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Most Midland ISD salaries on par with peers

Warren among highest paid Texas superintendents; school-leader pay lags

By Tessa Duvall
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Recruiting and retaining talent at Midland ISD all boils down to one thing: being competitive.

District administrators and school board members said MISD competes against Texas' larger metro areas to bring in teachers, against other school districts to retain talent and against the West Texas economy to provide an adequate salary.

"We feel we've got to be one step above a lot of people to recruit in to Midland right now ... the cost of living, especially the cost of housing," MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren said. "We've made very conscious decisions over the last four years to really try to raise our salaries for everyone up to a level where we think not only we can retain people, but to actually be able to recruit new (people) into Midland."

Warren said it's been his philosophy to keep MISD salaries at the top end of the spectrum.

The Reporter-Telegram has compared school leadership, central administrative, superintendent and teacher salaries to those of similar sized districts using public information obtained from MISD and the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

School officials rely heavily on comparisons against peer districts in determining how to maintain competitive salaries. These fiscal peers are "districts and campuses that operate in a similar cost environment are of similar size and serve similar students," according to the Financial Allocation Study for Texas (FAST) website.

FAST assigned MISD 40 peer

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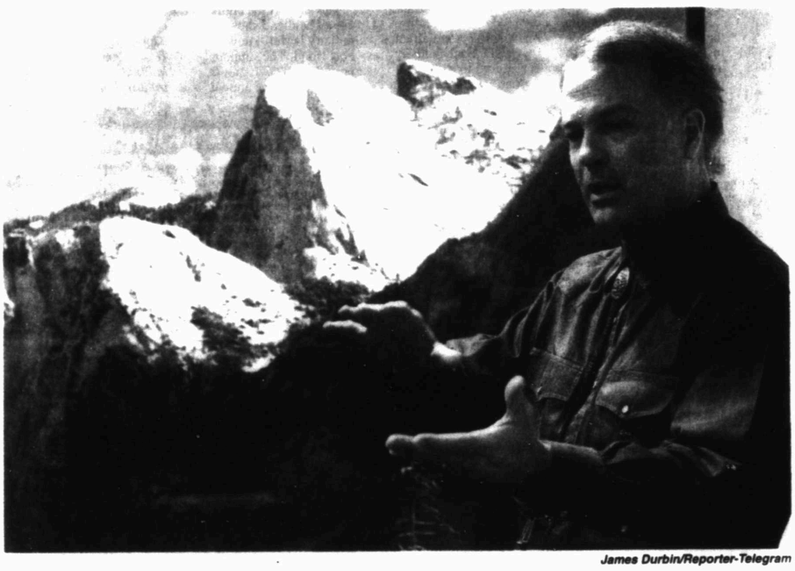

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David Arrington shows off pieces from his Ansel Adams collection Monday. Check out more photos from Arrington's collection at mrt.com

Oilman shares famed photographer's works

By Rachael Gleason
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It's the rush of taking risks and pleasure of the payoff that drew West Texas oilman David Arrington to his favorite Ansel Adams print: "Monolith, the Face of Half Dome."

The president of David H. Arrington Oil & Gas Inc. built his fortune on taking chances, drilling deep into Permian Basin wells before others were willing to take the plunge.

Now the largest private collector of Ansel Adams nature photography, Arrington said a striking black and white photo of Yosemite National Park's popular granite dome embodies a similar determination.

Adams, who died 30 years ago this month, developed a concept called previsualization — or imagining a photograph in the mind's eye before taking it — in the early 1900s. "Monolith, the Face of Half Dome" is the first time Adams successfully used the technique, Arrington said.

"That has meaning to me — when you work so hard to accomplish something and you finally do it," he said. "It's like what I do in the oil business. A lot things don't end up working. When you finally get something that does, it's pleasing."

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Midland's median home price falls in February

By Cale Ottens
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Home values in Midland once again had year-over-year growth in February but they fell more than $15,000 from the prior month.

The median home price was $233,800 in February, putting Midland in the No. 5 spot for highest home value in the state, according to the most recent data from the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University.

The Tall City had claimed the Lone Star State's highest median home value in January but now sits behind Collin and Fort Bend counties, the center's data show. In fact, of the five regions with the highest median home prices, Midland was the only city that showed a drop in home values in February.

But Brian Sales, president of the Permian Basin Board of Realtors, said February was likely an "anomaly" and not a true indicator that home prices have reversed course.

"Right now, I think we're still full steam ahead," he said. "I don't see any slacking or backing off in home prices."

One possible reason for the sudden 7 percent drop in home prices in February from January is that more relatively smaller homes were sold than larger, pricier houses, Sales said.

In Midland especially, numbers are easily skewed. For example, one house sold for more than $1 million in February 2013. That one sale can throw off the statistics more dramatically in cities with fewer transactions than larger metropolitan areas, he said.

The Real Estate Center's data show that 132 sales were completed in Midland during the month of February while Austin

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'The Great Place' bleeds; our family impacted

By Emily Tower
MRT contributor

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Lt. Gen. Mark Milley, commanding general of III Corps and Fort Hood, speaks with the media outside of an entrance to the Fort Hood military base following a shooting that occurred inside Wednesday. Four people were killed, including the gunman, and 16 were wounded in the attack, authorities said.

There's a place in Central Texas that's as rugged as the people who call it home. Motorpools stretch as far as the eye can see. Sand-colored Humvees are precision-parked in neat rows. Cedar trees dot the gently rolling plains over which tanks rumble as sleek helicopters fly overhead. Windows around town rattle with the vibrations of artillery explosions. The pulse of this place is the "thump, thump, thump" of Bradley gunnery and the "rat tat tat" of rifle ranges. The soundtrack of life includes the bugle calls of reveille, when the American flag is raised cheerfully to begin each morning. To the "Colors and Retreat," when the flag is respectfully retired in the evening, and taps, which proclaims all is well as night settles in.

This is Fort Hood — known around the Army as "The Great Place." Nearly 40,000 soldiers and their families are stationed there. Some argue it is the heart of the Army as its largest post, and it was my home for nearly three years. I met my husband there. I was married there at the quaint Old Post Chapel, a World War II-era building situated across the street from the mighty III Corps Headquarters. While the Army has sent our family to various postings far from Fort Hood for the past several years, a piece of my heart remains there because it is such a symbol of strength and excellence in the service of our country.

Once again, The Great Place is bleeding. A gunman killed three soldiers and himself and wounded more than a dozen Wednesday, four years after a gunman killed 13 at the same post.

When we heard the news, my husband and I had just been seated at a banquet table to celebrate our unit and its accomplishments during the last year at the annual Commanding General's ball. My husband in his perfect dress uniform and bow tie and I in a flowing black gown, along with dozens of other guests, had finished the traditional toasts to the United States, the Army, our commander in chief, our unit, deployed soldiers, our fallen and missing and our loved ones. Servers were quietly delivering delicious plates of prime rib and chicken with Maryland crab to our tables when cellphones began buzzing around the room.

All of us had the same concerns. How many were hurt? Had the perpetrator been apprehended? Why has this happened? Why Fort Hood — again?

Fort Hood is nicknamed The Great Place not only for its size but for the magnitude of the work that takes place there each day and for the special sense of community that surrounds the post.

At nearly 215,000 acres, the sprawling post, located along Highway 190 in Bell County between Waco and Austin, is more than 4 1/2 times the size of the city of Midland. Fort Hood was built during World War II and became a training center for tank destroyer units — including the storied 761st Tank Battalion. The awards and decorations earned by the soldiers in this all-black unit in the still-segregated Army include a Medal of Honor, the Presidential Unit Citation and 11 Silver Stars. A lieutenant named Jack Robinson, the same who later made history when he wore No. 42 as a baseball player, is among this unit's alumni.

The Great Place remains the Army's premier armor installation and is home to a variety of units: armor, infantry, several types of artillery, aviation, intelligence, medical, logistics and transportation, a unit that tests the Army's future weapons and equipment, an Air Force group, and more. Add to the 40,000 active duty soldiers and their families the thousands of Reserve and National Guard personnel who mobilize at Fort Hood and the military retiree population in the area, and the post serves more than a quarter million veterans and their families. Nearly everyone we meet in the Army has been through The Great Place at some point. Even Elvis Presley was stationed at Fort Hood during his time in the Army.

When we heard the news of Wednesday's violence, we didn't need to know whether we personally knew the wounded and fallen. Regardless of whether we've met, they are family. What cut deepest Wednesday — just as what hurt most about the 2009 shooting — is the gunman was a soldier. He took up a weapon against his own brothers- and sisters-in-arms.

We felt betrayed by our own, but we also wondered what we could have done to prevent it. As a soldier, this gunman was family, too. Reports indicate he was hurting. He was being treated for depression, anxiety and was being evaluated for post-traumatic stress disorder.

PTSD is an acronym we hear often in the Army. It's a term we used to tip-toe around, but attitudes are changing about this real disorder that is affecting so many of our troops. Access to mental health care is increasing as leaders recognize just how many soldiers are affected by PTSD. Each soldier is required to undergo a psychological evaluation as part of the reintegration process after deployments. Counseling assets have increased beyond the medical and chaplain communities to include 24-hour hotlines. Even the Department of Veterans Affairs, which typically serves veterans after they have left the military, has opened the doors of its counseling centers to active-duty personnel and their families.

But the fact remains that, in the Army, we live the reality of war every single day. We can't get away from it simply by turning off the TV and logging off the Internet. This is the life we've chosen. We're called to it and believe in our mission. Being a soldier isn't my husband's job; it's who he is. I'm an Army spouse, and that goes beyond my marriage certificate. It means I'm part of a family. Whether we know each other or not, we're all in this together, and we all understand just what it takes to accomplish the mission. We will carry on no matter what because that's what the Army does.

Community support is a vital part of continuing that mission and is part of what makes Fort Hood so special. In my husband's nearly 11-year career in the Army (we've been married for six), we've never experienced elsewhere the kind of community support that surrounds Fort Hood. Each place we've had the pleasure of serving has had its own wonderful sense of community, but the Fort Hood family truly extends beyond the post's gates — even nearly 300 miles away to Midland.

The support the entire city of Midland shows the military is well-known at Fort Hood. The support provided by civic groups around town, the annual Hunt for Heroes, care packages, parades, fundraisers and the general spirit of gratitude among Midlanders is known far and wide. As people have learned I'm from Midland, they comment about how amazed they are an entire city could be so supportive of the Army and its mission.

But the war isn't over. The mission to preserve freedom and justice is never ending. Our Army is hurting, but it will carry on. It has to. Community support is needed now more than ever. Keep up the good fight, Midland. Your support means more than you probably realize.

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Lawmakers say more guns at bases would solve problem

Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Gun-rights advocates on Thursday seized upon the latest mass murder at Fort Hood to insist that soldiers carrying privately owned weapons on base might save lives.

The shooting late Wednesday that left three victims dead and 16 wounded quickly rekindled a perennial debate over whether personal handguns strengthen or weaken individuals' security in general and during mass shootings in particular.

The Army bans GIs bringing personal weapons onto military installations without permission from a senior military commander. Broader Defense Department guidelines permit firearms for "only qualified personnel when there is a reasonable expectation that life or (Defense Department) assets will be jeopardized if firearms are not carried."

GOP lawmakers on Capitol Hill with a history of supporting gun rights called for military regulations to be changed or at least reviewed.

"We need to harden our military bases so this can't happen, and one possible way to do that is to allow our veterans and active-duty military ... to carry weapons," declared Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Austin, chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security.

"I guarantee if they had (weapons) ... they could have stopped this guy almost immediately," added McCaul, a former deputy state attorney general in Texas.

Rep. Kevin Brady, R-The Woodlands, called it "just wrong" that soldiers are "not safe on their own bases," adding: "It's time for the military to have a discussion about base security protocol, taking these recent events into consideration."

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, who traveled to Fort Hood on Thursday, said he expected "a thorough review" of the ban to "see if there are any gaps or any things that need to be corrected in future policy."

Democratic lawmakers disagreed, emphasizing that private-owned weapons on installations might complicate police efforts to end an attack.

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Houston, who has been briefed on the Fort Hood attack, said she opposed loosening the existing Army and Defense Department regulations that ban or tightly restrict privately-owned weapons on military installations.

"I believe it would enhance security if appropriate civilian and military police would be armed and trained and egress and ingress were tightened up at America's bases," Jackson Lee said.

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Rep. Michael McCaul, seen here at a hearing about the domestic use of drones in 2012, said this week in the wake of Wednesday's Fort Hood shooting that veterans and active duty military members should be allowed to carry weapons on base. "I guarantee if they had (weapons) ... they could have stopped this guy almost immediately," he said.

Rep. Gene Green, D-Houston, the longest serving Texan in the House, called for greater help for returning soldiers gripped by post-traumatic stress syndrome — only 50 percent of whom seek treatment. "We need to ensure that our servicemen and women have access to the mental health treatment they need when they've returned home," Green said.

Undergirding the belief that more guns in circulation reduces crime is the 1998 book, "More Guns, Less Crime," by John Lott, an economist and conservative commentator.

"Criminals as a group tend to behave rationally — when crime becomes more difficult, less crime is committed," Lott wrote in the introduction to "More Guns, Less Crime."

"Allowing citizens to carry concealed handguns reduces violent crime," Lott said. "Mass shootings in public places are reduced when law-abiding citizens are allowed to carry concealed handguns."

Lott's research supported a wave of state laws permitting concealed-carry. Now, every state in the union permits concealed carry in some form.

Texas is among the 37 states that direct authorities to issue permits unless the applicant in legally ineligible. New York, Connecticut and California are among the nine states that give local law enforcement wide discretion to deny permits if applicants cannot justify need of a concealed weapon.

Lott produced copious data to back his conclusion that concealed-carry laws deter crime. But other researchers have debunked his findings.

The National Research Council, affiliated with the National Academy of Sciences and Institute of Medicine, went through Lott's data in 2004 and "found no credible evidence" to support his conclusions.

Lott's research "just doesn't hold up when better statistical methods are employed," said Kristin Goss, a public policy professor at Duke University. "The rate of gun ownership is not related to the overall crime rate; however, rates of gun ownership are positively related to rates of homicide. More guns, more homicides."

It has taken an armed police officer — and not a privately armed member of the military services — to end each of the last three mass shootings on U.S. military installations.

An armed female military police officer shot and wounded Army Maj. Nidal Hassan at Fort Hood in 2009 to end a murderous rampage that killed 13 and wounded 32. An armed police officer killed civilian contractor Aaron Alexis during his shooting rampage at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C., last year that killed 12 and wounded three.

And an armed female Fort Hood police officer confronted Army Spec. Ivan A. Lopez during his shooting spree on Wednesday, apparently prompting the suspect to commit suicide.

Lopez's use of a privately purchased, .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol posed special challenges for security at Fort Hood where military guards routinely wave through thousands of soldiers and civilians arriving and departing each day, Army Secretary John McHugh acknowledged in testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Thursday.

"He lived off post," McHugh testified. "We tried to do everything we can to encourage soldiers to register their personal weapons. Even when they live off post, we are not legally able to compel them to register weapons when they reside off post."

Army regulations dating back to 1993 permit soldiers to carry personal weapons only with a senior commander's approval. Troops are not permitted to carry concealed weapons onto bases under any circumstances, regardless of whether local jurisdictions such as the state of Texas permit concealed carry.

Army might never know Fort Hood shooter's motive

Despite evidence that suggests Spc. Ivan Lopez had an argument before going on a shooting rampage, investigators said they might never determine what compelled the Fort Hood soldier to kill three soldiers and wound 16 others before taking his own life.

Lt. Gen. Mark Milley, Fort Hood's commander, said that an "escalating argument" precipitated the assault. He declined to discuss the cause of the argument but said investigators believe Lopez made no effort to target specific soldiers — even though at least one of the soldiers shot was involved in the dispute.

Milley would not say whether those involved were among the dead or wounded, or how many shooting victims had been a part of the argument.

"There was no premeditated targeting of an individual," he said.

However, the military has not established a "concrete motive" for Spc. Ivan Lopez's rampage, said Chris Grey, a spokesman for the Army's Criminal Investigation Command based in Quantico, Va.

And because Lopez is dead, he added, "the possibility does exist that we may never know why the alleged shooter did what he did."

Three of the wounded are still hospitalized in fair condition at Scott & White Memorial Hospital in nearby Temple.

Investigators now believe Lopez's mental condition was not the "direct precipitating factor" in the shooting, Milley said Friday, one day after he said that condition appeared to be an underlying factor in the attack.

The crime scene encompasses two city blocks, Grey said.

Lopez initially began firing near an intersection, then traveled to several nearby buildings, went inside and kept firing. While driving to those locations in his vehicle, he fired indiscriminately at other soldiers, Grey said.

Grey also confirmed for the first time that the military police officer who confronted Lopez exchanged words with him before firing a single round at him that apparently missed. That's when the gunman put his .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol against his head and pulled the trigger one last time.

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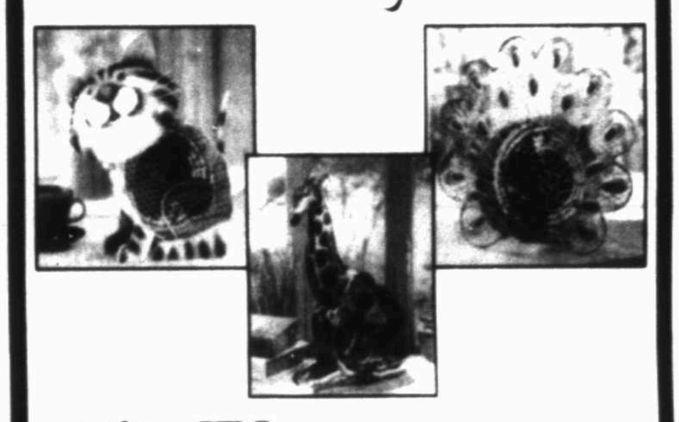

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■ Adventures in Art for children, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Ellen Noël Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

Tuesday

■ Physicist and author Michio Kaku at Al G. Langford Chaparral Center. midland.edu.

■ The Arlen Edgar Distinguished Lecture Series presents photographer Carsten Peter "Extreme Planet," 7 p.m. at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

■ Michael McDonald at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagner-noel.com.

■ MOSC Celebrating Youth at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center wagnernoel.com

Thursday

■ Rebecca D. Henderson reading from "A Stake in West Texas: Pulling a Chain and Raising a Family Across Big Oil Country," 5 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib

Friday

■ "Improv at the Yucca's Thirsty Thursday," 7 p.m., Yucca Theatre mctmidland.org

■ Gladys Knight at Midland College. midlandcollegefoundation.org/knight

■ Okkervil River at Yucca Theatre tailtownes.com

Saturday

■ "Arthur's World Tour" exhibit meet and greet to welcome Arthur to Midland, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib

■ Restless Heart at CAF Hangar.

■ Mustangs Across America 50th Anniversary Tour at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleum-museum.org

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■ Old Sorehead Trade Days in Stanton. stantontex.com

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Council Chambers City Hall
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Correction

The opening of Jumping Party, 1000 N. Midkiff Road, has been delayed until April 25.

An item in today's Business Scene, which was printed Friday, stated that the business would open Saturday.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Community calendar

■ Lee High School's honor band is to present a concert 3 p.m. today at the school's auditorium. The free concert is in advance of the band's UIL concert and sightreading contest which are later this month.

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"But, it's a real challenge for us."

Garcia said he recently lost a central administrative staff member to the energy industry. They'll be doing nearly the same job, just at a higher salary.

"I couldn't compete against that," he said. "There's no way I could.

"In a lot of industries across town you get the counter offer, but there was no way I could logically see if I could counter that."

Warren applauded his administration for its commitment to Midland and MISD. Many administrators have been with the district for years and have risen through the ranks.

"I've still got other districts who are calling them," he said. "I've got outside companies who are looking at the excellence and the talents, so it's very important for me to make sure their salaries are at a level for competitiveness."

But other ISDs are also responsible for promoting competitive pay, Warren said.

"We are a profession that steals from each other," he said. "Everyone who is in education — teachers, principals, senior leadership — we're free agents. ... Unless you are regionally tied down ... we could live anywhere, we could work anywhere."

Other notable findings

■ Seventy-five MISD employees will earn more than $80,000 this school year. This is an increase of 16 employees from the 2012-13 year.

■ Twenty-three MISD employees will earn more than $100,000 this school year, the same as in 2013-13.

■ Principals at the high school level must earn more than the head football coach. Midland High School Principal Jeff Horner and Lee High School Principal Jeannette McNeely both will earn $118,963.82 for the current school year. MHS football coach Craig Yenzer and Lee football coach James Morton will both earn $117,129.16 this year — $1,834.66 less than the principals. Garcia said it is an accreditation requirement that principals earn more than football coaches.

■ The child nutrition program is currently short about 80 to 90 school cafeteria employees. Garcia said with starting pay at $8.50 an hour, the district can't compete against restaurants that pay $14 or $15 an hour.

■ A first-year teacher with a bachelor's degree will earn $47,000 this year in MISD — nearly $20,000 more than the TEA-mandated minimum of $27,320.

Teacher salary schedules

	0 years, bachelor's	5 years, bachelor's	10 years, bachelor's	15 years, bachelor's	20 years, bachelor's
State-TEA	$27,320	$31,560	$37,040	$41,160	$44,270
Midland ISD	**$47,000**	**$49,000**	**$51,500**	**$54,000**	**$56,500**
Carrollton-Farmers ISD	$47,143	$48,171	$50,041	$51,911	$53,781
Denton ISD	$48,000	$49,800	$50,800	$52,060	$55,390
Ector County ISD (including retention incentive)	$45,200	$47,700	$50,200	$52,700	$55,200

Sources:
■ TEA 2013-14 Minimum Salary Schedule
■ Midland ISD 2013-14 Salary Placement for Teachers: www.midlandisd.net/page/198
■ Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD 2013-14 Teacher New Hire Salary Schedule: http://bit.ly/1fObuPU
■ Denton ISD 2013-14 Hiring Schedule for New DISD Teachers, Librarians and Nurses: http://bit.ly/1fObAXW
■ Ector County ISD 2013-14 Salary Schedule for Classroom Teachers, Academic Counselors, Media Specialists and Nurses: http://bit.ly/1icp1Ov

Peer salary comparisons

	Enrollment	Total staff FTE	Total teacher FTE	Average central admin. salary	Average school admin. salary	Average teacher salary	2010-11 percent expenditures instructional	2010-11 percent expenditures central admin.	2010-11 percent expenditures school leadership
Texas	4,978,120	637,848	324,145	$89,811	$70,510	$48,375	58%	6%	6%
Region 18	79,799	10,377	5,329	$88,179	$68,146	$46,967	56%	7%	6%
Midland ISD	**22,501**	**2,867**	**1,388**	**$92,370**	**$65,705**	**$47,105**	**57%**	**6%**	**5%**
Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD	26,340	3,063	1,634	$86,100	$81,767	$51,882	58%	7%	6%
Denton ISD	24,738	3,067	1,763	$106,690	$72,307	$50,929	62%	5%	5%
Ector County ISD	28,396	3,253	1,697	$118,259	$66,706	$47,530	58%	6%	6%
McKinney ISD	24,572	2,544	1,611	$92,040	$73,537	$49,518	61%	5%	6%
Pflugerville ISD	22,987	2,563	1,500	$78,441	$66,632	$46,545	58%	5%	6%

Source: TEA Snapshot 2012 data

Peer superintendent salary comparisons

FTE superintendent pay for 2013-14 (as of Oct. 2013)	
Midland ISD, Ryder Warren	**$264,999**
Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, Bobby Burns	$242,406
Denton ISD, James Wilson	$232,560
Ector County ISD, Thomas Crowe	$205,000
McKinney ISD, J. D. Kennedy	$233,498
Pflugerville ISD, Elias Alex Torrez (.9 FTE)	$160,838

Enrollments	
Midland ISD	**23,560**
Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD	26,347
Denton ISD	26,312
Ector County ISD	30,857
McKinney ISD	24,565
Pflugerville ISD	23,543

Source: TEA Superintendent Salary Reports, last updated March 25

For districts with the same superintendents since 2010-11 school year

Midland ISD, Ryder Warren (Held position since 2010)		Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, Bobby Burns (Held position since 2009)		McKinney ISD, J. D. Kennedy (Held position since 2010)	
2013-14	$264,999	2013-14	$242,406	2013-14	$233,498
2012-13	$225,000	2012-13	$236,555	2012-13	$227,803
2011-12	$225,000	2011-12	$233,095	2011-12	$220,000
2010-11	$225,000	2010-11	$233,095	2010-11	$220,000
Total increase from 2010-11 to 2013-14: $39,999		Total increase from 2010-11 to 2013-14: $9,311		Total increase from 2010-11 to 2013-14: $13,498	

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TODAY: Partly sunny	MONDAY: Mostly sunny	TUESDAY: Sunny	WEDNESDAY: Sunny	THURSDAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Mostly sunny
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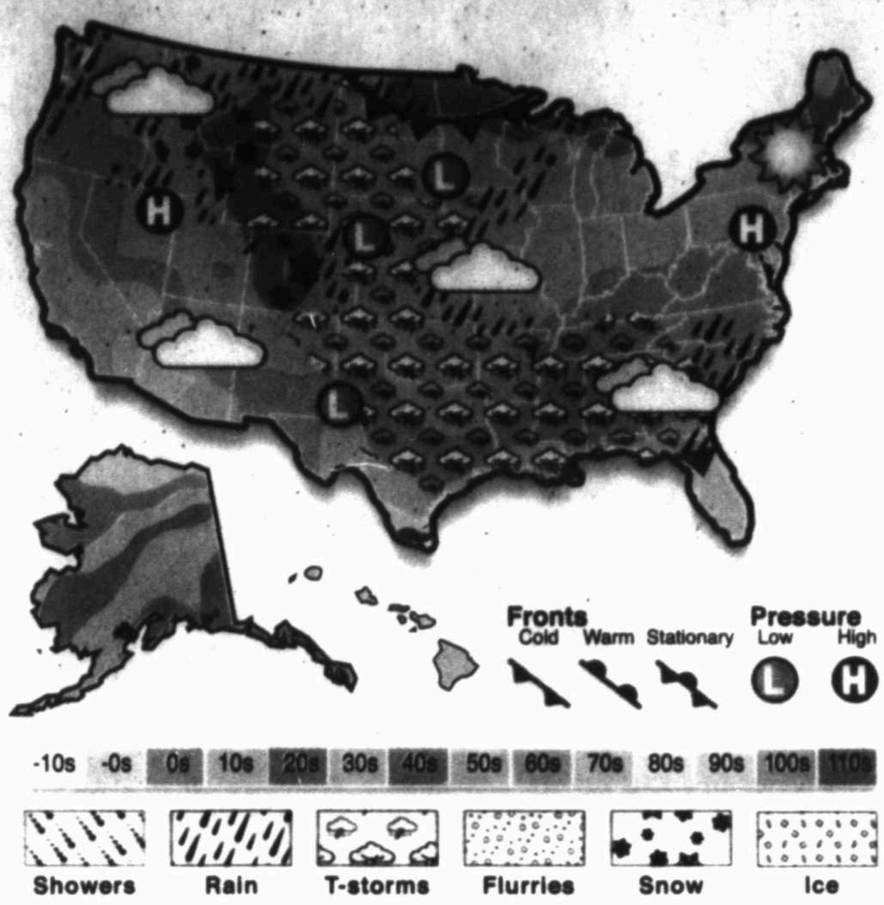

National forecast

A beautiful spring day is in store for the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic to close the weekend. A large zone of high pressure stretching from the Great Lakes to the Carolinas will keep the region dry and mainly sunny with comfortable afternoon temperatures after a cool morning.

A much different weather picture will unfold to the south, where a surge of gulf moisture will combine with a gathering storm system to spread wet weather from Texas to Georgia. Some of the rain may be heavy in the lower Mississippi River Valley, and some thunderstorms in Louisiana could turn strong.

Spottier showers and clouds will be found north of the steadiest wet weather across the central Plains. Sunshine and seasonable temperatures are expected across the northern Plains.

High pressure across the West will promote dry conditions. The exceptions will be along the Rockies and in the Pacific Northwest east of the Cascades, where some showers are most likely. The beginning of a warm spell is forecast for the Southwest.

Local forecast

Expect partly sunny skies today with a high around 71 and southeast winds between 5 and 15 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 45 and northwest winds between 15 and 20 mph becoming light and variable. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. There is a 10 percent chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms during the day.

The high on Saturday reached 72, while the low dropped to 53. The record high for April 5 is 92 set in 1959. The record low is 28 set in 1970.

Precipitation

Friday	0.00 in
Saturday	0.00 in
Month total	0.00 in
Year total	0.45 in
Normal total (year to date)	1.98 in

Saturday's temperatures

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Low	53
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Sunrise	7:31 a.m.
Sunset	8:12 p.m.

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A: At the Andrews highway campus, 4214 Andrews Hwy. Suite 208
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A: Lower extremity injuries. Specifically knee and foot & ankle injuries and replacements
Q: What is your education background?
A: Graduated Boston University School of Medicine then completed Orthopedic Surgery residency and fellowship in foot and ankle surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio
Q: How long have you been in practice?
A: Eleven years—three there
Q: What do you do at your free time?
A: I spend time with my family
Q: Any kids? Are you involved in their activities?
A: I have three boys, ages 14, 11 and 7. And yes I'm involved in their baseball and golf activities
Q: Do you have any favorite sayings?
A: I say a lot of stuff
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■ Midland Festival Ballet's "The Sleeping Beauty," 2:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. midland-festivalballet.org.

■ Adventures in Art for children, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Ellen Noël Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

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■ "Improv at the Yucca's Thirsty Thursday," 7 p.m., Yucca Theatre mctmidland.org.

■ Gladys Knight at Midland College. midlandcollegefoundation.org/knight.

■ Okkervil River at Yucca Theatre. talltownes.com.

Saturday

■ "Arthur's World Tour" exhibit meet and greet to welcome Arthur to Midland. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ Restless Heart at CAF Hangar.

■ Mustangs Across America 50th Anniversary Tour at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleum-museum.org.

Saturday and April 13

■ Old Sorehead Trade Days in Stanton. stantontex.com.

Support groups today

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

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10 a.m. Tuesday
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"We've all seen it; every one of our departments has seen it," Garcia said. "Our departments are being depleted by our natural competition in our community, the oil and gas industry. I'm not going to say it's bad. It's a huge part of our economics and why we're thriving right now.

"But, it's a real challenge for us."

Garcia said he recently lost a central administrative staff member to the energy industry. They'll be doing nearly the same job, just at a higher salary.

"I couldn't compete against that," he said. "There's no way I could. ... In a lot of industries across town you get the counter offer, but there was no way I could logically see if I could counter that."

Warren applauded his administration for its commitment to Midland and MISD. Many administrators have been with the district for years and have risen through the ranks.

"I've still got other districts who are calling them," he said. "I've got outside companies who are looking at the excellence and the talents, so it's very important for me to make sure their salaries are at a level for competitiveness."

But other ISDs are also responsible for promoting competitive pay, Warren said.

"We are a profession that steals from each other," he said. "Everyone who is in education — teachers, principals, senior leadership — we're free agents. ... Unless you are regionally tied down ... we could live anywhere, we could work anywhere."

Other notable findings

■ Seventy-five MISD employees will earn more than $80,000 this school year. This is an increase of 16 employees from the 2012-13 year.

■ Twenty-three MISD employees will earn more than $100,000 this school year, the same as in 2013-13.

■ Principals at the high school level must earn more than the head football coach. Midland High School Principal Jeff Horner and Lee High School Principal Jeannette McNeely both will earn $118,963.82 for the current school year. MHS football coach Craig Yenzer and Lee football coach James Morton will both earn $117,129.16 this year — $1,834.66 less than the principals. Garcia said it is an accreditation requirement that principals earn more than football coaches.

■ The child nutrition program is currently short about 80 to 90 school cafeteria employees. Garcia said with starting pay at $8.50 an hour, the district can't compete against restaurants that pay $14 or $15 an hour.

■ A first-year teacher with a bachelor's degree will earn $47,000 this year in MISD — nearly $20,000 more than the TEA-mandated minimum of $27,320.

Teacher salary schedules

	0 years, bachelor's	5 years, bachelor's	10 years, bachelor's	15 years, bachelor's	20 years, bachelor's
State-TEA	$27,320	$31,560	$37,040	$41,160	$44,270
Midland ISD	**$47,000**	**$49,000**	**$51,500**	**$54,000**	**$56,500**
Carrollton-Farmers ISD	$47,143	$48,171	$50,041	$51,911	$53,781
Denton ISD	$48,000	$49,800	$50,800	$52,060	$55,390
Ector County ISD (including retention incentive)	$45,200	$47,700	$50,200	$52,700	$55,200

Sources:
■ TEA 2013-14 Minimum Salary Schedule
■ Midland ISD 2013-14 Salary Placement for Teachers: www.midlandisd.net/page/198
■ Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD 2013-14 Teacher New Hire Salary Schedule: http://bit.ly/1fObuPU
■ Denton ISD 2013-14 Hiring Schedule for New DISD Teachers, Librarians and Nurses: http://bit.ly/1fObAXW
■ Ector County ISD 2013-14 Salary Schedule for Classroom Teachers, Academic Counselors, Media Specialists and Nurses: http://bit.ly/1icp1Ov

Peer salary comparisons

	Enrollment	Total staff FTE	Total teacher FTE	Average central admin. salary	Average school admin. salary	Average teacher salary	2010-11 percent expenditures instructional	2010-11 percent expenditures central admin.	2010-11 percent expenditures school leadership
Texas	4,978,120	637,848	324,145	$89,811	$70,510	$48,375	58%	6%	6%
Region 18	79,799	10,377	5,329	$88,179	$68,146	$46,967	56%	7%	6%
Midland ISD	**22,501**	**2,667**	**1,388**	**$92,370**	**$65,705**	**$47,105**	**57%**	**6%**	**5%**
Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD	26,340	3,063	1,634	$86,100	$81,767	$51,882	58%	7%	6%
Denton ISD	24,738	3,067	1,763	$106,690	$72,307	$50,929	62%	5%	5%
Ector County ISD	28,398	3,253	1,697	$118,259	$66,706	$47,530	58%	6%	6%
McKinney ISD	24,572	2,544	1,611	$92,040	$73,537	$49,518	61%	5%	6%
Pflugerville ISD	22,987	2,563	1,500	$78,441	$66,632	$46,545	58%	5%	6%

Source: TEA Snapshot 2012 data

Peer superintendent salary comparisons

FTE superintendent pay for 2013-14 (as of Oct. 2013)

Midland ISD, Ryder Warren	**$264,999**
Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, Bobby Burns	$242,406
Denton ISD, James Wilson	$232,560
Ector County ISD, Thomas Crowe	$205,000
McKinney ISD, J. D. Kennedy	$233,498
Pflugerville ISD, Elias Alex Torrez (.9 FTE)	$160,638

Enrollments

Midland ISD	**23,560**
Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD	26,347
Denton ISD	26,312
Ector County ISD	30,857
McKinney ISD	24,565
Pflugerville ISD	23,543

Source: TEA Superintendent Salary Reports, last updated March 25

For districts with the same superintendents since 2010-11 school year

Midland ISD, Ryder Warren (Held position since 2010)		Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, Bobby Burns (Held position since 2009)		McKinney ISD, J. D. Kennedy (Held position since 2010)	
2013-14	$264,999	2013-14	$242,406	2013-14	$233,498
2012-13	$225,000	2012-13	$236,555	2012-13	$227,803
2011-12	$225,000	2011-12	$233,095	2011-12	$220,000
2010-11	$225,000	2010-11	$233,095	2010-11	$220,000
Total increase from 2010-11 to 2013-14: $39,999		Total increase from 2010-11 to 2013-14: $9,311		Total increase from 2010-11 to 2013-14: $13,498	

Source: TEA Superintendent Salary Reports dating back to 2010

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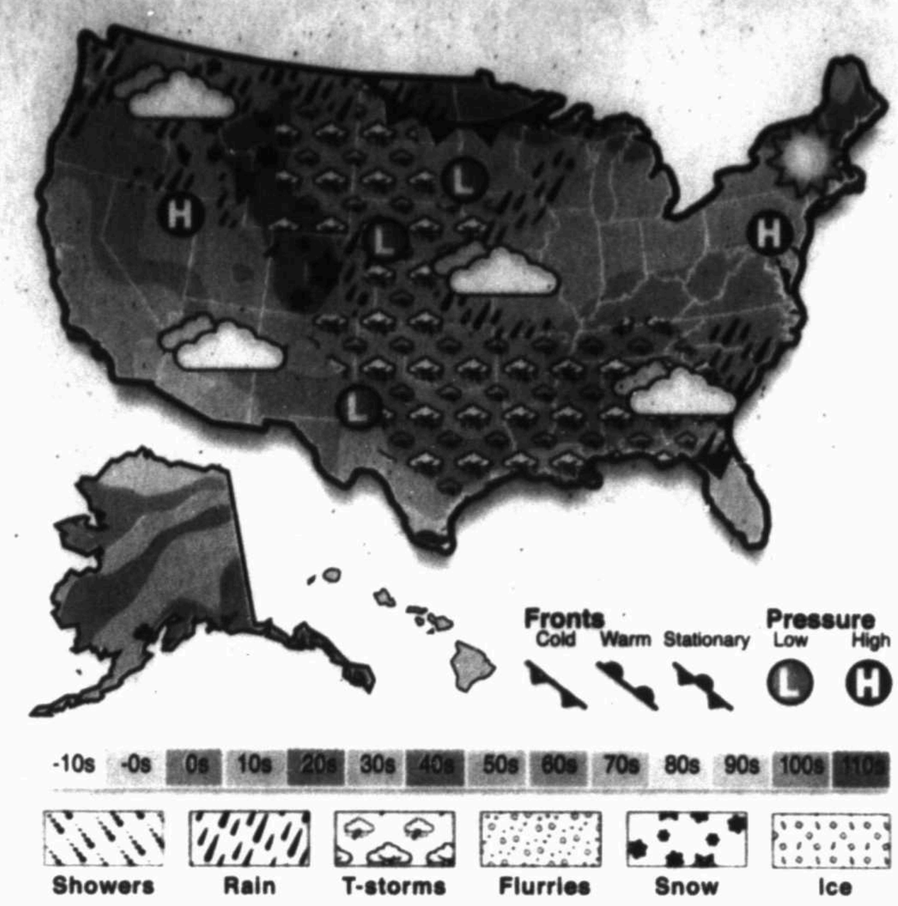
MONDAY: Mostly sunny High: 72 Low: 41

TUESDAY: Sunny High: 76 Low: 53

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 86 Low: 58

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 91 Low: 61

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 89 Low: 60



National forecast

A beautiful spring day is in store for the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic to close the weekend. A large zone of high pressure stretching from the Great Lakes to the Carolinas will keep the region dry and mainly sunny with comfortable afternoon temperatures after a cool morning.

A much different weather picture will unfold to the south, where a surge of gulf moisture will combine with a gathering storm system to spread wet weather from Texas to Georgia. Some of the rain may be heavy in the lower Mississippi River Valley, and some thunderstorms in Louisiana could turn strong.

Spottier showers and clouds will be found north of the steadiest wet weather across the central Plains. Sunshine and seasonable temperatures are expected across the northern Plains.

High pressure across the West will promote dry conditions. The exceptions will be along the Rockies and in the Pacific Northwest east of the Cascades, where some showers are most likely. The beginning of a warm spell is forecast for the Southwest.

Local forecast

Expect partly sunny skies today with a high around 71 and southeast winds between 5 and 15 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 45 and northwest winds between 15 and 20 mph becoming light and variable. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. There is a 10 percent chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms during the day.

The high on Saturday reached 72, while the low dropped to 53. The record high for April 5 is 92 set in 1959. The record low is 28 set in 1970.

Precipitation

Friday	0.00 in
Saturday	0.00 in
Month total	0.00 in
Year total	0.45 in
Normal total (year to date)	1.98 in

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Q: What is your education background?
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Q: How long have you been in practice?
A: Eleven years—time flies!
Q: What do you do in your free time?
A: I spend time with my family.
Q: Any kids? Are you involved in their activities?
A: I have three boys, ages 14, 11 and 7. And yes! I'm involved in their baseball and golf activities.
Q: Do you play any sports?
A: I play golf and work at

Works

From 1A

Arrington's West Wall Street office looks more like a gallery than the headquarters of a West Texas oil and gas company. He remodeled six years ago with custom gray-brownish wooden panneling and special lighting to frame each signed print — some are even originals purchased from the family.

A placard in the fourth-floor gallery informs visitors that Arrington is a "photographer trapped in an oilman's body" who started collecting in 1993. Now the oilman has more than 600 Ansel Adams prints, which go on tour around the world when they aren't at his Midland office or the Andrew Smith Gallery in Santa Fe, N.M.

"I never had a moment where I wanted to be the largest collector. It just kind of happened," Arrington said one Friday afternoon, sporting a blue shirt and bolo tie. "I'm a typical Texan. We overdo everything."

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

West Texas oilman David Arrington shows off his extensive collection of Ansel Adams prints in his downtown Midland office on Monday.

Third floor

On a tour of his office-gallery in late March, Arrington was quick to say in a deep Texas accent that most of his collection has no deep meaning.

"They're just pretty pictures," Arrington said.

The tour started in a third-floor conference room featuring a giant tree ring table and large print of Yosemite Valley Winter, which he acquired from the Wells Fargo headquarters in San Francisco.

"I usually get the first pick," he said with a grin.

Arrington's enthusiasm for the collection was clear as he pointed out the print's seam and described how Adams enlarged and printed photographs with a self-made machine.

"He was half technician, half creative photographer," he said.

Adams made his first photographs with a Kodak Box Brownie at Yosemite National Park in 1916, according to a biography offered by Andrew Smith Gallery.

"That first impression of the valley — white water, azaleas, cool fir caverns, tall pines and stolid oaks, cliffs rising to undreamed-of heights, the poignant sounds and smells of the Sierra ... was a culmination of experience so intense as to be almost painful. From that day in 1916 my life has been colored and modulated by the great earth gesture of the Sierra," he wrote of the experience.

Arrington had a similar start, picking up his first camera as a teenager after Texas Country Reporter Bob Phillips — the husband of his junior high teacher — showed him the ropes.

"We took pictures one weekend and developed them in his garage, printing a picture before my eyes," Arrington said. "I was just like, 'This is amazing!' I've been a photographer ever since."

Arrington continued the tour while narrating his life story. He paid his way through Texas Tech University, casually mentioning that he invented the "Guns Up" version of the foam finger, before moving to Midland in the early 1980s to work in the oil patch.

"All photographers end up discovering Ansel Adams," he said, pronouncing his name more like "Anzel" each time.

The Dallas area-native stopped near a break room to describe a photo of Adams wearing a rubber suit outside of his studio and dark room in Carmel Heights, Calif. The portrait was taken by Arnold Newman.

"Ansel viewed printing photos as a job. He would wake up and go into the dark room at 8 a.m. in the morning, have a brief lunch and at 5 p.m., he would stop," he said. "I have a picture of me standing right there, wearing the same rubber suit."

Spending many hours with Adams' son, Michael, and Michael's wife, Jeanne Falk, Arrington said he has many of the famous photographer's original prints and personal effects.

"Half of my collection, I collected from the family," he said, noting he has even visited the Adams family home.

Walking past a row of offices, Arrington stopped to say hi to employees and show off prints hanging on each office wall.

"Nobody can have anything on the wall expect Ansel Adams," he said, noting the prints are often switched out for worldwide tours. "The land guys get maps."

Adams rarely took portraits, but Arrington said he collected "the whole guy,"

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ADAMS

From 6A

including a photo of an assistant he was rumored to have loved and secretly kissed in the dark room.

Before concluding the third-floor tour, he said Adams would love modern photography.

"He did express in some of his writings how photographs would be electronic," Arrington said. "I believe he would love all of this. He'd be right in the middle of it."

FOURTH FLOOR

During an elevator ride up to the fourth floor, Arrington described the two most important aspects of Adams' photography: the concept of previsualization and the zone system.

Arrington pointed out both concepts on a large print of "Aspens" at the end of the hallway. The zone system is an old-school way of determining contrast by zoning shades

"Since he was a master, he saw it immediately," he said.

Arrington owns more than 600 images, including two and a half museum sets. Many of the famous photographer's "top 10" prints of Canyon De Chelly and Yosemite Valley are displayed in a gallery on the fourth floor.

"When most everyone thinks of him, they think Yosemite — that's kind of his standard," said Arrington's executive assistant, Amy Lyle. "But David has a lot of the unusual, less-known prints."

Lyle, who used to work for a photographer, fixed a black smudge on one of the prints during a quick run-through of the collection. She also pointed out several large prints on the first floor of their building, which has a Chase Bank branch.

"We all feel spoiled," she said.

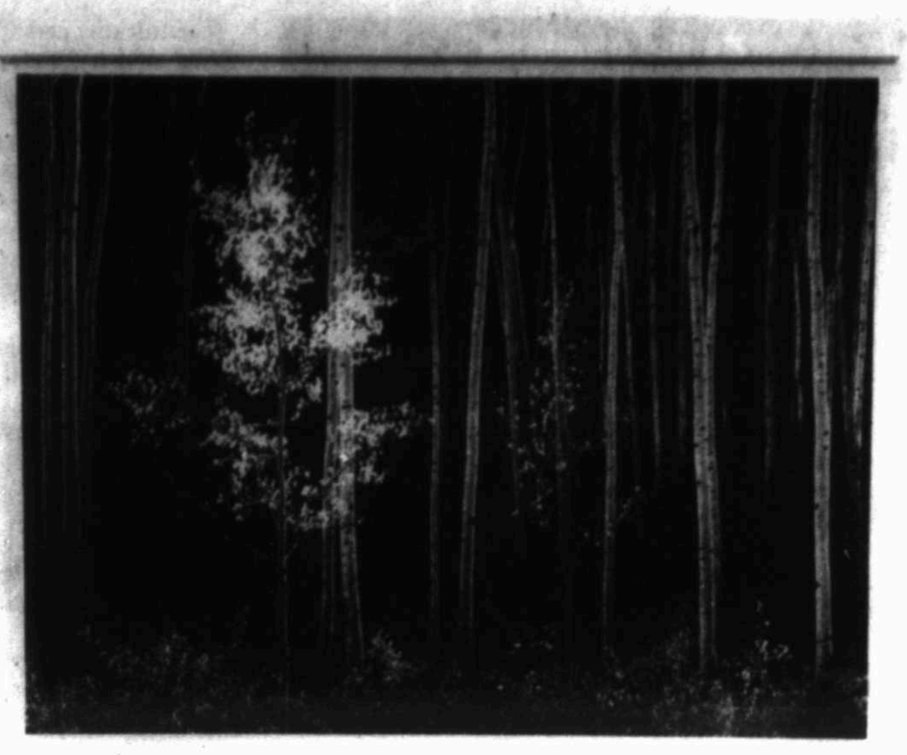
Arrington buys new prints "if they strike me and I like them," he said, calling Adams prolific.

"I'm surprised at how many new images that I see every year that I've never seen before," Arrington said.

Moving into his personal office, where Arrington displays his other guilty pleasure — quilts — the oilman shows off a rare photo of California: "The Golden Gate before the Bridge."

"I actually had to arm-wrestle this one away from Michael," he said.

A large of print of Adams' arguably most famous work is above Arrington's wooden desk. He has six versions of "Moonrise, Hernandez, New Mexico," including the first and second ever printed.



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An Ansel Adams piece on display at David Arrington's office.

"The story goes, he was driving with his son, Michael, in a woody station wagon when he saw the sun hitting the clouds just in a beautiful spot," Arrington said, recounting Michael version's of the story. "He pulled over real quick and said, 'Get the camera set up.' Things were flying. He got the camera ready and focused. ... He took one picture, and then the sun when behind the clouds."

With just a negative to work with, Arrington said Adams spent two weeks debating how to process the negative — now it's one of his most widely sold prints.

"I got the picture by 15 seconds!" Adams wrote. "If I had spent more time in the Chama Valley, I would have missed it. If I had come home earlier, I would have missed it. So there's always an element of chance in photography. If you have practiced and practiced, the process is intuitive. You suddenly recognize something, and you react."

The second floor of the Andrew Smith Gallery in Santa Fe is dedicated to Arrington's collection, and there's a special room featuring original "Moonrise" photos.

"You'll see different ways over the years that 'Moonrise' was printed," said Arrington, noting he usually stops by the gallery on the way to his "fishin' spot" in New Mexico. "Sometimes the sky is lighter; you can't see the wisps. Sometimes they are all invisible."

There's no charge for the Andrew Smith Gallery, and Associate Director John Boland said visitors always remark that viewing the famous photographs is a rare opportunity.

"We have an incredible collection of his work right now," Boland said, noting the show is also educational. "Every day people say this is greater than a museum."

Arrington's collection was also featured in the 2008 show "Georgia O'Keeffe and Ansel Adams: Natural Affinities" at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum next door, the Smithsonian American Art Museum, the Norton Museum of Art, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and a 2011 exhibition in the United Kingdom, according to promoting materials from the Andrew Smith Gallery.

"All three venues are great," Arrington said. "We have several in the queue. Shows take a while to curate. You're planning three years out."

While in his office, Arrington showed off his other collections — German figurines called hummels and pigs — and portaits of his family members: his wife, Shelley, and four children, Ellen, DJ, Amy and Katy Grace.

Arrington also has a classic car collection that includes a white 1954 Corvette and red 1966 Mustang, which the "Easter Bunny" rides in each year to deliver candy to children.

Once, when Michael and Jeanne Adams visited the oilman, they asked why he didn't have any Ansel prints in his central Midland home, which tops the Reporter-Telegrams' list of million dollar homes in Midland County. Arrington also has a 42-foot slide in the center of his home according to a Texas Tech newsletter.

"They don't really go with our house," Arrington said. "I built the whole office around the pictures."

Most original Ansel Adams prints, which are defined as negatives he shot and developed, cost between $8,000 and $50,000 according to the official website anseladams.com. Price is determined by factors such as desirability or demand, scarcity, size and condition.

When asked about the cost of the collection, Arrington just grinned.

"I keep that one to myself. It's too much," he said. "I'm proud of it. But it's not for sale."

The collection will likely keep growing — and stay in the family, Arrington said. Although his office collection is not officially open to the public, he does regularly give tours.

"I never said, 'I want to be a collector,'" he said. "But when I got to the point where I could tell I was a bonafide collector, I thought, 'I really need to share this.'"

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Archbishop Wilton Gregory announced the decision following a closed-door meeting with members of several church councils at his headquarters north of Atlanta. He publicly apologized Monday for building the Tudor-style residence and will move out in early May.

"I have decided to sell the Habersham property and invest the proceeds from that sale into the needs of the Catholic community," Gregory told The Associated Press after the meeting. He declined to take questions.

PHILADELPHIA

Pieces fall in place for big Tetris game

Hundreds of Tetris fans gathered Saturday in Philadelphia for a skyscraper-sized version of the classic video game, a spectacle that organizers hoped would inspire people to think about the possibilities of technology.

The 29-story Cira Centre, which has hundreds of LED lights embedded in its glass facade, normally displays colorful geometric patterns at night. On Saturday, images of supersized shapes "fell" on two sides of the mirrored tower as competitors used joysticks to maneuver them into place.

The spectacle kicked off Philly Tech Week. It also celebrated the upcoming 30th anniversary of Tetris, a game revered as the epitome of elegance and simplicity, said Frank Lee, a digital media professor at Drexel University.

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saw nearly 2,000 sales.

Regardless, Sales said he expects March totals to bring Midland's median home price back on an upward trend.

Home value statistics from around Texas also indicate that the housing market is still strong. Texas home prices reached a new peak in February, according to a report published this week by CoreLogic, Inc., an Irvine, Calif.-based property data firm.

The state's home prices hiked 10.2 percent in February compared to the same month in 2013, breaking Texas records for highest home values, the February Home Price Index Report said. Colorado, Nebraska and North Dakota also hit new peaks that month.

CoreLogic did not publish actual home prices, but only the year-over-year percent changes for each state across the U.S. and Washington, D.C.

However, figures from the Real Estate Center's database show that the median home price was $174,000 in February. The database also suggests that Texas hit its peak in June when the median home value sat at $180,000.

CoreLogic officials did not respond to media requests from the Reporter-Telegram. But the report said the home prices published are calculated by tracking changes in sales price for the same single-family homes over time. The firm has more than 30 years' worth of data, the report said.

The Real Estate Center, however, tracks the sales price of single-family homes, condominiums and townhomes, which could result in slightly different numbers, said Jim Gaines, an economist at the center.

Despite the variations in data, Gaines said Texas has seen its median home price climb each of the last three years. The center doesn't track when the state, counties or cities reach new price peaks, he added.

By the numbers

Five-highest February median home prices in Texas

1. Collin County	$253,300
2. Fort Bend County	$233,900
3. Midland	$233,300
4. Austin	$230,000
5. Montgomery County	$223,300

Source: Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University

The trucking and distribution industry, trade with Mexico, high-tech companies and, of course, the oil and gas industry are all very strong right now in Texas, Gaines said, which is bringing median home prices up.

The price of home sales, however, tend to follow a seasonal pattern, he added. Prices are usually highest during the spring and summer, meaning Texas should expect home values to only go up from here, he said.

Meanwhile, home prices in the U.S. as a whole fall about 17 percent below the peak of the housing bubble, CoreLogic's report said.

February was the 24th consecutive month of year-over-year home price growth across the country, CoreLogic announced. No state nor the District of Columbia showed a year-over-year drop in home price in February, the data show.

Additionally, Texas is among 14 states that had double-digit year-over-year growth in February. Plus, nationwide home prices increased by 12.2 percent that month, the report said.

CoreLogic also expects U.S. home prices to jump again in March at an estimated rate of 10.5 percent higher than March last year.

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Is it success?

WASHINGTON — Seven million people signed up, so there is an appetite for President Barack Obama's health care law, but that doesn't guarantee success for the country's newest social program.

Big challenges are lurking for the next enrollment season, which starts Nov. 15. Chief among them are keeping premiums and other consumer costs in check, and overhauling an enrollment process that was advertised as customer-friendly but turned out to be an ordeal.

Republican opponents of the law keep pushing for a repeal, but as millions of people obtain insurance, how long can the party's strategy remain a politically viable option?

"What the Republicans need to really pay attention to is what they would do different from the Affordable Care Act," said economist Gail Wilensky, who ran Medicare under President George H.W. Bush.

The source of the pent-up demand that propelled health care sign-ups beyond expectations could stem from the nation's new economic reality: a shrinking middle class and many working people treading water in low-paying jobs.

Health insurance has been one of the pillars of middle-class security for decades. With fewer jobs these days that provide health benefits, there was an opening for a government program to subsidize private insurance.

Enter Obama.

When Medicare and Medicaid were created in the 1960s, policymakers took it for granted that people working steady jobs would have access to health care, said Len Nichols, director of the health policy center at George Mason University in Virginia.

That was "back in the day," Nichols said. "Our assumptions have been all along that you could buy what you needed. But you cannot. And that is why we are where we are."

It could take the rest of the year to sort out how many uninsured people have actually gotten coverage, the ultimate test of Obama's law.

An ongoing Gallup survey has shown a steady drop in the share of Americans without insurance since Jan. 1, when the law's main coverage expansion took effect.

Associated Press

Applicants line up outside the SEIU-UHW office during a health care enrollment event March 31 in Commerce, Calif. Seven million sign-ups proves there's an appetite in the country for President Barack Obama's health care law, but it doesn't guarantee success for America's newest social program. The top priorities for the administration now guaranteeing that premiums remain affordable next year, making enrollment simpler and improving subpar customer service.

Associated Press

Even the healthy locked out of 2014 policies now

By Connie Cass
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans thinking about buying health insurance on their own later this year, or maybe switching to a different insurer, are probably out of luck. The policies are going off the market as a little-noticed consequence of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

With limited exceptions, insurance companies have stopped selling until next year the sorts of individual plans that used to be available year-round. That locks out many of the young and healthy, as well as the sick and injured, even those who can afford to buy without government subsidies.

"Now they're stuck," said Bonnie Milani, an independent insurance broker in Los Angeles, who said she warned her customers last year that the change was coming. "It just closes everything down."

The next wide-open chance to sign up comes in November, when enrollment for 2015 begins in the government-run insurance marketplaces created by the health care law. Companies are following that schedule even for the plans they sell outside the federal and state exchanges.

The health care law allows insurers to keep selling all year. But it also creates the conditions prompting them to stop.

The law, which requires nearly all Americans to be insured or pay a fine, bans insurers from rejecting customers because of poor health. The companies said that makes it too risky to sell to individuals year-round.

"If you didn't have an open enrollment period, you would have people who would potentially enroll when they get sick and dis-enroll when they get better," said Chris Stenrud, spokesman for insurer Kaiser Permanente. "The only insured people would be sick people, which would make insurance unaffordable for everyone."

The change makes individual policies work more like the job-based plans that already cover far more Americans.

But those who act fast may still be able to get in this year, depending on where they live.

Following the lead of the government marketplaces, some companies are extending off-marketplace sales for a week or a month to help people who hit snags trying to enroll by last Monday's deadline. Rules vary from state to state.

After those extensions, eligibility for coverage during 2014 is guaranteed only for people who experience certain qualifying life events, such as losing a job that provided insurance, moving to a new state, getting married, having a baby or losing coverage under a parent's health plan.

Insurance broker Steve Bobiak of Frackville, Pa., said he learned only a couple of weeks ago that insurers were cutting off new policies.

"It's lousy communication out there," he said. "If we don't know, my God, how do they expect other people to know? It's terrible."

A survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation in mid-March found that 6 out of 10 people without insurance weren't aware of the Affordable Care Act deadline of March 31. The Obama administration, insurance companies and nonprofit groups scrambled to spread the word, often with messages that focused on the savings available to many people through government-subsidized plans sold on the marketplaces.

There wasn't much public discussion about people who prefer to buy policies outside the state or federal marketplaces, sometimes finding better deals or options more to their liking.

Health and Human Services spokesman Aaron Albright pointed to a note buried on the HealthCare.gov website. It says "in some limited cases some insurance companies may sell private health plans outside the marketplace and outside open enrollment" that satisfy the law's coverage mandate. It doesn't say how to find any companies doing that. Albright had no further comment.

Gary Claxton, a health law expert at the Kaiser Family Foundation, said it's "highly unlikely" that companies will offer such coverage after the deadline window fully closes. Some do still offer temporary plans, lasting from a month to a year. But those plans don't cover pre-existing conditions and don't get buyers off the hook for the law's tax penalty.

Nate Purpura, spokesman for eHealthInsurance.com, which sells policies from 200 companies across the nation, said at this point he knows of none planning to offer major medical insurance after this month, except to people with qualifying life events.

For people trying to get an off-marketplace plan through an open-enrollment extension, some insurers are selling them through April 15, and others through the end of the month. Purpura said eHealth will offer such plans in at least some areas of these states: Arizona, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Utah, Virginia and Washington state.

Kaiser Permanente will offer extensions that mirror the state or federal marketplace in the area where a plan is sold, Stenrud said. The federal marketplace extension for online enrollment is April 15. But Oregon, for example, is giving marketplace buyers until April 30.

After that, Stenrud said, without a qualifying life event, the door closes until Nov. 15.

Democrats have new worst persons in the world

■ The Koch brothers are spending their money for free-market principals and the Democrats hate them for it

KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

Rush Limbaugh can relax. The popular "demon of the right" has been replaced at least through the midterms by the Koch brothers, Charles and David.

Who?

Exactly. Though cable and online news junkies know the names, the vast majority of Americans probably have no idea who the Kochs are. They're about to find out.

For the uninitiated, the brothers are libertarian billionaires whose vast industries in petroleum, asphalt, natural gas liquids, coal and ethanol employ 60,000 people. More to the point, they are spending gobs of their own money to sway politics toward free-market principles and away from current government expansionist trends.

For this, they have been targeted by Democrats, who are not exactly penniless when it comes to advancing their own politicians and policies. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid broke down all barriers to protocol recently when he called the Kochs "un-American."

Charles Koch, in an op-ed in The Wall Street Journal, responded by calling Democrats "collectivists."

"Instead of encouraging free and open debate, collectivists strive to discredit and intimidate opponents," wrote Koch. "They engage in character assassination. (I should know, as the almost daily target of their attacks.) This is the approach that Arthur Schopenhauer described in the 19th century, that Saul Alinsky famously advocated in the 20th, and that so many despots have infamously practiced. Such tactics are the antithesis of what is required for a free society — and a telltale sign that the collectivists do not have good answers."

Billionaires, ya gotta love 'em.

But they're so much easier to hate.

Thus, Democrats are trying to make the Koch brothers the new face of the Republican Party. Conveniently, the name Koch is pronounced the same as that other capitalist goliath, Coke.

Appointing a person — or a pair of brothers — as the human face of the "enemy" is not a novel idea. During a previous election cycle, the Obama administration identified Limbaugh as the true leader of the Republican Party. This was an easy sell as many Republicans genuflected to Limbaugh, even apologizing when they might have offended him.

And Limbaugh, whose grandiosity needs no buffing, was all too willing to accept service on the credential. The more the left hates Limbaugh, the richer he gets. *Oh, please, Mr. Democrat, hate my guts some more.*

Mr. Limbaugh, take your bow, it's Koch time.

The doubling down on the Kochs has been in play for some months, advanced by frequent mentions among liberal commentators who, though perhaps not as influential as Limbaugh, have large followings. But Reid's McCarthyesque name-calling took hell to the devil. It was not only cringe-inducing but also profoundly sad. One would hope the leader of the Senate Democrats might have better rhetorical devices at his intellectual disposal.

Reid suffers no remorse and fired back that he was delighted if people now knew who those un-Americans are. The more who despise the Kochs, the better. The Kochs aren't just leaders of the Republican Party, as Democrats are proposing; they are the face of the Haves. To dislike the Kochs is to dislike the wealthy in general.

This is really the heart of the Democratic proposition. As the midterm elections take shape around the debate about income inequality, the Kochs personify the uncaring-est of the 1 percenters. Before November comes and goes, the Kochs may as well have been tarred and feathered and made to ride backward on a mule down Pennsylvania Avenue.

One needn't support the brothers' preference for unfettered markets or their willingness to fund positions that might favor them. Plenty of conservatives disagree with their support for tea party insurgents and their climate-change skepticism.

Allowing the super-wealthy to disproportionately influence political outcomes may indeed be bad for the democratic process — and that's of legitimate concern to all. But one's eyes should be wide open when people are singled out as un-American. What's next? A Senate committee investigating such un-American activities as advocating free-market principles or pursuing capitalist endeavors?

Of course, I'm kidding. That could never happen here, except it sort of already has. When Reid called the Kochs un-American, a powerful government official fired a shot across the bow of two private citizens who have acted within the law while contributing wealth to the economy through employment.

Yes, it was bad when right-wingers called Obama un-American, but Obama is the most powerful man in the world and the rabble is just that. Reid owes the Kochs — and the American people — an apology.

OUR VIEW

There is a lesson to learn from shootings at Fort Hood

Our hearts go out to our fellow Texans and the military family at Fort Hood. A man's despicable actions has resulted in needless deaths on the nation's largest Army post for the second time in five years. It's hard to think of military bases as crime scenes, but no place is immune to the devastation when a person is intent on carnage.

This was a tragedy, and today's political and cable news cultures will never miss the opportunity to take advantage of a tragedy to push an agenda. It wasn't even 18 hours after the tragedy that a cable news station was asking whether military bases should allow soldiers and other personnel the opportunity to carry. It's probably a fair question, but we agree with conservative commentator Tucker Carlson, editor of the Daily Caller, who said you don't create laws in reaction to one or two events.

We agree. No matter your stance in the gun debate, to use isolated incidents for changes to an entire community is never best practice.

As it pertains to Fort Hood, we say allow the top military brass, including the joint chiefs and secretary of the Army, to decide what's best for our military bases. If they decide that change is needed, then the commander in chief should provide the necessary leadership to make that happen. It's not in the best interest of our military personnel to create laws that go against what is best for their community and the day-to-day operations of our armed forces.

It is likely that the rampage will bring more attention to how we as a nation can provide more resources to those suffering from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and mental illness, and we welcome that. Our country must take care of those we place in harm's way. It will come at a cost, but their treatment isn't optional.

PTSD and mental illness issues are real and not something new. Generations of soldiers have returned home and tried to put behind them the hell that is war. We know it doesn't work that way. And just because a current or former military man or woman doesn't go on a rampage doesn't mean they are not impacted.

There are lots of questions to be answered in the next few days and weeks. None of those answers will make us feel better about the outcome of this criminal act. But maybe these answers will help provide a blueprint of what needs to be done to prevent another incident such as happened at Fort Hood.

It would be easy to use this as an opportunity to lift restrictions on where guns should allowed, just as some have used other acts of violence to push for greater gun-control laws.

Either way, that might be ignoring the real issue that was the cause of the shooting that ended with four dead.

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Patrick could learn from George W.

■ Invasion from across the border? Is Texas "on its back or in the black?"

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

Every state has its challenges. California has drought. Oklahoma has tornadoes. Colorado has forest fires.

And Texas has Dan Patrick. The Republican state senator intends to ride a wave of anti-Hispanic nativism straight to the lieutenant governor's office. If this happens, Patrick will help do for Texas what former California Gov. Pete Wilson did for California: Turn it blue.

Patrick, a Houston-based radio host, is the favorite in a runoff in the Republican primary. And incumbent David Dewhurst is getting a taste of his own medicine. In 2012, Dewhurst lost a Senate primary race to Ted Cruz after an outside group ran an ad suggesting that the Cuban-American supported "amnesty" for illegal immigrants. The ad, which Dewhurst refused to renounce, was laughable; Cruz has taken a hard line against immigration reform. It was also despicable, because it played on the racist assumption that someone named "Cruz" had divided loyalties.

What Patrick is doing is even worse. He's using his megaphone to berate people who have no voice. Patrick should pick on someone his own size — such as those who employ illegal immigrants. Instead, this dime-store demagogue has spent several months warning fellow Texans that the undocumented immigrants whom they've been tripping over themselves to hire for the last three decades are really an invading army that brings disease, despair and destitution to the Lone Star State.

In the immigration debate, people love talking about invasions because it absolves them of responsibility. Apparently, they were just minding their own business when all these illegal immigrants streamed across the border and showed up for work.

Meanwhile, Texas Gov. Rick Perry, a fellow Republican, is appearing on radio ads in California in which he paints a different picture. Perry is touting his state's economic boom, low unemployment rate and friendly business climate as he tries to poach companies from the Golden State.

Which is it? Is Texas flat on its back, or in the black?

If Patrick is right that Texas is being overrun by undocumented immigrants who are taking jobs from American workers, then Perry really ought to thank those immigrants for the role they played in the state's economic growth. It's only fair.

Patrick isn't thanking them. He's insulting them. "[Undocumented immigrants] threaten your family," Patrick said at a recent candidates' forum. "They threaten your life. They threaten your business. They threaten our state."

You heard that right, folks. Don't turn your back on your nanny, housekeeper or gardener. These people are a threat. And you thought those extra hands helped you live a better life.

Perry — who seems to be preparing to run for president again — needs to stop bashing California. Instead, he should bash Patrick. Moral courage is a rare commodity in politics, and you won't find much of it among Texas Republicans who are afraid to stand up and shout down this hatemonger for fear of incurring the wrath of the tea party.

Where have you gone, George W. Bush?

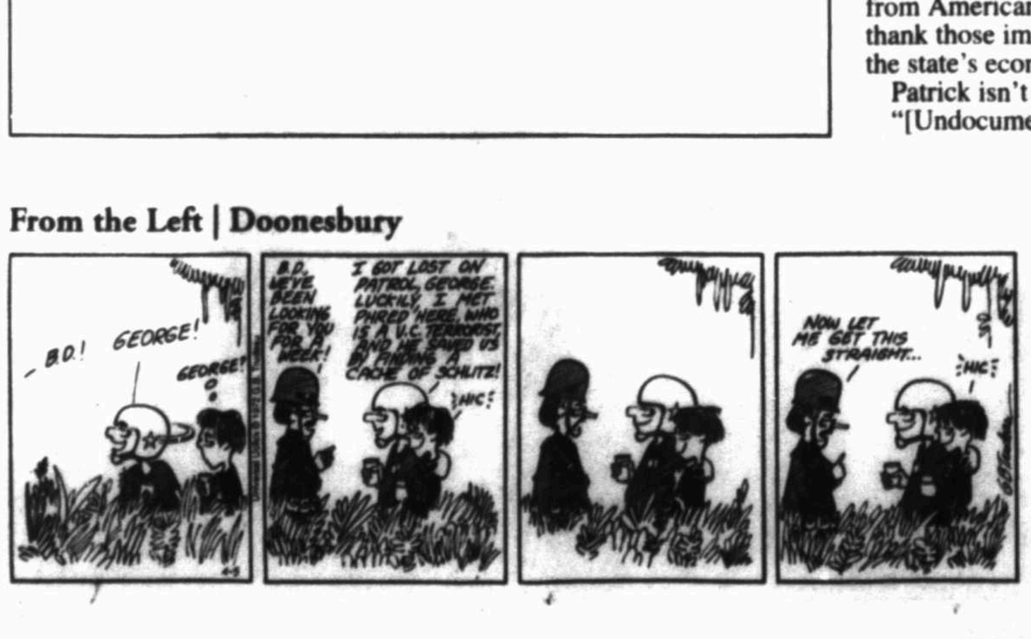
"43" needs to come out of retirement and help the Republican Party in his home state come clean. As the most immigrant-friendly president in recent history, Bush should call a news conference and blast away at Patrick in the same way that this loudmouth blasts immigrants.

Something like this would totally be in character. In 1996, then-Gov. Bush was approached by anti-immigrant activists from California who — having helped pass Proposition 187, an insidious ballot measure that denied education and social benefits to illegal immigrants — wanted to do the same for Texas. Bush told the activists to get lost, and insisted that Texas didn't need the division they were peddling.

Ultimately, the California initiative — which Wilson successfully rode to re-election — was declared unconstitutional, and the GOP brand became toxic in California. That helped elect more Democrats, but ironically it also hurt the California Democratic Party by fostering hubris and making it so easy for Democrats to win elections that they are now defined by mediocrity, corruption and incompetence.

Mark my words. If the drama in Texas plays out like it did in California, it won't be long before one party in the Lone Star State is winless and the other worthless. When this happens, Texans will wish that their only worries were droughts, tornadoes and forest fires.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader takes exception to Navarrette's views

This regular reader of your newspaper and its editorial page takes serious exception to the contentions of Ruben Navarrette related to candidate Dan Patrick on your editorial page of March 27. My wife and I both voted for Dan Patrick for lieutenant governor in the Republican primary and fully intend to in the general election.

And, we thoroughly share his concern over the changing demographics in Texas perpetrated by an invasion of "illegal citizens" from south of the border.

J. Evetts Haley Jr.

There aren't any winners in Mideast conflict

For as long as many of us can remember, the Middle East has been defined by a bitter Israeli-Palestinian conflict that seemingly defies resolution. And for about as long, many people appear to simply accept the conflict as inevitable and irresolvable. Christians must reject this no-can-do attitude.

Both Israelis and Palestinians need a just and lasting peace. This is about real people and real suffering. For more than 65 years, Palestinians have been without a country, abiding second-class citizenship and humiliating powerlessness. For their part, the Israelis have lived in continual fear, surrounded by militants who threaten the very existence of their state. In this conflict, there are no winners, and Christians have suffered with both sides, leading to significant emigration because of intolerable conditions.

Pope Francis is scheduled to visit the Holy Land on May 24-26. He supports the current negotiations as "a positive sign" and has expressed the "hope that both parties will resolve, with the support of the international community, to take courageous decisions aimed at finding a just and lasting solution to a conflict which urgently needs to end."

It is important to recognize the legitimate aspirations of the two peoples and three faiths of the Holy Land. There is a need to affirm the religious freedom of Jews, Christians and Muslims, especially their access to holy sites.

As a religious leader, I am encouraging all people of the three faiths of the Holy Land to redouble their prayerful efforts to support Israelis and Palestinians in achieving peace, especially through prayer and fasting during these days of Lent.

Most Rev. Michael D. Pfeifer, bishop emeritus of San Angelo

Drillers host 'amazing' anti-bullying event

Once again the MRT has failed to write a story on the fantastic things the West Texas Drillers do for our community. On March 30, the Drillers hosted an anti-bullying rally, football game and concert.

It drew hundreds of people. It was an amazing event and yet your newspaper did not cover it. Shame on you, MRT. All three local news stations had awesome stories about this event to bring awareness to an ongoing problem in our community. Sometimes we need feel-good stories to read instead of all the bad news that goes on.

Awareness is the key to prevention. Thank you, West Texas Drillers, Stand for the Silent, and all the artists who made (the event) a success.

Marie Quintana

Pulling weeds easier than maintaining flower beds

I have a small front yard with small river rocks and plastic underneath the rocks. I thought this would stop the weeds. The wind blows the dust and the weed seeds onto the plastic. The rain or any moisture makes the weeds grow. The weeds have very few roots on the plastic and are very easy to pull up. Most of it can be pulled with two fingers in a couple of hours.

I can not do it because I am 83 and recently had two surgeries on my legs.

I called six newspaper ads of men who do flower beds. I could not get anyone to pull the weeds — it's much easier than flower beds.

David L. Jezek

Volunteers' time often more important than financial support

Given that April is National Volunteer Month, I would like to encourage my fellow Midlanders to make a decision to actually contribute their time to an organization that is important to them. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland is one to which I have been dedicated for the last couple of years.

BBBS is a national organization that provides one-on-one mentoring relationships between adults in the community and our youth who are in need of good guidance. As someone who works in law enforcement, I see firsthand every day how important it is for a child to have good role models to help avoid negative life choices.

Like an arrow, a child's life trajectory can be changed dramatically by the smallest impact early on. You can have that positive influence by offering to spend as little as one hour per week with one of more than 100 children in Midland who are currently on our waiting list. The need for Bigs is great, with some children having been on our waiting list for more than a year, which is an eternity in the life of a child.

Money is great, and nonprofits could not function without the generous financial support of so many in the community, but your time is more valuable to a child, provides immediate return on investment, and pays dividends for generations. Whether it is BBBS, or some other opportunity, I hope you will make a commitment soon to volunteer your time in Midland.

Austin M. Berry

Local agency is in need of big brothers, big sisters

I'm writing this letter in part to commend you on the publication of "Don't let time run out before you can make a difference" in the March 20 edition of the Reporter-Telegram. It's refreshing to read such motivational (and informative) literature outlining how we, as average citizens, can have an above-average influence on the community. Considering April is National Volunteer Month, the editorial proved to be excellent in timing, as well.

I'm not sure if you're aware, but the organization Big Brothers Big Sisters has been working to improve the lives of Midland's children for almost 40 years, and we are proud to say that the sacrifice of a little time has proven infinitely rewarding for many young people. The only problem is that we are in dire need of more "big" people.

We were hoping to reveal our situation to the community: We need more Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and the time spent as such is indescribably worthwhile.

It may be a cliché to say that children are our future, but indeed they are. These youngsters may become our future teachers, coworkers, community leaders or mentors themselves. They will most definitely be our future neighbors. Again, it only requires one hour per week to help shape Midland's future. By volunteering, a caring mentor can bring a smile to a child's face and provide much needed counsel, love and support.

On a regular basis, we have children ask, "Have you found my Big Brother/Big Sister yet?" My hope is that I will never have to disappoint them with my answer.

Taryn Smith

A big way to spend National Volunteer Month

April is National Volunteer Month. I am writing to thank the volunteers of Midland who make our community a better, friendlier, safer and more joyful place. Particularly for those whose volunteerism benefits children, your contribution of time is helping to create the future of Midland, and of our state, nation and even the world.

As a Big Brothers Big Sisters board member and volunteer, and an employee of Midland ISD, I see clearly the need children have for mentors and role models at home, at school and in the community.

BBBS of Midland provides opportunities for volunteers to participate in both the school-based and community-based mentoring programs. Many children are in enrolled in the BBBS program and are simply waiting to be matched with their mentors. In as little as one hour per week, these mentors help children cultivate confidence, skills and brighter futures.

If you are thinking about contributing to young lives in Midland through being a potential BBBS mentor, please call the BBBS office at 687-0195.

Elizabeth York

Laws of the state are subservient to God's laws

We can take sacred Scripture out of context to justify our actions: Exodus 21:24 for physical revenge, Luke 16:8 to defraud our employer, Genesis 27:19 to legitimize lying (drbo.org).

Major Houston uses Solomon's polygamy (occurring centuries before Christ elevating marriage between man and woman to a sacrament) to justify the homosexual lifestyle. Having a physical attraction to the same gender, just like having a physical attraction to the opposite gender, is not sinful in itself. What is sinful is any sexual activity with the opposite gender outside of marriage, and any sexual activity with one of the same gender.

The laws of the state are subservient to the laws of God, for God is divine and eternal and the state is mortal and finite. Lawmakers derive their authority from God; they can misuse their exalted state and make laws that contravene the laws of God, like prohibiting those of certain religion from owning property or allowing for the killing of unborn children (through misuse of the judiciary system).

Houstop justifies the homosexual lifestyle because the state allows it. Columnist Kathleen Parker wrote in the March 26 Reporter-Telegram about birth control methods that cause abortions (abortifacients). "The fact that I personally favor birth control doesn't alter the logic of what I have just written. It merely suits me to believe as I do in order to get through life as I find most convenient." Odd, isn't it, that there are a host of natural laws that all humans are subject to (gravity, laws of motion and physics) whether we believe or understand them, yet we act as if there are no moral absolutes. Try finding a NASA engineer who refuses to use the gravitational force because it is "inconvenient in getting through life."

It seems the only ones who see sacred Scripture as a weapon are the ones who live lifestyles contrary to what it teaches. Houston apparently believes in the existence of God and hell, and so should read "Hell and its Torments" and "Four Last Things - Death, Judgment, Hell, Heaven" as a remedy to avoid it.

Michael Banschbach

Animal facility problems need to be addressed

Her name was Lucy. She was a 6-month-old German Shepherd pup who died a terrible and preventable death. Our family isn't the only one that has suffered a loss like this with an animal adopted from the pound. Adoptable animals are suffering from fungal infections, or fatal diseases such as distemper and parvo.

I want to make it clear that I'm not pointing a finger at Paul O'Neill, who is in charge of the pound, or any of the employees who work there. They do what they can with a totally inadequate facility. Every veterinarian, rescue group/shelter and many pet owners in the area know that the facility in its current state is and has been part of the problem rather than the solution.

Talk to your veterinarian for his/her input on possible solutions concerning ventilation, isolation areas and sanitizing needs. Call O'Neill at the pound. He is more than willing to give you a tour of the facility or talk with you about the problems at the pound. With the current rate of city sales tax revenue — in December alone it was $4.3 million (MRT 2-14-2014) — we have the money to remedy this problem. Contact your City Council representative and let him/her know this is a problem you want to see addressed. Get in touch with Mayor Jerry Morales or Jeff Sparks, who are aware and concerned about the problem. Those of you who do social media, start a discussion with each other, contact the news stations or let the city leaders hear from you.

The prudent thing to do would be to form a coalition between all the rescue/shelter organizations and the pound to achieve everyone's goal, which is the care, welfare and healthy adoption of our animals. All of us together can raise awareness and work to get this problem fixed. Our animal friends are counting on us. If we don't fix the facility problems, the animals will continue to suffer the consequences, as will we and that is unacceptable.

Steve Benson

Only solution is letting good guys carry guns

Midland Park Mall has outlawed legally licensed concealed carrying of a handgun in a misguided effort to create a safe place. All they have done is create a victim-rich environment and every nut case bent on harm realizes it.

But what constitutes a safe place or location free from hazard? Would it be an elementary school (Sandy Hook), a high school (Columbine), a college or university (Virginia Tech), a military installation (Fort Hood or the Navy Yard), or possibly a shopping mall (Portland)? The bottom line is, the bad guys will always have their guns and the only solution is a good guy with a gun. It is a sad but true fact in today's crazy world. The last time I saw Da Nang, I thought my bullet-dodging days were over. Little did I know.

There are those who seek a total gun ban but that paper-castle mentality does not seem to be working out so well, does it? And to blame the membership of the NRA for isolated incidents as those listed above is about the same as saying that every stiff who enjoys a cold beer on a hot day at Yankee Stadium is automatically guilty of intoxication manslaughter. It stands that an armed society is a polite society. I now have adopted the same policy for my concealed handgun that American Express used to tout for their charge card: "Don't leave home without it."

Drew Matthews

SPEAKING OUT

Establishment of a spaceport will be key moment in city's history

■ Midland has chance to go global because of opportunities that come with having the space industry

JOHN LOVE III
Midland Spaceport Development Corp. president

Midland has a visionary City Council. Guided by Mayor Jerry Morales, seasoned council members Scott Dufford and Jeff Sparks, along with newly elected council members J. Ross Lacy and Sharla Hotchkiss, this current council's aims are to direct the execution of the city's current needs while maintaining our quality of life and making sure that Midland is better for future generations. Part of that vision is the "Midland International Air and Spaceport."

There have been significant points in the history of Midland that have changed Midland, if not the Permian Basin, for the better. Santa Rita No. 1 oil well was one of those moments. The City Council having the foresight to purchase land and water rights to what would today be known as T-Bar, thus securing water for Midland for years is another. Another key point in the history of Midland is the establishment of the spaceport at "Midland International Air and Spaceport." The spaceport will provide resources and jobs for the Permian Basin and prepare the city for the future.

I'm excited about the spaceport and what it will do for the city of Midland. Space has been my interest since I was a kid. On my first birthday, man landed on the moon. As a child, my dream was for my mother to buy a ticket for us to go to the moon. That dream, like other kid's dreams at that time, created a nation of children who aspired for more. Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson recently commented that the reduction of NASA space programs may have caused children to stop dreaming about the future. That loss may have halted the progression of our future, our lifestyle and the many creations and innovative products that come from the space program. The space program is vital. But it was necessary for that program to be released from the incubator of government oversight and into the competitive markets of our free enterprise system.

Like many people, when I heard that NASA was going to discontinue space shuttle services, I was disappointed. However, the privatization of space exploration will accelerate that industry faster than being under the government control of NASA. Midland has an opportunity to show the world how a free market, along with the empowerment of entrepreneurs, can transform this nation and the world's use of resources.

After Kitty Hawk and that historic first flight by the Wright brothers, the public questioned the viability of travel by airplane because of the expense. How on earth could such a novelty for the wealthy replace travel by steam powered sea vessels? The reality is that the economics of space travel will allow it to be the best way to travel from one side of the planet to the other side. All over the United States and the rest of the world, cities are establishing spaceports to be able to eventually participate in this new form of global travel. Imagine lifting off into space from Midland and arriving in Australia, Europe or China in four hours. People from all parts of Texas will come to Midland for travel.

As the demand by consumers for resources continues, new ventures such as space mining (landing on asteroids to extract minerals and maybe even water) will uniquely position Midland as a city of the future. Our oil exploration industry joined with the space industry will be more than a plot to an asteroid movie. It will open up new possibilities for how we live on this planet.

Undoubtedly, some Midlanders don't want to see the growth of Midland. There is a concern about our city losing those West Texas values that Midlanders have worked so hard to maintain. Midland is growing whether we want it to or not. Our oil industry is advancing and the future technological world is coming. Midland has an opportunity to show the world how to maintain community values and implement modern systems. Having the spaceport industry helps ensure that Midland will have the resources that this city needs to continue our West Texas quality of life.

I'm confident that the companies that relocate to Midland and create thousands of jobs will also spark an interest in the dreams of West Texas children of all ages in science, technology, engineering and mathematics(STEM). The two existing companies currently relocating to Midland, XCOR and Orbital Outfitters, have already committed resources and will allow access to their facilities so that children will be attracted to and benefit from STEM. This benefits our community by creating a more educated population, but in reality it's good business sense by these companies. It develops a pool of future employees available for these companies to hire from.

The fastest-growing city in the nation has the chance to become the greatest city in the world. Upon approval by the FAA, Midland will have the first spaceport at a commercial airport in America. Will generations in the future refer to Midland as we refer to Kitty Hawk?

LETTERS POLICY

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Do monarchs' woes signal broader problems?

By Tim Johnson
McClatchy foreign staff

ANGANGUEO, Mexico — On a high mountain slope in central Mexico, a patch of fir trees looks dusted in orange and black. In fact, millions of monarch butterflies cloak the trees. The forest murmurs with the whir of their flapping wings.

Every year, hundreds of millions of monarch butterflies — each so light that 50 together weigh barely an ounce — find their way on what may be the world's longest insect migration, traveling the length of North America to pass the winter in central Mexico.

Yet the great monarch migration is in peril, a victim of rampant herbicide use in faraway corn and soybean fields, extreme weather, a tiny microbial pathogen and deforestation. Monarch butterfly populations are plummeting. The dense colonies of butterflies on central Mexican peaks were far smaller this year than ever before.

Scientists said Mexico's monarch butterfly colonies — as many as several million butterflies in one acre — are on the cusp of disappearing. If the species were to vanish, one of the few creatures emblematic of all North America, a beloved insect with powerhouse stamina that even school kids can easily identify, would be gone.

"We see these things as so delicate. But if they migrate a distance of some 2,000 miles, from Canada all the way down to Mexico, they are pretty tough," said Craig Wilson, a scientist at Texas A&M University.

The distinctive orange-and-black monarch is enshrined as the state insect or butterfly of Alabama, Idaho, Illinois, Minnesota, Texas, Vermont and West Virginia. It's also the symbol of the North American Free Trade Agreement, which binds Mexico, the United States and Canada.

When President Barack Obama met with Mexico's President Enrique Pena Nieto and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper on Feb. 19 in Toluca, they agreed to establish a working group to ensure the conservation of the monarch butterfly.

Scientists who are studying the monarchs' decline cite many possible reasons, but they're focusing now on one major one: the decline in the United States of milkweed, a lowly broadleaf plant that's widely treated as a weed to be eradicated, doused with herbicides in farmlands and along highway shoulders. Milkweed is most common in the high-grass prairies of the Canadian and U.S. Midwest but its 70 varieties also grow along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, in the Caribbean and elsewhere.

Monarchs can't survive without milkweed.

Female monarchs lay eggs on milkweed. When they hatch, the larvae gfow into caterpillars that feed on the milkweed's leaves. Those leaves contain a poison that inoculates the monarchs from their predators. The caterpillars then form chrysalises and emerge as butterflies.

Over the past decade, U.S. fields containing milkweed have declined sharply. Orley "Chip" Taylor, a monarch expert at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, calls the loss "massive."

"We've lost something like 24 million acres because of conversion of land to cropland. That's an area the size of Indiana," he said.

The advent of genetically modified corn and soybean varieties that can withstand herbicides has added to that loss. Now farmers employ glyphosate herbicides, such as Monsanto's Roundup, that kill weeds with a vengeance. It's had a huge impact on milkweed, which before could grow among crops or at the edges of fields.

"The crops survive but any weeds, including milkweed, don't," Wilson said.

Faced with vast reductions in milkweed, the size of the colonies of monarchs escaping northern winters has shrunk radically in central Mexico.

Nearly two decades ago, in the winter of 1996-97, dense monarch colonies covered 44.9 acres of oyamel fir forest. In the 2013-14 winter, the colonies covered only 1.7 acres, a plunge of nearly 44 percent from the previous year. The trend seems inexorable, experts said.

"We must turn the tide for monarchs," said Omar Vidal, the president of WWF-Mexico, a branch of the Switzerland-based World Wide Fund for Nature.

Most monarchs live only a little more than a month. But one generation each year lives seven or eight months, long enough to migrate to central Mexico before winter sets in, where the butterflies settle into a semi-dormant state, often clustering around the same fir trees as their forebears, perhaps drawn by chemical cues. In the spring, the monarchs return to the north, where they lay eggs on milkweed and die, giving way to a new generation.

Other factors may be hurting the monarch population, including extreme conditions associated with climate change. A debilitating protozoan parasite, known in scientific shorthand as OE, also has exploded since 2002 and now affects 10 to 15 percent of monarchs, said Sonia Altizer, an ecologist at the University of Georgia who's studied monarchs for two decades.

While the dwindling monarch colonies worry scientists, who fear they may also be a warning of other environmental crises, in this region of Mexico the decline threatens people's livelihood. Butterfly tourism has grown since scientists first came across the dense winter colonies in 1975.

Indigenous people had long known of the butterflies. The Purepecha people called the monarchs the "souls of the departed" because their arrival in early November coincided with festivals honoring the dead.

At the El Rosario gateway to the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve in eastern Michoacan state, decals of monarchs adorn taxis. Lodges cater to butterfly lovers. To the lament of locals, tourism has dropped, hit by organized crime in other parts of the state, as well as the shrinking butterfly colonies.

"It's not what we expected," said Fernando Guzman Cruz, a member of the El Rosario ejido, or communal agricultural community, that protects the reserve.

Only 55,000 visitors came this season, he said, a "50 percent drop" from a year earlier. He blamed the decline on U.S. agricultural practices hurting the monarch population.

"We want you to stop killing the milkweed," he told a U.S. visitor.

For years, Mexico received much of the blame for dwindling monarch populations. Scientists pointed to rampant illegal logging of the high-altitude oyamel firs the monarch favor. The government took action.

"A year and a half ago, we saw that large-scale logging had been reduced to practically zero," said Vidal of WWF-Mexico. Mexico has done its part.

Now blame has shifted north to the shoulders of U.S. and Canadian farmers and their widespread use of herbicides that kill milkweed.

In the past two centuries, monarchs have spread around the globe to the Pacific Islands, Australia and even parts of Western Europe. So they may never vanish from the world. But they might stop their seasonal movement, going the way of Great Plains bison. Humanity would lose an awe-inspiring annual event if the monarch no longer moves to dense colonies in Mexico, said Taylor, the Kansas expert.

"It's just jaw-dropping," he said. "The sensation of hearing and seeing tens of thousands of cascading butterflies at once is not like any other experience on Earth."

Taylor has been instrumental in the Monarch Waystation program, which encourages people to recolonize areas as small as their yards with milkweed to serve as stopping points for migrating butterflies. More than 7,500 "Waystations" now exist, including 400 in Texas alone, and boosters urge federal and state governments to let milkweed grow undisturbed along highways rather than mow it down.

"If monarchs are in trouble — and they are a really robust species — you can practically be assured that there are a number of species like pollinators and birds that also are in trouble because they rely on the same habitats as monarchs," Altizer said.

How to help

One of the primary reasons for the recent decline of monarch butterflies, scientists think, is the eradication of milkweed plants — which the monarchs lay eggs on and their larvae eat — along U.S. highways and near farmland because of the use of herbicides. Here are suggestions how individuals can help:

- Plant native milkweed in your yard and encourage local government to plant it in parks. There are several sources for free milkweed seeds. Consult livemonarch.com for sources of seeds. Monarchwatch.org provides a list of providers of milkweed plants and seeds. Be sure to determine which variety is appropriate to the area where you live.
- Join programs to monitor monarch butterfly movements and presence in your area. A national count conducted by the North American Butterfly Association is July 1 in Canada and July 4 in the United States. The association's website is naba.org.
- Write local and state legislators to encourage them to include milkweed among the plants that are seeded along highway roadsides, especially those that follow monarch migratory routes. Get involved in pushing legislators to set aside larger tracts for milkweed.

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Nathaniel Tallman is shown in this photo provided by the Lafayette Colorado Police Department. Moise Mendez, along with Russell Britton and Daniel Ortiz, are charged with felony first-degree murder, robbery and aggravated motor-vehicle theft in the death of 25-year-old Tallman. Tallman was shot dead trying to sell marijuana the old-fashioned, illegal way.

Associated Press

Legal pot in Colorado has not stopped black market

By Sadie Gurman
Associated Press

DENVER — A 25-year-old is shot dead trying to sell marijuana the old-fashioned, illegal way. Two men from Texas set up a warehouse to grow more than they would ever need. And three people buying pot in a grocery store parking lot are robbed at gunpoint.

While no one expected the state's first-in-the-nation recreational sales would eliminate the need for dangerous underground sales overnight, the violence has raised concerns among police, prosecutors and pot advocates that a black market for marijuana is alive and well in Colorado.

"It has done nothing more than enhance the opportunity for the black market," said Lt. Mark Comte of the Colorado Springs police vice and narcotics unit. "If you can get it tax-free on the corner, you're going to get it on the corner."

It's difficult to measure whether there has been an increase in pot-related crimes beyond anecdotal reports because no one at either the federal or state levels is keeping track of the numbers of killings, robberies and other crimes linked directly to marijuana.

Pot advocates said the state is in a transition period, and while pot-related crimes will continue, they will begin to decline as more stores open and prices of legal marijuana decline.

"It's just a transition period," activist Brian Vicente said. "Marijuana was illegal for the last 80 years in our state, and there are some remnants of that still around. Certainly, much like alcohol, over time these underground dealers will fade away."

Sales are due to begin in June in Washington, where authorities will be watching for similar cases.

"There's going to be a black market here," said Cmdr. Pat Slack of the Snohomish Regional Drug/Gang Task Force, which covers an area outside Seattle. "There will be drug rip-offs and drug debts that haven't been paid. All of that is going to stay."

Under Colorado's voter-approved law, it is legal to possess up to an ounce of marijuana. Authorities are concerned that means illegal dealers and buyers believe they can avoid prosecution. These dealers and their customers also tend to be targets, if robbers know they are flush with cash.

Arapahoe County, outside Denver, has seen "a growing number of drug rips and outright burglaries and robberies of people who have large amounts of marijuana or cash on them," said District Attorney George Brauchler.

His district has seen at least three homicides linked to pot in recent months and a rising number of robberies and home invasions.

Among them was a February case in which a 17-year-old boy said he accidentally shot and killed his girlfriend while robbing a man who had come to purchase weed.

Elsewhere, prosecutors said, Nathaniel Tallman, 25, was killed during a January drug deal when he was robbed and shot, and his body dumped in Wyoming.

The next month, a dealer mugged three people who were trying to buy marijuana from him in a Denver grocery store parking lot.

Such deals are the exception, said Vicente. The "average customer" prefers to buy in a well-lit, regulated store, he said, citing the roughly $2 million Colorado made in marijuana taxes in January alone.

Whether dangerous or not, it can still be cheaper to buy pot from a drug dealer.

Voters who approved recreational sales in Colorado also agreed to a 12.9 percent state sales tax and a 15 percent excise tax on it. Local jurisdictions can also add their own taxes. Medical marijuana is taxed, too, but at a much lower rate — a 2.9 percent sales tax.

Those taxes mean an ounce of pot can go for $400 or more at a state-sanctioned store, depending on quality and potency. An ounce on the street can run between $200 and $280, depending on how much a dealer wants to profit, Comte said.

Underground dealers also are not burdened by complex regulations and licenses.

"Those barriers to entry already create the potential for the black market, and then you add these taxes on top of it, and it makes it impossible to get rid of," said Denver attorney Robert Corry, who helped write the pot legalization measure but opposed the taxes.

Mark Kleiman, a public policy professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, who is helping Washington set up its legal marijuana industry, said the black market's survival has less to do with taxes than with a shortage of legal stores.

Veterans push to smoke pot to ease PTSD, other ailments

By Rob Hotakainen
McClatchy Washington Bureau

After flying helicopters in Vietnam for 30 months, Perry Parks couldn't stop the panicked dreams.

"I was flying through wires all the time and I never hit the wire," said Parks, 71, a retired military commander from Rockingham, N.C. "I'm a helicopter pilot, so wires scare the hell out of you."

Parks, who has post-traumatic stress disorder, said he took sleeping pills for years after he retired. Then he found a more satisfying alternative: two or three bong hits at least three times a day.

"I don't have the dreams anymore," he said.

Faced with a skyrocketing suicide rate in their ranks, many of the nation's veterans hope that marijuana will be their salve. Federal officials and veterans groups estimate that nearly 31 percent of Vietnam veterans and 20 percent of returning service members from Iraq and Afghanistan are grappling with PTSD.

Veterans such as Parks increasingly are taking their case to statehouses and to Capitol Hill, where they plan to lobby members of Congress on April 14.

They scored a win in March when federal officials ended a three-year fight with a University of Arizona research team, agreeing to provide government-grown pot from Mississippi for a PTSD study. Only days before the study won approval, organizers had planned to mobilize veterans for a protest in Washington.

"Truthfully, it's the activism from veterans all around this country that's really moved this forward," said Suzanne Sisley, a clinical assistant professor of internal medicine and psychiatry at the University of Arizona's medical school. She'll lead the study, which calls for giving 50 veterans the equivalent of two joints per day.

Parks said he was diagnosed with PTSD in 2002, five years after first seeing a psychiatrist who eventually told him he had all the symptoms. In addition to dealing with nightmares and chronic back pain, he said he was easily startled and would "jerk big time" at any noise.

Parks may have found his relief, but he's violating federal and state law. The federal government's official position is that marijuana, as a Schedule I substance, has no medical value. And the North Carolina Legislature most recently rejected medical marijuana in 2013.

While thousands of Americans go to jail each year for violating marijuana laws, Parks is confident he won't get arrested.

According to the advocacy group Veterans for Medical Cannabis Access, it's legal to smoke marijuana for PTSD in 11 states: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. Twenty states have passed medical marijuana laws, but some of them don't cover PTSD.

Al Byrne, a Navy veteran with PTSD who's a co-founder of a Virginia nonprofit group called Patients Out of Time that promotes therapeutic uses of marijuana, said the federal government faced "a conundrum" after sending conflicting messages. Notably, he said, the Veterans Affairs Department allows patients treated at its facilities to use medical marijuana so long as it's legal in the states where they live.

Veterans groups said they've found a key ally in pushing their message: CNN medical correspondent Sanjay Gupta, who previously opposed medical marijuana, has done two in-depth reports on the issue. In the first one, which aired last year, Gupta apologized for once dismissing the potential of medical marijuana. In the second one, which aired last month, he touted the benefits of marijuana for epilepsy patients who'd moved to Colorado to get the drug.

"When it got on CNN, finally, the rest of the public was able to catch up," said Michael Krawitz, an Air Force veteran who heads Veterans for Medical Cannabis Access in Elliston, Va.

Sisley said her project won approval only days after Gupta's documentary touched off a flurry of interest: "You can't ignore the time sequence here."

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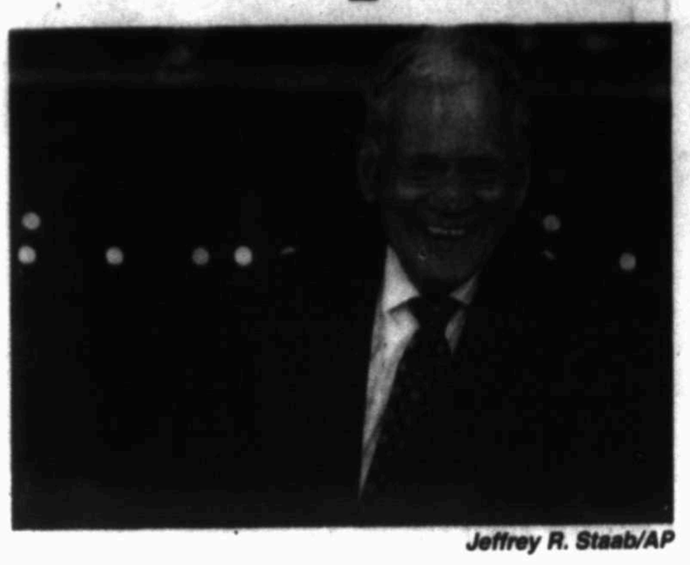
Letterman's departure will reshape late-night

By David Bauder
Associated Press



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David Letterman, host of the "Late Show with David Letterman," smiles while seated at his desk in New York on Thursday. Letterman announced his retirement during Thursday's taping. Although no specific date was announced he told the audience that he will leave his desk sometime in 2015.

NEW YORK — Jimmy Fallon's fast start replacing Jay Leno on the "Tonight" show the past two months had a secondary effect: David Letterman suddenly seemed old.

The Top 10 list, the ironic detachment, even the set at the Ed Sullivan Theater. Time doesn't stop for comedy legends, or superstars of any sort. Letterman, who announced Thursday that he will retire from late-night television sometime in 2015, had to feel it.

CBS now faces the challenge of moving on in a reordered late-night world at a time the two Jimmys — NBC's Fallon and ABC's Kimmel — have a significant head start.

When Jay Leno left in February, Letterman lost his foil — the man whose victory in the competition to replace Johnny Carson two decades ago he never let go. Leno was someone who spoke his language, though, a generational compadre, and when he left, Letterman was alone.

Fallon and Kimmel have a different style, more good-natured and less mocking of the entire concept of a talk show.

It's hard to know what role the new competition played in Letterman's decision. His last contract extension, signed before Fallon took over, was for one year. In the past, he's done multi-year extensions.

The first time Leno left late night, Letterman ascended to the throne. Not this time. Since Fallon began at "Tonight," his show has averaged 5.2 million viewers, while Letterman has averaged 2.7 million and Kimmel 2.65 million, the Nielsen company said. Last year Letterman averaged 2.9 million and Kimmel 2.5 million, so the direction was clear.

Much of late-night now is about making an impression in social media, or in highlight clips that people can watch on their devices and spread around the next day. Fallon and Kimmel have excelled in spreading their comedy beyond their time slots; Letterman has barely bothered.

Late-night television is a far different world than when Letterman and Leno began their competition. There are more entertainment shows to choose from, with personalities such as Conan O'Brien, Arsenio Hall, Jon Stewart, Stephen Colbert and Chelsea Handler working every night.

CBS will first have to decide whether to continue with an entertainment program in that time slot. It's not the money-maker it once was, but chances are the network will continue in that direction.

The first in-house candidate would be Craig Ferguson of "The Late Late Show," which currently airs at 12:35 a.m. on CBS and is produced by Letterman. But Ferguson's star has dimmed, his show quickly passed by in the ratings by Seth Meyers on NBC, and he is considered an unlikely choice.

A month ago, Kimmel was asked by TV Guide magazine whether he would be interested in succeeding Letterman, and he didn't shoot down the idea.

"I'd definitely consider it," Kimmel said. "I am loyal to ABC and grateful to them for giving me a shot. I was a guy from 'The Man Show' when they put me on. I'm not looking to flee. But just getting a call from Dave would be big for me. So it's definitely something I would listen to."

Could Leno come back? He's not the retiring type, but he would hardly be considered a play for the next generation.

Handler has let it be known that she's ready to end her show on the E! network. A broadcast network gig again would be a step up for O'Brien. Colbert and Stewart both are considered major talents and CBS would be much more high-profile than Comedy Central. John Oliver is about to start a new late-night show on HBO.

The question is whether those personalities would have too narrow an appeal for CBS, which is the broadest of the broadcast networks and would likely be looking for someone with wide appeal. Remember, many in TV considered O'Brien's "Tonight" show tenure a failure because his appeal was too limited.

Another possibility could be Drew Carey, a hit on CBS daytime with "The Price is Right" who recently traded jobs for a day with Ferguson.

Another possible decision for CBS is whether to move the New York-based "Late Show" to Los Angeles, now that "Tonight" has moved back to New York after decades on the West Coast. Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti wasted no time on Thursday in firing off an open letter to CBS boss Leslie Moonves, encouraging him to relocate "Late Show" to LA.

Wherever they're located, Letterman's replacement will face a real challenge with Fallon and Kimmel, who seem to have set up a bicoastal rivalry for years to come.

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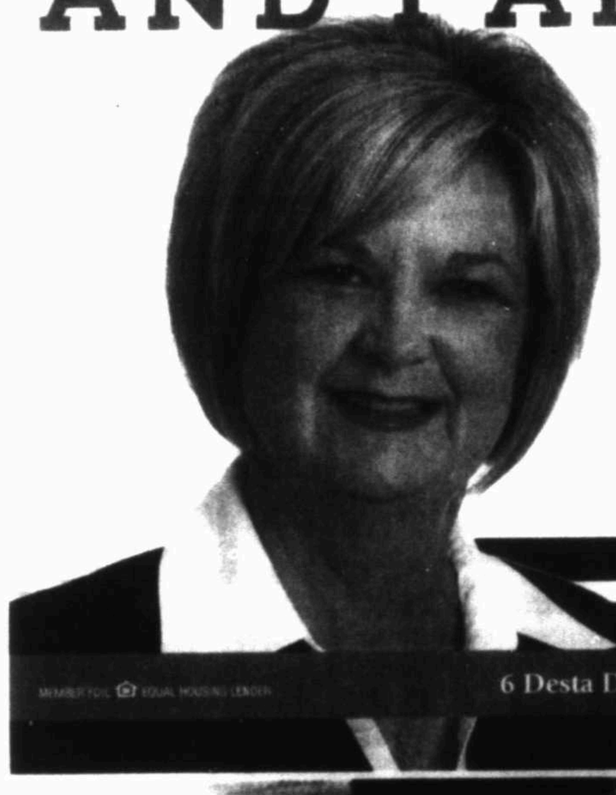

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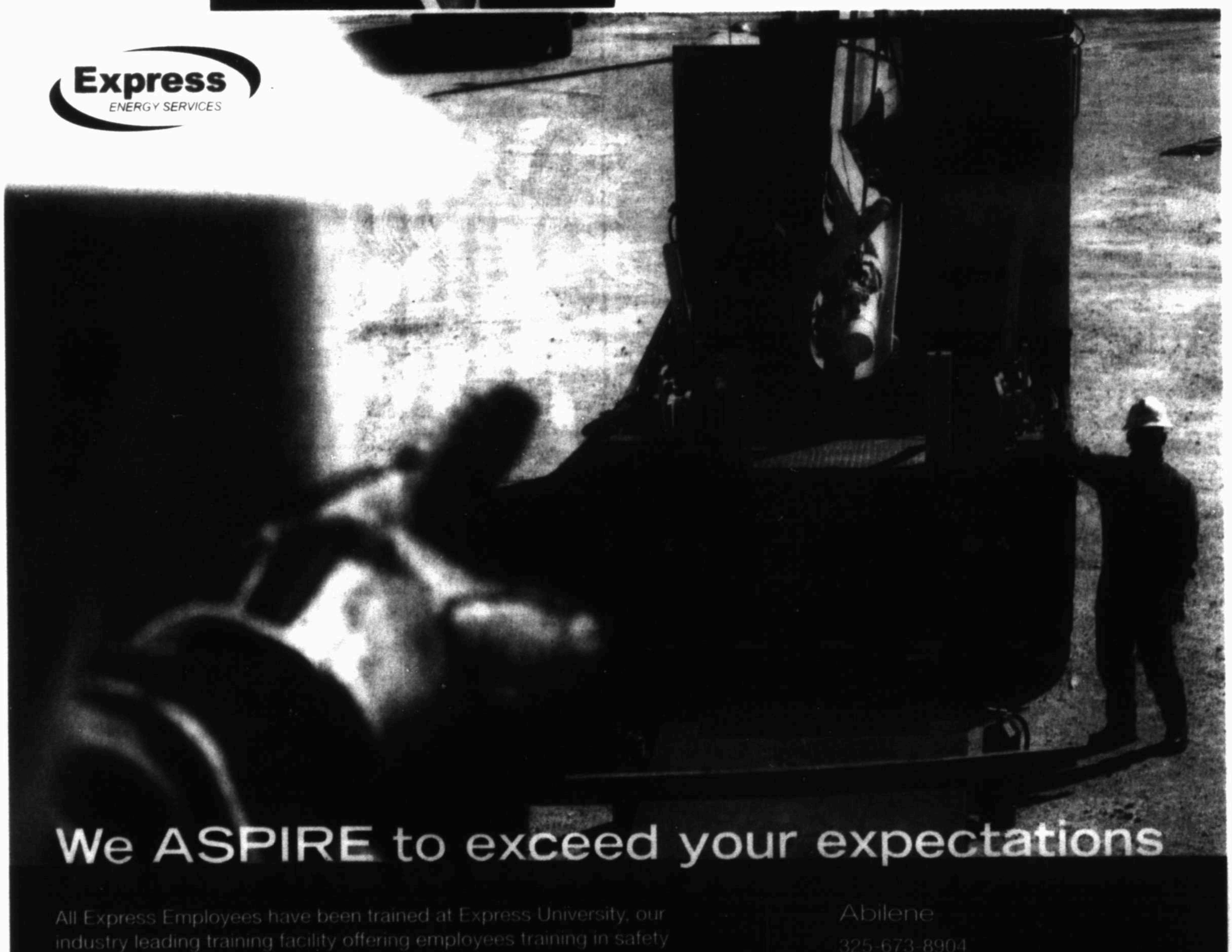

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Economy's growth uninterrupted for four years

Despite Midland-Odessa not experiencing double-digit numbers, growth rate still considered strong

By Mella McEwen
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Four years after the Midland-Odessa economy hit its low point in the wake of the Great Recession, it has recovered its losses — and then some.

Even so, Midland and Odessa are not experiencing the double-digit growth seen in the last couple of years. While the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index posted its 48th consecutive month of increase in February, it was only 5.5 percent above February 2013 levels. Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the index for Midland Development Corp. and Security Bank, said that is still a strong rate of growth.

Ingham reports that every component of the index, with the exception of new home construction, continued to post year-over-year increases, "continuing the strong performance in spending, auto sales, construction and metro employment."

He said consumer spending — inflation adjusted — was up a solid 7 percent over February 2013, which was more than 10 percent higher than February 2012. Automotive spending remains on the rise, with February figures up 8 percent compared to the previous February. January automotive spending was 22 percent higher than January 2013, he noted.

Ingham said Midland-Odessa's construction sector "remains on fire" with a total permit valuation of just over $63 million "the largest February total on record, with the exception of the abnormal permit month of February 2001 when a series of power plant permits were issued in Odessa." February's figures were 46.7 percent higher than February 2013 and the combined two-month of total of $140.4 million is 36.6 percent higher than the $107.8 million issued in the first two months of 2013.

There was a sharp decline in new housing permits issued by the two cities in February — 86, down 27.7 percent from the 119 issued last February. Midland and Odessa have issued a total of 195 new housing permits so far in 2014, down 12.2 percent from the 222 issued a year earlier.

Existing home sales were only slightly higher for the month, with the 202 closed home sales up 2.5 percent from 197 last February. There have been 403 closed sales so far this year, up 10.7 percent from 364 a year ago.

Increases in housing prices have been reasonably normal so far this year, Ingham said. "Though prices remain at high levels as a result of the sharp increases seen in the last three years." In February, the average home sale price was $225,403, up 3.6 percent from $217,519 last February. To date this year, the average sales price has been $227,323, up 4.5 percent from $217,605 averaged in the first two months of 2013.

A notable change for the index has been employment benchmarks, which underwent their annual revision by the Texas Workforce Commission. Ingham said that in the revisions, employment estimates were lowered modestly for 2013, "but the trend remains one of strong growth. Payroll employment — simply the number of jobs estimated to exist in the Midland-Odessa combined metro area — was up by 3.2 percent compared to February a year ago, reflecting the addition of 5,000 jobs to the economy over the last 12 months. And of course, the unemployment rate remains the lowest in the state, averaging 3.3 percent in February, down from 5.7 percent in February of a year ago.

CLEANING UP THE CITY

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Fernando Gomez, right, cleans up trash with his kids, Zoriya, 10, Krizzandra, 7, and Fernando II, 5, in a lot near East Golf Course Road and North Lamesa Road on Saturday. The Great American Cleanup/Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off was co-sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation, Keep America Beautiful and Keep Texas Beautiful.

Ending slaughter means more horse exports

By Stewart M. Powell
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Longtime Eagle Pass entrepreneur Raul Benavides ships 200 horses a week, collected from auctions across Texas and elsewhere, to grimy slaughterhouses in Mexico in a lucrative, controversial enterprise that he calls "a necessary evil."

As a sideline, Benavides breeds quarter horses. When his most-loved animals grow old and frail, he euthanizes them, buries them on his own ground and marks their graves, rather than dispatching them to Mexico with anonymous horses bought for slaughter. "I'm not in favor of seeing horses suffer," Benavides explains.

Horse slaughter remains an emotionally charged issue across the United States, where an estimated 9.2 million horses work or roam. Lifelong horse lovers like Benavides, as well as animal-rights advocates, are constantly torn by the necessity of humanely disposing of surplus, unwanted or abandoned horses and trying at the same time to protect the majestic animals from neglect and abuse en route to their fate.

Ongoing breeding and longer life spans have created an estimated surplus of 170,000 horses each year, including horses foraging on Bureau of Land Management land across 10 western states other than Texas, according to the Unwanted Horse Coalition, a pro-slaughter organization.

Rescue sanctuaries can offer safe haven to barely 33,000 horses.

When federal actions, lawsuits and local resistance forced the last three horse slaughter houses in the United States to close in late 2006, including two in Texas, exports of U.S. horses to slaughterhouses in Mexico skyrocketed 660 percent in three years and 148 percent to operations in Canada.

Long-haul trucks ferried 102,554 horses to slaughter houses in Mexico last year and 39,523 horses to comparable facilities in Canada — roughly the number of horses that were being slaughtered annually in the United States before interruption of USDA inspections effectively ended the domestic horse slaughtering industry.

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Parents find it hard to let go of their children

MELANIE NICHOLAS
MRT columnist

My focus this Lenten season has been to let go of my worries. Yep, I'm giving up the anxiety, saying adios to the plaguing doubt. And it is actually going pretty well. But the cold, hard truth of the matter is that sometimes, it is just really difficult to accept that you cannot change what is coming.

When Little Son was about a year old, I started to notice that he was freakishly strong. Getting him into a car seat became a power play. If I hesitated for one instant, he would spring up and onto the door frame. He would hang there against the glass, smiling and so pleased with himself.

By the time he was 3, I decided to put those muscles to work for me. He started carrying the groceries inside, easily managing a gallon of milk with one arm. And boy, was I grateful. It was so hot that summer, and I had to carry She-Who-Refused-to-Walk everywhere. I was pooped.

That was also the year he discovered the monkey bars on the school playground. He could get on and hold himself up but hadn't yet mastered swinging his body. So for three years, I have held his legs, supporting his body as he works his arms, moving him back and forth, back and forth across the bars.

He has grown so much these last three years. He still carries in groceries for me, runs the vacuum and he loves to dust. He can write his letters and count to 30 and is starting to get the hang of sight reading. But he still can't do those dang monkey bars. He has been afraid to swing his body while letting go with one hand. I have explained that it is only a two-foot drop and even if — even if — he falls it isn't going to hurt when he lands in the six inches of rubber tire shred. I keep telling my little giant, "All you have to do is let go."

He is growing and changing so quickly that I feel like I am caught in some crazy paradox. I want him to grow up and mature and become a good man. But on the other hand, I sure miss my sweet baby boy who used to love to hold my hand and give me kisses. Now, I have to trade him computer time or a piece of candy for them.

I sent Little Son to his room one day

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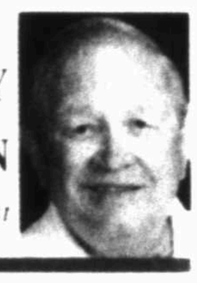
TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist



TV was a generation's game-changer

You have to think that the creation of television was one of the most significant inventions of all mankind. It was a game-changer.

Now I know many of you will disagree because you probably don't even watch television. Many of you will think it's the worst idea ever presented to the human race.

I can certainly see that viewpoint, but the day they put football on the screen, TV became the greatest invention of all time.

Seriously, when I was a kid, I remember the day I first saw a television set in a home. My grandparents bought one of the first TVs in Snyder. It changed our world.

We would go to our grandparents' house once a week and watch TV. All that was on was wrestling from New York City. My grandmother, bless her soul, loved wrestling. She always was for any wrestler that was going against the white haired Gorgeous George. He always won, so my grandmother would be in a bad mood for a couple of days.

Then one day my Dad brought home a TV set and a crew came out to the house to install it, which included erecting a huge antenna that towered high above our house. I can't count the number of times I got into trouble for climbing high up on that antenna.

We got two channels. We had to turn the antenna from facing Sweetwater to facing Lubbock every time we switched channels. That was about a three or four-minute process, which meant you left the antenna alone as much as possible.

The wife tells me it was even worse at her house because her mother wouldn't let her change channels because it might wear out the antenna. She might have been right because we did wear out our direction tuner a time or two.

But TV opened up a whole new world to us. In fact, it brought the world into our homes. Radio was out, and TV was in. For the first time, you actually could see the news taking place and places you had only read about. It was wonderful.

TV held such sway over us in the early days that we would literally sit and watch the test patterns.

Oh, there were plenty of problems with early TV. It was hard to change channels since you actually had to get out of your seat to do it. The TV signal was lost to technical difficulties about as often as it was on. And much of the programming was live, so all sorts of weird things happened like actors forgetting their lines, sound equipment visible in the shot and props not working properly.

But TV quickly progressed from wrestling and "Howdy Doody" to "Gunsmoke," "Bonanza" and "Rawhide." I loved those days. We had "Route 66," "77 Sunset Strip" and "My Friend Flicka."

When you get old, you always think things were better in the olden days, but I often think that I had only two channels to watch back then and I had more to watch than I do today with over 100 channels.

Of course, the addition of sports that we have today does account for an overall improvement in content.

Yes, TV changed our world for better and worse. In many ways, we are still slaves to our TVs. It still holds sway over us. But then again the winds of change have already hit us again.

It won't be long when our kids will be writing that the smart phone is the greatest invention of all time. It, too, has

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Obituaries

Amador "Ramon" Amparan

Amador "Ramon" Amparan, 79, went home to be with his Lord Jesus Christ on Friday, April 4, 2014 at his residence. He was born on January 10, 1935 in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico to the late Ramon and Concepcion Amparan.

Amador was raised and educated in Porvenir Chihuahua, Mexico. He worked as a farmer all of his life. He was married to the late Consuelo Pena and moved to Midland in 1992.

Ramon was preceded in death by his parents, Ramon and Concepcion Amparan. He is survived by his son; Manuel Amparan, his five daughters, Hilda Sandoval, Belem (Blanca) Morales, Josie Villarreal, Laura Morin all of Midland, Texas, and Elvira Rodriguez of Baja, California. He also leaves behind his two brothers; Arturo Amparan, of Amarillo, Texas, and Vicente Amparan of Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews, nieces and cousins.

A Christian prayer service will be held today April 6, 2014 at 7:00p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. Then a Catholic Rosary service will be held on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7:00p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass is set for Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 10:00a.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens. For family and friends that wish to take food, it may be delivered to 107 W. Pecan.

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

Burley Keith Broussard

Burley Keith Broussard, 63, of Sulphur, Louisiana passed away on Sunday, March 31, 2014 in Midland, Texas from a major heart attack.

Burley was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana on June 2, 1950. He graduated from Sulphur High School in Sulphur, Louisiana.

Burley was married to Sandy Broussard on April 8, 2004 in Stanton, Texas. They were married nine years. Burley worked as a car salesman for a number of years in Midland, Texas, and Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Burley was preceded in death by his father, B. Roy Broussard; his mother, Merline Broussard; and a baby brother.

Burley is survived by his spouse, Sandy Broussard of Midland, Texas; son, Keith Broussard of Odessa, Texas; one grandson, Aden Broussard of Odessa, Texas; three brothers, Lance Broussard his wife Kim and their sons Jordan and Cameron from Sulphur, Louisiana, Charlie Broussard of Sulphur, Louisiana, Donny Broussard and his wife Judy of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; step son, Billy Rodriguez of Midland, Texas; two step daughters, Bennie Ross and husband David of Midland, Texas, Diane Bloemendaal and husband Tom of Harlingen, Texas; niece Merline and her daughters Devin and Morgan; and several aunts and uncles from Sulphur, Louisiana.

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

Dr. Robert L. "Bob" McMillan

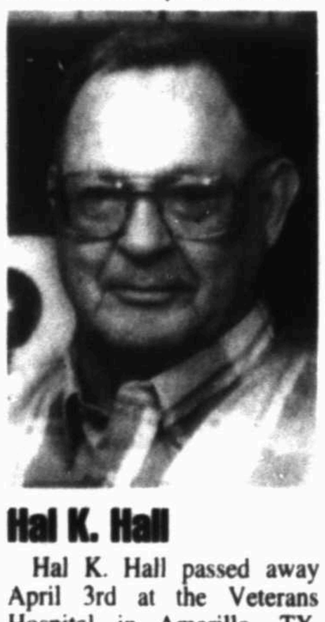
Dr. Robert L. "Bob" McMillan, 77, of Midland, passed away on Friday, April 4, 2014 in Midland. The family will receive friends on Sunday, April 6, 2014 from 5:00PM-7:00PM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be held at 10:00AM on Monday, April 7, 2014 at Mid-Cities Community Church with Pastor Ric Warnick officiating. Graveside services will be at 4:00PM on Monday, April 7, 2014 at the Tuscola Cemetery in Tuscola, Texas.

Dr. McMillan was born on November 20, 1936 in Ballinger, Texas to Jesse Rose and Willard Larue McMillan. He attended McMurry College in Abilene and went on to Texas A&M University where he graduated with his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in 1962. He married Linda Stockton on December 11, 1999 in Midland and enjoyed a loving and wonderful marriage with her for almost fifteen years. He was an athlete and loved to watch any sports, especially football. He enjoyed fishing and taking care of people and animals that were in need. Dr. McMillan had a gift of compassion that he shared with everyone he met. He was selfless, forgiving, sensitive, and dedicated to his family and friends. He was fiercely loyal to friends and family. Most importantly, Bob McMillan is a child of God who placed his faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of his sins. He loved the Lord, he is now in Heaven with Jesus.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Stockton McMillan; daughter, Marki Larue McMillan; son, Chad Dickson McMillan and wife Nancy Jane; son, Robert Lance McMillan; and step-children, Terri Lynn Hawkins and Melinda Vinson; grandchildren, Chase Dickson McMillan; Julia Grace McMillan; Robert Caleb McMillan; Brandon Lee Hawkins and wife Jessica; Tana Lynn Jolly and husband Jeramiah; Justin Brett Hawkins; Kaitlyn McKenzie Vinson; Morgan Gray Vinson; and Shannon Andrew "Bubba" Vinson; great grandchildren, Kali Grace Jolly, Emery Vinson; and Kash Blaze Vinson.

Memorials may be made in Bob's memory to Mid-Cities Community Church "Missionary Fund", 8700 State Highway 191, Midland, Texas, 79707.

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



Hal K. Hall

Hal K. Hall passed away April 3rd at the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo, TX. After a long fight with growing old, he lost the struggle at the ripe old age of 89. The family will receive friends on Sunday, April 6, 2014 from 4:00PM-6:00PM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 11:00AM at Resthaven North Cemetery Chapel with Roger Willis officiating.

Hal was born April 15, 1925 to Halbert and Eula Hall in Olustee, OK. He grew up in Olustee, where he graduated High School and joined the Army. After serving in the Pacific and several bases in the U.S., he was released early from the Army as WWII ended. Using the GI Bill, Hal attended college and got his degree in Education. On November 13, 1948, he married Nelta Marrieda Nix. After teaching in Oklahoma for 5 years, Hal, Nelta, and four sons moved to Midland. He and Nelta had two more sons after moving to Midland. Hal continued to teach elementary school, Special Education and Phys Ed. until retirement in 1986. After retiring, Hal spent his time with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Hal is preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, his parents, three brothers, and three sisters.

He is survived by his six sons, Ronald and wife Janet of Midland; Greg and wife Kathy of Grand Prairie; Dennis and wife Teena of Amarillo; David and wife Debra of Brady; Larry and wife Kimberly of Midland; and Gary of Midland; one brother, Clark and wife Vivian of Texas City; two sisters, Helen Brinkman of Webster, TX; Ellen Hankins of Altus, OK; and too many grand, great grand, and great great grandchildren to count.

Memorials may be donated to Home Hospice, 901 W. Missouri Ave., Midland, TX, 79701.

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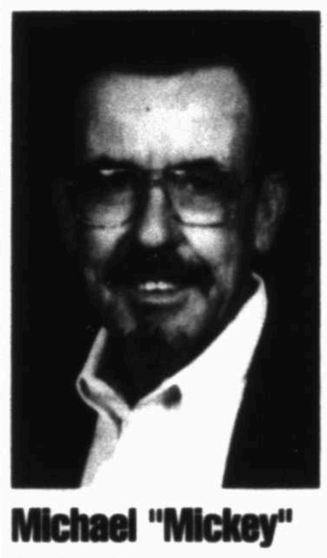

Michael "Mickey" Blair Pepper

I have sometimes been accused of wanting the last word. I guess that's true because here it is.

I was born Michael Blair Pepper to my loving mother, Hersel Lea Pepper, in Wichita Falls, Texas in 1945. I was the youngest of her six children and have always been known as "Mickey." Daddy was a sharecropper, as was his father. We often lived in homes without electricity or indoor plumbing. But, because my friends came from similar circumstances, I didn't realize I was poor until junior high. It was only then that I realized some my classmates were better off because they wore clean shirts every day!

I attended Midwestern State University for several semesters (back then tuition was only $30). The most important thing I learned in college was that I couldn't live without Darla Dean Hobbs whom I married in 1964. Actually, Darla and I married twice. The first time we eloped to Dallas. Only later did we find out the judge who married us, Joe Brown, had that same year presided over Jack Ruby's trial for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald. When we sat down to tell her dad we had eloped, Darla started by saying we wanted to talk about our marriage. Misunderstanding her, he broke down in tears saying the proudest moment of his life would be walking his daughter down the aisle. So, we silently agreed not to tell him we were already married. Instead, we had a second wedding - this time in church. Most everyone believes the latter to be our only wedding and it is on that date every year we celebrate our anniversary. However, Darla has mentioned several times how nice it would be if I gave her a present on the anniversary of each wedding!

The odds of our marriage surviving, much less thriving, weren't good. We were both 19 at the time and almost penniless. My greatest accomplishment is that 50 years later I am still married to my best friend and the love of my life. Darla has loved me with all my flaws, and in her the concept of ceaseless love could find no better example. Together we raised two wonderful children who have made me immensely proud - Christopher Blair and Angela Rhea Stanaford. Her husband, Jay, could not have been a better son-in-law, father and husband. For my money, he should be named Father of the Year.

Darla and I have been fortunate to have the love of six sweet grandchildren, Hailee Blair, Payton Dow, Blake Dylan, Jason Michael, Evan Reed and Kylee Morgan. The saddest day of our lives was Kylee's passing away as a result of kidney cancer.

Given my childhood circumstances, I had no earthly idea I would one day be financially blessed. But I worked hard, first helping with the farming, then at age 12 working in a grocery store for 55 cents an hour. In 1968, I was lucky to be hired by a wholesale carpet distributor in Dallas. More fortunate still, the company was in an expansion mode and I got in on the ground floor. The wholesale business required me to travel and to relocate. In just three years time I was transferred to San Antonio, Houston and Midland. Tired of the road and separation from my family, I changed to the retail end of the carpet business and went to work for Boyd's Carpet Showroom in Midland as a salesman in 1971. In 1980, I started Carousel Construction. Ultimately, I bought Boyd's Carpets in 1993. Constructing and renovating office buildings was a great fit with the carpet business; hard work and honest dealings resulted in both enterprises doing very well.

Through the years, I enjoyed two leisure activities. One was golf. I've played for years, even having a home on a golf course for a good while. I wish I could get away with saying I was good at it but too many of you know that's not true. I guess you could call our second activity, "hitting the trail." We would pack up the car and sometimes include extended family members. Darla's mother, Willa Mae Bland, was often with us and no one could ask for a better mother-in-law than she was. These road trips had two rules: no preplanned destinations and no interstates. We just drove with an eye out for out-of-the-way places. I guess my favorite was discovering a little town in Colorado that was for sale. We were going to call it "PEPPERVILLE." These type trips aren't for everyone but I wouldn't trade our adventures for anything.

I was in Kappa Sigma fraternity in college and later belonged to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Elks Club. I was president of the Elks Lodge at one time and I am proud to have been voted Elk of the Year in West Texas.

For those thinking of flowers, I ask that you instead do an unexpected and unsolicited act of kindness for some less fortunate person.

-Mickey

A Memorial service will be held Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 3:00 pm at the Village at Manor Park in the Chapel of the Wallace Building.

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

Tracy Leath

Tracy Leath, 58, died friday, March 28, 2014, in Sterling City. She was born to Jimmie and Turla Leath in Lubbock, Texas on October 3, 1955, the second of the four "Leath girls".

Tracy graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Midland in 1973 and from Texas Tech with her degree in clothing and textiles in 1977. Shortly after completeting her studies at Tech she was in a catastrophic accident that left her quadriplegic for the remaining 36 years of her life but her wit and intellect remained intact. She handled the "hand that was dealt her" with grace, humor, and dignity throughout her life.

While at Tech, Tracy was active in the ROTC auxiliary, Angel Flight. During her college years, she was employed two summers at Yellowstone National Park where she left her heart. She returned to the park every chance she got and loved following the news of wolves, bears, and all things Yellowstone.

Despite her physical challenges, Tracy enjoyed working almost ten years at Physicians and Surgeons, Westwood, and Memorial West Campus hospitals.

She also treasured her time travelling with family and friends, including trips to Yellowstone National Park with family and Celestina Lunda, To upstate New York with Amy Brunson Hopkins, to Oregon, Colorado, and the southeast United States.

Tracy was preceded in death by her father. She is survived by her mother, her sisters, Susie Ingram (Doug), Petey Ray, Nancy Foster (Skeete), as well as nieces and nephews, Jeff Ingram (Amber) and their two children, Sara Ingram, Shane Bright (Nickelynn), and Brandi Holt.

The family would like to thank Tony Wells and Lauri Weinfeld for their continued support throughout the years, and numerous aides, especially Celestina and Amy who helped her live as independantly as possible for many years. Also thank you to the staff of Sterling County Nursing Home, where Tracy has lived for the last five years, and Odyssey Hospice in San Angelo staff especially Teresa Lewis and Tina Luna for your compassionate and excellent care and friendship.

Special thanks also to Gary Shaffer and the staff at Shaffer Pioneer Funeral home for your friendship and assistance.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Yellowstone National Park Foundation, 222 East Main St., Ste 301, Bozeman Mt.59715, or to Odyssey Hospice, 402 N. Bryant Blvd., san Angelo, Tx, 76903 or to the charity of your choice.

No services are planned as the family will return to Yellowstone at a later date to remember Tracy privately.

Victor "Vic" Grabowski

Victor "Vic" Grabowski, son of Walter and Josephine (Boroski) Grabowski, was born on June 15, 1920 in Racine, Wisconsin and died on April 2, 2014 in Midland, Texas. He married Elizabeth "Betty" Kops on May 25, 1946.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel, with H.W. Erwin officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Victor joined the CCC at Camp Brule, Wisconsin. He graduated from Washington Park High in 1938. He joined the Army Air Corp in 1939. He was stationed at Hickam Field, Territory of Hawaii during the Japanese air attack on the Island of Oahu on December 7, 1941. He was then sent to the US for air training and graduated in Santa Maria Merced Stockton in September 1942.

After graduation, he was stationed in Long Beach, ferrying airplanes to Memphis. He was later sent to Florida to fly for Pan American Eastern Airlines, flying to South America. After completion, he was sent to Camp Kilmer NJ stationed in Accra Africa. He transferred to B25's where he was a member of the 12th Air Force, 340th Group, 488th Squadron in Hergla Tunisia.

On July 16, 1943, he was shot down on the Island of Sicily. He was captured by the Italians on July 18, 1943. He was first imprisoned in the city jail of Randazzo, Sicily then moved to prison camps in Italy (P-G-66 and P-G-21) before being sent to Stalag-Luft 3 at Sagan, Germany. He was a prisoner of war for about 22 months.

After the war, he returned to Racine Wisconsin. He ran for Mayor prior to joining the police force in 1948. He retired from the police force in 1975 and from the Army Reserve 84th Division in 1970.

He and Betty moved to Sun City, Arizona in 1977 and then to Midland, Texas in 2004.

He enjoyed playing golf, bridge, video poker and playing with his great grandkids.

He was preceded in death by his mother; father; sisters, Alyce Wagner and Irene Tessmer; his beloved wife of 63 years, Elizabeth "Betty"; and his beloved daughter, Susann Kozlik.

He is survived by his sister, Barbara (Bob) Gross; brother, Thomas (Barbara) Grabowski; brother, Donald Grabowski; daughter, Sandra (John) Nobles; son-in-law, Joseph Kozlik; grandchildren, Karriann (Trevor) Lynde, Matthew (Clarissa) Nobles, Jennifer (Johnathan) Bland, and Kelly Jo (Carl) Smith; Great grandchildren, Nikole Lynde, Dylan Lynde, Nadia Nobles, Jesse Smith, Joseph Smith, Jeffery Smith, Jordyn Smith, Morgan Lynde, Levi Lynde, Lucas Bland, Victor Nobles, Cecilia Nobles, Allyson Bland, Olivia Nobles; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Midland for their wonderful care, compassion and kindness and Home Instead for their help.

The family requests memorial donations be made to Hospice of Midland, PO Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702. (432)-682-2855.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

Viola Fortenberry Campbell

Viola Fortenberry Campbell, 89, of Midland, Texas passed away on Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

Viola was born in Copiah County, Mississippi on December 17, 1924. She graduated from Hazlehurst High School, Hazlehurst, Mississippi and attended Judson College, Marion, Alabama. Viola was married to S. Earl Campbell on July 30, 1955, they were married 44 years.

Mrs. Campbell worked as an administrative assistant for 21 years. She was a former member of the Midland-Odessa Chorale, Symphony Guild, Musicians Club, First Baptist Church choir, Twentieth Century Study Club, Ein Amie Book Review Club.

Viola is preceded in death by her husband S. Earl Campbell; son, William W. Campbell; brothers, Harold and Frank Fortenberry; sisters, Nelle McDonald and Louise Harris; and her parents, O.Z. and Ethel Corley Fortenberry.

Mrs. Campbell is survived by son Greg Campbell (Vicki); daughter Sheila Nicholl (Carl); and daughter-in-law Carleen Campbell. Six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren also survive Mrs. Campbell.

Visitation will be held at 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 6, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home. A private burial will be held at 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 7, 2014 at Resthaven Cemetery, with a memorial service at 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 7, 2014 at First Baptist Church chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland, Texas 79701 or First Baptist Church, 2104 W. Louisiana, Midland Texas 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

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Death Notices

Adam Russell Moore

Funeral services for Adam Russell Moore, age 31 of Seminole Texas will be held Monday, April 7, 2014 at Trinity Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow in Gaines County Cemetery. All services are under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home.

Adam Russell Moore was born August 23, 1982 in Carlsbad, New Mexico to Johnna (Huffman) and James Russell Moore.

Adam Moore passed away Thursday, April 3, 2014. Adam is survived by his wife, Amy Moore; son, Charley Russell Moore; daughter, Heather Dawn Smith; stepdaughter, Amanda Rodney; stepson, Brett Bradley; father, James Russell; mother & stepfather, Johnna and Jon Key; three brothers, Denver Key, Skyler Key and Sterling Key.

Otis Marion Holiman

Otis Marion Holiman, 97, of Midkiff passed away on April 4, 2014 in Big Spring, Texas. Services will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 10:00am at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be at Arden Cemetery in Mertzon, Texas.

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

STATE BRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SAN ANTONIO

Soldier sentenced 2 years for sexual misconduct

A military police officer convicted of sexual misconduct at Guantanamo Bay has been sentenced to two years in prison following a court-martial in Texas.

A military judge convicted Army 1st Sgt. Richard Smith on charges that he mistreated three females he supervised in Cuba.

The San Antonio Express-News reported that Smith had pleaded guilty to charges of adultery and lying to a captain about his alleged misdeeds. He was sentenced late Friday.

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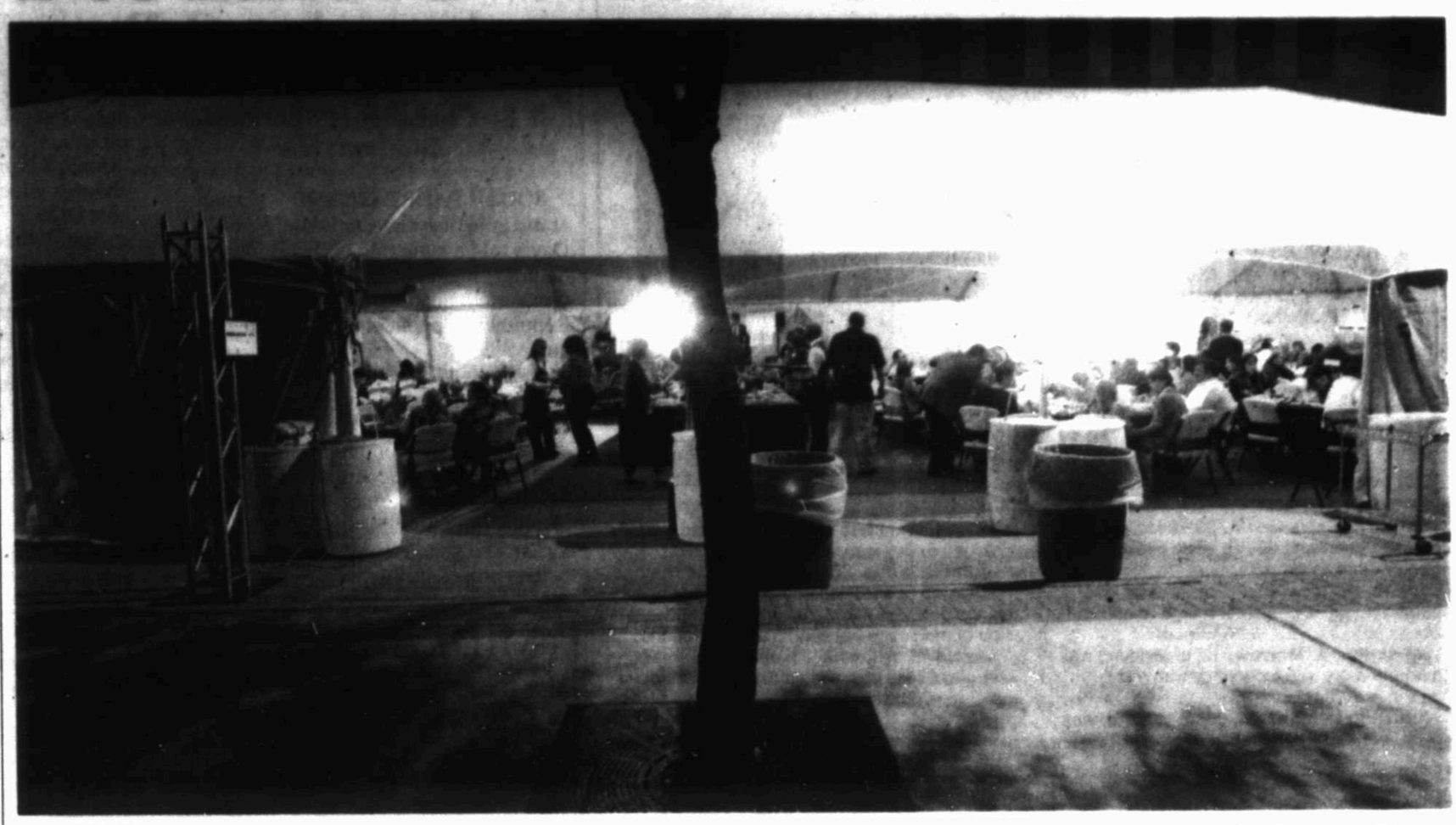

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Top and bottom left: Celebration of the Arts preview party took place Friday outside the Midland Center.

Tyler White/Reporter-Telegram

Above and below: Several people came to show off their pets Saturday afternoon during the Celebration of the Art's pet parade at the Midland Center. Judges gave out award certificates and cash prizes to owners with the tallest, smallest and even ugliest pets.

SLAUGHTER

From 1B

Texas, which has banned the sale of horsemeat for human consumption since 1949, has played a central role in shifting the industry from domestic slaughter houses to Mexico.

According to the state Department of Agriculture, Texas horse auctions have transferred the ownership of almost 263,000 horses since 2007, including an unknown number of horses to "kill buyers" who immediately load their purchases onto long-haul trailers for shipment to Mexico to be processed into horsemeat for foreign appetites.

And Texas' border crossings to Mexico have handled 400,267 slaughter-bound horses during that same period, including horses auctioned in Texas and elsewhere.

Advocates insist foreign slaughter operations help deal with the perennial problem of disposing of enormous animals that cost hundreds of dollars to euthanize and then bury or truck to rendering plants, where carcasses are processed for products other than food.

"There is a continued need for the humane harvest of horses to prevent the inhumane treatment of horses that would suffer from neglect and abandonment," said the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, representing an industry that counts on horses. "There exists an extremely insufficient infrastructure and no funding mechanism to support the humane existence of unwanted horses."

Regulations require slaughter-bound horses to be at least six months old, able to stand on four legs and walk onto a one-deck shipping trailer, able to see from at least one eye and able to withstand up to 28 hours en route without food or water. South-bound animals are inspected by Mexican veterinarians working at collection pens along the border.

Animal rights activists remain vigilant for abuses, including suspected transport-related neglect spotlighted by congressional investigators with the Government Accountability Office. "An unintended consequence of the cessation of domestic slaughter is that those horses are traveling farther to meet the same end in foreign slaughtering facilities where U.S. humane slaughtering protections do not apply," the GAO reported.

The Animals' Angels USA organization based in Westminster, Md., has repeatedly raised concerns about a variety of practices in and around horse export pens along the Texas-Mexico border. Of the organization's 342 "investigations" in the United States, Mexico and Canada over the past five years, 39 have focused on facilities in Texas. Activists' visit to the Texas Department of Agriculture export pens in Eagle Pass in 2012 spotted shippers using sharpened pokers to move slaughter-bound horses as well as providing horses less than the six required hours of rest, food and water before shipment into Mexico.

"Cruelty investigations have made it absolutely clear: Horse slaughter means a free pass — in effect, kill buyer amnesty — for abuse, neglect and animal cruelty," said Sonja Meadows, executive director of Animals' Angels USA.

The powerful, nine-million member Humane Society of the United States continues lobbying Congress to ban the export of U.S. horses for slaughter, as well. "We don't eat horses in the United States and we shouldn't be gathering them up and slaughtering them for people to eat in far-off places," said Wayne Pacelle, the president.

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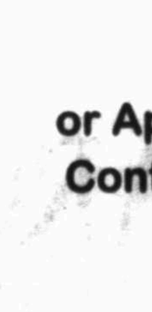

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Electricity	6 families	$ 1,628.10
Rent	23 families	$24,239.32
Transportation	1 family	$ 123.25
TOTAL		$25,990.67

"What they call you is one thing. What you answer to is something else". - Lucille Clifton. Isn't that a great quote? So simply stated yet so powerfully moving. Every day at Helping Hands, we come in contact with people who are all following a belief, an idea, a voice. A belief that they are worthy of all of God's blessings and promises or an idea that maybe they don't deserve a happy, fulfilled life. It all depends on which voice they are listening to. Young, single moms moving from one man to another hoping to find "true love", someone who will finally met their every need, that "happily ever after". Broken, beaten down men and women turning to drugs and alcohol in hopes that the pain of rejection and hurt will finally be silenced. The elderly and disabled struggling to find purpose in a world that so quickly passes them by. It's so easy to feel unworthy, unloved, undervalued and unwanted when you don't fit the description of what the world deems acceptable. Many of the people we serve here at Helping Hands have given up hope. Hope that they will ever break the cycle of despair, poverty, brokenness and abuse in their lives. They have listened to the voice of not being worthy for so long, they start to believe it. And when you believe something, you live it. We encourage them to believe God's promises for their lives instead. With a kind word, food, financial assistance, clothes, with a helping hand, we strive to be God's voice. A voice that says they are worthy of all of His promises. A voice that speaks of how precious and beautiful they are in Christ. A voice they should listen to. Thank you for speaking with us. Together lives are being changed for the better. God bless.

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sergio B. Carrasco Jr., 33, of Midland, was charged Friday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Jon W. McGonagill, 26, of Odessa, was charged Friday with theft of a firearm and writ of habeas corpus.

Kristopher A. Morrow, 30, of Midland, was charged Friday with indecency with a child through sexual contact.

Armando Ramirez Jr., 36, of Midland, was charged Friday with violation of probation.

Jose L. Sanchez Jr., 30, of Midland, was charged Friday with violation of probation.

John C. White, 28, of Midland, was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams and possession of marijuana between 5 and 50 pounds.

Jerald W. Williams, 38, of Lubbock, was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Stronger vetting of Texas foster parents likely

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Prospective foster parents could face tighter vetting following what state officials acknowledge was an "alarming increase" in foster deaths linked to abuse of neglect last year.

New rules the Department of Family and Protective Services is expected to implement by September include mandatory interviews with neighbors and additional family members, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Eight foster children died from maltreatment in 2013. Among the deaths last year were two children, ages 2 and 11 months, who authorities say had been beaten.

John Specia, head of the state's child welfare agency, hashed out the rule changes with foster care providers in a series of regional meetings.

"These rules significantly strengthen protections for our foster children," he said. "Our focus is ensuring that we know who is in these homes and who may be around these children that could pose an unacceptable risk. These children deserve complete protection and safety."

Currently, neither caseworkers nor employees of the state's 220 foster care contractors are required to interview neighbors when they examine potential homes. Such a check is done only if the people agreeing to tend to an abused or neglected youngster submit neighbors as references.

Paid foster parents who are complete strangers to the children also don't have to provide names of people who can vouch for their character and parenting skills.

Under the new rules, before new foster homes are licensed, employees of private child placing agencies would have to speak with an additional family member who doesn't live in the home and interview at least two neighbors, clergy, school employees or other community members.

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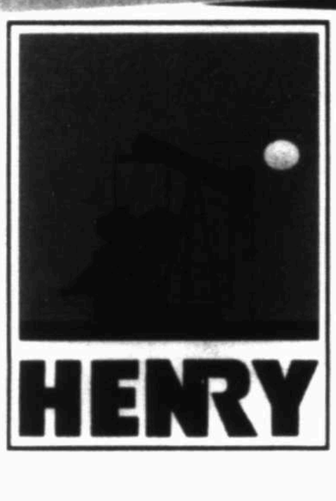

1 Peter 4:10

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

Davis speaks to Texas Associated Press editors

By Christopher Sherman
Associated Press

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Wendy Davis told a gathering of Texas journalists Saturday that the state's public education system needs to change and that her Republican opponent represents the status quo.

Speaking at The Associated Press Managing Editors annual meeting in South Padre Island, the Fort Worth senator contrasted her education proposals with those of state Attorney General Greg Abbott, the Republican nominee who released the first pieces of his education plan just days earlier.

"His proposals this week reflect a business as usual approach that will undermine and weaken our schools," Davis said. "Under his pre-K proposal, he picks and chooses which children will get a quality education."

Abbott this week outlined a pre-kindergarten plan that calls on districts to improve the quality of preschool before the state considers spending money on full-day programs. At an elementary school in Weslaco on Monday, Abbott proposed up to $118 million in pre-K dollars for districts that meet higher standards.

On Saturday, Davis said that wasn't enough.

"Full day versus half-day pre-k programs produce better and longer term benefits not only in terms of child development but ultimately achievement in life," Davis said.

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CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MCSO: Man head-butts deputy in testicles

A Midland man was arrested for assaulting a public servant after he allegedly head-butted a Midland County Sheriff's Office deputy in the testicles.

Hernandez

Billy D. Hernandez, 47, was arrested Thursday after deputies reportedly took him to a local hospital because they had received calls that he was acting belligerent, violent and combative while trying to quit using drugs, according to an arrest affidavit.

Hernandez tried to break away from his soft restraints at the hospital three times, so a deputy attempted to put him in handcuffs to prevent him from trying to leave the hospital, the report said.

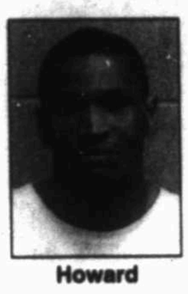
In an effort to break away, Hernandez head-butted the deputy in the testicles. He was then taken to the Midland County jail and charged with an assault against a public servant, a third-degree felony, according to the affidavit.

As of Friday evening, Hernandez was still being held but bond had not been set.

If convicted, he could face up to 10 years in prison.

MPD: Man masturbates in front of 4-year-old girl

A Midland man was reportedly seen masturbating in front of a house while a 4-year-old girl stood behind the home's glass door.



Howard

Christopher R. Howard, 27, was arrested Thursday on a warrant issued on suspicion of indecency with a child by exposure, a third-degree felony.

The Midland Police Department last month was called to the 1300 block of East Chestnut Avenue because multiple residents claimed to have seen Howard masturbating in front of a house, according to the arrest affidavit.

Other neighbors came outside and told police that it was an ongoing problem, noting that Howard lives one block north on Jax Avenue, the document said.

Multiple residents took pictures and video of Howard masturbating and showed them to police, the report said.

MPD first arrested him on March 10 with an indecency with a child charge, but the Midland County District Attorney's Office dismissed it and released him, the affidavit said.

An officer later requested a warrant to arrest Howard again, charging him with indecency with a child by exposure. As of Friday evening, he was still being held but bond had not yet been set.

If convicted, Howard could face up to 10 years in prison.

STATEBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

200K pounds of oiled debris removed since spill

Authorities say more than 200,000 pounds of oil-soaked sand and debris have been removed from Texas shorelines two weeks after a collision in the Houston Ship Channel.

The U.S. Coast Guard reported Saturday that nearly 500 workers remain on cleanup duty following the March 22 accident. Investigators said a collision between a ship and barge dumped nearly 170,000 gallons of oil into the waters.

Crews have recovered dozens of dead birds and hundreds others covered in oil. The Coast Guard on Saturday posted a video showing three of the first rehabbed birds being returned to the wild.

Investigators are still trying to determine how and why the accident occurred.

WILLIAMSON

From 1B

already changed our world in a very short time. I envision that all humans will one day walk with heads turned downward. The age's new phone not only changes our world, but it will also change our posture.

And I also predict our next generation will still complain of being bored because there is nothing to listen to, nothing to watch and no one to talk to. Even the greatest inventions don't change our human qualities.

Thought for the Week: "I wish there was a knob on the TV so you could turn up the intelligence. They got one marked 'brightness' but it don't work, does it?" — Leo Anthony Gallagher, comedian.

NICHOLAS

From 1B

last week after I caught him trying to use long toys to extend his reach and push the garage door button.

"I can do it!" he said.

"The fact that you're whining about not getting to open a door proves to me that you are not ready to do it," I said. "You are too young to open doors and go outside without an adult. Go to your room."

When the Hubs came into the living room, I demand that he talk to his son about what he can and cannot do.

"But I told him he could," the Hubs said. "I knew where he was going and I was going to come out right after him. He is almost 6. You can't be afraid to let him grow up, Melanie. You have to let him do more things."

No, no I do not. He is my baby. I grew him inside me, and I let them cut me open from hip to hip to pull him out safely.

But I also ask him to help me do so much because he is a "big" boy. He is confused about the rules and why they keep changing, and so am I. The Hubs is starting to sound like Charlie Brown's teacher. Whaw-wha-whawww. Punctuated by "be encouraging," "focus on what he does right," "build him up," "try new things." Whaw-wha-whawww.

On Monday, we stayed at school to play on the playground. He jumped right onto the monkey bars and began to swing from grip to grip, all on his own. He was so proud, and I was, too. We have been trying for so long. I took pictures, I cheered, called the Hubs and my folks.

But in almost the same instant, I had to fight the urge to knock him down and tell him he isn't ready to swing on his own, that Mommy will help him do it. Is it that physical closeness I am missing, or my ability to calm his fears with my voice and touch? Or is it his wanting my help that I need so badly? And why, oh, why, is it so hard for me to just let go?

Melanie Nicholas lives, loves, works and raises babies in Midland. She and her husband have two ah-mazing kids, Parkside 5, and Bodacious 3. Her column appears every other week in the Midland Reporter-Telegram. The self-proclaimed Queen of Midland Media. You can find her here on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and her parenting blog, www.TheBathwaterBlog.com.

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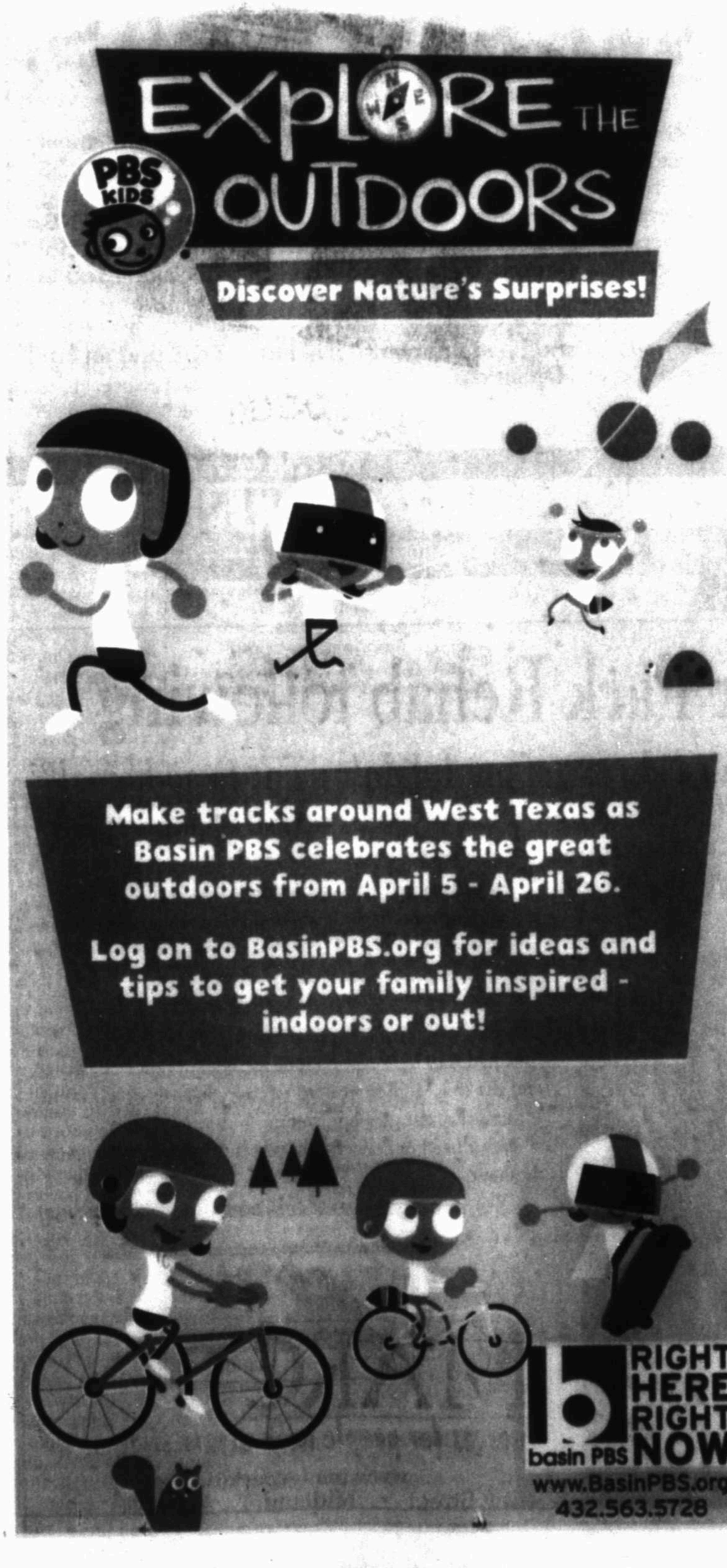

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REGION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

March aims to raise awareness about child abuse

Parents, advocates and others on Saturday descended upon the State Capitol for a march to raise awareness in the fight against child abuse as New Mexico embarks on reforming its troubled child welfare system.

The procession from the capitol to Santa Fe's historic plaza comes just days after Gov. Susana Martinez announced numerous policy changes and directives aimed at keeping abused and neglected children from falling through the cracks.

The governor's move was in response to what she called the tragic death of Omaree Varela, a 9-year-old Albuquerque boy who police say was kicked to death by his mother. Critics said the system didn't do enough to protect Varela despite previous reports of abuse.

Organizers of the march acknowledged the case has brought new light to the problem.

The Solace Crisis Treatment Center in Santa Fe has seen a dramatic increase in reported abuse cases since the beginning of the year, executive director Maria Jose Rodriguez Cadiz said. In February alone, there were 32 cases reported, marking one of the busiest months for the center in 20 years.

Saturday's march is part of a nationwide effort in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, Rodriguez Cadiz said.

Participants wore royal blue shirts and blue ribbons. Some held signs calling for an end to child abuse.

The governor, who was attending a community event on child abuse in Estancia on Saturday, said through a spokesman that everyone in the community shares the responsibility of preventing and stopping abuse.

In Albuquerque, city officials attended a child-abuse summit Friday and announced they would be unveiling billboards and bus advertisements to encourage people to report suspected abuse to the state Children, Youth and Families Department hotline.

Advocates said they're encouraged by the renewed interest in the fight against child abuse, but some state Democratic leaders say Martinez, a Republican, hasn't done enough to address staffing problems and the overwhelming caseload within the state's child welfare agency.

Sen. Michael Padilla, an Albuquerque Democrat who grew up in foster homes, said the problems go back decades and the governor's initiatives "do not even scratch the surface when it comes to improving service delivery."

NEW MEXICO

AG fires employee who had filed complaint

A New Mexico Attorney General's Office employee who complained that his boss wrongfully solicited him for campaign donations has been fired.

The Albuquerque Journal reported that Attorney General Gary King gave notice Friday to his chief government corruption lawyer.

King said Assistant Attorney General Chris Lackmann's employment will end April 11 and that his office has "good cause" for the firing.

King said his dismissal has nothing to do with his complaint.

In November, Lackmann told the Albuquerque district attorney that King sent invitations to his gubernatorial campaign fundraisers after getting Lackmann's personal contact information.

Lackmann alleged King violated the state Governmental Conduct Act by asking an employee for money.

King said Lackmann had shown interest in his campaign.

4-legged therapists helping military vets

By Valerie Wigglesworth
Dallas Morning News

WYLIE — The successes show up in the little things: the ride around the arena, the tight turns around the cones, even the gentle pats on a horse's neck.

Military veterans who work with therapeutic horses find the benefits go well beyond their 90-minute classes. There's the confidence that comes from learning a new skill. Anxiety often goes down with the repetitive steps of grooming and tacking. And the bond that forms with a horse is immeasurable.

"For a lot of veterans, it can be a struggle to admit that you're having problems," said Jeff Hensley, program counselor for the Hooves for Heroes program offered through Wylie-based Equest.

Equine therapy has a leg up over traditional counseling in an office because "it doesn't really feel like counseling," said Hensley, who served with the Navy for 21 years. "We're having a pretty big impact on a lot of lives."

The program, less than 2 years old, is at capacity. But that will change when Equest expands this fall into the new Texas Horse Park in southern Dallas. One of the biggest advantages is that site's proximity to the Dallas veterans' hospital.

Equest plans to start small in Dallas, focusing first on its offerings for veterans, Joan Cutler, the nonprofit's program director, told The Dallas Morning News. Other programs will follow.

The cap on class size shouldn't stop interested veterans from getting involved, though. Volunteers are always needed at Equest, which operates its Wylie center with more than 400 trained volunteers. Cutler said Equest has found that veterans who volunteer reap some of the same benefits that riders do.

"A lot of them are just looking for somebody that they can relate to," Cutler said. "This gives them a place where they can find those people."

The volunteers working with the Hooves for Heroes program are either veterans or have relatives with military ties. Classes are also structured around a meal — either dinner on Monday nights or breakfast on Thursday mornings — so there's lots of time to chat in a friendly environment.

Brad Loper/Dallas Morning News

Haley yawns after an afternoon ride as Army veteran J.T. Tennent, left, and volunteer Capt. Ken Seggerman tend to her following a session of the Hooves for Heroes program at Equest Therapeutic Horsemanship on Feb. 24 in Wylie. Military veterans who work with therapeutic horses find the benefits go well beyond their 90-minute classes.

"That social element is very key to our program," said Susannah Denney, the nonprofit's veterans coordinator.

That's because veterans often feel isolated or struggle to reintegrate into civilian life. "Veterans have all the leadership skills and all the talents and character traits they need to be very successful, but it's a tough transition," Hensley said.

The horses are well-suited for the therapy because they don't have any hidden agenda. "Forming a bond with that animal many times is the first step in allowing yourself to be emotionally vulnerable," Hensley said.

A recent class had Army veteran Justin Feagin paired with a 20-year-old quarter horse named Suzie 2. Feagin highly recommends the classes, which he says are especially well-suited for those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injuries.

"Working with the horses really makes you aware of how you're feeling," said Feagin, who served in Iraq and Afghanistan and now lives in Melissa. "You gotta be calm to work with horses; otherwise, you're not going to get a response from them."

Hooves for Heroes isn't just for recent veterans. Kurt Hughett of Denison served in the Army at Fort Hood and Fort Bliss for six years in the 1980s. "You never really know how it affects you," he said of military service. His therapist recommended Hooves for Heroes.

"It's very relaxing, very soothing," he said. "When you're dealing with an animal that's a lot larger than you are, it's hard to get mad at it."

Paul Raith, a 15-year volunteer at Equest, has been working with the program since its inception. He wishes it had been around after his stint with the Army that included service in Vietnam. Back then, he said, "There wasn't any help."

He sees what working with horses can do. Sometimes the change in veterans is gradual. Other times, it's like flipping a switch. He points to one of the riders circling the arena with a big grin on her face. "That's what it's all about."

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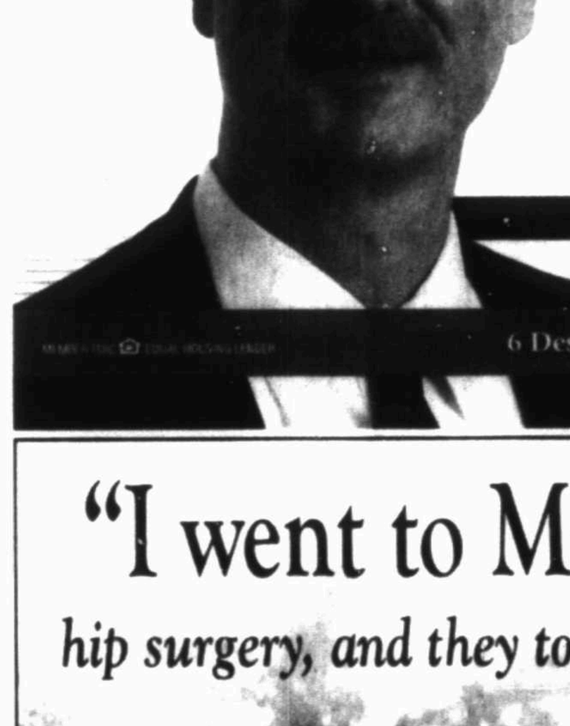

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Drought threatens Texas rice farmers' futures

By Matthew Tresaugue
Houston Chronicle

Michael Paulsen/Houston Chronicle

Harley Savage, left to right, and his sons Kirby and Stewart stand in a dry irrigation canal on March 19 in Bay City that once provided water to irrigate their rice fields. The Savages and other farmers are being forced to downsize their farming operation and change crops due to a lack of irrigation water for the third consecutive year from the Colorado River.

BAY CITY — Brothers Stewart and Kirby Savage should be out right now, planting rice, a crop that their family has grown in Matagorda County for nearly a century. But here they sit, in their low-slung office along Texas 60, talking water, or the lack of it.

The Savage family, like many rice farmers, are facing a third year in a row without irrigation water from the Colorado River. That's because Texas officials have cut off deliveries to maintain reservoirs near drought-stricken Austin, more than 100 miles away.

This would have seemed ludicrous not too long ago. For decades, farmers had all the water they could use from the Colorado. They now are idling land, laying off workers and wondering whether they have a future in cultivating rice.

The Savage family, for one, will try for the first time to grow corn, a less profitable crop but one that does not require the copious amounts of water that rice does.

"We have to diversify if we still want to farm," said Stewart Savage, an affable 53-year-old who has worked at the farm nearly his entire life. "But we can't grow enough corn to sustain (the five-family operation). We are not swapping dollars" by switching crops.

In a season of hard decisions in the Texas rice belt, growers and owners of related business say they are trying just to get to next year. Maybe it will rain by then. But it's clear farming's hold on the land is fragile.

"Farmers are seeing the nasty end of population growth," in Austin and other places upstream, Ronald Kaiser, a professor of water law and policy at Texas A&M University, told the Houston Chronicle. "We are probably looking at a long-term transition" for agriculture.

The Colorado rises in West Texas, winds through the Hill Country and bisects Matagorda County before emptying into the Gulf of Mexico. Farmers on the coastal plains began drawing from the rain-fed river in the 1880s.

A half-century later, the Lower Colorado River Authority built a chain of reservoirs in Central Texas to generate power, tame floods and provide a reliable supply of water for farmers and others. The state's population has surged since then, with more and more people moving into communities that barely existed, if at all, when the dams were constructed.

Texas projects the population of the lower Colorado watershed to double to nearly 3 million people by 2060, and it's apparent that there is not enough water to meet everyone's needs. The persistent drought only has heightened tensions among those who rely on the river.

Historically, growers are the largest users of Colorado water. Rice is a water-intensive crop, grown in fields flooded at 3 to 4 inches deep. In Matagorda County alone, farmers have built about 400 miles of canals to carry the river water to the cropland.

With enough water, rice farmers can harvest twice, once in July and again in October. But their supply is interruptible during dry times - unlike shares for municipalities and industry, which pay a significantly higher rate than irrigators.

In 2012, with low water levels in the reservoirs, the river authority took the unprecedented step of withholding water from the farmers. It happened again last year. And again earlier this month, the start of the growing season.

The river authority said it could not deliver water to farmers because of record low flows into the reservoirs. The lakes are now 38 percent full, meaning any release would threaten the water supply for more than 1 million people living in and around Austin, state officials said.

The river authority plans to build at least one reservoir in rice country to store rainfall on the coastal plain and ease the burden on the Central Texas lakes, but the first one will not be completed until 2017.

Its emergency orders, meanwhile, have sent a jolt through Colorado, Matagorda and Wharton counties, which usually produce 5 percent of the nation's rice crop. The three-county area lost more than 1,200 jobs in the first year without irrigation water from the river, according to a Texas A&M analysis released this month.

The hardest hit was Matagorda County, where more than 90 percent of its rice acreage went unplanted in the first year without water from the Colorado. As a result, the direct value of its rice production plunged from $20.7 million to $2.4 million, the Texas A&M study found.

"The Colorado River is the economic lifeblood of Matagorda County," said Haskell Simon, a longtime rice farmer who has been unable to grow a crop since the restrictions began.

And it's not only the farmers who are hurting. A crop-duster went out of business, and a fuel supplier stopped making bulk deliveries to farms in Matagorda County.

BU Growers, for one, expects to see sales for seed rice and its drying and storage services drop 75 percent this year from levels three years ago. The company is looking more to Louisiana for rice to meet its brokerage contracts.

"I feel like I have one foot in the grave," said Joe Crane, BU Grower's managing partner.

Still, the consensus seems to be that Bay City, Matagorda County's seat, won't die soon. But the 17,500-person town understands that its future remains intertwined with the farmers.

The businesses tied to agriculture "can come and go," Crane said. "But if the growers go, we won't be back."

In the Savage family's office hangs a framed poster-size photograph of three combine harvesters moving across fields full of nearly waist-high rice plants. The scene is from 2011, the last year the farm received irrigation water from the Colorado.

Since then, the family has returned two of the leased machines to the dealership. There's no reason to keep all of them when there isn't as much rice to harvest, Stewart Savage said as he looked at the picture.

The family, like others, survived the last two years with the help of crop insurance, but that's going away. The payments for equipment and land and taxes are not.

This year, the Savage family will be able to pump groundwater for about 500 acres of rice, an organic variety of long-grain American basmati. But the new water supply won't be enough to cover all of the land planted in past years.

That's why the family is planting about 700 acres of corn, a crop that isn't as thirsty as rice. "We're hoping this is a one-year deal because we want to go back to rice," Stewart Savage said. "Our land is for rice."

Upstream interests have criticized the rice farmers for growing crops that required too much water and for exporting their product - some of the grain is shipped to Mexico and South America, among other places.

But the Savage family and other farmers said Matagorda County is uniquely suited for rice because of the clay layer under the thin topsoil, as well as the climate. The price for rice is also better than other crops.

Rice generates about two times more revenue per acre than corn, said Brent Batchelor, a Bay City-based agent for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, which assists farmers.

In all, Matagorda County farmers will grow about 25,000 acres of corn this year, up from about 15,000 acres before the restrictions on Colorado water, Batchelor said.

Meanwhile, farmers will cultivate about 2,500 acres of rice, down from 25,000 acres three years ago.

Rather than switch crops and invest in new expensive equipment or a water well, Billy Mann will let cattle graze where he once grew rice. "The payout will take too long for me," said Mann, 73, whose two sons are not interested in following him into farming.

The grim situation keeps Harley Savage, the 83-year-old patriarch who followed his father and grandfather into rice farming, awake at night. He worries about the future for his sons, as well as his two grandsons, Scott and Stew, both in their 20s, who have joined the family business.

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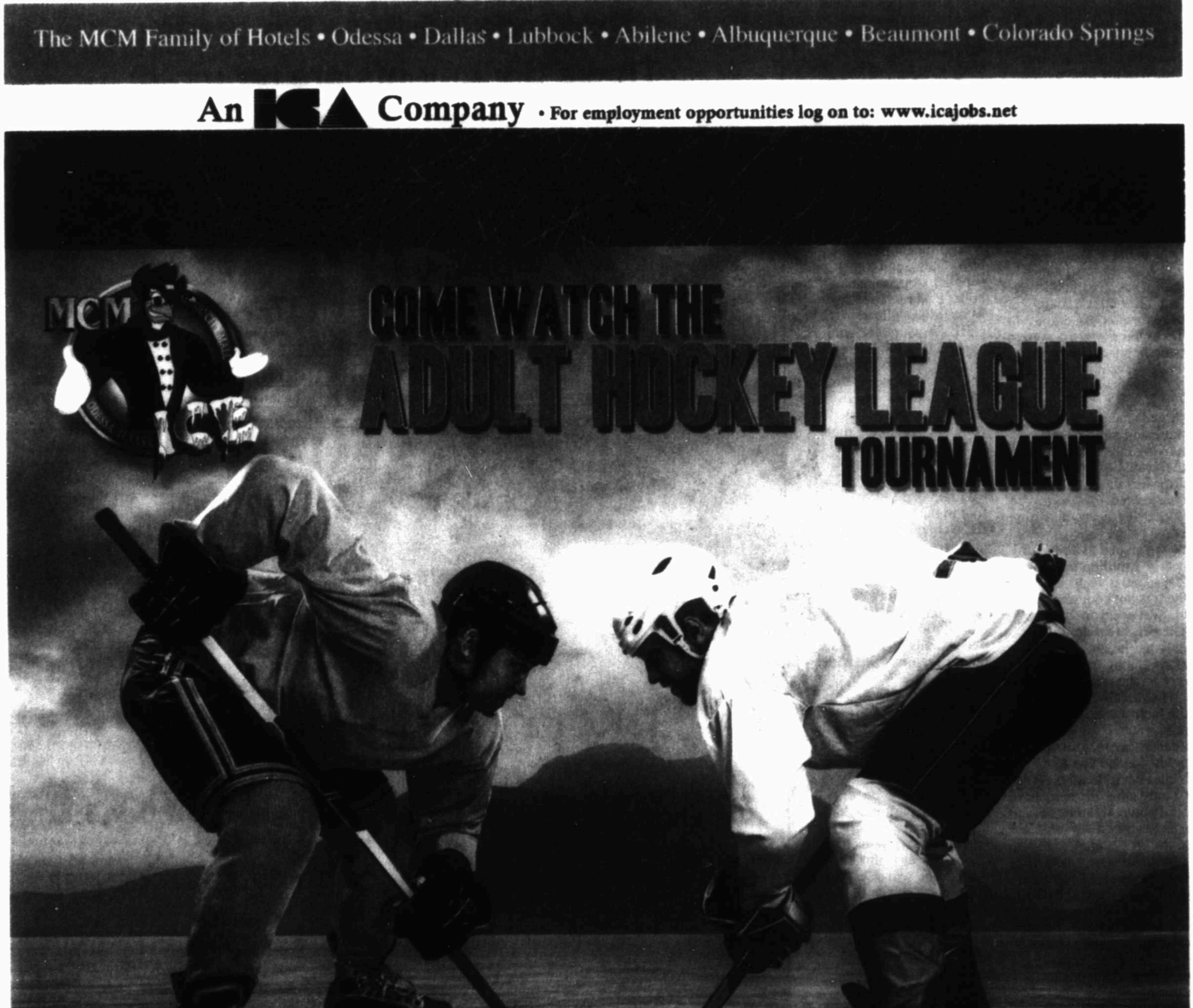

3-run inning helps MHS to shutout win

From staff reports

SAN ANGELO — The Midland High baseball team bounced back in a big way on Saturday from a lackluster performance a day earlier to beat one of the best teams in District 2-5A.

Austen Wade's two-run double in the second inning helped spark a three-run inning and gave the Bulldogs all the momentum it needed in a 5-0 victory against the Bobcats at Nathan Donsky Field.

Midland High (15-6 overall) now has a two-game lead over the rest of the district at 10-0 as the Bulldogs rebounded from a lackluster 4-3 extra-inning victory against Odessa Permian on Friday.

"We played better than we did (Friday) night and we had a lot more pep in our step," Midland High coach Barry Russell said. "That three-run second was huge, and you could see it in (Central starting pitcher) Brock Barger's eyes that we scored on them. They were pretty pumped and they were ready for us, and I think that took some wind out of their sails."

Bulldogs	5
Bobcats	0

Wade

Lancaster

In the second inning, Jackson Lancaster drew a one-out walk and Jason Raughton followed with a single to right that moved courtesy runner Sean Grebeck to third. One batter later, Wade hit a shot down the right-field line that Russell said short-hopped the fence to score two runs.

Gilbert Sanchez then drove in Wade with a single for a 3-0 lead.

"That double that Wade had was huge, and he crushed it, and I still don't know how it didn't go out," Russell said. "I don't know if you can hit it any harder. It was a tough day to hit."

The Bobcats were riding a shutout streak that dated back to an 8-0 win against Lee on March 18 in Midland and five district games. During that span, the Bobcats had outscored its opponents 37-0.

Saturday, though, Midland High's Lancaster didn't give up a run and scattered six hits over seven innings as he improved to 5-0 in 2-5A play this season. Lancaster didn't allow a walk, hit a batter and had 10 strikeouts, and one of those strikeouts ended the fifth where the Bobcats loaded the bases.

That strikeout went along with the Bull-

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District 2-5A Standings

BASEBALL

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland High	10	0	16	6
San Angelo Central	8	2	15	6
Abilene High	8	2	12	7
Amarillo Tascosa	5	4	14	6
Lubbock Coronado	4	6	10	9
Odessa High	3	7	9	12
Abilene Cooper	3	7	7	11
Lee	2	8	8	13
Odessa Permian	1	9	7	12

Saturday's Scores

MHS 5, San Angelo Central 0
Lee 9, Odessa Permian 2
Abilene High 7, Odessa High 3
Lubbock Coronado 9, Abilene Cooper 1

Tuesday's Games

Midland High at Odessa High
Abilene High at Lee
Abilene Cooper at Odessa Permian
Lubbock Coronado at Amarillo Tascosa
All games at 4:30 p.m.

Inside

The Rebels picked up their second district victory of the season after pounding Odessa Permian.

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Energizing performance

Olivas sparks Lee to sweep of Lady Eagles

Lady Rebels	9-4
Lady Eagles	0-0

By Len Hayward
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Lee catcher Destiny Reyes had a front row seat for Kylee Olivas' pitching performance on Saturday, and Reyes said it was "amazing."

Olivas, a senior, threw a total of 12 shutout innings on Saturday afternoon at Gene Smith Field as Lee beat Abilene High twice, 9-0, and, 4-0. Olivas pitched a shutout in the first game, which was the completion of a suspended game from March 15, and then shut the Lady Eagles down again in the regularly-scheduled game with a two-hitter.

Overall, Olivas gave up five hits and had 11 strikeouts on Saturday.

"Kylee pitched amazing today," said Reyes, who drove in three runs at the plate on Saturday. "Her fastball was working, her screw ball, her curves, everything ... her change-up. Everything was on point."

Olivas' performance helped the Lady Rebels bounce back from a frustrating 6-5 loss to Odessa High on Friday night, and the two wins on Saturday kept Lee in the thick of the playoff race in District 2-5A.

Lee improved to 8-4 and is tied for third place with Odessa Permian, who lost, 10-0, to Lubbock Coronado on Saturday, in the District 2-5A standings.

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Inside

The Lady Bulldogs pounded Abilene Cooper.

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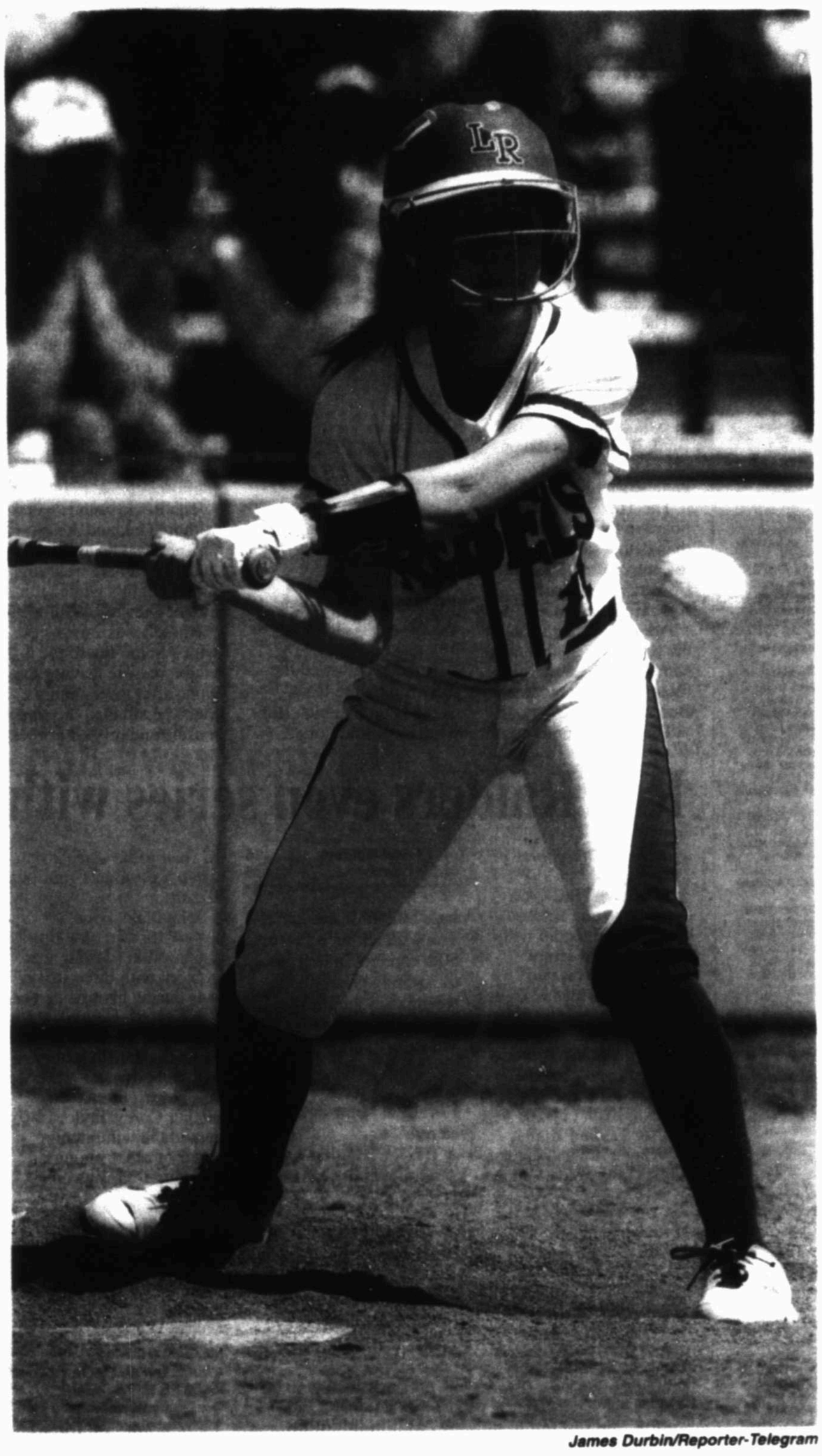

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Lee's Kylee Olivas swings against Abilene High on Saturday at Gene Smith Field. Olivas went 5 for 5 at the plate Saturday and pitched 18 innings over the weekend as the Lady Rebels swept Abilene High.

Chaps sweep twinbill from NMMI, win 1st series of season

Chaparrals	11-10
Broncos	1-2

By Oscar LeRoy
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Midland College baseball coach David Coleman has been waiting for that light to come on inside the Chaparrals heads, letting them know what it takes to win ballgames in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

After Saturday's doubleheader sweep of a solid New Mexico Military Institute team, the Chaps may have gotten the boost they needed, and in the process let the rest of the WJCAC know they're not out of this race just yet.

Koedyker

Thibideau

On Saturday, the Chaparrals not only got some offense, but some solid pitching and defense to run-rule the Broncos twice at a windy Christensen Stadium. In the first game, Caleb Koedyker was a single away from hitting for the cycle in an 11-1 victory in five innings. Then in the second game, Chris Thibideau powered the Chaps with a pair of two-run homers in a 10-2 victory in seven innings.

The doubleheader sweep gave the Chaps (17-19, 5-15 in WJCAC) their first WJCAC series win of the season, 3-1.

"I feel that our team plays well when our backs are up against the wall. Obviously, our backs are against the wall right now," said Koedyker, the sophomore right fielder who was 4-for-6 on the day with a home run, triple, double, sacrifice fly, three runs scored and six RBI. "It's just about having fun right now. That's the biggest thing, just have fun and embrace it, because before you know it, it's going to be gone."

Koedyker was huge in the first game, and he started things off with an RBI double that scored Blaine Prescott (3-for-4, 3 RBI), who led off the inning with a double.

Koedyker added his triple that just missed going over the fence in left-center in a two-run third inning.

Please see CHAPS/3C

UConn upsets Florida to reach title game

By Jim O'Connell
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Connecticut didn't wait for the final buzzer to beat Florida this time.

The Huskies, the seventh seed in the East Regional, had outstanding games on both ends of the court to beat overall No. 1 seed Florida 63-53 on Saturday night.

The win ended Florida's 30-game winning streak, which began after the Huskies beat the Gators 65-64 on Dec. 2 on a buzzer-beating jumper by Shabazz Napier.

Napier helped seal this game with about 2 minutes to play when he made two free throws for a 59-47 lead. That margin was the deficit the Huskies faced in the opening minutes after a cold shooting start.

Huskies	63
Gators	53

"We have been in a lot of dog fights," Napier said. "We are just an experienced group. We believe in each other and continue to believe in each other. ... We are going to win. That is what we do."

With second-year coach Kevin Ollie in a defensive stance himself most of the game, the Huskies sidetracked the Florida offense by shutting down point guard Scottie Wilbekin and 3-point specialist Michael Frazier II, who scored a combined seven points.

The Huskies were impressive on offense, shooting 55.8 percent (24 of 43) from the field against a team that allowed opponents to shoot 39.9 percent this season.

"Everybody was at Level 5 and that was the most important thing," Ollie said. "Whomever I put in the game, it was positive and they were productive."

The Huskies (31-8) will play the winner of the Wisconsin-Kentucky game for the national championship on Monday night.

DeAndre Daniels had 20 points and 10 rebounds for Connecticut, and it was his two 3-pointers in a span of 1:43 that helped ignite the Huskies after they had fallen behind 16-4.

"DeAndre was huge for us," Ollie said. "He stepped up and really rebounded for us and was pretty much unstoppable."

Daniels was 9 of 14 from the field and played the entire game.

Napier, who leads the team in almost every category, didn't dominate, but he finished with 12 points and six

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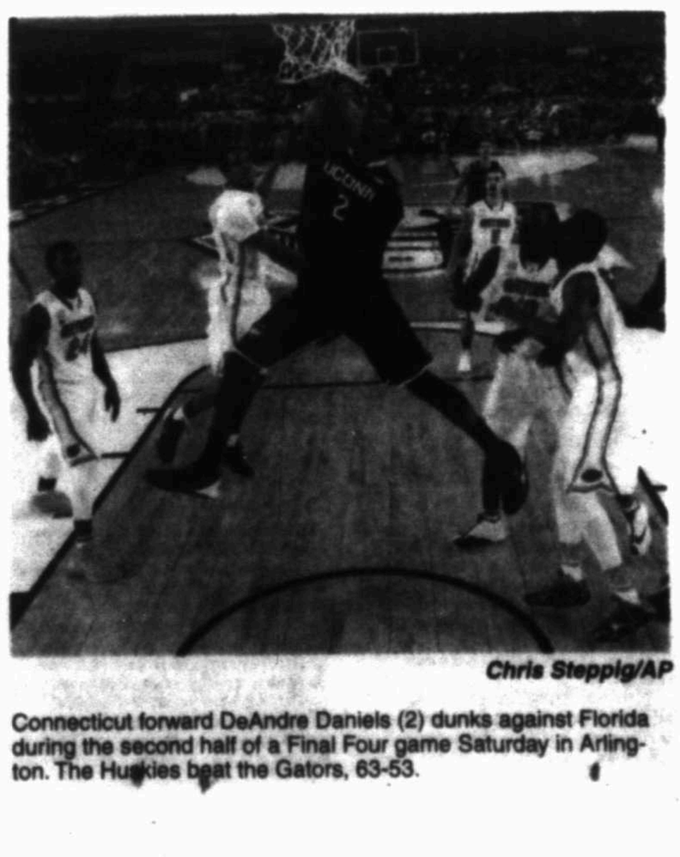

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Connecticut forward DeAndre Daniels (2) dunks against Florida during the second half of a Final Four game Saturday in Arlington. The Huskies beat the Gators, 63-53.

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FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV

AUTO RACING

Formula One, Bahrain Grand Prix, 9:30 a.m., NBC Sports Network

NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Duck Commander 500, 2 p.m., Fox

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Notre Dame at Florida St., 11 a.m., ESPNU

West Virginia at TCU, 1 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

Middle Tenn. at Southern Miss., 1:30 p.m., Fox Sports 1

NC State at Clemson, 2 p.m., ESPNU

Florida A&M at Bethune-Cookman 5 p.m., ESPNU

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Arkansas at Alabama, 2 p.m., ESPN

CRICKET

ICC, World Twenty20, final, 8 a.m., ESPN2

GOLF

PGA Tour, Houston Open, final round, Noon, TGC

PGA Tour, Houston Open, final round, 2 p.m., NBC

LPGA, Kraft Nabisco Championship, final round, 4 p.m., TGC

MLB

Regional coverage, Baltimore at Detroit or N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, Noon, MLB Network

Texas at Tampa Bay, 12:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs, 1:15 p.m., WGN

San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 7 p.m., ESPN2

NBA

New York at Miami, Noon, ABC

L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m., ABC

Dallas at Sacramento, 5 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

NHL

St. Louis at Chicago, 11 a.m., NBC

Buffalo at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network

SOCCER

Premier League, Arsenal at Everton, 7:25 a.m., NBC, Sports Network

TENNIS

WTA, Family Circle Cup, championship, Noon, ESPN2

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA Division I tournament, national semifinal, Notre Dame vs. Maryland, 5:30 p.m., ESPN

NCAA Division I tournament, national semifinal, UConn vs. Stanford, 8 p.m., ESPN

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY

TEXAS LEAGUE

NW Arkansas at RockHounds, 4 p.m.

CORRECTION

In Saturday's Reporter-Telegram, the wrong story ran Greenwood softball brief heading. This is the correct story. We apologize for the error.

GREENWOOD 5
MONAHANS 2

Kassie Maddox hit a home run and also was the winning pitcher as the Greenwood softball team took a 5-2 victory against Monahans on Friday at the Greenwood High School softball field.

Maddox hit a solo, leadoff home run in the second inning and then Shawnda Price had an RBI double to give Greenwood a 2-0 lead. Monahans tied the game with a pair of runs in the third inning.

The Rangerettes (11-12, 4-2 in 4-3A) then took the lead in the fifth with three runs. Maddox and Jaden Shoults scored on the same play in the inning as Maddox scored on a passed ball and then Shoults scored on a a throwing error.

In the circle, Maddox gave up two runs on three hits with two walks and six strikeouts.

Greenwood will travel to Sweetwater at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

HOUSTON ASTROS — Signed 1B Lance Berkman and RHP Roy Oswalt to one-day contracts and announced their retirements

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Selected the contract of RHP Aaron Brooks from Omaha (PCL). Designated INF Pedro Ciriaco for assignment

NEW YORK YANKEES — Placed 1B Mark Teixeira on the 15-day DL. Recalled C Austin Romine from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL)

SEATTLE MARINERS — Sent RHP Taijuan Walker to High Desert (Cal) for a rehab assignment

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Optioned INF Vince Belnome to Durham (IL). Reinstated OF Sean Rodriguez from paternity leave. Sent RHP Juan Carlos Oviedo to Durham for a rehab assignment. Agreed to terms with SS Yunel Escobar on a three-year contract

TEXAS RANGERS — Selected the contract of RHP Nick Martinez from Frisco (TL). Optioned RHP Daniel McCutchen to Frisco

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Designated RHP Jeremy Jeffress for assignment. Recalled RHP Chad Jenkins from Buffalo (IL). Selected the contract of RHP Marcus Walden from Buffalo (IL)

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Transferred LHP Patrick Corbin to the 60-day DL. Claimed OF Roger Kieschnick off waivers from San Francisco and optioned him to Reno (PCL)

CINCINNATI REDS — Sent RHP Jonathan Broxton to Pensacola (SL) for a rehab assignment

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Sent RHP Josh Beckett to Rancho Cucamonga (Cal) for a rehab assignment

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with general manager Neal Huntington and manager Clint Hurdle on three-year contract extensions through the 2017 season

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Sent LHP Jeremy Affeldt to Fresno (PCL) for a rehab assignment

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed INF C.J. Retherford

LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed OF Chad Mozingo and INF Trevor Martin

SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed OF Drew Muren and LHP Joe Bircher

Can-Am League

QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed LHP Sheldon McDonald

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS — Fired assistant coach Darren Erman

MILWAUKEE BUCKS — Signed F Chris Wright to a second 10-day contract

WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Recalled G Glen Rice from Iowa (NBADL)

FOOTBALL

National Football League

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Released LB Josh Hull and CB Ryan Mouton. Waived WR Josh Bellamy

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

DETROIT RED WINGS — Signed C Luke Glendening to a three-year contract extension

FLORIDA PANTHERS — Reassigned G Scott Clemmensen to San Antonio (AHL)

LOS ANGELES KINGS — Recalled D Andrew Campbell from Manchester (AHL)

NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Returned F Johan Sundstrom to Bridgeport (AHL)

ST LOUIS BLUES — Recalled G Niklas Lundstrom from AIK (Swedish Hockey League)

American Hockey League

MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Recalled G Mathias Niederberger from Ontario (ECHL)

SYRACUSE CRUNCH — Assigned F Maxime Langelier-Parent to Florida (ECHL). ECHL

ELMIRA JACKALS — Signed F Taylor Law to an amateur tryout agreement

SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS — Signed F David Gerths

STOCKTON THUNDER — Released D Michal Spacek. Claimed D Scott Langdon off waivers from South Carolina

WHEELING NAILERS — Signed D Alex Boak

COLLEGE

GEORGETOWN — Announced men's basketball C Moses Ayegba will not return next season

TROY — Named Steve Stroud senior associate director of athletics for external relations, Hannah Mason assistant director of development for special events and Steve Sikes general manager of Troy Sports Properties

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Today

At Tokyo, Akira Yaegashi vs. Odilon Zaleta, 12, for Yaegashi's WBC flyweight title; Adrian Hernandez vs. Naoya Inoue, 12, for Hernandez's WBC junior flyweight title

April 11

At Las Vegas (ESPN2), Gilberto Ramirez vs. Giovanni Lorenzo, 10, super middleweights

April 12

At MGM Grand, Las Vegas (PPV), Timothy Bradley vs. Manny Pacquiao, 12, for Bradley's WBO welterweight title; Raymundo Beltran vs. Roman Martinez, 12, for the vacant WBO-NABF lightweight title; Khabib Allakhverdiev vs. Jessie Vargas, 12, for Allakhverdiev's WBA-IBO junior welterweight title; Bryan Vasquez vs. Jose Felix Jr., 12, for the interim WBA World super featherweight title; Seanie Monaghan vs. Joe McCreedy, 10, for Monaghan's WBC Continental Americas light heavyweight title

April 14

At UIC Pavilion, Chicago (FS1), Ronny Rios vs. Andrew Cancio, 10, junior lightweights

April 18

At Turning Stone Resort & Casino, Verona, N.Y. (ESPN2), "Boxcino" middleweight tournament semifinals: Vitalii Kopylenko vs. Willie Monroe Jr.; Brandon Adams vs. Raymond Gatica (8 rounds)

At Monroeville (Pa.) Convention Center (SHO), Alexei Collado vs. Rod Salka, 10, lightweights

April 19

At TBA, Juan Francisco Estrada vs. Joebert Alvarez, 12, for Estrada's WBA Super World-WBO flyweight titles

At Manchester, England, Scott Quigg vs. Nehomar Cermeno, 12, for Quigg's WBA World junior featherweight title

At the D.C. Armory in Washington, D.C. (SHO), Bernard Hopkins vs. Beibut Shumenov, 12, for the WBA Super World-IBF-IBA light heavyweight titles; Peter Quillin vs. Lukas Konecny, 12, for Quillin's WBO middleweight title; Shawn Porter vs. Paulie Malignaggi, 12, for Porter's IBF welterweight title.

April 23

At Osaka, Japan, Shinsuke Yamanaka vs. Stephane Jamoye, 12, for Yamanaka's WBC bantamweight title; Kiko Martinez vs. Hozumi Hasegawa, 12, for Martinez's IBF junior featherweight title.

April 24

At Agua Caliente Casino, Rancho Mirage, Calif. (ESPN2), Josesito Lopez vs. Aaron Martinez, 10, light welterweights; Thomas Williams Jr. vs. Enrique Ornelas, 10, light heavyweights.

April 25

Moscow, Russia, Denis Lebedev vs. Guillermo Jones, 12, for Lebedev's WBA World cruiserweight title

April 26

At Oberhausen, Germany, Wladimir Klitschko, vs. Alex Leapai, 12, for Klitschko's IBF-WBO-IBO-WBA Super World heavyweight titles.

At StubHub Center, Carson, Calif. (SHO), Keith Thurman vs. Julio Diaz, 12, for Thurman's interim WBA World welterweight title; Omar Figueroa Jr. vs. Jerry Belmontes, 12, for Figueroa's WBC lightweight title; Lucas Matthysse vs. John Molina, 12, junior Welterweights. April 28

At Bayamon, Puerto Rico (FS1), Michael Perez vs. Jorge Romero, 10, junior welterweights; McJoe Arroyo vs. Eliecer Aquino, 12, IBF junior bantamweight eliminator

May 1

At Hialeah (Fla.) Park Race Track (ESPN2), Robert Garcia vs. Victor Cayo, 10, welterweights

May 2

At the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas (FS1), Erislandy Lara vs. Ishe Smith, 12, for Lara's WBA World light middleweight title; Mickey Bey Jr. vs. Alan Herrera, 10, lightweights; Jesus Cuellar vs. Rico Ramos, 12, for Cuellar's interim WBA World featherweight title.

May 3

At the MGM Grand Garden Arena, Las Vegas (SHO), Floyd Mayweather Jr. vs. Marcos Maidana, 12, for Mayweather's WBC-WBA Super World welterweight titles; Amir Khan vs. Luis Collazo, 12, welterweights; Adrian Broner vs. Carlos Molina, 10, junior welterweights; J'Leon Love vs. Marco Antonio Periban, 10, super middleweights.

May 10

At USC Galen Center, Los Angeles (ESPN), Bermane Stiverne vs. Chris Arreola, rematch, 12, for the vacant WBC heavyweight title.

May 17

At the Forum, Inglewood, Calif. (HBO), Juan Manuel Marquez vs. Mike Alvarado, 12, WBO welterweight eliminator.

May 23

At Turning Stone Resort & Casino, Verona, N.Y. (ESPN2), "Boxcino" middleweight and lightweight tournament finals, TBD.

May 24

At Bell Centre, Montreal, Adonis Stevenson vs. Andrzej Fonfara, 12, for Stevenson's WBC light heavyweight title.

May 31

At Macao, China, Simpiwe Vetyeka vs. Nonito Donaire, 12, for Vetyeka's WBA Super World-IBO featherweight titles; Nicholas Walters vs. Alejandro Perez, 12, for Walters' WBA World featherweight title.

At Wembley Stadium, London (HBO), Carl Froch vs. George Groves, 12, for Froch's IBF-WBA super middleweight title.

June 7

At Madison Square Garden, New York (PPV), Sergio Martinez vs. Miguel Cotto, 12, for Martinez's WBC middleweight title.

June 21

At Wilkes-Barre, Pa. (NBCSN), Anatoliy Dudchenko vs. Nadjib Mohammedi, 12, IBF light heavyweight eliminator.

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 55-61 degrees; 15.18 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, Senkos and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 56-59 degrees; 17.44 feet low. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.

COLORADO CITY: 20.61 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 56-60 degrees; 13.35 feet low. Black bass are fair on jigs and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 57-61 degrees; 24.35 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Senkos, flukes, Texas rigs and shallow running crankbaits in 1-5 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.

NASWORTHY: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 56-61 degrees; 22.77 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, weightless soft plastics and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 56-61 degrees; 46.69 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Senkos, jigs and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on minnows.

Sunday Morning Line

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This and that as there is still rain being predicted but none in sight:

■ I had an interesting conversation with Midland RockHounds owner Miles Prentice on Friday that featured a wide range of topics, and even while we were chatting had an Alger Hiss reference. That was certainly interesting.

But as far as baseball, Prentice, who has a controlling interest in at least two other minor league teams, couldn't be more pleased with how things are going in Midland.

He's happy with how Security Bank Ballpark has been maintained over the years, saying its age of over 10 years makes it one of the older ones in the Texas League but that it also looks like new.

We also talked about the sales tax that helped to pay the complex off, and he said he feels the city of Midland should keep it in some form to help pay for maintenance costs of the facility.

There will certainly be a debate about what to do with that tax when the complex is paid off in the near future, but one thing is for sure, Prentice believes that affiliated baseball will be in Midland for many years to come.

"I think it's one of the best franchises in all of baseball," Prentice said. "This isn't just the owner speaking, because I have other teams and I know baseball. Continuity is important."

For more on my conversation with Prentice go to my blog at mrt.com for a Q & A that will be posted in its entirety on Monday morning.

■ Scheduling in District 2-5A baseball and softball has certainly made for some interesting storylines this week. Some 2-5A baseball squads will play five games in eight days, and when it's over next weekend, we should know more about the playoff race.

On the softball side, Midland High is hot and Lee is still in the thick of it, and both teams have benefitted from some solid pitching. The Lady Bulldogs' Stefani Baeza is not overpowering, but always seems to keep teams off balance. Kylee Olivas, meanwhile, has been Lee's best pitcher after not pitching regularly for more than two years. Olivas pitched 18 innings in less than 24 hours this weekend and finished 2-1.

■ Speaking of the RockHounds, local baseball fans have a chance to see one of the best young players in all of baseball right here in Midland in Addison Russell. He's a future All-Star, and he may not be here long.

Russell, and leadoff hitter Billy Burns for that matter, are even worth watching on a day other than Thursday.

■ Don't be surprised on Wednesday if we will receive word that the Region I-5A soccer tournament could be moving back east again this season. After Thursday and Friday's games, there was one team remaining west of Abilene in the girls and boys Region I brackets in the El Paso Eastwood boys team.

There are no girls teams from west of Abilene, which means all four of those teams will be from the Metroplex.

I know people have worked hard to bring that tournament to the Tall City, but after two straight years of no West Texas teams qualifying, the UIL might be forced to make a change, much like basketball.

■ And finally, after last Tuesday's successful Texas Tech-New Mexico baseball game at Security Bank Ballpark, I've got something I want to put on my wish list, the Red Raiders and Texas A&M playing here. Yes, it might be wishful thinking, but since the two are no longer in the same conference, it might work and would certainly be beneficial for both teams and Midland. It's just a thought.

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Travelers take season-opening series from 'Hounds

From staff reports

Travelers	3
RockHounds	1

Ever since opening day at Security Bank Ballpark, it has been a much calmer series between the Midland RockHounds and Arkansas Travelers, and it was certainly calm for the RockHounds on Saturday.

The RockHounds were held to six hits and the Travelers had a pair of sacrifice flies stand up for a 3-1 victory in front of 6,052 fans at Security Bank Ballpark as Arkansas took two out of three games from Midland.

The Travelers got on board in the first inning thanks to a sacrifice fly to center field by Kaleb Cowart, which scored Kyle Hudson.

Arkansas made it 2-0 in the fourth when an Anderson De La Rosa sacrifice fly to center scored Zach Borenstein.

The RockHounds cut the lead to 2-1 in the fifth when Billy Burns drew a walk and later scored on a Max Muncy triple to right off Arkansas starter Drew Rucinski (1-0).

Rucinksi allowed the only run by the RockHounds on five hits. But Midland could not get much against the Travelers' bullpen, which had four pitchers combined on one hit over the next four innings, capped off by Mike Morin, who pitched a perfect ninth for his first save of the season.

Arkansas added a run in the sixth when Borenstein doubled and then scored on a Michael Snyder single.

Tanner Peters (0-1) took the loss for the RockHounds after allowing the three runs on seven hits with two strikeouts and two walks in 5 1/3 innings.

The RockHounds were without Oakland A's No. 1 prospect Addison Russell in the lineup after exiting Friday night's game with a right hamstring cramp.

Russell was 2-for-2 with a home run in the 6-0 victory before leaving the game after three innings. Since he strained the same muscle and missed a week in spring training, he told MiLB.com that he didn't want to take any chances, told manager Aaron Nieckula about it and was taken out of the game as a precaution.

The RockHounds welcome Northwest Arkansas to begin a three-game series at 4 p.m. today.

Texas League

First half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	2	1	.667	—
NW Arkansas	2	1	.667	—
Springfield	1	2	.333	1
Tulsa	1	2	.333	1

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	2	1	.667	—
San Antonio	2	1	.667	—
Frisco	1	2	.333	1
Midland	1	2	.333	1

Saturday's Scores

San Antonio 6, Springfield 3

Arkansas 3, Midland 1

Northwest Arkansas 3, Frisco 2

Corpus Christi 7, Tulsa 4

Sunday's Scores

San Antonio at Tulsa, 2:05 p.m.

Northwest Arkansas at Midland, 4 p.m.

Arkansas at Frisco, 4:05 p.m.

Corpus Christi at Springfield, 4:10 p.m.

TRAVELERS 3, ROCKHOUNDS 1

Arkansas	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Hudson cf	3	1	1	0	Burns cf	3	1	1	0
Yarbrough 2b	4	0	1	0	Myers rf	3	0	1	0
Cowart 3b	3	0	0	0	Muncy DH	4	0	1	1
Borenstein lf	3	2	1	0	Marte 1b	3	0	0	0
Snyder 1b	4	0	2	1	Head 3b	4	0	1	0
De La Rosa c	3	0	1	1	Coleman ss	4	0	1	0
Swift dh	4	0	0	0	Lamas 2b	4	0	1	0
Stamets ss	4	0	0	0	Oberacker lf	3	0	0	0
Workman rf	3	0	1	0	Lipkin c	3	0	0	0
Totals	31	3	7	3	Totals	31	1	6	1

Arkansas 100 101 000—3
Midland 000 010 000—0

E — Burns (1). DP — Arkansas 1, Midland 2. 2B — Borenstein (1). 3B — Muncy (1). SB — Hudson (1), Burns 2 (3), Myers (1). CS — Coleman (1). SF — Cowart, De La Rosa

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arkansas						
Rucinski W, 1-0	5.0	5	1	1	3	6
D. De La Rosa	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
Sisk	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Brady	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Morin S, 1	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Midland						
Peters L, 0-1	5.1	7	3	3	2	2
Smith	3.2	0	0	0	0	6

WP — Peters.
T — 2:41. A — 6,052

Red Raiders even series with Cowboys

From staff reports

No. 25 Red Raiders	16
No. 20 Cowboys	6

STILLWATER, Okla. — Senior Todd Ritchie tied a school record with five walks and senior Adam Kirsch hit two home runs to lead No. 25 Texas Tech to a 16-6 victory over No. 20 Oklahoma State Saturday afternoon and even the series at 1-1

Texas Tech (24-10, 5-6 Big 12) had 10 players score a run and eight players tally at least one base hit, while head coach Tim Tadlock recorded his 50th career win in front of 3,956 fans at Allie P. Reynolds Stadium.

Oklahoma State (21-10, 4-4 Big 12) allowed its most runs in a game since 2010 when it allowed 17 runs at home against Kansas.

The Red Raiders had their most runs in a Big 12 road game since 2010 when it posted 21 runs at Kansas in the series finale.

Johnathon Tripp allowed just two base hits and a run in four innings of work with three strikeouts during his first career Big 12 start. He took a no decision after exiting the game in the fifth inning with nobody out.

Junior right-handed pitcher Corey Taylor (4-0) earned the win pitching a pair of relief innings allowing four runs on six hits.

OSU starter Tyler Buffett (2-1) took the loss after allowing two runs on four hits with a walk in two innings pitched.

Kirsch went 3-for-5 with the two home runs, three runs scored and six RBI.

Tech left fielder Tyler Neslony went 2-for-5 with two runs scored, while center fielder Zach Davis and catcher Tyler Floyd both drove in a pair of runs for the Red Raiders.

UTPBROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

BASEBALL
FALCONS FALL TO ST. MARY'S

SAN ANTONIO — St. Mary's defeated the UTPB baseball team 8-2 on Saturday.

St. Mary's (26-11, 13-5 in Heartland Conference) had 13 hits, 10 of which off UTPB starter Lance Fairchild (1-4), who lasted three innings and gave up six runs (five earned).

Andrew Grifol and Daniel Andrade each had two hits for UTPB (17-19, 8-10).

SOFTBALL
LADY FALCONS SPLIT DOUBLEHEADER

GOODWELL, Okla. — The UTPB softball team split a doubleheader at Oklahoma Panhandle State University, winning the first game, 13-6, before losing the second game, 5-3.

In the first game, Miley McKee went 2-for-4 with a home run and three RBI for UTPB (6-9 in Heartland Conference), while Anna Hollingsworth went 2-for-4 with a home run, three runs scored and two RBI. Nikki Brailsford and Taylor Clancy also had two hits each.

Desiree Valero got the win in relief of Holly Herrington.

The second game was designated a non-conference game as OPSU broke a 3-all tie with two runs in the bottom of the fifth.

This time, Valero (5-17) took the loss in relief of Marissa Steele.

Offensively for UTPB (9-28), Niki DeSera had two of the seven hits for the Lady Falcons and Clancy had two RBI.

MLSROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

FC DALLAS 4
DYNAMO 1

HOUSTON — Je-Vaughn Watson scored two second-half goals to F.C. Dallas beat the Houston Dynamo 4-1 Saturday.

SOUNDERS 4
TIMBERS 4

PORTLAND, Ore. — Clint Dempsey scored a hat trick, including two goals in the final five minutes of the match and the Seattle Sounders staged a furious late rally to pull out a 4-4 draw with the rival Portland Timbers on Saturday.

REAL SALT LAKE 0
SPORTING KC 0

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Backup goalkeeper Jeff Attinella made nine saves, including several spectacular first-half stops in Real Salt Lake's scoreless draw with short-handed Sporting Kansas City.

RAPIDS 2
WHITECAPS 1

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Jose Mari scored a pair of goals three minutes apart in the second half and Colorado came back to beat Vancouver.

D.C. UNITED 2
REVOLUTION 0

WASHINGTON — Andrew Dykstra earned a shutout in his first MLS start in nearly four years and D.C. United snapped a 15-match winless streak with a victory over New England.

TORONTO FC
CREW 0

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Michael Bradley's goal in the 11th minute was enough for Toronto FC to end the Columbus Crew's unbeaten run.

FIRE 2
UNION 2

BRIDGEVIEW, Ill. — Chicago earned another draw.

Lady Dawgs continue hot play

From staff reports

Lady Bulldogs.....9
Lady Cougars.....1

The Midland High softball team pounded out 17 hits and rolled to a 9-1 victory over Abilene Cooper at the Audrey Gill Sports Complex on Saturday.

Courtney Warren led the Lady Dawg offense by going 4-for-4, while Aubree Rowley was 3-for-3 on the afternoon. Brooke Ryan added two triples, while Brittany Baggett and Shelby Neatherlin also had a triple each.

The teams were tied at 1 after the first inning before Midland High (17-6, 10-3 in District 2-5A) scored a run in the second and then had a pair of three-run innings in the third and fourth for an 8-1 advantage.

Stefani Baeza got the win as she allowed the one run on five hits.

Midland High will next travel to play Lubbock Coronado at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

MIDLAND HIGH 9, ABILENE COOPER 1
MHS.....113 310 0 —917 2
Cooper.....100 000 0 —1 5 2
Stefani Baeza and Courtney Warren. Gillt and Farmer. W — Baeza. L — Gillt. 3B — MHS: Brittany Baggett, Brooke Ryan 2, Shelby Neatherlin.
Records: Midland High 17-6, 10-3; Cooper 5-15, 1-11.
Next: Midland High at Lubbock Coronado, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday; Amarillo Tascosa at Abilene Cooper, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday

Rebels pound Panthers

From staff reports

Rebels.....9
Panthers.....2

The Lee baseball team used a four-run outburst in the first inning to take a 9-2 District 2-5A victory over Odessa Permian Saturday afternoon at Ernie Johnson Field.

The Rebels (8-13, 2-8) had 10 hits on the day. Blake Blessie was 4-for-5 with a home run and a double. Jon Schwalbach and Hunter Coleman each added a double for the Rebels.

Lee also had a three-run fifth inning against the Panthers (2-19-1, 1-9).

Permian's only two runs came in the fifth against Lee starter Evan Mata, who scattered four hits in the complete-game victory.

Lee next hosts Abilene High at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

LEE 9, ODESSA PERMIAN 2
Permian.....000 020 0 —2 4 0
Lee.....410 130 x —910 0
Braydon Brooks, Michael Gerke (1), Robby Washington (2), Stephen Juarez (6) and Bailey Blain. Evan Mata and Jon Schwalbach. W — Mata. L — Brooks (0-2). 2B — Lee: Schwalbach, Blake Blessie, Hunter Coleman. 3B — Lee: Griffin Quintero. HR — Permian: Logan Owens (1); Lee: Blessie.
Records: Lee 8-13, 2-8 in District 2-5A; Permian 2-19-1, 1-9.
Next: Abilene High at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday; Abilene Cooper at Odessa Permian, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Lee

From 1C

"First thing I want to say is, and I told the kids this after the game, Kylee Olivas is an iron man," Lee coach Wes Overton said. "She pitched 18 innings in less than 24 hours. We had to have her, we had to have these two games and she did it for us."

The Lady Rebels extended the 3-0 lead it had in the suspended game with five runs in the fifth inning. Olivas and Emily Nunez each had two-RBI singles, and Reyes, who was 2-for-3 with two RBI in the game, drove in a run with a double to right-center field.

Lee added another run in the seventh to complete the victory. Olivas, who was 5-for-5 in the game with two doubles and a triple at the plate, gave up three hits with eight strikeouts in the circle. Olivas also dodged a bases-loaded situation in the fourth inning and then retired the final nine.

The Lady Rebels needed three innings to break the ice in the second game but scored three runs in the fourth as Reyes, Lindsay Greenlee and Gaby Hernandez all had RBI singles. Greenlee was 2-for-3 in the game.

The Lady Eagles had base runners on in all but one inning, but each time Olivas worked out of it to keep the game scoreless.

Olivas also had some defensive help when Emily Campbell was thrown out at the plate on a relay from Emily Nunez in left field to Ciara Sheppard to Reyes.

Olivas allowed two hits in that win with three strikeouts and four walks.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Destiny Reyes (19) puts the ball in play against Abilene High on Saturday at Gene Smith Field.

"That's a gutsy performance, and I'm extremely proud of her for what she did," Overton said. "We told her to give it all she's got, and if it got to be where she was tired we would bring somebody in for her."

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LEE 9, ABILENE HIGH 0
Completion of suspended game from March 15
Lee.....120 050 1 —914 0
Abilene High.....000 000 0 —0 3 0
Tori Bryant, Gabay Ortega (5) and Lauren Campbell. Kylee Olivas and Destiny Reyes. W — Olivas. L — Bryant. 2B — Lee: Olivas 2, Gaby Hernandez, Ciara Sheppard, Destiny Reyes. 3B — Lee: Olivas. RBI — Lee: Olivas 3, Sheppard, Reyes, Emily Nunez 2.

LEE 4, ABILENE HIGH 0
Abilene High.....000 000 0 —0 2 1
Lee.....000 310 x —4 6 0
Tori Bryant, Gabay Ortega (5) and Lauren Campbell. Kylee Olivas and Destiny Reyes. W — Olivas. L — Bryant. 2B — Lee: Reyes. RBI — Lee: Gaby Hernandez, Reyes 2, Lindsey Greenlee.
Records: Lee 15-9, 8-4; Abilene High 9-14, 4-9.
Next: San Angelo Central at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday; Odessa High at Abilene High, 2 p.m. April 12

District 2-5A Standings

SOFTBALL

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
x-Lubbock Coronado	12	0	25	2
Midland High	10	3	17	6
Lee	8	4	15	9
Odessa Permian	8	5	16	8
Odessa High	8	5	15	7
San Angelo Central	5	7	9	9
Abilene High	4	9	9	14
Abilene Cooper	1	11	5	15
Amarillo Tascosa	0	12	3	18

Saturday's Scores
Lee 9, Abilene High 0; continuation of suspended game from March 15
Lee 4, Abilene High 0
Midland High 9, Abilene Cooper 1
Lubbock Coronado 9, Odessa Permian 0
Odessa High 16, Amarillo Tascosa 5

Tuesday's Games
Midland High at Lubbock Coronado, 6:30 p.m.
San Angelo Central at Lee, 4:30 p.m.
Amarillo Tascosa at Abilene Cooper, 4:30 p.m.
Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian, 7 p.m.

MHS

From 1C

dogs coming up with a big defensive play in the third inning where Will Wegner was thrown out at home on a relay from Ethan Barker to Gilbert — to Dos Downing at home.

"It's a big win, obviously," Russell said.

No Midland High player had multiple hits as Wade had two RBI, and Lancaster had an RBI on a groundout.

MIDLAND HIGH 5, SAN ANGELO CENTRAL 0
MHS.....030 110 0 —5 5 0
SAC.....000 000 0 —0 6 1
Jackson Lancaster and Dos Downing. Brock Barger, Matt Sawyer (6) and Luke Baber. W — Lancaster. L — Barger. 2B — MHS: Austen Wade; SAC: Josh Minjarez.
Record: Midland High 16-6, 10-3 in District 2-5A; San Angelo Central 15-6, 8-2.
Next: Midland High at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday

HSBASEBALL/SOFTBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

SOFTBALL
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN SWEEPS FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS — Midland Christian swept a doubleheader from rival Fort Worth Christian on Saturday to clinch the TAPPS 1-4A district title.

The Lady Mustangs (27-12, 6-0 in TAPPS 1-4A) won the first game, 10-5, and then won the second game, 11-0, in five innings by the run-rule.

Maddy Garcia had the pitching victory in both games, as the senior combined for eight strikeouts in the two games.

In the first game, Midland Christian had five errors but still was able to score four runs in the second inning to take a 5-2 lead and then added three in the fifth to clinch the game. Lauren Grizzard was 3-for-4 with an RBI at the plate in that game.

In the second game, the Lady Mustangs scored eight runs in the second inning in the blowout victory.

Grizzard was 3-for-4 with an RBI, and Courtney Monk was 2-for-3 with two RBI. McKinley Walker was 2-for-4 with an RBI, and Garcia was 2-for-3 and drove in a run.

Midland Christian is now finished with district play, but may have to wait another few weeks to find out its first round playoff opponent.

First Game
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 10, FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN 5
MCS.....141 130 0—1016 5
FWC.....210 001 1 —5 7 0
Maddy Garcia and Chelsea Cross. Micah Freudiger and Olivia Tarbet. W - Garcia. L - Freudiger. 2B - MCS: Bianca Ambrosio, Lauren Grizzard, Bayle Weaver.

Second Game
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 11, FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN 0, 5 INNINGS
MCS.....281 00—1116 0
FWC.....000 00 —0 4 1
Garcia and Cross. Micah Freudiger and Olivia Tarbet. W — Garcia. L — Fruediger. 2B - MCS: Grizzard.
Record: Midland Christian 27-12, 6-0 in TAPPS 1-4A.
Next: Midland Christian at Lubbock Christian, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday

BASEBALL
MCS HELD TO ONE-HITTER BUT WINS

GRAPEVINE — It's not often a team gets held to one hit and wins a ballgame, but that's what Midland Christian did in a 2-0 victory over Grapevine Faith Saturday at the Oak Grove Ballfield Complex.

The game was a pitcher's duel, but it was the Mustangs (25-9, 8-0 in TAPPS 1-4A) that made the most of their opportunities.

Elias Aguirre led off the sixth inning with a full-count walk. Morgan Munguia then reached on a bunt single, which was the only hit the Mustangs got. The Grapevine Faith pitcher was then called for a balk on a double steal, moving both runners into scoring position. Aguirre scored on a sacrifice fly to shallow right and then Munguia scored on an infield error.

Kory Rasure allowed just four hits for the Mustangs and had 11 strikeouts to go with two walks and a hit batter.

Midland Christian next hosts Arlington Grace Prep in a doubleheader beginning at noon Saturday at Christensen Stadium.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 2, GRAPEVINE FAITH 0
Midland Christian.....000 002 0 —2 1 2
Grapevine Faith.....000 000 0 —0 4 2
Kory Rasure and Nolan Schafter. McDonald, Roane and J. Smith. W — Rasure. L — Roane.
Record: Midland Christian 25-9, 8-0.
Next game: Arlington Grace Prep at Midland Christian (DH), noon Saturday

Lady Chaps pull away from EPCC

From staff reports

Lady Chaps.....5-13
Tejanas.....1-5

The Midland College softball team got a doubleheader sweep on Saturday to conclude a four-game Western Junior College Athletic Conference series against El Paso Community College on the Midland College softball field.

The Lady Chaparrals defeated the Tejanas, 5-1, in the first game and then got a 13-5 run-rule victory in five innings in the second game to take the series 3-1.

"Our composure defensively was a lot better and they were a little more comfortable making the routine plays," MC coach Tommy Ramos said. "Offensively, we had better execution and we were aggressive on the bases."

Ramos added that he thought both his pitchers Dominique Lozano Alcocer and Shelby Weis-

Alcocer

Weissenbach

senbach both threw well, beginning with Lozano Alcocer in the first game.

The freshman from Mexico City held EPCC to just one run on three hits.

Meanwhile, the Lady Chaps (21-18, 8-8 in WJCAC) had 11 hits, led by Danielle Bottley, who was 3-for-4. Tyneesha Houkamu was 2-for-4 with a double and Kyla Larson was 2-for-3.

In the second game, MC had a 9-0 lead through three innings.

Bottley was 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI, Amy Anderson was 2-for-3 with a home run and two RBI, and Taylor Daniels had a double with three RBI.

Weissenbach got the win in the circle.

Midland College next hosts Frank Phillips College in a doubleheader beginning at noon Friday before hosting Clarendon College in a doubleheader beginning at noon Saturday.

First Game
MIDLAND COLLEGE 5, EL PASO CC 1
EPCC.....000 000 1 —1 3 2
Midland.....130 100 x —511 2
Danielle Bonham and Alex Limas. Dominique Lozano Alcocer and Amy Anderson. W — Lozano Alcocer. L — Bohnam. 2B — EPCC: Rachel Salas. MC: Tyneesha Houkamu Ka'iulani Kamai, Kyla Larson, Anderson.

Second Game
MIDLAND COLLEGE 13, EL PASO CC 5, 5 INNINGS
EPCC.....000 23 —510 1
Midland.....135 22—1310 2
Danielle Odom, Rachel Chavez (4) and Limas. Shelby Weissenbach and Anderson. W — Weissenbach. L — Odom. 2B — MC: Taylor Daniels, Danielle Bottley. HR — MC: Anderson.
Records: 21-18, 8-8.
Next: Frank Phillips College at Midland College (DH), 1 p.m. Friday

Chaps

From 1C

Then in fourth, Koedyker gave the Chaps a 7-1 lead when he belted a two-run home run to left.

All Koedyker needed was a single to complete the cycle when he came to the plate in the fifth. Instead, he capped a four-run frame and ended the game with a sacrifice fly that scored Josh Narvaiz (2-for-2).

"I really didn't think about anything else but getting a hit," said Koedyker about his approach at the plate. "I just went up there knowing that no matter what (the pitcher) does, I'm still going to square it up."

On the mound, sophomore right-hander Michael Brosig was solid as he allowed one run on six hits, struck out four and did not walk a batter in his complete-game win.

"Brosig wasn't sharp, but he pitched well and found a way to win without his best stuff and not feeling well," said Coleman about his big right-hander and Lee grad. "That's kind of who he is. That was the right personality to take to the field. He just competed well."

NMMI (15-25, 9-11) took a 2-0 lead with a pair of runs against MC starter Jayden O'Dell in the second inning and made it seem like the Broncos were going to be feisty in the finale of the series.

But the Chaps answered in the third and tied the game at 2 with RBI singles from Daniel Vargas and Justin Clarkson (2-for-4).

Then in the third, MC took the lead for good when Chris Shaw (2-for-3) hit a solo home run that bounced off the scoreboard in left field. Three batters later, Thibideau hit a two-run shot of his own to left for a 5-2 advantage.

Thibideau made it 7-2 in the sixth when he connected for his second two-run shot to left in the sixth inning.

The freshman center fielder from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, finished the game 3-for-3 with two home runs, three runs scored and four RBI.

"It was a good day at the plate for me too," Thibideau said. "But the team had a bunch of hits too, scored a bunch of runs, good game. I was just seeing the ball well, I guess."

MC invoked the eight-run rule in the seventh as Koedyker hit a two-run single and then later scored on a wild pitch.

Not only did the Chaps get a much-needed series win, but Coleman saw his Chaps play well defensively with only one error committed on the day, and had solid pitching from his two starters and Sebastian Palacios, who pitched two innings of one-hit ball in relief of O'Dell.

"We talked about not making any errors today," the coach said. "And if we make one, let's just make one today. We had a few bases on balls in game two, but other than that, we played the game sound, which is a good sign."

Coleman said the series win should help propel the Chaps into the next series — against rival Odessa College next weekend — as they now have some belief that there are plenty of meaningful games left this season.

"I think we know now what it's going to take," Koedyker said. "It's not over. It kind of seems like it's over, but as long as we keep playing hard and know what it takes to keep winning, it's not over yet."

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First game
MIDLAND COLLEGE 11, NEW MEXICO MILITARY 1, 5 INNINGS
NMMI.....000 10 —1 6 1
Midland.....122 24—1111 0
Two outs when game was run-ruled.
Cij Ramos, Pedro Became (5), Ragan Cole (5) and Caleb Mitchell. Michael Brosig and Bryndan Arredando. W — Brosig (3-2). L — Ramos. 2B — NMMI: Correy Davis, Joe Galindo, Brad Blackwell. MC: Blaine Prescott, Caleb Koedyker. 3B — MC: Koedyker. HR — MC: Koedyker (7). RBI — NMMI: Joe Galindo. MC: Koedyker 4, Prescott 3, Josh Narvaiz 2, Arredando.

Second game
MIDLAND COLLEGE 10, NEW MEXICO MILITARY 2, 7 INNINGS
NMMI.....020 000 0 —2 5 0
Midland.....002 302 3—1011 1
One out when game was run-ruled.
Jacob Gomez, Ruger Rodriguez (7), David Herrera (7) and Chris Foster. Jayden O'Dell, Sebastian Palacios (6) and Chris Shaw. W — O'Dell (2-2). L — Gomez. 2B — MC: Chris Thibideau, Tony Reyes, Justin Clarkson. HR - MC: Shaw (8), Thibideau 2 (6). RBI — NMMI: Jake Todd. MC: Thibideau 4, Koedyker 2, Justin Clarkson, Shaw, Daniel Vargas.
Records: Midland College 17-19, 5-15 in WJCAC; NMMI 15-25, 9-11.
Next: Howard College at Midland College, 6:30 p.m. Monday

NCAA hosting women's hoops summit at Final Four

■ **Discussions will include youth basketball, the business of basketball and the state of women's basketball**

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The women's basketball world has come together in the Music City to not only crown a champion, but also to discuss issues facing the sport.

The NCAA is hosting a women's basketball summit Monday based on Big East commissioner Val Ackerman's paper she put together and submitted in June. The summit will hit three main areas — youth basketball, the business of basketball and the state of women's basketball.

The coaches association held its first-ever marketing seminar Friday to figure out ways to help grow the game with panels to share ideas about fundraising, building a fan base and promoting the different programs.

"The symposium name — 'It's Our Game!' — reflects our feeling of responsibility for, not possessiveness of, the sport," said Beth Bass, the CEO of the WBCA. "As the professional association of women's and girls' basketball, we're committed to doing everything we can to improve and grow our game."

UConn coach Geno Auriemma won't have time to partake in either seminar as he is focused on getting his team ready to try and win a record ninth national championship. Still, he does have his own ideas on how to help the game he's been involved with for the past 33 years grow.

Auriemma feels that using the European soccer Premier League as a model, women's basketball should have the top six or eight teams play each other every season, that could showcase the best the NCAA has to offer.

"Put together the best teams and have them play each other every year," he said. "You can play your way in or out of the league. I already know some sponsors who would back the plan and also I'm sure TV would love to have those matchups."

A league like that would greatly benefit UConn, which plays in the American Athletic Conference. The Huskies ran through the conference in the inaugural season. The league is only getting worse next season with the departure of second-place Louisville to the ACC and fourth-place Rutgers to the Big Ten.

While it may not be feasible to get that sort of league up and running, doing something similar to the men's basketball Champions Classic could be doable.

Create a doubleheader with the top four women's basketball teams such as UConn, Notre Dame, Tennessee and Stanford. Have them play once in November, once in December and once in January where the matchups and venues would switch up.

"We need to do something," Auriemma said. "At least people are talking about it."

While neither the Premier League nor the doubleheader are in the works yet, some of the top women's programs are slated to be involved in an event honoring Nike co-founder Phil Knight in celebration of his 80th birthday in 2017.

It would be an eight-team tournament with Nike schools UConn, Duke, Kentucky, North Carolina and Gonzaga among others potentially competing.

But that would be a one-year event as opposed to a long-term solution.

Kentucky tops Wisconsin, to play for title

Wildcats..............................**74**
Badgers...............................**73**

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

Charlie Neibergall/AP

After Kentucky guard Aaron Harrison (2) made a 3-point basket in the final seconds against Wisconsin to win the game, 74-73, he embraced guard Andrew Harrison on Saturday in Arlington.

ARLINGTON — No, this was not an instant replay, though it certainly is turning into a highlight reel Kentucky and Aaron Harrison could get used to watching over and over again.

Harrison took a pass from his twin brother, Andrew, spotted up from NBA range and watched the ball rattle in for the lead with 5.7 seconds left to lift the Wildcats to a 74-73 victory Saturday night over Wisconsin in the Final Four.

It's the third straight game the Kentucky freshman has made a 3 for the winning points in this magical ride for the Wildcats (29-10), and the second straight time the pass has come from his brother for a spot-up shot from the left center of the arc.

Traevon Jackson had a last-second shot to try to beat the Wildcats, but the desperation jumper rimmed out and once again Harrison found himself at the bottom of a dog pile at center court.

Eighth-seeded Kentucky will play seventh-seeded UConn in the final Monday — the highest seed total to play for the title since they started putting numbers by the names back in 1979.

Wisconsin (30-8) set a Final Four record by going 95 percent from the free-throw line — 19 for 20. But it was that one miss that cost the Badgers. Jackson got Andrew Harrison to jump into him while attempting a 3-pointer with 16.4 seconds left. His first free throw rimmed out, and after he made the second two, Wisconsin had a 73-71 lead and Kentucky had the ball.

Who didn't know where it was going?

Against Louisville in the regional semifinal, Aaron Harrison was spotted up in the corner when Julius Randle spotted him open.

Talented group of coaches lead Final Four teams

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

VanDerveer Auriemma McGraw Frese

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Geno Auriemma, Tara VanDerveer, Muffet McGraw and Brenda Frese have all won national championships, using their own styles to get the most out of their teams.

Now, they all hope they can coax two more victories to win another title.

"These four are the gold standard for coaches," Gonzaga coach Kelly Graves said. "They are different in personality, but have the common ground of success."

Both Auriemma and VanDerveer are enshrined in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. The pair, as well as McGraw, have also been inducted into the women's basketball Hall of Fame. All four have been honored as the AP Coach of the Year.

This year's Final Four is one of the rare times that all four coaches have won national championships.

Auriemma leads the way with eight titles and can break a tie with Pat Summitt for most if the Huskies can repeat as champions. Despite winning 44 straight games by mostly astronomical margins, Auriemma never lets his Huskies get too full of themselves.

"It's hard for us to get cocky when you have a coach like him who kind of lets you know your weaknesses and makes sure you work on them all the time," UConn senior guard Bria Hartley said. "He's not going to let a day go by where you act cocky. He makes sure you really stay kind of hungry and wanting to get better rather than getting complacent."

VanDerveer takes a more cerebral approach with her team. She's won two national championships, been to the Final Four in six of the past seven years and won the 900th game of her career early this season.

"Tara teaches you how to watch film, to make sure you pay attention to details," South Carolina coach Dawn Staley said. "To be disciplined in what you're doing. She taught me how to do that."

McGraw, who a national championship in 2001, has guided the Irish to four straight Final Fours. She's led the team to unprecedented heights this season with a 36-0 record — the first undefeated season in school history. Now she'll have to rally her team after losing senior leader Natalie Achonwa to a torn ACL in the regional final game.

"She's so intense and on us," Irish senior Kayla McBride said. "It doesn't matter who we're playing she wants us to do the same thing against every single team."

McBride said that even when the team plays board games or word games against each other, McGraw has that competitive fire.

"She's just super competitive," McBride said. "She doesn't like to lose. She doesn't like the thought of losing. I think coach is the reason we're so competitive, we're so driven."

Frese tends to be a player's coach. She played a practical joke on star Alyssa Thomas before telling her that they were going to put her number in the arena's rafters. Thomas got her back by filling Frese's office with balloons.

"She has such a passion and really relates well with her team," Duke coach Joanne P. McCallie said.

UConn

From 1C

assists. He definitely got the better of Wilbekin in a matchup of senior point guards, both conference players of the year.

Napier had two key second half steals on Wilbekin, both of which led to UConn baskets. Wilbekin was bothered by cramps throughout the game.

"It was right when the second half started. I was getting a little cramp, it wasn't too bad," Wilbekin said. "I got out of the game and got some ice and it wasn't really a problem from then on."

The Connecticut guards were. Florida had 11 turnovers and a season-low three assists.

"That's crazy, that's not usually what we do," Wilbekin said. "All credit goes to them and their guards and the way they were denying and putting pressure on us."

Patric Young had 19 points for Florida (36-3), which had won all of its NCAA tournament games by at least 10 points. The Gators shot just 38.8 percent from the field (19 of 49), well off their 46.1 percent average.

"I thought they played extremely well today, unfortunately for us I didn't think it was one of our better games and I think Connecticut had a lot to do with that," Florida coach Billy Donovan said. "We got off to a very, very good start in the game, and the reason we got off to a good start was our defense was very, very good. Once they got their defense set, I thought we had a hard time dealing with their pressure up top."

The Huskies used the 3-pointer to open things up inside, hitting 5 of 12 from long range. They had such an easy time scoring inside that they had only basket outside the paint in the final 20 minutes, shooting 63.6 percent (14 of 22).

Florida was just 1 for 10 from 3-point range and the Gators' most effective weapon through most of the game was an offensive rebound off a miss. They had 12 in the game and turned them into 13 points.

Florida's defense — which was No. 3 in the nation — was suffocating early and the Gators took a 16-4 lead with a 7-0 run that was capped by a drive

TOURNEY SCORES & SCHEDULES

Men

FINAL FOUR
At AT&T Stadium
Arlington
National Semifinals
Saturday
UConn 63, Florida 53
Kentucky 74, Wisconsin 73
National Championship
Monday
UConn (31-8) vs. Kentucky (29-10), 8:10 p.m.

College Basketball Invitational Glance
Championship Series
(Best-of-3)
(x-if necessary)
Siena 61, Fresno State 57
Fresno State 69, Siena 75, series tied 1-1
Saturday: Siena 81, Fresno State 68, Siena wins series 2-1

Women

NCAA Basketball Tournament Glance
FINAL FOUR
At Nashville, Tenn.
National Semifinals
Today
Notre Dame (36-0) vs. Maryland (28-6), 5:30 p.m.
UConn (38-0) vs. Stanford (33-3), 8 p.m.
National Championship
Tuesday
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

National Invitation Tournament Glance
Semifinals
Wednesday, April 2
Rutgers 62, South Florida 52
UTEP 66, South Dakota State 63
Championship
Saturday
Rutgers 56, UTEP 54

Stewart edges Keselowski for pole at TMS

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Tony Stewart knocked Brad Keselowski from the pole as qualifying ended Saturday at Texas Motor Speedway.

Stewart waited right until the end of the final round to attempt his lap and circled the speedway at 195.454 mph to grab the top starting spot for Sunday's race.

It's Stewart's 15th career pole and first since Atlanta in 2012.

"It was cool. I'm not normally a qualifier," Stewart said.

Keselowski made his attempt earlier in the session and turned his lap at 195.419. He was out of his car and watching the scoring pylon as Stewart crossed the finish line, and Keselowski dropped his head in disappointment when he saw he'd been beaten.

"Stewart put down a great lap at the end, didn't see that one coming," Keselowski said. "That's why they do it this way. Really exciting and a lot of fun to watch, and quite honestly, a lot of fun to participate in this new format of qualifying."

Kevin Harvick qualified third as two Stewart-Haas Racing Chevrolets were in the top three. The organization is the only one in the Sprint Cup Series with two wins this season — Harvick won at Phoenix and Kurt Busch won last week at Martinsville — but the four cars have been all over the map and lacked consistency.

"Tony capturing the pole is as good as it gets for the organization," Harvick said. "That's a huge improvement for where we've been as a company the last few weeks."

Busch qualified 11th as three of the four SHR drivers advanced into the third and final round of knockout qualifying.

The final session was dominated by Fords as blue oval drivers claimed six of the final 12 spots and were led by Keselowski, who will start on the front row for the fifth time in seven races this season.

Ford drivers Greg Biffle and Carl Edwards qualified fourth and fifth for Roush Fenway Racing.

Then came Joe Gibbs Racing's Denny Hamlin, the only Toyota driver to make it to the top 12.

Trevor Bayne was seventh in his first appearance in the final group this season, and he was followed by Ryan Newman, Marcos Ambrose, Joey Logano, Busch and Jeff Gordon.

Six-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson failed to advance to the final round for the first time this season.

"We're really surprised not to have pace here in qualifying," Johnson said. "We have a very fast race car, in race trim especially. Our car is blazing fast. Qualifying hasn't always been my strong suit, and today it showed up here for whatever reason.

"We'll get her cleaned up and get her ready for the race on (today)."

TODAY'S RACING LINEUPS

Sprint Cup

Duck Commander 500 Lineup
After Saturday qualifying; race today
At Texas Motor Speedway
Fort Worth, Texas
Lap length: 1.5 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 195.454 mph.
2. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 195.419.
3. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 195.298.
4. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 194.7.
5. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 194.637.
6. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 194.623.
7. (21) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 194.503.
8. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 194.14.
9. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 194.056.
10. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 193.743.
11. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 193.126.
12. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 192.089.
13. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 194.259.
14. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 194.084.
15. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 194.021.
16. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 194.007.
17. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 193.59.
18. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 193.493.
19. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 193.354.
20. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 193.154.
21. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 193.154.
22. (51) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 192.981.
23. (55) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 192.768.
24. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 192.761.
25. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 194.988.
26. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 194.637.
27. (7) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 194.602.
28. (95) Michael McDowell, Ford, 194.581.
29. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 194.539.
30. (23) Alex Bowman, Toyota, 194.454.
31. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 194.44.
32. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 194.028.
33. (47) A J Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 193.611.
34. (35) David Reutimann, Ford, 192.954.
35. (77) Dave Blaney, Ford, 192.52.
36. (30) Parker Kligerman, Toyota, 192.219.
37. (32) Travis Kvapil, Ford, owner points.
38. (36) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, owner points.
39. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, owner points.
40. (40) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, owner points.
41. (98) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, owner points.
42. (26) Cole Whitt, Toyota, owner points.
43. (34) David Ragan, Ford, owner points.

Failed to Qualify

44. (33) David Stremme, Chevrolet, 190.759.
45. (83) Ryan Truex, Toyota, 189.401.
46. (66) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 188.587.
47. (44) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, 185.44.

Formula 1-Bahrain Grand Prix Lineup
After Saturday qualifying; race today
At Bahrain International Circuit
Sakhir, Bahrain
Lap length: 3.363 miles
Third Session

1. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 1 minute, 33.185 seconds.
2. Lewis Hamilton, England, Mercedes, 1:33.464.
3. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Williams, 1:34.247.
4. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Force India, 1:34.346.
5. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 1:34.368.
6. Jenson Button, England, McLaren, 1:34.387.
7. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Williams, 1:34.511.
8. Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, McLaren, 1:34.712.
9. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Ferrari, 1:34.992.

Eliminated after second session

10. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Red Bull, 1:31.985.
11. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Force India, 1:35.116.
12. Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Toro Rosso, 1:35.145.
13. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull, 1:34.051.
14. Jean-Eric Vergne, France, Toro Rosso, 1:35.286.
15. Esteban Gutierrez, Mexico, Sauber, 1:35.891.
16. Romain Grosjean, France, Lotus, 1:35.908.

Eliminated after first session

17. Pastor Maldonado, Venezuela, Lotus, 1:36.663.
18. Kamui Kobayashi, Japan, Caterham, 1:37.085.
19. Jules Bianchi, France, Marussia, 1:37.310.
20. Marcus Ericsson, Sweden, Caterham, 1:37.875.
21. Max Chilton, England, Marussia, 1:37.913.
22. Adrian Sutil, Germany, Sauber, 1:36.840.

Big Spring maintains lead at 4-3A tourney

From staff reports

The Big Spring boys golf team maintained its lead after the second round of the District 4-3A Boys Golf Championship at Hogan Park Golf Course on Saturday.

The Steers shot a 306 on Saturday and are sitting at 608 for the tournament, 17 strokes ahead of Abilene Wylie's top team.

Big Spring's Tyler Bryan leads the tournament after shooting a 77 on Saturday and is at 146, which is three strokes better than Abilene Wylie's Tyler Bilbo. The Steers' Tate Kennedy is in fifth place overall after firing a 76 and is at 153, and Devin Roberson also shot a 76 on Saturday is in seventh place at 155. Mikey Pappajohn is in 10th at 162.

Greenwood shot a 353 on Saturday and is at 711 for the tournament as Colby Karcher had the best round for the Rangers on Saturday with an 86.

The third round of the tournament is scheduled for Tuesday at Sweetwater Country Club.

District 4-3A Boys Golf Championships
Hogan Park Golf Course
Saturday's results
Second Round

Team Standings: 1. Big Spring I, 302-306—608; 2. Abilene Wylie I, 314-311—625; 3. Snyder I, 321-337—658; 4. Monahans, 328-331—659; 5. Sweetwater, 337-333—670; 6. Greenwood I, 358-353—711; 7. Abilene Wylie II, 355-369—724; 8. Snyder II, 362-384—746; 9. Monahans II, 375-379—754; 10. Big Spring II, 457-436—893; 11. Greenwood II, 471-493—964.

Individual standings (top 10): 1. Tyler Bryan, Big Spring I, 69-77—146; 2. Tyler Bilbo, Abilene Wylie I, 75-74—149; 3. Jacob Lair, Monahans I, 74-76—150; 4. Curry Jones, Abilene Wylie I, 76-76—152; 5. Tate Kennedy, Big Spring, 77-76—153; 6. Michael Hunt, Sweetwater, 77-77—154; 7. Devin Roberson, Big Spring I, 79-76—155; 8. (tie) Nathan von Roeder, Snyder I, 77-84—161; Mason Andrews, Sweetwater, 81-80—161; 10. Mikey Pappajohn, Big Spring I, 77-85—162.

Team-by-team Results

Big Spring I (608): Tate Kennedy, 77-76—153; Devin Roberson, 79-76—155; Tyler Bryan, 69-77—146; Mikey Pappajohn, 77-85—162; Sam Harris, 92-77—169.

Abilene Wylie I (625): Zach Carlton, 84-77—161; Curry Jones, 76-76—152; Tyler Bilbo, 75-74—149; Zeth Zientek, 79-87—166; Matt Redwine, 81-84—165.

Snyder I (658): Logan Hopper, 82-84—166; Nathan von Roeder, 77-84—161; Josh Molter, 84-86—170; Logan Presley, 81-83—164; Clayton Galyean, 81-88—169.

Monahans I (659): Jacob Lair, 74-76—150; Stone Heflin, 83-76—159; Cameron Eddings, 83-90—173; Tyler Smith, 88-94—182; Logan Smith, 89-89—178.

Sweetwater (670): Mason Andrews, 81-80—161; Michael Hunt, 77-77—154; Michael Hazard, 83-87—170; Mark Lawrence, 96-89—185; Jeremy Witt, 96-93—189.

Greenwood I (711): Matt Rose, 83-91—174; Colby Karcher, 84-86—170; Austin Satterfield, 90-87—177; Cody Craft, 101-103—204; Ty Crownover, 104-89—193.

Abilene Wylie II (724): Eddie Reyna, 85-84—169; Jakob Moore, 87-93—180; Justin Wilson, 101-97—198; Trey Hooker, 102-103—205; Drew Clemmer, 88-95—183.

Snyder II (746): Austin Elliott, 88-86—174; Elijah Lay, 89-99—188; Kyle Shrum, 92-101—193; Alex Luecke, 93-122—215; Ethan Hernandez, 105-98—203.

Monahans II (754): Trevor Doege, 98-100—198; Ethan Stava, 92-89—181; Buck Watson, 95-95—190; John Roeber, 90-99—189; Reagan Redman, 100-96—196.

Big Spring II (893): Ryan Dimidjian, 101-94—195; Toby Cotton, 102-109—211; Zach Bennett, NS-NS-NS; Justin Rider, 128-116—244; Patrick Rodriguez, 126-117—243.

Greenwood II (964): Brayden Loveless, 103-117—220; Zach Carder, 125-128—253; Landon Day, 114-106—220; Zach Robbins, 129-142—271

Other Medalists

Abilene Wylie: Justin Hilson, 101-NS-NS; Joey Pedone, 108-109—217.

Monahans: Brock Franco, 90-88—178; Rylan Suttle, 96-101—197.

Sweetwater: Clay Kitchens, 107-111—218; Cotton Scott, 104-119—223; Josh Procter, 118-108—226.

Kuchar takes 4-shot lead at Houston Open

By Kurt Voigt
Associated Press

HUMBLE — Matt Kuchar overcame windy conditions to match the low round of the day and take a four-shot lead after three rounds of the Houston Open.

The six-time PGA Tour winner had three straight birdies on the back nine at the Golf Club of Houston on Saturday to vault past second-round leader Sergio Garcia with a 4-under par 68 — leaving him at 15 under overall heading into the final round.

Kuchar's last win came at the Memorial last year. He enters today four shots ahead Cameron Tringale and Garcia.

Tringale shot a 3-under 69 in the third round, while Garcia struggled his way to a 1-over 73.

Phil Mickelson shot an even-par 72 and is 6 under.

The golfers went off both tees in threesomes early Saturday morning in anticipation of severe weather in the evening, a format they'll use again Sunday with hopes of avoiding a Monday finish leading into next week's Masters.

Garcia, who surged ahead with a 7-under 65 on Friday, began the day with a one-shot lead over Kuchar. That disappeared quickly after the Spaniard bogeyed the first to fall back to 11 under and into a tie with his playing partner, Kuchar.

That was just the beginning of the struggles for Garcia, who later put his tee shot into the water on No. 10.

Kuchar, meanwhile, birdied the first to move into the lead — a spot he didn't relinquish. He added back-to-back birdies on No. 4 and 5 to move to 14 under, and he added three birdies in a row on the back nine.

He reached 16 under with a birdie on the par-3 14th before three-putting the 18th and settling for 15 under.

Kuchar missed his first four cuts at the Houston Open, but the American finished tied for eighth in 2010 and 2011 before not playing in the tournament the last two years.

Mickelson, after withdrawing from last week's Texas Open with a muscle pull in his right side, struggled from the opening hole Saturday.

The five-time major winner left his opening two approach shots short of the green, the second of which found the bunker and caused him to slump over in the fairway. That led to the first of back-to-back bogeys, though he did recover with three straight birdies on the back nine before settling for his 72.

GOLF SCORES

PGA

Shell Houston Open Scores
Saturday
At The Golf Club of Houston
Humble
Purse: $6.4 million
Yardage: 7,441; Par: 72
Third Round

Matt Kuchar	66-67-68—201
Cameron Tringale	68-68-69—205
Sergio Garcia	67-65-73—205
Matt Jones	68-68-71—207
Rickie Fowler	70-70-68—208
Ben Curtis	67-70-71—208
Shawn Stefani	67-69-73—209
Jon Curran	69-72-69—210
J.B. Holmes	66-73-71—210
Retief Goosen	68-71-71—210
Phil Mickelson	68-70-72—210
Andres Romero	72-69-70—211
Chris Stroud	68-72-71—211
Brice Garnett	68-71-72—211
Ryan Palmer	70-68-73—211
Brian Gay	71-70-71—212
Charl Schwartzel	67-75-70—212
Hunter Mahan	69-72-71—212
Martin Flores	68-72-72—212
Erik Compton	66-73-73—212
Jason Gore	67-71-74—212
Jim Renner	66-72-74—212
Luke Donald	71-71-71—213
Graham DeLaet	70-71-72—213
Lee Westwood	70-72-71—213
Camilo Villegas	67-73-73—213
Michael Putnam	68-72-73—213
Steve Stricker	68-69-76—213
Jimmy Walker	71-65-77—213
Webb Simpson	68-73-73—214
John Huh	71-71-72—214
Russell Henley	73-69-72—214
Nicholas Thompson	71-69-74—214
Freddie Jacobson	68-72-74—214
Justin Hicks	67-73-74—214
Ryo Ishikawa	69-74-71—214
Brian Harman	70-71-74—215
Rory McIlroy	70-71-74—215
Jonathan Byrd	68-74-73—215
Carl Pettersson	69-74-72—215
Bill Haas	65-74-76—215
Jeff Overton	73-69-74—216
Jeff Maggert	69-73-74—216
Angel Cabrera	68-73-75—216
Stewart Cink	67-75-74—216
Brendon Todd	69-74-73—216
James Hahn	71-72-73—216
Keegan Bradley	66-77-73—216
Robert Garrigus	74-69-73—216
John Rollins	68-76-72—216
Ben Crane	70-74-72—216
Brendon de Jonge	71-73-72—216
Chris Kirk	68-74-75—217
John Merrick	74-68-75—217
David Toms	71-71-75—217
Michael Thompson	67-73-77—217
Ricky Barnes	70-73-74—217
Kyle Stanley	69-74-74—217
Jhonnattan Vegas	67-75-76—218
Harrison Frazar	71-71-76—218
Greg Chalmers	69-74-75—218
Ernie Els	68-76-74—218
Tyrone Van Aswegen	71-73-74—218
Bubba Dickerson	74-70-74—218
Davis Love III	68-73-78—219
Charley Hoffman	65-76-78—219
Kevin Chappell	71-72-76—219
Henrik Stenson	71-72-76—219
John Mallinger	72-72-75—219
Tommy Gainey	71-72-77—220
Hudson Swafford	70-74-76—220
Stephen Ames	72-71-78—221
J.J. Henry	72-71-78—221
Kevin Kisner	71-70-81—222
Justin Leonard	70-71-81—222
Roberto Castro	71-72-83—226
Sean O'Hair	69-72-WD

LPGA

Kraft Nabisco Championship Scores
Saturday
At Mission Hills Country Club, Dinah Shore Tournament Course
Rancho Mirage, Calif.
Purse: $2 million
Yardage: 6,738; Par: 72
Third Round
a-denotes amateur

Michelle Wie	67-71-68—206
Lexi Thompson	73-64-69—206
Charley Hull	73-69-66—208
Se Ri Pak	67-70-71—208
Catriona Matthew	72-68-70—210
Cristie Kerr	69-70-71—210
Chella Choi	70-72-69—211
Shanshan Feng	66-73-72—211
Stacy Lewis	73-70-69—212
Angela Stanford	74-69-69—212
Azahara Munoz	72-70-70—212
Gerina Piller	77-65-70—212
Jiyai Shin	69-73-70—212
Amy Yang	68-73-71—212
Jee Young Lee	71-75-67—213
Mirim Lee	71-72-70—213
Karrie Webb	73-70-70—213
Anna Nordqvist	71-69-74—214
a-Brooke M. Henderson	77-68-70—215
Tiffany Joh	70-75-70—215
Haeji Kang	70-74-71—215
Hee Young Park	72-72-71—215
Na Yeon Choi	72-71-72—215
Christina Kim	74-69-72—215
Mo Martin	73-68-74—215
Morgan Pressel	70-70-75—215
P.K. Kongkraphan	74-74-68—216
Eun-Hee Ji	74-73-69—216
Pernilla Lindberg	73-74-69—216
Mi Hyang Lee	72-72-72—216
Pornanong Phatlum	71-73-72—216
Lydia Ko	73-70-73—216
a-Minjee Lee	75-68-73—216
Ilhee Lee	78-69-70—217
Jenny Shin	74-73-70—217
Alison Walshe	73-74-70—217
Ha Na Jang	73-73-71—217
Jessica Korda	73-73-71—217
Sun Young Yoo	74-72-71—217
Austin Ernst	71-74-72—217
Caroline Masson	73-72-72—217
Thidapa Suwannapura	73-72-72—217
Inbee Park	74-70-73—217
So Yeon Ryu	70-72-75—217
Nicole Castrale	71-73-74—218
Mariajo Uribe	72-72-74—218
a-Alison Lee	75-74-70—219
Karine Icher	75-72-72—219
I.K. Kim	74-73-72—219
Giulia Sergas	73-74-72—219
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	76-70-73—219
Juli Inkster	76-70-73—219
a-Lilia Vu	73-73-73—219
Jimin Kang	76-69-74—219
Jennifer Rosales	69-74-76—219
Sandra Gal	72-70-77—219
Paula Creamer	72-74-74—220
Candie Kung	74-70-76—220
a-Su-Hyun Oh	74-74-73—221
Caroline Hedwall	71-74-76—221
Sei Young Kim	75-70-76—221
Carlota Ciganda	73-69-79—221
Danielle Kang	76-73-73—222
Haru Nomura	75-72-75—222
a-Angel Yin	68-79-75—222
Sakura Yokomine	75-70-77—222
Hee-Won Han	75-73-75—223
Meena Lee	74-74-75—223
Christel Boeljon	73-72-78—223
Dewi Claire Schreefel	75-74-75—224
Ai Miyazato	77-71-76—224
Brittany Lincicome	77-72-76—225
Mina Harigae	76-72-77—225

Benn scores twice as Stars beat Lightning

Associated Press

Stars	5
Lightning	2

TAMPA, Fla. — Jamie Benn had two goals and an assist to leading the Stars in a 5-2 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Saturday night.

Tyler Seguin had his team-leading 35th goal, and Vernon Fiddler and Antoine Roussel also scored for Dallas. Kari Lehtonen stopped 27 shots.

Steven Stamkos and Andrej Sustr scored for Tampa Bay, aand Ben Bishop finished with 23 saves.

Benn produced all of his points in the first period. The left winger opened the scoring 40 seconds in, redirecting a shot by Alex Goligoski from along the right boards into the left side of the net. He struck again at the 5:37 mark, snapping a shot past Bishop from the right circle.

Two minutes later, Lightning defenseman Radko Gudas was dealt a match penalty for an illegal check to Roussel's head. Dallas failed to capitalize on the five-minute major, but Benn and his brother, Jordie set up Seguin late in the period to make it 3-0.

Tampa Bay responded with a pair of goals early in the second period. Stamkos scored two minutes in, and Sustr lifted a rebound past Lehtonen at 6:44 for his first NHL goal.

Fiddler and Roussel beat Bishop with backhanders in the third to secure the victory that lifted Dallas past Phoenix into the second wild-card position in the Western Conference. The Stars last reached the postseason in 2008.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
z-Boston	78	53	18	7	113	251	167
x-Montreal	79	45	27	7	97	212	199
x-Tampa Bay	78	42	27	9	93	229	211
Detroit	78	37	27	14	88	211	222
Toronto	79	38	33	8	84	229	248
Ottawa	78	33	31	14	80	226	261
Florida	78	27	43	8	62	185	256
Buffalo	77	21	47	9	51	148	229

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Pittsburgh	78	49	24	5	103	237	195
N.Y. Rangers	79	43	31	5	91	212	190
Philadelphia	77	39	29	9	87	215	218
Columbus	77	39	31	7	85	215	207
New Jersey	78	34	28	16	84	191	200
Washington	78	35	30	13	83	222	236
Carolina	78	34	33	11	79	196	215
N.Y. Islanders	77	31	35	11	73	215	254

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-St. Louis	77	52	18	7	111	243	173
x-Colorado	77	50	21	6	106	237	206
x-Chicago	78	44	19	15	103	255	205
Minnesota	78	40	26	12	92	195	194
Dallas	77	38	28	11	87	225	218
Winnipeg	79	35	34	10	80	220	232
Nashville	77	34	32	11	79	195	231

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Anaheim	77	50	19	8	108	249	198
x-San Jose	78	49	20	9	107	239	189
x-Los Angeles	78	45	27	6	96	196	164
Phoenix	78	36	28	14	86	209	221
Vancouver	77	34	32	11	79	185	209
Calgary	78	33	38	7	73	200	228
Edmonton	78	27	42	9	63	193	259

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Saturday's Scores
Washington 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, SO
Boston 5, Philadelphia 2
Colorado 4, St. Louis 0
Winnipeg 4, Toronto 2
Montreal 5, Detroit 3
Dallas 5, Tampa Bay 2
Ottawa 3, N.Y. Rangers 2
New Jersey 3, Carolina 1
Minnesota 4, Pittsburgh 0
Los Angeles at Vancouver, late
Nashville at San Jose, late

Today's Games
St. Louis at Chicago, 11:30 a.m.
Dallas at Florida, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Columbus, 5 p.m.
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Colorado, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Edmonton, 7 p.m.

SATURDAYINTHENBA

FROM WIRE REPORTS

STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	45	32	.584	—
x-Brooklyn	42	34	.553	2 1/2
New York	33	44	.429	12
Boston	23	54	.299	22
Philadelphia	17	60	.221	28

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	52	23	.693	—
x-Washington	40	37	.519	13
x-Charlotte	39	38	.506	14
Atlanta	33	42	.440	19
Orlando	22	55	.286	31

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Indiana	53	24	.688	—
x-Chicago	45	32	.584	8
Cleveland	31	47	.397	22 1/2
Detroit	28	49	.364	25
Milwaukee	14	63	.182	39

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	59	17	.776	—
x-Houston	50	25	.667	8 1/2
Dallas	46	31	.597	13 1/2
Memphis	45	31	.592	14
New Orleans	32	44	.421	27

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	55	20	.733	—
Portland	49	28	.636	7
Minnesota	38	38	.500	17 1/2
Denver	33	43	.434	22 1/2
Utah	24	52	.316	31 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-L.A. Clippers	54	23	.701	—
Golden State	47	29	.618	6 1/2
Phoenix	45	31	.592	8 1/2
Sacramento	27	49	.355	26 1/2
L.A. Lakers	25	51	.329	28 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Saturday's Scores
Orlando 100, Minnesota 92
Chicago 96, Washington 78
Brooklyn 105, Philadelphia 101
Charlotte 96, Cleveland 94, OT
Detroit 115, Boston 111
Toronto 102, Milwaukee 98

Today's Games
New York at Miami, Noon
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 5 p.m.
Atlanta at Indiana, 5 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 6 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Portland, 8 p.m.

Nick Wass/AP

Chicago guard Kirk Hinrich, right, grabs Washington guard John Wall during the second half of Saturday's game in Washington. Hinrich was called for a foul on the play.

SATURDAY'S BOXES

BULLS 96, WIZARDS 78

CHICAGO (96): Dunleavy 3-8 2-2 8, Boozer 6-12 4-4 16, Noah 9-13 3-3 21, Hinrich 4-6 0-0 11, Butler 1-9 1-2 3, Gibson 3-8 3-4 9, Augustin 8-19 3-4 25, Mohammed 0-0 0-0 0, Snell 0-1 1-2 1, Fredette 0-1 0-0 0, Shengelia 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 35-79 17-21 96.

WASHINGTON (78): Ariza 1-9 0-0 2, Booker 3-9 0-0 6, Gortat 8-11 3-4 19, Wall 8-17 2-3 20, Beal 7-16 0-2 14, Gooden 2-5 0-0 4, Webster 1-4 0-0 2, Porter Jr. 2-4 0-0 5, Harrington 0-2 0-0 0, Miller 0-3 0-0 0, Seraphin 1-3 0-0 2, Temple 1-2 1-1 3, Singleton 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 34-86 7-12 78.

Chicago	28	24	24	20—96
Washington	16	10	35	17—78

3-Point Goals—Chicago 9-23 (Augustin 6-11, Hinrich 3-4, Snell 0-1, Dunleavy 0-3, Butler 0-4), Washington 3-16 (Wall 2-4, Porter Jr. 1-2, Harrington 0-1, Gooden 0-1, Webster 0-2, Beal 0-3, Ariza 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 57 (Noah 12), Washington 48 (Gortat 8). Assists—Chicago 24 (Butler 9), Washington 16 (Wall 6). Total Fouls—Chicago 14, Washington 19. Technicals—Butler, Ariza. A—19,661 (20,308).

MAGIC 100, TIMBERWOLVES 92

MINNESOTA (92): Brewer 6-9 2-5 15, Cunningham 5-9 2-5 12, Dieng 5-9 2-3 12, Rubio 7-18 4-5 18, Budinger 0-1 2-2 2, Mbah a Moute 4-6 2-2 10, Shved 0-4 1-2 1, Turiaf 2-3 0-0 4, Barea 3-8 0-0 6, Hummel 4-10 4-4 12. Totals 36-77 19-28 92.

ORLANDO (100): Harkless 7-9 0-0 17, O'Quinn 6-7 2-3 14, Dedmon 1-5 0-0 2, Nelson 1-6 0-0 2, Afflalo 8-15 1-4 18, Nicholson 0-4 0-0 0, Harris 7-12 2-2 17, Oladipo 7-12 0-0 16, Lamb 2-4 0-0 5, Moore 4-5 0-0 9. Totals 43-79 5-9 100.

Minnesota	26	22	29	15—92
Orlando	25	21	26	28—100

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 1-15 (Brewer 1-2, Cunningham 0-1, Shved 0-2, Hummel 0-3, Rubio 0-3, Barea 0-4), Orlando 9-17 (Harkless 3-3, Oladipo 2-2, Harris 1-1, Moore 1-2, Lamb 1-3, Afflalo 1-4, Nelson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 41 (Dieng 8), Orlando 49 (O'Quinn 13). Assists—Minnesota 26 (Rubio 10), Orlando 29 (Nelson 12). Total Fouls—Minnesota 10, Orlando 23. A—16,992 (18,500).

NETS 105, 76ERS 101

BROOKLYN (105): Johnson 4-9 2-2 12, Pierce 5-10 0-1 11, Garnett 5-6 0-0 [illegible], D.Williams 6-11 6-6 19, Livingston 2-6 0-2 4, Plumlee 8-10 0-1 16, Thornton 1-10 6-8 9, Teletovic 1-2 0-0 3, Kirilenko 3-4 0-0 6, Blatche 4-8 2-2 10, A.Anderson 2-4 [illegible] 5. Totals 41-86 17-23 105.

PHILADELPHIA (101): Thompson 6-9 [illegible] 18, Young 8-18 1-2 20, Sims 4-8 3-4 [illegible], Carter-Williams 3-8 6-9 12, J.Anderson [illegible] 5, Varnado 1-3 2-2 4, E.Williams 4-8 3-3 [illegible], Wroten 6-13 3-6 15, Nunnally [illegible] 3, Davies 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 36-79 19-27 101.

Brooklyn	27	30	24	24—105
Philadelphia	21	21	27	32—101

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 6-21 (Johnson 2-5, Teletovic 1-2, Pierce 1-4, D.Williams 1-4, Thornton 1-5, A.Anderson [illegible]), Philadelphia 10-23 (Thompson 6-8, Young 3-5, J.Anderson 1-5, Wroten 0-2, E.Williams 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 48 (Plumlee [illegible]), Philadelphia 48 (Sims 11). Assists—Brooklyn [illegible] (D.Williams 9), Philadelphia 27 (Carter-Williams 11). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 20, Philadelphia 26. Technicals—Brooklyn defensive three second. A—16,133 (20,328).

PISTONS 115, CELTICS 111

BOSTON (111): Green 8-21 4-4 23, Bass 5-8 6-8 18, Sullinger 9-20 0-0 22, Pressey 5-8 0-0 12, Bayless 10-19 0-0 25, Johnson 0-2 0-0 0, Olynyk 4-6 3-4 11, Anthony 0-0 0-0 0, Babb [illegible]-4 0-0 0. Totals 42-88 13-16 111.

DETROIT (115): Smith 4-9 [illegible] 11, Monroe 8-12 5-5 21, Drummond 9-[illegible] 19, Jennings 6-15 4-5 20, Singler [illegible] 6-6 [illegible], Stuckey 8-[illegible] 26, Caldwell-Pope [illegible] 3, Jerebko 2-6 [illegible] 5, Siva 0-3 [illegible] 3. Totals 38-79 30-38 115.

Boston	32	33	30	16—111
Detroit	29	26	30	30—115

3-Point Goals—Boston 14-31 (Bayless 5-6, Sullinger 4-6, Green 3-[illegible], Pressey 2-4, Olynyk 0-1, Johnson 0-1, Babb 0-3), Detroit 9-23 (Jennings 4-8, Jerebko 2-4, Smith 2-5, Caldwell-Pope 1-1, Siva 0-1, Stuckey 0-2, Singler 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 46 (Sullinger 10), Detroit 50 (Drummond 20). Assists—Boston 25 (Pressey 11), Detroit 18 (Siva 5). Total Fouls—Boston 24, Detroit 16. Technicals—Bass. Flagrant Fouls—Bayless. A—19,558 (22,076).

BOBCATS 96, CAVALIERS 94

CHARLOTTE (96): [illegible] Zeller 4-6 4-8 12, Jefferson [illegible], Walker [illegible] 22 3-4 [illegible], Henderson [illegible] 4-4 [illegible], Neal [illegible], Ridnour [illegible], Douglas-Roberts 3-9 2-2 [illegible], Tolliver [illegible], Biyombo [illegible]. Totals 34-[illegible] 96.

CLEVELAND (94): Deng [illegible], Thompson 2-8 [illegible] 4, Hawes [illegible], Irving [illegible] 44, Waiters [illegible], Varejao [illegible] 4, Jack [illegible], Zeller [illegible], Dellavedova [illegible], Gee [illegible]. Totals 35-96 [illegible] 94.

Charlotte	17	23	22	20	14—96
Cleveland	21	12	33	16	12—94

3-Point Goals—Charlotte [illegible] (Walker 3-8, Ridnour [illegible], Tolliver [illegible], Henderson [illegible], Douglas-Roberts 1-4, Neal [illegible]-4), Cleveland [illegible]-22 (Irving [illegible], Hawes [illegible], Waiters 1-4, Gee [illegible], Jack [illegible], Dellavedova [illegible], Deng [illegible]). Fouled Out—Varejao. Rebounds—Charlotte 66 (Jefferson [illegible]), Cleveland 62 (Thompson 12). Assists—Charlotte [illegible] (Walker [illegible]), Cleveland 22 (Irving 8). Total Fouls—Charlotte [illegible], Cleveland [illegible]. Technicals—Neal, Charlotte defensive three second. A—18,[illegible] (20,562).

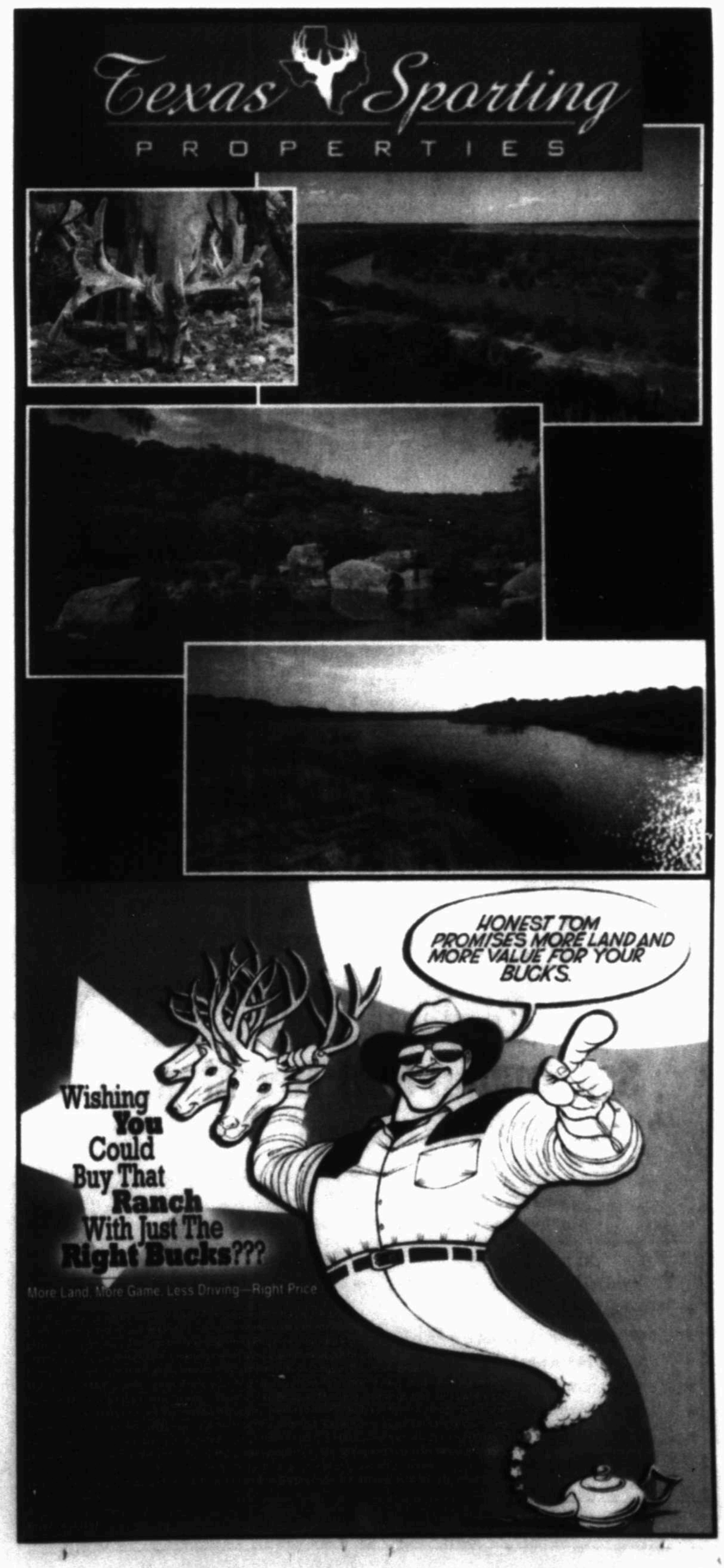
RAPTORS 102, BUCKS 98

TORONTO (102): Ross 2-9 2-2 8, Patterson 2-9 2-2 7, Valanciunas [illegible] 3-5 17, Vasquez 10-15 5-0 26, DeRozan [illegible] 23, Hansbrough [illegible] 3, Salmons 3-[illegible] 9, De Colo 3-4 [illegible], Novak 1-2 0-0 2, Hayes [illegible]. Totals 36-8[illegible] 22 102.

MILWAUKEE (98): Middleton 6-9 8-8 2[illegible], Adrien 8-[illegible] 19, Pachulia [illegible], Knight 6-15 3-4 15, Sessions 5-13 2-2 [illegible], Henson 10-16 3-4 23, Antetokounmpo [illegible] 2-4, Wright [illegible] 4. Totals 38-79 [illegible] 98.

Toronto	28	19	28	27—102
Milwaukee	22	34	20	22—98

3-Point Goals—Toronto 12-2[illegible] (Vasquez 6-8, Salmons 3-6, Ross 2-[illegible], Patterson 1-4, Novak [illegible], DeRozan 0-1), Milwaukee 1-9 (Sessions 1-2, Antetokounmpo 0-1, Middleton 0-2, Knight 0-4). Fouled Out—Middleton. Rebounds—Toronto 47 (Valanciunas 13), Milwaukee 49 (Adrien 12). Assists—Toronto 20 (De Colo 6), Milwaukee 28 (Sessions 10). Total Fouls—Toronto 22, Milwaukee 21. Technicals—Valanciunas, Adrien. A—16,310 (18,717).



Martinez denied 1st win, Rangers lose

Rays 5
Rangers 4

By Mark Didtler
Associated Press

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Tampa Bay's Evan Longoria, left, scores the go-ahead run past Texas catcher Robinson Chirinos on a two-run double by James Loney during the eighth inning of Saturday's game in St. Petersburg, Fla.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Nick Martinez saw his chance to win his major league debut slip away late in the game.

Martinez allowed three runs and four hits over six innings in the Texas Rangers 5-4 loss Saturday night to the Tampa Bay Rays.

"Nick gave us a chance," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "He was getting ahead of hitters. He changed speeds. He made a couple mistakes that did get out of the ballpark, but when he left the ballgame he still gave us the lead."

Martinez ended up with a no-decision.

James Loney hit a go-ahead, two-run double in the eighth inning off Neal Cotts (0-1) that put Tampa Bay ahead 5-4. His opposite-field drive that went over left fielder Shin-Soo Choo came after Evan Longoria was intentionally walked to put the potential tying and go-ahead runs on base.

"I was actually (surprised)," Loney said of the walk to Longoria. "They had a one-run lead, but people like to do that now."

Brandon Gomes (1-0) pitched a perfect eighth before Grant Balfour got the final three outs for his first save.

Yunel Escobar and Matt Joyce homered off Martinez.

"I need to learn to limit my mistakes," Martinez said. "I made a couple mistakes I wish I could have back, but just kept learning as I went along."

David Price, who was sick Friday and almost didn't pitch, gave up four runs and nine hits in six innings for the Rays.

"Feel better since we won," Price said.

Alex Rios put the Rangers up 2-0 with a two-out, two-run double in the first off Price. Rios has 12 hits in 30 at-bats with 10 RBIs against the Rays left-hander.

Elvis Andrus made it 3-0 on a second-inning RBI single before Escobar pulled Tampa Bay within two on a solo homer in third.

It was announced before the game that Escobar and the Rays had agreed to a two-year extension for 2015 and 2016 worth a guaranteed $13 million. There is a 2017 club option.

After Choo had a sacrifice fly in the fourth, Joyce cut the Rays deficit to 4-3 with a two-run homer in the bottom half.

Rays manager Joe Maddon had a successful challenge for the second straight game. It was first ruled that Robinson Chirinos had beat Escobar's throw from shortstop to first for an infield single in the second, but after a 1-minute, 35-second delay the umpires changed the call to an out.

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American League

ANGELS 5
ASTROS 1

HOUSTON — Josh Hamilton hit a two-run home run and Tyler Skaggs pitched eight innings of four-hit ball.

Skaggs (1-0) allowed an unearned run and struck out five. Skaggs was making his Angels debut after being acquired in the offseason from Arizona in a trade that sent outfielder Mark Trumbo to the Diamondbacks.

Hamilton followed David Freese's run-scoring single with his second homer in two days, extending the lead to 4-1 in the fifth off Dallas Keuchel.

Keuchel (0-1) allowed four runs on eight hits with five strikeouts over five innings.

TWINS 7
INDIANS 3

CLEVELAND — Kyle Gibson limited Cleveland to one run in his season debut after Brian Dozier led off the game with a home run, leading Minnesota to a 7-3 win over the Cleveland Indians on Saturday and giving Twins manager Ron Gardenhire his 1,000th career victory.

Gibson (1-0) allowed three hits in five-plus innings as the Twins snapped a seven-game losing streak against the Indians.

TIGERS 7
ORIOLES 6

DETROIT — Torii Hunter homered and drove in five runs, and the Detroit Tigers withstood a five-run ninth inning by Baltimore.

Rick Porcello (1-0) allowed a run and three hits in 6 2-3 innings in his first start of the season, and the Tigers (4-0) remained baseball's only undefeated team. But the Orioles nearly pulled off a remarkable rally after trailing 7-1 entering the ninth.

MARINERS 3
ATHLETICS 1

OAKLAND, Calif. — Felix Hernandez took a shutout into the ninth inning and Dustin Ackley and Abraham Almonte hit home runs.

Hernandez (2-0) retired the first 11 batters on the way to his 16th career win over the Athletics, his most against any team. Hernandez walked one and struck out eight while allowing a run on six hits over 8 1/3 innings.

BLUE JAYS 4
YANKEES 0

TORONTO — R.A. Dickey and three relievers combined for a shutout, and Jose Bautista and Melky Cabrera homered.

Dickey (1-0) allowed six runs and five hits in his season-opening start at Tampa Bay last Monday but was much sharper against New York. The 2012 NL Cy Young winner gave up five hits in 6 2-3 innings, walked one and struck out six.

ROYALS 4
WHITE SOX 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Salvador Perez hit a go-ahead RBI double with two outs in the eighth inning.

Alex Gordon doubled off left-hander Scott Downs (0-1) before Perez hit Maikel Cleto's second pitch down the left-field line.

National League

METS 6
REDS 3

NEW YORK — Pinch-hitter Ike Davis hit a game-ending grand slam and the New York Mets were aided by a favorable ninth-inning replay review in rallying to beat the Cincinnati Reds 6-3 Saturday.

Brandon Phillips had given the Reds a 3-2 lead with a two-run homer off Dillon Gee in the eighth, two innings after Curtis Granderson connected for a two-run drive off Johnny Cueto, his first homer with the Mets.

CARDINALS 6
PIRATES 1

PITTSBURGH — Yadier Molina hit his second homer of the season, Jhonny Peralta added a late two-run shot and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-1 on Saturday night.

Molina finished 2 for 4 and his solo homer in the sixth gave the Cardinals plenty of cushion as they bounced back from a 12-2 loss on Friday night by jumping on Pittsburgh ace Francisco Liriano (0-1) early.

PHILLIES 2
CUBS 0

CHICAGO — Chase Utley went 3-for-3 and homered for the second day in a row, and Cliff Lee pitched seven scoreless innings to lead the Philadelphia Phillies to a 2-0 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Saturday.

Dominic Brown drove in Utley for the Phillies' other run with a single in the fourth inning.

GIANTS 7
DODGERS 2

LOS ANGELES — Madison Bumgarner struck out 10 while working into the seventh inning and San Francisco Giants hit three home runs in a 7-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers and Yasiel Puig on Saturday.

Puig started in right field and batted leadoff for the Dodgers a day after he was benched for arriving late for stretching and batting practice.

BRAVES 6
NATIONALS 2

WASHINGTON — Julio Teheran allowed two runs in seven solid innings and had two hits, and Atlanta knocked out Stephen Strasburg in the fifth inning, as the Braves beat the Washington Nationals 6-2 on Saturday night.

Dan Ugly had a two-run single for the Braves and Freddie Freeman reached base five times with two hits and three walks.

MARLINS 5
PADRES 0

MIAMI — Jose Fernandez struck out eight in 6 2-3 innings while lowering his ERA to 0.71, and the Miami Marlins won again Saturday, beating the punchless San Diego Padres 5-0.

The Marlins improved to 5-1, their best start since 2009. Last year their fifth victory came in their 21st game, and they finished with 100 losses.

ROCKIES 9
DIAMONDBACKS 4

DENVER — Nolan Arenado homered twice, rookie right-hander Tommy Kahnle picked up his first major league victory and Colorado overcame a four-run deficit Saturday night to beat Arizona 9-4 and send the Diamondbacks to their worst start in franchise history.

Charlie Blackmon went 3-for-4, tying the Rockies' franchise record with nine hits in consecutive games, a mark set by Juan Pierre in September 2002. After going 6-for-6 Friday, Blackmon singled his first time up, and then grounded out to first base before adding two more singles.

BREWERS 7
RED SOX 6, 11 INNINGS

BOSTON — Khris Davis doubled in the 11th inning for his fourth hit of the game, and he scored on Logan Schafer's double to help the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Boston Red Sox 7-6 on Saturday night.

Tyler Thornburg (1-0) earned the win with a perfect 10th inning. Burke Badenhop (0-1) came in to start the 11th and gave up Davis' one-out double, then Schafer one-hopped the Green Monster between the left and center fielders.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES

STANDINGS
American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	4	2	667	—
Toronto	3	3	500	1
Boston	2	3	400	1 1/2
New York	2	3	400	1 1/2
Baltimore	1	4	200	2 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	4	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	3	2	600	1 1/2
Kansas City	2	2	500	2
Chicago	2	3	400	2 1/2
Minnesota	2	3	400	2 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	4	1	800	—
Houston	2	3	400	2
Los Angeles	2	3	400	2
Oakland	2	3	400	2
Texas	2	3	400	2

Saturday's Scores
Minnesota 7, Cleveland 3
Toronto 4, N.Y. Yankees 0
Detroit 7, Baltimore 6
Kansas City 4, Chicago White Sox 3
Seattle 3, Oakland 1
L.A. Angels 5, Houston 1
Milwaukee 7, Boston 6, 11 innings
Tampa Bay 5, Texas 4

Today's Games
Minnesota (Nolasco 0-1) at Cleveland (Masterson 0-0), 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 0-1) at Toronto (Hutchison 1-0), 12:07 p.m.
Baltimore (Tillman 0-0) at Detroit (Verlander 0-0), 12:08 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gallardo 1-0) at Boston (Lester 0-1), 12:35 p.m.
Texas (Darvish 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 0-1), 12:40 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sale 1-0) at Kansas City (Shields 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 0-1) at Houston (Feldman 1-0), 1:10 p.m.
Seattle (E.Ramirez 1-0) at Oakland (Gray 0-0), 3:05 p.m.

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	5	1	833	—
Atlanta	4	1	800	1/2
Philadelphia	3	2	600	1 1/2
Washington	3	2	600	1 1/2
New York	2	3	400	2 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	3	2	600	—
Pittsburgh	3	2	600	—
St. Louis	3	2	600	—
Chicago	1	4	200	2
Cincinnati	1	4	200	2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	5	1	833	—
Los Angeles	4	3	571	1 1/2
Colorado	3	3	500	2
San Diego	1	4	200	3 1/2
Arizona	1	7	125	5

Saturday's Scores
N.Y. Mets 6, Cincinnati 3
Philadelphia 2, Chicago Cubs 0
San Francisco 7, L.A. Dodgers 2
Atlanta 6, Washington 2
St. Louis 6, Pittsburgh 1
Milwaukee 7, Boston 6, 11 innings
Miami 5, San Diego 0
Colorado 9, Arizona 4

Today's Games
Cincinnati (Simon 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
San Diego (Kennedy 0-1) at Miami (Eovaldi 1-0), 12:10 p.m.
Atlanta (A.Wood 1-0) at Washington (Jordan 0-0), 12:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gallardo 1-0) at Boston (Lester 0-1), 12:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Volquez 0-0), 12:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Burnett 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Villanueva 0-2), 1:20 p.m.
Arizona (Miley 1-1) at Colorado (Anderson 0-1), 3:10 p.m.
San Francisco (M.Cain 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

SATURDAY'S AL WEST BOXES
RAYS 5, RANGERS 4

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi
Choo lf	4	1	2	1	DeJess dh	3	0	0	0
Andrus ss	4	1	3	1	Myers rf	3	1	0	0
Fielder 1b	4	0	0	0	Zobrist 2b	3	0	0	0
ABeltre 3b	4	0	0	0	Longori 3b	3	1	0	0
Rios dh	4	0	1	2	Loney 1b	2	1	2	2
Choice rf	4	0	0	0	DJnngs cf	4	0	1	0
Chirins c	3	1	0	0	Joyce lf	4	1	2	2
LMartn cf	3	0	0	0	JMolin c	2	0	0	0
JoWilsn 2b	3	1	3	0	Forsyth ph	1	0	1	0
Morlnd ph	1	0	0	0	Hanign c	0	0	0	0
					YEscor ss	3	1	1	1
Totals	34	4	9	4	Totals	28	5	7	5

Texas ....210 100 000—4
Tampa Bay ....001 200 02x—5

DP—Texas 1. LOB—Texas 6, Tampa Bay 5. 2B—Rios (2), Loney 2 (2). HR—Joyce (1), Y.Escobar (1). SB—Andrus (1). S—L.Martin, Zobrist. SF—Choo.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
N.Martinez	6	4	3	3	3	[illegible]
Frasor	1	2	0	0	0	[illegible]
Cotts L,0-1	1	1	2	2	2	[illegible]
Tampa Bay						
Price	6	9	4	4	0	6
McGee	1	0	0	0	0	0
B.Gomes W,1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Balfour S,1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Price (Chirinos).
T—2:48. A—30,364 (31,042).

ANGELS 5, ASTROS 1

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Cowgill rf	3	1	1	0	Villar ss	4	0	1	0
Calhon ph-rf	2	0	1	1	Grssmn cf	4	0	0	0
Trout cf	5	0	1	0	Altuve 2b	3	1	1	0
Pujols 1b	4	0	1	0	Guzmn lf	4	0	0	0
Freese dh	4	2	2	1	Carter 1b	4	0	0	0
JHmltn lf	5	1	3	2	MDmn dh	3	0	0	0
HKndrc 2b	5	0	2	1	Hoes rf	3	0	1	0
Iannett c	4	0	0	0	Corprn c	3	0	0	0
Aybar ss	5	1	2	0	MGnzlz 3b	3	0	1	0
JMcDnl 3b	4	0	1	0					
Totals	41	5	14	5	Totals	31	1	4	0

Los Angeles ....010 030 010—5
Houston ....100 000 000—1

E—Jo.McDonald (1), Pujols (1), Ma.Gonzalez (1). DP—Los Angeles 1, Houston 1. LOB—Los Angeles 12, Houston 4. 2B—Cowgill (1), Pujols (3), H.Kendrick (2). 3B—Aybar (1). HR—J.Hamilton (2). SB—Calhoun (1), Altuve (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
Skaggs W,1-0	8	4	1	0	1	5
J.Smith	1	0	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Keuchel L,0-1	5	8	4	4	2	5
Albers	2	2	0	0	0	2
Qualls	1	2	1	1	0	2
Fields	1	2	0	0	0	2

HBP—by Albers (Pujols).
T—3:02. A—28,515 (42,060).

MARINERS 3, ATHLETICS 1

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Almont cf	4	1	1	1	Crisp cf	3	0	1	0
BMiller ss	4	0	1	0	Dnldsn 3b	4	0	0	0
Cano 2b	3	0	2	0	Lowrie ss	4	1	2	1
Smoak 1b	4	0	0	0	Moss dh	4	0	2	0
Hart dh	4	0	0	0	Cespds lf	4	0	0	0
Seager 3b	4	1	1	0	Jaso c	4	0	1	0
Morrsn rf	3	0	1	0	Reddck rf	4	0	0	0
MSndrs rf	1	0	0	0	Barton 1b	3	0	0	0
Ackley lf	4	1	1	2	Sogard 2b	3	0	0	0
Zunino c	3	0	0	0					
Totals	34	3	7	3	Totals	33	1	6	1

Seattle ....000 030 000—3
Oakland ....000 000 001—1

LOB—Seattle 5, Oakland 6. 2B—B.Miller (2), Seager (2), Moss (2). 3B—Crisp (1). HR—Almonte (1), Ackley (1), Lowrie (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
F.Hernandez W,2-0	8 1-3	6	1	1	1	8
Rodney S,1-1	2-3	0	0	0	0	2
Oakland						
Straily L,0-1	6	6	3	3	1	7
Pomeranz	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ji.Johnson	1	1	0	0	0	2
Scribner	1	0	0	0	0	0

WP—F.Hernandez, Straily.
T—2:22. A—30,290 (35,067).

AMERICAN LEAGUE
TWINS 7, INDIANS 3

Minnesota ....302 000 002 —7 10 0
Cleveland ....001 000 002 —3 5 0

Gibson, Duensing (6), Burton (8), Perkins (9) and Pinto. Carrasco, Atchison (6), Outman (8), Pestano (9) and Y.Gomes. W—Gibson 1-0. L—Carrasco 0-1. HRs—Minnesota, Dozier (1).

BLUE JAYS 4, YANKEES 0

New York ....000 000 000 —0 7 0
Toronto ....010 000 03x —4 8 0

Pineda, Nuno (7), Phelps (7) and Cervelli; Dickey, Loup (7), Cecil (8), Santos (8) and Thole, Kratz. W—Dickey 1-1. L—Pineda 0-1. Sv—Santos (2). HRs—Toronto, Me.Cabrera (2), Bautista (3).

TIGERS 7, ORIOLES 6

Baltimore ....100 000 005 —6 10 0
Detroit ....003 022 00x —7 13 1

B.Norris, Matusz (6), Meek (7), O'Day (8) and Wieters; Porcello, E.Reed (7), Coke (9), Alburquerque (9), Nathan (9) and Avila. W—Porcello 1-0. L—B.Norris 0-1. Sv—Nathan (1). HRs—Detroit, Tor.Hunter (2).

ROYALS 4, WHITE SOX 3

Chicago ....000 010 020 —3 8 1
Kansas City ....000 210 01x —4 7 1

Danks, Downs (8), Cleto (8) and Nieto; B.Chen, Crow (7), W.Davis (8), G.Holland (9) and S.Perez. W—W.Davis 1-1. L—Downs 0-1. Sv—G.Holland (2).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
METS 6, REDS 3

Cincinnati ....000 010 020 —3 7 1
New York ....000 002 004 —6 6 0

Cueto, LeCure (8), Hoover (9) and Barnhart; Gee, Rice (8), C.Torres (9) and Recker. W—C.Torres 1-0. L—Hoover 1-1. HRs—Cincinnati, Ludwick (1), Phillips (1). New York, Granderson (1), I.Davis (1).

PHILLIES 2, CUBS 0

Philadelphia ....100 100 000 —2 7 0
Chicago ....000 000 000 —0 10 0

Cl.Lee, Diekman (8), Papelbon (9) and Nieves; Samardzija, Russell (8), Grimm (8) and Castillo. W—Cl.Lee 2-0. L—Samardzija 0-1. Sv—Papelbon (1). HRs—Philadelphia, Utley (2).

GIANTS 7, DODGERS 2

San Francisco ....010 141 000 —7 11 0
Los Angeles ....010 000 100 —2 9 0

Bumgarner, Casilla (7), Petit (9) and Posey; Maholm, J.Dominguez (5), P.Rodriguez (6), C.Perez (7), Howell (8), Jansen (9), J.Wright (9) and A.Ellis. W—Bumgarner 1-0. L—Maholm 0-1. HRs—San Francisco, Morse (1), Sandoval (1), Posey (2).

CARDINALS 6, PIRATES 1

St. Louis ....300 001 002 —6 8 0
Pittsburgh ....001 000 000 —1 6 0

J.Kelly, C.Martinez (6), Siegrist (8), Neshek (9) and Y.Molina; Liriano, J.Gomez (7) and R.Martin. W—J.Kelly 1-0. L—Liriano 0-1. HRs—St. Louis, Y.Molina (2), Jh.Peralta (2).

BRAVES 6, NATIONALS 2

Atlanta ....000 240 000 —6 13 0
Washington ....200 000 000 —2 5 2

Teheran, Thomas (8), J.Walden (9) and Doumit; Strasburg, Barrett (5), Detwiler (6), Blevins (8), Storen (9) and Lobaton. W—Teheran 1-1. L—Strasburg 0-1. HRs—Washington, LaRoche (2).

MARLINS 5, PADRES 0

San Diego ....000 000 000 —0 5 0
Miami ....001 001 12x —5 10 1

Cashner, Thayer (7), Benoit (8), Vincent (8) and Rivera; Hundley, Fernandez, A.Ramos (7), M.Dunn (8), Marmol (9) and Saltalamacchia. W—Fernandez 2-0. L—Cashner 0-1.

ROCKIES 9, DIAMONDBACKS 4

Arizona ....112 000 000 —4 6 0
Colorado ....000 321 12x —9 12 2

McCarthy, Rowland-Smith (7), Harris (8) and Montero; J.De La Rosa, Kahnle (5), Ottavino (7), Brothers (8), Hawkins (9) and Pacheco. W—Kahnle 1-0. L—McCarthy 0-1. HRs—Arizona, Trumbo (4). Colorado, Cuddyer (2), Arenado 2 (2).

INTERLEAGUE
BREWERS 7, RED SOX 6, 11 INNINGS

Milwaukee ....123 000 000 01 —7 19 2
Boston ....023 001 000 00 —6 7 2

W.Peralta, Henderson (6), Duke (6), Kintzler (7), W.Smith (9), Thornburg (10), Fr.Rodriguez (11) and Maldonado; Buchholz, Capuano (5), Workman (7), Uehara (9), Tazawa (10), Badenhop (11), A.Miller (11) and Pierzynski. W—Thornburg 1-0. L—Badenhop 0-1. Sv—Fr.Rodriguez (2). HRs—Milwaukee, Mar.Reynolds (1), C.Gomez (2). Boston, Napoli (2).

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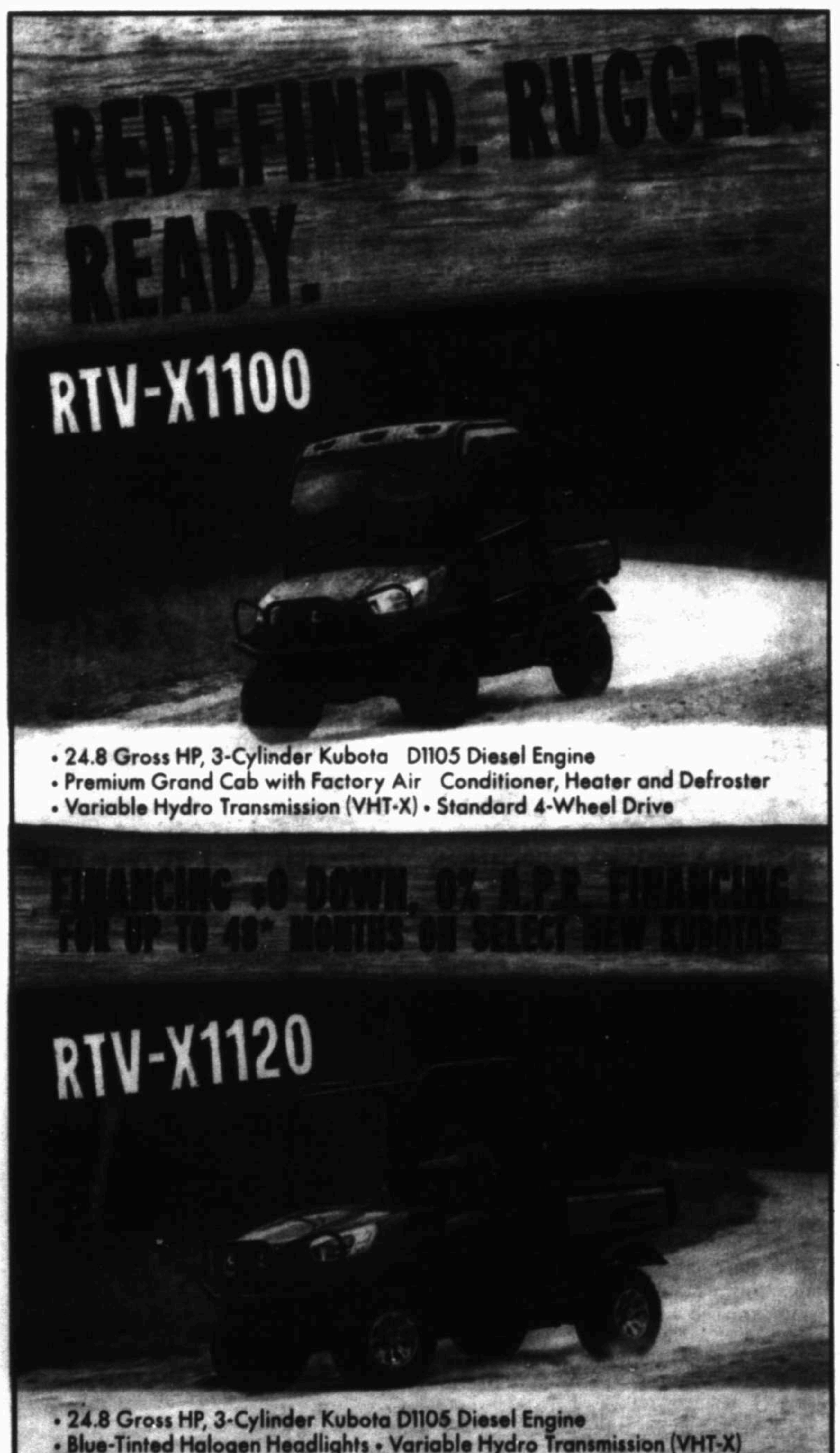

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Please check your ad the first day it appears, and, if you find a mistake, please call our office at 682-6222 so we can correct the error immediately. This will ensure that your ad is exactly what you want readers to see. If an error does occur, you can choose to rerun your ad once for free, or we'll gladly refund the cost of the portion of the ad affected by the error. If an ad is inadvertently omitted, we will assume liability up to the cost of the ad itself – consequently, we will publish your ad in our next available edition or refund the price you have paid.

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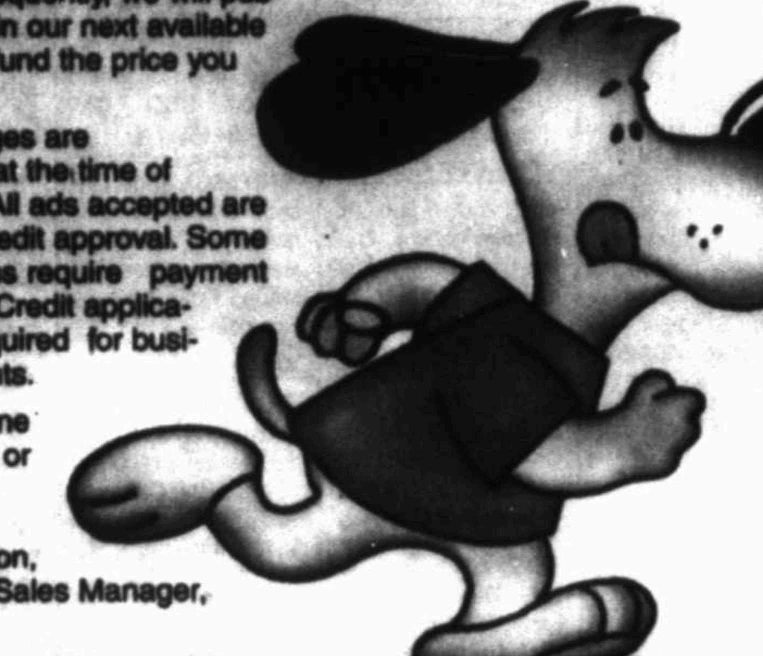

DEADLINES

WORD ADS:

PUBLISHES ON	DEADLINE IS
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Monday	5p.m. Friday

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PUBLISHES ON	DEADLINE IS
Wednesday	3p.m. Monday
Thursday	3p.m. Tuesday
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Surprise your child, parent, or special friend with a Happy Ad!

Happy Birthday! Congratulations! Welcome Home! Graduation Day!

We'll help you design something unique and publish it in the Midland Reporter-Telegram Classifieds...whatever the occasion!

Publish a special memorial to mark the passing of a loved one with an "In Memory Of" ad. Include a poem, prayer, and/or the names of all who care. Also, express your appreciation to everyone who brought food, sent flowers, or was there for you when you needed them most with a "Card of Thanks." We'll help you design a respectful, thoughtful ad.

Ads containing art or photos need to be in our office 2 working days before the ad is to be published and we ask that you pay in advance.

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Legal & Public Notices

COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting competitive sealed Bids. The Bid R18CB2014-15 is for the 2014-2015 Region 18 ESC Purchasing Cooperative Catalog Bid for the period of June 23, 2014 to June 22, 2015. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained beginning April 4, 2013 at Region 18 ESC, by download from the "Public Information- Request for Proposals" page of the Region 18 ESC website at www.esc18.net or by contacting John Burdsal, Purchasing Specialist, at 432-561-4335 or jburdsal@esc18.net. Please address any questions regarding the specifics of this bid to John Burdsal. Address sealed Bid R18CB2014-15 to John Burdsal, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580, Midland, Texas 79711. Proposals will be received at the above address until 3:00 p.m., May 20, 2014. Region 18 ESC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., April 16, 2014 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 7714-14

For: Playground and Recreational Equipment

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

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During the month of April join us in support of

National Safe Digging Month

Call 811 before EVERY dig

National Safe Digging Month was designated to remind residents that our land is made up of a complex underground infrastructure of pipelines, wires and cables. Striking an underground utility line while digging can cause harm to you or those around you, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood and potentially result in fines and repair costs.

811 Know what's below. Call before you dig.

Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Trustees of the Midland Independent School District will receive bids on Ice Cream Products for delivery to all 35 MISD school for the 2013-2015 school year. Sealed bids will be received until **1:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 22, 2014**, at which time they will be opened and tabulated in the Child Nutrition Services Office, 801 S. Moran; Bldg. 2, Midland, Texas 79701. Questions on the bids are to be addressed to:

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MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
801 S. MORAN; BLDG. 2,
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701
432-689-1525
Michelle.helms@midlandisd.net

Request For Bids

Lee Lewis Construction, Inc., as construction manager, will be receiving bids for the Ector County ISD Permian High School Phase 1 Tennis Courts & Parking Lots, and Phase 2 Additions & Renovations including a two-story academic wing, practice gym, locker rooms, band hall and tennis facility.

A Pre-Bid meeting will be at 2:30 PM April 9, 2014 at the Permian High School Library.

Bids are due by 3:00 PM on April 24, 2014

Location:
Lee Lewis Construction, Inc.
7810 Orlando Ave
Lubbock, Texas 79423
Phone: 806-797-8400
Fax: 806-797-8492

Bid packages will be available at the following locations:
AGC Plan Rooms & Dodge Plan Rooms - Lubbock, Odessa, Midland
Lee Lewis Construction - Lubbock, Texas
Website: http://leelewis.thomasrepro.com

Lee Lewis Construction specifically invites Small Business Concerns and Women Owned Business Concerns and Small Business Concerns Owned/Controlled By Socially And Economically Disadvantaged Individuals to bid this project.

ADVERTISEMENT

Sealed proposals addressed to Greenwood Independent School District will be received at Greenwood ISD Central Office, 2700 FM 1379, Midland, Texas 79706 until May 6, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. for Water System Improvements, New Potable Water Wells and Water Line.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at Greenwood ISD Central Office. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to Greenwood ISD for action at a later date.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file at Greenwood ISD and the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423.

Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock Texas, 79423 (Phone 806 473 2200) as follows:

1. Download documents (.pdf file extension format) from PSC's Info Exchange web site after registering as a plan holder with issuing PSC office. **There is no cost or deposit required for this option.**
2. One set of paper copies for a non-refundable deposit of $50.00.
3. A digital copy (.pdf file extension format) upon a non-refundable deposit of $20.00 per each CD.

Deposit shall be Company check or cashiers' check made payable to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. No partial sets will be issued.

Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at **2:00 P.M., Thursday, April 17, 2014**, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, to consider **VARIANCES** to the City Code concerning height limitations requirement in close proximity to Midland International Airport on the following properties:

Case ZBA 14-027: T&P RR Co Survey 42, A-802, Blk. 40, Midland Co., TX (ST W 4306A Well)

Case ZBA 14-028: T&P RR Co Survey 8, A-700, Blk. 40, Midland Co., TX (ST S 803 Well)

Case ZBA 14-029: T&P RR Co Survey 41, A-260, Blk. 40, Midland Co., TX (ST 4101H Well)

Case ZBA 14-030: T&P RR Co Survey 45, A-262, Blk. 40, Midland Co., TX (ST 3907LS Well)

Case ZBA 14-031: T&P RR Co Survey 44, A-800, Blk. 40, Midland Co., TX (ST 4401H Well)

Case ZBA 14-032: T&P RR Co Survey 41, A-800, Blk. 44, Midland Co., TX (ST 4109LS Well)

VARIANCES: To the City Code concerning the height limitations for temporary Oil Well Drilling Equipment

If any further information is desired, please feel free to contact the Building Official at (432) 685-7388.

Steve Thorpe
Building Official
City of Midland

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING for FM 1788 Midland County

Texas Department of Transportation

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public hearing on the proposed widening of Farm-to-Market (FM) 1788 west of Midland. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at The Center for Energy and Economic Diversification (CEED) Building, 1400 FM 1788, Midland, Texas. Displays will be available for viewing beginning at 5:30 p.m. **Presentation will commence at 6:00 p.m.**

The proposed project would widen FM 1788 from a two-lane facility to a five-lane facility from State Highway (SH) 191 to SH 349, and from a two-lane facility to a three-lane facility from SH 349 to north of SH 158, a distance of approximately 5.5 miles. The existing right of way width varies from 120 feet to 520 feet, and no new right of way will be needed. No relocation of residences and businesses are expected. The project does not encroach on a wetland, or sole-source aquifer recharge zone. The project is located within a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated 100-year floodplain associated with Jal Draw. The proposed project would not increase the base flood elevation to a level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations and ordinances.

This project is needed because of inadequate roadway capacity for current and projected traffic demands. The purpose of this project is to improve capacity and relieve congestion.

Design drawings, environmental documentation, and other information about the proposed project will be available for review at the public hearing along with project personnel to help answer any questions. In addition, this information will be available for public review beginning five (5) business days prior to the hearing at the Odessa District Office of the Texas Department of Transportation, 3901 East Highway 80 in Odessa, Texas. No tentative construction schedule is available at this time.

Verbal and written comments may be presented at the hearing or submitted within 10 business days after the hearing. Written comments may be submitted to the attention of: Gabriel A. Ramirez, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation, Odessa District, 3901 East Highway 80, Odessa, Texas 79761. They must be received by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 6, 2014 to be included with the official public hearing summary for the project.

Persons interested in attending the hearing who have special communication needs, including requests for language interpreters, or physical needs should contact Gene Powell at (432) 498-4746 at least two business days prior to the hearing. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

General Announcements

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Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

Midland Independent School District will receive sealed bids for the Child Nutrition Services Department, Produce and Weekly Usage Items, for the 2014-2015 School Year. Bids are to be addressed to **Michelle Helms, Director of Child Nutrition Services, 801 S. Moran Street, Building #2, Midland, TX 79701. Bids will be received at the above address until 2:00 p.m. CDT, Wednesday, May 7, 2014**, at which time they will be opened and tabulated. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling Michelle Helms at (432) 689-1525 or e-mail michelle.helms@midlandisd.net

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Trustees of the Midland Independent School District will receive bids on small equipment kitchen supplies for the 2014-2016 school years on a "Drop Ship" basis. Sealed bids will be received until **2:30 P.M., Tuesday, April 22, 2014**, at which time they will be opened and tabulated in the Child Nutrition Services Office, 801 S. Moran; Bldg. 2, Midland, Texas 79701. Questions on the bids are to be addressed to:

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PUBLIC NOTICE PROPOSAL #2014-019

Midland College District is accepting competitive sealed proposals for its Property/Casualty and Workers Compensation insurance. The College's current policy expires September 1, 2014. A proposer's questionnaire may be obtained from the College's consultant, Robert V. Reim Company by an e-mail request to bobreim@robertreim.com. All proposers will be qualified and insurance companies will be assigned. The completed questionnaire must be returned by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2014. **Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 4, 2014** in the Purchasing Office, located at 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, Texas, at which time they will be opened and the vendor names read into record. A final determination will be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids submitted.

LEGAL NOTICE

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Bid No. 7759-14

For: Backhoe Trailer, Skid Steer Trailer, and Gooseneck Dump Trailer

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

Lost & Found

FOUND FEMALE Blue Heeler 4 to 6 months old area of City Bank @ Wadley & Big Spring. With red collar. 432-260-8535

FOUND FEMALE DACHSHUND at 'D' & Golf. 432-770-7719

FOUND YOUNG black dog with white chest. Appears to be mixed breed with some Border Collie or Lab and around 6 mos. to a year old. Very sweet and energetic. Call 432-352-0253 to identify.

LOST ENGAGEMENT ring & diamond wedding band, corner of A street & Missouri area. Large reward. 432-559-8314

LOST OLDER black Poodle, very small. Lost from Princeton & J streets. Sunday night. Please call 432-661-9090

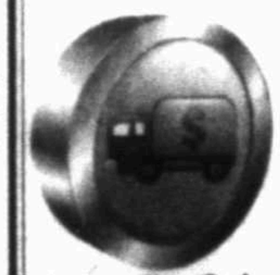
REWARD Lost black male cocker spaniel white on face & chest. Area of Kessie and Illinois. Needs medication. Call 432-553-4564

Business Center

Business Opportunity

DVDNOW 250 Kiosk complete with over 200 recent movies in inventory and flat screen tv. Excellent opportunity in DVD rentals for extra income, ideal in an apartment complex, man camp or store in a small community or town. $10,000. Excellent condition. Purchased for $25,000. Call 432-559-0748

Investment Opportunity 901 Canyon Midland 2 bdrm/full bath enclosed garage large fenced corner lot close to elementary. For sale by owner/NO owner financing AS IS - FIX or FLIP IT! $77k call 512-355-2745



Autos For Sale or Lease

Passenger Cars

2000 DODGE Stratus needs work. Will run $900 432-682-3614

2003 MUSTANG V6, auto, 99k miles, red, all power, Cruise. Excellent tires. Spoiler. Paint is good not great. Good AC & heat. AM/FM/CD great sound. Runs & rides great. $5,250. 432-638-0161

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Trustees of the Midland Independent School District will receive bids on Cleaning and Paper supplies for the 2014-2016 school years on a "Drop Ship" basis. Sealed bids will be received until **1:30 P.M., Tuesday, April 22, 2014**, at which time they will be opened and tabulated in the Child Nutrition Services Office, 801 S. Moran; Bldg. 2, Midland, Texas 79701. Questions on the bids are to be addressed to:

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Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Trustees of the Midland Independent School District will receive bids on Dairy Products for delivery to all 35 MISD school for the 2014-2015 school year. Sealed bids will be received until **2:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 22, 2014**, at which time they will be opened and tabulated in the Child Nutrition Services Office, 801 S. Moran; Bldg. 2, Midland, Texas 79701. Questions on the bids are to be addressed to:

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Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0287671
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jan. 30, 2014 — Status/Permit No. 779497
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, April 18, 2014.
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 17, Bk. 39, T2S, T&P, RR CO Survey, A-314, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 4.5 miles SW direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, YOU MUST FILL OUT, SIGN AND MAIL, FAX, E-MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE AUSTIN OFFICE OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS THE ENCLOSED NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST. A COPY OF THE INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST ALSO BE MAILED, DELIVERED, FAXED OR E-MAILED ON THE SAME DATE TO THE APPLICANT AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON THE SERVICE LIST. THIS INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON:

Apr 18, 2014

IMPORTANT: THE MAILBOX RULE DOES NOT APPLY. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO FILE A PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY, TO BE EFFECTIVE THE DAY FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF SUCH 21 DAY PERIOD.

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name:	ERNEST 'A'
Lease/Unit Well No.:	4
Lease/Unit Acres:	164.8
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	660.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	1298.0

Lease Lines:	660.0 F SOUTH L,	718.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines:	660.0 F SOUTH L,	1980.0 F EAST L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 2 additional fields: (1) BRADFORD RANCH (STRAWN), (2) PARSLEY (ATOKA). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for these fields.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

BRADFORD RANCH (STRAWN): OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

PARSLEY (ATOKA): OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11,400 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, NORMA DONOVAN, at (972) 969-3643.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES FILED AT COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been scheduled to be held before the City Council, City of Midland, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, at 10:30 A.M., o'clock on the April 22, 2014. At this hearing the City Council will consider an Ordinance requiring the removal or demolition of the buildings(s) or structure(s) located on the below referenced properties for the reason that the building(s) or structure(s) located on said property fails to comply with the minimum standards for the intended use and occupancy of the building, as provided in Title IV, Chapter 9 of the Midland City Code, at which hearing the owners, mortgagee or lienholder of the properties that appear below or persons interested are hereby notified to appear and testify as to the issue to be decided.

ADDRESS	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	OWNER
500 N. LAMESA RD. BLK	005, LOT: 007 ADDN: MOODY	JUAREZ BENITA ASSN ALBIN RODRIGUEZ 707 E TENNESSEE AVE MIDLAND, TX 79701-4824
105 E. LOUISIANA AV	BLK: 014, S.90 OF SW/4 ADDN: HOMESTEAD	DAVID ARRIOLA III 809 N TYLER MIDLAND, TX 79701
608 S. JACKSON ST	BLK: 061, LOT: 005 ADDN: MOODY	JAMES H LISTER 1401 E PENNSYLVANIA AVE MIDLAND, TX 79701-8343
701 N. CALHOUN ST	BLK: 004, LOT: 012 ADDN: NUEVA LA JOLLA	JOSE M HERRERA SR 1507 S TERRELL ST MIDLAND, TX 79701-7473
102 S. MADISON ST	BLK: 032, LOT: 002 ADDN: MOODY	WENDELL THOMAS 100 S MADISON ST MIDLAND, TX 79701
427 W. SPRUCE AV	BLK: 010, LOT: 014 ADDN: KELVIEW HEIGHTS	ALLAN EDSON 403 W DORMARD MIDLAND, TX 79705
506 S. TYLER ST	BLK: 054, LOT: 004 ADDN: MOODY	JUAN CABRERA & CINDY PEREZ 8501 W DUNN 140 ODESSA, TX 79763
708 E. TEXAS AV.	BLK: 047, LOT: 001 N.50 ADDN: ORIGINAL TOWN	WENDELL LAY THOMAS 207 N MADISON ST MIDLAND, TX 79701 4947
710 N. MAIN ST.	BLK: 014, N.50 OF NW/4 ADDN: HOMESTEAD	CANDACE MILLER 710 N MAIN MIDLAND, TX 79701
901 N. WEATHERFORD ST.	BLKS: 5 THRU 8 (RESUB), LOT: 015 ADDN: CARROLL & MAGEE	RUTH WILSON 1505 S WEATHERFORD ST MIDLAND, TX 79701-7417
1408 WAYSIDE DR.	BLK: 004, LOT: 005 ADDN: CAROL CREST, (UNRECORDED), SEC 1 BLK 39-T2S	MARCOS MIGUEL ZARAGOZA 1412 WAYSIDE DR MIDLAND, TX 79701
1509 S. DALLAS ST.	BLK: 029, LOT: 018 ADDN: SOUTH PARK	FRANCISCO J LOZANO 1509 S DALLAS ST MIDLAND, TX 79701 7436
303 MAPLE AV.	BLK: 014, LOT: 007 ADDN: LOMA LINDA	CHARLES E WAITES 309 MAPLE AVE MIDLAND, TX 79705
507 S. MADISON ST.	BLK: 052, LOTS: 009 & 10 ADDN: PARK AVENUE	CAROL J MORRIS ET AL 507 S MADISON ST MIDLAND, TX 79701

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Passenger Cars

2005 LEXUS LS 62K miles. Loaded. All service records. Recent Michelin tires. Just serviced. $18,000. Call 432-296-1446

2006 BMW 335I. 4dr Maroon, black interior. Twin Turbo straight 6. Excellent condition. Private Party sell. 87,300 miles, extended warranty is available. Asking $17,000. 432-894-8331

2008 CADILLAC DTS, great condition, 1 owner, garaged. See at 3930 Fairwood CT. $15,500. 432-553-3248, 432-683-7679.

2008 HONDA Accord LX, fully loaded. 56K miles. Asking $14,000 Call 432-559-6050

2010 FORD Fusion SE, V6, 97K miles, dark gray, excellent condition $8,300. 556-1901

BMW 2013 128-I Coupe, white with black leather, auto, 4 wheel drive, sport package, sunroof, push start, well maintained w/ all records, excellent condition, 14k mi., non smoker, 1 owner, under warranty, new tires, $28,500 OBO. 432-770-1000

Buick 2008 LaCrosse, 4 door, V6, 106,000 mileage, satellite radio, no dents or dings. $8300. Call 432-694-3318

CADILLAC 2006 DTS. 4 Dr sedan, leather, V8, FWD. We Finance bnbmidlandtx.com 683-6222

CAMARO 2002 T Top, V6, white, limited edition, excellent condition, low mileage $7,500. 432-638-6825, call after 5pm.

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CHRYSLER 2006 Crossfire Limited, silver, coupe, 6 speed, 19,000 miles REDUCED TO $10,000 Call 432-697-1245

CHRYSLER 2011 300 LM. 4 door sedan. 6 cycl., gray with leather interior, fully loaded, 34,509 miles. Excellent condition. 1 owner, $20K. Call 432-553-5939

FORD 1987 Mustang LX Convertible. V8, Auto, Leather, Must See. We Finance-wac bnbmidlandtx.com 683-6222

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Furniture

BROWN SOFA $350, Wing Chair $75, bamboo chair, bed side table and area rugs. Call for pictures 432-664-4356

Appliances

We buy broken appliances w/ free removal. Also we repair appliances. 432-570-8278

Furniture

DINETTE TABLE w/ 6 wooden chairs with orange cushions. $400. Call 432-682-9631 or 741-1288

Home Items

OAK CHINA hutch $400, walker and transport chair $80, exercise bike $70, large dog crates $50 ea., Champion juicer $100, Rebath walk in tub $4000. Call 432-889-4074

Miscellaneous for Sale

FAST TREES grow 8ft-10ft yearly, $17-$22 delivered. View brochure online at www.fasttrees.com or call 509-447-4181.

Fax It.. 682-6999

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UNDER-COVER JOB HUNT

By PATRICIA RIVERA
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Secrets are harder to hide in a digital world. Like when you're looking for a job while still employed.

"People today, especially young people, are very free with their personal information and post to places like Facebook," says Elliot Lasson, executive director of Joblink of Maryland, Inc., a non-profit recruitment organization in the Baltimore area.

Colleagues or supervisors could easily spot these types of personal updates on social media sites. Also, if you speak negatively about your current workplace, prospective employers might discard your application.

"No potential future employer wants to see someone badmouthing a current employer, since they might be next in line," Lasson says. Thus, discretion is crucial when job hunting.

Jennifer Suarez, a career and business coach in New Jersey, suggests scouring for jobs that fit who you are.

"Once you've identified that there is a job you are interested in, see if you know someone who can make a discreet introduction," she says. If not, send a resume confidentially to the recruiting team. Consider the risks of applying online, especially if you are in a senior position.

Also, network by reaching out to relationships as well as building new ones to talk about the industry and industry changes. Express that you are happy where you are, but you are taking inventory and doing some career planning.

Suarez adds that you should reach out to headhunters that you feel you can trust. Make it clear to them that your search is discreet.

Lasson adds that you should be selective about who you tell that you are looking. Some people are experienced gossipers. Other tips from Lasson:

- Don't engage in electronic job search while on-the-clock at work and on the company's PC. This includes sending a resume from your work email account. These things can be tracked during and after the fact.
- Do most of your searching on various websites at home or in the public library.
- Don't use your current work email address on your resume.
- Do take care in scheduling job interviews so as not to conflict with your current work schedule and assignments.
- Don't ignore the fact that on LinkedIn your status posts or changes to your profile will be seen by your network, which could include people that you work with.
- Do let potential future employers know that your current company is ing and ask them to respect confidentiality.
- Don't include your current boss in your list of references, until a job offer to the new company is made.

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TO NEGOTIATE OR NOT TO NEGOTIATE?

THAT IS THE QUESTION. BUT THE ANSWER IS USUALLY WHEN IT'S APPROPRIATE.

By CHRIS GELBACH
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When it comes to job offer negotiations, people's views vary. Some think you should negotiate no matter what. But in the wake of the Great Recession, others are terrified of negotiating at all. Every job offer is a unique event, but the best approach is often well between the two extremes.

G. Richard Shell, Wharton School professor and author of "Bargaining for Advantage: Negotiation Strategies for Reasonable People" (Penguin Books, 2006), recommends that people step back and ask themselves two questions before negotiating a job offer: "Do I want the job?" and "What are my goals?"

"People think it's all about salary," says Shell. "They forget that their No. 1 goal is to live in San Francisco or work in the tech sector or have a job that will allow them to work from home. If you lay out your goals, you can see what you ought to be negotiating."

One of the biggest mistakes people make is trying to negotiate before they have a job offer. "There's no more fatal way to present yourself than to assume you're going to get the job," says Shell.

The dynamic changes once the offer is extended, according to Lee E. Miller, author of "Get More Money on Your Next Job... In Any Economy." (McGraw-Hill, 2009) "When you want somebody, you want somebody," says Miller, a former human resources executive. "It doesn't matter that there were several other people in the running before. Once you've made that choice, you've got psychological incentive to make it happen."

Miller also stresses that most recruiters, HR executives and hiring managers don't give you their best offer up front because they expect you to negotiate. For high-level roles, a failure to negotiate may even be viewed as a red flag. "If you don't show that you can take care of your own interests, they wonder whether they've actually made the right hire," Miller says.

But the appropriateness of negotiation depends greatly on the level of the role and whether you bring special skills to it. "If you're a Ph.D. in physics being hired to be a waiter, you're probably not going to negotiate anything," says Shell. "If you're a Ph.D. in physics and you're being hired on Wall Street, then you probably should negotiate because not many people are bringing that kind of firepower to the financial services industry."

When negotiating salary, go in knowing industry standards for your position and experience, and how the company normally arranges its salary and benefits. "You don't want to ask for things that they never or very rarely give," says Miller. "Only negotiate things that are possible at that company and preferably that aren't too difficult to get."

Stock options or stock may be easier for a startup to give, while education benefits or bonus opportunities might be more plausible at a more established company. These negotiations should always be done face to face, and with your future boss instead of human resources when possible.

When negotiating, "treat it as a problem to be solved, not as a war to be won," says Shell. Once the problem is on the table, be flexible. If the problem's money and a higher salary is not possible, higher relocation expenses, a quicker salary review or a larger equipment allowance payment might be. "Spread it out a little so there are more moving parts," Shell says.

If you're unemployed, you can still negotiate once you have an offer. "And it will don't think so, just don't make it a demand," says Miller. Phrase it as, 'Could you do this?' or 'I was thinking about this. Would that be possible?'

Just be sure you're negotiating for something that actually matters. "Sometimes people come to me and say, 'Well, I've got this great offer, it's better than average, it's where I want to be, it's doing what I love to do, how can I negotiate it?' In that case, don't negotiate. Sometimes," says Shell.

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INTERNSHIPS

HIGH SCHOOL INTERNS ON THE RISE

Ambitious college students need sharp elbows to nudge out the competition for internships: high schoolers.

A total of 172 high school students, 4,597 college students and 326 employers responded to an online survey conducted recently by Internships.com and consulting firm Millennial Branding.

The respondents were "representatives of the millions of registered users of Internships.com," reports Yair Reimer, vice president of Internships.com.

The survey found that 60 percent of employers agree that students will need to focus on their careers in high school to complete for internships and jobs in the future.

The majority of high schoolers and college students – who were reporting on their high school experience – said that their parents pushed for them to find internships.

Early internship interest may be stronger in some locales than others.

"Students are extremely interested in this option," observes Timothy Conway, director of school counseling at Lakeland Regional High School in Wanaque, N.J., who adds that "being in northern New Jersey and near New York City, this may be easier for us than others."

However, in Lincoln, Nebraska, interest from area companies in acquiring high school interns is generally minimal, reports Ruth Lohmeyer, counseling center team leader at Northeast High School.

Currently, just two employers – one a hospital and one an engineering firm – are offering internships to high school students through the non-profit Nebraska Career Connections, Lohmeyer says.

According to the survey, the three top reasons why companies are offering high school internships are to support local high schools, gain new ideas and to find future college interns.

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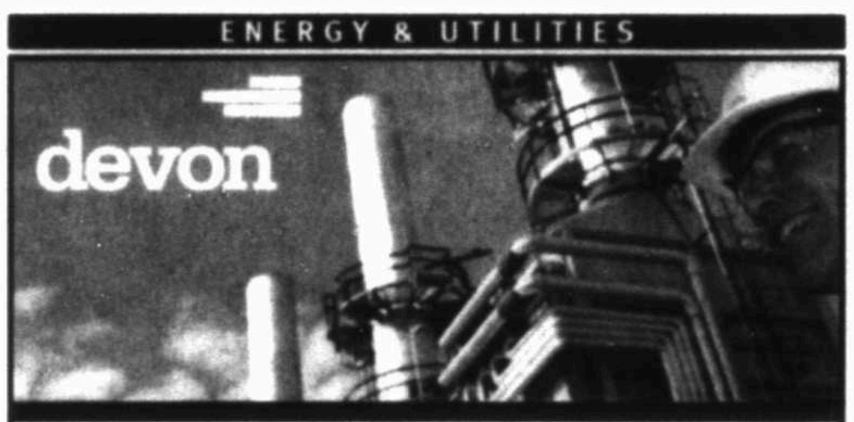

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These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

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Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

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HEALTHCARE

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Registered Physician Nurse – Full Time
Minimum of three years nursing experience
Experience in oncology environment preferred, but not required

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Medical Experience a plus, but not required

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LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

POLICE OFFICER

The Lamesa Police Department desires quality progressive team players to meet the challenges of an ever changing and expanding community oriented policing environment. Successful candidates will join a team of dedicated, well-trained and enthusiastic professionals who take pride in improving the quality of life for all citizens of Lamesa. Under the general supervision of Shift Sergeant. The Patrol Officer is the first to respond on all calls and do the primary investigation. Incumbent will handle traffic and crowd control, patrol the city for security, enforce state laws and city ordinances, answer calls for assistance from the public, protect physical evidence at the scene, advice suspects of their legal and civil rights. Applicants should possess a current TCLEOSE certification (or be able to obtain it by date of appointment), Texas Class C driver's license, and a High School Diploma. Must be a US citizen with no Misdemeanor or Felony convictions. Applicants must pass an oral assessment. Successful applicants are subject to a background investigation, medical and drug screen, and prior to employment. Application can be downloaded from city website, **ci.lamesa.tx.us**. Contact Irma Ramirez, Personnel Director **(806)872-4326**, fax **(806)872-4341** or email to **iramirez@ci.lamesa.tx.us**. The City of Lamesa provides excellent benefits and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Multiple Positions Available

Midland County has the following positions available:
***Elections Administrator *Network Administrator *Jailers *CJAC Coordinator *Equipment Operators *Detention Officer Juvenile *Supervision Officer Pretrial *Emergency Management Investigator *Probation Officers Juvenile *Part-Time Youth Services Library Clerk.**
Please see our website:
www.co.midland.tx.us/departments/hr/pages/Employment for more details and applications. To be considered you must send a completed application with job reference number to Midland County Human Resources Office, **500 N. Loraine St., Ste. 100 Midland, TX 79701** or **hr@co.midland.tx.us**.

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Emergency Shelter Administrator

Emergency Shelter Administrator: Full time position with benefits for a respected Child Placing Agency, High Sky Children's Ranch. Requires strong leadership skills, ability to develop a team, monitor a high volume documentation requirements, light travel and on call. Position requires a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree. Preference given to applicants with Master's in Social Work or related field. 2 years supervisory experience preferably in the Social Work field including a GRO or CPA setting. If you would like a full job description or to send a resume, contact Shawna Bowerman at shawnab@highsky.org. Position closes 4/21/14. No phone calls please.

Program Manager

PBRCADA FT
Program Manager position - Seeking motivated individual that has passion for helping families/individuals. Supervisory position for someone with experience in behavior health field and qualifications in any of the following: Bachelor's or Master's Degree; LPC, LPCI, LMSW, or LCDC. Please resume to Laurie Marquez at lmarquez@pbrcada.org

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High Sky Children's Ranch, Stay Together Program is seeking a dedicated individual interested in a career helping families and at-risk youth that are experiencing difficulties such as family conflict, runaway and truancy. Good salary, paid medical, retirement, vacation, holidays and travel. Bachelor's Degree in a related field & 1 year exp. working with children or families. 1 year of related exp. may be substituted for 1 year of college. Spanish speaking preferred. Call for app. at **432-694-7728** or print from **Highsky.org**

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A national safety and first aid company is currently seeking an **Outside B2B Sales Representative** to service customers and develop new business in the Permian Basin market. Major cities include Midland TX, Odessa TX , Hobbs NM, Carlsbad NM, Roswell NM Big Spring TX in and around these cities. As an Outside Sales Representative with Our company, you'll play an important role in our mission to keep workplaces safer, healthier and more productive. We strive to provide high quality first aid, safety, emergency and training products delivered in a way that meets each customers needs. Our products and services increase workplace safety and compliance, and drive preparedness for sudden cardiac arrest through our comprehensive AED programs. You'll enjoy uncapped commissions for doing work that's keeping our customer's employees safe and can save lives. We sell thousands of products and there is not a business that can't use something we sell. Our company, as a business partner, our customers know they are prepared to handle anything from a minor injury to a major emergency. Specifically, the job includes: -closing business-to-business deals with companies of every size and in every industry -maintaining, building and creating lasting relationships with new and existing customers within your exclusive sales territory. Please send resume to **safetysales123@gmail.com**.

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Local distribution center seeks **Outside Sales Representative.** Must be 18 years of age with clean driving record. Sales territory will include West Texas & Eastern New Mexico area. Duties will include daily deliveries and customer service to existing & newly established customers. Experience preferred but will train the right person. Send resume to **bob.moore55@yahoo.com**. EOE.

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- Excellent Communication Skills
- Excellent People Skills
- Must Pass Background and Drug Screen
- Must have valid driver's license and pass motor vehicle record test

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Confidential FT

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TECHNOLOGY

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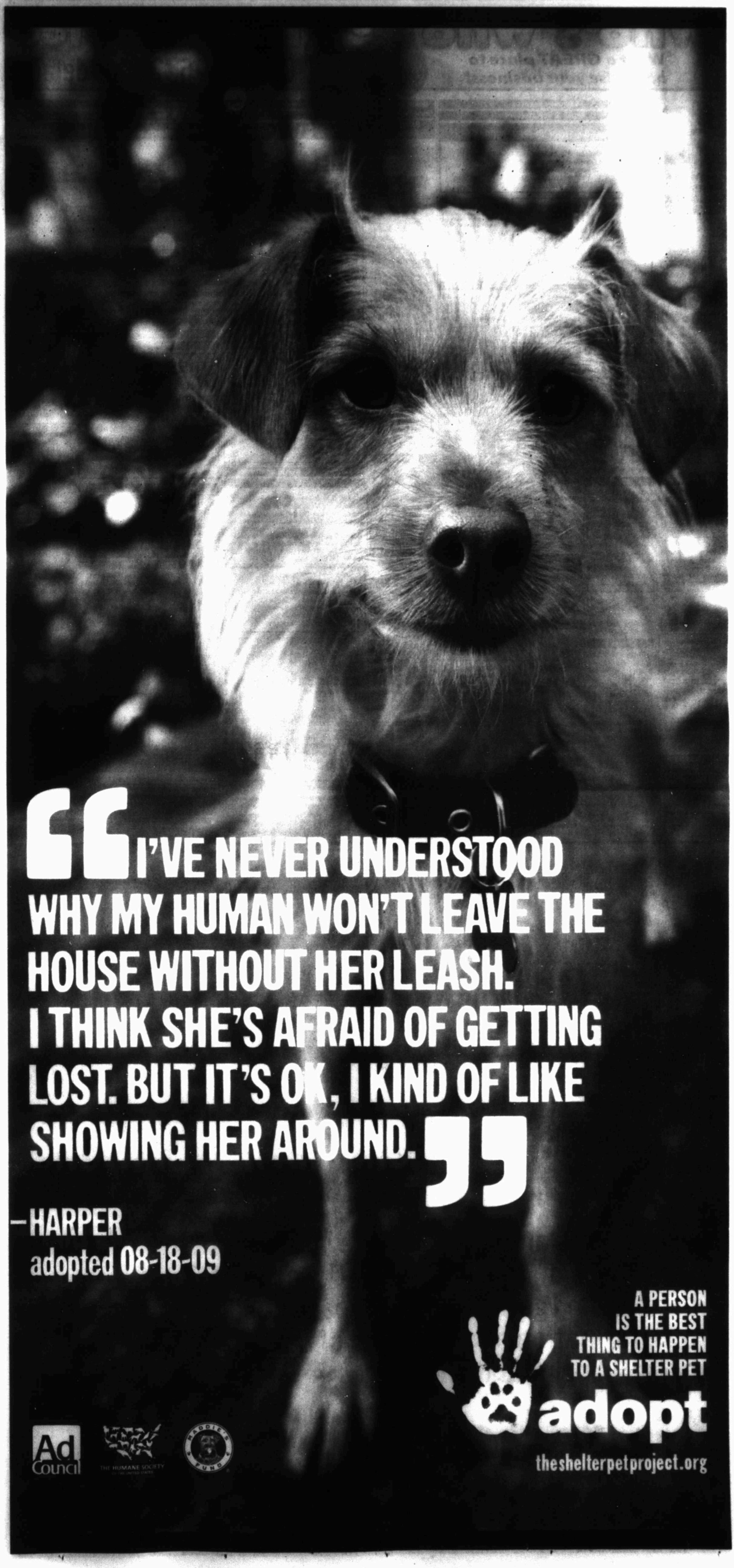
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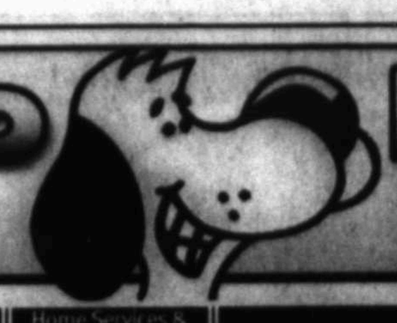

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A circular drive leads through the well manicured yard to the stone and stucco house. As the doors open to the formal living room, you will notice various roof lines, skylights, Saltillo tile throughout the main areas and windows with views to the back. A corner fireplace with gas logs begs for attention as does the gourmet kitchen on the opposite wall.

Here, granite covers the countertops and the bonus bar seating. Rich, dark stained cabinets, black appliances and a center island make this a very inviting space. Open to the formal dining area, meal service is a breeze. Exposed beams, a mirrored wall and skylights provide an elegant atmosphere for dining.

Past the kitchen, you will walk through another living area where a built-in desk allows various options for this room. A stairway leads to two additional bedrooms, each with a full bathroom. Any child would love these rooms as they are totally unique and have balconies overlooking the pool with a spiral staircase down to the yard. In addition to each having two closets, they have an extra alcove perfect for getting homework done or enjoying a place to sit and read. Back downstairs in the living area, a half-bath with an exterior door is convenient for those enjoying the pool. Continue through here to a mother-in-law suite and enjoy lounging out to the pool, a walk-in closet and full bathroom. Exterior doors give quick access to the outdoors.

To the right of the entry is a cozy living area with matching fireplace as in the formal living area. A TV can easily be placed in the built-ins to make this a great gathering place for family time. French doors open to an office where you can work at the built-in desk and enjoy a view of the front of the yard.

Continue to the master suite where windows face both the front and the back to the pool. Two large walk-in closets with cabinets and shelves will keep you organized. The large bathroom features dual dressing areas with sinks and decorative tile. A jetted tub is the perfect end to a busy day, or open the exterior door and take a dip in the pool.

The backyard is a gorgeous and inviting living space–a large porch in addition to a cabana create areas where tables and chairs can be arranged for parties and meals outside. Along the length of the pool are porch swings under a trellis for enjoying the spectacular scenery.

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Yes, paint it

You've probably heard this tip, but it's worth stressing: Painting your home is one of the easiest ways to improve the impression your home makes on buyers. You can save money and do it yourself or save time and pay someone else, but if your interior walls or exterior have seen better days, start looking at color samples.

You may only need to paint a room or two, or you might benefit most from applying a fresh coat on woodwork or doors—especially the entry door.

Go for the minor remodel

A major kitchen or bathroom remodel can cost tens of thousands of dollars. While buyers will appreciate the results, you may not recoup the cost of the work when you sell. However, you can make smaller changes—most of which are easy to do yourself—to bring an updated look that will appeal to buyers.

Consider replacing faucets, light fixtures, and cabinet and drawer pulls. You can also put in new towel holders, a new shower head, and light-switch and outlet covers. And get your REALTOR®'S opinion on the wallpaper. Replacing it might be overdue ... and worth it.

Spend some time outside

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7 Ways to Make the Most of Your Refinance

As interest rates are on the rise, many homeowners are looking to refinance now, before rates push further. While this may be a smart financial decision, it's important to remember that a successful home refinance is contingent upon a favorable appraisal.

A worthwhile refinance all begins with the appraisal, used to set the maximum amount you're allowed to borrow against your home. However, in today's market, where we've seen price adjustments in many areas, home values have stabilized sometimes leading to inaccurately low appraisals.

Below are several steps to keep in mind when embarking upon an appraisal, many of which will improve your refinancing options and save you time and money:

• Keep a close eye on fluctuations in the value of your home and the other homes in your neighborhood, paying careful attention to foreclosures in your area that may drive down the value of your home.

• Choose your lender before committing to an appraisal as the lender will serve as the liaison between you and the appraisal company.

• Appraisers use "comps" (comparable market sales) of local properties sold within the last six months to value your home. Make sure your lender, therefore, leverages their knowledge to research comps in your area before ordering the appraisal.

• If using your own appraiser, do your due diligence and have your lender cross check your choice for any potential issues that may delay the process. A good loan officer will be able to confirm your appraiser's credentials.

• Request that your loan officer work with an experienced, local appraisal company. Local appraisers have a deeper knowledge of the surrounding neighborhood and will usually be more accessible to keep the refinance process moving along.

• Make sure any major repairs are completed before moving forward with your appraisal and refinance. Structural damages will drive your home value down and can jeopardize the approval process for today's popular government-backed FHA loans.

• Rely on market value rather than tax assessments for a realistic appraisal value—in today's market, tax value and current market value may differ widely, but your lender can only go by appraisal value.

Homeowners must feel comfortable with their lender who will serve as their partner in the refinance process, and should expect their lender to clearly explain the appraisal process and all the steps for refinancing up front.

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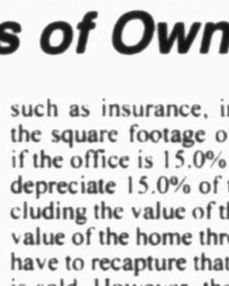
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Tax Benefits of Owning

Most consumers understand that owning a home is a great tax shelter. But most consumers do not understand how great these benefits can be. This report will outline some of the major tax benefits of owning real estate. Indeed those who don't take advantage of these benefits are missing out on the great government give-away!

The deduction of mortgage interest and property taxes. A homeowner can deduct the interest on their primary residence and second home up to a million dollars in total debt. You can deduct property taxes on homes you own as well. You can also deduct up to $100,000 in home equity debt, regardless of your use of the money. In the vast majority of the states the homeowner will receive a deduction on their state income taxes as well.

What does this mean to a typical homeowner? Simply put, the cost of a mortgage is much less than the cost of the monthly payment. For example, if the homeowner is in a 33.0% tax bracket and they are paying $3,300 monthly on their mortgage and $3,000 of this payment is comprised of interest and taxes, the payment after taxes is actually $2,300. Also, do not forget that the principal portion of the payment is a forced savings account that builds up equity as well. Therefore, more than 90.0% of the payment can be working to help your financial situation. The $2,300 payment "after taxes" is actually the rental equivalent. For this person, a payment of $2,300 in rent is the same as a $3,300 mortgage.

The sale of your home may be tax free. If the home has been your primary residence for the past two out of five years, you can exclude the gain you receive after selling your home up to $500,000 ($250,000 for singles). Therefore, you get to keep the equity you built-up through appreciation. And you can use this exclusion again and again. Try doing that after you make money in the stock market!

The home office. If you use an office in the home, you can deduct the value of the home through depreciation, as well as other expenses such as insurance, in the same percentage as the square footage of the office. For example, if the office is 15.0% of the total home, you can depreciate 15.0% of the value of the home, excluding the value of the lot. When you lower the value of the home through depreciation you will have to recapture that deduction when the home is sold. However, the annual deduction will be from individual tax rates while the gain on the sale of the home would be on the tax rate of capital gains, which is typically lower.

Owning rental properties. If you convert your present home to a rental or purchase a rental property, you can deduct losses on the rental as long as your income doesn't exceed $100,000 annually. The deduction phases out over $100,000 and disappears if your income is over $150,000. Even if your cash flow is positive, there may be a loss because you can depreciate the value of the property. The maximum loss that can be deducted is $25,000 annually.

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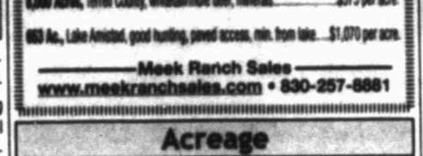

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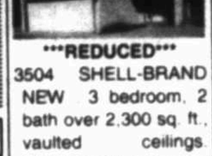

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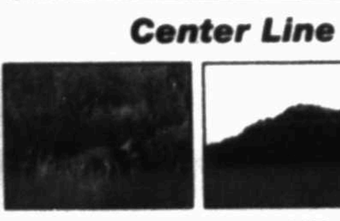

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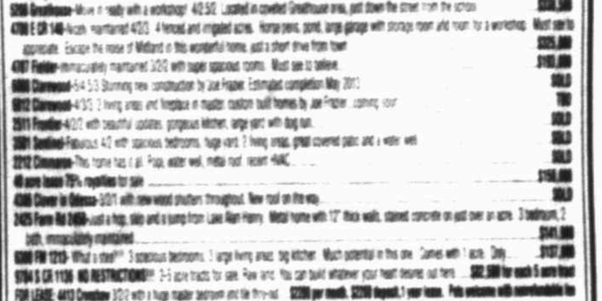

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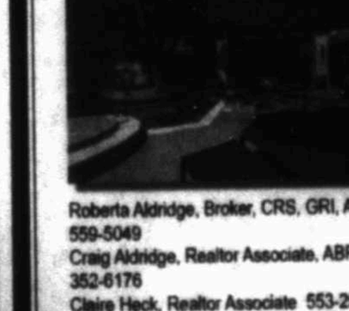

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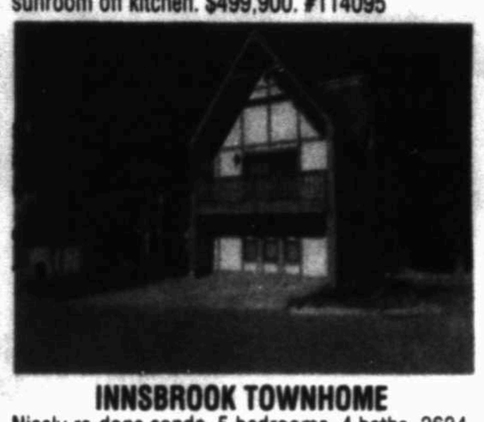

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4200 Iris- Spacious 4 bed/3.5 bath/3 living/2 dining home sits on 1.45 acres! 735 sq. ft. workshop, 2 water wells, and 4 car garage! $425,000

4704 Green Tree Blvd.-Updated 4 bed/3 bath home in Green Tree! ..... SOLD $399,900

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3029 Elderbe Ct. ODESSA-NEW!-Terrific and spacious 4 bed/2.5 bath home in Mission Pines! Huge living, den, game room, and bedrooms! 2/3/2D brick shop with cable & security system! $315,000

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3701 Timber Wolf Trail-Custom Robert Anderson 3 bed/3 bath sits on 4.82 acres! ..... SOLD $425,000

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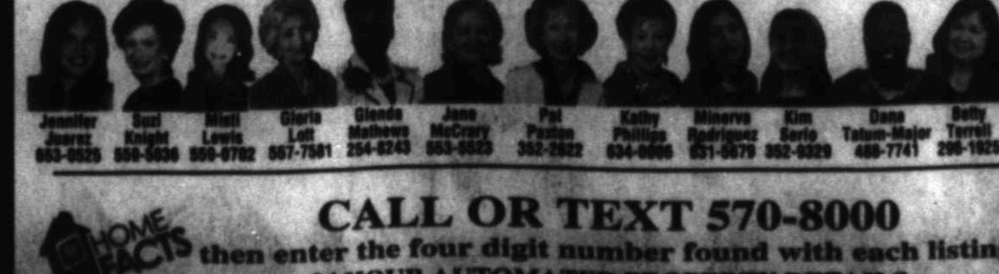

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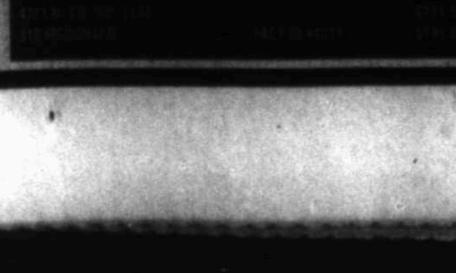

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FIRST-HOME FRUSTRATIONS

QUESTION:

We want to buy a first home. We have a joint income of $80,000 a year and no debts of any kind. A loan officer says with $25,000 for the down payment and closing costs we could get a $250,000 mortgage. We have the cash, but our problem is the monthly cost: $2,000 – a figure made high by mortgage insurance and very steep flood insurance premiums (as much as $5,000 a year because of where we live). Is now the time for us to buy a home?

ANSWER:

You get tremendous marks for saving money – that $25,000 up front – plus you have no debts. That's terrific. You no doubt have a very high credit score for the simple reason that you have a solid income, savings and no payments to miss.

You earn $80,000 a year. That's $6,666 a month. Less taxes and Social Security you bring home perhaps $4,650 in cash per month. The $2,000 payment is around 30 percent of $6,666 per month, but it's 43 percent of your spendable cash income. The monthly mortgage payment plus utilities – a separate but additional cost – would mean at first glance that you have few dollars for anything beyond housing expenses.

However, with mortgage interest, mortgage insurance and property tax deductions your income tax bill would drop significantly. That would make the monthly expense of ownership much more tolerable, but there is still a hard $2,000 monthly cost. A job loss or fewer hours could quickly drive you into foreclosure, as might new and additional expenses. A job opportunity elsewhere could be lost if you cannot sell or rent the house for enough to cover costs.

There are several ways to make this picture more attractive.

• Buy a less expensive house. This would mean a smaller mortgage and related costs.

• Put down at least 20 percent, plus closing costs. This would eliminate the need for private mortgage insurance, plus you would have a far smaller loan amount.

• Buy in an area that does not require expensive flood insurance. Ask insurance agents for a local flood map. Be aware that as a condition of having and keeping a mortgage the lender can require that you maintain flood insurance. At the same time, flood insurance costs can rise in the future, further straining your budget since coverage is required regardless of cost.

• Buy a fixer-upper. This would give you a low monthly cost, and because you would live at the property you could do much of the work yourself. Given that you have jobs this is not easy, but it is a way to build equity. Once repaired you could then stay, sell or rent the property.

As you consider these issues review your credit report and clean up any factual errors or items that are out of date. For a free credit report, go to AnnualCreditReport.com.

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HOW TO BE A GOOD CLIENT

A REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION IS A TWO-WAY STREET. KNOWING HOW TO BEST COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR AGENT WILL MAKE THEIR JOB EASIER, AND MAKE THE PROCESS OF BUYING OR SELLING HOME A LOT SMOOTHER

By ALEX GALLUCCI
CTW Features

It's no secret that technology has changed the way we communicate. But when buying or selling a home, the unwritten rules of communication might not be as clear as with friends and family. We talked to real estate agents across the country to provide you with some tips to help foster good relationships with your agent.

ARRANGE AN INTERVIEW WITH A POTENTIAL AGENT

"One of the most important things for a buyer is to find an agent they can trust," says Suzanne Granoski, a real estate agent with @home Real Estate in Alexandria, Va. By talking with potential agents first, you can ensure that person will meet your needs and is a good fit. Don't hesitate to ask for references from previous clients, she says.

Experts agree that the interview process also is a good time to set expectations as to the method and frequency of communication.

SET EXPECTATIONS

"I think people aren't prepared as clients to anticipate that their needs will change, but it often happens, both in terms of the location and in terms of the actual property that they're finding," says Virgil Frizell, a Reston, Va., agent who serves as secretary/treasurer of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors.

If you can express and communicate those changes to your agent, it will help them more appropriately fulfill those needs, says Frizell.

It's important to note that while younger generations mostly favor text or email communication, seniors often prefer to be contacted by phone, says Jim Liptak, a real estate agent in Paso Robles, Calif.

COMMUNICATE OFTEN AND OPENLY

If your agent shows you to a property that doesn't seem like a good fit, let him or her know right away. There's no need to spend a lot of time at a property that won't work for you just because your agent has taken you there, says Frizell.

In busy markets, it's important to have established methods of communication that will allow your agent to get in touch with you quickly.

"If the client isn't available within a couple hours' time, that could mean losing or gaining a piece of property," says John Kmiecik, regional vice president of the National Association of Realtors in Chicago. "A client should always feel like you're right there, that you're available and that you can interpret the information for them in the method that they want it."

USE YOUR AGENT AS A RESOURCE

Real estate websites can provide a wealth of information for those in the market for a home, but buyers must remember that the property listing services these websites offer are not always as accurate as the Multiple Listings Service agents use, says Granoski.

"The biggest problem I see a lot of buyers and sellers make is that they look at the information and they don't know how to interpret it or analyze it," Kmiecik says. "Our job is to help them take some of the information and analyze it specifically towards their needs."

Agents are legally restricted from discussing certain topics, such as crime, due to the Fair Housing Act. However, if there is a question that your agent cannot answer for you, he or she should be able to direct you to a source that can.

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BUYING

RACE AND REAL ESTATE

New survey shows buying demographics across different race and ethnic groups

What's the profile of the average homebuyer? Age and income factor into that, of course, but so does the buyer's racial or ethnic background, according to a recent study from the National Association of Home Builders.

The study, "What Buyers Really Want: Ethnic Preference," compares and contrasts how housing preferences are affected by the racial or ethnic background of the homebuyer, after controlling for factors like age and income.

The survey data showed significant differences across various groups of homebuyers.

Among the findings:

• Minority homebuyers typically are younger than white, non-Hispanic buyers, where the median is 43 years old. The median African-American buyer is 39; the Hispanic buyer is 37, the Asian buyer is about 36.

• At least half of buyers in all racial/ethnic groups are married – 80 percent of white, non-Hispanic buyers; 50 percent of African-American buyers; 74 percent of Hispanic buyers; and 79 percent of Asian buyers. Most also have children living at home.

• Asian homebuyers have the highest median household income of the four groups, at $72,797. The median household income is $67,747 for non-Hispanic whites, $50,221 for Hispanics and $43,774 for African-Americans. Likewise, Asian homebuyers expect to pay more for their homes, at $283,469, compared with $205,775 among non-Hispanic whites, $181,444 among Hispanics, and $176,397 among African-Americans.

The study, available as an eBook from the NAHB, provides a window into the preferences of potential homebuyers and allows builders to tailor projects to better meet the needs of customers, NAHB Chairman Kevin Kelly, a developer in Wilmington, Del., said in a statement.

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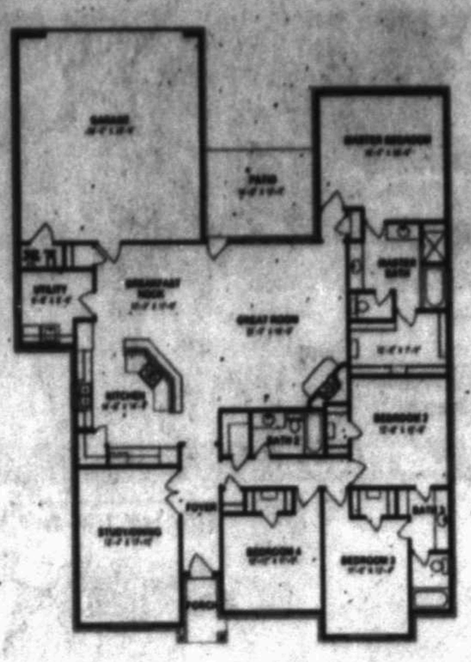

5910 Sabine
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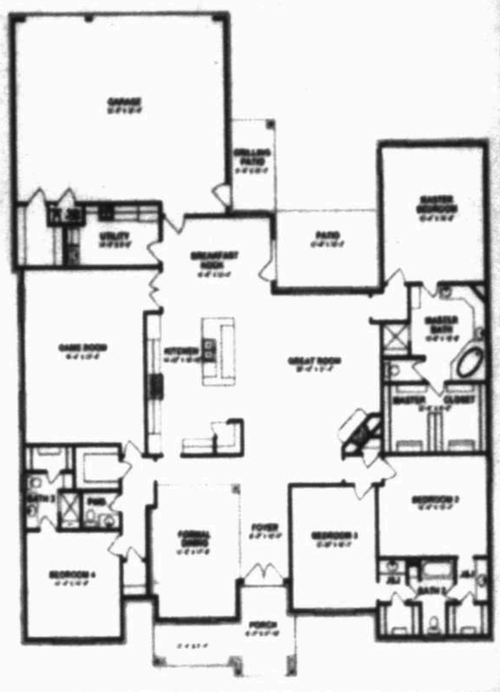

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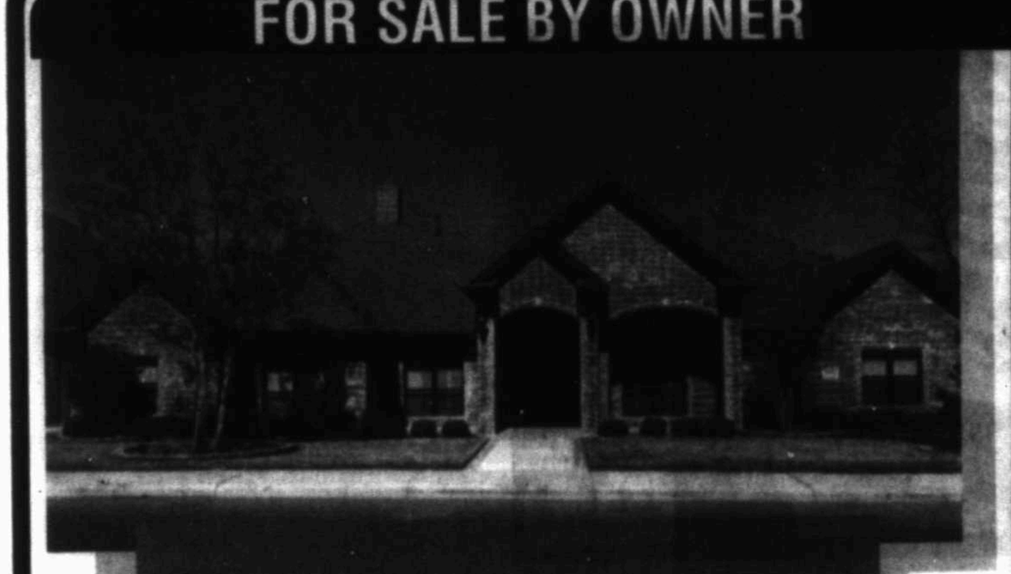

6351 Prairie Ridge Drive

Immaculate home on corner lot for sale in coveted Grassland West. 4 bdrm, 3.5 baths, 2 master suites, office, formal dining, formal living w/ FP, never used, den. Open floor plan, well landscaped yard, Oak trees in front & back. Huge MBR, bath and closet, Jacuzzi tub and oversized walk-in shower and custom vanity mirrors. Large utility, lots of storage. Tile and hand scraped wood floors. Granite counters throughout, Gourmet kitchen with large center island with upgraded SS appliances. Ceiling down lights are LED. Energy efficient utility bills. Plantation shutters throughout. 6 car garage, with 2 car garage hobby room. Brick column with cedar plank top rail fence and wrought iron locking gates. Home owns water softener and RO system. Water well... list goes on and on. Immaculate condition. Qualified buyers only. $773,500.

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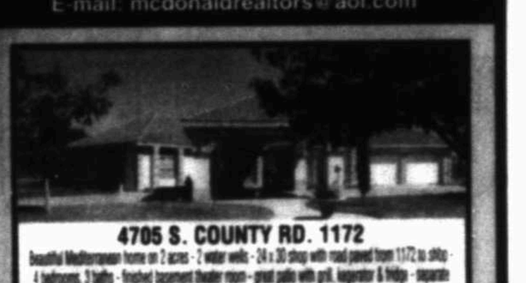
5005 CRISTA LANE
Spectacular 4-bed 3-bath home with open floor plan. Gourmet kitchen, soaring ceilings and walls of windows. Master bathbath has separate shower and tub with GIGANTIC closets. Home is move in ready. **$413,500.** Contact Elvia 432-978-9798.



4705 S. COUNTY RD. 1172
Beautiful Mediterranean home on 2 acres - 1 water well - 24 x 30 shop with roll up door from 1172 to alley - 4 bedrooms, 3 baths - finished basement theater room - great patio with grill, separate 5 bldg - separate septic in back for an RV - lots of pecan trees - large kitchen with island. **$575,000.** Contact Kay.

ODESSA

3109 RANCHLAND AVE.
Great house for the money. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath with huge walk in closets. Large workshop and storage bldg. Large backyard with masonry fence and several pecan trees. **$124,900.** Please contact Elvia.

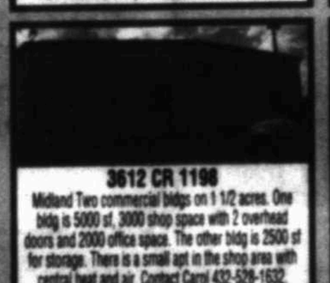
UNDER CONTRACT

1504 S. DALLAS ST.
3 bedrooms, 1 bath & 1 half bath. 2 living areas. 2 car garage. Totally remodeled. **$119,000.** Call Jim.

603 BROOKS
Midland 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 living w/fireplace. New paint, carpet, windows and kitchen cabinets. Workshop with AC and water well w/pump. **$134,900.** Contact Deborah 432-553-0056.

REDUCED

4505 TEAKWOOD TRACE
Spacious home in Green Tree Club Estates. Great 4 bedroom, large living area, tall ceilings. **$379,000.** Contact Elvia 432-978-9798.



3612 CR 1198
Midland Two commercial bldgs on 1 1/2 acres. One bldg is 5000 sf, 3000 shop space with 2 overhead doors and 2000 office space. The other bldg is 2500 sf for storage. There is a small apt in the shop area with central heat and air. Contact Carol 432-528-1632.

1600 S. CO. RD. 1140
5 acres Greenwood Area is developed with beautiful homes. Horses allowed. **$82,500.** Contact Elvia Lopez 432-978-9798.

LAND

12205 W. COUNTY RD. 56
Land in well developed Gardendale area. Great country property with 2 water wells. **$121,670.** Please contact Elvia.

4600 LEISURE DR.
1440 Sf. Solid home in good shape but could use some updating. 3 bed, 2 bath corner lot with chain link fence. Fannie Mae foreclosure. **$135,000.00.** Contact deborah 432-553-0056.

SOLD

NEW LISTING/LAND
1005 E. COUNTY RD. 129
Midland, TX 79705
1.22 acres in Ridgeheights. This lot sits on a well established area. Water well with pump and 40X70 shop. Call Elvia 432-978-9798.

3203 APPERSON DR.
Wonderful 3 (or 4) bedroom home with the prettiest trees around - 2 living areas - separate utility room - storage area behind carport - new tile in the kitchen. **$240,000.** Contact Kay.

6 Acres

11816 W. CO. RD. 50 1/2
6 acres, great location close to amenities, great country feel. Contact Deborah 432-553-0056.

4906 ANDREWS HWY.
2 acres zoned pd raw land. **$200,000.** Contact Carol.

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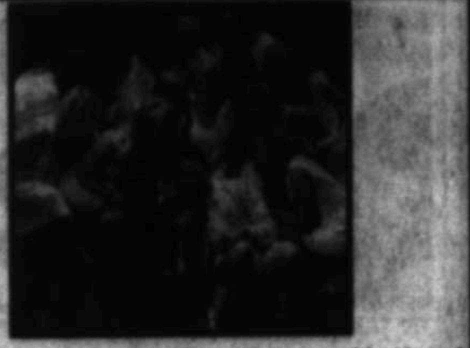

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NEW LISTING

1011 Godfrey - $179,500
2BR, 2BA Low Maintenance Townhome! Bonus Loft!!!

NEW LISTING

100 E Pecan - $165,000
3BR, 2BA, 2 Living, Bonus Room & Many Updates!!!

COUNTRY LIVING

2700 Marie Dr - $327,500
Fantastic Find on 1.28 ACRES! 3BR, 2.5BA Custom Home!

NEW LISTING

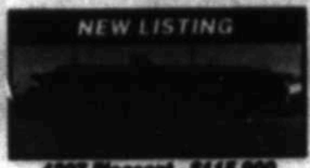
2006 Shell - $535,000

NEW LISTING

2605 Mark Ln - $189,900
Adorable Home in Wydewood Estates! 3BR, 2BA, Bonus Sunroom! Immaculate!

FEATURED HOME

3616 Baumann - $199,500
4BR, 3BA, 2 Living, 2 Dining! Spacious Low Maintenance Home!!!

NEW LISTING

4207 Pleasant - $115,900
Cute Clean Home! Fresh Interior Paint, LOADED w/Tile!!

NEW PRICE

3400 Sycamore - $109,900
3BR, 1BA, Lots of Updates! Bonus Room! Recent Windows & Roof!

4+ BEDROOMS

6406 Mockingbird - Gorgeous French Country Design with this Brand New Floor Plan by Summit Homes! High End Finishes, Upgraded Appliance Package, Granite, Plantation Shutters, 3 Car Oversized Garage! Still Time To Make Selections. Estimated Completion Nov. 30th ... **New Construction! $850,000**
2116 Blackwood - 5 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Living, 4 Car Garage. Stunning 1 Owner McPherson Resale!!! Gorgeous Hardwood Flooring, Granite Everywhere! ... **Sale Pending! $775,000**
2800 Mosswood - 5 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Living, 4 Car Garage. Another Outstanding McPherson Home! One of the last interior lots in Grassland West! This One is LOADED! ... **Sale Pending! $620,000**
6405 Mosswood - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 Living. Sensational NEW Plan by Almand Construction! All The Bells & Whistles! Granite, Stainless, Faux Paint & Stone Accents! Total Landscape Package! Room For A Pool! ... **New Price! $464,900**
5510 Casa Grande - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Car Garage. Fabulous Low Maintenance NEW Almand Construction! High End Finishes! Still Time To Make Selections. Estimated Completion July31st Under Construction! Please Call Norma For An Appointment! ... **New Construction! $439,000**
3124 Patrick - 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath in Mayfield Place! HUGE Open Plan, Sunroom, Gorgeous Pergola! A Rare Gem!!! ... **★★★Under Contract in 6 Hours!!! $399,500**
7605 Keyhaven - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Car Garage! Brand NEW Construction. Rosas New Homes! Granite, Shutters, All The Bells & Whistles! Landscape Package! Estimated Completion May 2014! ... **Sale Pending! $390,000**
2403 SW Ave D, Seminole - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 Living, 3 Car Garage. Luxurious 2 Story County Home in Seminole built in 2004! Traditional colonial drive up w/circle drive. Lots of space & storage! Fantastic Floor Plan, Oversized Yard! ... **New Price! $365,000**
5702 Greenridge - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Car Garage. Huge Kitchen w/Island & Granite Countertops!!! Spacious Home 2,800+ sqft. Huge Extended Patio for Entertaining!!! ... **Sale Pending! $349,900**
1012 Alpine - 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Open Concept! Nicely Updated! Guest House and Swimming Pool. 4 Car Garage, Shop on a HUGE Lot! The possibilities are Endless!!! ... **Sale Pending! $339,900**
5412 Ridgemont - 4 Bedrooms, 2.5 Bath, 2 Living, Beautiful Move-in Ready Home! Hardwood Floors, Crown Molding, Granite in Kitchen! ... **★★★Under Contract Less Than 24 Hours! $329,900**
2601 Dengar - 5 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Rare 2 Story in Fannin Terrace! Apprx 3,406 sq. ft. Lots of Updates & Upgrades, Giant Rooms! Inground Pool! ... **Sale Pending! $319,900**
2901 Sandhill - 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath in Vista West!!! Spacious Corner Lot, Sequestered Master Bedroom ... **★★★Under Contract Less Than 24 Hours! $250,000**
4426 Jameson Rd., San Angelo - 4 Bedroom, 4.5 Bath, Vintage Midcentury Modern Ranch Style Home! Approx 4,400 sq. ft. Granite in Kitchen, Pool! ... **Sale Pending! $224,000**
3616 Baumann - 3 or 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 Living Areas! Great Open Plan! Sequestered Master Bedroom, Plenty of Storage! ... **New Price! $199,500**
5801 S Co Rd. 1136 - 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath on 1 Acre in a Quiet Cul-de-sac! Open Plan, Sequestered Master. HOA Neighborhood. FHA Approved! ... **Sale Pending! $119,000**

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

5104 N Co Rd. 1150 - 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath on 5 Acres! Tucked away on your own private retreat! Winding porch, granite, wood floors, heated tile floors in bathrooms! Sumptuous Master Bedroom w/2 complete master baths! Park like setting w/mature pecan trees! ... **Fantastic New Price! $550,000**
2006 Shell - 3 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 3 Living, 2 Dining. Modern Beauty in OLD Midland! Metallic Italian hand cut tile, mosaic tile, travertine marble, granite! In-ground Pool! ... **New Listing! $535,000**
2700 Marie - 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 3 Car Garage! Fantastic Find! Newer Custom Build, Super Hip & Functional Country Living Property! ... **New Price! $327,500**
5009 Los Alamitos - 3 or 4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 2 Living Areas. Location! Location! Saddle Club South! Beautiful Curb Appeal, Huge Master, Lots of Storage! ... **Offers Please! $250,000**
5506 Rio Grande - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in Holiday Hill! Bright & Open Floor Plan! Lots of Space! Sequestered Master Suite!!! ... **Sale Pending! $289,900**
29 Lafayette - 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath in Barkman Square! Custom 2 Story Townhome with ALL the Bells & Whistles! ... **Sale Pending! $248,155**
1208 W Michigan - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Great Gourmet Kitchen w/Stainless Appliances! Hardwood Floors! Bonus Guest House in Back! ... **New Price! $247,500**
900 Neely - 2 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath Detached Townhome! Giant Master Suite Over Looking POOL! Generous Living Area, Terrific Courtyard! Recent Paint & Carpet, ALL Appliances Pass! ... **New Price! $230,900**
4533 N Robin, Odessa - 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Living, & 2 Dining! Need Space & Room to Roam? 2.5 ACRES w/Barn, House is approximately 2,655 sqft! ... **New Price! $222,000**
3001 Virginia - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Better Than NEW Home in Hollandale Heights! Move In Ready! Open Plan, Stainless Appliances, Sequestered Master! ... **New Listing! $210,000**
2000 North C Street - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom. Everywhere you look something has been replaced, redone, & updated to Look Fantastic! ... **Sale Pending! $204,900**
4341 N Redland, Odessa - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath on almost an Acre! Mostly updated country home, super cool master suite, over sized living area w/LED lighting in molding! ... **Sale Pending! $199,000**
3234 W Dengar - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living Areas, Granite in the Kitchen!!! Large Corner Lot! ... **New Listing! $193,000**
2608 Mariana - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living Areas, 2 Car Garage, HUGE Lot in Town!!! 0.51 Acres. Huge Living Area, Beautiful Rock Fireplace! ... **New Listing! $189,900**
2605 Mark - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, in Wydewood Estates! Vaulted ceilings, no carpet in this home! Immaculately Maintained!!! ... **New Listing! $189,900**
1011 Godfrey - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath 2 Story LOW Maintenance Townhome! Soaring Ceilings, Great Loft Area, Nice Patio, Spacious Master!!! ... **New Listing! $179,500**
3410 W Louisiana - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living, 2 Car Garage. Cute Clean House! Big Kitchen! ... **★★★Under Contract in 7 Hours! $169,900**
100 E Pecan - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living, 2 Dining. Lots of Updates! Sequestered Master. On a large corner lot! ... **New Listing! $165,000**
4508 Amigo - 3 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath, 2 Living. Large Shop/Garage! Many Updates! Ready For You To Move in!!! ... **Offers Please! $149,900**
4528 Laddy - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living Areas!!! Totally UPDATED Home! Brand NEW 2nd Bath, new carpet, fixtures, All new kitchen, & So Much More! To Too Much to List! ... **Sale Pending! $149,900**
3406 Tanner - 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath Darling Darling Home!!!! Totally Remodeled! ... **Sale Pending! $120,777**
1605 Butternut - 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 2 Living Areas. IMMACULATE Home! What a Find! Hardwood Floors, Tile, Roof 2 years old. Expect to be Impressed! ... **Sale Pending! $119,900**
4207 Pleasant - 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 2 Living. Cute Clean Home! Fresh Interior Paint. LOADED W/Ceramic Tile Flooring! Huge Backyard! ... **New Listing! $115,900**
3400 Sycamore - 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 2 Living! Lots of Updates to this Home! Stainless Appliances, Newer Windows & Roof & So Much More! ... **New Price! $109,900**
3215 Roosevelt - 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath, ADORABLE Cute Cottage! Central Heat/Air. Doll House Deluxe! ... **Sale Pending! $99,900**
3618 Pershing, Odessa - 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Darling Clean Doll House!!! Updated paint & carpet, ALL Appliances Pass w/Sale! ... **Sale Pending! $89,900**
1300 S Goode - 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath. HEY YOU Handyman! Need a house to fix? 1 owner home ORIG owner from 1930! 0.388 of an acre. Storm cellar ... **Sale Pending! $45,000**

COMMERCIAL/LOTS/ACREAGE

903 W Industrial - 4 Total Buildings on 1.5 Acres! Office Building, Separate Metal Warehouse, 2 Shops! Call Norma For More Details! ... **New Listing! $795,000**
529 N CR W, Odessa - Phenomenal Investment Opportunity Here! ENTIRE block of land, Church & Warehouses Included! ... **New Price! $600,000**
3501 Billy Hext Rd., Odessa - Fabulous Pad Site in Eastridge Office Park! Anchor Location! Call Chris for more details! ... **New Price! $425,000**
1111 W Wall - Fantastic Opportunity to Own Your Own Business!!! Loads of Space, High Traffic Location! Zoned O1. Call Chris for Details ... **New Price! $325,000**
Scharbauer Dr. - Investor Opportunity! 4 Lots Sold in package. 1201-1207 Scharbauer Dr. Owner will not subdivide. Ready to Build! May require flood insurance ... **Lots! $65,000**
N. Knotty Pine, Gardendale - Wonderful Opportunity to Build Dream Home! Quiet County Setting on 2.41 ACRES! Call Norma ... **Sale Pending! $39,500**
Loop 464, Monahans - No Known Restrictions! Corner lot on 0.41 Acres. Call Carol for details! ... **Lot! $10,000**
E County Rd. 60 - Lots Available! Horses Allowed, No Mineral Rights, Mobil & Modular Homes Allowed! ... **Call Ron! 349-6140**

LOOKING IN AUSTIN AREA?

5611 Woodview Ave. - In the heart of Shoal Creek! Super Charming Cottage on an oversized lot. Wood Floors ... **New Price! $549,900**
2112 Townsman Trail - Cedar Park 2 Yr old home by KB Homes! 4 Bd/2 Living in Fantastic Silverado close to 1431 shopping! ... **New Price! $244,900**
138 Dove Lane - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in gated Meadowlakes with access to lake LBJ! ... **Sale Pending! $199,000**
404 Emerald Way - Fabulous Cul-de-sac Lot in Horseshoe Bay West Ready to Build On! Call 512-796-4340 ... **New Price! $29,900**

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FEATURED LISTINGS

6207 DUNBARTON OAKS BLVD. $1,287,000
Spectacular New construction by Troy Hunt Homes 5bed, 5bath 4car garage w/ a Gameroom in Mockingbird Oaks!

2004 FRINGEWOOD - $619,900 UNDER CONTRACT
Fabulous 4bed,4 1/2bath, 4 car garage Robert Graham Resale in Grassland West!

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2513 HARVARD - $239,900
Large 3bed 2bath home in a fabulous location just feet away from beautiful Cowden Park!

3901 LEHIGH $289,900
Lovely, low maintenance 3/2/2 gar. W/ 30 x 30 insulated shop w/ electric opener, tool bench & loft storage.

5 DIAIS CIRCLE $499,900
Beautiful 4bed, 3bath, 2 living areas in Ponderosa East Odessa!

1813 DUKES - $365,000 UNDER CONTRACT
Gorgeous updated home in Polo Park! 4 Bed/3 bath/3 garage!

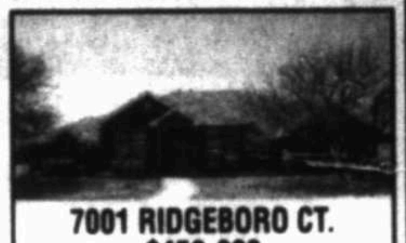
3405 MARK LANE - $249,900 UNDER CONTRACT
Nice! move in ready 4bed, 2bath, 2car garage in Fairmont Park!

1311 PUEBLO - $209,900 UNDER CONTRACT
Exceptionally maintained 3bed/2bath home in 349 Ranch Estates on a nice .47 Acre lot!

3997 LAKESIDE DR. ODESSA, TX - $209,900 UNDER CONTRACT
Nice 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 car home with a huge workshop!

4705 AZALEA $299,900 UNDER CONTRACT
Spacious 4bed 2 ½ bath home on a cul-de-sac in Briarwood!

LAND 6512 MOCKINGBIRD LN. $120,000
0.931 acre lot in the fabulous Los Conchos Estates! Country living inside City limits!


7001 RIDGEBORO CT. $459,900 UNDER CONTRACT
Stunning 4 bed 3 1/2 bath home in greentree north! Hardwood floors & granite through-out!

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NEW CONSTRUCTION

Houston Chalmers HOMES

2506 Regency Oaks Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $535,000

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4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $545,000

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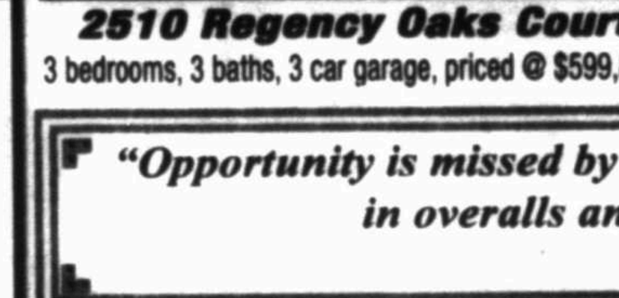
2510 Regency Oaks Court
3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $599,800

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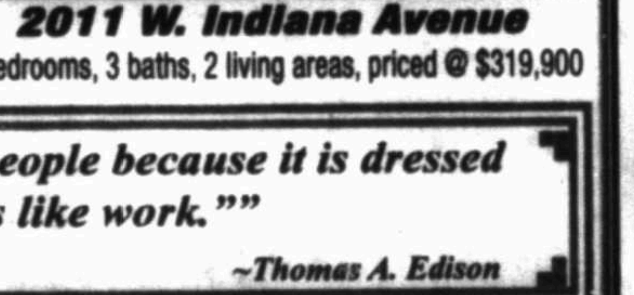
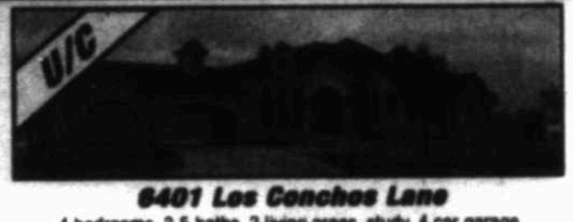

2011 W. Indiana Avenue
3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 living areas, priced @ $319,900

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.""
~Thomas A. Edison

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Crystal Homes
Custom Homes & Fine Cabinetry

6401 Los Conchos Lane
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 living areas, study, 4 car garage, priced @ $998,500

Saenz Signature Homes

2510 Regency Oaks Court
3 bedrooms, 3 baths, study, 3 car garage, priced @ $599,800

Carrasco Homes

6500 Saddle Horn Lane
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $793,500

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

3800 Douglas Ave	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
401 Pecos	Odessa/3 Bdrm/1 Ba	$60,000
418 Odessa	3 Bdrm/1 Ba	$67,000
1307 N. Alleghaney	Odessa/3 Bdrm/1 Ba	$70,000
803 Odessa	3 Bdrm/1 Ba	$80,000
2406 W. 8th St	Odessa/3 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Carport	$80,000
1415 Woodlawn	Odessa/4 Bdrm/2 Ba	$80,000
905 Golder	Odessa/2 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Car Garage	$81,000
400 Patterson	Odessa/3 Brm/1 Ba/1 Carport	$85,000
915 E. 21st St	Odessa/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	$110,000
3311 Baumann Ave	4 Bdrm/2 Ba	U/C
323 Rocky Lane	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$174,900
2005 Sands St	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
4820 Woodhollow Dr	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
2011 W. Indiana Ave	3 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Living Areas	$319,900
5004 Widener Strip	New Price/5 Bdrm/4 Ba/4 Car Garage	U/C

NEW CONSTRUCTION

308 S. Tilden	Madagul Construction/3 Bdrm/2 Ba	SOLD
923 N. Edwards	Gomez Construction/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
5801 Rio Grande	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
6607 E. Co. Rd. 110	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/Greenwood	$469,000
6701 E. Co. Rd. 110	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/Greenwood	$495,000
2511 Regency Oaks	Saenz Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$539,500
2510 Regency Oaks	Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$599,800
6605 E. Co. Rd. 107	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$599,950
6500 Saddle Horn	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$793,500
6413 Saddle Horn Ln.	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$949,500
413 Affirmed Ave	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	U/C
6401 Los Conchos Lane	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	U/C
5219 Alysheba	Rama Homes/4 Bdrm/5.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

Luna Rosa Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
5006 N. Co. Rd. 1120	Greenwood/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Acres	$179,900
2201 W. Co. Rd. 137	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
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Sunday Featured Home!

3209 Stanolind

Elegance at your fingertips is waiting for you behind the doors of 3209 Stanolind. Move-in ready, this low-maintenance home has style and sophistication with its many updates and architectural features. Constructed in 1976 of chocolate brick with 3,394 square feet (per MCAD), the home has four bedrooms, four full baths, one half bath, two living areas and a pool. Access to several covered porches around the house provide relaxing exterior living spaces. Two side yards are perfect for pets. Schools for children living in this home include Fannin Elementary, San Jacinto Jr. High and Midland High.

An aggregate circular drive paves the way to the entrance of this gorgeous home. Doors open to a great room with an exquisite domed skylight and chandelier! This room is meant for entertaining! Then, enjoy the view out the windows across the room to the sparkling pool. Open the wood-framed, beveled glass sliding door to invite your guests outside for swimming or sitting on the covered porch. A half-bath is conveniently located off this room as well as the laundry room.

The first bedroom is to the left of the entry. Here, you will enjoy plush carpeting, a ceiling fan and a closet with built-ins. An updated Jack and Jill bathroom with decorative tile, shower and decorator sink is connected to the second bedroom. This room has wood laminate flooring and a closet with convenient built-ins. Each room has an exterior door to a small enclosed covered porch!

Another hallway off the great room leads to an office with numerous storage cabinets and then the master suite. The vaulted ceiling adds to the spacious feel of the room and plush carpeting covers the floor. Enjoy the view of the pool out the wall of windows. Relax in the updated bathrooms; one features a jetted tub and dressing area and the other has a separate shower and cabinets. Both have new tile and fixtures. There are also two walk-in closets with built-ins.

To the right of the entry is the fourth bedroom that mirrors the first bedroom. It has a private bathroom as well as access to another small enclosed covered porch. The second living area is also to the right of the entry. A wet bar and fireplace with a heatilator provide ambiance for this large room as well as the ornate tile flooring featuring a design. Many furniture placement options are available as you can put the dining table by the fireplace or switch up the room to your liking.

Pull out your favorite recipes as you will love the kitchen! Walls of cabinets for storage, tile countertops and backsplash, black appliances including a double oven, trash compactor, ice maker, stovetop and dishwasher supply the basics to deliver delicious meals and make clean-up easy. A large center island has matching tile and more cabinets for bonus storage. Enjoy the view of the pool as you cook or open another beveled glass sliding door to hear the water. A door from the kitchen leads to the two-car garage.

Additional amenities to this home include: automatic garage door, circle drive, reverse osmosis, water softener, wet bar and automatic sprinkler.

This home is move-in ready and has all the amenities you need for a very comfortable and elegant lifestyle! Listed at $350,000, more information may be obtained at the open house or by calling Sandy J. Hanson at (432) 638-3819. MLS# 98323.

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SIMPLE SOLUTIONS FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Sunday, April 6, 2014

Fancy House, Simple Lessons

3 Design Takeaways from this year's 'New American Home'

By Maggie Flynn | CTW Features

There's no magic formula for creating a dream home. But the 2014 New American Home, a spectacular desert contemporary presented by the National Association of Home Builders in conjunction with its annual convention this year, provides some inspiration for turning worn-out digs into an ideal sanctuary.

Some of the most effective lessons from the showcase home require more thought than money.

Here are some tips that can be applied to any home, with any budget, from designers involved in this year's showcase.

Simplify and personalize

If a room is littered with knickknacks, it might be time to take stock of what's necessary and what's clutter.

"What people don't realize is that they tend to buy the same things," says Marc Thee, principal and co-founder of Marc-Michaels Interior Design, Boca Raton, Fla. The firm handled interior design for the New American Home. "They end up repetitively buying those things and before they know it, they've got clutter everywhere."

Group beloved items that are similar, Thee recommends, and then showcase them as a collection. By organizing decorative items this way, they can become part of the room's decor and lend a personal touch, especially after superfluous items have been cleared out.

"Continue to buy things that you love, but don't buy useless stuff," Thee cautions.

Sheree Vincent, founder of Fusion Designed, Wyoming, Minn., is also a strong advocate of keeping things personal and simple.

For those who feel cramped, crowded, or ill at ease in their home, she suggests taking pictures of the home and then walking out to a coffee shop or park to examine them with fresh eyes.

"What we want to make sure is that our space mirrors our lives," she says.

Bring the outdoors in

Kathryn Dunagan and Tara Kaufmann of Marc Michaels, who worked on the interior of the New American Home 2014, drew heavily from the Chinese principles of Feng Shui, which calls living in harmony with the natural world.

Dunagan and Kaufmann paid specific attention to the five elements – air, fire, metal, water and wood – and incorporated them throughout the house, from scrap wood on the walls to elegant fireplaces.

Those who want to use the elements in their home do not need to take them literally.

Cool blue color on a wall or a mirror might represent water, for example. But throughout the house, the show home designers paid attention to presenting a balance of nature.

Vincent, also a Feng Shui practitioner, says that understanding nature can lead to a more harmonious home, aesthetically and metaphysically.

She advises homeowners to "use nature as your model," the third of four principles she follows, and not merely in the sense of the great outdoors.

Keep focused on what is appropriate and natural for your environment. For example, a contemporary interior design is probably not the best choice for a traditionally built house, she points out. "It's counterintuitive to what nature is saying about that area."

Pamela O'Brien, of Pamela Hope Designs in Houston, says that incorporating Feng Shui elements provides balance between a home's interior and its location.

"People like to feel more in contact with the outdoors," she says, pointing out the driftwood decorations and stone walls in the New American Home 2014. Both elements evoked the desert setting in Las Vegas.

Not every homeowner can afford a mansion in the desert, of course. O'Brien suggests bringing nature inside by updating the fireplace. Remove the mantel and change the wall around the fireplace to stone or natural-looking tile that evokes nature in a sophisticated manner that's cheaper than a full-scale renovation.

Utility is key

Those who don't want to knock down walls can consider dressing up their home with some new hues of paint.

Thee suggests using one wall for what he calls "grounding." Paint it a deep color to unify the background of a room. Alternatively, stick to a neutral palette of gray or white on the wall, and punch up the room with brightly colored furniture or cushions.

In the kitchen, surfaces are getting bigger and better. Islands are growing in size as homeowners use kitchens more broadly as a space to gather, entertain and even work.

Quartz is rising in popularity as a countertop material; O'Brien has seen three consecutive clients choose it for their countertops.

"Quartz is even harder and more durable than granite," she says. "Also, it can be designed and mixed to have a consistent look. It's a really easy-to-live with product, and I think that's one of its benefits."

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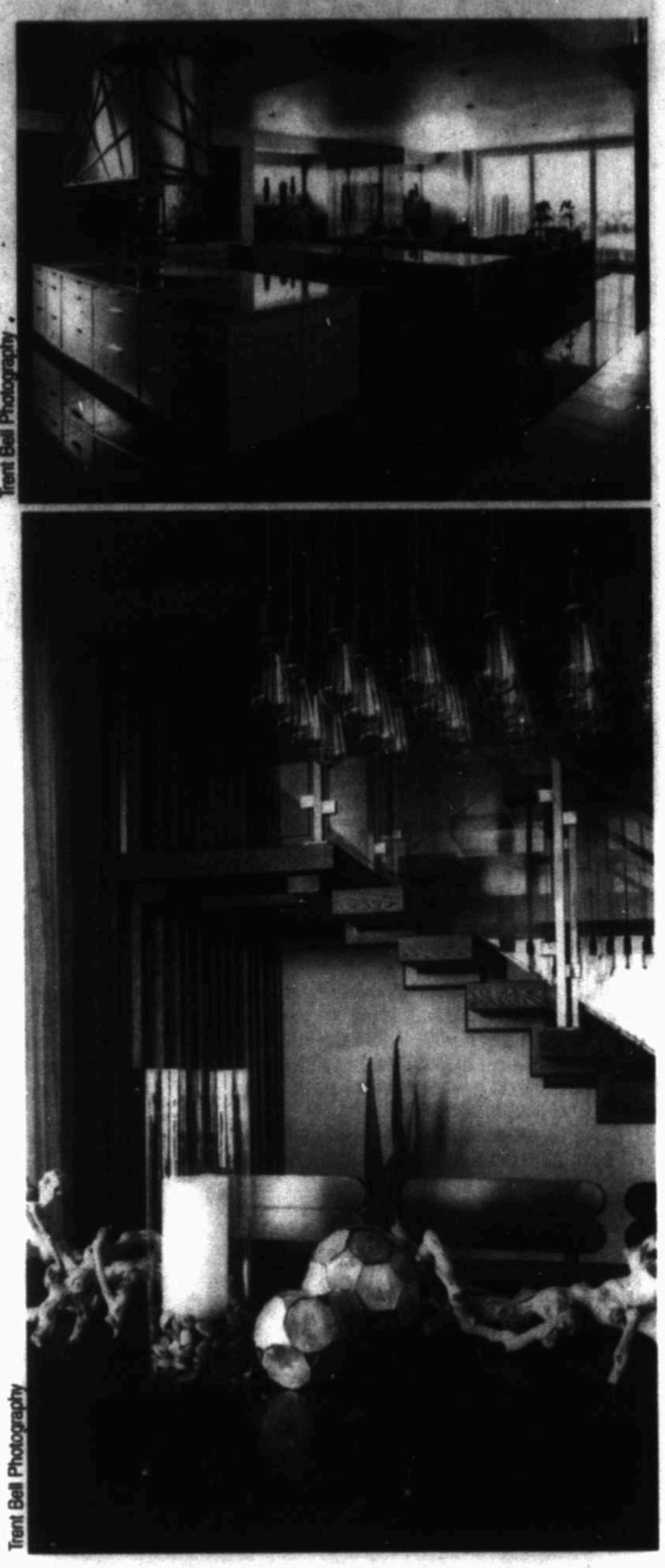

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New American pointers: Natural touches in the dining room, above, include driftwood on the table, beach stones and a succulent plant; the kitchen, top, boasts two large islands, with plenty of elbow room for work and socializing.

Use Lighting to Add Drama, Utility to the Bath

Think beyond 2 sconces next to the medicine cabinet. Here's how

By Yena Lee | CTW Features

Bathrooms have become private sanctuaries, outfitted as a space to relax, refresh and escape. Multiple lighting sources can help set the escapist mood.

People often think that if they install a single, high-wattage fixture in the center of the ceiling it will provide enough illumination, says Randall Whitehead, professional lighting designer based in San Francisco and author of "Residential Lighting, A Practical Guide" (Wiley, 2008). In fact, a single overhead light source will create uncomfortable glare – and unflattering shadows on your face.

Layering different sources of light will help eliminate shadows and provide sufficient illumination for tasks like shaving and applying makeup. Different qualities and intensities of light will create a sense of drama, says architect Russell Hamlet, Studio Hamlet Architects, Bainbridge Island, Wash.

Task lighting

The fist layer to consider is the hard-working light at the vanity and mirror, where most of the "work" is accomplished. A fixture placed above the mirror only illuminates the forehead. A recessed down light placed over the sink will create dark shadows under eyes, nose and chin, visually aging you.

The best task lighting is a pair of vanity lights flanking the mirror. The proper height for placement puts the translucent part of the fixture approximately 5'6" above the floor. This positions the lighting around eye level.

"If people sharing this bathroom vary greatly in height, then I would recommend a long fixture that provides a more democratic illumination," says Randall.

Tub and shower areas also need to be lit sufficiently so that users can see what they are doing. Recessed fixtures with white opal diffusers are commonly used and relatively effective. Make sure that all light fixtures are rated for used in damp locations. They will have a blue UL label if they are approved.

Ambient lighting

Providing a layer of indirect lighting in the bathroom will adds a warm, overall glow to the space. An overhead fixture or recessed cove lighting can provide gentle ambient illumination.

To consider incorporating daylight in the bathroom as a general lighting, consider a skylight or Solatubes, tubular lighting fixtures that "pipe" natural sunlight into an interior space. LED-equipped smart Solatube fixtures have motion-activated sensors and provide an amazingly versatile "green" solution for bathroom lighting, says Marie Lail Blackburn, certified master kitchen and bath designer and principal at MLB Design Group, Seattle.

Accent lighting

Use accent lighting to emphasize an object or surface to impress guests. For example, LED tape light placed in a cabinet toe kick can make a vanity cabinet appear to float, says Hamlet. In bathrooms with higher ceilings, pendant-hung fixtures or a chandelier can provide "fill" light, or general illumination.

Decorative lighting

Nobody wants to fully pull out of REM sleep when using the bathroom late at night, says Travis Rotelli, Kohler designer. The blue LED of Kohler's nightlight toilet is one way to provide low-impact night-time lighting. The gentle light can be a comfort to the very young and the very old.

Using dimmers to ramping up or down the intensity of existing bathroom lighting can be helpful, making a bathroom safer while providing a way to create different moods.

Motion-activated, toe-kick lighting in the master bathroom can be especially useful, allowing the user to find their way through the room safely without switching on a bright light, says Blackburn.

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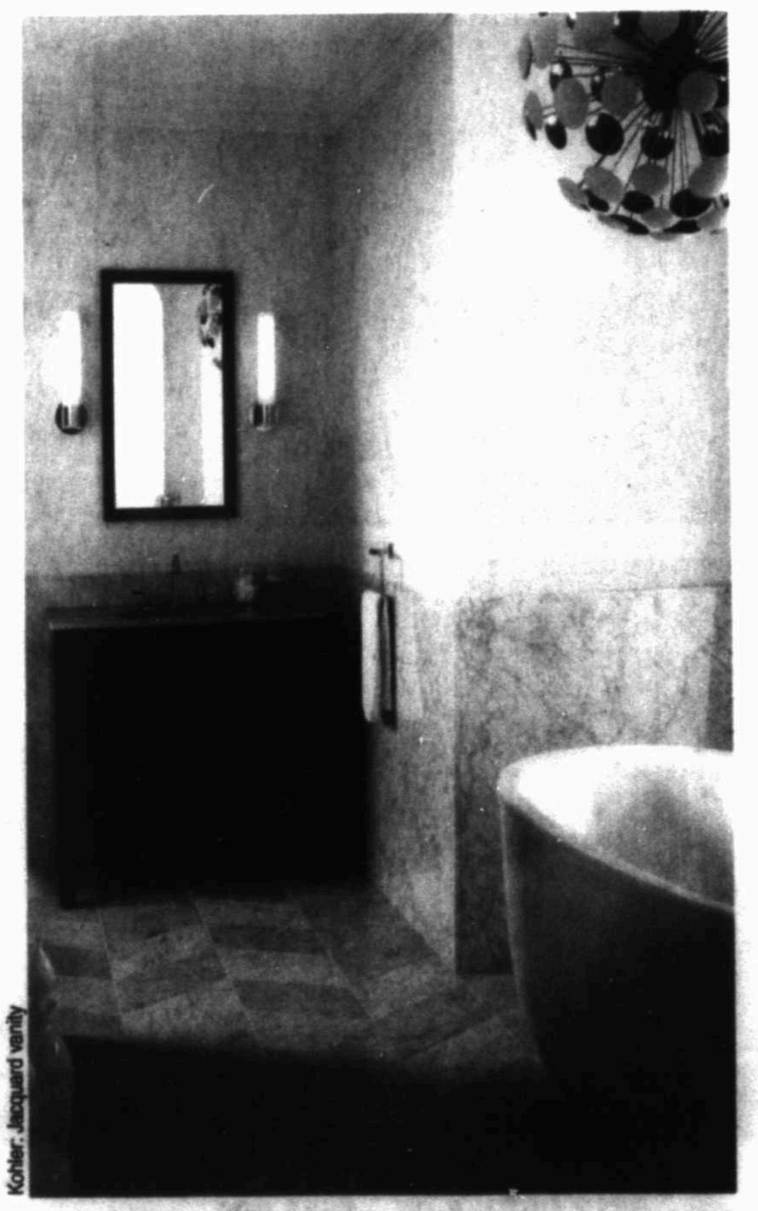

Kohler, Jacquard Vanity

Light it right: contemporary high wall sconces on either side of the vanity mirror provide task lighting; a bold starburst chandelier above the tub provides stylish, general lighting.

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SHOWN BY DARLA DAVIS, 432-260-8077
WONDERFUL PROPERTY ON THE COURSE BOASTS BEAUTIFUL OLD WORLD CHARM!!
Gourmet kitchen w/island, breakfast bar, pantry, granite! Huge formal dining! Living rm w/saultillo tile, fireplace, wet bar & access to backyard! Media room! Weight room/gym!2 Bedrooms/2.5 Baths downstairs! 2 Complete master suites upstairs w/balcony access! Gorgeous golf course views! Great outdoor living space! Covered patios & open patios! 3Cg!

6516 GLADIOLA - $500,000
COUNTRY LIVING CLOSE TO CITY!
Beautiful design!Huge living room w/high ceilings,beams & fireplace & space for formal dining!Kitchen w/ island,breakfast bar,stainless appliances!Granite thru-out!Spacious seq master suite w/fabulous master bath has dual sinks,sep tub/shower & great closet!Each guest bdrm has private bath access!Fantastic workshop w/full bath & mini kitchen,large rv door!5 Car garage!!

OPEN 3:30-4:30

2000 NEELY - $500,000
SHOWN BY MADISON SHAW, 432-528-4640
OLD MIDLAND CLASSIC ON DOUBLE LOT!
Formal living & dining! Updated kitchen w/granite, island, high-end appliances, breakfast bar is open to the spacious living rm w/corner fireplace! Master & guest is downstairs! 2 Bdrms upstairs w/gameroom & office! Recent windows! Covered patio! Fabulous fence! 2 Cg attached+2 cg detached is also workshop/future guest house! Large fenced yard w/pool! Mature trees! Well! Nice!

OPEN 3:30-4:30

7009 RIDGEBORO CT. - $475,000
SHOWN BY REECE BIVENS, 432-230-8847
BREATHTAKING HOMES WOW'S YOU!!
Gorgeous travertine flooring! Beautiful wall treatments! Formal living w/walls of windows! Formal dining!Kitchen is updated w/cabinetry treatment, granite, island, pantry, breakfast bar & nook opens to the cozy den w/high ceilings & fireplace! Spacious master w/room off could be office/nursery/gym! Master bath w/tub, sep shower, dual vanities & wrap around closet! Seq in-law! 4Cg!

OPEN 1:30-2:30

4906 HILLSBORO CT. - $370,000
SHOWN BY AMANDA GUNTER, 432-413-7330
UPDATED 4 BEDROOM HOME W/3 FULL BATHS ON CUL-DE-SAC!
Large living room w/built-ins, fireplace & high ceilings! Formal dining! Kitchen w/island, pantry, recent appliances & breakfast bar is open to the den! Spacious seq master suite w/nice bath offers dual sinks, sep tub & shower, 2 closets! Roomy bedrooms! Big utility rm! Enclosed patio is great sunroom/playroom! Pretty yard w/recent sod! Close to Comm pool!!

3404 MARBLE LANE - $370,000
WONDERFUL CORNER LOT IN ROCKPOINT!
4 Bedrooms! 2.5 Baths! Open plan w/huuggeee island/breakfast bar combo! Tons of cabinetry, granite & large pantry! Cook's dream kitchen! Dining room w/fireplace! Living rm w/built-ins! Seq master suite w/great bath & 2 closets! Utility room! Great 3 car garage w/separated 3rd bay! Covered patio w/wet bar has sink, space for fridge & roll-up door! Corner lot!

5509 STERLING CT. - $310,000
GREAT SPACE! GRASSLAND! CLOSE TO SCHOOLS!
4 bedroom, 3 bath home on quiet cul-de-sac w/seq in-law/ guest suite! Gourmet kitchen has dbl. ovens, pantry, breakfast dining + separate formal dining! Cozy brick fireplace in living area! Spacious master suite has soaking tub + separate shower, dbl. sinks & his & her closets! Guest bedrooms w/jack & jill bath! Auto sprinklers, covered patio & 2 car rear entry garage, great curb appeal!!!

6000 BRIARWOOD AVE., ODESSA, TX - $225,000
GREAT LIVING SPACE HERE!
Large formal dining/living area! Den w/fireplace! Nice kitchen w/breakfast nook! Roomy bedrooms! Fabulous backyard offers tons of space for animals, pool or entertaining! Water well too! Circle drive! 2 Car garage! Easy access to loop 338! Very well-maintained home!

1602 MCDONALD - $200,000
WONDERFUL HOME THAT HAS RECENT UPDATES!
Private courtyard entry! Great kitchen w/granite countertops, island, pantry & skylight! Living room w/ nice pergo flooring & fireplace! 3Rd bedroom makes great office! Master is spacious w/private bath & large walk-in closet! Backyard w/covered patio! Lots of storage space! 2 Car garage!

OPEN 1:30-2:30

4511 WATSON CT. - $195,000
CUL-DE-SAC! WORKSHOP! UPDATED! WOW!
Freshly painted! Granite! Ceramic tile flooring! Recent hvac & water heater! Kitchen w/white cabinets & granite countertops opens to dining room w/bay window! Living room w/vaulted ceiling & fireplace! Updated master bathroom! Covered patio! Great workshop w/electricity! Fence w/gate to pull car/camper/boat in yard! 2 Car garage!

OPEN 3:30-4:30

4708 SHADYLANE - $180,000
NICE 3/2 WITH LARGE LIVING SPACES!
Open kitchen/dining/living! Fireplace! Built-ins! Recent tile! Recent paint! Kitchen w/breakfast bar also has room for breakfast table! Separate dining area too! Roomy bedrooms! Master w/private bath! Covered patio! Large fenced yard! 2 Car garage plus tons of parking space!

708 BOYD AVE. - $159,900
UPDATED & TONS OF SPACE!
Granite countertops & new appliances in this great kitchen w/breakfast nook! All recently painted - inside & out! Enclosed garage gives extra living space or office! Updated bathrooms! New flooring! Nice area w/ tons of new at a wonderful price!

501 SCHARBAUER #5 - $84,389
DARLING AND UPDATED!
This one bedroom condo lives big! Recent flooring, paint, fixtures! A complete re-do! Large living room is open to dining room! Kitchen w/pantry & lots of countertop space! Bedroom is super large w/separate dressing area! Full bath is also updated! Front patio looks over pool! Back patio is private & perfect for cooking out! 1 Covered parking space!

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NEW CONSTRUCTION IN MIDLAND

EE HOMES, INC.		
1402 TEJAS...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97732	4BD/$300,000
1110 HICKORY "A"...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97345	SALE PENDING
501 LIDDON AVE...Josie Rendon 889-3394	MLS #98293	3BD/$173,240
1110 HICKORY "B"...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97345	3BD/$180,000
JC CHAVEZ CONSTRUCTION		
1401 S. DALLAS...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97462	4BD/$219,000
204 MITCHELL ST...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #98277	3BD/$214,000
1202 S. COLORADO...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #96045	SOLD
RUEDAS HOMES, INC.		
3600 THOMASON DR...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #98092	4BD/$222,500
2014 EVANS LANE...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #95615	SOLD
2016 EVANS LANE...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97455	SALE PENDING
406 GEORGE ST...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #95618	SALE PENDING
KEA HOMES		
2104 EVANS LANE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #95606	4BD/$360,000
WESCON SERVICES, LLC		
5313 ELLEN JAYNE WAY...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #2360	3BD/$370,000
CASE HOMES		
2601 S. COUNTY ROAD 1087...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #96716	$305,000
MICHAEL FRIDAY HOMES		
5313 ELLEN JAYNE WAY	MLS #96147	$378,000
LANCE FRIDAY HOMES		
5211 ELLEN JAYNE WAY...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #97704	$449,000
MICHAEL DAVIS HOMES		
12301 E. CO. RD. 111...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #97581	SALE PENDING
TRES M PROPERTIES, INC.		
5309 CASTLE PINE RD...Pam Dodd 413-0780	MLS95988	$420,500
1409 E. PECAN AVE...Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #95404	SALE PENDING
1407 E. PECAN AVE...Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #95348	SALE PENDING
GOMEZ CONSTRUCTION		
1309 PINE AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8294	MLS #98157	$186,500
RENE LEYVA		
1212 E. OAK...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #97159	SOLD
TONY E. HAM CONSTRUCTION, LLC		
1506 S. CO. RD. 1085...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #97300	SALE PENDING
TOM WOODRUFF		
1204 BRECKENRIDGE-Woodland Park...Lavonne Johnson	MLS #00000	SOLD
MASTERS BUILDERS		
501 SIR BARTON PKWY...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97675	$1,150,000
PERMIAN BASIN COVENANT HOMES		
10201 E. CO. RD. 106...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #98289	$423,500
10212 E. CO. RD. 107...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #98291	$418,000

FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

4520 CORSAIR CT...Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #95233	$1,300,000
2504 TEXLAND CIRCLE...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #97394	$1,250,000
501 SIR BARTON PKWY...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97675	$1,150,000
3310 BLUEBIRD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97312	$1,000,000
5001 WIDENER STRIP...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #98366	$905,000
6020 HOMESTEAD BLVD...Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #96570	$850,000
1110 SILVERTON...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #96624	$786,500
1703 COUNTRY CLUB...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #96164	SOLD
4706 RUSTIC TRAIL...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #98032	SALE PENDING
4915 TATTENHAM CORNER...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #95834	$689,900
6212 ORIOLE CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97621	$675,000
1103 BRECKENRIDGE DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98399	$669,900
5312 BELLA PL...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #96858	$650,000
6827 ISLAND CIRCLE...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #98336	$639,900
6301 GLASGOW...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #96896	$600,000
5416 BASSWOOD CIRCLE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97814	$599,900
1501 W. SCHARBAUER DR...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #97180	$550,000
6200 GLASGOW DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97719	$549,900
2000 NEELY AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #96859	SALE PENDING
1210 BRECKENRIDGE DR...Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #98015	SALE PENDING
1204 BRECKENRIDGE-WOODLAND...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #00000	SOLD
10300 E. CO. RD. 103...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97882	SALE PENDING
4834 RUSTIC TRAIL...Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #96543	SOLD
4405 CARDINAL LANE...Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #98364	$525,000
4001 RADCLIFF CT...Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #98352	$482,000
7009 RIDGEBORO CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98415	$475,000
2007 COLEMAN CT...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #98337	SALE PENDING
5309 CASTLE PINE...Pam Dodd 413-0780	MLS #95988	SALE PENDING
5312 MATHIS ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98249	SALE PENDING
5606 DUNBARTON OAKS...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #96818	SALE PENDING
6209 SEQUOIA DR...Wendy Waddell 638-9955	MLS #98326	$399,900
3322 W. COUNTY RD. 185...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #97471	$390,900
4905 GRANITE...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #98107	SALE PENDING
4107 BOULDER...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #95225	SALE PENDING
2011 COLEMAN CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98422	SALE PENDING
2803 DOUGLAS...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #95865	SALE PENDING
2820 NORTHTOWN PLACE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97966	SALE PENDING
4906 HILLSBORO CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97651	$370,000
3404 MARBLE LN...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97995	$370,000
6811 LLANO CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98137	SALE PENDING
2820 W. DENGAR AVE...Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #98160	$330,000
3909 CRESTLINE AVE...Betty Hicks 553-8194	MLS #98776	$329,500
402 DENGAR AVE...Daric Davis 260-8077	MLS #95439	$320,000
201 CLUB DR...Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #98387	$315,000
5509 STERLING CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97448	$310,000
3005 MEADOWBROOK...Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #96094	$299,900
5716 SAN SABA...Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #98270	$299,900
5801 E. CO. RD. 110...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97902	$295,000
3414 ROSEMONT...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #95940	$290,000
3501 LOCKHEED...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #97658	$278,500
3510 SEABOARD...Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #98075	$262,500
4106 NORWOOD ST...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #98218	SALE PENDING
3600 STANOLIND...Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #97943	SALE PENDING
3005 VERMONT...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #97849	SOLD
1208 STANOLIND AVE...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #96226	$235,900
2506 EMERSON...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #96516	SALE PENDING
2104 WHITNEY DR...Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #94725	SALE PENDING
3500 BAUMANN AVE...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #95537	$229,900
3602 GODFREY CT...Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #97765	$225,000
1401 E. CO. RD. 145...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #98044	$225,000
3216 STUTZ DRIVE...Madison Shaw 528-4640	MLS #97468	SALE PENDING
5115 BLUE HAVEN...Larry Hatfield 349-4790	MLS #97445	SOLD
3200 MARK LANE...Melissa Williams 349-2812	MLS #96247	$210,000
4735 BEDFORD...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #98385	$192,500
3216 KESSLER AVE...Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #98354	$189,900
2 AUBURN CT...Madison Shaw 528-4640		$185,000
700 STOREY AVE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #98036	SALE PENDING
2811 W. LOUISIANA AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97464	SOLD
2800 CIMMARON...Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #96802	SALE PENDING
4418 FAIRGATE...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #95633	$172,500
2401 NORTHTOWN COURT...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #94902	SALE PENDING
3416 TANNER...Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #96179	$139,900
2811 W. CO. RD. 116...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #93898	$122,500

THREE BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

3807 NORTHTOWN...Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #97301	$889,900
3302 BLUEBIRD LANE...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #94206	5.13 Acres/$550,000
5333 BELLA PL...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #96861	SOLD
6516 GLADIOLA...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #95989	SOLD
3905 CARDINAL LANE...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97280	3+ Acres/$499,999
1705 CUTHBERT...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #96293	$475,000
5211 ELLEN JAYNE WAY...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #97704	$449,000
5307 QUICKSAND...Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #97594	SALE PENDING
5310 WIMBERLEY SPRINT CT...Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #98047	SALE PENDING
2708 SAVOY...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #95610	$350,000
2407 GOLF COURSE ROAD...Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #96863	SALE PENDING
5315 BELLA PLACE...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #96775	$349,900
5205 ELLEN JAYNE WAY...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #96838	$335,000
5616 GRASSLAND BLVD...Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #97371	SOLD
206 E. CO. RD. 127-ROPING ARENA...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #95768	SALE PENDING
2514 QUAIL PT...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #97890	$325,000
2501 WCR 130...Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #96114	SOLD
5616 GRASSLAND BLVD...Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #97371	$320,000
4506 W. CUTHBERT...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #98169	$319,000
17 OAKLAWN PARK...Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #98194	$315,000
4902 HILLSBORO CT...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #97286	SALE PENDING
5002 QUARTZ LN...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97678	$295,000
4821 ROSEWOOD...Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #96466	SALE PENDING
1604 WINFIELD...Karen Mason 349-3550	MLS #96119	$295,000
2512 BEDFORD DR...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #98151	SALE PENDING
2600 FRONTIER...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #97318	$279,900
3903 WESTMINISTER...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #96250	SALE PENDING
1410 W. TEXAS AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97044	$275,000
3212 DURANT...Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #97456	SALE PENDING
2512 HARVARD...Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #98027	$265,000
2103 MARCIE CT...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #98008	$259,900
4500 TREVINO...Betty Hicks 553-8194	MLS #97331	$249,000
4904 SPY GLASS CIR...Laura Sales 618-1818		SALE PENDING
4511 ST. ANDREWS...Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #98247	SALE PENDING
1300 W. LOUISIANA AVE...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #97043	SALE PENDING
5208 LAVACA...Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #96280	SOLD
2818 MOSS...Karen Foster 559-4806	MLS #96251	$239,500
2806 EXETER AVE...Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #98285	SALE PENDING
6000 BRIARWOOD AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97723	$235,000
4215 ST. ANDREWS...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #97673	$229,900
2518 FAULKNER...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061	MLS #98024	$225,000
5118 ASHDOWN PLACE...Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #94819	$225,000
3911 NASWORTHY...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #98381	$220,000
1102 PORTERFIELD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98134	SOLD
3317 CAMARIE...Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #98223	$219,900
4507 BELTON PLACE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #98304	$219,000
4407 PASADENA...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #98308	$219,000
2824 DENGAR...Danny Norwood 618-5012		$214,900
3406 STANOLIND...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #97801	$210,000
3209 SHANDON...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #96414	$210,000
4603 BISHOPS CASTLE...Barbara McWilliams 230-2034	MLS #97010	$209,000
722 W. KANSAS AVE...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #97046	$209,000
3003 VIRGINIA...Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #98367	$208,000
1007 MCDONALD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880		$200,000
1113 PORTERFIELD...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #97846	SOLD
3201 W. SHANDON-Tri-Level...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #00000	$199,900
5202 BLUE HAVEN...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98244	SALE PENDING
4115 FM 307...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97831	$195,000
4511 WATSON CIRCLE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98349	$195,000
4526 LEDDY DR...Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #97979	$194,900
2414 HAYNES...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #98362	$194,500
1400 VENTNOR...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #98346	$193,900
2903 AURORA LANE...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97756	SOLD
5007 SAN ANTONIO AVE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412		SALE PENDING
3303 FANNIN...Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #98091	$189,900
4526 LEDDY...Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #97979	$189,000
714 RAYMOND...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #98309	$189,000
1509 GARDEN LANE...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97681	SALE PENDING
5110 ANETTA...Melissa Williams 349-2812	MLS#95882	SALE PENDING
4307 FERNCLIFF...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #95558	SALE PENDING
6204 CHICKASAW...Mona Lopez 967-8602	MLS #94466	SALE PENDING
3507 CRESTMONT DR...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #95289	SALE PENDING
1002 ALPINE ST...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #95210	SALE PENDING
3603 W. WADLEY AVE...Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #94288	SALE PENDING
4718 COUNTRY CLUB DR...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #96314	$180,000
4501 WILSHIRE DR...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #98338	$179,000
3705 W. MICHIGAN AVE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #97210	SOLD
2500 CIMMARON AVE...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #97317	$173,900
3205 WHITTLE WAY...Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #97898	SALE PENDING
4326 GREENBRIAR...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #96555	$172,000
2207 HUMBLE AVE...Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #98263	$170,000
1328 E. PINE...Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #96302	$169,900
1110 HICKORY "A"...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97345	SALE PENDING
1110 HICKORY "B"...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97345	3BD/$180,000
3213 S. CO. RD. 1069...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #96612	$168,000
4708 SHADYLANE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98423	$160,000
3604 STOREY AVE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #97683	SALE PENDING
2314 HAYNES...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #96851	SALE PENDING
4016 MONTY DR...Melissa Williams 349-2812	MLS #95704	SALE PENDING
1708 ENGLISH DR...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #98368	$155,000
4600 ANETTA DR...Mona Lopez 967-8602	MLS #95494	SALE PENDING
5116 SUNNYSIDE DR...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #95307	SALE PENDING
3614 STOREY AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97839	SOLD
2513 N. CUTHBERT AVE...Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #96523	SALE PENDING
3320 CIMMARON AVE...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #95111	SALE PENDING
4613 CUTHBERT...Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #97847	SOLD
4710 W. CUTHBERT...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #98077	SALE PENDING
3216 OHIO AVE...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #94377	$147,500
2513 W. CUTHBERT AVE...Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #96523	SALE PENDING
3708 AVONDALE...Randy Peets 889-8296	MLS #96401	$144,900
2608 N. MIDKIFF...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #97024	$142,900
406 W. ESTES AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97789	SALE PENDING
2203 HOLLOWAY...Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #97424	SALE PENDING
4607 McKNIGHT DR...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #95674	$129,900
1011 WHITAKER...Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #98016	$129,900
4205 MONTY DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #98138	SALE PENDING
2709 MARIANA...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #98115	$127,000
4207 ANETTA DR...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #95057	$119,000
1941 ENGLISH DR...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #97008	$118,000
1205 CENTURY...Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #96047	$110,000
803 SPRUCE AVE...Melissa Williams 349-2812	MLS #91025	SALE PENDING
410 N. FORT WORTH...Gloria Valdez Farmer 563-2732	MLS #91785	SALE PENDING
1208 BURCHILL DR...Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #95144	$97,500
4512 BROOKDALE DR...Sue Lytle 661-5338	MLS #95551	SALE PENDING
1813 E. OAK...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #94686	SALE PENDING
1204 GARDEN LANE...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97511	$79,900
1009 SHIRLEY LANE...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #97526	$2,800/MONTH

ONE/TWO BEDROOMS IN MIDLAND

4900 & 4902 ANDREWS HWY...Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #94450/94453	$425,000
2100 W. WADLEY #68...Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #94465	$205,000
1207 W. LOUISIANA AVE...Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #95730	$185,000
1405 W. TENNESSEE AVE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #98158	$149,900
4418 FAIRGATE...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS# 95633	SALE PENDING
2415 IDLEWILDE...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #98190	$129,000
3304 PARK LANE...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #98217	$120,000
3709 CEDAR SPRING...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #95795	$120,000
3914 ANETTA DR...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #96923	SALE PENDING
3610 TRAVIS...Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #98168	$105,000
4209 HARLOWE DR...Mona Lopez 967-8602	MLS #95335	SALE PENDING
1106 E. SPRUCE AVE...Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #97808	SALE PENDING
501 SCHARBAUER DR. #5...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #97054	$84,300
3304 TRAVIS AVE...Susan Palmer 978-7816	MLS #97983	SALE PENDING

HOMES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

9706 E. CO. RD. 127...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #98330	Roping Area/25 Acres/$998,500
4303 N. CO. RD. 1284...Leah Watkins 599-2187	MLS #95058	4BD/$595,000
6516 GLADIOLA...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #95989	SOLD
1312 E. CO. RD. 128...Melissa Williams 349-2812	MLS #95538	4BD/$539,000
3709 N. CO. RD. 1140...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #98070	SALE PENDING
3905 CARDINAL LANE...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97280	3+ Acres/$499,999
10508 E. CO. RD. 103...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #95069	4BD/$488,000
8605 W. CO. RD. 170, BARNDOMINIUM...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #95103	SALE PENDING
6600 FM 715...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #96956	3BD/$439,900
3322 W. COUNTY RD. 185...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #97471	$399,900
5508 S. CO. RD. 1200...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #96080	4BD/$379,900
405 E. CO. RD. 127...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #96749	$395,900
2501 W. CO. RD. 130...Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #96114	3BD/$375,000
1207 N. CO. RD. 1084...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #95433	4BD/$350,500
206 E. CO. RD. 127-ROPING ARENA...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #95768	SALE PENDING
2501 W. CO. RD. 130...Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #96114	3BD/$325,000
4206 N. CO. RD. 1130, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #96528	1.5 Acres/$305,000
1208 E. CO. RD. 126...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #98084	SALE PENDING
3900 S. CO. RD. 1187...Josie Alvarez 296-1395	MLS #95547	3BD/$259,900
1401 E. CO. RD. 145...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #98044	$225,000
607 E. CO. RD. 132...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #95355	SALE PENDING
4100 N. CO. RD. 1133...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #95169	SOLD
7212 N. CO. RD. 1298...Mona Lopez 967-8602	MLS #95021	4BD/$235,000
10701 E. CO. RD. 1067...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061	MLS #98017	SALE PENDING
3213 S. CO. RD. 1069...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #96612	3BD/$168,000
14905 E. CO. RD. 104...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #94961	3BD/$150,000
2811 W. CO. RD. 116...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #93898	4BD/$122,500
2906 S. CO. RD. 1220...Mona Lopez 967-8602	MLS #94391	3BD/$120,000
5001 S. CO. RD. 1137...Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #97679	$110,000

HOMES OUTSIDE OF MIDLAND COUNTY

12278 W. HIGHWAY 158, GARDENDALE...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #94739	3BD/16+ Acres/$1,100,000
29 LA PROMESA CIRCLE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #97894	5BD/$985,000
10 WOODHAVEN DR., ODESSA...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #94737	5BD/$407,500
4456 SE 1000, ANDREWS...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97578	SALE PENDING
105 OASIS, HORSESHOE BAY...Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #123919	4BD/$390,000
10121 HORSESHOE DR., GARDENDALE...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97931	SALE PENDING
4654 FOUNTAIN LANE, ODESSA...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #91852	3BD/$284,500
1202 S. NELSON, MONAHANS...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #95441	3BD/$275,000
607 E. CO. RD. 132...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #95355	3BD/$267,900
ESTATES OF SHILOH, LOT 3...Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #97772	$250,000
503 W. 3RD ST., STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #94551	4BD/$240,000
2825 MERCEDES HOUSE...Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #97748	3BD/$229,900
1524 SANDALWOOD LANE...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #91729	3BD/$193,500
1129 GOLF COURSE, ANDREWS...Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #97961	SALE PENDING
302 9TH ST., IRAAN...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #92308	5BD/$179,000
7244 MANFORD LANE, ODESSA...Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #381981	SALE PENDING
9609 HAWTHORNE CT, ODESSA...Laura Sales 618-1818	MLS #91563	SALE PENDING
2875 SE CO. RD. 5501, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #89268	3BD/$169,900
2623 CAMBRIDGE ST., ODESSA...Darla Davis 260-8077	MLS #91092, 97166	3BD/$163,900
2906 REDBUD, ODESSA...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #97905	3BD/$159,900
404 SANTA ROSA AVE., ODESSA...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #94765	SALE PENDING
1120 KATHERINE, CRANE...Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #97616	3BD/$155,000
900 NE 2ND, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #90362	3BD/$140,000
1211 NW 4TH ST., ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #89898	SALE PENDING
706 COLLIE WAY, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #89681	SALE PENDING
109 GRAY ST., STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #94344	3BD/$132,000
2102 ALLENDALE, BIG SPRING...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #95681	4BD/$130,900
8015 LAMAR AVE...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS 91788	SALE PENDING
1816 50TH, ODESSA...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #90506	SOLD
711 ST. FRANCIS, STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #93473	SALE PENDING
2203 S. JOHNSON AVE., PECOS...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #89618	4BD/$106,000
105 E. 21ST., CRANE...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #85747	SALE PENDING
1907 JOHNSON AVE., BIG SPRING...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #88348	SALE PENDING
1712 HACKBERRY ST., PECOS...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #88971	SALE PENDING
2705 BAGLEY, ODESSA...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #86570	3BD/$79,000
2825 MERCEDES...Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #97750	$69,900
1407 NW AVE. B., ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #89176	2BD/$38,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

W. CO. RD. 116...Caleb Matott 349-3330		12.54 Acres/$4,000,000
1501 N. FAIRGROUNDS RD...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #95778	SALE PENDING
12278 W. HIGHWAY 158, GARDENDALE...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #94739	16+ Acres/$1,100,000
10310 S. CO. RD. 1210...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #96680	$695,000
1002 S. MARIENFELD...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97538	$580,000
107 CLARK ST...Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #95196	$425,000
1915 S. CO. RD. 1083...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #97604	4.68 Acres/$375,000
9605 CO. RD. 307...Sue Lytle 661-5338	MLS #96951	26.33 Acres/$350,000
110 E. CO. RD. 114...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #97579	$150,000
608 E. BROADWAY, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS#79313	$95,000
310 ST. PETER, STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #89966	$95,000
503 E. BROADWAY, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #89899	$75,000
2825 MERCEDES...Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #97750	$69,900

LANDS AND LOTS

W. CO. RD. 116...Caleb Matott 349-3330		12.54 Acres/$4,000,000
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97407	SUPERB Land; Will Split, 640 Acres/$2,560,000
3021 E. I-20...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #96595	31.74 Acres/$2,500,000
CO. RD. 1065...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97403	CLEAN Land; Will Split, 585+ Acres/$2,340,000
CO. RD. 160...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97408	IDEAL Land, 502.20 Acres/$2,008,800
CO. RD. 1110...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #96969	261.045 Acres/$1,435,500
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97406	SUPERB Land/320 Acres/$1,280,000
S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330		96.85 Acres/$968,500
CO. RD. 3100, STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #94070	185 Acres/$925,000
3201 CYNTHIA DR...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #97539	11.4 Acres/$630,000
8605 W. CO. RD. 170...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #95349	SALE PENDING
SINCLAIR...Ruth Young 682-7884		5 Acres/$425,000
5401 E. CO. RD. 120...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #95128	31.22 Acres/$375,000
9605 CO. RD. 307...Sue Lytle 661-5338	MLS #96951	26.33 Acres/$325,000
3700 W. CO. RD. 145...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #96344	10 Acres + a building!/$325,000
N. CO. RD. 1150/ELKINS RD...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #95384	20 Acres/$290,900
CO. RD. 1130...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89518	29.1 Acres/$291,000
S. CO. RD. 1089 (CIELO VISTA)...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #97325	15.685 Acres/$289,700
S. CO. RD. 1135...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #94205	14 Acres/$280,000
ESTATES OF SHILOH...Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #97772	3.9 Acres/$250,000
4700 TROBAUGH...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #96920	7.548 Acres/$240,000
807 N. FAIRGROUNDS RD...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #94740	1.75 Acres/$200,000
903 & 905 S. MAIN ST., ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #89500	1.08 Acres/$197,500
3605 W. CO. RD. 145...Josie Alvarez 296-1395	MLS #94202	15 Acres/$165,000
4219 S. HWY. 349...Caleb Matott 349-3330		3+ Acres/$150,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy Hanson 638-3819		3+ Acre Lots/$135,000
00 W I-20 SERVIC RD...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #97852	$130,000
W. CO. RD. 52...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #97804	6 Acres/$95,000
1006 S. CO. RD. 1072, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #96343	2.74 Acres/$89,000
W. CO. RD. 52...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #97996	SALE PENDING
2825 MERCEDES...Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #97750	$69,900
W. CO. RD. 52...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #97802	SALE PENDING
CO. RD. 110...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #93331	1 Acre Lots/$27,000
S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330		96.85 Acres/$10,000/Acre
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97405	GREAT Land, 320 Acres/$4,000/Acre
112 SW 2ND ST., ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #89499	SALE PENDING
S. TYLER...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #92810	SALE PENDING

FARMS AND RANCHES

CO. RD. 160 & 1065...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97407	SUPERB Land; Will Split, 640 Acres/$2,560,000
CO. RD. 1065...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97403	CLEAN Land; Will Split, 585+ Acres/$2,340,000
CO. RD. 160...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97408	IDEAL Land, 502.20 Acres/$2,008,800
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065...Caleb Matott 349-3330		SUPERB Land/320 Acres/$1,280,000
12278 W. HIGHWAY 158, GARDENDALE...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #94739	16+ Acres/$1,100,000
CHAVES COUNTY, NEW MEXICO...Caleb Matott 349-3330...Red Bluff Ranch. 35,100 Deeded. 23,040 BLM. 1,280 State Lease		SALE PENDING
S. CO. RD. 1050, GREENWOOD...Caleb Matott 349-3330		96.85 Acres/$10,000 Per Acre
4456 SE 1000, ANDREWS...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97578	SALE PENDING
CO. RD. 160 & CO. RD. 1065...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #97406	SUPERB Land - Will Split, 320 Acres/$4,000/Acre
PECOS COUNTY, FORT STOCKTON...Caleb Matott 349-3330...Superb Mule Deer & Bird Hunting		2006+ Acres/$550/Acre
ANDREWS/ECTOR COUNTY...Caleb Matott 349-3330...M Bar Ranch - Extremely good cattle/hunting ranch; SWD income		9,039+ Acres/$425/Acre

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ALPINE EATS

Dining scene ranges from southwestern cuisine to authentic Tex-Mex

By Megan Lea Buck

In search of escape, mountain views and good food, my husband and I jumped in his truck on a Saturday morning in early March and headed west. With the second annual Viva Big Bend Food Festival on the horizon, it was a perfect time to check out the dining scene in Far West Texas. After spending a couple of days in Alpine staring in awe at the Davis Mountains and walking through art galleries, what we found was a much-needed break from the often overwhelming pace of life in the booming Permian Basin. We enjoyed every meal but what stood out almost as much as the food was the quick service and the lack of crowds. After making the recommended reservations at one restaurant, we overheard a server apologetically telling a walk-in party the wait would be nearly 45 minutes in the main dining room, although she could seat them outside much sooner. My husband and I exchanged glances and laughed. We couldn't remember the last time we had a wait shorter than 45 minutes at a Midland restaurant.

Inside

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Reata

We booked dinner reservations at the Reata for our first night in Alpine. Open since 1995, the Reata offers fine dining with a uniquely Texan menu. Specialties include a pan-seared pepper crusted tenderloin with port wine sauce and carne asada topped with cheese enchiladas, but the menu also includes classics such as chicken-fried steak with cracked pepper gravy and a charbroiled rib eye with cook's butter.

After sampling the disappointingly dry cornbread in the bread basket, I ordered the fried poblano chile rellenos that were stuffed with cream cheese, corn and peppers and served with corn chowder. Pinto beans and jalapeno cheddar grits rounded out the plate. The entree far exceeded the first impression left by the cornbread with two large poblano peppers roasted and fried with a light and crispy batter. A slight heat from the peppers in the filling helped to cut through the richness of the cream cheese. The rellenos sat in a bed of corn chowder that added flavor and moisture.

And those jalapeno and cheddar grits? If you visit the Reata, order them by the plateful. Do not leave the restaurant without trying these grits. The only thing that could make me stop eating them was the promise of a Dutch oven apple crisp with melty vanilla ice cream.

Los Jalapenos

At the recommendation of a friend who lives in Alpine, we decided to end our gastro-adventure somewhere off the main street and off the list of fine dining establishments. Los Jalapenos is a family-owned Mexican food restaurant located on Murphy Street. Inside the unassuming building we found scattered tables of diners and local art hanging on the walls.

We ordered chips and hot sauce with our drinks and the server brought a basket of thick-cut tortilla chips with a small bowl of a creamy red sauce — different than the chunky salsa usually served at restaurants — that is spicy and addictive.

After indulging in a few decadent meals, we were craving something a little simpler so we both ordered tacos plates. My husband chose the traditional ground beef and I ordered the doraditos de villa — tacos stuffed with a potato and cheese mixture.

Both of our entrees were served in fresh, lightly fried tortillas with crisp lettuce and sliced tomato. The ground beef was hearty and perfectly seasoned and the potato cheese mixture was light and perfectly paired with the tortilla, lettuce and tomato.

Both plates were served with refried beans and rice. Everything tasted fresh. We cleaned our plates, paid our server and vowed to come back to Alpine soon to eat, play and enjoy life at a slower, more relaxing pace.

Century Bar and Grill

After spending a Saturday night at Alpine's historic Holland Hotel, we walked downstairs to enjoy brunch at the Century Bar and Grill off the hotel's lobby. A dining room with gorgeous eclectic rustic decor — check out those ceilings! — and window views of the hotel's patio hides behind the galley-shaped bar.

Start with coffee and indulge in the restaurant's make-your-own-bloody-mary-bar. The brunch menu includes the expected salads, sandwiches and breakfast fare with some unexpected details such as grapefruit and goat cheese on the Century Salad and brisket hash, potato biscuits and chipolte cheddar cheese sauce on the Texan Benedict plate.

I went for the day's special: Strawberry Mountain Waffle. A Belgian-style waffle was topped with a layer of whipped cream and a generous layer of strawberries and another waffle with more whipped cream and more strawberries. The plate was beautiful, the waffles were fluffy and the strawberries were refreshing. Still, I felt like I was having dessert for breakfast — not a bad thing, necessarily, and nothing a side order of bacon and an extra cup of coffee couldn't fix.

If you go

VIVA BIG BEND FOOD FESTIVAL | APRIL 10-12 | ALPINE, FORT DAVIS, MARFA AND MARATHON

This is the second year for the food festival, which is a spin-off of the Viva Big Bend Music Festival coming up in July. The three-day festival includes cooking demonstrations, meals, tours and tastings, drinks and live music. Featured events require individual tickets, other events are free and open to the public. For tickets and more information, go to vivabigbend.com.

Featured events:

Thursday
- Tito's Handmade Cocktail Tour

Friday
- Breakfast at the Fort
- Cooking Demo with Chef Monica Pope at Gage Hotel
- Marfa Maid Goat Dairy Tour
- Tito's Handmade Vodka Cocktail Dinner curated by Tipsy Texan and The Saddle Club
- Dinner at The Gage Hotel with Celebrity Chef Monica Pope

Saturday
- Tequila y Mezcal Master Class, 1:30-3 p.m. Alpine
- Big Bend Brewing Co. BBQ & Beer Tasting
- Big Bend Coffee Roasters Tour
- Aura Mae dinner at The Century

Free events

Thursday
- Opening night party at Railroad Blues
- Solerno Sunset Happy Hour presented by Soleno Blood Orange Liqueur

Friday
- Solerno Salutations
- Sahar Arafat-Ray's Middle Eastern Mezze
- Tipsy Texan Book Signing
- Parisian Stroll through Gage Gardens presented by Cointreau
- Solerno Sunset Happy Hour presented by Soleno Blood Orange Liqueur

Saturday
- Tito's Handmade Vodka DIY Infusion Class
- Dining Along Historic Highways
- Fine Spirits Tasting Room
- Tiki Party on the Paisano Patio
- Cow Dog/Plaine party
- The Ranch 616 and Tito's party at the Paisano
- Solerno Sunset Happy Hour presented by Soleno Blood Orange Liqueur

Hannah Dreier/AP

The exterior of Eat is seen March 21 on the ground floor of a of a motel-style apartment complex in downtown Las Vegas. Eat is part of a boom in cozy neighborhood restaurants in what was once the derelict core of this town. Chef and owner Natalie Young said she designed the restaurant as an alternative to the glitzier cuisine on the Strip.

LOCAL FAVORITE

Simple treats can be found in garish Las Vegas

By Hannah Dreier
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — You might not expect to find farm-to-table dining in Las Vegas. But that's exactly why tourists are lining up at a rundown corner a few blocks near the old casinos in the town's seedy core.

It takes visitors arriving by cab a few minutes to locate the nouveau diner Eat on the ground floor of a motel-style apartment complex that rents rooms by the month and looks like a place where a down-on-his-luck crime caper hero might live.

But this is Las Vegas' first neighborhood restaurant with an emphasis on freshness and locally sourced ingredients. Eat has been a favorite among locals since it opened two years ago, when more than 100 people lined up to get their first taste. Chef and owner Natalie Young temporarily closed the restaurant that first night to regroup.

She conceived the restaurant as an antidote to the caviar-drenched, truffle-infused upscale restaurants most commonly associated with Sin City. She spent more than a decade working at some of the Strip's fanciest venues, including the restaurant at the top of the ersatz Eiffel Tower. At Eat, she's kept the linen napkins, but chucked the overheated menu descriptions and steep prices.

"There's enough Vegas in Vegas," she said, raising her voice a little to be heard above the buzz of a typically packed morning at Eat.

The menu is small, with a Southern accent, and it's closed for dinner. Breakfast offerings include buttery cinnamon biscuits served with berries piled on top, free-range eggs any way you like, and pillowy beignets with seasonal jam and mascarpone. For lunch, there are salads, sandwiches on thick toasted bread, shrimp and grits, and the best grilled cheese in town. There can be a two-hour wait for a table on weekends — though it's more like 15 minutes on weekdays.

The place tends to be noisy, and that's by design. The ceilings are high, the tables are spread out, and there is no Wi-Fi, to encourage diners to interact with each other.

For locals, there's another major appeal: You can walk there. Other cities take for granted the ability to stroll from lunch to a store to a cafe, but until recently in Las Vegas, residents have had to choose between driving to strip malls or braving the sprawling indoor mall that is a modern casino.

Now, however, downtown Vegas is starting to cohere into the city's first traditional neighborhood. Within the past 12 months, a critical mass of boutique restaurants has moved downtown, a novelty in an area long dominated by the Heart Attack Grill, where people who weigh over 350 pounds eat free.

Visitors wary of the wait at Young's restaurant can walk a few blocks south to MTO, which serves fresh comfort food in a brightly lit space. Or they can amble north toward the touristy Fremont Street, where the Rat Pack once gambled, and check out Wild, a whimsical gluten-free pizza and salad place that is much more delectable than you might think. A block away, Le Thai offers addictive, spicy Thai food in a tiny space.

Wild and Eat were both funded by the Downtown Project, which is remaking the once-derelict heart of Las Vegas with funding from Zappo's CEO Tony Hsieh.

The project also is responsible for a new park built out of shipping containers opposite Eat. One of the containers is home to Pinches Tacos, arguably the city's best Mexican food. But no matter where you eat, the Container Park is an appealing after-meal destination. It offers beer, wine and giant twirling slides for adults as well as kids. This is still Vegas, after all.

If You Go...

EAT: 707 Carson St., Las Vegas, 702-534-1515, http://eatdtlv.com

LE THAI: 523 Fremont St., Las Vegas, 702-778-0888, http://www.lethaivegas.com

MTO: 500 South Main St., Las Vegas, 702-380-8229, http://mtocafe.com/

PINCHES TACOS: 707 East Fremont St. at Container Park, Las Vegas, 702-910-3100, http://pinchestacos.com

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Pre-cooking chicken only safe if it's then grilled immediately

Dear Heloise: I am a regular reader of your column in the (Rochester, Minn.) Post-Bulletin. I remember a hint about microwaving bone-in chicken pieces a short time before grilling to ensure doneness. Could this have come from your column? Would you please research and respond? — Sue O. in Minnesota

Well, Sue, you may have read it in my column. So, here is the information you requested from the experts this expert relies on. You can microwave chicken first (according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture), but only if you immediately plan to move it to a hot grill to finish cooking. Don't partially cook meat or chicken when planning to refrigerate and cook later. All of the bacteria may not be killed, and you certainly don't want to make your family sick! — Heloise

STAY FRESH

Dear Heloise: I love cookie jars and have a small collection. I like to actually use them (certain ones for certain holidays, etc.). However, I have found many jars do not have a sealed lid to keep the cookies truly fresh.

I keep the cookies sealed in a plastic, zipper-lock bag inside the jar. You still are using the decorative jar, but are making sure the cookies stay extra fresh when someone goes to eat them. — Jane D. in Ohio

STILL ACTIVE

Dear Heloise: I was starting to bake, and noticed the can of baking powder (which was open) had just expired. I recall reading somewhere that you can do a simple test to tell if baking powder is still active. Can you tell me how to test the baking powder? — Sandra M. in Wyoming

Sandra, it is a very simple test. Exact measurements aren't really important, but take about a cup of hot water and add about a teaspoon of the baking powder in question. If the baking powder is still good, it will immediately start to bubble when it hits the water. — Heloise

SPINACH OMELET

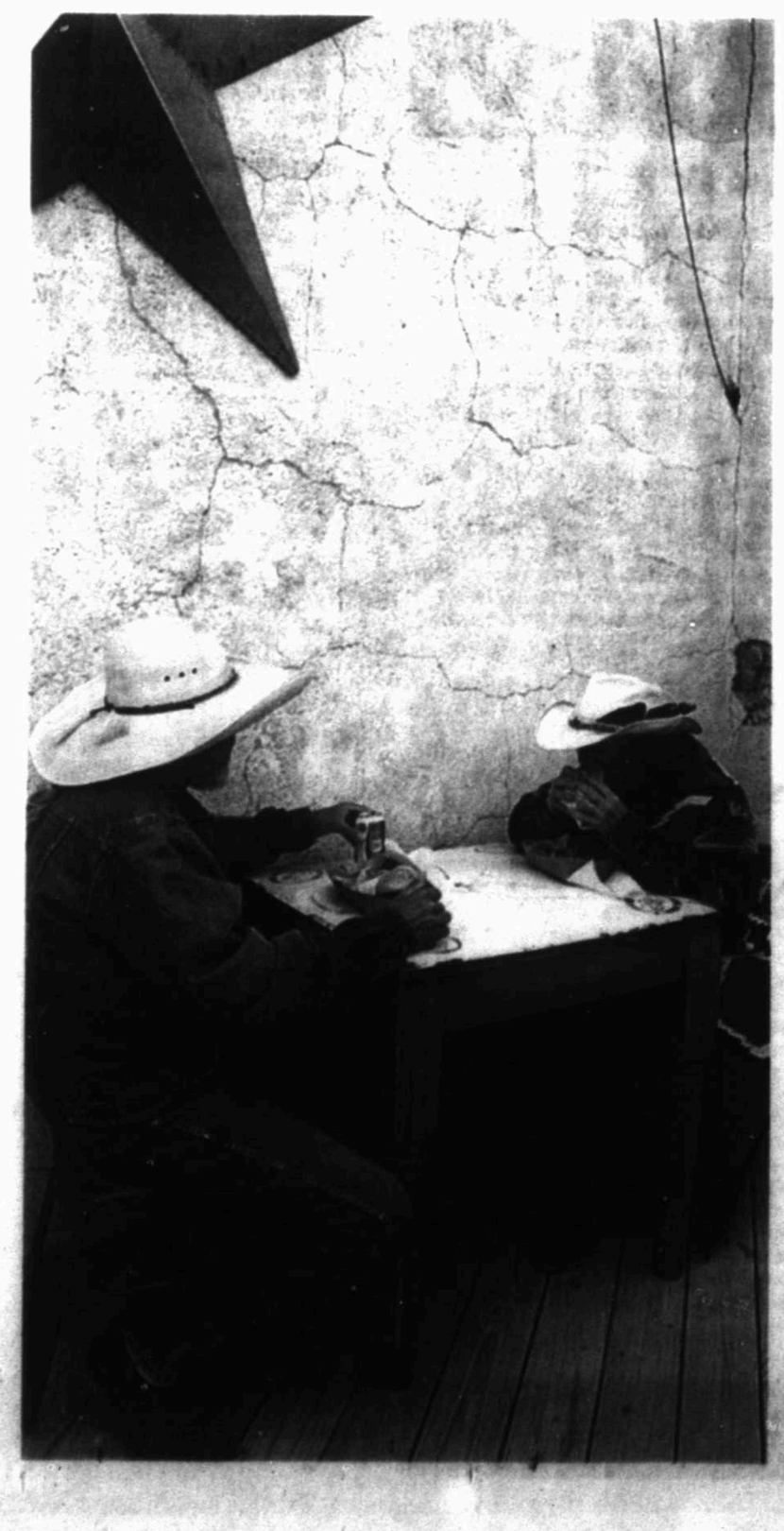
Dear Heloise: I read your column in The (Towanda, Pa.) Daily Review. Every morning I have an omelet for breakfast. Usually I put fresh spinach in it, but when I couldn't use up the spinach fast enough, I put it in the freezer so it wouldn't spoil. Once frozen, the spinach crumbles nicely for my omelet while still in the bag. This is much easier than cutting the spinach fresh, and it tastes just as good. Many thanks for all your hints! — Cathy in Pennsylvania

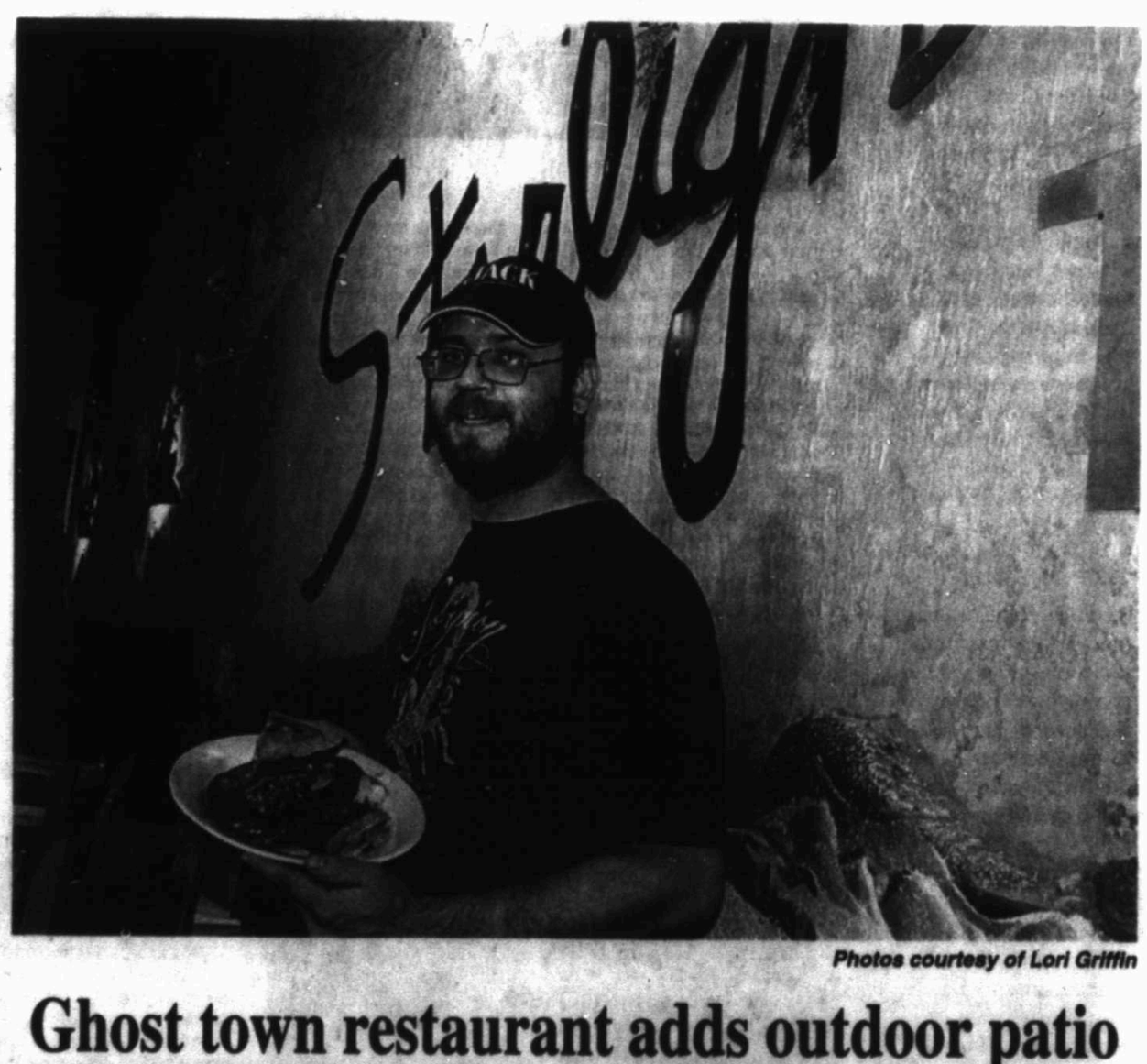
NO MESS

Dear Heloise: Before I spray any pan with cooking oil, I open my dishwasher door and place the pan on the inside of the door. I then am able to spray the pan, causing any overspray to be trapped in the dishwasher and washed away with the next load. No messy counter to clean! — Gina T. in Kentucky

Any hint to help keep kitchen counters clean is a good one! That spray does seem to go places it should not! — Heloise

Send a hint to Heloise at P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, 78279-5000, fax 210-HELOISE or email heloise@Heloise.com.





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Ghost town restaurant adds outdoor patio

By Megan Lea Buck
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Not ready to come home from the Viva Big Bend Food Fest? Head further south from Marfa/Alpine/Fort Davis to Terlingua where the Starlight Theatre offers food, drinks and live music in the historic ghost town.

The Starlight recently added an outdoor patio dining area with its own menu of barbecue, chips and dip and drinks. Alpine's Big Bend Brewing Co. beer is on tap.

"We've been planning it for years," said owner Bill Ivey. "It is to enhance the dining experience of the Starlight customers."

The patio opened in early March and gives guests an option for a faster and more casual dining experience. Diners often find themselves on a waiting list for a table inside the Starlight Theatre.

The Starlight brings in live music and local art. Menu items range from simple to sophisticated and include burgers and salads as well as entrees such as tequila-marinated quail with a blueberry balsamic dipping sauce and chicken-fried antelope with Lone Star Beer gravy.

For the full menu and entertainment schedule, go to thestarlighttheatre.com.

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Elijah Bearsheart, left, holds his daughter, Keanala, 1, as he sits with his family, Kehala Diserly, Kiari Diserly, 3, and Yamni Pederson, 5, as they listen to testimony May 15, 2013 during the Indian Child Welfare Act summit in Rapid City, S.D. A new report on child well-being, measured by state and race, has turned an unflattering spotlight on some places not used to being at the bottom of such lists, including Wisconsin, with a worst-in-the-nation ranking for its black children, and South Dakota, with abysmal results for its American Indian youth. The report was released Tuesday by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Study's low marks on youth well-being stir states

By David Crary
Associated Press

A new report on child well-being, measured by state and race, has turned an unflattering spotlight on some places not used to being at the bottom of such lists, including Wisconsin, with a worst-in-the-nation ranking for its black children, and South Dakota, with abysmal results for its American Indian youth.

The report, released Tuesday by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, detailed nationwide racial disparities that put Asian and white children in a far more advantageous position than black, Latino and American Indian children. For some advocates for children, the state-specific results were stinging.

"Wisconsin is a state that claims to value opportunity and community and fairness," said Ken Taylor, executive director of the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families. "That we are the worst in the nation when it comes to the well-being of our African-American children is unacceptable."

He noted that a report by his council last year on Wisconsin's Dane County — home to the University of Wisconsin's main campus — had turned up glaring black-white discrepancies in and around Madison, the relatively progressive and prosperous capital city.

"We knew we were among the worst, but there is something striking about having a national organization rank us last ... especially when our white children are ranked 10th," said Colleen Butler, racial justice director for the YWCA in Madison.

"Sadly, the national attention is something that is inspiring people to figure out what's going on and how to improve," Butler said. "It's going to be a long-term process. It won't happen overnight."

The essence of the Casey report is a newly devised index based on 12 indicators measuring a child's success from birth to adulthood. The indicators include reading and math proficiency, high school graduation data, teen birthrates, employment prospects, family income and education levels, and neighborhood poverty levels.

Nationally, Asian children had the highest composite score at 776, followed by white children at 704. Then there was a sharp drop-off: the scores were 404 for Latino children, 387 for American-Indian children and 345 for black children.

Wisconsin had the worst score for its black youth at 285, followed by Mississippi, then Michigan.

In Michigan, unlike Wisconsin, white children also ranked in the bottom half of the index. The net result is "a very distressful picture about all children in Michigan," according to Tonya Allen, president and chief executive of the Detroit-based Skillman Foundation, which invests $17 million each year in education, community programs and youth development.

"When you look at the people who have left Michigan and have left the city of Detroit, the largest percentage is families with young children," she said. "People are not finding Michigan — or Detroit — a compelling place to raise their children."

In the Casey index for American Indian children, the South Dakota score of 185 was the lowest of any racial group in any state — a result of the deep poverty that prevails on many of South Dakota's Indian reservations.

Sherry Salway Black, a tribal governance expert with the National Congress of American Indians, described the South Dakota score as "horrendous," but said she was impressed by initiatives on some of the reservations that could help children and families.

In particular, she praised native-run community development financial institutions for seeking to improve youth employment and provide young people with financial literacy education.

"It's a beacon of hope," she said.

The Casey report cited several other initiatives around the United States that appeared to hold promise for improving the prospects of disadvantaged children. Among them:

■ An innovative school funding system in California — the Local Control Funding Formula — which enables school districts to receive extra money based on such factors as child poverty and the number of children in the foster care system.

■ The Family and Child Education Program launched by Parents as Teachers, a St. Louis-based advocacy and outreach group, to improve reading and math proficiency among American Indian children. Casey said the program is now offered in 45 Bureau of Indian Education Schools.

■ Volunteers of America's Look Up and Hope initiative, launched in 2009 to help support children with a mother in prison. It provides incarcerated mothers, their children and their children's caregivers with up to five years of comprehensive services, including home visits and individualized support from a case manager.

Ken Taylor of the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families expressed hope that the state's low score for black children would serve as an alarm bell — both for Wisconsin and the whole country — to galvanize politicians, community leaders, nonprofits and employers into action.

"Historically, we're a state that invests in kids, invests in education," he said. "Are we still that kind of state? That's an open question."

Improvements, he said, should be pursued with a sense of urgency, but also with the understanding that progress would take years.

LINDSEY BLAIR

Center for Children and Families

Letting go of need to control can improve relationships

Letting go of the need to control others allows you to improve the quality of your relationships with others and yourself. Changes in decision-making, social skills and perception can lead to happiness and a sense of freedom.

Accept people for who they are, and let go of the need to "fix" them.

The only person you can control and change is yourself. Those you have tried to change or "fix" have eventually come to resent you. Going into a relationship knowing what you will change about that person sets you up for an unhealthy, unbalanced relationship. Stop seeing people as lost puppies who need to be nurtured, cared for and trained. Allow others to be themselves and choose to be around people you like for who they truly are.

Let go of your "shoulds" for yourself and others.

It's time to accept the past, learn from it and let go. "Should've, could've, would've" thinking keeps you stuck in the past. If you are still reliving the past and thinking about regrets then you are missing out on what is happening in the present. Notice, the "should've, could've, would've" thinking has yet to change the past or take you back in time. It's time to learn from the past and let it go in order to start living for the future. No more "shoulding" on yourself.

Let go of the victim role you play in relationships.

Blaming others and denying responsibility in relationships enables you to control others through manipulation. Choosing partners you can control maintains a pattern of unhealthy relationships and will repel healthy friendships. Be proactive in building self-esteem and confidence in an effort to be more assertive and supportive in your relationships. Stop seeing yourself as the victim and start living like a survivor and thrive.

See other people as having wounds, not faults.

View others' shortcomings or issues as a temporary wound, not a character flaw. See the ability to recover and rebuild in others and find a way to contribute to their well-being. Showing genuine care and concern can be as simple as a smile, asking someone how his or her day was or offering a helping hand. We are all human and require help from time to time.

Let go of the idea you failed at a relationship.

The only relationship failure is not learning from the time spent together. Use each relationship as an opportunity to learn about yourself and how you relate, react and interact with others. The relationships we are involved in, both positive and negative, aide in choosing best friends, partners and acquaintances. We learn who brings out the best in us and who we purposely set boundaries with and spend little time.

Choose to see the positive in people.

See your glass as half full rather than half empty. When we assume the worst we are more likely to be unsatisfied and unfulfilled. Plus, when you expect negative you put little to no effort forth. On the other hand, when we expect positive we typically put forth more effort and look for the good in the situation. Optimists tend to feel more satisfied, fulfilled and happy. Try to see something positive in every situation.

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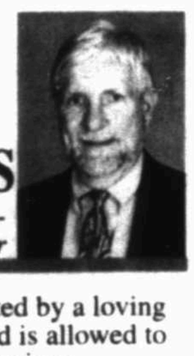
Couple seeks marital help after many of their friends get divorced

FAMILY MATTERS

Jim May, Ph.D., is director of the Family Wellness Center



DEAR FAMILY: Since this boom hit I have watched several of my friends go through divorce. All but one were about the husband's newfound wealth making the wife suddenly seem old and no fun anymore. It's almost as if they talked to each other and decided to get out now when they suddenly turned young and handsome (which means younger women flock to the money). The only exception was one girlfriend who finally could get enough money to leave a verbally abusive marriage, and that was a good thing.

All of us are in the mid- to late-30s age bracket so it's not like we are old and fat. Most of us work out, take care of ourselves, our children and are active in the church and community. I've started thinking that I am not any different than they are, and my husband looks just like those husbands who left. I trust my husband completely and have never had any reason to doubt him in our 13 years of marriage. I have talked, listened and cried with my girlfriends who felt dumped and discarded for someone younger and "more fun" — whatever that means. Not one of them saw this coming, other than their husbands had all been gone a lot more on "business," but it is the boom! They seem oblivious and don't care that it turns their children's lives upside down, not to mention what it does to their wives. The word "heartless" is all that comes to my mind.

I finally got up enough nerve to discuss this with my husband, and he was wonderful and very reassuring. He is a "fix it" person and as we continued to talk, he wondered if there were any classes or something available to help strengthen marriages before there is a catastrophe. I have asked around and no one seems to know of anything, so I'm writing you to see if you know any resources in Midland to help marriages that are not already in trouble. I know there are counselors like you, but most husbands I know consider it a weakness to go to someone to help them with their marital problems. — HOPING FOR ANSWERS

DEAR HOPING: I could not agree with you more! I think we have to turn to the churches to provide such resources to couples. As you observed people (especially males) will only pay for counseling as a last resort when their spouse insists. That does not make for a good working environment for a marriage therapy. I believe it is completely appropriate for churches to take the lead on marriage strengthening and enrichment as marriage is a spiritual union created by a loving God — if God is allowed to stay in the marriage.

There is one program called Marriage Savers — you can take a look at it on the Internet — that utilizes the idea of education and mentor couples to help other couples. Other programs emphasize education/training on marital conflict resolution, parenting, intimacy and so on. First United Methodist Church does have a Relationship Center that offers marital programs. I also like the idea of an annual marriage retreat where couples attend a weekend without children to focus on improving their marriage. There are a variety of resources available from well-known authorities (for example, Gary Smalley) to help facilitate the process. The program, Marriage Encounter is a formal weekend program to help couples discover each other and to fall back in love.

If there are other such programs in existence in Midland I would love to hear about them. So readers or ministers, if you or your church has programs, retreats, etc., to strengthen marriages, please let me know and I will put your information in the column.

Wife is hurt over being ignored by father-in-law

DEAR ABBY

Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my wonderful husband for 10 years. My father-in-law, "John," has always been a man of extremely few words with me. He mostly just ignores me when I'm around. I have mentioned it to my husband and mother-in-law over the years, and they say he's just "weird."

Last year, my brother-in-law married a nice woman, "Donna." It turns out that John talks just fine with her. He's not overly chatty, but he's friendly and polite. They had a 20-minute conversation on Christmas Eve, and I don't remember ever exchanging more than three sentences with the man. I'm naturally sociable and easygoing, and I don't know why John would treat me so rudely for so long.

Of course, I'm jealous. I would trade the father-in-law I have had for the one Donna has in a heartbeat. I'm so hurt and angry that I find it difficult to be in the same room with him now. I am seeing a therapist, which helps, but I'm still not sure how to get over this or how to proceed. Can you offer me some advice? — LIKE I'M NOT HERE

DEAR LIKE: I'll try. There could be any number of reasons why your father-in-law has been unable to connect with you, and I can think of at least one that might have nothing to do with you. Has it occurred to you that this may have something to do with the way he feels about your husband? Sometimes the negative feelings a parent has toward a child can spill over onto the spouse. That might explain his warmer attitude toward your sister-in-law.

However, if that's not the case, then you will have to accept that people don't always have the same level of chemistry with everyone — and your father-in-law isn't being intentionally hurtful. I have experienced this, and if you think about it, I'm sure you probably have, too.

I'm glad you're seeing a therapist, although I hope the reason isn't your father-in-law. If being around him is uncomfortable for you, then limit the time you spend with your in-laws. That's what I'd do.

DEAR ABBY: Over the past 35 years I have saved all the cards, letters and photographs sent to me by friends. I thought it would be fun to make them into scrapbooks and give them back to those friends one day.

Now that I finally have the time to organize them all, I'm not so sure. They are pre-Facebook. There are lots of letters about their pregnancies, birth announcements, child-rearing experiences and holiday letters.

Can you ask your readers if they would welcome something like this or should I toss them all? It's time to clean house. — UNSURE IN THE WEST

DEAR UNSURE: I'll put the question out there, but the people who really should answer are the friends for whom you're thinking of creating those scrapbooks. Speaking for myself, I think they would be priceless gifts, but I can't answer for everyone.

WEDDINGS

Minnis-Tooley

Christi Hill Minnis and Mark Tooley were married on March 18, 2014 in Hawaii. The couple exchanged vows in a private ceremony on the beach on the island of Kauai, Hawaii.

Christi is the daughter of Janette Kuzmich of Midland, Texas and the late Darrell Hill of Oakland City, Indiana. Mark is the son of Patricia Tooley of Evansville, Indiana and the late Robert Tooley.

Christi holds degrees in education and nursing from the University of Evansville and is retired after a 30-year career as a registered nurse. Mark attended the University of Evansville and is employed with Flanders Electric Company of Evansville, Indiana.

Following a wedding supper at the Kauai Grand Hyatt Hotel and a honeymoon on the island, the couple will reside in Lynnville, Indiana.

Ray and Mary Sue del Llano

Ramon del Llano and Mary Sue Croll were married on April 11, 1964, in Washington, D.C., where Ray was stationed in the Army and Mary Sue was working as a legal secretary for her brother. After living a few years in D.C., and then in Roswell, New Mexico, (where Ray was raised; Mary Sue raised in Ohio), the couple had their first child and moved to Midland in 1970.

Ramon and Mary Sue have three daughters, Ann Elizabeth del Llano, Deborah Jean Stewart and Marcia del Llano Crowder. Ann del Llano resides in Austin. Deborah Jean Stewart is married to Andres Stewart and has three children: Olivia, Elena and Andres Ramon. Marcia del Llano Crowder is married to Brent Crowder and has two children: Levi and Sierra.

The couple have been members of St. Luke's United Methodist Church for 44 years. They both are active volunteers at St. Luke's UMC, the Petroleum Museum and Visitor's Center, and with RSVP volunteer program, servicing non-profit agencies and organizations throughout Midland.

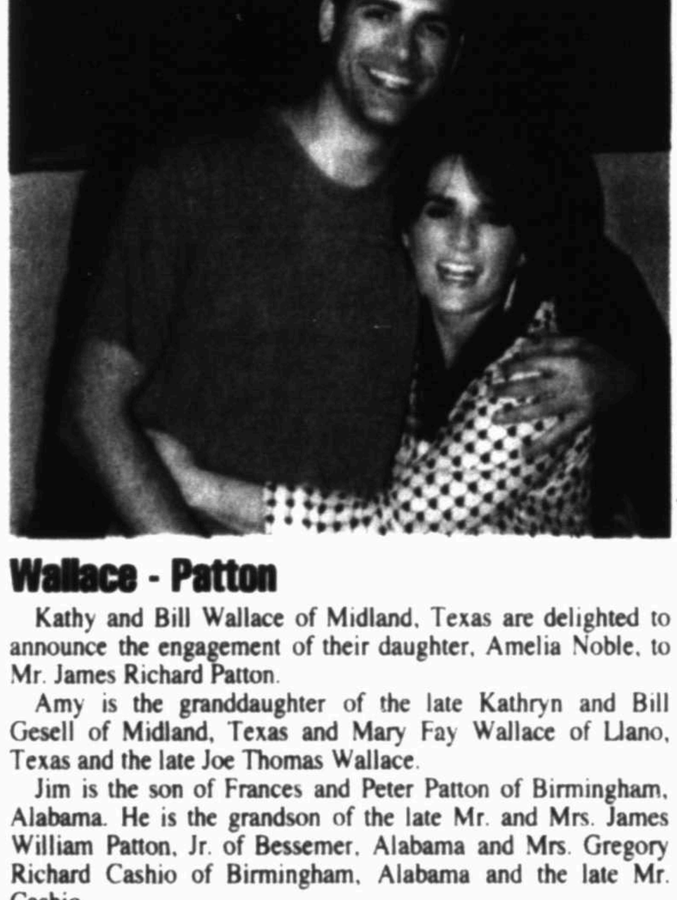
Together, they have volunteered at the Midland Chamber of Commerce, Safe Place, Parents Anonymous, Christmas in April, Bluebirds, Church Youth Counselors, Sunday School Teachers, and with Meals on Wheels.

Ray was an All-Star coach for his girls in Basketball and Softball. He gave 30 years as a Draftsman to ARCO Oil & Gas, four years with Ref-Chem, and four years with CSS as a Coordinator for Senior Services.

Mary Sue worked at various Oil and Gas companies and as an Executive Assistant at Meridian Oil for nine years.

Together, they not only raised their own children, but they helped care for both Ray's parents, his aunt Cuca, and his uncle Manuel in their final years.

Ray and Mary Sue enjoy traveling, helping others, walking their dogs, watching movies, and loving their children and grandchildren.



Wallace - Patton

Kathy and Bill Wallace of Midland, Texas are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amelia Noble, to Mr. James Richard Patton.

Amy is the granddaughter of the late Kathryn and Bill Gesell of Midland, Texas and Mary Fay Wallace of Llano, Texas and the late Joe Thomas Wallace.

Jim is the son of Frances and Peter Patton of Birmingham, Alabama. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. James William Patton, Jr. of Bessemer, Alabama and Mrs. Gregory Richard Cashio of Birmingham, Alabama and the late Mr. Cashio.

Amy is a 2004 graduate of Midland High School in Midland, Texas. She graduated in December 2007 with honors from The University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Communications Studies. She is a member of Pi Beta Phi social sorority. Amy lives in Los Angeles, California and runs her own artist management firm, managing several musical acts.

Jim is a 2002 graduate of Homewood High School in Homewood, Alabama. He graduated with honors from The University of Alabama in 2006 with a major in Telecommunications and Film and a minor in Creative Writing. He is a member of Theta Chi fraternity. Jim lives in Los Angeles, California and is a writer for Tosh.0 on Comedy Central.

Amy and Jim will marry on May 31, 2014 in Santa Barbara, California.

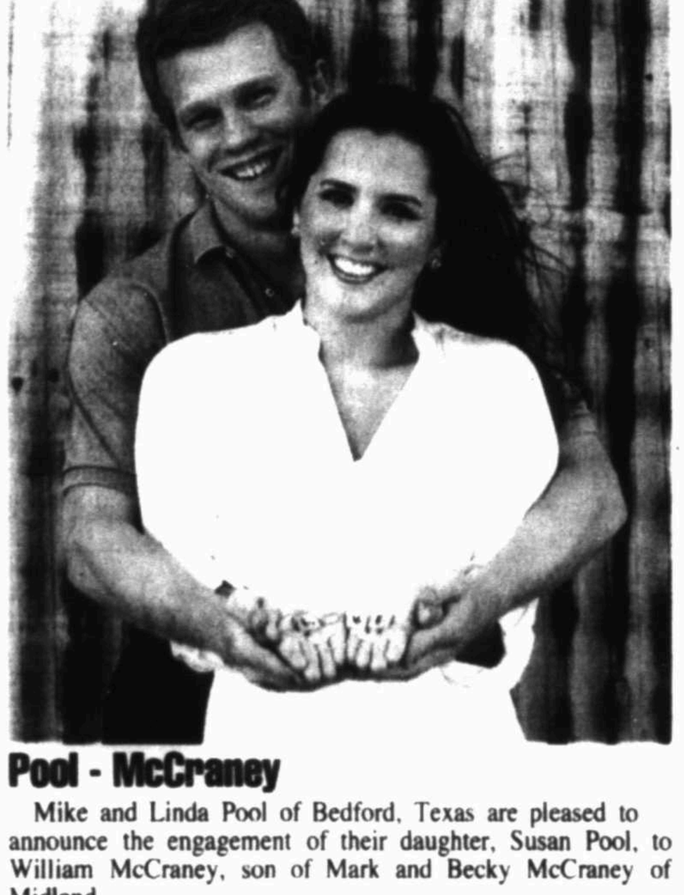
Bielss - Midkiff

Terry and Patti Bielss of Midland are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Jordan Bielss, to Preston Charles Midkiff, son of Greg and Cindy Midkiff, also of Midland.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. Willis Lee and the late Mrs. Shirley Lee, of San Antonio, Texas, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bielss of Brownfield, Texas. The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Midkiff of Midland, Texas, Mrs. Colleen Michael of Midland, Texas, and Mr. Harlan Michael, also of Midland. The bride-elect is a 2009 graduate of Liberty High School in Portland, Oregon, and in 2012 graduated from Texas Tech University with a BBA in Energy Commerce.

The groom graduated from Trinity School of Midland in 2008, and from Texas Tech University with a BBA in Energy Commerce in 2012. Preston and Jennifer are both are employed in the Oil Business in Denver Colorado.

The couple will be married on May 17, 2014 at Saint Ann's Catholic Church in Midland.



Pool - McCraney

Mike and Linda Pool of Bedford, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Pool, to William McCraney, son of Mark and Becky McCraney of Midland.

Susan is an alumnus of The University of Texas at Austin and is currently employed by SHI Int'l Co.

William will be graduating in May from The University of Texas at Austin and has accepted a position with Valerus in Houston, Texas.

A June wedding is planned.

To submit engagement, wedding, anniversary or quinceneara announcements:
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Dozens of apps put wedding help in the palm of your hand

By Diana Marszalek
Associated Press

Doug Appleton's grandparents couldn't travel to his New York City wedding last October, but the tech-savvy Floridians were as present on the big day as anyone could be from 1,000-plus miles away.

Thanks to FaceTime, the two-way Apple video-calling app, Gerald and Jacqueline Sherman watched by video stream as Appleton, 27, and Lauren Becker, 26, tied the knot. The newlyweds even have a picture of the ceremony that captures the Shermans' faces on the iPhone that was used to connect them.

Next, the Shermans joined in the post-nuptial festivities via Wedding Party, an app that instantly uploads photos taken by guests to a website that posts them in chronological order. That allowed them to watch the celebration unfold in real time.

"My grandparents get this stuff, which is great," said Appleton. "They loved seeing what was going on."

Applications that can be downloaded to smartphones and tablets are part of many weddings today, from the initial planning to the honeymoon. The hectic pace of life has encouraged the trend, said Leila Lewis, an industry expert and founder of Inspired By This, a wedding website.

"In this day and age, the digital bride is planning the wedding on the go, which means planning from a phone or tablet," Lewis said.

"Brides want to be planning, searching and experiencing weddings conveniently. They want quick access to an abundance of information, and that's what apps and technology provide."

The proliferation of wedding apps can make choosing which ones to use overwhelming. Here are just several worth noting:

■ Appy Couple. Sharmeen Mitha-Sehgal created this app after the nerve-wracking experience of trying to keep track of her sister's wedding itinerary — a wedding in Mumbai, India — using various invitation and social media websites. Appy Couple aims to provide all wedding-related services on one platform. It helps manage RSVPs, send email invites and create a schedule of events. Guests can use it to book travel, share photos and submit song requests to DJs.

■ Lover.ly. Lewis likes this one for planning. Also billed as a one-stop-shop for the betrothed, it offers shopping and planning platforms as well as info on trends, from '70s-style dresses to serving doughnuts.

■ Evernote. A nod to keeping you and your betrothed on the same page during the wedding planning process. This organizational app — you can snap pictures, make lists and take notes — syncs on devices so everyone knows what's going on.

■ Wedding Party. One of the apps designed to boost the experience of the day itself by allowing guests to use their phones to share photos, videos and comments. About a week ahead of her wedding, Becker asked guests to download this app so they could help the Shermans get in on the action.

■ WedPics. Lets couples create personalized photo albums of all the events surrounding their nuptials, from bridal showers to honeymoons, using pictures and videos uploaded by friends.

BEST SELLERS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Hardcover fiction

1. "Missing You" by Harlan Coben (Dutton Adult)
2. "Power Play" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)
3. "The Bootlegger" by Clive Cussler and Justin Scott (Putnam Adult)
4. "Raising Steam" by Terry Pratchett (Doubleday)
5. "The Goldfinch" by Donna Tartt (Little, Brown)
6. "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd (Viking Adult)
7. "The Auschwitz Escape" by Joel C. Rosenberg (Tyndale)
8. "Private L.A." by James Patterson and Mark Sullivan (Little, Brown)
9. "Be Careful What You Wish For" by Jeffrey Archer (St. Martin's Press)
10. "The Chase" by Janet Evanovich and Lee Goldberg (Bantam)
11. "Night Broken" by Patricia Briggs (Ace)
12. "Words of Radiance" by Brandon Sanderson (Tor)
13. "Concealed in Death" by J.D. Robb (Putnam Adult)
14. "Stone Cold" by C.J. Box (Putnam Adult)
15. "Sycamore Row" by John Grisham (Doubleday)

Hardcover nonfiction

1. "The Body Book" by Cameron Diaz (Harper Wave)
2. "The Blood Sugar Solution 10-Day Detox Diet" by Mark Hyman (Little, Brown)
3. "Grain Brain" by David Perlmutter (Little, Brown)
4. "The Promise of a Pencil" by Adam Braun (Scribner)
5. "Not Cool" by Greg Gutfield (Crown Forum)
6. "Uganda Be Kidding Me" by Chelsea Handler (Grand Central Publishing)
7. "Killing Jesus" by Bill O'Reilly, Martin Dugard (Henry Holt)
8. "10 Percent Happier" by Dan Harris (It Books)
9. "Things That Matter" by Charles Krauthammer (Crown Forum)
10. "William Shakespeare's The Empire Striketh..." by Ian Doescher (Quirk)
11. "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton (HarperOne)
12. "David and Goliath" by Malcolm Gladwell (Little, Brown)
13. "Dark Souls II Collector's Ed. Strategy Guide" by Future Press (Brady Games)
14. "The Future of the Mind" by Michio Kaku (Doubleday)
15. "Lean In" by Sheryl Sandberg (Knopf)

Mass market paperbacks

1. "Daddy's Gone A Hunting" by Mary Higgins Clark (Pocket)
2. "Alex Cross, Run" by James Patterson (Vision)
3. "The Hit" by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
4. "The Heist" by Janet Evanovich and Lee Goldberg (Bantam)
5. "Tell Me" by Lisa Jackson (Zebra)
6. "Thankless in Death" by J.D. Robb (Berkley)
7. "North to Alaska" by Debbie Macomber (Mira)
8. "The Striker" by Clive Cussler and Justin Scott (Berkley)
9. "The Chance" by Robyn Carr (Harlequin MIRA)
10. "Six Years" by Harlan Coben (Signet)
11. "The Witness" by Nora Roberts (Jove)
12. "Girl Missing" by Tess Gerritsen (Ballantine)
13. "The Ophelia Cut" by John Lescroat (Pocket Books)
14. "The English Girl" by Daniel Silva (Harper)
15. "Until the End of Time" by Danielle Steel (Dell)

Trade paperbacks

1. "Mistress" by James Patterson and David Ellis (Grand Central Publishing)
2. "Afterburn/Aftershock" by Sylvia Day (Harlequin)
3. "Heaven is for Real" by Todd Burpo (Thomas Nelson)
4. "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline (William Morrow Paperbacks)
5. "Final Fantasy X/X-2 HD Remaster" by BradyGames (BradyGames)
6. "Beautiful Day" by Elin Hilderbrand (Back Bay Books)
7. "Four Blood Moons" by John Hagee (Worthy)
8. "Don't Go" by Lisa Scottoline (St. Martin's Griffin)
9. "Twelve Years a Slave" by Solomon Northup (HarperPerrenial)
10. "The How Can It Be Gluten Free" by America's Test Kitchen (America's Test Kitchen)
11. "Second Honeymoon" by James Patterson and Howard Roughan (Grand Central Publishing)
12. "Lone Survivor" by Marcus Luttrell (Back Bay Books)
13. "Brain on Fire" by Susannah Cahalan (Simon & Schuster)
14. "Red Lily" by Nora Roberts (Berkley)
15. "The Power of Habit" by Charles Duhigg (Random House)

Source: Publisher's Weekly

Colin Meloy, left, front man and songwriter for the indie folk band, The Decemberists, and his illustrator wife, Carson Ellis, pose with their latest book Jan. 29 in front of Pittock Mansion in the west hills of Portland, Ore. The couple have just published the third installment of a popular adventure book series for middle-schoolers called the "Wildwood Chronicles." The third volume is titled "Wildwood Imperium."

AP file photo

'Wildwood Chronicles' conjures a Portland fantasy

By Terrence Petty
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Unseen in the tree-shrouded hills overlooking downtown Portland are rifle-toting coyotes wearing Napoleonic uniforms, birds ferrying human children on their backs and an army of mole knights living underground.

These are characters that have sprung from the mind of Colin Meloy, frontman and songwriter for the indie folk band The Decemberists.

Meloy and his illustrator wife, Carson Ellis, recently published the third installment of a popular adventure book series for middle-schoolers called "The Wildwood Chronicles." The third volume is titled "Wildwood Imperium."

The main character of the three books isn't a character, but the wooded hills on downtown's doorstep.

In "The Wildwood Chronicles," those woods are off-limits to humans, unless they are touched by the right magic. Prue McKeel, 12, has that magic, as does her classmate Curtis. The book tells of their fantastical adventures in what adults call the Impassable Wilderness.

In the first book, "Wildwood," published in 2011, Prue and Curtis venture into the wilderness to rescue Prue's little brother from an exiled Dowager Governess who had him kidnapped by crows as part of her plot to wipe out all living things in the forest. In the second volume, "Under Wildwood," there's a plot to kill Prue, a mystic is murdered and Prue, Curtis and a rat named Septimus visit an underground city inhabited by moles.

There are more adventures, conspiracies and intrigue in "Wildwood Imperium." The Dowager Governess has returned — in the shape of an ivy-covered creature leading an army of murderous ivy monsters.

Unforgettable is a cell of beret-wearing revolutionaries who enlist the help of orphans to assault Titan Tower, the headquarters of industrialists intent on exploiting the natural landscape. The orphans squeeze through ducts and up elevator shafts to free hostages, and in their escape they and the beret-wearing radicals bring down Titan Tower with explosives. The revolutionaries, who call themselves the Chapeaux Noirs, or black caps, are a comedic bunch. One of them pronounces a manifesto apparently inspired by a Monty Python scene: "We're a radical anarcho-syndicalist collective. Saboteurs. Our aim is to free the proletariat from the yoke of the industrialist state."

On a rainy day in February, Meloy and Ellis were visiting Pittock Mansion — a chateaulike house that's prominent in "The Wildwood Chronicles." In the fantasy series, Pittock Mansion is surrounded by a village inhabited by talking animals — deer, badgers, rabbits and moles, who lead their daily lives alongside people.

The idea of a book set in these woods — called in reality Forest Park — came to Meloy from walks he and Ellis would take in them. They live in the Portland area.

"Years ago I had an idea of Forest Park as its own country, a place of course forbidden by adults, a place children would be curious about and find adventure there," said Meloy.

There are no talking critters at Pittock Mansion on this dreary day. But there is a mystique in these hills. A spectral mist glides among towering Douglas firs, stands of hardwoods and deep ravines.

"The Wildwood Chronicles" trilogy draws its magic from these hills. It's an approach that has given added charm to many a children's story. Think of the Catskill Mountains in "Rip Van Winkle" and the Lake District setting of Peter Rabbit and other Beatrix Potter characters. If you can actually enter the physical realm of a children's story, the enchantment becomes more real.

Each book has nifty maps showing geographic details of "The Wood" — the name given by Meloy and Ellis to their fantasy realm. They used a real map of Forest Park as the basis for "The Wood." Besides Pittock Mansion, there are other features that are real: a ravine that cuts through forest, an abandoned stone house, the Willamette River and a bridge across the Willamette.

To make Meloy's concept of geographic details of Wildwood work, the duo had to stretch and scrunch some borders in the map of "The Wood" and add some features that don't exist.

"You wouldn't use Wildwood as a map to get around" Forest Park, said Ellis.

Verdant, eco-minded and sometimes New Agey, "The Wildwood Chronicles" series certainly feels like literature from this progressive corner of the Pacific Northwest.

Little Prue practices yoga, is a vegetarian, eats granola and tunes up her own bike — a single-speed with toe clips.

English ivy as the embodiment of evil is another nod to local mores. The invasive species is shunned here because of the damage it is doing to native plant species in Forest Park. In real-life Portland, there's even a "No Ivy League" group that regularly goes into Forest Park to tear out the ivy.

For the most part, "The Wildwood Chronicles" series moves along at a snappy pace, although some young readers may find parts of the books a slog. Each volume is more than 500 pages long. Meloy uses lots of description and sometimes obscure or old-fashioned terms. Carson Ellis' illustrations give a welcome breather when the story gets a little wordy.

Folks at Pittock Mansion welcome the attention.

The mansion is owned and cared for by the city of Portland. Readers of "The Wildwood Chronicles" have come to the mansion and the surrounding woods to see the real places where the fantasy adventures occur.

Staff members at Pittock Mansion also get a kick out of "The Wildwood Chronicles," said Angela Allee, marketing communications manager at the mansion.

"We've had several fun conversations about 'The Wildwood Chronicles' and the talking coyote soldiers in the Impassable Wilderness," Allee said.

Online
http://www.wildwoodchronicles.com/

Midland author explores life, myth of Doc Holliday

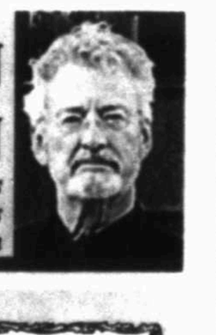
Americans have been spellbound by the life and stories of Doc Holliday for over a century. Perhaps it is because his life exemplified the classical moral dilemma of the will to live versus the desire to die.

As John Henry "Doc" Holliday graduated from dental school and returned home to Valdosta, Ga. to practice dentistry, he was diagnosed with the dreaded disease of the time, tuberculosis, and given a year or less to live. Perhaps in an attempt at self-destruction, but surviving past his 36th birthday, he went west and southwest, from Texas to Colorado to Arizona, living a riotous and dangerous frontier life of late night gambling, heavy drinking, cigar smoke and wild women.

Wyatt Earp forever claimed that Doc saved his life, and a close friendship was forged. While Bat Masterson hated the deadly dentist, he called him "picturesque." Regardless of his southern gentility and manners, Doc was lethal at the drop of a hat. While he tried to escape death, he also ran from his lost love, his cousin, Mattie Holliday, in Georgia. He never got over her, even with his almost constant companion, Big Nose Kate. She was not called that because of a big nose but because she kept her nose in everyone's business.

Shirley Ann Linder of Midland has written an outstanding book, "Doc Holliday in Film and Literature." While reviewing every film about Doc though the 20th century, including photos of the famous actors playing Doc Holliday, she separates the myths and historically proves the facts about the man.

The author produced a well-crafted master thesis in history at the University of New Mexico on the dapper, deadly dentist and the many portrayals in film of his life. Establishing the veracity of research, the forward to the book is by the noted historian and University of New Mexico professor, Paul A. Hutton.



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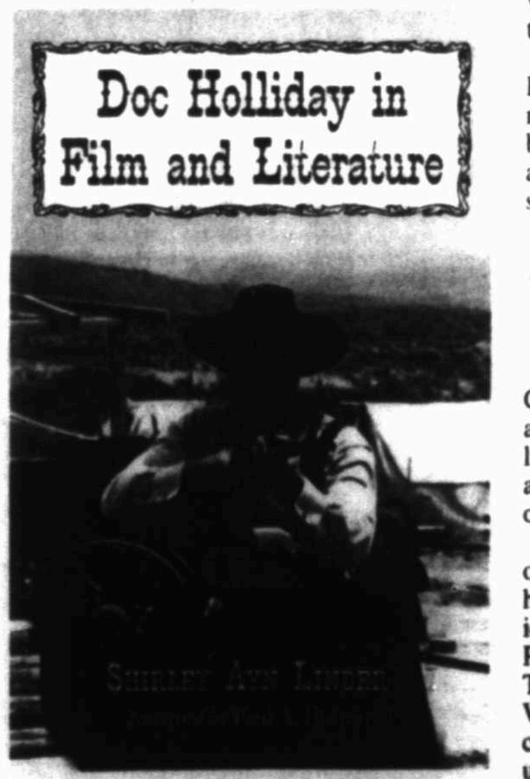

The author recently hosted a book signing at the Midland County Library. Watch for another book signing by Linder of "Doc Holliday in Film and Literature" in the coming weeks at Hastings. This book is a delight to read not only about the true facts of Doc Holliday but all the movies that portrayed him. It can be purchased at our local book stores or online at Amazon.com.

BOOKBRIEFS

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Writers retreat to feature workshops, speakers

Executive Director of the Writers' League of Texas Becka Oliver will conduct two workshops at the Texas Mountain Trail Writers Retreat on Friday through April 13 in Alpine and Fort Davis. She will speak about the business end of writing, helping writers get their work published.

Other speakers include Lisa Wingate, award-winning fiction author of 21 books, and WC Jameson, adventure, western research and memoir author.

Jon Cryer working on 'candid' memoir

NEW YORK — Jon Cryer, an actor who knows a thing or two about Charlie Sheen and Demi Moore among others, is working on a "candid" memoir.

The Emmy-winning star of "Two and a Half Men" has a deal with New American Library, an imprint of Penguin Random House. The publisher announced Wednesday that the book, currently untitled, is scheduled to be released next spring.

According to the New American Library, Cryer will share "candid" and "fascinating" stories about his 30-year career. He debuted on film opposite Moore in "No Small Affair" and became known to millions as "Duckie," Molly Ringwald's pal in "Pretty in Pink."

Anne Tyler's new novel, her 20th, due out in 2015

NEW YORK — Fifty years after her first book was published, Anne Tyler is set to release her 20th novel.

And yes, it will be set in Baltimore.

Publisher Alfred A. Knopf announced Thursday that the 72-year-old Tyler's next book, currently untitled, will come out next spring.

The novel, as with most of her works, is set in her hometown of Baltimore. It is a multigenerational tale of the Whitshank family that begins in the 1990s with a mysterious phone call.

Tyler's previous works include "The Accidental Tourist" and "Breathing Lessons," winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 1989.

Russell Brand writing children's books

NEW YORK — Russell Brand's next Booky Wook is for kids.

The actor and comedian has a deal with Atria Books for a series called "Russell Brand's Trickster Tales," retellings of classic fairy tales.

The publisher announced Wednesday that the first of three planned books, "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," will be out Nov. 11.

Nigeria's Nollywood becoming prolific movie machine

By Heather Murdock
Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria — A 15-second drum roll and the title of the film, "Deceptive Heart," comes crashing onto the screen in a groovy 1970s font.

Less than 10 minutes into the Nollywood movie, the heart of the plot is revealed: A woman has two boyfriends and doesn't know what to do.

The story moves as quickly as the film appears to have been shot. Some scenes are shaky, with cameras clearly in need of a tripod, and musical montages are often filled with pans of the same building.

Most Nollywood movies are made in less than 10 days and cost about $25,000.

Fueled by low budgets and whirlwind production schedules, Nigeria's film industry has grown by some estimates over the past 20-plus years into the most prolific on Earth, pushing out more movies a year than Hollywood in California or Bollywood in Mumbai, India.

Hollywood tends to portray Africa as an exotic land of deserts and giraffes, populated by huddling masses, according to Samuel Olatunje, a Nollywood publicist known in the business as "Big Sam."

Nigerian movies are popular because they portray African people more accurately, Big Sam explains outside his single-room Lagos office. They explore African issues rarely touched on in Hollywood — magic, tribal loyalties, the struggle to modernize.

"Stories that you can relate to," he said.

Ventures Africa business magazine said Nollywood knocks out 2,000 titles a year and is the third-largest earner in the movie world, after Bollywood and Hollywood. The $250 million industry employs more than a million people.

Artists said Nigeria's bad infrastructure and chaotic legal system prevent them from making films that are as impressive in their quality as they are in quantity.

"You'll find that we're having to make do," legendary Nollywood actor Olu Jacobs explains at an exclusive country club in Lagos.

Trained at Britain's Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts, Jacobs said Nigerian artists often have the same artistic capacity as their Western counterparts, but not the same financial capacity. "We're not happy because the finished product doesn't have the finish that it should have," he said.

Later that day, Jacob's driver inches his car through grinding traffic in Lagos, the African megalopolis as chaotic and bustling as any Nollywood production scene. A young businessman in an SUV nearly cuts him off. The SUV driver's eyes grow wide when he recognizes Jacobs, and he smiles like a child meeting Santa Claus. He lets the actor's car pass in front.

Nollywood was born, so the story goes, when Kenneth Nnebue, a video store-owner, had too many blank tapes in the early 1990s. To find a use for them, he shot "Living in Bondage" with a single camera for video. The protagonist joins a secret cult and kills his wife in a ritual sacrifice that wins him enormous wealth but leaves him haunted. The movie was an instant hit, selling 500,000 copies.

But at the country club, Jacobs said modern Nollywood is no accident. When he returned to Nigeria from the London stage in the early 1980s, he, like many other artists, knew he could make successful movies at home.

"We all knew that we had a market," he said. "When I grew up, cinemas were always filled up. Stage performances were always full. Why shouldn't there be?"

The main problem for movie-makers, Jacobs said, is also the top complaint of almost every industry in Nigeria: not enough power. Less than half the population of Africa's most populous country has access to government electricity, and even the wealthiest families deal with daily power cuts. Nigerian film producers pay a premium for fuel to run generators to keep the lights on and the equipment going.

Piracy also cuts into profits, Jacobs said. After a film is released, producers have only a few weeks before illegally burned copies undercut their sales. Pirated Nigerian DVDs cost no more than a dollar or two and are available at markets in even the farthest corners of Africa.

But these cheap DVDs have also helped the industry grow, making Nigerian movies wildly popular in Africa and among Africans overseas.

Last year, Nollywood ventured off the continent entirely to screen "Half of a Yellow Sun," a movie about Nigeria's 1960s civil war based on an award-winning novel by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, at film festivals Toronto, London and Los Angeles.

While it didn't get rave reviews, the Hollywood Reporter called it'an "epic-on-a-budget" that will continue to draw audiences. "Half of a Yellow Sun" had a budget of about $8 million, the largest in Nollywood history.

By comparison, "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," based on a book by Suzanne Collins, had a budget of about $130 million.

Better Business Bureau

Apps could be putting children at risk

The average child spends two to 7.5 hours online every day. As a new, younger generation increasingly uses mobile devices to gather and share information, BBB warns parents that some of those mobile applications may be siphoning children's data. In many cases, developers are not disclosing whether data is being collected, with whom it is being shared or how it is used.

"Mobile Apps for Kids: Disclosures still not making the grade," a report put together by the Federal Trade Commission, found that 59 percent (235 of the 400) of apps transmitted some information from a user's mobile device back to the developer or to a third party. The data collected and shared can include the child's location, telephone number, contacts, device ID and other information contained on the mobile device.

Additionally, according to the FTC, some applications offer the ability to make purchases and provide links to social media "without disclosing these features prior to download." Of the 400 apps reviewed, only 20 percent contained any privacy-related disclosure on the app's promotion page, on the developer website or within the app.

BBB Children's Advertising Review Unit (CARU) is here to help parents control what gets advertised to their child while they watch television, listen to the radio and surf the Web.

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■ Research before downloading. Parents should carefully examine the details of any mobile app, including the description, developer information and privacy policy. Find a trustworthy source that offers reviews outside of the app store.

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Dave Ramsey

Spending money to bring family together isn't foolish

DEAR DAVE: My husband and I are debt-free, and we have several hundred thousand dollars in savings. We pay for our children and grandchildren to visit during Christmas each year, but my mother thinks this is foolish spending. What do you think? — Linda

DEAR LINDA,

I'm sure your mom loves you guys a lot, but she's wrong twice on this one. First, she should mind her own business. Second, you guys have obviously worked hard and been extremely smart and disciplined with your finances. For someone in your situation, bringing your family together for one of the most important days of the year isn't foolish on any level. I think it's awful that you're even having this conversation with her.

One of my great dreams years ago was to have the ability to do things like that for my family. When I was 22, I worked for a real estate guy who would bring his entire family in from all over the country once a year to go skiing for a week. He and his wife would pay for everything. They would rent a nice chalet, and spend that time having fun as a family and growing closer together. I sort of borrowed that idea a while back. Once a year we'll take all our kids and their spouses on a nice vacation. We pay for everything, and it's just one of our gifts to them because we love them.

So, I think your mom is completely wrong. There are three things you can do with money: spend, save and give. Trust me, giving is the most fun of all!

DEAR DAVE: Is it possible to book a hotel room without a credit card? — James

DEAR JAMES: Absolutely, it is. Just use a debit card.

I don't have a credit card. When it comes to finances, the only pieces of plastic you'll find in my wallet are two debit cards — one for my business, and the other for my personal account.

A Visa or Mastercard-branded debit card can be used anywhere credit cards are accepted. And the best part is that you're not borrowing money when you use one. The funds come directly from your checking account. Some hotels might put a temporary hold on your account for the amount in question, so you need to make sure you actually have the money in the bank. But that just makes sense, doesn't it? You shouldn't be traveling without money in the first place.

If you're too broke to travel, then you need to stay home. Pretty simple!

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UTPB College of Business and Engineering dean announced

William H. Price has accepted the position of Dean of the College of Business and Engineering at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Dr. Price was selected following a nationwide search. The search committee considered numerous candidates and interviewed four finalists. Faculty, staff and students were invited to meet each candidate and provide input.

He succeeds Jack D. Ladd, Esq. who served in the position from July, 2007 to October, 2013.

"The College of Business and Engineering has doubled in size over the past six years and we anticipate that growth trend to repeat over the next six years," said William Price, dean of the College of Business and Engineering. "I anticipate some bold new initiatives to fuel changes as we move forward and a greater emphasis on energy related business programs and new engineering degrees as we serve the needs of Midland and Odessa."

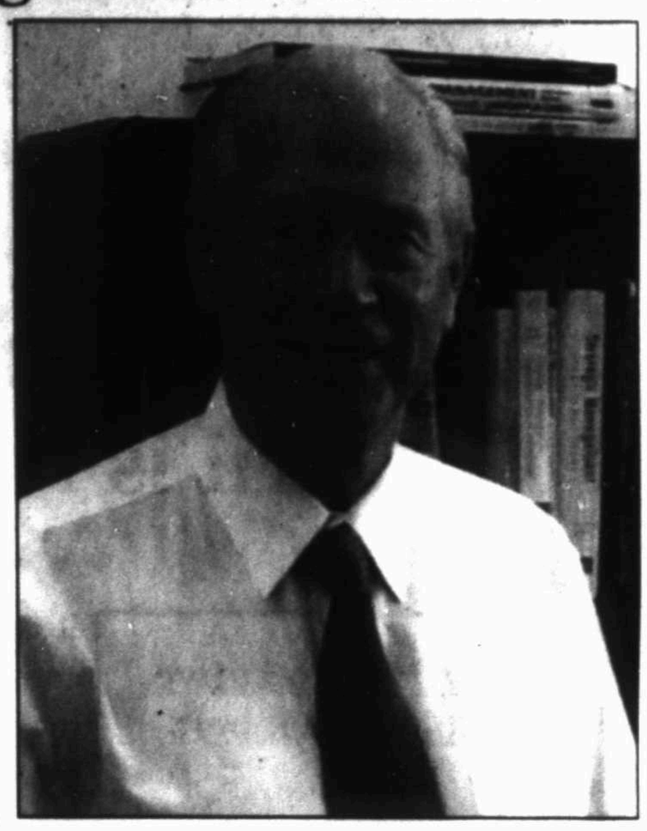
"This is an exciting time for UTPB and the College of Business and Engineering," said David Watts, president of UTPB. "Dr. Price's experience and leadership will have an immediate, positive impact on students, faculty and staff."

Price served as interim dean of the College of Business and Engineering since June 2013 and has been an associate professor of Management at UTPB since 2001. A graduate of the Eastern New Mexico University with a BA in Marketing, Price received his MS from Gonzaga University in Human Resource Management. He received his doctorate in Management from Nova Southeastern University.

Price currently teaches business management courses, primarily in Human Resource Management and Strategy. He served on the board of the Permian Basin Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) and is certified as a Professional in Human Resources (PHR).

Price has experience in industry holding human resource management leadership positions. He completed a career in the Air Force, serving as a staff officer and flew bomber aircraft. He is the author of numerous scholarly publications in the area of strategic management and human resources.

"I feel fortunate to be a part the University of Texas of the Permian Basin as we play an important part in providing highly capable college graduates to our community," added Price.



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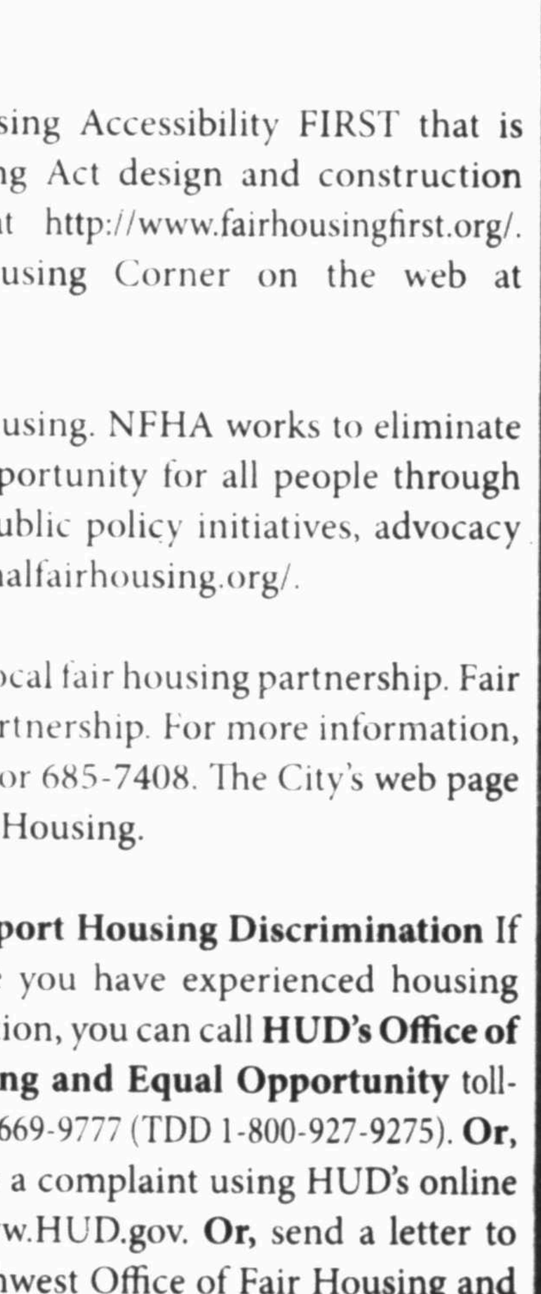


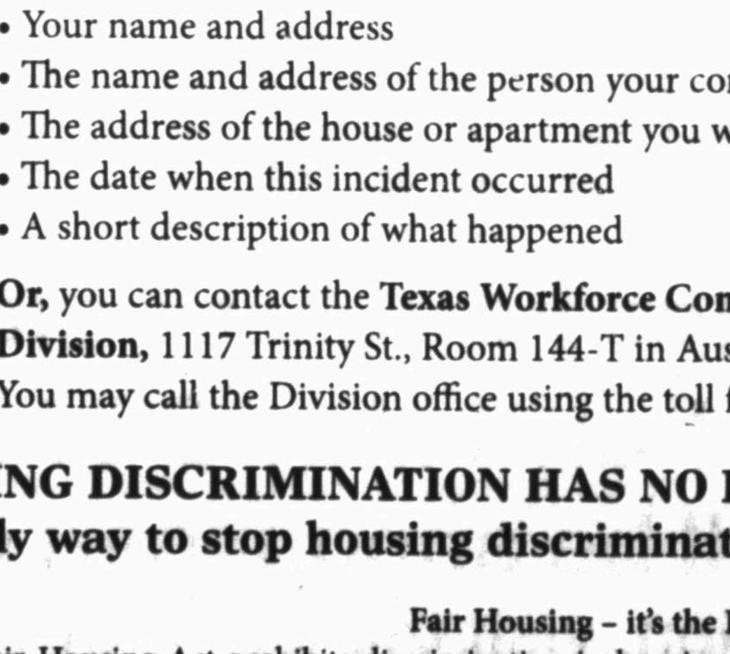
It is the policy of the United States to provide, within constitutional limitations, for fair housing throughout the United States. The Texas Fair Housing Act also prohibits discrimination in housing. Both laws prohibit discrimination in housing because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, handicap or familial status. So every April, the nation celebrates the strides we've made, and the work that remains to be done. The City of Midland and the local fair housing partnership join in this celebration and ask you to do the same. The Mayor of Midland will issue a fair housing month proclamation at the April 8, 2014 City Council meeting. The meeting starts at 10 a.m.

The Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity of the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administers and enforces federal laws and establishes policies that make sure all Americans have equal access to the housing of their choice. HUD's fair housing web site is http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp

A HUD supported fair housing initiative is Fair Housing Accessibility FIRST that is designed to promote compliance with the Fair Housing Act design and construction requirements. The Fair Housing FIRST web site is at http://www.fairhousingfirst.org/. For children, HUD has created Franklin's Fair Housing Corner on the web at http://www.hud.gov/kids/fhc/index.html.

The National Fair Housing Alliance is the voice of fair housing. NFHA works to eliminate housing discrimination and to ensure equal housing opportunity for all people through leadership, education, outreach, membership services, public policy initiatives, advocacy and enforcement. NFHA's web site is at http://www.nationalfairhousing.org/.

The City's Community Development Office established a local fair housing partnership. Fair housing education and promotion are objectives of the partnership. For more information, contact the Community Development Office at 685-7472 or 685-7408. The City's web page on fair housing is http://www.midlandtexas.gov/517/Fair-Housing.



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- Your name and address
- The name and address of the person your complaint is about
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- The date when this incident occurred
- A short description of what happened

Or, you can contact the **Texas Workforce Commission Civil Rights Division,** 1117 Trinity St., Room 144-T in Austin, Texas, 78701. You may call the Division office using the toll free number: 1-888-452-4778.

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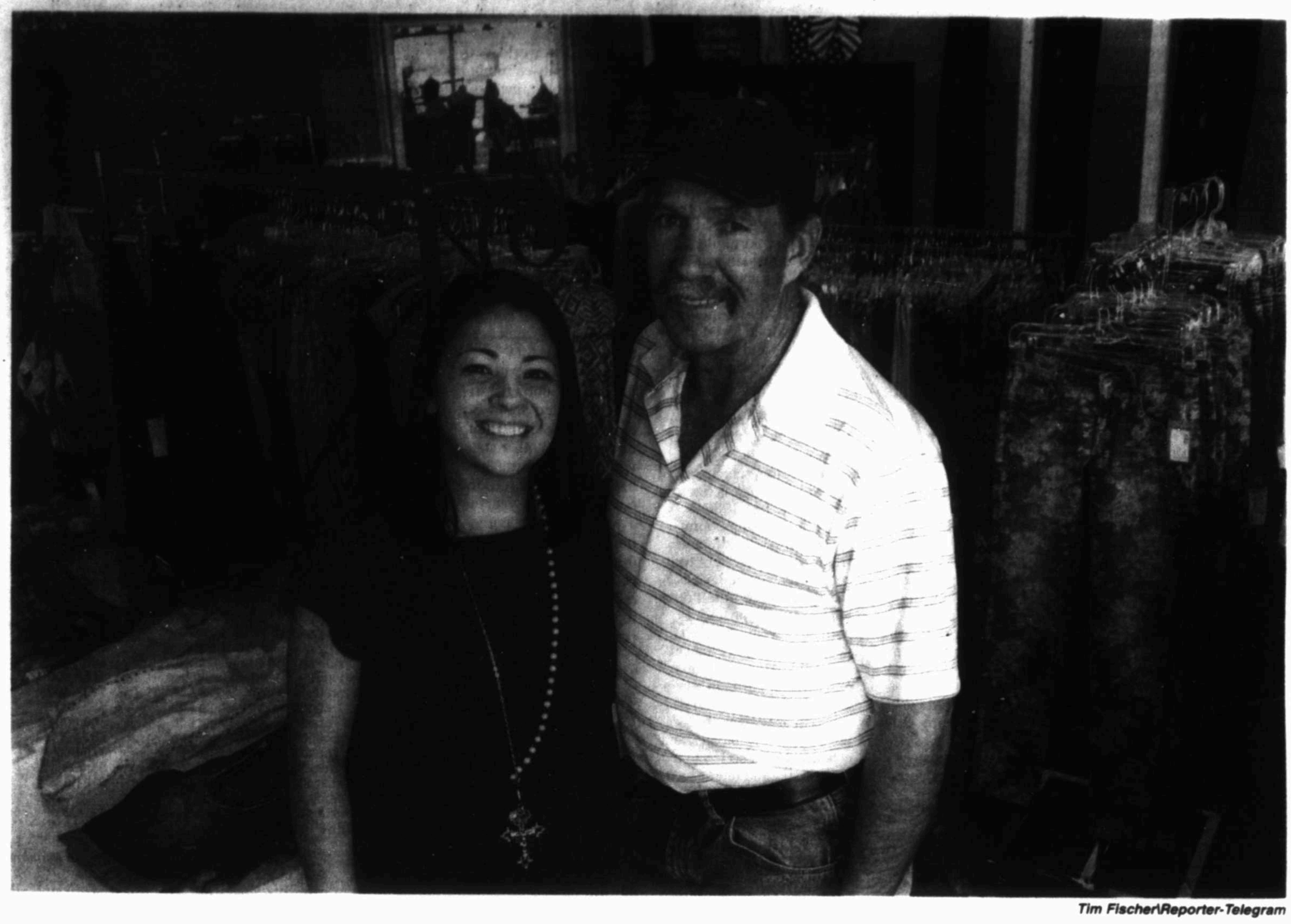

Tim Fischer\Reporter-Telegram

Reagan Elliott and her father, Dennis Rose, local entrepreneurs, purchased The Boutique.

ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

NAMES IN THE NEWS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Ref-Chem announces promotions

HOUSTON — Ref-Chem announes two executive promotions.

Jeff Rashall has been promoted to chief operating officer. He will be responsible for all operational aspects of projects, including safety, scheduling, employment, sub-contractor selection, cost reporting and on-site management. He has been with the company since 1997.

Jeff Havens is now chief marketing officer, responsible for overseeing the company's marketing, business deveiopment and estimating efforts. He joined Ref-Chem in 2008.

Westwood mapping manager earns Blue Sky certification

HOUSTON — Westwood Professional Services Inc.'s Oil & Gas Division announces that mapping manager, Corey Woodard, has recently been awarded Blue Sky certification.

Blue Sky is a leading software application widely used within the pipeline industry, combining CAD and GIS into an alignment sheet generator and data management tool. Because of the use of databases and PODS (a vendor-neutral pipeline data model) within the market, knowledge of Blue Sky is becoming increasingly valuable within the oil and gas industry for pipeline development. Woodard's certification makes him part of an elite group of national Blue Sky power users.

Westwood Professional Services Inc. is a multi-discipline survey and engineering firm providing services for oil and gas, renewable energy, power delivery, commercial, and residential development.

Breitling, CEO win awards

DALLAS — Breitling Energy Corporation has been named the top honoree by the Oil & Gas Awards, earning the Aggreko Award for Excellence in Environmental Stewardship by an Exploration and Production Company. The award for the Gulf Coast Region was announced at an Awards Gala Dinner in Houston.

Also a finalist in the E&P Company of the Year and Corporate Social Responsibility categories, Breitling was recognized for its advances in environmental stewardship and outstanding achievements in the upstream and midstream sectors of the oil and gas industry.

Under Breitling Energy's EnviroFrac program, hydraulic fracturing fluid additives are evaluated and eliminated if they are not critical to successful completion. Essential additives are replaced with food-grade alternatives. EnviroFrac is part of Breitling Energy's Social License Initiative outreach program, created to gain what Breitling calls the "Social License" by educating residents about fracking and sharing operation information through in-person town hall and one-on-one interactions within affected communities.

Breitling Chief Executive Officer Chris Faulkner was named Oil Executive of the Year for 2013 by the American Energy Research Group (AERG).

Sisters get tools to succeed from father

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As a third-grader, Dennis Rose earned money to take a (female) classmate to the movies by washing windshields at a service station at the intersection of Terrell and Florida. By junior high, he was moving irrigation pipe and other jobs included mowing lawns and sacking groceries at M System. He was always motivated by money, he said.

"I've had jobs as far back as I can remember," he recalled as he sat surrounded by clothes and jewelry in The Boutique II, a dress shop purchased by his two oldest daughters. "All the jobs I've had made me the person I am today."

Raising three daughters — Reagan, Rachel and Raeann — he was determined that they do better for themselves yet be self-sufficient.

"I gave them the tools they needed to succeed," he said.

His oldest daughter, Reagan Elliott, recalled watching him go to work every day as a contract pumper, before he formed his own company, Tri R Services Inc. Sometimes, she said, they would tag along with him as he made the rounds of the wells under his responsibility.

Education was always a top priority, Elliott said. "It wasn't a matter of 'Are you going to college?' but 'Where are you going to college?'" she said.

Elliott and her younger sister, Rachel Ward, attended Midland College on Abell-Hanger scholarships before heading to Texas Tech. The youngest, Rae Ann, is attending Texas State University at San Marcos.

Not only did his daughters inherit his sense that education was important, they also inherited Roses' entrepreneurial spirit.

"Truth be told my dad is more of an inventor who used his brilliance to grow into an entrepreneur," Ward said. "We grew up watching him tinker with things around the house. He was regularly fussed at by all us girls, including mom, for putting other things aside to chase the ideas running around in his head. He has invented and built all kinds of things since we were young. Off the top of my head I recall a vibrating fishing lure, a rattlesnake catcher and his first tank gauge."

Ward added that her dad believes in doing things himself and "even more so, that there is always a better way to accomplish your task. Based on this frame of mind it makes sense that his most successful in-

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Jumping Party to open in new location April 12

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Dani and Tom Halverstadt, who purchased the local Jumping Party franchise from the Fort Worth-based company, will reopen in their new location at 1000 N. Midkiff Road, next to Planet Fitness, on Saturday, April 12. Jumping Party had originally been located in Cuthbert Plaza at 3111 W. Cuthbert between Hastings and Dollar General.

A Baby Shower Room has been installed in the new location alongside other party rooms designed to host birthday parties or even corporate events.

In addition to the thousands of square feet of different inflatable bounce houses, obstacle courses, moonwalks, slides, tunnels and mazes, the Halverstadts have added a new feature: EyePlay, a virtual indoor playground that engages children with a wide variety of attention-grabbing games that are wear-and-tear-free and germ-free. Up to 15 children can play the games, which are equipped with MotionAware technology that lets children activate animations, trigger sounds, play games or interact with applications.

Longtime offerings include a 62-foot double-lane obstacle course, an enclosed train, Twister, basketball hoop and a 13-foot double-lane slide. A separate Toddler Town accommodates smaller customers.

Snacks and drinks are sold and customers are welcome to bring their own food.

Jumping Party is open to the public from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday. The facility hosts parties on Saturdays and Sundays. More information is available by calling 683-5867.

The Easter Bunny has arrived at Midland Park Mall and will be available in the Sears Court for visits and photographs through Saturday, April 19.

The bunny will participate in a special Caring Bunny event Sunday, April 13 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for families with special needs children who can meet the bunny in a special subdued environment in which in-mall music has been turned off, lights dimmed and lines eliminated. Children will be given numbers and can engage in special activities as they wait for their number to be called.

On Saturday, April 12 the Midland Northside Lions Club will hold its 21st annual Breakfast with the Bunny event from 7 to 10 a.m. at the mall and Simon Kidgits Club members can participate in craft activities and games, including an Easter egg hunt.

THE ECONOMIST

Texas economic development sales tax turns 25

M. RAY PERRYMAN

The Texas Legislature made a very smart move 25 years ago: providing a mechanism to fund local economic development efforts. The Development Corporation Act had been passed in 1979, allowing cities to form economic development corporations (EDCs) to attempt to attract new businesses. However, funds available for this purpose were scarce. The Legislature amended the Act in 1989, and the sales tax for economic development was born.

Local areas can vote to add a local sales and use tax to fund economic development, and about 700 have done so. Rates can range from one-eighth to one-half of one percent. There are some restrictions on which cities are eligible, and the total local piece of the sales tax is capped at 2 percent (including the economic development portion). The EDCs are established by cities, with boards of directors named by city councils. City councils must also approve proposed expenditures by the EDC.

There are two basic types of structures: "Type A" and "Type B" (which used to be known as 4A and 4B). Type A EDCs have the authority to use funds primarily for industry and manufacturing development. Projects include buying land, building industrial buildings and other facilities, undertaking certain infrastructure improvements, and paying maintenance and operating costs associated with the projects. Type B sales taxes can be used to fund all of these things and more, including quality-of-life improvements such as sports and athletic facilities, parks, streets and roads; and various other types of infrastructure. Type A corporations can do Type B-type quality-of-life projects, but only with voter approval.

The 697 cities that filed required reports for fiscal 2011 range from tiny to large and are located all over the state. The EDCs had total revenue of $781 million, with $573 million stemming from the sales tax. They spent almost $736 million in fiscal 2011, with most of it going to capital costs (with capital assets involving things such as land, commercial buildings, industrial park sites and equipment), debt service for prior investments and direct business incentives. Primary objectives were job creation/retention and infrastructure projects.

We have studied the economic benefits for several cities and found that these taxpayer investments pay off. Economic development corporations choose projects to fund based on the likely opportunities offered to residents in the form of jobs and other benefits. The increased economic activity stemming from corporate locations, expansions and retentions in turns generates tax receipts. It's a virtuous cycle, with new activity stimulating further gains in related businesses and the overall economy.

Many of us remember all too well the dark economic days of the late 1980s. After an amazing boom spurred by oil prices and friendly tax treatment for certain real estate investments, the bottom fell out. Rig counts dropped dramatically when the global political situation changed and crude prices fell, and cities in the Permian Basin and other oil and natural gas-rich areas were battered. Tax law changes and other factors also led to a real estate (and later, savings and loan) crisis. These events caused substantial dislocations, with shrinking employment and major oversupplies of commercial real estate. Against the backdrop of this disruption, visionary legislation was born.

In an ideal world, economic incentives might not exist. However, incentives are a fact of life, and Texas communities must offer them to keep the playing field even or risk losing out on quality corporate locations and expansions. By allowing local areas to create and fund economic development corporations, state legislators made a bold move that is enhancing prosperity in communities large and small across the Lone Star State.

Texas is a center for job growth, outperforming the United States as a whole by a significant margin. Even other states with notable advantages can't keep up. Part of the reason is that 25 years ago, Texas legislators, community leaders and voters decided to invest in a better economic future. This investment benefits us all in the form of greater opportunities for Texans.

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BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits March 24-March 28

2017 Elkins Road	New Residence	$200,000
2005 Gulf Ave.	Residence-Detached	$899
1605 W. Michigan Ave.	Residence-Detached	$899
10300 Younger Road	New Commercial	$2,000,000
414 Alta Ave.	New Residence	$210,600
416 Alta Ave.	New Residence	$194,400
5327 Bella Place	New Residence	$306,000
4101 Timberglen	New Residence	$360,000
3101 W. Michigan Ave.	Fence	$12,000
2500 W. Illinois Ave	Sign	$4,800.
5502 Camino Reale	New Residence	$195,030
5504 Camino Reale	New Residence	$202,500
5506 Camino Reale	New Residence	$195,030
4309 Coronado Court	New Residence	$199,170
5508 Camino Reale	New Residence	$200,790
5510 Camino Reale	New Residence	$202,500
4301 Llano Court	New Residence	$181,080
911 Trinidad Place	New Residence	$198,000
4303 Llano Court	New Residence	$181,080
910 Trinidad Place	New Residence	$197,100
4305 Llano Court	New Residence	$181,080
4307 Llano Court	New Residence	$181,080
4401 Llano Court	New Residence	$181,080
4403 Llano Court	New Residence	$181,080
4405 Llano Court	New Residence	$181,080
4407 Llano Court	New Residence	$181,080
4409 Llano Court	New Residence	$181,080
3913 Anetta Drive	Residence-Detached	$4,000
3801 Bedford Ave.	Residential Addition	$20,000
400 S. Pecos St.	Commercial Addition	$38,000
1616 Gulf Ave.	New Commercial	$350,000
5501 Ashwood Court	Residence-Detached	$5,700
111 E. Cowden Ave.	Residential Alteration	$3,000
2900 W. Front St.	Commercial-Detached	$7,500
5601 Camino Reale	New Residence	$203,760
5713 Camino Reale	New Residence	$206,190
5607 Camino Reale	New Residence	$204,930
5605 Camino Reale	New Residence	$206,460
5603 Camino Reale	New Residence	$205,740
518 Charismatic Drive	Residence-Detached	$22,000
1407 S. Colorado	New Residence	$94,500
2701 Delano Ave.	New Residence	$113,040
4412 Guadalupe	New Residence	$188,100
4414 Guadalupe	New Residence	$188,100
110 N. Marienfeld St.	Commercial Alteration	$4,000
308 N. Midland Drive	Snow Cone Stand	$10,000
611 E. Estes Ave.	Snow Cone Stand	$10,000
4401 W. Illinois Ave.	Sign	$2,000
1106 Hickory Ave.	Residential Addition	$4,000
3103 Stanolind Ave.	Residence-Detached	$86,500
702 S. Calhoun St.	New Residence	$126,000
1320 N. Fairgrounds	MH-Single Lot	$102,400
1320 N. Fairgrounds	MH-Single Lot	$78,400
1320 N. Fairgrounds	MH-Single Lot	$60,800
1320 N. Fairgrounds	MH-Single Lot	$81,200
1320 N. Fairgrounds	MH-Single Lot	$76,800
808 S. Marienfeld St.	Fence	$6,000
5409 Secretariat St.	Residence-Detached	$121,685
3707 Cedar Springs	Residential Addition	$100,000
2613 Maxwell Drive	Residence-Detached	$2,000
2104 Todd Drive	Residential Alteration	$8,000

Source: City of Midland

SPIRIT

From 1F

vention is the safety gauge that started Tri R Services Inc. As a pumper for so many years, he used his expertise and innovativeness to make that job easier and safer for all pumpers and oil field service personnel."

Ward recounted watching him build her first car, teaching her and her sisters to change their own brakes and oil, helping spray paint and number safety gauges and holding "long-winded debates on how to improve whatever he was working on at the time."

It was inevitable, Ward said, that that spirit and her mother's never-ending faith would rub off on their three daughters. "Entrepreneurship for me means so much more than owning and running a business. It takes committing to a lifestyle of unfailing perseverance, persistence, knowledge, will, commitment, passion, vision, self-confidence, flexibility, hard work, fear, exhaustion, aggressiveness, research, planning and prayer. It's this way not only for the entrepreneurs themselves but their families, too. Patience and faith are two things I know my mom had to possess on a level that most people have never seen. There is no clock to punch or someone else to take the reins when it's becoming too much and I don't always know how much I am going to have in my account at the end of the month. It's absolutely not something for everyone but then again, nothing is. If I did it any other way I wouldn't feel like I was living up to my potential. I am proud of my accomplishments and regardless of how you make your living that's what counts."

In addition to owning and operating The Boutique II, both have what they call day jobs — Elliott is an autism facilitator for the Midland Independent School District and has an autism support group while also working toward her master's degree in special education at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Ward is self-employed as an accounting consultant.

Still, when the original owner of The Boutique, located in the Plaza Oaks Shopping Center at 2101 W. Wadley Ave. decided to retire and put the store up for sale, Ward saw it as an opportunity.

" I heard about The Boutique selling from a friend of mine at lunch on a Sunday afternoon," said Ward. " Immediately my interest was piqued because I already knew quite a bit about clothing retail from starting Diamond Swimwear. I also knew that this was a longtime well-established company with a great reputation. I couldn't wait to hear more. I looked over the financial statements and knew I wanted to make an offer. Looking at the financials and tax returns I had a very good idea of what the store was capable of. I called Reagan, asked her if she wanted to partner with me. She said yes so we took the idea to Dad. Within only a few days we made an offer. By Saturday the store was ours."

Elliott recalled Ward being "gung-ho" about the project. "When she gets her mind set on something, she accomplishes it.

"It's turned out to be a cool thing," she said.

Ward stops by the store between visits with clients and Elliott goes by after school. During the day, Elliott said, "We've been blessed to find some girls who help out and let us keep our day jobs."

Of course, said Ward, "like my dad I have a lot of ideas running around in my head as far as what would be possible in the future. I would like to grow my consulting business into a firm that offers every aspect of tax, audit, bookkeeping, financial forecasting, valuation, business startup, funding, filings, investments, debt counseling and management. I would also love to grow Boutique II in terms of what we offer by adding cosmetics and fragrances. I could potentially see a men's and/or children's store in the future should Boutique II perform well. My mom is an amazing hairstylist and has recently talked about opening a salon. Any chance I get I donate my time and resources to help single expecting mothers and children in low income homes and would very much like to see a non-profit somewhere in my future."

She added that she and her sister both spend as much free time as they can reading and enjoy sharing books and their responses to what they've read. "I know we both have an interest in writing a book eventually, her more so than me," Ward said. "That is definitely one thing I would be ecstatic to see come to light. "

Rose says that "as long as I'm able," he'll support whatever his daughters undertake — but he won't carry them.

MARKET WATCH

New Fed chair learns lesson in making public statements

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The stock market experienced a brief period of volatility last week when Janet Yellen met the media for her first press conference as the new head of the Federal Reserve (Fed). Market participants were not expecting any surprises — just steady as she goes, with the Fed slowly backing away from the current quantitative easing (QE) program and Chairwoman Yellen providing a firm hand at the rudder.

But it didn't quite work out that way. While the text in the post-meeting press release did change quite a bit, the main message remained the same: the Fed is planning to keep a very accommodative monetary stance for a long time. Up until the press conference started, the stock market took the statement in stride. The boat was not being rocked.

Then a reporter asked the new Fed chair to better clarify what the phrase "considerable time" — which was used in the press release — might mean in terms of the timing of any increase in the federal funds target rate. Yellen responded that the timing would likely translate to "around six months" after the current QE program came to an end. That would likely mean the first interest rate increase would occur in the second quarter of next year.

That was not what the stock market wanted to hear. Remember, when investors are anxiously waiting for any hint on potential upcoming changes in monetary policy, every single word our central bankers write or utter is parsed and picked apart in the hopes of finding some hidden meaning. This is especially true for the chair of the Fed. And let's face it, a good portion of the multi-year rally in stocks has been carried on the back of the Fed's easy money policies.

The stock market bounced back and even traded at a new intraday high just two sessions after Yellen told investors that the punch bowl was slowly going to be pulled away from the party sooner than many expected. And the bond market, which took a big hit in the wake of her comments, rallied back to push yields down to levels near where they were before the press conference.

Are investors not convinced the Fed will hike rates in the timeframe Yellen's comments indicated? Or are they convinced that economic growth will be strong enough next spring to justify higher rates? Then again, it could be that specific Fed guidance looking out 12 months is unusual and subject to change, therefore not something people want to base their nearer-term decisions on.

In our opinion, the Fed could very well begin to hike interest rates in the middle portion of next year. We are not looking for Yellen to offer similar specific guidance that far into the future at upcoming press conferences, though. She is more likely to use language that will give the Fed room to maneuver, not pin it down.

The new head of the Fed has a steep learning curve when it comes to making public statements. Last week's comments were likely just a rookie mistake.

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	Paid	This Week (N)		Church	Paid	Count
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Hunt	Rain	M. Lyon	CBS Sunday Morning			FaceNat.	First Baptist Church		First Baptist Odessa	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Family A.	Family A.	Green	Green	History	Hunters	Safari	Edgemont	Gilligan	Gilligan	BradyB.	BradyB.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Consumer	W.Minist	F.Hardin	Consumer	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	FaithAve	Rain	Consumer	Consumer	Consumer
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	(5:00) Southwest		Walking	LifeBynd	In Touch Ministries		Zion	Day Disc.	R/Manusc	HaYesod	Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Paid	Secrets	Paid	Paid	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press		First Baptist Church		NHL Hockey (L)	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	C.George	Cat/Hat	Peg + Cat	DinoTrain	D.Tiger	SuperWI	Sid	Wild K.	Arthur	Speaks	WordGirl	Company
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Pagado	Pagado	Para volver a amar		La hora pico		Al punto		Republica deportiva			Fútbol
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Bob Vila	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	Bucket	Game	Paid	Paid
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:45) ★★ Housesitter			The Importance of Being E...			(:05) ★★★ Dick Tracy Warren Beatty.				Stage Beauty	
HBO	300	68	14	14		Conchrds	★★★★ Pitch Perfect Anna Kendrick.				Real Sports		24/7	Hopes	Bill Maher		Movie
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		Thrones "Blackwater"		Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones	
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Movie	(:50) ★★ Dragonfly ('02, Dra) Kevin Costner.				(:40) ★★★ Snitch Dwayne Johnson.				(:39) ★★★ The Lucky One		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:35) ★★★★ Dark City			(:20) The Man With the Iron Fists				(:10) ★★★ The Abyss Ed Harris.			
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:15) Jane Eyre		(:15) Journey 2: The Mysteri...			(:50) ★★★ Office Space			(:20) ★★★★ Warm Bodies			
PLEX			96			(5:25) Godzilla vs...		(:10) ★★ Robocop 3 Robert John Burke.				Inspector Gadget		(:20) ★★★★ Paper Moon Ryan O'Neal.			
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Movie	★★★ Fearless ('06, Act) Jet Li.			(:15) 60 Minutes Sports			★★ Step Up Revolution			(:15) The Yards	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	Comedy Warrior...		(:15) ★★ Far and Away ('92, Dra) Tom Cruise.					(:35) ★★★ Lincoln ('12, Bio) Daniel Day-Lewis.				
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	C.Minds "25 to Life"		C.Minds "Corazon"		C.Minds "Today I Do"		Criminal Minds		Minds "Snake Eyes"		Bates "Check-Out"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Mad Men		Mad Men		★★ The Scorpion King The Rock.				★★ Pearl Harbor ('01, War) Ben Affleck.			
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Bobby Jones Gospel		Lift Voice	Parkers	Parkers	A Thin Line Between Love ...		
BRAVO	65	63		41		Millionaire		Flipping "Due Date"		Million Dollar List		Online Dating Ritual		Married to Medicine		Medic. "Sip Happens"	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Live	EPL Soccer (L)		Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	NewDay	Sanjay	New Day	Politics	State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Game of Stones		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	M.Mouse	Mickey M.	Jake	Sofia 1st	Jessie	Austin	Austin	Liv/Mad	Ramona and Beezus			(:50) Mickey
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		OLines	Report	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	H.S. Basketball		SportsCenter		ICC Cricket World Twenty20 (L)						NHRA Drag Racing	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Melissa	★★ The Karate Kid Part III ('89, Act) Ralph Macchio.					★★ The Karate Kid ('84, Dra) Pat Morita, Ralph Macchio.					
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						News HQ	Housecall	Media Buzz		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Giada	Barefoot	Rachel Ray's... (N)		Pioneer	Southern	Heart (N)	Giada	Sandwich	Big Bite	Brunch	Southern
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Outdoors	Outdoors	Courtside	Insider	Paid	Paid	NCAA Softball Florida Int. vs Florida A.				Lunch With Rangers	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★ Spider-Man 2 ('04, Act) Kirsten Dunst, Tobey Maguire.						★★★ X-Men: The Last Stand Patrick Stewart.					Movie
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	Property Brothers		Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Ax Men "Large Barge"		Ax Men		Ax Men		Ax Men "Log Jam"		Ax Men		Ax Men	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	★★★ Nights in Rodanthe Diane Lane.				My Sister's Ke...	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball	Business	Up With Steve Kornacki				Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	39				(5:00) Match of Day		Live	EPL Soccer Arsenal vs. Everton (L)				F1 Auto Racing Bahrain Grand Prix (L)				
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Fanboy	Rangers	Rangers	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Ninja	Rabbids	Sponge	Sponge
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Power	Power	Power	Power	Bar Rescue		Bar Res. "Chumps"	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Twilight	Creature Shop		Creature Shop		★★ Pandorum Dennis Quaid.		
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Married	Married	Cougar T	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★ Daredevil ('03, Fant) Ben Affleck.				Movie
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) Neptune's ...		★★★ They Drive by Night				★★★★ Americanization of Emily				The Story of Wil...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Raggs	Raggs	Noodle	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Op. Repo	Enfoque	Videos
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 "Terminal"		Law & Order "Thrill"		LawOrder "Denial"		Law & Order		LawOrder "Harvest"		Law & Order	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:10) 3's Co.	(:50) 3's Co.	(:25) 3's Company		3's Co.	3's Co.	3's Co.	3's Co.	3's Co.	3's Co.	SoulMan	SoulMan
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Suits		Chrisley	Chrisley	NCIS: LA "Breach"		NCIS: LA "LD50"	
WGN	19	18				Paid	Facts	Key David	Tomorr.	In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — APRIL 6, 2014

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	NBA Basketball New York Knicks vs. Miami Heat (L)				NBA Basketball Los Angeles vs Los Angeles (L)						News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	★★ Family Business Sean Connery.				To Be Announced		H.S. Basketball		NCAA (N)		FaceNat.	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	BradyB.	BradyB.	The Love Boat		Doris Day	Doris Day	DorisDay	DorisDay	(:15) Doris Day Show		Doris Day	Doris Day
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Paid Program			NASCAR Auto Racing Texas 500 Sprint Cup Series Site: Texas Motor Speedway -- Fort Worth, Texas (L)								
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Biblical	Mani Erfan	Dr. Will	Sal.	Light of the Southwest Best of Week				J.McGee	Dollars	House Call	Dr. R.B.
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(11:00) NHL Hockey St. Louis vs Chicago (L)				PGA Golf Houston Open Site: Golf Club of Houston -- Humble, Texas (L)						Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Cyberch.	Travel Kids	Getaways	BioCent	Art	Beads	Sewing	Knitting	Nova		News. (N)	W.Week
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	(11:50) MFL Fútbol Jaguares vs Pumas (L)				Tras la Verdad		El Chavo Animado		Como dice el dicho		Humor es	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Paid	Paid	Green	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	The FBI Files		RedCarpe	Insider	Access Hollywood	
FLIX	340	65		165		(11:00) Stage Beau...		★★★ October Sky Jake Gyllenhaal.				★★★ Crooklyn ('94, Com) Alfre Woodard.				Barbershop 2: ...	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(11:45) ★★ Battleship Taylor Kitsch.				Thrones /(:15) Prison		Thrones	★★★★ Pitch Perfect Anna Kendrick.				Movie
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		Thrones "The Climb"		Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones	
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(:20) ★★★★ Beginners Ewan McGregor.				(:10) Promised Land Matt Damon.				★★★ The Heat ('13, Com) Sandra Bullock.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:40) ★★ Prometheus Noomi Rapace.				(:45) ★★ How High			(:20) ★★★ The Campaign Will Ferrell.			
MAX2	382	72	18	122		★★ Snow White and the Huntsman				(:15) ★★ Just Like Heaven			(:50) ★ Disconnect Jason Bateman.				Movie
PLEX			96			(:05) & You Thought Your Pa...		(:40) ★★ Robocop 3 Robert John Burke.					★★ Godzilla vs. Destroyah			(:15) Paper Moon	
SHOW	320	66	19	149	25	(11:15) The Yards		(:15) Java Heat ('13, Act) Kellan Lutz.				Gone ('11, Thril) Molly Parker.			(:45) ★★ Step Up Revolution		
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(:05) ★★★ W. ('08, Bio) Elizabeth Banks.				(:15) Inescapable			(:50) ★★ Boys and Girls Freddie Prinze Jr.				Movie
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Bates Motel		★★★ Bad Boys ('95, Act) Will Smith.					Bad Ink	Bad Ink	Bad Ink	Duck Dy	Duck Dy
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(10:00) Pearl Harbor		★★★ The Patriot (2000, Drama) Heath Ledger, Joely Richardson, Mel Gibson.							★★★ Gladiator		
BET	58	26		40		(10:30) A Thin Line...		★ I Can Do Bad All by Myself ('09, Com/Dra) Tyler Perry.						★★ Why Did I Get Married? Tyler Perry.			
BRAVO	65	63		41		Married to Medicine		Married to Medicine		Married to Medicine		Married to Medicine		Housewives Atlanta		Atlanta "Mexi-Loco"	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Money Talks		Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		Your Money		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	A.N.T.	A.N.T.	A.N.T.	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad	Dog Blog	Dog Blog	Dog Blog	Austin	Austin	Jessie	Jessie
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	PBA Bowling (L)				NCAA Softball Arkansas vs. Alabama (L)				SportsCenter		Pre-Show	Basket.
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	WTA Tennis Family Circle Cup (L)				The Fab Five				30 for 30 "Requiem for the Big East"			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★ The Karate Kid Part II ('86, Act) Ralph Macchio.					★★ We Are Marshall ('07, Spt) Matthew McConaughey.						Movie
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News		Journal E.	News HQ	Healthy	Housecall	Media Buzz		Fox News	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Pioneer	Pioneer	Chopped Canada		Save My Bakery		M. Diners	M. Diners	Diners...	Diners...	WorstCooks	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Pre-game	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers vs. Tampa Bay Rays Site: Tropicana Field (L)						Rangers	Mavricks	Mavs Pre	NBA Basketball (L)	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(11:30) ★★★ X-Men: First Class James McAvoy.					★★ Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance				Captain America: The First...		
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Lucky in Love (2014)				I Married Who? ('12, Com) Kellie Martin.				A Ring by Spring Rachel Boston.			
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	HouseH	HouseH	RentBuy	RentBuy	RentBuy	RentBuy	House	House	House	House	HouseH	House
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Ax Men		Ax Men		Ax Men		Ax Men "Dog Days"		Ax Men		Ax Men	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(11:00) My Sister'...		DDDiva "Soulmates"		DDDiva "First Date"		★★★ Something's Gotta Give ('03, Com) Jack Nicholson.					
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Taking the Hill		Meet the Press		MSNBC News Live		Disrupt		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	39				F1 Extra	Match of the Day		F1 Auto Racing Bahrain Grand Prix					F1 Extra	World Challenge		
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Barbie: The Pearl Princess			Sam, Cat	Sam, Cat	Thunder.	Parents	Parents	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Bar Rescue "Bar Fight"		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(10:30) Pandorum		★★ Pitch Black ('00, Thriller) Cole Hauser, Vin Diesel.					★★ Resident Evil: Extinction				Movie
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(11:45) ★★ Spider-Man Tobey Maguire.				(:15) ★★ The Hulk ('03, Sci-Fi) Jennifer Connelly, Eric Bana.						(:15) Men in Blac...	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(11:00) The Story ...		★★★★ Charly ('68, Dra) Cliff Robertson.				★★ The Incredible Mr. Limpet				Critic's Choice	
TELE	20	8	10	20		★★ El Conde De Montecristo James Caviezel.					The Detonator ('06, Act) Wesley Snipes.				Op. Repo	Shrek para sie...	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Under Boss "Belfor"		Boss "Roto-Rooter"		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Boss "7-Eleven"		Undercover Boss	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order		★★★ The Da Vinci Code ('06, Dra) Audrey Tautou, Tom Hanks.						★★ 2012 ('09, Act) John Cusack.			
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Hot In	Hot/ Cleve.	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Gilligan	Gilligan	Gilligan	Gilligan
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: LA "Betrayal"		NCIS: LA "Partners"		NCIS: Los Angeles		Law&O.:SVU "Class"		SVU "Venom"	
WGN	19	18				In Heat of Night		Leadoff /(:15) MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies vs. Chicago Cubs (L)						(:15) 10th..	Salem	Home Videos	

SUNDAY PRIME TIME — APRIL 6, 2014

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)		Once Upon "It's Not Easy Being Green" (N)		Resurrection "Insomnia" (N)		Revenge "Blood" (N)		KMID News	(:35) White Collar		(:35) Paid Program
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Country Music Awards Country music's party of the year honors superstars and hot emerging country talent. (L)						CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Kojak		Columbo "An Exercise in Fatality" Owner murders partner.			M*A*S*H	Thriller		The Alfred Hitchcock Hour		The Fugitive	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Bob's Burger (N)	American Dad (N)	TheSimpsons (N)	Family Guy (N)	Cosmos "Hiding in the Light" (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Modern Family	Modern Family	Jack Van Impe	Consumer Corner
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Walking	Dr. Rik Wadge	Light of the Southwest				Zola Levitt	Update News	Day of Discovery	Dollars & Sense
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Dateline NBC		DreamBuilders "Spanish Style" (N)		Believe "White Noise" (N)		Crisis (N)		News-West 9	Country Reporter	Paid Program	Whacked Out
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Nature "White Falcon, White Wolf"		Call the Midwife (N)		Masterpiece Classic "Mr. Selfridge" (N)		Secrets of Selfridges		Austin City Limits "Nine Inch Nails"		Woodsongs "Tommy Emmanuel"	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aqui y Ahora		Nuestra Belleza Latina				Sal y pimienta		Perspectiva	Noticiero Univision	Tras la Verdad	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Ent. Tonight		Burn Notice		The Closer		Private Practice		30 Rock	Sunny	Office	Trobador
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:00) Barbershop...		★★★ Dick Tracy Warren Beatty.				★ The Next Best Thing Madonna.				Sleepy Hollow	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:30) ★★★ Man of Steel Henry Cavill.				Game of Thrones		Silicon (N)	Veep (N)	Game of Thrones		Veep	Silicon
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Game of Thrones		(:55) Thrones "Mhysa"		★★ The Hangover Part III			(:45) ★★★ Fantastic Four Ioan Gruffudd.				24/7
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Bill Maher		★★★ Snitch ('13, Act) Dwayne Johnson.				★★★★ Beginners			(:50) Trance James McAvoy.		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	★★★★ The Godfather ('72, Dra) Al Pacino, Marlon Brando.						★★ Ted ('12, Com) Mark Wahlberg.				(:55) Dark Secrets	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:50) ★★ Ocean's Twelve George Clooney.				★★★★ Warm Bodies			(:40) Zane	(:15) Zane	(:50) ★★ Stoker		
PLEX			96			(5:15) Paper Moon		Inspector Gadget		(:20) ★★ Robocop 3 Robert John Burke.				(:10) & You Thought Your ...			Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Movie	House Lies	Shameless "Emily"		Shame. "Lazarus" (N)		Lies (N)	Lies	Shameless "Lazarus"		Shameless "Lazarus"	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:25) As Cool as ...		★★★ Lincoln ('12, Bio) Sally Field, Daniel Day-Lewis.					★★★ W. ('08, Bio) Elizabeth Banks.				Movie
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Wahlburg	Wahlburg	Duck Dy	Duck Dy
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) ★★★ Gladiator Russell Crowe.				Turn "Pilot" (P) (N)			Turn "Pilot"			★★★ Gladiator	
BET	58	26		40		(4:00) Why Did I ...		Celebration of Gospel "2014" (N)				TD Jakes 35th Anniversary Special (N)				BET Inspiration	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Atlanta Social (N)		Housewives Atl. (N)		Married Medicine (N)		Housewives Atlanta		Watch (N)	Queens	Housewives Atlanta	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	'Til Debt	Money	Marijuana Inc		Colorado Pot Rush		Cocaine Cowbo...		Cocaine Cowbo...		Colorado Pot Rush	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNN Special Report		Death Row Stories		Death Row (N)		Chicagoland		Death Row Stories		Death Row Stories	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked "Night 4"		Naked and Afraid		Naked "Night 4"	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Austin	Liv/Mad	I Didn't	Austin	Jessie	Liv/Mad	GoodLuck	A.N.T.	Austin	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(5:30) NCAA Basketball			NCAA	NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament (L)				SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Baseball Tonight		MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants vs. Los Angeles Dodgers (L)						E:60 "Perfect"		ESPNFC Press Pass	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★★ Remember the Titans				★★★ The Blind Side ('09, Spt) Tim McGraw, Sandra Bullock.						J.Osteen	Enjoy-Life
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report Sunday		Huckabee		Justice JudgeJeanine		Stossel		Huckabee		Justice JudgeJeanine	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Food Court Wars (N)		Chopped		Cutthroat Kitchen		Rest. "Ungratifying"		Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	(5:00) NBA Basketball Dal./Sac. (L)			Maverick	WPT Poker		Game365	Polaris	Edge MD	Spotlight	WPT Poker	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(4:30) Captain Am...		★★★ Thor ('11, Act) Chris Hemsworth.					★★★ Thor ('11, Act) Chris Hemsworth.				
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	★★ Flower Girl ('09, Rom) Marla Sokoloff.				Lucky in Love (2014)				G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	HouseH	House	Life (N)	Life (N)	Bargain	Bargain	Alaska	Alaska	HouseH	House	Bargain	Bargain
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Ax Men "Battle Ax"		Ax Men "Trucked Up"		Ax Men (N)		No Man's Land (N)		Down East Dickering		Ax Men "Trucked Up"	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	★★ The Ugly Truth Katherine Heigl.				Drop Dead Diva (N)		Drop Dead Diva		★★ The Ugly Truth Katherine Heigl.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Sex Slaves-Suburbs		Sex Slaves		Sex Slaves "Texas"		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	39				NHL Live!	NHL Hockey Buffalo Sabres vs. Philadelphia Flyers (L)					Overtime	NHLTop10	Match of the Day		EPL Soccer	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sam, Cat	Sam & Cat	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Contract	Contract	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★★ District 9 Sharlto Copley.				★★ Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines					★★ Repo Men Jude Law.		
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(5:15) Men in Blac...		BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	★★ The Hulk ('03, Sci-Fi) Eric Bana.			
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) Critic's Choi...		★★★ Mogambo ('53, Act) Ava Gardner.				★★★★ Red Dust ('32, Dra) Clark Gable.				Old San Francisco	
TELE	20	8	10	20		(5:00) Shrek para...		La Voz Kids				Suelta la sopa		Titulares	Op. Repo	La Comadrita	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	My Five Wives		..Medium	..Medium	..Medium	..Medium	My Five Wives (N)		..Medium	..Medium	My Five Wives	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(4:00) ★★ 2012		★★★ Contagion ('11, Act) Matt Damon.				(:15) ★★★ Contagion ('11, Act) Matt Damon.					Movie
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Gilligan	(:55) Gilligan's Island		Gilligan	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Hot In	SoulMan	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	SVU "Outsider"		SVU "Screwed"		Law&O.:SVU "Cold"		SVU "Merchandise"		Suits		SVU "Avatar"	
WGN	19	18				Home Videos		★★ Under Siege ('92, Act) Steven Seagal.				Salem	Home Videos		Home Videos		Videos

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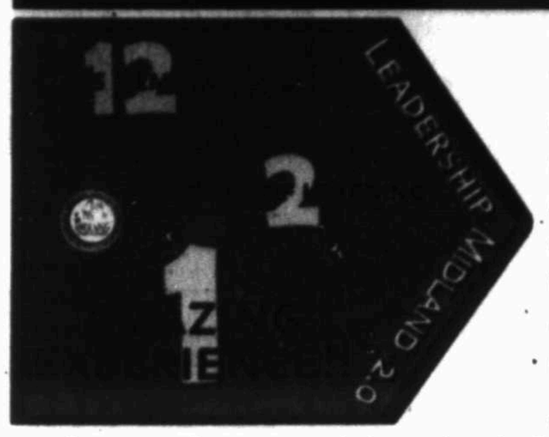


Last year, for the first time in 35 years, the Midland Chamber did not conduct an active class session of Leadership Midland. The program was put on pause to revise and update the curriculum to meet our community's growing leadership needs.

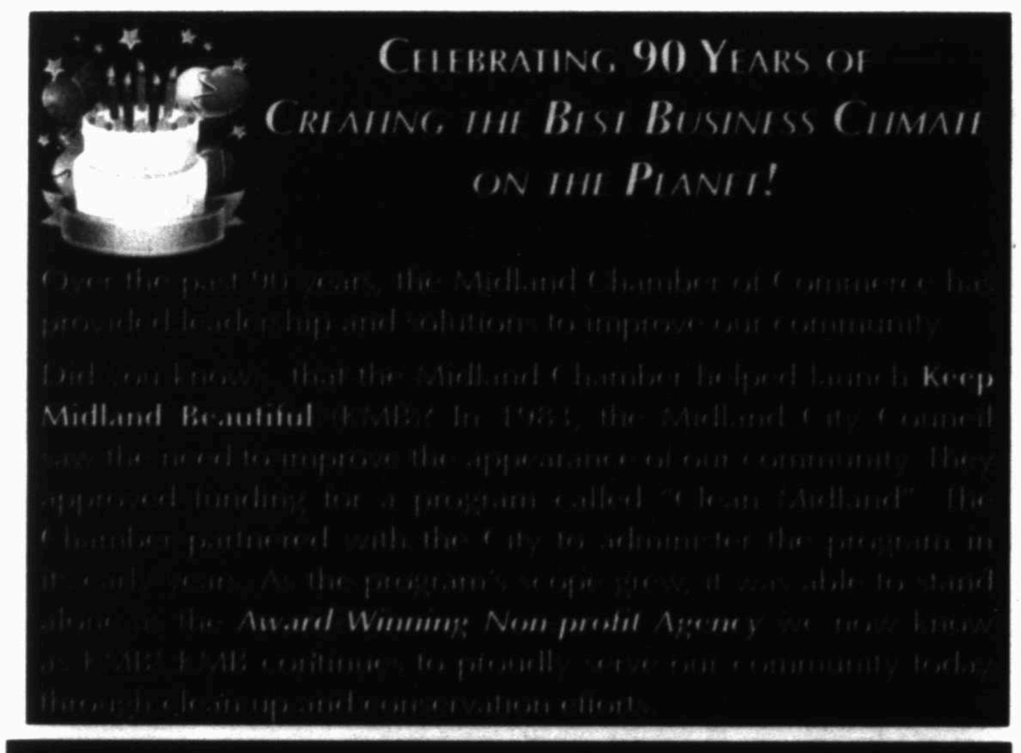
After several months of hard work, our volunteer task force has helped shape a new 2-Year program. During year 1, participants will gain knowledge about various facets of our community through tours and discussion groups. Sound familiar? It is! Year 1 will be very similar to what past Leadership Midland classes have experienced. Year 2 is where things will change dramatically. In this year, participant will:

- Receive practical, hands-on leadership training
- Complete a class project benefitting our community
- Participate with content experts in "Think Tank" discussions dealing with current challenges facing our community

The new program will also include a trip to Austin during the Chamber's joint legislative days with Odessa. The trip may occur during a participant's first or second year, due to the biennial schedule of the Texas Legislature. On alternate years (when the Legislature does not meet), participants will have the option to participate in an inter-city visit along with Chamber leadership.

For improved program efficacy, class size will be limited to a maximum of 12 participants each year. The selection process will be highly competitive. Interested parties are encouraged to apply online at:

www.LeadershipMidland.org



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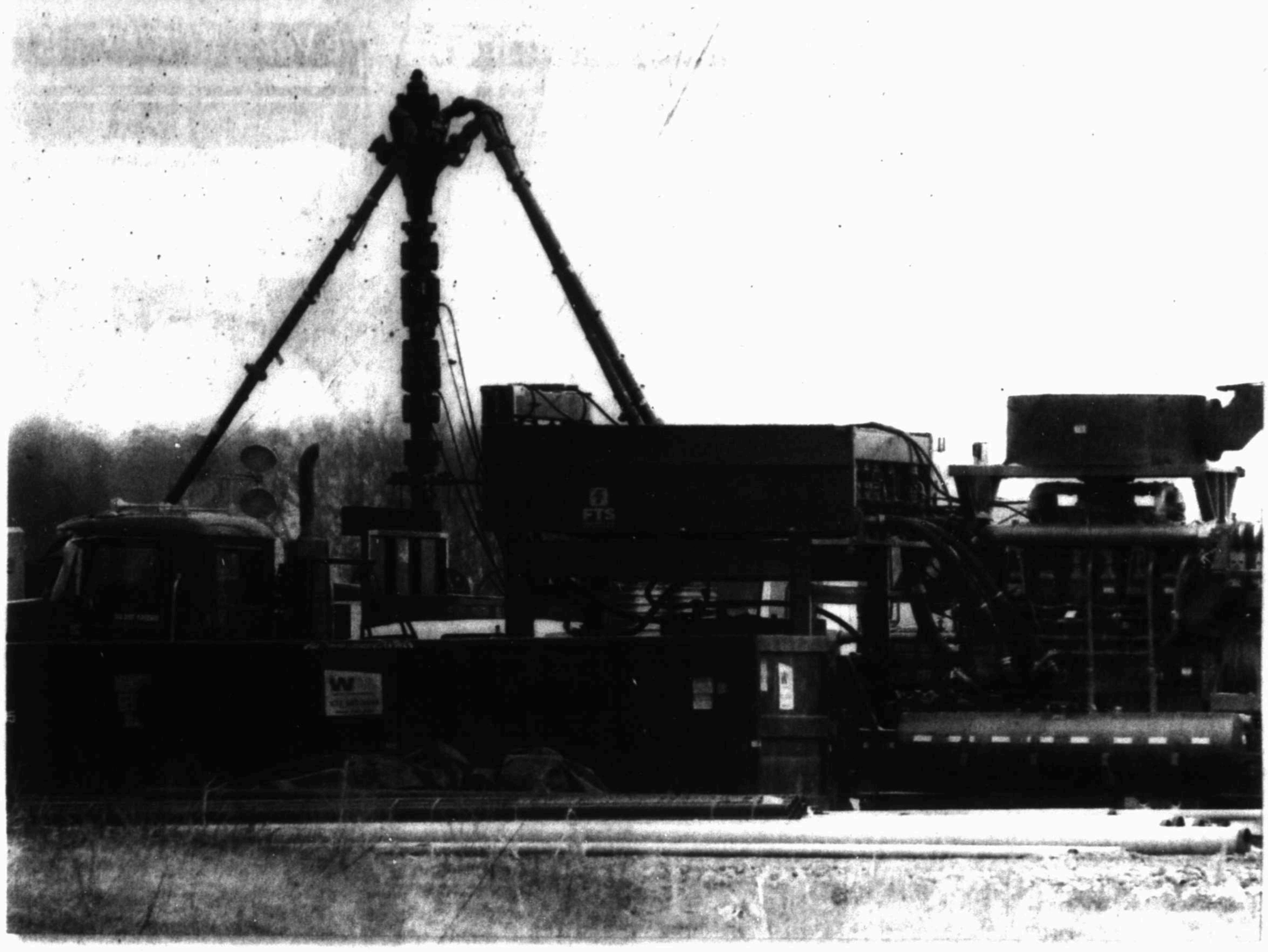
Save the Date

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events. Registration for the Chairman's Cup Golf Classic and Taking Care of Business sessions is on the Chamber's Website: **www.MidlandTxChamber.com**.

Registration is not necessary for the Joint Mixer.

Thanks to our M-Squad Ambassadors



MICROSEISMIC
FRACTURE IMAGING

Use of microseismic fracture imaging grows with hydraulic fracturing

■ SEG short course to help improve its use in developing unconventional resources

By Mella McEwen
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In recent years significant new crude and natural gas production has come from formations Permian Basin operators had long overlooked because they were too difficult or expensive to develop.

High commodity prices and advances in technology such as horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing have combined to open these unconventional resources.

As operators increase activity in plays such as the Wolfberry, Wolfbone and Cline Shale, microseismic fracture imaging has rapidly expanded along with hydraulic fracturing.

Because hydraulic fracturing is critical to these plays, Shawn Maxwell, chief geophysicist and microseismic advisor for Schlumberger's Microseismic Services business unit in Calgary, has developed a short course on the subject for the Society of Exploration Geophysicists.

Serving as a distinguished lecturer for the SEG, Maxwell will be bringing his short course to Midland Thursday, April 10. It will be at Midland Center at 7:30 a.m. The short course is being presented by the Permian Basin Geophysical Society.

The course will provide an overview of microseismic theory and practical application, from acquisition and survey design, processing through to interpretation. Emphasis will be on practical issues associated with acquisition of high-quality microseismic data, including potential pitfalls and quality control steps.

Maxwell will incorporate actual case studies to demonstrate engineering benefits and improved production through the use of microseismic.

During high-pressure fluid injections of a hydraulic fracture treatment, microseismic emissions occur as cracks form and interact with pre-existing fractures. Images of the microseismic locations can be used to interpret hydraulic fracture geometries, including the direction, dimensions and complexity resulting from networks of fractures in different orientations.

It targets geophysicists, engineers and geologists.

In the daylong course, Maxwell will review the history of microseismic applications, including mining-induced seismicity, reservoir monitoring, and hydraulic fracturing for the stimulation of geothermal and oil and gas reservoirs.

He will cover the basics of hydraulic fracturing operations, from the geomechanical processes to issues associated with high-quality microseismic data to common processing pitfalls and quality control approaches to monitoring-induced seismicity.

Various microseismic monitoring configurations will be described, including vertical, horizontal and multi-well downhole, surface and shallow buried arrays, and give the essentials of survey design for both surface and downhole monitoring along with criteria for an optimal monitoring system.

Maxwell will also describe a standard processing workflow, including velocity model construction and calibration. He will present microseismic source characterization, including source strength estimates using magnitude scales and focal mechanisms and review the relationship between deformations associated with the observed microseismic sources and the underlying hydraulic fracture to provide context to interpret micro-

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Field trip to take advantage of renewed access to Glass Mountains

By Mella McEwen
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After almost 30 years of no access to the Glass Mountains, land owners have eased their restrictions, allowing for a field trip held by the West Texas Geological Society.

"It's the southern equivalent of the Guadalupe Mountains," said Xavier Janson, research scientist with the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas. He will be leading the field trip May 8-11 just before the American Association of Petroleum Geologists' Southwest Section annual meeting, hosted by the WTGS.

It is very relevant, he said, to all the production coming from the Delaware Basin, including the Wolfcamp, Bone Spring and Avalon shales.

The Wolfcampian section, said Paul Pause, general chairman of the conference, will be a key aspect of the field trip as it will serve as a key analog to the current plays boosting Permian Basin production, including the Wolfbone and Wolfberry.

Janson agreed that participants in the field trip will get the chance to see exposed outcrops.

In Midland this week to discuss the Glass Mountains and the upcoming field trip with members of the WTGS, Janson reported that because of limited access beginning in the 1980s, no modern work has been done on those outcrops that expose the entire section from folded Ordovician through Pennsylvanian to nearly undeformed Early Permian (Leonardian) to Late Permian (Castille Fm. and younger equivalent).

Long-term goals for the Glass Mountains, he said, is to better understand the controls, if any, of platform development, margin geometry and trajectory, and slope system for the delivery of deep water to basinal sediment. This is particularly relevant for the current exploration effort in the southern Delaware Basin. In addition, the Glass Mountain paleogeographic and tectonic setting provide a unique opportunity to understand the development of carbonate platforms, and slope and basins in an active compressional tectonic setting.

Initial aerial reconnaissance and field mapping of the Wolfcampian through Early Capitanian slope sections show five types of slope systems:

A grainy crinoid/fusulinid dominated upper slope in the late Wolfcampian

A grainy/debris-dominated slope system during the Leonardian

A muddy to silty dominated slope during the Leonard/Guadalupian time with small lenticular debris flows.

A sandy to silty slope with microbial mounds during the Goat Seep equivalent with large reef olistholiths probably equivalent to the "get away" debris

A "classic" deep reef and debris dominated Capitanian slope, very similar to the one in the Guadalupes.

Participents in the field trip will leave Midland on May 8 and spend the night at the Hampton Inn in Fort Stockton. The next day, the field trip will head to the Glass Mountains and hike

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RAPID ADVANCES

New casing centralizer targets long laterals

■ Advancing horizontal drilling technology has companies developing tools for faster, more efficient operations

By Mella McEwen
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As Permian Basin operators transition from vertical drilling to horizontal drilling, they look for ways to improve efficiency and control the costs of drilling those expensive horizontal wells.

They also look for new equipment that is adapting to the rapid advances in technology in the industry.

To that end, Summit Casing Equipment of Fort Worth has unveiled the Summit TD LoCo composite centralizer, designed to allow casing to reach total depth at a greater rate of speed and efficiency. Boasting an orange and gray palette, Its one-piece design allows for high impact stress and heat resistance to maintain integrity in extreme well bore temperatures.

"As technology advances, the laterals are getting longer and the operator is looking to reduce torque and drag while running casing," noted Mitchel Hansen, Summit's chief operating officer. The new centralizer, he said, has a low coefficient of friction that lets operators set casing at total depth more quickly and efficiently.

He noted that "When you're out in the field every extra second can matter. The faster you can get to total depth, the more efficient the site is, saving the team both time and money."

Unveiled at the IADC/SPE Drilling Conference and Exhibition, the centralizer is seeing tremendous response among Permian Basin operators, Hansen said. The company has seen such growth in the Permian Basin that Summit purchased land in Midland off Interstate 20 and built a facility, where it offers stage tool and collar operations.

"We've hired staff and are looking to grow," he said, adding that the company is confident in the future of the Permian Basin. "We're going to be in the Permian Basin for quite some time," he said.

Not only is Summit seeing growth in the Permian Basin but also in the Eagle Ford and is planning new locations in Greeley, Co. and Williston, ND.

"We're active from the East Coast to the Permian Basin to Colorado," he said.

While the company is pleased with the success of the new TDLoCo, Hansen said the company is always looking to advance its technology. Summit has a research and development facility in Fort Worth.

Hydraulic fracturing becomes anti-drilling focal point

ALEX MILLS
Texas Alliance of Energy Producers

Hydraulic fracturing has become a focal point for anti-drilling fanatics.

Opponents of hydraulic fracturing allege that it has contaminated water, demand to know what is used in the fracturing process, and say hydraulic fracturing has caused earthquakes.

Proponents point out that the industry has been fracturing wells for 60 years and there has never been a case of groundwater pollution.

Even the spelling has become controversial. Environmental groups and the news media have decided that hydraulic fracturing is too long so they have shortened it to fracking. However, the oil and gas industry generally uses the entire term, hydraulic fracturing, but on occasion it is shortened to fracturing and sometime just frac. Fracking with a "k" was never used in the oil patch for some 50 years until environmentalists decided, for some reason, that it needed a "k."

What is hydraulic fracturing and why is it important?

The drilling process, which can last from four to eight weeks, involves securing a drilling rig, conducting final tests and environmental analyses, and securing all permits to ensure drilling is done in accordance with regulations. At this time, the drilling contractor implements his safety and operational plans on top of those required by the government — such as planning for proper management of the project, ensuring plans incorporate responsible practices, and reviewing procedures with employees and contractors.

After roads are constructed and the location is finished, the crew moves in the drilling rig. As professionals drill the well, they install multiple layers of cement and steel casing in the ground to create an impermeable barrier between the well and groundwater zones. Drillers also use casing deeper in the well to ensure its integrity and to isolate natural gas formations from the surrounding areas. Engineers and technicians test and monitor each layer of casing and cement to ensure the integrity of the well and the quality of the protective casings.

Hydraulic fracturing is used relatively briefly during the well completion process. It often takes place a mile or more below groundwater supplies. Shale rock has gas trapped in pores smaller than the width of a hair, so we must create a network of small fissures in the rock to release the gas. This involves injecting a mixture of 90 percent water, 9.5 percent sand, and 0.5 percent chemicals (that in part prevent bacterial growth and reduce friction) into the well at high pressures to keep the fissures open, which allows the gas to flow. The activity is continuously monitored for injection pressure and flow rates during the process to ensure that everything is going according to plan.

Once a well is drilled and completed over the course of a few months, it is ready for production.

When drilling is being conducted near homes, the operator in many cases will put up large sound barriers around the rig. Industry is also looking at methods to reduce the amount of water used in the drilling/fracturing process.

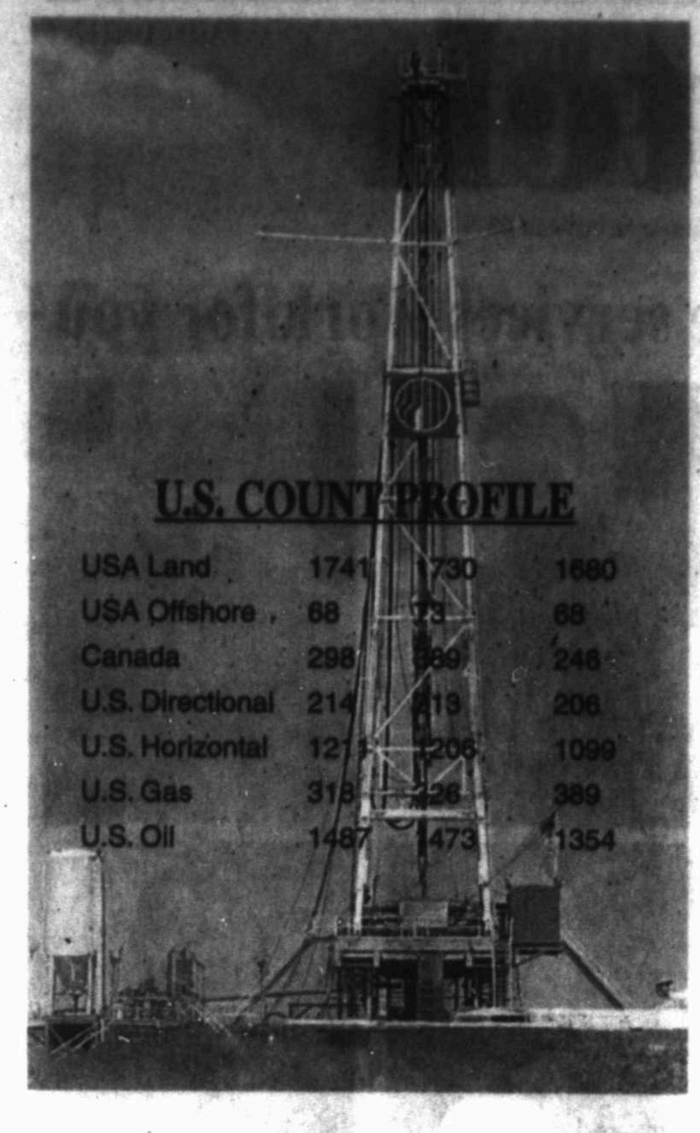
There is no evidence that hydraulic fracturing causes earthquakes or has ever contaminated groundwater.

The industry is required to report the components of the fracturing fluid to a website, FracFocus, so anyone can go online and find out the composition of the frac fluids.

Hydraulic fracturing has been studied by numerous government agencies, and the Environmental Protection Agency currently has an investigation in progress that is slated to conclude in 2015.

One thing is certain: if government somehow prohibits hydraulic fracturing, the drilling of oil and gas wells will decline significantly because today virtually all wells are completed using fracturing.

Alex Mills is president of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers. The opinions expressed are solely of the author



U.S. COUNT PROFILE

USA Land	1741	1730	1680
USA Offshore	68	73	68
Canada	298	339	246
U.S. Directional	214	219	206
U.S. Horizontal	121	206	1099
U.S. Gas	318	326	389
U.S. Oil	1487	1473	1354

MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$97.20
Flint Hills Resources*	$96.00
Phillips 66	$96.24
Plains*	$96.00
Shell Trading	$96.20
Sun*	$96.00
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Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

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NYMEX future price	$4.855	$4.364	$3.976
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	$5.280	$4.255	$3.890
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	$5.067	$4.333	$3.738
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	$4.955	$4.250	$3.892
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	$5.150	$4.280	$3.765
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent	$5.145	$4.258	$3.890
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	$4.758	$4.305	$3.985

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Texas

DIST. #7C

Coke	1
Concho	0
Crockett	7
Irion	15
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	0
Reagan	22
Runnels	0
Schleicher	2
Sutton	0
Terrell	0
Tom Green	1
Upton	37

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Andrews	23
Brewster	0
Crane	3
Culberson	9
Ector	23
Glasscock	31
Howard	27
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	19
Martin	42
Midland	38
Mitchell	2
Pecos	12
Presidio	0
Reeves	48
Sterling	2
Ward	23
Winkler	3

DIST. #8A

Bailey	0
Borden	3
Cochran	2
Cottle	0
Crosby	1
Dawson	5
Dickens	1
Floyd	0
Gaines	4
Garza	1
Hale	0
Hockley	1
Kent	1
King	1
Lamb	0
Lubbock	0
Lynn	1
Motley	0
Scurry	5
Terry	3
Yoakum	4
TEXAS TOTAL	423

New Mexico

Chaves	1
Eddy	46
Lea	33
Roosevelt	0
N.M. TOTAL	80

MEETINGS

Water recycling topic for NGS

Members of the Natural Gas Society of the Permian Basin will meet Tuesday, April 8 at the Petroleum Club at 11:30 a.m.

James Winter with High Sierra Energy will give a presentation on water recycling technology.

Cost is $25 with a reservation, $30 at the door. Reservations should be made by 5 p.m. Monday, April 7 by calling 620-4049 or by email at ydelao@dcpmidstream.com.

SIPES hosts Texas Public Policy Foundation member

The Midland chapter, Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists (SIPES) will meet Wednesday, April 16 in the upstairs ballroom at Midland Country Club. The meeting begins at 11:15 a.m.

Kathleen Hartnett White, distinguished senior fellow-in-residence and director, Armstrong Center for Energy & the Environment at the Texas Public Policy Foundation in Austin, will give a talk on "The Great Collision: The Shale Revolution and the President's Climate Plan."

Non-SIPES members should call 683-2715 for reservations. There is no charge for members, $20 for guests.

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seismic source characterization. He will also review assessment of sensitivity, resolution and confidence of microseismic images.

Case studies demonstrating various aspects of improving engineering designs for hydraulic fracture stimulations, well completions and field development will be presented and Maxwell will offer case study examples of various engineering design issues, describing the use of microseismic data to improve those designs.

Cost is $100 for SEG members, $195 for non members. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Reservations and payment must be made through the SEG online store at www.seg.org/disc

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the southern face of the Leonard Mountain to see the Wolfcamp and Abo and then an overview of the Marathon Thrust.

After spending the night in Alpine, participants will return to Leonard Mountain to study the south face outcrop and then return to Alpine. On May 11, there will be a return to the Glass Mountains to study the Upper Leonardian and Lower Guadalupian. At noon, participants will begin the return drive to Midland in time for a reception preceeding the annual meeting.

Cost is $800, including three nights lodging, breakfast, lunch in the field and guidebook.

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Boss Hogg 15 State Com #3
Wildcat; Sec 15 T23S R26E, 100/N & 1650/E, 6 mi SW Carlsbad; Rot 11483 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41837

Oxy USA WTP LP
OXY Boo 9 State #2
Wildcat; Sec 9 T23S R26E, 1700/N & 150/E, 6 mi SW Carlsbad; Rot 11170 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-41831

BOPCO LP
PLU Big Sinks 18 25 31 USA #1
Wildcat; Sec 18 T25S R31E, 160/S & 660/W, 16 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14207 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41835

Lea County

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Deep Jack #1
Wildcat; Sec 17 T18S R35E, 2310/S & 990/W, 2 1/2 mi SE Buckeye; Rot 9800 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41499

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Merchant State Unit #1
Wildcat-Re-Entry of SW Royalties, Grama Ridge 35 St #1, P&A, Old TD 16450; Sec 35 T21S R33E, 1309/S & 990/E, 14 mi SE Halfway; Rot 13600 Bone Spring; API #30-025-29991

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Bell Lake 19 St #2
Wildcat; Sec 19 T24S R33E, 220/S & 1920/E, 10 mi W Ochoa; Rot 16880 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41515

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Bell Lake 19 St #3
Wildcat; Sec 19 T24S R33E, 200/S & 1870/E, 10 mi W Ochoa; Rot 16113 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41516

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Wildcat; Sec 19 T24S R33E, 200/S & 1820/E, 10 mi W Ochoa; Rot 16548 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41517

Yates Petroleum Corp
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Wildcat; Sec 29 T21S R33E, 200/N & 1980/W, 11 mi SE Halfway; Rot 15546 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41518

Nadel & Gussman Permian LLC
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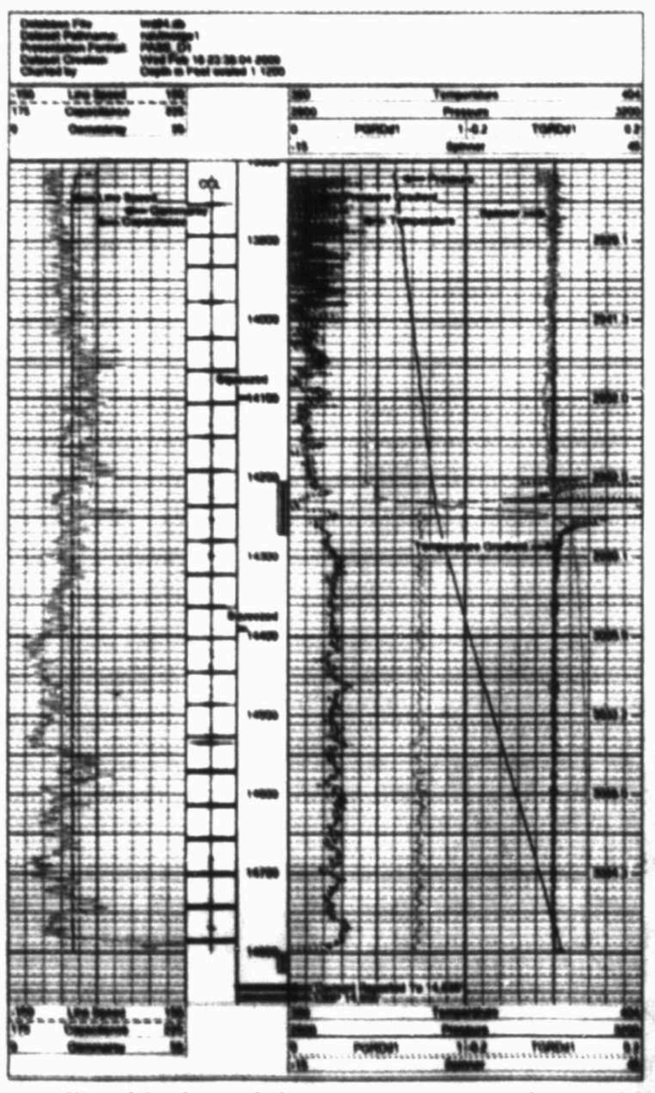

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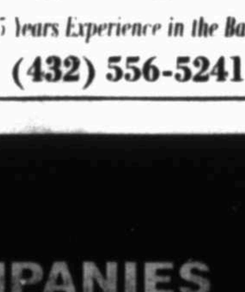

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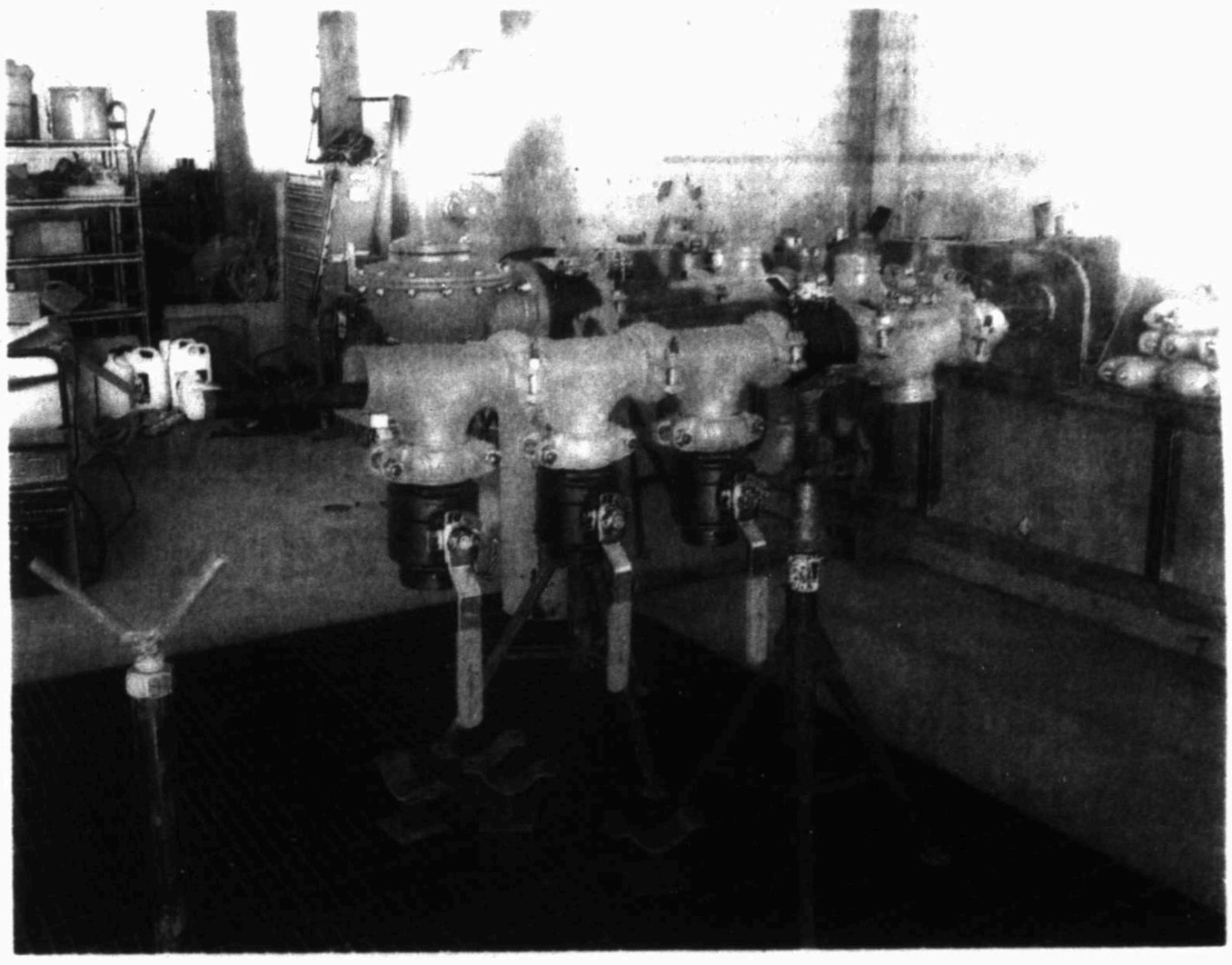

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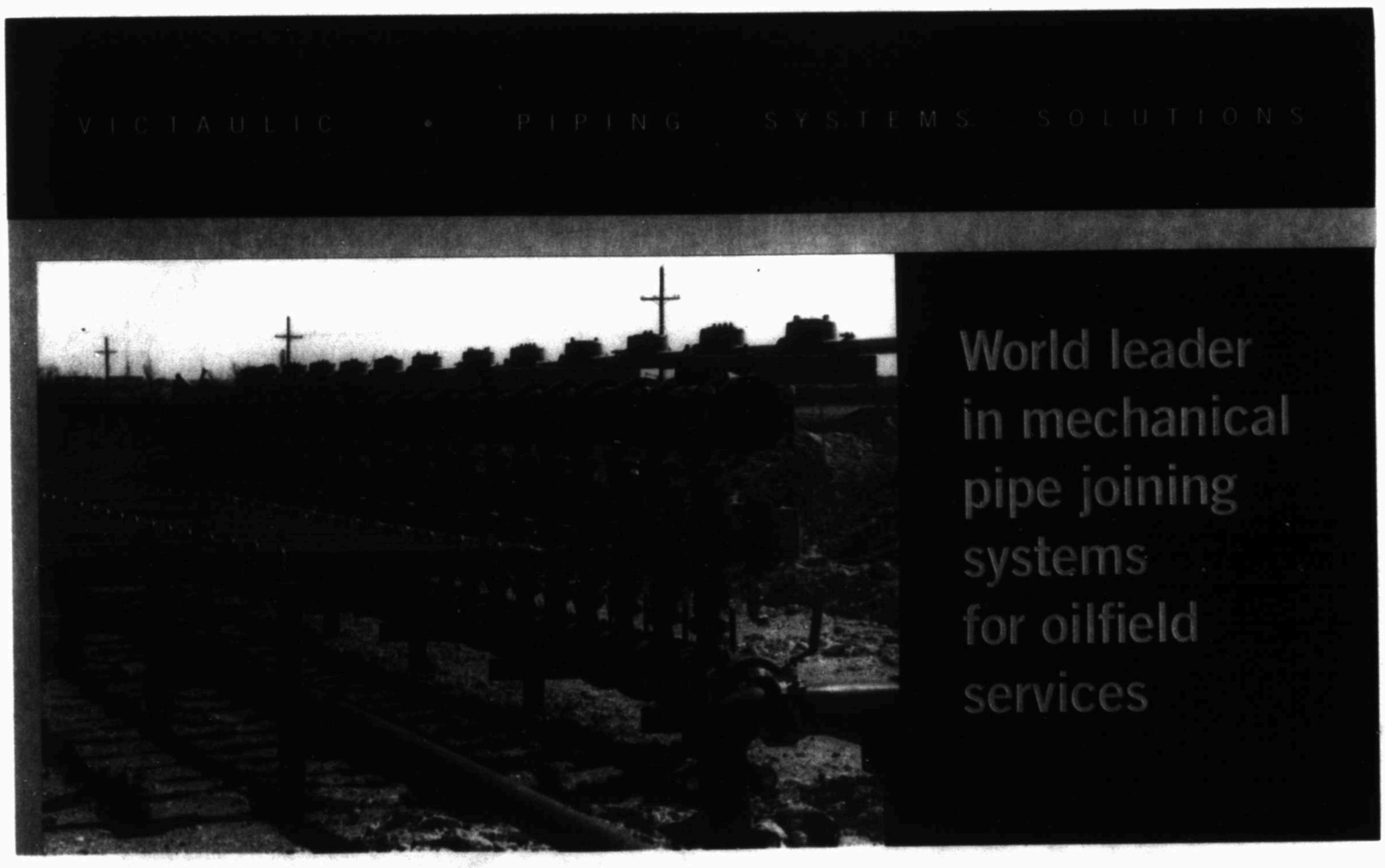

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APPROACH OPER., LLC HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2334HB UNIVERSITY 45 F, 2140 FNL 1710 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 45, UNIV LAND SUR. 7800', 16 NW OZONA

APPROACH OPER., LLC HOLT RANCH (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2328HB UNIVERSITY 45 F, 2140 FNL 2400 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 45, UL SUR., A-U427 7800', 16 NW OZONA

Irion County

BANNER OPERATING, LLC FUNK (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL Well# 1012 STEPHENS, 500 FSL 2260 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 5, H&TC/I FUNK SUR., A-1169 2000', 19 NW SAN ANGELO

DEVON ENERGY PROD CO., LP LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H BROWDER, 356 FSL 588 FEL, SEC 2, JP PITTMAN SUR., A-859 9000', 25 SW MERTZON

McCulloch County

JASPER ENERGY, INC EXOC (O) DRILL Well# 1 GASSIOT, 150 FWL 835 FSL, SEC 1056, JW BARNETT SUR., A-2243 1500', 1 E LOHN

Reagan County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1D WEATHERBY 1231, 2500 FSL 1083 FEL, SEC 1231 BLK O, GC&SF SUR., A-179 12100', 7 N BEST

BTA OIL PRODUCERS, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6064 SOUTH STILES SPRABERRY UNIT, 467 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 6 BLK L, TC SUR., A-725 11100', 15 NW BIG LAKE

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Runnels County

POWERFLEX SERVICES INC, GRAY GOOSE (ADAMI) (O/G)(R-NTER)(GRDNR) Well# 1 BAHLMAN, 467 FSL 2300 FWL, L MARTIN SUR., A-372 4380', 1 N WINTERS

Schleicher County

HIGHMOUNT E&P TEXAS LLC NE OZONA (CANYON) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 802H UNIVERSITY SOUTH, 548 FSL 922 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 57, UNIV LAND SUR. 6600', 17 NW ELDORADO

Tom Green County

TRILOGY OPERATING INC. STRINGER (SAN ANGELO) (O) DRILL Well# 1 SAS, 854 FWL 200 FSL, SEC 896, C ZIEHEN SUR., A-4213 1500', 2 NW CHRISTOVAL

Upton County

APACHE CORPORATION (SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 ROGERS 35, 935 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 35 BLK C, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-28 10800', 12 N RANKIN

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4A RL ROSS 116, 660 FSL 1200 FEL, SEC 116 BLK D, CCSD&RGNG/MRS WR TIMMINS SUR., A-1579 10800', 12 NE CRANE

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. SALLIE ANN (SPRA-WC) (O) DRILL Well# 2207U FOUR CORNERS, 866 FSL 3439 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 42 T4S, T&P/CH PRICE SUR., A-1266 11200', 15 SE ODESSA

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CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. SALLIE ANN (SPRA-WC) (O) DRILL Well# 2208U FOUR CORNERS, 941 FSL 1156 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 42 T4S, T&P/CH PRICE SUR., A-1266 11200', 15 SE ODESSA

CITATION OIL & GAS CORP. MCELROY DRILL (INJ) Well# 345 MC-CLINTIC UNIT, 1970 FNL 1860 FEL, SEC 206 BLK F, CCSD&RGNG/ HL MCCLINTIE SUR., A-1029 3500', 3 SE CRANE

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 11 BARBARA 147, 1680 FWL 1870 FSL, SEC 147 BLK E, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-84 12000', 21 NW RANKIN

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 14 POWELL 32, 1980 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 32 BLK 40 T5S, T&P/ RO ROSS SUR., A-1278 12000', 16 SW MIDKIFF

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1183H XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE, 4561 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 1, THROCKMORTON CSL SUR., A-542 9660', 20 N RANKIN

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Andrews County

ATHLON ENERGY OPER. LLC LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 UNIVERSITY 8-3, 1088 FSL 1709 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 8, UL SUR. A-U221 12500', 14 NE ANDREWS

ATHLON ENERGY OPER. LLC LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 UNIVERSITY 5-39, 1088 FSL 1709 FWL, SEC 39 BLK 5, UL SUR., A-U143 12500', 14 NE ANDREWS

ENERVEST OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 UNIVERSITY 7-12, 806 FWL 1961 FNL, SEC 12 BLK 7, UL SUR., A-U197 13000', 21 NE ANDREWS

FORGE ENERGY, LLC N SHAFTER LAKE (SA) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6H UB 13-14, 370 FEL 575 FSL, SEC 14 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U406 4700', 13 NW ANDREWS

OXY USA, INC. SAINT WILMA (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 2 UNIVERSITY AMBER, 990 FNL 990 FWL, SEC 10 BLK 3, UL SUR. 11500', 8 NE ANDREWS

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC BAKKE (PENN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 WEIBUSCH 26, 610 FNL 2185 FEL, SEC 26 BLK A44, PSL/N POWELL SUR., A-1756 11800', 5 SE ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 21 UNIVERSITY 47A, 990 FNL 330 FEL, SEC 47 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U439 5200', 8 NW ANDREWS

Crane County

CITATION OIL & GAS CORP. ABELL (PERMIAN-GENERAL) (O/G) (RECLASS) Well# 17 MOBIL GLENN, 708 FNWL 4441 FNEL, SEC 20 BLK 1, H&TC/PH FLOOD SUR., A-667 4400', 17 SW CRANE

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP RUNNING W (WICHALB) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 481LH MB MCKNIGHT, 975 FSL 2206 FEL, SEC 2 BLK B21, PSL/MB MCKNIGHT SUR., A-1109 9000', 22 NW CRANE

Culberson County

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H COUNT FLEET 48 STATE, 210 FSL 1786 FEL, SEC 48 BLK 60 T-1, T&P SUR. 10125', 19 NW ORLA

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. DERBY (BONE SPRING) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H OWL DRAW 12 UNIT, 210 FNL 2611 FWL, SEC 12 BLK 60 T1S, T&P/WW WEST SUR., A-6999 12156', 19 N ORLA

Ector County

BC OPERATING, INC. GOLDSMITH (CLRFRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 HENRY, 1514 FSL 1180 FWL, SEC 31 BLK 43 T1N, T&P SUR., A-174 7250', 2 NE GOLDSMITH

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. SALLIE ANN (SPRA-WC) (O) DRILL Well# 1414E FOUR CORNERS SEC 14, 1502 FNL 847 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 42 T4S, T&P/ JH BROCK SUR., A-1138 11200', 13 SE ODESSA

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. SALLIE ANN (SPRA-WC) (O) DRILL Well# 1403E FOUR CORNERS SEC 14, 2268 FSL 791 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 42 T4S, T&P/ JH BROCK SUR., A-1138 11200', 14 SE ODESSA

EUREKA PROSPECTING CO. RATLIFF (PENN) (O) DRILL Well# 15 SALLIE W RATLIFF, 987 FNL 841 FEL, SEC 36 BLK 42 T1S, T&P/J HARRELL SUR., A-556 14000', 6 NE ODESSA

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC GOLDSMITH (O) (RECOMP) Well# 9 TXL 44-43, 2310 FNL 1660 FEL, SEC 43 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-291 6400', 16 W ODESSA

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC GOLDSMITH (O) (RECOMP)(DIRC) Well# 9 CVX 43, 1656 FSWL 389 FSEL, SEC 43 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-291 6079', 8 NW GOLDSMITH

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC GOLDSMITH (O) (RECOMP) Well# 16 CVX 43B, 990 FNL 1650 FWL, SEC 43 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-291 6070', 8 SW GOLDSMITH

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC (GOLDSMITH (O) RECOMP) Well# 27 CVX 6B, 990 FSL 2310 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 44 T2S, T&P/F VEST SUR., A-823 6050', 8 N PENWELL

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC GOLDSMITH (O) (RECOMP) Well# 17 CVX 43B, 990 FWL 330 FNL, SEC 43 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-291 6065', 8 SW GOLDSMITH

Glasscock County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 15 DORADO 18, 1562 FSL 2300 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 34 T4S, T&P/ WE CHANEY SUR., A-1136 11300', 5 W GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2305 NICHOLS, 717 FSL 677 FWL, SEC 23 BLK 34 T3S, T&P SUR., A-228 11000', 6 W GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2212 NICHOLS, 2331 FSL 1419 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 34 T3S, T&P/ G JACKSON SUR., A-824 11000', 6 W GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 MACKEREL 1, 3015 FSL 260 FWL, SEC 1 BLK 32 T3S, T&P SUR., A-50 10400', 9 E GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 7 BARRACUDA 45, 660 FSL 1750 FWL, SEC 45 BLK 33 T3S, T&P SUR., A-143 10700', 3 E GARDEN CITY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 101H SAN SABA, 1160 FSL 1710 FEL, SEC 37 BLK 34 T5S, T&P SUR., A-283 8500', 14 SE GARDEN CITY

McCLURE OIL CO. INC. VETERANS (U LEONARD) (O) DRILL Well# 13 DRIVER 33, 330 FEL 2310 FNL, SEC 33 BLK 34 T4S, T&P SUR., A-257 5900', 5 SW GARDEN CITY

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McCLURE OIL CO. INC. VETERANS (U LEONARD) (O) DRILL Well# 12 DRIVER 33, 330 FEL 1650 FSL, SEC 33 BLK 34 T4S, T&P SUR., A-257 5900', 5 SW GARDEN CITY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1D BRUNSON 35, 1679 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 35 BLK 36 T3S, T&P SUR., A-408 4900', 14 NW GARDEN CITY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 BRUNSON 30, 1980 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 30 BLK 35 T3S, T&P/ TJ BARNES SUR., A-777 10800', 12 NW GARDEN CITY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 BRUNSON 5, 1980 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 5 BLK 35 T3S, T&P SUR., A-314 11125', 13 NW GARDEN CITY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 HANCOCK A, 1980 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 35 T2S, T&P/ AL HOUSTON SUR., A-819 11100', 20 NW GARDEN CITY

THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC FRYSAK FARMS (DEV) (O) DRILL Well# 4643 HOELSCHER, 467 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 46 BLK 35 T4S, T&P/ BF CARTER SUR., A-1090 11300', 4 NW ST LAWRENCE

Howard County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 FERN 21, 467 FNL 990 FWL, SEC 21 BLK 27, H&TC SUR., A-26 7700', 12 NW COAHOMA

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) (FDTFR) Well# 2 CATHEY 2, 1980 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 2 BLK 31, T1N SUR., A-1012 9055', 7 NW COAHOMA

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BREITBURN OPERATING L.P. CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 3 BEARD 18, 467 FEL 2183 FSL, SEC 18 BLK 33 T2N, T&P/ GJ SIMMONS SUR., A-1683 10465', 1 NE KNOTT

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THREE RIVERS OPER. CO. II LLC MOORE (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 3032 GUTHRIE, 1980 FWL 1980 FSL, SEC 30 BLK 33 T1S, T&P/ SI CAUBLE SUR., A-1535 10600', 3 W ELBOW

Loving County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H ASHLOCK 1-34 UNIT, 348 FEL 1681 FSL, SEC 35 BLK 1, W&NW SUR., A-172 14000', 9 NE PECOS

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H HARRISON 29-25, 330 FNL 610 FWL, SEC 25 BLK 29, PSL/ IV BROOKFIELD SUR., A-994 14000', 12 NE MENTONE

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H ASHLOCK 1-34 UNIT, 957 FEL 2400 FNL, SEC 35 BLK 1, W&NW SUR., A-172 14000', 9 NE PECOS

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H ASHLOCK 1-34 UNIT, 1200 FNL 963 FEL, SEC 35 BLK 1, W&NW SUR., A-172 14000', 9 NE PECOS

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 5H ASHLOCK 1-34 UNIT, 401 FWL 362 FSL, SEC 34 BLK 1, W&NW/R ASHLOCK SUR., A-1371 14000', 9 NE PECOS

XTO ENERGY INC. TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H SANTA BARBARA 76-27, 344 FSL 767 FWL, SEC 27 BLK 76, PSL/CE BASHAM SUR., A-1290 12100', 16 NE MENTONE

XTO ENERGY INC. TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H SAN ANTONIO 76-34, 344 FNL 772 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 76, PSL SUR., A-1291 12100', 16 NE MENTONE

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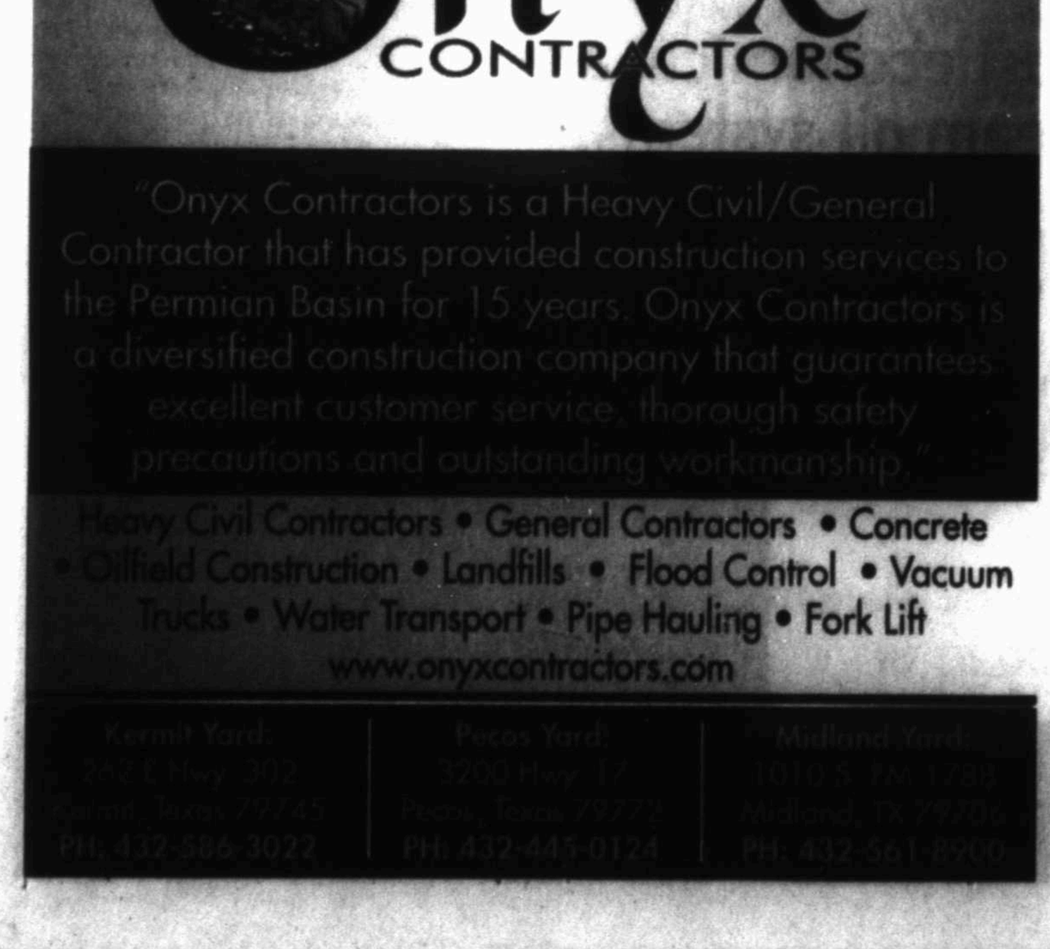
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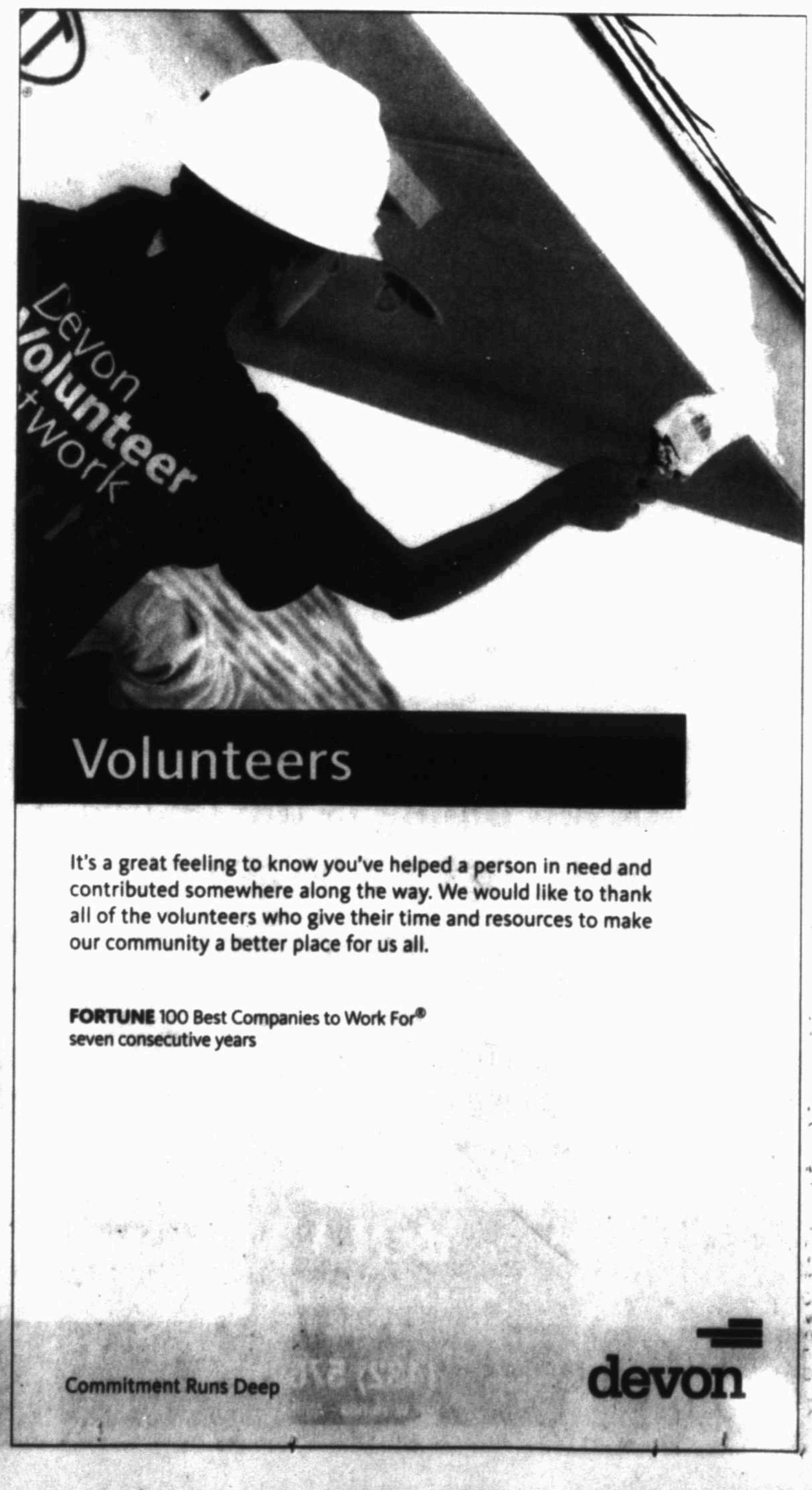

COMPLETIONS

Texas RRCD 7C

Crockett County

MWS Pproducing Inc.
University "3" #4
Farmer (San Andres); 1010 fnl, 2565 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 46, Abst. 437U, ULS, 15.6 se Big Lake; TD 2350; Comp 3/12/2014; producing from 1952-2104, fracture stimulated; pump 55 BO, 40 MCF, 10 BW, 36.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-105-41862

Reagan County

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Rocker B "124 E" Unit #1245SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2080 fnl, 1584 fwl, Sec 124, Blk 1, Abst. 685, T&P RR, 7 ne Big Lake; TD 7406 TVD, 15700 MD; Comp 3/7/2014; producing from 7880-15632, fracture stimulated; flow 483 BO, 894 MCF, 671 Bw on 45/64 inch choke, FTP 240 psi, 39.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-38393

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #4468
Fullerton; 7188 fwl, 5068 fnl, Sec 31, Blk 13, ULS, 15.5 nw Andrews; TD 7509; Comp 3/13/2014; producing from 6635-7248, fracture stimulated; pump 196 BO, 90 MCF, 1193 BW, 42.12 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-45661

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #6836
Fullerton; 7145 fel, 14572 fsl, Sec 18, Blk A-32, Abst. 614, PSL, 16 nw Andrews; TD 7054; Comp 3/14/2014; producing from 6013-6935, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 115 BO, 85 MCF, 712 BW, 42.12 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-45666

Discovery Operating Inc.
University "11B" #6
Martin (Consolidated); 2070 fsl, 940 fwl, Sec 3, Blk 11, Abst. 323U, ULS, 14.6 s Frankel City; TD 7712; Comp 3/3/2014; producing from 7062-7586, treated with acid; pump 25 BO, 30 MCF, 220 BW, 34 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-45676

Crane County

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
M.B. McKnight #481LH
Running W (Wichita Albany)-Horizontal; 6327 fsl, 2415 fel, Sec 2, Blk B-21, Abst. 1109, PSL, 21.69 nw Crane; TD 5571 TVD, 11195 MD; Comp 3/15/2014; producing from 5736-11095, fracture stimulated; pump 135 BO, 110 MCF, 1072 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-103-36262

Reeves County

Oxy USA Inc.
Alyx State "22" #5
Wolfbone (Trend Area); 2255 fsl, 1621 fel, Sec 22, Blk 51, T-7-S, Abst.1942, T&P RR, 13 s Pecos; TD 13500; Comp 3/9/2014; producing from 10688-11432, treated with acid; pump 10 BO, 43 MCF, 102 BW, 42.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-389-33873

Ward County

Cimarex Energy Co.
Autobahn "34-117"#3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 295 fnel, 1980 fsel, Sec 116, Blk 34, Abst. 1356, H&TC RR, 7 sw Pyote; TD 11165 TVD, 16259 MD; Comp 3/4/2014; producing from 11485-16235, fracture stimulated; gas lift 730 BO, 776 MCF, 900 BW, FTP 2600 psi; API #42-475-36487

Texas RRCD 8A

Crosty County

Custer & Wright Operating Inc.
Wheeler "B" #5W
Hoople (Clearfork); 663 fnl, 11 fwl, Sec 1038, Abst. 1037, CCSD&RGNG, 11 ne Slaton; TD 4445; Comp 3/12/2014; producing from 4100-4156, fracture stimulated; pump 26 BO, 324 BW, 28 Oil Gravity; API #42-107-31799

Dawson County

Energen Resources Corporation
Ackerly Davenport "11" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fnl, 1980 fel, Sec 11, Blk 34, T-3-N, Abst. 39, T&P RR, 0.8 ne Ackerly; TD 11075; Comp 3/2/2014; producing from 7146-10533, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 28 BO, 10 MCF, 325 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-115-33608

New Mexico

Eddy County

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Federal 21 #11
East Brushy Draw; Sec 21 T26S R30E; 430/N & 1180/W. BHL: 510/N & 490/W; EL 3027 GL, TD 7483 MD, 7405 TVD, PBTD 7411 MD, 7354 TVD; Spud 9-8-12, Comp 11-16-12; production is through treated perfs: 6296-7112, 6494-6646, 6728-6762, 6906-7112. Treat: 452,508 gals 15% HCL, 606,067# proppant. IP: 11-30-12 Pump 24 hrs 227 BO, 681 BW, 234 MCF, GOR 706, Gty 66.1. Cog: 13 3/8 @ 920 w/1000 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3429 w/1300 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7453 w/828 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5560; API #30-015-40559

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Federal 21 #73
Brushy Draw; Sec 21 T26S R30E; 2310/S & 2060/E; EL 3024 GL, TD 7405, PBTD 7340; Spud 10-7-12, Comp 12-15-12; production is through treated perfs: 5641-6428, 6476-6632, 6664-6788, 6864-7104. Treat: 105,127 gals slickwater, 10,500 gals 15% HCL, 392,832 gals Delta Frac 140-R. IP: 12-31-12 Pump 24 hrs 200 BO, 864 BW, 199 MCF, Gty 40. Cog: 13 3/8 @ 799 w/1600 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3410 w/1300 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7398 w/725 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5633; API #30-015-40725

Apache Corp.
A State #67
Artesia; Sec 26 T17S R28E; 1790/N & 2340/W; EI 3667 Gl, TD 5915, PBTD 5895; Spud 7-27-13, Comp 9-7-13; production is through perfs: 3526-5786. IP: 10-13-12 Pump 24 hrs 95 BO, 314 BW, 95 MCF. Cog: 8 5/8 @ 411 w/1245 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5905 w/1380 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5846; API #30-015-41127

Apache Corp.
A State #77
Artesia; Sec 26 T17S R28E; 1525/S & 2385/W; EI 3665 Gl, TD 5900, PBTD 5890; Spud 8-03-13, Comp 9-12-13; production is through treated perfs: 3537-4094, 4136-4914, 5012-5750. Treat: 581,280 gals 20#, 736,713# sd, 13,040 gals acid, 12,306 gals gel. IP: 10-16-12 Pump 24 hrs 110 BO, 308 BW, 110 MCF. Cog: 8 5/8 @ 424 w/320 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5900 w/960 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5791; API #30-015-41131

Apache Corp.
AB State 647 #1
Artesia; Sec 32 T17S R28E; 1750/S & 1765/W; EI 3680 Gl, TD 5016, PBTD 5000; Spud 8-11-13, Comp 9-23-13; production is through treated perfs: 3448-3991, 4069-4855. Treat: 386,904 gals 20#, 460,077# sd, 7543 gals acid, 7182 gals gel. IP: 10-29-12 Pump 24 hrs 3 BO, 512 BW, 13 MCF. Cog: 8 5/8 @ 454 w/340 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5016 w/790 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4914; API #30-015-41127

Apache Corp.
AB State 647 #5
Artesia; Sec 32 T17S R28E; 2310/S & 330/W; EL 3694 GL, TD 5060, PBTD 5045; Spud 8-23-13, Comp 9-28-13; production is through treated perfs: 3411-4073, 4161-4338. Treat: 441,000 gals 20#, 568,803# sd, 14,309 gals acid, 7392 gals gel. IP: 10-21-13 Pump 24 hrs 0 Bo, 515 BW, 0 MCF, Gty 38. Cog: 8 5/8 @ 406 w/310 sx, 51/2 @ 5060 w/800 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5009; API #30-015-41502

Apache Corp.
AB State 647 #6
Artesia; Sec 32 T17S R28E; 1730/S & 430/W; EL 3691 GL, TD 5065, PBTD 5050; Spud 8-30-13, Comp 10-11-13; production is through perfs: 3380-4919. IP: 10-22-13 Pump 24 hrs 0 BO, 490 BW, 0 MCF. Cog: 8 5/8 @ 438 w/290 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5065 w/780 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4944; API #30-015-41503

Apache Corp.
AB State 647 #9
Artesia; Sec 32 T17S R28E; 1080/S & 2535/W; EL 3675 GL, TD 5077, PBTD 5060; Spud 9-05-13, Comp 10-17-13; production is through perfs: 3414-4930. IP: 11-04-13 Pump 24 hrs 18 BO, 519 BW, 34 MCF. Cog: 8 5/8 @ 430 w/610 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5077 w/820 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5011; API #30-015-41493

Apache Corp.
AB State 647 #11
Artesia; Sec 32 T17S R28E; 920/S & 960/W; EL 3683 GL, TD 5070, PBTD 5060; Spud 9-13-13, Comp 10-17-13; production is through perfs: 3393-4905. IP: 10-30-13 Pump 24 hrs 0 BO, 407 BW, 0 MCF. Cog: 8 5/8 @ 405 w/290 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5070 w/750 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5015; API #30-015-41495

COG Operating LLC
Windmill 32 Federal Com #4
Wildcat; Sec 32 T18S R27E; 580/S & 190/W. BHL: 375/S & 336/W; EL 3349 GL, TD 10430 MD, 5859 TVD, PBTD 10428 MD, 5860 TVD; Spud 5-5-13, Comp 8-1-13; production is through treated perfs: 6181-10295, 10340-10350. Treat: 29668 gals 7.5% acid, 2990607# sd, 2311134 gals fluid. IP: 9-10-13 Pump 24 hrs 45 BO, 912 BW, 333 MCF. Cog: 13 3/8 @ 410 w/475 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1620 w/675 sx, 5 1/2 @ 10430 w/1750 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5402; API #30-015-41286

COG Operating LLC
Bradley 8 Fee #1
Wildcat; Sec 8 T19S R26E; 150/S & 330/W. BHL: 353/N & 308/W; EL 3377 GL, TD 7526, PBTD 7487; Spud 5-10-13, Comp 7-9-13; production is through treated perfs: 3264-7450 Treat: Acdz w/34,795 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/1,260,034 gals gel, 220636 gals WT, 167,911 gals slickwater, 2003380# 20/40 brown sd, 46,282# 100 mesh, 348,717# 16/30 CRC. IP: 7-19-13 Pump 24 hrs 226 BO, 855 BW, 114 MCF, GOR 504, Gty 39.2. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1233 w/1130 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7526 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2587; API #30-015-41162

Devon Energy Production Company LP
Capella 14 Federal Com #4
West Lusk; Sec 14 T19S R31E; 330/N & 400/W. BHL: 4951/N & 422/W; EL 3549.8 GL, TD 13,556 MD, 9649 TVD, PBTD 12,506; Spud 7-9-12, Comp 9-8-12; production is through treated perfs: 9350-13,481. Treat: 75,671# 100 mesh, 1,679,629# 20/40 white sd & 498,328# Super LC 20/40 w/11,963 gals 7.5% HCL acid. IP: 9-8-12 Pump 24 hrs 385 BO, 1344 BW, 335 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 680 w/725 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4552 w/2394 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13556 w/755 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8500; API #30-015-39418

Devon Energy Production Company LP
Rigel 20 Federal Com #4
Hackberry; Sec 20 T19S R31E; 1750/S & 330/W. BHL: 443/S & 326/E; EL 3401 GL, TD 13,807 MD, 8954 TVD, PBTD 12,762; Spud 3-4-12, Comp 6-26-12; production is through treated perfs: 10,009-13,734. Treat: Acdz w/white sd 20/40 1,371,100# white sd, 100 mesh 55,8000#, 13,500

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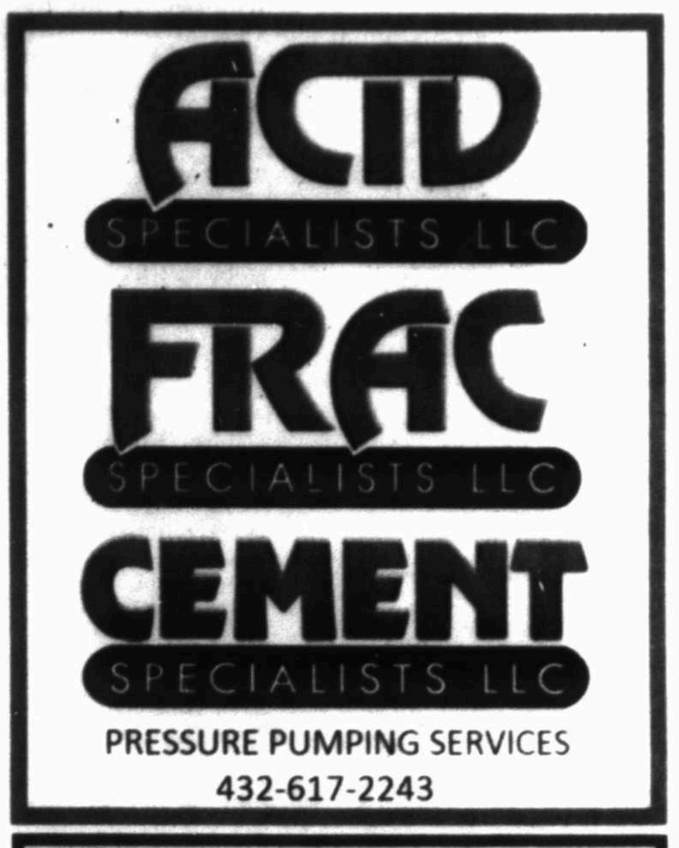

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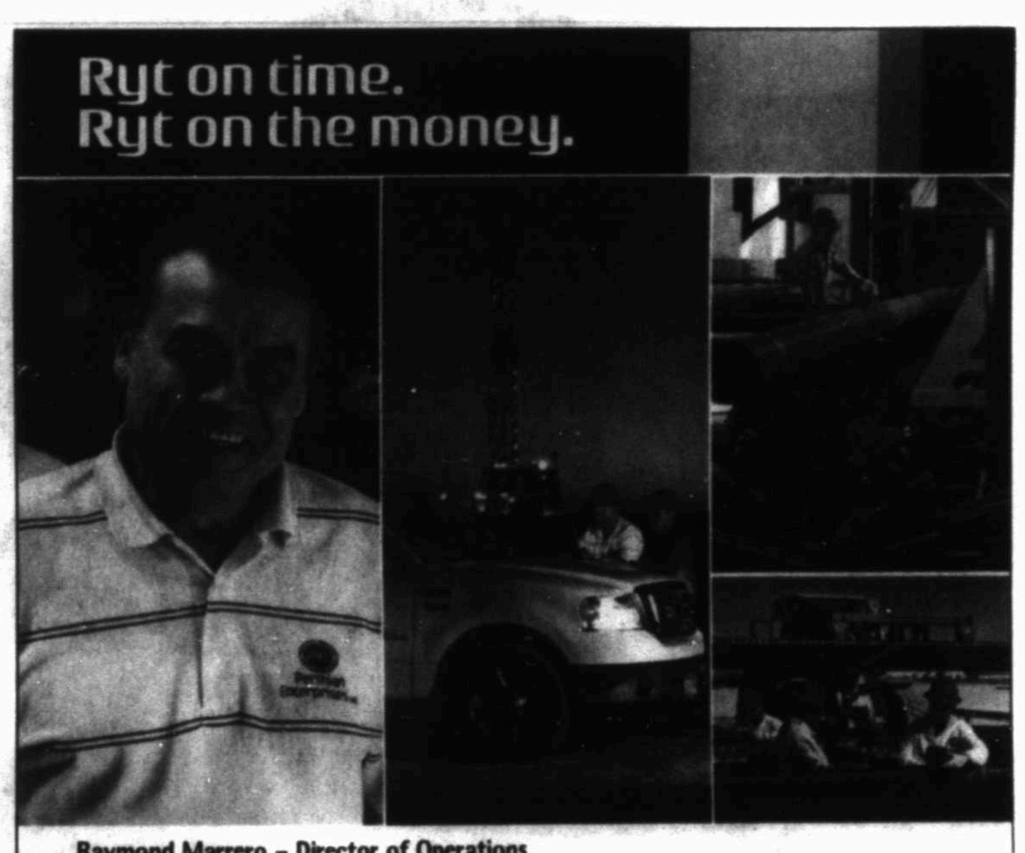

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gals HCL acid, 410,070# Super LC 20/40. IP: 6-26-12 Pump 24 hrs 788 BO, 520 BW, 594 MCF, GOR 753,807. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 510 w/545 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3556 w/1450 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13807 w/2490 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8598; API #30-015-39726

Devon Energy Production Company LP
Bellatrix 28 Federal #1
Hackberry; Sec 29 T19S R31E; 920/N & 790/E. BHL: 364/N & 351/E; EL 3488 GL, TD 14,582 MD, 9057 TVD, PBTD 14,535 MD; Spud 7-10-12. Comp 11-1-12; production is through treated perfs: 9963-14509. Treat: 8k gals 7.5% HCL, 2,277,621# 100 mesh, 71,173# white 20/40 sd, 1,696,198# 20/40 Super LC, 510,205# flush w/slick wtr. IP: 11-1-12 Pump 24 hrs 309 BO, 1599 BW, 291 MCF. Csg: 20 @ 533 w/985 sx, 13 3/8 @ 2438 w/2155 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4280 w/1781 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14582 w/990 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8452; API #30-015-40331

Devon Energy Production Company LP
Vega 29 Federal #1
Hackberry; Sec 29 T19S R31E; 320/N & 900/E. BHL: 512/S & 873/E; EL 3487 GL, TD 13,419 MD, 9083 TVD, PBTD 13,372; Spud 3-23-12, Comp 4-17-12; production is through treated perfs: 9300-13347. Treat: 18,243,800# 20/40 white sd, 696,200# 100 mesh sd, 518,400# 20/40 Super LC, 12k gals 7.5% HCL. IP: 6-30-12 Pump 24hrs 744 BO, 540 BW, 809 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 521 w/350 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4131 w/2156 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13,419 w/1920 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8470; API #30-015-39863

COG Operating LLC
Lizard Pot Federal Com #2
Williams Sink; Sec 36 T19S R31E; 660/S & 1980/W. BHL: 337/S & 2002/W; EL 3481 GL, TD 14670 MD, 9401 TVD, PBTD 14617 MD, 9401 TVD. Spud 8-7-12, Comp 10-15-12; production is through treated perfs: 10121-14588. Treat: 27571 gals 7.5% acid, 3340624# sd, 2996379 gals fluid. IP: 11-18-12 Pump 24 hrs 960 BO, 1632 BW, 814 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 901 w/890 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4113 w/2785 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14626 w/2510 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8632; API #30-015-38146

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit #428
Poker Lake; Sec 34 T24S R30E; 850/N & 2225/W. BHL: 1942/N & 1957/E; EL 3336 Gl. TD 13222 MD, 7572 TVD; Spud 7-26-13, Comp 9-26-13; production is through perfs: 8125-13148. IP: 10-14-13 Pump 24 hrs 722 BO, 1499 BW, 1528 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1010 w/1248 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3874 w/473 sx, 7 @ 7816 w/820 sx, 4 1/2 @ 7816-13207; API #30-015-41246

Mewbourne Oil Co.
San Lorenzo 9 MD Fee #1
San Lorenzo; Sec 9 T25S R28E; 150/S & 380/W. BHL 331/N & 426/W; EL 3000 GL, TD 12740, PBTD 12700; Spud 8-1-13, Comp 9-22-13; production is through treated perfs: 8511-12700. Treat: Frac w/473,732 gals slickwater, 368,697 gals 20# linear gel, 1,194,798 gals 20# sd & 527,5353# 20/40 SB excel. IP: 9-23-13 Pump 24 hrs 423 BO, 2683 BW, 717 MCF, GOR 1695, Gty 46.2. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 444 w/450 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2465 w/900 sx, 7 @ 8427 w/850 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8212-12710, 2 7/8 @ 7752; API #30-015-41305

COG Operating LLC
SRO State Unit #20
South Red Bluff; Sec 3 T26S R28E; 190/N & 1090/E. BHL: 2296/N & 642/E; EL 2918 GL, TD 15,303, PBTD 15,256; Spud 6-29-13, Comp 9-11-13; production is through treated perfs: 8332-15200, 15245-15255. Treat: Acdz w/54576 gals 7.5%, Frac w/5117921# sd & 3916794 gals fluid. IP: 9-28-13 Flow 24 hrs 878 BO, 1957 BW, 730 MCF, TP 200, CP 900. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 350 w/360 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2525 w/865 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15303 w/2375 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8305; API #30-015-41274

Lea County

Mack Energy Corp.
Condor State #3
Airstrip-Re-Entry of Elk Oil Co. Airstrip SWD #1, P&A, Old TD 10080; Sec 25 T18S R34E; 1700/N & 860/W; EL 3975 GL, TD 10,800, PBTD 9350; Re-entered 9-17-12, Comp 11-3-12; production is through treated perfs: 9205-9286. Treat: 71 bbls 15% acid. IP: 11-26-12 Pump 24 hrs 44 BO, 297 BW, 10 MCF, GOR 227, Gty 43.6. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 320 w/300 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4000 w/1500 sx, 7 @ 10800 w/1400 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9307; API #30-025-26533

Apache Corp.
North Monument G/SA Unit #383
Eunice Monument; Sec 24 T19S R36E; 2600/N & 1280/E; EL 3692 GL, TD 4156, PBTD 4156; Spud 5-1-13, Comp 6-16-13; production is through treated perfs: 3731-3995. Treat: 12,920 gals 15% acid. IP: 9-4-13 Pump 24 hrs 22 BO, 28 BW, 24 MCF, GOR 1091, Gty 33. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1290 w/435 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4156 w/690 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4036; API #30-025-41035

Apache Corp.
North Monument G/SA Unit #391
Eunice Monument; Sec 29 T19S R37E; 2520/S & 1380/W; EL 3617 Gl, TD 4020, PBTD 3975; Spud 5-15-13, Comp 6-27-13; production is through treated perfs: 3665-3877. Treat: 7252 gals 15% acid. IP: 9-4-13 Pump 24 hrs 40 BO, 120 BW, 16 MCF, GOR 400, Gty 33. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1269 w/445 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4020 w/695 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3925; API #30-025-41044

Cimarex Energy Co.
Lynch 35 #1
North Berry; Sec 35 T20S R34E; 290/N & 800/E. BHL: 4921/N & 508/E; EL 3725 GL, TD 15739, PBTD 15726; Spud 6-6-13, Comp 7-22-13; production is through treated perfs: 11175-15701. Treat: 1,714,011 gals total fluid & 2,752,043# sd. IP: 8-13-13 Pump 24 hrs 749 BO, 192 BW, 1409 MCF, GOR 1881,17, Gty 46.6. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1680 w/1570 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3760 w/3297 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15020 w/2205 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10184; API #30-025-40625

COG Operating LLC
Tyrell Fee #1
North Red Hills; Sec 14 T24S R33E; 190/N & 660/E. BHL: 4935/N & 553/E; EL 3607 GL, TD 15475, PBTD 15430; Spud 4-24-13, Comp 7-20-13; production is through treated perfs: 11017-15372. Treat: Acdz w/30496 gals 7.5% , Frac w/3311530# sd & 2415436 gals fluid. IP: 8-7-13 Pump 24 hrs 586 BO, 878 BW, 889 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1398 w/950 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5125 w/1150 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15475 w/2300 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10336; API #30-025-41026

EOG Resources Inc.
Endurance 36 State Com #3
Bradley; Sec 36 T26S R33E; 330/S & 365/W. BHL: 5049/S & 328/W; EL 3835 GL, TD 16739 MD, 9654 TVD, PBTD 16738; Spud 5-9-13, Comp 9-27-13; production is through perfs: 9830-16621. IP: 9-29-13 Flow 24 hrs 435 BO, 1529 BW, 1903 MCF, Open Ch, TP 450, CP 1850. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 943 w/700 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5090 w/1300 sx, 5 1/2 @ 16738 w/350 sx; API #30-025-40259

ConocoPhillips CO.
Ruby Federal #23
West Maljamar; Sec 18 T17S R32E; 1815/S & 3170/W; EL 3957 GL, TD 6925, PBTD 6862; Spud 8-2-13, Comp 9-19-13; production is through treated perfs: 6515-6535. Treat: 653,420# proppants. IP: 10-14-13 Pump 24 hrs 48 BO, 499 BW, 154 MCF, Gty 38.2. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 733 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6906 w/1550 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6841; API #30-025-41196

Mack Energy Corp.
Cap State #1
Mescalero Escarpe; Sec 18 T18S R34E; 2260/S & 1425/E. BHL: 2286/S & 1697/E; EL 4074 GL, TD 10,720, PBTD 10,671; Spud 7-31-13, Comp 9-17-13; production is through treated perfs: 8979-9104. Treat: Acdz w/10,000 gals 15% acid, 13,500 gals 20# liner gel, 108 BS, 1800# Rock salt. IP: 9-30-13 Pump 24 hrs 79 BO, 127 BW, 148 MCF, GOR 1873, Gty 32. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 505 w/530 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3196 w/1470 sx, 5 1/2 @ 10720 w/1610 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9125; API #30-025-40920

Apache Corp.
North Monument G/SA Unit #385
Eunice Monument; Sec 19 T19S R37E; 1330/S & 1130/E. BHL: 1261/S & 1329/E; EL 3462 GL, TD 4114, PBTD 4069; Spud 5-6-13, Comp 6-16-13; production is through treated perfs: 3849-3940. Treat: 3,500 gals 15% acid. IP: 9-10-13 Pump 24 hrs 30 BO, 5 BW, 10 MCF, GOR 333, Gty 33. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1310 w/445 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4114 w/750 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4008; API #30-025-41037

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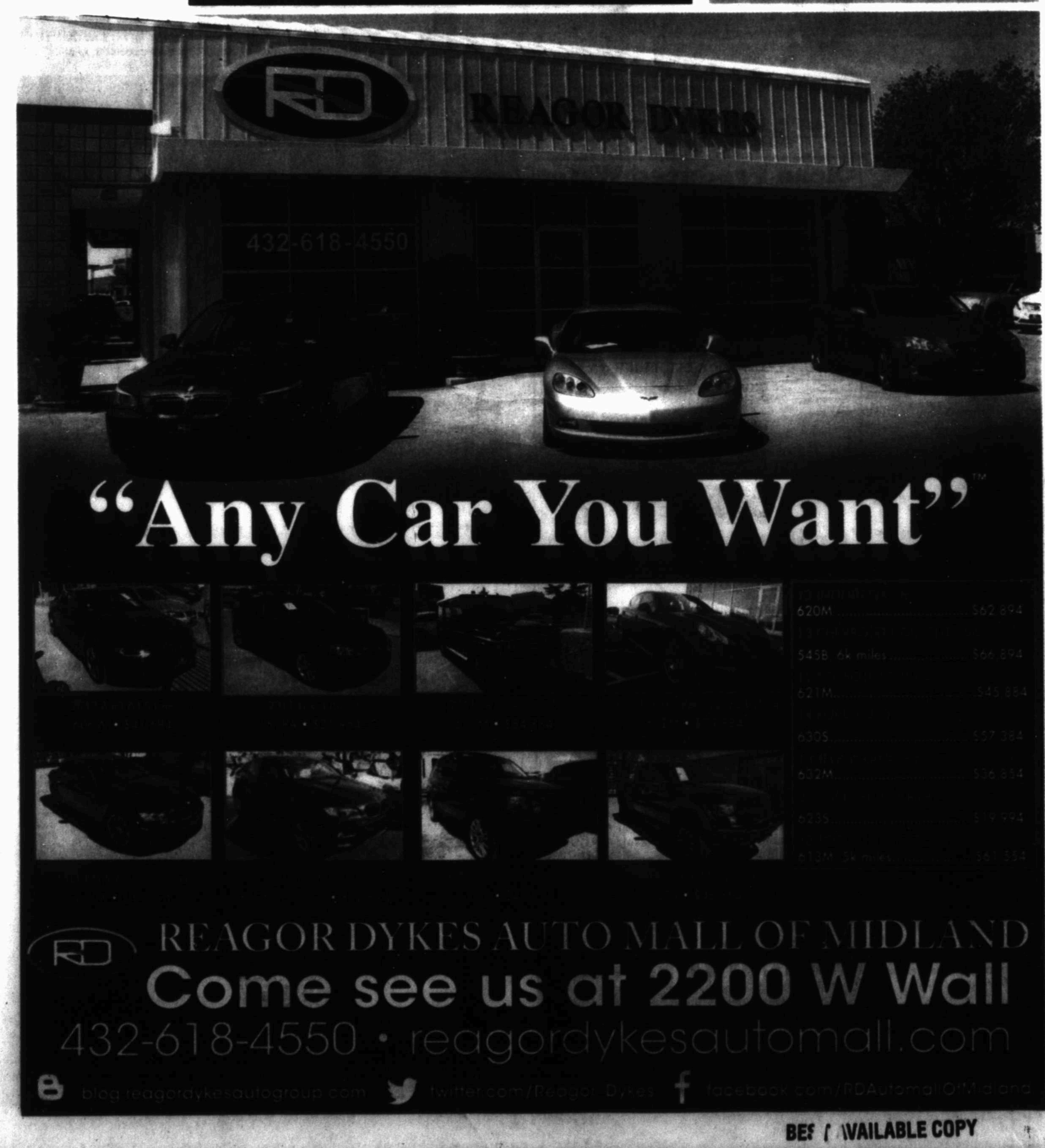

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RUSSIAN ICONS

"Russian Icons: Imperial Treasures" will be on display through May 18 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum.

Russian icons on display at the Ellen Noel

By Rich Lopez
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With more than 150 works, the Ellen Noel Art Museum's exhibit "Russian Icons: Imperial Treasures" includes works such as paintings, artifacts and kiots from the collection of Daniel Bibb of Atlanta. Dating from the 16th to 19th centuries, the exhibit marks the first collective showing of these works in one setting.

Paintings such as "Christ Ruler of the World" and "The Mother of God of the Don" have rich palettes of color enhanced by opulent gilding and gold-leaf. Kiots, which encase icon works, depict not only Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary, but saints such as the 1880 brass kiot of Saint Nicholas and the carved wood panel with gilt kiot "Prosperous Family Depicting its Patron Saints."

"Russian Icons: Imperial Treasures" will be on display through May 18.

"This is by far the most expensive and dazzling world-class exhibit ever to be shown in West Texas focused on faith-based Christian

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Meet the Artist

5 questions with Bill Williams

Bill Williams directs the new Pickwick Players show "Pippi Longstocking" which opened Friday. The show runs through April 12 at the Midland Community Theatre. With more than 50 plays to his credit, Williams is also an accomplished playwright, but mostly, we've decided we need to have dinner with him.

MRT: Who are your theatrical heroes?

Williams: Orson Welles for his creative spirit in both theater and films, Samuel Beckett and Harold Pinter for their groundbreaking playwriting, Groucho Marx and Buster Keaton for their comedic genius and Meryl Streep for her talented diversity as an actress.

MRT: Describe your ideal last meal.

Williams: Pork belly Napa cabbage apple slaw salad, oysters Rockefeller, Wagyu long-bone ribeye steak with Maine lobster mashed potatoes, 1995 Chateau Haut-Brion, gingerbread pyramid with caramel and salted butter ice cream with La Colombe Tanzania Coffee. (This would be my ideal last meal only if somebody else was buying.)

MRT: What's your proudest achievement in theater/Pickwicks?

Williams: To be a mentor/teacher to some of the finest young people that I have ever met and in turn to watch them become mentors and teachers to others.

MRT: Your secret indulgence.

Williams: Keeping my indulgences a secret.

MRT: What's in your car/home music player right now?

Williams: Van Morrieon, Over the Rhine, Lambchop, Bob Dylan, Tom Waits, Miles Davis, Louis Armstong, Sarah Vaughan and Frank Sinatra. (There is always a heavy rotation of Sinatra playing.)

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Pujan Gandhi will speak Wednesday at the Museum of the Southwest.

Courtesy photo

From London to Midland, art is a global language

By Rich Lopez
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On the surface, London and Midland may not appear to have much in common. But Pujan Gandhi hopes to convince his audience otherwise with his lecture Wednesday. As an art enthusiast, curator and educator, the language is a global one. And whether it's a gallery in the U.K. or in Midland, the intent is the same.

"Art provides people an avenue to think about ideas beyond themselves and beyond locally or globally," he said.

Gandhi comes to the Museum of the Southwest on Wednesday for its series The Business of Art. He will present "Tales from the London Art World" and discuss his work in curating collection and navigating the art scene across the pond. Using London as his prism, he plans to share his personal tales, but also the concept of approaching the arts

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LEFT
Paula Barnett prepares some of the potted plants and flowers for last year's Ellen Noel Art Museum's annual Flower Market fundraiser.

FAR LEFT
Cari Langford, Texas Master Gardner, prepares some of the potted plants and flowers for last year's event.

Tim Fischer
MRT file photos

CALENDAR

Compiled from staff reports and from the Arts Council of Midland

SUNDAY

Ellen Noël Art Museum's Adventures in Art for children, 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the museum. noelartmuseum.org

Midland Festival Ballet's "The Sleeping Beauty," 2:30 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. midlandfestivalballet.org

Silver Spur Gun and Blade Show, at the Horseshoe. silverspurtradeshows.com.

MONDAY

Tall City Cloggers dances, every Monday at M-Squarena. Call Lynn Myers at 697-6416 or danznfool@grandecom.net

TUESDAY

MOSC Celebrating Youth at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting, 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. New members always welcome. Call Walter McClure at 260-7136.

Marfa Public Radio's "Nature Notes," 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. every Tuesday-Thursday. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

Palette Club's painting time, 9 a.m.-noon. Meeting and demo scheduled on second Tuesday of the month. 664-3197.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country-western band, 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom, 4601 Neely Ave. Members $5, non-members $6. Alcohol- and smoke-free environment. 520-4343 or 218-8215.

Physicist and author Michio Kaku at Al G. Langford Chaparral Center. midland.edu.

The Arlen Edgar Distinguished Lecture Series presents photographer Carsten Peter "Exteme Planet," 7 p.m. at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org

Michael McDonald at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Drawing workshop with Michael Nickell through April 10 at Palette Club.

WEDNESDAY

Ellen Noel Art Museum's story time for ages 3-5 with art activity, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Art Haus. noelartmuseum.org

The Business of Art presents Tales from the London Art World with Pujan Gandhi, 6-7 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org

THURSDAY

"Improv at the Yucca's Thirsty Thursday," 7 p.m. at Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org

Museum of the Southwest's annual Appreciation Awards and Annual Meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. at the museum. museumsw.org

"Pippi Longstocking," Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Rebecca D. Henderson reading from "A Stake in West Texas: Pulling a Chain and Raising a Family Across Big Oil Country," 5 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Thursday Night Dance Club of Odessa with music by Showdown, 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St in Odessa. 697-0281.

FRIDAY

Gladys Knight at Midland College. midlandcollegefoundation.org/knight.

"Romeo & Juliet," Friday and Saturday at The Globe Theatre in Odessa. globesw.org

SATURDAY

"Arthur's World Tour" exhibit meet and greet to welcome Arthur to Midland, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib

Big Boys' Toys featuring Big and Rich and Cowboy Troy. Benefiting MARC.

Flower Market at Ellen Noel Art Museum, Odessa. noelartmuseum.org.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 501 W. Texas Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com

Old Sorehead Trade Days, through April 13 in Stanton. stantontex.com.

"Spring Into Reading with Reach Out and Read" with Texas Tech Universtiy Health Sciences Center School of Medicine at the Permian Basin Department of Pediatrics, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Carousel Stage at Music City Mall. reachoutandread.org.

SAVE THE DATE

"Les Miserables" with MCT and MOSC, April 24-26 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Random of Acts of Art for adults in conjunction with "Russian Icons: Imperial Treasures" exhibit, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. April 26 at Ellen Noël Art Museum. 550-9696.

ON DISPLAY

ArtQuest Studios' reserved studio time. $35 per month. 700 Andrews Highway. heronartconnection@sbcglobal.net, 553-0420, www.artquesttx.com.

Blakemore Planetarium's permanent exhibits are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Sky shows throughout the week.1705 W. Missouri Ave. 683-2882.

The Ellen Noël Art Museum's exhibit "Russian Icons: Imperial Treasures" through May 17. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. www.noelartmuseum.org. 550-9696.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum's permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., Admission charged. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

George Bush Childhood Home's tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 685-1112

Haley Library and History Center's hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free. 1805 W. Indiana Ave. 682-5785

Midland Arts Association presents photography of Sean Patty in the Community National Bank Lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave. during April.

Midland County Historical Museum's exhibit honoring World War II veterans in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 W. Missouri Ave. 2-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Free. 682-2931 or 688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 682-5447.

Midland County Public Library's children's exhibit "Arthur's World" from Boston Children's Museum, through June 28 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Museum of the Southwest's exhibits: Kathy Sosa's "Identidad" through June 27. "Pulled, Pressed and Screened: Important American Prints," a traveling exhibition from the Syracuse University Art Collection, through April 20.
Permanent exhibits: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection. MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. $5 adults, $3 children. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery, UTPB exhibit: Constituents work by Rebecca Hermann through April 13. Free and open to the public. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Free. 335-6640.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403.

Scarborough-Lineberry House is open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions. 802 S. Main St. 685-7368

Arts Council of Midland maintains a calendar of all submitted arts-related activities. To submit events see use form from www.acmidland.org.

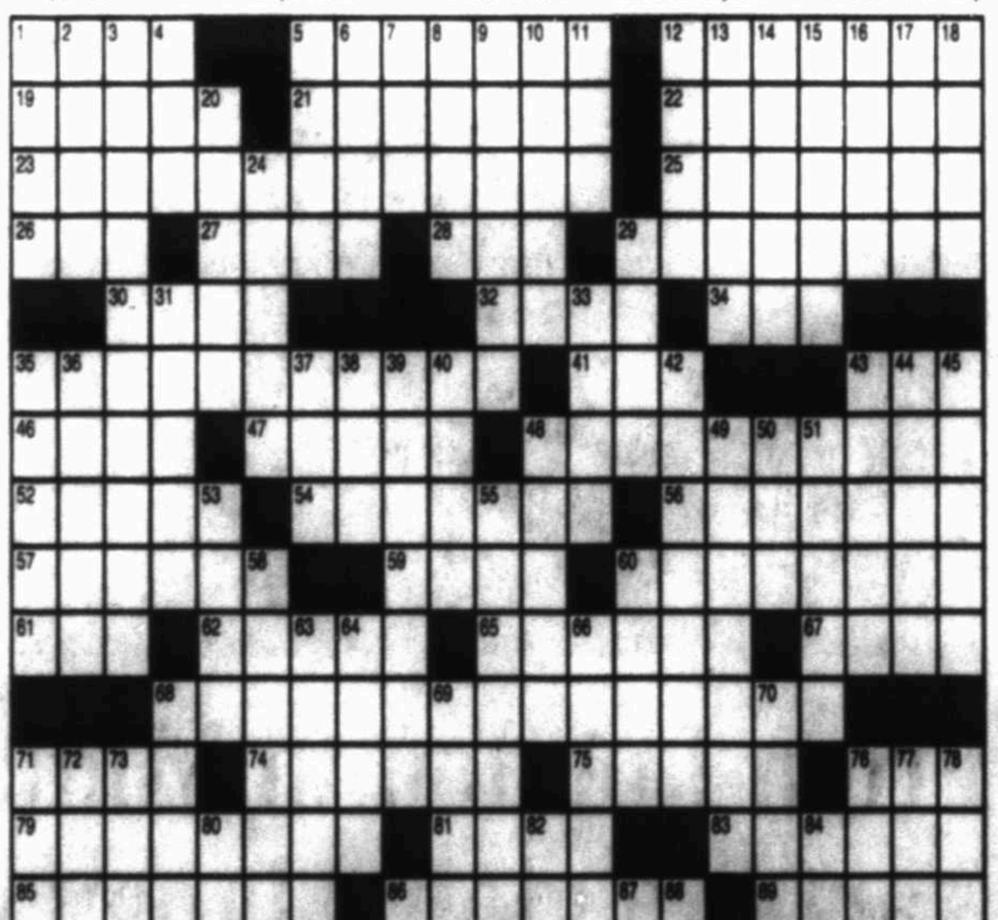
Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"THE LIVING END" By JASON CHAPNICK and C.C. BURNIKEL

ACROSS
1 Start bubbling, perhaps
5 2004 Grey Goose acquirer
12 Feels a strong need (for)
19 Wise leader?
21 Red-hot
22 Fancy-sounding bedroom piece
23 50 different ones were released over a 10-year period starting in 1999
25 Paper in a frame
26 New England swimmer
27 Clucks of disapproval
28 Brew choice
29 Get no laughs, as a joke
30 Final Four org.
32 Salinger title 13-year-old
34 Two-time U.S. Open winner Trevino
35 Brillo, for one
41 Baja bear
43 California nine, in sports crawl lines
46 Café au __
47 Forum talk was in it
48 Archeological sites
52 Include
54 Chocolate Mr.
56 Slide subjects
57 King Minos, e.g.
59 Sochi no
60 Guidelines
61 Mauna __
62 Number of hills di Roma
65 Enjoy Olive Garden, say
67 Dancer Sally with just a few fans?
68 Everywhere
71 City on Utah Lake
74 Trap setter, when it works
75 Deal with
76 Yosemite Sam's "Scram!"
79 OneStep 600 producer
81 -y to the max
83 Break indicator
85 It may involve pasting
86 Back
89 Ball queen
90 Electronics chain
92 One of the Allman Brothers
94 Skelton's Kadiddlehopper
95 Wheel spinner's buy
96 However, briefly
97 It merged with Penguin in 2013
99 Short smoke?
102 Pharaoh's cross
104 Criticize
105 Bed with bars
109 Wall St. locale
111 Lummoxes
113 Faux __
116 Thoroughbred ancestor
117 Embroidery slogan, and an alternative title for this puzzle
120 Mortgage feature?
121 Built
122 Swiss calculus pioneer
123 Do stuff
124 2002 Adam Sandler role
125 "Lohengrin" heroine

DOWN
1 Slender-necked pear
2 "The Simpsons" bus driver
3 "Who knew?"
4 Court call
5 Ring event
6 Santa __ offshore winds
7 Garage unit
8 "__ girl!"
9 Pulled (in)
10 Challenges
11 Form letters?
12 Thompson of "Family"
13 Sound from a nest
14 More than enough
15 Pocahontas' spouse
16 Fretted fiddle
17 Aunt with a "Cope Book"
18 It's often reserved
20 Pave over
24 Bird in a covey
29 Admit, with "up"
31 Make the grade
33 Secure with lines
35 Play in a line
36 Leadership nucleus
37 Badger
38 Classic muscle car
39 Trailblazer
40 Writer Rooney
42 In most cases
43 Many an October baby
44 "Encore!"
45 Syrian leader
48 Palestinian political party
49 Copy
50 Garage alternative
51 John on the farm
53 Minnesota United FC org.
55 Visibly embarrassed
58 Wrestling holds
60 Deal
63 "West Side Story" duet
64 Plug in the den?
66 Beta release, e.g.
68 Maker of old strings
69 Sign again
70 Vanity item
71 Verdi creation
72 Sometime ally of Godzilla
73 Say somethin', say?
76 Collector of views
77 Key chain
78 Central idea
80 Where agua flows
82 Party supply
84 Martha Stewart Living topic
86 Bus. course
87 Blue
88 "Microsoft sound" composer
91 Melville tyrant
93 Roast host
97 Matched shirts and skirts?
98 Waste creator
99 __ Monday: post-Thanksgiving event
100 Cupcake cover
101 Prepare, as Parmesan
103 Big name in packaged soups
105 Big party
106 Met solo
107 Indonesian island on its own sea
108 Like LAX
110 Gospel singer Winans
111 Blown away
112 Anti-doping targets, briefly
114 Iowa city
115 Evening at Lake Como
117 Shut (in)
118 Canonized mlle.
119 Peach or cherry



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

What would you open?

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A K 10 4 2
♡ A 10 9 7 6
◇ A Q
♣ 8

WEST
♠ Q 9 8
♡ K 3 2
◇ J 7 5 4 2
♣ 9 7

EAST
♠ J 7 6
♡ Q J 5 4
◇ K 10 9 8 6
♣ 5

SOUTH
♠ 5 3
♡ 8
◇ 3
♣ A K Q J 10 6 4 3 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠*	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

*Two key cards plus the queen of clubs

Opening lead: Seven of ♣

How should you open the bidding holding a solid nine-card suit? In a recent team game, one South chose to open five clubs and was raised to slam by his partner.

At the other table, South chose to open a "Gambling three no-trump," showing a solid minor suit with no outside stopper. This bid usually shows a seven-card suit, sometimes eight, but there are no bids that show nine! North made a very cautious pass — he might well have bid six clubs. Should partner have only seven club tricks, he would have 11 top tricks and good chances for 12, especially as he would be declarer on that sequence.

The five-club opening won the day, but note that there are 13 top tricks available in either clubs or no-trump. We like an opening bid of one club.

The given sequence would have been routine for a pair playing Key Card Blackwood. South's five spade response shows two "key" cards out of five — the four aces and the trump king — plus the trump queen. The five no-trump continuation asks for kings, but it is never made without interest in a potential grand slam. As such, it promises that the partnership holds all the important slam cards, meaning aces and high trumps. It is an invitation for responder to bid seven if he can count 13 tricks with that information. South would bid seven clubs in a heartbeat!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, April 6, 2014:
This year your optimism grows, which makes nearly any wish or desire possible. You will feel quite centered and content this spring. CANCER can be quite annoying, yet you enjoy him or her a lot of the time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ An optimistic attitude will help you bypass an innate discord in energy between you and someone else. Tonight: At home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You are likely to express a myriad of feelings on various topics. Wherever you are, positive vibes will flow. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could be more in touch with a financial matter than you realize. You want to take a risk that others feel might not be worthwhile. Tonight: Treat someone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You draw a lot of energy from others. Presently, others come to you to feel better or perhaps to ask for a helping hand. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★
Take a day off from the world. Make it whatever you think you need it to be. A loved one could surprise you with his or her energy. Tonight: Not to be found.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You'll become very intuitive, especially with a friend and an important relationship. A partner might do a reversal out of the blue. Tonight: Don't be alone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★
Be aware of other observing you. Their quiet looks seek more understanding of you and your personal style. Tonight: Could go till the wee hours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Tap into your intuitive abilities, and test out a premonition or gut feeling. You might want some time alone to recharge your batteries. Tonight: So playful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A close friend or loved one might have many questions about certain issues that he or she feels only you can address. Tonight: Make it cozy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Let others do their thing. You certainly won't be able to stop them. You might feel slightly out of control, yet somehow relaxed. Tonight: Go along with an idea.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Don't let an unexpected event, call or surprise throw off your plans. You have something you need to handle. Tonight: Think "tomorrow."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ A loved one could tap into your energy early on in the day. Even if you have plans, the two of you will manage to do something spontaneous together. Tonight: Forget tomorrow.

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BORN TODAY
Pianist Andre Previn (1939), economist James Mill (1773), musician John Stax (1944)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

BOIL BACARDI STARVES
OTHER ONATEAR ARMOIRE
STATEQUARTERS DIPLOMA
COD TUTS ALE FALLFLAT
NCAA ESME LEE
SCOURINGPAD OSA LAA
LAIT LATIN FOSSILDIGS
ADDIN GOODBAR AMOEBAS
CRETAN NYET CRITERIA
KEA SETTE EATOUT RAND
ALLOVERTHEPLACE
OREM SNARER SEETO GIT
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VINTAGE HARMONY

Baron Batch paints live at the Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale Vintage Harmony fundraiser March 29 at the Petroleum Museum.

Tim Fischer Reporter-Telegram

Bronze painted monks surround the zen walk around the Trammel Crow Asian Art collection in Dallas.

Courtesy of George Jacob

China offers example for investing in museum industry

GEORGE JACOB
executive director of the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin

The American Alliance of Museums cites more than 850 million museum visits a year — more than any sporting event. The museum industry employs more than 400,000 people contributing nearly $21 billion to the U.S. economy. Other developing economies are beginning to recognize the power of this strategic industry.

China is an ancient civilization. It recognizes the need to invest in cultural institutions and is eager to share its heritage with visitors and remind residents to take pride in their 5,000-year-old culture. Manifested and mandated through cultural institutions, international exchanges, destination branding and scholarly discourses, the Chinese have embarked on an ambitious path for their museums. Their museums are not only focused on art, history, classical and folk traditions, but are unusual, forward-thinking and conceptually cutting-edge. From museums focused on carbon emissions, wetlands conversation, cartoons and animation to urban planning, many of these vanguard initiatives are truly remarkable and laudable.

With barely 25 museums in 1949, when the Communist Party took control, their numbers further dwindled when many were burned down during the Cultural Revolution of 1966 to 1976. Perhaps a greater loss was their collections that were dispersed, often without a trace. Deng Xiaoping's "reform and opening up" policies after 1978 launched an unprecedented museum-building boom with every provincial capital constructing new museums, or upgrading existing cultural capital.

With more than 390 new museums that opened in 2011 alone, China is transforming its cultural landscape in unprecedented ways investing billions on cultural institutions. According to the current five-year plan, China was to unveil 3,500 new museums and incredibly, it achieved this target three years early. By the end of 2012 China had opened 3,866 museums compared to the fewer than 40 in a decade in the United States.

The Shanghai Contemporary Art Museum, National Art Museum of China (NAMOC), Datong Art Gallery, Shanghai Natural History Museum and the National Museum of China are all massive undertakings in terms of size, scope and collections involving architects, designers and specialist consultants from around the world. The new NAMOC designed by French architect Jean Nouvel will be six times bigger than the current 830,000-square-foot museum and emulates the Chinese symbol for the number 1.

Smaller museums, like the Rockbund Art Museum, Ullens Centre for Contemporary Art and the Minsheng Art Museum, are privately funded and house rotating temporary collections or curated shows from prestigious institutions like the Whitney and the Rijks Museum, among others.

Not all museums involve contemporary iconic architecture. There are many museums that are site-specific destinations. A new museum project in Dunhuang near the Gobi desert aims to preserve deteriorating cave paintings done by Buddhist monks around Mogao as they traversed the Silk Road. China reclaimed the caves in the 1940s and opened them to the public in 1979. By the year 2000, the paintings had been seriously damaged by exposure to upwards of 800,000 annual tourists.

A Chinese State Council Meeting in 2009 upgraded cultural institutions and museums to the level of a strategic industry unto itself that directly contributes to regional economic growth and sustains employment in construction, tourism and allied sectors making up to 5 percent of gross domestic product. Imagine a parallel investment in this strategic cultural industry in the Permian Basin. Perhaps a county level discussion with museum professionals in the community would bring forward strategic projections on improving the quality of life in the region to attract and retain talent and enhance visitation as a destination.

George Jacob is Canadian Commonwealth Fellow and the executive director of the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin.

EXHIBIT

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iconography," said George Jacob, museum executive director.

With more than six months in the making, the exhibit had to be transported from Atlanta to Odessa during the harsh snow storm affecting big parts of the country. Designed to open during the Lent season, the museum will feature events and programs leading up to Easter and after. The exhibit opened with a keynote lecture by the Rev. Griffin Jones, lead pastor of CrossRoads Fellowship Church and a performance by the Allegro Chorale headed by Cory Alexander.

The museum will host the adult-only workshop Random Acts of Art inspired by the exhibit. Led by instructor Phillip Prud'Homme, students will learn gilding techniques that dated back to the 13th to 15th centuries to complete a prepared icon using their own painting or collage work. The workshop will be held 10 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. April 26. Prud'Homme is an approved copyist from the Louvre Museum and studied with Russian iconographer Vladislav Andrejev of the Prosopon School of Iconology.

The museum will also host Bishop Michael Sis of the San Angelo Diocese for a talk on Christian iconography at 1 p.m. May 10.

As the museum's blockbuster exhibit, Jacob sees the show as a defining moment for the Ellen Noel.

"The Ellen Noel Art Museum's mission of connecting communities with art has witnessed an unprecedented surge in visitor flow and calls since the opening," Jacob said.

Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 East University Blvd. Call 550-9696 for required advance registration to the workshop. noelartmuseum.org.

ART

From 1H

as a city feature. He talks about how art can attract and fulfill visitors and also how to make the most of time spent in museums and galleries.

Gandhi, who holds a graduate entrepreneur visa in the United Kingdom, will illustrate how he has made art his business. With a background that includes a Master of Arts from the SOAS University in London and assisting the British Museum in its curatorial departments, he'll next co-lead the Indian Art Module at SOAS this fall. In all his experiences, he said the takeaway is the same for cities big and small.

"Even in small context, art can translate to someone whether in Midland or Atlanta (where Gandhi is from)," he said. "Marfa is a good example. There are artists there who have large intallations in London, so West Texas is not far removed from what's happening internationally. But mostly having an open mind is important along with traveling and inviting people to Midland."

Gandhi adds that any successful city is going to find art integral to its livelihood. With the recent Celebration of the Arts festival and burgeoning scene of independent artists, the local culture is most certainly an active one. He points out that the voices of Midland artists communicate the environment to the rest of the world.

"All artists make observations on their immediate space and that tends to resonate with their local audiences as well. If you have two artists going after similar ideas but one is in Mumbai and the other Midland, you'll have very different concepts. The visuals that an artist is around influences what they produce."

He'll discover the artistic language of Midland when he visits West Texas for the first time. He'll follow his Museum of the Southwest appearance with a lecture in Marfa.

"I can't wait to really just find the pulse of what's going on out there," he said. "I'm quite excited to visit and see the museums."

Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. 6 p.m. Wednesday. Suggested $5 donation for non-members. Museumsw.org.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY THEATRE
THE PICKWICK PLAYERS present
Pippi Longstocking
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April 4 to April 12, 2014 in Davis Theatre I
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SOUNDBITES

Reviews of recent releases

VARIOUS ARTISTS
"Ronnie James Dio: This Is Your Life"

One of the greatest heavy metal vocalists, Ronnie James Dio left an indelible mark on the genre through his work with Rainbow, Black Sabbath and his solo career. The tribute album "Ronnie James Dio: This Is Your Life" brings some of the biggest names in metal to honor Dio, who died in 2010 of stomach cancer. Proceeds from the album go to the Ronnie James Dio Stand Up And Shout Cancer Fund.

Tops here is an epic 9-minute medley by Metallica that starts and ends with "A Light In The Black" and weaves in "Tarot Woman," "Stargazer" and the frenetic concert opener "Kill The King," probably Dio's best Rainbow song. Adrenaline Mob's cover of "The Mob Rules" sounds so much like Dio it's scary and Anthrax adds a molten version of "Neon Knights."

Germany is well represented, with the Scorpions covering "The Temple Of The King" and Doro adding "Egypt" And Glenn Hughes (Deep Purple, Black Sabbath) adds a tender cover of the ballad "Catch The Rainbow."

A big disappointment is Judas Priest singer Rob Halford fronting a Dio solo band lineup on a low-octave version of "Man On The Silver Mountain," where you keep waiting for vocal bombast that never happens. And was there really no one better than comedian Jack Black to cover the classic "Last In Line?"

Steven Wine/AP

CLOUD NOTHINGS
"Here and Nowhere Else"

What separates Cloud Nothings from the indie-rock pack is singer-guitarist Dylan Baldi's ability to create controlled chaos.

The band's third album, "Here and Nowhere Else," takes the unbridled, scruffy joy of the band's last critically acclaimed album, "Attack on Memory," and channels it in a new direction. There still are plenty of roaring guitar solos that gather speed, lots of bash-'em-up drum solos and catchy melodies to scream along with. But it all feels more intense now.

The single "Psychic Trauma" may best capture the album's method. It starts as a more conventional indie-rock song, inspired perhaps by the latter-day Replacements, and then, 45 seconds in, kicks into a new gear with double-time drums and more sinister-sounding guitar and bass, as Baldi abandons his more-measured vocals for shrieks. It's so well-crafted that there's nothing to do but get swept up in the mosh-pit momentum.

All that along-for-the-ride energy is a considerable part of Cloud Nothings' charm. Whether it's the power-pop-leaning "Now Hear In" or the rumbling "No Thoughts" or the irresistibly catchy "I'm Not Part of Me," Baldi picks up the torch from noise-pop veterans like Hüsker Dü and Superchunk and carries it to a more streamlined frontier, even as it seems to scream for survival.

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With sophomore album, Foster the People delves into the sociopolitical

By Todd Martens
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LOS ANGELES — In 2010, Foster the People's Mark Foster lived the dream for an aspiring songwriter.

Buoyed by a light-stepping danceable beat, "Pumped Up Kicks" was electronic bubble gum pop with a dark lyrical undercurrent and a carefree tone that quickly went viral and was inescapable in summer 2011. It would go on to sell 5.3 million downloads in the U.S., according to Nielsen SoundScan.

Then came the fear. "I have been afraid of the sophomore slump since before our first record even came out," Foster said.

The dread existed even as the band was awash in good fortune. "Pumped Up Kicks," Foster admitted in 2011, "rolled out the red carpet for us," earning the trio a management deal after it had played only about six shows. A debut album, "Torches," sold more than 1 million copies and reached No. 1 on Billboard's rock albums chart, bringing with it a bit of dance culture to modern rock radio.

Despite efforts to control a phenomenon, such as purposefully booking the band in smaller venues than were offered, Foster the People took off quickly. "It was almost harder for them," said co-manager Brett Williams of L.A.-based Monotone Inc. "You had to fight against how fast it was going."

Two years of aggressive touring included a high-profile appearance at the 2012 Grammy Awards with the Beach Boys. All of this was delaying the inevitable, nagging question: How does a band marked by instantaneous, social-media-driven success write not just a second album but one that proves the group has staying power?

"I have seen so many bands that I love fail on their second record. I couldn't listen to the fear that I had to have a song be a follow-up to 'Pumped-Up Kicks,'" Foster said. MGMT, an electronic-focused pop band that Foster the People has long been compared to, had a breakout album with 2008 hits such as "Electric Feel" and "Kids" but has seen its audience become increasingly niche since.

"There was pressure," Foster said, "from what my fans would want to hear next. There was pressure from what the label would want to hear next. There's pressure from what our non-fans are going to want to hear next — the voices of skeptics. I tried to leave all that at the door."

Indeed, there is no clear successor to "Pumped-Up Kicks" on Foster the People's "Supermodel," which debuted at No. 3 with 54,000 copies sold on the U.S. pop charts. The band, one of the top-billed groups at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, still genre-hops among pop, dance and rock with effervescence, but the lyrical concerns are of the worldly, sociopolitical variety. British punk band the Clash, namely the group's disco-tinged and reggae-focused triple album "Sandinista!," is cited by Foster as a primary influence.

Foster said he's now uncomfortable with the very facets of modern pop-culture that made him a star and turned his band into an overnight success story. In turn, Foster has moved away from the more storytelling approach that marked the songs on "Torches," singing now about "dissidents with the fire" who will "rip apart the marrow from the bone of the liars."

"For me, a lot of the record is about Western culture, consumerism and the ugly side of capitalism," Foster said. "I don't want to hit you over the head with it, but those are the major topics. One thing I find really interesting is our worship of celebrity or politicians. We love to put people on pedestals. Look at reality shows. These people become giant stars. I find that fascinating. 'Supermodel,' for me, represents the age we are living in."

Recorded largely in Morocco with Adele collaborator Paul Epworth, the Columbia Records release boasts Afro-Cuban rhythms, falsetto choirs and playful electronic effects. Guitars rather than synths are up front, and although Foster the People still graces its tunes with friendly electro-pop beats, now a track is more likely to be thrown for a loop with disarming banshee howls — or samples of monkeys. Topicly, self-doubt and helplessness abound, as in the spry single "Coming of Age." The album-opening "Are You What You Want to Be?" sets a fast-moving tribal beat, within which Foster wrestles with class concerns.

"Before the band took off, I lived a quiet life," said the 30-year-old downtown resident, who at age 18 moved from Cleveland to Los Angeles to pursue a music career. "I lived in a one-bedroom apartment with no kitchen. I lived paycheck to paycheck. Then suddenly my life changed. We had people helping us. We had money. We could see the world. I traveled and saw how other people lived, and it left me brokenhearted."

"I felt guilty for how my life had changed," said Foster.

Foster said this outside the rooftop penthouse of the Santa Fe Lofts, the historic core building that now features a seven-story mural depicting the artwork for "Supermodel." The mural exists in part to promote the new album and in part because Foster said he wants to "communicate something outside of music." It's a psychedelic drawing by visual artist and musician Young & Sick of a high-heeled model vomiting a poem while paparazzi click their cameras.

It's also representative of Foster the People's ambitions. The band, rounded out by Cubbie Fink on bass and Mark Pontius on drums, wants to do pop-art but on a grand, easily accessible scale. When it comes to creating a 125-foot-by-150-foot mural, Foster claimed ignorance at its cost ("I don't deal with numbers," he said), but getting it constructed wasn't easy.

"Suddenly," said co-manager Williams, "there's a guy across the street who has a building who says you're somehow disrupting his business, so you have to give him some money. Then there's a guy who lives across the street who said our lights were too bright, so you have to give him (money). Then there's the parking lot. There was a lot of that."

Foster, for his part, discusses the mural only through the lens of altruism. The artist takes a moment to lean in and contemplate each question, but once the words come he speaks in an excitable rush that takes a big-picture approach. Ask, for instance, about the mural's inspiration, and he expresses concern that school art programs are losing funding.

"Our country is losing touch with the idea that art is a vital and important part to the evolution of a society," Foster said. "Art plays a huge role as to how a culture develops. When you cut the knees off of art, there's no way to even articulate the long-term ramifications that has on a culture. I just want people to be more creative. I want someone to look at that wall and go, 'Wow, that's awesome. I'm going to go draw.'"

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Martina McBride 'Everlasting'

Mercyme 'Welcome to the New'

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APRIL

6 **Goodtimers, Zeb, Padlock, Tucker Binkley** @ Music City Mall
8 **Michael McDonald** @ Wagner Noel
8 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
10 **Sam Riggs & The Night People** @ Rockin Rodeo
10 **Pullman Standard, Handsome as Sin** @ Pine Box (Keggler's Lounge)
11 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
11 **WB Quartet, William Branson** @ Music City Mall
11 **Chris Brazeal Band, Troy Cartwright** @ Lone Star Bar
11 **Emily Herring and the Farm to Market Band** @ Blue Max
11 **Okkervil River, Hundred Visions** @ Yucca Theater
11 **No Cry County** @ Detour
11 **Gladys Knight** @ Midland Collge
11-12 **Chrome Molly** @ Your Place
11-12 **Mister Happy** @ The Bar
12 **The Soft White Sixties, Leopold and His Fiction** @ Basin Burger House
12 **Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale presents Celebrating Youth (Masterworks IV)** @ Wagner Noel
12 **La Numero Uno Banda Jerez De Marco Flores Y Los Humildes Hermanos Ayala** @ Far West Event Center
12 **The Platters** @ Ector Theatre
12 **Selena tribute, Ty Miller, Martha Elliott, Brant Fricke** @ Music City Mall
12 **Luke Wade & No Civilians** @ Lone Star Bar
12 **Kyle Sattlings Band** @ Redneck's
13 **The G****** Gallows, Walker and the Texas Dangers** @ Blue Max
13 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co., All Stars, Tucker Binkley**@ Music City Mall
15 **Showdown** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
17 **Hudson Moore** @ Rockin Rodeo
18 **Jeff Hopson, Jed Block** @ Blue Max
18 **Hatchet, Diamond Plate, Cellador** @ Sugars Bar (Big Spring)
18 **The Indians, Mildred Rubio** @ Music City Mall
18 **Midwest Tragedy** @ Redneck's
18-19 **The Darren Welch Group** @ The Bar
19 **The Folk Family Revival** @ Basin Burger House
19 **Charlie Shafter** @ Lone Star Bar
19 **Mike Leonard, Samuel Zachary, Tucker Binkley** @ Music City Mall
19 **Hatchet, Diamond Plate, Cellador** @ Blue Max
21 **C.W. Ayon** @ Blue Max
22 **RC Entertainment** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
23 **Elysium, Rustic Circle, The Obvious** @ Blue Max
24 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ West Texas Dance Club
24 **JB and the Moonshine Band** @ Rockin Rodeo
24 **Sweet Ghosts** @ Blue Max
24 **Texas Bucking Heat Band** @ Lone Star Bar
25 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
25 **The Indians, Mildred Rubio** @ Music City Mall
25 **Pat Green** @ CAF hangar
25 **John Evans** @ Lone Star Bar
25 **Jordan Minor** @ Blue Max
25 **Dara Maclean** @ Stonegate Fellowship
25 **Brandon Rhyder** @ Graham Central Station
25-26 **CPR Band** @ The Bar
26 **Allen Knife Fight** @ Blue Max
26 **Mark Powell & Lariat** @ Lone Star Bar
26 **Mike Leonard, Ty Miller, Martha Elliott, Brant Fricker** @ Music City Mall
27 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co., All Stars, Tucker Binkley** @ Music City Mall
27 **Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale presents 'Around The World In 80 Minutes' performed by Voices of the Permian Basin** @ Wagner Noel

LUBBOCK

APRIL

19 **Buckcherry, The Visionarys** @ The Pavilion at Lone Star Event Center

MAY

25 **Staind, Deftones, Killswitch Engage, Toadies, Hellyeah, Skid Row, Filter, Pop Evil, Adelitas Way, Escape the Fate, Devil You Know, Skindred, Kill Devil Hill,** @ The Pavilion at Lone Star Event Center

NEW MEXICO

APRIL

11 **Creedence Clearwater Revisited** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

APRIL

6 **Big & Rich** @ Texas Motor Speedway
19 **Ben Folds** @ AT&T Performing Arts Center

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