visit www.petroleummuseum.org.

■ Casa de Amigos is offering a five-week diabetes education course 6-8 p.m. Mondays beginning April 9 and concluding May 7.

Topics include nutrition, healthy cooking, eye and foot care and exercise. Registration is required. To register, call Silvia at 682-9701.

■ The Midland County Child Welfare Board is sponsoring the fourth annual Blue Ribbon Run — the Race to End Child Abuse April 14 at Midland College.

The 1K fun run will start at 8:30 a.m.; the 5K run/walk will begin at 9 a.m.

Entry fee is $20 for participants 15 and older for advance registration (before 5 p.m. April 13). Race-day registration is $25. Fee includes T-shirt. Kids 15 and under can participate for free but won't receive a T-shirt; with T-shirt the fee is $10.

For more information call Shelly Worrell at 553-9363, Tricia Nelson at 631-2872 or email BlueRibbonRun@yahoo.com or visit http://pbrunningclub.tripod.com/calendar.html.

Voter information

The following is a public service announcement from the Midland County Elections Office.

The mailing of voter registration certificates is delayed throughout the state of Texas because of ongoing litigation regarding state redistricting plans.

Previous voter registration certificates, printed on blue paper, expired on Dec. 31. Renewal certificates, printed on yellow paper, will be mailed to all registered voters once the state redistricting plans are finalized by the federal courts. Voters can expect to receive their new certificate before the 2012 primary elections. The new yellow certificates will be valid through Dec. 31, 2013.

Please contact the Midland County Elections office at 688-4890 if you have any questions regarding your voter registration certificate.

Voters do not have to re-register.

Also, there is an email circulating telling voters they must vote to keep the homestead tax cap for 65 and over. Elections office officials stress there aren't any constitutional amendments included on the ballots in an even-numbered year.

Raising funds for MDA

Managing Editor Mary Dearen is raising funds for the local chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association — a penny, nickel and dime at a time.

During the month of February she collected $37.38. She found $2.60 on her daily walks; $34.78 was donated by Reporter-Telegram readers and staff members.

Interested in the story behind Dearen's efforts? Visit www.mywesttexas.com/change. Once there you also can donate to MDA online.

State of Education forum is March 22

The Chamber's State of Education luncheon on March 22 is designed to facilitate meaningful discourse on the topic and inform the business community about pressing issues faced by today's educators.

This year, guest speakers are Eddie Lee, superintendent of Midland Christian School; Steve Thomas, president of Midland College; and Ryder Warren, superintendent of Midland ISD. The panel has been selected to provide a look at several facets of education in Midland — both private and public school options for elementary and secondary education as well as higher education.

The event also will honor the "Excellence in Teaching" recipients in both elementary and secondary education as well as the "Unsung Hero."

Source: Midland Chamber

Today in History

Today is Sunday, March 4, the 64th day of 2012. There are 302 days left in the year.

Today's highlight: On March 4, 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. (The lawmakers then adjourned for lack of a quorum.)

On this date:

In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated as the 16th president of the United States. The Confederate States of America adopted as its flag the original version of the Stars and Bars.

In 1917, Republican Jeannette Rankin of Montana took her seat as the first woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Source: The Associated Press

Know a soldier coming home?

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St. Patrick's Day is observed on March 17 because that is the feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.

In Ireland on St. Patrick's Day, people traditionally wear a small bunch of shamrocks on their jackets or caps.

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Did You Know?
Shelter

Did you know that in 2011, The Salvation Army provided 8,502 nights of shelter to people right here in Midland? Rather than spending a night on the streets, men, women and children come to The Salvation Army and receive shelter, a shower and a hot meal.

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Club meetings, support groups

Support groups

■ Midland Parkinson Support Group meets 6:30 p.m. the first Monday at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital. For more information, call 699-6640.

■ for miscarriage grief recovery, call 570-5935.

■ for post-abortion healing, call 570-5935.

■ survivors of sexual abuse call 570-5935; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available. Call House of Hope, 570 5935.

■ Chronic fatigue fibro-myalgia syndromes support group meets noon the second Thursday at Rays of Hope Grief Centre. For more information call 520-3500.

■ A group for those with eating disorders meets 8 p.m. Mondays at Fellowship Community Church, 5206 N. Midland Drive. For more information, call 296-1087.

■ Support groups of the Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) meet 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room). For more information, call Judith Craig at 683-3648.

■ Food Addicts Anonymous meets noon-1 p.m. Wednesdays at the Center for Spiritual Living, 2311 Elizabeth St. For more information, call 553-1031.

■ A confidential peer-to-peer support gathering for combat veterans meets first, third and fifth Tuesdays at Midland College Cogdell Center, 201 Florida Ave. For more information, contact Steve Cree at 770-7469.

■ Midland Optimist Club meets noon Tuesdays at Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield St. For more information, call 685-7486.

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Midland Senior Center, Midkiff Road and Illinois Avenue. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 694-8643.

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets 10 a.m. Thursdays at Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely. For more information, call 694-8347.

■ Permian Basin Chess Club meets 6 p.m.Thursdays at University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union. For more information: Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.

Toastmasters Clubs

■ Slyker's Professional Toastmasters Club, 10 a.m. second and fourth Saturdays, Texas Tech University Health Science Building, Room 1C12 (west side), 800 W. Fourth St., Odessa; 522-2716, marken1986-slykers1@yahoo.com, http://slykersprofessionaltoastmastersclub.blogspot.com/

■ Pop-Up Toasters Toastmasters Club meets 6:30 a.m. Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center - Room 228, 800 W. Texas Ave. For more information, call 432-242-2061 or email popuptoasters@gmail.com.

■ Permian Toastmasters 1509 meets every Friday at noon at the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 208 S. Marienfeld. For more information, contact Celeste Perez, 432.682.2960 or celeste@midlandhcc.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Serenity Group meets 8 p.m. daily at 3101 N. A St., Building C. For more information, call 685-3100.

■ 710 Group meets 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays at 710 Ohio Ave. For more information, call 682-8162.

■ Alpha Omega meets 8 p.m Tuesdays and 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays at 311 S. Pecos St.

■ Alanon 12-Step Group meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays and noon Thursdays at La Hacienda Outreach Center, 206 N. Midkiff Road.

Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 432-582-2926.

■ Laundry Group meets 8 p.m. daily and noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 104 N. Marshall St.

■ Xodus Group meets 5:30 p.m. Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 7 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays at 206 N. Midkiff Road.

Water well signage procedures

The city of Midland Code Enforcement Office is issuing water well signage for yards.

For those with a water well that is used for outdoor irrigation the procedure is below on how to obtain and official city of Midland water well sign that will be recognized by code enforcement officers and police officers. However, if you already have gotten your water well verified and have a sign from the city of Midland you do not have to go through the process again. The current sign should be in clear view.

■ Contact Code Enforcement at 685-7410 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Provide name, address, contact numbers and whether someone is on property during those hours.

■ Upon receipt of the information, Code Enforcement officer will visit location to verify that the well and its pump are connected to the irrigation system. To verify the irrigation system operation, the property owner will need to operate the system, showing the officer that the system is connected.

■ Upon verification of the system operation, a city of Midland well sign will be left on the property. Only one sign will be issued to each property; therefore the owner should place it in a readily visible location from the street where it cannot be removed by other parties.

City's watering schedule

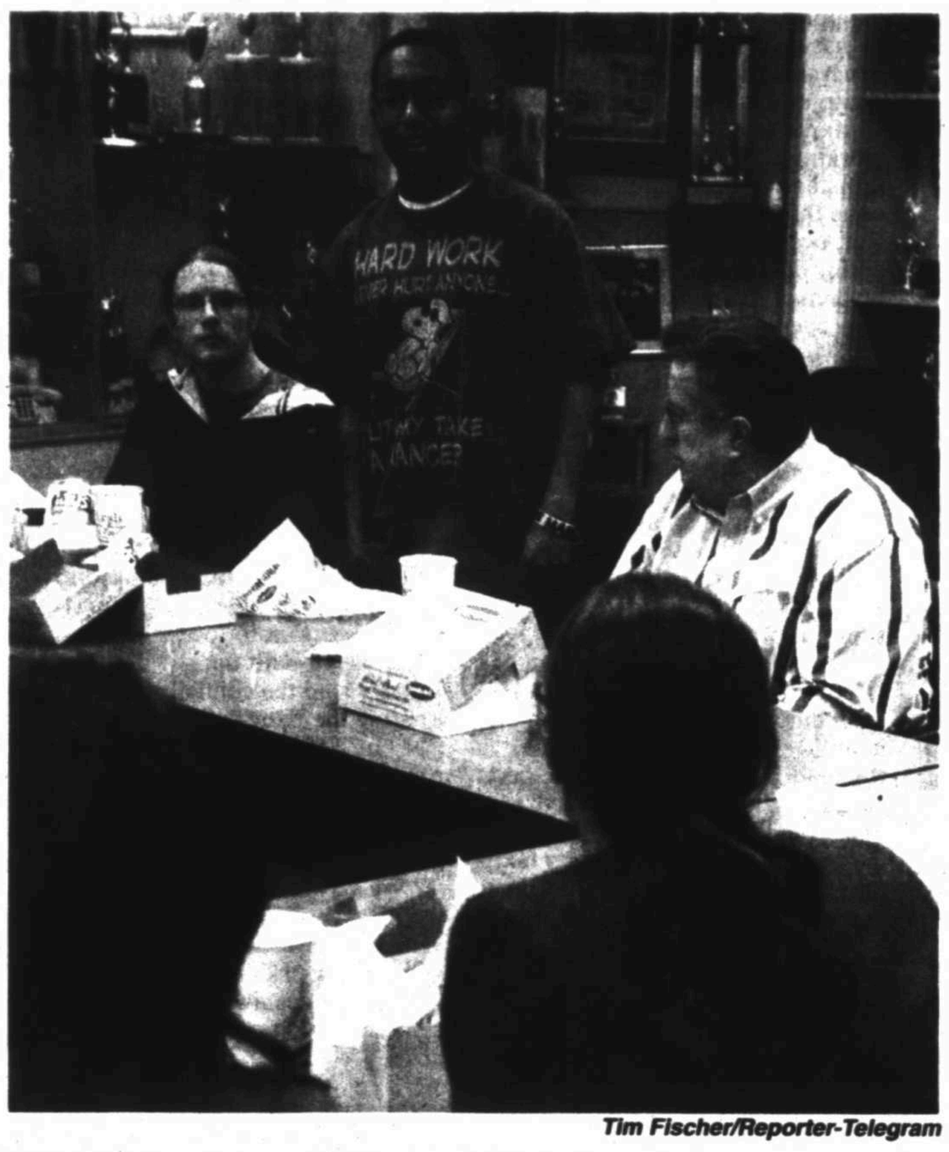
According to the city's Drought Contingency plan, the watering schedule is:

■ Odd addresses: beginning 6 p.m. Sundays through 10 a.m. Mondays and beginning 6 p.m. Wednesdays through 10 a.m. Thursdays.

■ Even addresses: beginning 6 p.m. Saturdays through 10 a.m. Sundays and beginning 6 p.m. Tuesdays through 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

Note: The schedule, assuming the City Council approves the ordinance on a second vote, will change in April.

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS



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Midland High sophomore R.J. Brown talks about some of his experiences recently during an XY Zone program meeting with area leaders and other MHS youth. During the meeting students offered stories about how the program helped them get their life back on track and stay in school.

Interested in helping Communities in Schools?
Call 332-0757 for more information about how to contribute financially or volunteer.

Reporter-Telegram parent company turns 125 today

Today, the Hearst Corp. — the parent company of the Reporter-Telegram — celebrates its 125th year in communications.

It was in January 1979 that Hearst bought the Reporter-Telegram and its sister paper, the Plainview Daily Herald from the Allison family. Today, the Reporter-Telegram is part of the Hearst Texas Media Group. Reporter-Telegram Publisher Dave Wedel also heads up Hearst's West Texas Newspaper Group, which includes Plainview, the Muleshoe Journal and the Canyon News.

Please see the Hearst celebration page on 12A.

Reporter-Telegram birthday approaches

The Midland Reporter-Telegram will celebrate 83 years as Midland's community newspaper this week.

On March 10, 1929, the Midland Reporter-Telegram came into being when the Midland Reporter merged with The Midland Daily Telegram. The former was owned by a group headed by T. Paul Barron; the latter was owned by C.C. Watson and was the city's first daily.

The following is a timeline of noteworthy events since that 1929 merger.

■ James N. Allison bought the Reporter-Telegram from Barron in August 1940.

Allison, a third-generation newsman, worked for the Associated Press for 14 years before moving to Midland.

■ When he bought the Reporter-Telegram, the plant was on Missouri Avenue. Eight years later, operations were moved to a building at the corner of Main Street and Illinois Avenue. The paper moved to its current location in 1959.

■ Allison died Jan. 14, 1975. His son, James Allison Jr. — who also grew up in the business — assumed ownership of the paper. The younger Allison died three years later.

■ The Allison family sold the Reporter-Telegram and its sister paper, the Plainview Daily Herald, to the Hearst Corp. in January 1979.

What's on the radio

News Talk: KCRS (AM 550); KWEL (AM 550).

Sports Talk: KMND (AM 1510)

Contemporary Christian: KFRI (FM 88.7)

NPR: KOCV (FM 91.3)

When it's open

City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
Customer Service line: 685-7320

Midland County Courthouse
500 N. Loraine St.
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
688-4310

Midland County Public Library
301 W. Missouri Ave.
9 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday
9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday
Return bins available 24 hours a day
688-4320

Centennial Branch Library
3211 West Wadley Avenue
9 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday
9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday
Return bins available 24 hours a day
699-0629

Law Library
500 N. Loraine St., first floor
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
688-4351

Midland County Tax Assessor/Collector
2110 N. "A" St.
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday
688-4810

Municipal Courthouse
406 E. Illinois Ave.
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday
8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday
A deposit box for payments is open 24 hours a day
685-7314

Midland Health & Senior Services
3303 West Illinois, No. 22
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
681-7613

Animal Services
1200 N. Fairgrounds Road
10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday
10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday
685-7420

Midland Central Appraisal District
4631 Andrews Highway
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
699-4991

Department of Public Safety: Driver's License Office
2405 South Loop 250 West
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday through Friday
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays
498-2100

Social Security Office
3114 Sunburst Ave.
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
1-800-772-1213

U.S. Postal Service
- Downtown, 100 E. Wall St.
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
- Village, 2315 W Louisiana Ave.
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
- Graves, 3304 W Wadley Ave.
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
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Runners:
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Youth Cotton T-shirt: ☐ Youth Medium
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☐ 1/2 Marathon (No race day registration) includes finisher medal.....$40.00
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☐ Walkers... Pre-Registered.....$15.00
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Tax

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extended, voters will have to decide how to use the money it generates.

If part of the tax were extended, those funds could be used to pay for the annual operations, maintenance and upgrades at the sports complex, council members said. If voters extend another portion of the tax, it could go toward Parks and Recreation. Or, council members added, voters could decide funding for those items should come out of the city's general fund.

"That (decision) needs to really be driven by the citizens and not so much the council," Perry said. "I'm just a voter like everyone else when it comes to that decision."

John James, councilman for District 3, said if the 4B tax wasn't extended, the cost of maintaining the sports complex means property taxes likely would increase. If the 4B tax were extended, James said the sales taxes generated could support the complex. That would mean both Midlanders and vistors who shop, eat or stay in the city would pay the tax.

"Forty percent of that tax is generated by people who are outside the city limits of Midland," James said. "By eliminating 4B, we will raise taxes on the citizens of Midland. I've studied this for years."

Scott Dufford, councilman at-large, agreed it would benefit residents to have sales tax revenues paying for the Scharbauer Sports Complex, especially because money has been transferred from the general fund for operations of the complex each year.

Marks said the RockHounds are working to reduce the need for that transfer by generating more revenue through marketing activities. But, even if a transfer wasn't needed for operations, there always will be annual maintenance and improvement costs, Dufford said.

"We need to start talking to the community now about how much it costs to keep up the complex," he said. "If the tax goes away, those monies come from somewhere.

"Sooner rather than later, all of the 4B should be used to fund the sports complex. The general fund doesn't need to subsidize the sports complex at all."

Jerry Morales, councilman at-large, said if voters considered extending the 4B tax, a portion of it could go toward the Parks and Recreation Department. If the tax paid a portion of the parks' costs, that would decrease the burden on the general fund and property tax rate, and it also speed up the completion of parks projects.

About $14 million currently exists in the 4B tax fund balance, said Bob McNaughton, finance director.

After the complex is paid off, maintenance is paid for during the next four years and about $1 million annually is invested in capital improvements. An estimated $5 million to $6 million will remain in the fund, McNaughton said.

If the complex is paid off in 2016 — as planned — the sales tax would end on July 1 of that year, assuming no voter action is taken before that date, he said.

Michael Trost, councilman for District 4, said the city is in the position to pay off the sports complex in 2016, but it doesn't have to end the tax that year. The city could wait until 2022 to pay off the complex and see the tax expire.

Marks said he would be willing to help campaign for an extension of the tax in some form, but he wants to ensure the fund is used only for what voters approve.

"We gave our word to the city that those funds would be used to retire the debt," he said. "Guys, I sure don't want to lose the credibility we've built up."

Perry said the council would like to bring the issue before voters in 2013 or 2014. If residents decide not to extend the tax, that would then give the city time to determine how it can find funds to support the Scharbauer Sports Complex.

"We've got this opportunity with the 4B. We want to make sure it's vetted," Perry said. "We need to make sure our citizens recognize (that) if it goes away, the 40 percent will be picked up by property taxes."

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Michael Paulsen/Houston Chronicle

Manny Dominguez, deputy facility manager of the BP Sherbino Mesa II Wind Farm, right, and lead technician James Hultman prepare to travel to the top of a Fort Stockton turbine on Feb. 20.

Wind

From 1A

BP's wind division has built an average of three turbines a week. Texas has become home to one of every three.

In addition to BP, West Texas has attracted wind farms built by NextEra Energy Resources and American Electric Power.

AEP was among the pioneers of West Texas wind farms. The Columbus, Ohio-based power company built a 100-turbine site in Trent in 2001 and also that year acquired a second 107-turbine farm in Iraan.

"West Texas was very suitable for large-scale wind farms — wide open spaces and plenty of land," AEP spokesman Pat Hemlepp said. "There were fewer siting headaches than other places in the country."

'Texas has good wind'

In addition to the land resources, West Texas has become a favorite location for wind energy producers for the same reason it did for fossil fuels — an attractive regulatory environment and a plenty of fuel. Texas now generates about 10 gigawatts of wind energy, more than all but five countries in the world, said Peter Kelley, spokesman for the American Wind Energy Association.

"It fundamentally comes down to where's the energy," Graham said. "Texas has good wind."

BP spent $1 billion building its four Texas wind farms. Its most recent one, called Sherbino 2, became fully operational in December. Its 60 turbines operate on an area about half the size of Washington D.C., 30 miles east of Fort Stockton.

They rise taller than a Boeing 747 standing on its tail. Each weighs more than 10 large elephants. And the rotors' diameters sweep the length of a football field.

Sherbino 2 generates about 150 megawatts of electricity, enough to power about 45,000 homes, according to BP.

The company leases the acreage from 19 landowners, including DA Harral, who was trying to rebuild his family's sheep and cattle ranch after fires killed much of its livestock and damaged his parents' home.

Harral said the wind business is helping not only his family business but also the entire Pecos County economy.

In addition to providing income to ranchers who lease their land, the wind farms pay county taxes or fees based on their value, providing a more diversified revenue stream for a community largely bound to petroleum.

"It's ironic that the oil industry that built the Texas economy is coming back and investing in the renewable industry," Harral said. "Sooner or later, the oil and gas reserves will dwindle down. The chance that we are having to switch from an oil tax base to renewables is a blessing."

Sex ed

From 1A

moral-based discussions that supplement what is taught at school.

After state testing finishes in May, the first level of "It's Your Game" (IYG) will be taught to seventh-grade students during science class. Next year, after students have completed level one, they will receive the second level in eighth-grade science classes.

During staff development days in January and February, Kim Johnson and Jennifer Torres from the UT research center taught the curriculum to junior high science teachers.

The training included in-depth conversations and mock teaching sessions. The general consensus among teachers was it is an age-appropriate, science-based program.

"It covers everything and takes the mystery and glamour out of sex and just tells them everything," said Misty Wright, science department head at San Jacinto Junior High.

"It's Your Game ... Keep it Real" is an evidence-based curriculum that implies "it's your life ... keep it honest and respectful," Johnson said.

IYG is designed to give kids more than just information. The program provides students with the skills and confidence to change bad and risky behaviors, Johnson said. It aims to delay sexual initiation among students who haven't become sexually active and reduce risk among those who are, Johnson said.

"The curriculum teaches that you have to respect your own rules and other people's rules," Johnson said.

The "select, detect and protect" method is a key tenet of the curriculum and encourages students to set personal rules ahead of time, such as "I won't talk back to my mother," "I won't drink until I'm 18," or "I won't have sex until I'm married."

"Most kids don't actually have rules about sex in general, and that's what we want to get them thinking about," Johnson said.

During the first seven lessons, students set rules, learn about detecting signs and situations that may challenge their personal rules and develop ways to get out of risky situations using refusal skills.

The character-based lessons serve as a foundation that will allow students to make smart decisions, Johnson said.

Sex is mentioned for the first time in lesson eight, where a computer module explains puberty, reproduction, sex and the dangers of sex.

"While the diagrams may be graphic, they are accurate and show what things should be," Torres said.

With most computer lessons, students take a short survey at the beginning of the lesson to see what they already know and what they don't. That data are used to tailor the lesson to each student and focus more time on the necessary areas.

Although online lessons are animated and comical, they do explain a variety of important issues, including reproductive anatomy, the fertilization process, contraception and differences between men and women.

"Showing kids things does not make them want to do it," Johnson said. "It shows them the reality."

The risks and dangers of sex — all forms, not just intercourse — are discussed in future lessons. Students are prompted to think about the positive and negative effects sex will have on their reputation and self-worth.

Torres reminded teachers to explain to students the different types of sex and reinforce the fact all acts are dangerous.

"The reality is, they might be doing it because they think it's not risky," Torres said.

Teachers had mixed feelings on whether it is their place to teach sex education to children but agreed that as long as it is factual and scientific, not moralistic, it should be OK.

"We didn't look at this from a moral standpoint, but instead as a public health issue that is costing us money every time a girl gets pregnant and drops out," said Health Services Supervisor Tracey Dees.

Reception of the program will vary, but overall, teachers believe their students will take it seriously.

"You'll always have the few immature ones, but you just have to be serious from the start and they'll get it," Wright said. "The more you can inform these kids, the better. They aren't getting it at home, so it's good we're able to offer it."

Apprehensive about the curriculum at first, Abell science teacher Stephanie Brown said the program is on the students' level and is a beneficial way to teach them the facts.

Many students think they understand sex and other physical acts but actually have no idea, she said.

"At this point, we have the ignorant teaching the ignorant, and we need to make sure they have the facts," Brown said.

For many teachers, the curriculum's attempt to open a line of communication between students and parents is a huge plus.

"Compared with other programs, this is very well-organized and thought out," said Abell science teacher Barbara Terrazas. "We've never had a computer component or take-home part."

Approved by the school board, the sex education curriculum will be offered to every student in the seventh grade. However, parents uncomfortable with the program's content can opt out of the lessons.

By doing so, the school board asks the parent to understand their are taking full responsibility for educating their child.

Information regarding IYG will be distributed to parents this spring, Dees said. At that point, families can choose what is right for them.

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More information on the program

All lesson plans, curriculum and computer-based lessons can be viewed online.

Go to www.itsyourgame.org and click "access curriculum" for the "It's Your Game: Risk Reduction" program.

After registering for free, you can view the program from the view of both student and teacher.

Bond

From 1A

down at the Feb. 14 meeting when bond committee Chairman Patrick Payton asked the board to validate the numbers and give him ample time to network, campaign for the bond and discuss the district's needs.

"Take the time you need and make sure what we roll out to the community is the tightest and something this community will say yes to," Payton said at the Feb. 14 meeting.

Payton, senior pastor at Stonegate Fellowship, agreed to serve as campaign chairman when the bond is called.

"To hurry up and lose is a greater setback than to slow down and possibly win in November," Payton said. "My conviction is, if we lose this deal, we may be five to six years out again. I think we have to get a win."

Records show Midland voters have been reluctant to pass MISD bond propositions. Since 1996, only four of 10 have passed. The largest referendum passed was a $67.1 million proposition in 2003. The trend is a reversal from 1947 to 1991, when Midland voters rejected only one proposition in 28 attempts.

As a result of Payton's request, board members scrutinized the project during a three-hour workshop on Feb. 26.

After hearing about detailed facility and technology needs from Tom Holly, executive director of technology, and James Riggen, executive director of construction and plant services, board members discussed having an architectural firm double-check those numbers to ensure everything is correct before asking voters to support it.

"I think it's critical for us to show the community we are taking the steps to validate needs," Warren said at the workshop. "We need to bring in outside people who know current theories, know current everything and truly tell us if these numbers are right."

Although the board did not decide when to call an election, it did discuss how it would be impossible to work with an architectural firm and call a May election.

"What we would do for a May election is say, 'We believe in James (Riggen), we believe in Tom (Holly), in what we've done in-house' and go from there," Warren said. "I think it's critical for this community that we go beyond that and have that process from those outside eyes looking in.

"We've got to show taxpayers we're not guessing at anything, and we've validated everything. If we take the time to show them that, I think we would do great in a November election."

These thoughts vary from the early discussions where board members said they weren't comfortable putting the bond on the November ballot because of the presidential election. While on the surface there is little connection with the vote for president and a school bond issue, it is expected the eventual Republican candidate will campaign on a smaller government platform, and Midland voters historically have favored the Republican candidate and are likely to do so again this year.

In the past four elections, the GOP candidate in Midland County has received between 75 and 80 percent of the vote. In 2008 more than 46,000 voters in Midland County voted in the 2008 presidential election, and about 80 percent voted for the Republican candidate, John McCain. That disparity could create work for those running a campaign to reach so many potential voters.

The sheer number of voters also could be a factor. The two largest turnouts for MISD bond referendums came in 2000 (more than 20,000) and 2002 (more than 17,000). Both resulted in losses. In 2003, fewer than 15,000 voted to pass the $67 million referendum. In 2007, only 6,450 voted in the 2007 special election for a $37 million bond, according to the Midland County Election Office.

Turnout also was low when supporters of a hospital initiative passed the largest bond in Midland's history — $115 million. The total was just more than 8,300.

Unlike previous years, state law now prohibits school boards from holding special elections for bonds. All districts must hold bond elections with uniform election dates in May and November.

Regardless of when the election is called, MISD will not receive an accountability rating from Texas Education Agency this year. The district will remain "academically acceptable" as a new accountability system is in development based on the STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) tests and other indicators.

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Correction

The time for today's performance at the Globe Theatre of "Paglicacci (Plus)" is 2:30 p.m. Two different times are stated in today's Arts section. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Lottery results

Pick 3 Day: 7-5-7
Pick 3 Night: 8-0-7
Daily 4 Day: 1-3-3-0
Daily 4 Night: 2-7-2-5
Cash Five: 9-27-28-34-36
Lotto Texas: 4-8-15-22-30-40
Powerball: 29-30-45-47-49 PB 35

TEXAS LOTTERY

Despite campaign rhetoric, you can't have it all — sorry

EDITOR'S NOTE — An occasional look at statements by political candidates and how well they adhere to the facts.

By Calvin Woodward
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Is there any impulse greater in politics than to promise people the sun and the moon?

Each in their own way, the Republican candidates heading into Super Tuesday primaries are telling Americans they can have "it all" — plentiful energy without pain at the pump, jobs without deeper debt, thriving factories like the days of yore, a renaissance at every dusty turn.

Call it the can-do spirit or, as Barack Obama liked to put it, "Yes we can."

But, seriously.

No independent economist believes manufacturing will come rushing back against the global economic tide if the government merely backs off on taxes and regulations. The vastly complex energy market is not a Norman Rockwell painting that a president can create with brush strokes. Taps on a cold calculator tell a different story than the rosy accounts of balanced budgets just ahead.

In promising to unleash an energy production boom leading America to the promised land of cheap fuel, Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich (who promises a moon colony) routinely ignore that the nation is already experiencing such a boom — apparently without making a dime's worth of difference at the gas station.

Energy has become a prime source of contortions and distortions in the campaign as Republicans hold out false hopes to pressed consumers and Obama takes too much credit for developments that are beyond any president's influence. But, there are other sources of have-it-all promises, too.

A look at some of those promises and how they stack up against the facts:

DEBT

ROMNEY: "I'm going to deliver on more jobs, less debt, and smaller government. ... He (Obama) raised the national debt. I will cut, cap, and balance the budget. He passed Obamacare. I'll repeal it. He lost our AAA credit rating; I'll restore it."

THE FACTS: Romney's tax-cut and spending plans fall far short of balancing the budget or making much of a dent, if any, in the national debt, now more than $15 trillion, according to independent analyses of the plan. He can cut taxes. He can cut debt. It's unlikely he can do both.

An analysis by the nonpartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget finds his plans probably would add significantly to deficits for the coming decade, deepening the debt by some $250 billion under a middle-of-the-road scenario or by as much as $2.15 trillion in the worst case. The group found a best-case scenario that could see the debt decline by as much as $2.25 trillion but considered that improbable.

The group forecast even worse deficit results from the plans of Gingrich and Santorum. Only Ron Paul would seriously reduce the flow of red ink, through wrenching budget cuts that would dismantle much of the government and are far beyond anything the other candidates would do.

The nonpartisan Tax Policy Center said Romney's plan would reduce federal tax revenues by 16 percent in 2015 and increase the debt in that time.

In blaming Obama for having "lost our AAA credit rating," Romney was referring to the Standard & Poor's one-notch downgrade after Congress balked on Obama's push to raise the nation's borrowing authority and avoid default. The rating agency said the eventual deal with lawmakers did not do enough to stabilize the debt path and cited "the difficulties of bridging the gap between the political parties." That was a pox on both their houses, not just the White House.

MANUFACTURING:

SANTORUM: On the decline of the manufacturing work force: "That's just inexcusable — all of it because government regulation and government taxation. The average manufacturing job in America pays $20,000 more a year than the average job in America. We can get those jobs back."

THE FACTS: Santorum's assertion that rules and taxes are solely to blame for closed factories flies in the face of America's decades-long transformation to a new economy and global forces anchoring the production of consumer goods in low-wage economies. Remaining manufacturing jobs pay better than usual because low-wage manufacturing jobs have largely fled and are out of the equation.

Building airplanes for Boeing, tractors for Caterpillar and big machinery and equipment for overseas customers is a higher-value enterprise than turning out the toys and consumer electronics now made in Asia.

The U.S. remains a manufacturing powerhouse, and expanding that is a goal of both parties. But, a revival of 20th century blue-collar America, flush with steady jobs from hard work, limited skills and numbing assembly-line repetition, is improbable — and for the most part undesirable — in the minds of economists on the left and right. They see Santorum, and to some extent Obama, tapping a nostalgic vein with their visions of manufacturing renewal.

In 2008, John McCain got in hot water on his way to the GOP presidential nomination — from primary rival Romney, actually — for speaking what most economists believe is the harder truth, that the manufacturing jobs of old are gone forever.

ENTITLEMENTS:

GINGRICH: "The duty of the president is to find a way to manage the federal government so the primary pain is on changing the bureaucracy. On theft alone, we could save $100 billion a year in Medicaid and Medicare if the federal government were competent. That's a trillion dollars over 10 years. And, the only people in pain would be crooks."

THE FACTS: A sober look at the books shows leaders from both parties that painful choices must be made in entitlements. Medicare and Medicaid are running into trouble mainly because of an aging population, the cost of high-tech medicine and budget woes. The number-crunchers say solving health care fraud alone is not enough. Health care fraud investigations are already a big source of recovered money, surpassing fines and penalties collected for defense contracting fraud.

ENERGY:

OBAMA: "After three decades of inaction, we're gradually putting in place the toughest fuel economy standards in history for our cars and pickups. That means the cars you build will average nearly 55 miles per gallon by the middle of the next decade — almost double what they get today. That means, folks, every time they fill up, they're going to be saving money. They'll have to fill up every two weeks instead of every week. That saves the typical family more than $8,000 at the pump over time. That means we'll cut our oil consumption by more than 2 million barrels a day."

THE FACTS: Raising mileage standards is not pain-free, and Obama spoke about the benefits while excluding the costs. Compliance will add thousands of dollars to the cost of a car.

The standards are going up in two stages. The second and most ambitious stage is expected to cost the auto industry more than $150 billion, raise the cost of the average new vehicle by $2,000, then save drivers up to $4,400 in gas over the life of the vehicle. Obama's estimate of $8,000 in savings refers to the substantial break in fuel purchases from both increases in mileage standards, but it excludes the higher costs of buying the vehicle in the first place.

SANTORUM: "We can

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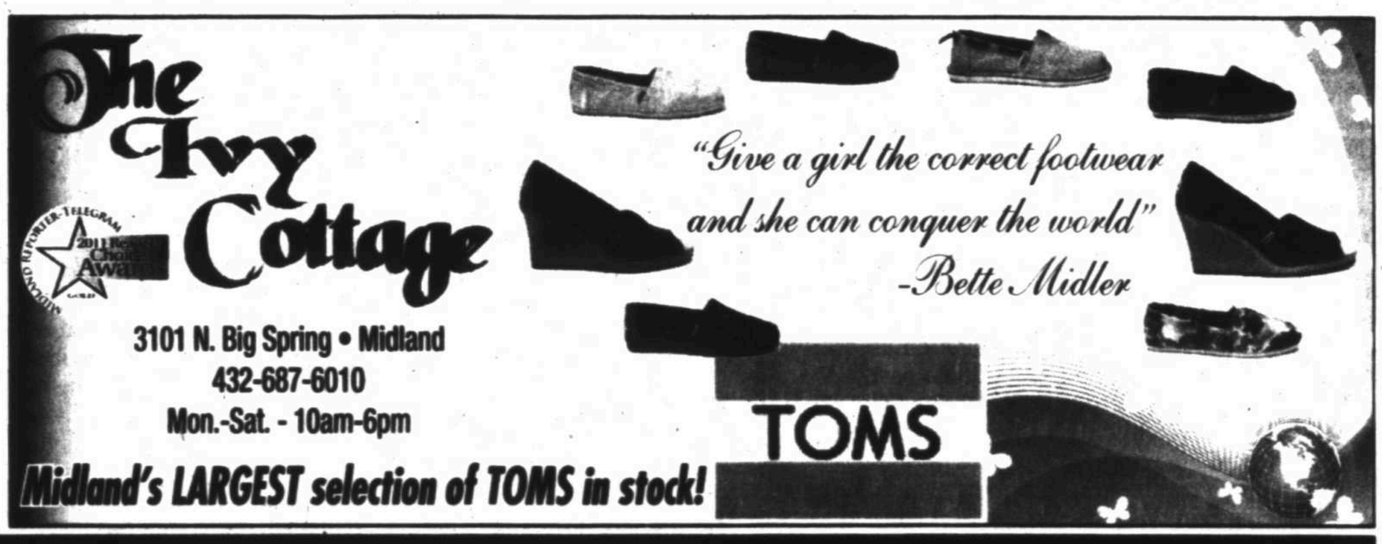

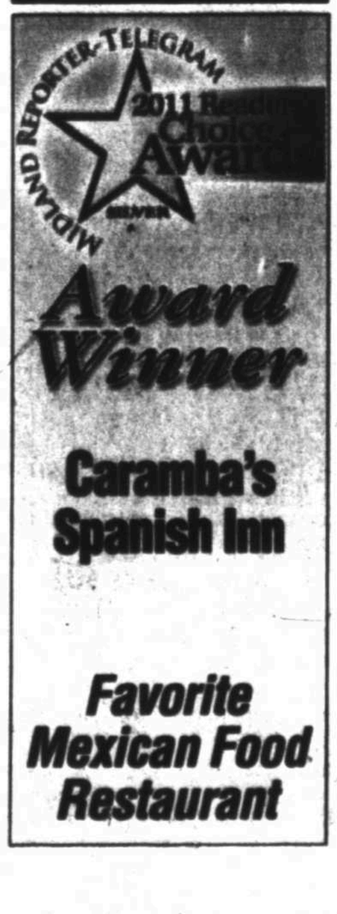

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drive down prices, decrease our dependency on foreign oil. We can do it all, but we have a president who says no. We have a president who, when the opportunity to open up federal lands for mining and oil and gas drilling, says no. We have a president who's — we have an opportunity to open up offshore, he says no. Deepwater, he says no. Alaska, he says no. Build a pipeline, he says no."

GINGRICH: "It comes down to a simple idea: What if we had a program that enabled the American people to develop so much new energy that we were, in fact, no longer reliant on Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran?" in a campaign ad on energy.

ROMNEY: "He's going to talk about how he's responsible for the increasing production of oil in this country, oil and gas in this country. Is he responsible for the increase? No, I didn't think so." — About Obama.

THE FACTS: The reams of statistics on energy development are at odds with Republican depictions of Obama as the "President No" of energy.

The U.S. produced more oil in 2010 than it has since 2003. More gas has been produced in each of Obama's three years in office than at any time since 1936. Coal mining is on the rebound. The radioactive ore that fuels nuclear power plants has come out of the ground faster every year in his presidency. Production from renewables, such as hydroelectric power, solar, wind and biofuels, is higher than ever before. Active U.S. oil rigs increased 22.5 percent last year and the oil and gas extraction industry added 25,000 jobs, up 12 percent.

As Romney suggested, Obama is not responsible for much if not most of the fossil-fuel revival because the industry determines what makes financial sense to do and many new wells were planned before he became president.

The case can be made that Obama has not done enough — or from an environmental viewpoint, that he has done too much. But the record shows growth in every sector.

Still, he's drawn some lines that Republicans want erased. He is against drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, has put off drilling in the Atlantic Ocean and temporarily blocked the Keystone pipeline from Canada to Texas.

Santorum's claim that the U.S. could "do it all" and Gingrich, in holding out the prospect of $2.50 a gallon a gas if he becomes president, shortchange the forces that shape the energy picture beyond a president's influence. Among them: a bitter winter in Europe that drove up demand and for oil and its price, growing demand in developing countries and political uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa hindering supplies throughout the past year.

The U.S. gets no oil from Iran, despite Gingrich's suggestion otherwise, and only 13 percent of its oil comes from Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

Eliminating dependence on imports would require both a huge increase in domestic production and reduced demand, but Gingrich opposes fuel efficiency standards that are known to reduce the need for oil.

And, no one in the have-it-all campaign is about to ask Americans to do without.

ACROSSTHENATION

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MISSISSIPPI

3 family members killed in rural home

PRENTISS — Authorities are investigating the killings of three family members in their rural southern Mississippi home.

The bodies of 80-year-old Arvin Smith, 74-year-old Maxine Smith and their 48-year-old son Roland Smith were discovered early Friday. Jefferson Davis County Chief Investigator John Wayne Tolar said some suspects are being interviewed.

Coroner Jim Slater said an autopsy late Friday confirmed that all three died from multiple gunshots.

NEW YORK

Winfrey to interview Houston's daughter

Oprah Winfrey has landed an interview with Whitney Houston's daughter and other family members for a TV special that will air on the Oprah Winfrey Network.

"Oprah's Next Chapter" will feature an interview with 18-year-old Bobbi Kristina, Houston's only child. It also will include Patricia Houston, who's the singer's sister-in-law and manager, as well as the singer's brother Gary. It is scheduled to air March 11.

WASHINGTON

Romney wins GOP caucus

Mitt Romney rolled to a double-digit victory in Washington state's Republican presidential caucuses Saturday night, his fourth campaign triumph in a row and a fresh show of strength in the run-up to 10 Super Tuesday contests in all regions of the country.

Rick Santorum and Ron Paul battled for second place, while Newt Gingrich ran a distant fourth.

Girl Scouts mark 100 years of closing gender gaps

By Russ Bynum
Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Recruited over tea at the mansion of a Georgia widow, the first Girl Scouts went on to earn proficiency badges for cooking meals and caring for babies. In a nod to their changing times, they also learned to shoot rifles and self-defense tactics such as "how to secure a burglar with eight inches of cord."

Now a century has passed and millions of Americans have taken the Girl Scout promise, sold Samoas and Thin Mints by the truckload and gone on to careers from CEOs to astronauts. As they celebrate their 100th anniversary this month, the Girl Scouts of the USA boast a record of progressiveness built on combining lessons in domestic know-how with outdoor adventures and technical skills aimed at teaching girls they can do anything.

Take 11-year-old Kathryn Hoersting from the Girl Scouts' birthplace of Savannah, who just got her cooking badge by making her family breakfast of hash with eggs. Next up: the "Special Agent" badge, which requires an introduction to forensic science and other crime-solving techniques.

"You get to work together on anything," said Kathryn, a third-generation Girl Scout whose Brownie and Scout vests are decorated with dozens of colorful badge awards. "It's just hanging out with your friends and doing something new and creative, something you love."

When Juliette Gordon Low rounded up her first troop on March 12, 1912, few women held jobs and only six states allowed them to vote. Low didn't set out to cause sweeping social change, to wage a battle of the sexes. Regardless, the Girl Scouts would help set the stage for the modern women's movement and gradually help bridge the gender gap.

Kathryn's grandmother, Amy Gerber, said being a Girl Scout in the 1950s gave her the courage to open and operate two conference centers in Arizona and become a grief counselor. The girl's mother, Wendy Hoersting, was a Scout in the 1970s and became a nurse anesthetist.

"Girl Scouting from its inception was always forward-looking," said Mary Rothschild, a retired historian from Arizona State University who spent 30 years studying the Girl Scouts. "Although it was always rooted in domesticity, it always opened further paths to women."

And not just women of a particular class, race, religion or sexual orientation. The original Girls Scout troops from 1912 mixed girls who were Jewish, Protestant and Catholic. The first troop for black girls was formed a year later, and a year after that, troops were founded for girls attending schools for the blind and deaf. (Low herself suffered from serious hearing loss, and she felt no girl should be denied participation because of a disability.)

Milly England was one of the earliest Girl Scouts, joining the Thistle Troop in her hometown of New Bedford, Mass., in 1914.

Now 111, England still has her Girl Scout ring with its emerald gemstone and recalls sewing her own uniform — a long-sleeved blouse with a blue neck scarf — that she wore on camping trips and to troops meetings, dances and suppers at a local church.

"I know we started something good. It was good for a lot of girls," England said. "I wanted to belong to a gang always."

That history of hard-nosed inclusiveness has continued into the 21st century as Girl Scout troops have admitted not only members who are gay but, in at least one recent case, a transgender child, as well.

It's a trait that's fueled some of the group's harshest critics and that's given it a distinctly different identity from the Boy Scouts, who have waged court battles to be able to exclude those who don't fit the group's Judeo-Christian mores.

It was during a trip to England that Low, a wealthy, childless socialite, became friends with Robert Baden-Powell, the former British Army officer who founded the Boy Scouts in 1907 to pass on the rugged frontier skills he had found lacking in young military recruits. Powell's sister had started an offshoot, the Girl Guides. Low became smitten with the idea and brought it to America with Baden-Powell's blessing.

"She believed it was an organization that was good for girls, but it was not necessarily trying to bring them to parity with boys," said Anastatia Sims, a history professor at Georgia Southern University who has spent years researching and writing about Low's life. "She is not feminist. She is not affiliated with any feminist movement. She does not talk in terms of any kinds of women's equality and does not seem to think in those terms."

The first Girl Scout handbook, published in 1913, encouraged girls to shoot rifles and gave instructions for tying up intruders. The original Scouts took camping trips and played basketball on outdoor courts shrouded from public view by curtains hung so that men couldn't glimpse the girls in their bloomers.

"She had girls in the outdoors, in the green environment, before it was cool to be green or cool for girls to be out there kicking balls," said Anna Maria Chavez, CEO of the Girl Scouts of the USA, who credits much of the group's success to Low thinking well ahead of her time.

Barely a year after she started the group, Low moved its headquarters to Washington — it later moved to New York — and officially changed the name to Girl Scouts. Troops sprouted nationwide. Her original registration book shows 102 girls enlisted within just a few weeks. By 1914 there were 1,000 Girl Scouts, then 5,000 just a year later. By 1917, enrollment had swelled to 13,000, and today the girls number 2.3 million nationwide.

In 1947 the Girl Scouts published a new edition of their handbook with watercolor illustrations that showed white, black and Asian Scouts together. The book caused an outcry, especially in the segregated South.

An Ebony magazine story marking the Girl Scouts' 40th anniversary in 1952 noted there were 1,507 integrated troops mostly in the North and West and 1,634 all-black troops based mainly in the South.

"But even in Dixie, the Scouts were making slow and steady progress toward surmounting the racial barriers of the region," the Ebony story said, crediting southern Scouts with holding interracial meetings and quietly urging white newspapers to drop policies that forbade publishing photos of blacks.

Decades later, Girl Scouts officials say they're still pushing boundaries and working to boost girls' confidence to be leaders in areas still dominated by men, such as in business and science. Hillary Rodham Clinton was a Girl Scout, as was Laura Bush. Journalist Barbara Walters, Olympic figure skater Peggy Fleming, tennis star Venus Williams and singer Mariah Carey all wore Girl Scout uniforms, as did at least seven astronauts, 13 current and former members of Congress and numerous executives and CEOs.

In Ames, Iowa, six Girl Scouts have applied for a patent after they designed a prosthetic hand to enable a 4-year-old girl born without fingers on her right hand to grip pencils and crayons. Their device, called the BOB-1, won first place in a contest for young inventors last year and earned them a meeting with President Barack Obama at the White House Science Fair on Feb. 7.

As part of their research, the six girls talked to prosthetics manufacturers, physical therapists and people living with hand or arm disabilities. The final product — made from plastic, Velcro and foam at a cost of about $10 — came about through trial, error and do-overs after the first prototypes broke.

"We made a bunch of different ideas," said 12-year-old Zoe Groat. "We used rubber gloves and cut them up and used pencil grippers, paper, glue and tons of tape."

As their ranks grew, the Girl Scouts had to fall back on their own resourcefulness after they outgrew their initial source of funding — Low's personal fortune.

In 1917, a troop in Muskogee, Okla., came up with its own moneymaker: Girls would sell cookies baked at home with their mothers. It didn't take long for the idea to spread. By 1936, the Girl Scouts were starting to partner with commercial bakers to sell cookies across the nation.

In the decades since, Girl Scout Cookies transcended their origins as a mere fundraiser and became an iconic American treat. Last year, troops across America sold a whopping 207 million boxes of Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Trefoils and other varieties, raking in record revenues of $760 million. That's about 90 boxes of cookies sold for every Girl Scout.

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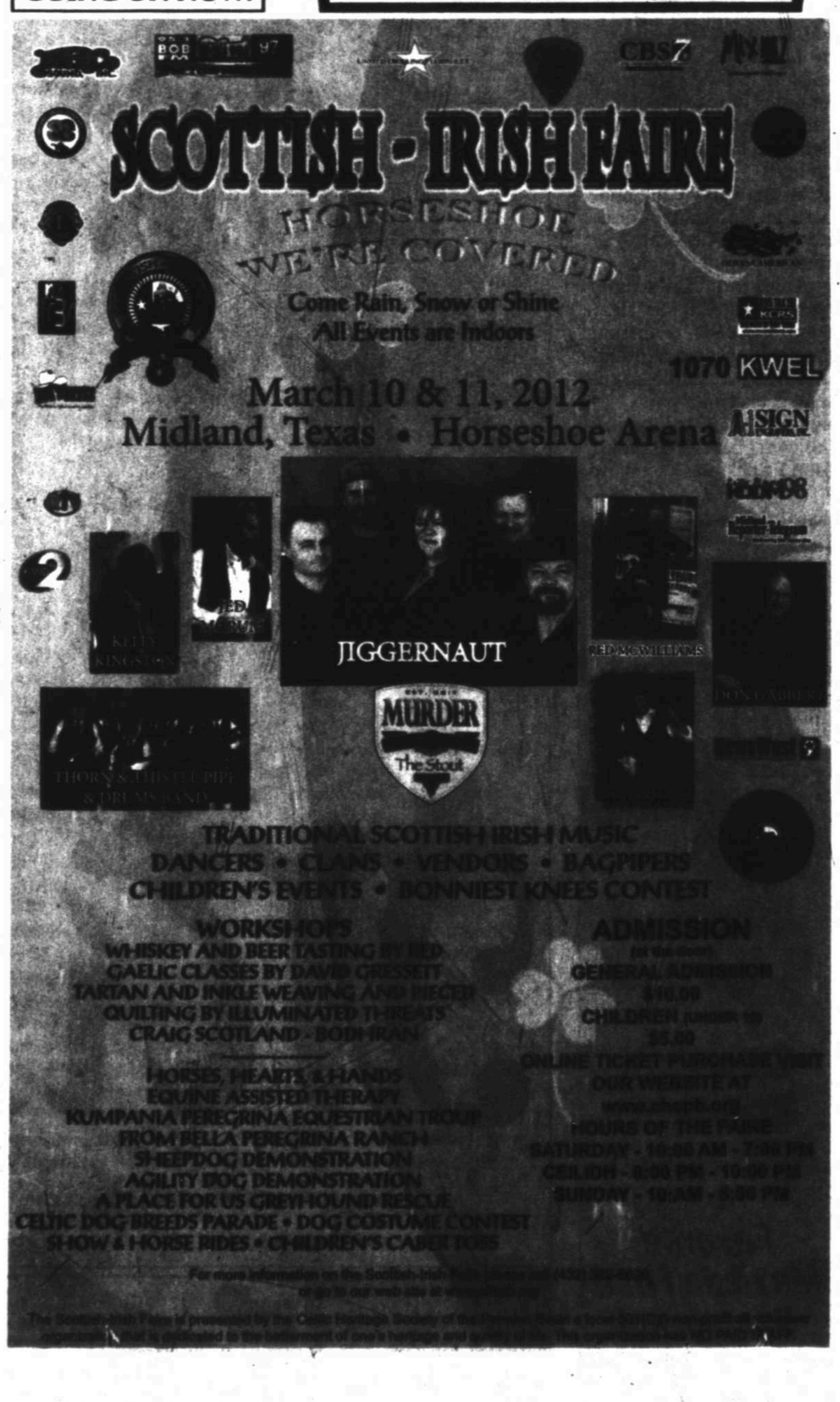

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

MILWAUKEE

Dahmer victim's sister calls walking tour 'evil'

The sister of one of Jeffrey Dahmer's 17 victims joined others in protesting a Milwaukee walking tour of the serial killer's haunts Saturday, calling out to tour organizers that they were "just as evil" as Dahmer himself.

Janie Hagen's brother, 25-year-old Richard Guerrero, disappeared in 1988 and was one of the first young men Dahmer is known to have murdered. On Saturday, Hagen criticized the new walking tour as merely an attempt to make money by turning her brother's murder into macabre entertainment.

The new walking tour of places where Dahmer trolled for victims drew attention this week after criticism prompted online deal-maker Groupon to take down a promotion for discounted tickets. But Bam Media said it would not cancel what it calls a legitimate exploration of criminal history.

NEW JERSEY

Expert: Kids likely not harmed in CVS pill mix-up

TRENTON — Children who may have taken breast cancer treatment medication mistakenly distributed by a New Jersey pharmacy instead of prescribed fluoride pills likely won't suffer any health problems, a pharmaceutical expert said Saturday.

CVS Caremark officials said only a few children ingested pills for breast cancer treatment that they mistakenly received, and company investigators are still working to determine how and why the errors occurred at the pharmacy in Chatham. The pharmacy has acknowledged improperly dispensing Tamoxifen instead of chewable fluoride tablets to children in as many as 50 families.

GOP candidates bash former President Bush

By Richard S. Dunham
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — The president took a pummeling at the last Republican presidential debate.

Rick Santorum blasted his bailouts of the financial industry and domestic automobile companies. Mitt Romney chided him for failing to secure the U.S.-Mexico border. Newt Gingrich noted his unsuccessful effort to reform the U.S. immigration system. And, Ron Paul attacked his involvement in Afghanistan and Iraq.

It's not surprising that the GOP candidates would condemn a Democratic president. But, they weren't talking about President Obama at the debate. They were talking about George W. Bush, his Republican predecessor.

Bush, who retreated from national politics four years ago when he returned to Texas following two terms in the White House, is back in the political spotlight — involuntarily and in a harsh focus.

"It's just a very odd time," said Margaret Spellings, Bush's former Education Secretary. "George Bush ran as a different kind of Republican. (Now) we're seeing a return to Republican orthodoxy prior to that point."

Mark Murray, NBC News deputy political director, recently compared Bush's place in the GOP primary season to the villainous Voldemort from the "Harry Potter" series: "He Who Must Not Be Named."

For most of the GOP presidential primary race, Bush was a non-person, rarely mentioned but rarely attacked — except for fellow Texan Ron Paul's lonely lectures about U.S. military intervention, torture of prisoners and violations of Americans' civil liberties.

That has changed in recent weeks as Republicans have competed aggressively for the backing of the most conservative Republican primary and caucus voters. To woo those hard-right voters, they've bashed Bush as some sort of big-spending, big-government, entitlement-adding, weak-on-illegal-immigration, soft-on-Iran failure.

His foreign policy legacy, from his war on terrorism to U.S. involvement in Afghanistan and Iraq, have been attacked at nearly every speech and every debate by Paul, the Texas congressman who embraces a non-interventionist philosophy. Santorum, meanwhile, notes with pride that he sponsored legislation requiring U.S. sanctions on Iran for pursuing a nuclear program when "President Bush opposed me for two years."

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Bush's two proudest domestic policy accomplishments — his historic No Child Left Behind education reforms and his Medicare drug benefit for elderly Americans — have been pilloried as federal government overreach and costly expansions of federal power.

At the Feb. 22 Republican debate, Santorum apologized for supporting No Child Left Behind, admitting that "I took one for the team leader" despite the fact that "it was against the principles I believed in."

All of the Republicans now promise to repeal Bush's education overhaul along with Obama's health care reforms. Bush's immigration enforcement record has been blasted both by Romney and Gov. Rick Perry, whose presidential campaign ended in January. Romney and Paul have lambasted Bush's administration for running up record deficits — since surpassed on Obama's watch.

Ironically, two of Romney's top economic advisers, R. Glenn Hubbard of Columbia University and Gregory Mankiw of Harvard, both served as chairman of Bush's White House Council of Economic Advisers. Neither man responded to interview requests.

Republican political professionals say the attacks on Bush reflect the seismic shifts in the Republican primary electorate over the past decade.

"The political ground has shifted from beneath us and has moved to the right," said GOP consultant Matt Mackowiak. "What was accepted Republican philosophy in the 2001 to 2006 time frame is now not viewed as conservative and is almost apostasy."

Mackowiak said the GOP candidates feel free to bash Bush because he remains unpopular in national surveys and has taken a vow to stay out of the 2012 primary battles.

"Bush 43 is not going to punch back, so it costs you very little" to criticize him, Mackowiak noted.

With the former president declining comment, other Texas Republicans are coming to his defense.

Rep. Pete Olson on Thursday issued a press release headlined "Thank you President Bush" and highlighting his fellow Texan's commitment to energy exploration.

"It was President Bush who ended the moratorium on offshore drilling and expanded federal leasing," Olson declared. "So thank you, President Bush, for helping America to reduce our reliance on foreign oil."

Spellings, a close Bush confidante who was a key player in administration education policy, said she is puzzled by Republican criticism of Bush's accomplishments. She said No Child Left Behind figures "very prominently" in Bush's legacy and "we're not trying to run and hide," despite GOP campaign criticism and House Republican attempts to repeal it.

Democrats are watching the Republican-on-Republican rhetorical violence with bemusement.

"Only this field of Republican presidential contenders could make President Bush look like a moderate," said Rebecca Acuna, deputy political director of the Texas Democratic Party. "The days of compassionate conservatism are long gone in the Republican Party."

But, Acuna didn't miss an opportunity to tweak Bush, too.

"President Bush's legacy is one of failure," she asserted. "He led our country into two wars, implemented policies that caused the economic recession, and took us from a surplus to a deficit."

Storms demolish small towns in Ind., Ky.; 38 dead

Associated Press

WEST LIBERTY, Ky. — Across the South and Midwest, survivors emerged Saturday to find blue sky and splinters where homes once stood, cars flung into buildings and communications crippled after dozens of tornadoes chainsawed through a region of millions, leveling small towns along the way.

At least 38 people were killed in five states, but a 2-year-old girl was somehow found alive and alone in a field near her Indiana home. Her family did not survive. A couple that fled their home for the safety of a restaurant basement made it, even after the storms threw a school bus into their makeshift shelter.

Saturday was a day filled with such stories, told as emergency officials trudged with search dogs past knocked-down cellphone towers and ruined homes looking for survivors in rural Kentucky and Indiana, marking searched roads and homes with orange paint. President Barack Obama offered federal assistance, and Ohio Gov. John Kasich declared an emergency Saturday.

The worst damage appeared centered in the small towns of southern Indiana and eastern Kentucky's Appalachian foothills. No building was untouched and few were recognizable in West Liberty, Ky., about 90 miles from Lexington, where two white police cruisers were picked up and tossed into City Hall.

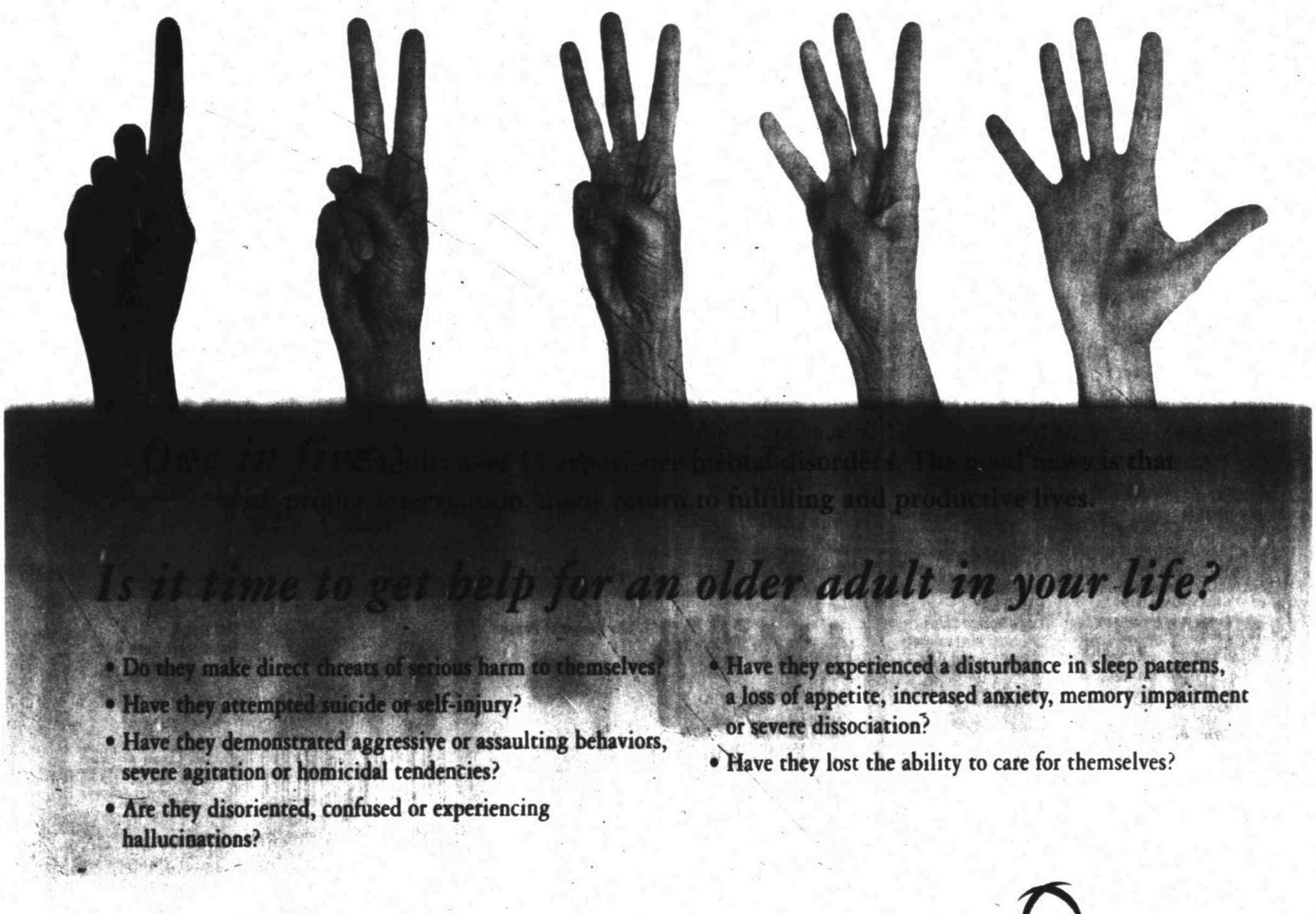
"We stood in the parking lot and watched it coming," said David Ison, who raced into a bank vault with nine others to seek safety. "By the time it hit, it was like a whiteout."

In East Bernstadt, two hours to the southwest, Carol Rhodes clutched four VHS tapes she'd found in debris of her former home as she sobbed under a bright sun Saturday.

"It was like whoo, that was it," said Rhodes, 63, who took refuge with four family members in a basement bedroom that she had just refinished for a grandchild.

"Honey, I felt the wind and I said, 'Oh my God,' and then it (the house) was gone. I looked up and I could see the sky."

The spate of storms was the second in little more than 48 hours, after an earlier round killed 13 people in the Midwest and South, and the latest in a string of severe-weather episodes that have ravaged the American heartland in the past year.



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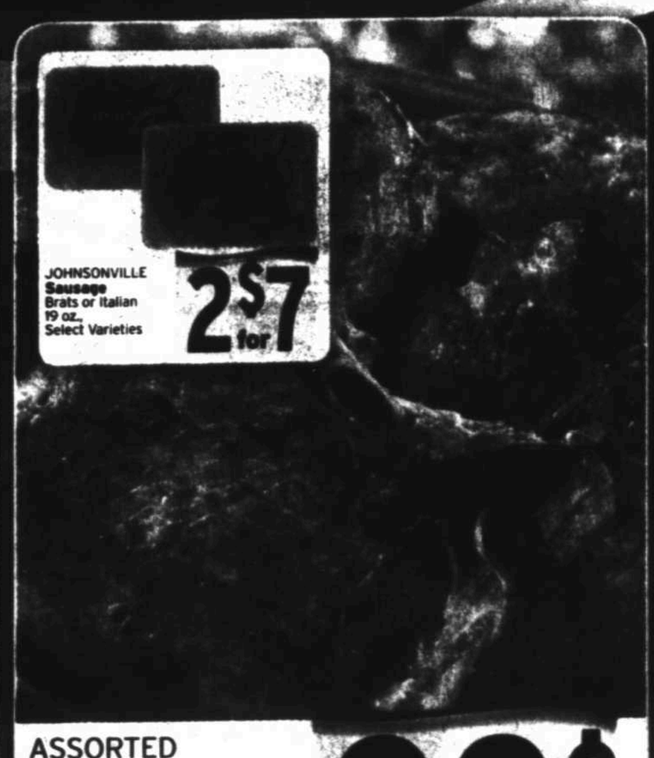

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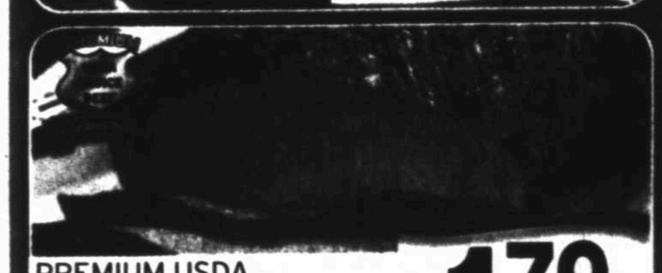

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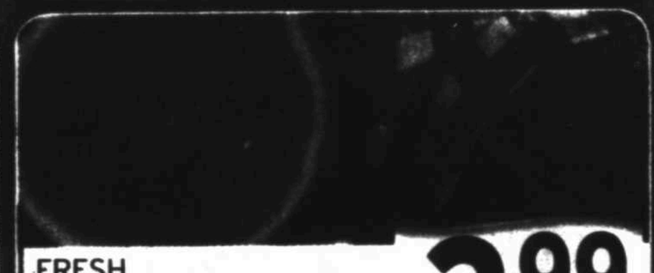

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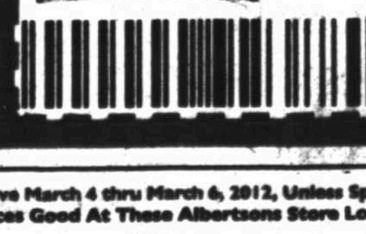

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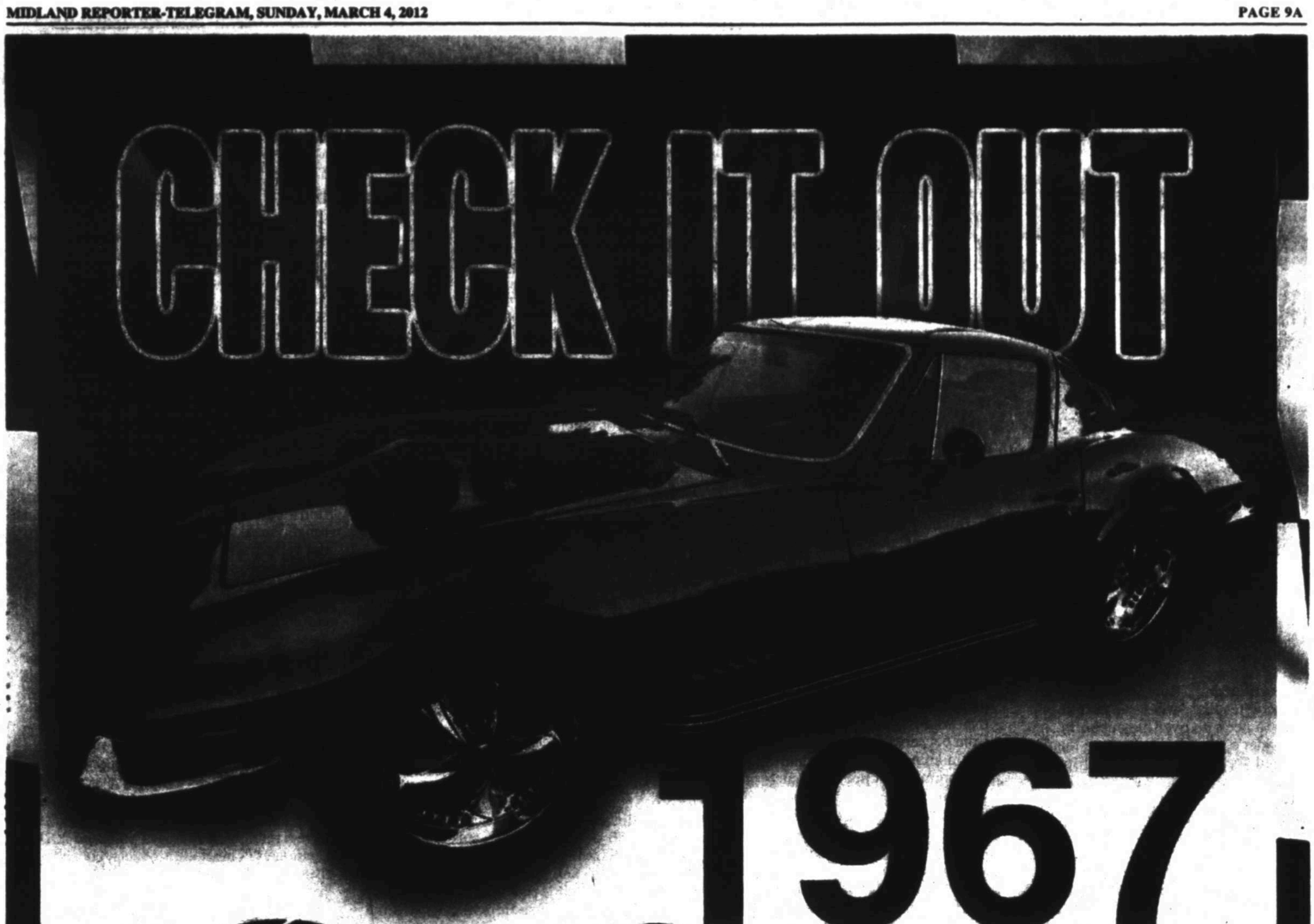

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Opinion

Can Republicans win in 2012 by losing?

■ GOP supporters should worry more about taking control of Congress than a presidential election with a flawed conservative candidate.

GEORGE WILL
Washington Post Writers Group

"The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord. The next and most urgent counsel is to take stock of reality."
— William F. Buckley
Sept. 11, 1964

On that evening 48 years ago — it was still summer, early in the presidential campaign — Buckley, whose National Review magazine had given vital assistance to Barry Goldwater's improbable capture of the Republican nomination, addressed the national convention of the conservative Young Americans for Freedom. Buckley told his fervent acolytes that "when we permit ourselves to peek up over the euphoria" of Goldwater's nomination, we see that it occurred "before we had time properly to prepare the ground."

He then sobered his boisterous audience: "I speak of course about the impending defeat of Barry Goldwater." He urged "the necessity of guarding against the utter disarray that sometimes follows a stunning defeat." Goldwater's doomed campaign should, Buckley said, be supported because it plants "seeds of hope, which will flower on a great November day in the future." They did, 16 Novembers later.

Buckley understood the possibility of constructive defeat. He also understood the need to economize conservatism's energies.

Today, conservatives dismayed about the Republican presidential spectacle may write a codicil to what is called the Buckley Rule. He said that in any election, conservatives should vote for the most *electable* conservative. The codicil might be: Unless the nomination or election of a particular conservative would mean a net long-term subtraction from conservatism's strength.

If nominated, Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum might not cause such subtraction. Both are conservatives, although of strikingly different stripes. Neither, however, seems likely to be elected. Neither has demonstrated, or seems likely to develop, an aptitude for energizing a national coalition that translates into 270 electoral votes.

If either is nominated, conservatives should vote for him. But suppose the accumulation of evidence eventually suggests the nomination of either would subtract from the long-term project of making conservatism intellectually coherent and politically palatable. If so, there would come a point when, taking stock of reality, conservatives turn their energies to a goal much more attainable than, and not much less important than, electing Romney or Santorum president. It is the goal of retaining control of the House and winning control of the Senate.

Several possible Supreme Court nominations and the staffing of the regulatory state are among the important reasons conservatives should try to elect whomever the GOP nominates. But conservatives this year should have as their primary goal making sure Republicans wield all the gavels in Congress in 2013.

If Republicans do, their committee majorities will serve as fine-mesh filters, removing President Obama's initiatives from the stream of legislation. Then Republicans can concentrate on what should be the essential conservative project of restoring something like constitutional equipoise between the legislative and executive branches.

Such a restoration would mean that a re-elected Obama — a lame duck at noon Jan. 20 — would have a substantially reduced capacity to do harm. Granted, he could veto any major conservative legislation. But such legislation will not even get to his desk because Republicans will not have 60 senators. In an undoubtedly bipartisan achievement, both parties have participated in institutionalizing an extra-constitutional Senate supermajority requirement for all but innocuous or uncontroversial legislation. This may be a dubious achievement, but it certainly enlarges the power of a congressional party to play defense against a president.

Three years ago, conservatives were focused particularly on stopping two of Obama's principal goals — a cap-and-trade climate policy and "card check" to abolish secret ballots in unionization elections. He still speaks incessantly but no longer speaks about either. And were it not for grossly corrupt conduct by Justice Department prosecutors in the trial of Republican Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska, which cost him re-election, Obamacare would not have passed.

Beginning next January, 51 or more Republican senators, served by the canny Mitch McConnell's legislative talents, could put sand in the gears of an overbearing and overreaching executive branch. This could restore something resembling the rule of law, as distinct from government by fiats issuing from unaccountable administrative agencies exercising excessive discretion.

From Louisiana's Gov. Bobby Jindal to Wisconsin's Rep. Paul Ryan, Republicans have a rising generation of potential 2016 candidates. This does not mean conservatives should be indifferent to the fate of this year's nominee, and it is perhaps premature to despair of Romney's and Santorum's political aptitudes. Still, the presidency is not everything, and there will be another election in the next year divisible by four.

OUR VIEW

United Way outdoes itself again with campaign

Our community has reason to celebrate once again after the United Way of Midland announced this past week that more than $3.3 million was raised during its annual campaign.

The contributions represented a record for the most ever given in a single year to the local United Way organization, and we would like to add our congratulations to that sterling effort.

The $3,301,879 contributed marks the 12th consecutive year the campaign has topped $3 million and the third time that the $3.3 million mark has been reached.

This continues a trend for Midland that has been ongoing and makes the United Way of Midland one of the most successful programs in the state when compared to population figures. In fact, the $3 million mark has become a fixed standard in the local campaign efforts. And Midlanders once again have responded with overwhelming generosity.

We extend our congratulations to every person involved in this campaign for surpassing the United Way's record at a time when Midlanders have been hit with a myriad of ever growing causes and charitable opportunities. We especially want to congratulate United Way Executive Director Cynthia Benson, who did a great job in heading most of this effort and who has given us 16 years of service to the United Way. She begins work as controller at the Scharbauer Foundation on Monday. Scharbauer is getting a good one with Benson.

Midland is experiencing unprecedented growth and economic well-being. But there are an increasing number of people who need the services provided by United Way agencies. making it tougher to raise charitable funding.

We are proud to be in a community that responds to the needs of others, and we hope that never changes. We like a community that is willing to take care of its own. Our city shows a lot of character in that regard. We have created a community atmosphere of support for all residents.

While Midlanders dig deep and step to the plate with the United Way, we can't discount all the hard work that is involved in raising these funds year after year. We want everyone who worked with this campaign to realize just how much your time and effort has impacted those who live in this community. You should take great pride in that work.

We expect Midlanders to keep answering the call, and we expect the United Way of Midland to continue to be a great partner with the community for a long time to come.

For more information: http://uwmidland.org

COMING MONDAY

Columnist Rich Lowry provides his take on why President Obama is wrong when it comes to drilling and the GOP's "bumper sticker" energy plan.

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Time for US to leave Afghanistan

■ With a troop withdrawal dates announced and leadership lacking, waiting does little good except getting more American troops killed.

CAL THOMAS
Tribune Media Services

Most wars have a turning point that either signals the road to victory or the ditch of defeat. In Vietnam, the 1968 Tet Offensive by communist troops against South Vietnamese and American forces and their allies is regarded as the turning point in that conflict. Though communist forces suffered heavy losses, which normally would define defeat, CBS News anchor Walter Cronkite and others in the U.S. media, portrayed the operation as an allied loss, thus encouraging not only the anti-war movement, but North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops who believed all they had to do was hang on until America grew tired of the war and quit.

Since the Obama administration appears to care more about not offending those Afghans who want to kill Americans and since it has announced the deadline for the withdrawal of surge-level troops in Afghanistan for later this year — despite the fact that they have stymied the efforts of Taliban insurgents to destabilize the country — maybe it's time to pull all U.S. forces out and leave our puppet, Hamid Karzai, to his fate.

The latest affront comes courtesy of the burning of Qurans by U.S. soldiers on a military base near Kabul. Military officials maintain the Qurans were being used by imprisoned jihadists to pass messages to other prisoners and were confiscated and destroyed. A spokesman for the NATO-led force said the troops, "... should have known to check with cultural advisers to determine how to dispose of religious material properly." For this unintended action, however, Karzai wants the soldiers to be put on trial and has asked NATO commanders to allow it. If they do, they will have disgraced their uniform.

Does writing in a Quran desecrate it? One might expect it would, but the outrage is over the burning, not the writing. More than 1,700 Americans have died in and around Afghanistan and more than 14,000 have been wounded since the United States invaded shortly after Sept. 11, 2011. And this is the thanks we get? How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless puppet.

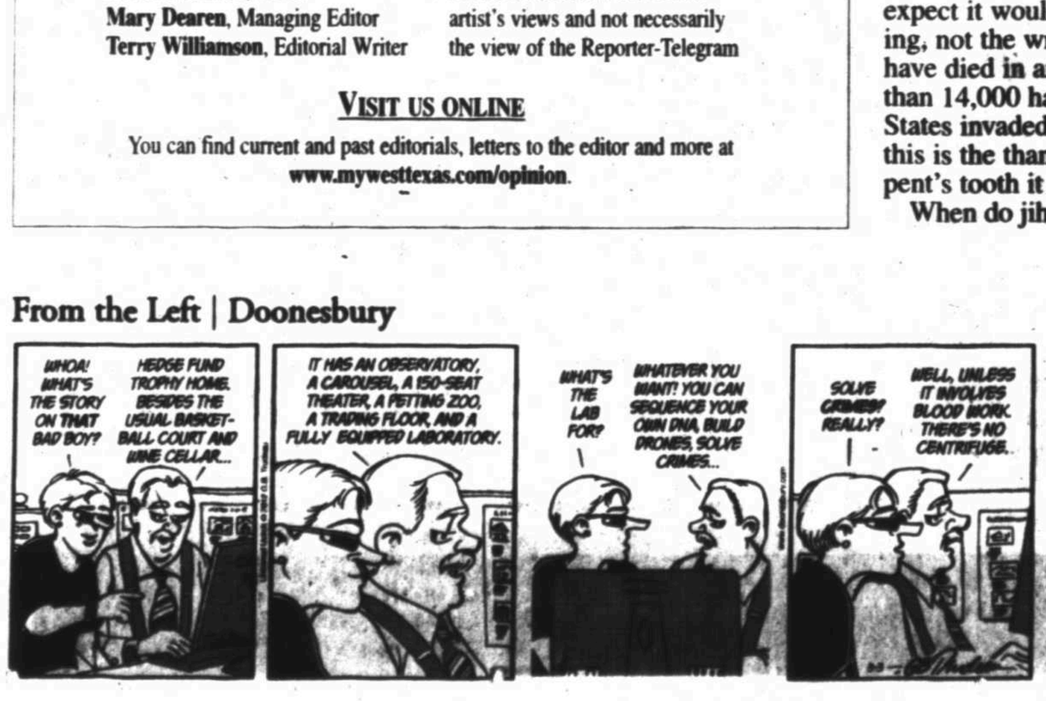
When do jihadists apologize for mass murder or religious persecution? Two years ago in Rasht, Iran, Youcef Nadarkhani, a Christian pastor who converted from Islam, was arrested on charges of apostasy. He has been sentenced to hang for his religious conversion. Anyone hear any apologies from "moderate" Muslims about that, much less attempts to shame the ayatollahs, or label them apostates?

The New York Times reported recently that President Obama's three-page apology letter to President Karzai contained these sentences: "I wish to express my deep regret for the reported incident. I extend to you and the Afghan people my sincere apologies." This only will serve as further evidence to our enemies in Afghanistan of America's weakness and lack of resolve in what is likely to be a very long and global war. American impatience, fatigue and a desire not to offend, does not bode well for an American victory or for Afghan liberation. No one worried about offending our enemies during World War II. That's why the forces for good won.

Can Afghanistan be stabilized so as not to pose a threat to America and American interests? Probably not, if the surge forces pull out on schedule and America continues to fight under restrictive and self-imposed rules of war while the enemy does not.

So what's the point? Are we to stay only until after the election so President Obama won't be asked, "Who lost Afghanistan?" If our troops are coming out anyway and if the administration can't define victory, or commit the resources necessary to achieve it, waiting longer only ensures more casualties. As with Vietnam, that is a waste of blood and treasure. Ask the ghosts of the more than 58,000 fallen whose names appear on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, or the ghosts of the politicians who are responsible for putting them in their graves.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pastor needs better people skills to pass bond

Superintendent Ryder Warren said the recent survey concerning MISD was not initiated by the school district or anyone associated with it. It is a reasonable response by an educator.

Senior pastor Patrick Payton (Stonegate Fellowship) said, "It's not my business to share and not yours to know who initiated it." For a gentleman who is in charge of wanting to raise $158 million in bonds for MISD and a senior pastor, he is showing a complete lack of people skills in dealing with the public. So far, he has lost my vote. How many others did he lose?

One item needed in any bond package is funds to maintain the buildings and equipment provided by the package. This will provide upkeep for the buildings so we don't have to have a new bond package for quite a few years.

It would seem Payton has a long road in front of him in passing any bond package for MISD.

Dennis Walker

It's time to do something about plastic bag issue

The city of Midland needs to get on this plastic bag issue. Our town looks like a Third World country. It is pathetic.

We can spend $1 million-plus for new seats at the stadium and hire a Make Midland Beautiful consultant, but we are the joke of I-20 traffic that passes our city every day. This is unreal what is going on here. It makes me sick, and we are doing nothing about it. Let's all step up and clean up this mess and restore pride to the Tall City. If we need to do without plastic bags, so be it.

Kevin Wilton

So many reasons to donate to MARC

My brother, Don Thompson, lives in MARC's apartment program. MARC staff support him on a daily basis. I admire him so much. He would be lost without the benefits MARC has provided for him.

MARC has more than 100 children and adults who have special needs for whom they provide daily support, housing, training, recreation and job opportunities. The organization, like others, has taken a budget hit. The staff deserves accolades for their ingenious efforts to provide funding for the organization and work for their clients.

For example, they maintain the I-20 picnic area, have a pecan-processing business and are shredding donated paper as drilling paper. MARC is providing numerous ways for our community to recycle, which in turn gives men and women jobs with competitive pay. This is a excellent way to help the environment and support MARC at the same time.

The Marc-et is their newest enterprise. The Marc-et sells donated high-end, lightly used clothing, handbags, shoes and accessories. The shop is located on Cuthbert Avenue next door to Ajuua's Restaurant.

MARC has two greenhouses where they grow hydroponic tomatoes, which are for sale at the Downtown Farmer's Market and at MARC's vocational center on South Street. About six restaurants, delis and eateries are now featuring MARC's Hydro-Licious tomatoes on their menus.

MARC's upcoming fundraising event, Big Boys Toys, on April 21 will support MARC's proposed autism outreach program.

Executive Director Charlotte Bosecker, Development Director Jean Jones, the board of directors and the exceptional employees at MARC deserve praise for their enterprises that help provide adults who have intellectual disabilities with a feeling of self worth. MARC, sadly, recently lost a dedicated man on their board, the Honorable Judge John Hyde.

This organization is a much-needed and worthy benefit for the city of Midland. Donations can be made by mail to their office on "A" Street or on their secure website at www.marcinc-tx.org.

Pat Maudlin

A worthy logo: 'Pick up your trash'

I came up with a bumper sticker recently. It's a picture of a pickup bouncing along with cans and sacks bouncing and whirling out. The caption reads: "Pick up your trash."

We learned from our own truck: Everything you toss in the back eventually blows back out, even the sacks from grocery stores.

Texas has more trucks per capita than most states — and more wind. West Texas includes work trucks of all kinds. We just need to educate folks on how to lock down their garbage — in the cans and in the back of their pickups.

Celia Prehn

Nothing really acceptable about euthanasia

On Feb. 27 on Page 4A, the Reporter-Telegram noted the West Texas Conference on Aging will hold a conference to "Address aging, seniors' issues." It stated a presentation will be made on "'Ethics — The Right to Die' and discuss ethics concepts and professional applications and will provide the history of euthanasia."

It leads me to believe "they" may be trying to make euthanasia for seniors much more mainstream and acceptable. This topic, regardless of how "sympathic" and "compassionate" it may be presented, is terribly wrong. I am hopeful it is not presented as an "alternative," and I also hope the evils of euthanasia are stated strongly. I came into the world on God's time, and I will go out in God's time. No person or governmental bureaucrat has any right to tell me it is time to die.

Carol Miller

There's a lot of room for improvement at airport

I would like to publicly apologize to the family and many friends of Bobby Holt, longtime supporter of the Commemorative Air Force here in Midland, for being unable to provide the scheduled CAF Missing Man formation fly-over at Tuesday's graveside ceremony. We had four airplanes on the ground, ready to provide the fly-over, but circumstances directly attributable to the ground operations of the tower kept our flight sitting for more than 20 minutes. By the time we were able to depart, the services were over.

It is ironic the Reporter-Telegram covered a Monday meeting called by the tower chief, Michael Harvey, which was designed to explain how improved tower operations were going to streamline operations and provide all the users a safer environment. Apparently, one of the causes for the ground delay was because a "de-brite" in the tower was inoperable. Four airplanes sat for 24 minutes while two Air Force training jets did repeated touch-and-go landings, Southwest departed, and a King Air executive airplane landed. All that was required was for our flight of four to taxi across a 200-foot-wide runway, but because a tinted plastic screen was "inop," this could not happen during that apparently "high traffic" morning. This seems to stretch credulity.

An additional cause for this situation was because of "taxiway resurfacing," causing tremendous problems in moving aircraft at the airport. The CAF, which has a lease agreement with the city that calls for access to the runways from the CAF ramp, has been told the taxiway (which stretches for 5,000 feet along runway 10-28) must be resurfaced all at once, effectively closing all CAF aircraft operations for 30 to 60 days. Apparently, this is acceptable to the airport management. I note that this plan was made without any input from the CAF, as Marvin Esterly has admitted.

Midland International Airport could be a gem for the Permian Basin, but between the FAA management and the city's management team, I believe there is ample room for improvement.

Bill Coombes

WATER RESTRICTIONS

An example of artificial turf for everyone to see

We had artificial turf installed in March 2010, and we are really enjoying it a lot. No weeding, watering or mowing, and it has gone through two hot and dry seasons. A recent letter-writer to the Reporter-Telegram stated water does not penetrate the artificial surface, but that is not true. Rain and snow goes into the ground as normal.

Anyone interested in seeing artificial turf up close may come by our home at 1609 Shell (between Garfield and "I" streets) and walk up the sidewalk. We put planting areas and walkways in the front half of the yard and will plant more drought-tolerant plants. The pansies are real.

Another place to see artificial turf that has been there more than two years is at the Bradford Inn's parking lot on the southeast corner of Wall Street and Midkiff Road. The small hillocks are covered with trees.

For watering, I know more than one person who keeps a bucket by their bathroom shower and/or kitchen sink to catch cold water while waiting for the hot to come on, and then they use the cold water outdoors. They say it adds up, so I will do that, too.

Jean Hoelscher

Hours residents can water needs to change

Mr. Mayor and City Council, I would like you to rethink the hours you will allow us to water. There are quite a few people who work until 9 at night, which means we never would get to water, and our trees and plants that already are established would perish.

I am all for water conservation; all I did last year was hose water my yard. It is still deathly hot in the summer at 6 p.m. as anyone who has been here for some time knows, and at 8 p.m. it starts to cool down but is still pretty warm. So why not allow watering from 8-10 p.m.? Most of the strip malls that have landscaping and some grass water around that time. Will they still be allowed to let water fill the parking lots again?

I asked last year and was told that unless the water flowed into the street, you could not do anything. It's a waste of water any way you put it, even if they are on a well. So, please, rethink the hours you allow us to water, and thank you for signing the T Bar pipeline deal. I know we all are looking forward to it next year.

Connie Glover

Don't punish the conscientious water users

About water restrictions: To outlaw drip irrigation or soaker hoses is to outlaw the most efficient method of watering any plant. Hand-held hoses have never been deemed efficient or promoted by scientifically proven information.

You are punishing the conscientious resident who already has made an expensive concentrated effort to conserve water by installing a drip system.

Please reconsider. Allow drip and/or soaker hoses to water our trees more efficiently.

Barbara Porsch

Council needs to stop taking victory lap

Why is it, with a shortage of funds for Texas school systems, that the City Council would even consider spending more than $1 million for new seats at the baseball and football stadiums. Most stadiums get decades of use from their seats. If the 4B fund is doing so well, then use it to pay off the debt on the stadium and get rid of the tax, like you said you would.

There is $23 million sitting in the MDC account. It is supposed to be used to bring business to Midland. Guess what — no water, no business. Use that money to build a water-reclamation plant to bring nondrinkable water to drinking water standards. This City Council is busy patting itself on the back for the T Bar project when none of its members had a thing to do with getting that water. The decision to get that water was made while most of them were still in diapers. Once again, the council has passed a water restriction without any teeth and no possible way to enforce it. It should be simple: Stop watering the grass. You talk about having water for 40 years. How about using a little foresight and making it last for 60 years?

Robert Crites

In need of good water: Got a rain bucket?

If every homeowner had a rain barrel, we could water our trees, shrubs and flowers instead of using city water.

Rainwater is priceless and so is city water. But, city water contains chlorine. Is that good for plants?

Using fertilizer in water every two weeks helps a lot, too.

We could build a lake from the rainwater run-off from Wadley "river" and one south of town, too.

G. Rose King

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Time to do away with affirmative action?

■ Race isn't a factor with everyone who didn't get into college. Some people don't get that.

Is it time to end affirmative action?

As you would expect from someone who has written about this subject for more than 25 years, my answer is nuanced.

If the goal of the program is to make amends for past injustice, then we should end it. Growing up Mexican-American in the Southwest in the 1940s and '50s, my parents routinely faced discrimination. But, that should not entitle my own children, who are raised in an upper-middle-class neighborhood, to a leg up when they apply to college. One has nothing to do with the other.

But, if the goal of the program is to produce leaders who look like America in the 21st century, then we should ratchet it up. U.S. Census officials estimate that, in two decades, whites will be a statistical minority in the U.S. population. It would be self-defeating to educate mostly those people who look like the country that we used to be rather than the one we've become.

I support soft forms of affirmative action, such as outreach efforts or attempts to advertise in minority communities. But, I oppose hard racial preferences, as when a university sets a numerical quota or puts minority applications in a separate pile. My opposition is based on the fact that the more aggressive forms of affirmative action hurt intended beneficiaries, but not because they amount to a systematic "reverse discrimination" against white people. That's not happening.

It would be nice to get some guidance from the Supreme Court, which is considering a case that challenges the admissions policies of the University of Texas at Austin.

That institution is no stranger to dustups over affirmative action. In the 1990s, Cheryl Hopwood successfully sued the University of Texas law school over its race-based admissions policy. In response, the Legislature passed the "10 percent rule" which admits the top 10 percent of the graduating class of every high school in the state to achieve diversity without explicitly using race or ethnicity. After the Supreme Court ruled in 2003 that schools could take race into account as one factor in admissions, UT revised its procedures to consider race in admitting students who didn't make it into the top 10 percent.

This is the policy now under fire. Two white students who didn't get into the University of Texas as undergraduates in 2008 — Abigail Fisher and Rachel Michalewicz — are convinced their race kept them out, because minority students who they consider less deserving were admitted.

The plaintiffs have a weak case. University officials make thousands of tough admissions choices each year. It's hard to know what led to the decision to not admit Fisher and Michalewicz, but we can assume it wasn't the fact that they were white. Of the thousands of students offered admission that year, it's almost certain most of them were white. Fisher and Michalewicz have to come to grips with the likelihood that they were simply outgunned by more stellar white candidates.

Nevertheless, court watchers predict that the justices — some of them itching to do away with affirmative action — likely will strike down the Texas policy. It'll be a victory for critics of the program who have been fighting it since most of the justices were old enough to go to college.

It's been more than 50 years since President John F. Kennedy signed Executive Order 10925, which required that U.S. government contractors take "affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, creed, color, or national origin." In the decades since, the concept has become more controversial.

That is especially so when it comes to the touchy subject of college and university admissions. Students and parents dread going to the mailbox on spring days and finding letters that begin: "Thank you for your interest. But we regret to inform you ..." When those letters come, it hurts. It helps to blame someone. Why not the Latino or African-American classmate who fared better in the admissions process?

Right about here, a good parent would resist the urge to feed his child's newfound victimhood. Instead, he should explain life is full of failure, and we have to learn from it and press on. Or, if you're not up to that, mom and dad, you always can take the easy way out and hire a lawyer.

Speaking of failure.

OUR POLICY ON LETTERS

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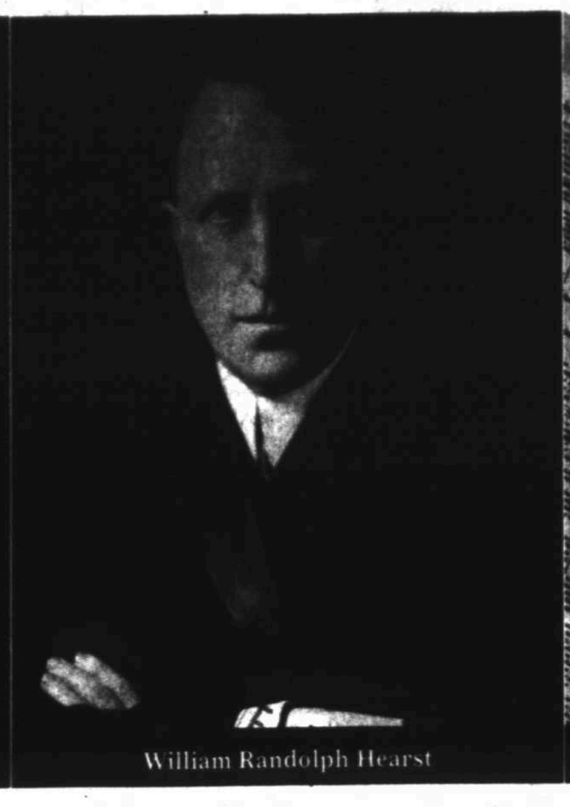
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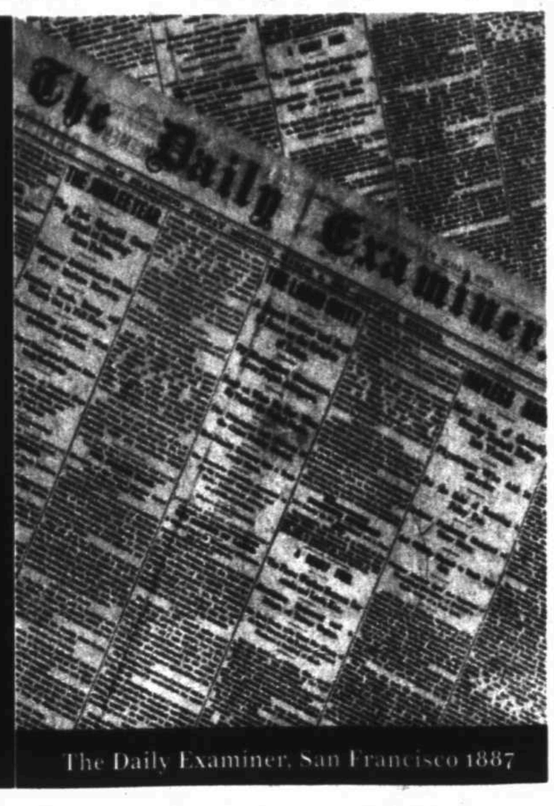

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Celebrating 125 years

It all began in San Francisco

Since the San Francisco Examiner was published 125 years ago - March 4, 1887 - for the first time bearing on the masthead, "W.R. Hearst Proprietor," Hearst Corporation has been an organization constantly changing, growing, innovating. What started as a single newspaper has exploded into a global communications company that reaches more than 100 countries in more than 35 languages. So it's time to wish all 20,000 employees of Hearst Corporation, "Happy 125th Anniversary. Happy Quasquicentennial!" (I had to look that up on Google.)

From its spiritual and corporate origins in San Francisco, Hearst Corporation has grown to become one of the nation's largest diversified media and information organizations. It now includes:

— Newspapers from coast to coast that also operate local digital marketing services businesses and directories and have more than 4,700 employees across the nation.

— Hundreds of magazines.

— Television stations that reach 18 percent of all U.S. viewers.

— Ownership holdings in leading cable networks, including Lifetime, A&E, History and ESPN, and the automotive, electronic, medical/pharmaceutical and financial information industries.

— Internet and marketing services businesses.

— Television production.

— Newspaper features distribution.

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All of that in 125 years!

In a letter to Hearst employees on Feb. 27, Frank A. Bennack Jr., Hearst CEO, wrote: "At the 125-year mark, we can say that not only does Hearst have a history of connecting people with content that moves the world, we have a clear road ahead to keep a glorious journey going.

"The idea of content is especially vital to Hearst's future success. Our company is defined not by size, but by depth. And our depth lies in our content. Content that moves people, whether they live in San Antonio or San Salvador, the Bay Area or Beijing, Dublin or Dubai. They take action: They support global causes, they raise cultural awareness, they shop, they speak up, they speak out. They are moved.

"Nothing is more important than Hearst's connection to its 20,000 employees. Everything starts with — and depends on — you. William Randolph Hearst believed that success demands that you hire the very best people. I couldn't agree more."

In his annual year-end remarks, Bennack said the company's key value was "a core belief that innovation, expansion and diversification are the strategies for success."

The story of Hearst Corporation parallels the story of journalism, a journey in which Hearst often has led the way. Whether it was newspapers or broadcast or magazines or the Internet, Hearst frequently has been the pathfinder.

In his epic, 2001 Bancroft Prize-winning book, "The Chief," historian David Nasaw said that Hearst "changed the face of American journalism." For instance, Nasaw said, "Hearst was the first publisher to understand that the communications media were potentially more powerful than the parties and their politicians."

Nowhere is this dynamism more dramatic — or esthetic — than in Hearst Tower in New York, soaring 46 glass-and-steel stories tall. Designed by the eminent British architect Lord Norman Foster, the Tower was opened in 2006, New York's first occupied Gold LEED certified "green" office tower and acclaimed as "the most environmentally friendly office tower in New York City history."

The contrast between the Hearst Tower and the San Francisco Examiner when William Randolph Hearst became proprietor could not have been more stark. The Examiner was then merely the third largest newspaper in San Francisco with a circulation of a meager 15,000 in a city of 350,000. There were only two telephones in the newsroom, and the Examiner averaged four pages daily. Historian Nasaw notes that its front pages carried stories of saloon fights and advertisements for cough medicines.

On a poignant note, in 2000 Hearst completed purchase of the San Francisco Chronicle and the sale of the San Francisco Examiner.

As Hearst moves smartly into the 21st century, the company owns 15 daily and 37 weekly newspapers. These include the Houston Chronicle, San Francisco Chronicle, San Antonio Express-News and Albany Times Union. Some of its recent acquisitions were four newspapers in Connecticut.

Hearst did more than buy newspapers. Its papers and staffs garnered prize after prize for excellence.

Here's the San Francisco Chronicle in action: The newspaper launched a weekly Arts & Culture Section and it agreed to work with Bloomberg News in offering more business coverage in the Bay Area and Silicon Valley. And the Chronicle gained the capacity to run full-color images on nearly every page of the newspaper.

Sure looks like Frank Bennack's recipe for Hearst's success: "Innovation, expansion and diversification are the strategies for success."

Other Hearst newspapers also kept on the cutting edge in the age of the Internet. In 2009, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer became the nation's largest daily newspaper to shift to entirely digital — thus no longer did the 146-year-old P-I have a print issue.

In 1999, the Albany Times Union's Web-based newspaper, timesunion.com, was named the best American online newspaper in its circulation class by the Newspaper Association of America. The NAA praised timesunion.com's "superior design, in-depth content and focus on interactivity and community."

Two years later, the Times Union and the Houston Chronicle, the largest newspaper in Texas, San Francisco Chronicle and the San Antonio Express-News gave readers the opportunity to buy subscriptions through in-App Purchase and thus access the newspapers on iPad. Said Houston Chronicle Chairman Jack Sweeney: "We see more than a million readers each day accessing our news stories from their mobile device, so we knew it was imperative that we add an app for iPad to our list of choices."

That's "innovation" in action.

In 2011 the Times Union bought a state-of-the-art offset press that can print up to 64 pages of full color in a single run. "For readers, the experience of reading the Times Union will be like a move from analog to high-definition technology," said George R. Hearst III, the Times Union publisher.

In magazines, CEO Bennack noted that Hearst's purchase of Paris-based Lagardere's nearly 100 Hachette titles in 14 countries was its second largest acquisition in history and its most global. Hearst Magazines President David Carey said the purchase made Hearst "the magazine company of the future" and that Hearst had become "the largest U.S. monthly magazine publisher and among the world's largest."

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> *Frank Bennack*

Let's look at Hearst's magazine diversification. The company launched in Dubai in 2007 and later in Spain and India. In 2011 Harper's Bazaar, Good Housekeeping and Cosmopolitan were introduced in the Middle East, and in 2009, distribution of Esquire was begun in Arab countries. Cosmopolitan began editions in Mongolia, Vietnam, Singapore, and Armenia.

Recall Frank Bennack's key words: "expansion" and "diversification."

Hearst has tested and launched new magazines, including HGTV Magazine and Food Network Magazine.

On Hearst's 125th birthday, Hearst Television Inc. comprises 29 television stations and two radio stations. Hearst reaches 18 per cent of the nation's TV households, making it one of America's largest television station groups. It also owns more than two dozen websites and multicasts more than two dozen digital channels providing news, weather and entertainment programming.

More than 60 years ago, in 1948, Hearst had acquired one of the nation's first television stations, WBAL-TV in Baltimore, and four years later the station became one of the first to broadcast in color.

How's that for innovation?

In 2009 Hearst, Disney-ABC and NBC Universal announced an agreement for A&E Television Networks to acquire Lifetime Entertainment Services — thus consolidating three of the nation's top cable networks — A&E, Lifetime and HISTORY — while preserving the distinct brand identities of each network.

Hearst Television launched all-HD programming at KMBC-TV in Kansas City in 2007 and later was among the first to launch local HD news programming in Sacramento, Boston and Kansas City.

With an eye on the future Hearst also has set up programs for the next generation of journalists. In 2007 — recognizing the challenge of covering finance — Hearst and Columbia University established the Hearst Fellowship Fund in Business Journalism. Two years later, Hearst partnered with the University of Missouri's Reynolds Journalism Institute and Adobe Systems Inc. to launch a student design competition to develop interactive projects.

So, back on March 4, 1887, William Randolph Hearst, the Harvard dropout, plunged into the task as "proprietor" of the San Francisco Examiner, and he knew what he wanted to do. Before a month had passed, the Examiner published a dramatic, 14-page supplement on a local fire. As one author wrote, "It is, though no one knows it at the time, the start of a new era in American journalism."

In a year the Examiner's circulation doubled and it soon overtook the Chronicle. "The son," journalism historian Frank Luther Mott said, "proceeded to make the Examiner the most enterprising, brilliant and sensational newspaper San Francisco had ever seen." Mott called Hearst "the sensation of the nineties."

That sensation is alive and well more than a century later.

No review of Hearst's first 125 would be complete without citing the enduring legacy of the Hearst family's commitment to public service through the Hearst Foundations.

W.R. Hearst's mother, Phoebe Apperson Hearst, created the antecedents of those philanthropic institutions that have bestowed thousands of college scholarships, given generously to many educational and historic causes, helping the Washington National Cathedral, the National Cathedral School for Girls, George Washington's Mount Vernon and the University of California, among many.

One foundation program, the United States Senate Youth Program, is marking its 50th anniversary. Every year, the program brings two high school students from each state to Washington for a week-long look at their national government.

Now, as the company marks its quasquicentennial amidst dynamic changes in the communications business, Bennack has laid down a principle of eternality to guide the enterprise forward.

"Our company's mission is still to inform, entertain and inspire its readers and viewers," he said. "May it never change."

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Monday, look for sunny skies with a high around 74, a low around 46 and south winds between 10 and 20 mph.

Tuesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 77 and a low around 53.

The high on Saturday reached 59 while the low dropped to 32. The record high for March 3 is 87 set in 1974. The record low is 15 set in 1971.

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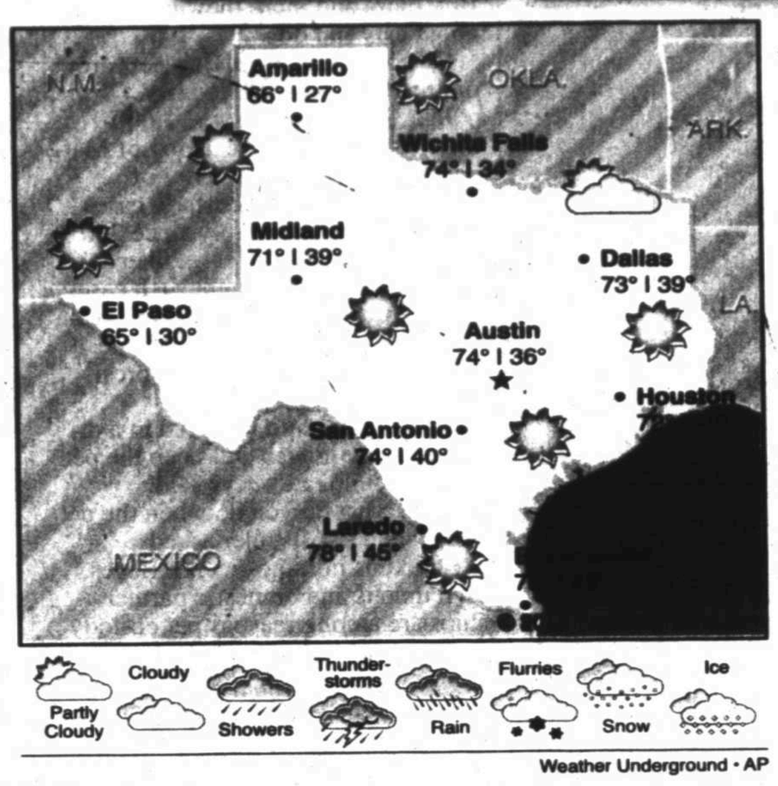
Cooler air will sweep into the Northeast on today as much of New England dries out after rain and snow early Saturday. Farther inland, the chilly winds flowing over the eastern Great Lakes are expected to bring snow showers from inland areas to the mountains of New York and Pennsylvania.

An upper-level disturbance stretched from the Dakotas to the Ohio Valley will bring snow flurries to the northern Plains and the Midwest, while making for a cold day over the Great Lakes. Light rain or snow showers in the Ohio and Tennessee valleys through the nighttime hours could hamper cleanup efforts after last week's tornado outbreaks.

Low pressure along a stalled frontal boundary off the Southeast coast will make for a rainy start to the day in northern Florida. Wet and stormy conditions will linger for most of the day, including in South Florida and eastern North Carolina.

The rest of the country will have dry weather because of an area of high pressure stretching from the West Coast through the Rockies and across the Plains.



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Saturday's temperatures

High	59
Low	32
Normal high	67
Normal low	38
Sunrise	7:12 a.m.
Sunset	6:49 p.m.

Precipitation

Friday	0.00 in.
Saturday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.00 in.
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National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, March 4

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Groomer Sara Ingram streaks the fur of Yorkshire terrier Betsey Johnson during a spa session Jan. 11 at the Barkley Pet Hotel & Day Spa in Westlake Village, Calif. Americans spent $50.96 billion on their pets in 2011. That's an all-time high and the first time in history more than $50 billion has gone to the dogs and cats, canaries and guppies, the American Pet Products Association said.

APPA: Annual pet spending reaches all-time high

By Sue Manning
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Americans spent $50.96 billion on their pets in 2011.

That's an all-time high and the first time in history more than $50 billion has gone to the dogs, cats, canaries, guppies and the like, the American Pet Products Association said in a report issued Thursday.

Food and vet costs accounted for about 65 percent of the spending. But, it was a service category — one that includes grooming, boarding, pet hotels, pet-sitting and day care — that grew more than any other, surging 7.9 percent from $3.51 billion in 2010 to $3.79 billion in 2011.

APPA President Bob Vetere said 2012 should be another banner year for services, predicting it would grow 8.4 percent to an estimated $4.11 billion in 2012.

Owners are taking care of their pets, said Dr. Jessica Vogelsang, a San Diego veterinarian and author of pawcurious.com. "They are planning ahead. When they go on vacation, they want to make sure their pets are well cared for," she said.

Spending in 2011 was up 5.3 percent from 2010, when it totaled $48.35 billion, Vetere said. He estimated 2012 sales would total $53 billion.

In 2011, people spent $19.85 billion on food, $13.41 billion on vet care, $11.77 billion on supplies and over-the-counter medicines, $3.79 billion on other services and $2.14 billion on live animal purchases.

In 2010, they spent $18.76 billion on food, $13.01 billion on vet care, $10.94 billion on supplies and over-the-counter medicines, $3.51 billion on other services and $2.13 billion on live animal purchases.

Food sales did slow down, Vetere said, even though the 5.8 percent growth exceeded projections of 4.1 percent growth.

APPA numbers indicate that animal sales and adoptions are flattening out, and the number of people who switched over to high-end food products is topping out.

Pet ownership is becoming less of an impulse decision, Vogelsang said. "I am seeing a lot of people saying, 'This isn't the time for us.' People are more interested in pets than ever before, but they are taking their time, once they make the commitment, to do it right."

"I don't think this is a bad thing. I am proud of the owners," she said.

Pet insurance is another area that is expected to grow briskly, Vetere said. Included in the veterinary care category, insurance was estimated to be $450 million in 2011 and expected to grow to more than $500 million in 2012.

"Insurance makes such a difference in the health of an animal," Vogelsang said. "I can't tell you how many times I have had a pet come in and the only reason (the owners) were able to afford catastrophic care is because they had insurance. It's literally a life-saver and I'm really glad people are embracing the concept," the veterinarian said.

The pet industry also is a major attraction for entrepreneurs and investors looking for creative and innovative products, Vetere said.

Vogelsang believes the trend is toward "very specific items geared to the specific needs of pets. We are seeing a lot of puzzle feeders for dogs — not just toys but ones that are geared toward the mental needs of the animal. Then there are bionic toys for destructive chewers, a lot of very niche items," she said.

Divorce lawyers: Pet custody cases increasing

By Sue Manning
Associated Press

Nick Ut/AP

Steven May, left, holds his dog, Winnie, and sits with his attorney, David Pisarra, holding his dog, Dudley, in Santa Monica, Calif. Custody cases involving pets are on the rise across the country. In a 2006 survey by the 1,600-member American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, a quarter of respondents said pet custody cases had increased noticeably since 2001.

LOS ANGELES — They still fight like cats and dogs in divorce court. But, more and more they are fighting about cats and dogs.

Custody cases involving pets are on the rise across the country.

In a 2006 survey by the 1,600-member American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, a quarter of respondents said pet custody cases had increased noticeably since 2001. The academy is due for another survey, but there is no doubt such cases have grown steadily since then, said Ken Altshuler of Portland, Maine, a divorce attorney and AAML president.

If there is a child involved in a divorce, many judges will keep the pet with the child, attorneys said.

"But, what do you do when the pet is the child?" Altshuler asked.

Breakups in same-sex marriages, civil unions and domestic partnerships are among reasons pet custody fights have become more common, attorneys said.

Pet custody cases have grown as much as 15 percent in his office throughout the past five years, said attorney David Pisarra of Santa Monica.

He is his own best example. He shares custody of 8-year-old Dudley, a longhaired standard black-and-tan dachshund, with his ex, who has remarried and introduced a step-dog to Dudley.

Pet consultant Steven May hired Pisarra six years ago to handle his divorce. Besides a daughter, May and his ex worked out custody of three dogs, two cats and Tequila the parrot.

Pisarra and May became good friends and often take their dogs for walks in Santa Monica. They also teamed up last year to write a book about co-parenting a pet with an ex titled "What About Wally?"

Pets are considered property in every state in the country. For years, they have been divvied up like furniture during divorce proceedings. But, times are changing.

"Judges are viewing them more akin to children than dining room sets. They are recognizing that people have an emotional attachment to their animals," Altshuler said.

"There is a shifting consciousness," Pisarra said. "Pets are being given greater consideration under the law."

More people have pets than ever before and they consider them part of the family rather than possessions, said Silvana Raso, a family law attorney with the Englewood Cliffs, N.J., law firm of Schepisi & McLaughlin.

"People are not embarrassed to fight for custody of a pet today. In the past they might have shied away from it because society didn't really accept a pet as anything other than an accessory to your life," she said.

When Pisarra and Jay Redd (who wrote an introduction in the book) split up, they agreed to share Dudley.

"There is no law that recognizes visitation with an animal," Raso said, so couples have to work it out themselves.

Reaching a pet custody agreement without a lot of help from attorneys and judges will save money, Raso said. Divorces can cost $1,000 and be resolved quickly or cost millions and take years.

Pet decisions are often more agonizing to make than those about mortgages, credit card debt or student loans, Raso said. But if they can be resolved, the rest usually goes smoother.

After their 2006 breakup, Pisarra and Redd worked out shared custody, long-distance visitation and a new family (including a beagle) in Dudley's life, Pisarra said. Today, they live in the same city, so visitation no longer includes flight time.

The two have a plan for everyday, vacation and holiday schedules, travel arrangements, doggie daycare, boarding, food, treats, grooming, vet care, moving and end-of-life decisions. They split costs and sometimes, with things like toys, leashes and dog bowls, they buy two of each so Dudley has one at each home.

May and his wife Nina (who also wrote an introduction for the book) separated six years ago after 16 years of marriage. "Everything was fresh and raw. It was not easy."

It's taken time, but he and his ex live about two miles apart in West Los Angeles now and sharing custody of their daughter and pets is easy, he said. To make it work, "you learn the true meaning of concession," May said.

The three dogs the couple had then have died, but Winnie, his 3-year-old Cavalier King Charles spaniel, is very much like a family pet, said May, a consultant to veterinary and other pet-related companies.

Most of the time, custody battles grow out of love. But there are cases rooted in spite or retaliation.

Pisarra represented a man whose estranged wife had the family's two German shepherds euthanized. "They were his running dogs. It was really cruel and he had no recourse," he said.

In years past, pets could not be protected in domestic violence restraining orders in any state. But because abusers can use pets to threaten victims, maybe even kill the animals, the laws have changed in states like Maine, New York, California and Illinois. Other states are looking into changes. And there will be changes in other laws too, Altshuler predicted.

He believes there will one day be statutes for pets, much like there are for children, giving judges guidelines to rule by.

Rush Limbaugh apologizes to law student for insult

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh apologized Saturday to a Georgetown University law student he had branded a "slut" and "prostitute" after fellow Republicans, as well as Democrats criticized him and several advertisers left his program.

The student, Sandra Fluke, had testified to congressional Democrats in support of their national health care policy that would compel her college to offer health plans that cover her birth control.

"My choice of words was not the best, and in the attempt to be humorous, I created a national stir," Limbaugh said on his website. "I sincerely apologize to Ms. Fluke for the insulting word choices."

Attempts to reach Fluke by telephone and email were unsuccessful.

Fluke had been invited to testify to a House committee about her school's health care plan that does not include contraception. Republican lawmakers barred her from testifying during that hearing, but Democrats invited her back and she spoke to the Democratic lawmakers at an unofficial session.

President Barack Obama, whose landmark health care overhaul requires many institutions to provide birth control coverage, telephoned her from the Oval Office on Friday to express his support.

The issue has been much debated in the presidential race, with Republican candidates particularly criticizing the Obama plan's requirements on such employers as Catholic hospitals. Democrats — and many Republican leaders, too — have suggested the issue could energize women to vote for Obama and other Democrats in November.

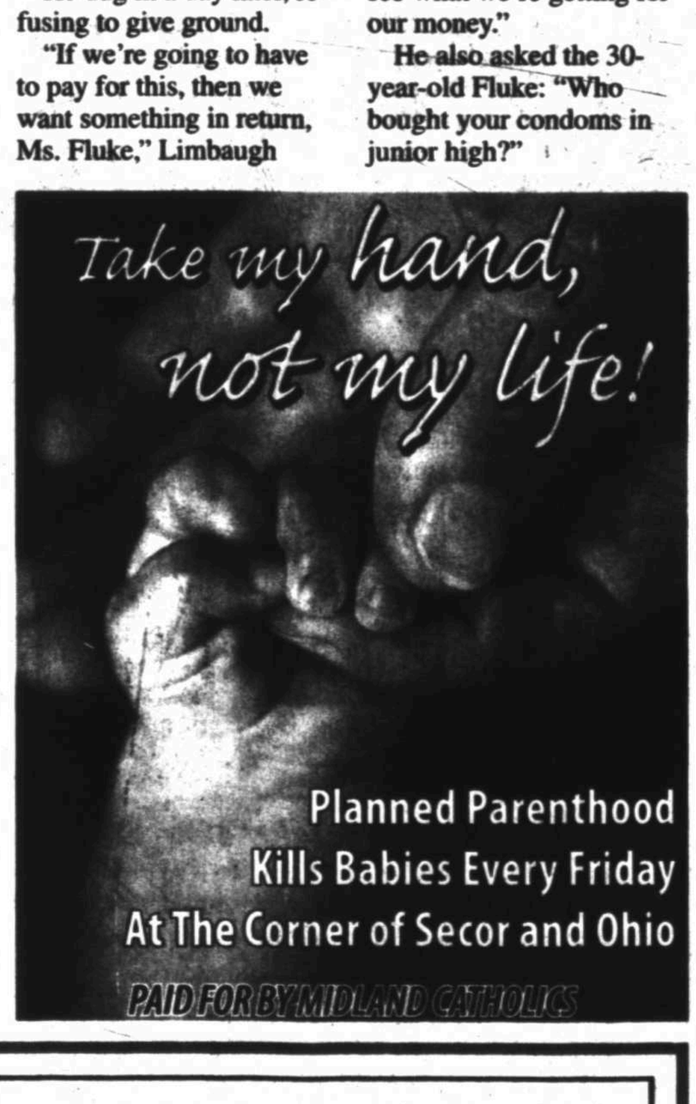
Limbaugh was not swayed by Fluke's statements before the House panel.

He said on Wednesday, "What does it say about the college coed ... who goes before a congressional committee and essentially says that she must be paid to have sex? It makes her a slut, right? It makes her a prostitute. She wants to be paid to have sex."

He dug in a day later, refusing to give ground.

"If we're going to have to pay for this, then we want something in return, Ms. Fluke," Limbaugh said. "And that would be the videos of all this sex posted online so we can see what we're getting for our money."

He also asked the 30-year-old Fluke: "Who bought your condoms in junior high?"



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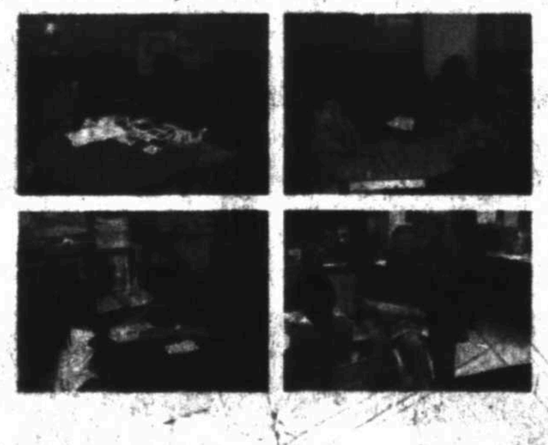

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CYPRUS

Officials drop gambling charges against 98-year-old

NICOSIA — Cyprus' attorney general has dropped gambling charges against about 40 elderly women, including a 98-year-old, whose weekly poker-and-bridge party had been raided by police.

The women, mostly in their 70s, had became a local cause celebre after receiving a court summons this week. Interviews with 98-year-old Eftychia Yiasemidou appeared in several media outlets.

An assistant for Attorney General Petros Clerides said Friday the official had been unaware of the case and only found out about it through media reports.

Gambling in Cyprus is punishable by up to six months in jail or a $1,000 fine. The women were playing at home with small amounts of cash during their weekly afternoon get-together in November 2009 when police raided the house.

IRAN

Ahmadinejad rivals rack up parliament wins

TEHRAN — Conservative rivals of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad appeared on course Saturday to gain firm control of parliament after elections that could embolden Iran's nuclear defiance and give the ruling clerics a clear path to ensure a loyalist succeeds Ahmadinejad next year.

Although Iran's 290-seat parliament has limited sway over key affairs — including military and nuclear policies — the elections highlight the political narratives inside the country since Ahmadinejad's disputed re-election in 2009 and sets the possible tone for his final 18 months in office.

Reformists were virtually absent from the ballot, showing the crushing force of crackdowns on the opposition. Instead, Friday's elections became a referendum on Ahmadinejad's political stature after he tried to challenge the near-total authority of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei to decide critical government policies such as intelligence and foreign affairs.

CAIRO

Court rejects second Mickey Mouse cartoon lawsuit

An Egyptian court on Saturday rejected the second of two lawsuits brought by ultraconservative Islamists accusing a Christian media mogul of insulting Islam when he relayed a cartoon online of Mickey Mouse with a beard and Minnie in a face veil.

The judge ruled the plaintiff was not eligible to file the religious defamation lawsuit and sent the case back to the state prosecutor's office for further investigation. The first lawsuit against businessman Naguib Sawiris was thrown out by a different court earlier this week on similar grounds.

Sawiris on Saturday used his Twitter account — the same way he spread the original images — to express relief.

"I thank God for this ruling because I feel that there is still hope," he wrote. "Congratulations to an open, free and smiling Egypt that respects all religions."

Sawiris angered Muslim hard-liners in June by relaying the Mickey and Minnie cartoon, which parodied the growing influence of Islamists in Egypt. Sawiris tweeted an apology and removed the post after the uproar among conservatives, but that did not deter some from pursuing legal action.

Accounts differ over Quran burnings

By Patrick Quinn
Associated Press

Fareed Khan/AP

Supporters of the Pakistani religious group Tanzeem-e-Islami hold a rally Saturday to condemn the disposal last week of a number of Qurans at a U.S. military base in Afghanistan in Karachi, Pakistan.

KABUL, Afghanistan — An investigation into the burning of Muslim holy books at a U.S. military base has found it was a mistake involving at least five Americans who may face a disciplinary review, a Western official said Saturday, but Afghan investigators claimed it was an intentional desecration.

The conflicting accounts highlight rising tensions between the two countries despite apologies by President Barack Obama and other U.S. officials following the Feb. 20 discovery of charred Qurans and other religious literature in a burn pit at Bagram air base, north of Kabul.

Anger over the burnings already has led to the deaths of more than 30 Afghans during violent protests, as well as six U.S. soldiers who were shot and killed by rogue Afghan security forces.

A Western official told the Associated Press that preliminary findings from a joint investigation by senior Afghan and U.S. military officials that was ordered by Marine Gen. John Allen has convinced them that although mistakes were made, there was no intent to desecrate the Qurans or other material.

The official, who has knowledge of the investigation but spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the case, said it could lead to a disciplinary review of at least five U.S. military personnel involved. The official did not elaborate, and it was unclear what such a review could recommend.

The controversy began when Qurans and other Islamic texts were removed from the library at the Parwan Detention Facility, then taken to the burn pit at the adjoining Bagram Air Field.

The Western official confirmed earlier reports that extremist inscriptions were found inside the texts, including notations apparently scribbled by detainees exchanging messages. He said that after the writings were discovered, two Afghan-American interpreters were assigned to go through the library materials, and 1,652 items were removed and placed in boxes.

A decision was made to dispose of the material because of a lack of storage space and the notes inside, but a group of three soldiers on a garbage detail removed the books before that could be done properly, the official said. He said the soldiers had no idea what they were throwing into the burn pit and insisted none of the material was destroyed before it was removed by Afghan workers.

However, Maulvi Khaliq Dad, a top Afghan religious leader who was on a different panel appointed by President Hamid Karzai to investigate the incident, claimed the burning was intentional.

Dad said U.S. officials informed Afghan authorities about their suspicions that notes inside the books were being used as a way for detainees to communicate with comrades outside the prison. The Americans believed that a bookseller, who had a contract to take care of the library, was acting as a mediator and told him not to show up for work on the day that two translators were scouring the materials.

The translators later told the Afghan delegation that U.S. officials had told them that the books pulled from the shelves were headed for storage.

According to Dad's account, the books were kept in a place where refuse is picked up and taken to a garbage burn pit on the base. Afghan workers at the base noticed that they were religious books and notified an Afghan army commander who questioned U.S. troops about the books and was satisfied when he was told they would be stored somewhere safe.

But, the Afghan workers later noticed the books had been set on fire. The workers and two Afghan officers rescued 216 books, including 48 Qurans, from being burned, Dad said. They were shouting and pulling the books from the burn pit, preventing the U.S. troops from throwing the remaining four cartons of books into the fire, he said.

"They lied to the Afghan workers and the Afghan National Army officers, telling them they were going to store the books in a container, then they went and burned the books. If it was not intentional, they would not have lied," Dad said.

Dad also claimed the investigation had shown that some detainees had written their names, their father's names, their inmate identification numbers and the date they were detained in some of the books that were not destroyed. Some of the books written in Arabic also had definitions of Arabic words scribbled in Dari or Pashto, the two Afghan languages.

"I didn't see anything that suggested that messages were being exchanged between prisoners or with outsiders," he said.

Full details of the incident are expected to be included in the joint Afghan-U.S. probe that is being reviewed by a coalition legal expert. A date for its release has not been set. A more formal U.S. military investigation is still weeks away from completion.

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International Coin Collectors are in Town to Purchase All Types of Coins

By KEN MCINTOSH
STAFF WRITER

ICCA will be placing ads in newspapers, radio and running television spots this week asking people to bring in any old silver and gold coins made before 1970. Those that do bring in their coins will be able to speak with collectors one on one and have their coins looked at by a specialist. With the help of these ICCA members, offers will be made to those that have coins made before 1970. Offers will be made based on silver or gold content and the rarity of the coins. All coins made before 1970 will be examined and purchased including gold coins, silver coins, silver dollars, all types of nickels and pennies. Those that decide to sell their coins will be paid on the spot.

If you are like a lot of people, you might have a few old coins or even a coffee can full lying around. If you have ever wondered what they are worth, now might be your chance to find out and even sell them if you choose. They could be worth a lot according to the International Coin Collectors Association, also known as ICCA. Collectors will pay a fortune for some coins and currency for their collections. If they are rare enough, one coin could be worth over $100,000 according to Eric Helms coin collector and ICCA member. One ultra rare dime, an 1894S Barber, sold for a record $1.9 million to a collector in July of 2007. While that is an extreme example, many rare and valuable coins are stashed away in dresser drawers or lock boxes around the country. The ICCA and its collector members have organized a traveling event in search of all types of coins and currency. "Even common coins can be worth a significant amount due to the high price of silver and gold," says Helms. Washington quarters and Roosevelt dimes and worth many times their face value. Recent silver markets have driven the price up on even common coins made of silver. Helms explains, "All half dollars, quarter and dimes made before 1970 contain 90% silver and are sought after any time silver prices rise. Right now it's a sellers market."

The rarest coins these collectors are looking for include $20, $10, $5 and $2 1/2 gold coins and any coin made before 1850. These coins always bring big premiums according to the ICCA. Silver dollars are also very sought after nowadays.

Other types of items the ICCA will be purchasing during this event include U.S. currency, gold bullion, investment gold, silver bars, silver rounds, proof sets, etc. Even foreign coins are sought after and will be purchased.

Also, at this event anyone can sell their gold jewelry, dental gold or anything made of gold on the spot. Bring anything you think might be gold and the collectors will examine, test and price it for free. If you decide to sell you will be paid on the spot – it has been an unknown fact that coin dealers have always paid more for jewelry and scrap gold than other jewelers and pawn brokers.

So, whether you have one coin you think might be valuable or a large collection you recently inherited, you can talk to these collectors for free and if your lucky you may have a rarity worth thousands. Either way, there is nothing to lose and it sounds like fun!

For more information on this event visit the ICCA website at www.internationalcoincollectors.com.

Here's How It Works:

- Gather items of interest from your attic, safe deposit box, garage, basement, etc. There is no limit to the amount of items you can bring
- No appointment necessary
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MDC says it will reassess community's needs

New direction could bring focus on infrastructure, workforce, business retention

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Whether it comes in the form of funding for water lines, infrastructure that allows for housing developments or investments in workforce development, the Midland Development Corp. is expected to produce some results in the coming year.

Just more than 10 years after residents approved the 4A economic development sales tax, Midland City Council members said it's time for the MDC to show residents some additional results during a two-day planning retreat last week. It's a message MDC Chairwoman Laura Roman said the board is in agreement with and a goal the organization plans to tackle through various focus areas and initiatives.

"We better show the citizens some tangible benefits, or it will go away," said Scott Dufford, councilman at large. "That's the bottom line."

Roman said just like Midland's economy, the needs of the Tall City have changed in recent years and the MDC wants to shift along with the city.

"I want this to be viewed as a clean slate this year," she said, speaking to the council. "It's all about adapting and being proactive."

Council expectations

Part of what the council said it expects to see during the coming years is some additional investment from the MDC.

The organization had about $23 million in its unappropriated fund balance at the close of fiscal year 2011. The tax is expected to generate another $7 million during fiscal year 2012, said Bob McNaughton, finance director for the city.

"We would like to see the same amount of money in the bank next year," Mayor Wes Perry said.

Investments could be made by tackling the biggest barriers to economic development in Midland this year: housing and water, Perry said.

As Midland continues working with San Angelo and Abilene to develop a 100-year water plan, Perry said the estimated cost of any projects agreed to likely will be more than $100 million. If the MDC would put money aside to help fund future water projects, it would create an environment that allows for business growth in years to come, he said.

Jeff Sparks, councilman for District 1, said supporting growth of the housing market could occur through the MDC investing in infrastructure. A lack of infrastructure may create a financial barrier to housing development. But, if that infrastructure already was in place, additional housing — and therefore additional workforce — could become a greater possibility.

"I want the MDC to take a broad view

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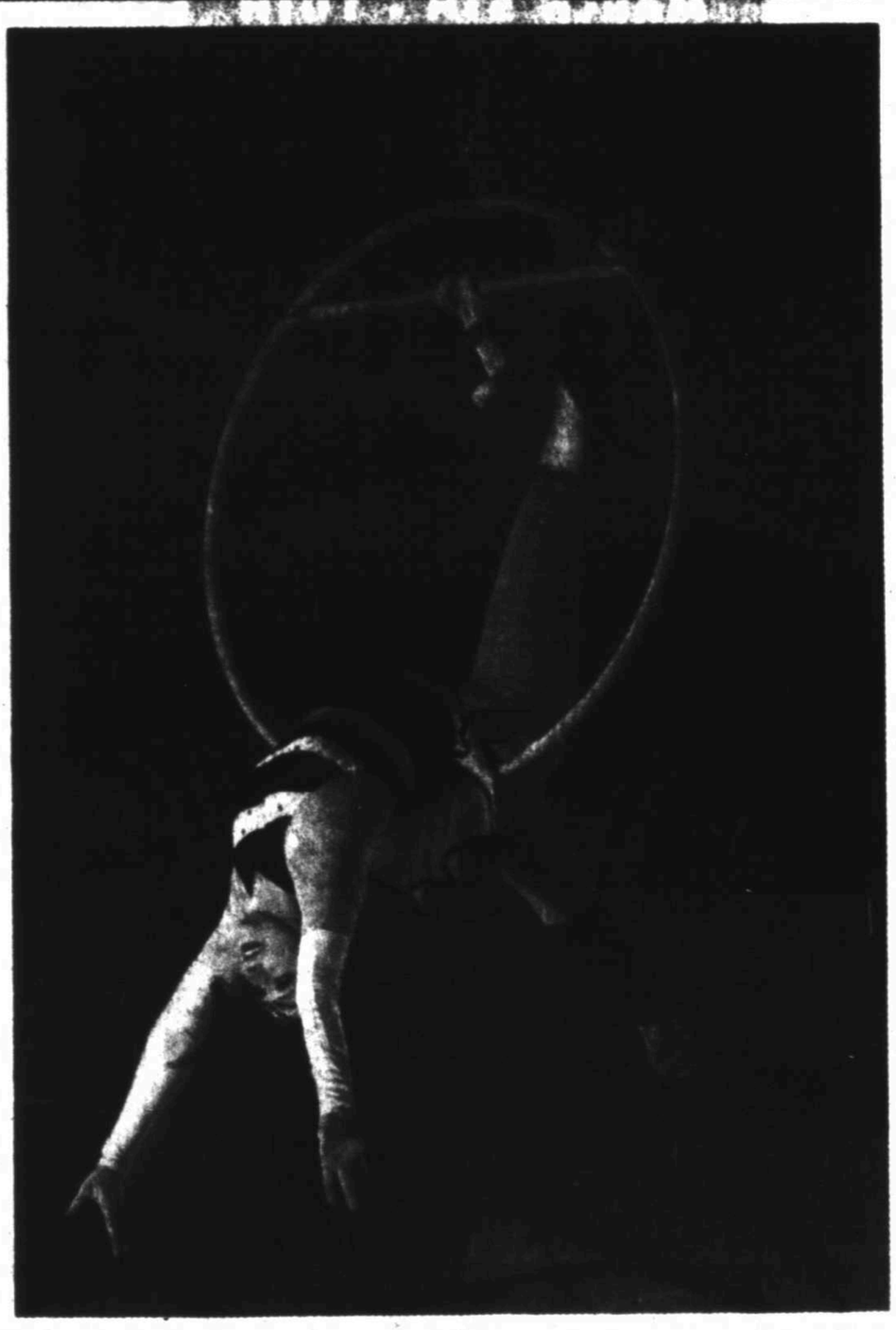

ABOVE: Animal trainer John Pelton presents a sitting elephant to a large Odessa crowd at the Ector County Coliseum on Saturday evening.

Circus Gatti will put on shows at 2 and 6 p.m. today at Chaparral Center. Tickets for adults (18 to 59) are $20, for ages 13 to 17 and 60 and older are $16 and for ages 2-12 are $10.

For more information go to www.circusgatti.net.

RIGHT: A Circus Gatti acrobat entertains a large crowd.

Photos by James Cannon
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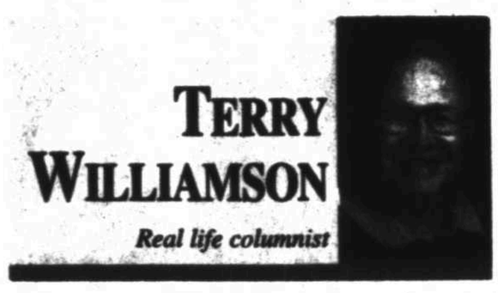

TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist

Working on income tax returns is agonizing experience

I really didn't have the time to write this column because I'm knee deep in tax forms, tax books, tax software, tax receipts, medical expenses, etc., etc., etc. The taxman cometh.

I hate doing my income taxes. It drives me nuts, but I'm too cheap to hire someone to do it for me. And, I just can't admit that the government can put out a form that I can't comprehend. After all, I'm a college graduate, and I should be able to figure out my own income taxes. Right?

Well, that's the myth that drives me when it comes to income taxes. The truth is, I don't understand anything past the box where you enter your Social Security number, and I still have to look that up.

I'm really thankful for those tax software programs. The programs walk you through the process, but they don't really do a very good job of explaining why you are doing what you are doing. In other words, they ask you to put in a number (if you can find it) and you do what it tells you to do. You do not ask questions. You just keep pushing the continue button like the robot you are.

I know you all have seen movies where computers control the world. We're far beyond that reality by now. Our phones are computers, for gosh sakes. They tell us what to do, and we do it.

I'm really ashamed of Americans. If the citizens of this nation are the government, why did we ever allow government to foist this archaic tax system upon us? I'm not trying to say that I'm smarter than the next guy, but when a college graduate — or Albert Enstein, for that matter — can't do his own income tax, it has become too difficult for the masses.

We let it happen. I can't believe the people of this nation are that dumb. They want us to turn out more mathematicians, scientists and doctors, yet we're not even smart enough to keep our own government from holding us hostages for weeks at a time working on our income tax returns.

Now, don't get me wrong here. I'm not against paying my fair share of taxes. I like good roads, good education opportu-

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Hospital offers free RV hookups for people visiting patients

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

When Josie Goeres came to Midland Memorial Hospital last month for a doctor's appointment with her husband, Chuck, the two parked their RV in a parking lot nearby so they could stay in it for the night instead of paying for a hotel.

But when security approached her and asked if they would be there for a few days, Goeres said she at first thought she was in trouble and would have to leave. Not at all, the guard told her. Instead, the hospital offered her a more convenient place to park — in the northeast parking lot with water and electricity hookups courtesy of MMH.

"We live in the RV, so this is our home," she said. The Anchorage, Alaska, native travels the country selling stickers. "It was such a blessing."

Eight days ago, Goeres said she and her husband were traveling from Pecos for another appointment in Midland when her husband needed immediate care. In Monahans, he was taken by helicopter to MMH for pneumonia in his lungs and since has been in the intensive care unit.

She parked her RV in the same spot as last time and said the location near the hospital is convenient.

"I like to be here closer to the hospital," she said.

While the hospital has offered the service for the past decade, the number of available hookups increased from two to five with the recent completion of a new garage. And this week, every space was used.

"We have patients who are from out of town or the region and would like to be close by the hospital to be able to visit their loved ones as often as possible. Instead of staying in a hotel, they have a place to stay, sleep and cook with all the convenient amenities right at their fingertips," Vice President of Support Services Cory Edmondson said.

Located at the corner lot near N Street and Michigan Avenue, the

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Midland Memorial Hospital is offering free RV hookups, water and electricity to families who have patients in the hospital.

Obituaries

Barbara Miller Creager

Barbara Miller Creager, of Midland, Texas, died Thursday, February 23, 2012. She was born February 7, 1930, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Willard Lee Miller and Lucy Thompson Miller. Her father and other Oklahoma relatives raised Barbara, after her mother died when she was only 13. Barbara's life-long love of the oil business may have found root as she spent many hours of her childhood accompanying her father, a prominent Oklahoma geologist, as he scouted promising oil formations and negotiated land deals with farmers across the region. She attended Classen High School in Oklahoma City, where she was a champion in tennis, ping-pong, and badminton. She enjoyed racket sports throughout her life and was later the Midland Women's Tennis Champion. After high school, Barbara attended Stephens College and then the University of Oklahoma, where she was one of the first women to graduate from the geology program in 1952. She was a vivacious, charismatic student leader at OU, president of the Mortar Board honor society, Women's Recreation Association, and Oklahoma Federation of College Women, and a leader within Chi Omega, Chi Epsilon, Pick and Hammer Club, and many other organizations.

After graduation, Barbara was hired by the Humble Oil Company (now ExxonMobil) and moved to Midland. There, she met and married a fellow geologist, Nance Creager. She worked for Humble for several years, but according to the customs of the day, was forced to retire when children came along. The family moved with the oil business to Wichita Falls, Texas, to Artesia and Hobbs, New Mexico, then back to Midland in 1976. She assisted her father with his business, and upon his death in 1973 became a partner with her siblings in the Barter Island Oil Company and Eola Oil Company.

She led these businesses for nearly forty years, working up to the day she entered the hospital in January. The family is grateful for the compassionate care of the staff of the ICU unit at Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City through -out her brief illness.

Barbara was known for her cheerfulness, energy, and generosity. She was down-to-earth, practical, and kind. Barbara was a Girl Scout troop leader in Hobbs for 11 years and was named one of the 2010 Women of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest. She served as deacon and trustee of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Midland since 1977. She chaired the blood drive at the church for many years, and was treasurer of Midland's Contemporary Study Club. She was a member of the West Texas Geological Society and the Hobbs Archaeological Society. She loved the desert Southwest, and traveled widely to study its geology and archaeology and visit Native American artisans. Barbara loved the simple things of life and enjoyed introducing her beloved family to new traditions and adventures. One of her "secret joys" was eating ice cream, and only ice cream, for dinner. Another was her affinity for watching sports, all things OU, the Dallas Cowboys, and any tennis tournament. Barbara loved the performing arts from the "Summer Mummers" of Midland's Community Theatre to the Metropolitan Opera.

Barbara had many friends in Midland, Hobbs, and Oklahoma City, who will miss her dearly. She was a remarkable woman, who left indelible memories of loyal friendship, the sparkle in her eyes, and an enriched heart. Her generous spirit always left us inspired.

Barbara and Nance were married for 52 years; he preceded her in death in 2008. She is survived by daughter, Martha Barnes and her husband, David, and their children, Rebecca, Katherine, Benjamin, and Jonathan of Bellaire, Texas; son, William "Bill" and his wife, Angela, and their children Elliot, Jameson, and Georgia of Princeton, New Jersey; sister Marlene Kearley of Corpus Christi; brother Michael Miller and his wife, Mary Ann of Sulphur, Louisiana; along with nieces and a nephew.

A memorial service has been scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 31, at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Midland.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the St. Andrews Presbyterian Mission (P.O. Box 2431, Midland, TX 79702), or to the charity of one's choice.

Charlotte Marie Louise Denzer

Charlotte went to be with the "man upstairs" on March 2, 2012 in Sanford, Florida after a lengthy illness. Charlotte was born March 6, 1943 in Post, Texas to Ed and Gertrude Lee Lindley Duncan. During her childhood, the family moved around to various places in Texas. Charlotte loved school, but had to quit when she was in her early teen's to help support the family. Basketball was her favorite sport in school and she played Center on the girl's basketball team. On March 5, 1965, she married Stewart Earl in Midland, Texas, and this union resulted in four children. Charlotte worked various customer service type jobs throughout her life before becoming disabled in the early 1990's. She loved to tell people her favorite job was when she was a car hop in her teens. Charlotte loved going to church and seeing her many friends when she was able to attend. She was also an animal lover and had numerous dogs and cats during her life. Her two cats, Mischief and Troubles, will be lovingly taken care of by her son. Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Jesse Ray Duncan. Charlotte is survived by her four children, Kimberly Hennessy and her husband, Roderick of Midland, Texas; Paul Earl of Fern Park, Florida; Vernon "Woody" Earl and his wife, Mandy, of Broken Bow, Oklahoma; and TaMara Ann Earl of Fern Park, Florida; sister, Fay Reynolds of Kerrville, Texas; three grandchildren, Desiree Hennessy of Midland, Texas; Patrick Hennessy and his wife, Samantha, of Midland, Texas; and Ramey Earl of Broken Bow, Oklahoma; along with two great-grandchildren, Allison Smithers of Midland, Texas, and Avery Hennessy of Midland, Texas.

The family would like to express sincere thanks to the doctors and nurses in NSICU at Central Regional Florida Hospital for the wonderful care shown to Charlotte during her illness. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you donate to an animal shelter or abused animal center of your choice. Arrangements are under the directions of Hannah Crematorium Services in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Dorothy L. Black

Dorothy L. Black, 92, wonderful housewife and mother, passed away on Thursday, March, 1, 2012. She and her husband Cuevas traveled over most of the United States including Canada, Mexico, and Hawaii. Dorothy was currently residing with Mary and Audice Wallace.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her parents, T.P. and Avis Caudle; and one son, Ronnie Johnson; her previous husband, Steward Johnson; three granddaughters; one brother, Col. Ted Caudle; and one sister, Jessie Jobe.

She leaves behind three sons, Mark Johnson, James Ted Johnson, Bob Black; two sisters, Ota Bell Clifton and Jean Hapt; as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Thank you to all of the nurses and aides, with special thanks to Crystal Connell.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2012, at Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger, Texas, at 2:00 p.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be made at: ellisfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702.

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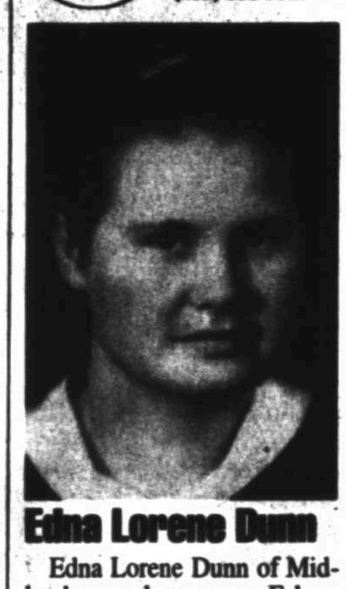

Edna Lorene Dunn

Edna Lorene Dunn of Midland passed away on February 28, 2012, in Fort Worth, Texas. At 94 she had out lived her five siblings. She was born in Bowie, Texas, on June 13, 1917, where she lived until the late 1930s when she moved to Midland.

She is survived by her three children: Frances Soliz and her husband Arthur of San Gabriel, California, Virginia Plummer and her husband Keith of Covina, California and Richard Dunn and his wife Randi of Benbrook, Texas. Her six loving grandchildren are Lisa, twins Richie and Dawn, Erin, Ryan and Brian. Already missing their precious G-mama are her adoring great grandchildren: Darian, Devin, Daylon, Chloe, Taylor, Gregory, Anastasia, Caitlyne and Jordan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman Dunn, of 62 years in 1997.

Our mother was a woman of many loves and talents. Her family came first and she left us with many fond memories. She farmed and ranched alongside our father east of Midland. She was most happy when she was behind the wheel of her Ford tractor and bragged that she wore out two Ford Tractors! She loved animals, all of her cows had names, and could use a rifle or a pistol, cooked delicious food, made shrewd business deals and as one niece said, "She was as comfortable with her beautiful china as she was changing the oil in her truck and farm equipment."

Not having the education she desired, she worked very hard to see that her children had the opportunity. She instilled in her children how to love each other and care for people, especially those in need. She was intolerant of anyone mistreating an animal, a child or an elderly person.

Edna Dunn is the last charter member of the Midland Seventh-day Adventist Church. She was truly a generous Christian woman.

Mother, when God made you He saw that you were perfect and there should never be another like you so He threw away the mold.

As your loving family we are saying goodbye until Jesus comes and we will miss your chocolate pie.

Family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home on Sunday, March 4, 2012 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. A graveside service is planned for Monday, March 5, 2012 at 1:00pm at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland. Condolences may be made at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Elisabeth ("Betsy") Callaway

Elisabeth ("Betsy") Callaway, 70, of Midland Texas, passed away on February 27, 2012, in Midland Texas.

Visitation will be from 2 pm to 4 pm on Sunday, March 4th, 2012 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home in Odessa, Texas.

Graveside services will be held at 10 am on Monday, March 5th, 2012 at Sunset Memorial Gardens with Pastor Bob Hopkins officiating.

Betsy was born in Mineral Wells, Texas, to Ray and Keith Louise Blakney DeWitt on October 17th, 1941. She married Curtis Callaway on September 29, 1979 in Odessa, Texas. She worked for Mobil Oil and enjoyed working with her brothers and sister at PMC Equipment, a family business. Betsy enjoyed spending time with her grandkids and her two dachshunds, Dixie and Maggie.

Betsy was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brother, Kenny, and sister, Gay. She is survived by two daughters, Melissa and her husband, Rodney Hatfield, of Midland; Teresa and her husband, Allen Browning, of Abilene; son, Mark and wife, Stacy Gibson of Bowie, Texas; brother David and wife, Mary DeWitt of Odessa; grandchildren, Brian Beauvais, Jennifer and Julie Hatfield, Justin Gibson, Kacey Ballinger, Chase and Kelsey Browning, Mica Givens, Lakin and Adison Aaron.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be made to Hospice of Midland or First Baptist Church of Midland Building Fund.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home. To sign the guest book, go to our website at www.sunsetodessa.com

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Dr. James Lee Martin

Dr. James Lee Martin was born in San Antonio on the 20th of January 1934, and left this world with family and friends surrounding him on the 1st of March 2012, in Houston. His suffering is now ended and he will live in eternal peace, with the Lord and those who preceded him in death.

Memories of his life, endless quest of knowledge, sense of humor, and love will surround and comfort us always.

The family will gather for a private memorial service at a later date.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests memorial donations, in Dr. Martin's honor, be directed to Riverside Baptist Church, 111 Topeka Blvd., San Antonio, TX, 78210, telephone (210) 532-6347.

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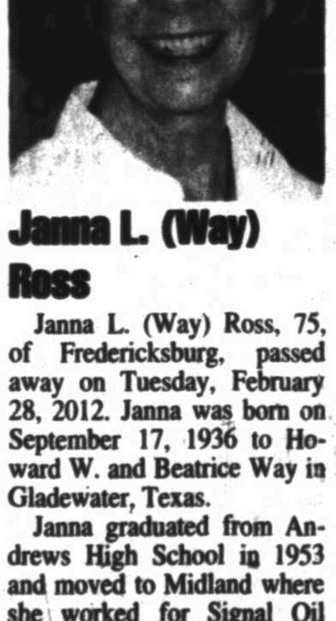

Janna L. (Way) Ross

Janna L. (Way) Ross, 75, of Fredericksburg, passed away on Tuesday, February 28, 2012. Janna was born on September 17, 1936 to Howard W. and Beatrice Way in Gladewater, Texas.

Janna graduated from Andrews High School in 1953 and moved to Midland where she worked for Signal Oil Co. On February 20, 1959 Janna married Robert B. Ross in Midland where they raised their two children before retiring to Hill Country in 2007.

She is survived by her daughter Kimberly Ross Bertini and her husband Christopher Bertini and grandchildren Hunter Ross Cherryhomes, Ian Heath Cherryhomes, Ellie Claire Cherryhomes; great granddaughter Cameron Nicole Cherryhomes and son Brantley W. Ross and his wife Karen K. Ross.

She was predeceased by her husband Robert B. Ross, mother Beatrice Burton Stairs and father Howard Walker Way, Sr. and brother Howard Walker Way, Jr and his wife Pat Way, nephew Howard Walker Way III and step mother Mary Way and stepfather Boyd Stairs.

Janna was a member of the St. Luke's Methodist Church, Children's Service League, Permian Basin Land wives Auxiliary, Lawyers Wives, West Texas Geological & Geophysical Auxiliary, Midland Symphony Guild, Green Thumb Garden Club and D.A.R -Daughter of America Revolution- Lt. William Brewer Chapter.

Family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home on Sunday, March 4, 2012 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. A graveside service is planned for Monday, March 5, 2012 at 11:00am at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland. Condolences may be made at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers the family request donation to be made to: Alzheimer's Association 225 N Michigan Avenue, Fl 17, Chicago, IL 60601-7633 or alz.org, or Hill Country Hospice, 1020 S State Highway 16, Fredericksburg, TX 78624.

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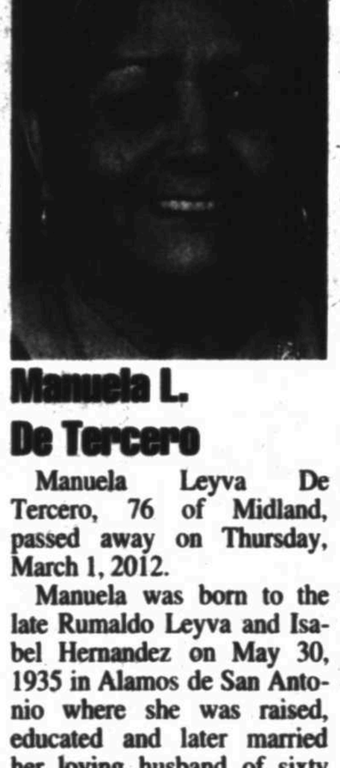

Manuela L. De Tercero

Manuela Leyva De Tercero, 76 of Midland, passed away on Thursday, March 1, 2012.

Manuela was born to the late Rumaldo Leyva and Isabel Hernandez on May 30, 1935 in Alamos de San Antonio where she was raised, educated and later married her loving husband of sixty years Manuel Tercero Galindo.

Manuela was an excellent mother, wife and grandmother, she loved her family unconditionally.

Manuela was always there to lend a hand, and always showed compassion, love and her encouraging words of wisdom

We will always remember her with lots of love, she taught us to love one another and always be together through all of life's good and bad times.

Manuela is preceded in death by her parents Rumaldo Leyva, her mother Isabel Hernandez, her sister Eloisa Cortez, and two brothers Julian Leyva Hernandez and Wenseladio Leyva Hernandez.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her loving husband Manuel Tercero Galindo, of Midland, son Oscar Tercero Leyva, of Midland, her two daughters Zulema Leyva Tercero of Alamos de San Antonio Chih., Abila Tercero Lujan of Odessa; two brothers Cayetano Leyva Hernandez of Midland, and Graciel Leyva Hernandez of Ojinaga Chih., three sisters Concepcion Leyva Hernandez of Alamos de San Antonio, Chih., Andrea leyva de la O, and Elpida Leyva Galindo both of Fort Stockton; eleven grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 4th from 2:00PM to 9:00PM at the Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel.

Family will be receiving friends on Monday March 5th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at the Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday March 6th at 11:00AM, at the Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel, with Pastor Elias Rodriguez officiating. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were made with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

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Travis A. Lillard

Travis Albert Lillard, of Midland, passed away Thursday, March 1, 2012 in Levelland, Texas. The family will receive friends from 6:00 pm to 8:00pm, Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm, Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring.

A native Texan, Travis was the youngest of three born to William "Glen" and Beulah Lillard on March 31, 1939 in Ackerly. He was a graduate of Flower Grove School and had attended Howard College. Wanderlust struck him at an early age and he couldn't wait to "get off the farm and see the world". He was blessed with an announcer's voice and got a job as a DJ with the radio station in Lamesa in the late 1950's. From there he moved into network news and his travels began. Besides Texas he had lived in Illinois, New Mexico, Arizona, Oklahoma and Arkansas. While pursuing his secular career, a higher calling needed to be answered. He was ordained as an Assemblies of God minister and had churches in Seminole, Texas, Las Cruces, New Mexico and Lamesa, Texas. Reverend Lillard was also a pastoral counselor while living in Oklahoma City. His greatest satisfaction came from knowing that his words had been a comfort or provided guidance to someone. He also made sure that the open road was always available by obtaining his CDL and driving for several trucking companies. Prior to retirement in 2007, Travis was the Maintenance Records Supervisor for Dawson Geophysical.

Travis was a kind hearted, hard-working man who inspired and was loved by those who knew him. He will be missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Ernest, and brother-in-law, Bill Schafer.

Travis is survived by his wife, Heather Lillard, of Midland, TX; sons, Van Lillard and Danny Lillard, daughter and son-in-law, Janice and David Carr, all of Oklahoma City; sister, Audrey Schafer of El Paso, TX; sister-in-law, Dolores Lillard of Big Spring, TX; 9 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild; step-sons, Stephen Larin of Toronto, Ontario, Canada and Philip Larin of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Also surviving are three nieces and one nephew, numerous cousins and extended family.

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

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Death Notices

Alma Shafer

Alma Shafer, 78, of Coahoma, died on Friday, March 2, 2012, at her residence.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00AM, Monday, March 5, 2012 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Visitation from 3:00PM to 4:30PM, Sunday, March 4, 2012, at the funeral home.

Survivors: Sons, Terry Shafer of Gail and Tony Shafer of Vincent; daughter,

Death Notices

Tami Hill of Snyder; eleven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, and three brothers.

Arrangements directed by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematofy of Big Spring.

Helen Brown

Helen Brown, 77, of Midland, passed away on Friday, March 2, 2012. Services are scheduled at 1:00pm Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven North Memorial Park. Arrangements are under direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Herbert "Buster" Swartz

Herbert "Buster" Swartz, 82, of Andrews, passed away Thursday, March 1, 2012, in Andrews.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday March 6, 2012, at McNett Funeral Home. Burial will be in Andrews North Cemetery, under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Kristy Swartz; his children, John Swartz, Rita Ferguson, Dale Swartz, Tommy Swartz, Randy Swartz, Diane Swartz, Herbie Swartz, William "Bill" Hooper, Linda Askins, and Janet Belinski; brother, Bill Gribble; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Korbin and Karissa Mitchell

Korbin and Karissa Mitchell, infant twins of Tammy and Eric Mitchell, passed away on Sunday, February 26, 2012, at Odessa Regional Medical Center.

Graveside services will be on Monday, March 5, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., at Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery in Midland.

They are survived by their parents, Eric and Tammy Mitchell; brother, Keenan Allen; sisters, Kayla and Kendall Mitchell; and grandparents, Bobby Payne and Mary Mitchell.

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

Tina Renai Smith

Tina Renai Smith, age 45, passed away Friday, March 2, 2012, in Odessa, Texas.

She was born September 12, 1966 in Odessa, Texas to Victor Goodson and Bobbi Goodson.

There is no visitation and Graveside services are scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. at Sunset Memorial Gardens, 6801 E. Business 20, Odessa, Texas 79762. Service arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens.

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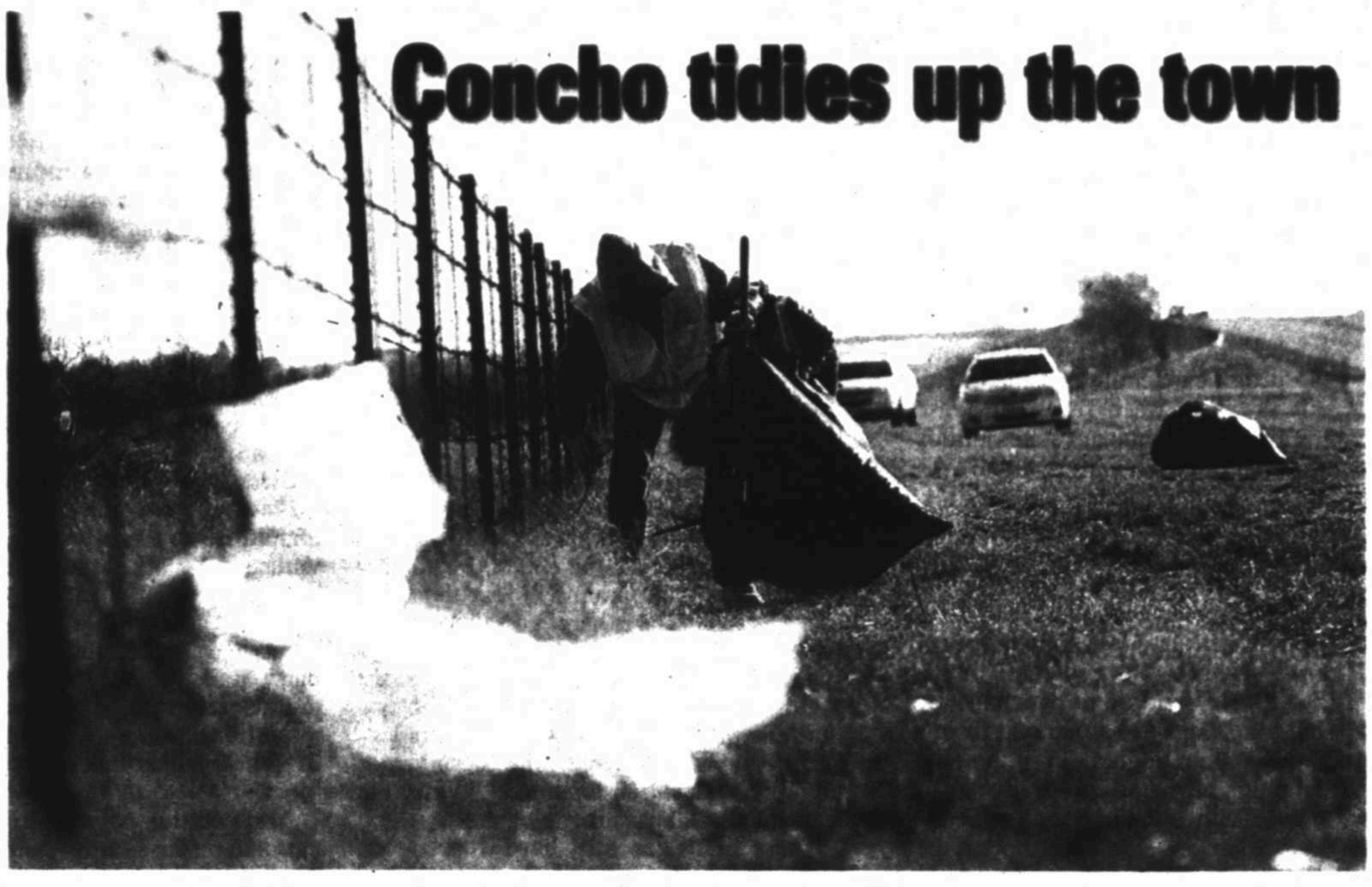
All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Concho tidies up the town



ABOVE: Cliff Osburg picks up trash Saturday morning along the Highway 191 service road between Loop 250 and Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Osburg is among 130 Concho Resources employees who are participating in the Apprentice Project trash pickup to honor Dick Prentice, a Concho employee who has been very active with Keep Midland Beautiful and now is under hospice care.

RIGHT: Kya Castillo, 8, and her mother Kanicia pick up trash Saturday morning

Photos by Cindeka Nealy
Reporter-Telegram

WWII hero at center of Virginia flag dispute dies

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — A World War II Medal of Honor winner who later made headlines for his fight to fly an American flag in his Virginia front yard, has died. Retired Army Col. Van Thomas Barfoot was 92.

Barfoot gained national attention in 2009 when he fought to keep his 21-foot flagpole at his Henrico County home after the homeowners association ordered it removed and threatened to sue him.

The White House even entered the fray, with a spokesman for President Barack Obama calling it "silly" not to allow Barfoot to fly the flag.

The association later backed off, but Barfoot's fight eventually led to a state law that makes it tougher for homeowners associations to restrict the flying of the U.S. flag.

Jim Barfoot told WWBT-TV that his father died Friday after suffering injuries in a fall earlier in the week.

"He just had a zest for life and apparently he didn't fear for anything," Jim Barfoot said.

Sen. Mark. Warner called Barfoot a remarkable man who demonstrated bravery during three wars.

The Edinburg, Miss., native entered the Army in 1940. Barfoot's Medal of Honor citation cites his "Herculean" efforts in Carano, Italy, in May 1944 when he was 25 years old, according to the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

According to the citation, Barfoot crawled through a minefield to a German machine gun nest, which he destroyed with a hand grenade, then took out another machine gun nest with his own machine gun before a third German machine gun crew surrendered to him. Later in the day, he borrowed a bazooka and stood before three advancing tanks, firing a shot from 75 yards that destroyed the track of the leading tank, disabling it. He then continued into enemy terrain and destroyed an abandoned German fieldpiece with a demolition charge.

"While returning to his platoon position, Sgt. Barfoot, though greatly fatigued by his Herculean efforts, assisted two of his seriously wounded men 1,700 yards to a position of safety."

During the ordeal, Barfoot killed eight and captured 17 German soldiers.

"Sgt. Barfoot's extraordinary heroism, demonstration of magnificent valor, and aggressive determination in the face of point-blank fire are a perpetual inspiration to his fellow soldiers," the citation said.

Missing Farmington convention money reaches $400,000

Associated Press

FARMINGTON, N.M. — Auditors sifting through records at the Farmington Convention and Visitors Bureau have identified at least $400,000 they believe was embezzled by the former executive director of the agency.

Debbie Dusenbery committed suicide in Arizona after telling police she embezzled money to pay for extravagant trips and other personal expenses. The 41-year-old Aztec resident was found dead of a gunshot wound in western Arizona on Jan. 31.

City Manager Rob Mayes told the Farmington Daily Times on Friday that the cost of the private audit is nearing $50,000, up from an early estimate of about $15,000. Mayes said it is important to conduct a thorough investigation into what transpired for several years under Dusenbery's direction regardless of the cost.

The bureau's approximately $700,000 yearly budget comes from a 5-percent tax on hotel rooms.

Employees at the tourism bureau were tipped off after Dusenbery paid for a guided elk hunt for her boyfriend. She admitted in emails to police that for the last 12 months she made at least two transactions per month to pay her personal credit cards. In the same time frame, she made a payment of at least $1,500 each month on an equity loan she took out against her mother's residence, according to court records.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Joel Carrera, 34, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Rheal Defer, 33, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Everardo Hernandez, 33, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of assault on a family member.

Christian C. Hyde, 43, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Donald J. Palmer Jr., 40, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of theft.

Ricky Rosa Jr., 18, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office.

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Announcing!

Doctor Sandra M. Bello is retiring and moving from the area effective April, 1, 2012.

Doctor Bello's patients may call the business office at **432-580-4500** and request that their medical records be sent to a physician of their choice.

The office phone number will continue to be active through the end of June 2012, should you have any questions or concerns pertaining to your health records.

Sandra Kay Howard-Moore
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Thanks to your generous donations the following financial assistance was given to those in need in Midland County last week:

Electricity	6 families	$ 2,342.22
Gas	1 family	$ 67.08
Rent	20 families	$ 18,766.84
Medical	2 families	$ 627.00
Home Repairs	1 family	$ 735.00
Legal	2 families	$ 604.00
TOTAL		**$ 23,142.14**

We received an email from the Crisis Intervention Unit of the Sheriff's Department earlier this week. They had placed a 19-year-old young man and his two younger brothers, aged 10 and 13 in a motel room the night before. Their mother had been put in jail at the same time the family was being evicted from their home. The landlord had given the family notice previously but she was incarcerated before any plans could be made for new housing. Crisis Intervention was looking for someone to take responsibility for these kids.

We found out that the young man, who we will call Anthony, was a student in high school and held a part time job at a local grocery store. When we met with him we found him to be very soft spoken, very polite and quite scared. He told us that he and his family had moved here from Hobbs four years ago to get away from bad influences there. Going back was not an option. They had severed ties with all family when they left. Despite being so young we found a maturity in this young man that we found uncommon in someone his age.

We took care of the family's most pressing needs and found the boys a motel room that we rented for them for one month. The motel manager promised to keep a watchful eye on them. Next we prepared a large food box for them, got them some small electric appliances that would supplement the microwave and small refrigerator that the motel provided. We gave Anthony access to the cell phone number of one of our caseworkers so that we could be contacted in any emergency.

The people at Crisis Intervention worked to get temporary custody of the children put into Anthony's name. They are trying to find out the legal status of the mother, and when she will be released.

In the meantime, Anthony is shuttling the children to school and back, going to school himself and working his evening job at the grocery store...a heavy burden for a 19-year-old.

In his free time, Anthony is looking for housing for the family once they are all reunited. We told him that we would do our best to help them get into a house they could afford. We hope that the month will be enough time for the mother to resolve her legal problems and get back with her children. If not, we will continue to provide for them. Please pray for all of them, but especially for Anthony.

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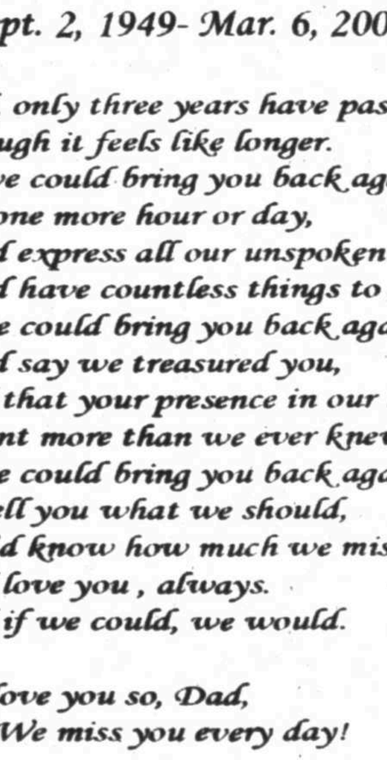

Dennis Hart
Sept. 2, 1949- Mar. 6, 2009

Dad, only three years have passed,
Though it feels like longer.
If we could bring you back again,
For one more hour or day,
We'd express all our unspoken love;
We'd have countless things to say.
If we could bring you back again,
We'd say we treasured you,
And that your presence in our lives
Meant more than we ever knew.
If we could bring you back again,
To tell you what we should,
You'd know how much we miss you
And love you , always.
And if we could, we would.

We love you so, Dad,
and We miss you every day!

Love,
Your family

Women's health care offers new wrinkle in Texas-DC war

■ Texans usually has no problem siding with Austin when battle lines are drawn. That might not be the case this time.

JASON EMBRY
Cox Newspapers

A budding controversy over women's health care could reshape the tug-of-war between Texas and Washington that has dominated state politics for the past three years.

The controversy centers on the Women's Health Program, which provides Pap smears, breast exams, birth control and other services to low-income, uninsured women between the ages of 18 and 44. A new state law says money for such programs cannot go to providers that are affiliated with abortion providers.

That bars Planned Parenthood from participating in the program, even though its participating affiliates are legally separate from the Planned Parenthood entities that perform abortions, and even though the law already prohibits taxpayer-funded clinics from providing abortions.

The Obama administration said the Texas law violates a federal requirement that women be able to select their own caregivers. And so, if some sort of agreement is not reached, the 130,000 women enrolled in the program will lose those services when the program disappears at the end of the month.

And thus, we have another Texas-Washington standoff. We've seen this repeatedly in the past few years as state and federal officials have fought over environmental policy, education funding and voter-identification laws, among others.

These fights generally have worked to the political advantage of Texas Republicans as they have persuaded voters, sometimes with Washington's help, that an obtrusive federal government wants to micromanage our state.

One thing that's different about the fight over the Women's Health Program is that it's so concrete. Instead of talking about the long-term balance between environmental protection and job creation, for example, this one could spur personal stories about women whose health suffered because they could no longer find the care that Planned Parenthood used to provide.

Now, I've become a little skeptical about just how much state issues move voters. After all, Republicans were reeling nationally in 2006 and 2008 and lost state legislative seats those years. In 2010, a great year for Republicans nationally, the party made huge legislative gains. Our politics seems to be driven more and more by the national debates aired on cable television, talk radio and national blogs.

And yet, this issue fits right into the national discussion for both parties. Republicans will hold it up as another example of an overzealous federal government trying to run everything and disrespecting the wishes of Texans who don't want their tax dollars anywhere near Planned Parenthood.

And because politics is always a home game for the Texas GOP — the majority of voters support the majority party — there is reason to believe that the public will agree and blame Washington for killing the program.

But, Democrats are talking nationally about a Republican war on women, pointing to similar efforts in Congress to target affiliates of abortion providers and cut funding for low-income health care.

Independent Texas voters might see the effort to take taxpayer dollars away from Planned Parenthood's affiliates as part of that war on women, and they might not like it. In fact, they might decide that the state government, and not the federal government, is the one that's overreaching this time.

The fate of this program should receive plenty of attention in Texas elections this fall. And because it fits into the national conversation about the role of government, this might be one state issue that actually breaks through.

STATE BRIEFS
FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Man sentenced to 25 years for crash

A jury has sentenced a a man to 25 years in prison for losing control of his van while evading a sheriff's deputy, striking and killing a man waiting at a bus stop.

Charles "Chas" Roberts Jr., 24, drove at speeds up to 90 mph before the May 2011 crash, which killed 41-year-old Rondal Lynn Brooks at a Capitol Metro Bus Stop. A prosecutor said Brooks was at the bus stop because he had survived a car crash that killed two others and was afraid of driving.

A deputy was trying to pull Roberts over for traffic violations.

FORT WORTH

Woman's body found in alley

Police in Fort Worth are investigating the death of a woman whose body was found early Saturday in an alley on the east side.

Police spokeswoman Sharron Neal told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that officers were called shortly before 10:30 a.m. to the 2900 block of East Lancaster Avenue, where they found the woman.

Anglers flock to contaminated Texas reservoir

Associated Press

DONNA — Signs bearing a skull and crossbones dot the banks of a reservoir and canal near this town on the U.S.-Mexico border, but the fishermen standing in the reeds nearby ignore them, casually reeling in fish that are contaminated with toxic chemicals and banned for human consumption.

Some do it to quell their hunger, others to make some cash by selling the carp, catfish and gar in nearby neighborhoods.

"It's a great little lake," said Joe Garcia, 43, among those fishing here one day recently, where a carp with the highest levels of toxic PCB chemicals ever tested in a fish was caught years ago. He said he throws back his catch but a lot of others here can't afford to pass up the meal.

The reservoir is one of thousands of sites along the U.S.-Mexico border where industry, pesticide use and population growth left hazards in past decades that still await solutions. Donna is among the worst — earning a place on the Environmental Protection Agency's priority list — and illustrates how slowly the government cleanup process moves and how those struggling for subsistence in poor areas like this sometimes do not wait.

Four years after the site made the priority list, the EPA plans to begin soon extensive sampling of the water, sediment and fish that could become the foundation for a cleanup plan.

But with limited funds and an elaborate process, the effort could take years, leaving authorities to educate a population that is often more concerned with daily survival than warnings of potential problems. Donna reservoir is surrounded by fields of swaying sugarcane and green leafy rows of celery. Workers who toil in migrant agriculture live in sparse neighborhoods of trailer homes and campers that border the canal. Some stubbornly believe they can cook the chemicals out of the fish, state environmental officials say.

"They just don't tend to pay attention to that (sign)," said Juan Salazar, 41, who became so frustrated by the fishermen crossing his yard to reach the water that he erected a small fence.

"There are too many low-income families here that may make a living selling this stuff."

State and federal officials have repeatedly gone door-to-door to warn residents since PCB contamination was discovered in 1993. Twice federal authorities used electric charges to kill more than 35,000 fish in the reservoir and the 6½-mile canal that brings water from the Rio Grande. But the fish — at least 22 species, including tilapia and largemouth bass — repopulate.

Every day, people are drawn to the tranquil scene, where birds feed along the shores and fish constantly break the surface. Officials believe many area residents fish there to supplement their diet. But in the fatty tissue of the fish are polychlorinated biphenyls or PCBs, an industrial residue apparently emanating from something dumped in the canal years ago. Officials say it could be a submerged piece of machinery but haven't been able to find it.

PCBs, typically found as oily liquids in electrical equipment, have been banned in the U.S. since 1979 after causing cancer in animal testing. Researchers believe the chemicals can lead to lower birth weights, suppress the immune system and increase the risk of cancer.

A carp caught in the Donna canal 19 years ago contained more than 1,500 times the limit of PCBs believed safe, the highest such reading ever. Members of the family who ate it had elevated PCB levels in their blood. Readings taken since then in the lake have been lower but still in the hazardous range.

However, the health impact on those eating Donna reservoir fish is unknown because no health survey has been conducted. A 2010 study by Texas Department of State Health Services estimated nearly 4,000 people living within a one-mile radius.

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The City of Midland will hold the following public meeting on the city's community development program:

March 8, 2012
Casa de Amigos Senior Center
1101 E Garden Lane
Meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

The City will receive $699,035 of Community Development Block Grant funds for fiscal 2012-2013. These funds are primarily intended for programs and projects to benefit low-and moderate-income persons.

The City encourages you to attend this meeting to help us in planning next year's community development program.

For further information, call the Community Development Office at 685-7472 or 685-7408.

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STATE BRIEFS
FROM WIRE REPORTS

AMARILLO

2 sprint away after bank robbery

A woman and a man got away with an undisclosed amount of cash after a bank robbery in southwest Amarillo.

Authorities said the pair entered the Amarillo National Bank branch on Friday afternoon. The woman approached the teller, and the man raised his shirt to reveal a handgun in his waistband. The two demanded money, and the teller complied. The two sprinted away.

Police dusted for fingerprints and collected statements from customers and employees.

A security guard told the Amarillo Globe-News it was his first robbery in 15 years working at the bank. He said he was at lunch when the robbery occurred.

DESOTO

School board names lone finalist

The DeSoto school board has selected a Beaumont administrator as the lone finalist for the superintendent post.

The Dallas Morning News reported David Harris, an assistant superintendent in Beaumont, has been selected after a search that has lasted months. The DeSoto public school district has been without a permanent superintendent since the district bought out the contract of former Superintendent Kathy Augustine last summer.

The Dallas-area school board paid $188,000 to settle its contract with Augustine, who was caught in the fallout of a test-cheating scandal in her previous district in Atlanta. She worked one day on the job in DeSoto.

The board is expected to officially hire Harris on March 26 after a mandatory 21-day waiting period.

Abortion providers: Patients unhappy with new law

By Alex Branch
McClatchy Newspapers

FORT WORTH — Women seeking abortions at Whole Woman's Health in south Fort Worth often arrive upset or angry about Texas' new sonogram law since enforcement started three weeks ago, a health center official said.

Some are unhappy about the requirement that a physician must describe the fetus during a sonogram. But, it's the hardship of having to schedule two appointments — one for the sonogram and another for the surgery at least 24 hours later — that draws the most consistent ire.

For many women, that means unnecessarily missing two days of work, paying for two days of child care or arranging extra transportation, said Amy Hagstrom Miller, CEO of Whole Woman's Health. Those challenges are common at the Fort Worth center because it serves some rural clients who must travel far.

"What we have noticed primarily is absolute outrage that they have to come twice," Hagstrom Miller said. "Many of our clients are already mothers; they know what is on a sonogram. They don't see it and say, 'Oh my gosh, I'm pregnant,' and change their minds."

Proponents of the law say the delay merely guarantees that women have complete and informed consent before making a potentially life-altering decision.

"This might add some time to the process," said Becky Visosky, director of communications for the Catholic Pro-Life Committee in Dallas. "But, it is important information before they undertake a very serious procedure that takes a human life and that could very well change their lives."

The law, approved during the 2011 legislative session, technically took effect in October. But, legal challenges delayed full enforcement until Feb. 7.

In addition to the two appointments, the law requires doctors to play the heartbeat audibly, describe the fetus and show women a sonogram image, unless they decline to view it.

A similar bill in Virginia recently set off a firestorm of national debate, primarily over the use of invasive transvaginal sonograms. While the Texas law does not require a specific type of sonogram, providers said the transvaginal version often will be necessary early in pregnancies to meet the level of detail required by the law.

Nevertheless, the Texas Department of State Health Services said feedback from providers and women has been mild since it released guidelines for the law.

Texas abortion providers have reported a range of client reactions to the law. Some women have looked away or plugged their ears with their fingers when the doctor described the fetus, but many didn't show strong emotions.

Most find the requirements condescending, said Jenni Beaver, assistant director at Southwestern Women's Surgery Center in Dallas.

"It treats women as if they are stupid and don't know what is in their uterus," she said. "The law just creates hoops and barriers and drives up the cost for the women. And, we have not had anyone decide not to have an abortion because of a sonogram."

Supporters of the law also said they know of no instance when it has changed a woman's mind. But, it has been enforced for only three weeks, and the true impact won't be known until new state abortion statistics are collected, said Joe Pojman, executive director of Texas Alliance of Life.

Providers report abortions to the Texas Department of State Health Services Bureau of Vital Statistics.

However, the state likely won't make data available for a while — the most recent statistics on the department's website are from 2009, Pojman said.

In that year, there were almost 75,000 abortions in Texas.

Pojman said he views abortion providers reports of clients' reactions with a skeptical eye.

"It is impossible to know what is really going on, and I'm not sure I trust those accounts from providers," he said.

Visosky said that before the law, the pro-life committee "saw the power of the sonogram images" when they were shown to women considering abortions at pregnancy resource centers.

"We fully expect (the new law) to play into the decision-making process," she said.

At the Fort Worth center, the biggest problem the law has cased is scheduling complications, Hagstrom Miller said. Finding two days in which the doctor and patient are available for the sonogram and abortion is challenging.

Pojman said scheduling sonograms and abortions should be no more difficult for doctors and patients than scheduling consultations and procedures for any elective surgery.

Hagstrom Miller said a significant number of clients travel to the Fort Worth center from west of Tarrant County, she said. The only centers offering abortion in West Texas are in Lubbock and Midland.

The new law includes a provision that women who live more than 100 miles from an abortion center can have the sonogram two hours before the abortion. But, that still leaves clients who live 90 miles away, for example, making a three-hour round trip twice, she said.

That exemption for rural areas has created additional confusion because the law did not clarify whether that distance should be measured by how the crow flies or by driving distance, said Sara Cleveland, executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice Texas.

Delays in abortions caused by scheduling problems can affect the women's health, Beaver said. The later in pregnancy that an abortion occurs, the greater the medical risk.

Cleveland called that consequence "a stark reminder that this isn't about the health or the well-being of the women."

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of 'how can I help Midland in its growth,'" Sparks said.

Roman said adapting to and addressing Midland's economic development barriers is what the board wants, as well.

"We're taking a fresh look at where Midland needs economic development," she said.

Roman said the MDC should address housing with other entities and professionals.

A shift at the MDC

In 2007, the MDC completed a strategic plan that identified three areas where it would focus on development. Those included the downtown area, the airport — including both property near the airport that's prime for development as well as attracting aviation-related companies — and the region around Midland College and Midland Airpark. The work plan, or needs assessment being completed now by interim President Pam Welch, is what Roman said will help determine future focuses.

The airport and aviation industry likely will continue to be a target for the MDC, Roman said. The regional climate and facilities already in place make the industry a prime one for growth.

Aside from that, the focus areas will shift away from geographic zones to more "intangible" goals, she said.

The development of infrastructure improvements likely will be a focus. The MDC already has shifted that direction with a $6 million commitment in 2011 to install water lines along Highway 191.

Workforce development also will be a key goal, Roman said. With Midland's low unemployment, it's important to attract employees and support programs that create a skilled workforce among Midland's current population.

"That is the most valuable resource we have and can have," Roman said.

Some of that support could come in the form of financing of Midland College or the University of Texas of the Permian Basin programs, for example, she said.

Business retention, which includes working with Midland businesses that want to grow in staff or in usable space, also will remain a top goal.

Following the resignation of President Mike Hatley, Roman said the MDC board also is assessing its staffing needs. It likely will seek an additional staff member in the near future

The MDC currently has two professionals and one administrative assistant on staff, down from the four full-time professionals, one part-time professional and one administrative assistant it had at the start of 2011, Roman said.

Staff will focus on the new goals established through the work plan and also will continue current activities, such as visiting job fairs, attending trade shows to network with businesses and completing marketing activities.

Although now is not an ideal time to recruit a large business to Midland, Roman said the MDC doesn't want to lose the work it's already done in making Midland known to the outside business community.

"I hope that they can see we value the people here," Roman said, describing what she wants Midlanders and non-Midlanders to recognize about the MDC. "It's really not the oil and gas. It's the people we have here."

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Ron Holifield, CEO of Strategic Government Resources, facilitated the council workshop. He said many cities deal with how to best use economic development funds.

Like Midland, economic development organizations typically have operated from a "transactional model," which offers incentives for certain projects or businesses to relocate to a town, he said.

However, many organizations now realize the model ignores the market, he said. Incentives might cause a business to pick Midland over Odessa or Big Spring. But, the incentives likely won't be enough to make a company choose Midland over some other state. In moving to a model that works to impact the business climate rather than a single business, city leaders are shifting mindsets, he said.

"You're wanting to move from a transactional model to an organic model," he said.

Midland wants to change models, council members said.

But, John James, councilman for District 3, said while he wants to see the MDC add focuses of infrastructure and other broad-scale initiatives, business recruitment and incentives need to remain options the MDC can use.

"I want to have every tool in our tool bag," he said.

Dufford said he believes business recruitment and diversification are not needed, for now.

"When we passed it, it was all about trying to diversify our economy," Dufford said. "Those days have passed us by. We're an oil and gas economy."

City attorney Keith Stretcher said the law that allows for a type A sales tax states the funds can be used for a variety of economic development-related activities. Money generated can go toward traditional incentives to businesses. They also can be used for roads, rail spurs, water and sewer improvements, utilities, mass transit, technology, drainage and site and "related improvements," among other things, he said.

Sparks said the MDC could be fostering diversification indirectly by investing into infrastructure projects such as water lines, drainage or roads.

"I don't agree that diversification is out of the picture," Sparks said. "If we have more infrastructure, it could lead to natural diversification. The idea of paying companies to come here doesn't make much sense right now."

Jerry Morales, councilman at-large, said he once thought the MDC wasn't necessary. But, after speaking with council members and hearing from Roman, he said he's encouraged. Communication among parties has improved, and the MDC's leaders are willing to move forward, he said.

Morales said he hopes next year to see the MDC has participated in projects such as funding infrastructure that would make it easier for developers to add housing or in adding technology, including Wi-Fi downtown.

Michael Trost, councilman for District 4 and MDC board member, said there have been times when the MDC had a lack of focus, but for now they're on track.

Dufford said he's anxious to see results.

"The ship better turn faster than it has," he said. "Conceptually, if any of those members don't agree, they need to resign. The time is now. We've been fighting this for five years."

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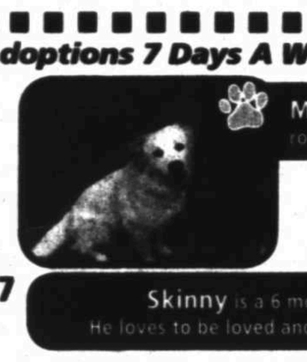

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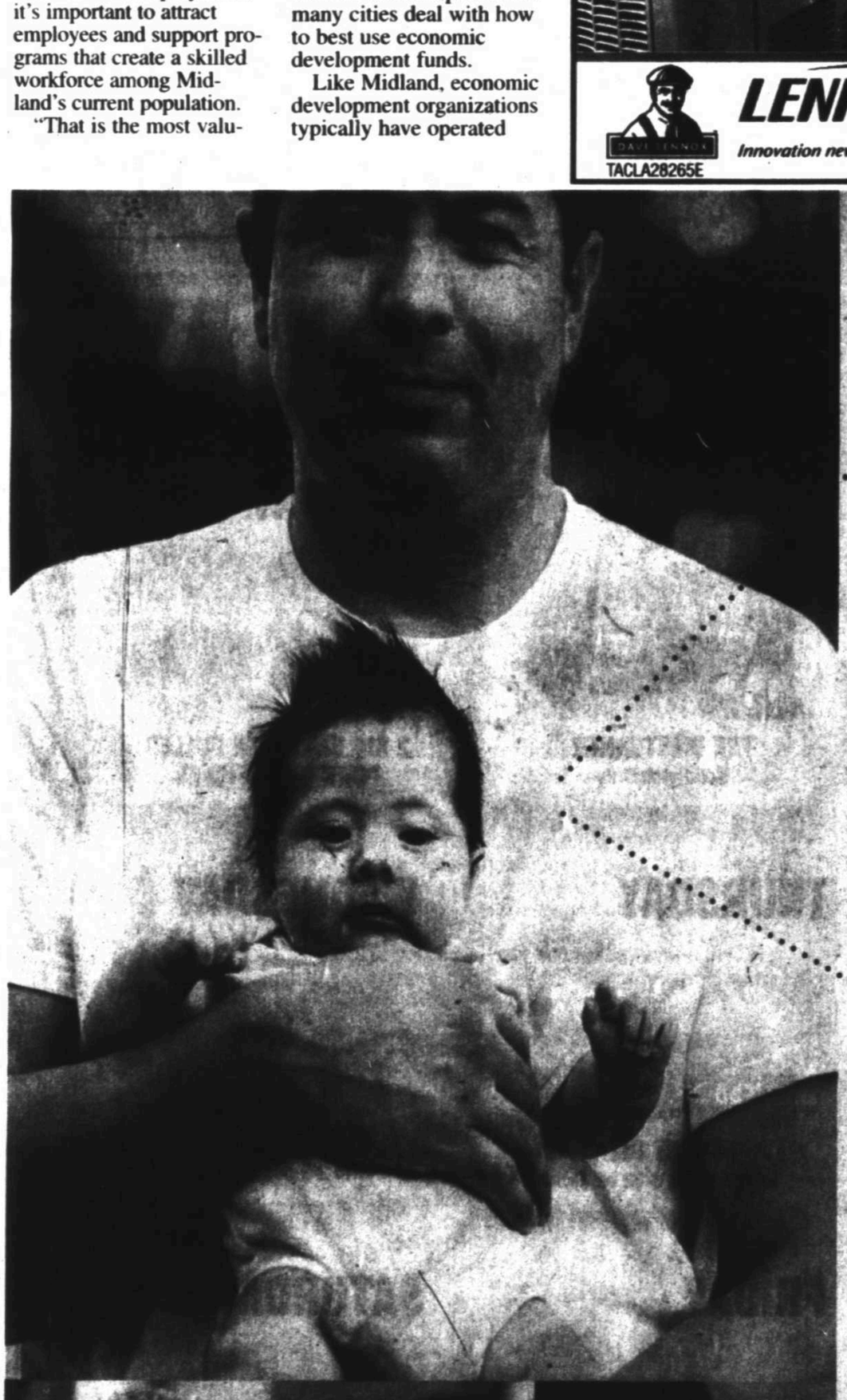

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Annual Mary Alice Knox Piano Competition announces awards

From staff reports

The annual Mary Alice Knox Piano Competition was hosted Saturday by the Midland Music Teachers' Association.

A total of 170 students from Midland, Odessa, Andrews, San Angelo, Roswell, N.M., and Artesia, N.M., competed. Judges for the competition were Dr. Mark Puckett, of Abilene, Hardin Simmons University; Dr. Lauren Puckett, of Abilene, Hardin Simmons University; and Dr. Nicholas Elderkin, of Midland College.

Students who received first place will be featured in recital today at 1:30 and 3 p.m. at Midland College, Allison Fine Arts Building, Wagner Brown Auditorium.

The public is invited to attend.

Piano competition results

First place: Anahita Khorsand, Zack Allen, Bria Young, Kathryn Paulos, Rebecca Lui, Grace Lui, Courtney Cross, Martin Joyce, Noor Osmani, Cade Mason, Ella Newey, Joshua Lui, Miranda Yang, Leah North, Sydney Ramirez, River Atwood, Dora Diane Hickman, Mattie Huber, Joseph Kim, Rachel Dent, Julia Diaz, Curtis Wong, Luke Bell, Nicholas Elwell, Tommy Young, Lawson Bell, Karolyne Malone, Hyeonji Lee, Kyle Cheatham, Nizar Osmani, Anuj Mocherla, Melissa Massey, Sophia Stangebye, Crystal Theimer, Hannah Lilley, Vijay Dimri, Ally Scott, Pranav Ganta, Shalee Campbell, Marin Casey, Kelton Chesshire, Isabel Clevenger, Ella Hoff, Laci Fuller, Radhika Singh, Sophia Koo, Cody Coll, Natalie Glover, Sydney Gourley, Orion Lin, Caroline Stout and Meghan Mills.

Second place: Sarah Wheeler, Sathvik Deme, Gregory Burwell, Kenra Thibeault, Maggie Lannom, Saloni Cholia, Natalie Mulvahill, Matthew Roehrig, Emma Pond, Sarah Yang, Dawson Marrow, Ellery Baker, Laura Swearingen, M'Kalee Morgan, Jeanna Goldsmith, Mary Blackshear, Laura Wong, Sophie Kim, Megan Iverson, Seth Diaz, Claire Newey, Julie Martinez, Garret Glover, Evan Witt, Matthew Elwell, Kassidy Branch, Ridge Atwood, Jeremy Anderson, Oscar Lin, Jasmin Ring, Sage Thompson, Madison Bogle, Tara Beth Coll, Madison Cowan, Nicholas Venters, Gloria Koo, Wesley Knowlton, Maryann Yang, Trevor VanHusen, Allen DeGroot, Grace Roehrig, Logan Pitts, Hannah Yearsley, Samiksha Deme, Copeland Fricker, Mikayla Fuller-Patterson and Jordan Patterson.

Third place: Tessa Monk, Neil Chinn, Sean Nail, Skyler Church, Nickil Dimri, Leah Pond, Kristyn Paulos, Joshua Lannom, Beatrice Crownover, Marquise' Weast, Jenna Young, Lizabelle Russell, Toree' Easterwood, Caroline Harper, Kristen Johnson, Jade Throneberry, Trenton Knowlton, Neil Patel, Bennett Casey, Lexi Matsinger, Faith Dolan; Julia Sharum, Sarah Lilley, Bree Ann Martin, Reese Camp, Lyssa Bell, Jackson Blackmon, Tanvi Shah and Alyssa Vasquez.

Honorable mentions: Kirsten Church, Suzanne Driskill, Sabah Osmani, Benjamin Witt, Kaden Williams, Sarah Blackshear, Zakaya Benge, Matthew Hall, Mitchell Sharum, Rhea Cholia, James Lannom, Holly Lindley, Sarah Driskill, Emma Morgan, Olivia Torrez, Sally Stangebye, Gracie Huber, Venus Sylvas, Lyla Horner, Katie Rempel, Brylee Russell, Joel Pond, Hannah Morgan, Katie Ray, Julia Morales and Landri St. Clair.

Participating teachers: Artestia, N.M. — Candy Branch, Joan Hines and Laney Rountree; Hobbs, N.M. — Michele Walton; Roswell, N.M. — Michael Lively and Michele Olson; San Angelo — Janelle Schlaudt and Diana Dyer; Odessa — Barbara Tyler; Midland (non-MMTA Members) — Steven Hopp and Diane Martin; Midland MMTA — Natalie Eustace, Joy Finley, Ellen Gossett, Ruth Ann Griffin, Pamela Holleman, Kristi Law, Linda Lindell, Joan Lucas, Phyllis Mason and Lyndol Taylor.

REGION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

Lab offers buyouts to hundreds of workers

LOS ALAMOS — Workers at the Los Alamos Nuclear Laboratory are being offered severance packages of up to 39 weeks' pay if they leave their jobs.

The lab is trying to cut between 400 and 800 workers from its current workforce of 7,600 to deal with budget cuts.

The Los Alamos Monitor reported lab director Charlie McMillan met with employees Thursday to detail the terms offered to those who voluntarily leave their jobs. Workers get payments based on years of service and receive medical insurance at employee contribution rates for a year. They'll have to pay more for up to an additional two years of coverage.

Workers can sign up until March 14 and will be told by the end of the month if their application has been accepted. Those taking the deal will be off the payroll by April 5.

McMillan said the lab's $2.2 billion budget is down $300 million this year and future budgets are expected to be flat.

NEW MEXICO

DPS officer arrested in prostitution case

ALBUQUERQUE — Police in Albuquerque say they've arrested a state police officer after an investigation that began when he was spotted picking up a prostitute.

A warrant charges 34-year-old Timothy Carlson with extortion, bribery, soliciting prostitution, sex charges and violating ethics laws. He was arrested late Friday after he allegedly picked up a prostitute who had been acting as a police informant and drove to the state fairground and parked.

He was in custody at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Albuquerque on Saturday. Online records didn't list an attorney.

The warrant alleges that Carlson had sex several times with female prostitutes he picked up in Albuquerque while driving his unmarked police vehicle. He was assigned to the Department of Public Safety's special investigations division.

WILLIAMSON

From 1B

nities, a strong military and other quality-of-life issues. I understand those cost money, but why do I have to be tortured every year just to pay the government my share?

The city and county, for instance, tell me what I owe, and I pay it. How come the government never figured out that they could just tell me how much I owe? No, they want me to agonize over how much I'm paying. They want to remind me every year how much I'm not making and how much they still can take out of my paycheck.

And then you wade through all these forms and receipts without even knowing if you have enough to itemize. How frustrating is it when you spend six hours of your life adding up all your deductions, and the government says you don't have enough deductions to get more than the standard deduction? Well, it's enough to make you want to tell the government to jump in the lake.

Don't you agree with me that this is a silly yearly exercise in futility? The wife hates this process as much as I do. She's my gofer. She digs through our yearly tax storage system. I call for all the forms, and she reads the appropriate numbers while I enter the numbers. It's a great system.

The wife, however, dreads the experience each year as much as I do, but I figure she should share in the tax pain as much as I do. It's only fair. The only winner is the government, which still can't figure out how to stay out of debt. Maybe it could if it had to fill out the same tax forms we do.

Thought for the Week: We are a stupid nation because it's never a good idea to give a government that designed our income tax system any money. That really is throwing money away.

HOSPITAL

From 1B

hospital doesn't charge for electricity or water and provides a dumpsite on campus for sewage and waste disposal.

Patients staying at the oncology unit are sometimes there for days or even months. Hospital staff said they wanted to provide the convenience of parking an RV near the hospital.

Providing RV hookups isn't new, Edmondson said. Hospitals around the country also provide the same service.

The lot was at capacity this week, which the hospital expects to will continue as the institution grows, especially with the new patient tower, Edmondson said. There are no plans to add more spaces.

Security monitors the RV area. People who use the hookups must check in first with the hospital and admissions to be validated.

"There's many who have written us thank-you letters telling us they appreciate (the RV parking lot). It's a nice customer service and convenient thing for them and helps to save a lot of money so they don't have to drive back and forth from, say, Fort Stockton. They won't be spending that money on gas, hotel or energy on a daily basis," Edmondson said.

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NM governor vetoes highway bill

Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — Gov. Susana Martinez vetoed a proposal to provide $12 million for highway maintenance on Friday, saying it didn't provide a long-term solution to New Mexico's highway financing problems.

The bill earmarked $12 million of motor vehicle excise revenues for a fund that pays for road work, but the governor said the one-time allocation creates expectations that the transfer will become permanent.

Martinez also said the proposal was flawed because it allocated $20 million from the state's road fund for highway maintenance but offset that with just $12 million of the tax revenues from car and truck sales.

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"Taste of Scouting" offered to interested families this March at BTSR

Families interested in learning more about Scouting are invited to attend the Family Campout Weekend March 9-11 at the Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch located in the Davis Mountains.

Your prospective Scout can try his hand at archery or hike one of the many trails throughout the ranch. BB gun shooting will also be offered along with one of the most popular activity at the ranch, horseback riding.

Participants will end their day of activities with a campfire program and retire to their tents. Tents are available if requested ahead of time. However, all other camping equipment is not provided. For a list of equipment to bring, contact the Scout office at 432.570.7601.

Just as the event name suggests, this is a family event and siblings are invited. However, the family must have a Cub Scout age boy in their family. Cub Scouts are 7-11 years old.

"This is a great opportunity for those intrigued by the Scouting program to come and see what all it has to offer," said Buffalo Trail Council Camping Director Bill Houston. "And what better place to experience the true Scouting program than in the Davis Mountains?"

Cub Scouts enjoy lunch at the dining hall during Cub-or-ee weekend last fall.

Family Campout Weekend is sponsored by the Order of the Arrow Tatanka Lodge 141. Order of the Arrow is an honor camping society that older Scouts in the Boy Scout program are elected by their peers to join. This weekend gives these Scouts an opportunity to give service back to the Scouting community and interact with the younger Scouts.

The Buffalo Trail Council hosts several events at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch for their members throughout the year. Cub Scouts enjoy a fall Cub-o-ree weekend and a spring Family Campout Weekend. Boy Scouts have the opportunity of attending a week of summer camp at the ranch. They also enjoy, camporees and OA fellowship weekends. Several Scouting units also plan their own campouts at the ranch for their Scouts.

To get your family registered for the Family Campout Weekend or to learn more about how to get involved with Scouting, contact the Scout office at 432.570.7601

Scouts visit with veterans on Valentine's Day

Troop 5, sponsored by the First Baptist Church in Big Spring, spent some time visiting the West Texas VA Health Care System in Big Spring. The boys chatted with patients and played board games. The Scouts brought sweet treats for the veterans to enjoy during the week of Valentine's Day to show their love and support for our veterans. Pictured are Isaac Arnt, Nick Dehoyos, Braidon Walker, Rezi Tkemaladze, Matt Hernandez, Nick Duncan, Zane Shamsher, and Blake Box. Seated is Mr. Puckett, Army veteran, and former Scoutmaster for a troop in Maryland. (Photo courtesy of Jeannie Hernandez, Troop 5)

Scouts honor fellow Scouters, elect officers

The Buffalo Trail Council concluded their weeklong anniversary celebration Saturday, February 11 with their annual meeting and banquet at the Commemorative Air Force.

The evening concluded with the awarding of the Silver Beaver to three local Scouting volunteers; Judge Matthew Blair, Kris Gregg and Dr. Byron Welch, II. The Silver Beaver is the highest award granted by a local Boy Scout council to a volunteer.

Judge Matthew Blair earned his Eagle Scout rank in 1970. He has been active in Scouting, serving as an assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster and district and council committee member. Judge Blair has also served as president of the Midland Jaycees and on numerous other civic boards.

Kris Gregg started his Scouting career as a Cub Scout and later joined a law enforcement Explorer post. Gregg has been involved in district activities, Order of the Arrow and many trips across the United States. Gregg has three sons who have earned their Eagle Scout rank and one more not to far behind. Gregg is active in his church and community, serving on the leadership committee, as a choir member and participating in sporting events.

Council President Deana Savage thanks Carolyn Welch for her support of her husband's service to Scouting. Welch's husband, Dr. Byron Welch, II, was awarded the Silver Beaver at the council banquet. Fellow Silver Beaver recipient Kris Gregg and his wife, Channon, are seated on the stage.

Dr. Byron Welch, II, is following in the footsteps set by his father. His father also is a Silver Beaver recipient and lifelong Scouter. Welch earned his Eagle Scout rank in 1973. He has served in a variety of leadership positions within Scouting. He is also active in his church and community as a Sunday school teacher, deacon and Rotarian. His only child, Byron, III, is also an Eagle Scout and prospective future Silver Beaver recipient

Also recognized that evening was the 2011 Eagle Scout class. 48 Scouts earned their Eagle Scout rank during the year. Other Scouters recognized included Bill Waddell, Commanche Trails District Award of Merit recipient; Charles House and Bill Houston, National Eagle Scout Association Outstanding Eagle Scout Award; and Frank Dotson, James E. West Fellowship National Endowment Award. Also recognized were Gena and David Linebarger for their support to Scouting and several parents, leaders and supporters nominated by their Scouting units as Spirit of Scouting recipients.

The evening began with the installation of the 2012 Buffalo Trail Council board officers. Deana Savage will serve her second term as council president. Joining Savage on the Buffalo Trail Council Executive Committee are Charles House, David Garcia, James Newman, Gary Wood, Ralph Truszkowski, Steve Thomas, Britt Hayes, and John Hood of Midland; Pat Canty, Bob Ferguson, Ted Hogan and David Shipman of Odessa; and Anne Stafford of Andrews. Including officers, a total of 36 representatives from throughout the Permian Basin serve on the full board of directors. All terms are one-year in length.

"With the busy schedules of today, we are very grateful for the service of these men and women," said Scout Executive Lyman Gifford. "They willingly give of their time and expertise to help support the Scouts of West Texas."

The Buffalo Trail Council has been the beneficiary of LTR's generosity for several years. From sponsoring the council's annual sporting clay shoot to employees serving on various committees and as leaders in the local Scouting units, Light Tower Rentals plays a vital role in the success of the Scouting program of West Texas.

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Sports

HS GOLF

Lee's Libby Thomas wins Midland Girls Golf Invitational. See story on Page 8C.

Midland High, Lee bounce back on final day of TOC

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

2012 Apache Tournament of Champions

Lee and Midland High didn't exactly end the second day of the Apache Tournament of Champions on bright notes Friday, as errors cost Lee in a loss to El Paso Montwood and nearly cost Midland High in a close win against Andrews.

But in the teams' tournament finales Saturday, the Rebels and Bulldogs proved that they had learned from the lessons of day two, as Midland High defeated Lubbock Estacado 10-2 and Lee defeated Canyon Randall 4-3 to cap 4-1 showings in the TOC.

"I thought we had probably our best day of baseball — we actually acted like we knew what we were doing," said MHS coach Barry Russell.

Russell's team began the day by shutting out Lubbock High 11-0, then controlled nearly all of its win against Estacado thanks to a six-run second inning and a nice performance on the mound by Jimmy Essman.

"We had two errors, both of them in the outfield, our infield did a great job defensively," Russell said, "We acted like it was a game of baseball."

Grant Edmondson got the Bulldogs going in the second when, with his team up 1-0, he slapped a base hit to right with the bases loaded to score two runs. Midland High ended the inning up 7-0, and that was all the support Essman needed, allowing just two runs over five innings, and even contributing at the plate with an RBI triple in the fifth.

"My (mentality) was just to throw strikes and let the defense work because that was (Russell's) main point (Friday)," Essman said. "With the new bats and everything, just throw strikes and let the defense play behind you."

Russell was particularly excited about a 1-2-3 double play Essman turned to get out of a bases-loaded jam in the top of the third — a play he missed in the exact same scenario a week before.

Saturday didn't start as smoothly for Lee, who gutted out a 9-8 win against Grapevine that, at one point, began to resemble its error-riddled loss to Montwood the day before.

"We had a 5-2 lead, then we coughed it right back up with two errors," Lee coach Hector Limon said.

But the Rebels still managed to conquer Grapevine for a solid win — the Mustangs were the only team to defeat Midland High in the TOC — and improved on that performance in the finale against Randall.

Lee fell behind 2-0 after a two-run single by Chad Brown in the bottom of the first, but clawed back into the game thanks to timely hits — like a

Please see TOC/5C

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

El Paso Dorado's J.D. Ortega loses control of the ball on a pickoff attempt on Midland High's Austen Wade on Thursday at the Tournament of Champions.

Shootout frenzy

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Miles Vincent (17) and Midland High's Jason Carter (3) chase after the ball Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium. The Bulldogs rallied to beat the Rebels, 2-1, in a shootout.

Dawgs rally against rival Lee to keep playoff hopes alive

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Bulldogs **2**
Rebels ..... **1 (SO)**

The Midland High boys soccer team has been on the losing end of some tight games lately.

Saturday the Bulldogs found the right time to finally break through with a key victory, and they did it against their biggest rival.

Midland High rallied from an early deficit to tie the game and then rallied again to win in a shootout, 2-1, against Lee at Grande Communications Stadium. Midland High won the shootout, 4-3.

The shootout victory doesn't necessarily move the Bulldogs into a playoff position at 2-5-1-1 with nine points in 3-5A, but with three games left on the league schedule they aren't out of the playoff race either.

"We had a rough beginning during the season, and we wanted this more than anything," MHS sophomore for-

Please see DAWGS/4C

Lady Dawgs continue mastery of Lady Rebs with SO win

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Lady Dawgs **1**
Lady Rebels ..... **0 (SO)**

The Lee girls soccer team thought it had the momentum and the motivation to come up with an upset of rival Midland High on Saturday, and were playing like a team in a desperate playoff situation.

But Midland High found a way to win yet another game against its rival at Grande Communications Stadium, but also knew it dodged an upset.

The Lady Bulldogs beat the Lady Rebels, 1-0, in a shootout coming back from a shootout loss on Tuesday, and in the process MHS clinched a playoff berth.

The Lady Rebels, meanwhile, picked up a valuable point after possibly playing their best game of the year but are still on the outside looking in when it comes to the playoffs.

"I think (they caught us off guard)," Midland High sophomore goalkeeper Whitney Sigler said. "We were looking at them as they were close to the bottom, but we didn't let it get to us and we kept strong. We just came off a loss, and that kind of got the girls out of their rhythm."

The Lady Bulldogs (15-6-1, 6-0-2-1, 23 points) had at least two chances to score in the first half, but each time Lee's defense and goalkeeper Kaitlin George found a way to clear the ball and keep the game scoreless.

Please see MASTERY/4C

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Shelby Shelton (18) moves in as Lee's Jessi Gonzalez, left, tries to keep the ball in her possession Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium. The Lady Dawgs beat the Lady Rebels, 1-0, in a shootout

Richards, Jiminez send Grady to state

Wildcats **45**
Mustangs **43**

By Doug Hensley
MRT Correspondent

LEVELLAND — In a game that came down to a final decision, Grady's Bransen Richards proved he could handle it in a snap.

Richards, the Wildcats' senior guard, dribbled down the last ticks of the clock Saturday and then drove to the basket to take the game-winning shot against Sands.

Jiminez

Or maybe not. At the last possible moment, Richards dropped the ball off to a wide open Michael Jimenez, who laid it in with 2 seconds remaining, providing the winning points in a 45-43 victory over the Mustangs on Saturday in the Class A Division II regional championship game at the Texan Dome in Levelland.

Clay

"We really had every intention of Bransen taking the final shot," said Grady head coach Thomas Clay after his team punched a ticket to the Class A, Division II semifinals in Austin. Pairings for the UIL state tournament will be announced today. "But he is such a smart player. We were pretty

Please see GRADY/2C

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Crane's Zachary Daniel, left, and Trinity's Christian Farris compete in the 1,600-meter run Saturday during the Tall City Relays at Memorial Stadium.

Trinity's Farris, Crane's Daniel fight for distance supremacy

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

Crane's Zachary Daniel and Trinity's Christian Farris were relieved to see one another. They're tired of running alone.

While most of their teammates competed in Division III with other small schools and large school junior varsities at the Tall City Relays this weekend, Daniel and Farris moved up to compete in Division I with Class 5A athletes.

They moved up with good reason, too. Daniel and Farris dominated the two long distance races, placing first and second in the 1,600-meter and

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Sunday Morning Line

LEN HAYWARD
Sports Editor

This and that as taking a week off from this column didn't give me the chance to wish my wife a Happy Anniversary. So here it is: Happy 17th honey!

Seeing that former Lee boys golf coach Bobby Dunn was honored by the district last weekend for his years of service to golf was well earned.

I first met Dunn during my stint at the Odessa American in the mid 1990s when he was the chief scorer for the then Midland Angels. Bobby taught me plenty about baseball and how to score it, and even to this day when we have a scoring question after covering a game we can usually catch Bobby at home and he will have an answer. Trust me, we've had some doozies that we've thrown at him and he's been able to come up with the right call.

When I returned to the area eight years ago, I was reacquainted with him as the Lee boys golf coach. One thing I learned was that Bobby didn't sugar coat things and I liked that, but when his kids played well he was quick to praise them.

Coach Dunn is one of those rare teachers and coaches that stay in one place for a long time, and made a commitment to the district. Sure, he had his opinions on how things were run in the district and on other matters, but you always knew it was genuine with Bobby.

Coach Dunn is one of a kind, and it's a well-deserved honor.

■ I know there seems to be some doom and gloom coming from both the Lee and Midland High baseball coaches this time of year, but please take note that these two teams will be fighting for a District 3-5A championship, and should make extended playoff runs.

Not only do both teams have plenty of talent, but after seeing both play some this weekend, the two squads are fundamentally sound.

That will make a difference both in district play and in the playoffs.

By the time district play starts in two weeks, these teams will be ready and when they play each other this season, those games will likely live up to their billing.

■ OK, it seems that the iPad has taken the place of the pencil and scorebook among baseball and softball coaches these days. Apparently, coaches have become part of a stats website and are uploading their information to it and not relying on a scorebook as much.

But here's a couple reasons why the old fashioned method — a pencil and scorebook — are better:

1. A pencil doesn't need batteries, and neither does the scorebook. Plus, the only recharging needed is for the operator with a drink and a hot dog, or maybe some sunflower seeds.

2. Erasing a mistake in the scorebook is a lot quicker with a pencil.

And finally, 3. My pencil and scorebook can't be taken out by EMP. If you don't know what that is you don't know as much about computers as you think.

I understand wanting to do that to upload stats, but I prefer sitting at a game with my scorebook, pencil and just simply watching baseball. In my opinion, it's the best way to do it.

■ Got to give kudos to the Midland High girls soccer team for continuing to play at a high level this year despite the numerous distractions both this week and earlier in the season. Some of that can be credited to the hiring of Jim Bragg and for Joe Horn keeping the team focused in December, but most of the credit goes to the players for keeping their eyes on the prize.

This year's team has the talent to make that elusive trip to Georgetown, and now it's a matter of working its way through a rugged Region I.

■ Now I've seen it all in NASCAR, and that's negative points. Jimmie Johnson has to dig himself out of a 23-point hole if Hendrick Motorsports doesn't win its appeal on the penalties for issues with the car last week at Daytona.

It will be interesting to see how he responds.

■ Also, if you didn't see it this week in the paper, nominations are now being taken for next year's class of the Midland ISD Athletics Hall of Legends. Go to the MISD athletic website at www.midlandisd.com/athletics and click on the Hall of Legends tab at the top.

Hopefully, one Wahoo McDaniel makes his way in this year.

■ Who would've thought that when the UIL announces its alignments for sports other than football and basketball later this spring, it would be watched so closely in West Texas. But as the rumblings are going around about the UIL possibly moving Abilene east to District 4-5A for other sports, it's come to that. Plus, it seems that has also put a hold on scheduling some of those sports for the next year.

It's not the perfect situation but maybe it's time to get down to the business of scheduling and getting ready for the next two years. Tascosa's appeal was denied and I don't think Abilene wants to go east and 4-5A doesn't probably want Abilene High or Cooper either.

So let's just move on.

■ And finally, it's good to see the Hot Shots on the field again.

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On the air today

WHAT'S ON TV

AUTO RACING
NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Subway Fresh Fit 500, 1:30 p.m., Fox

CYCLING
Paris-Nice, stage 1, Dampierre-en-Yvelines to Saint-Remy-les-Chevreuse (same-day tape), 2 p.m., NBCSN

GOLF
PGA Tour, The Honda Classic, final round, Noon, TGC
PGA Tour, The Honda Classic, final round, 2 p.m., NBC

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Kentucky at Florida, 11 a.m., CBS
Clemson at Florida St., 11 a.m., ESPN2
Michigan at Penn St., Noon, ESPN
Missouri Valley Conference, championship game, 1 p.m., CBS
Arizona at Arizona St., 2:30 p.m., FSS
Ohio St. at Michigan St., 3 p.m., CBS
California at Stanford, 4:30 p.m., FSS Plus

MEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE
Syracuse at Virginia, 3:30 p.m., ESPN

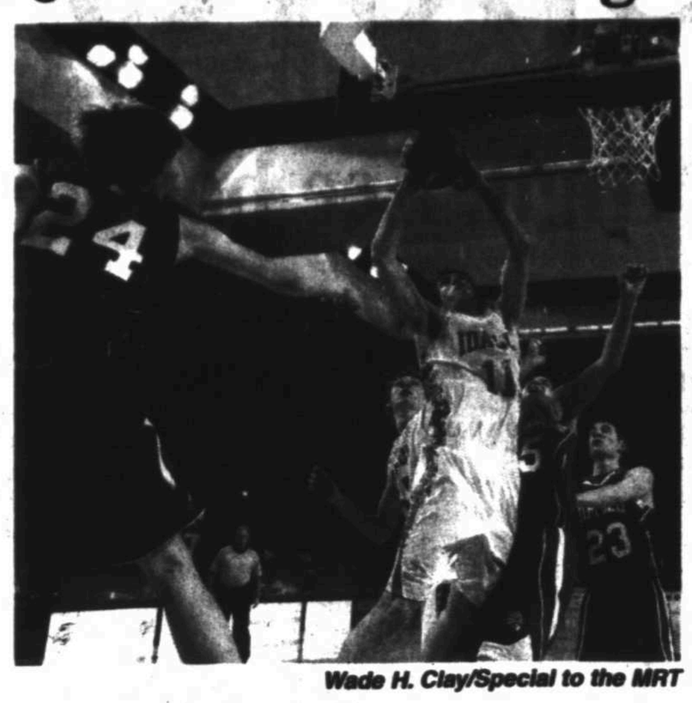
NBA
New York at Boston, Noon, ABC
Miami at L.A. Lakers, 2:30 p.m., ABC
Chicago at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., ESPN
Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL
National coverage, Boston at New York, 11:30 a.m., NBC
Dallas at Calgary, 5 p.m., FSS
Philadelphia at Washington, 6 p.m., MSNBC

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Texas A&M at Texas, Noon, FSS
Atlantic Coast Conference, championship game, 1 p.m., ESPN2
Big Ten Conference, championship game, at Indianapolis, 3 p.m., ESPN2
Southeastern Conference, championship game, 5 p.m., ESPN2
Stanford at California, 8 p.m., FSS

Idalou tops Jim Ned to win Region I-2A title

By Evan Jansa
MRT Correspondent



Wade H. Clay/Special to the MRT

Idalou's Riley Payne (11) goes up for two of his game-high 19 points against Jim Ned on Saturday in the Region I 2A final.

With less than two seconds to play and down two points, Jim Ned's Will Bryant caught an inbounds pass from Clay O'Dell behind the 3-point arc and squared up for a game-winning attempt.

As he swiveled toward the basket, the whistle blew. O'Dell had stepped over the sideline before he threw the ball inbounds, turning the ball over to Idalou and ultimately the Region I-2A championship. Kyl Houchin tacked on a free throw in the final seconds to give the Wildcats 52-49 win at the Chaparral Center.

"The referee said (O'Dell) stepped across the line before he threw it inbounds," Jim Ned head coach Steve Bryant said. "I thought (Bryant) was going to get one off. It's very frustrating when it comes down to a whistle."

But that wasn't the only chance for the Indians. On their prior possession, Austin Adams missed a shot from the block but the Indians pulled down the offensive rebound only to have Austin Mays toss an awkward attempt that barely made it over the rim against the consistently snug Idalou man-to-man defense.

"We pride ourselves on getting stops and that's what we were doing — flying around trying not to lose their shooters," Idalou forward Riley Payne said. "They have a heck of a team."

Although it appeared chaotic, it was efficient defense. The Wildcats didn't let Brady Leissner — who led Jim Ned with 17 — or Will Bryant get a look at the basket in crunch time.

"For it to end that way, I hate that for (Jim Ned)," Idalou head coach Tyler Helms said. "We made the plays when we had to make the plays. We put ourselves in a position to where we could win the game."

It was a back-and-forth battle throughout with the lead changing 12 times. The two squads were definitely familiar with each other. In 2010, Idalou beat the Indians, 51-44, in the regional final.

That familiarity never turned into volatility but the game was physical and that's something the Wildcats relish.

"We bust our butts all year in the weight room and practice," Payne said. "We always try to be really physical."

The Indians didn't back down, though. Jim Ned built a four-point lead in the third quarter before Alan Zahn turned it on offensively for Idalou. The 6-foot-8 center showed a deft touch from mid-range against the 2-3 zone, tallying 8 of his 16 points in the frame to give the Wildcats a 38-36 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

"Alan was lights out," Helms said. "We were in trouble and Alan came through and hit some big shots for us right there to kind of stop their run and allowed us to gain some momentum and kind of get our legs back underneath us."

Without Zahn, Idalou might not be making its third consecutive trip to the state tournament.

"I'm glad to be going back to Austin," Zahn said. "Hopefully we can get it done."

The Wildcats lost, 66-40 to Ponder in the final in 2010 but won the title last year in a 55-54 barnburner over Tatum. Having the opportunity to defend their title is one thing, but Helms said there is no added pressure.

"I don't feel like we have a target on our back," Helms said. "We just need to go down there and play well and let it fall where it falls."

Wildcats	52
Indians	49

IDALOU 52, JIM NED 49

Jim Ned (31-9) — Will Bryant 14, Brady Leissner 17, Austin Adams 2, Austin Mays 5, Clay O'Dell 9, Jake Gleason 2.

Idalou (30-5) — Bradley Adkins 2, Riley Payne 19, Koal Houchin 2, Ky Houchin 4, Alan Zahn 16, Seth Reagan 8, Alec Estes 1.

Jim Ned	14	10	12	13—49
Idalou	16	10	12	14—52

Free throws — Jim Ned , 19-24, Idalou, 15-24. 3-point goals - Jim Ned, 4 (Leissner 2, O'Dell, Mays). Idalou, 7 (Payne 2, Ky Houchin). Total fouls - Jim Ned 20, Idalou 18.

Next game: Idalou plays in the UIL Class 2A state tournament in Austin, TBD.

GRADY

From 1C

sure he would get a shot, but he saw Michael there."

The basket capped an adrenaline-fueled comeback for the Wildcats, which trailed by 14 points midway through the third quarter. Grady turned up the defensive heat and limited Sands big man Caleb Thomasson to just three points in the second half while pressuring the Mustangs into 19 turnovers, including 11 in the second half.

"We talk about this at halftime of every game," said Clay, whose team was down 30-19 at intermission. "Whether you are up or down, there's still a half to play. It's a 32-minute game, not a 16-minute game."

The Mustangs controlled most of the first 16 minutes, steadily building a lead and frustrating Grady with their own pressure defense en route to the 11-point edge. Then , in the early stages of the third quarter, Sands got three free throws from Thomasson and a basket from Michael Gomez in forging ahead, 35-21, with 4:49 left.

Then the Wildcats turned up the heat, forcing Sands into turnovers on six of its next seven trips down the court. Richards fueled the offensive comeback with eight points, including a 3-pointer from the top of the key. Moments later, Zeke Clay converted a 3-pointer, and Grady was within 35-32 with 2:23 left in the third quarter.

Sands nursed a 37-33 advantage entering the final eight minutes, but Richards hit two free throws with 5:52 remaining to tie the game 39-39 and cap an 18-4 spree. Clay converted a layup on a pass from Richards, and Grady had its first lead at 41-39 since the game's opening moments.

The teams traded baskets down the stretch with Richards, who led all scorers with 20 points, tying it for the last time, 43-43, with two free throws at the 2:10 mark, setting the stage for the final-second heroics.

"We had all the confidence in the world that Michael would hit that shot, and Michael has confidence that he would make that play," said Clay.

REGION 1-1A DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP
GRADY 45, SANDS 43

Sands (28-9) — Thomasson 13, Blagrave 6, Gomez 6, Ybarra 8, Zant 10.

Grady (29-5) — Zeke Clay 13, Bransen Richards 20 EJ. Rodriguez 6, Michael Jimenez 3, Taylor Pillson 3.

Sands	13	17	7	6—43
Grady	7	12	14	12—45

Free throws — Sands 11-18, Grady 11-15. 3-point goals — Sands 2 (Zant 2); Grady 4-18 (Clay 2, Richards 2). Total fouls — Sands 18, Grady 17. Rebounds — Sands 41 (Thomasson 17); Grady 25 (three with 5). Assists — Sands 7, Grady 4. Turnovers — Sands 19, Grady 8. Blocked shots — Sands 3, Grady 2. Steals — Sands 2, Grady 2

BOYS HS BASKETBALL PAIRINGS

Class 5A
Region I-5A Tournament
Wilkerson Greines Activity Center, Fort Worth
Friday's Semifinals
Flower Mound Marcus (W8, 36-2) 66, North Crowley 55
South Grand Prairie (W5, 36-2) 58, El Paso Hanks 56
Saturday's Final
Flower Mound Marcus (W8 37-2) 39, South Grand Prairie 38

Class 4A
Region I-4A Tournament
The Coliseum, Snyder
Friday's Semifinals
Denton Ryan (R4, 22-11) 58, FW Trimble Tech 56
FW Arlington Heights (R6, 24-9) 56, Wolfforth Frenship 50
Saturday's Final
Denton Ryan (R4, 23-11) 71, FW Arlington Heights 68

Class 3A
Region I-3A Tournament
United Spirit Arena, Lubbock
Friday's Semifinals
Lubbock Estacado (W2, 28-7) 75, Alvardo 59
Abilene Wylie (W5, 22-6) 54, Dalhart 41
Saturday's Final
Lubbock Estacado (W2, 29-7) 56, Abilene Wylie 46

Class 2A
Region I-2A Tournament
Chaparral Center
Friday's Semifinals
Idalou (W2, 29-5) 57, Dublin 42
Jim Ned (W7, 31-6) 68, Childress 54
Saturday's Final
Idalou (W2, 30-5) 52, Jim Ned 49

Class A, Division I
Region I-A Division I Tournament
Texan Dome, Levelland
Friday's Semifinals
Seagraves (W6, 20-10) 64, Vega 49
Olton (W5, 25-7) 46, Canadian 43
Saturday's Final
Olton (W5, 26-7) 62, Seagraves 56

Class A, Division II
Region I-A Division II Tournament
Texan Dome, Levelland
Friday's Semifinals
Grady (W8, 27-5) 70, Nazareth 50
Sands (R8, 27-6) 68, Texline 38
Saturday's Final
Grady (W8, 28-3) 45, Sands 43

Region II
Region II-A Division II Tournament
Mosely Coliseum, Abilene
Friday's Semifinals
Lipan (W16) 46, Water Valley 43
Graford (W16, 26-8) 56, Garden City 41
Saturday's Final
Graford (W16, 27-8) 61, Lipan 42

GIRLS UIL STATE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Class 5A

DUNCANVILLE 69, SPRING DEKANEY 31

AUSTIN— Tasia Foman scored 21 points and Duncanville's swarming defense overwhelmed Spring Dekaney as the Pantherettes cruised to the Class 5A girls' state championship 69-31 Saturday night.

Duncanville (40-1) led 24-3 after the first quarter and 41-9 by halftime in winning its seventh state championship and first since 2003.

Class 4A

MANSFIELD SUMMIT 45, ROCKWALL 42

AUSTIN — Maya Hawkins scored 19 points to carry Mansfield Summit to the Class 4A girls' state championship Saturday with a 45-42 win over Rockwall.

Hawkins' 3-pointer early in the fourth quarter gave Summit a 39-38 lead. Summit (37-3) didn't make another basket but made six of 10 free throws down the stretch to hold off Rockwall (34-8).

Class 3A

ABILENE WYLIE 59, CELINA 45

AUSTIN — Peyton Little scored 33 points, including a 3-pointer with 3 seconds left at end of the third quarter, leading Abilene Wylie to a 59-45 win over Celina for the 3A state title.

Little, named championship game MVP, also had six rebounds and converted 15 of 18 free throws. Her third-quarter shot sent the Bulldogs (36-5) on a 26-15 scoring run that led to the outcome.

Class 2A

BROCK 52, POTH 49

AUSTIN — Taylor Fulmer converted a 3-point play with 20 seconds left, lifting Brock to its fourth consecutive girls' Class 2A state championship Saturday with a 52-49 win over Poth.

Kamy Cole scored 19 points and fired the halfcourt pass to Fulmer that beat a defensive trap for the winning basket. Brock's victory wasn't secure until Ashley Fuller's 3-pointer in the final seconds bounced off the back of the rim and Cole grabbed the rebound.

CLASS A, DIVISION I
SUDAN 70, MARTIN'S MILL 40

AUSTIN — Danielle Logan scored 36 points as Sudan defeated Martin's Mill 70-40 for the UIL Class 1A Division 1 state girls basketball championship.

Logan, named the championship game MVP, also had six rebounds as Sudan finished the season at 34-3 with its second championship since 2009. Bailey Black added 16 points while Jasmine Weaver finished with 14 points and 16 boards for the victorious Nettes.

CLASS A, DIVISION II
NECHES 60, LIPAN 41

AUSTIN — Senior guard Roddricka Patton scored 31 points, leading Neches to its third consecutive girls' Class 1A Division II state championship Saturday night with a 60-41 win over Lipan.

Jacks beat IceRays in SO

From staff reports

ODESSA — The Odessa Jackalopes picked up a key victory against Corpus Christi on Saturday night at the Ector County Coliseum, as they won 2-1 in a shootout.

With the victory the Jacks now have 45 points in the NAHL's South Division standings, and are six points behind the fourth place IceRays, who have 51.

The IceRays opened the scoring in the first period when Eric Purcell scored with less than three minutes remaining in the period.

But the Jacks came back to tie the game with 7:27 left in the third period when Taylor Portner scored off an assist from Mikko Virtanen.

During the shootout, only one goal was scored as Odessa's Tyler Cayemberg put one past Corpus Christi goaltender Anthony Stolarz on the fifth shooter. Then Odessa's Conner Hellebuyck stopped the IceRays' A.J. Jaraosz to preserve the victory.

Odessa (20-25-5) will return to the ice on Friday, March 9 with the first of two games against Wichita Falls.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	63	41	15	7	89	175	130
Pittsburgh	63	37	21	5	79	202	166
Philadelphia	63	35	21	7	77	209	191
New Jersey	64	36	23	5	77	180	174
N.Y. Islanders	65	27	29	9	63	154	195

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	63	38	22	3	79	205	146
Ottawa	65	34	24	9	76	200	194
Toronto	65	30	28	7	67	194	201
Buffalo	64	29	27	8	66	157	180
Montreal	66	25	31	10	60	170	184

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	64	30	22	12	72	159	182
Winnipeg	64	31	27	6	70	173	183
Washington	64	30	27	5	69	172	183
Tampa Bay	65	31	28	6	68	184	219
Carolina	64	24	27	14	62	171	197

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	65	43	19	3	89	208	151
St. Louis	65	40	18	7	87	166	130
Nashville	65	36	20	7	83	184	166
Chicago	66	35	24	7	77	203	194
Columbus	65	20	38	7	47	153	214

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	65	41	16	8	90	206	158
Colorado	65	33	28	4	70	169	175
Calgary	65	29	25	11	69	157	176
Minnesota	65	28	27	10	66	143	178
Edmonton	64	25	33	6	56	170	192

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	65	33	23	9	75	170	165
San Jose	63	33	23	7	73	178	160
Dallas	65	34	26	5	73	171	176
Los Angeles	64	29	23	12	70	138	137
Anaheim	65	28	27	10	66	164	182

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Saturday's Scores

N.Y. Islanders 4, Boston 2
Toronto 3, Montreal 1
Tampa Bay 4, Carolina 3, OT
Nashville 3, Florida 1
Columbus 5, Phoenix 2
Pittsburgh at Colorado, late
Buffalo at Vancouver, late
Anaheim at Los Angeles, late
St. Louis at San Jose, late

Today's Games

Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 11:30 a.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 2 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 3 p.m.
Ottawa at Florida, 5 p.m.
Dallas at Calgary, 5 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 6 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY'S SUMMARIES

LIGHTNING 4, HURRICANES 3, OT

Tampa Bay	1	1	1	0	**3**
Carolina	0	3	0	0	**— 3**

First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Wallace 1 (Shanahan), 5:08.

Second Period—2, Carolina, Stewart 8 (E.Staal, Spacek), 5:23. 3, Carolina, Jokinen 10, 15:02. 4, Carolina, Stewart 9 (E.Staal, Tlusty), 16:18. 5, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 46, 18:00.

Third Period—6, Tampa Bay, Purcell 19 (St. Louis, Malone), 7:24 (pp).

Overtime—7, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 47 (Purcell), 2:41 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Tampa Bay 8-7-6-2—23. Carolina 8-9-8-3—27.

Goalies—Tampa Bay, Garon, Carolina, Ward. A—17,116 (18,680). T—2:27.

MAPLE LEAFS 3, CANADIENS 1

Toronto	1	2	0	**— 3**
Montreal	1	0	0	**— 1**

First Period—1, Montreal, Cole 23 (Desharnais, Pacioretty), 7:16.

Second Period—2, Toronto, Frattin 6 (Grabovski), 6:30.

Third Period—3, Toronto, Grabovski 19 (MacArthur, Gunnarsson), 11:45. 4, Toronto, Grabovski 20 (Frattin, Phaneuf), 19:07 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Toronto 13-12-17—42. Montreal 7-10-5—22.

Goalies—Toronto, Gustavsson. Montreal, Price. A—21,273 (21,273). T—2:25.

ISLANDERS 3, BRUINS 2

N.Y. Islanders	1	1	1	**— 3**
Boston	1	0	1	**— 2**

First Period—1, Boston, Lucic 22 (Rolston, Corvo), 15:10 (pp). 2, N.Y. Islanders, Bailey 10 (Nielsen, Lilbinen), 17:36.

Second Period—3, N.Y. Islanders, Moulson 28 (Nielsen, Bailey), 15:35 (pp).

Third Period—4, Boston, Seguin 22 (Chara, Krejci), 7:29. 5, N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 26 (Moulson, MacDonald), 15:21.

Shots on Goal—N.Y. Islanders 10-7-8—25. Boston 12-15-7—34.

Goalies—N.Y. Islanders, Nabokov, Boston, Rask, Thomas. A—17,565 (17,565). T—2:32.

PREDATORS 3, PANTHERS 1

Nashville	1	1	1	**— 3**
Florida	0	0	1	**— 1**

First Period—1, Nashville, A.Kostitsyn 13 (Gaustad, Gill), 11:35.

Second Period—2, Nashville, Fisher 19 (Eriat), 28. 3, Florida, Wolski 2 (Goc, Fleischmann), 7:49.

Third Period—4, Nashville, Legwand 15 (A.Kostitsyn, Suter), 7:02.

Shots on Goal—Nashville 6-8-9—23. Florida 15-9-16—40.

Goalies—Nashville, Rinne. Florida, Clemmensen. A—15,904 (17,040). T—2:26.

BLUE JACKETS 5, COYOTES 2

Columbus	1	1	3	**— 5**
Phoenix	0	2	0	**— 2**

First Period—1, Columbus, Nash 23 (MacKenzie, Moore), 16:21 (sh).

Second Period—2, Columbus, Nash 24 (Brassard), 8:08. 3, Phoenix, Whitney 20 (Doan, Rundblad), 8:19 (pp). 4, Phoenix, Korpikoski 14 (Doan), 13:50.

Third Period—5, Columbus, Niklith 4 (Umberger), 9:12. 6, Columbus, Brassard 12 (Nash), 13:44. 7, Columbus, Gillies 2 (J.Johnson), 19:00 (en).

Shots on Goal—Columbus 11-7-8—26. Phoenix 8-10-14—32.

Goalies—Columbus, Mason. Phoenix, M.Smith. A—13,579 (17,135). T—2:17.

MLB

Spring Training
AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Detroit	1	0	1.000
Minnesota	1	0	1.000
New York	1	0	1.000
Toronto	1	0	1.000
Oakland	1	1	.500
Seattle	1	1	.500
Baltimore	0	0	.000
Boston	0	0	.000
Chicago	0	0	.000
Cleveland	0	0	.000
Kansas City	0	0	.000
Los Angeles	0	0	.000
Texas	0	0	.000
Tampa Bay	0	1	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Arizona	1	0	1.000
Houston	1	0	1.000
Colorado	1	0	1.000
Cincinnati	0	0	.000
Colorado	0	0	.000
Los Angeles	0	0	.000
Miami	0	0	.000
Milwaukee	0	0	.000
New York	0	0	.000
San Diego	0	0	.000
St. Louis	0	0	.000
Atlanta	0	1	.000
Philadelphia	0	1	.000
Pittsburgh	0	1	.000
San Francisco	0	1	.000
Washington	0	1	.000

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Saturday's Scores

Houston 3, Washington 1
Toronto 7, Pittsburgh 1
Detroit 7, Atlanta 0
Minnesota 7, Tampa Bay 3
N.Y. Yankees 8, Philadelphia 5
Cincinnati 6, Cleveland 6, tie
Arizona (ss) 9, San Francisco 6
Oakland 9, Seattle 2
Colorado 1, Atlanta (ss) 1, tie, 10 innings

Today's Games

Houston vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota (ss) vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota (ss) vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:35 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 1:05 p.m.
San Francisco (ss) vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 2:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
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Sean O'Hair	70-69-72 — 211
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Ben Crane	68-73-70 — 211
Aron Price	70-71-71 — 212
Brian Davis	67-74-71 — 212
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Skip Kendall	73-67-73 — 213
Charles Svoboda	74-66-73 — 213
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Russell Henley	71-68-74 — 213
Camilo Benedetti	69-72-72 — 213
Paul Stankowski	70-70-73 — 213
Robert Damron	70-70

DAWGS

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ward Will Downing said. "It's our rivals, and we just wanted it more than any game. Every ball that was 50-50 we wanted it."

Lee, meanwhile, wasn't able to gain any ground on second-place Abilene Cooper but did earn a point and moved into third place by itself at 4-2-0-2 with 14 points. But that doesn't take the sting away from having another lead disappear during the game.

Lee's Kaegan Davis finished a beautiful cross from Jakab Marquez for the game's first goal in the fifth minute. Lee kept the pressure on and in the 14th minute, MHS keeper Jesus Munoz stopped two point blank shots from Davis and Darius Strambler.

A few minutes later, Lee's Derek Sanchez kicked a loose ball after Munoz couldn't handle it inside the penalty box and sent it into the net. But the goal was disallowed because of offside, allowing MHS to dodge some early bullets.

"We had our chances in the first half and we didn't get it done, and it could've been 2-0 at half-time," Lee coach Scott Hicks said.

Dodging those early scoring opportunities was big for the Bulldogs as they tied the game in the 51st minute when Will Downing finished a nice cross from Michael Wynne. The play was started with a creative play by Ethan Baltier, who waited for the Lee defense to set itself right and then sent the ball through to Wynne.

"We've worked on that all week," Downing said. "We knew that we could tear their defense apart playing those balls that we had. The first half we had a couple of those chances but didn't put it in the back of the net, but this time we got it."

During the shootout, both teams scored on their first two attempts as Stephen Reid and Downing scored for MHS and Sanchez and Colyn Moore scored for Lee.

On the third shooter, though, Baltier's attempt went too far in front and he couldn't get control and Lee shootout goalkeeper Dustin Beal kicked it away. Lee responded with Trent Johnson scoring to give the Rebels the lead.

But Midland High came back one more time as Wynne and Nico Francino scored and Davis' attempt went high and Brandon Estrada's shot went left of the goal to preserve MHS' victory.

"It boils down to every play is critical, especially for the season at this point in time and now we've got to go," Midland High coach Warren Cottle said. "We stepped back up in the second half. We really could've gone two ways, and we could've fold and tanked it. But the character of the guys showed and we came back."

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Lee's Derek Sanchez, front, passes the ball as Midland High's Michael Wynne, back left, John Durrett (2) and Michael Barden (23) move in to defend Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

3-5A Soccer standings

Boys

Team	W	L	District SOW	SOL	Pts.	Overall W	L	T
x-Odessa Permian	9	0	0	0	27	14	5	1
Abilene Cooper	5	2	1	0	17	10	8	0
Lee	4	2	0	2	14	5	9	2
San Angelo Central	4	3	0	1	13	6	9	0
Odessa High	2	5	2	0	10	9	7	4
Midland High	2	5	1	1	9	8	10	2
Abilene High	0	9	0	0	0	4	10	2

Note: Three points are awarded for a win, 2 points for a Shootout win (SOW) and 1 point for a Shootout loss (SOL)
x-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Scores
Midland High 2, Lee 1, SO (4-3); Abilene Cooper 3, Abilene High 0; Odessa Permian 1, Odessa High 0; San Angelo Central was idle.

Monday's Game
San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Odessa High at Midland High; Lee at Odessa Permian; Abilene High is idle. All games at 5:30 p.m.

Girls

Team	W	L	District SOW	SOL	Pts.	Overall W	L	T
x-Midland High	8	0	2	1	33	16	0	1
Abilene High	5	3	1	0	17	14	6	0
Odessa High	5	3	0	1	16	13	6	0
San Angelo Central	4	2	1	1	15	13	6	0
Odessa Permian	4	5	0	0	12	9	9	1
Lee	2	5	0	1	7	9	8	0
Abilene Cooper	0	8	0	0	0	3	14	0

Note: Three points are awarded for a win, 2 points for a Shootout win (SOW) and 1 point for a Shootout loss (SOL)
x-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Scores
Midland High 1, Lee 0, SO (3-1); Abilene High 5, Abilene Cooper 1; Odessa High 2, Odessa Permian 1; San Angelo Central is idle.

Monday's Game
San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Odessa High at Midland High; Lee at Odessa Permian; Abilene High is idle. All games at 7:30 p.m.

MASTERY

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During much of the game, though, it was Lee (9-8-0, 2-5-0-1, 7 points) that was dictating the pace of play, and in the second half, the Lady Rebels had at least two quality chances to score a goal. But Midland High's defense came through each time.

It was that kind of game for both teams where an MHS team that was coming off a shootout loss and a desperate Lee team that was trying to stay in the playoff chase, didn't want to make the big mistake.

"I thought we played a phenomenal game," Lee coach Brian Pollard said. "I thought we had more chances on goal than them, because we played high intensity and looked really good. But they've got a good defense and didn't give us real good looks on goal and we missed the two that we had."

Midland High had a chance to end the game in regulation when a header from Madison Scribner was punched up by Lee goalkeeper Kaitlin George in the 73rd minute. That was the last best chance for both teams as MHS was heading into its second straight shootout and Lee's first of the season.

"We came out and played as a team and worked together," Lee senior defender Jessi Gonzalez said. "(The shootout) was a little nerve-wracking, and I was excited and nervous, and kind of mad we couldn't get it in the back of the net. But we came in and stayed strong, but we didn't finish our chances."

In the shootout, the Lady Bulldogs made their first three attempts as Morgan Hannon, Sarah Krisa and Molly Barham all made shots.

Lee, which was shooting second, missed two of its first three attempts with Kendeal Stark the one to score. Midland High's Madison McAdams had a shot go wide right, leaving the door open for Lee.

But Sigler stopped Haley Smith's high shot to end the shootout and the game.

"I'm going to take responsibility for the way we played because we broke our habits," Midland High co-head coach Jim Bragg said. "We usually work out at a certain time and a certain place, and this week we didn't. I changed our routine. We are creatures of habit and our habits were broke. That came into play."

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Lee's Sammie Stewart (30) moves the ball away from Midland High's Molly Barham (8) on Saturday during their game at Grande Communications Stadium.

IndyCar dismisses talk of Texas boycott

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

IndyCar CEO Randy Bernard said there has been no talk of a driver boycott at Texas Motor Speedway, and the series will race there as planned this season.

"IndyCar has an agreement to race at Texas Motor Speedway on June 9, and will race there for a 16th consecutive season," Bernard said in a statement to The Associated Press on Saturday night.

"Never has there been any discussion by IndyCar's drivers about boycotting Texas Motor Speedway. We have so many good things happening in the series, we are not going to let rumors tear down all the positives we have as we continue to move forward."

A report two weeks ago indicated the drivers were discussing boycotting the race over concerns about the fencing at Texas. Two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dan Wheldon was killed in an October crash when his head hit a post in the fence at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

The fence at Texas is constructed the same way as the fence at Las Vegas, with the posts inside the mesh wiring. Texas president Eddie Gossage said Speedway Motorsports Inc. engineers are confident that is the best construction.

The differences flared again on Friday when Gossage was quoted by web site Racin' Today that talk of a boycott hurts IndyCar.

"I'm really disappointed and don't know why IndyCar drivers feel the need to constantly damage the sport," Gossage told the web site at a promotional event in Dallas. "You know, engineers have told us over and over that the current fence design is the best that technology provides us today. But if you were a sponsor, if you were a fan, if you were a TV network — why would you get involved with IndyCar racing if they can't tell you today where they're going to race tomorrow? And the drivers — the spokespersons for the sport — are tearing it down?

"So, it's absolutely irresponsible of those drivers, and they deserve — because of the way they conduct themselves sometimes — they deserve where they stand now in the food chain of motorsports."

McIlroy closes in on No. 1 in the world

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Tiger Woods finished his round before the leaders made the turn Saturday in the Honda Classic, only this time, thousands of fans didn't head for the parking lot. They went looking for the kid who already looks the part as golf's next star.

U.S. Open champion Rory McIlroy put on quite a show at PGA National.

From mangled rough right of the 11th fairway, he measured up a 7-iron from 181 yards and figured it was worth the risk to take on the water in front of the green. The ball cleared the hazard by no more than a yard, and McIlroy seized on the moment by holing a 50-foot birdie from the back of the fringe.

Two par saves were equally important on the back nine, and a birdie from the front bunker on the par-5 18th gave him a 4-under 66, matching the low round of a windy afternoon and giving him a two-shot lead.

That left the 22-year-old from Northern Ireland one round away from becoming the second-youngest player behind Woods to reach No. 1 in the world. He would have to win the Honda Classic to replace Luke Donald atop the ranking.

"I definitely feel like I need to put it out of my mind tomorrow," McIlroy said. "I need to focus on just trying to win this golf tournament. It might be a little difficult."

McIlroy was in a similar spot last week when he reached the final of the Match Play Championship, knowing a win would make him No. 1. Only this time, there is more than Hunter Mahan in this way.

McIlroy, at 11-under 199, had a two-shot lead over 22-year-old rookie Harris English (66) and 43-year-old Tom Gillis (69). Seven players were within five shots of the lead, a group that includes PGA champion Keegan Bradley and Masters champion Charl Schwartzel.

The difference from last week?

"I wasn't standing up 2 up on the first tee in the final," McIlroy said, smiling.

He also realizes that it's important not to take a match-play mentality into stroke play, especially with an early start because of approaching storms, with birdies and bogeys around every corner.

Sadler ends Nationwide winless drought

By John Marshall
Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Elliott Sadler took the lead after a late caution and held on down the stretch to earn his first Nationwide win in 14 years at Phoenix International Raceway on Saturday.

A former full-time driver in the Sprint Cup series, Sadler started eighth and didn't get near the lead until the end of the race. He passed Brad Keselowski after a caution with 33 laps left and wasn't really challenged on the way to his sixth career Nationwide win — first in 91 races in the series.

Keselowski finished second and defending series champion Ricky Stenhouse Jr. was third. Kevin Harvick led the most laps, but finished fifth behind Austin Dillon after pit strategy at the last caution backfired.

Sadler signed on with Kevin Harvick's Nationwide team in 2011 and was the runner-up to Stenhouse in the season standings despite not winning a race. Harvick got out of ownership to start a family and his team was absorbed by Richard Childress Racing this season.

Sadler had a strong start for his new owners, finishing third at the season-opener in Daytona last week after starting in the same spot.

He started eighth in Saturday's race and was all the way back to 18th with 50 laps left. Sadler started making his way toward the front and was in position to make a move after some pit strategy on a caution with 36 laps left.

Harvick dominated the middle part of the race, leading 93 laps until the last caution sent everyone into the pits for a final stop. Harvick opted for four tires and fuel, but all the other leaders either took two tires or just fuel to get back out quickly.

Harvick came out of the pits in seventh and nearly got taken out shortly after the restart, heading down to the inside apron to avoid contact. He moved up to fourth after that, but couldn't make up any more ground.

Keselowski took the lead the after the caution, but was quickly passed by Sadler. Keselowski and Stenhouse stayed with Sadler over the final 25 laps, but weren't able to get close enough to make a move.

Sadler celebrated his long-awaited victory with a massive burnout at the flag, covering the rest of the cars in a layer of white smoke along pit road. He hadn't won on the Nationwide series since Oct. 31, 1998, at North Carolina Motor Speedway.

Danica Patrick was never a factor after a wreck-filled run through Daytona. The former IndyCar star started 30th and was a lap down before the midpoint of the race. She finished 21st after wrecking in all three races at Daytona.

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Michael Brosig solo home run that tied it at two in the fourth — and pitcher Coleman Watts.

Watts entered in the second inning and finished the game, holding Randall to one run the rest of the way while striking out seven.

"He's been so far under his pitch count that we needed for him to step up and get his work in, and he was able to do it tonight," Limon said. "What a great performance on his part."

Lee didn't take the lead until a Skyler Estrella RBI single made it 3-2 in the fifth and saw Randall tie it later in the inning when Collin Bowen scored on a passed ball. But Watts allowed just one hit and no runs the rest of the way, enabling Lee to take the lead for good on a Christian Dixon RBI single in the sixth.

"I go out there and try to keep composed, don't let any of that get to my head," Watts said, "try to keep a steady rhythm no matter what."

Both coaches said their teams still have plenty of room for improvement with district play fast approaching. But at the end of Saturday, both teams were happy to end the host tournament on a high note.

"It's fun to watch us learn a little bit, which is big, so I'm excited about that," Russell said.

Limon added: "Any time you play in a tournament where you have some great ball clubs and you go 4-1, you know that some things are going well for you and that you're doing some things correctly."

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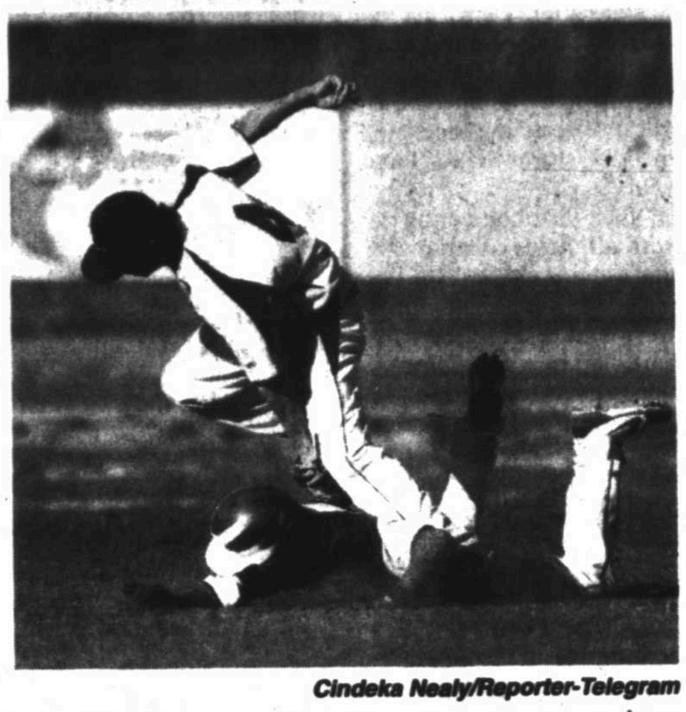

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Lee second baseman Blake Kizer chases and tags out El Paso Montwood's Omar Acosta on Friday during their game at Ernie Johnson Field.

TOC NOTEBOOK

EL PASO MONTWOOD AND EL PASO FRANKLIN SPLIT TOURNAMENT TITLE

El Paso Montwood and El Paso Franklin finished the Apache Tournament of Champions undefeated Saturday to earn the title of tournament co-champions.

Montwood finished its perfect 5-0 run through the tournament on Saturday with an 11-1 win against Wolfforth Frenship, and Franklin, who was also 5-0, shutout Grapevine 7-0 and defeated Canyon Randall 2-1 in its finale.

It was just the third time an El Paso school has won the tournament since its inception in 1975 and was the second time Franklin has won the tournament in three years.

ANDREWS FINISHES STRONG

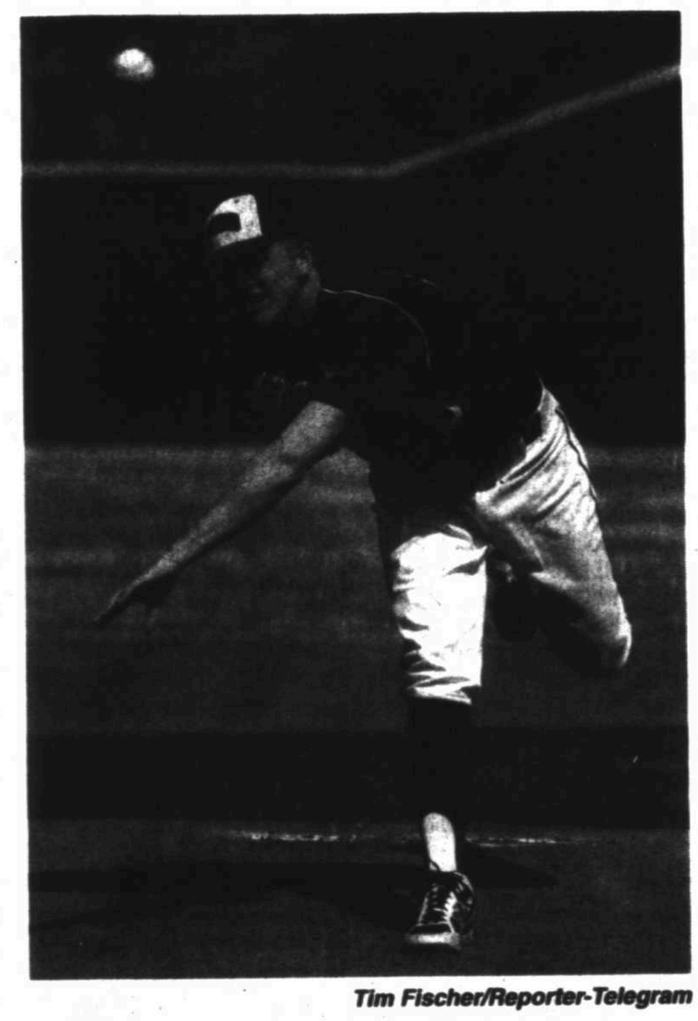
Andrews finished an impressive 3-2 run in the final two days of the tournament by defeating El Paso Hanks 14-1 and beating Amarillo Tascosa 12-1 on Saturday.

Andrews was one of just two Class 3A teams in the tournament.

TOURNAMENT HOSTS TIE FOR SECOND

Lee and Midland High both lost just once in the Apache Tournament of Champions, which tied them for the second-best records in the tournament behind unbeaten El Paso Montwood and El Paso Franklin.

Montwood handed the Rebels their only loss Friday before they bounced back Saturday with wins against Grapevine and Canyon Randall.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Jackson Lancaster delivers a pitch Thursday against El Paso Dorado at the Tournament of Champions.

Midland High dropped a close 8-6 game to Grapevine and rebounded Saturday with wins against Lubbock High and Lubbock Estacado, who they defeated by a combined score of 21-2.

2012 Tournament of Champions Schedule

Thursday

Christensen Stadium

El Paso Hanks 9, Odessa High 3
Lubbock High 5, Canyon Randall 0
Canyon Randall 7, El Paso Montwood 3
El Paso Montwood 10, Odessa Permian 3

Ernie Johnson Field

Lee 6, Wolfforth Frenship 5
El Paso Franklin 9, Lubbock Estacado 5

Citibank Ballpark

Odessa Permian 7, Andrews 5
Plainview 4, Odessa High 2
Lubbock High 7, El Paso Hanks 4
Lee 4, Plainview 3

Zachery Field

Midland High 10, El Paso El Dorado 8
Grapevine 11, Amarillo Tascosa 10

Friday

Christensen Stadium

El Paso Hanks 4, Grapevine 3
Wolfforth Frenship 6, El Paso El Dorado 4
El Paso Hanks 10, Odessa Permian 2
Odessa High 8, Frenship 2

Ernie Johnson Field

Odessa High 1, Canyon Randall 0
El Paso Franklin 23, Plainview 1
El Paso Montwood 12, Lee 8

Citibank Ballpark

El Paso Franklin 5, Amarillo Tascosa 3
Amarillo Tascosa 9, Lubbock Estacado 7
Andrews 13, El Paso Eldorado 3
Midland High 7, Andrews 4

Zachery Field

Lubbock Estacado 4, Lubbock High 1
El Paso Montwood 10, Lubbock High 0
Grapevine 8, Midland High 6

Saturday

Christensen Stadium

Odessa High 5, Amarillo Tascosa 4
Midland High 11, Lubbock High 0
Andrews 12, Amarillo Tascosa 1
Wolfforth Frenship 12, Odessa Permian 10

Ernie Johnson Field

Andrews 14, El Paso Hanks 11
Plainview 9, El Paso El Dorado 1
Odessa Permian 12, Plainview 8

Citibank Ballpark

Lubbock Estacado 8, El Paso El Dorado 7
Lee 9, Grapevine 8
El Paso Montwood 11, Wolfforth Frenship 1
Lee 4, Canyon Randall 3

Zachery Field

El Paso Franklin 7, Grapevine 0
El Paso Franklin 2, Canyon Randall 1
Midland High 10, Lubbock Estacado 2

Tournament of Champions overall records

Team	Record
El Paso Franklin	5-0
El Paso Montwood	5-0
Lee	4-1
Midland High	4-1
Andrews	3-2
Odessa High	3-2
El Paso Hanks	2-3
Grapevine	2-3
Lubbock Estacado	2-3
Lubbock High	2-3
Odessa Permian	2-3
Plainview	2-3
Wolfforth Frenship	2-3
Amarillo Tascosa	1-4
Canyon Randall	0-5
El Paso El Dorado	0-5

TOC SCHEDULE

UTPB ROUNDUP

TRIO GRABS CONFERENCE HONORS

ODESSA — For the second-straight year, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin forward Erik Martin has been named the Heartland Conference Defensive Player of the Year, while Madison Turner was voted the Freshman of the Year by coaches across the league.

Martin was also named to the Heartland Conference Honorable Mention All-Conference team along with teammate Louis Crane.

In the last game of the regular season, Martin set a career high with seven blocks and finished the year with a team-best 32 blocks along with 28 steals and averaged 4.6 rebounds a game which also led the Falcons.

Turner was one of UTPB's biggest threats behind the three-point line as he knocked down a team-best 49 three's while averaging 7.9 points per game.

Crane, who has been with the Falcons for the past two seasons, led the team with 58 assists, while averaging 7.9 points per game.

ROUGH SEASON CONTINUES FOR FALCON BASEBALL

WICHITA, Kan. — Hard times continue for The University of Texas of the Permian Basin baseball team as it dropped a pair of games to Newman in Heartland Conference action. The Jets took the first game 19-2 before taking the second 15-5.

In the first game, Mike Briseno led off the game with a triple to center before Hugo Hernandez followed with an RBI single, giving the Falcons an early 1-0 lead. They would cling on to that lead until the bottom of the fifth when Newman scored 15 runs off 11 hits.

Newman scored early and often in the second game, putting up at least one run in all but the fifth inning, including four in the first, three in the third and three in the eighth.

UTPB is now 1-14 on the year and will return home on Tuesday to host Lubbock Christian in Midland at 7 p.m. at Citibank Ballpark.

Lady Chaps go 2-1 in tourney

From staff reports

LONGVIEW — The Midland College softball team went 2-1 during Saturday's play of the Crossover Tournament.

The Lady Chaparrals defeated Alvin Community College (5-2) and San Jacinto College-South (10-8 in 10 innings) before falling 3-2 to Lamar State Community College.

Against Alvin, the game was tied at 2 in the seventh inning before MC freshman Kelcey Gomez belted a three-run home run to win it.

Debra Lovell and Gomez each went 3 for 4 at the plate, while Diana De La Paz, Gee Estrada and Meghan Macias each went 2 for 4 with Estrada belting her 13th homer of the season.

Yolanda Rios picked up the win in relief of Holly Herrington.

The Lady Chaps (23-3) then had a marathon game against San Jacinto College-South in which the teams combined for 34 hits over a three-hour period.

Diana De La Paz led MC by going 4 for 6, while Kayla Parra, Macias and Debra Lovell each had three hits with Lovell driving in three runs and Macias driving in two of her own. Sam Kuakini also collected two hits for MC.

Rios picked up her second win of the day.

In the final game of a long day, MC had opportunities but couldn't come up with the key hit in the loss to Lamar State. MC coach Tommy Ramos added his team made a few too many mental mistakes.

Estrada, De La Paz and Allie Woodward each had two hits for MC, while Gabee Losoya suffered the loss.

"I thought overall the girls did a good job of playing, but I think they got a little tired in the end," Ramos said.

The Lady Chaps conclude tournament play today.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 5, ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2

Alvin CC	000	002	0	—2	5	0
Midland College	000	200	3	—5	13	2

Nagera, Kellogg (6) and May. Holly Herrington, Yolanda Rios (6) and Meghan Macias. W — Rios. L — Kellogg. 2B — ACC: Nagera. MC: Debra Lovell, Macias, Kelcey Gomez. HR — MC: Gee Estrada, Gomez

Midland College 10, San Jacinto College-South 8, 10 innings

Midland College	230	000	122	—10	18	2
San Jacinto	102	001	220	—8	16	0

Rios and Macias. Kerby, Estrada (6) and Noak. W — Rios. L — Estrada. 2B — MC: Lovell; Ashley Chavez, Sam Kuakini; SJC: Noak 2, Bailey, Bennett. HR — MC: Lovell; SJC: Noak.

Lamar State Community College 3, Midland College 2

Lamar State	020	000	1	—3	5	3
Midland College	001	000	1	—2	10	3

Treadway and Brown. Gabee Losoya, Herrington (4) and Taylor Clancy, Macias (6) W — Treadway. L — Losoya. 2B — MC: Lovell, Diana De La Paz. 3B — LSCC: Koshay

Records: Midland College 23-3

Next game: Midland College vs. Coastal Bend CC, 9 a.m. today, Longview

HS SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

MHS GOES 3-2 IN MCKINNEY

MCKINNEY — The Midland High softball team went undefeated during pool play of the McKinney Tournament, placing the Lady Bulldogs in the gold bracket on Saturday.

Unfortunately, the Lady Dawgs didn't fair as well there, dropping both of their games to make an early exit in bracket play Saturday. The Lady Dawgs opened Saturday witha 5-2 loss to host McKinney Boyd before being ousted by Plano High, 8-2.

On Friday, MHS defeated North Lamar, 6-5, then pulled off a sixth-inning comeback to defeat Lewisville, 6-4. The Lady Dawgs capped the first day with a 2-1 victory against Pilot Point in an international tiebreaker.

Midland High (11-7) opens District 3-5A play at 4 p.m. Tuesday with a visit to rival Odessa Permian.

MCS GOES 1-3 IN BIG SPRING

BIG SPRING — The Midland Christian softball team went 1-3 at the Tournament of the Crossoads this weekend.

The Lady Mustangs lost to Andrews 6-2, defeated Odessa Permian JV 11-3 and lost to Hawley 4-3 on Friday.

On Saturday, Midland Christian lost 7-4 to Clyde.

In MCS' only win, Bailey Wright had two hits, including a triple, while Hannah Thomas had two RBI. Britton Ray picked up the win.

Midland Christian (6-10-1) next hosts Seminole at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

LATE FRIDAY
ANDREWS 6, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 2

Midland Christian	100	11	—2	7	2	
Andrews	213	1x	—6	7	1	

Kadee Vines and Miranda Galindo. Shannon Hobbs and Molina Lopez. W — Hobbs. L — Vines. 2B — AHS: Jeanette Sanchez, Alison Flores. 3B — AHS: Karina Juarez.

LATE FRIDAY
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 11, ODESSA PERMIAN JV 3

Midland Christian	530	—11	6	1		
Permian JV	003	—3	2	0		

Britton Ray and Miranda Galindo. Maddie Catt (3), Courtney Turner, Baiza (1) and Roquel Rodriguez. W — Ray. L — Turner. 3B —MCS: Bailey Wright.

LATE FRIDAY
HAWLEY 4, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 3

Hawley	301	00	—4	7	5	
Midland Christian	201	00	—3	2	2	

Jordan Anderson and Macey Brewer. Vines and Galindo. W — Anderson. L — Vines. 2B —MCS: Galindo. 3B — Hawley: Bailey Pryor

SATURDAY'S GAME
CLYDE 7, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 4

Clyde	200	50	—7	9	2	
Midland Christian	300	01	—4	4	4	

Emily Wilson and Kendra Ray. Vines and Galindo. W — Wilson. L — Vines. 2B — Clyde: Kallea Kraft, Haleigh Prather. Ray, MCS: Britton Ray. 3B — MCS: Vines

Record: Midland Christian 6-10-1

Next: Seminole at Midland Christian, 5 p.m. Tuesday

GREENWOOD WINS GRANBURY TOURNEY

GRANBURY — The Greenwood softball team went 5-1 at the Granbury Tournament this weekend and won the overall points title.

The Rangerettes (14-2) notched wins over Fort Arlington Heights (8-0), Fort Worth Polytechnic (17-0), Fort Worth Dunbar (18-0), Springtown (15-0) and Stephenville (2-0). Greenwood's lone loss was a 9-4 setback to host Granbury. The Rangerettes garnered 98 points as Stephenville finished second with 89.

In Saturday's 8-0 win against Arlington Heights, Greenwood used a five-run seventh inning to notch the win as Sawyer Cobb had a two-run double, Emily Dye an RBI double, and Cassie Kraft had and RBI double.

In the loss to Granbury, Greenwood coach Lee Anne Curry said her team was worn out but still played hard. Mason Thompson was 2 for 3 in the loss.

The best win of the weekend for Greenwood was a 2-0 victory Friday against Stephenville. Kambree Ebenstein scored both runs for the Rangerettes. Ebenstein scored the first run in the third inning when she scored on a single by Jaden Schoults, and then in the fifth when she stole second and third bases, and t hen scored on a throwing error. Senior pitcher Kendall Maddox had 14 strikeouts in the tournament.

Also n Friday, the Rangerettes beat Springtown by run-rule as Maddox had eight strikeouts and Sawyer Cobb was 2 for 3 with two RBI, and Kambree Ebenstein was 2 for 2 with three RBI.

Greenwood opened the tournament on Thursday with the shutout victory against Fort Worth Poly as Maddox and Kraft combined to throw a perfect game. In an 18-0 win against Fort Worth Dunbar, Dye and Thompson were each 3 for 3 and Schoults was 2 for 3.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
GREENWOOD 8, FW ARLINGTON HEIGHTS 0

Greenwood	000	102	5	—8	6	0
Arlington Heights	000	000	0	—0	1	0

Kendall Maddox and Cassie Kraft. Wilson and Perez. W — Maddox (13-1). L — Wilson. 2B — Greenwood: Sawyer Cobb, Emily Dye, Cassie Craft. HR — Maddox.

GRANBURY 9, GREENWOOD 4

Greenwood	011	200	—4	7	4	
Granbury	002	25x	—9	7	0	

Kendall Maddox and Cassie Kraft. Destiny Lopez and Spencer. W — Lopez. L — Maddox (13-2). 2B — Greenwood: Jaden Schoults, Sawyer Cobb, Mason Thompson. Granbury Spencer, Whitney Tipton. HR — Granbury: Spencer.

Record: Greenwood 14-2

Next: Greenwood vs. Lubbock Estacado, 9 a.m. Thursday, Snyder Tournament, Thursday

COLLEGE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

RICE 6, TEXAS TECH 2

HOUSTON— Junior center fielder Barrett Barnes went 2-for-4 with an RBI and two stolen bases while No. 24 Texas Tech was defeated 6-2 by No. 4 Rice on Saturday evening at the Houston College Classic at Minute Maid Park.

For the first time this season the Red Raiders (8-3) have suffered back-to-back losses, both against top-five ranked opponents, while the hometown Rice Owls improve to 10-1 overall this season. Rice has now won 14 consecutive games over the Red Raiders, dating back to 1996.

Tech starting pitcher Rusty Shellhorn (2-1) went 4.1 innings in the loss while allowing five runs in the opening two frames. Shellhorn gave up six runs (five earned) on six hits with five strikeouts and one walk in his third start of the season.

Rice starter Matthew Reckling (2-0) pitched 6.2 innings in the win while allowing two runs on four hits with three strikeouts and three walks. Owls reliever Tyler Duffey notched his second save of the season while pitching the final 2.1 innings without allowing a base hit or run scored with four strikeouts and zero walks.

HOUSTON 4, ARKANSAS 1

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Cory Kay had two RBI, including a home run, to help lead Houston past Arkansas 4-1 in Texas.

Kay's homer in the third inning put the Cougars ahead for good, and he added a run-scoring single in the fifth inning as Houston (6-4) widened its lead to 3-0.

The Razorbacks (10-2) finally got on the scoreboard in the seventh inning on Jacob Mahan's groundout, but Houston held Arkansas to one hit the rest of the way.

Kay went 2-for-3 and Chase Jenson added an RBI.

Jordan Lewis (2-1) won for Houston, giving up a run on four hits in six innings. Codey Morehouse recorded his first save, throwing three scoreless innings and striking out four.

Randall Fant (0-1) allowed five hits and three runs in 4 1-3 innings for Arkansas.

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Height of 16 feet to vault Jones to Relays win

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

All eyes on Chase Jones.

At least every eye at Memorial Stadium was at one point during the Tall City Relays on Saturday. That's because Jones, a Midland High senior, was in the midst of winning gold in the Boys Division I pole vault, tying a personal-best mark of 16 feet in the process.

Jones' achievement was announced over the public announce system, and with nearly every head in attendance turned in the direction of the pole vault pit, the Midland High senior and defending District 3-5A pole vault champion tried to tackle a new height of 16 feet, 4 inches.

Unfortunately for Jones, he came up short in each of his three tries to clear the mark. He came closest to achieving a new personal best on his third attempt, when he just nicked the bar as he went over it.

Jones

"Nervous," Jones said of how knowing everyone was watching him made him feel. "I get that little feeling of anxiety inside my chest, but that makes me work harder. I like it."

With each try at 16-4, the entire crowd gathered around the pole vault pit and began a rhythmic clap to cheer Jones. And, with each failed attempt, the crowd as a group let out an audible "Ah" as the bar fell from its post.

But, the entire setting was a new feeling for Jones, who had grown accustomed to being a part of the watching gallery as other vaulters competed at great heights.

"It's a new experience from last year," Jones said. "I didn't have that at all last year. I was used to watching those guys above me keep going, but now I'm the one getting watched. Obviously, I was a little under on everything, but with all the clapping, it was pumping me up. It's a new experience and I'll get used to it."

Jones qualified for the regional meet last season, but failed to place in the top six. But, he values the experience of competing against some of the top vaulters in the state and says it has inspired him to vault new heights.

"I want the competition there to push me," Jones said. "Seeing those guys last year made me push even harder this summer. I feel pretty confident about getting there and making it to state after."

Everything else this season is simply Jones preparing to finally complete the quest of reaching the state meet he's been on for three years.

"Last year competing with all the those jumpers that were good really pushed me and made me work harder than I ever have had to before," Jones said. "I've increased in everything so much better. I'm going to be jumping at state. I will be jumping in the 17s. I can promise you that.

"I can just feel it. It might sound weird, but I can just feel I'm going to be jumping in the 17s and I will be at state."

And, the further Jones goes, more eyes are certain to be looking his way.

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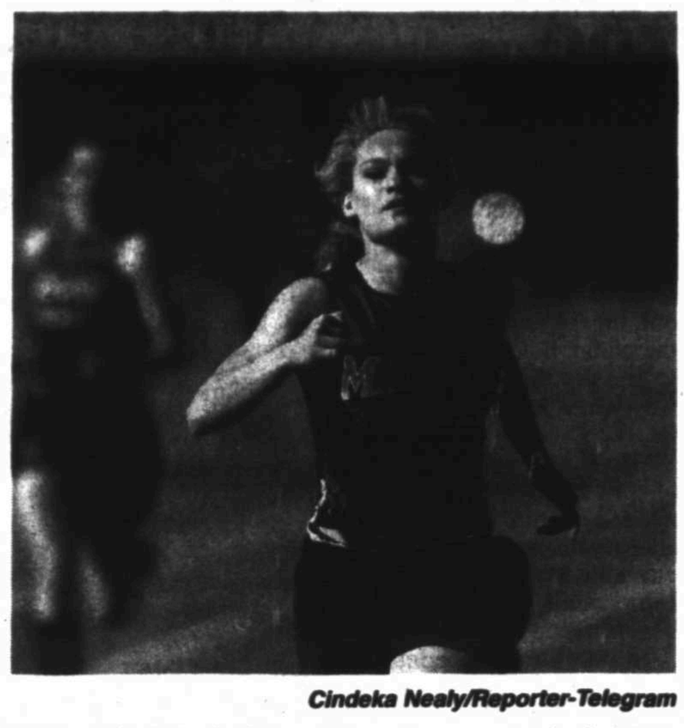
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Midland Christian's Kelsey Edwards competes in the 400-meter run Saturday during the Tall City Relays at Memorial Stadium. Edwards placed first in the event.

Bulldogs win Tall City Relays DI team title

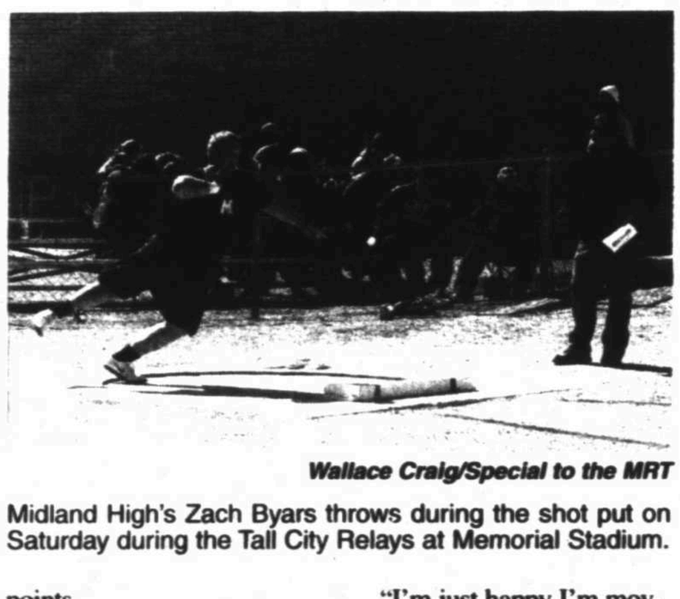
By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

Midland High held home court, winning the boys Division I team title at the Tall City Relays at Memorial Stadium this weekend.

The Bulldogs scored 114 points, edging District 3-5A rival Odessa Permian, which was second with 105.5 points. On paper, the key to the Bulldogs' team title appears to be their winning gold in four of the six field events. But, for coach Jeff Streun it was the pleasant surprises he got on the track that were the most important.

"We had some pleasant surprises (Saturday)," Streun said. "I excepted a lot of the wins in the field events, but then I had some guys come through on the track. Those kind of things really help us. They've done a great job of competing today and I'm really proud of them."

When Dutton Watson won the discus, Zach Byars won the shot put and Chase Jones won the pole vault, it didn't catch anyone off guard. All three athletes were the favorites to win their respective events and help the Bulldogs pile up the points.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Midland High's Zach Byars throws during the shot put on Saturday during the Tall City Relays at Memorial Stadium.

But, the first surprise for Midland High came before a single running event had even started. Senior Brandon Williams hopped, skipped and jumped his way to his first varsity gold medal, clearing 42 feet, 10.5 inches to win the triple jump.

It was just the first surprise Williams delivered as he later raced to a silver medal in the 200 meters, running stride for stride with event-winner Jorrion Wilson of Permian until the final 10 meters.

"I'm just happy I'm moving as fast as I know I can," Williams said. "I've been shooting for the gold in the triple jump. Last week, I finished third in the triple jump, and I said I'm not walking away without first or second for the rest of the season.

"I just need to step up. It just needs to be done. We don't have a Tyler Middleton on the track this year so we've all got to pull our weight."

Williams wasn't the only pleasant surprise on the track. Senior Levi Weddle also won individual gold, taking the 400 meters, while senior Jacoby Webster was third in the 100 meters. Weddle and Webster also teamed with Xzavier Martinez and Cameron Merydith to finish second in the 400-meter relay, allowing the Bulldogs to represent well on the track they practice on everyday.

"This meet means a little bit more. It's our home meet, we've got to represent," said Weddle, who just started running the 400 this season after running the 800 in previous years. "We all ran as hard as we could and that's what it comes down to."

The Bulldogs simply demonstrated the formula they'll need to duplicate week after week if they want to continue winning team titles down the road.

"I expected Zach to win. I expected Chase Jones to win," Streun said. "Those field events are our strong points. We have to have those guys on the track help us out."

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RELAYS NOTEBOOK

LADY REBELS IMPROVE GREATLY IN FIELD EVENTS

Despite missing several girls in the running events, the Lee girls track team still managed 80.5 points for a fifth-place finish in the team standings at the Tall City Relays. The Lady Rebels were 4.5 points out of third place, which was held by District 3-5A foe Odessa Permian.

The biggest key to Lee's weekend was a considerable improvement in the field events, which included gold medal wins by Kristen Galindo (shot put) and Kimber Brooks (high jump).

"The biggest thing is we improved a ton in field events," Lee coach Michael Connelly said. "Our running events didn't go the way we wanted it to, but we were missing some girls and we're going to be just fine. Our main goal was to get better in the field events today and that's our biggest positive."

Brooks was joined on the high jump medal stand by Tori Allen, who actually matched Brooks' winning jump at 4 feet, 10 inches. Brooks just happened to clear the previous height in fewer attempts to take gold.

Tori Rackow's silver medal in the triple jump also provided good points for the Lady Rebels. Rackow had a four-place finish in the long jump on Saturday.

On the track, Lindsay Friesenhahn was the biggest standout, winning silver in the 1,600, bronze in the 3,200 and anchoring the Lee 1,600-meter relay team to a second-place finish.

REBELS LEAVE ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

Lee boys track coach Kane Harris couldn't help but feel a little disappointed by the overall effort put forth by the Rebels at the Tall City Relays. The Rebels finished fifth in the team standings with 84 points, and while they were nine points behind third-place Lubbock Coronado, Harris simply has higher expectations.

"I was disappointed where we were in the team standings," Harris said. "I thought our effort was good, but we have a lot to work on still."

One thing that hampered the Rebels was the unavailability of senior Josh Shelton on Saturday. Shelton, who won the long jump Friday, sneaked his ankle during the preliminaries of the 400 meters Friday and was held out of Saturday's events. Otherwise, Harris said the Rebels might have added a few more points.

The Rebels did get what Harris described as a "gutsy" performance from sophomore Alex Bell, who filled in for Shelton in the 800 and 1,600 relays. Bell helped the Rebels win the 800 relay and fifth in the 1,600 relay, providing some important points.

Talor Nunez was the top scorer from Lee on Saturday, winning the 110 hurdles with a time of 15.35 seconds. Nunez held the lead entering the final stretch of the 300 hurdles, but couldn't hold off Lubbock Coronado's Adrian Beavers in the final 40 meters, settling for second.

Also winning silver for the Rebels was junior Jason McAfee, who was on that gold-medal winning 800 relay and won silver in the 100 meters. McAfee was a mere three one-hundredths of a second away from taking gold in the 100, which was won by Odessa Permian's Tyler Grizzell.

MIDLAND HIGH GIRLS HAVE SOME BRIGHT SPOTS

The Midland High girls track team might have scored just 43 points at the Tall City Relays, but coach Tim Anuszkiewicz couldn't help but point out the several bright spots for the Lady Bulldogs.

Among those was a gold-medal finish by sophomore Kenya Hemphill in the 100 meters. Hemphill didn't get out to a clean start in the race, but managed to run several of her opponents down in the final 50 meters to win the race.

"We're going to keep working on her start," Anuszkiewicz said, "but I think she's got a lot of great potential moving forward."

Sophomore thrower Jaquita Cannon picked up a pair of silver medals, placing second in the shot put and discus. Also notching a silver medal was senior Leigh Collyer, who placed second in the long jump. Collyer, who hasn't participated in track in two years, was just 6.5 inches off the winning mark put forth by San Angelo Central's Sarah Randall.

"We had some good showings," Anuszkiewicz said. "We had kids qualify in nearly every event and we kind of nickeled and dimed some points for ourselves, but I think we left a lot of points out there as well."

TRINITY'S HILGEMEIER SCORES 14 ALONE

Trinity's Jason Hilgemeier was the lone athlete representing his team in Division II, but he still managed 14 points. Hilgemeier won the 400 meters with at time of 52.30 seconds, while also taking fourth in the 800 meters at 2:05.07.

Other than Christian Farris, who competed in Division I, the rest of the Chargers competed in Division III.

Compiled by Jonathan Hull

Depth helps Midland Christian win D-II titles

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

To win team track titles, depth is a must. That's certainly something Midland Christian has plenty of.

That depth allowed Midland Christian to take both the boys and girls Division II team titles at the Tall City Relays at Memorial Stadium this weekend.

The MCS girls ran away with the team title, scoring 242 points to win in a three-team field. However, the Lady Mustangs' scoring total was 58 points better than second-place Lubbock Estacado.

"It's disappointing from the meet's perspective and we should work harder to get more teams here," MCS coach Chris McKinney said of the small girls field. "The girls ran really hard, they performed well and scored well. It's just disappointing they didn't have more teams here. I wish they would."

The boys, meanwhile, scored 160 points, winning a small, yet competitive division that featured the likes of Abilene Wylie, Lubbock Estacado, Hereford and Plainview. What Division II lacked in quantity in both the boys and girls fields was made up for with great quality.

"It was small, but the people who were in it were tough," MCS coach Chris McKinney said. "Adding Hereford and Plainview (to the boys field), having those guys around was great. It's too bad teams like Snyder, Monahans, Big Spring, Andrews didn't make it. This was a great atmosphere. Even though the division was small, the competition was really good."

But, with a low number of teams participating in Division II, it made Midland Christian's depth only that much more daunting.

"That's the way we did it last year. We're even deeper this year," McKinney said. "That's going to always be our game. We're three deep in a lot of races, so obviously that's a great advantage for us. It feels good when you've got enough kids that can just come out and pound out points the way we did."

The Midland Christian girls won at least one medal in every event except for the 200 meters in which no Lady Mustang was entered. The Lady Mustangs won nine of the 17 total events and had the top two finishers in the shot put, discus, high jump, 100 hurdles and 400 meters.

"They're well on their way to having a lot of success this season," McKinney said of the Lady Mustangs. "They feel good about themselves. Obviously (the Bluebonnet Relays in) Brownwood (next week) will be a bit different and a better test because there will be more good teams there. That will be a good measure for where they are at."

Despite some early struggles in the 400 relay on Saturday, the Mustangs recovered and put their total medal count at 14 for the entire meet, including gold for David Parkhurst (high jump), Bryson Taylor (Discus), Matt Ramirez (300 hurdles) and the 1,600 relay.

"I thought we ran well later than earlier," McKinney said. "We struggled in the sprint relay a bit, but we got high numbers from the hurdles and quarter-milers. We did pretty well and we're only going to build on this."

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RELAYS RESULTS

Tall City Relays
Memorial Stadium
Complete results
Division I Boys
Team Standings

1 Midland High, 114 2. Odessa Permian 105 5. Lubbock Coronado, 93 4. San Angelo Central, 90 5. Lee, 84.5 6. Odessa High, 83 7. Lubbock Monterey, 24 8. Crane, 16 9. Trinity, 10

Field Events

High jump: 1. Tavon Ritchie, Central, 6 feet 2 inches 2. Juwan McGee Permian 6-02 3. Michael Franco Permian 6-00 4. Dekwann Wynn Odessa High 6-00 5. (tie) Brandon Nguyen, Lee, 5-10 Keouvon McCalop, Permian, 5-10

Discus: 1. Dutton Watson Midland High, 163 feet 11 inches 2. Xavier Jones, Permian, 147-10 3. James Slade Odessa high 147-10. 4. Isaac Eng, Midland High, 136-05 5. Landon Dorry, Midland High 129-10 6. Reese Howard, Central, 129-03

Long jump: 1. Josh Shelton Lee, 21 feet, 5 inches 2. Justin Sadder, Central, 21-03 3. Jamerson Johnson, Odessa High, 20-02 5. 4. Corey Lopez, Central, 20-01 5 Reilly Owen Lee, 19-08.6 Logan Boyd, Lubbock Coronado, 19-06.5

Shot put: 1 Zach Byars, Midland High, 48 feet, 5.25 inches, 2 Colton Gill, Central, 45-08, 3 Landon Weldon, Permian 45-04.25, 4 Adrian Adame, Midland High, 42-08, 5 James Slade, Odessa High 42-05 6 Shawn Pierce, Permian, 42-03.5

Triple jump: 1 Brandon Williams, Midland High, 42 feet 10.5 inches, 2 Michael Franco, 42-03.75 3 Corey Lopez, Central 41-05 4 Kelvin Smith, Coronado, 41-02.5, 5 Dekwann Wynn, Odessa High, 41-00.25 6 Trevan Dunn, Coronado, 40-03.5

Pole vault: 1 Chase Jones, Midland High, 16 feet 2 Dalton Degraffenreid, Crane 13-06, 3 Camron Blankenship, Monterey, 13-00, 4 Jason Walker, Central, 12-00, 5 Joel Hernandez, Odessa high, 11-06, 6 Jacob Thomas, Coronado, 11-00

Running Events

3,200: 1 Christian Farris, Trinity, 9 minutes.58.45 seconds; 2 Zachary Daniel, 10.16.08 3 Jesus Zepeda, Odessa High, 10.35.99 4. Chris Marin, Monterey, 10.37.33; 5 Sam Bullard, Central, 10.47.36; 6 Nate Maldonado, Central, Central, 10.50.67

400 relay: 1 Permian, 43.18; 2 Midland High (Jacoby Webster, Xzavier Martinez, Levi Weddle, Cameron Merydith), 43.44; 3 Lee (Talmage Cockerell, D'Orde Cole ,John Henry Gonzales, Brandon Nguyen), 44.54; 4 Lubbock Coronado, 44.63; 5. San Angelo Central, 44.65; 6. Lubbock Monterey, 45.22

800: 1 Chenier Gardner, Coronado, 2:00.44; 2 Victor Lemons, Lee, 2:02.79; 3 Dillon Vanwinkle, Coronado, 2:02.95; 4 Ryan Richardson, Coronado, 2:07.40; 5. Eli Franco, Odessa High, 2:08.16; 6. Ivan Flores, Odessa High, 2:08.66

110 hurdles: 1 Talor Nunez, Lee, 15.35; 2 Ryan Bahlman, Central, 15.98, 3 Adrian Beavers, Coronado, 16.49; 4 Christian Ryan Permian, 16.51, 5 Khalis Prince, Midland High, 16.91; 6 Darian Galindo, Permian, 17.23

100: 1 Tyler Grizzell, Permian, 11.18, 2 Jason McAfee, Lee, 11.21; 3. Jacoby Webster, Midland High, 11.35; 4. Xzavier Martinez, Midland High, 11.59; 5. Zachary Garza, Permian, 11.52;6. Daniel Lopez, Monterey, 11.80.

800 relay: 1 Lee (Jason McAfe, Talmage Cockerell, Victor Lemons, Josh Shelton) 1:32.07 2. Central, 1:32.81. 3 Coronado, 1:33.69. 4. Midland High (Jacoby Webster, Eli Banda, Kion Spears, Brandon Williams) 1:35.01.5 Odessa High 1:36.77; 6 Monterey, 1:38.80

400: 1. Lew Weddle, Midland High, 51.31, 2, Calvin Petty, Odessa High 52.32; 3. Brian Brewster, Odessa high, 52.72; 4 Kevyn Smith, Coronado, 52.73.5. Joseph Perez, Midland High 53.86. 6. Jeremy Flores, Central, 54.24

300 hurdles: 1. Adrian Beavers, Coronado, 42.39 2. Talor Nunez Lee 42.96 3 Khalis Prince, Midland High, 43.33; 4. Kyler Westbrook, Coronado, 43.35; 5 Christian Ryan, Permian, 43.24; 6. Ryan Bahlman, Central, 44.64

200: 1 Jorrian Wilson, Permian, 23.12; 2 Brandon Williams, Midland High, 23.33; 3. Camron Blankenship, Monterey, 23.35; 4. Walker Owens, Coronado, 23.45; 5. James Gibbs, Permian, 23.84 6. Talmage Cockerell, Lee, 23.91

1,600: 1. Zachary Daniel*, Crane, 4:38. 2. Christian Farris*, Trinity 4.42; 3. Chenier Gardner, Coronado, 4 Nate Maldonado, Central, 4.54.61; 5. Chris Marin, Monterey, 4.54.79; 6. Logan Wilks, Monterey, 5.01.

1,600 relay: 1. Odessa High, 3:32.63; 2. Permian, 3.33.28; 3. Central, 3.35.40; 4. Coronado, 3.35.46.5. Lee (Victor Lemons, Jason McAfee, Alex Bell, Josh Warren), 3:36.64, 6. Midland High (Cameron Merydith, Joseph Perez, Phillip Fuentes, Kevyn Smith, Coronado, 41-02.5, 5 Dekwann Wynn, Odessa High, 41-00.25 6 Trevan Dunn, Coronado, 40-03.5

*Weren't awarded any points for their finish

Division I Girls
Team Standings

1 San Angelo Central 152 5. 2 Odessa High, 102; 3. Odessa Permian, 85. 4. Lubbock High, 82. 5. Lee, 80.5 6. Lubbock Monterey, 75. 7. Midland High, 43

Field Events

Shot put: 1 Kristen Galindo, Lee, 35 feet, 10.75 inches; 2 Jaquita Cannon, Midland High, 35-01.75; 3 Amber Dominguez, Odessa High, 34-09; 4. Britney Daniels, Central, 34-10.5; 5. Kaylee Bodwell, Odessa high, 32-06.25. 6. Janae Stokes, Lubbock High, 31-10.5

Triple jump: 1. Pamela Uchebo, Lubbock High, 35 feet, 5.75 inches; 2 Tori Rackow, Lee, 34-07.5; 3 Alex Carpio, Odessa High, 34-03; 4 Tierra Kimble, Odessa High, 34-02.75; 5. Wuesi Jefferson, Lubbock High, 34-00.75; 6. Cheyenne Swoopes, Permian, 33-08.25.

Pole vault: 1. Dinha Calleja, Central, 11 feet; 2. Brittany Peterson, Central, 10-00; 3. Cari Whitesburg, Central, 9-00; 4 Ottorea Bass, Permian, 9-00; 5 Mikaela Mapp, Permian, 7-06; 6. (tie) Sadarise Galindo, Odessa High, 7-00; Tory Conner, Lee, 7-06

Discus: 1. Irene Lopez. Odessa High, 104 feet, 2 inches; 2. Jaquita Cannon, Midland High, 103-09; 3. Kaylee Bodwell, Odessa High, 101-07; 4. Janae Stokes, Lubbock High, 97-10; 5. Shayna Ray, Permian, 97-01; 6. (tie) Samantha Stephens, Central, 96-08; Amber Dominguez, Odessa High, 96-08

Long jump: 1. Sarah Randall, Central, 17-02; 2. Leigh Collyer, Midland High, 16-07.5; 3. Dee Carden, Odessa High, 16-03; 4. Tori Rackow, Lee, 16-02; 5. Cheyenne Swoopes, Permian, 15-11; 6. Alex Carpio, Odessa High, 15-05.

High jump: 1 Kimber Brooks, Lee, 4-10.2; Tori Allex, Lee, 4-10.3; (tie) Cheyenne Swoopes, Permian, 4-08; Wuesi Jefferson, Lubbock High, 4-08; 5. Tierra Kimble, Odessa High, 4-08; 6' Abba Bethea, Central, 4-08

Running Events

3,200: 1. Lindi Hanson, Permian, 11 minutes, 47.4 seconds; 2 Alexandria Kinchelce, Monterey, 11.56.68, 3 Lindsay Friesenhahn, Lee, 12.00.91; 4. Kaitlyn Henderson, Monterey, 12.39.60; 5. Emily Evans, Lubbock High, 13.21.02; 6. Baylie Estes, Central, 13.26.43

400 relay: 1. San Angelo Central, 49.80; 2 Odessa High, 51.96; 3. Lubbock Monterey, 52.62; 4 Odessa Permian, 52.78; 5. Lubbock High, 52.99 6. Lee (Latricia Smith, Serena Pinter, Tori Alle, Aunlee Williams), 53.68

800: 1. Miah Nelson, Permian, 2:16.34; 2. Sabrina Desantiago, Monterey, 2.28.17. 3. Daniella Romo, Lubbock High, 2:30.44; 4. Jessica Alvarez, Lubbock High, 2:32.03; 5. Amber Suarez, Odessa high, 2:34.03; 6. Brittney Pelz, Central, 2:35.30

100 hurdles: 1. Sophia Flores, Central, 16.31; 2. Loren Foss, Central, 16.64; 3. Porsha Parker, Permian, 16.94; 4. Chelsea Hearn, Lubbock High, 17.41; 5. Sha Donan Rand, Permian, 17.91; 6. Alyssa Edgerton, Midland High, 17.51

100: 1 Kenya Hemphill, Midland High, 13.04; 2. Tayo Omonyi, Odessa High, 13.26; 3. Breanna Mackey, Lubbock High, 13.33; 4 Netra Miller, Central, 13.38 5. Dalmesha Tennison, Lubbock High, 13.49. 6. Dinha Calleja, Central, 13.54

800 relay: 1. Odessa High, 1.49.80; 2. Monterey, 1.51.86; 3. Lubbock High, 1.51.97; 4. Lee (Laticia Smith, Serena Pinter, Ashley Carter, Tori Alle), 1.52.44 5. Central, 1.52.95 6. Midland High (Lindsay Sea, Megan Hopper, Alyssa Edgerton, Kenya Hemphill)

400: 1. Purity Hooper, Central, 57.54; 2. Miah Nelson, Permian, 58.31; 3. Sarah Randall, Central, 1.01.75, 4. Daniella Romo, Lubbock High, 1.02.10; 5. Sara Benavidez, Odessa High, 1.08.91; 6. Dawn Murray, Permian, 1.07.94

300 hurdles: 1. Sophia Flores, Central, 48.70; 2 Porsha Parker, Permian, 50.81; 3. Sabrina Desantiago, Monterey, 51.10; 4. Alyssa Edgerton, Midland High, 51.39; 5. Yasmine Delao, Odessa High, 53.16; 6. Lyndsay Beran, Midland High, 53.62

200: 1 Peredtie Hooper, Central, 26.42; 2. Sidnee Harrison, Monterey, 27.46; 3. Arianna Gonzales, Permian, 28.15; 4. Netra Miller, Central, 28.16; 5. Wuesi Jefferson, Lubbock High, 28.83; 6. Tamera Webb, Midland High, 28.88

1,600: 1. Alexandria Kinchelce, Monterey, 5.28.91; 2. Lindsay Friesenhahn, Lee, 5.29.49; 3. Lyndi Hanson, Permian, 5.29.63; 5. Brittney Pelz, Central, 5.36.88; 6. Erika Parra, Monterey, 5.46.18

1,600 relay: 1. Central, 4.04.43; 2. Lee (Latricia Smith, Maria Gil, Janea Bechner, Lindsay Friesenhah), 4.13.92; 3. Lubbock High, 4.18.88; 4. Odessa High, 4.20.79; 5. Permian, 4.20.79; 6. Monterey, 4.28.68

Division II Boys
Team Standings

1. Midland Christian, 160; 2. Abilene Wylie, 132; 3. Lubbock Estacado, 108; 4. Hereford, 95; 5. Plainview, 88; 6. Trinity, 14

Field Events

High jump: 1. David Parkhurst, MCS, 6 feet, 2 inches; 2. Tyler Robinson, Abilene Wylie, 6-00; 3. Matt Ramirez, MCS, 5-10; 4. Jordan Masters, Plainview, 5-10; 5. Sonny Umstead, Hereford, 5-10; 6. Zach Childress, Abilene Wylie, 5-08

Discus: 1. Bryson Taylor, MCS, 146 feet, 8 inches; 2. Greg Marroquin, Plainview, 141-08; 3. Trent Walker, Plainview, 129-10; 4. Mackey McCormick, MCS, 124-00.5; Kaven Martinez, Estacado, 123-04; 6. Shawndi Gaytan, Hereford, 10-08

Triple jump: 1. Marcus Shields, Abilene Wylie, 22 feet, 1 inch; 2 Ray Jackson, Hereford, 20-10.5, 3. Robert Johnson, Estacado 19-08; 4. Dusty Joy, Hereford, 19-07.5; 5. George Cooks, Estacado, 19-02.5; 6. Stratton Mowry, Plainview, 19-01

Pole vault: 1. Miguel benevidez, Hereford, 10-00; 2. Cody Corbin, Abilene Wylie, 9-06

Running Events

3,200: 1. Jarel Rosas, Plainview, 10 minutes, 54.11 seconds; 2. Jordan Castillo, Plainview, 11.21.90; 3. Eli Corona, Plainview, 11.26.26; 4. Conner Mills, MCS, 11.30.54; 5. Jacob Defriance, MCS, 11.48.29; 6. Nathan Lopez, MCS, 12.54.39

400 relay: 1. Abilene Wylie, 43.16; 2. Hereford, 43.38; 3. Lubbock Estacado, 43.97; 4. Midland Christian (Erwin baquirin, Richard Nebob, Tanner Dobbs, David Parkhurst), 44.12; 5. Plainview, 44.60

800: 1. Raymond Rios, Estacado, 2.00.03; 2. Lyndon Cano, MCS, 2.01.63; 3. Taylor Ochs, MCS, 2.02.44; 4. Jason Hilgemeier, Trinity, 2.05.07; 5. Gailen Wylie, Abilene Wylie, 2.08.71; 6. Jacobeh Enriquez, Plainview, 2.10.57

110 hurdles: 1. Kyle Dodd, Abilene Wylie, 15.42; 2. Matt Ramirez, MCS, 16.22; 3. Mason Allen, MCS, 16.23; 4. Dusty Joy, Hereford, 16.38; 5. Sonny Umstead, Hereford, 16.58; 6. Mitch Brown, MCS, 16.71

100: 1 Dwan Brown, Abilene Wylie, 10.88; 2. Tye Calhoun, Abilene Wylie, 11.44; 3. Robert Johnson, Estacado, 11.45; 4. David Parkhurst, 11.85; 5. Dequentin Newton, Hereford, 11.57; 6. Aryah Hervey, Plainview, 11.57

800 relay: 1. Estacado, 1.31.83; 2. Abilene Wylie, 1.33.02; 3. Hereford, 1.33.29; 4. MCS (Erwin Baquirin, Chase Pender, Landon Lacy, Zach Bates), 1.34.07; 5. Plainview, 1.35.24

400: 1. Jason Hilgemeier, Trinity, 52.30; 2. Zach Childress, Abilene Wylie, 52.57; 3. Zach Bates, MCS, 53.37; 4. Tanner Dobbs, MCS, 54.34; 5. David Parkhurst, MCS, 54.89; 6. Tyler Robinson, Abilene Wylie, 55.01

300 hurdles: 1. Matt Ramirez, 41.98; 2. Dusty Joy, Hereford, 42.17; 3. Mitch Brown, MCS, 42.58; 4. Sonny Umstead, Hereford, 44.07; 5. Coby Awalt, Abilene Wylie, 44.10; 6. Bailey Shahn, Abilene Wylie, 45.04

200: 1. Shaquille Rigsby, Estacado, 22.62; 2. Richard Nebob, MCS, 22.88; 3. Chris Bellamy, Plainview, 23.18; 4. Ray Jackson, Hereford, 23.77; 5. Brandon Cloud, Hereford, 23.89; 6. Joey Balderaz, Hereford, 24.43

1,600: 1. Raymond Rios, Estacado, 4.54.43; 2. Taylor Ochs, MCS, 4.56.88; 3. Jarel Rosas, Plainview, 4.57.09; 4. Conner Mills, MCS, 5.00.14; 5. Jordan Castillo, Plainview, 5.01.56; 6. Johnathan Salazar, Hereford, 5.04.08

1,600 relay: 1. MCS (Richard Nebob, Tanner Dobbs, Landon Lacy, Taylor Ochs), 3.31.62; 2. Abilene Wylie, 3.36.22. 3. Lubbock Estacado, 3.40.94; 4. Plainview, 3.42.87

Division II Girls
Team Standings

1. Midland Christian, 242; 2. Lubbock Estacado, 184; 3 Plainview, 107

Field Events

Triple jump: 1. Tiara Runels, Estacado, 33 feet, 4 inches; 2. Carley Hardage, Plainview, 32-08; 3. Kayla Dupriest, MCS, 31-06; 4. Laken Johnson, Estacado, 30-07.75; 5. Emily Flores, Plainview, 28-08.5

Shot put: 1. Kim Vanmaman, MCS, 32 feet, 2.25 inches; 2 Hannah Thompson, MCS, 32-00.3; Teleya Lewis, Estacado, 28-10.5; 4. Diveresa Whitaker, Plainview, 28-02.5; 5. Makayla McCarty, Estacado, 27-08; 6. Vandalee Jackson, Plainview, 27-01.75

Pole vault: 1. Kami Berryhill, 11 feet, 6 inches; 2. Melissa Waites, Plainview, 7-00

Discus: 1. Hannah Thompson, MCS, 118-10; 2. Emma Thompson, 107-07; 3 Kim Vanmaman, MCS, 98-06; 4. Diveresa Whitaker, Plainview, 93-08; 5. Makayla McCarty, Estacado, 86-01.6; Semaja Johnson, Estacado, 82-07

Long jump: 1. Kami Berryhill, 16 feet, 1 inche; 2 Eneshe, Moses-Carter, Estacado, 15-02; 3. Kenzie McGraw, MCS, 14-10.5; 4. Brooke Walker, Plainview, 14-07, 5. Karli Wheeler, Plainview, 14-04; 6. De'Anna Brannon, Estacado, 14-09

High jump: 1. Morgan Ashton, MCS, 5-00; 2 Abby Needham, MCS, 5-00; 3. Vanessa Johnson, Estacado, 4-08; 4. Karli Wheeler, Plainview, 4-06

Running Events

3,200: 1. Daisy Guerrero, Plainview, 12 minutes, 54.03 seconds; 2. Emma Tamplin, MCS, 13.20.02; 3. Lindsey Mills, MCS, 13.23.09; 4. Anette Barrientos, Plainview, 13.41.99; 5. Blanca Beuman, Plainview, 14.01.46

400 relay: 1 Midland Christian (Kami Berryhill, Kenzie McGraw, Madeline Smith, Kelsey Edwards), 50.75; 2. Lubbock Estacado, 52.37; 3. Plainview, 55.34

800: 1. Kirsten DeFranco, MCS, 2.39.78; 2. Laken Johnson, Lubbock Estacado, 2.44.37; 3 Blanca Beuman, Plainview, 2.54.11; 4. Ariana Anthony, Estacado, 2.55.28; 5. Jodi Hernandez, Estacado, 3.12.78

100 hurdles: 1. Kendall Blanchard, MCS, 17.29; 2 Abby Needham, MCS, 17.61; 3. Guadalupe Mendez, Estacado, 18.13; 4. Desiree Johnson, Estacado, 18.30; 5. Shannon Watson, Plainview, 18.70; 6. Emily Flores, Plainview 19.09

100: 1. Kenzie McGraw, MCS, 13.16; 2. De'Anna Brannon, Estacado, 13.62; 3. Vanessa Johnson, Estacado, 13.67; 4. Raven Thurman, Estacado, 14.10; 5. Stacey DeLaGarza, Plainview, 14.21; 6. Melissa Waites, Plainview, 15.32

800 relay: 1. Estacado, 1.47.24; 2. MCS (Morgan Ashton, Kenzie McGraw, Madeline Smith, Kami Berryhill), 1.52.28; 3. Plainview, 2.01.99

400: 1. Kelsey Edwards, MCS, 1.01.15; 2. Kayla Dupriest, MCS, 1.03.83; 3. Tiara Runels, Estacado, 1.09.82; 5. Jodi Hernandez, Estacado, 1.18.66

300 hurdles: 1. Kendall Blanchard, MCS, 50.59; 2. Adriana Mendez, Estacado, 53.56; 3. Shatoria Parks, Estacado, 55.61; 4. Emily Flores, Plainview, 55.67

200: 1. Anastasia Mayes, Estacado, 27.11; 2 Lateefa High, Estacado, 27.31; 3. Tobi Sims, Estacado, 29.71

1,600: 1. Daisy Guerrero, Plainview, 5.55.07; 2. Emma Tamplin, MCS, 5.56.12; 3. Lindsay Mills, MCS, 6.01.63; 4. Anne Barrientos, Plainview, 6.23.54

1,600 relay: 1. Midland Christian (Kami Berryhill, Kayla Dupriest, Morgan Ashton, Kelsey Edwards), 4.18.5; 2. Lubbock Estacado, 4.29.68

Division III Boys
(Winners listed only.)
Team Standings

1. Crane, 96; 2. Kermit, 86; 3. Odessa Permian JV, 83; 4. Odessa High JV, 57.5; Iraan, 48.6; San Angelo Central JV, 46; 7. Midland Christian JV, 42; 8. Lee JV, 38; 9. Midland High JV, 31; 10. (tie) Plainview JV, 23 Stanton, 23; 12. Lee Silver JV, 21; 13. Hereford JV, 19; 14. Crockett Junior High, 6

Field Events

Long jump: Jorge Flores, Midland High JV, 19-07 High jump: Darian Wallace, Lee JV, 6-00 Discus: Berry Kilgore, Kermit, 128-11 Pole vault: Brit Hooper, MCS JV, 13-00 Shot put: Berry Kilgore, Kermit, 41-02.25 Triple jump: Tiara Runels, Estacado, 33-00.5

Running Events

3,200: Bailey White, Central JV, 11.09. 69 400 relay: Odessa Permian JV, 45.03 800: Jonathan Harrold, Crane, 2.05.40 110 hurdles: Cole Renner, Iraan, 15.39 100: Jacobi Owens, Permian JV, 11.66 800 relay: Crane, 1.33.29 400: Jonathan Harrold, Crane, 54.15 300 hurdles: Cole Renner, Iraan, 44.11 200: Joseph Pearson, Kermit, 22.92 1,600: Chandler Bowles, MCS JV, 4.59.86 1,600 relay: Crane, 3.54.30

Division III Girls
(Winners listed only.)
Team Standings

1. Odessa High JV, 102; 2. Iraan, 91; 4. Lubbock Monterey JV, 69.5; Kermit, 62.5; 6. Midland Christian JV, 59; 7. San Angelo Central JV, 47; 8. Stanton, 19; 9. Midland High JV, 18; 10. Lee JV, 13; 11. Trinity, 10; 12. Lubbock High JV, 5; 13. Midland Classical, 4; Odessa Permian JV, 2

Field Events

Triple jump: Boyd Bennett, Stanton, 39-02.5 Pole vault: Gabbi Fellers, Iraan, 8-00 Shot put: Alfredo Cannon, Odessa High JV, 11-02.25

Running Events

3,200: Mariah Martinez, Monterey JV, 12.44.89 400 relay: Kermit, 53.79 800: Leslie Vitte, Crane, 2.32.78 1,600: Lauren Landry, Monterey JV, 13.17.78 100 hurdles: Loren Hollifield, Iraan, 51.81 200: Reunisher Miller, Crane, 28.04 1,600: Mariah Martinez, Monterey JV< 6.00.62 1,600 relay: Crane, 4.19.85

TOP 25 ROUNDUP

Men

NO. 2 SYRACUSE 58, NO. 19 LOUISVILLE 49

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Brandon Triche scored 18 points, Kris Joseph added 11 in the final home game of his career, and second-ranked Syracuse beat No. 19 Louisville 58-49 on Saturday.

Syracuse (30-1, 17-1) matched the Big East record for victories — Connecticut also won 17 conference games in 1995-96 — and the Orange also finished the regular season with 30 wins for the first time in coach Jim Boeheim's 36-year tenure.

NO. 6 NORTH CAROLINA 88, NO. 4 DUKE 70

DURHAM, N.C. — Kendall Marshall had 20 points and 10 assists, and North Carolina beat Duke to win the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title.

NO. 8 MARQUETTE 83, NO. 11 GEORGETOWN 69

MILWAUKEE — Jae Crowder had 26 points and 14 rebounds in his final home game, helping Marquette beat Georgetown and clinch the No. 2 seed in the Big East tournament.

NO. 12 MURRAY ST. 54, TENNESSEE ST. 52

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Jewuan Long drove the baseline for a layup with 4.4 seconds left, and Murray State rallied from seven points down in the final 5:28 to beat Tennessee State for the Ohio Valley Conference tournament title and an automatic NCAA tournament berth.

ILLINOIS ST. 65, NO. 15 WICHITA ST. 64

ST. LOUIS — Tyler Brown scored 25 points, including two free throws with 6.4 seconds left, and Illinois State advanced to the final of the Missouri Valley Conference tournament.

NO. 23 TEMPLE 80, FORDHAM 60

NEW YORK — Juan Fernandez scored 19 points, backcourt mate Ramone Moore added 16 and Temple beat Fordham to win the outright Atlantic 10 regular-season title for the first time since 1989-90.

NO. 25 CREIGHTON 99, EVANSVILLE 71

ST. LOUIS — Gregory Echenique had a season-best 20 points, nine rebounds and three blocked shots in just 20 minutes as Creighton beat Evansville in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament semifinals.

Women

NO. 6 MARYLAND 73, WAKE FOREST 58

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Alyssa Thomas had 18 points and 12 rebounds to help Maryland beat Wake Forest in the semifinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

NO. 21 PURDUE 68, NO. 9 PENN ST. 66

INDIANAPOLIS — Brittany Rayburn's driving layup with 1.4 seconds left sent Purdue into the final of the Big Ten conference tournament with a win over Penn State.

LSU 72, NO. 10 KENTUCKY 61

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Courtney Jones scored 18 points and LSU beat Kentucky to advance to the Southeastern Conference tournament championship game.

NO. 11 WIS-GREEN BAY 77, ILLINOIS-CHICAGO 64

CHICAGO — Julie Wojta had 27 points and 10 rebounds to lead Wisconsin-Green Bay past over Illinois-Chicago for its seventh straight victory.

NO. 13 TENNESSEE 74, NO. 25 SOUTH CAROLINA 58

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Glory Johnson had 23 points and 10 rebounds as Tennessee beat South Carolina to advance to its 21st Southeastern Conference championship game.

NO. 24 NEBRASKA 77, NO. 14 OHIO ST. 62

INDIANAPOLIS — Jordan Hooper had 21 points and 10 rebounds as Nebraska knocked off Ohio State in the semifinals of the Big Ten tournament.

NO. 15 GEORGIA TECH 87, N.C. STATE 61

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Tyaunna Marshall scored 16 of her 20 points in the first half and Georgia Tech claimed a spot in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game by routing North Carolina State.

NO. 19 ST. BONAVENTURE 68, LA SALLE 53

PHILADELPHIA — Megan Van Tatenhove led five players in double figures with 13 points and St. Bonaventure pulled away in the second half to beat La Salle in the quarterfinals of the Atlantic 10 conference tournament.

NO. 20 LOUISVILLE 63, VILLANOVA 47

HARTFORD, Conn. — Shoni Schimmel scored 15 of her 20 points in the first half to lead Louisville past Villanova in the second round of the Big East tournament.

NO. 22 GONZAGA 83, SAINT MARY'S 78

LAS VEGAS — Kayla Standish scored 31 points as Gonzaga held off Saint Mary's in the semifinals of the West Coast Conference tournament.

NO. 23 RUTGERS 52, MARQUETTE 43

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Monique Oliver had 18 of her 23 points in the second half to help Rutgers rally past Marquette in the second round of the Big East tournament.

Associated Press

Griner goes for 41 as Lady Bears go unbeaten in regular season

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — Brittney Griner excitedly pounded her chest so hard with both fists that she pulled a teammate to the side and joked that she almost hurt herself.

Griner and top-ranked Baylor have plenty of reason to be excited about after completing its first undefeated regular season in school history.

That chest-pounding moment for Griner came during a game-clinching run after halftime for the Lady Bears, who got a career-high 41 points from their 6-foot-8 junior phenom and took control with some tenacious defense in a 77-53 win over Iowa State on Saturday.

"I don't know, I guess I was just feeling it," Griner said of the reaction after her putback basket when Baylor started pulling away.

The Lady Bears (31-0, 18-0), who have won their games by an average margin of nearly 28 points, also stretched their home-court winning streak to 40 in a row.

But Iowa State didn't make it easy for them.

The Cyclones (18-11, 9-9) made seven 3-pointers before halftime, including Chelsea Poppens' shot in the final minute that tied the game at 32. Iowa State still led 40-38 after Griner made a short jumper and Baylor coach Kim Mulkey called timeout with 17:24 left.

Tony Gutierrez/AP

Baylor center Brittney Griner (42) shoots over Iowa State's Hallie Christofferson (5) in the second half Saturday in Waco. Griner scored a career-high 41-points and top-ranked Baylor completed its first undefeated regular season with a 77-53 win over Iowa State.

Baylor then went with a full-court pressure defense, something her assistant coaches had been bugging her to do. It worked with the Lady Bears forcing three turnovers in less than a minute.

"Being hard-headed or stubborn or whatever you want to call me, I didn't do it," Mulkey said. "Then I didn't do it to start the second half, and I had them in my ear wanting me to change the pace of the game, and it was a great decision.

"Because we were playing at Iowa State's pace and they were getting 3s all over the floor and penetrating and we were getting suckered in and helping and they were kicking out for 3s."

Lady Bears	**77**
Cyclones	**53**

Robinson, Taylor lead No. 3 Kansas past Texas

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Thomas Robinson had 25 points and 14 rebounds in his likely Allen Fieldhouse finale. Tyshawn Taylor added 22 points and No. 3 Kansas rolled to a 73-63 win over Texas on Saturday night.

Robinson scored 18 of his points in the second half as the Big 12 champion Jayhawks (26-5, 16-2) tuned up for the conference tournament in style. Kansas has won eight straight overall, 22 in a row at home and improved to 20-7 all-time against the Longhorns.

J'Covan Brown scored 29 of his 33 points in the second half for Texas (19-12, 9-9), which missed out on a chance to help its own NCAA tournament resume. The Longhorns head to Kansas City needing a couple wins to feel comfy on Selection Sunday.

Taylor also had four assists and four rebounds in his last home game. The guard from Hoboken, N.J., was honored prior to the tip along with fellow seniors Connor Teahan and Jordan Juenemann.

All three of them were in the Jayhawks' starting lineup along with Robinson, a junior forward who is expected to be chosen highly in the NBA draft this summer.

Jayhawks	**73**
Longhorns	63

Kansas and Texas have waged their share of memorable games in recent years — four of the past six seasons they've met in the conference tournament title game, and it was Texas that ruined the Jayhawks' 69-game home winning streak last season.

In this one, they spent most of the first half trying to wake up.

The Jayhawks, who wrapped up the outright conference title Monday night, used an 8-0 run just before the break to establish some breathing room. But the Longhorns still managed to stay within 26-21 when Clint Chapman scored on a putback with 1.3 seconds left in the half.

TEXAS/BIG 12 ROUNDUP

Men

TEXAS OKLAHOMA 65, TEXAS A&M 62

NORMAN, Okla. — Romero Osby scored a career-high 24 points and Oklahoma held off Texas A&M for a 65-62 win Saturday in a preview of the first round of next week's Big 12 tournament.

The Sooners (15-15, 5-13 Big 12) led by as many as 14 early in the second half before A&M rallied and had a chance to take the lead in the final minute.

MISSOURI 81, TEXAS TECH 59

LUBBOCK — Kim English scored 20 points, Marcus Denmon added 17 and No. 7 Missouri hit a season-best 16 3-pointers to beat Texas Tech 81-59 on Saturday.

Denmon scored all his points in the second half and Ricardo Ratliffe had a career-high 15 rebounds.

IOWA ST. 80, NO. 9 BAYLOR 72

AMES, Iowa — Scott Christopherson had 23 points in his final home game and Iowa State rallied to beat No. 9 Baylor 80-72 Saturday night for its second win over a top-10 opponent this season.

Melvin Ejim added 15 points for the Cyclones (22-9, 12-6 Big 12), who also secured the No. 3 seed for next week's conference tournament.

NO. 21 SAN DIEGO STATE 98, TCU 92, OT

FORT WORTH— Jamaal Franklin scored a career-high 35 points, including the go-ahead three-point play in overtime, and No. 21 San Diego State claimed a share of its second consecutive Mountain West Conference title with a 98-92 victory over TCU on Saturday night.

The Aztecs (24-6, 10-4 MWC) blew an 18-point lead in the second half.

SMU 57, UTEP 48

DALLAS — Robert Nyakundi scored 14 points and Southern Methodist opened the game with a 25-7 run en route to a 57-48 victory over UTEP on Saturday.

The Mustangs (13-18, 4-12 Conference USA) will enter next week's conference tournament as either the 11th or 12th seed, while UTEP (14-16, 7-9) will be the No. 8 or No. 9 seed.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY 56, TEXAS SOUTHERN 54

BATON ROUGE, La. — Quinton Doggett had a double-double and scored the game-winning points as Southern University defeated Texas Southern 56-54 on Saturday night in the regular-season finale for both teams.

Doggett, who had 22 points and 10 rebounds, dunked to give the Jaguars a 55-54 lead with 14 seconds to play. He added a free throw with 2 seconds to go to seal the win for the Jaguars (17-14, 13-5 Southwestern Athletic Conference), who avenged a 73-39 loss to Texas Southern in January.

UTSA 97, TEXAS-ARLINGTON 88

SAN ANTONIO — Michael Hale scored 21 points and made six 3-pointers to lead UTSA to a 97-88 victory over Texas-Arlington on Saturday night.

Igor Nujic and Kannon Burrage added 17 points apiece for the Roadrunners (18-13, 10-6 Southland Conference), who entered the game locked into the No. 5 seed at next week's league tournament.

HOUSTON 76, RICE 75

HOUSTON — Darian Thibodeaux scored 21 points and his pair of free throws with two seconds remaining was the difference in Houston's 76-75 win over Rice on Saturday.

Trailing 75-74, Thibodeaux was fouled and nailed both free throws in the waning seconds to give Houston (15-14, 7-9 C-USA) the win.

TEXAS A&M-CC 67, CENTRAL ARKANSAS 65

CORPUS CHRISTI — Johnathan Jordan's jumper with 4 seconds left gave Texas A&M-Corpus Christi a season-ending 67-65 victory over Central Arkansas on Saturday night.

The Bears' Mark Rutledge missed a 3-point attempt at the buzzer.

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M 64, ALCORN STATE 61

LORMAN, Miss. — Jourdan Demuynck scored 27 points to lead Prairie View A&M over Alcorn State 64-61 on Saturday night in the regular-season finale for both teams.

The Panthers (14-17, 10-8 Southwestern Athletic Conference) took a 37-26 lead at halftime after shooting 46.4 percent in the first half (13 of 28), going 6 of 14 from 3-point range.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 62, NORTHWESTERN STATE 52

NACOGDOCHES — Stephen F. Austin had four players score in double figures and wrapped up the No. 2 seed in the upcoming Southland Conference tournament with a 62-52 victory over Northwestern State on Saturday night.

Antonio Bostic led the way for Stephen F. Austin (19-11, 12-4 Southland) with 18 points. Desmond Haymon scored 14 and Taylor Smith and Jereal Scott had 12 each.

LAMAR 78, MCNEESE STATE 68

BEAUMONT — Mike James scored 23 points and Lamar claimed the Southland Conference's East Division title Saturday with a 78-68 victory over McNeese State.

Devon Lamb added 19 points and Anthony Miles, who was 10 for 10 at the free-throw line, scored 17 for Lamar. The Cardinals (20-11, 11-5) have won three in a row since coach Pat Knight criticized his team following a home loss to Stephen F. Austin on Feb. 22.

SAM HOUSTON STATE 63, TEXAS STATE 61

SAN MARCOS — Konner Tucker scored 17 points, including the go-ahead 3-pointer in the closing minutes, as Sam Houston State clinched the final spot in the Southland Conference tournament with a 63-61 victory over Texas State.

The Bearkats (13-18, 7-9 Southland) earned the No. 7 seed in the tournament and will face No. 2 seed Stephen F. Austin on Wednesday.

HOUSTON BAPTIST 65, TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN 57

HOUSTON — Joe Latas had 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Terry Bembry and Anthony Hill added 14 points each to lead Houston Baptist to a 65-58 victory against Texas-Pan American on Saturday night.

Tyler Russell had 10 points for the Huskies (10-19, 3-7 Great West), who will be the No. 5 seed at next week's conference tournament. The opponent, the No. 4 seed, is to be determined.

BIG 12
KANSAS STATE 77, OKLAHOMA STATE 58

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Rodney McGruder scored 24 points, Jamar Samuels had 17 points and 12 rebounds and Kansas State used a big run out of halftime to beat short-handed Oklahoma State 77-58 on Saturday.

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SCORES AND TEXAS BOXES

Men

How Top 25 Fared

1. Kentucky (29-1) did not play. Next: at No. 16 Florida, Sunday.
2. Syracuse (30-1) beat No. 19 Louisville 58-49. Next: Big East quarterfinals, Thursday.
3. Kansas (26-5) beat Texas 73-63. Next: Big 12 quarterfinals, Thursday.
4. Duke (28-5) lost to No. 6 North Carolina 88-70. Next: ACC quarterfinals, Friday.
5. Michigan State (24-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Ohio State, Sunday.
6. North Carolina (27-4) beat No. 4 Duke 88-70. Next: ACC quarterfinals, Friday.
7. Missouri (27-4) beat Texas Tech 81-59. Next: Big 12 quarterfinals, Thursday.
8. Marquette (25-6) beat No. 11 Georgetown 83-69. Next: Big East quarterfinals, Thursday.
9. Baylor (25-6) lost to Iowa State 80-72. Next: Big 12 quarterfinals, Thursday.
10. Ohio State (24-6) did not play. Next: at No. 5 Michigan State, Sunday.
11. Georgetown (22-7) lost to No. 8 Marquette 83-69. Next: Big East tournament, Wednesday or Thursday.
12. Murray State (30-1) beat Tennessee State 54-52. Next: NCAA tournament.
13. Michigan (22-8) did not play. Next: at Penn State, Sunday.
14. Wisconsin (22-8) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Sunday.
15. Wichita State (27-5) lost to Illinois State 65-64. Next: TBD.
16. Florida (22-8) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 Kentucky, Sunday.
17. UNLV (24-7) vs. Wyoming. Next: MWC first round, Thursday.
18. Indiana (23-7) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Sunday.
19. Louisville (22-9) lost to No. 2 Syracuse 58-49. Next: Big East tournament, Wednesday.
20. Notre Dame (21-10) did not play. Next: Big East tournament, Wednesday or Thursday.
21. San Diego State (24-6) beat TCU 98-92, OT. Next: MWC first round, Thursday.
22. Florida State (20-9) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Sunday.
23. Temple (24-6) beat Fordham 80-60. Next: vs. Duquesne or UMass, Friday.
24. Virginia (21-8) did not play. Next: at Maryland, Sunday.
25. Creighton (27-5) beat Evansville 99-71. Next: vs. Illinois State, Sunday.

SCORES
SOUTHWEST

Houston 76, Rice 75
Houston Baptist 65, Texas-Pan American 58
Lamar 78, McNeese St. 68
Memphis 78, Tulsa 66
Missouri 81, Texas Tech 59
Oklahoma 65, Texas A&M 62
SMU 57, UTEP 48
Sam Houston St 63, Texas St. 61
San Diego St. 98, TCU 92, OT
Stephen F. Austin 62, Northwestern St. 52
Texas A&M-CC 67, Cent. Arkansas 65
UTSA 97, Texas-Arlington 88

FAR WEST

Cal St.-Fullerton 77, Long Beach St. 74
Colorado St 75, Air Force 65
New Mexico 76, Boise St. 61
Oregon 94, Utah 48
Oregon St. 83, Colorado 69
UC Riverside 72, UC Irvine 69, OT
UCLA 75, Washington 69
Washington St. 43, Southern Cal 38

MIDWEST

Ball St. 62, N. Illinois 51
Dayton 75, George Washington 59
DePaul 86, Seton Hall 58
Iowa St. 80, Baylor 72
Kansas St. 77, Oklahoma St. 58
Marquette 83, Georgetown 69
Minnesota 81, Nebraska 69
North Dakota 57, Utah Valley 56
Northwestern 70, Iowa 66
Ohio 63, Miami (Ohio) 54
Toledo 76, E. Michigan 51
Xavier 72, Charlotte 63

SOUTH

Alabama St. 48, Jackson St. 46
Auburn 67, LSU 52
East Carolina 66, Tulane 49
Georgia 67, South Carolina 55
Georgia Tech 69, Wake Forest 62
Grambling St. 75, Alabama A&M 72, OT
Marshall 79, Southern Miss. 75
Miami 77, Boston College 56
Mississippi 60, Alabama 51
Mississippi St. 79, Arkansas 59
North Carolina 88, Duke 70
Prairie View 64, Alcorn St. 61
SE Louisiana 68, Nicholls St. 58
Southern U. 56, Texas Southern 54
Tennessee 68, Vanderbilt 61
UCF 71, UAB 63
West Virginia 50, South Florida 44

EAST

Buffalo 68, Bowling Green 64
Cincinnati 72, Villanova 68
Columbia 61, Dartmouth 55
Harvard 61, Cornell 53
La Salle 71, St. Bonaventure 61
NJIT 58, Chicago St. 50
Penn 59, Yale 47
Princeton 81, Brown 47
Rutgers 61, St. John's 58
Saint Louis 75, Duquesne 60
Syracuse 58, Louisville 49
Temple 80, Fordham 60
UConn 74, Pittsburgh 65
UMass 89, Rhode Island 83

TOURNAMENT

America East Conference Quarterfinals
Albany (NY) 63, New Hampshire 45
Hartford 53, Boston U. 49
Stony Brook 79, Binghamton 69
Vermont 50, Maine 40 Atlantic

Sun Conference Championship
Belmont 83, Florida Gulf Coast 69

Ig Sky Conference First Round
E. Washington 81, Idaho St. 75 Big

South Conference Championship
UNC Asheville 80, VMI 64
Colonial Athletic Association Quarterfinals
Drexel 59, UNC Wilmington 47
Georgia Mason 61, Georgia St. 59
Old Dominion 88, Delaware 74
VCU 75, Northeastern 65

Horizon League Semifinals
Detroit 83, Cleveland St. 58
Valparaso 65, Butler 46
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Quarterfinals
Fairfield 65, Rider 63
Iona 87, Marist 63
Loyola (Md.) 86, Niagara 73
Missouri Valley Conference Semifinals
Creighton 99, Evansville 71
Illinois St. 65, Wichita St. 64
Ohio Valley Conference Championship
Murray St. 54, Tennessee St. 52

Patriot League Semifinals
Bucknell 79, Lafayette 52
Lehigh 85, American U. 66

Southern Conference Quarterfinals
Davidson 73, Furman 54
Elon 65, Georgia Southern 58
UNC Greensboro 66, Appalachian St. 55
W. Carolina 82, Wofford 59

Summit League First Round
Oral Roberts 71, IPFW 67

Sun Belt Conference First Round
Arkansas St. 70, FAU 55
South Alabama 87, Troy 81

TEXAS BOXES
NO. 3 KANSAS 73, TEXAS 63

TEXAS (19-12): Wangmene 2-4 0-0 4, Chapman 5-9 0-0 10, McClellan 2-10 0-0 6, Kabongo 0-7 0-0 0, Brown 9-18 1-4 33, Lewis 3-5 2-2 8, Bond 0-1 1-2 1, Holmes 0-2 1-2 1, Gordon 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-56 18-21 63.

KANSAS (26-5): Robinson 10-19 5-10 25, Withey 1-3 7-10 9, Teahan 1-3 0-0 3, Taylor 7-11 8-8 22, Juenemann 0-0 0-0 0, Tharpe 0-0 0-0 0, Wesley 0-0 0-0 0, Johnson 3-7 0-0 9, Roberts 2-3 0-0 5, Garrett 0-0 0-0 0, Lindsay 0-0 0-0 0, Reliford 2-5 1-2 5, Young 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-49 21-30 73.

Halftime—Kansas 26-21. 3-Point Goals—Texas 3-17 (McClellan 2-5, Brown 1-6, Chapman 0-1, Lewis 0-1, Holmes 0-1, Kabongo 0-3), Kansas 4-10 (Johnson 3-4, Teahan 1-3, Reliford 0-1, Taylor 0-2). Fouled Out—Bond. Holmes. Rebounds—Texas 29 (Chapman 7), Kansas 36 (Robinson 14). Assists—Texas 13 (Kabongo 6), Kansas 11 (Taylor 4). Total Fouls—Texas 20, Kansas 16. A—16,300

OKLAHOMA 65, TEXAS A&M 62

TEXAS A&M (13-17): Loubeau 7-12 1-1 15, Middleton 6-16 2-2 14, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Harris 2-6 0-0 5, E. Turner 4-11 0-0 11, Hilbert 1-2 1-2 4, Green 0-2 0-0 0, Alexander 1-2 0-0 3, R. Turner 4-5 2-4 10. Totals 25-56 6-9 62.

OKLAHOMA (15-15): Fitzgerald 4-10 2-2 10, Osby 11-15 2-3 24, Grooms 1-4 5-6 7, Pledger 3-9 1-2 9, Clark 3-8 3-3 9, Franklin 0-0 0-0 0, Washington 2-4 0-0 4, Blair 1-2 0-0 2, Neal 0-0 0-0 0, Honore 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-52 13-16 65

Halftime—Oklahoma 33-26. 3-Point Goals—Texas A&M 6-16 (E. Turner 3-8, Hilbert 1-1, Alexander 1-1, Harris 1-3, Middleton 0-3), Oklahoma 2-6 (Pledger 2-4, Grooms 0-1, Blair 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Texas A&M 31 (Middleton 7), Oklahoma 31 (Clark 9). Assists—Texas A&M 12 (Harris 4), Oklahoma 14 (Grooms 7). Total Fouls—Texas A&M 16, Oklahoma 14. A—9,349

No. 7 MISSOURI 81, TEXAS TECH 59

MISSOURI (27-4): P. Pressey 1-2 0-1 3, M. Pressey 5-11 0-0 14, Ratliffe 5-8 3-5 13, Denmon 6-14 0-0 17, English 6-11 5-6 20, Dixon 4-7 2-2 13, Sutton 0-0 0-0 0, Moore 0-0 1-2 1, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Ross-burg 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-53 11-16 81

TEXAS TECH (8-22): Nurse 5-7 0-0 12, Willis 0-3 1-2 1, Adams 3-4 3-3 11, Lewandowski 4-10 1-2 9, Tolbert 2-4 0-0 5, Pettway 0-0 0-0 0, Manno 1-3 0-0 2, Crockett 7-10 3-4 17, Lammert 1-1 0-0 2, Nash 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-42 9-14 59

Halftime—Missouri 32-28. 3-Point Goals—Missouri 16-26 (Denmon 5-8, M. Pressey 4-7, Dixon 3-4, English 3-5, P. Pressey 1-2), Texas Tech 4-7 (Adams 2-3, Nurse 2-3, Willis 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Missouri 30 (Ratliffe 15), Texas Tech 23 (Crockett 8). Assists—Missouri 18 (P. Pressey 8), Texas Tech 11 (Lewandowski, Manno, Nurse, Pettway 2). Total Fouls—Missouri 14, Texas Tech 19. A—7,892

IOWA ST. 80, No. 9 BAYLOR 72

BAYLOR (25-6): Jones III 5-11 0-0 10, Acy 2-3 1-1 5, Heslip 3-9 0-0 6, Miller 3-9 0-0 6, Jackson 11-19 8-9 35, Franklin 1-6 0-0 3, Bello 0-0 0-0 0, Walton 0-3 0-0 0, Jefferson 1-2 3-4 5, Jones 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 27-65 12-14 72.

IOWA ST. (22-9): Babb 3-7 2-2 10, Ejim 5-8 5-6 15, Allen 4-11 0-0 11, Christopherson 8-16 5-6 23, White 3-8 5-10 11, Palo 0-0 0-0 0, Sledge 0-0 0-0 0, Booker 1-1 0-0 3, Gibson 1-2 0-2 2, McGee 1-6 2-2 5. Totals 26-57 19-28 80.

Halftime—Baylor 37-30. 3-Point Goals—Baylor 6-24 (Jackson 5-10, Franklin 1-5, Jones 0-1, Miller 0-1, Walton 0-2, Heslip 0-5), Iowa St. 9-25 (Allen 3-8, Babb 2-5, Christopherson 2-8, Booker 1-1, McGee 1-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Baylor 35 (Jones III 12), Iowa St. 38 (White 9). Assists—Baylor 9 (Franklin, Jackson 3), Iowa St. 17 (Christopherson 6). Total Fouls—Baylor 23, Iowa St. 15. Technical—Walton. A—14,376.

No. 21 SAN DIEGO ST. 98, TCU 92, OT

SAN DIEGO ST. (24-6): Shelton 2-4 2-3 6, J. Franklin 9-18 14-17 35, Thames 7-8 2-2 16, Rahon 4-9 2-2 12, Tapley 7-20 3-3 18, L. Franklin 0-1 3-4 3, Green 0-1 0-0 0, Stephens 3-4 2-7 8, Ebrahimian 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-65 28-38 98

TCU (17-13): Crossland 2-4 2-2 6, Williams 2-12 2-3 7, Anderson 2-4 4-5 9, Thoms 8-21 4-6 25, Cadot 6-12 10-12 24, Fields 2-4 0-1 4, Kone 0-0 0-0 0, Butler 1-3 0-1 3, McKinney 3-4 2-4 8, Zurcher 0-0 0-0 0, Green 3-6 0-0 6. Totals 29-70 24-34 92

Halftime—San Diego St. 46-34. End Of Regulation—Tied 83. 3-Point Goals—San Diego St. 6-19 (J. Franklin 3-8, Rahon 2-5, Tapley 1-5, L. Franklin 0-1). TCU 10-36 (Thoms 5-10, Cadot 2-4, Butler 1-1, Anderson 1-2, Williams 1-6, Green 0-1, Crossland 0-1, Fields 0-1). Fouled Out—McKinney, Rahon, Shelton, Thames, Thoms. Rebounds—San Diego St. 50 (J. Franklin 13), TCU 37 (Cadot 8). Assists—San Diego St. 16 (J. Franklin 5), TCU 11 (Thoms 3). Total Fouls—San Diego St. 26, TCU 27. A—5,955.

SMU 57, UTEP 48

UTEP (14-16): Washburn 8-15 3-4 21, McCulley 0-7 5-10 5, Bohannon 2-3 0-0 4, Streeter 1-3 0-0 3, Perez 0-2 0-0 0, Cooper 1-5 0-0 3, Ragland 2-7 0-0 6, Lang 1-2 2-4 4, Campbell 0-2 2-4 2. Totals 15-46 12-22 48

SMU (13-18): Smith 2-6 0-0 4, Nyakundi 5-14 0-0 14, Cinkiscales 4-8 0-0 11, Samamspaa 2-6 0-0 5, Patsevich 1-3 0-0 2, Manuel 1-2 4-4 6, Williams 1-2 0-0 3, Giles 0-2 0-0 0, Cunningham 1-3 2-2 4, Jones 3-7 1-3 8. Totals 20-55 7-9 57

Halftime—SMU 33-24. 3-Point Goals—UTEP 6-21 (Washburn 2-4, Ragland 2-7, Streeter 1-1, Cooper 1-5, Perez 0-1, McCulley 0-3), SMU 10-30 (Nyakundi 4-10, Cinkiscales 3-6, Williams 1-2, Jones 1-2, Samamspaa 1-4, Patsevich 0-1, Cunningham 0-1, Smith 0-2, Giles 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—UTEP 35 (McCulley 6), SMU 37 (Smith 9). Assists—UTEP 9 (Campbell, Cooper 2), SMU 15 (Smith 4). Total Fouls—UTEP 13, SMU 20. A—3,330

HOUSTON 76, RICE 75

HOUSTON (15-14): Harris 6-15 4-6 16, Thomas 2-6 3-4 7, Young 3-8 0-0 8, Thibodeaux 6-9 4-4 21, Simmons 4-11 3-6 12, Thompson 1-5 0-0 3, Jones 1-1 0-0 3, Gibson 3-5 0-0 6, Van Slyke 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26-61 14-21 76.

RICE (17-14): Herndon 2-5 0-0 4, Kazemi 7-11 5-6 19, Kuipers 4-6 2-2 12, Schwarze 0-0 0-0 0, Frizzelle 0-4 0-0 0, Ibrahim 3-5 2-3 9, Jackson 3-5 0-1 6, Resch 1-1 2-2 4, DeBose 3-5 0-0 7, Ennis 1-4 1-3 3. Oraby 4-8 3-4 11. Totals 28-54 15-21 75

Halftime—Houston 39-34. 3-Point Goals—Houston 10-22 (Thibodeaux 3-8, Young 2-5, Jones 1-1, Thompson 1-2, Simmons 1-5, Van Slyke 0-1), Rice 4-9 (Kuipers 2-3, DeBose 1-1, Ibrahim 1-1, Jackson 0-1, Kazemi 0-1, Ennis 0-2). Fouled Out—Thomas. Rebounds—Houston 39 (Harris, Thomas 7), Rice 30 (Oraby 11). Assists—Houston 18 (Simmons 8), Rice 20 (Ennis 7). Total Fouls—Houston 20, Rice 15. Technical—Rice Bench. A—1,943.

Women

How Top 25 Fared

1. Baylor (31-0) beat Iowa State 77-53. Next: Big 12 quarterfinals, Thursday.
2. Stanford (27-1) did not play. Next: at California, Sunday.
3. Notre Dame (26-2) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul, Sunday.
4. UConn (26-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Rutgers, Sunday.
5. Duke (24-5) did not play. Next: TBA.
6. Maryland (27-4) beat Wake Forest 73-58. Next: vs. No. 15 Georgia Tech, Sunday.
7. Miami (25-5) did not play. Next: TBA.
8. Delaware (27-1) did not play. Next: vs. Old Dominion or Towson, Friday.
9 Penn State (24-6) lost to No. 21 Purdue 6-866. Next: TBA.
10 Kentucky (25-6) lost to LSU 72-61. Next: TBA.
11 Green Bay (27-1) beat Illinois-Chicago 77-64. Next: Horizon League quarterfinals, Wednesday.
12 Georgetown (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Sunday.
13 Tennessee (23-8) beat No. 25 South Carolina 74-58. Next: vs. LSU, Sunday.
14 Ohio State (25-6) lost to No. 24 Nebraska 77-62. Next: TBA.
15 Georgia Tech (24-7) beat N.C. State 87-61. Next: vs. No. 6 Maryland, Sunday.
16 Georgia (22-8) did not play. Next: TBA.
17 Texas A&M (20-8) did not play. Next: at Texas, Sunday.
18 St. John's (21-8) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Louisville, Sunday.
19. St Bonaventure (28-2) beat La Salle 68-53. Next: vs. Saint Joseph's, Sunday.
20 Louisville (22-8) beat Villanova 63-47. Next: vs. No. 18 St. John's, Sunday.
21 Purdue (22-8) beat No. 9 Penn State 68-66. Next: No. 24 Nebraska, Sunday.
22 Gonzaga (26-4) beat Saint Mary's (Cal) 83-78. Next: vs. BYU, Monday.
23 Rutgers (22-8) beat Marquette 52-43. Next: vs. No. 4 UConn, Sunday.
24 Nebraska (24-7) beat Ohio State 77-62. Next: vs. No. 21 Purdue.
25 South Carolina (23-9) lost to No. 13 Tennessee 74-58. Next: TBA

SCORES
SOUTHWEST

Baylor 77, Iowa St. 53
Cent. Arkansas 66, Texas A&M-CC 45
McNeese St. 63, Lamar 40
Oklahoma St. 68, Missouri 47
Sam Houston St. 68, Texas St. 54
Texas-Arlington 75, UTSA 65
Texas-Pan American 43, Houston Baptist 14

FAR WEST

Arizona St. 70, Arizona 58
CS Northridge 60, Cal St.-Fullerton 51
Cal Poly 86, Pacific 66
Colorado 67, Oregon St 57
Fresno St. 79, New Mexico St. 43
Idaho 69, Hawaii 50
Idaho St. 63, E. Washington 58
Montana St. 84, Weber St. 55
N. Colorado 65, Portland St. 50
Nevada 76, Louisiana Tech 72
North Dakota 66, Utah Valley 53
Seattle 86, CS Bakersfield 65
Southern Cal 65, Washington St. 54
UC Santa Barbara 60, UC Davis 56
Utah 65, Oregon 47
Washington 67, UCLA 59

MIDWEST

Bradley 86, Missouri St. 69
Butler 81, Wright St. 66
Cleveland St. 79, Youngstown St. 69
Detroit 48, Valparaiso 42
Drake 54, Creighton 50
Green Bay 77, Ill.-Chicago 64
Illinois St. 72, S. Illinois 50
Indiana St. 58, Evansville 47
Loyola of Chicago 80, Milwaukee 62
Texas Tech 64, Kansas St. 63
Wichita St. 75, N. Iowa 53

SOUTH

Alabama St. 61, Jackson St. 51
Grambling St. 68, Alabama A&M 64, OT
Prairie View 58, Alcorn St. 54
SE Louisiana 73, Nicholls St. 72
Southern U. 64, Texas Southern 59
Stephen F. Austin 70, Northwestern St. 68

EAST

Dartmouth 87, Columbia 52
Harvard 65, Cornell 59
NJIT 69, Chicago St. 49
Penn 61, Yale 58
Princeton 77, Brown 6

TOURNAMENT

Atlantic 10 Conference Quarterfinals
Dayton 69, Saint Louis 51
Saint Joseph's 69, Richmond 57
St. Bonaventure 68, La Salle 53
Temple 64, Duquesne 55
Atlantic Coast Conference Semifinals
Georgia Tech 87, NC State 61
Maryland 73, Wake Forest 58
Atlantic Sun Conference Championship
Florida Gulf Coast 67, Stetson 39
Big East Conference Second Round
DePaul 76, South Florida 62
Louisville 63, Villanova 47
Rutgers 52, Marquette 43
West Virginia 63, Syracuse 48

Big Ten Conference Semifinals
Nebraska 77, Ohio St. 62
Purdue 68, Penn St. 66
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Semifinals
Fairfield 63, Siena 48
Marist 68, Niagara 54, OT
Mid-American Conference First Round
Akron 96, Buffalo 82
Cent. Michigan 86, Ball St. 62
N. Illinois 68, W. Michigan 51
Ohio 58, Kent St. 40
Northeast Conference First Round
Monmouth (NJ) 68, LIU 56
Quinnipiac 65, Mount St. Mary's 61
Robert Morris 92, St. Francis (Pa.) 82
Sacred Heart 62, Fairleigh Dickinson 58
Ohio Valley Conference Championship
UT-Martin 82, Tennessee Tech 65
Southeastern Conference Semifinals
LSU 72, Kentucky 61
Tennessee 74, South Carolina 58

Southern Conference Quarterfinals
Appalachian St. 61, W. Carolina 43
Davidson 69, Wofford 58
Samford 67, Elon 36

Summit League First Round
S. Dakota St. 80, IPFW 59
W. Illinois 83, Oral Roberts 71

Sun Belt Conference First Round
FIU 74, Louisiana-Lafayette 53
North Texas 75, Troy 61
South Alabama 62,

Lee's Thomas wins Midland Girls Golf Invite

Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Lee's Libby Thomas and the Andrews girls golf team both finished this weekend's Midland Girls Invitational with some hardware and a little more confidence.

Thomas, a junior at Lee, won her first tournament of the season this weekend, and Andrews made its return to the tournament by taking a convincing victory in the Division I team standings.

Thomas won medalist honors in Division I with a score of 72-78—150 to finish two strokes ahead of Midland Christian freshman Christian Curnutte. Andrews, meanwhile, shot 312-326—638 to win the tournament by 25 strokes over defending champion El Paso Eastwood.

"I'm pumped, and this gives me a positive mental attitude going into district, and onto regionals and hopefully state," Thomas said.

Thomas said Saturday's round was tough both with the cold, windy weather and on Hogan Park Golf Course's Quail Course. Thomas said she had a triple bogey during her round but finished the round by recording pars on her last five holes.

"I really didn't do anything that bad today at all," Thomas said. "The greens were really bumpy, but I didn't putt bad. It was just one of those days."

Meanwhile, Thomas' Lee squad finished fifth as they were one stroke behind fourth place and Division 3-5A rival Odessa Permian.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Libby Thomas follows her shot Friday at the Midland Girls Golf Invitational at Green Tree Country Club.

Curnutte, meanwhile, finished her first high school tournament in Midland in second place after tying for the low round of the day at 77. Midland Christian finished tied for sixth with San Angelo.

Andrews continued their roll this spring by again shooting the low round of the day as a team — 326 — and having all five players shoot 87 or better. McKenzie Long tied Curnutte's low round with a 77, with Sarah Black shooting an 80, Kalli Jennings 87, Hailey Burgen 85 and Whitlee Woods 84.

"Getting to come back and play with all the 5As, it was good to see our girls step up and take on the challenge," Andrews girls golf coach Mark Burgen said. "I was real proud of the effort they gave."

This weekend was the first time the Lady Mustangs had played in Midland's girls invitational since 2008 as from 2009-2011 they played at a tournament in Lubbock as preparation for the Region I-3A tournament.

But since the regional tournament was moved to San Angelo this year, Burgen decided to come back and this was the first time they had played in a division with all the schools.

"We love playing in that competition and it helps our kids to play different teams," Burgen said. "To play the girls from larger schools is a good benefit for us."

Midland High played in Division II on Saturday and finished third as senior Madeline Coffman finished fifth in the medalist standings at 91-88—179. The Lady Bulldogs shot 379 as a team on Saturday, which was five strokes better than Friday's 384.

"The improvement was good, but we've got to get a lot better than that to be competitive in our district," Midland High coach Rick Sample said. "I know that they can do a lot better than that, and they are not satisfied with the way they played. We are a work in progress."

Abilene High won Division II with a score of 371-353—724 as the Eagles' Lauren Langford won medalist honors with a two-day total of 164.

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INVITATIONALRESULTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

GIRLS
Midland Girls Golf Invitational
Saturday's Scores
Hogan Park Golf Course
Division I

Team standings — 1. Andrews 312-326—638; 2. El Paso Eastwood 328-335—663; 3. El Paso Coronado 335-351—686; 4. Odessa Permian 343-362—705; 5. Lee I 343-363—706; 6. (tie) San Angelo Central 338-371—709; Midland Christian 350-359—709; 8. Monahans 361-367—728; 9. Abilene Cooper 366-363—729; 10. El Paso Franklin 361-384—745

Medalist standings — 1. Libby Thomas, Lee 72-78—150; 2. Christian Curnutte, MCS 75-77—152; 3 (tie) Aries Ramirez, EP Eastwood 74-82—156. Sarah Black, Andrews 76-80—156; 5. Whitlee Woods, Andrews 76-84—160; 6. Kamryn Cumming, SA CEntral 81-81—162; 7. (tie) Amber Herrera, EP Eastwood 79-84—163; Tulasi Gopalan, EP Coronado 80-83—163; Kallie Jennings, Andrews 76-87—163; 10. McKenzie Long, Andrews 87-77—164

Team scores

Andrews (312-326—638) — Sarah Black 76-80—156, Kalli Jennings 76-87—163, Hailey Burgen 84-85—169, McKenzie Long 87-77—164, Whitlee Woods 76-84—160

El Paso Eastwood (328-335—663) — Amber Herrera 79-84—163, Aries Ramirez 74-82—156, Deana Portillo 88-81—169, Deli Blair 87-88—175, Cande Duran 99-101—200

El Paso Coronado (335-351—686) — Taylor Hernandez 86-90—176, Tulasi Gopalan 80-83—163, Michelle Provenghi 83-88—171, Samantha Peters 86-92—178, Dana Pelletier 92-90—182

Odessa Permian (343-362—705) — Randi Hanfeld 79-92—171, Macee Lane 87-88—175, Ruth Nabarrette 93-91—184, Syndey McCullouch 87-91—178, Sierrah Ramirez 90-89—179

Lee I (343-363—706) — Libby Thomas 72-78—150, Talyn Standard 82-NS, Leah Schwope 99-96—195, Sara Pitts 93-92—185, Emily White 96-97—193

San Angelo Central (338-371—709) — Kamryn Cummings 81-81—162, Christian Garcia 79-90—169, Lauren Barron 89-96—185, Lauren Barta 89-104—193, Maddie Suddsuth 109-113—222

Midland Christian — (350-359—709) Christian Curnutte 75-77—152, Lynley Lewis 94-95—189, Madison Warpula 89-95—184, Loren Cheatham 97-92—189, Emily Brown 92-97—189

Monahans (361-367—728) — Gabriella Cano 89-85—174, Jenna Jernigan 88-93—181, Kara Doege 97-95—192, Emily King 87-94—181, Destinee Moore 97-95—192

Abilene Cooper (366-363—729) — CharlesAnn Freeman 86-95—181, Cameron Wallace 91-96—187, Illyana Benavidez 95-88—183, Elizabeth West 98-90—188, Nataliya Uhrynchuk 94-90—184

El Paso Franklin (361-384—745) — Ashley Price 89-92—181, Sheena Patel 86-94—180, Shaleigh Walker 88-99—187, Madison Lowrie 98-99—197, Daniela Macias 108-112—220

Division II

Team standings — 1. Abilene High 371-353—724; 2. Odessa High 370-382—752; 3. Midland High I 384-379—763; 4. Pecos 396-400—796; 5. Seminole 432-405—837; 6. Big Spring 437-411—848; 7. Midland High II 414-436—850; 8. Greenwood 477-466—943; 9. San Angelo Lake View 486-458—944; 10. Levelland 502-469—971

Medalist standings — 1. Lauren Langford, Abilene High 83-81—164; 2. Kayley Mull, Seminole 90-83—173; 3. Mackenzie Curnutt, Abilene High 92-83—175; 4. Alyssa Carter, OHS 85-92—177; 5. Madeline Coffman, MHS, 91-88—179; 6. Kelsie Guinn, Big Spring 93-87—180; 7. Aspen Lam, OHS 94-87—181; 8. Gaby Nichols, Pecos 94-96—190; 9. Kelly Lanford, Abilene High 98-94—192; 10. (tie) Lindsey Sutton, Abilene High 98-95—193; Hannah Cowley, MHS 97-96—193

Team scores

Abilene High (371-353—724) — Mackenzie Curnutt 92-83—175, Lauren Langford 83-81—164, Lindsey Sitton 98-95—193, Madison Moore 103-96—199, Kelly Lanford 98-94—192

Odessa High (370-382—752) — Alyssa Carter 85-92—177, Aspen Lam 94-87—181, Mallory Jones 96-100—196, Daneilla Rodriguez 95-103—198, Samantha Bustamante 101-108—209

Midland High I (384-379—763) — Rachel Eyler 100-95—195, Madeline Coffman 91-88—179, Erica Frazier 96-100—196, Devan Crawford 112-107—219, Hannah Cowley 97-96—193

Pecos (396-400—796) — Amanda Mora 97-102—199, Gaby Nichols 94-96—190, Kirsten Valdez 97-103—200, Abi Porras 108-99—207, Valerie Matta 116-119—235

Seminole (432-405—837) — Kayley Mull 90-83—173, Alyssa Nunez 110-96—208, Vanessa Sellars 117-107—224, Janet Foese 115-117—232, Julie Nave 122-117—239

Big Spring (437-411—848) — Kelsie Guinn 93-87—180, Mariah McIntosh 111-96—207, Brianna Cobos 113-113—226, Gabrielle Fair 120-115—235

Midland High II (414-436—850) — Melissa Chiles 94-112—206, Kim Moline 105-111—216, Erin Roye 108-108—216, Jordyn Hendrix 107-105—212

Greenwood (477-466—943) — Elyssa Selinger 115-120—235, Haley Wood 114-101—215, Haley Kemp 124-119—243, Hope Brookshire 133-126—259, Morgan Harris 124-127—251

San Angelo Lake View (486-458—944) — Madison Word 99-100—199, Hayley Nichols 119-107—226, Gabby Killam 140-122—262, Madeline McGuffin 128-129—257

Levelland (502-469—971) — Courtney Mills 123-109—232, Ashley Trammell 115-116—231, Britney Brown 136-1199—255, Skyla West 128-125—253, Robyn Smith 148-145—293

Lee II (490-NS) — Sarah Martinez 126-123—249, Brooke Roberson 107-129—236, Morgan Walton 127-NS, Nicole Pitchford 130-125—255

Individual medalists — McKynzie Golden, Odessa Permian 99-95—194; Sara Calvin, Midland Christian 102-107—209, Cierra Franco, EP Eastwood 108-96—204; Krysten Weygant, EP Eastwood 108-99—207; Samantha Owen, EP Eastwood 125-127—252; Cristina Anaya, EP Coronado 93-106—201, Payten Payne, Andrews 93-83—176, Britt Lambert, Andrews 91-97—188

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

MHS 3RD, LEE 7TH IN ABILENE

ABILENE — The Midland High boys golf team finished third at the Big Country Invitational this past weekend at Diamondback Golf Course in Abilene.

The Bulldogs followed a first round 318 with a 334 on Saturday and felt to third, 13 strokes behind second-place Granbury. Odessa Permian won the tournament coming at 636 over the two days.

Midland High's Lucas McCubbin finished tied for seventh with a 79-80—159, and the Bulldogs' Alex Lyssy finished 10th with a 76-84—160.

Lee finished second after shooting 342-345—687 over the two days. Jeremy Sanchez led Lee with an 89-84—173 for the two rounds.

Big Country Invitational
Diamondback Golf Club
Saturday's results

Team standings — 1. Odessa Permian 636; 2. Granbury 639; 3. Midland High 652; 4. Abilene High 668; 5. Abilene Cooper 669; 6. Abilene Wylie 677; 7. Lee 687; 8. San Angelo Central 703; 9. Odessa High 710; 10. Dumas 734; 11. San Angelo Lake View 735; 12. Canyon 742; 13. Lake Dallas 757; 14. Eastland 788

Medalist standings — 1. Cory Churchman, Cooper, 71-74—145; 2. Travis Benson, Granbury, 73-75—148; 3. (tie) Taylor Grant, Wylie, 72-81—153, Hayden Ogle, Lake View 73-80—153; 5. (tie) Austin Almond, Odessa 91-84—158, Brian Lang, Abilene, 75-83—158; 7. (tie) Brandel Woodman, Dumas 75-84—159, Lucas McCubbin, MHS 79-80—159, Austin Kinsey, Granbury 79-80—159; 10. Alex Lyssy, Midland 76-84—160.

Area team scores

Odessa Permian (322—314—636) — Micah Rodgers 81-76—157, Allen Baten 83-88—171, Janzen Digby 76-78—154, Ty McDaniel 82-78—160, Andrew Morales 83-82—165

Midland High (318-334—652) — Zarek Crowder 83-87—170, Lucas McCubbin 79-80—159, Chandler Smith 90-85—175, Alex Lyssy 76-84—160, Will Lester 81-84—165

Lee (342-345—687) — Cade Castro 83-93—176, Nathan Salois 95-93—188, Jeremy Sanchez 89-84—173, Alex Krol 90-80—170, Blake Roberson 80-88—168

Odessa High (348-362—710) — Austin Almond 74-84—158, Jacob Munoz 91-94—185, Matthew Sparks 86-91—177, John Crawford 101-102—203, Victor Delgado 97-93—190

ANDREWS OUTLASTS CORONADO IN OWN TOURNEY

ANDREWS — The Andrews boys golf team edged El Paso Coronado to win the Andrews Boys Golf Classic on Saturday at Andrews County Golf Course.

The Mustangs shot 290-308—598 for the tournament and the Thunderbirds, who won last week's tournament in Midland, had a pair of 300s to finish at 600 for the tournament.

Coronado's Carson Greathouse won medalist honors with a 70-73—143.

Big Spring's A team finished third at 307-326—633 with Trinity sixth at 324-318—642. Midland High was 10th, and Greenwood finished 15th.

Andrews Boys Golf Classic
Andrews County Golf Course
Saturday's Scores

Team standings — 1. Andrews A 290-308—598; 2. El Paso Coronado 300-300—600; 3. Big Spring A 307-326—633; 4. Plainview 312-324—636; 5. El Paso Eastwood 316-321—638; 6. Trinity 324-318—642; 7. Pecos 318-334—652; 8. Fort Stockton 323-331—654; 9. Wolfforth Frenship 323-332—655; 10. Midland High 321-341—662; 11. Sweetwater 332-332—664; 12. Levelland 340-331—671; 13. Rankin 347-342—689; 14. Andrews B 340-352—692; 15. Greenwood 350-344—694; 16. (tie) Seminole 341-355—696; Monahans 353-343—696; 18. Odessa High 360-345—713; 19. Big Spring B 372-390—762; 20. Andrews C 393-435—828

Medalist standings — 1. Carson Greathouse, EP Coronado 70-73—143; 2. Hunter Montgomery, Andrews 71-75—146; 3 (tie) G.K. Morrison, Andrews 69-81—150; Tanner Gore, EP Coronado 69-72—150; 5. (tie) Josh Baltzell, Andrews 75-76—151; Erik Wallendorf, Andrews 75-76—151; 7 (tie) Tyler Bryan, Big Spring 76-77—153; Matt Jolly, Plainview 73-80—153; Jacob Garcia, Wink 74-79—153; 10. (tie) Evan Macias, EP Coronado 75-79—154; Zane Stafford, Levelland 75-79—154; Taylor Thompson, Rankin 79-75—154

Team scores

Andrews A (290-308—598) — G.K. Morrison 69-81—150, Hunter Montgomery 71-75—146, Josh Baltzell 75-76—151, Erik Wallendorf 75-76—151, Casey Fowler 79-85—164

El Paso Eastwood (316-321—637) — Julian Gonzalez 76-84—160, Michael Garcia 83-79—162, Steven Venegas 79-79—158, Erick Ramirez 78-80—158, Jacob Martinez 91-83—174

Andrews B (340-352—692) — Chance Woods 79-85—164, Austin Lovato 85-94—179, Braceton Perter 87-91—178, Logan Upton 89-87—176, Braeden Merrick 95-89—184

Andrews C (393-435—828) — Gabriel Sanchez 98-DNS, Ivan Armendariz 98-94—192, Nathan Farrar 107-102—209, Ramon Gardea 98-103—201, Michael Hearn 122-136—258

Fort Stockton (323-331—654) — Omar Ramirez 83-83—166, Lance Luera 82-83—165, Brandon Esell 81-76—157, Dieric Dominguez 77-89—166, Zach Simons 88-96—184

Big Spring A (307-326—633) — Tyler Bryan 76-77—153, Ryan Pollard 80-90—170, Tate Kennedy 75-80—155, Davin Roberson DNS-79, Jason Guevara 76-92—168

Wolfforth Frenship (323-332—655) — Dathan Tarry 77-84—161, Colt Carlisle 87-83—170, Abrian Gonzales 80-92—172, Derek McNutt 85-85—170, Blake Flint 81-80—161

Big Spring B (372-390—762) — Stormy Emery 85-95—181, Sam Hamig 104-108—212, Nolan Beal 91-101—192, Tobyn Tannehill NS-110, Tyler Hester 91-86—177

Greenwood (350-344—694) — Calvin Adams 83-83—166, Matt Rose 93-84—177, Grant Franklin 91-91—182, Logan Day 98-97—195, Tanner Young 83-86—169

El Paso Coronado (300-300—600) — Carson Greathouse 70-73—143, Tanner Gore 76-72—150, Dominick Haskins 72-90—162, Leo Gallo 80-76—156, David Ellis 81-79—160

Levelland (340-331—671) — Zane Stafford 75-79—154, Brecken Bain 84-87—171, Chance Logan 89-83—172, Dakota Kiser 92-82—174, Ethan Hill 95-92—187

Rankin (347-342—689) — Tanner Thompson 75-83—158, Taylor Thompson 79-75—154, Nathan Braden 102-92—194, Ty Self 94-92—186, Quinton Coppedge 99-96—195

Midland High (321-341—662) — Jake Gilmore 84-84—168, Chris Terebesay 77-82—159, Kyle Logan 85-NS, Ben Taylor 79-88—167, Jarid Larson 81-87—168

Seminole (341-355—696) — Keith Cheuvront 79-96—177, Brett Klassen 90-81—171, Trevor Greenfield 91-87—178, John Klassen 81-98—179, Derek Cox 95-89—184

Monahans (353-343—696) — Jacob Lair 84-79—163, Tyler Smith 85-85—171, Kristian Crozier 85-89—174, Andrews Hendricks 101-89—190, Travis Andino 99-94—193

Sweetwater (332-332—664) — Ryan Mercer 80?5—155, Dylan Torres 90-86—176, Alex Castillo 76-86—164, Mason Andrews 86-83—169, Guy Bond 98-100—198

Odessa High (368-345—713) — Byron Ramirez 87-88—175, Brandon Grant 92-91—183, Kenneth Burnette 95-83—178, Aaron Castillo 100-87—187, Zach Gonzalez 94-87—181

Trinity (324-318—642) — Trace Morrow 81-74—155, Gage Morrow 78-81—159, Jackson Willingham 79-83—162, Brett Womack 86-80—166, Philip Beal 94-90—184

Pecos (318-334—652) — Larry Martinez 81-78—159, Dalton Gilstrap 76-84—160, Benny Molina 80-83—163, Jared Windham 81-89—170

Plainview (312-324—636) — Matt Jolly 73-80—153, Trent Kirkland 77-78—155, Thomas Wirth 80-84—164, Tim Gonzales 82-86—1C?, Brock Walker 83-82—175

Individual medalists — Joey Soule, EP Eastwood 80-84—174; Sebastian Mendoza, EP Eastwood 92-85—187; Zach Ruiz, EP Eastwood 104-101—205; Michael McClain, Lamesa 80-82—193, Taylor DeLong, Lamesa 91-95—184; Jacob Galvan, Wink 74-79—153; J.C. Wilbourn, Wink 85-81—166; Casey Fuqua, Wink 112-112—224; Evan Macias, EP Coronado 75-79—154; Chris Stafford, EP Coronado 79-78—157; Josh Post, Rankin NS-124

HSTENNIS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

LEE, MHS SQUADS COMPETE IN ABILENE

ABILENE — The Lee and Midland High tennis teams each competed at the Cougar Classic this past weekend in Abilene with each team picking up seventh place finishes.

Lee's Stephen Mangum finished seventh in boys singles, defeating Midland High's Frankie Sanchez 6-3, 6-2 in the seventh-place match.

Meanwhile in mixed doubles, Wesley Sparks and Kathryn Hanson finished seventh in that division beating Odessa Permian's John Durell and Leanna Haynes, 7-6, 6-7, 6-4.

The Lee girls doubles team of Danielle Rubio and Josie Paz combined to finish 11th in that division.

Midland High finished 10th as a team and Lee was 12th.

DISTANCE

From 1C

3,200-meter runs. On Friday, Farris got the best of Daniel in the 3,200, winning with a mark of 9 minutes, 58.45 seconds.

Daniel was behind him in second at 10:16.08, but avenged that loss by besting Farris in the 1,600. Daniel was four seconds better than Farris, winning with a time of 4:38, while Farris came in at 4:42.

"It means a lot. I knew (Farris) was pretty good," Daniel said. "I wanted to run against someone who could push me. That's what I got in that race and that's what I was looking for when I came here."

Farris had the same sentiments and enjoyed the two days of competing against Daniel.

"Sometimes I don't get competition and I just run against myself and the clock," Farris said. "It's much better when you're running against someone else to push you harder. It helps with the mental part of it."

Daniel admits losing to Farris in the 3,200 on Friday inspired him to push harder in the 1,600 on Saturday.

"It motivated me a little," Daniel said. "I knew he was better at the longer distances. So I went out and tried to beat him. I didn't have it (Friday), but (Saturday) it gave me a little bit of motivation and it helped."

Daniel jumped out to a sizable lead in the 1,600-meter run and never looked back. Farris couldn't find the extra kick he needed to close in on the Crane senior.

"(Friday) it was fun because he kept getting up on me from the back. Finally, I just pushed it and he fell behind," said Farris, who holds the TCAF state record in the 1,600 and 3,200. "(Saturday), I tried to stay behind him, but I just couldn't keep up. My legs were cramping up some. I just couldn't lift my legs and knees like I needed."

Ironically, thanks to a decision by the meet's officials, neither Daniel nor Farris scored points for their respective gold and silver medal finishes in the 1,600. The meet officials decided to award those points to the Class 5A athletes participating in the race as well. Both Daniel and Farris were listed as disqualified on the results sheet, although they still received their respective medals for their performance.

Due to that, Lubbock Coronado's Chenier Gardner received the 10 points awarded to first place despite actually crossing the finish line in third. The only reason given for that judgment was that Farris and Daniel were competing in Division I for Division III schools.

Although, Farris' and Daniel's points they earned in the 3,200 were not removed. Also, Daniel's teammate from Crane, Dalton Degraffenreid, had his second-place points from the pole vault still count.

But, points aside, both runners left the Tall City Relays happy with the experience of running against some actual good competition.

"I run by myself everyday in practice," Daniel said. "My coach always tells me if I can run with someone else then I could run even faster. It's good to get to a meet where someone can push you."

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MAVERICKS 102, JAZZ 96

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored a season-high 40 points and Dallas snapped its four-game losing streak.

Nowitzki scored 10 points in the fourth quarter as the Mavericks turned away a late rally by the Jazz, who sliced a 23-point deficit down to five points.

Dallas forward Lamar Odom played for the first time after missing four games because of a family matter and personal reasons. Odom was supposed to play Saturday night in the NBA Development League. Instead, he was recalled to play against the Jazz and scored nine points in 18 minutes.

Paul Millsap scored 24 points and Derrick Favors added 14 points for Utah, which beat the Miami Heat on Friday night.

MAGIC 114, BUCKS 98

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dwight Howard had 28 points and 14 rebounds to lead six Magic players in double figures, and Orlando beat the Milwaukee Bucks 114-98 on Saturday night.

The game was close until the Magic pulled away in the fourth quarter thanks to some hot 3-point shooting and dominant play from Howard.

Jason Richardson had 18 points for the Magic, while Hedo Turkoglu and Ryan Anderson chipped in 16 points apiece. The Magic shot 51.7 percent (14 of 27) from 3-point distance.

It was the Magic's fourth victory over the Bucks in 22 days. The Magic overcame fourth-quarter deficits in the first three wins, but they didn't need a comeback on Saturday night.

Brandon Jennings led Milwaukee with 27 points.

WIZARDS 101, CAVALIERS 98

WASHINGTON — Jordan Crawford scored 31 points and John Wall added 24 to lead the Wizards.

Antawn Jamison scored 29 in his return to Washington but missed a 3-point attempt to tie the game with 35 seconds to play. It was Jamison's first appearance in the Verizon Center since being traded from the Wizards to Cleveland in February 2010.

JaVale McGee had nine points and 12 rebounds for Washington, which snapped a six-game losing streak.

Kyrie Irving scored 20 points, 12 in the fourth quarter, and Ryan Hollins had 15 for the Cavaliers, who lost their fifth straight.

HAWKS 97, THUNDER 90

ATLANTA — Josh Smith scored 13 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter, Jeff Teague added 16 points and Atlanta snapped Oklahoma City's seven-game winning streak.

Kevin Durant finished with 35 points, going 14 of 17 on free throw attempts, and Russell Westbrook had 25 points for the league-best Thunder.

Smith, who matched a season-high in scoring and pulled down seven of his 12 rebounds in the fourth, had dunks on consecutive possessions to give the Hawks an 87-79 lead with 4:43 remaining.

Then, after forcing Durant to commit a turnover and pounding his first against his own chest with 3:04 left, Smith matched Durant 3-pointer for 3-pointer to put Atlanta up 92-88 at the 2-minute mark.

PACERS 102, HORNETS 84

NEW ORLEANS — Danny Granger scored 20 points and Indiana got its first six-game winning streak in seven years.

David West had 14 points and 13 rebounds in his first game back in New Orleans after playing the first eight years of his career with the Hornets. Darren Collison added 13 points, including a circus shot at the halftime buzzer.

GRIZZLIES 100, PISTONS 83

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — O.J. Mayo scored 17 points and sparked a fourth-quarter rally with his 3-point shooting, and Memphis won its fourth straight.

Mayo was 4 of 5 outside the arc, connecting on all three attempts in the fourth quarter, when Memphis broke open a close game with 17 unanswered points.

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FORD 2008 Focus SE, 4dr, 4 cylinder. We finance W.A.C. B&B Auto 683-8222.

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DODGE 2008 Ram Quad Cab. 75k, many factory, $22,000 obo. Call 432-296-1976.

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Did you know Ernest Borgnine was a Master Mason?

Legal & Public Notices

Midland Independent School District will receive sealed bids for the **Magazine Subscription Service, Bid No. 2-0023.** Bids are to be addressed to Britt Hayes, Director of Financial Services, 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 701, Midland, Texas 79701. **Bids will be received at the above address until 2:00 p.m. DST, Tuesday, March 20, 2012,** at which time they will be publicly opened. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (432) 689-5890 or by going to www.midlandisd.net/financial services/procurement services/bid advertisements.

SEALED BID SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is accepting sealed bids for the sale of surplus property. The surplus property consists of computers, monitors, printers, various electronic equipment, and office furniture. All bids must be submitted on the required bid form and returned in a sealed envelope addressed to Frank Gomez, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580, Midland, Texas 79711-0580. Bid forms may be obtained beginning February 29, 2012 at Region 18 ESC, 2811 La Force Boulevard, Midland, Texas 79706 or by calling Frank Gomez, Coordinator of Business Services & Purchasing, at 432-567-3226. Bid forms may also be obtained by emailing a request to fgomez@esc18.net. Bids will be accepted until 9:00 a.m April 2, 2012. Vehicles are available for inspection at Region 18 ESC by contacting Arthur Balderrama at 432-567-3264.

The Big Spring State Hospital Governing Body will convene an Executive Governing Body meeting at 8:30 a.m., March 16 in the Big Spring State Hospital Allred Building Professional Library Conference Room, 1901 N. Highway 87. Any citizen wishing to address the Governing Body must schedule an appointment through the Superintendent's office by calling (432) 268-7222. Appointments must be scheduled no later than March 9. Public comments are limited to three minutes and are scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. If you require special accommodations, please advise the Superintendent's office when scheduling your appointment. Written comments also may be submitted to Lesa Jaird, Big Spring State Hospital, 1901 N. Highway 87, Big Spring, TX, 79720, or e-mailed to alisa.jaird@dshs.state.tx.us

BSSH complies with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Titles VI and VII; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504; Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:39 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, ON APPEAL on a request by Kenny Urias for a Specific Use Permit without Term for an accessory building for living or sleeping quarters on the following property: On Lot 1 and the south 22 feet of Lot 2, Block 11, Skyline Terrace, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the east side of Skyline Drive, approximately 470 feet south of Haynes Avenue.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7250. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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SEALED BID FOR THE SALE OF SIX (6) VEHICLES

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Colorado City, Texas (hereinafter called the "Local Housing Authority") will receive sealed bids for a single Construction contract for installation of Video Surveillance. Bids are to include: furnish and install, complete with all accessories, a certifiable functioning security camera system, provide all materials, equipment, labor, and all other incidental materials and appliances necessary, as described herein and in the drawings, to provide a completed turnkey and functional system, regardless of any material and/or equipment not listed or described in the specification and/or supplementary drawings, the Installing Contractor shall provide all necessary hardware required to properly install every piece of the CCTV system, according to the Installation Instruction furnished with each product until:

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012 AT 3:00PM at
The HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF COLORADO CITY
439 OAK STREET
COLORADO CITY, TEXAS 79512

Immediately thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including plans and specification are on file and available for inspection at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Colorado City.

Copies of the documents may be obtained by depositing $50.00 with the Housing Authority of the City of Colorado City for one set of documents per General Contractor. Such deposits will be refunded on return of the plans, specifications and other documents in good condition within 15 days after bid opening. Plans and specifications that have been taken apart are not considered in good condition.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be herd Tuesday March 13, 2012 at 3:00 PM at the Colorado City Housing Authority.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the Local Housing Authority, U.S. Government Bonds, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable surety (the BID BOND shall be from a Company which is on the U. S. Treasury Department List, as an approved Surety Company) in an amount equal to five (5%) percent of the bid submitted with each bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bond of bonds, workers compensation and automobile liability. The bonds shall be from a company which is on the U. S. Treasury Department List

Attention is called to the provisions for Equal Employment Opportunity as set forth in these documents. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the specifications must be paid on this project.

The Local Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to the opening of bids without consent of Local Authority..

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF COLORADO CITY, TEXAS

February 26, 2012
March 4, 2012

Pat Whitzel, Executive Director
325-728-3150

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FOUND SMALL white male Chihuahua. Call to identify 432-813-6034, 432-694-7015.

FOUND WHITE male Maltese, near Sinclair/Godfrey. 559-7449.

FOUND WHITE, male Terrier mix on 2/26/12 near Hogan Park in Midland. Call 469-733-3680 or 214-796-9845

LOST MALE Maltese, Manor Park area. Blue Collar. Is Sick. Pls Call 432-697-2309

LOST FEMALE Chihuahua white w/black spots & male Poodle white w/black tip ears near Midkiff/Mariana. Gone since Friday. REWARD! 238-0620.

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LOST ON College St. Large Mastiff, female, no tags but chipped. Call 432-269-2128.

LOST TABBY Cat, about 18 months old, neutered male. $500 REWARD! Call 685-4083 or 254-6569.

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Lost & Found

LOST YORKIE, brown, with a brown nose. He needs medicine and special care daily. LARGE REWARD OFFERED! Please call 432-889-4402

Legal & Public Notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To all persons interested in the Estate of

ALDEN LEON LOWRY, Deceased
CASE NO. P16948,
in the COUNTY COURT, of Midland County, Texas.

FRANCES SHIRLEEN BROWN, Applicants, and the alleged heir(s) at law in the above-numbered and entitled estate filed an Application to Determine Heirship and for Letters of Administration in this estate on the 30th day of January, 2012 requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of **ALDEN LEON LOWRY**, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

This Application may be acted on by the Court at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday following the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation of this citation. All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by filing a written conteet or answer to this Application should they desire to do so. **To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention, or response in writing** with the County Clerk of Midland County, Texas **on or before the above-noted date and time.**

If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Given under my hand and the seal of the County Court of Midland County, Texas at the office of the Midland County Clerk in Midland, Texas on February 27, 2012.

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Pickup Trucks

FORD 2006 F150 Lariat Super Crew, 75K miles, leather, 4x4, excellent condition. $21,000. 682-7210.

FORD 2006 F-250, EXT cab, XLT, We finance, your job is your credit, 683-6222.

FORD 2009 F-250 4X4 Crew Cab Lariat; 19,500 miles; Sterling grey ext., stone grey leather int.; 6.4L V-8 turbo diesel; $35,500; Call 432-288-4026.

FORD F250 diesel 4x4 Off Road King Ranch crew cab. 91k miles. $28,000. Bucket seats in rear and front. Front grill guard and back bumper replacement. Please call (432-352-2826) or email (sdh05f@acu.edu) for more information or to come and look at the truck.

GMC 1988 1 Ton Dump Truck, good truck for construction work. $3,200. Call 432-699-6383, leave message.

GMC 2010 Sierra 4x4 crew cab w/ 1500 hail damage, 6.2 Liter, 14,400 miles, $36,000. Call 432-425-4042.

MITSUBISHI 2008 Raider, crew cab, 34k miles, 36mo warranty, $14,999, 683-6222.

TOYOTA 1997 Tacoma LX, ext. cab, 5 speed, tilt, cruise, CD, A/C, tint, gas saver, $3900. Call 432-222-4813

TOYOTA 2007 Tundra 5.7 L, 4X2, 67k miles, black, leather interior, cold A/C, good condition, up to current maintenance, new tires, $19k OBO. Call Chad 432-547-9646

TOYOTA 2010 Tundra Platinum, 49k miles, w/ bed cover $39,000 432-230-9739

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2011 BMW 335i M/SPEC
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Assorted Colors, Leather, Premium Pkg., iPod/USB Adapter 10-15k Miles On Al

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2011 BMW 528i
White/Black, Convenience Pkg., Sport Pkg., Prem. Pkg., Nav., Sat., Heated Front Seats, Rear View Camera, 14k Miles

2006 BMW 330i
Barrique Red/ Beige Prem., Sport, Pkg., Xenon, Logic 7, CPO7 Maintenance expire 3/31/2012 Or 100k Miles, 42k Miles

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White/Tan, Nav., Pwr. Lift Gate,10k Miles

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Vans & Minivans

FORD 2008 Van, 34k miles, good shape, new tires, new battery. $9000. 432-687-2647

KIA 2007 Sedona EX, 26K miles, white w/tan leather interior, 3rd row seating, non smoker, excellent condition, $16,000. Call 432-694-2729.

4WD & SUV

BUICK 2002 Rendezvous CXL 94K, loaded, seats 7, 1 owner, great condition, $8,500, 694-0258.

CHEVROLET 2007 Trailblazer SS with a D-1SC Intercooled ProCharger, Kooks headers, Magnaflow muffler, packed with power, loaded, black with black leather, 20 inch chrome wheels with oversized tires, clean, non-smoker. $23,500. Call Chip 638-8372.

CHEVY 2002 Avalanche 266, new tires. We finance W.A.C B&B Auto 683-6222

CHEVY 2003 Tahoe, 4x4, Z-71. We Finance W.A.C, B&B Auto Sales 683-6222.

FORD 1997 Explorer, V-6, Auto, $2750, 2608 W. Wall Street, 683-6222.

FORD 2004 Expedition $3500 OBO. 260-3031

FORD 2006 Explorer maroon, 87k, 4 wheel drive, good condition. $7600. Call 432-694-1794.

FORD 2007 Expedition EL Limited, 78k miles, White Platinum Tri-coat Metallic, Tan leather interior, Entertainment package, 8 passenger seating, LOADED! $25,000 Call 432-254-3163

FORD 2007 Freestyle SUV, 64,684 mi., red, good tires, excellent condition, $9500. Call 432-553-9267

FORD 2010 Expedition Limited 4x2- loaded with every option, 23,800mi., White Platinum Tri-coat, Stone leather Interior, non-smoker, excellent condition, warranty, $37,000. Call for more info 432-683-3091.

GMC 2004 Yukon XL V8 SLT, 98k miles, charcoal w/ grey int., towing pkg., new tires, 1 owner, excellent condition. $14,500 Call 432-528-9012

GMC 2007 2500 HD, crew cab, 4x4, 95K miles, We finance W.A.C., 683-6222.

JEEP 2001 Wrangler, 55k miles, 3 inch suspension lift, oversized tires, $12,000 or best offer. 432-238-4413.

Cars & SUV

JEEP 2012 Grand Cherokee SRT, black on black, perfect condition, loaded, navigation, non smoker, garage kept, 2k miles, $57,900 432-413-0394

MAZDA 2008 CX7, 51k miles, very nice, with warranty, $14,999. B&B Auto 683-6222

MERCEDES 2006 GL450, 40K miles, extended warranty, new tires, all leather, fully loaded, champagne color, excellent condition. $44,500. 685-1980 or 553-5058.

NISSAN 2006 Xterra, V-6, Auto, clean. We finance W.A.C, B&B Auto 683-6222

NISSAN 2008 Pathfinder SE, white, tan int., 60k miles, automatic, V6, sun roof, tow package, Bose stereo system-6CD, new tires, 1 owner, excellent condition. $17,700. Call 432-940-2114

NISSAN 2009 Murano, pearl white, clean, loaded, $21,000. 432-978-0532 or 432-559-5317.

TOYOTA 1999 4 Runner limited package, 128k miles, 4wd, towing, sun roof, leather seats, auto, cd, cassette, cruise, clean, and in great shape. $7,900. Call 432-352-5382.

TOYOTA 2002 Sequoia. 95k, very good condition, leather, rear air, service records available. $11,000. 432-288-4024.

TOYOTA 2004 4Runner, 80434 miles, 4WD, towing package, sunroof, leather seat, auto, am fm cassett cd, cruise, 17" alloy wheels & Bridgestone tires, clean and in great shape. Value $15,800 - sell $14,500 Call 432-208-2707

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Motorcycles

HARLEY DAVIDSON 2007 Screaming Eagle Ultra Classic, 1 owner, 11, 500 miles, too many extras to mention. $23, 500. Call 432-664-4729.

HARLEY DAVIDSON 2007 Street Glide, 1 owner, $14,000 obo. Call 238-8294.

YAMAHA 1998 Virago 1100CC, 8k original miles, $3000 OBO 432-254-3400

RVs

2007 FUN/ XT, 25' travel trailer. Fully furnished. $10,000. 432-413-3805 or 432-413-4184.

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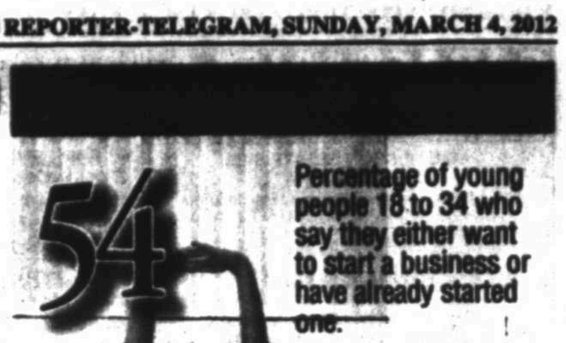

BETTER Q'S AND A'S

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
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While it may not seem this way to folks who've endured one or more job interviews lately, employers actually make it easy for candidates to come up with the "right" answers to questions.

Some of the most commonly asked interview questions are leading questions, meaning they are phrased in a way that prompts the desired answer, according to Leadership IQ, a Washington, D.C., research and management consulting firm.

"Many questions have a built-in flaw whereby they elicit rehearsed replies," says founder and CEO Mark Murphy, author of "Hiring for Attitude" (McGraw-Hill, 2012), which teaches hiring managers how to ask tougher interview questions.

> A flawed question: "Tell me about a conflict with a coworkers and how you resolved it."

An example of a flawed question Murphy gives in his book: "Tell me about a conflict with a coworker and how you resolved it."

The question has any number of variations: "Tell me about a challenge and how you overcame it;" "Tell me about a failure and what you learned from it;" "Tell me about a time you had to adapt to a difficult situation."

"Every one of them contains a tip-off on how to game a response that showcases the good and hides the bad," Murphy writes.

Leading questions give a well-prepared candidate an opportunity to showcase successes (persevering, developing, adapting) without revealing any shortcomings or weak spots.

These tip-offs ultimately aren't in the best interest of candidates. A new hire who provides the "right" answers in an interview may soon find out that she's all wrong for the company. Murphy says that more new hires fail because of poor fit rather than lack of skills or technical competence.

Suppose employers heed Murphy's advice and start asking tougher interview questions. What should candidates anticipate and prepare for?

Using Murphy's model, a hiring manager's questions might start out the same way as before but will stop short of steering the candidate. Example: "Tell me about a customer you found especially difficult to work with."

The interviewer doesn't ask for a solution or resolution ("How did you deal with it?"). But strong candidates will invariably offer one as part of their response, whereas low performers might simply provide a character sketch of an "impossible" customer.

In order to answer these sorts of questions well, a candidate must be familiar with the corporate culture. A candidate who tried to win over a prickly customer with a singing telegram must realize that not every company will think this was a brilliant act of diplomacy.

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MACHIAVELLI AND YOU

THERE'S NO REASON TO EMBRACE THE 15TH CENTURY AUTHOR'S IDEAS ABOUT LYING AND MURDERING TO AMASS POWER. BUT COULD YOU MAYBE JUST LEARN YOUR COMPANY'S ORG CHART?

By PATRICIA RIVERA
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The idea that it takes political cunning to advance at work makes many folks uncomfortable.

Yet in a business world that is constantly changing, few other skills will ensure your survival, argues Jane Horan, author of "I Wish I'd Known That Earlier in My Career: The Power of Positive Workplace Politics" (Wiley, 2011).

Being smart about workplace politics can help ensure a long tenure with a company, Horan says. "The politically savvy understand and have access to power, know how to get ideas sold and how to move up in an organization more quickly than others," says the former Disney executive who now works as a strategic business consultant in Singapore.

Political savviness is a quality that is often misunderstood. Horan defines it as having the skills to navigate workplace politics in a positive way. Rather than using this talent solely to boost one's own career, it's best wielded to build coalitions and relationships for the good of the organization.

"Any of us can put our heads down and work harder, believing that this will keep us away from the game of politics. But if we don't learn these skills, we'll never get ahead," she explains.

In a world of global corporate mergers, buyouts and reorganizations, management often values the bottom line more than loyalty to employees, says human resources expert and consultant Dave Bowman of Los Angeles. But those companies that truly value contributions of employees are worth sticking with and analyzing with political skill.

Jumping from one company to the next in search of advancement isn't necessarily the best answer when you can build loyalty and rise through the ranks of a company that is truly interested in engaging its employees.

"We're the CEOs of our own careers, and we must manage them like the business they are," Bowman says.

Begin by viewing your workplace as a political system. Horan says that whether starting a new job, taking on a new role or moving into a leadership position, it's important to identify the decision makers and influence group. Recognize that you develop strong relationships with those who treat you well.

Some key points that Horan says can help build political savviness:

UNDERSTAND WHERE POWER SITS. A critical element of savviness is knowing where power resides in your organization. Look around to observe connections and patterns of behavior, for instance, at meetings. You may realize that power does not always sit in organizational charts.

CREATE A POWER AND INFLUENCE MAP. Think about the influence and power networks inside your company. Where are you? If you're not connected to power, figure out how to get there. Some steps to consider: First, list the names of decision makers. Then, figure out how you, your boss and your team are connected to this group. Assess how visible you and your team are to them. After you observe how this decision-making group thinks, try to determine what is of critical importance to this group and plot where you are on this map.

MANAGE PERCEPTIONS. More than building a personal brand – an idea that's received much attention – Horan suggests focusing on managing perceptions, which he thinks is the critical element of branding. This entails finding out what is being said about you both formally, through feedback and performance reviews, and informally, through colleagues, connections and relationships.

LISTEN FOR KEY WORDS COLLEAGUES USE WHEN THEY DESCRIBE YOU: Pay attention to giggles, the phrase "just kidding" or the 'but' word. For example, when someone describes you as "detailed but not strategic" or "technically excellent but tough on people," you need to improve upon those weaker skills if you want to rise to a leadership position.

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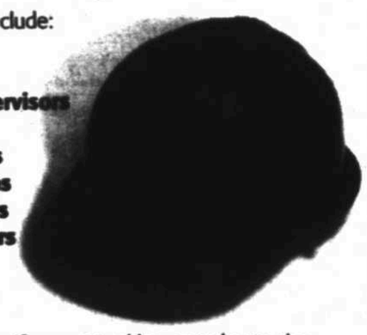

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Natural Gas Services Group FT

Immediate opening for a Human Resources Assistant. Requirements are 2 years Benefits Administration and 3 years of Payroll Administration experience. Responsibilities will included Multi-state payroll and benefit Administration and processing, new hire orientation, establish and maintain personnel files and reports. Excellent Salary & Benefit Package. For more information or to submit resume contact: Employment@ngsgi.com or call 432.262.2700

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The qualified candidate must have: High School Diploma/GED equivalent or equivalent work experience, Bachelor's degree preferred) plus 1-3 years experience preferably in restaurant industry. Must be able to obtain RSA certification within one year of acquiring position. This position may require light travel.

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We are looking for energetic individuals to work with all age groups. Must love working with kids; be flexible, patient. Ability to laugh is required. Understand that kids are our business. **NO PHONE CALLS.** Please bring resume to 3220 W. Illinois.

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CDL and non-CDL Drivers NEEDED. Must be 21 years or older, Good driving record. Paid every Friday. Please come by 2823 S. Rankin HWY.

ENTRY LEVEL TECHNICIANS

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Little Dreamer's Learning Center FT

Little Dreamers Learning Center now hiring no experience necessary. Must be over the age of 18 have a high school diploma or equivilant. Pick up application in person at 600 North Carrizo.

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

1st Staffing Group is now hiring Pipe Inspectors, Warehouse workers, Delivery Drivers (no CDL required), CDL Drivers Class A or B, Detail cleaning, Property Managers and Assistants, Part time Fund Raiser, Mechanics, Event Staffing, Home Theater Installation, Nighttime Janitors. Entry positions available also. Please apply online at www.1stsgusa.com or in person at NEW LOCATION 4400 N. Big Spring St., Ste. C 26, Midland, TX. 79705. 432-550-4059

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Please apply to Human Resources, 4108 N. Big Spring St.

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OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram has immediate openings in it's Distribution Department (Mailroom)

Part-Time Shift Work Available

Schedule consists of a combination of day and night shifts. Night Shifts - 12 (midnight) until 3-5 a.m.
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These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

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MIDLAND COLLEGE IS SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

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PART TIME
HUMAN RESOURCES / PAYROLL CLERK

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For additional information on these positions please visit our website at www.midland.edu/about_mc/employment.php, go directly to the Human Resources office located at 3600 N. Garfield or call (432) 685-4532.

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Part time delivery drivers needed for the Midland Reporter-Telegram. Early morning hours. Must have car and phone.

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Clerical - must be computer literate, multi-task, time management, professional, and handle stress well.
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Office Assistant/Courier. Job summary: scanning, filing, and timely delivery of documents to and from business establishments within Midland and Odessa. Basic computer knowledge, dependable, good communication skills. Must maintain a valid driver's license, meet statutory and company insurance requirements. Submit resume to Stewart Title Company 206 N Main St. Midland, TX 79701.

Operations Manager
Needed for environmental service company. 3-5 years experience in environmental and/ or management required. Salary based upon experience. Send resume to Sales@AIEmergency.com or call 817-595-0100

Warehouse/ Delivery Driver
Border States Electric is looking for a Warehouse Associate/ Delivery Driver in Midland. Check/pack and deliver material to customer sites. Knowledge of electrical products or systems helpful. Perform warehouse functions. Must have a valid driver's license and be 21 years old. Great wages and benefit package. Fax or email resume to 432-520-0231. pmarquez@border-states.com. Or apply in person at 3303 W. Illinois Ave. Suite A, Midland, TX. EOE/Drug Free Workplace.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:

Pressman/Pressman Trainee

for our Harris N-1650 Printing presses. This 5-6 day per week, fast-paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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Cleaning Service FT
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Community Engagement Coordinator
Chevron Corp. FT
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Please Apply At 2408 N. Big Spring St., Midland, TX 79705

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Transport Drivers: Must have Class A CDL with Hazmat Endorsement.
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Frac Pump Operators: Must have Class A CDL. Hazmat endorsement a plus.
Hydration Operators: Must have Class A CDL. Hazmat endorsement required.
Blender Operators: Must have Class A CDL. I-Hazmat endorsement required.
Experienced Field Mechanic: Must provide own tools. Class B CDL preferred.
Experienced Single Hand Welder: Must have valid drivers license.
All Frac Positions: Must have Class A CDL. Hazmat endorsement a plus.
E-Tech: Experience in oilfield electronics on equipment.
Shop Foreman: Will be responsible for the supervision of all mechanics and shophands as well as maintenance, service and repairs for all equipment. Class B CDL a plus. Ideal candidate should possesses extensive knowledge of Detroit, Catepillar and MTI motors as well as DOT rules and regulations.
Staff Assistant: Temp to hire position, ideal candidate should possess exceptional organizational skills, be detail oriented, knowledge of Microsoft Office as well as ability to multitask.

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Basic Energy Services is a drug free work environment; all applicants must posses the ability to pass Background / Drug Screen.

All interested applicants may submit resumes to audrey.nunez@basicenergyservices.com or pickup applications at 1110 West County Road 114, Midland, TX.
432.687.1994
EOE

Blasters/Painter General Manager
Confidential FT
Send resume to: M- 18, Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

Veterinary Technician
Confidential FT
Veterinary Technician needed for busy high paced veterinary hospital. Must have good technical skills, good attitude, willing to learn, multi task and be a team player. If you are looking for a challenging high energy atmosphere and feel like you have what it takes to join our team please send resumes to: M-19 , Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

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Commercial Construction Carpenters/Laborers
Commercial Construction Carpenters & General Laborers needed. Apply at: 2104 West Louisiana at Project Job Trailer at First Baptist Church, Midland.

Electrical Helper
Crockett Electric FT
Midland, TX 79701
Experience preferred but not required. Good driving record, clean, neat and must be able to travel. Good work ethic. Call 432-570-9757 or email rdcrockett@yahoo.com

Electricians
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FLEET MECHANIC
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General Manager
Confidential FT
General Manager for Tank fabrication facility in Midland. Send resume to: M- 18, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

Mpact. Downhole Motors

Mpact® Downhole Motors, a leading independent drilling motor supplier to the North American directional, horizontal and vertical drilling markets, is establishing a new Regional Service Center in the Midland area. Applications are currently being accepted for the following positions:

Shop Manager / Supervisor
PDM Technicians
Shop Helpers

High School Diploma or GED required
Drilling Motor R&M experience beneficial
Must be willing to work weekends and overtime
Competitive hourly wages and benefits

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Hy-Bon Engineering Co., Inc, the gas management expert since 1952 is looking for the right people for the following positions:

Electrical & Programming Mgr.
Seeking Manager for Electrical/Programming Dept. Will be required to manage all Programmers and Panel Assembly employees, also be responsible for developing schematic, wiring, and panel layout design. Experience with daily supervision, scheduling, and programming of various PLC/HMI platforms, strong electrical programming, and mgmt skills needed. Need extensive experience with Allen Bradley PLC's and software. Engineering degree or minimum of 5-7 years of experience preferred. **Email resumes to sevans@hy-bon.com**

PLC Programmer
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Fabricator
Installation of major components on skids, knowledge of pipe fitting 1" to 2" pipe. Knowledge of compressor packages, understanding layout drawings and P&ID and welding a plus.

Electrician
Assemble and inspect electrical panels used to control machinery, equipment, and systems for conformance with specifications, following blueprints and wiring schematics, and using electrical testing equipment and instruments. Assemble and tests wiring circuits and controls to isolate and locate causes of malfunctions, using electrical instruments, such as voltmeter, ammeter, and ohmmeter.

Unit Test Bay Operator
Duties include running compressor packages after assembly. Candidate will assist management in scheduling all compressor units to be tested as well as maintaining proper test logs. This position requires experience with control panel and mechanical trouble shooting.

Welder
Candidates must be familiar with MIG and stick welding. Minimum 3 years experience required. Certification a plus.

MACHINIST
Candidate must be familiar and able to operate a Mill, Lathe, and Boring Mill. Minimum experience of 2 years is required.

Field Service Technician
Positions in West Texas available! Perform service work for fleet of reciprocating, rotary vane and flooded screw gas compressor units. Knowledge of compressor unit wiring and PLC control panels a plus. Must have clean driving record. **Email resumes for this position to lrice@hy-bon.com**

IQR Technician
Candidates will be identifying emissions from production equipment and performing direct measurement of the emissions, facility surveys, and tank test. Must be willing to travel. Clean driving record required. **Email resumes for this position to bgidney@hy-bon.com**

Hy-Bon Engineering is a well-established company and Equal Opportunity Employer. The company has been in the Permian Basin for 60 years. We are offering full time employment with excellent benefits. Wages are based upon experience. Applications are being accepted Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at 2404 Commerce Drive, Midland, TX 79703, or can be emailed to Dave Latch @ dlatch@hy-bon.com. www.hy-bon.com

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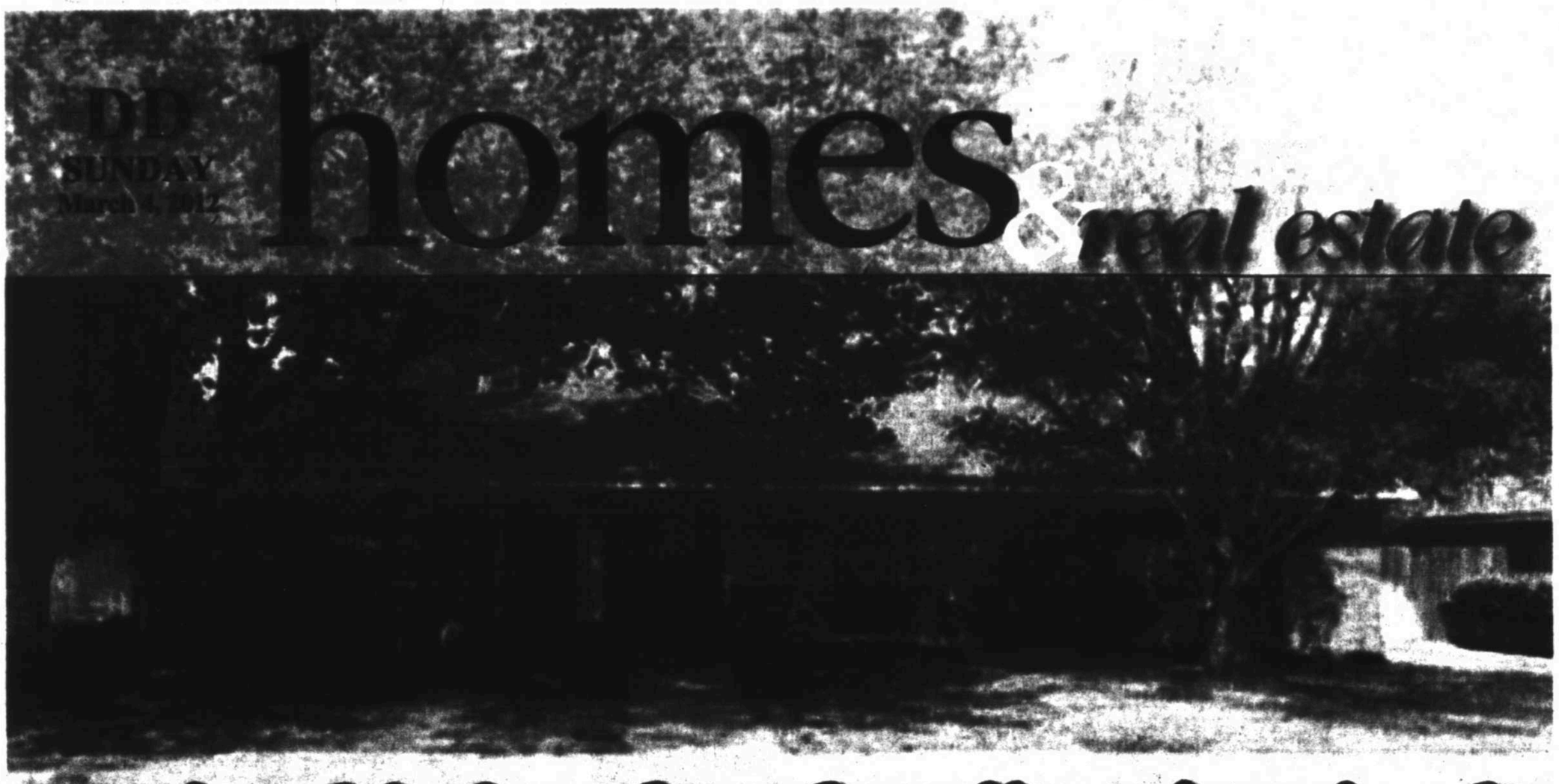

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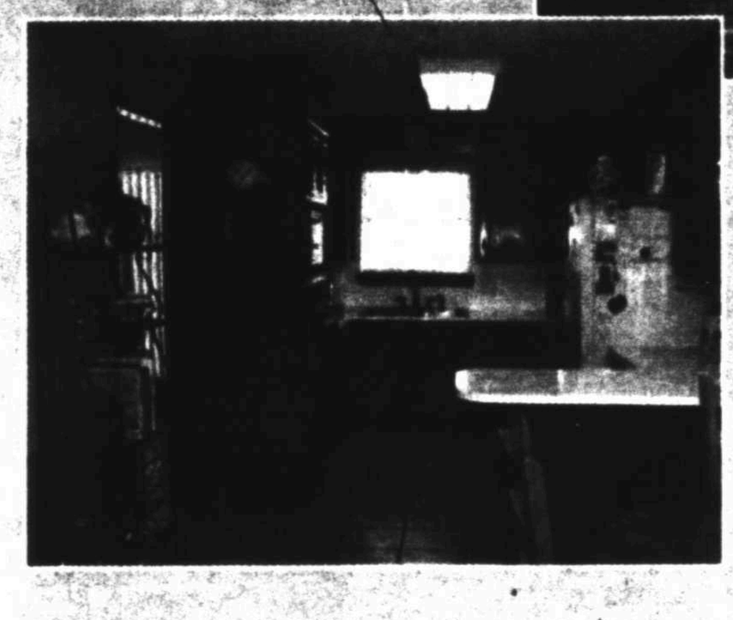

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If you follow the tile to the right from the front door, you will discover the bedrooms. Two of them face the front of the house and have floors covered in rich and cozy tan carpet. They also include walk-in closets and ceiling fans. A hall bathroom is conveniently located for those using these bedrooms and it features more storage cabinets for things you want to keep tucked away.

The master bedroom is spacious and inviting and has the same carpet as the other two bedrooms. A huge walk-in closet with shelves has ample room for his and her storage. A large window provides light to this relaxing space and a ceiling fan overhead keeps you extra cool. The master bath includes more cabinets for linens and personal items.

Your next party may be on this back patio! It is covered, has a ceiling fan and more than enough room for a table and chairs as well as areas for extra seating. Trees (magnolia and pecan) as well as shrubs make this yard a beautiful and relaxing yard to entertain your friends. An easily accessible storage building in the backyard also allows you to keep yard tools and supplies in one place. The side of the house also has a bonus storage space. The gate opens up to the extra long driveway offering additional parking.

Further amenities to this home include: wiring for surround sound, all closets are walk-in, fireplace, an adjacent storage unit and a warm and inviting atmosphere that you cannot put a price on.

More information can be obtained on this home, listed for $195,500, by contacting Sandy Scott with Real Estate One, (432) 638-3250 or Sara Vestal at (432) 770-0026 or at the open house today from 2:00-3:00. MLS#89155.

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Residential Rentals

Four Ways to Optimize Your Credit Profile

Whether you're looking for ways to dig out of your financial hole or ways to avoid getting into one, the importance of actively managing your credit and debt profile has never been greater. Americans have become well-versed in asset management but not necessarily liability management. Until recently, easy access to credit has made our current generation feel immune to the real risks of overextending your credit.

In today's difficult economic environment, as banks get more restrictive about who gets approved for credit and which consumers get the preferred rates, as a member of The Top 5 in Real Estate Network(R), I am advising all my clients to spend more time analyzing the types of credit they have and how it is used. The reality is, we all need to change our behaviors and adapt to the realities of the current environment. When it comes to liability management, here are some simple first steps to take from credit consultants, Approvalguard.com:

1. Understand How Credit Works. Now is not the time to be content with understanding 80% of what you need to know about your credit. Ninety-four percent of consumers are challenged with understanding the basics of how personal credit works. In most cases, they build credit over a lifetime of trial and error. Invest some time in researching and understanding the current credit climate and/or contact your financial advisor or a trained credit professional.

2. Continually Evaluate and Monitor Your Current Credit Profile. The second step is to evaluate your current credit and debt profile and establish a plan based on your short- and long-term credit needs. Continually monitoring your credit report and profile is no different or less important today than getting a physical exam by your doctor.

3. Optimize Your Credit. Each of your debts should be periodically reviewed and analyzed. Are there options you can take to improve your overall credit profile so that you're more desirable to creditors for their preferred interest rates? Should you consolidate some of your debt? Once you strengthen your credit and debt profile, do you have options on your home, auto and credit cards to negotiate lower interest rates and terms that would save you money monthly?

4. Rethink New Purchases. Excellent credit is like an insurance policy. When you need to use it, you want to qualify for the preferred interest rates and terms. Maintaining your credit "insurance policy" is critical for special purchases like a home, car or major appliances when needed. Don't wait until there's an immediate need because your chance of making a material change in your profile overnight is very difficult.

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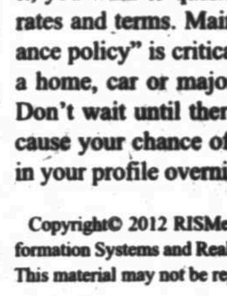

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SELLING SOONER

QUESTION: What determines how fast a house will sell?

ANSWER: No two ways about it, the selling price is by far the most important ingredient in determining the length of time it takes to sell a home.

Finding the right price that will sell in a reasonable time takes a working knowledge of the local market. Sometimes putting too high a selling price can actually cost dollars if the property languishes on the market for a long time.

Packaging is also important. I can show you some of the important things that buyers are looking for today, how to accent the best attributes of your home and help you arrive at the best asking price to sell more profitably and sooner.

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Janeen Pruitt, Broker/Associate, Pine & Beckett Realtors.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Five things to avoid in a real estate transaction

You've heard that everything is negotiable when it comes to real estate. Price, closing date, who pays for new carpet in the bedrooms, whether the patio furniture comes with the house … any of these can be part of the deal. Just remember that whether you think negotiating in a real estate transaction is exciting or terrifying, you won't get the things you don't ask for. If there is something special you want, speak up. Your REALTOR® is an expert at hashing out contracts so both parties are content. Whatever your opinion of the process of reaching consensus may be, here are five mistakes to avoid when negotiating a deal.

Forgetting that it's not about you

Too many people let emotion dictate their negotiations. Don't get angry when a buyer presents a low offer for your home. He's not insulting you, and he doesn't think your house is a poorly maintained shack. The buyer needs to start the negotiation somewhere. He may be testing the waters to see how low you'll go. Or his negotiation tactics could have been formed in a country where negotiating is handled differently. Whatever the case, if you see the offer as an insult and choose not to counter, you may be cutting off the process that would have resulted in a sale.

On the buying side, don't get bent out of shape if a seller rejects your offer or counters with his original asking price. You may have determined that you presented a very fair price for the house. Good for you. Try again or move on. It's not personal.

Putting yourself second

Keeping emotions out of a deal also means maintaining a business relationship and not feeling sorry for the other side. If the seller rejects your fair offer based on "needing more money for my retirement fund," ask for a reason that's relevant to the property sale. On the other hand, if a buyer says they can't afford your asking price, but you believe you're asking fair market value, stick to your guns. Maybe yours just isn't the house for them.

Exceeding your limits

What's the lowest price you'll accept for your home? What concessions, if any, will you make? Answer these questions before you put your home on the market and revisit them if your home isn't seeing the activity you hoped for. And for buyers, what's the absolute most you can afford? How close are you willing to come to that number? Whether you're buying or selling, be sure to share this info with your REALTOR® so they know your priorities.

Meeting in the middle

Splitting the difference doesn't mean that both parties get a fair deal. If a buyer offered $70,000 for your $100,000 home, you countered with $90,000, and the buyer offered to split the difference at $80,000, would you feel like you both won? Whether you're buying or selling, don't allow an extreme offer to affect your counter.

Losing sight of the goal

Are you willing to jeopardize the sale of your house because the buyer wants the entryway mirror to convey? As a buyer, how will your monthly payments really be affected if the seller won't drop the price another $5,000? Sometimes you have to take a step back to make sure you're not overemphasizing one detail that is standing between you and your objective.

Your REALTOR® can help you analyze the current market and identify an appropriate buying or selling strategy for you.

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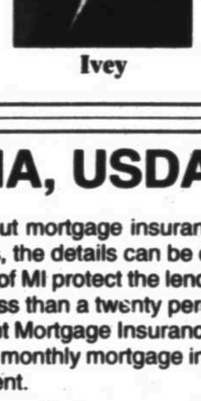

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Conventional, FHA, USDA...Oh MI!

Homebuyers often have a lot of questions about mortgage insurance (MI)...and understandably so. With different rules for different loan programs, the details can be confusing.

Here are a few things to keep in mind. All types of MI protect the lender in the event of default, and MI is typically required when homebuyers have less than a twenty percent deposit to put down on a home. There are two main types of MI: an Up Front Mortgage Insurance Premium (UFMIP), which is generally financed into the loan, and an additional monthly mortgage insurance premium (MIP), paid as a part of your normal monthly mortgage payment.

Here are some additional details to keep in mind:

	CONVENTIONAL "MI"	FHA "MIP"**	USDA "GUARANTEE FEE"
Basics	MI can be monthly or all up front	1% UFMIP rolled into loan amount + Monthly Premium	2% UF Guarantee Fee + Monthly Guarantee Fee
Potential Benefits	Upfront MI can save significantly on monthly payments Conventional MI often has lower monthly payments than FHA.	Income requirements are relaxed compared to conventional MI & USDA. There is more flexibility in credit scores. Seller paid closing costs is allowable up to 6%.	The monthly premium is typically almost 1/4 the cost of FHA.
Potential Pitfalls	Seller paid closings costs is limited to 3% if ≤5% down payment. Credit requirements and income requirements are more stringent.	The monthly premium is typically higher than conventional & USDA.	There are specific geographic and income eligibility requirements. Income requirements are much more stringent than FHA.
Dropping MI	When the value reaches 78% of the original sales price, MI automatically falls off. You can request removal if the principal balance reaches 80% (i.e. accelerated payment of principal or, in some cases via an appraisal of the property showing increased value).	You must meet two tests to drop FHA's MIP: 1. You must PAY the balance down to 78% of the original sale price of the property (you can't just get an appraisal to show equity). AND 2. You must pay the monthly MIP for a minimum of 5 years.	The USDA Guarantee Fee remains on the loan for the entire term. It can never be dropped from a USDA loan until the property is sold, refinanced or the loan is paid off.

** Note that the FHA MIP example is based on a 30 year example.

If you have any questions about mortgage insurance or anything at all, call me or email me anytime. I'm always happy to help.

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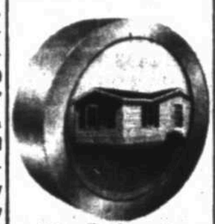

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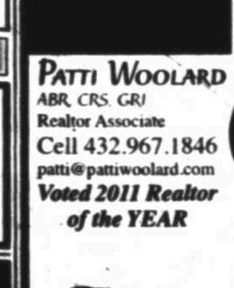

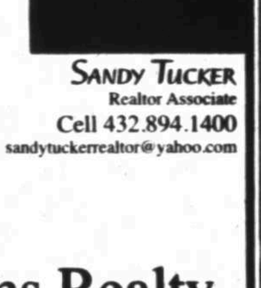

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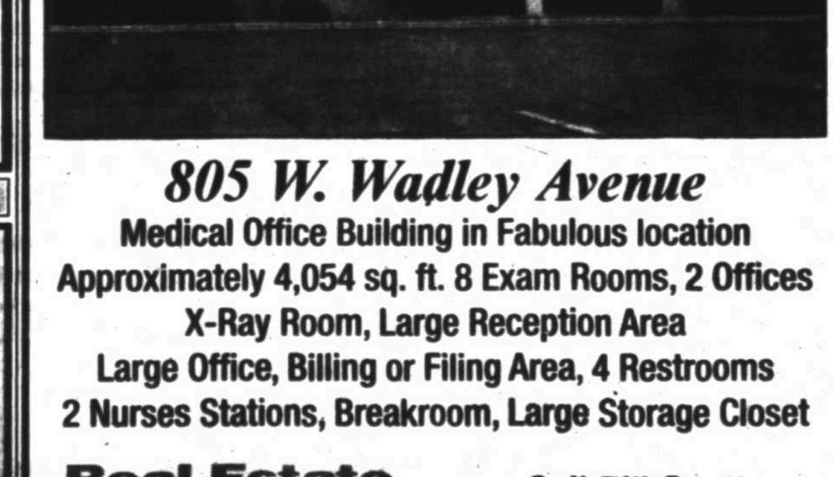

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SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE

OPEN TODAY 2:00-3:00...5201 N Midkiff-This incredibly charming 3 bed/2 bath home has soaring (exposed beams!) ceilings, cozy fireplace, and bright windows throughout! The kitchen features stainless appliances, breakfast bar, adjacent dining, and abundant cabinet space! The master bedroom is spacious and has double closets! The newly updated master bath has a large shower! $182,000

4+ BEDROOMS

16704 Dogwood-NEW-Country living's dream property on 11.57 acres in Gardendale! 4 bed/4 bath home w/two master suite lv/ private patio & fireplace!! gourmet kitchen w/custom appliances, oversized 3 car gar & a backyard perfect for entertaining (drive in the gate-chapel roof!) HUGE workshop/garage w/overhead doors and spacious barn w/stables! $1,200,000

5800 Greenridge-This absolutely stunning home, loved both internally and externally, is located on a cul-de-sac lot in Sentinel Estates! The gourmet kitchen features an island, pantry, double ovens, & breakfast bar! The spacious master bedroom has a large and fully landscaped yard & covered patio space! $799,900

3002 St. Andrews-This absolutely spectacular 5 bedroom home is located on a quiet, tree-lined cul-de-sac! Gourmet kitchen w/glass tile backsplash, stainless appliances, granite countertops, & breakfast dining! Dazzling pool & gazebo, 4+ car garage! In Trinity Estates! $669,000

6021 Haywood-NEW-Absolutely spectacular 5 bed/3.5 bath in Stratford Way! Custom granite throughout, custom ceilings w/crown/cornice molding, walls of windows w/plantation shutters! ..... *SOLD IN 4 DAYS!*... $650,000

5100 Thousand Trees-NEW-Immaculate 4 bedroom in Green Tree! Gourmet kitchen w/granite, stainless steel appliances, pantry, breakfast bar & island! ..... U/C...$469,000

6005 Gladiola-Bay construction. Adorable 4 bed/2.5 bath home! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, miles of tile, gourmet kitchen, granite countertops in kitchen and baths! To be completed April 2012! Country living with city convenience! 3 car garage! $310,000

4001 Woodhollow-Lovely 4 bedroom in Briarwood! Miles of tile, soaring ceilings, plantation shutters and walls of bright windows! The open floor plan makes this home perfect for entertaining! The kitchen features a breakfast bar! ..... U/C...$299,900

3100 Mintz-Spacious 4 bedroom on a quiet cul-de-sac! This home features fabulous updates, gleaming hardwood floors and towering brick fireplace! The kitchen has granite countertops, breakfast bar, island, & beautiful backsplash, and dark stained cabinets! The master bathroom is newly updated, with a beautiful shower and walk-in closet! $219,000

3353 CR C 2000, Stanton-4 wonderful 4 bedroom/3 bath/2 living in Stanton! Walls of bright windows and miles of tile! There is a large kitchen with a breakfast bar, island, and abundant cabinets! The sequestered master has a jetted tub, dual sinks, and separate closets! The second living area has a cozy stone fireplace! The lovely home is complete with a huge backyard! $180,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

5401 San Saba Ct.-This immaculate 3 bed/2.5 bath home is located on a cul-de-sac in Holiday Hill Village! The kitchen is open and inviting and features a large buffet, china cabinet, breakfast bar and adjacent dining area! The spacious master bedroom has a private sitting area and the master bath has double sinks, sep shower & jetted tub and walk-in closet! $229,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

1913 Hughes-NEW-Absolutely lovely 3 bed/2 bath/2 living home w/walls of windows, gleaming hardwood floors, and a bright sunroom leading to the large backyard! ..... U/C...$210,000

3412 Wedgewood-NEW-Immaculate 3 bed/2.5 bath townhome with fabulous curb appeal! 2 living, 2 dining and breakfast bar! Spacious master suite! Lovely low maintenance yards! ..... *UC IN 1 DAY!*...$210,000

5201 N Midkiff-This incredibly charming 3 bed/2 bath home has soaring (exposed beams!) ceilings, cozy fireplace, and bright windows throughout! The kitchen features stainless appliances, breakfast bar, adjacent dining, and abundant cabinet space! The master bedroom is spacious and has double closets! The newly updated master bath has a large shower! $182,000

1000 "D" St.-Darling 3 bed/2 bath home on a corner lot! Custom lighting, bright windows, & brick fireplace! Entrance is thru a lovely courtyard! Spacious master bed w/bright windows, access to the courtyard & a private bath! ..... U/C...$169,000

1222 East Gulf Court-NEW-Fabulous 3 bed/2 bath new construction with miles of tile, walls of bright windows, and exquisite ceilings! Sep master suite features spacious walk in closet with incredible built-ins! Gourmet kitchen is open to the spacious den! French doors lead out into large backyard! $199,900

2503 Mehaffie-Charming 2 bed/2 bath w/walls of windows (plantation shutters!), bright skylights, & built-ins! Open den area w/cozy brick fireplace and direct access to the formal dining! Lovely kitchen! Great location close to park & schools! $166,000

2408 Appaloosa-Adorable 3 bed/2 bath with 2 living areas! Spacious master bed w/separate closets and private bath! Plenty of closets for storage! Large backyard and lush landscaping! ..... U/C...$159,000

5015 Blue Mesa-NEW-Adorable 3 bed/2 bath home! The cozy living area is open to the formal dining! Darling kitchen w/abundant cabinet space! Spacious guest bedrooms! ..... *SOLD IN 1 DAY!*...$155,000

3407 Thomas-NEW-A charming 3 bedroom/1 bath home featuring recent updates, miles of tile and bright windows! The large updated kitchen has a lovely island, and adjacent dining area! The cozy den has beautiful dark wood floors! This home is complete with huge backyard! $125,000

34025 ECR 194-NEW-This adorable 2 bed/1.5 bath home sits on 4.3 acres and is just minutes from Greenwood schools! The first living area is open to the spacious kitchen and the large second living area is perfect for media, music or game room! The 2 car carport has attached storage! Landscaped with mature trees! $119,000

4700 Boulder #307-A lovely downstairs condo unit with recent updates; some of which include a designer kitchen and bath, cabinets, counters, and tile floors! The darling kitchen has recent black appliances, pantry, microwave, and is open to the large living area with access (through French doors!) into the private patio and yard! $49,000

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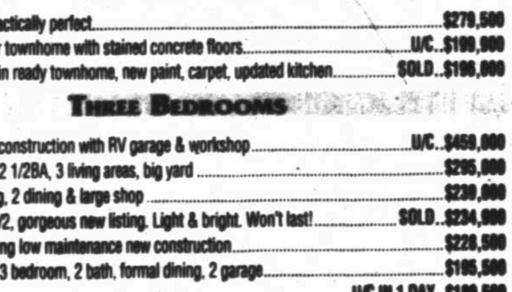

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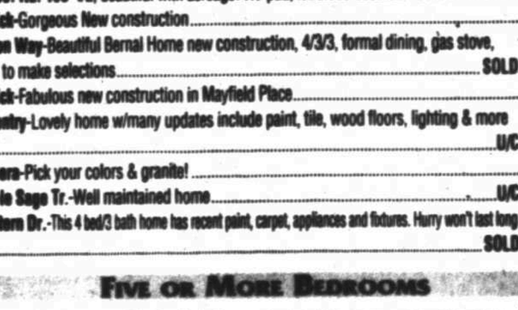
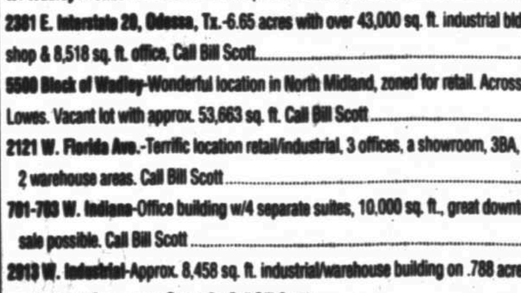


3214 Shandon - $199,000



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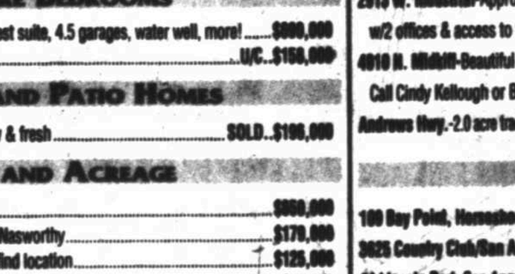
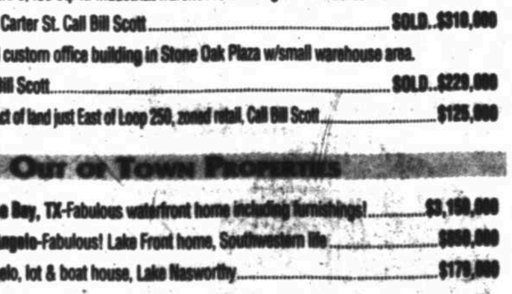
2608 Holloway Ave. - $109,000

5524 Cypress - $359,000



2218 Western Dr. - $199,900



3926 Edgebrook Ct. - $439,500

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New and Reduced Listings

3000 Baybrook-55 ..... $600,000
3025 Edgebrook Ct.-Gorgeous 4BR, 3BA, formal living, dining/den/gameroom, 3 garage. Updated! $430,500
5524 Cypress-Beautifully remodeled 4Bd in Green Tree, new carpet, new paint, new hardwood floors, great kitchen, wonderful trees $359,000
3104 Patrick-Gorgeous home in Mayfield Place $329,900
500 Meadowpark-3BR, 2 1/2BA, 3 living areas, big yard $295,000
400 Spring Meadow $279,500
4302 Nelson-Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 2 bath, formal dining, 2 garage $195,500
2608 Holloway-Garage/workshop. 3BR/1BA $109,000

Two Bedrooms

400 Spring Meadow-Practically perfect $270,500
2210 Western-Great 2br townhome with stained concrete floors ..... U/C...$199,900
2904 N. Garfield-Move in ready townhome, new paint, carpet, updated kitchen ..... SOLD...$190,000

Three Bedrooms

6916 Gladiola-3/3 new construction with RV garage & workshop ..... U/C...$459,000
500 Meadowpark-3BR, 2 1/2BA, 3 living areas, big yard $295,000
1016 W. Dengar-2 living, 2 dining & large shop $230,000
5407 Rio Grande Ave-3/2, gorgeous new listing. Light & bright. Won't last! ..... SOLD...$234,000
3302 Chelsea Pl-Stunning low maintenance new construction $228,500
4302 Nelson-Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 2 bath, formal dining, 2 garage $195,500
3306 Edgemont Dr. ..... U/C IN 1 DAY...$189,000
1001 W. Ohio Ave.-A must see 3 bd/2 bth, heavily renovated Old Midland property ..... U/C...$167,500
5309 Anette-Great home built in 2007 with 16x24 shop ..... U/C...$162,000
1010 N. Tyler-Gorgeous Designer Home...Must See! ..... SOLD...$172,000
1108 Alaska-Light & bright/hardwood floors, 3bd, 2-1/2 bath ..... SOLD...$164,900
504 Parkwood Dr-Ready for immediate move in with fresh paint, carpet, fixtures, countertops & more, light and bright w/excellent storage plus 2 car garage for only ..... U/C...$132,000
4307 Pasadena-3BR/2BA, den/playroom, fresh paint ..... U/C...$114,000
2908 Holloway-3/1, well kept! Garage/workshop $100,000
3622 W. Shandon-New, fixer upper 3br, 2ba ..... SOLD...$100,000
1001 S. Weatherford-3bd, 2ba ..... SOLD...$87,000

Four Bedrooms

1206 Breckenridge-Woodruff construction with every update imaginable - great plan, beautiful decor, all the bells & whistles ..... SOLD...$409,500
3025 Edgebrook Ct.-Gorgeous 4BR, 3BA, formal living, dining/den/gameroom, 3 garage. Updated! $430,500
2000 N. H St.-Fabulous versatile plan in Old Midland. Oversized island kitchen, large master w/fireplace, lovely yard w/pool, detached 3 car garage! $304,900
5524 Cypress-Beautifully remodeled 4Bd in Green Tree, new carpet, new paint, new hardwood floors, great kitchen, wonderful trees $359,000
4501 Woodhollow-Large beautiful kitchen, space galore! ..... U/C...$350,000
10302 E. Co. Rd. 105-42, beautiful with acreage! RV pad, fabulous decorator colors! ... SOLD...$340,000
3104 Patrick-Gorgeous New construction $329,900
2703 Parlen Way-Beautiful Bernal Home new construction, 4/3/3, formal dining, gas stove, still time to make selections ..... SOLD...$329,500
3228 Patrick-Fabulous new construction in Mayfield Place $304,900
1407 Duwenby-Lovely home w/many updates include paint, tile, wood floors, lighting & more ..... U/C...$274,500
2901 Caldera-Pick your colors & granite! $254,000
2812 Purple Sage Tr.-Well maintained home ..... U/C...$209,000
1707 Western Dr.-This 4 bed/2 bath home has recent paint, carpet, appliances and fixtures. Hurry won't last long ..... SOLD...$197,000

Five or More Bedrooms

3009 Baybrook-Fabulous versatile plan, includes guest suite, 4.5 garages, water well, more! $999,000
410 Eastwood-5BR/2BA, 2 story, miles of tile ..... U/C...$199,000

Town Houses and Patio Homes

2904 N. Garfield-2BR, 2BA townhome, loads of new & fresh ..... SOLD...$190,000

Lots, Land and Acreage

Loop 250 & I-20-approx. 20 acres, call Bill Scott $800,000
04 Lincoln Park-San Angelo lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy $179,000
000 W. Cuthbert-Build now in Old Midland, hard to find location $125,000
1000 W. Texas-Good downtown lot, loads of possibilities $80,500

New Construction

6916 Gladiola-3/3 new construction with RV garage & workshop ..... U/C...$459,000
3104 Patrick-Gorgeous home in Mayfield Place $329,900
2703 Parlen Way-Beautiful new construction by Bernal Homes. 4/3/3 ..... SOLD...$329,500
3228 Patrick-Beautiful 4/3/3, now complete $304,900
2901 Caldera-Pick your colors & granite! $254,000
3302 Chelsea Pl-Stunning low maintenance new construction $228,500

Commercial Investment Property

W. Wadley Avenue-1.222 acre retail or offc. pad site next to new West Texas Nat'l Bank ..... Call Bill Scott
2301 E. Interstate 20, Odessa, Tx.-6.65 acres with over 43,000 sq. ft. industrial bldg. 34,718 sq. ft. shop & 8,518 sq. ft. office, Call Bill Scott $1,800,000
5600 Block of Wadley-Wonderful location in North Midland, zoned for retail. Across from Lowes. Vacant lot with approx. 53,663 sq. ft. Call Bill Scott ..... U/C...$645,000
2121 W. Florida Ave.-Terrific location retail/industrial, 3 offices, a showroom, 3BA, 2/3 storage rooms, 2 warehouse areas. Call Bill Scott $300,000
701-703 W. Indiana-Office building w/4 separate suites, 10,000 sq. ft., great downtown location, partial sale possible. Call Bill Scott $325,000
2913 W. Industrial-Approx. 8,450 sq. ft. industrial/warehouse building on .788 acres. Terrific location w/2 offices & access to Carter St. Call Bill Scott ..... SOLD...$310,000
4010 N. Midkiff-Beautiful custom office building in Stone Oak Plaza w/small warehouse area. Call Cindy Kellough or Bill Scott ..... SOLD...$229,000
Andrews Hwy.-2.0 acre tract of land just East of Loop 250, zoned retail, Call Bill Scott $125,000

Out of Town Property

169 Bay Point, Hampton Bay, TX-Fabulous waterfront home w/dock! Furnished! $9,100,000
3625 Country Club/San Angelo-Fabulous! Lake Front home, Southwestern life $699,000
04 Lincoln Park-San Angelo, lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy $179,000

REAL ESTATE

The number of foreclosures completed in 2011, down from 1.1 million in 2010

SOURCE: Core Logic

Ask our broker

PRIME TIME

QUESTION:

I always thought the prime rate was the lowest interest level for borrowers with the best credit. Is this still true?

ANSWER:

The "prime rate" traditionally has been seen as the best rate for the best borrowers. In the 1993 edition of the "Language of Real Estate" (Kaplan, 2006), a standard industry reference written by attorney John Reilly, the prime rate is defined as "the minimum interest rate charged by a commercial bank on short-term loans to its largest and strongest clients (those with the highest credit ratings)." (Author's parenthesis.)

Today, the term "prime rate" is defined differently. Bank of America, as one example, explains that "the prime rate is the rate of interest publicly announced from time to time by Bank of America as its 'prime rate.' The prime rate is set by Bank of America based on various factors, including the bank's costs and desired return, general economic conditions and other factors, and is used as a reference point for pricing some loans. Bank of America may price loans to its customers at, above, or below the prime rate.

"In some Bank of America loan documentation, the term 'reference rate' has been used to refer to this lending rate. The terms 'prime rate' and 'reference rate' refer to the same rate."

As this is written, the prime rate is generally at 3.25 percent. This is a low rate by historic standards – the prime rate actually topped 21 percent in 1980; in 1947 it hit 1.75 percent.

The prime rate can change at any time ,and individual lenders may elect to have different prime rates. For borrowers, the prime rate should be seen as a quickie way to look at general interest levels. The more important measure is to see what a specific mortgage costs in terms of interest, fees and charges. As always, you're best-served shopping for mortgages and letting lenders compete for your business.

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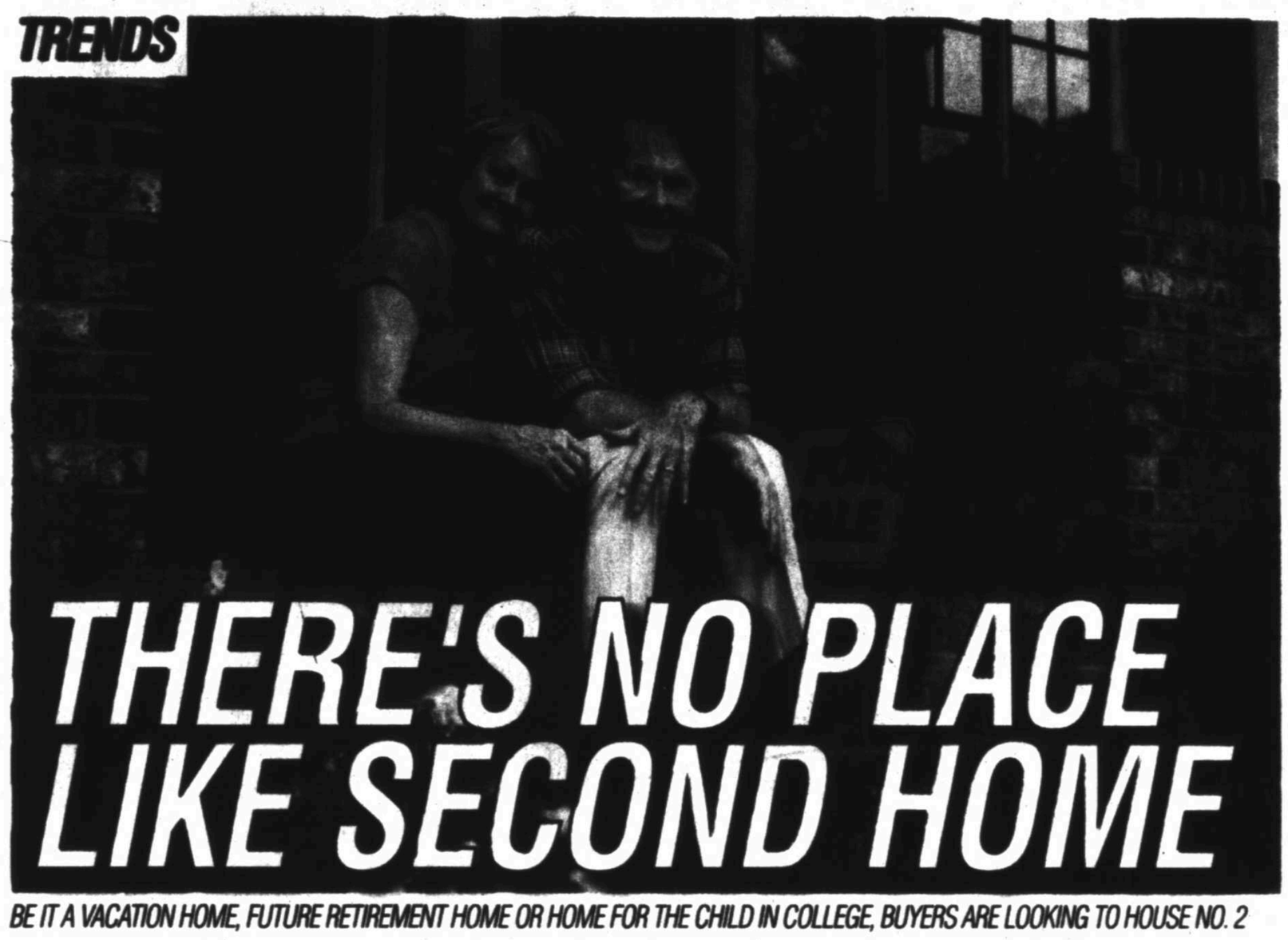

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE SECOND HOME

BE IT A VACATION HOME, FUTURE RETIREMENT HOME OR HOME FOR THE CHILD IN COLLEGE, BUYERS ARE LOOKING TO HOUSE NO. 2

By LINDSEY ROMAIN
CTW FEATURES

Second homes aren't just for the extremely affluent and tropically inclined, as the latest numbers show.

According to a 2011 survey from the National Association of Realtors, 19 percent of recent homebuyers own more than one home, up 5 percent from the previous year. Further, vacation properties made up 27 percent of all home sales last year. And the destinations aren't just south-of-the-border getaways. Some of the biggest second home markets fall in lesser-known cities in the U.S., such as Silverdale, Wash., Whitefish, Mo., and Flagstaff, Ariz.

According to real estate professionals in these second-home regions, there isn't just one type of buyer investing in these properties.

Pam Charron, a real estate agent at Michael Saunders & Co. in Sarasota, Fla., says that her firm sees a lot of investors who know the prices are not going to go lower, and a lot of future retirees.

"They're rushing in now because the prices have dropped so low – 40 to 50 percent less than the high times – and they're taking advantage of that," Charron says.

Ann Heitland, associate broker at RE/MAX Peak Properties in Flagstaff, Ariz., says that she sees buyers from the "solidly middle-middle class" to the "very rich."

Data from the NAR shows that the typical vacation homebuyer in 2010 was 49 years old with a median household income of $99,500. The median price for a vacation home was around $150,000. It may be a hefty price tag for a non-primary residence, but seeing that the price was $169,000 the year before, now might just be the perfect time to jump on a secondary property.

What makes for a good second home candidate? It's all about assessing personal needs and desires. Many of these second-home markets fall outside of extreme metropolitan jurisdictions and into just-off-the-grid suburban areas with lush art scenes and other tourist draws. In Heitland's Flagstaff area, for example, it's recreational opportunities like golf, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding and nearby national parks that lure in buyers. It's also a good escape from the congestion of nearby Phoenix, she says. For Charron, it's Sarasota's water properties and urban art scene – from the theatre to annual sandcastle-building festivals – that make the area unique. For the markets in Montana and Washington state, it's fishing and hunting opportunities that draw in outsiders. For some cities, universities draw in homebuyers, whose children often live in the home while enrolled in school.

Another facet in second-home consideration is finding a place that may eventually turn into the home proper. In fact, the NAR reports that 34 percent of vacation homebuyers said that they plan to use their property as a primary home in the future. For the prospective retirees, this is particularly common.

"We see many baby boomers who plan to retire in the next few years take advantage of our low market prices with intent to move here after retirement," says Charron, who notes that many of them purchase more than one second-home property.

One thing is certain: Prices will go up. It's just a matter of when. "Our prices are at bottom, but how long it will take for them to start going up is uncertain," Heitland says. So for the second home curious, it may be now or never. She says she'd encourage anyone interested to start poking around. "I'd start to look now with the idea of buying if you see something," she adds. "Our inventory right now is very low, which should be putting some upward pressure on prices."

Sarasota agent Charron also notes the inventory shortage in her market. She says that and the low prices – which she says are about the same as they were in 2000 – should be a clear indicator to get the ball rolling. "If you're on the fence, I would recommend buying now because in two or three years when the prices go up, you'll look back and think 'I should have bought then!'" she says.

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Buyers and sellers are 'getting real' in 2012. Here's what buyers are looking for, and how sellers are trying to appeal to them

Homebuyers and sellers are getting real in 2012.

Compared to a year ago, more than half of sellers (51 percent) are more willing to price their homes competitively, and 45 percent are more willing to change the appearance of their homes to entice potential buyers, according to a recent survey of 600 Coldwell Banker real estate professionals.

Nearly all agents (94 percent) say sellers de-cluttering their homes and making cosmetic updates like fresh paint and minor repairs prior to showings; more than half (59 percent) say clients are bringing in new décor or furniture to make their home look more appealing.

From the buyers' standpoint, updated kitchens and bathrooms, and open floor plans, are the most important features for a new home. One-third of agents say a new or updated kitchen is the most important feature to buyers; 14 percent claim the open floor plan is most important, and 12 percent say an a new or updated bathroom. Just 1 percent of agents said they believe entertainment rooms or finished basements were the most important.

MOVE MOTIVATORS

The Coldwell Banker survey also looked into the life events motivating people to buy:

- 70 percent of agents surveyed said a new baby or growing family is the "most common" or a "very common" reason buyers search for a new home.
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- 37 percent say retirement.

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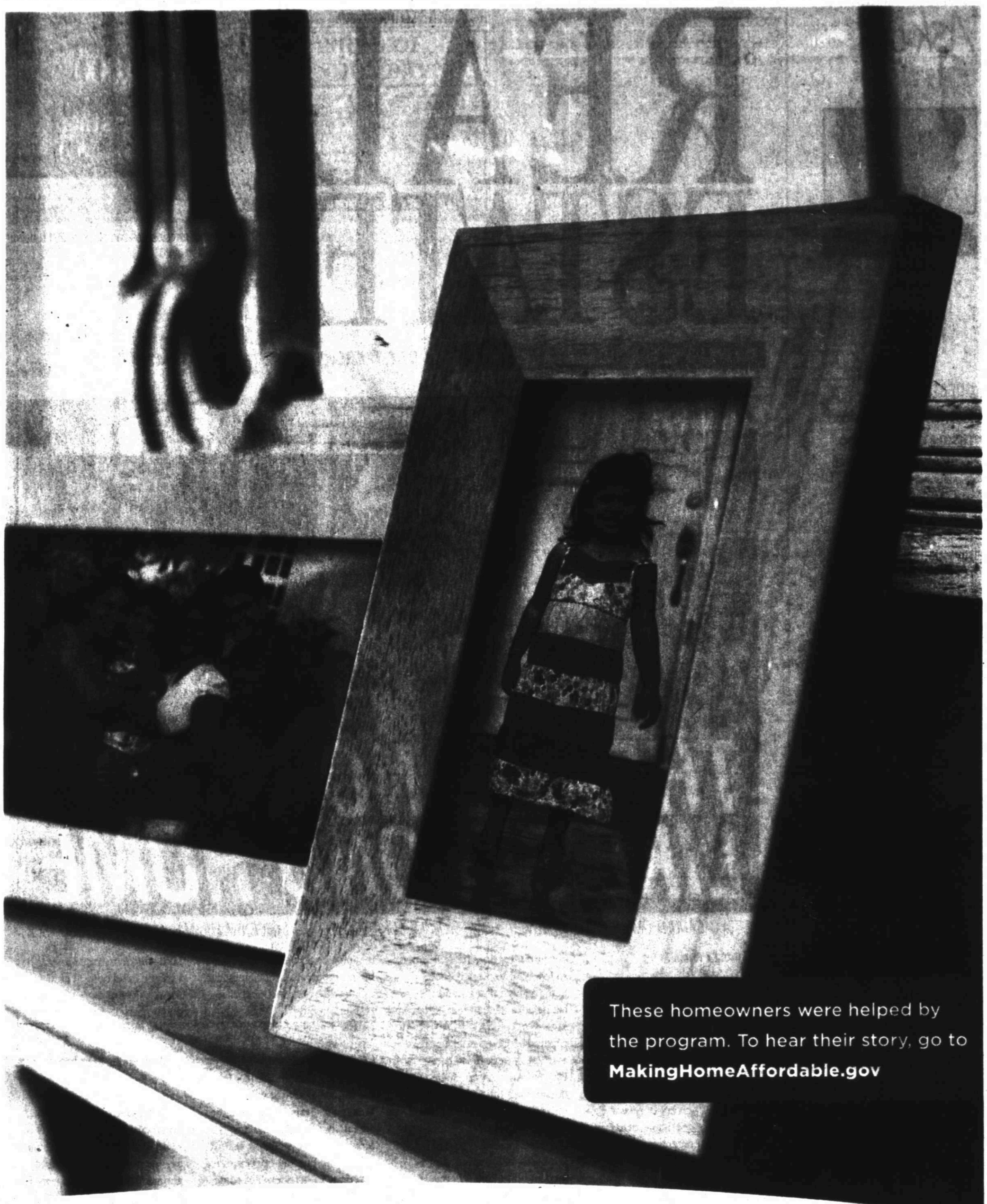

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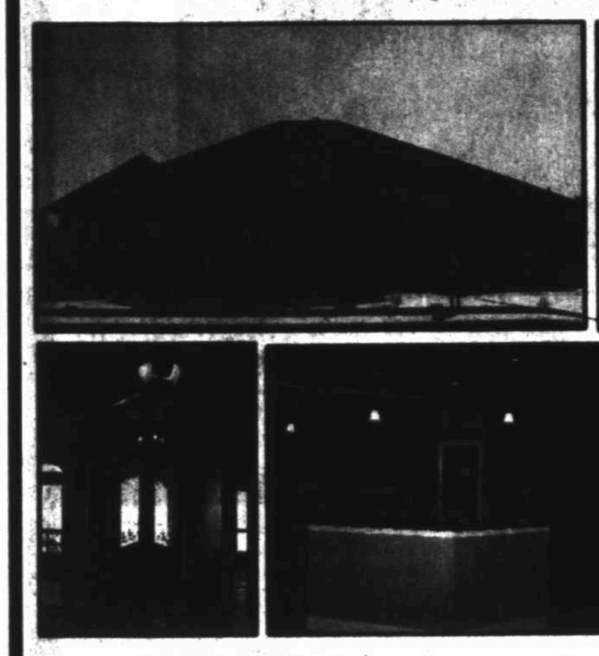

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4 BEDROOMS

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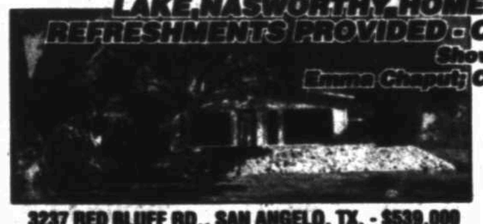

3237 RED BLUFF RD., SAN ANGELO, TX. - $530,000
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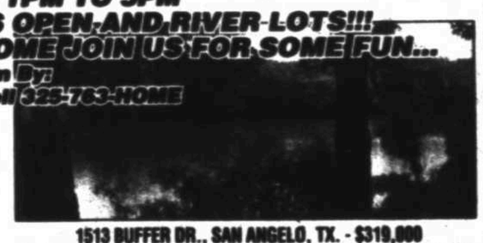

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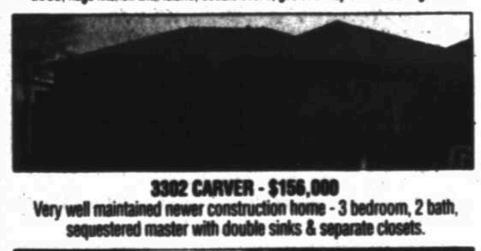

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13613 W. CO. RD. 123, ODESSA, TX. - $129,000
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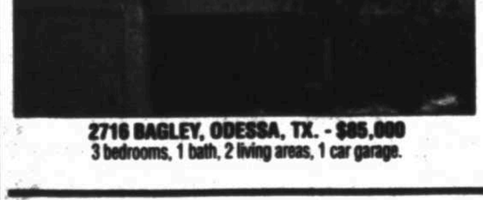

2716 BAGLEY, ODESSA, TX. - $85,000
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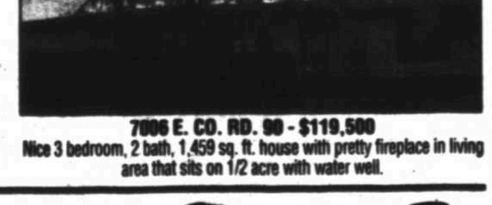

7006 E. CO. RD. 90 - $119,500
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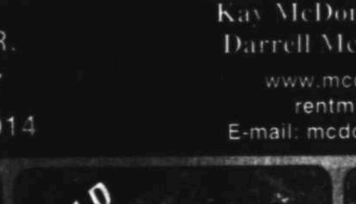

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2116 Wedgewood-5 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 Car Garage. Charming home on 0.381 Acres. Stunning Floor Plan by McPherson Construction! 10' Double Iron Entry, 2 Living, 2 Dining, Study, Game Room, Hardwood, Plantation Shutters. All the Bells & Whistles! Still time to make color selections! Estimated completion August 2012 ..... $599,900

7708 Trentino-3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 Living, 2 Dining in the Heart of Trentino! Beautiful corner lot with mature landscaping, stained concrete floors, 2 fireplaces, 2 dining areas, game room, media room, huge master suite with sitting area, his & her walk-in closets, jetted tub, separate shower, dual sinks & private commode. Kitchen features granite counters, island, breakfast bar, double ovens, gas cooktop & walk-in pantry. Backyard has covered patio, built-in BBQ & fireplace. Sprinkler system. Call Sabrina for more details! $479,900

4308 E Cr Rd 01-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath. Another Gorgeous Triple M Home! 2.3 Acres in Bonita Estates. Granite throughout, Hand Scraped Hardwood Floors, Plantation shutters, Crown moldings, 8' doors, Stainless appliances, Designer Paint throughout, Media room, Game room, Study, Huge Master Suite with sitting area, His & Hers walk-in closets, Jetted tub, Separate shower, Private commode, Dual sinks, & So Much More!!! $599,900

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6512 Pueblo Ridge-4 Bedroom, 4.5 Bath, 3 Living Areas, Rare Split Level! New Carpet & Paint! 25x30 Workshop. 1.7 Acres in Llano Estates! $499,900

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4700 Azalea Ct-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, plus Study, & 2 Dining Areas. Ton of Updates! Gourmet Kitchen, Travertine Floors, Granite, Stainless Appliances, Designer Paint throughout, Huge Master Suite, Jetted Tub, Separate Shower! $499,900

5401 Los Patios-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Car Rear Entry Garage. STUNNING 2008 Christopher Construction! Gorgeous granite on oversized gourmet kitchen, plantation shutters, bronze package! Luxurious Master Suite! $499,900

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2800 Cabana-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, Brand NEW Azul Construction! HUGE Open Floor Plan, Granite, Miles & Miles Tile, Stainless, Oil Bronze, High Ceilings & So Much More!!! $499,900

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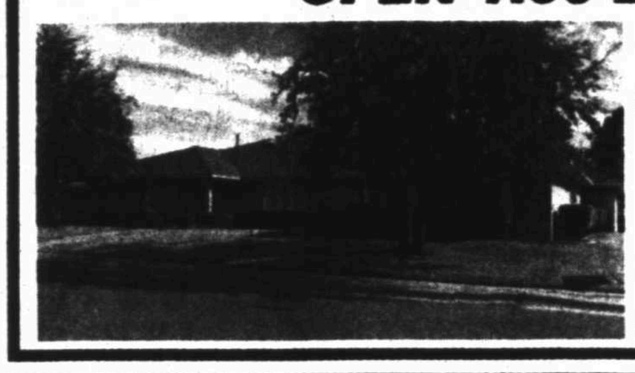

3809 CRESTGATE AVE.
$287,400
New listing 4 bdrms, 3 living, 2.5 baths.
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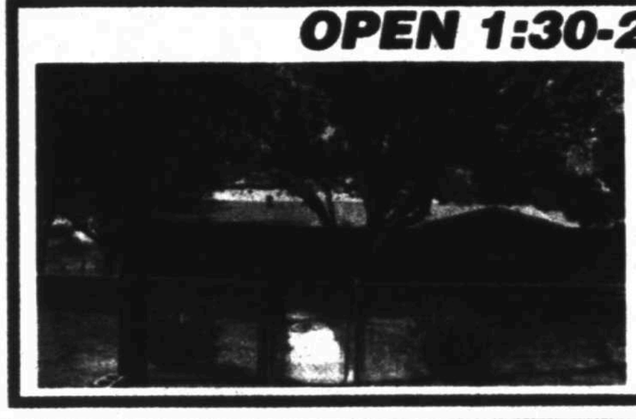
OPEN 1:30-2:30



401 E. CO. RD. 140
$174,900
4 bed, 2 ba home sits on 1 acre. Good size workshop. East off Hwy. 349.
Shown by Jennifer Martin

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4509 MATHIS ST.
$185,000
Beautiful - It's move in ready!
Shown by Kim Merrill

OPEN 1:30-2:30

6321 PRAIRIE RIDGE
$399,900
Gorgeous new construction in Grassland West!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 3:30-4:30

10520 E. CR 109
$475,000
Greenwood! Pool/Spa! Ultimate Man-cave!
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909 ALMONT
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Nestled in coveted Woodland Park!
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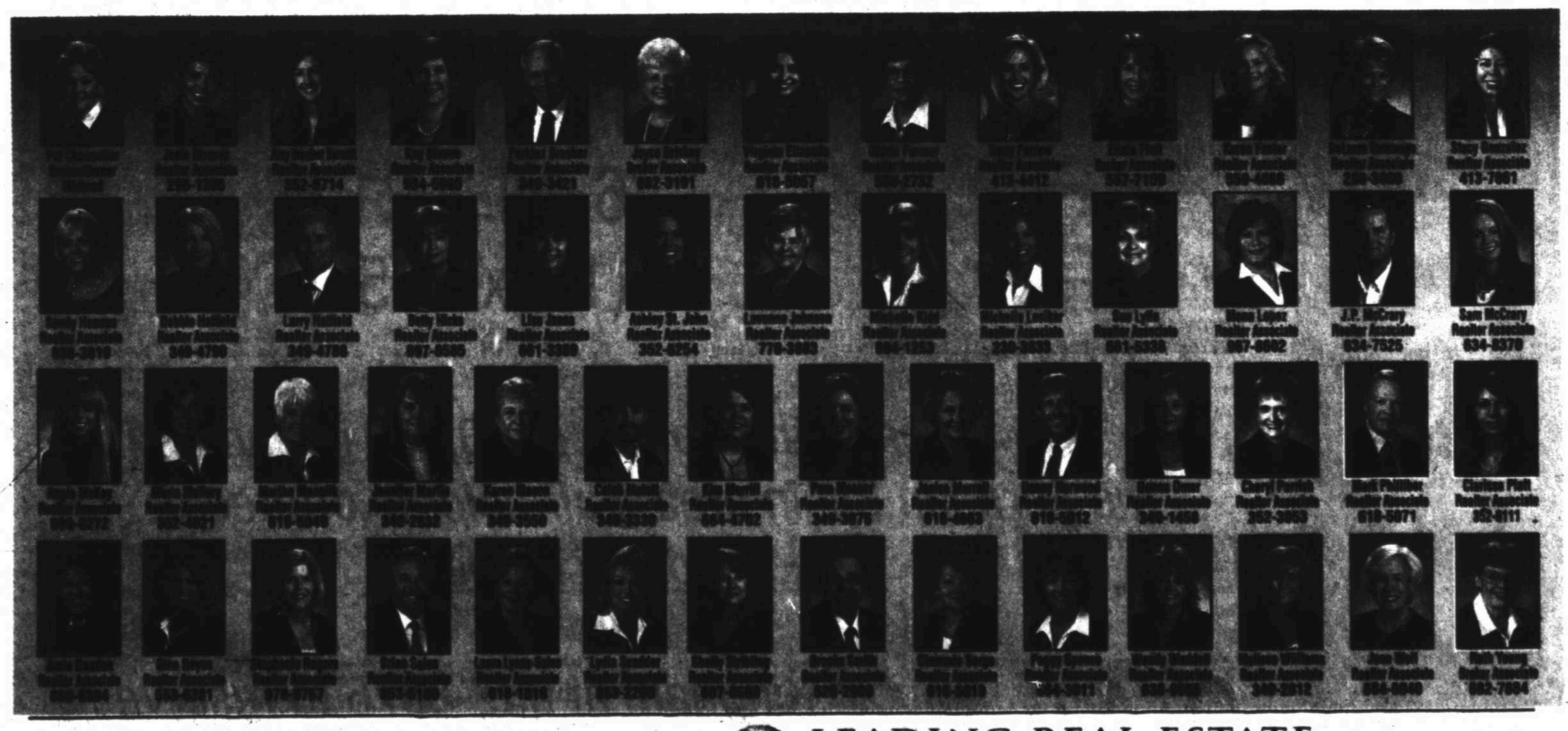

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1307 Daventry Place Midland, Tx.

Large 4 bedroom, 3 full bathrooms with 2 living areas each with a fireplace. Large kitchen and a large utility room plus a 3 car garage. High ceilings throughout with lots of windows, stainless steel appliances and lots of cabinets and storage space all in a great neighborhood!

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302 Oxford Dr., Midland, Tx.

Spacious open living room with fireplace. Kitchen has breakfast area plus bar. Very clean home, mostly tiled through out and all new interior paint. Garage is converted and counted in sq. footage has a built in bar and indoor utility room. 2 Car Covered Carport with a paved alley!

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221 E Chimbaro, Garden City, Tx.

Property may be eligible for the FHA $100 down pymt program. Charming 4 bdrm 2 bthrm manufactured home with lots to offer. A large den/game room plus a open floor plan. 1776 sq ft of gross living area above grade-info is from the FHA Appraisal and is deemed reliable but not guaranteed. Disclosure: Property is a manufactured home and may result in closing delays due to title requirements.

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3002 Vermont Midland, Tx.

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Bonus house can be used for small business and or shop. MLS# 88957, $149,500

FEATURED LISTINGS

4002 S. Hwy 349		MLS# 88957	$149,500
2600 Spartan	UNDER CONTRACT OPTIONED	MLS# 88931	$169,900
13300 FM 307	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS# 88955	$204,900
4900 S. Co. Rd. 1140-306 + plus acres barns, shops & pens			$ 1,500,000
5901 N. Midland Dr.	SOLD	MLS #88753	$695,000
3314 W. Co. Rd. 185		MLS #88559	$370,000
10515 E. Co. Rd. 109	UNDER CONTRACT OPTIONED	MLS #88359	$475,000
2208 Sinclair	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #88691	$295,000
3155 Danley Drive (Lake Colorado City)		MLS #85245	$90,000
9177 Cevalia Drive (Odessa, Tx)	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #84152	$369,900
Sunridge Ranch Estates 3+acres lotsPer Lot			$85,000
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COUNTRY LIVING AT IT'S FINEST!
7707 TRENTON DRIVE - $523,000

This one has it all! 4 Bedrms/2.5 Baths! Formal dining! Formal living! Study! Kitchen with granite, island & breakfast bar! Open to nook & den with fireplace! Spacious sequestered master with gorgeous bath! In-law plan! Jack & jill bath between other 2 roomy bedrooms! Covered patios! Vinyl fence just installed! Every man's dream-40x40 shop/man cave with full bath & wet bar! Rv garage & tons of storage!

AN ENTERTAINER'S DREAM HOUSE!
6516 FERN - $575,000

6 bdrms/5 baths! Formal living! Formal dining! Total kitchen remodel! Huge granite island/bar! Breakfast nook! Huge family room w/walls of windows! High ceilings! Huge covered patio! Outdoor kitchen! Tons of frig/stove, including the pool! Foosball/pool! Outdoor fireplace/pizza oven! Barn/shed! Fenced yards! Sep master w/his & her baths! Utility,rm in master/craft rm! 2 CS in w/shop!

"OLD MIDLAND" CHARMER!
3409 SINCLAIR AVE - $595,000

Updated kitchen w/granite, island, gas range is open to huge family room! Den w/fireplace! Formal living/dining w/big windows! Sep, master is downstairs & close to office (could be great closet!) Gameroom! upstairs is 3 bdrms (1 with private bath) plus an extra large bonus room-could be a great media room! Tons & tons of closets thru-out! 2 staircases! 3 car gar!

OPEN 3:30-4:30

GREENWOOD! POOL/SPA! ULTIMATE "MAN-CAVE"
10520 ECR 109 - $475,000

Updates thru-out! High ceilings! Great floorplan! Living with huge fireplace! Office (could be formal dining)! Spacious master with great bath! Shower has steamer! Wood flooring! Recent carpet! Rv parking! Inground pool with hot tub plus 2 firepits outside, outdoor fireplace & kitchen! 2005 Sq ft heated/cooled shop with half bath is perfect man cave/media room! Artificial grass in back yard! Go look!

OPEN 1:30-2:30

GORGEOUS NEW CONSTRUCTION IN GRASSLAND WEST!
6321 PRAIRIE RIDGE - $360,000

Quality work! Unique plan! Tons of extras! 4 bedrooms or 3 bedrooms & a gameroom! Plus a study! Formal dining! Huge family room w/vaulted ceilings, fireplace & gorgeous windows! Kitchen is beautiful & is open to the living & breakfast nook! Sep, master is large & has an incredible bath! Great closets! Utility room w/storage too! Covered patio! Sprinklers! 3 CG! A must see!

OPEN 3:30-4:30

NESTLED IN COVETED WOODLAND PARK!
609 ALMONT - $370,000

Gourmet kitchen with granite, island, tons of counterspace, gorgeous cabinetry, pantry & breakfast bar! Nook is surrounded by windows! Sequestered master suite is spacious! Fabulous master bath with seperate shower, jetted tub, dual vanities & great closet! Sequestered in-law plan is huge & can be a gameroom, office/media room/etc! 3rd garage has a/c-great home gym! Wow!

5 BEDROOMS! POOL/SPA! CORNER LOT!
4309 SKYLINE - $365,000

5 Bdrm/3.5 Bath! 2 Living areas! Formal dining! Beautiful courtyard! Lots of updating! Cantera doors! Wood flooring! Granite in master bdrm, half bath & kitchen plus recent appliances! Breakfast nook! Air jacuzzi tub in master bath! Spacious master with gas fireplace & balcony! Amazing pool with solar heater & hot tub! Greenhouse/storage shed! 2 Rv systems! Water well! Dog run! Zoy!

CLOSE TO EVERYTHING: SCHOOLS, SHOPPING, ETC.!
3020 IMPERIAL AVE. - $185,000

Great living room w/vaulted, beamed ceiling & fireplace is open to the kitchen/breakfast nook! Recent appliances (dbl ovens) & skylight in the kitchen! Spacious sequestered master offers high ceilings, private bath & two closets! Nice utility rm! Roomy bedrooms! Great closets! Covered patio! Nice yard! Dog run! Storage bldg! Back on the market!

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301 S. MADISON...*Virginia Elizondo 349-7782*... MLS #88509 ... $104,000

Bi-Pessoni Construction

6321 PRAIRIE RIDGE...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #88677 ... $399,000

Persian Basin Covenant Homes

2101 S. CO. RD. 1089...*Clemmie Sorge 618-5019*... MLS #88906 ... $415,000

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1400 BAIRD STREET...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*... MLS #88631 ... *SALE PENDING*

Chavez Construction

410 SPRUCE AVE...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*... MLS #86383 ... *SOLD*

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4800 YEARWOOD...*Clemmie Sorge 618-5019*... MLS #86991 ... *SALE PENDING*

Double E Construction

1404 TEJAS...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*... MLS #88096 ... *SALE PENDING*

1603 WASHITA...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*... MLS #87136 ... *SALE PENDING*

WBC Custom Homes

10204 E. CO. RD. 103...*Clemmie Sorge 618-5019*... MLS #89149 ... $392,000

JC Chavez Construction

3010 CEDAR SPRING...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*... MLS #89229 ... $174,000

Gleen Homes

1707 N. FT. WORTH...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*... MLS #88240 ... $183,700

MIDLAND'S FABULOUS FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS

6839 ISLAND CIRCLE...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #89053 ... $975,000
6200 HOMESTEAD...*Karen Foster 559-4086*... MLS #89106 ... *SALE PENDING*
00 LAKES DR...*Martha Manulik 557-8744*... MLS #88917 ... $789,000
3902 BAYBROOK CT...*Jane Wolf 684-6040*... MLS #89174 ... $720,000
6300 DUNBLANE...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #88681 ... *SOLD*
6300 HOMESTEAD...*Peggy Spence 618-5047*... MLS #88768 ... $669,900
7707 TRENTON DR...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #89031 ... $823,500
5207 POLO CLUB ROAD...*Perkins Brasher 349-3421*... MLS #88927 ... $575,000
7005 CALEN CT...*Amy Barnett 352-6714*... MLS #87540 ... *SOLD*
6516 FERN...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #88947 ... $575,000
6401 HWY. 349...*Sam McCrary 634-8370*... MLS #88912 ... $549,900
2400 SINCLAIR AVE...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #88819 ... $535,000
1200 CASTLE ROCK CT...*Stephanie Rogers 978-9757*... MLS #81489 ... $530,000
4100 FAIRWOOD DR...*Michelle Lesikar 230-3633*... MLS #87362 ... *SALE PENDING*
4901 OAKWOOD CT...*Jane Wolf 684-6040*... MLS #88751 ... *SOLD*
6321 PRAIRIE RIDGE...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #88677 ... $399,900
4800 GREEN TREE...*Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818*... MLS #89054 ... *SALE PENDING*
4405 IRVIN DR...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #88391 ... *SALE PENDING*
1202 E.CO. RD. 126...*Pam Messer 349-3075*... MLS #89156 ... $375,000
4300 SKYLINE DR...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #88682 ... $365,000
10510 E. CO. RD. 100...*Maria Mallory 352-4021*... MLS #88487 ... $354,900
10204 E. CO. RD. 103...*Clemmie Sorge 618-5019*... MLS #89149 ... $352,900
4006 CHERRYWOOD...*Kim Merrill 664-4702*... MLS #88267 ... *SOLD*
2701 W. CO. RD. 140...*Lavonne Johnson 770-3883*... MLS #89079 ... $330,000
5200 OAK VALLEY DR...*Peggy Spence 664-3011*... MLS #88302 ... *SALE PENDING*
2201 PRINCETON AVE...*Pam Messer 349-3075*... MLS #87778 ... $325,000
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2007 SAVOY PL...*Larry Hatfield 349-4788*... MLS #88825 ... *SOLD*
2219 SOUTHAMPTON LANE...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #88657 ... *SALE PENDING*
4817 ROSEWOOD DR...*Lavonne Johnson 770-3883*... MLS #89237 ... $295,000
4902 YEARWOOD DR...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #88597 ... *SALE PENDING*
2208 SINCLAIR AVE...*Sandy Hanson 638-3819*... MLS #88691 ... *SOLD*
5412 BASSWOOD CIRCLE...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #88678 ... *SALE PENDING*
3809 CRESTGATE...*Cheryl Parrish 352-3053*... MLS #89182 ... $287,400
6401 HWY. 349...*Sam McCrary 634-8370*... MLS #89107 ... $274,900
2113 BRADFORD CT...*Donna Omar 349-1458*... MLS #89125 ... $270,000
5001 CASTLEFORD...*Gina Reyes 553-6381*... MLS #88647 ... $268,000
5407 SAN SABA CT...*Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818*... MLS #89152 ... *SALE PENDING*
1209 GARFIELD ST...*Jane Wolf 684-6040*... MLS #89050 ... $232,900
2804 HAYNES...*Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818*... MLS #89173 ... *SALE PENDING*
3206 MAXWELL...*Gina Reyes 553-6381*... MLS #88982 ... *SALE PENDING*
4207 LYNBROOK, ODESSA, TX...*Maria Mallory 352-4021*... MLS #89066 ... *SALE PENDING*
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6212 CO. RD. 05...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #88994 ... *SALE PENDING*
3103 AUBURN...*Karen Foster 559-4086*... MLS #88994 ... *SALE PENDING*
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3805 KNIFFEN...*Virginia Elizondo 349-7782*... MLS #89189 ... $325,000
2902 MARIE DR...*Samantha McCrary 634-8370*... MLS #88587 ... $323,500
4625 ROSEWOOD DR...*Josie Alvarez 618-5013*... MLS #88746 ... *SOLD*
4809 YEARWOOD...*Clemmie Sorge 618-5019*... MLS #86991 ... *SALE PENDING*
5400 LA JOLLA COVE...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #88683 ... *SALE PENDING*
5605 LOS PATIOS...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*... MLS #89029 ... *SALE PENDING*
2911 CALDERA BLVD...*Ruth Young 682-7884*... MLS #88272 ... $269,900
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1603 WASHITA...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*... MLS #87138 ... *SALE PENDING*
4308 KNIFFEN...*Karen Foster 559-4086*... MLS #86828 ... $209,900
2804 DUSTIN DR., **ODESSA, TX**...*Janice Murrell 349-7242*... MLS #89157 ... *SALE PENDING*
1416 FRENCH AVE., **ODESSA**...*Janice Murrell 349-7242*... MLS #88804 ... $205,000
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MARTIAL ARTS

Kids, adults learn confidence, respect through classes, competitions

To Jason Matthews, family is the key ingredient for a successful business — both the family he's legally bound to and the one he's developed teaching martial arts. Since 2010, he has had fun at work each day as owner of Matthews Martial Arts studio in Midland. What started with zero students, quickly has grown to more than 150 students in two years.

Matthews started his own studio after working for his brother, Dustin, at Matthews Martial Arts in Odessa, and said it has been a very rewarding experience so far.

A love for martial arts doesn't stop with the brothers — both Master 5th degree black belts — and extends to their mother, Monica Morse, who is a 3rd degree black belt and teaches classes at both locations.

"The family that kicks together, sticks together," Jason Matthews said, smiling, during an intermediate class at his studio recently.

While 10 and 11-year-old students work on their forms and point fighting, parents sit around the perimeter of the room watching their kids receive instruction.

Many of those parents are more than just spectators, and actually will take the adult karate class later that evening, Jason Matthews said.

"So many of our students have other siblings or parents that are also involved, too," Matthews said. "Karate is just a good thing to do and something everyone in the family can accomplish."

In his school, each student will learn confidence, respect, discipline and leadership, Matthews said. Estimating 65 to 75 percent of his students are bullied, he also takes a strong stance against bullies and encourages kids to stand up for themselves.

"I tell my kids they're not a punching bag," he said. "A powerful 'no' makes a difference, but it may take one time defending themselves and it will change their lives forever."

Since enrolling three children and herself in karate, Pauline Madrid said she's noticed substantial differences in her kids' behavior, especially her oldest.

"He was getting picked on in class and wouldn't speak up for himself," Madrid said of her now 11-year-old son. "Now, he's started to speak up and will defend his

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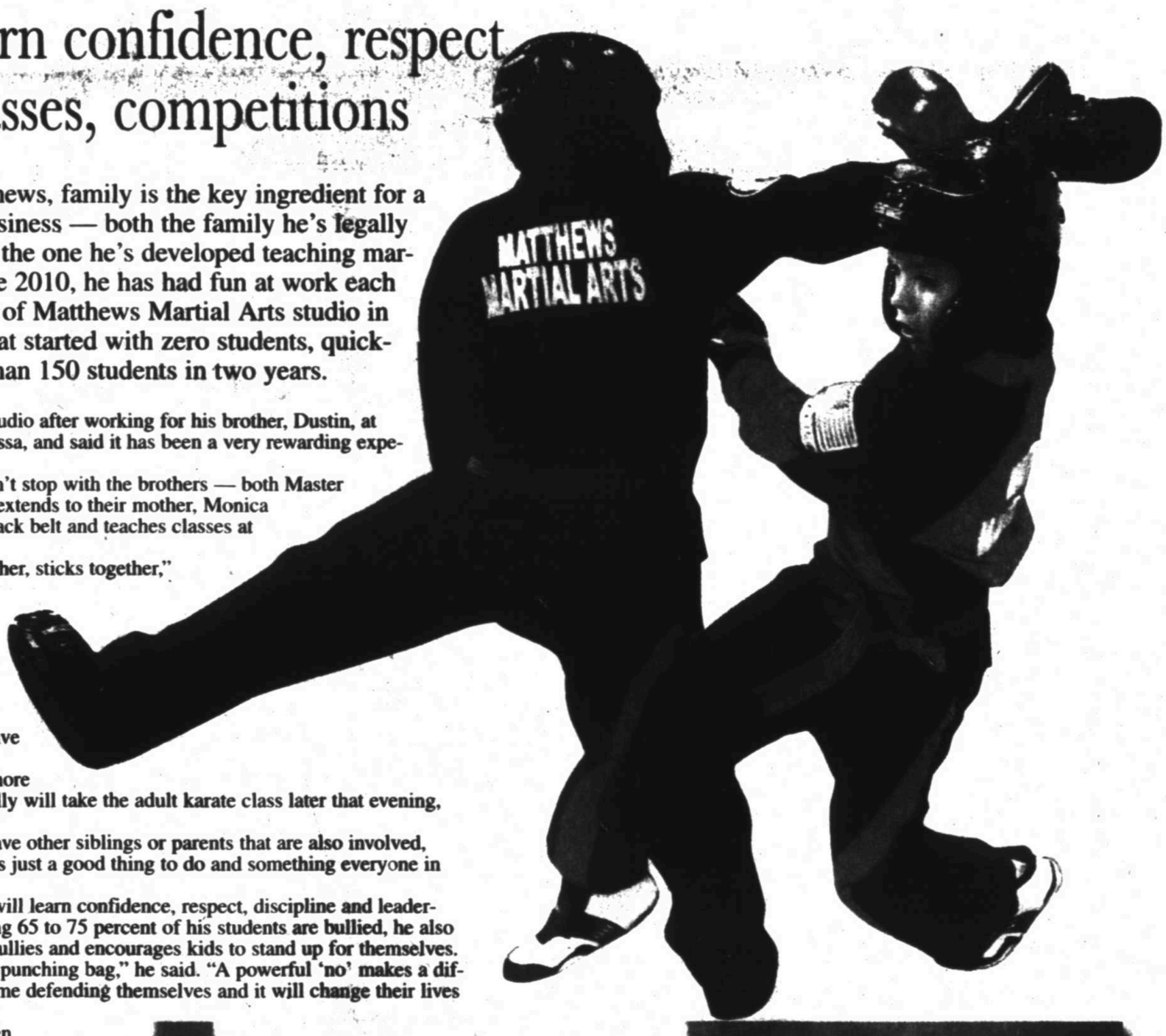
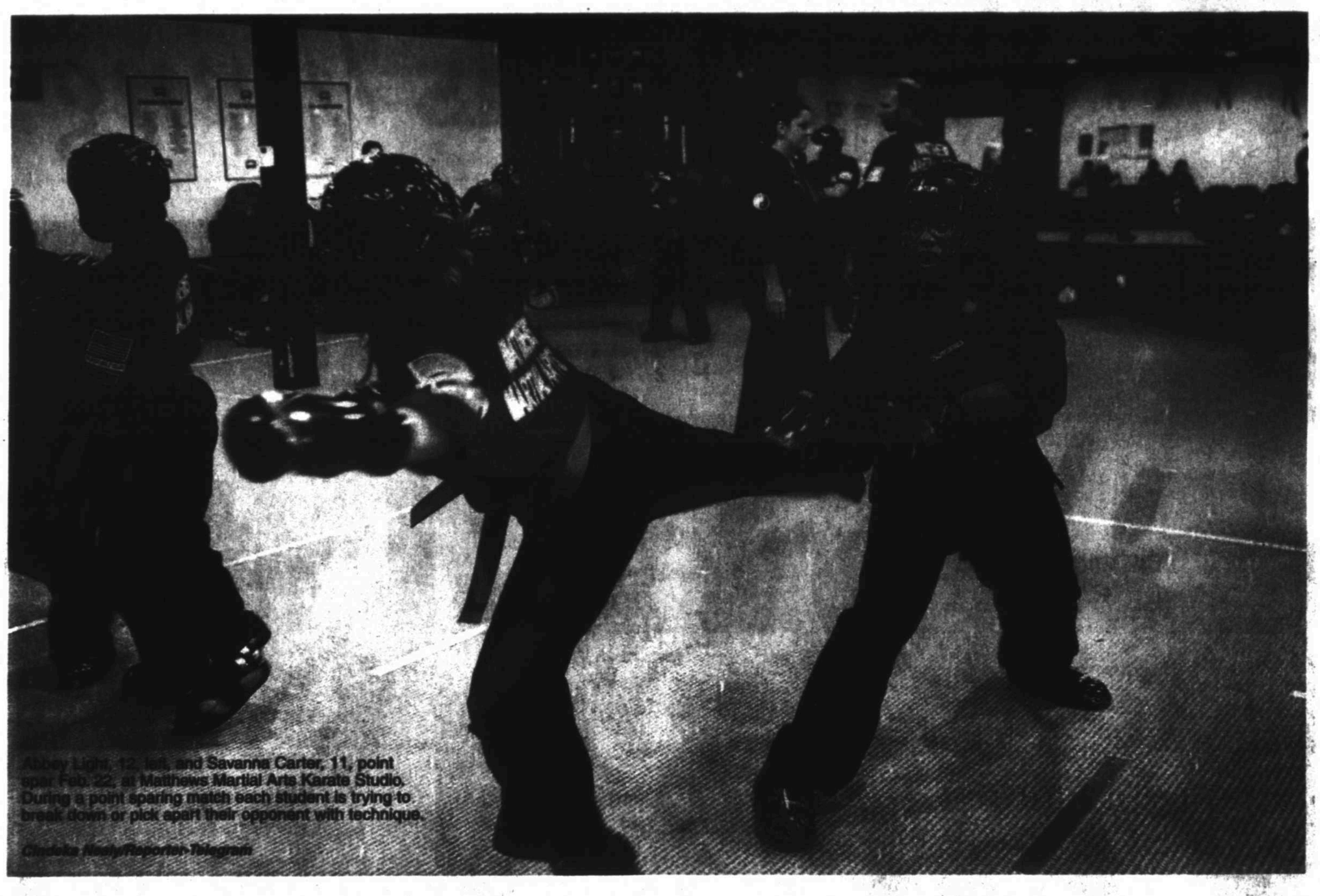


Jason Matthews, in top photo, talks to his competition team about what they should expect during their training secession Feb. 22, at Matthews Martial Arts Karate Studio. CENTER: Mason Murdock, 9, left, and Diego Lozano, 10, point spar at Matthews Martial Arts Karate Studio. During a point sparing match each student is trying to break down or pick apart their opponent with technique. RIGHT: Nikayla Johnson, 11, uses "Kamas" as she demonstrates her Karate and weapons technique at Matthews Martial Arts Karate Studio.

Story by Meredith Moriak • Photos by Cindeka Nealy



Abbey Light, 12, left, and Savanna Carter, 11, point spar Feb. 22, at Andrews Martial Arts Karate Studio. During a point sparing match each student is trying to break down or pick apart their opponent with technique.

Courtesy Reporter-Telegram

MARTIAL ARTS

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siblings or others who get picked on."

Madrid said she wasn't planning to start taking lessons, but it just made sense because she was already at the studio four nights a week for her kids' classes.

"I'm willing to be here that much because I have a love for it and I love how much my kids have changed for the better," she said.

By having everyone in karate, Madrid said it's been a bonding experience for her family. Each time her kids learn new forms or a different technique, the older children will help the younger ones, she said.

They've even gone as far to get special mats for the garage so they can practice at home.

In addition to teaching self-defense, Matthews said his school is competitive and travels to multiple martial arts tournaments each year.

Before each tournament, Matthews said the students take turns fighting different competitors and going through forms.

Students watch as their teammates perform and Morse yells for them to cheer them on and "give them some energy."

Having been trained how to address the judges and go through their routines, Morse continues to give them encouragement and tells them to "Act like you're in Dallas." When they aren't loud enough or sharp enough, she continues with, "Is this how you're going to fight in Dallas?"

By competing with forms, students do a series of movements that showcase their stance, kicks, strikes and volume, Matthews said.

At tournaments, students are scored by three judges and Matthews said as long as his students have higher kicks, a lower stance and are louder than everyone else, their chances of winning are high.

Point-fighting is another competitive area for his students. Based off of popular MMA fighting, it teaches students how to break down the attacker through a series of hits.

"We're going for a different skill and thing with each type of fighting," Matthews said.

Fighters obtain a different number of points for each hit.

Sometimes, students get hurt, but Matthews said he doesn't typically play into tears unless they seem real.

"Tears and blood are a normal thing. Kids are tough and strong. They don't know it, but I do," Jason Matthews said.

Last year, about 50 students participated in tournaments and Matthews said this year's team likely will increase because students are advancing and interested in competing.

At competitions, they are able to fight new opponents and learn different moves, he said.

"It shows them there are bigger kids with other fighting technique," Matthews said. "They also see bad sportsmanship and dirty fighting, which is something I don't allow."

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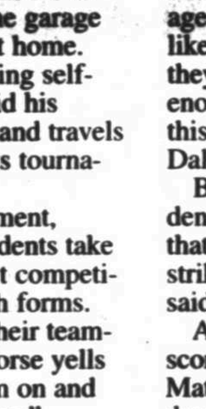
FAMILY MATTERS



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Psychological therapies may help with chronic pain

DEAR FAMILY: I have been in pain for the last three years with a degenerative disk. I am in constant pain even though they have operated on me. I think I'm worse off after the operation than before. The doctor thinks I should have another surgery, but I'm not going to do it unless I have to. I'm worried about making it worse again. I've seen another doctor and have been on pain medications instead. I know it is normal to have to keep increasing the medication to control pain but I can't think straight much of the time and the higher levels make me constantly sleepy. I am taking an anti-depressant and that actually has helped my attitude but it's just more medication for me to take.

I have a wonderful husband and thank goodness our children are all out of the house or else I don't know how I would manage. All that being said, this is not good for me or my family. Do you have ideas about what I might could try to help myself? I would love to be able to do something myself to help me. — LIVING IN PAIN

DEAR LIVING: Chronic pain is most destructive to the person and their family. While there is a large body of research on this subject, no one thing works for everyone. I can offer some psychological grounded suggestions that help some. However, let me make it clear: No one knows how much pain you are experiencing but you; and you should talk to your doctor before implementing any of the suggestions.

The psychological component of chronic pain management is an important consideration in helping you to cope and do more in spite of the pain. As physicians with the Cleveland Spine Clinic said, "The emotional toll of chronic pain also can make pain worse. Anxiety, stress, depression, anger and fatigue interact in complex ways with chronic pain and may decrease the body's production of natural painkillers; moreover, such negative feelings may increase the level of substances that amplify sensations of pain, causing a vicious cycle of pain for the person. Even the body's most basic defenses may be compromised: There is considerable evidence that unrelenting pain can suppress the immune system." It is well documented in the research the mind-body connection is an important attribute of effective treatment of chronic pain.

Mind (psychological) treatments help by reducing the high levels of physiological stress that work to aggravate pain. They also help indirectly by teaching you effective methods of coping with the problems that arise because of the pain (family, spousal, social, etc.). The most common psychological approaches include:

- Talk therapy: Talk therapy offers the support and counseling of a trained therapist.
- Relaxation training: Patients learn how to enter a physiological state of deep relaxation that has been associated with healing and pain reduction.
- Stress management: Stress can make pain worse. Stress management treatment helps patients understand the relationship between stress and pain and teaches them ways to reduce stress and ease pain.
- Pain coping skills training: By learning how to accommodate your life to pain, you can improve your quality of life significantly.

I also would mention complementary therapies such as acupuncture, massage or Hatha yoga have proven helpful to some. You may want to consider reading Dr. Jon Kabat-Zinn's book, "Full Catastrophe Living," as a strongly positive resource with specific concrete actions you might consider. If you are interested in more specifics please write or email me and I can give you additional resources that might help. You may not be able to do anything about the pain itself, but you can develop a workable plan to help you live as full a life as possible.

Widow seeks new purpose in retirement

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 64-year-old healthy widow with no children. I retired a year ago after a successful 42-year career. I am financially sound.

I couldn't wait to retire because my job was demanding, and toward the end it had become extremely stressful. About two months into retirement — and after taking a few trips — I began feeling worthless and guilty for being nonproductive. I tried a part-time job, but it wasn't my thing.

I'm now considering another part-time job, volunteering or returning to school. I always have wanted to further my education and get a graduate degree, but I don't know if I'm too old to meet the demands.

I feel like I lost my identity when I stopped working. I know it had to end one day, but I still have a lot of energy and want to engage in some activity that will revive my self-worth.

At this point, I don't know what that will be. Your thoughts and guidance would be greatly appreciated. — SEARCHING FOR "ME" IN TEXAS

DEAR SEARCHING: Not everyone ages at the same rate. Some people wear out faster than others do. Today, for various reasons — not all of them financial — many seniors choose to remain in the business world. Their work ethic and experience are valuable assets.

If you think a graduate degree would be challenging and would help you in a new career, then by all means, go for it.

When people tell me they are thinking of retiring, I always ask, "And what will you be retiring TO?" because I am convinced retiring to "nothing" is neither physically nor emotionally healthy for individuals who are used to being active.

DEAR ABBY: I bought my aunt, uncle and two teenage cousins gift cards from an online retailer a year and a half ago. I checked with them in advance to see if this might be something they'd use. Six months ago, I noticed in my order history only one of the cards had been redeemed. I hate to see the money go to waste.

Should I call my relatives? If I do, what do I say? It's possible they just haven't gotten around to using the cards. Should I reprint the cards and send them with a reminder note? (Maybe the cards were lost?) Should I send my relatives a check and use the cards myself? Chalk it up to a loss? That one kills me!

I suppose if I hadn't seen the order history, I wouldn't have known whether the cards had been used. What do you think I should do? — CONFLICTED IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR CONFLICTED: Use the direct approach. Contact your relatives and tell them while reviewing your account history, you noticed three of the four gift cards you sent have not been used. Ask if they would like to have them printed out again, if by chance they were lost — or if they would prefer you send them a check for the value of the cards.

To contact them isn't rude, and it shouldn't be awkward. In fact, it may be appreciated.

DEAR ABBY: My wife says I am always wrong. Is she right? — TONGUE IN MY CHEEK

DEAR CHEEK: Not this time. Even a stopped clock is right twice a day.

Bogus homestead tax email targets seniors

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Alex Rose is a volunteer for AARP Community Service.

In my last column, I stated the homestead tax cap amendment would be on the May 12, election ballot. Although I had two sources of information on this issue, I was in error. There are no constitutional amendments scheduled in Texas in May 2012 and the homestead tax cap amendment vote was passed May 12, 2007. Every year it seems this bogus email circulates and many seniors fall for it. Perhaps the purpose is just to get the senior citizen to the polls.

The Legislature had a special session on school issues in February 2007 which made the amendment eligible to be on the ballot in May 2007. In May 2007, Texas voters approved Proposition 1 — a constitutional amendment providing property tax relief to elderly and disabled homeowners. Planning for the approval of the constitutional amendment, legislators approved House Bill (HB) 5. This bill provided tax relief to senior citizens and disabled persons by ensuring school tax ceilings were reduced proportionally to reflect school tax rate reductions granted to all other property owners.

According to Ruth Sloan, election administrator for Midland County, we are not sure if there will be a May election. This will be decided when the school board meets next week.

According to Tom Craddick's office, rumors still are being circulated about this amendment via email. This should be another lesson to emphasize not everything you receive on the Internet is valid.

Yoga teacher Kyoko Katsura, left, demonstrates peacock Feb. 28, in New York. BELOW: Katsura demonstrates standing bow pulling.

Seth Wenig/AP

competitive

YOGA

Yoga competition creates controversy among practitioners

By Deepti Hajela
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The judges will be watching — were the competitor's knees locked? Were the wrists straight? Did the forehead and the knee connect? If not, points are going to be lost.

Seeking the perfect pose will be the order of the day at the National Yoga Asana Championship, being put on Friday through today by an organization that wants to see yoga asana, or posture, competition become an Olympic sport.

Wait, competitive yoga? Isn't that counterintuitive to something that's usually presented as a spiritual, meditative discipline? Not according to Rajashree Choudhury, who founded USA Yoga, which is holding the competition.

First of all, she said, the focus is on yoga postures. "I'm not trying to measure anybody's 'eight states,'" she said, referring the meditative and spiritual aspect of yoga practice. "The posture can be competitive."

Participants must do a series of seven yoga poses in three minutes. Five are compulsory — standing head-to-knee pose, standing bow-pulling pose, bow pose, rabbit pose and stretching pose. The participants are allowed to pick the last two poses themselves.

The poses show "how someone can have perfect strength, balance, flexibility in the body," Choudhury said.

Competitors who have come in first or second in state meets are expected from 32 states. The New York competition was Friday; the national semi-finals Saturday and the finals today. The winners will take part in an international competition scheduled for June in Los Angeles.

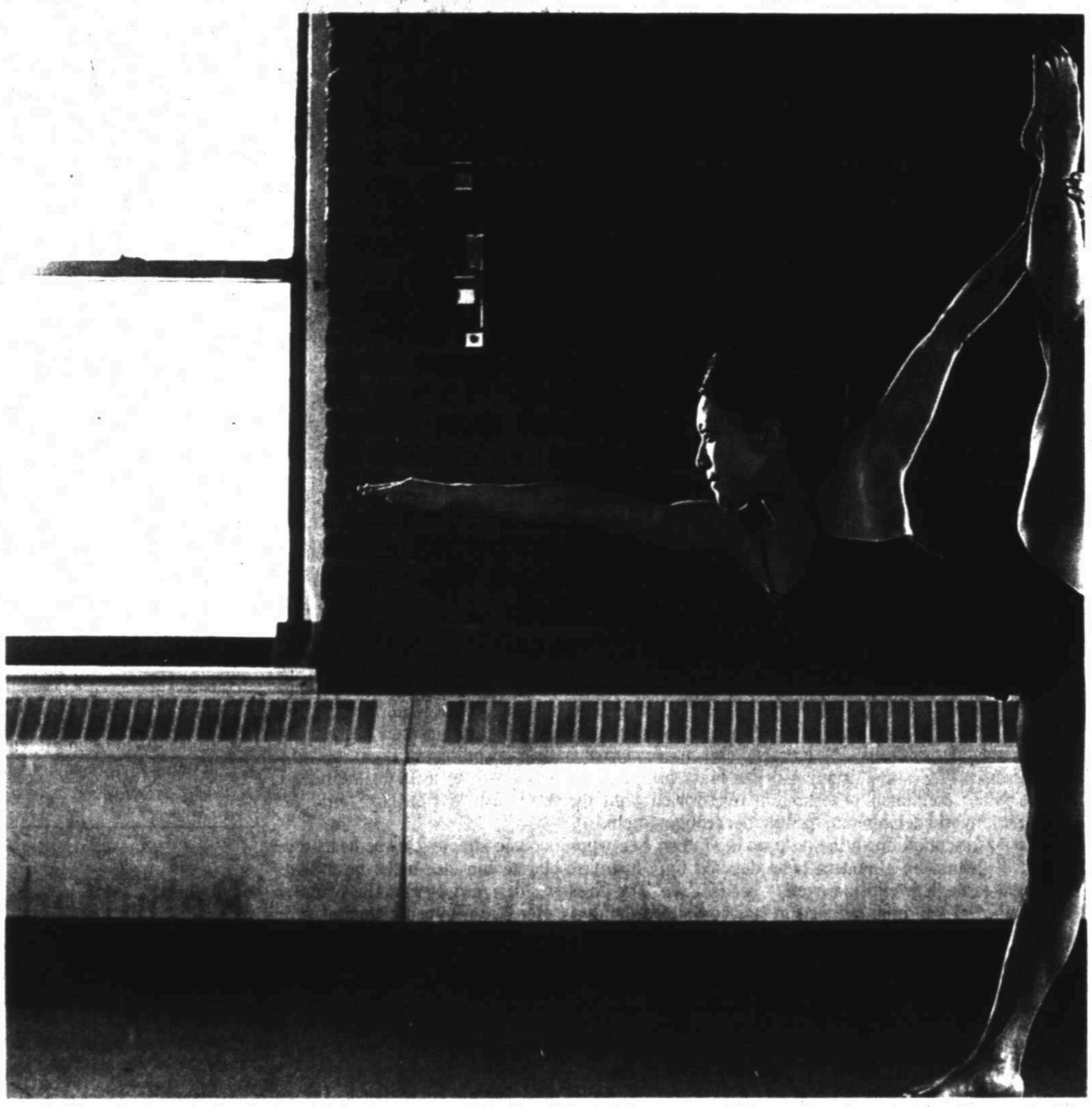
Yoga pose competitions take place in India, where yoga originated, and elsewhere around the world. Choudhury took part in them growing up, as did her husband, Bikram Choudhury, founder of the Bikram Yoga form of hot yoga, which consists of a series of 26 poses done in a heated room.

She says the competitions can be a way to interest people in yoga who might be put off by the spiritual aspect, by showing them the athletic aspect.

But not all yoga practitioners agree.

"The roots of yoga are based in acceptance and non-violence and compassion toward self and others," said Roseanne Harvey, 35, of Montreal.

She pointed out in most yoga classes, "what we're trying to do is encourage students not to compete," she said.



Use resources to minimize effects of low blood sugar events

DR. STEPHEN PONDER

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Few things are more disturbing to a diabetic than to get a low blood sugar (hypoglycemia) and embarrass yourself in public or private. But if you believe this is just the way life is with diabetes, you shouldn't. While low blood sugars do happen often to people with diabetes taking insulin or blood sugar-lowering drugs, there are many steps an empowered diabetic can take to assume control of this problem and minimize its impact on daily life. But, it requires a commitment of time, effort and sometimes money.

First of all, understand the most common reason for a low blood sugar is a skipped or delayed meal or snack. Insulin and many diabetes pills simply increase the insulin level in the bloodstream. This is not natural because non-diabetics automatically control insulin levels in the blood to reduce the chance of low blood sugar. Knowing this, the diabetic is best served by being consistent with the time and the amount of food eaten each day.

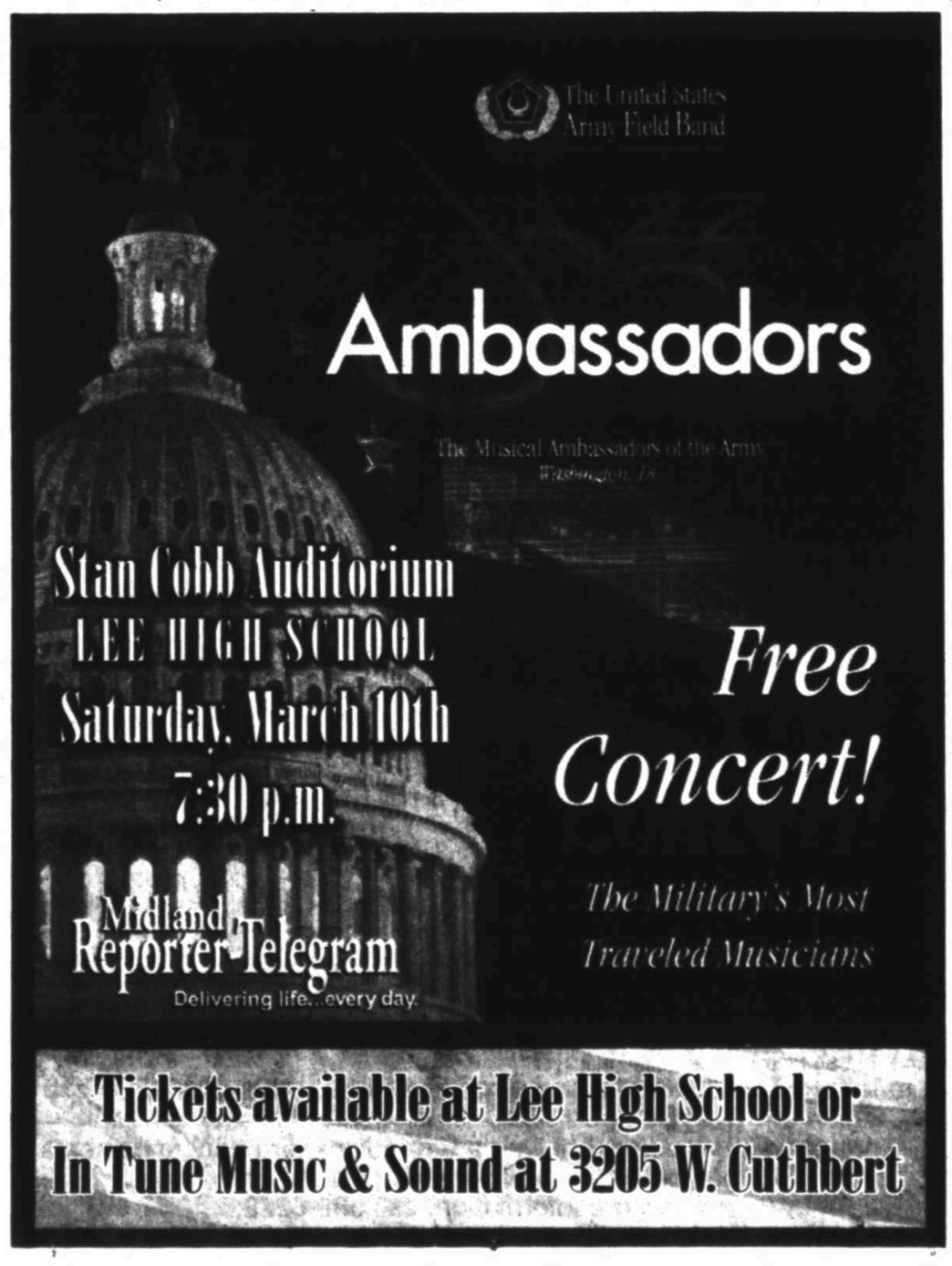
Learn the signs and symptoms of your own low blood sugar reactions. There are large numbers of hypoglycemic symptom combinations possible, but you might have a few you can detect early on before the low blood sugar impairs your judgment. Also, don't be afraid to allow others to help you. Those closest to you are more likely to see the signs and symptoms of low blood sugar before you do — either in the way you look or even in subtle changes in your behavior. I can't tell you how many times close friends and relatives have saved me from a low blood sugar before I started using my continuous glucose monitor.

Keep some kind of fast-acting source of sugar nearby. It can be in the form of solid candy, liquid juices or other sugary drinks. I was taught a long time ago actually to look at fruit juices and regular sugary soft drinks as a medicine of sorts. I only use them to treat a low blood sugar. I know that takes a certain degree of discipline, but it works for me. I also keep containers of apple juice in my car and glucose tablets in my glove box or pockets so I don't have to search very far if I need to treat a low blood sugar quickly. That keeps a small, manageable problem from exploding into a huge disaster.

Recognize the relationship between low blood sugar and various forms of physical activity you do. Under most circumstances, exercise lowers blood sugar levels. This effect can be used in a positive way to improve diabetes control. If activity occurs after eating, the rise in blood sugar levels that accompany the meal can be reduced. This translates into better diabetes control. But exercising on an empty stomach or when your insulin or oral diabetes medicines are working best is a setup for low blood sugar to happen. You can discuss how to adjust your diabetes medications for exercise to reduce the risk of low blood sugar with your diabetes doctor.

If you find yourself treating low blood sugar on a regular basis, it suggests you need a change in your insulin dose or diabetes medications. Contact your doctor for recommendations.

Here's a tip to prevent low blood sugar during exercise if you have diabetes and take insulin. For a moderately strenuous period of physical activity (like raking leaves) eat 15 grams of carbohydrates for every 30 minutes of the activity. Fine tune this by checking your blood sugar levels before and after exercise to discover your unique pattern. It works.



WEDDINGS

Warmke-Burleson

The wedding of Miss Randi Kay Warmke and Mr. Brett Steven Burleson both of Midland. Texas took place at seven o'clock in the evening Saturday, October 29, 2011 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland, Texas. Pastor Kathryn Boren officiated the double-ring ceremony. The scripture for the ceremony was read by Mrs. Suzanne Pietryzk, aunt of the bride, and Mr. Steve Burleson, father of the groom.

Musicians for the ceremony were Mr. Chris Vaught, baritone; Mr. Bruce Peeler, tenor; Mrs. Vivian Moss, mezzo-soprano. Organist for the ceremony was Mr. Steve Spain.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Rod Warmke and the late Mrs. Renee' Warmke of Midland, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Tom Philips and the late Mr. Tom Philips of Tyler, Texas and the late Mr. and Mrs. Burney Warmke, formerly of Houston, Texas

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Burleson of Midland, Texas. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry B. Gibson of Breckenridge, Texas and the late Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Burleson formerly of Midland, Texas.

Upon arrival the guests were greeted with an array of white and cream colored floral billowing out of corinthian styled urns. The bride entered the sanctuary with beautiful lanterns on either side sitting atop a lush mound of hydrangeas, roses and gardenias, candles glowing, a constant reminder of the bride's mom's presence. Towering markers of billowing floral, including hydrangeas, roses and dripping dendrobium orchid garlands aligned the aisle for the bride. A large white corinthian pedestal urn overflowed with the most lush and elegant floral of hydrangeas, hybrid delphinium, dahlias, dendrobium orchids.

Randi was escorted down the aisle by her father. She wore a classic strapless, sweetheart top ivory lace gown with a modern twist detailed by a lustrous solid sequin lace under-layer that glimmered through an illusion overlay beaded lace. The dress was designed by Priscilla of Boston. A cathedral veil train outlined in lace completed the dress. Her lace-trimmed cathedral veil was also from Priscilla of Boston. She carried a bouquet of stephanotis, gardenias, peonies, orchids and David Austin garden roses.

Randi's maid of honor was Megan McCormick of Lubbock, Texas (college friend); Alyssa Burleson of Midland, Texas (sister of the groom); Megan Brown of Houston, Texas (college friend, big sister of Zeta Tau Alpha); Sydney Drake of Midland, Texas (high school friend); Kelsi Hinely of Dallas, Texas (college friend); McKensy Corbett of Midland, Texas (high school friend); Jacy Anderson of Midland, Texas (high school friend); Lucy Estes of Hollis, Oklahoma (college friend, little sister of Zeta Tau Alpha); Callie Speight of Midland, Texas (childhood friend of the groom and friend of the bride); and Courtnie Martin of Seymour, Texas (college friend and sorority sister). They each carried posies of dendrobium orchids, avalanche roses, hellebores, and dahlias. The bridesmaids gowns were designed by Priscilla of Boston. The mothers and grandmothers carried hand posies with a variety of similar flowers in the bridesmaids posies. The flower girl was Holland Walker, of McKinney, Texas (cousin of the groom). She wore an ivory chiffon dress accented by a fig-crinkled sash. She carried a bouquet similar to the bridal bouquet accented by purple double faced satin ribbon.

Brett wore a black tuxedo with an ivory vest, tie, and pocket square. His boutonniere was a white phalaenopsis orchid to coordinate with the bridal bouquet. The best man, groomsmen, and ring bearer wore a black tuxedo with a black vest and tie with an ivory shirt. The boutonniere for each male member of the wedding party was a purple orchid accented with stephanotis.

Brett's best man was Eric Burleson of Midland, Texas (brother of the groom). The groomsmen included Ryan Warmke of Midland, Texas (brother of the bride); Patrick Floyd of Fort Worth, Texas (childhood friend of the groom); Sean Gaston of Wallace, Kansas (childhood friend of the groom); Daniel West of Midland, Texas (childhood friend of the groom); John Mark Hopper of Midland, Texas (college friend of the groom); Lane Odgen of Midland, Texas (childhood friend of the groom); Kyle Williams of Midland, Texas (childhood friend of the groom); Sterling Luttrell of Midland, Texas (high school friend of the groom); Clayton Luttrell of Midland, Texas (high school friend of the groom). Junior groomsmen includes Sean Gibson of Katy, Texas (cousin of the groom).

Ushers were D.J Taylor of Fort Worth, Texas (fraternity brother and college friend); Ryan Christian of Minneapolis, Minnesota (fraternity brother and college friend); Trent Mobley of Lubbock, Texas (college fiend). Junior usher includes Jarett Gibson of Katy, Texas (cousin of the groom). The ring bearer was Alec Gibson of Katy, Texas (cousin of the groom).

The house party included Adrianne Bush of Odessa, Texas (high school friend of the groom, friend of the bride), Taylor Faught, of Round Rock, Texas (childhood friend of the bride), Holly Theriault of Midland, Texas (friend of the bride), and Morgan Wilson of Richardson, Texas (college friend of the bride).

The bride and groom departed the wedding in a 1986 Rolls Royce enroute to the Petroleum Club of Midland where they were greeted by a host of friends. The entry table was enhanced by photos of each of their parents on their wedding day. The bride's mother's wedding veil accented the table. Guests enjoyed dancing the night away to the music of Blind Date from Austin, Texas.

The bride's cake was made of six layers with each layer having its own flavor of chocolate, strawberry, vanilla, and vanilla with raspberry filling. The cake was adorned with a monogrammed "B" made of pearls and Swarovski crystals. Atop the cake and between layers were garden roses and orchids with each layer having its own detailed design. The grooms cake was a red velvet cake complete with the Masked Rider, a long-standing tradition of Texas Tech University, atop.

The groom's parents hosted a lovely rehearsal dinner Friday evening at Midland Country Club. The bride was honored with a luncheon Saturday, hosted by friends, at Midland Country Club. Friends of the groom hosted a golf outing at Green Tree Country Club and a skeet shoot at Jake's Clay. Both friends of the bride and groom hosted pre-nuptial wedding parties.

The bride is a graduate of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing. While attending Texas Tech University, Randi was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. She is currently employed at Midland Memorial Hospital as an operating room nurse.

The groom is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor in Business. While attending Texas Tech University, Brett was a member of Beta Theta Pi. He is currently employed with Burleson Petroleum as a land manager.

After a honeymoon to Bora Bora, the couple will reside in Midland, Texas.

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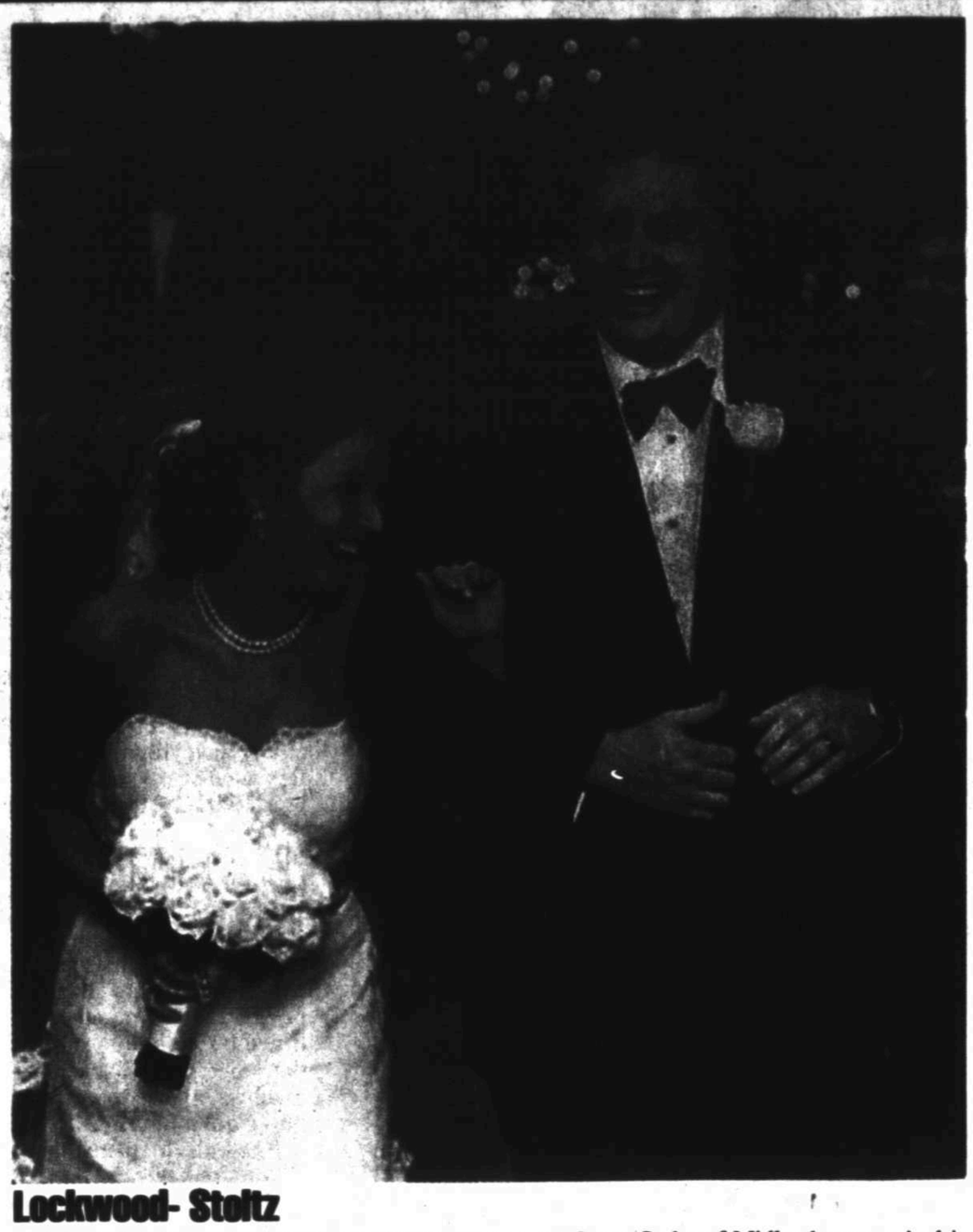


Lockwood- Stoltz

Patricia Marie Lockwood of Fort Worth and Trevor Casey Stoltz of Midland were united in marriage on Saturday, December 10, 2011, at First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. Dr. Mike Marshall presided, and a reception followed at the Ashton Depot in downtown Fort Worth, where guests danced to the band Professor D. The bride and groom joined the celebration after the wedding-party bus, which had inadvertently left them at the church, returned to pick them up and delivered them to the reception. On the eve of the wedding, the groom's family hosted the rehearsal dinner at chef Tim Love's Lonesome Dove, with The Chuck Fesperman Group providing a jazz background to the festive occasion.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Suzy and Mr. Philip Rayermann of Fort Worth. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Patricia Wessendorff Londeree and the late Mr. R. Garrow Wessendorff of Dallas, Mrs. Ralph Rayermann and the late Mr. Ralph Rayermann of Fort Worth, and Ms. Lucy Lockwood of Dallas. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stoltz of Midland. He is the grandson of Mrs. S. Vernon Casey and the late Mr. Vernon Casey of Midland, and Mrs. Deane H. Stoltz and the late Mr. Deane Stoltz of Midland. Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her stepfather, the bride wore an ivory re-embroidered lace fluted dress with a cathedral length veil bordered in matching lace.

Suzy Rayermann, mother of the bride, was matron of honor; bridesmaids included Berkeley Stoltz, Dorothy McDonald, Cece McKibben, Natalie Vivar, and Jayne Ann Wolsey. The houseparty included Elizabeth Cordaro, Kristin Howard, Kristin Kirkley, Nora Reardon, Casey Smith, and Meg Smith. Best man was Tyler Goree, and groomsmen included Sawyer Stoltz, William Lockwood, Andrew Latham, Christopher Tirey, and Jeehuon Yi. Ushers were Christopher Conger, Blake Deaton, Garrett Elander, Patrick Griffith, Crawford Gupton, Kyle Pierce, William Thurmond III, and Maddox Womble.

The bride graduated from Paschal High School in Fort Worth and from Texas Christian University, where she received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Masters of Science in Nursing. Tricia was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority and is currently employed as a nurse educator at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. The groom was a Midland High School graduate and received a Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management from the University of Mississippi. At Ole Miss, Trevor was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He is currently a partner in Chisos Oil & Gas in Midland.

Following their honeymoon in Belize, the couple will reside in Midland.

books

Rebuffed by mainstream, Black turns humor inward

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

REDDING, Conn. — Down a quiet country road in rural Connecticut, in a home with a stone wall out front and glittery pinecones on the coffee table, lives Michael Ian Black.

It is, if anything, an unlikely outpost for one of comedy's most free-flowing fonts, a prodigious, medium-shifting comic who came up as a member of the sketch comedy troupe The State, went on to make cult TV shows and movies, and has now transitioned into stand-up and book writing. More than 1.7 million follow his steady stream of jokes and observations on Twitter.

The peculiar normalcy of his residence isn't lost on Black. Of his peaceful town, Redding, he said, "most of the crime here is committed by me."

"Even last night, I was walking around this house, and just going, 'This is my house?'" said Black, gazing around on the interiors which house him, his wife Martha Hagen-Black, their two children, their dog and their cat.

It's that sense of curious dissociation that kicks off Black's new book, "You're Not Doing It Right: Tales of Marriage, Death and Other Humiliations." It's a comedic memoir-ish tale Gallery Books, a division of Simon & Schuster, will publish Tuesday.

He opens the book with the self-examination of a midlife crisis, lamenting the mere image of the word "forty" (his age) as "like a shrub that died" while morosely scouring the Internet for photos of "Fat Kevin Federline" — a kind a stand-in for all of Black's fears of failure, irrelevance and "terrible hair decisions."

"I wonder if, like me, there are people who occasionally experience the curious, disembodying sensation of not recognizing their present life as their own," writes Black. "It is a feeling I can only describe as the opposite of deja vu."

What follows is a kind of inspection of that life, principally his relationship with Hagen-Black and their experience raising two children. Though "You're Not Doing It Right" has much comedy in it, its foremost trait is its honesty — a clear-eyed truth-telling about the hardships of marriage (including the admission that both he and Hagen-Black sometimes fantasize about divorce), the death of his father and the frustrations of child-rearing (the music of Creed, of all things, sparks an emotional breakthrough on fatherhood).

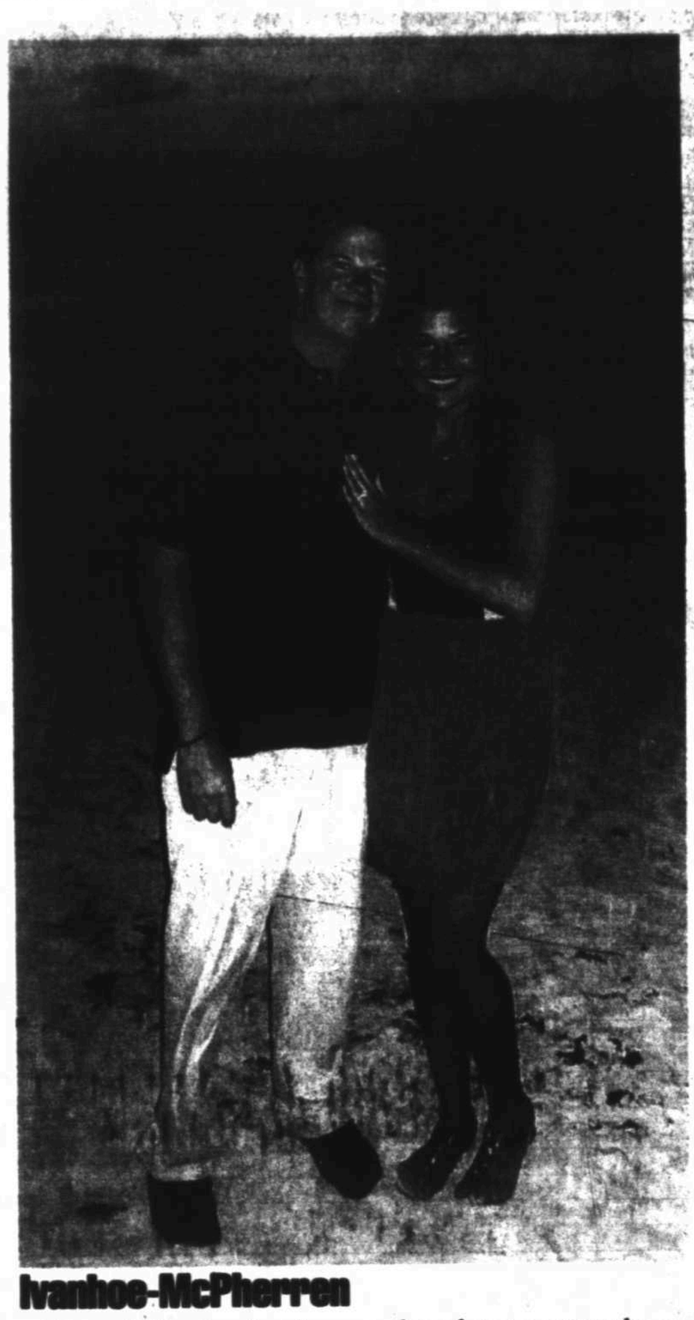
But even uttering the label "memoir" — approximate but unavoidable — bothers Black.

"It's like I'm lashing myself when I say it," he said. "It implies a level of accomplishment that I certainly don't feel. I haven't really achieved anything other than landing on basic television. ... Tina Fey, she can write a memoir."

Black doesn't savor his choice, knowing it rings of bandwagon-hopping. Comedic memoirs have become en vogue in recent years, including those by Patton Oswalt, Sarah Silverman and Black's fellow State alum and frequent collaborator Michael Showalter, who released the postmodern "Mr. Funny Pants" last year.

It's Black's fourth book following two children's books and the collection of humorous essays "My Custom Van" (sample essay: "What I Would Be Thinking If I Were Billy Joel Driving to a Holiday Party Where I Knew There Was Going to Be a Piano"). With "You're Not Doing It Right," Black wanted to pursue a more personal approach in tandem with his recent focus in stand-up.

ENGAGEMENTS



Ivanhoe-McPherren

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ivanhoe are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Ann Ivanhoe to Miles Conley McPherren, son of Candice Tull McPherren of Midland and Charles Michael McPherren of Houston.

Katie is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ivanhoe of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Champion and the late Janice Champion, of Luling, Louisiana.

Katie is a 2004 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and a 2009 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She is currently a Petroleum Landman for Holland Acquisitions in Fort Worth, Texas.

Miles is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Charles Tull of Midland, Texas; Jim R. Bell of Amarillo, Texas; and the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. McPherren of Amarillo, Texas.

Miles is a 2001 graduate from Midland High School and a 2006 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is currently owner of MCM Energy Partners, LLC, an independent oil and gas company in Midland, Texas.

Katie and Miles plan to wed May 26th in Horseshoe Bay, Texas.

BENTON-WINSTON

Greg and Mary Anne Benton of Midland, Texas, and Julie and John Syptak of College Station, Texas, along with Robert Winston of Midland, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Katie Dial Benton and Andrew A. Winston of Austin, Texas.

Katie graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Midland, Texas, in 2005 and the University of Texas in Austin in 2009 with a B.A. in Biochemistry. She is a candidate for graduation with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Texas Woman's University on May 11, 2012.

Drew graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Midland, Texas, in 2004. In 2007 he graduated with honors from Texas A&M University in College Station with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance. Drew is currently employed with Austin Ventures, a venture capital and private equity firm based in Austin, Texas.

The couple will be married on May 6, 2012, at 7 o'clock in the evening at the Vista on Seward Hill in Austin.

McQueen- Villarreal

Heather Marie McQueen and Edmundo Villarreal are delighted to announce their engagement and upcoming Marriage.

Heather, an Odessa local, graduated from Permian High School in 2006. She graduated from UTPB in 2011 where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology.

Edmundo graduated from Midland High in 2005 and is a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He is due to graduate from Texas Tech University next summer with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting.

Heather and Edmundo currently reside in Lubbock, TX. They will be married in Odessa at the Willows on July 21st.

outdoors

Sibley to host local bird rehabilitator

■ Midland veterinarian to present program to students and public in March.

BURR WILLIAMS

Burr Williams is executive director of Sibley Nature Center.

A member of the Llano Estacado chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists was coming home from shopping and noticed a red-tailed hawk sitting in a drainage ditches in northwest Midland. She stopped and watched for a minute, then decided to run home to get her camera so she could photograph it with a zoom lens. She was not sure if it was drinking or eating. If it was eating, she wanted to identify what it was eating. Recently, some of the larger hawks that did not normally hunt in urban settings were doing just that. Have some of the red-tailed hawks learned to hunt squirrels or whitewinged doves?

When she returned, the hawk was flying away high in the sky, but in the same area she saw two young teens with a BB gun. Had they shot at the hawk? Concerned, she called the police, but the dispatcher did not know if it was illegal to be shooting BB guns at hawks in the city limits. Puzzled by the response, she returned home and reported the experience on the chapter's Facebook page, where other members urged her to report to the game warden. She had to leave a message on a machine at the warden's office, and never got a return call.

It is indeed against the law to shoot any hawk. In fact, the only birds that can be shot — but only in season — are game birds such as ducks, geese, sandhill crane, rails, turkeys, dove and quail. Invasive non-native species such as eurasian collared doves, starlings, English sparrows and pigeons can be shot anytime, except in town because Midland has a law that no guns should be fired inside of city limits.

If a case is made that a group of birds are creating a health hazard or destroying crops, special permission can be received to target those specific birds, sometimes with chemical sprays, noisemakers or gunfire.

Before the 1940s, when more people lived in the country than in town, most folks raised chickens and many hawks were shot because chickens are easy prey for hawks. Kids were raised with a gun in hand because a lot of folks augmented their diet with game. Some of the descendants of those families have retained their ancestors' hatred of hawks and still believe all hawks should be shot on sight. Some people still shoot roadrunners because they mistakenly believe they are major predators of quail eggs and babies. Learning to shoot a gun, and do it well, still is a rite of passage for many folks. However, kids will be kids, and go "hunting," unsupervised. Some kids don't understand the inherent responsibility in hunting, that hunting is a regulated activity and what is shot should be eaten. For these kids, anything becomes a target.

When I was in my early teens I carried a BB gun, but I hunted outside of town and I hunted to feed an injured hawk that a friend was caring for at his home. This was before it became illegal for folks to do so, and before there was such a thing as bird rehabilitators. I used to hunt where Hobby Lobby is now, along an old fencerow sand dune now long gone, then over a mile from the nearest house in town. I was following family tradition — my mother had raised three Swainson's hawks when I was a toddler.

For years Midge Erskine was Midland's bird rehabilitator, but Midland was without one for a number of years. Dr. Jessica Todia of A-Z Veterinary Clinic has been pursuing her certification assiduously and now is certified. She is applying for a permit to use raptors in educational programming, and the Sibley Nature Center is partnering with her to present programs. She and her staff will be presenting some mammals to students from Midland Christian School at the Sibley Center in early March, and again for the public 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. March 24 when there also will be a scavenger hunt and some crafts for children to do.

The most important role for rehabilitators is education. The endangered and threatened species have tremendous programs in place to help with their recovery. If they are injured, they should be immediately reported to U.S. Fish and Wildlife and quickly a rehabilitator trained in caring for that species will be notified. Most rehabilitators take care of the more common species, giving individual birds a second chance. With this report of children hiking the ditches with BB guns, it is evident Midland needs to have an educational program in place to spread the word to the newest generation that such behavior is inappropriate and illegal.

Ashland Salvation Army, Dan Shade/AP

People walk the labyrinth located at the Salvation Army in Ashland, Ohio. Labyrinths, which have been constructed for thousands of years, have become a popular addition to hospitals, gardens and public institutions. Designed to have a single path in and out, labyrinths create opportunities for reflection.

Labyrinths designed to encourage reflection

By Melissa Kossler Dutton
Associated Press

When Carol Maurer has a lot on her plate, she finds it useful to visit the labyrinth made of river rocks at the Delaware Art Museum, in Wilmington.

"It quiets my mind," said Maurer, who lives in Hockessin, Del. "It sets the path for me so I can spiral inward."

Labyrinths, which have been constructed for thousands of years, have become a popular addition to hospitals, gardens and public institutions.

With a single path in and out, labyrinths are designed to encourage reflection. They differ from mazes, which are designed as puzzles. Labyrinths have been associated with religions and cultures throughout the world.

The number of labyrinths in the United States has been increasing steadily for about 15 years, said Robert Ferre, a labyrinth builder who founded Labyrinth Enterprises.

"Nowadays they're so widespread, it's more about how to best utilize them than what they are," he said from San Antonio.

When he started the business in 1995, churches were his primary customers. Labyrinths were an important feature of European Roman Catholic churches in the Middle Ages; walking one was a devotional activity and represented a spiritual journey.

The most famous remaining labyrinth from that period is at Chartres Cathedral, near Paris. Many newer labyrinths are based on the Chartres pattern.

They can be constructed of turf or stone or painted on pavement.

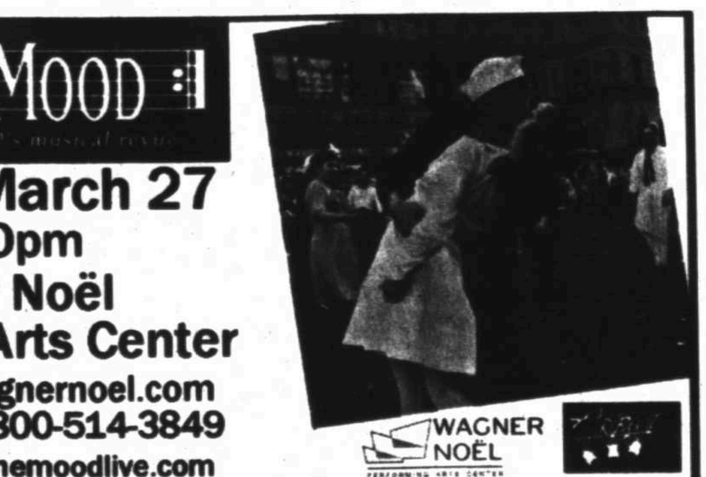
Today, labyrinths are used widely in secular spaces too, said Maurer, who serves on the board of The Labyrinth Society, an organization dedicated to using and promoting the paths. She helped get the labyrinth built near the sculpture garden at the Delaware Art Museum.

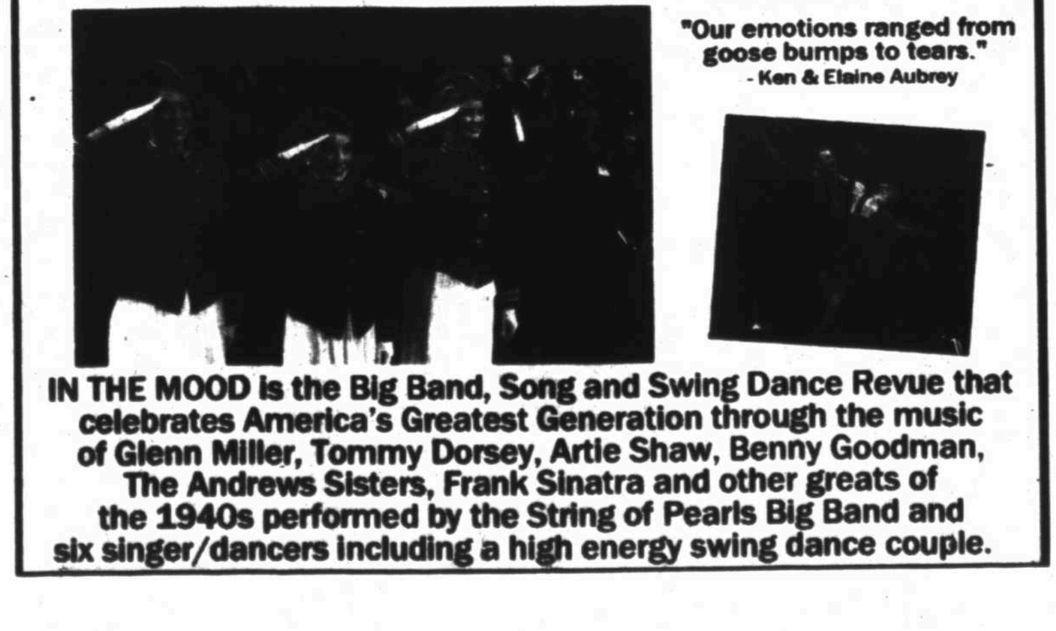
"People are looking for ways to travel inward," she said. "They're trying to find a deeper connection with themselves that may be spiritual but not necessarily religious."

It's even possible for homeowners to build labyrinths themselves in their yard, with rock, gravel or mulch, Ferre said. Plans are available online or through his company.

Patricia Cadle, the oncology chaplain at N.C. Cancer Hospital in Chapel Hill, N.C., encourages patients, family members and hospital employees to walk a labyrinth.

The medical facility dedicated an outdoor labyrinth in 2009, and just completed an indoor one in February.





Pancetta: What it is and how to use it

Editor's note: Off the Beaten Aisle is a weekly column by AP Food Editor J.M. Hirsch that also appears at Food-Network.com. It explores lesser known but widely available ingredients.

By J.M. Hirsch
AP Food Editor

Are you about over bacon yet?

Neither am I. In fact, our national obsession with cured pig only has made me all the more eager to explore lesser known — but equally delicious — pork parts.

And there are plenty to choose from. One of the most widely available — yet often overlooked — is pancetta, a close relative of American bacon.

So let's start there. Bacon usually is made from the belly or side of the pig. It is cured (either dry or wet) with salt, spices and sometimes sugar, then smoked.

Pancetta is the Italian version. Typically made from the belly, the curing process is the same, but the meat usually is not smoked. During curing, it often is seasoned with black pepper, cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon and herbs.

While most American bacon is sliced into thin strips, slabs of pancetta usually are rolled into a log.

And that's how it's sold at the deli. The log can be sliced to any thickness. Most grocers also sell it in packages pre-sliced and, more commonly, cut into thick cubes.

Thanks to smoking, bacon usually has a slightly brownish color; pancetta tends to be bright or deep red.

The flavor of pancetta tends to be clean and assertively bacony — go figure! — and just a bit sweet, especially compared to commercially produced bacon. The curing process for the latter often is as little as a few minutes. Pancetta is cured for days or weeks.

Pancetta can be eaten thinly sliced and raw, similar to prosciutto, but more often it is cooked, which gives it an intensely savory flavor. Think of it as maxed out bacon.

Pancetta Hummus with Balsamic-Drenched Tomato

Start to finish: 15 minutes
Servings: 4

4 ounces pancetta, finely cubed
16-ounce package prepared hummus
4 large, thick slices sourdough bread, toasted
2 large tomatoes, cut into thick slices
1 small red onion, finely diced
Balsamic vinegar
Ground black pepper

In a medium skillet over medium-high heat, cook the pancetta until crispy and browned, about 5 minutes. Remove the skillet from the heat and add the hummus, mixing well.

Thickly slather a quarter of the hummus-pancetta mixture over each slice of bread. Top each with 1 or 2 slices of tomato and a quarter of the red onion.

Drizzle each sandwich with balsamic vinegar, then season with pepper.

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	KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Paid	Paid	Search	CBS Sunday Morning			FaceNat.	First Baptist Church		First Baptist Odessa	
	KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Paid	Paid	Tomorr.	In Touch Ministries	Kay David	Paid		Paid	Wild Ltd.	Hollywd.	Live Life	On Spot
	KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	C'nsumer	Believers	Cornerstone		Fox News Sunday		Odessa	Pathfinder	P.Hamlin	C'nsumer	C'nsumer	C'nsumer
	KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	(5:00) Light of south		Dr. Will	Mornin...	In Touch Ministries		Sat.	Schwarz	Heart of the City		Nueva Vida	
	KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	W.Texas	Secrets	Paid	Paid	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press		Edition	Garrett	TBA	Hockey
	KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	Cat/ Hat	Cat/ Hat	Cat/ Hat	Cat/ Hat	Sid	Speaks	Arthur	Wordgirl	Company	Wild K.	Blue	Travel
	KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	Concha	Concha	Vecinos	Agenda	Muchachitas		Al punto		Republica deportiva			
	KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Homes	Homecom.	Faith	Hamilton	O.Thomas	HomeT.	Methodis.	CARS.TV	NCAA Basketball (L)	
PRIMIUM CABLE	FLIX		340	65			165												
	HBO		300	68	14	14													
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	MAX2		382	72	18	122													
	PLEX				96														
	SHOW		320	66	19	140	25												
	TMC		330	67	22	155	26												
PRIMIUM CABLE	A&E		27	32	28	35	47												
	AMC		40	21	23	42	51	Mad Men		Mad Men		The Killing "Pilot"		Killing "The Cage"					
	BET		58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Bobby Jones Gospel		LIR Voice	SoulMate	LIR Voice	Chris	Chris	Chris
	BRAVO		65	63		41		Brad "The Big Day"		Top Chef "Finale"		Flipping "Substitutes"		Flipping Out		Flipping "Reunion"		Million Dollar Listing	
	CNBC		46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
	CNN		43	24	51	30	56	CNNSun	Sunjay	CNN Sunday		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
	DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
	DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Octonaut	Mickey M.	M.Mouse	Jake	Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	Shake Up	A.N.T.	Austin	Wizards	Wizards
	ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	Report (N)	OLines	Report	NASCAR Now (L)		NCAA Basketball (L)	
	ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	BASS Fishing				SportsCenter		OLines	Report	NASCAR Now (L)		America's News HQ	
	FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	Boy Mtw	Boy-World	Boy Mtw	Revenge of the Bridesmaids					Love Actually ('03, Rom)		Emma Thompson	
	FNC		45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						News HQ	Housecall	America's News HQ		America's News HQ	
	FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Mex..Easy	5 Fix	Meals	Hungry	Week in a Day (N)		Dinners	Big Bite	King (N)	Chef (N)	Paula	Ma' Meal
	FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	OSSAA "Wrestling"		UEFAMag.	Horse	Oceanface	Pleas..Boat
	FX		31	31	59	64	69												
	HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	MASH	M*A*S*H	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH
	HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	Holmes	Pro Grade	Home	Income	Property Brothers		Disaster	Disaster	Crashers	Room Cr	Love It or List It	
	HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Modern Marvels		Marvels "Coffee"		Modern Marvels		101 Gadgets That Changed the World				American Pickers	
	LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		The Hour of Power		J.Osteen	Paid	Beyond / Headlines		Deadly Sibling Rivalry			
	MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball	Business	Up With Chris Hayes				Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends-Alex Witt	
	NICK		55	34	39	34	37	T.U.F.F.	T.U.F.F.	Penguins	Penguins	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Winx	Penguins
	SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Xtr. 4x4	Horsep.	Trucks!	Muscle..
	SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight					
	TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Payne	Browns	Browns	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends					
	TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:45)		Pete Kelly's Blues		Andy Devine.							
	TELE		20	8	10	20		Paid	Paid	Sheldon	Willa	Pearlie	Wimzie's	Paid	Paid	Paid	Camara	Enfoque	Deportivo
	TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings	
	TNT		24	23	40	26	50	LawOrder	"Dazzled"	Law & Order		Law & Order	"Savior"	Law & Order	"Acid"	LawOrder	"Maritime"		
	TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	(5:00)		Miss Congeniality	Divorced	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
	USA		26	30	42	27	49	Paid	Program		Paid	Program				The Game	Plain Dealers	The Rock	Johnson.
	VERSUS		38	39															
	WGN		19	18					Paid	Facts	Key David	Beyond							

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							12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
BROADCAST	KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	NBA Basketball New York Knicks vs. Boston Celtics (L)				NBA Basketball Miami Heat vs. Los Angeles Lakers (L)						News	Paid
	KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NCAA Basketball (L)				NCAA Basketball MVC Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball Big-10 Wild Card (L)		Business	News
	KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Hollywd.	Lethal Weapon 4 ('98, Act) Mel Gibson.							Overboard ('87, Com) Goldie Hawn.		Queens	Queens
	KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	To Be Announced			WideLife	NASCAR Auto Racing Subway Fresh Fit 500 (L)						Paid	Paid
	KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Laurie	Enarson	Alewine	T.Scrivner	Light of the Southwest				Bible	Super.	Calls	Denis O
	KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(11:30) NHL Hockey Boston vs N.Y. Rangers (L)				PGA Golf The Honda Classic Site: PGA National Champion Course (L)						Inside Ed.	News
	KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	Idea/Act	Contrary	Sew It All	Sewing	Knitting	F&Porter	Sewing	Crafting	Lawrence Welk		Western	Oscar H
	KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	MFL Fútbol Pumas de la UNAM vs. Toluca (L)				Como dice el dicho		F. Diez	Noticiero	MFL Fútbol Chiapas Jaguares vs. America (L)			
	KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		(11:00) NCAA Basketb.		Road House ('89, Act) Patrick Swayze.				AmAthlete	Insider	Access Hollywood		Stargate	Universe
PRIMIUM CABLE	FLIX		340	65			165												
	HBO		300	68	14	14													
	HBO2		302	69	15	101	23												
	HBOS		304	70	16	102													
	MAX		380	71	17	120	24												
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	PLEX				96														
	SHOW		320	66	19	140	25												
	TMC		396	67	22	155	26												
PRIMIUM CABLE	A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Ship War	Ship Wars	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
	AMC		40	21	23	42	51	Movie		The Reach ('00, Susp) Leonardo DiCaprio.						Braveheart ('95, Act) Sophie Marceau, Mel Gibson.			
	BET		58	26		40													
	BRAVO		65	63		41		Million Dollar Listing		Bethenny Ever After		Millionaire		Millionaire		Atlanta "Kim & Kroy"		Real Housewives	
	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		The Next List		Your Money		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
	DISC		50	20	31	24	42	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
	DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Shake Up	Shake Up	Jessie	Austin	Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	A.N.T.	Shake It Up	
	ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Big-10 Wild Card (L)				PBA Bowling Shark Open				NCAA Lacrosse Syracuse vs. Virginia (L)			SportsC.
	ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	(11:00) NCAA Basketb.		NCAA Basketball ACC Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball Big-10 Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball	
	FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	Movie		Bring It On: All or Nothing				Stick It ('06, Com) Jeff Bridges.				Hocus Pocus	
	FNC		45	58	53	23	55	(11:00) News HQ		Fox News		Justice Judge Jeanine		America's News HQ				Fox News	
	FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Rest. "Anna Maria's"		Cupcake "Wicked"		Cupcake Wars		Cupcake Wars		BestAte	BestAte	Diners	Diners
	FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	NCAA Basketball Texas A&M vs. Texas (L)				Insider		NCAA Basketball Arizona vs. Arizona State (L)		Pre-game		NHL Hockey (L)	
	FX		31	31	59	64	69												
	HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	MASH	M*A*S*H	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH		A Taste of Rom...
	HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	My Place	My Place	Property	Property	Property	Property	HouseH	House	For Rent	For Rent	HouseH	House
	HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	American Pickers		Mudcats		Mudcats		Swamp People		Swamp People		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
	LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Another Woman's Husband				Dark Beauty Alicia Coppola.						While the Children Sleep	
	MSNBC		47	51		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		Meet the Press		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
	NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Big Time	Big Time	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Victori.	Victori.	Victori.	Victori.	Sponge	Sponge
	SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Auction	Auction	Auction		Donnie Brasco ('97, Cri) Al Pacino.						Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's...	
	SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	(11:30)		Infestation		Arachnophobia ('90, Susp) Jeff Daniels.						Caught Dv Freak: The Vampire's Assis...	
	TBS		25	11	44	66	41	(11:35)		She's the Man		17 Again ('09, Com/Dra) Zac Efron.						Shrek ('01, Ani) Mike Myers.	
	TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(11:00)		My Blue ...		The Seven Little Foys Bob Hope.				Black Hardcross Deborah Kerr.		The Swan Pri	
	TELE		20	8	10	20				Bordertown ('06, Cri) Martin Sheen, Jennifer Lopez.				Jurassic Park ('93, Adv) Laura Dern, Sam Neill.				Camara	Confes.
	TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Lottery Changed		Lottery Changed		Lottery Changed		Lottery Changed		Lottery Changed		Lottery Changed	
	TNT		24	23	40	26	50	(11:00)		The Rock		The Matrix ('99, Act) Laurence Fishburne, Keanu Reeves.						Shooter	
	TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Nanny	The Nanny	Hot In	Hot In	Hot In	Hot In	Hot In	Hot In	Hot In	Hot In	Hot In	Hot In
	USA		26	30	42	27	49	(10:30)		National T...		National Treasure ('04, Adv) Diane Kruger, Nicolas Cage.				NCIS "The Curse"		NCIS	
	VERSUS		38	39						FLW Outdoors		Outdoor	Bill Dance	Cycling Paris to Nice				Snocross	
	WGN		19	18						The Quiet American Michael Caine.				Pay It Forward ('00, Dra) Kevin Spacey.				Videos	

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BROADCAST	KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)		Once Upon a Time "Dreamy" (N)		Desp. Housewives "She Needs Me" (N)		GCB "Pilot" (P) (N)		KMID News		(:35) Ugly Betty	(:35) Sports
	KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		The Amazing Race (N)		The Good Wife "After the Fall" (N)		CSI: Miami "No Good Deed" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire		(:05) The Closer
	KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Heartland "Quarantine"								Troubadour, TX		True Hollywood Story "Criss Angel"	
	KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Bob's Burgers	Cleveland Show (N)	TheSim-psons (N)	Napoleon "FFA" (N)	Family Guy (N)	American Dad (N)	Three Wide Life	Te. Roa-dhouse	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Consum-er Corner	Consum-er Corner
	KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Doorways to Wisdom		Marvin Wilson	Dr. R.Booker	Light of the Southwest				Alan Lee	Jack Van Impe	For the Heart of the City	
	KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Dateline NBC (N)		Celebrity Apprentice "Getting Medieval"		The Celebrity Apprentice "Celebrity in the Window?" (N)				TBA	News-West 9	Cowboys: Post	Red Raider
	KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	(5:30) Oscar Hammer "Out of My Dreams"		Great Performances performances of Andrew Lloyd Webber's		The Phantom of the Opera at the Royal Albert Hall" The 25th anniversary The Phantom of the Opera.						Backstage Pass "The Verve Pipe"	
	KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	Dale con Ganas		Nuestra Belleza Latina (N)				Sal y pimienta		Encanto del equita	Noticiero Univision	Ellas son la alegria del hogar	
	KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Without a Trace		Cold Case		The Closer		Law & Order		30 Rock	Sunny	Aggies	Office
PRIMIUM CABLE	FLIX		340	65			165	(6:50)	Up Close & ...		The Core ('03, Sci-Fi) Hilary Swank.					(:15)	Knock Off	
	HBO		300	68	14	14		(6:30)	The Transporter	Jason Statham.	Luck (N)		Down (N)	Life (N)		Luck		Down	Life Short
	HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	Bill Maher		Game of Thrones				Your Highness		Exporting Raymond			Seinfeld
	HBOS		304	70	16	102		(:15)	Never Let Me Go	Keira Knightley.		Too Big to Fail Toobig	Come	(:45) Ey					
	MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(5:00)		X-Men: First Class	James Mc Avoy.			To Die Again				House of the Rising Sun	
	MAX2		382	72	18	122		GoodLuck	SoRandom	Austin	Lab Rats	Austin	Jessie	Shake It Up		Sokandon	Austin	Wizards	Wizards
	PLEX				96			(:20)	Oxford Blues	Rob Lowe.				Larger Than Life		(:35)		(:10)	Beverly Hil...
	SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	Shameless		Califor.	Lies	Shame. "Parenthood"		Lies		Califor.	Shame. "Parenthood"	Lies	Califor.
	TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(6:45)	Air Force One		The Mechanic	Jason Statham.	(:30)	The Grind				(:45)	Jeepers Creepers
PRIMIUM CABLE	A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Breakout Kings		Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
	AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(5:00)	Braveheart		Dead "18 Miles Out"		Walking Dead (N)		Comic Book Men (N)		The Walking Dead		Talking Dead
	BET		58	26		40		Movie		I Think I Love My Wife ('07, Com) Chris Rock.				Game	Together	Together		BET Inspiration	
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Parrot rescuers trying to improve birds' long lives

Sue Manning
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — With lots of smarts and long lives, parrots were once favored by baby boomers, but more of the former pets are now wild, passed from owner to owner or ignored altogether in cramped cages without the feathered mates they crave, rescuers said.

Karen Windsor, executive director of Foster Parrots, which runs a sanctuary in Hope Valley, R.I., hears just about every excuse for giving up a parrot: divorce, marriage, babies, kids leaving home, kids moving back, "the bird hates me," age, disease.

So has Mira Tweti, executive director of the national Parrot Care Project based in Los Angeles.

"The lucky ones end up in rescues. Others are released to fend for themselves, but the vast majority are neglected to death or passed around from home to home and then neglected, sometimes relegated to garages where no one hears them screaming for attention," Tweti said.

The sanctuary Windsor runs with her husband, Marc Johnson, is full, like hundreds of other parrot rescues and sanctuaries around the country.

Part of the problem is the larger varieties of parrots can live from 25 to 100 years or longer (the bigger the bird, the longer its life). And they can be demanding, aggressive, loud and in need of a lot of space.

No one has exact numbers, but millions of parrots were bought between the 1960s and 1995, when the pet bird boom subsided, said Tweti, who owns one herself and wrote a book, "Of Parrots and People," in 2008.

There are about 370 known species of parrots. The most common is the parakeet, but Macaws and African greys also are popular, Tweti said.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said medium and large parrots like macaws, cockatoos, Amazons and African greys are smart (parrots have the intelligence of a 5-year-old child) and social animals that need a place to fly, climb and exercise. They need mental stimulation and at least one companion. They are extremely loyal to their mates, though both males and females might have trysts.

To improve their lot in captivity, Tweti's group will launch a five-year campaign March 25 at a bird shop, Omar's Exotic Birds, in Santa Monica offering to exchange too-small parrot cages for larger ones. She said experts also will spend time in 50 cities around the country offering free and low-cost cage swaps and to show owners how to make over their own cages.

There will be avian nutrition experts, bird behaviorists, rescuers to promote adoptions and builders to conduct workshops on making simple and inexpensive aviaries, Tweti said.

"A lot of people say no cage is big enough," said Windsor, whose group runs the New England Exotic Wildlife Sanctuary. "But baby steps are important. It's not easy to take care of a bird. A $15 cage and a bowl of seed is not enough. The right size cage is a rainforest, but what Mira is pushing is doable."

Mira Tweti, executive director, National Parrot Care & Cage Xchange, kisses her rescue parrot named "Liberty," Feb. 8, in her apartment in the Marina Del Rey area of Los Angeles.

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Treatments vary for pet back pain

PET POINTERS

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Back pain commonly affects humans, but many people do not realize it can affect our canine and feline friends as well. Because our pets cannot talk to us, it often can be very difficult to recognize the signs of back pain. Sometimes the only sign is a reluctance to get out of bed or move around. Other times, if the disease is severe, the first sign can be paralysis. Difficulty standing and walking, walking with an abnormal gait or wobbliness while walking can be the first signs your pet's back is hurting and its spine is not communicating messages effectively from the brain to the limbs.

The spine is compromised of a number of small bones called vertebrae that are lined up like building blocks. A hole in the center of each vertebrae forms a tunnel in which the spinal cord lies. The spinal cord is extremely important because it carries the messages from the brain to the rest of the body. The spinal cord is extremely delicate, but being surrounded by the bony vertebrae helps to protect it. Between each pair of vertebrae, just underneath the spinal cord, is a little cushion called an intervertebral disc. Discs cushion the vertebrae and provide flexibility to the spine during movement. A normal disc looks like a jelly doughnut, having an outer fibrous ring and inner jelly. As a part of the normal aging process, these discs deteriorate, resulting in less flexibility and less cushion.

There are two types of disc disease that occur in our pets. The first is when the jelly hardens and calcifies. This little rock that forms can cause pain by decreasing the cushioning or can become dislodged and end up in the canal with the spinal cord. Without the jelly center, the vertebrae are closer together and lose the cushioning, resulting in pain. The second type of disc disease is a more chronic disease in which the fibrous layer deteriorates and protrudes upward, creating pressure on the spinal cord.

Depending on the severity of the pain and the degree of weakness, treatment can range from medications and physical therapy to surgery. Mild to moderate back pain with no weakness typically responds well to medications and physical therapy. The episodes can be recurrent and may increase in severity with each episode. Severe back pain or severe weakness may require surgery to remove the pressure on the spinal cord. Because the discs are made of soft tissue and cannot be seen on an X-ray, a good physical exam can help pinpoint the location but an MRI may be necessary to determine the exact location of the problem.

Treating mild to moderate back pain usually includes using NSAIDs (Non-Steroid Anti-Inflammatory Drugs) — drugs that reduce inflammation and control pain. Sometimes treatment even may require temporary cage confinement, because we cannot explain to your pet it needs bed rest we have to provide that rest for it. We also can perform cold laser therapy at the primary location of the pain.

Cold laser therapy is a non-invasive procedure that uses light to stimulate cells and increase blood circulation. At the correct laser wavelength, pain signals are reduced and nerve sensitivity decreases. The procedure also releases endorphins, or natural painkillers. Cold laser therapy is based on the idea light is absorbed into the cells which stimulates protein synthesis and cell metabolism, which improves cell health and function.

Severe back pain can be treated in the same manner; however, if there is significant loss of function or paralysis, surgery is the treatment of choice. Timing is critical and it is very important that pet be seen by your veterinarian as soon as possible to start treatment and evaluate the need for surgery. If surgery is necessary, your veterinarian can help you plan and prepare you for your pet's post-surgical recovery. After surgery, most pets need to receive medications, cage rest and laser therapy to help with recovery.

Physical therapy is also an important part of the treatment of disc disease. Physical therapy always should be under the direction of your veterinarian and will include exercises that can be done at home and some exercises will need to be done in the veterinary hospital. Physical therapy is an important part of your pet's treatment whether surgery is performed or your pet is treated with medications and cage confinement.

Prognosis depends on the severity of the symptoms, duration of the problem, selection of treatment and how the patient responds to treatment. Most animals respond well, if veterinary advice is followed, but some patients will end up with permanent paralysis despite treatment. There are many options to treat your pet if it should develop back pain. The key to successful treatment is to get your pet to your veterinarian quickly and follow the treatment plan very carefully.

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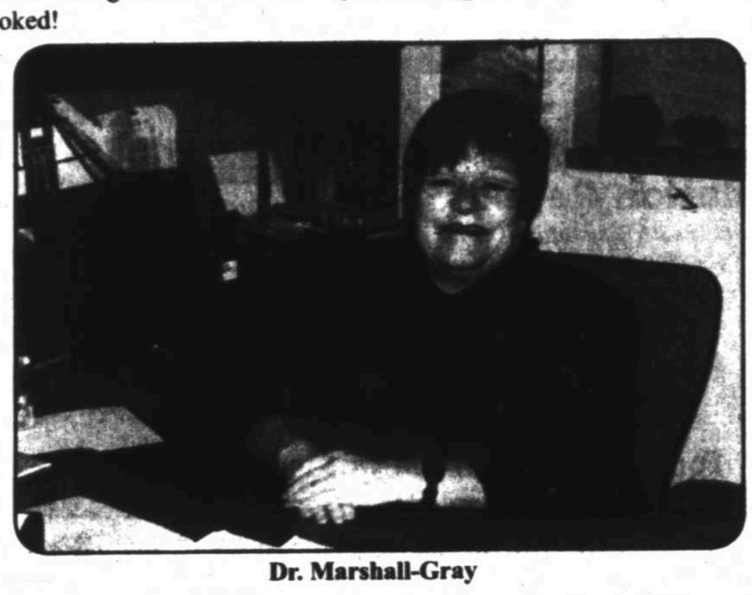
Human culture and other mid-life passions

By Rebecca Bell

Webster's Dictionary defines anthropology as (1) the study of humankind, in particular; (2) the comparative study of human societies and cultures and their development. For Dr. Paula Marshall-Gray, anthropology was a passion she discovered in mid-life. However, once she took her first cultural anthropology class as an adult learner returning to school some 20+ years after graduating from Kermit High School, she was hooked!



Dr. Marshall-Gray

A West Texas native, Marshall-Gray is proud of her Permian Basin heritage: "My grandfather moved here from West Virginia in the 1930s because of the oil industry, and my family has been here ever since." In fact, Dr. Marshall-Gray wrote her doctoral dissertation on oilfield worker culture. She interviewed former oilfield workers who lived in Texon, a small unincorporated town in Regan County where oil was discovered in the Permian Basin. "I had a great time interviewing those pioneers!" exclaims Marshall-Gray.

Today, Marshall-Gray is associate professor of history and anthropology at Midland College (MC) and also serves as co-director of the MC Honors Program. Her calm self-assured demeanor and her reputation as one of MC's most beloved and dedicated teachers leads one to assume that Dr. Marshall-Gray has been teaching for many years; however, for almost 30 years, she enjoyed a career in the music industry and as an interior designer.

She explains, "I graduated from Kermit High School in 1968 and took some college courses, but then I got married. My husband and I owned some music stores in the Permian Basin. Running a business and raising my son consumed most of my time, so I never finished college as a young adult."

Eventually, Marshall-Gray moved to Austin and started taking classes in interior design. "At that time, Austin was really booming," she states. "So, I was hired as an interior designer after only taking a few courses, and once again my career took precedence over higher education."

Marshall-Gray enjoyed her interior design career, mostly doing commercial work for hospitals and doctors' offices in the Austin area. In 1985 she moved to Lubbock, where she worked for Studio West as a commercial interior designer. She laughs and says, "I was a cubicle expert!"

While in Lubbock, at the age of 42, Marshall-Gray decided to once again go back to school. She took a cultural anthropology course as a humanities elective toward her baccalaureate degree and loved it! In the mid 1990s she graduated from Texas Tech University (TTU) with a bachelor's degree in general studies and then immediately started to work on a master's degree in anthropology. Once she obtained the graduate degree, there was no stopping her, and she went right on to obtain her Ph.D. in history. In approximately 10 years' time, Marshall-Gray had received three degrees from TTU—not as a young carefree adult, rather as a middle-aged woman with a full-time job and a grown son!

During the time she was working on her graduate degrees, Marshall-Gray used her anthropological skills and worked as an ethnographer for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She also taught cultural anthropology at TTU while working toward her doctoral degree.

Marshall-Gray's eyes light up as she talks about her love of anthropology: "I especially enjoy Native American culture. Even though I'm 1/8 Cherokee, my field of expertise is in the Texas Apaches. Many people don't realize that in addition to being in New Mexico, the Mescalero Apaches were also in Texas until they were forced to leave and were sent to the Mescalero reservation near Ruidoso, New Mexico."

Her favorite hobbies include antiquing and collecting Native American Kachina dolls. "Most of my collection comes from the Navajo and Hopi tribes, "explains Marshall-Gray. Many of the Kachinas are displayed in her MC office, and she enjoys sharing the history of the dolls and the Native American culture with her students.

Marshall-Gray was hired at MC in January 2007. At that time, the college was attempting to revive its anthropology program, and Marshall-Gray fit the bill. Not only could she provide instruction in anthropology, but also could fill the much-needed slot of an additional history teacher. Today, she teaches five sections of history, two sections of anthropology and is MC's archaeology instructor. Her teaching load is not limited to the fall and spring semesters. She also teaches during the winter and spring interim semesters as well as both summer sessions. "I love teaching!" she says.

However, Marshall-Gray's MC assignments aren't just confined to teaching. She co-directs MC's Honors Program, in which she assumes responsibilities of reviewing student applications, coordinating honors projects with other instructors and planning and leading an Honors Program field trip each spring. Marshall-Gray also coordinates field trips for her archaeology students. Her favorite archaeological field trip is to Paint Rock, Texas. She says, "The ranchers in that area are great when we visit. They give presentations to the students and are so gracious."

Marshall-Gray's love of Texas, especially West Texas, is not only apparent in her teaching, but also shows up in her personal life. She enjoys xeriscape gardening, and her yard is filled with native Permian Basin plants. Another of her passions is rescuing pets. She currently shares her home with three cats and four dogs—all of which are rescue pets. Marshall-Gray states, "My favorite breed of dog is poodle. (One of her two current poodles is 20-years-old!) They are so smart! However, I also have a Pomeranian and a Heinz 57—I love them all!"

So, while the homeless pets of West Texas are thankful for Dr. Paula Marshall-Gray, Midland College is also thankful that she has discovered her passion for teaching during the second half of her life. During her short time at MC, she has shared her enthusiasm for anthropology with many MC students. Some have gone on to major in the field.

With that gleam in her eyes, Marshall-Gray states, "Anthropology can lead to many careers—marketing, ethnography, linguistics, archaeology and forensics are just a few. We study human culture—both past and present. Every career needs to understand human culture!"

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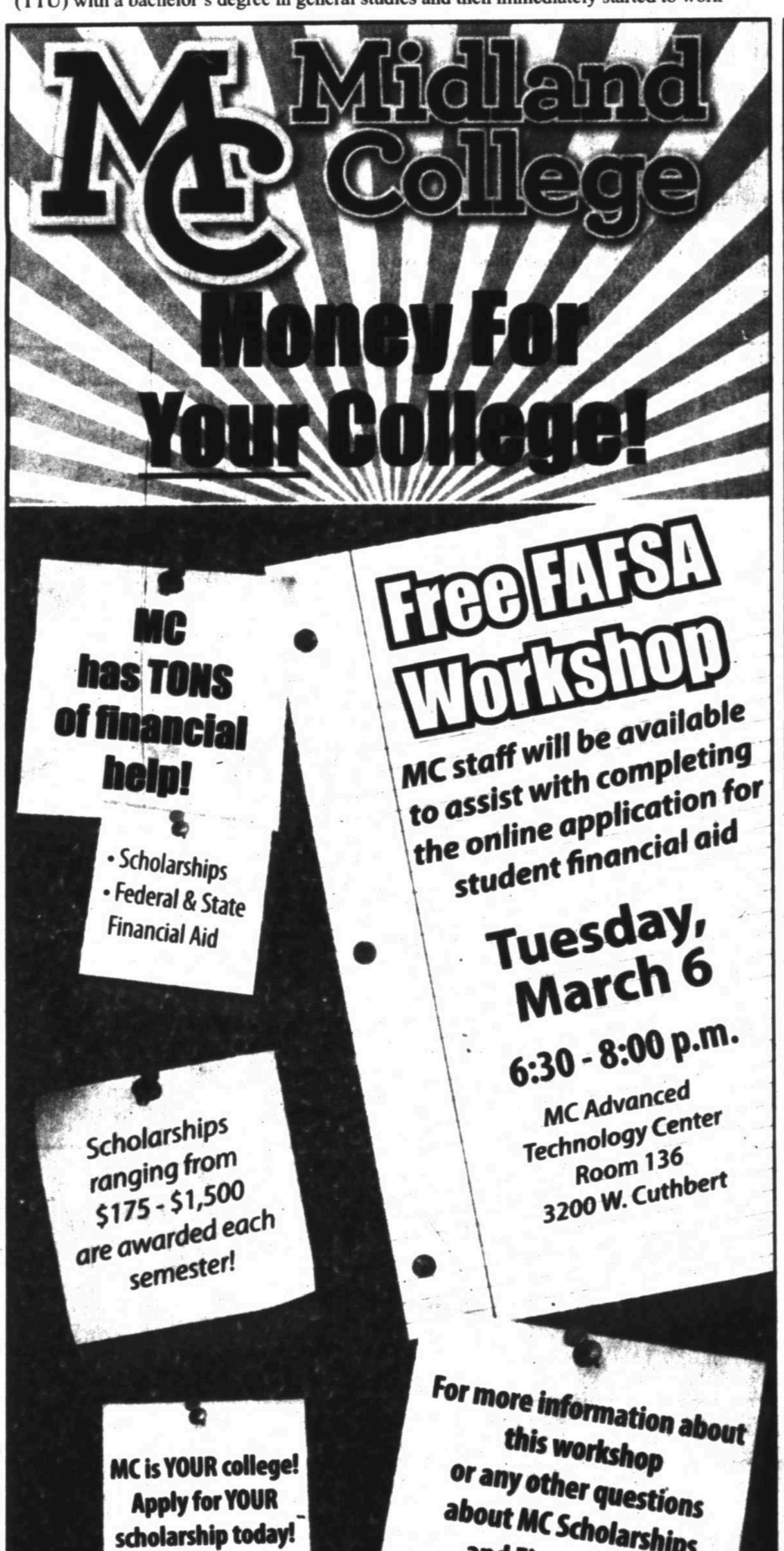
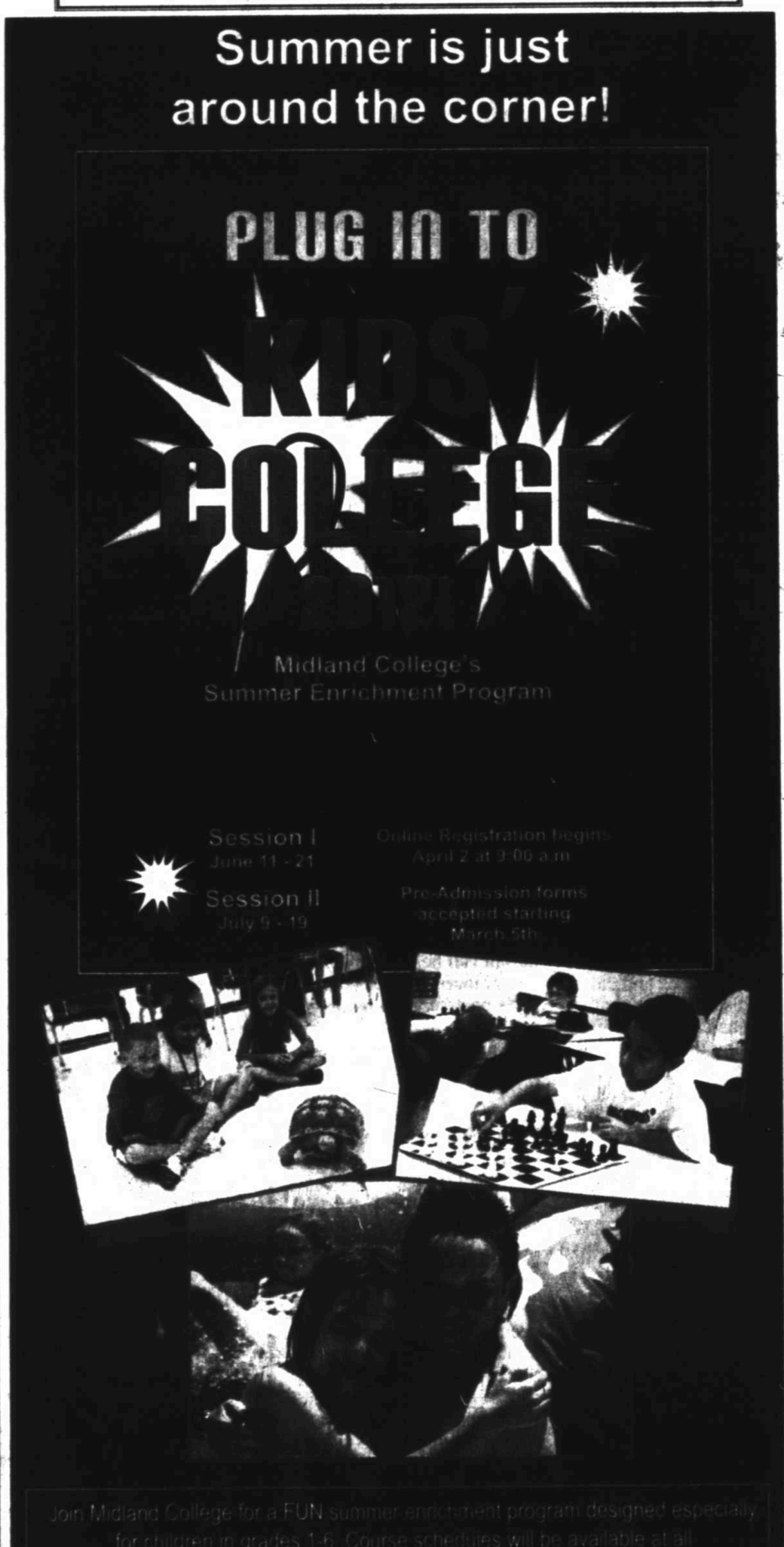
~Lauren Bacall





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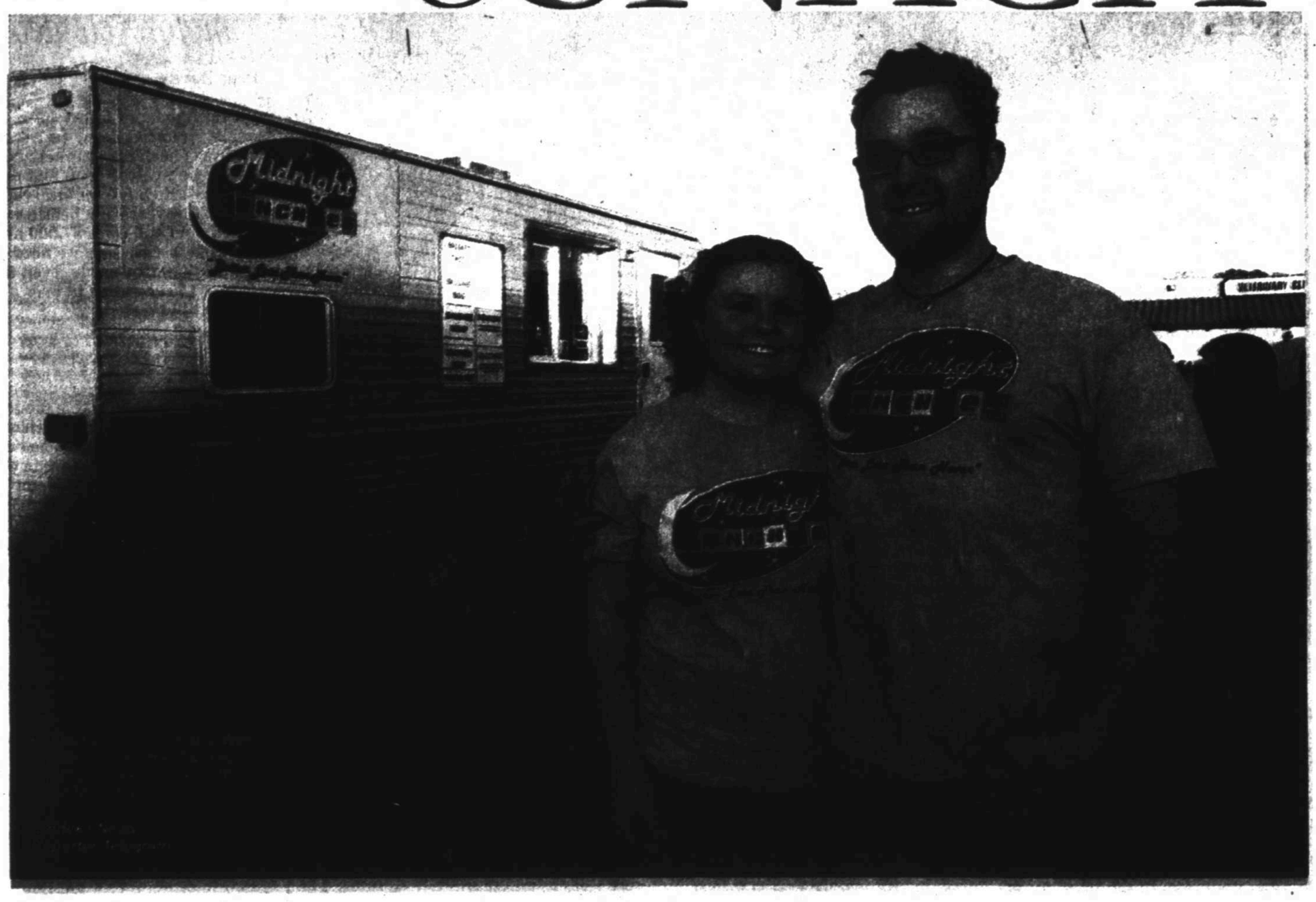

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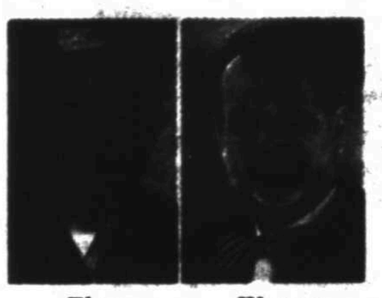

Elms *Watson*

ODESSA — Weaver announces that BILL G. ELMS, CPA was recently honored by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy for maintaining his Texas Certified Public Accountant license for 50 years. He was recognized at a special reception for the 50-year honorees that took place before the recent swearing-in ceremony for new, recently licensed CPAs.

Elms began his career at Faris, Harris, Chapman and Marsh CPA firm where he joined as a junior accountant. In 1968, Elms and George H. Marsh, who founded the former firm in 1938, formed Bill Elms & Company. The two firms merged in 1971 creating Elms, Faris & Company. Elms served as managing partner until 2005. Elms Faris merged with Weaver in 2010. Elms continues to work part time in the firm's Odessa office.

Elms is a member of Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants and its Permian Basin chapter and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He was elected and served two terms as a county commissioner of Ector County.

•LUBBOCK — A new Executive Committee was elected at the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers' (SPEE) annual Board of Directors meeting in Denver.

Dr. MARSHALL WATSON of Texas Tech University was elected president.

Other members include RICHARD KRENEK of Netherland, Sewell & Associates of Dallas, vice president; BARRY ASHTON of AJM Deloitte in Calgary, Alberta, past president; and SAMANTHA MEADOR, Denham Capital in Houston, joins the committee as secretary-treasurer.

Midnight Munchies aims to offer gourmet options to late-night eaters

■ Couple's catering venture grows into food truck business.

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

It's almost midnight and the line outside the Munchie Machine is just starting to form.

Music still blares inside the nearby Rockin Rodeo while the smells wafting from the neon green food truck stationed outside fill the front section of the parking lot.

For Kimberley Vandiver and Wesley Herard, owners of Midnight Munchies, the late-night eating crowd is just who've they've been waiting to see.

"I just like to see people happy through food," Vandiver said. "I think you can connect with them through food even if you don't speak the same language. A happy belly's a happy person."

The couple didn't set out to start a food truck business. But, they said, when their catering business turned into an after-hours venture, they were glad for the transformation.

"It's a lot more fun," Vandiver said.

Vandiver and Herard met more than five years ago while working at Buffalo Wild Wings. The couple later worked at Kroc's Bar together and then decided about two years ago to test their hand at catering.

Vandiver has always loved to cook, having learned from the age of seven all of the "traditional southern" recipes her grandmother was known for. Herard was ready to try something new as well, so they formed Indulgence Catering.

The couple established a regular business through catering weddings, holiday parties and other events. They'd seen food trucks elsewhere and figured if they could purchase their own they'd be able to cook on-site at events rather than having to rent out a kitchen.

Plus, when the catering business was slow — as it often is outside of wedding season — they could drive around town and sell meals from the trailer.

"Catering is very seasonal," Herard said. "We bought it to fill in the days."

The two found an ad online for a truck in Denver. The owner had run a less-than-successful breakfast burrito business and was wanting to unload the trailer he'd turned into a full kitchen.

Vandiver and Herard drove north to retrieve the truck, painted it a bright green color, added a window from which to serve their meals and then launched their second business: "Midnight Munchies: Better Late than Never."

"It goes with us everywhere," Vandiver said of the green vehicle.

The truck, or Munchie Machine as Herard likes to call it, parks outside of Rockin Rodeo on Big Spring Street as many as four nights each week, catering to the bar crowd as well as police officers and staff who are working each night.

When large concerts come to Graham Central Station in Odessa, they'll park outside that venue, sometimes serving as many as 600 people on their busiest nights. They also have parked outside of Woofers and Tweeters.

During the days, the two still work on their catering business and also use the food truck to serve lunches.

Schlumberger, for example, hires them to bring lunch to crews working on site. They tell Vandiver to cook whatever she pleases and simply to deliver enough to feed everyone.

The truck also comes along to weddings — though it usually gets parked in the back — and is used to help create and deliver more gourmet meals such as steak and shrimp as was served at one recent reception.

At Rockin Rodeo, Vandiver said she's tried all kinds of dishes but found Midlanders usually want junk food when they're eating late.

Typically they serve fare like sausage dogs, brisket tacos and Frito pie. With only a few other restaurants open until at least 2 a.m. — as their trailer is — Herard said they're working to fill a niche market.

When they first started, Herard said they were having to give stuff away just to get people to try their food. After food trucks started being featured on Food Network shows, though, customers began lining up.

Vandiver said they cook until the crowd has dwindled, or until the food runs out, whichever comes first.

"Every day's different," Vandiver said. "We take it day by day. We learn from yesterday. You just have to adapt to what people want."

Kathleen Petty can be reached at kpetty@mrt.com.

To follow Midnight Munchies location, visit: https://www.facebook.com/indulgencecatering?sk=wall

BUSINESS SCENE

Abilene's Extreme Exteriors arrives in Midland

MELLA McEWEN
Reporter-Telegram oil editor

Entering the Midland market is Abilene-based EXTREME EXTERIORS, which is opening a retail location at 431 Andrews Highway Monday, March 5.

Owner Randy Glenn added his business has closed on the purchase of a shop and three acres at 5111 E. Highway 80, where staff will do their work.

"We do custom outdoor living spaces," he explained, with the focus on three areas: Outdoor living like fireplaces and kitchen, landscaping, irrigation and artificial turf, and swimming pool and spa construction.

The retail location will have displays grouped in the three areas of work, Glenn said, with samples of fountains, outdoor kitchens and ground covers, including pavers and stones. Clients also can look at pictures of various projects done by Extreme Exteriors and the retail center also serves as a meeting place between the client and the company's division of designers and architects.

Also on sale at the retail center are spas, patio furniture, outdoor kitchen appliances, pots and some outdoor decor.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

More information is available by calling 218-7784 or online at extremeexteriors.us.

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GRANDE COMMUNICATIONS has introduced TiVo® Premiere, the DVR service that will combine live or recorded television, Grande On Demand and Internet entertainment to find and automatically record programs based on viewers' interests.

The new service seamlessly integrates with Grande's Internet service, which now offers speeds over 100 Mbps. TiVo Premiere enables viewers to find and watch their favorite videos from YouTube, or TV shows and movies from Amazon Instant Video right on their TV screens. They can listen to music from Pandora or Live365 on their home theater system, and view family and friends' photos on Picasa or Photobucket. And, if they use an iPad or iPhone, they can take advantage of the free TiVo App to search, explore, manage and share their favorite entertainment, all without interrupting what's playing on the television.

TiVo Premiere is included in Grande's new multi-service bundles at no extra cost. Otherwise, the cost is just $12.99 a month for Grande Digital TV customers.

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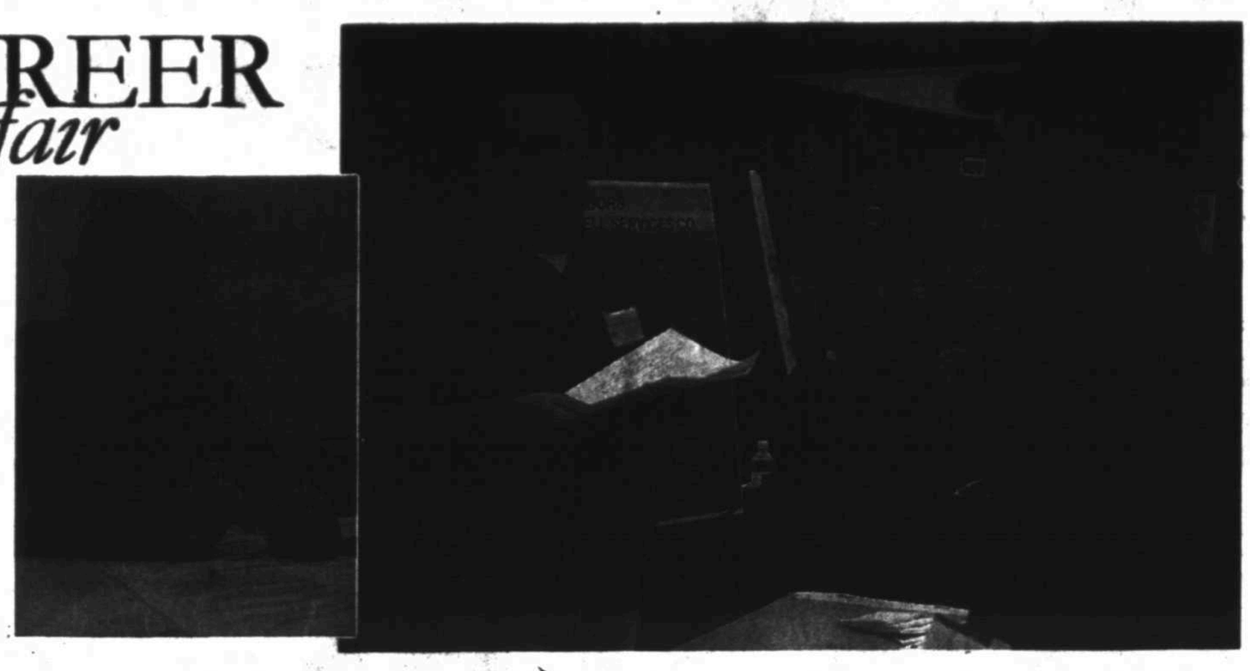

Barry Parks, employment coordinator with Nabors Well Services, in far right photo, talks with Brandon Stuart Tuesday at the Reporter-Telegram Career Fair at the Horseshoe. RIGHT Garret Martin of Midland fills out paperwork Tuesday at the Career Fair.

Tim Fischer Reporter-Telegram

Celebrate National Consumer Protection Week

TRISH POWELL
Better Business Bureau

Debt, fraud and bad business practices, oh my! The modern landscape can be a minefield for consumers. Every year, local, state and national governments pass new consumer protection laws, but scammers and bad businessmen continue to thwart the laws' best efforts.

In an effort to better empower consumers as they head into the marketplace, Better Business Bureau is joining with federal, state and local government agencies, and national organizations to promote consumer education during the 14th annual National Consumer Protection Week, March 4-10.

Thousands of consumers turn to BBB as the preeminent resource on businesses, and our goal is to go the extra mile in encouraging consumers to take full advantage of their consumer rights. Each day during NCPW, BBB will issue a daily consumer protection tip on a variety of consumer issues, such as credit and debit cards, buying a car, giving wisely to charity and other important marketplace issues.

In addition, BBB professionals will be participating in several speaking engagements across Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin educating consumers on identity theft and common scams. A full list of all BBB events taking place during NCPW can be found at www.austin.bbb.org/consumer-protection-week.

Check in daily with BBB through Facebook (www.facebook.com/yourBBB), Twitter (@CentralTexasBBB) and our blog (watchyourbuck.com) to see the daily consumer protection tips and to share ideas and tips of your own.

A complete list of the organizations involved in NCPW can be found at http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/ncpw/about-us.shtml.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits February 20-February 24

531 Sir Barton Parkway	New Residence	$456,640
4410 N. Midkiff Road	Sign	$800
1501 Pratt Street	MH-Single Lot	$10,000
5200 N. Midkiff Road	Residence-Detached	$21,000
3602 Tanner Drive	New Residence	$120,400
2511 Kentucky Ave.	Residential Alteration	$40,000
911 W. Francis Ave.	MH-Single Lot	$7,000
6309 Shawnee	New Residence	$140,000
110 Cottonwood Avenue	New Residence	$120,480
1720 E. Pecan Avenue	Residential Alteration	$9,000
4706 N. Midkiff Road	Commercial Alteration	$250,000
404 Magnolia Avenue	New Residence	$112,960
206 W. Parker Avenue	Residential Addition	$20,000
1100 Cedar Creek Road	New Residence	$128,640
1104 Cedar Creek Road	New Residence	$128,800
5901 Oak Creek Drive	New Residence	$211,760
1102 Cedar Creek Road	New Residence	$134,480
1214 CountryClub Drive	Swimming Pool	$54,657
1913 Todd Drive	Residence-Detached	$19,000
2809 Caldera Boulevard	Residential Alteration	$5,800
4708 Melville Drive	Residential Alteration	$12,000
402 Sonora Drive	Residential Addition	$9,600
1003 Almont Place	Residential Alteration	$8,000
4706 N. Midkiff Road	Sign	$5,000
200 Delmar Drive	Residence-Detached	$10,100
6400 Aster Avenue	Residence-Detached	$10,100
2116 Blackwood Drive	New Residence	$500,000
1601 N. D Street	Swimming Pool	$233,000
2408 Bluebird Lane	Swimming Pool	$127,000
500 W.Illinois Ave	Commercial Alteration	$300,000
1213 Chestnut Avenue	Residential Addition	$4,000
4921 Rustic Trail	Swimming Pool	$51,500
812 Nolan Ryan Drive	Residence-Detached	$12,288
4005 Pleasant Drive	Residential Addition	$5,000
4609 Hilltop Drive	Residential Addition	$10,000
4903 Granite Lane	Residential Additio	$50,000
4106 Anetta Drive	Residence-Detached	$2,500
1104 E. Dormard Ave	Residential Alteration	$7,500
5904 Oak Creek Drive	New Residence	$209,040
4961 Rustic Trail	Swimming Pool	$51,000
3110 W. Louisiana Ave	Residence-Detached	$1,000
3321 Caldera Blvd	Commercial Alteration	$45,000
2312 Humble Avenue	Swimming Pool	$35,000

THE ECONOMIST

As economy improves, Americans will increase charitable donations

RAY PERRYMAN
The Perryman Group

Charitable giving has always been central to American culture. Individuals and corporations give billions of dollars to religious, educational, human services, health care and many other types of organizations. The national economic downturn caused a notable drop in giving, but the tide has turned and 2010 totals indicate a return to growth.

According to Giving USA 2011: The Annual Report on Philanthropy for the Year 2010 (a publication of the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University), Americans gave almost $291 billion in 2010, up from some $280 billion in 2009. The lion's share, some $212 billion, was given by individuals. Foundations chipped in another $41 billion, $23 billion stemmed from bequests, and about $15 billion was given by corporations.

Of the $291 billion given, about $101 billion (or 35 percent) went to religious organizations, and almost $42 billion (14 percent) went to educational organizations. Foundations, human services, public-society benefits, health, international affairs, arts/culture/humanities and environment/animals organizations also received substantial sums.

The IRS reports that some 315,000 charities filed as exempt, 501(c)(3) organizations in tax year 2008. These groups reported almost $2.5 trillion in assets and more than $1.4 billion in revenue. For the largest charities, portfolios of assets can throw off substantial income. Of the top 10 in terms of assets in 2008, seven are universities. Harvard tops the ranking with total assets of $43.9 billion. Yale is second with $23.7 billion, and Stanford, Princeton, MIT, Columbia and the University of Pennsylvania also make the list. Kaiser Foundation Hospitals (with assets of $19.6 billion) and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (with $16.0 billion) are also in the top 10. At the other end of the spectrum, smaller organizations relied on contributions, gifts and grants for their survival.

For many charities, the economic downturn was a double whammy of greater needs and lower donations. The recession's effects on giving were significant even by long-term historical standards, with both corporations and individuals cutting back as the economy faltered. The Giving USA 2011 report notes that the only years since 1970 that giving decreased when measured in current dollar terms (meaning not adjusted for inflation) were 1987, 2008 and 2009. Even with the drop from peak amounts of a few years ago, total charitable giving is still well more than double the inflation-adjusted 1970 level.

Recent increases are welcome news indeed. Another study (the 2012 atlas of giving produced by Atlas of Giving LLC) estimates 2011 national giving was up 7.5 percent to reach $346 billion. (Due to differences in measurement methods, this study does not precisely align with the Giving USA report.) The study notes particularly strong growth in giving to education, while giving for human needs/disaster services grew slower than most categories. The atlas of giving also tracks growth by state; Texas ranked fourth in terms of percentage growth in 2011 with gains of 9.3 percent. Pennsylvania led all states with a rise of 11.8 percent, followed closely by Illinois and Florida. New York rounded out the top five with an increase of 7.5 percent.

Looking ahead, the ongoing economic recovery will work to boost giving. In addition, developments such as quick and easy ways to text small donations are encouraging philanthropic behavior from a widening pool of potential donors. However, there is some chance the tax benefits of donations could be reduced, which likely would curtail giving to some extent. Americans tend to give more to charity than just about any other nation, and as our ability to give grows, we can expect a return to the usual pattern of generosity.

Dr. M. Ray Perryman is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Perryman Group (www.perrymangroup.com). He also serves as Institute Distinguished Professor of Economic Theory and Method at the International Institute for Advanced Studies.

DAVE RAMSEY

Couple needs plan to eliminate $7,000 motorcycle debt

Dear Dave,

My husband and I have been through Financial Peace University. I've always been the numbers nerd, although he's catching on and doing pretty well. He has a motorcycle he bought a few years ago before we got married, and still owes $7,000 on it. My common sense says we need to sell it, but he doesn't want to, even though we haven't been riding in over a year. What should I do?

Gina

Dear Gina,

It sounds like he's making progress, so we don't want to ruin that. Here's the question: if you win the bike battle, do you lose the relationship war? In other words, if you force him to give up the motorcycle, will it damage the marriage and the progress he's made toward getting out of debt and learning how to handle money?

If I were you, I'd first sit down with him and tell him how proud I am for the way he's trying to improve the financial situation in your home. Then, I'd suggest the motorcycle is a stumbling block to your shared financial goals. Ask him what he'd be willing to do to get the motorcycle paid off more quickly. Would he pick up a part-time job, or maybe sacrifice something else he's spending money on?

But let him know the motorcycle isn't really the issue. The issue is that you guys need a plan to get this $7,000 debt out of your life!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

I got divorced recently, and have custody of our children who are 12 and 17. I'm lucky enough to be debt-free, and I own the house we're living in, which is worth about $350,000. I also have $160,000 in savings, and we receive $1,200 in child support every month. People are all telling me I should be investing, but each one tells me to do a different kind of investing. What do you suggest?

Mary

Dear Mary,

I know going through a divorce has got to be hard on you and your kids. Make sure you spend lots of time hugging on them and letting them know they're loved. Fortunately, things are still pretty good in your world in a financial sense. Your net worth is a half-million dollars, plus you have no debt. Most ladies don't find themselves as lucky money-wise after a divorce.

Don't do too much with the $160,000 right now. Just park $100,000 of it in a CD for a year until you get over the shock of everything that has happened. You won't make much money, but you won't lose anything, either. Then, take the remaining $60,000, and invest it in good growth stock mutual funds – ones that are very conservative and have at least a 10-year track record of success.

You've also got to take a look down the road and decide what you want to do with the rest of your life. You're going to be an empty-nester in a few years. Do you want to go back to school or maybe start your own business? You've got a little learning to do about investing, too. Taking a year or so will allow for education and thinking about what you want out of life. Knowledge has a way of erasing fear. Plus, you've got a responsibility to your kids to invest this money wisely.

When everything settles down a bit, just take your time, find a good investment professional with the heart of a teacher, and make sure you don't put money into anything you don't understand. Spend lots of time loving on your kids, too. That'll help with the healing process as much as anything.

—Dave

Spring cleaning: Save money, find money, make money

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The ritual of spring cleaning can bring lots of poetic benefits: spiritual renewal, charitable donations, a clutter-free lifestyle.

But it also can be a way to save money — and even make a dollar or two.

Here's how to get the biggest bang for your buck out of this annual ritual.

A PROPER PLACE: Your top priority is to make a place for everything you own. No matter how well you think you've catalogued your clutter, it will cause you to lose things — and that means you waste money replacing them. When you know exactly where to find light bulbs or glue or tape or checks, you won't have to buy more when you don't need to.

"In essence, when you spring clean, that equals money in your pocket," says Brenda Spangrud, founder of Sorted Organizing Products and Services in Arizona. "Every client of mine who cleans always finds unused gift cards, uncashed checks left in a pile somewhere." Those kind of things can add up.

SELL IT ALL: Craigslist, eBay, Amazon.com and a raft of more specialized and local websites have made it easier than ever to sell stuff you're done with. So move it on out.

"Resell is big right now," Spangrud says.

Also try consignment stores or throwing a good old-fashioned yard sale when you're offloading. Think no one wants to buy your old denim jacket or discarded camera? Just remember the old adage — one man's trash is another man's treasure. Just remember to keep it simple so you actually get the stuff out the door.

SKIP THE SYSTEM: Decluttering actually can be expensive if you let it be; there are cleaning products, organizational tools and storage "systems" galore. But the experts have a secret — all that stuff isn't necessary.

"You don't need fancy boxes and bins to keep things in," says Angie Weid, owner of Organized Solutions in Toledo, Ohio.

In the garage, for instance, she recommends against the $50, $60 and $100 rack. Instead, trash bins will often do the trick. Same for your recyclables.

"Garbage cans are a great way to corral items in a garage," she says.

ONE PROJECT, ONE CLEANER: Multipurpose cleaners abound. And they really do work for multiple tasks, so just buy one, says Sarah Fishburne, director of trend and design products at Home Depot Inc. You can even make one by mixing baking soda with water. You can find recipes online using these and other natural ingredients.

Another cost-saving tip: Microfiber rags or even old T-shirts will dust and clean more effectively and at lower cost than disposable wipes.

TAX TIME IS THE RIGHT TIME: Whether you've been collecting all those receipts in the top drawer on purpose or not, you may be able to squeeze some serious cash out of them. Get them organized and you'll get more out of your taxes.

"The time and effort pays off when you can reach into your filing system and say 'These are all my receipts for business entertaining or medical expenses,'" says Weid. "You need to easily be able to grab them rather than spending time and effort sorting through box or bag to find them."

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The Midland Chamber of Commerce recognizes the value of an educated workforce. The Chamber's State of Education luncheon is designed to facilitate meaningful discourse on the topic and inform the business community about pressing issues faced by today's educators.

Our panel has been selected to provide a look at several facets of education in Midland - both private and public school options for elementary and secondary education as well as higher education.

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March 22, 2012
Doors open at 11 a.m.
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Tickets - $30/Members and $45/Non-Members

The discussion will be moderated by the Chamber's Board Chairman, Chris Robin. As a local business owner, Mr. Robin will focus the discussion on the interdependence of business and education. Chamber Members are invited to submit questions in advance via email:
info@midlandtxchamber.com

Chris Robin

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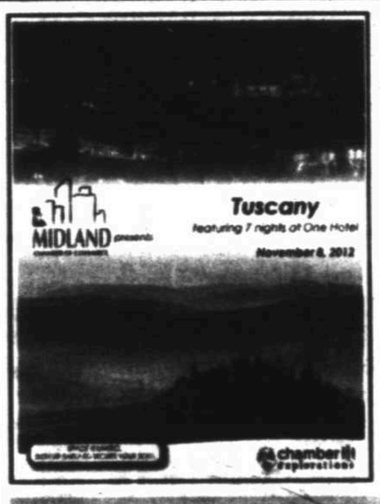

An informational meeting regarding the November 2012 trip to Tuscany will be held on April 3rd at 12:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in the trip is encouraged to attend.

To RSVP, e-mail Crissy Hancock at:
crissy@midlandtxchamber.com

Who: YOUR FOURSOME!
(Individual Golfers Welcome)

What: The Midland Chamber Chairman's Golf Classic

When: May 11, 2012

Where: Nueva Vista Golf Course

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Few People are Successful...Unless A Lot of People Want Them to Be

We venerate great leaders, and we have the tendency to assume their accomplishments came about regardless of the assistance they received from others. The truth, however, is that no leader would be great without the support and help of teammates. As a leader, you will never get ahead until your people are behind you.

The Midland Chamber of Commerce has partnered with ***Audrey Moralez,*** *a certified John Maxwell Team Trainer,* to help you achieve your leadership goals and potential. Audrey will guide participants through Maxwell's Leadership Gold curriculum based on his best-selling book...all at a fraction of the regular price ($300)!

Audrey's passion for leadership began as a teacher in a high school classroom; it was driven by love for her students and her desire to see them achieve. The same love of learning, personal development, and vision drew her to the John Maxwell Team. Prior to joining the team, Audrey spent nine years in Education Administration and Education Consulting. For the past seven years, she has owned and operated a successful property investment company and a direct sales business with AdvoCare.

Date: Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. OR 1:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(you choose morning or afternoon to best fit your schedule)

Location: Midland Center
105 N. Main St.
Room 2 (lower level)

Cost: $25 / Members and $50 / Non-Members

Register online at: www.midlandtxchamber.com
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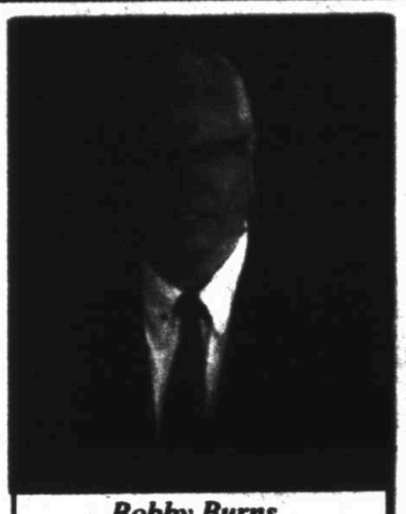

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This month, the Midland Chamber will host our inaugural ***State of Education*** luncheon. Our goal is to have a frank discussion about the challenges facing educators today. From funding complications, technology developments and governmental regulations to discipline and safety concerns – the classroom has experienced a paradigm shift in the last few years. We have assembled a panel comprised of public school, private school and higher education administrators to provide a broad look at today's educational picture. I invite you to join us on Thursday, March 22nd at Midland Center as **Mr. Eddie Lee**, Superintendent of Midland Christian School, **Dr. Ryder Warren**, Superintendent of Midland ISD and **Dr. Steve Thomas**, President of Midland College all take the stage to discuss the current ***State of Education*** in Midland, Texas and to inform the business community about areas in which they can become involved. In addition to our panelists, I'd like to thank our moderator, Mr. Chris Robin with Mazda of Midland, and our presenting sponsors: **HEB** and **InWest Retirement Solutions**. More information about this event is in this edition of *Business Matters*.

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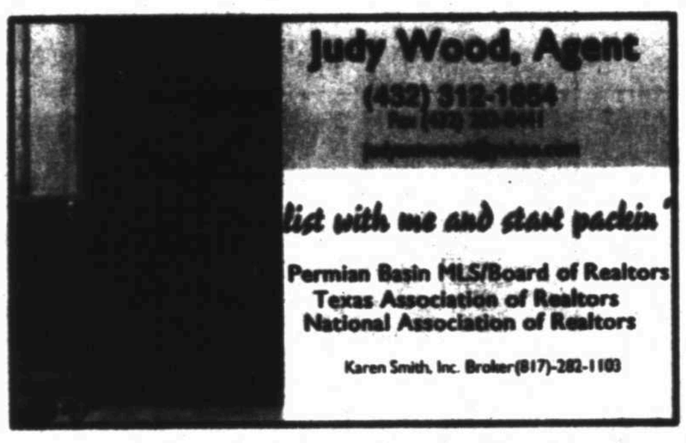

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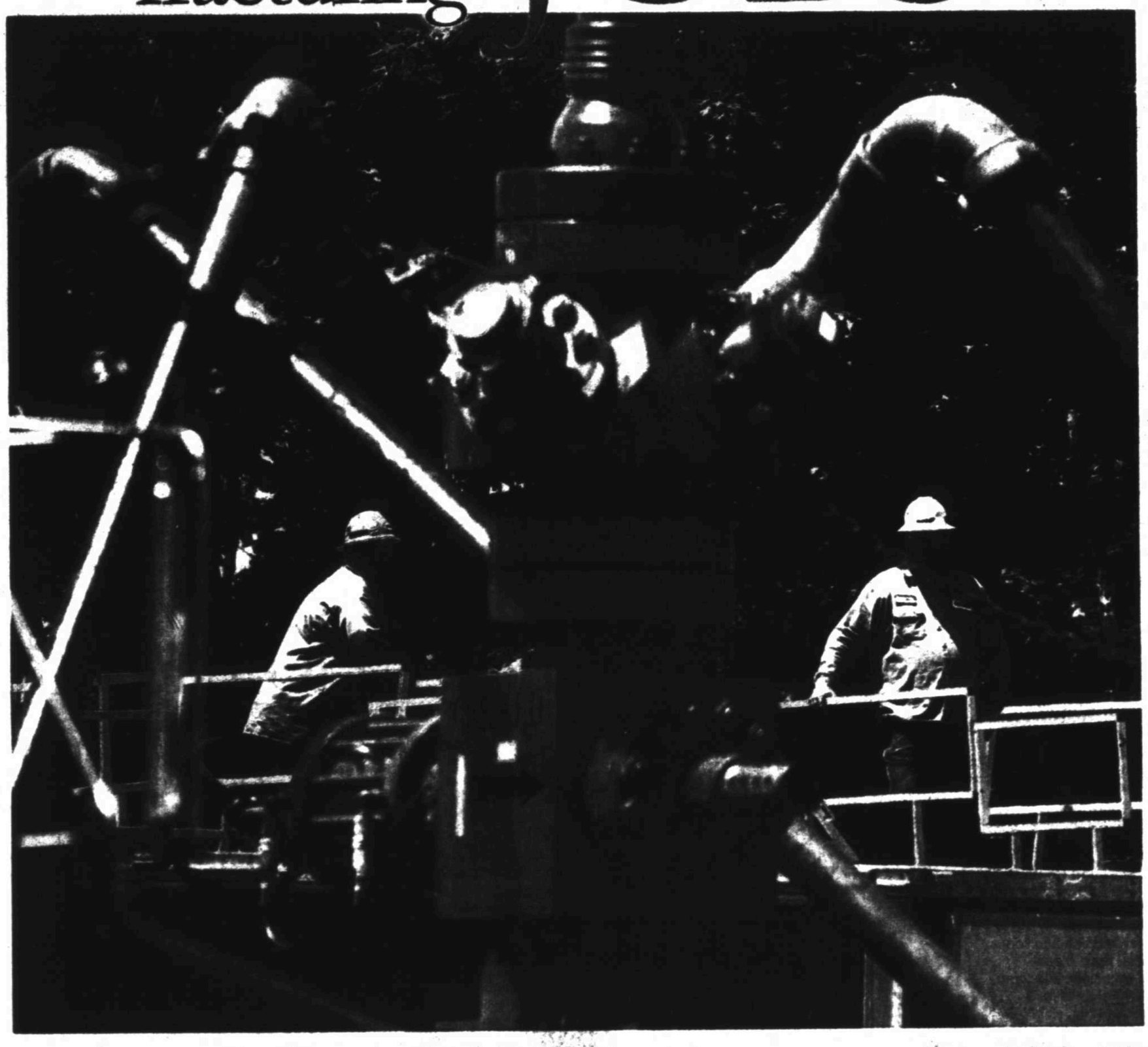

Workshop addresses questions about disclosing chemicals

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

With the Railroad Commission implementing new rules requiring disclosure of water volumes and chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing, the agency is taking steps to help oil and gas producers comply with those regulations.

As part of that effort, a workshop was held recently at the Petroleum Club featuring representatives of the Railroad Commission and FracFocus.org, the online site where operators will list the water volumes and chemicals used to hydraulically fracture wells.

Even though the industry does a good job utilizing water and chemicals in its operations, noted Ben Shepperd, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, which sponsored the workshop, the goal of the legislation requiring the disclosure was to provide more transparency.

At the end of the half-day workshop, he said, "I want everyone to walk away with a clear understanding and their questions answered."

Those attending the workshop were given a tour of the website by Roy Arthur with ALL LLC Consulting in Tulsa, who displayed and described the various pages and listings.

Of the 11,000 wells listed on FracFocus, said Leslie Savage, chief geologist with the Railroad Commission, half are in Texas.

She told the gathering that Texas legislators had given the commission until July of this year to craft and implement regulations regarding disclosure, but the commission decided to not to wait until then and proceeded "posthaste to get it done as soon as possible."

By last August, a draft proposal was published and by early October a public hearing was held and the new regulations were adopted Dec. 13, going into effect Feb. 1 of this year. While following the legislation's mandate to list ingredients that require Material Safety Data Sheets online that are provided to the operator for disclosure by the service company, Savage said the commission adopted regulations allowing for a supplemental list of non-MSDS chemicals operators to voluntarily be uploaded to the website.

The new rule, Rule 29, says any hydraulic fracturing performed on or after Feb. 1 of this year is subject to disclosure, and defines the process, the applicability and trade secret protection and how to challenge a trade secret claim. The rule also says all chemicals must be completely disclosed to emergency responders and health professionals.

"The reason for the rule is the public," she said. "They don't understand the terms you use daily and we want to make sure we're all on the same page."

One supplier who sells chemicals to

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Capstone Natural Resources to target Central Basin Platform

■ Lime Rock Partners provides $100 million in equity to start-up from former Arena Resources managers.

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

The founders of a new production company are returning to the Basin where they found earlier success.

All but two of the management team that led Arena Resources before its sale to SandRidge Energy have formed Capstone Natural Resources, planning to focus on the Central Basin Platform.

Capstone has secured $100 million in equity from Lime Rock Partners and, said Phil Terry, Capstone chief executive officer, "we are fully funded and ready to start executing our business plan."

That business plan, Terry said, is acquiring producing properties in the Permian Basin, specifically in the Central Basin Platform, that can further be developed through recompletions or infill drilling.

"We will use our business plan to take advantage of the experience gained at Arena and we will use that plan to drill in the San Andres, Clearfork, Glorieta and some deeper horizons but we're focusing on shallow to medium reservoirs," Terry said from his Tulsa headquarters.

"We are enthusiastic and excited about this team," said Townes Pressler Jr., managing director of Lime Rock Partners. "They have a great track record."

Lime Rock, Pressler said, has just under $4 billion in assets under management focused on the energy industry. Capstone, he added, is Lime Rock's third West Texas investment, listing partnerships with CrownQuest Operating and T.A.W. Services. Pressler said his company was drawn to Capstone not just because of the management team's track record but because Lime Rock was looking specifically at investing in the Central Basin Platform. Even so, he stressed Lime Rock "does not back teams that compete against each other. We have investments in the Wolfberry and now the Central Basin Platform. And we will look for other areas."

Arena, Terry noted, was active in Andrews County but he said his new company will expand its focus.

"There is significant San Andres production along the platform but we'll look a little north. Arena operated properties in New Mexico and we'll look at New

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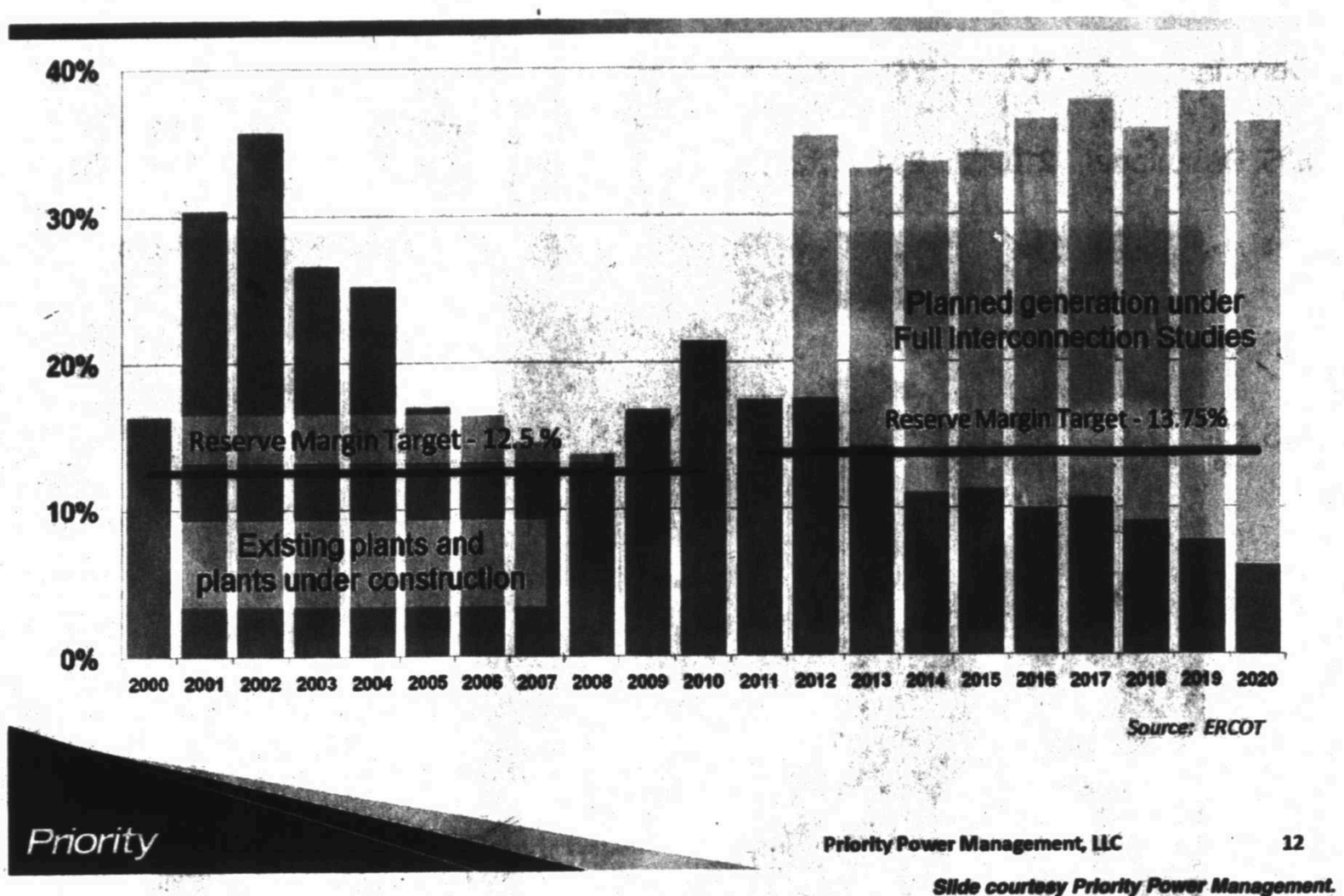

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Growth in energy use and a variety of challenges to growing generation capacity could put the ERCOT grid in jeopardy of being overloaded, as soon as this summer, according to Pat Ennis. Ennis, an electric power consultant, spoke recently to the Natural Gas Producers' Association in Midland.

Texas could face electric power challenges in 2013 and 2014

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

For those concerned about a looming overload on the electricity grid in Texas, there is a perfect storm brewing: low natural gas prices, the possibility of the EPA closing coal-fired plants or at least limiting new ones and record levels of electricity use, due in large part to last year's record high temperatures combine to put unprecedented strain on the grid that controls 85 percent of the power use in the state.

Pat Ennis, founding principle of Priority Power Management, based in the company's Midland office, explained the challenges to attendees at the February meeting of the Natural Gas Producers' Association at the Petroleum Club. PPM is an independent energy management and consulting services firm with offices in Midland, Grand Prairie and Houston.

Approximately 40 percent of the ERCOT grid's power is generated by natural gas, with coal right behind at 39 percent. Ennis said that, in the early 2000s, natural gas's percentage was closer to 65 percent. Nuclear power comes in at 11.9 percent, while wind accounts for 8.5 percent. Ennis stated that the price of natural gas sets the base price for all power generated — and that price is extremely low right now.

This means great news for consumers for the short term — electricity prices are among the lowest in the nation — but because those low prices deter investment in new power plants, it could lead to power shortages as soon as next summer.

Another key factor in determining gas prices is the "heat rate," or the efficiency of the plant — how much of the heat generated by burning natural gas is turned into electricity.

As an example of how this number is calculated, Ennis cited an old TXU power plant in Monahans, built in the 1940s. "It used to take 14,000 mmbtu of gas input to make 1,000 kwh — so it's said to have a 14-1 heat rate. Those new plants on I-20 (at Odessa), their heat rates are 6,700, give or take, those combined-cycle gas turbines."

Ennis explained that the cost of electricity is figured by multiplying the heat rate by the cost of natural gas. Using round numbers, he said if the heat rate is 8,000-1 and the price of gas is $3/mmbtu, "you're paying $24 per mwh, or 2.4 cents" per kwh as a wholesale price. Other fees and taxes come into play to raise the final price paid by users, pushing it to around $34/mwh for the spot price for a supplier buying power in the open market.

Times of high use push that price significantly higher due to laws of supply and demand in general, but also because more expensive plants like the old Monahans plant must come back online to meet the demand.

The first three days of August, 2011, during the time temperatures soared to near 110 degrees, saw record electricity use, culminating in the all-time record of 68,294 mwh Aug. 3. Ennis noted that, if every one of the state's 550 power plants is in operation, approximately 76,000 mwh is available. Rarely is there a time that a certain number of plants are not offline for maintenance or other issues, so those hot August days stretched the grid almost to the breaking point. On Aug. 3, the grid came within 3.8 percent of using every kwh available, meaning brownouts or blackouts were little more than one plant shutdown away.

Building new power plants does not necessarily add to capacity — sometimes it just maintains the status quo. Since deregulation, many power plants once owned by utilities such as TU Electric and others have been taken offline because they were inefficient. Those include the one previously mentioned at Monahans and the plant at Colorado City. This has made the reserve margin deteriorate, according to Ennis. The reserve rate is the margin between the maximum amount of power that can be generated and that which is needed at the highest usage point. The reserve margin target set by ERCOT is 13.75 percent.

If plants and usage are at expected levels over the next eight years, ERCOT projects the reserve margin to fall to the neighborhood of 5 percent by 2020. "That means we need power plants to meet these forecasts," said Ennis. "And that power's going to come from what? Gas!"

ERCOT's projections for future power plants show most will indeed be fueled by gas, although they do show coal and nuclear plants in the mix. As for the coal and nuclear plants, Ennis has his doubts. "I'm not the smartest guy around, but I'd be willing to bet that… we're not going to have any coal plants built here in Texas for a long time — between the EPA and the environmentalists, coal is kind of a no-no." He later acknowledged the exception of experimental carbon-capturing coal plants in the planning stages for Penwell and near Sweetwater.

In fact, Ennis reported, the EPA is considering closing more than 1,000 megawatts of coal-fired plants in Texas due to "cross-state" pollution. State officials have taken the EPA to court over this issue, and Ennis said the plan has at least been postponed while the EPA puts forth a plan on how to compensate for the lost capacity. "This could be catastrophic for us," he said.

Regarding nuclear power, Ennis felt the expectation of new nuclear power plants to be in operation by 2016 was unreasonable given the fact that most nuclear plants take many times that long to be permitted and built.

Yet another issue with existing coal, nuclear and even gas-powered plants is the shortage of cooling water in lakes, due to the drought. No cooling-based shutdowns are planned, but officials are keeping a close watch, especially on water levels at nuclear plants.

One challenge with building new facilities, said Ennis, is in the fact that Texas is an "energy-only" market. This means customers pay only for electricity used; they make no contributions to the build-

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GUEST VIEW

Houston Chronicle

UT Energy Institute report offers fracturing facts

The University of Texas Energy Institute recently released a report confirming that the process of hydraulic fracturing used to release oil and gas from shale rock, has a minimal impact on ground water.

The study, begun last May, was done by UT geologists and scientists in order to separate fact from fiction in the fracturing process, which has drawn more than a little criticism from those concerned about its potential adverse impacts, especially on water supplies.

The university's Energy Institute researchers examined evidence from three of the nation's major shale gas production areas -- the Marcellus Shale that extends from the mid-Atlantic into Pennsylvania and New York State, the Barnett Shale in Texas and the Haynesville Shale in East Texas and Louisiana.

A single study does not settle an issue as contentious and complex as this one, but the UT Energy Institute effort makes a significant and credible start.

It is straight down the middle — done without industry funding and with the participation of the Environmental Defense Fund, a well-known watchdog organization. In a world where clashes between advocates for industry and the environment are frequently bitter and deeply rooted, such an approach is doubly welcome.

As Texans are coming to understand, this type of energy development figures to be a cornerstone for the state's economy for decades to come. But not unless it is done with great care for our air and water resources. If there were ever a time to resurrect the memorable slogan "Don't mess with Texas" in a worthy cause, development of shale resources is it.

What may come as a surprise to many Texans is that other parts of the country, particularly the Northeast, appear to have an even greater stake in the careful development of shale resources. The above-mentioned Marcellus formation alone, which is underlain in part by a second energy-rich geological deposit known as the Utica formation, contains an estimated 63 percent of U.S. shale resources, according to the UT report.

The highest hurdle development of shale oil and gas may have to clear is a strong negative impression given by media coverage, particularly in the high-

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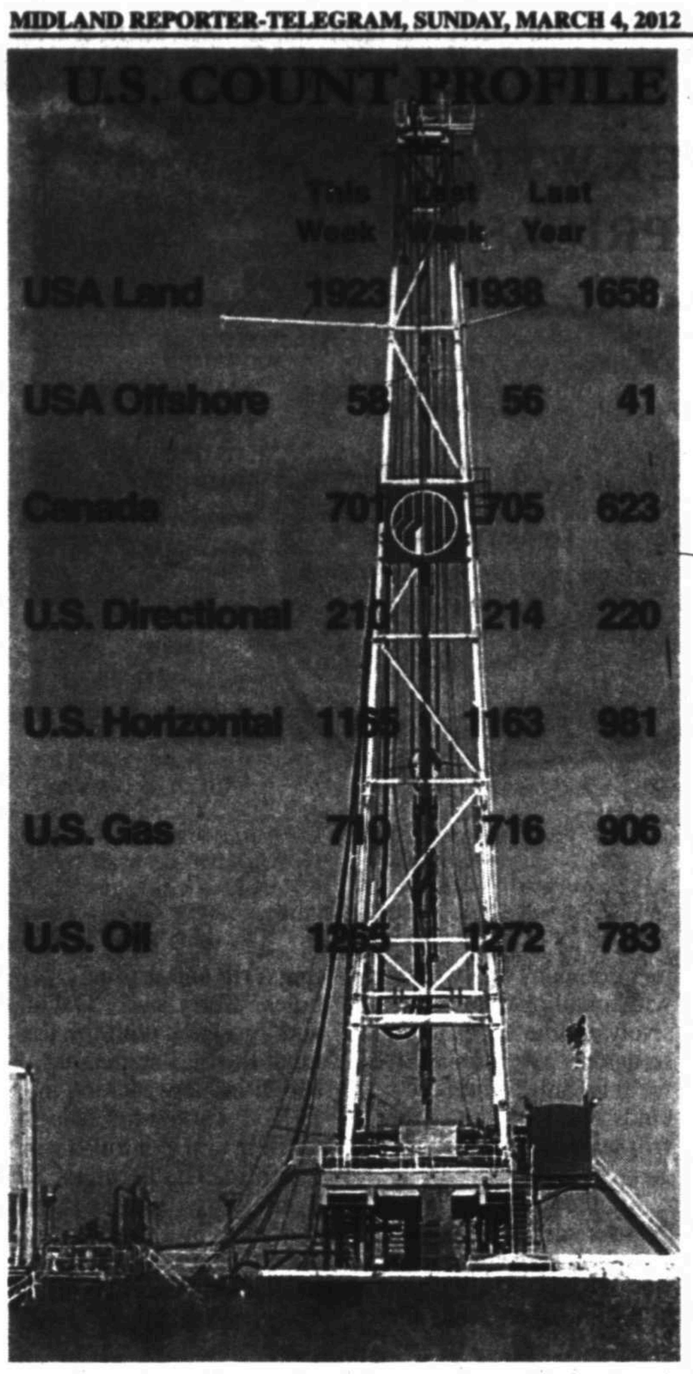

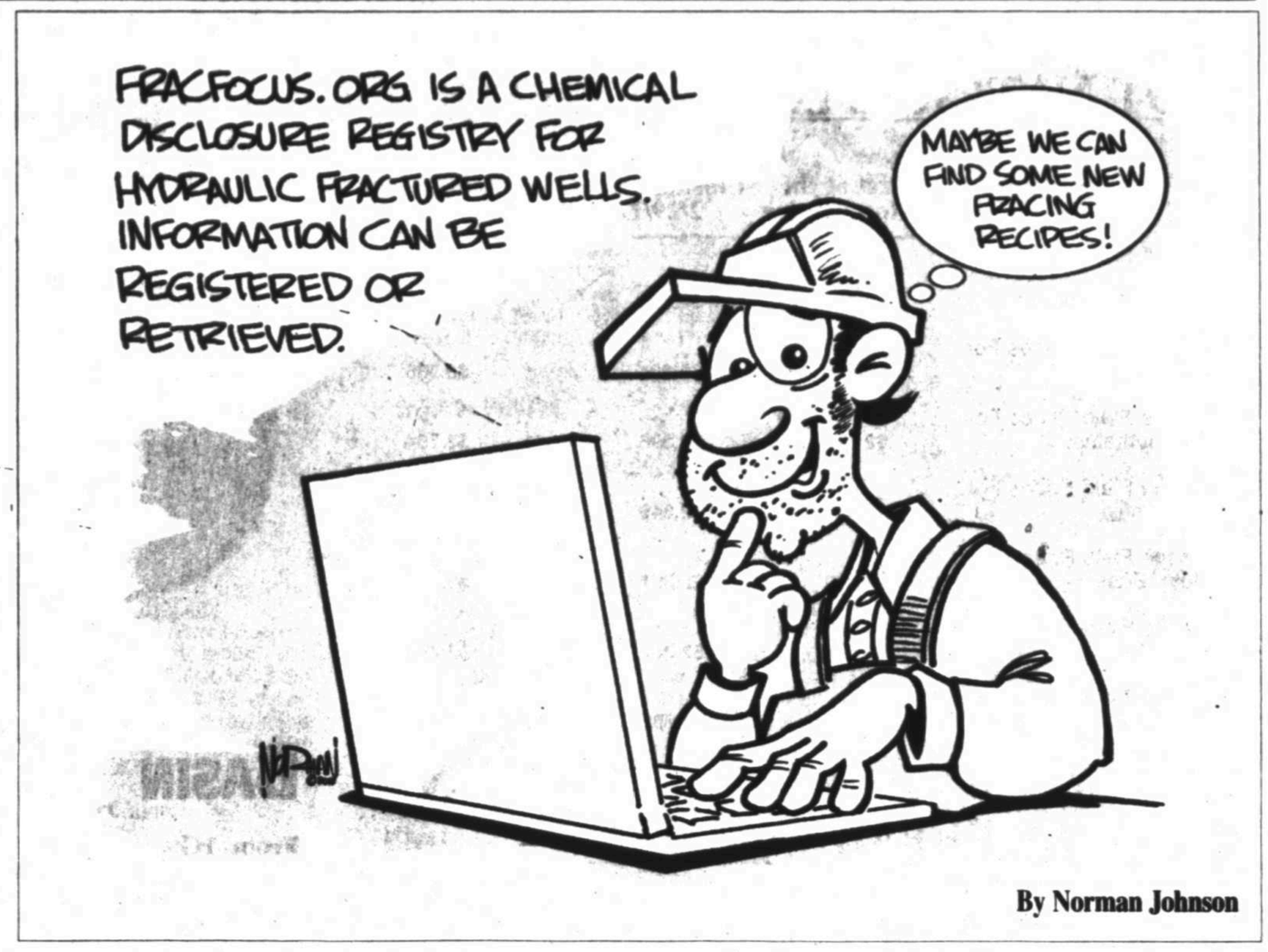

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ing of power plants, as is the case when electricity is a regulated monopoly. So a company building a new power plant must be able to make money off the sales of electricity alone. On the surface, with Texas' narrow reserve margin, the need for more electricity should guarantee a profit. But it is not that simple.

Since electricity rates are based on gas prices, and gas prices are currently at rock bottom, those electric rates are also very low. This means, said Ennis, that investors who might want to build a power plant are concerned they cannot make enough money to pay for the plant's construction. Instead their money is going to other states, ones that still have the monopoly environment, where they have opportunity for the ratepayers to help pay for the new plants.

"In Texas, since we're energy only, they build a power plant, power's so cheap, they're selling their power basically at a loss," Ennis explained.

Ennis said the state's energy regulators are considering adding a capacity surcharge to electricity bills in order to help pay for new power plants. But, he noted, this is only in the discussion phase and no actual plans are in the works. Even if a surcharge were put into place right away, it typically takes three years to permit and build a new gas plant.

For all these reasons, Ennis is concerned that the next two to three summers could see rolling blackouts or brownouts across the state, especially if hot, dry conditions continue - or if the EPA is successful in taking 1,000 mw offline.

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ly urbanized Northeast, according to the Energy Institute researchers. The negative reports have fostered popular suspicions of the motives of gas producers, which have sometimes been intensified by the producers themselves, as well as gas field service companies by "refusing to disclose the chemical makeup of fluids used to enhance hydraulic fracturing," according to the UT study.

The report continues: "Many outside observers have concluded that it is 'likely'; 'highly likely'; or 'definitively proven' that shale gas extraction is resulting in widespread contamination of groundwater in the U.S."

Those false impressions must be dealt with in a straightforward way by industry. That's important to us because a lot of the work in extraction and transport of shale oil and gas will be done by Houston-based companies.

Recently, for example, Houston-based Cabot Oil & Gas Corp. and Tulsa, Okla.-based Williams Partners LP announced plans for a 120-mile pipeline that would transport gas from Pennsylvania to pipelines in southern New York state. Many other local firms are involved deeply with shale development.

Their performances will help determine the future course of public opinion. The industry — Houston's economic mainstay — must rise to the occasion. We're betting that they will.

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multiple service companies who give those chemicals different names wondered how his contact information, as holder of the trade secret, would be made available to operators, especially in case of an emergency. He was assured the protected information wouldn't be on the website but his contact information would be available.

Participants asked if suppliers could give the operators a standard digital form that could be attached to the completion report and uploaded, hopefully eliminating having to input the information multiple times to meet the requirements.

Mike Nickolaus, a geologist with the Ground Water Protection Council out of Oklahoma City, one of two groups that developed the FracFocus.org website, told his audience plans are to upgrade the website, with version 2 rolling out in September or October.

The biggest change, he said, will be that the website will be moving away from Excel to a server-based platform that will make it easier for operators to manage their accounts and records. The website, which currently requires the 10-digit API number, will require the 14-digit API number, currently used by a number of states, on the updated version.

"We talk a lot about transparency and chemical disclosure, and there is federal legislation on the subject," Nickolaus said, detailing the goals of creating the website. "But we felt it was best handled at the state level.

It initially was designed, he said, as an "electronic cardboard box" where industry representatives could deposit their records.

"If the public saw these records without context, it would scare the heck out of them. So we developed a public site," he told the gathering. He added that the public site tells the history of hydraulic fracturing, when it began and how many wells have been treated with the technology along with the process of hydraulic fracturing a well — what it is, how it's conducted, what happens during a fracturing operation. The public, Nickolaus added, can get information on fluid management, how the industry manages the flowback from fracturing. Texas differs from other states, he noted, in that the wastewater is disposed of in permitted disposal wells.

"We want to get across to folks how the groundwater is protected," he said. "The public wonders where the water comes from and how much is being used. For mining and oil, only 1 percent of the water is used in the industrial process. In actuality, though you see 3 million gallons used, in the grand scheme of things, that's only a small percentage of the water in the United States."

The site also discusses ways concerned homeowners can have their water tested for contamination. "It has to be collected professionally," he said. Also discussed is what should be tested before oil and gas activity to provide a baseline for post-oil and gas activity, should issues arise.

A chart shows why chemicals are used, explaining crosslinkers and surfactants, and what chemicals are used and users can search the laws specific to their states and submit questions to the site. Nickolaus said more than 500 have been received since the site went live in April 2010.

"The heart of the system is the ability to find a well by state," he said, either on a map or by list. He estimated 88 percent of the rigs running across the country are on the website.

Nickolaus stressed the website was not put together by the industry, though it has contributed information, and strives to be even-handed. "It is a factual site, not intended to boost fracturing or to say fracturing is the devil," he said. "Whether that satisfies the federal government remains to be seen, but once states have demonstrated they are handling the problem, it's hard for the federal government to come in and change things."

The site, he noted, has even received visits from 134 countries, including Turks and Caicos.

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MEETINGS

SEPM speaker to discuss shale reservoirs

The Permian Basin Section, SEPM (Society for Sedimentary Geology) will meet Tuesday, March 6 at Midland Center beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Rick Lewis, Petrophysics Technical Manager Unconventional Reservoirs for Schlumberger Oilfield Services, Oklahoma City, will present a program on "Key Reservoir and Completion Parameters that Define a Shale Reservoir."

Cost is $15, including lunch. For more information, go to the PBS-SEPM website at www.pbs-sepm.org or the WTGS website at www.wtgs.org. Reservations can be made at 683-1573 or by email at wtgs@wtgs.org.

PALTA members to hold March luncheon

Members of the Permian Association, Lease and Title Analysts, will meet Thursday, March 8 at the Petroleum Club beginning at 11:30 a.m.

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Current Natural Gas Prices *Price per MMBtu*	First of the Month Price	Closing Prices 2/29/12	Same Period One Year Ago
New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) future price:	$3.084	$2.626	$4.005
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub:	$3.040	$2.364	$3.735
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains:	$2.550	$2.396	$3.754
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin:	$2.530	$2.349	$3.727
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin:	$3.080	$2.351	$3.720
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent:	$2.555	$2.371	$3.728
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast:	$2.666	$2.382	$3.751

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TEXAS

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Coke	1
Concho	0
Crockett	7
Irion	14
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	0
Reagan	20
Runnels	3
Schleicher	2
Sutton	1
Terrell	0
Tom Green	0
Upton	32

DIST. #8

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Brewster	0
Crane	4
Culberson	3
Ector	26
Glasscock	36
Howard	14
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	8
Martin	44
Midland	29
Mitchell	2
Pecos	4
Presidio	0
Reeves	41
Sterling	1
Ward	27
Winkler	2

DIST. #8A

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Borden	5
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Cottle	0
Crosby	2
Dawson	2
Dickens	0
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Gaines	10
Garza	1
Hale	0
Hockley	5
Kent	1
King	0
Lamb	0
Lubbock	1
Lynn	1
Motley	0
Scurry	2
Terry	2
Yoakum	3

TEXAS TOTAL 394

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Chaves	4
Eddy	44
Lea	18
Roosevelt	0

N.M. TOTAL 66

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Rig Count information provided by Hughes Christensen

Legacy Reserves president to join Concho

From Staff Reports

Legacy Reserves LP announced that Steven H. Pruett, president, chief financial officer and secretary of Legacy Reserves GP LLC, has informed the board of directors that he intends to leave Legacy effective March 16, 2012. He will be joining Concho Resources as senior vice president, corporate development. In his new role, Pruett will be responsible for Concho's business development, capital markets and investor relations functions.

Legacy has appointed James R. Lawrence, Legacy's vice president, finance and treasurer, interim chief financial officer, to be effective immediately following Pruett's resignation. The board intends to appoint a permanent CFO in due course, for which Lawrence will be strongly considered.

Tim Leach, Concho's chairman, chief executive officer and president, commented, "I am very pleased to have a recognized leader in the oil and gas community like Steve join our team. His petroleum engineering background coupled with his extensive experience in leading Permian Basin-focused companies will be a tremendous asset. With Steve's presence added to our existing management team and employees, I am confident that Concho is well positioned for continued success."

Concho also reported that Jack Harper, its senior vice president and chief of staff, has informed the board of directors he intends to retire effective December 31, 2012.

Said Leach, "Jack was a key member of the team that took Concho public in 2007 and has played a significant role in the company's growth since then. While I am sorry to see Jack leave us, I am happy that he will be able to spend more time with his family in the coming years. For the rest of 2012, he will continue to serve as an officer of the company and work closely with Steve to ensure his smooth transition onto the Concho team."

Cary D. Brown, chairman and chief executive officer of Legacy Reserves GP LLC, the general partner of Legacy, stated: "Steve has done a great job for Legacy and he has played a crucial role in the formation of Legacy. I want to thank him for his invaluable contributions to Legacy's growth during the last six years and wish him the very best in his next endeavor."

Brown continued: "I am pleased that Jim has accepted his new role as Interim CFO. He is a valued member of our Finance group and brings important financial and management experience to his new position to ensure continuity and a smooth transition as we continue to execute our growth strategy."

Lawrence joined Legacy in June 2010 as treasurer, and was promoted to vice president, finance and treasurer in March 2011. Prior to joining Legacy, he worked for nine years in investment banking, including the last six years in the Energy Investment Banking Group at Raymond James & Associates, where he served as a vice president from January 2007 to April 2010. Prior to his investment banking career and attending business school, Lawrence worked for five years in public accounting in Houston, focusing primarily on taxation.

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From 1G

Mexico," Terry said. "We'll look north and south of the platform."

David Ricks, Capstone president and chief operating officer, reported Capstone has just hired a production manager who is in the process of establishing a Midland office, and will be hiring more field personnel as drilling operations get under way. The goal, he said, is to have at least two rigs operating within a year's time.

"At these shallow depths, Arena drilled San Andres wells in four days, so we moved at a rapid clip," Ricks said.

Added Terry, "It was surprising to us to realize that Arena drilled 900 wells from mid-2005 to mid-2010; it was a very aggressive program, but we don't anticipate that aggressiveness again."

He said Capstone's drilling program will depend on the success of its acquisitions, something he has confidence in despite the growing popularity of the Permian Basin.

"We feel, though the Permian Basin is the focus of a number of companies now, we feel we will be able to find some acquisitions, some sellers interested in receiving a fair price and the benefits of overrides as we drill new wells," Terry said.

He pointed out his former company had worked with small operators extensively and he hopes to do so again. "We certainly feel we'll be able to find the kinds of opportunities that will let us execute our game plan."

Another positive, Pressler said, was that Capstone's management team "has a proven track record of drilling and development, not flipping properties." With operators that buy properties and then flip them, he explained, landowners run the risk that wells won't ever be drilled. That could help Capstone with acquisitions, he said, because landowners may see the management team's track record and be more confident wells will be drilled "and they'll get royalty checks."

"We look forward to getting a rig and drilling holes," Terry said. "David and I go back with the Permian Basin, I started at Mobil in New Mexico in 1970, I worked the Slaughter field and Central Basin Platform. The Permian Basin has indeed died several times and been revived several times. Properties I worked 42 years ago are now thriving."

Pressler agreed, saying technological advancements in horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing have opened tremendous potential for Permian Basin oil and gas operators.

Concluded Terry, "We're excited, we love the Permian Basin and look forward to getting to work."

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Crockett County

MWS Producing, Inc.
University 3 #2
Farmer (San Andres)-D; UL; A-U437, Blk 46, Sec 3; 338 FNL 1099 FEL of lse; 1099 FEL 2386 FSL of survey; 22 miles NW of Ozona; obj: 2500; permit #732531; API #105-41402

EOG Res., Inc.
University 40 #2104H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-D; University Land; A-N/A, Blk 40, Sec 21; 7725 FSL 14958 FEL of lse; 2280 FSL 1250 FWL of survey; 24.5 miles N of Ozona; obj: 6500; permit #732648; API #105-41403

EOG Res., Inc.
University 40 #2107H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-D; UL; A-U306, Blk 40, Sec 16; 100 FNL 13100 FEL of lse; 350 FSL 2170 FEL of survey; 25.4 miles N of Ozona; obj: 6500; permit #732809; API #105-41407

Irion County

Devon Energy Prod. Co., L.P.
Orellana #3H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-D; Smith, W; A-873, Blk N/A, Sec 1148; 1785 FSL 496 FEL of lse; 100 FNL 12042 FEL of survey; 7.8 miles E of Barnhart; obj: 6200; permit #732686; API #235-34974

Apache Corp.
Clinch 4238 #1H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-D; Koonco, M C/Pittman, J P; A-860, Blk N/A, Sec 4; 185 FSL 400 FEL of lse; 185 FSL 6658 FEL of survey; 26.7 miles SW of Mertzon; obj: 9300; permit #732776; API #235-34975

Menard County

Paint Rock Oper., LLC
ESPY 'A' #16
Danny Mae (Lower Cisco "A")-D; Herberg, J; A-377, Blk N/A, Sec 1469; 650 FSLYNL 6225 FWLYWL of lse; 41 FNL 581 FEL of survey; 10 miles NW of Menard; obj: 3000; permit #732517; API #327-31154

Reagan County

Laredo Pet. - Dallas, Inc.
SRH -D- #6W
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Roble Grande (Strawn/Wood-ford)-D; Honea, N; A-208, Blk A, Sec 6; 626 FNL 2773 FEL of lse; 696 FSL 1780 FWL of survey; 19 miles NE of Big Lake; obj: 10500; permit #731036; API #383-37623

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
University '12-12' #1WS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; UL; A-U290, Blk 12, Sec 12; 659 FNL 663 FEL of lse; 1980 FSL 2130 FWL of survey; 6.3 miles SW of Big Lake; obj: 2000; permit #732176; API #383-37646

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
University '10-17' #2H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; University Lands; A-N/A, Blk 10, Sec 17; 174 FSL 1200 FWL of lse; 2490 FNL 1200 FWL of survey; 5.5 miles N of Big Lake; obj: 15200; permit #732595; API #383-37662

Runnels County

J V A Oper. Co., Inc.
Dierschke Unit #1
Pony Creek (Ellenburger)-D; Zobel, P; A-572, Blk N/A, Sec 132; 1110 FWL 975 FSL of lse; 219 FEL 975 FSL of survey; 1.8 miles NE of Rowena; obj: 4900; permit #732481; API #399-35318

Schleicher County

Highmount Expl. & Prod. TX LLC
Mayer Edwin S Jr. E #35
Sawyer (Canyon)&(Strawn, North)-D; DL & C Co.; A-696, Blk A, Sec 56 ?; 490 FSL 660 FWL of lse; 1900 FNL 660 FWL of survey; 15 miles SW of Eldorado; obj: 8500; permit #732719; API #413-32817

Terrell County

ConocoPhillips Co.
Mitchell, Alex 1 #6
Deer Canyon (Penn)-Recompletion; TC RR Co.; A-1047, Blk N/A, Sec 1; 2190 FNL 520 FEL of lse; 2190 FNL 520 FEL of survey; 25 miles SW of Sheffield; obj: 14000; permit #729071; API #443-30756

Upton County

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Funkhouser '20B' #1
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; CCSD & RGNG RR Co./Burkes, M & W M; A-1570, Blk B, Sec 20; 619 FNL 520 FEL of lse; 710 FSL 520 FEL of survey; 14.3 miles NE of Rankin; obj: 11000; permit #730999; API #461-37826

Summit Pet. LLC
Kaleigh Dawn A #4207
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co/Taylor, H F; A-693, Blk 42, T5S, Sec 42; 467 FSL 930 FEL of lse; 467 FSL 1980 FWL of survey; 23.1 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 11000; permit #731342; API #461-37832

COG Oper. LLC
TXL '7' #6
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Davis (Pennsylvanian)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-489, Blk 41, T5S, Sec 7; 1916 FSL 1916 FEL of lse; 1916 FSL 1916 FEL of survey; 28.8 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 12000; permit #732818; API #461-37881

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Andrews County

Windsor Permian LLC
UL II 14 #8
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Lowe, West (Strawn)-D; UL; A-U232, Blk 8, Sec 14; 1980 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 1980 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 12 miles E of Andrews; obj: 11500; permit #732366; API #003-43912

RSP Permian, LLC
Cross Bar Ranch #803
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co./Reiger, L L; A-795, Blk 40, T1N, Sec 8; 1980 FNL 3364.7 FWL of lse; 1980 FNL 1980 FEL of survey; 22.5 miles SE of Andrews; obj: 12000; permit #732656; API #003-43913

OXY USA Inc.
Mabee 139 #4614
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Lowe (Atoka)-D; G & MMB & A; A-101, Blk 40, T1N, Sec 46; 1558 FSL 8903 FWL of lse; 1558 FSL 1463 FEL of survey; 14.7 miles NW of Midland; obj: 12500; permit #732747; API #003-43915

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
JT Lindley-Lynne #56
Fuhrman-Mascho-D; PSL/Walker, J C; A-1644, Blk A47, Sec 15; 154 FSL 990 FEL of lse; 2499 FNL 990 FEL of survey; 12 miles NW of Andrews; obj: 4900; permit #732844; API #003-43932

Culberson County

Cimarex Energy Co.
Macbeth 22 Fee #1H
Ford, West (Wolfcamp)-D; T & P RR Co./Graham, O L; A-6990, Blk 59, T1S, Sec 22; 210 FNL 550 FWL of lse; 210 FNL 550 FWL of survey; 13.8 miles E of Orla; obj: 10200; permit #732804; API #109-32465

Ector County

Linn Oper., Inc.
Tyler #3716
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Scharbauer Ranch (Atoka)-D; T & P RR Co.; A126, Blk 42, T2S, Sec 37; 915 FNL 467 FEL of lse; 915 FNL 467 FEL of survey; 1 mile SE of Odessa; obj: 12000; permit #732639; API #135-41539

Apache Corp.
TXL South Unit #3407HU
TXL (Tubb)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-383, Blk 45, T2S, Sec 5; 3054 FWL 10726 FSL of lse; 2550 FNL 315 FWL of survey; 9.7 miles NW of Penwell; obj: 6250; permit #730591; API #135-41474

Legado Permian, LLC
Goldsmith-Landreth/San Andres/Unit #139A
Goldsmith-D; T & P RR Co.; A-266, Blk 44, T1N, Sec 29; 6524 FWL 7460 FSL of lse; 2172 FSL 1132 FWL of survey; 3.1 miles W of Goldsmith; obj: 4500; permit #732417; API #135-41523

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
CVX 6 #17
Goldsmith-Recompletion; T & P RR Co./West, F; A-823, Blk 44, T2S, Sec 6; 351 FSEL 2310 FNEL of lse; 2310 FNEL 2290 FNWL of survey; 9 miles SW of Goldsmith; obj: 12000; permit #732886; API #135-40290

Glasscock County

Laredo Pet., Inc
Bearkat #805
Garden City, S. (Wolfcamp)-D; T & P RR Co./Lovelace, B P; A-886, Blk 33, T4S, Sec 8; 4628 FWL 660 FNL of lse; 660 FEL 660 FNL of survey; 2.4 miles NE of Garden City; obj: 11000; permit #732342; API #173-34756

McClure Oil Co., Inc..
Driver '33' #5
Veterans (Upper Leonard)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-257, Blk 34, T4S, Sec 33; 990 FNL 1650 FEL of lse; 990 FNL 1650 FEL of survey; 5 miles SW of Garden City; obj: 5400; permit #732541; API #173-34757

COG Oper. LLC
Glass 8 #3
Garden City, S. (Wolfcamp) & R.W.P. (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Glass, F D; A-966, Blk 32, T5S, Sec 8; 660 FWL 1980 FSL of lse; 660 FWL 1980 FSL of survey; 11.6 miles SE of Garden City; obj: 10500; permit #720986; API #173-34383

Howard County

Crownquest Oper., LLC
Horton 19 #1
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Paul Page (Atoka)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-343, Blk 33, T3N, Sec 19; 467 FSL 660 FEL of lse; 467 FSL 660 FEL of survey; 3.6 miles SE of

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Unconventional plays for oil and gas have pushed the United States to number one in the world in gas production and number three in oil. Hart Energy's DUG conferences have brought thousands of oil and gas professionals together to learn and discuss ideas. This year's conference will be another "must-attend" event.

In January of this year, just over half of all drilling rigs operating were in unconventional plays. It is no wonder, then, that industry leaders from all over the country have made the DUG conferences the place to come together and share information. More than 2,400 professionals from 800-plus companies are expected to attend this year's conference.

The DUG conference allows companies to highlight their success stories and identify future trends. It is the perfect place for executives and managers to keep abreast of rapid market changes worldwide and to network with other forward-looking producers.

Keynote speakers will include former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Pioneer Natural Resources Chairman and CEO Scott Sheffield, Deloitte LLP Senior Advisor, Oil and Gas Group Peter Robertson and Halcon Resources Chairman, CEO and President Floyd C. Wilson.

Dr. Rice will share her expert insight into public policy, energy and international relations from more than 30 years of academic and national service. She will be the luncheon speaker on April 24. Sheffield, who will open the main conference on Tuesday morning, will address the topic of pioneering new horizontal plays — a topic with which he and his company are well versed, with operations in the Barnett, horizontal Permian, mid-continent, Eagle Ford and others.

On Monday, April 23, before the main DUG The Original conference begins, Hart Energy will host their technical workshop focusing on completions. Topics will include sliding sleeves and improved performance, proppants and sand supply and demand issues and "green" technology.

Attendees of previous DUG conferences have been very enthusiastic about their quality and value. One said, "The DUG Conference is everything a technical and industry conference should be. When advances in drilling and completion can be added to economic analysis and political insight, every professional in our industry can find value in attending."

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Accelerating recovery means bull market has long way to run

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The stock market is on a roll. The S&P 500 has had the best start to any year since 1997, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average looks set to move back above 13,000 for the first time since May 2008.

Fears about some sort of Lehman-style financial panic in Europe are waning. While problems in the Middle East persist, this is nothing new. Moreover, analysts and investors increasingly are focused on reports that show improvement in the U.S. economy. The Fed has not been able to justify QE3.

Maybe the best news is that investors are looking deeper into economic data, not just trading on headlines. Last week's retail sales and industrial production reports were both lower than the consensus expected, but each came with a convincing alibi.

In the case of retail sales, the Census Bureau estimated a drop in auto sales even though reports on sales by automakers themselves were up strongly. The markets believed the automakers.

Industrial production came in with a big fat zero for January, but a steep drop in output at utilities and mines masked a strong 0.7 percent increase in manufacturing, driven largely by automakers, who, even after a recent production surge, are still running well behind demand, leaving dealer inventories unusually thin.

Meanwhile, regional manufacturing surveys — the Empire State index and Philadelphia Fed index — both beat consensus expectations for February and reported better employment conditions. On cue, new claims for jobless benefits hit the lowest level since early 2008. In addition, housing starts climbed, more proof the trend in home building is now consistently upward.

The rise in equities so far this year is not just a "sugar high." The Fed has done nothing new, while Keynesian pump-priming is on the wane. Federal spending peaked at 25.3 percent of GDP back in 2009. It's still way too high, but has fallen to 23.7 percent. Meanwhile, despite shenanigans like the temporary payroll tax cut, federal revenue has risen from 15.1 percent of GDP to 15.4 percent in the past year. Spending is down and taxes are up. From a Keynesian perspective, fiscal policy is contractionary.

Yes, the Fed is loose and is holding interest rates down artificially. But even if we assume more normal interest rates and stable profits (with implies declining margins), stocks are very cheap. Cheap enough in our view to take us to 14,500 on the Dow and 1475 on the S&P 500 by year end 2012.

Using a capitalized-profits approach, we divide corporate profits by the current 10-year Treasury yield of 2 percent and then compare the current level of this index from each quarter for the past 60 years. Hold on to your hats … this method estimates a fair-value for the Dow at 46,000. But, this extremely bullish result is largely due to artificially low interest rates. Current levels on inflation are above the 10-year Treasury yield and we believe that once the Fed normalizes its policy stance interest rates will climb to much higher levels.

If we use a more realistic discount rate of 5 percent for the 10-year Treasury, we get a fair value of 18,800 on the Dow and 1,975 for the S&P 500.

Another potential problem is that profits have been an unusually large share of GDP — currently almost 13 percent. If profits revert to a historical norm of about 9.5 percent of GDP at the same time the 10-year Treasury yield is 5 percent, fair value would be 13,900 for the Dow and 1460 for the S&P 500. Just to be clear, that would be in a world where profits fall roughly 25 percent and interest rates more than double from their current levels. In other words, this doesn't look like a dead cat bounce to us.

Valuations are robust and with the economic recovery re-accelerating, the bull market that started in March 2009 has much further to run.

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Ackerly; obj: 11900; permit #732519; API #227-36884

Meritage Energy Co., LLC
Bennett #4241
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Petty 48 (Upper Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Groves, A; A-1125, Blk 32, T2N, Sec 42; 660 FSL 660 FWL of lse; 660 FSL 660 FWL of survey; 7.4 miles SE of Knott; obj: 10600; permit #732622; API #227-36885

Apache Corp.
Cathey 6 #2
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Talbot (Canyon)-D; T & P RR Co./Williams, E W; A-1369, Blk 29, T1N, Sec 6; 660 FNL 1300 FWL of lse; 660 FNL 1300 FWL of survey; 10.2 miles NE of Coahoma; obj: 9000; permit #732671; API #227-36886

Loving County

Energen Res. Corp.
Rainbow 70 #1D
Vermejo (Delaware)-D; H & TC RR Co.; A-N/A, Blk 33, Sec 70; 467 FSL 3270 FEL of lse; 467 FSL 3270 FEL of survey; 5.5 miles SE of Mentone; obj: 7000; permit #732413; API #301-31699

Anadarko Pet. Corp.
Crockett 1-35 Unit 2 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-D; W & NW RR Co.; A-172, Blk 1, Sec 35; 310 FEL 1980 FSL of lse; 310 FNEL 1980 FSEL of survey; 16.5 miles NE of Pecos; obj: 16000; permit #726996; API #301-31642

Propel Energy, LLC
Johnson 2 #10
Dimmitt (Delaware Cons.)-Recompletion; T & P RR Co./Johnson, W D; A-1069, Blk 53, T2, Sec 2; 600 FWL 660 FSL of lse; 600 FWL 660 FSL of survey; 13 miles NE of Mentone; obj: 6795; permit #732869; API #301-30880

Chesapeake Oper., Inc.
University 19-19 #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-D; UL; A-N/A, Blk 19, Sec 19; 250 FSL 738 FWL of lse; 250 FSL 738 FWL of survey; 12.4 miles E of Mentone; obj: 18000; permit #732834; API #301-31709

Martin County

Energen Res. Corp.
Jackson 50 #3
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Paul Page (Atoka)-D; Bauer & Cockrell; A-1123, Blk A, Sec 50; 467 FWL 467 FSL of lse; 467 FWL 467 FSL of survey; 18 miles NE of Stanton; obj: 12000; permit #732502; API #317-37491

Energen Res. Corp.
Jones-Holton #37
Spraberry (Trend Area) & RK (Strawn)-D; Wheeler CSL LGE 246; A-N/A, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 2812 FSL 1986 FWL of lse; 4898 FSL 5805 FWL of survey; 21 miles NW of Stanton; obj: 12000; permit #732653; API #317-37502

Chesapeake Oper., Inc.
University 7-26B #7
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Breedlove (Strawn)-D; UL; A-N/A, Blk 7, Sec 26; 630 FEL 1980 FSL of lse; 630 FEL 1980 FSL of survey; 14 miles NW of Tarzan; obj: 12000; permit #732564; API #317-37495

Midland County

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Stimson '20' #7
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Parsley (Atoka)-D; T & P RR Co./Robertson, J B; A-692, Blk 38, T2S, Sec 20; 660 FSL 2580 FWL of lse; 1980 FNL 2580 FWL of survey; 5 miles NE of Midland; obj: 11300; permit #731130; API #329-37853

COG Oper. LLC
Pegasus Field Unit 3 #164
Pegasus (Consolidated)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-302, Blk 40, T4S, Sec 19; 2183 FNL 7478 FWL of lse; 2083 FWL 2183 FNL of survey; 22.6 miles SW of Midland; obj: 12000; permit #731730; API #329-37907

Mitchell County

Quantum Res. Mgmt., LLC
Turner Gregory Unit #1113
Turner-Gregory (Clear Fork)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-586, Blk 29, T1N, Sec 25; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL of lse; 1320 FNL 1320 FEL of survey; 5.7 miles NW of Westbrook; obj: 3500; permit #725454; API #335-35597

Quantum Res. Mgmt., LLC
Turner Gregory Unit #918
Turner-Gregory (Clear Fork)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-586, Blk 29, T1N, Sec 25; 990 FNL 2967 FEL of lse; 990 FNL 2967 FEL of survey; 6.1 miles NW of Westbrook; obj: 3500; permit #729474; API #335-35607

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Irion County

EOG Resources Inc.
University"40" #1302H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fsl, 1,660 fnl, Sec 13, Blk 40, ULS, 2.8 sw Barnhart; TD 6,179 TVD; Comp 11-12-11; producing from 6,525-10,634, treated with 6,604 bbls. 7.5 percent acid, 80,903 gals. water, 3,699,160# sand; gas lift 115 BO, 677 MCF, 722 BW on 48/64 inch choke, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34624

Reagan County

Apache Corp.
SRH "16" #1617
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,332 fnl, 1,685 fel, Sec 16, Blk A, Abst. 432. Mrs. S.W. Sutphen, 18.3 ne Big Lake; TD 9,785; Comp 9-23-11; producing from 5,796-9,637, fracture stimulated; pump 36 Bo, 108 MCF, 211 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37222

BC Operating Inc.
University"9-2" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,750 fnl, 660 fel, Sec 2, Blk 9, ULS, 12 nw Big Lake; TD 11,000; Comp 11-26-11; producing from 7,780-9,130, treated with 11,800 bbls. gel, 381,000# sand; pump 78 BO, 55 MCF, 250 BW on one-inch choke, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37378

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Brushy Draw #17P
Spraberry (Trend Area); 681 fsl, 687 fel, Sec 17, Blk 1, Abst. 481, T&P RR, 18 ne Big Lake; TD 8,845; Comp 11-20-11; producing from 5,158-8,342, treated with 9,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 1,246,014 gals. gel/fluid, 1,258,240# sand; pump 52 BO, 165 MCF, 4 BW, 36.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37311

Jamex Inc.
University Lands "11-3" #1
Big Lake West (Ellenburger); 200 fel, 200 fsl, Sec 3, Blk 11, ULS, 3.1 se Big Lake; TD 9,815; Comp 9-15-11; producing from 9,050-9,148, treated with 9,500 gals. 15 percent HCL; pump 2 BO, 5 MCF, 6 BW, 45.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37288

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Hulet "166" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fsl, 1,980 fel, Sec 166, Blk 2, Abst. 63, T&P RR< 22.4 ne Big Lake; TD 9,686; Comp 9-29-11; producing from 5,634-9,389, treated with 18,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 759,294 gals. crosslink assist gel, 278,304 gals. crosslink gel, 1,985,972# sand; pump 59 BO, 49 MCF, 195 BW, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37197

Schleicher County

Tradition Resources LLC
Koy Unit "A" #9
Page; 1,320 fnl, 1,320 fel, Sec 38, Blk L, Abst. 1788, GH&SA RR, 8.7 se Eldorado; TD 8,000; Comp 11-20-11; producing from 5,802-5,906, treated with 250 gals. 15 percent HCL; pump 8 BO 2 MCF, 240 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-413-32759

Tom Green County

Banner Operating LLC
Livingston "30:" #2
Funk (San Andres); 2,310 fsl, 990 fel, Sec 30, Blk 5, Abst. 7109, H&TC RR, 21 nw San Angelo; TD 1,458; Comp 7-18-11; producing from 902-1,000, treated with 3,500 gals. 15 percent HCL; pump 2 BO on open choke, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-451-32705

Upton County

COG Operating LLC
TXL "43" #5
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,916 fnl, 467 fel, Sec 43, Blk 41, T-5-S, Abst. 507, T&P RR, 23.2 nw Rankin; TD 10,207; Comp 9-29-11; producing from 7,980-10,070, treated with 1,164,385 gals. fluid, 769,000# sand; pump 127 BO, 13 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37404

COG Operating LLC
Pegasus Field Unit #4223
Pegasus (Consolidated); 660 fel, 961 fnl, Sec 48, Blk 41, T-4-S, Abst. 1432, T&P RR, 29.6 nw Rankin; TD 11,550; Comp 11-9-11; producing from 9,080-10,680, treated with 471,000# sand, 951,468 gals. gel; flow 90 BO, 60 MCF, 61 BW on 12/64 inch choke, FTP 650 psi, 41.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37352

Opal Resources Operating Co. LLC
University "58-2" #1
Sheep Mountain (Consolidated); 467 fwl, 467 fnl, Sec 2, Blk 58, ULS, 2.2 e Rankin; TD 11,120; Comp 10-11-11; producing from 9,499-9,512; flow 331 BO, 957 MCF, 52 BW on 8/64 inch choke, FTp 1,350 psi, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37550

Opal Resources Operating Co. LLC
Piluteno #4
Spraberry (Trend Area); 549 fwl, 1,093 fsl, Sec 31, Abst. 5, C&M RR, 3.4 ne Rankin; TD 10,820; Comp 9-29-11; producing from 8,059-9,831, treated with 22,041 gals. 15 percent HCL, 47,022 bbls. crosslink gel,2,000,000# sand; pump 77 BO, 155 MCF, 135 BW on 18/64 inch choke, 39.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37720

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
XBC Giddings Estate "B" #15
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,600 fnl, 3,350 fel, Sec 4, Blk 1, Abst. 770, GC&SF RR, 14.8 nw Rankin; TD 10,740; Comp 9-23-11; producing from 7,394-10,495, treated with 16,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 1,256,040 gals. crosslink assist, 309,291 gals. crosslink gel, 2,000,000# sand; pump 230 BO, 949 MCF, 467 BW, 45.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37693

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
XBC Giddings Estate #1055
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,570 fnl, 5,750 fel, League 1, Abst. 542, Throckmorton CSL, 19.8 nw Rankin; TD 10,690; Comp 10-6-11; producing from 7,495-10,694, treated with 10,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 846,626 gals. gel, 1,082,917# sand; pump 84 BO, 65 MCF, 157 BW, 43.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37215

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Andrews County

Chesapeake Operating Inc.
University "8-16" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fwl, 660 fsl, Sec 16, Blk 8, ULS, 12.8 e Andrews; TD 11,225; Comp 11-21-11; producing from 8,270-11,157, treated with 30,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 1,722,558# sand; pump 78 BO, 38 MCF, 176 BW, 41.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42263

COG Operating LLC
Bitler-Lowe Clearfork Unit #37
Fullerton; 1,320 fel, 2,840 fsl, Sec 11, Blk A-32, Abst. 2027, PSL, 15.8 nw Andrews; TD 7,315; Comp 10-5-11; producing from 6,220-7,160, treated with 64,976 gals. gel, 75,000# sand; pump 16 BO, 10 MCF, 175 BW, 34.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43008

Energen Resources Corp.
Thornberry "13-5" #1
Fuhrman -Mascho; 987 fnl, 352 fel, Sec 13, Blk A-42, Abst. 2212, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,875; Comp 5-4-11; producing from 4,370-4,685, treated with 12,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 245,388 gals. fluid, 128,280# sand, 920,000 SCF N2; pump 15 BO, 15 MCF, 37 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42497

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Rarich "4" #23
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,440 fsl, 720 fwl, Sec 4, Blk A-32, Abst. 2208, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,915; Comp 11-16-11; producing from 4,551-4,802, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,251 bbls. fluid, 200,995# proppant; pump 35 BO, 17 MCF, 160 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43473

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Lyda Miles #20
Fuhrman-Mascho; 2,341 fwl, 1,490 fnl, Sec 2, Blk A-47, Abst. 1995, PSL, 13 sw Andrews; TD 4,900; Comp 11-13-11; producing from 4,456-4,704, treated with 48 bbls. 7.5 percent NeFe, 2,002 bbls. fluid, 202,087# proppant; pump 97 BO, 33 MCF, 68 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43479

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Seidel et al #31
Fuhrman-Mascho; 710 fsl, 900 fel, Sec 6, Blk A-42, Abst. 1188, PSL, 12 sw Andrews; TD 4,731; Comp 10-15-11; producing from 4,333-4,614, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,042 bbls. fluid, 202,795# proppant; pump 99 BO, 61 MCF, 53 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43193

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Seidel et al #26
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 1,380 fsl, 1,985 fel, Sec 6, Blk A-42, Abst. 1188, PSL, 12 sw Andrews; TD 4,757; Comp 11-13-11; producing from 4,375-4,598, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,175 bbls. fluid, 205,263# proppant; pump 114 BO, 55 MCF, 85 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42995

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Thornberry -B- #18
Fuhrman-Mascho; 200 fsl, 1,630 fel, Sec 2, Blk A-42, Abst. 1625, PSL, 8 sw Andrews; TD 4,717; Comp 10-7-11; producing from 4,228-4,624, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFe acid, 2,188 bbls. fluid, 202,865# proppant; pump 49 BO, 55 MCF, 129 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43309

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Munger & Nix-Snow #6
Fuhrman-Mascho; 820 fnl, 760 fel, Sec 1, Blk A-41, Abst. 1993, PSL, 15 sw Andrews; TD 4,885; Comp 11-10-11; producing from 4,429-4,700, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 1,873 bbls. fluid, 185,174# proppant; pump 75 BO, 28 MCF, 128 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43468

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
W.H. Bush #22
Fuhrman-Mascho; 2,520 fwl, 2,530 fsl, Sec 3, Blk A-47, Abst. 1851, PSL, 13 sw Andrews; TD 4,980; Comp 7-23-11; producing from 4,529-4,760, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,119 bbls. fluid, 180,415# sand; pump 112 BO, 49 MCF, 99 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43057

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
M.A. Thornberry Estate "B-BK" #18
Fuhrman-Mascho; 2,180 fnl, 300 fel, Sec 8, Blk A-42, Abst. 2211, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,740; Comp 10-17-11; producing from 4,378-4,642, treated with 48 bbls. NeFeHCL, 2,008 bbls. fluid, 202,681# proppant; pump 55 BO, 39 MCF, 160 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43307

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Ashton #25
Fuhrman-Mascho; 2,070 fsl, 920 fel, Sec 12, Blk A-42, Abst. 2222, PSL, 11 sw Andrews; TD 4,713; Comp 11-29-11; producing from 4,230-4,552, treated with 71 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,338 bbls. fluid, 220,883# proppant; pump 22 BO, 75 MCF, 199 BW on one-inch choke, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43452

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
T.J. Lindley-Lynne #51
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,420 fnl, 1,110 fel, Sec 15, Blk A-47, Abst. 1644, PSL, 12 w Andrews; TD 4,919; Comp 8-21-11; producing from 4,500-4,748, treated with 45 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,287 bbls. fluid, 201,002# proppant; pump 96 BO, 28 MCF, 90 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43092

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "11-13" #3
Martin (Consolidated); 2,382 fwl, 2,598 fnl, Sec 13, Blk 11, ULS, 16.4 sw Andrews; TD 7,780; Comp 10-28-11; producing from 6,365-7,508, treated with 132 bbls. acid, 6,068 bbls. fluid, 155,930# proppant; pump 65 BO, 73 MCF, 239 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43055

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Stuckert #30
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 85 fnl, 944 fel, Sec 6, Blk A-42, Abst. 1188, PSL, 12 sw Andrews; TD 4,868; Comp 11-18-11; producing from 4,510-4,696, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,027 bbls. fluid, 202,601# proppant; pump 29 BO, 30 MCF, 39 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43071

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
King -B- #34
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 1,320 fsl, 950 fwl, Sec 1, Blk A-42, Abst. 1120, PSL, 6 sw Andrews; TD 4,825; Comp 10-17-11; producing from 4,174-4,598, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFe, 2,441 bbls. fluid, 245,168# proppant; pump 22 BO, 37 MCF, 179 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42996

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Fuhrman -B- #16
Fuhrman-Mascho; 2,330 fel, 2,495 fnl, Sec 15, Blk A-42, Abst. 863, PSL, 11 sw Andrews; TD 4,704; Comp 10-23-11; producing from 4,356-4,602, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFe, 2,130 bbls. fluid, 202,560# proppant; pump 21 BO, 24 MCF, 89 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43343

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Thornberry -G- #17
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 520 fnl, 2,524 fwl, Sec 8, Blk A-42, Abst. 2211, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,860; Comp 8-27-11; producing from 4,448-4,688, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 1,962 bbls. fluid, 197,780# proppant; pump 74 BO, 64 MCF, 82 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43123

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Thornberry "J" #11
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 1,607 fsl, 2,618 fwl, Sec 3, Blk A-42, Abst. 2207, PSL, 9 sw Andrews; TD 4,938 MD; Comp 9-24-11; producing from 4,450-4,890, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,202 bbls. fluid, 201,150# sand; pump 72 BO, 35 MCF, 162 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42872

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Thornberry "D" #7
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,230 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 3, Blk A-42, Abst. 2207, PSL, 9 sw Andrews; TD 4,738; Comp 10-17-11; producing from 4,345-4,606, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFe, 1,987 bbls. fluid, 205,105# proppant; pump 70 BO, 48 MCF, 183 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43348

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
University "24A" #3
Fuhrman-Mascho; 330 fwl, 2,310 fnl, Sec 24, Blk 10, ULS, 17 sw Andrews; TD 4,747; Comp 11-12-11; producing from 4,344-4,510, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,117 bbls. fluid, 170,005# proppant; pump 5 BO, 35 MCF, 245 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43461

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
South Fuhrman-Mascho Unit #8114
Fuhrman-Mascho; 560 fsl, 410 fel, Sec 8, Blk 10, ULS, 17 sw Andrews; TD 4,767; Comp 11-9-11; producing from 4,358-4,562, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,070 bbls. fluid, 211,720# proppant; pump 20 BO, 47 MCF, 80 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42042

Crane County

Apache Corp.
University Lands "31" #2H
Duna-Horizontal; 1 fsl, 360 fwl, Sec 31, Blk 30, ULS, 5 nw Crane; TD 3,108 TVD; Comp 10-9-11; producing from 3,589-8,928 MD, treated with 15,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 291,000 gals. linear gel, 803,000 gals. 30# Viking 3000, 1,530,000# proppant; pump 359 BO, 251 MCF, 260 BW, 34.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-103-35861

Culberson County

Finley Resources Inc.
Raptor "34" #4
Ford West (4100); 341 fnl, 990 fwl, Sec 34, Blk 58, T-1-S, Abst. 845, T&P RR, 10 w Orla; TD 4,911; Comp 10-28-11; producing from 3,622-4,344, treated with 4,500 gals. 7.5 percent HCL, 114,000 gals. fluid, 196,250# sand; pum 65 BO, 36 MCF, 373 BW, 37 Oil Gravity; API #42-109-32381

Finley Resources Inc.
Raptor "34" #5
Ford West (4100); 330 fsl, 990 fel, Sec 34, Blk 58, T-1-S, Abst. 845, T&P RR, 10 w Orla; TD 4,804; Comp 10-17-11; producing from 3,647-4,352, treated with 136,000 gals. fluid, 227,300# sand; pump 62 BO, 44 MCF, 408 BW, 37 Oil Gravity; API #42-109-32386

Finley Resources Inc.
Raptor "34" #6
Ford West (4100); 990 fsl, 990 fwl, Sec 34, Blk 58, T-1-S, Abst. 845, T&P RR, 10 w Orla; TD 4,806; Comp 10-18-11; producing from 3,568-4,502, treated with 1,500 gals. 7.5 percent HCL, 147,000 gals. fluid, 234,500# sand; pump 40 BO, 34 MCF, 398 BW, 37.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-109-32390

Finley Resources Inc.
Raptor "34" #8
Ford West (4100); 330 fsl, 2,118 fel, Sec 34, Blk 58, T-1-S, Abst. 845, T&P RR, 10 w Orla; TD 4,931; Comp 10-10-11; producing from 3,620-4,308, treated with 117,000 gals. fluid, 244,650# sand; pump 65 BO, 74 MCF, 732 BW, 37.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-109-32388

Ector County

RSP Permian LLC
Perks Bell #4101
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,503 fnl, 2,502 fwl, Sec 41, Blk 41, T-1-S, Abst. 66, T&P RR, 7.55 ne Odessa; TD 11,688; Comp 9-2-11; producing from 10,004-11,225, treated with 14,000 gals. 15 percent acid, 7,405 bbls. crosslink gel, 424,620# asnd; pump 50 BO, 44 MCF, 210 BW on 24/64 inch choke, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41076

ConocoPhillips Company
Clyde Cowden #219
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 585 fnl, 2,000 fel, Sec 25, Blk 44, T-1-S, T&P RR, 13 nw Odessa; TD 6,810 TVD; Comp 9-16-11; producing from 5,564-6,617, treated with 260,253 gals. fluid, 384,840# proppant; pump 54 BO, 37 MCF, 477 BW, 39.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40370

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Mary Ellen #16
Sallie Ann (Spraberry-Wolfcamp); 1,990 fnl, 670 fwl, Sec 40, Blk 42, T-3-S, Abst. 775, T&P RR, 10.9 se Odessa; TD 10,375; Comp 11-3-11; producing from 7,700-10,025, treated with 34,876 bbls. fluid, 870,992# proppant; pump 23 BO, 24 MCF, 246 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40650

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Emmett #1
Sallie Ann (Spraberry-Wolfcamp); 660 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 30, Blk 42, T-3-S, Abst. 595, T&P RR, 9.5 se Odessa; TD 10,200; Comp 6-6-11; producing from 7,939-9,950, treated with 37,206 bbls. fluid, 803,765# proppant; pump 130 BO, 123 MCF, 44 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-39972

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Clara Edwards #9
Sallie Ann (Spraberry-Wolfcamp); 2,310 fnl, 2,100 fwl, Sec 16, Blk 42, T-3-S, Abst. 758, T&P RR, 6.89 se Odessa; TD 10,215; Comp 9-19-11; producing from 9,173-9,969, treated with 112,093 bbls. fluid, 320,275# proppant; pump 162 BO, 147 MCF, 13 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40878

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Clara Edwards #7
Sallie Ann (Spraberry-Wolfcamp); 2,117 fsl, 2,637 fwl, Sec 16, Blk 42, T-3-S, Abst. 758, T&P RR, 7.05 se Odessa; TD 10,088; Comp 10-28-11; producing from 7,698-9,703, treated with 31,219 bbls. fluid, 767,568# proppant; pump 69 BO, 31 MCF, 105 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40892

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Apache Corp.
Ed Books "11" #7
Jailhouse (Fusselman); 660 fnl, 2,200 fel, Sec 11, Blk 34, T-4-S, Abst. 246, T&P RR, 1 w Garden City; TD 10,562; Comp 9-20-11; producing from 10,449-10,461, treated with 1,000 gals. 15 percent NeFeHCL; pum 45 BO, 49 MCF, 113 BW, 49 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34301

Berry Oil Company
Zant #4701
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fwl, 467 fnl, Sec 47, Blk 36, T-2-S, Abst. 393, T&P RR, 5.1 ne Spraberry; TD 11,461; Comp 8-11-11; producing from 9,070-10,866, fracture stimulated; pump 72 BO, 69 MCF, 241 BW on 33/64 inch choke, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34268

Energen Resources Corp.
Thomason "D" #6
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fnl, 467 fel, Sec 11, Blk 35, T-5-S, Abst. 365, T&P RR, 11 sw Garden City; TD 10,640; Comp 11-15-11; producing from 6,556-10,051, treated with acid and fractured; pump 49 BO, 57 MCF, 191 BW, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34129

Energen Resources Corp.
Daniel Unit -2- #3
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,090 fsl, 1,850 fel, Sec 12, Blk 35, T-5-S, Abst. 894, T&P RR, 10 sw Garden City; TD 10,464; Comp 11-15-11; producing from 6,514-9,933, treated with acid and fractured; pump 40 BO, 45 MCF, 158 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34141

McClure Oil Company Inc.
Archer #9
Veterans (Upper Leonard); 2,640 fnl, 1,320 fwl, Sec 39, Blk 34, T-4-S, T&P RR, 6 s Garden City; TD 5,158; Comp 5-17-11; producing from 4,845-4;921, treated with 202,000# sand; pump 120 BO, 100 MCF, 128 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34032

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Winslow "25" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,150 fnl, 660 fel, Sec 25, Blk 35, T-2-S, Abst. 305, T&P RR, 14.2 nw Garden City; TD 10,046; Comp 9-5-11; producing from 6,021-9,926, treated with 1,253,044 gals. gel, 1,381,737# sand; pump 117 BO,117 MCF, 166 BW, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34173

Apache Corp.
Hester "39" #2
Jailhouse (Fusselman); 660 fnl, 1,320 fel, Sec 39, Blk 34, T-3-S, Abst. 236, T&P RR, 3.5 nw Garden City; TD 10,647; Comp 10-20-11; producing from 10,537-10,546, treated with 1,000 gals. 15 percent NeFeHCL; flow 120 BO, 183 MCF on 10/64 inch choke, FTP 800 psi, 51 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34413

Apache Corp.
Sharptooth "224" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,320 fsl, 660 fwl, Sec 224, Blk 29, Abst. 812, W&NW RR, 11.3 ne Garden City; TD 9,415; Comp 11-5-11; producing from 6,993-9,221, fracture stimulated; pump 44 BO, 42 MCF, 179 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34154

Apache Corp.
Gibson "7B" #3
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,576 fsl, 1,984 fel, Sec 7, Blk 33, T-4-S, Abst. 148, T&P RR, 1.3 se Garden City; TD 10,390; Comp 11-20-11; producing from 7,612-9,812, fracture stimulated; flow 231 BO, 252 MCF, 85 BW on 18/64 inch choke, FTP 450 psi, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34307

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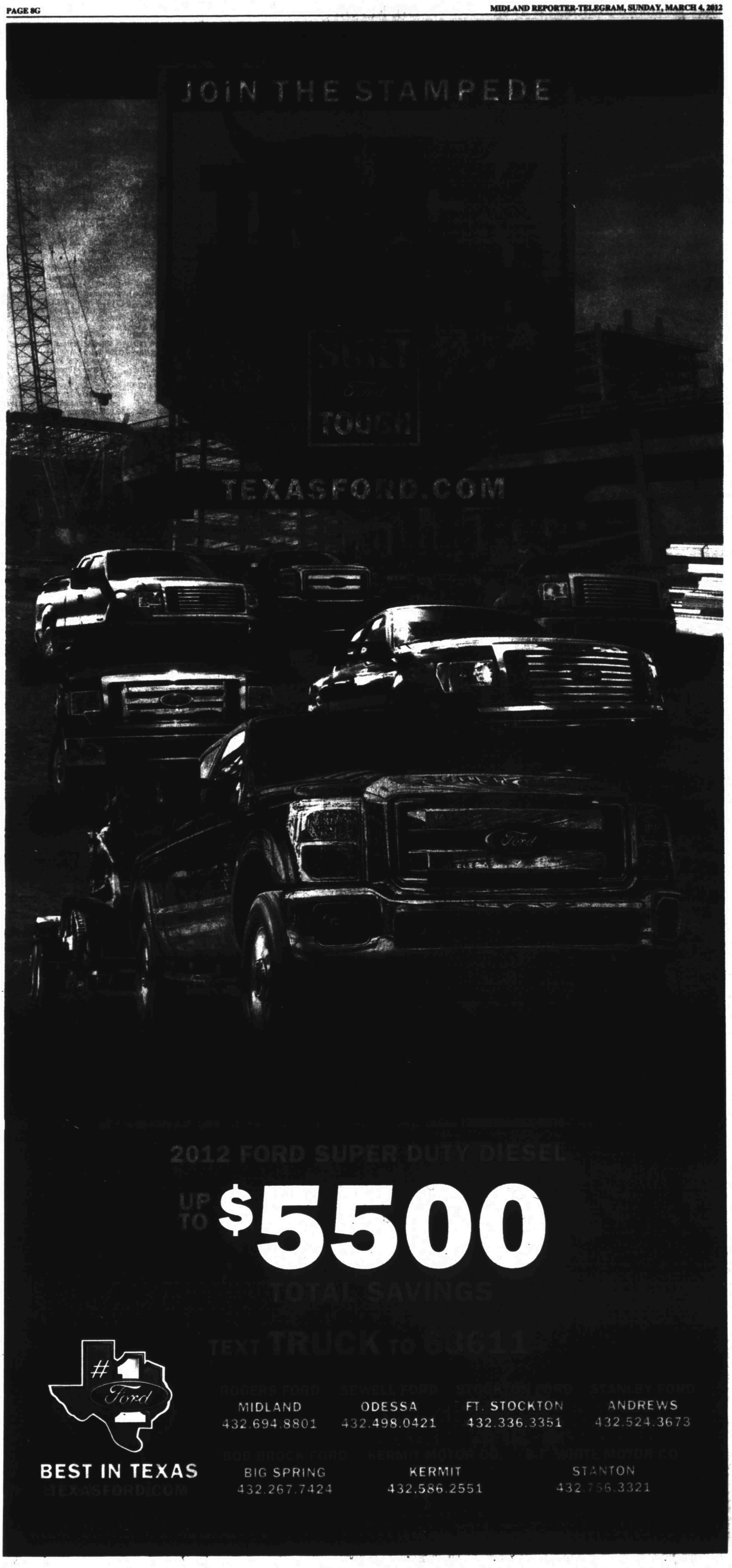
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PAGLIACCI

Opera comes to Globe Theatre

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

ODESSA — The attentions of a young lover lure Nedda into a fatal decision in "Paglicacci (Plus)," conceived by David Corman from the opera by Ruggierro Leoncavallo.

"This opera is so dynamic, it has so many emotions," said Roxana Bridges, who is double cast in the role of Nedda. "There's a storm around me, and everything is just churning, and I will never get out of it."

"It's such a poignant story," said Gabrielle Enriquez, who also has been cast as Nedda. "It's very dark and grim, but I think it's beautiful. It shows humanity at its purest.

"Not everything has a happy ending. Not everything is black and white. There is no true hero. There is a very thin line between good and evil. It's a very interesting peek at humanity."

The opera, which will be on stage at 2 p.m. today at the Globe Theatre, centers around the relationships among a commedia dell'arte troupe. Nedda, the wife of Canio, is at the center of the story.

"When she was younger, she met this older guy," said Bridges. "She looked at him as more of a father. He decided he was going to marry her when she was 14. When she turned 18, she decided she wasn't happy. She never really looked at him as her husband, but she still had some kind of affection for him. I guess her attitude turned more rebellious.

"Then she met this guy, Silvio. He's young like her, and he's beautiful. And he tells her he loves her, and she begins to love him. He tries to convince her to run away with him."

Being in the opera marks a first for Bridges, who is majoring in kinesiology (the scientific study of human movement) at Odessa College.

"I've never done anything like this before," she said. "I've been on stage, but it's like with a choir. I've never done any acting so this is totally new for me.

"Music is more like a hobby for me. I did it through high school, went to state, sang most of my life in church. I sang a lot of solos, one of them was in Latin. Latin is more of a straight tone, and opera is big and bold, more of a dramatic sound. So

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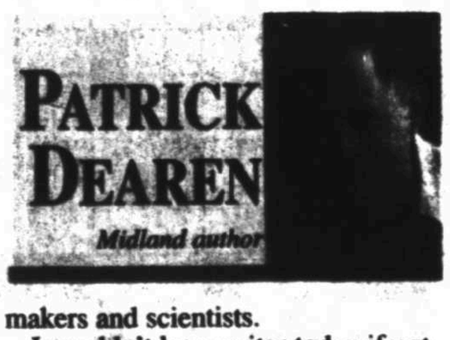
Tom Laney as Taddeo, left in photo at top, and Christopher Brokaw as Tonio try to entice Gabrielle Enriquez as Nedda during the Globe Theater's production of "Pagliacci." ABOVE LEFT Alexander Mancha as Silvio and Roxana Bridges as Nedda. ABOVE RIGHT Kaleb Saldana as Silvio and Gabrielle Enriquez as Nedda. LEFT The Clowns in Globe Theater's production of "Pagliacci."

Photos by Tim Fischer

Burroughs' John Carter inspired generations of authors, filmmakers, scientists



If not for John Carter, pop culture would not have Superman, "Star Wars" or "Avatar."

The release Friday of Disney's "John Carter" is a movie event 100 years in the making. In 1912 the source novel, "A Princess of Mars" by Edgar Rice Burroughs, appeared in a pulp magazine, and protagonist John Carter became the Harry Potter of his day.

An oviparous, copper-skinned princess ... four-armed green men 15 feet tall ... a Martian hound with 10 legs and three rows of sharp tusks. Swordsman Carter of Virginia encountered them all as he fought his way across a dying planet and inspired generations of authors, filmmakers and scientists.

I wouldn't be a writer today if not for my early love of Burroughs. His "Tarzan of the Apes" hooked me at age 10, and within two years I was racing in imagination across the dead sea bottoms of Mars. Eventually I collected all of Burroughs' works, including a signed first edition.

I'm not the only person with Midland connections who has waited decades to see Carter on the silver screen.

"Of all the Burroughs series, John Carter was the one that captivated my imagination," said Burbank, Calif. filmmaker Michael D. Sellers, who lived in Midland in 2006. "Burroughs ... conditioned me to think big and seek out adventure."

Sellers, who discovered the books at age 11, told me his current quest is to encourage 12-to-18-year-olds to read "A Princess of Mars" through a

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SUNDAY

Basin PBS: LAWRENCE WELK: A Big Apple tribute: "New York, New York"; "The Bowery"; "Sidewalks of New York"; "Manhattan"; "Broadway Melody"; "Give My Regards to Broadway"; and "The Waiter Winchell Rumba." 4 pm PBS TV Channel For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: WESTERN PERSPECTIVE: ART AND CREATIVITY IN WEST TEXAS: A look at West Texans involved in the arts, including landscape photography and performance theater. 5 pm PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: OSCAR AND HAMMERSTEIN II: A profile of lyricist-librettist Oscar Hammerstein II (1895-1960), whose work includes "Show Boat," "Carousel" and "South Pacific." Included: remarks from Stephen Sondheim, Harold Prince, Shirley Jones, Mitzi Gaynor and Hammerstein family members. Host: Matthew Morrison. 5:50 pm PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: GREAT PERFORMANCES: The Phantom of the Opera at Royal Albert Hall: The 25th anniversary of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera" is celebrated at London's Royal Albert Hall with a production that stars Ramin Karimloo as the Phantom and Sierra Boggess as the object of his affection. 7 pm PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Ellen Noël Art Museum: EXHIBIT: The Mike and Linda Tilton Collection of contemporary art, through April 8. EXHIBIT: Downstream: Paintings by Joyce Howell, through March 11. Regular museum gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 4909 East University, Odessa, 432-550-9696 or noelartmuseum.org.

George W. Bush Childhood Home: HISTORIC HOME: Come tour this unique landmark which was home to two presidents, two governors, and a first lady. Listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and restored to the 1950s period when the Bush family lived in the home, this home is truly a unique landmark in the history of Midland and of the country. You'll see a 1950s restoration with period furnishings, learn a little more about Midland in the 1950s and a great deal more about the Bush family and their impact on Midland and the country. You can also visit our gift shop for interesting souvenirs, Christmas ornaments, gifts, 1950s toys, books, clothing, patriotic items and much more. 1412 West Ohio, 685-1112. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged.

Midland College: McCormick Gallery: EXHIBIT: "He Got Marks" featuring the works of Gordon and Dagan Sherman, through March 30. Gallery hours are: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information call 685-4770 or visit www.midland.edu/mccormick. No admission charged.

Midland Community Theatre: COMEDY: "Red, White and Tuna". 2:30 p.m. Mabee Theatre II, Cole Theatre, 2000 West Wadley, for more information call 570-4111. Admission charged. No Late Seating.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 North Weatherford, 682-5447. Open by appointment.

The Museum of the Southwest: LECTURE: Business of Art: Nicky Ladkin on Conservation. Ms. Ladkin will explain the basics of conservation and how best to care for personal art and artifact collections. 2:30 p.m. EXHIBIT: Audubon's Animals of North America, through Feb. 26 in the Turner-Thomas Galleries. EXHIBIT: Contemporary Artist Series 2012: "Tribal Stories" by Linda Mary Jo Oppong, through March 18 in the Haley and Noel Gallery. EXHIBIT: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection on view all year, Hogan Gallery. EXHIBIT: The Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Pick up a walking guide with descriptions of all sculptures. 1705 West Missouri, 683-2882. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Donations welcome.

Odessa College LRC: 201 West University. Call 432-335-6640 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: Museum hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403. Admission charged.

Scarborough-Linabery House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 South Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Sibley Nature Center: Center for learning about the flora, fauna, and natural and human history of the Southern Llano Estacado, 1307 East Wadley. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Volunteers keep the center open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Call 684-5827 for information on art and photography classes.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery: EXHIBIT: Formed and Fused by Tommy Gregory and Leslie Slaughter, through March 4. 4901 East University, Odessa. Regular hours are Monday- Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 2-5 p.m. Call 432-552-2806. Free and open to the public.

White-Pool House Museum: National Register of Historical Places. Texas Historical Landmark Texas Archaeological Landmark. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. 112 East Murphy St., Odessa, 432-333-4072. Free.

MONDAY

Basin PBS: BUDDY HOLLY: LISTEN TO ME: A Buddy Holly tribute, featuring Stevie Nicks ("It's So Easy"); Shawn Colvin ("Learning the Game"); Boz Scaggs ("Maybe Baby"); Graham Nash ("Raining in My Heart"); Raul Malo ("Listen to Me"); Lyle Lovett ("Well All Right"); Cobra Starship ("Peggy Sue"); Chris Isaak and Michelle Branch ("Heartbeat"); Patrick Stump ("Oh, Boy"); and Paul Anka ("It Doesn't Matter Anymore"). Also: video salutes from Jackson Browne, Imelda May, Keith Richards, Ringo Starr and Brian Wilson. Host: Peter Asher. 7 pm PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: DON MCLEAN: AMERICAN TROUBADOUR: A documentary about singer-songwriter Don McLean, featuring backstage footage and performances of his classic hits "American Pie," "Vincent," "Crying" and "I Love Her So." Other songs include a medley of Buddy Holly's "Well Alright" and "Peggy Sue Got Married"; "This Is America (Eisenhower)"; "Castles in the Air"; "Cripple Creek"; "Where Were You Baby?"; "Tapestry"; "Jerusalem"; "Dreidel"; "The More You Pay (The More It's Worth)"; "If I Hadn't Met You"; "Fashion Victim"; and "I Tune the World." 8:30 pm PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Casa de Amigos: PROGRAM: "After School Fine Arts Program" A free Fine Arts program for first- through seventh-graders. Students will learn basic rhythm, musical chords, instruments, and construct musical equipment, instructor, Mary Lou McDonald. 1101 East Garden Lane. For enrollment, contact Youth Education Coordinator Chris Stonedale at 682-9701.

Midland Arts Association: EXHIBIT: Works of Sara Droescher Braswell, artist for the month of March, Community National Bank lobby, 401 West Texas. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

Midland County Public Library: Circulating art prints: hundreds of art prints are available for circulation. 301 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call Diana at 688-4334.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: An exhibit honoring World War II veterans is now in place, in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 West Missouri Ave. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2-5 p.m. Call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland Palette Club: EXHIBIT: Works of Mary Tucci, artist for the month of March, Chase Bank lobby, 2301 West Wall St. Monday-Friday, banking hours.

TUESDAY

Basin PBS: COUNTRY POP LEGEND: Roy Clark hosts this mix of current and archival footage of country stars performing their hits of the 1950s, '60s and '70s. Included: Bill Anderson; the Bellamy Brothers; Glen Campbell; Crystal Gayle, Hank Locklin, B.J. Thomas; and the Browns. noon PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: YANNI LIVE AT EL MORRO: Yanni performs at the 16th-century Castillo San Felipe del Morro in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Included: "Santorini"; "Felitsa"; "Voyage"; "The End of August"; "The Rain Must Fall"; "Nightingale"; "Acroyali"; "Marching Season"; "Standing in Motion"; "Nostalgia"; "The Storm"; "One Man's Dream." PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: SANTANA: 2011 Montreux Jazz Festival: includes "Black Magic Woman," "Evil Ways," "Jingo," "Oye Como Va," "Maria Maria" and "Smooth." 8:30 p.m. PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Blakemore Planetarium: Permanent exhibits are open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with admission charged. Closed Sunday and Monday. A Sky Show is playing every Tuesday through Friday at 4:15 p.m. and Friday evenings at 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. with two shows on Saturdays at 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. with admission charged. 1705 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call 683-2882.

Freddie Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBIT: Putt-Putt Around the World: Nine-hole game of miniature golf. Each hole represents a different culture and provides fun facts about each country. Permanent exhibits include "My Town", "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound". Regular museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1705 West Missouri Ave., 683-2882. Admission charged.

Live On Stage!: CONCERT: "It's your life, but Mike's funny." That's how the members of this award-winning comedy troupe make everyone laugh. With original music and parodies of familiar songs, on-point material about life and work, and superior comedy writing, this cast of five NYC comics and singers celebrates the insanity of everyday life. 7 p.m. Midland High School Auditorium. For more information call 432-789-1249 or go to www.liveonstage-pb.com. Admission charged.

Midland Palette Club: PAINT TIME: Join us for painting time each Tuesday from 9 a.m.-12 noon, 807 West Wadley Ave. For more information call 352-8297.

WEDNESDAY

Basin PBS: HITMAN RETURNS: DAVID FOSTER & FRIENDS: Grammy Award-winning songwriter-producer David Foster is joined by musical friends for a Las Vegas concert, including All-4-One, Michael Bolton, Natalie Cole, Earth, Wind and Fire, Chaka Khan, Kenny Loggins, Martina McBride, Ne-Yo, Seal and Donna Summer. 7 p.m. PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

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The Haley Library and History Center: Afternoon visit with the artists today 1-4 p.m. Permanent collections including paintings, bronzes, firearms and artifacts that exhibit pioneer settlement of the Great Southwest and the cattle industry, 1805 West Indiana. 682-5785. Regular hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

Parker House Ranching Museum: Permanent collection of Tom Lea and his work, also featuring area local history exhibits. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 1118 Maple, Odessa, 432-335-9918. Free.

THURSDAY

Basin PBS: STRAIGHT NO CHASER: SONGS OF THE DECADES: The a cappella group Straight No Chaser perform in Atlantic City. Included: "Heartbreak Hotel"; "Under the Boardwalk"; "I Heard It Through the Grapevine"; "Bridge Over Troubled Water"; "Superstition"; "Stayin' Alive"; "Billie Jean"; "Like a Prayer"; "End of the Road"; "Forget You." 8:30 p.m. PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

The Haggard Gallery: EXHIBITION: Photography Exhibition by Guy McCrary, through April 30. The Martin County Library, 110 West School Street at St. Mary Street, Stanton, Texas. For information call 432-756-2472.

Midland Community Theatre: COMEDY: "Red, White and Tuna". 7:30 p.m. Mabee Theatre II, Cole Theatre, 2000 West Wadley, for more information call 432-570-4111. Admission charged. No Late Seating.

FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

Basin PBS: LAWRENCE WELK: Doc Severinsen hosts this collection of big band classics from the "Lawrence Welk Show," including his 1972 visit to the music showcase. Among the featured tunes: "In the Mood"; "Let's Dance"; "One O'Clock Jump"; "Sentimental Journey"; "Sweet Georgia Brown"; "St. Louis Blues"; "Sugar Blues"; "Little Brown Jug"; "When My Baby Smiles at Me"; "Ring Them Bells"; "Boogie Woogie"; "Panama"; "Rhapsody in Blue"; "Take the A Train"; and "Begin the Beguine." 6 pm PBS TV Channel For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: BIG BAND VOCALISTS: Recalling 1940s-era singers. Included: Louis Armstrong ("I Can't Give You Anything but Love"); Perry Como ("I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now"); Doris Day ("It's Magic"); Peggy Lee ("Why Don't You Do Right"); Frank Sinatra ("Night and Day"). Also: Rosemary Clooney ("I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm"); Nat King Cole ("On the Sunny Side of the Street"); Alice Faye ("You'll Never Know"); Dick Haymes ("You Send Me"); Dinah Shore ("Blues in the Night"); Kate Smith ("God Bless America"). 8 pm PBS TV Channel For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: AUSTIN CITY LIMITS: Steve Earle performs selections from his 2009 CD "Townes," which features cover versions of songs written by Townes Van Zandt; Kris Kristofferson showcases material from his 2009 CD "Closer to the Bone." 10 pm PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Broadway In the Basin: PERFORMANCE: "Lord of the Dance" 8 p.m. Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, Southeast corner of Hwy 191 and FM 1788. For more information contact 432-552-4439. Admission charged.

Midland Community Theatre: COMEDY: "Red, White and Tuna". 8 p.m. Mabee Theatre II, Cole Theatre, 2000 West Wadley Ave., for more information call 570-4111. Admission charged. No Late Seating.

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ACROSS
1 Rite using water
8 Leaves in water
15 Subject
20 Botanical bristles
21 Without being expressed in words
22 Elysiums
23 Its abbreviation is hidden in 61-Across
25 Dodge SUV model
26 Pays attention, informally
27 Cop, in Cannes
28 Swiss district
29 Sale warning
30 Enjoy a salon, maybe
31 Adversary
32 Khloé Kardashian __
34 Long-haired bovine
35 Agnus __
36 1993 literature Nobelist
39 Bissel co-star in "The Mephisto Waltz"
40 Conger, e.g.
41 Rocky peak
42 Yoko Ono genre
44 1945 conference site
48 Elemental
51 Fish with sucker-like organs
54 Word of sorrow
55 Pacific island nation
57 Here, to José
58 Slip in a pool parlor
59 Chronicle anew
61 Flight school hurdle
65 West end
66 Sound of disapproval
67 Bailiff's instruction
69 Nonspecific ordinal
70 __ doing: thereby
71 Japanese drama
72 Addams family cousin
73 Its abbreviation is hidden in 36-Across
76 Hubert's successor
78 Water or wind, e.g.
80 Large load
81 Tiny time fraction: Abbr.
83 Scorch
84 Repeat
86 Fending supplies
88 Antarctic waters
90 Good hole cards in Texas Hold 'em
92 Sporty coupes
94 Was the right size
95 Hera's spouse
97 Like opposers of the Roe v. Wade decision
101 CBS forensic drama
104 Rose of rock
105 Cutting remarks
106 More, in Monterrey
107 Prof's address ending
108 H.S. VIP
109 Attend to, in a way, as a tiny tot
111 Son of Adam
113 Large-venue music genre
115 Emperor crowned in 962
116 Its abbreviation is hidden in 97-Across
118 Stinks
119 Reason for a siren
120 More minuscule
121 Relevant, to a lawyer
122 Bizarre
123 Gofer's list

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1 Love song
2 Ask for __: request more pay
3 Only reigning pope to write an autobiography
4 Some Air Force NCOs
5 Spillane's "__ Jury"
6 College founded by Norwegian immigrants
7 Smart one
8 Sporty car roof
9 __ Claire, Wisconsin
10 Represent
11 One working on charges
12 French possessive
13 Natural sugar
14 Barrett of Pink Floyd
15 Ridiculously hr
16 Hopkins's "Thor" role
17 They're less than grand
18 Encroachment
19 Hall of Fame fullback Larry
24 "Give 'er some gas!"
31 Censures
33 Roman marketplaces
35 Means of access, e.g.
36 Newman or Koppel
37 Company with a Pegasus trademark
38 Quechua speaker
39 Bustling times
40 Standard Oil name
43 Pals
44 Paints the town red
45 Fake fat
46 Its abbreviation is hidden in 17-Down
47 Bette's "Divine" nickname
49 Krispy cracker
50 Corporate raider Carl
52 Polar lights
53 Lisbon lady
56 Milne's Roo, e.g.
60 "For pleasures past I do not __": Byron
62 "Hop __": Seuss work
63 Gilberto's god
64 Toward the center
68 Well maintained
74 Cheri of "SNL"
75 Piano, e.g.: Abbr.
77 Sibilant attention-getter
79 Pulls on
82 Jobs at Apple, say
85 __ a bell: was familiar
87 They may be bruised
89 Envy, for one
91 Baseball announcer's cry
93 Unrelenting
95 "Butterfly" co-star who won the 1982 Golden Raspberry Award for Worst Actress
96 Left the building
98 Supreme Egyptian deity
99 Like Serbs or Croats
100 Form concepts
101 "The Citadel" author A.J. __
102 Prompted to attack, with "on"
103 Comic book artists
105 Reason-based faith
108 One of yoga's five vital forces
110 Go slowly (along)
112 2008 Libertarian presidential candidate
113 Hill hedger
114 Testify
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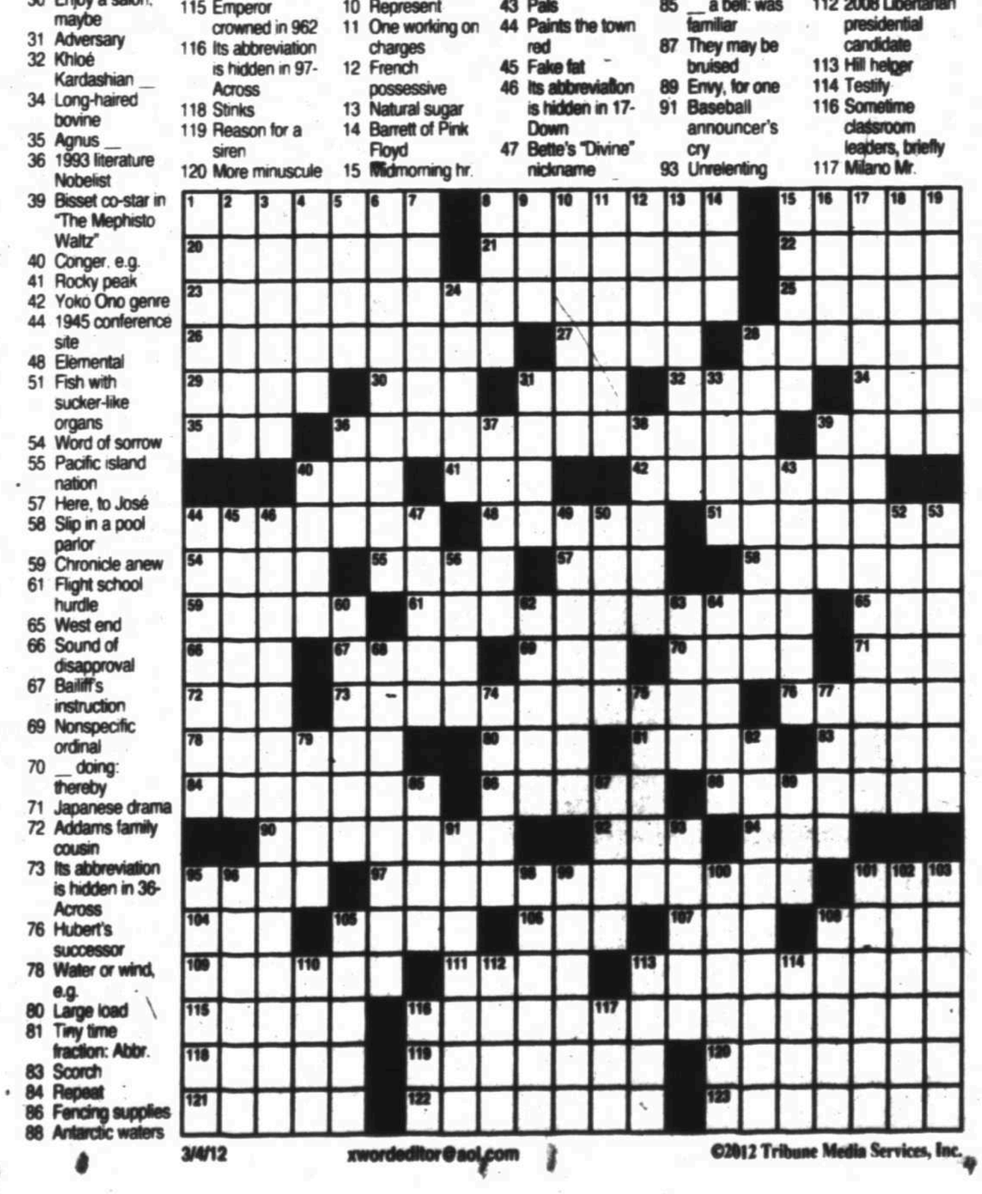

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Avoid the danger

Both vulnerable. East deals.

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There are times you can determine to which defender you can safely concede a trick. Consider this hand where you have reached a reasonable no-trump game. If you concede a club trick you have eight winners. However, you will then not be able to tackle diamonds later because the opponents will have established enough heart tricks to defeat you.

The solution is to take an avoidance play to keep the danger hand off lead. East's takeout double is the clue to your success. Win the heart lead in the closed hand perforce, cross to dummy with a spade and lead a diamond away from the king-queen. If East rises with the ace, you have nine tricks — two in each major, three diamonds and two clubs, so East must play low. Now it is time to change horses. Since you have five tricks in the other three suits, you need only four clubs to get home. Simply concede a club trick and coast home with nine winners no matter what the defenders do. Well played.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, March 4, 2012:
This year you see moments of negativity, but understand that they will pass. Have confidence and trust yourself. If you are single, it will be your choice to maintain that status. If you are attached, the two of you need to detach to get to the root of your issues before you can share. LEO is proud but fun!
ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ If you wake up on the wrong side of the bed and remain grumpy for a while, there still is hope. Indulge in a favorite pastime. Tonight: You are the party!
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Use the daylight hours to make calls and catch up on news. You might even find that you are off to a late lunch with friends. Tonight: Make it early.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Be careful not to stress out your budget. You have a lot you want to do, but the question remains: Can you afford it? Tonight: Enjoy the ones you are with.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You cannot get past the moment, as a partner might have said or done something that has caused a bit of disappointment. Tonight: Let someone treat you.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Use the morning for whatever pleases you. Some of you might be into reading the Sunday paper; others just might like to sleep in. Tonight: Enjoy the one you are with.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Emphasize the positives in your life. Sometimes you push a little too hard, even when you are just socializing. Tonight: Think "tomorrow."
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You cannot get around a certain responsibility, and maybe you don't want to. Whether you are doing something with a child or parent, you feel centered and happy. Tonight: Pretend it is Friday night.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Make a call to a friend. You might be a little concerned by information that is left out. Tonight: Think "workweek."
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Others enjoy relating on a one-on-one level with you. You might wonder how to help another person open up. Tonight: Where your mind can wander the most.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Before you know it, you have so many invitations that you do not know which way to turn. Tonight: Include your favorite person.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Sleep in and do whatever you want. It also is OK to meet a friend for a long brunch. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You simply want to enjoy yourself or flirt with a friend. Your imagination could create quite a party. Tonight: Think "Monday." ●●●

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Texas Gov. Rick Perry (1950), celebrity Chaz Bono (1969), composer Antonio Vivaldi (1678)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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Former Midlander McGrath to be honored in Austin

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

Filmmaker Douglas McGrath will be honored at the 12th annual Texas Film Hall of Fame awards in Austin on Thursday.

"It's always a joy just to come back to Texas," said McGrath in a telephone interview with the Reporter-Telegram. "The best part would be to come back to Midland. That's where I grew up. That's where I was born. That's where everything started for me. I found Midland such a great nurturing place."

McGrath, who has lived in New York since 1980, often has fielded such questions as "Wasn't it hard for you?" "Didn't you feel kind of isolated?" regarding growing up in West Texas.

"In the East they have some idea Texas is all football," said McGrath, whose reply, as a former member of Midland Community Theatre's youth performance troupe, the Pickwick Players, is, "Not at all. We had one of the best community theaters in the country. If you want to play football, they want you to play football. If you want to do theater, you do theater. They welcome all types. I had the warmest, best experiences in Texas. It's always a welcome to come back."

The son of Midlanders R. Searle and Bea McGrath, both deceased, McGrath attended Trinity School through the ninth grade and in 1976 graduated from The Choate School in Wallingford, Conn. In 1980 he went to work for Saturday Night Live.

A free lance writer, McGrath wrote the screenplay for the 1993 remake of the romantic farce "Born Yesterday," which starred Melanie Griffith and Don Johnson; collaborated with Woody Allen on the screenplay for "Bullets Over Broadway" (1994), that received an Academy Award nomination for its script; wrote the screenplay and directed "Emma," based on the Jane Austin novel and starring Gwyneth Paltrow; and wrote the screenplay and directed Charles Dickens' "Nicholas Nickleby." McGrath hosted West Texas premieres benefiting the Pickwick Players and MCT of "Emma" in 1996 and "Nicholas Nickleby" in 2003.

McGrath recently has written and directed a television pilot starring Nathan Lane. The subject is one with which he is well acquainted.

"It's about life in a community theater in Texas," said McGrath. "That's been a lot of fun."

He's also involved in creating a Broadway musical.

"I'm working on a Broadway musical about Carole King and other songwriters from a place called the Brill Building," said McGrath.

King and her former husband, Gerry Goffin, wrote more than two dozen chart hits for numerous artists during the 1960s such as "Will You Love Me Tomorrow." As a singer, her "Tapestry" album topped the U.S. album chart for 15 weeks in 1971 and remained on the charts for more than six years.

The Brill Building is famous for housing music industry offices and studios where some of the most popular American music tunes were written.

"It's been a lot of fun to do," McGrath said of the Broadway musical. "I've been working on it for a couple of years. There are four songwriters involved.

"When you are telling someone's true story, you want to take your time and get the details right. It's only a two-hour show, so you have to boil down a lot of living.

"We had a reading in November. It went very well. We are now going to go ahead and find ourselves a director and put it up, we hope."

ALL THE DETAILS

12TH ANNUAL TEXAS FILM HALL OF FAME AWARDS PRESENTED BY THE AUSTIN FILM SOCIETY AND MILTON VERRET

When: Thursday. VIP cocktail party and red carpet arrivals 6 p.m., CultureMap Balcony pre-party 7 p.m., awards show 8 p.m.

Where: ACL Live at The Moody Theater, 310 W. Willie Nelson Boulevard, Austin

Cost: Balcony seating $75, mezzanine seating with buffet dinner $250, orchestra seating with gala dinner starting at $500, tables seating 10 start at $5,000. For tickets go to http://austinfilm.org/thof

Info: Being honored Thursday in Austin are filmmaker Douglas McGrath, who is from Midland, actor Barry Corbin, who is from Lamesa, and musician Meat Loaf, a Dallas native whose real name is Marvin Lee Aday. Special guests are Grupo Fantasma with Nakia (The Voice) and Suzanna Choffel.

IN THE LIMELIGHT

GRAHAM DIXON

"Once Upon a Mattress"

It is not often that I enjoy myself so much that I almost forget I am in a theater to review a show, but it happened last weekend with the Trinity School production of "Once Upon a Mattress" at the Yucca Theatre. It was a joyful, funny musical that made fun of fairy tale traditions while presenting a version of one of Hans Christian Andersen's strangest stories – The Princess and The Pea.

While saying goodbye to some actors, "Once Upon a Mattress" introduced some really promising freshmen to the stage. In particular, Skyler Rittenberry, who played King Sextimus the Silent, obviously has an exciting future on the stage before him. First, he has that ineffable stage presence that makes him interesting even when he is sitting and silent. Second, he possesses remarkable comic timing for one so young. Third, he acts off others — he is reacting as much as he is producing in his performance. His miming during "The Minstrel, The Jester And I" and "Man to Man Talk" was hilarious.

Another newcomer is Carly Baker as Princess Winnifred. As with Rittenberry, she shows stage presence and an energy that lifts any scene she is in. In "Quiet" she showed she can be very funny and has great voice control as she deliberately sounds completely off-key. But in the next number, her solo "Happily Ever After," she showed real star power as she filled the theater with both her voice and emotions. By the end of this song it was obvious we were witnessing something rather special.

As the Minstrel, Stone Fuglaar drew us into the world at the beginning, while Austin Green was suitably smarmy as the Wizard. Paul Dingus played the hapless but optimistic Sir Harry with skill, while his love interest Lady Larken was portrayed with enthusiasm and style by Isabel Nosek.

Sam Hart showed some remarkable, sinewy physical comedy as the infuriating Prince Dauntless, and his voice reflected his whining attempts to get a wife from the Queen. The Queen was played as a haughtily arrogant ruler by Audrey Grimes, who was credible in a colorful, fairy-tale manner. Corey Allcorn gave an energetic but vulnerable version of "Very Soft Shoes" as the Jester. Jason Hilgemeir was a wonderfully prancing Sir Studley. Finally, the ensemble was focused and in character throughout, an admirable situation that does not always occur with some adult productions in Midland.

Vivian Moss, Bill Williams and Chuck Novotka produced a show with uncommon timing and flow. It drew the audience in while reminding us that the show has layers that go beyond mere fairy tale. The complete randomness of "Song of Love" subtly mocks the manner in which musicals have characters break into song and dance for no apparent reason. It is a loving type of mockery, but mockery nevertheless.

The script was updated in ways that did not seem contrived. Thus when a character lists all the species of birds that he knows he says, among others, Angry Birds and then, after a pause, Big Bird.

As with most Trinity productions, it is a shame this show only went on one weekend. More people should get a chance to see the entertainment produced by this school. Time and again it is some of the best on offer in the Permian Basin.

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OPERA

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it's really different for me."

Enriquez is a music major at OC.

"Actually, I've been more involved in musical theater before this," she said. "I just moved back from New York. I lived over there for four years and did a little bit of musical theater. I was cast more in opera. I decided to make that my focus.

"When I moved back, I got in touch with Mr. Corman, and he was gracious enough to take me as his student. This is my first foray into opera as a principal role, and it's really, really exciting."

ALL THE DETAILS

"PAGLIACCI"

When: Today at 2:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Where: Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa

Tickets: $15 adults, $13 students and seniors, $10 groups of 15 or more, $7 children under 12

Call: 432-332-1586 or 580-3177 or go to www.globesw.org

Info: The opera, which is being produced in conjunction with Odessa College, recounts the tragedy of a jealous husband in a commedia dell'arte troupe. It is the only opera of Leoncavallo that is still widely staged.

Cast: (Some roles double cast): Canio: Gage Herrman and David Corman; Nedda: Roxanna Bridges and Gabrielle Enriquez; Silvio: Alexander Mancha and Kaleb Saldana; Peppe: Nathan Garcia and Jimmy Larue; Tonio: Christoper Brokaw; Taddeo: Tom Laney III; Papageno: Christian Poldrack; Papagena: Cindy Juarez; Don Giovanni: Garren Schneider and Curtis Hubert; Zerlina: Katryna Engebretson and Morgan Warrick; Amore: Paisley Woodward; The Cowboy: Ja'Rael Loud; The Dolls: Bridgette Downey and Natasha Ectermeyer; Barcarolle Duet: Kayla Hambrick, Mariah Howarth and Lauren Tittel; The Piano Trio: Texas King, Tom Laney III and Naomi Chapman; Drunken Clown: Tom Laney Jr.; Bella: Brooke Talley; Micele: Michael Tibbets; Andreas: Andrew Corman; and Beniamino: Ben Corman.

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program he helped to develop. Guidelines for the John Carter Reading Project are at thejohncarter-files.com.

"The best thing that could come out of the John Carter movie would be to re-introduce Edgar Rice Burroughs to an entire new generation of readers — and by doing that, to stimulate reading at a time when reading books is not exactly second nature for most kids," said Sellers.

Even science fiction icons such as Ray Bradbury speak of Burroughs with awe.

"Burroughs is probably the most influential writer in the entire history of the world," Bradbury said in the book "Listen to the Echoes." "By giving romance and adventure to a whole generation of boys, Burroughs caused them to go out and decide to become special."

Among Carter's pop culture offspring was Buck Rogers, who first appeared in a 1929 comic strip. Four years later, Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster looked to Carter as a model for Superman, who could "leap tall buildings at a single bound."

Siegel explained the parallel in 1983.

"John Carter was able to leap great distances because the planet Mars was smaller than the planet Earth, and so he had great strength," he said.

In 1934, Alex Raymond drew upon Carter in crafting another comic strip hero, Flash Gordon, who followed Buck Rodgers and Superman into TV and cinema.

Decades later when George Lucas was unable to secure film rights to Flash Gordon, he developed his own movie. In a May 1, 1975 synopsis, Lucas described his story as "in the grand tradition of Edgar Rice Burroughs' 'John Carter of Mars,'" according to "The Star Wars Genesis," an online article by Randy and Jean-Marc Lofficier.

From Lucas' synopsis sprang "Star Wars." When he began work on a sequel, "The Empire Strikes Back," Lucas hired screenwriter and novelist Leigh Brackett.

"I was introduced to Edgar Rice Burroughs at a very young age," she said in 1976. " … That changed the course of my life … My fascination for Mars came from the fascination for his Mars."

In 2009 James Cameron paid his own tribute with the biggest grossing film in history.

"With 'Avatar,' I thought, forget all these chick flicks and do a classic guys' adventure movie, something in the Edgar Rice Burroughs mold, like 'John Carter of Mars,'" he said in The New Yorker Oct. 26, 2009.

But the impact of Carter hasn't been limited to fictional universes — it extends into the fringes of the real one.

"The Mars novels of Edgar Rice Burroughs … aroused generations of 8-year-olds, myself among them, to consider the exploration of the planets as a real possibility," said the late Carl Sagan in the 1980 PBS series "Cosmos."

Astronaut Terrence Wilcutt never went to Mars, but he did make four shuttle flights. In a magazine interview, he said during his boyhood he "really liked John Carter" and that his early reading stimulated a yearning for adventure that guided his career path.

"The people who write science fiction are dreamers," said Wilcutt, now a NASA administrator. "I would have never gone into space had it not been for someone in the past who wondered one day if space travel was possible."

Bradbury had an even more dramatic take.

"I've talked to more biochemists and more astronomers and technologists in various fields, who, when they were 10 years old, fell in love with John Carter and Tarzan and decided to become something romantic," he said. "Burroughs put us on the moon."

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Reviews of recent CDs

LYLE LOVETT
"Release Me"

Saying goodbye is never easy, but leave it to Lyle Lovett to make it feel that way.

"Release Me," Lovett's new album, is his last for Curb/Universal Records, his label home for the past 26 years. (He swears the title and cover image — Lovett loosely bound with rope — is meant as gentle jest, not an ironic commentary on his way out the door.)

And if the Houston-area native feels any pressure to make a grand statement on such an occasion, it doesn't show. Instead, Lovett's greatest artistic traits — a sturdy consistency blended with the ability to toggle between silliness and solemnity — guide the way, making "Release Me" a pleasing showcase for razor-sharp musical skill and Lovett's big-tent sensibility.

The song selection highlights Lovett's impeccable taste, with just two new compositions (the previously released "The Girl With the Holiday Smile" and the gentle ballad "Night's Lullaby") surrounded by a dozen smart covers. Whether he's dropping Chuck Berry into neutral (a smoky reading of "Brown Eyed Handsome Man") or indulging in bluegrass instrumentals (album opener "Garfield's Blackberry Blossom"), Lovett makes the shifts between full-tilt abandon and restrained introspection appear effortless.

Produced by Lovett and Nathaniel Kunkel, "Release Me" also echoes Lovett's live shows, in that his collaborators are given equal footing. The guest list is short — k.d. lang, Austin chanteuse Kat Edmonson, Sara and Sean Watkins — but used effectively.

The truly delicious honor, and the album's most poignant section, is saved for the finale. The penultimate tune, a sizzling take on Townes Van Zandt's "White Freightliner Blues," finds longtime backing musicians Keith Sewell, Luke Bulla and Ray Herndon each singing a verse. It's a touching nod to the musicians' integral role in making Lovett's music truly take flight; the singer-songwriter is always quick to credit his bandmates with making him look better, and this gesture feels like a hearty thank you.

"Release Me" closes with a spare hymn, "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word" (shortened here to Keep Us Steadfast). It's a haunting, lovely note to end on but also creates a sensation of the 54-year-old Lovett steeling himself for whatever comes next. He hasn't yet decided where his career will take him, but he's one of the few artists able to chart his own course.

It's highly unlikely he'll walk away from music entirely, but if "Release Me" ends up being a swan song, it's a beautiful way to say goodbye.

— Preston Jones
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

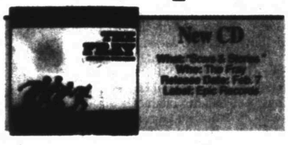
FINDING THEIR 'HEARTBEAT'

John Carucci/AP

Issac Slade, left, and Joe King of the Fray pose for a photo Jan. 19 in New York. The band's third album, "Scars & Stories," was released Feb. 7

Tragedy in Rwanda inspires new Fray song

By John Carucci
Associated Press



The Fray's new song "Heartbeat" seems to be about reviving a broken relationship, with lyrics like "I wanna kiss your scars tonight, and baby, you gotta try, you gotta let me in."

But the inspiration for the rock tune has little to do with a failed romance. Instead, it comes from one of the worst tragedies in recent memory — the genocide in Rwanda nearly two decades ago.

Lead singer and writer Isaac Slade was visiting the Rwandan capital of Kigali last year when he found himself standing on the site where more than 250,000 victims of the country's 1994 genocide were buried. Then he had an epiphany.

"(I was) at this gathering with a bunch of local (people) and ex-pats, all standing in circle holding hands, just kind of thinking and talking about Rwanda. This chick was standing next to me and I couldn't tell if it was her heartbeat or mine, but, it felt like the country was getting its pulse back to it," Slade remembered.

"I busted out my phone and wrote that pre-chorus of this song called 'Heartbeat,' and wrote some of the chorus on the way back," he said.

The vocalist also spent time with President Paul Kagame after a friend arranged a meeting. The visit took place near Kagame's birthday, so Slade performed a solo version of The Fray's biggest hit so far, "How to Save A Life," in the presidential place. Slade bonded with Kagame and the two men spoke of family and the darkest period in Rwandan history, when extremist Hutus killed more than 500,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus in the country. Kagame led Rwandan Tutsi soldiers at the time and has been credited with ending the genocide.

After Slade talked to Kagame, he said he understood the purpose of "Heartbeat."

"One of the few sayings that the Jewish faith and the Muslim faith share (is) that if you kill one man, you're guilty of killing all of us," Slade said. "So I wanted to flip that to the opposite. If you serve one man, if you do step off your pedestal or whatever like Kagame did and risk his life and led those people out of exodus, you're essentially loving the entire world."

The song is on the band's third album, "Scars & Stories," which was released earlier this month. Producer Brendan O'Brien, known for his work with Pearl Jam, Bruce Springsteen and Rage Against the Machine, certainly helped shape the song and the rest of the album, said Joe King, the band's guitarist and co-vocalist.

"He pinned us on both sides, and that's what we needed," King said.

Slade added: "Every album, so far, has been a snapshot of who we are and where we are. Here we are."

Both Slade and King feel the experiences that led up to this album left them more mature.

But then Slade added: "We're mature, but certainly not that mature."

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9-10 **Black Eye Shiner** @ Hot Shots
9-10 **Darren Welch Group** @ The Bar
10 **Juggernaut, Murder the Stout, Jed Marum, Don Gabbert, Red McWilliams, Hugh Morrison, Kelley Kingston, Thorn and Thistle Pipe and Drums, Empyre Pipe and Drums, Mark Gunn** @ Horseshoe (Scottish-Irish Faire)
10 **Jazz Ambassadors** @ Lee High School
10 **The Fab Five** @ Ector Theatre
10 **Texas Latino** @ Gritos
10 **Jason Tarelton and the Unsweet T's** @ Cigar Frog's
10 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Corky's
10 **Lord of the Dance** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
10 **Waiting For Sunday, Pathogenocide, Dyscarcia** @ Fast Freddy's
12 **Trivium** @ Dos Amigos
12 **Orion Walsh, Musical Chairs, Zuhg** @ Pine Box
13 **Iwrestledabearonce** @ Dos Amigos
13 **Big John Bates** @ New Blue Max
14 **Bonded by Blood, Witchhaven Black, Thrash Assault, Exmortus** @ Fast Freddy's
14 **Early Graves** @ Pine Box
15 **Johnny Cooper** @ Rockin Rodeo
16 **Robert Claiborne** @ Cigar Frog's
16 **Smuc the World** @ Cabana Sports Bar
16 **Redeemed Chaos** @ Fast Freddy's
16 **Glen Campbell** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
16 **Johnny Outlaw and the Johnson Creek Stranglers** @ New Blue Max
16 **Diamond Dust** @ The Detour
16 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Fast Freddy's
16-17 **Freeride** @ The Bar
17 **Joe Ely, Dash Riprock** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
17 **Saviours, Dominion, Black Water Masochist, Holy Grail** @ Pine Box
17 **Cleto Cordero** @ Cigar Frog's
17 **Chili Factor** @ Boomerz
17 **Filthy Still, The Johnson Creek Stranglers** @ New Blue Max
17-18 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Flash's Cantina
18 **Ivy League, Black Lantern, TS & the Past Haunts** @ Pine Box
18 **Stevie Tombstone, Trixie, Lucias** @ New Blue Max
19 **Sawyer Family, Viva La Fox, Rachel Brooke** @ New Blue Max
19 **Stick to Your Guns, Silver Snakes, Aficionado** @ Pine Box
20 **Hero's Last Mission** @ TJ Rabbit's
22 **The 5 Browns** @ Chaparral Center
22 **Cory Morrow** @ Rockin Rodeo
22 **Gentlemen Prefer Blood, Dirty Filthy Mugs** @ New Blue Max
23 Guitar Fest featuring **Bobby Broom** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
23 **Stoney Larue** @ Dos Amigos
23 **Cory Yeager** @ Cigar Frog's
23-24 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
23-24 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Your Place
24 Guitar Fest featuring **Ana Vidovic** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
24 **Abolishment of Flesh, Shackled to the Grave** @ Fast Freddy's
24 **Alberto Madrid** @ Cigar Frog's
24 **Gary Kyle and the No Standards Band** @ Lone Star Bar
24 Benefit for Magoo's Cotton Patch Lounge featuring **Barkin Spiders** @ Boomerz
24 **Loudfinger** @ Corky's
24-25 **Creed Fisher** @ Flash's Cantina
25 **It Lies Within, As They Sleep, Nightshade** @ Pine Box
25 **Anna Wilson** @ MHS auditorium
25 **Lone Star Brass** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center (2 p.m.)
27 **Take Me Home** — Music of John Denver @ MHS auditorium
28 **Three Bad Jacks, The Sticks, Black Eye Shiner** @ New Blue Max
30 **Jason Tarelton and the Unsweet T's** @ Cigar Frog's
30 **Loudfinger** @ The Detour
30 **Horse Opera** @ New Blue Max
30-31 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Riley's
30-31 **Cory Yeager Band** @ Hot Shots
31 **Rain, Swing For the Fences** @ Fast Freddy's

LUBBOCK

March

4 **Willie Nelson** @ City Bank Auditorium
5 **Gungor** @ City Bank Auditorium

April

21 **Godsmack, Staind, HaleStorm** @ Amphitheatre Lone Star Event Center

NEW MEXICO

March

29 **LeAnn Rimes** @ IOMG
31 **REO Speedwagon** @ IOMG

DALLAS-FORT WORTH

March

5 **Radiohead, Other Lives** @ American Airlines Center
6-7 **Earth, Wind & Fire** @ Meyerson Symphony Center
9 **Girls, Unknown Mortal Orchestra** @ Granada Theater
10 **George Clinton & Parliament** @ House of Blues
10 **Randy Travis** @ Billy Bob's
11 **Boyz II Men** @ House of Blues
12 **Kaiser Chiefs, Walk the Moon, Translator** @ House of Blues
12 **Kasabian** @ South Side Music Hall
12 **Cerrone's Cerronimy Torche, Valient Thorr, A Storm of Light** @ Trees
13 **Of Montreal, Kishi Bashi** @ Trees