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Judge to propose raises for county employees

Across-the-board increase will apply to both elected and hired staff

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

County Judge Mike Bradford will this month propose a 4 percent across-the-board increase in pay for all county positions.

By implementing the increase as part of the county's pay scale, Bradford said the county would be able to provide a raise to current employees, as well as a higher starting pay rate for those being hired in the coming fiscal year. If the proposal is approved, Bradford said he's hopeful the increase will help the county in competing with others as it works to fill its empty positions.

At the close of the last pay period, Midland County had 30 vacancies.

"It elevates our starting salaries," Bradford said. "That's really where we have difficulty out here competing."

Increasing the starting salary still won't make the county competitive with the oil field, staff said. But combined with the benefits offered by government employers, it does help appeal to some.

"The benefits, in my view, are what help people stay or come back," Bradford said.

County Treasurer Mitzi Wohleking said the 4 percent raises will equate to an about $750,000 increase to the cost of salaries during fiscal year 2012-13.

In the present fiscal year, the county budgeted nearly $27.55 million for personnel expenditures, which included both salaries and benefits for employees in all departments, according to the budget.

County salaries are paid through the general fund, which is funded, in part, through property tax revenues. The raises will apply to elected officials and people hired by the county, Bradford said.

Bradford said a handful of positions will be recommended for a larger than 4 percent raise.

Legal staff within the county are being recommended to receive a higher raise, which Bradford said is being done to help the county remain competitive in that specific field.

Any other positions being recommended for a larger raise will be discussed during budget proposals taking

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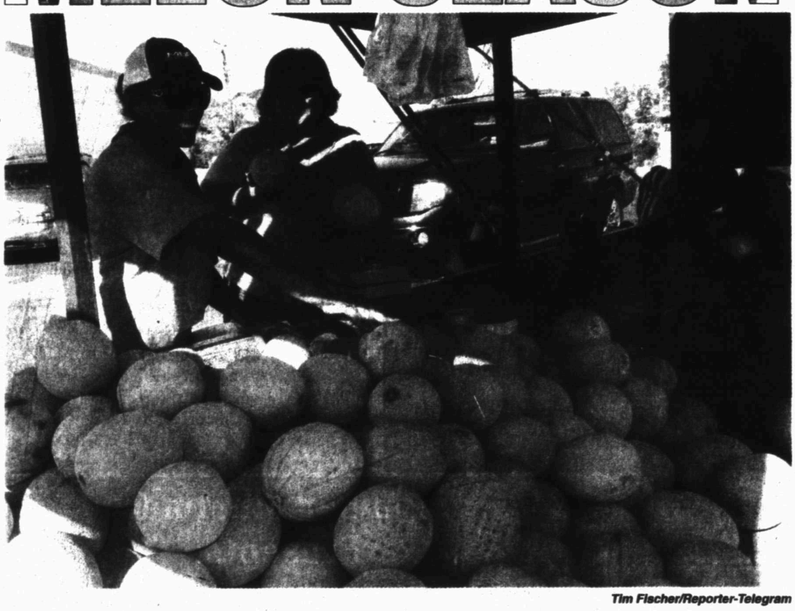

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Jessica Stephens and her mother, Melinda, look over the Pecos cantaloupes and watermelons vendors have left to sell Wednesday afternoon on the corner of Wadley Avenue and Big Spring Street.

Vendors bring sweet Pecos cantaloupes to Midland

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

Jimmy Stephens drives every morning from his home in Midland west to the Mandujano Brothers Produce farm in Reeves County to pick up a load of fresh Pecos cantaloupes and watermelon.

If he starts out by 3 a.m. and returns to Midland by 8 a.m., he can sell the 9,000 pounds of melons in one day, he said.

For the past five years, Stephens has parked his trailer somewhere in the Tall City, usually near the intersection of Big Spring Street and Wadley Avenue, where a bright yellow sign marks the spot.

On most days, as soon as he puts out the sign, customers begin to line up.

"I have a lot of repeat customers," he said. "They prefer to come in every day to get the fresh melons."

He said his customers call as early as May to ask if he's started selling yet. June to August are his busiest months, though this year, Stephens said he hopes to be able to sell melons until September.

The rain and the warmer climates fuel the West Texas cantaloupe industry, and using a drip irrigation system also has helped, he said.

The four Mandujano brothers have 6,000 acres near Coyanosa where they grow watermelons, onions, cotton, hay, peppers, pumpkins and the world-famous cantaloupes.

The salt in the soil of the Pecos region gives the cantaloupe its unique sweet taste that West Texans have come to know and love, said their sister, Jackeline Dominguez.

Each Saturday morning, Dominguez and her husband, Juan, load up their pickup with fresh produce from her brothers' farm and bring it to Midland to sell at the Midland Downtown Farmer's Market.

On a typical Saturday, produce will sell out by 11 a.m., Juan Dominguez said. This past Saturday, they offered Israeli melons, along with a few honeydews, squash and okra.

Jackeline Dominguez said her brothers ship their produce to Albertsons and Walmart stores in Midland and have peddlers who collect produce and sell it in Sanderson, Alpine,

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Melon facts

■ **Judge ripeness by the color:**
Cantaloupe: If the skin is yellow to orange, the fruit is ready to eat.
Watermelon: The greener the outside skin, the better the chance that the melon is ready to eat.

■ **Longevity:**
A fresh cantaloupe will keep for seven to 10 days. (If the skin gets wet, though, it will be good only for about three days.)

■ **Where to find them:**
Stephens sets up his trailer along Big Spring Street, usually at the intersection of Wadley Avenue; the Dominguezes are at the Midland Downtown Farmer's Market 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

■ **Average prices:**
Cantaloupes: Three for $5; watermelons: $5 each

Source: Jimmy Stephens and Jackeline and Juan Dominguez

MMH: Bad debt down in June, up again in July

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

In the last few months, Midland Memorial Hospital has focused on reducing bad debt by instituting an easier payout plan for patients.

The efforts paid off in June when the amount decreased by $1.3 million. Officials said it was an indication of the local economy, with more people who are insured or able to make their payments.

Steve Bowerman, the hospital's chief financial officer, had hoped the decreased debt was a trend. But in July, the numbers rose again.

"I was hopeful, but the July numbers are back up to what we were experiencing," Bowerman said.

He said the hospital averages $4 million to $4.5 million of bad debt every month and estimates it will total $50 million for the year.

"Bad debt is probably the most problematic thing," Bowerman said.

In the proposed budget for next year, costs are up by 8 percent, and he said staff expects the amount of bad debt

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Social media boosted winner in Senate race

By Richard S. Dunham
Hearst Newspapers

On a geopolitical level, Ted Cruz's victory in the Texas Senate runoff for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate reflected the power of anti-government populism among hard-core Republicans.

But the most important lesson of Cruz's landslide win over former frontrunner David Dewhurst has less to do with that political message than the rapidly evolving ways in which candidates communicate their message to voters.

The July 31 Republican runoff reflected a massive generation gap in the two candidates' understanding of — and mastery of — social media and online networking.

The 41-year-old Cruz harnessed the power of social media and the internet

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Club meetings, support groups

■ Midland Parkinson Support Group, 6:30 p.m. the first Monday, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, 699-6640.

— for miscarriage grief recovery, call 570-5935.

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

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

■ Chronic fatigue fibromyalgia syndromes support group meets noon the second Thursday at Rays of Hope Grief Centre; 520-3500.

■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays, First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.

■ Overeaters Anonymous; noon Wednesdays and 4:30 p.m. Sundays; La Hacienda, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

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

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.

■ Parent Quest, for parents of special-needs children, meets 6-8 p.m. the first Tuesday at First Christian Church. For more information, contact Malissa Roach, SHARE program coordinator, at 349-1069.

■ Permian Basin Community Service Organization (for individuals, organizations or businesses that provide services to improve quality of life), 11:45 a.m. second Thursday, Mi Piaci Italian Restaurant, 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa; 432-210-4234.

■ CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

■ Midland Optimist Club, noon Tuesdays, Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield St.; 685-7486.

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Midland Senior Center, Midkiff Road and Illinois Avenue; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.; 694-8643 and 10 a.m. Thursdays, Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely; 694-8347.

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Tuesdays, Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St.; 687-1671.

■ Comanche Trails Wood Turners, 10 a.m. the second Saturday; 682-1700.

■ The Midland Blue Star Military Family, 7 p.m. second Thursday, Koinonia Room at First Presbyterian Church; Doc Weathers 631-7646 or docweathers@suddenlink.net.

■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays.

■ Uptown Midland BPW, noon, second and fourth Wednesdays, Petroleum Club; Glenda Knox, 686-2819.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Serenity Group, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. A St., Building C; 685-3100.

■ 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.

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

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays; 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

ELECTION CELEBRATION FOR LEONARD

Elizabeth Leonard, center, talks with her family, husband, Dan, from far left; sister, Joan Byer Gudorf; father, John Byer, uncle, Bill Cooper, and aunt, Carole Cooper, on Tuesday night following Leonard's win in the runoff for the 238th District Court judge's race.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland's District Court judges

142nd District Court - Jody Giles
318th District Court - Dean Rucker
385th District Court - Robin Darr
441st District Court – Rodney Satterwhite

Note: Elizabeth Leonard defeated David Lindemood in Tuesday's runoff to earn the Republican nomination for the 238th District Court judge's race. There is no Democrat running for that seat.

Midland again posts top 10 jobless rate

Midland tied for seventh lowest unemployment rate in the nation during the month of June, according to statistics released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Bismarck, N.D. topped the list with an unemployment rate of 2.8 percent. Midland's unemployment rate was 4.3 percent. There were no other Texas cities in the top 12.

Bismarck, N.D.	2.8
Fargo, N.D.	3.5
Lincoln, Neb.	3.7
Sioux Falls, S.D.	3.9
Iowa City, Iowa	4.2
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Midland	**4.3**
Grand Forks, N.D.	4.3
Omaha, Neb.	4.4
Burlington, Vt.	4.4
Ames, Iowa	4.5
Portsmouth, N.H.	4.5

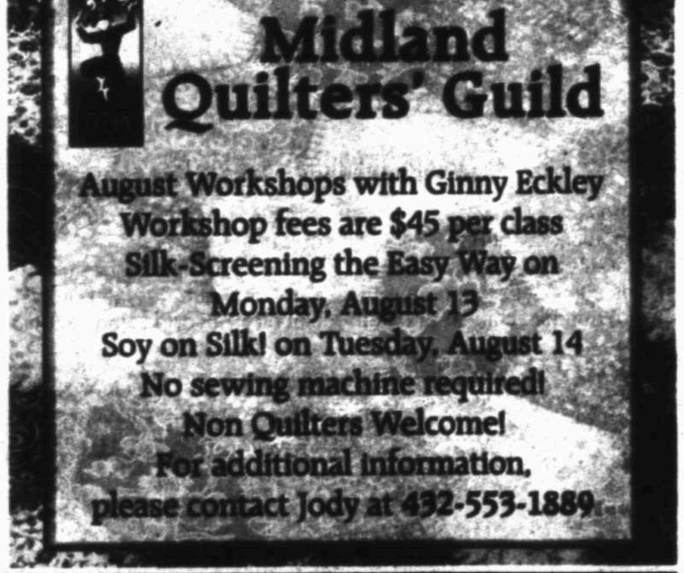
Keeping down the pet population

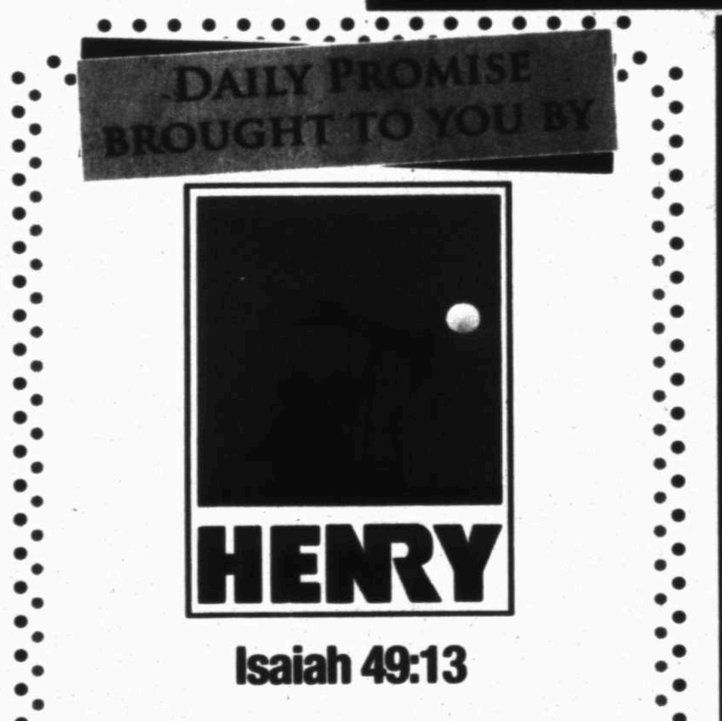
Midland Animal Services recommends that owners have their pets spayed or neutered and have a microchip inserted as ways to help reduce the number of animals that are brought to the animal shelter.

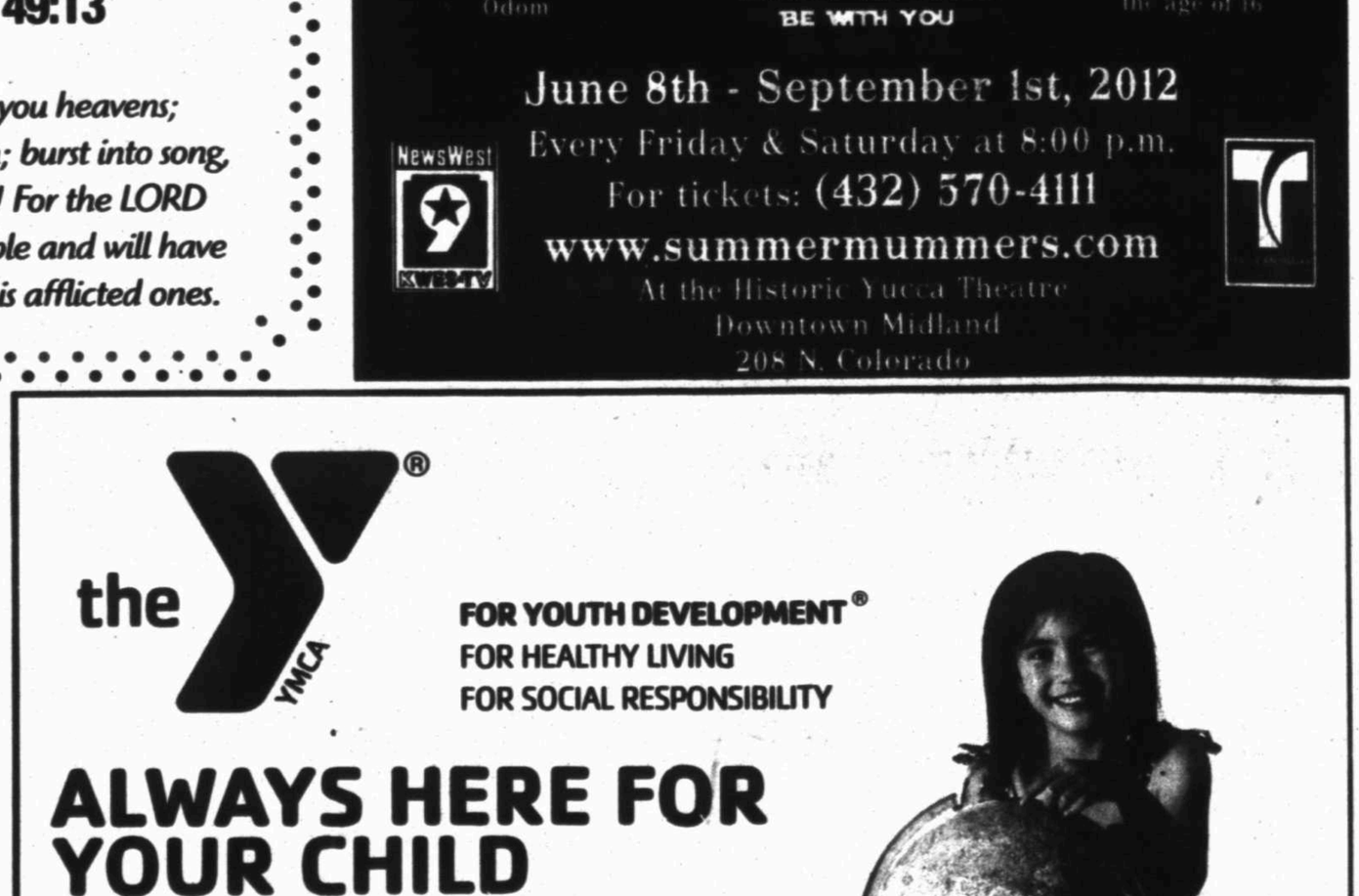
In the last month, according to a city report, two lost pets were reunited with their owners after several months, because of microchips.

Midland Animal Services charges $15 dollars for a microchip; the process takes about 10 minutes.

Midland Animal Services also has $70 spay/neuter vouchers that any Midland resident can use to help offset the cost of the surgery for their dog or cat. The vouchers are honored by all of the veterinarians in Midland and Midland County.







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what's hot from the MRT on facebook, twitter and mywesttexas.com

#Restaurant reports

For the latest grades of the city's commercial kitchen areas, check out MyWestTexas.com.

The Reporter-Telegram is working with the city of Midland's Health Department to provide grades and reports of restaurants and other commercial kitchens.

The latest batch of reports from July are now online at mywesttexas.com/restaurants.

#Feedback

The Reporter-Telegram provides multiple avenues for your online participation in the conversation happening in our community.

Story Comments: Once you finish the story, see what MyWestTexas readers are writing in the comments section.

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Polls: Go to MyWestTexas.com to vote in the daily news polls to get your opinion heard.

#Most popular at MWT

- Official: Midland woman dead after another accident on area roads
- One dead after crash near DPS building
- Multiple deaths on Midland's highways; 4 this week
- Fund set up for Midland man killed in Sunday crash
- Chick-fil-A packed with supporters

#MWT poll

In light of multiple traffic fatalities, what change would most help decrease the amount of accidents?

- Reduce speed limits: 14%
- Implement stop lights at congested highway intersections: 39%
- Change "Yield" signs to "Stop" signs on service roads: 20%
- Add more traffic devices: 6%
- Install solar powered street lights on highways: 2%
- Add more DWI-patrol officers: 18%

Facebook

Feedback about Chick-fil-A Day

Our most popular story on Facebook this week was our day-long coverage of the Chick-fil-A support drive on Wednesday. Midlanders joined thousands across the country to show support for the company's CEO statements about gay marriage.

Here's what you thought:

Thankful for a country where men and women have paid the price for our freedom! Those freedoms allow us to worship where we want, speak what we feel and eat where we want! Without being shot or locked up, so thank you for still being a country of freedom! God bless our USA!
— Debra Northcutt

This is a business that is discriminating against a population. But you all are justifying it by claiming you have free speech? Give me a break. You're all going to look stupid as hell in 50 years. Civil rights movement ring a bell? Equality ring a bell?
— Monica Orellana

Amazing how the lefties only believe in the right of free speech when it agrees with them ... the statement has been made today that folks are not going to stand for it anymore
— Michael Scott Foster

Wow. Christians are so funny. Leviticus states homosexuality is an abomination therefore all gays are damned to hell and the owner of Chick-fil-A does not support homosexuality. ... The same book also states eating shell fish is an abomination, so I hope he also feels the same way about people who eat crab. God forbid he ate shrimp last night. ... He'll burn in hell alongside the gays.
— Kellie Gonzales

If you ask me, seems like Chick-fil-A just made a BUNCH of money today. Pretty smart.
— Carrie Hart Pittman

So you're for free speech but NOT for the freedom to marry whoever you want? I'm not saying I support gay marriage I'm just saying that it's NONE OF MY BUSINESS what other people do with their lives or in their bedrooms or with their checkbooks. As long as it does not affect me they can do whatever the heck they want. Whatever sins we commit is between ourselves and God. I'm not their judge and neither are you.
— Dustin Palmer

I will not be eating at this restaurant anymore. What does fast food have to do with gay marriage? NOTHING. Stick to making chicken sandwiches. I find this company appalling. If gay people want to get married, let them, that's denying a right of happiness. Its a constitutional right to life, liberty and THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. I don't support the lifestyle but we need equality in this nation. Religion has nothing to do with it. Live and let live, let the gays be gay their not hurting anyone. We're all human here. Eating establishments need to stick to making food and stay out of political and culture wars.
— Joel Kent Melville

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#Summer Love

Check facebook.com/TheReporterTelegram and MyWestTexas.com Tuesday for the winner of our third contest and the submission rules for our fourth and final sweepstakes. Participants are competing for a two-night stay at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort in San Antonio.

Oscar Olgin Garcia
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We the Garcia family would like to send out our love and gratitude to one and all who took part in the celebration of Oscar's life and saying farewell. To all of you whom thru cards, flowers, food and prayers we would like to express our thanks from the bottom of our hearts! To those whom came from far places our deepest thanks for coming. And to his fellow [illegible], thank you for honoring him thru your music and [illegible] Too many friends and family to mention individualy. We love you all and appreciate all of you for being a big part in [illegible] from this earth. To the church family also, thank you for your prayers and support thru this difficult time. We will miss you Oscar and he will never be forgotten and he will continue to live in our hearts as well as for many years! Again Thank you everyone!!

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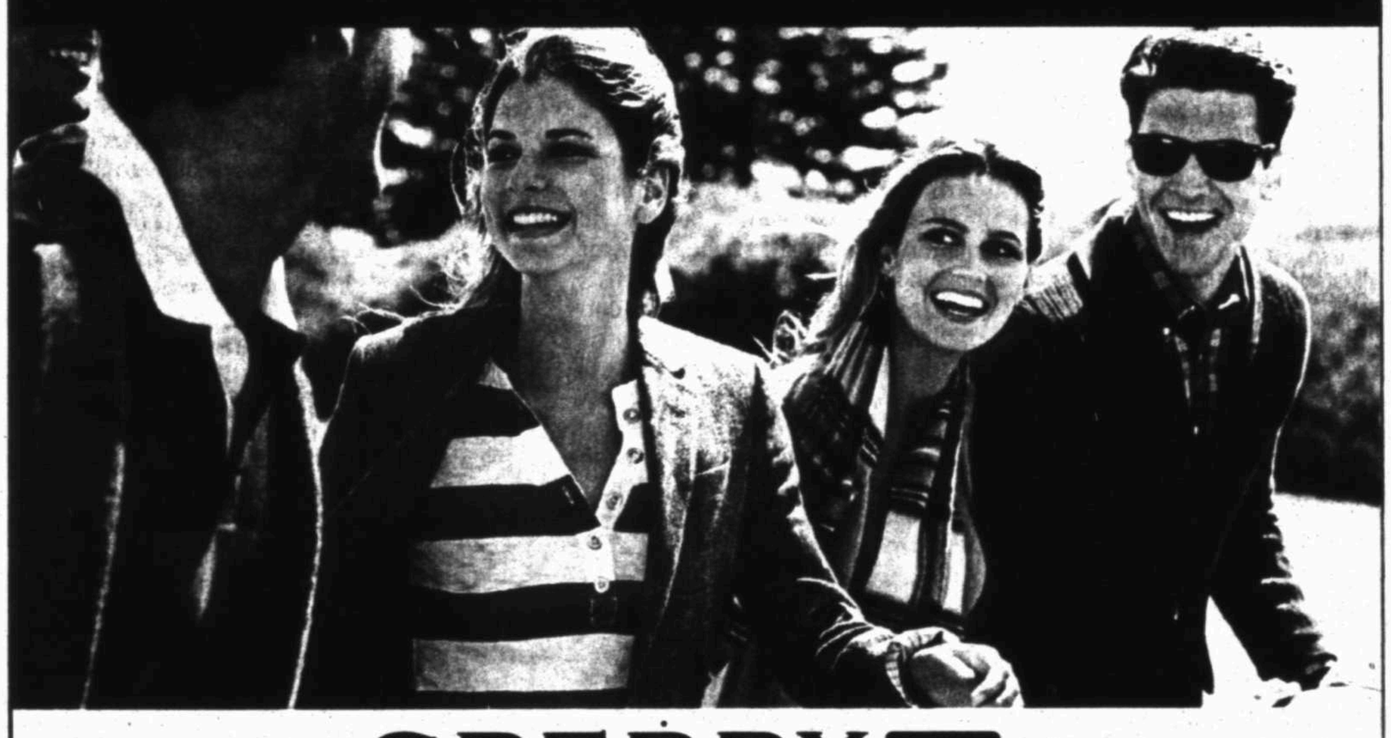

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

Today

■ Third annual Women's Fair and Expo, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Midland County Horseshoe, 2514 Arena Trail. Admission is $6 for adults, $4 for children ages 5 to 15, and $5 for seniors ages 62 and older.

■ Summer Sunday Lawn Concert featuring The Shades, 7:45 p.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Monday

■ Midland County Fair presents Karaoke on the Terrace, 6-8 p.m., Horseshoe.

Meetings schedule

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

City Council
Tax rate hearing
9 a.m. Tuesday
Council Chambers
300 N. Loraine St.

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

MISD board
5:30 p.m. Thursday
Boardroom of Central Office
615 W. Missouri Ave.

Permian Basin Republican Assembly
Time TBA, Thursday
Classroom one at Midland Memorial Hospital's West Campus

Community calendar

■ National Night Out 2012 is planned for Tuesday beginning at 5:30 p.m.

National Night Out is a series of city-wide, police-sanctioned, neighborhood gatherings that invite citizen and police cooperation.

Residents are encouraged to host their neighbors at barbecues or lawn parties. Police officers will be making the rounds between homes to meet, greet and answer questions. It's an opportunity to meet neighbors and police officers.

■ The Crime Prevention Unit of the Midland Police Department will host its third women's self-defense class. It is geared toward young women and students.

The classes will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Thursday and continuing until Aug. 28. The first session will be at the Police Department and will be classroom-based. Subsequent classes will focus on personal safety techniques; the site will be determined at the first session, according to the city's public information officer.

The class is open to 16 students. Registration will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to register, call Officer John Kerrigan at 685-7963.

Water worries

Based on limits set by the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the amount the city can take from the Paul Davis water fields, city officials expect water delivery to be limited to 18.5 million gallons. Using more than that figure consistently could result in the city halting outdoor watering.

July 27: 16,784,000 gallons
July 28: 12,939,000 gallons
July 29: 16,185,000 gallons
Monday's total: 17,301,000 gallons
Tuesday: 14,269,000 gallons
Wednesday: 14,703,000 gallons
Thursday: 16,350,000 gallons

Total storage by CRMWD, as of Friday, in their lakes is 83,454 acre-feet. (1 acre-foot is about 325,800 gallons). Total storage last year at the same time was 142,626 acre-feet. The average usage for July from CRMWD was 11,590,710. The average usage for August from CRMWD is 11,612,000.

Happy birthday

Erin Nicole Drake, of Midland, turns 20 today.

Vacation Bible schools

■ Cuthbert Avenue Baptist Church, 3308 W. Cuthbert Ave.
When: 6-8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
Theme: Space Camp
Info: For children age 3 through those in sixth grade. For more information, call 694-6075.

■ St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 4000 W. Loop 250 N.
When: 9 a.m. - noon Monday through Thursday
Theme: Faith Through the Arts
Info: Fourth through seventh grades. Classes in bookbinding, metal and jewelry, painting, meditation, stitchery, photography, singing and woodworking. For more information, call 694-8856 or email darryl@stnicksmt.org.

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Pick 3 night: 9-3-5
Daily 4 day: 4-6-0-5
Daily 4 night: 4-7-9-1
Cash Five: 7-11-18-23-27
Lotto Texas: 5-16-24-32-48-49
Powerball: 19-30-48-53-55 PB: 18

Today in history

Today is Sunday, Aug. 5, the 218th day of 2012. There are 148 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Aug. 5, 1962, actress Marilyn Monroe, 36, was found dead in her Los Angeles home; her death was ruled a probable suicide from "acute barbiturate poisoning."

On this date:

In 1912, the Progressive Party, also known as the "Bull Moose Party," convened in Chicago. (The party was formed by former President Theodore Roosevelt following a split in the Republican Party.)

In 1924, the comic strip "Little Orphan Annie" by Harold Gray made its debut.

In 1961, the amusement park Six Flags Over Texas had its official grand opening day in Arlington.

Associated Press

SENATE

From 1A

to organize his campaign, communicate with supporters and get them to the polls, much like Barack Obama did in 2008. But Cruz pushed the boundaries of the 21st century communications phenomenon by reaching out to anti-establishment conservatives who then used their own networks to push his candidacy.

Experts said Cruz's communications savvy played a major part in his emergence from obscurity and his ultimate triumph over the 66-year-old Dewhurst.

"The new reality in American politics is the social media and internet connections," said Clemson University political scientist David Woodard. "They found Ted Cruz as their darling and pushed him hard."

The proof is in the numbers. Cruz had twice as many Facebook fans as Dewhurst, 86,507 to 43,355. And he tweeted to his Twitter followers 5,117 times through runoff day, versus 597 for Dewhurst.

Dewhurst, the state's lieutenant governor for a decade, relied far more on traditional campaign strategies such as extensive television advertising and endorsements by dozens of state legislators and Gov. Rick Perry.

"Cruz ran very much a modern campaign," said University of Texas political scientist Sean Theriault. "Dewhurst's campaign was one that could have worked six years ago, but the Obama team showed how important social media could be to a campaign."

Cruz was conscious of the rapidly evolving social media model from the beginning of his campaign. He announced his candidacy during a call with conservative bloggers in January 2011, then tweeted the news before holding a traditional press conference. Cruz hired a 24-year-old social media trailblazer, GOP consultant Vincent Harris of Austin, who had helped mobilize conservative bloggers for 2008 presidential candidate Mike Huckabee. Harris created a "blogger action center" to work with conservative opinion leaders such as David Jennings of Big Jolly Politics in Houston, and encouraged like-minded bloggers to post supportive widgets on their websites.

"Social media was critically important to Ted's win," Harris said. "There's no doubt that the Cruz campaign ran the most integrated statewide digital strategy in the history of American politics."

By election day, Cruz's social media reach included national conservative political committees led by the Club for Growth and FreedomWorks, conservative bloggers and columnists such as Michelle Malkin and George Will, conservative and libertarian think tanks, conservative news outlets from the National Review to Fox TV, conservative talk-show and TV personalities including Sean Hannity, and well-known conservative politicians with national followings. Among them: 2008 vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin, Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., former House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, and 2012 presidential candidates Ron Paul and Rick Santorum.

Cruz's allies helped him raise his visibility, raise money and raise his once-paltry poll numbers. Palin, who has almost 3.5 million Facebook "likes," frequently posted about Cruz, often including photos from rallies and words of encouragement.

The Club for Growth PAC generated nearly $1 million in donations to Cruz's campaign from its members. FreedomWorksforAmerica.org, a grass-roots conservative group, allowed volunteers to download telephone lists so backers could create an instant phone bank for Cruz.

When a Dewhurst commercial accused Cruz of backing "amnesty" for illegal immigrants, Cruz's social network retaliated immediately — and furiously. DeMint denounced the "false attack ad" while Malkin labeled it "slimy race-baiting."

"They took that energy and they used it, and they channeled it through the internet," said Victoria Defrancesco Soto, a fellow at the Lyndon B. Johnson School at the University of Texas.

The efforts paid off. Cruz received a massive quantity of favorable coverage in national conservative circles, while the small amount of attention devoted to Dewhurst was predominantly negative. Cruz also received thousands of small contributions from across the country, forcing Dewhurst to dig further into his own deep pockets.

UT's Theriault said social media helped Cruz level the political playing field that had been tilted to Dewhurst because of his early financial advantages.

"Social media is relatively cheap compared to TV commercials and mail pieces," he said. "Cruz faced an almost endless supply of money from Dewhurst. By engaging in social media to the extent he did, he was able to neutralize some of Dewhurst's money."

But Theriault said that innovative tactics alone would not have vaulted Cruz ahead of Dewhurst.

"Social media would have been pretty irrelevant if Cruz didn't also have a message that resonated so perfectly with the mood of Republican voters in Texas," he said. "It was his message that was crucial for the campaign. It would have been impossible for him to win if he had social media but not the right message."

RAISES

From 1A

place this month, he said.

The county is not alone in its proposal for raises.

The city also is proposing an increase in pay for its employees. City Manager Courtney Sharp has recommended a 5 percent cost-of-living raise.

If the raise is approved, Sharp told the City Council that staff estimate personnel costs will increase by 6.16 percent in the coming fiscal year. That increase also includes an increased cost for health insurance and the addition of new positions.

The proposed raise would benefit current employees and also help the city retain staff in what has become a competitive job market, Sharp said.

Friday, the city had more than 50 openings between its various departments, including the fire and police departments, spokeswoman Persephone Dakopolos and Fire Department staff said.

City and county staff attribute the dozens of openings to the strong oil and gas economy. Like some private businesses in town, the wages they offer simply don't compare to what's available elsewhere.

In the county, Sheriff Gary Painter said a 4 percent increase to the starting pay would be a great help.

He's had as many as 20 positions open in the jail this year (the vacancy total now is down to closer to four) and said anything extra they can offer helps.

"That would be a draw," he said. "That's something we can use to help bring people in."

County commissioners did approve a 4 percent raise for all county employees, including elected officials, in fiscal year 2011-12. Raises were not given in the two fiscal years before that.

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MMH

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also will increase.

Debt is a significant line item in the financials and staff said they are trying to reduce it.

One way the hospital has done this is with the CarePayment program, which was instituted in April. Those who qualify for the program have the chance to make their hospital payments, interest free, over the course of 25 months.

CarePayment pays the hospital a patient's costs and then collects the money from the individual. This arrangement helps to ease the strain of collections and provides MMH with more cash flow.

Another factor in the increase in July's bad debt, is that the number of charity discounts offered by the hospital was down by 20 percent, Bowerman said.

He said that many people who can qualify for a charity discount don't apply. The discounts can significantly reduce the out-of-pocket expenses of the uninsured or those who don't have the means to pay.

Bowerman said that he and the MMH staff will attempt to make it easier for patients to manage their hospital accounts.

"We don't know what to expect. We'll continue to see people access CarePayment programs and, with the strong economy and low unemployment, it will continue to make an impact," he said.

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CANTALOUPES

From 1A

Crane, Stanton, El Paso and New Mexico.

The weather has played an important role in the resurgence of a declining cantaloupe industry, according to the Pecos Chamber of Commerce. The melons remain what Pecos is best known for, the chamber said.

Jackeline Dominguez said she's grown up around the fruit and can tell a real Pecos cantaloupe from other melons by their sweetness. She said other people can tell by smelling them.

Both factors that set them apart, Dominguez said.

"The sweetness and the smell of it is what makes them so good," she said. "Once you try a Pecos cantaloupe, you know it's a Pecos."

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Swarm of thousands of bees delay flight

Associated Press

IMPERIAL, Pa. — A beekeeper says he had to be called into gather up a swarm of thousands of bees that delayed a Delta Air Lines flight from Pittsburgh International Airport to New York.

Master beekeeper Stephen Repasky said he was called out on Wednesday when the bees gathered on the wing of the plan as crews were getting ready to fuel the plane.

Repasky said such swarms form when colonies become too large and the queen leaves half of her bees behind to find a new home.

Cruz victory goes into history books of Texas political upsets

By Richard S. Dunham
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Ted Cruz's transformation from unknown long shot candidates to the 2012 Republican Senate nominee in Texas has shocked the state's "pundit elite," who, when the race got under way in January, almost universally predicted a victory by the wealthy and well-known frontrunner, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

The first-time office-seeker's convincing win over the longtime power broker joins a list of big-as-Texas political shocks of the past half century.

Here are 10 of the biggest surprises:

1. John Tower over "Dollar Bill" Blakley, 1961

The obscure professor from Wichita Falls, a diminutive man with a penchant for all things British, won the Senate seat vacated by Texas legend Lyndon Baines Johnson when LBJ became JFK's VP. Tower, a conservative Republican, got some special election votes from liberal Democrats, who wanted to send a message to conservative Democrat Blakley. Everyone (except for Tower) was shocked by the results.

2. Bill Clements over John Hill, 1978

No Republican had served as governor of Texas since Reconstruction, and Attorney General John Hill, the Democratic nominee, was so sure of victory that, legend has it, he was measuring the curtains in the governor's mansion before the election. Bill Clements, a conservative Republican oilman from Dallas, spoke frankly, spent freely and worked feverishly. His narrow win made history.

3. Don Yarbrough over Charles Barrow, 1976

A 32-year-old lawyer for Campus Crusade for Christ with a familiar name shocked Charles Barrow, a respected Supreme Court incumbent, in the 1976 Democratic primary for the court seat. The reason: Many voters thought that Don Yarbrough was Don Yaborough (a liberal who had run for governor) or kin to Ralph Yarborough (the former U.S. senator and liberal lion). Yarbrough, who said God had told him to run, ended up federal prisoner 36007-079 after being convicted of bribery in an unrelated drug-money laundering scheme.

4. Rick Perry over Jim Hightower, 1990

Perry, then a Democratic state representative, had endorsed Al Gore for president in 1988. And when he changed parties a year later, few pundits thought he had a chance to unseat Democratic Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower, a folksy populist who had won a landslide four years earlier. But with the help of Karl Rove and Jesse Jackson, Perry won in a squeaker. "Jesse Jackson?" you ask. Yes. Hightower had endorsed the African-American civil rights leader for president in 1988 (when Perry was supporting Gore) — and Team Perry blanketed the Texas airwaves with commercials showing a beaming Hightower clasping arms with Jackson.

5. Rick Perry over Kay Bailey Hutchison, 2010

Flash forward 20 years. Perry has won five consecutive statewide contests and has served as governor longer than any Texan in history. But the state's popular senior senator, Kay Bailey Hutchison, announces her candidacy for governor and roars to a 20-percentage point lead in early polls. Things went downhill for KBH from there, and Perry ended up winning by an identical 20-point margin.

6. Victor Morales over John Bryant, 1996

Texas Democrats were excited to have what they thought was a three-way U.S. Senate primary featuring congressmen John Bryant and Jim Chapman and attorney John Odam. None of the party's leaders could foresee that the three-way split would allow a fourth candidate, Victor Morales —an unknown teacher from Mesquite — to slip into a runoff against Bryant. In an election characterized by extremely low turnout, the mystery man of the race, Morales, won with 51 percent. He was beaten handily by Republican incumbent Phil Gramm in the general election.

7. Ted Cruz over David Dewhurst, 2012

Cruz, a former Texas solicitor general who had never run for office before, started his Republican Senate campaign in the low single digits in early polls. But he built a campaign machine piece by piece, won key endorsements from conservative groups, chased two well-known contenders (Michael Williams and Roger Williams) from the race and emerged as the conservative alternative to establishment conservative David Dewhurst. The rest is history.

8. David Porter over Victor Carrillo, 2010

In a Republican primary battle, an unknown accountant from the small town of Giddings unseated the chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, Victor Carrillo, a Rick Perry ally and the highest-ranking Latino in state government outside of the court system. Carrillo outspent rival David Porter by more than 10-to-1 and was so sure he would win that he ended the campaign with money in the bank. Porter, who has ties to Midland, won in a landslide, 61 percent to 39 percent. Some pundits speculated that many Republicans voted for Porter because he had an "English" name while his opponent had a "Spanish" name.

9. George W. Bush over Ann Richards, 1994

In 1994, the pundits predicted that Jeb Bush would win the Florida governorship (on his way to the White House), while brother George would lose the Texas race to Ann Richards, the Democratic incumbent. The smart money turned out to be pretty dumb. Jeb lost a tough race against incumbent Democrat Lawton Chiles, while George did everything right and scored an uphill upset over a governor whose job approval ratings approached 60 percent. In the end, the Texas Bush won in a walk.

10. Lloyd Doggett over Kent Hance and Bob Krueger, 1984

John Tower's surprise retirement created a wild scramble among Democrats, who thought they had a prime opportunity to regain LBJ's old Senate seat. The early favorites were conservative congressman Kent Hance and moderate former congressman Bob Krueger, a narrow loser to Tower six years earlier. Most of the pundits discounted liberal state Sen. Lloyd Doggett, who did not have statewide name recognition. But Doggett, aided by young Louisiana political consultant James Carville, and Hance, helped by young Democratic mastermind Tom O'Donnell, squeezed Krueger from the left and the right. After dispatching Krueger in the primary, Doggett won the left-right match-up in the runoff. But he was routed by recent Republican convert Phil Gramm in the Reagan landslide that November.

Moderator of child porn site sentenced to 38 years

Associated Press

SHREVEPORT, La — Louisiana authorities say the moderator of an online exploitation network has been sentenced to 38 years in prison for his role in an international child pornography ring.

Oedewaldt

U.S. Attorney Stephanie A. Finley said Edward Oedewaldt, 49, of Arcadia, La., was the moderator of Dreamboard and handled the encryption of posts in an attempt to prevent law enforcement from catching participants.

Finley said in a news release that seven other people were also sentenced in the past week in Louisiana.

U.S. District Judge S. Maurice Hicks in Shreveport sentenced Oedewaldt on Wednesday to 38 years.

Finley said Oedewaldt is the highest-level member of the group convicted so far. She said 72 people from around the world have been charged in an ongoing international investigation.

Oedewaldt's case shows the difficulty in tracking down suspects. He was indicted in September 2008 under his screen name, "Legend," but wasn't arrested until April 2010, when authorities determined who he was and picked him up in Louisiana.

Authorities have said he bragged online that he didn't think he would be caught.

Membership tightly was controlled by the administrators of Dreamboard, who required people to upload child pornography portraying children 12 years of age or younger when applying for membership, Finley said.

The highest level of membership was reserved for people who created new images of child pornography by molesting children.

Key statistics:

The amount of time 49-year-old Edward Oedewaldt will spend in prison for moderating a child pornography ring:

38 years

The number charged around the world for participating in the ring:

72 people

The number of alleged victims at the hands of ring members:

38 children

Finley said the site also required members to organize postings based on content.

One category was called "Super Hardcore" and was reserved for violent rapes and beatings of very young children.

Evidence obtained during the operation revealed that at least 38 children across the world were suffering sexual abuse at the hands of the members of the group.

Others sentenced in Louisiana in the past week are: Jerrold Wright, 56, of Santa Ana, Calif.; David B. Lindsay, 32, of Midvale, Utah; Jason Simon, 43, of Glendale, Calif.; Stephen Fairbanks, 36, of Laverne, Calif.; Timothy Stone, 20, of St. Charles, Mo.; Scott Speigel, 50, of Ashburn, Va.; and Scott Lewandowski, 39, of Pueblo, Colo. The sentences of all eight defendants added up to 169 years.

"The sentences reflect the seriousness of this criminal activity. We know that there is more work to be done, and we will continue investigating and prosecuting these cases to the fullest extent of the laws," Finley said.

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$118 MILLION VERDICT* IN COMMERCIAL LITIGATION TRIAL

Defendants found liable for Fraud, Breach of Contract, Conversion and Breach of Fiduciary Duty July 11,2012, HOUSTON, TX: A Harris County State District Court jury awarded a $118 million verdict to six investors that were defrauded by First National Bank of Edinburg, Conroe attorney Eric Yollick and Merensky Reef Hospital Corporation, a healthcare management company (Cause #2010-41034). Members of the jury unanimously found that First National Bank, Eric Yollick and the Merensky Reef Hospital Corporation committed fraud when the Defendants wrongfully conspired to, and did, take possession of three hospitals purchased by the investor Plaintiffs and their companies.

MikeMcCauley of McWhorter, Cobb & Johnson, LLP, in Lubbock commented, "The jury listened intently during the five-week trial and held these Defendants accountable for intentionally breaking the law." Tim Pridmore of the MCJ Firm, stated "It is rewarding to see the jury system work, and to protect people who have been hurt by conduct such as that of the Defendants." Zona Jones of the Provost Umphrey Law Firm said, "The jury found this financial institution and their lawyer enticed our clients to enter into a written agreement that the Defendants never intended to honor." All counsel commented on how thrilled their clients were with this verdict, and how they feel vindicated for what the Defendants did to them.

In addition to McCauley, Pridmore and Jones, Plaintiffs were represented by Andrew Seger of McWhorter, Cobb & Johnson, LLP. along with Houston lawyers Pat Zummo of the Law Offices of Pat Zummo and Marc Tabolsky and Dori K. Goldman of Yetter Coleman, LLP.

Defendants were represented by Eric Yollick and Travis Owens of the Yollick Law Firm, former Harris County District Court Judge Levin Benton of Benton and Massey, LLP., and former Texas Supreme Court Justice Scott A. Brister of Andrews Kurth, LLP.

*The verdict amount has not been collected and any amount collected is subject to attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in the collection of such award.

Glasheen, Valles & Inderman, LLP congratulate Kevin Glasheen and Jason Medina on obtaining a **$6,129,083.19 jury verdict** in Midland County in the Hartlove vs Butts Recycling, Inc. case.

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Movie theater attack: Did school drop the ball?

Associated Press

DENVER — In the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy five years ago, the University of Colorado and other schools across the U.S. created "threat assessment teams" to identify and take action against students who might turn violent. Now, in the aftermath of the movie theater rampage in Aurora, some are wondering whether the system broke down.

A Denver TV station reported this week that a university psychiatrist was so alarmed by graduate student James E. Holmes' behavior that she tried to bring him to the attention of the school's threat assessment team more than a month before the attack, but the group never met to talk about him because he had already taken steps to drop out.

Holmes, 24, is charged with murdering 12 people and wounding 58 in the July 20 rampage a few miles from the Aurora campus after methodically stockpiling guns and ammunition for months.

"If the argument is because he was no longer a student, he was no longer their problem, they are absolutely incorrect," said Larry Barton, a threat consultant and professor at American College in Bryn Mawr, Pa. "Any court and any victim's family would have an argument that the school acted with indifference. I hope they have a very compelling answer to why they did what they did."

AP file photo

James Holmes appears in Arapahoe County District Court with defense attorney Tamara Brady in Centennial, Colo., on July 23. Colorado prosecutors are filing formal charges Monday July 30, 2012, against Holmes, the former neuroscience student accused of killing 12 people and wounding 58 others at an Aurora movie theater.

University Chancellor Don Elliman repeatedly has said the school did all it could with regard to Holmes. He and other university officials have refused to discuss any specifics, citing privacy laws and a judge's gag order. The university would not say whether staff members had any concerns about Holmes or whether police were ever alerted to him.

The school on Friday announced it had hired former U.S. Attorney Robert N. Miller to conduct a review of the university's procedures and actions in dealing with Holmes.

KMGH-TV and the Denver Post, citing sources they did not identify, said police were never contacted.

It's not clear what alarmed the psychiatrist, Dr. Lynne Fenton, or whether she even treated him. But she helped found the school's Behavioral Evaluation and Threat Assessment Team in 2010.

The team's members are drawn from the counseling center, the faculty, the housing and student services departments and campus police. It consults with police, the university's legal team and mental health services.

It doesn't have the power itself to suspend or expel students or to force anyone to get mental health care. But it can refer students for voluntary care or school discipline and report threats to the authorities, the university said.

The idea of such teams is to bring all the warning signs together in one place.

"The end goal is to have coordinating systems, that different departments talk to each other," said Alison Kiss, executive director of the Clery Center for Security on Campus, which helps colleges and universities deal with security.

"People might act differently or say something during class, at a club or in a dormitory that might disclose different behaviors. It might not raise a concern when something's taken individually, but when you put them all together, they raise red flags."

Virginia passed a law in 2008 requiring its four-year public colleges to set up threat assessment teams to investigate students after a mentally unstable Seung-Hui Cho shot 32 people to death and committed suicide at Virginia Tech. The student had been sending out warning signs for years with his sullen behavior and twisted, violent writings.

Even if the Colorado team had convened and police investigated, it's unclear whether any violence could have been prevented.

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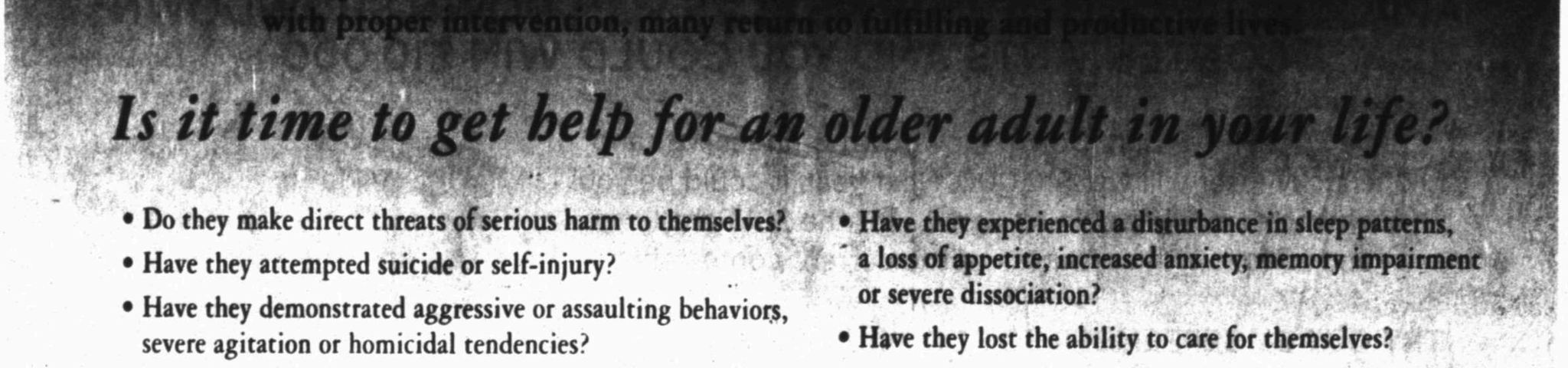

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Congress breaks for 5 weeks with much work to be done

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress' performance matches its approval rating — abysmal.

Lawmakers headed home for a five-week break with a lengthy list of uncompleted work and little to show for the past year and a half except an eye-popping amount of dissatisfaction: Nearly 80 percent of Americans are unhappy with them. The Republican-controlled House and Democratic-led Senate have set record lows for production and record highs for dysfunction.

Partisanship and election-year politics have left a drought-stricken nation wondering if new help will ever come and the U.S. Postal Service uncertain about its solvency. Some $110 billion in automatic, across-the-board cuts are due to hit military and domestic programs on Jan. 2, yet no bipartisan solution is in sight or even under discussion by those who really matter.

At the same time, President George W. Bush-era tax cuts for all Americans expire, threatening to send a sluggish economy right back into recession.

The standoff is what happens when a bitterly divided government mixes with election-year politics to throw sand in the gears of official Washington. The tea party-dominated House and a Senate controlled by Democrats struggling to keep their narrow majority in November view each other with a palpable disdain.

House Speaker John Boehner, who came to Washington in 1991, bluntly described the divide that has made consensus a rare commodity.

"The American people are probably more polarized now than any time since I've been here," the Ohio Republican told reporters. "And as a result we see that polarization reflected here in the halls of Congress. And even though both sides have some sharply different views and ideologies, our job is still to find the common ground."

But common ground is scarce. This is a Congress that can't do the big stuff while even the small stuff, such as a one-year extension of student loan subsidies passed in June, makes them sweat.

Congress stumbled out of Washington for a five-week vacation one day early on Thursday on a typical note: a GOP filibuster in the Senate of a bipartisan cybersecurity bill and the House's abandonment of a one-year extension, as Republican leaders had planned, of food and farm policy.

More broadly, just 151 laws have been enacted in 19 months; more than two dozen of them were to rename post offices and courthouses, or add individuals to the Smithsonian board.

By comparison, the previous Congress enacted 383 laws with President Barack Obama in the White House and Democrats controlling Capitol Hill. Even in 2007-08, when Republican Bush was president and Democrats ran Congress, 460 laws were enacted.

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Aubrey Marks, left, watches Jordan Allen, center, as he helps student Casey Eirhstaedt, right, register to vote at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Fla.

Could tougher voting laws squelch the youth vote?

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Gone are the days when young voters weren't taken seriously. In 2008, they helped propel Barack Obama into the Oval Office, supporting him by a 2-1 margin.

But that higher profile also has landed them in the middle of the debate over some state laws that regulate voter registration and how people identify themselves at the polls.

Since the last election, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Wisconsin and Texas and other states have tried to limit or ban the use of student IDs as voter identification. In Florida, lawmakers tried to limit "third party" organizations, including student groups, from registering new voters.

Proponents of voter ID and registration laws said the laws are intended to combat voter fraud. The intent, they say, is to make sure people who are voting are who they say they are and have the right to vote.

"In this day and age, nothing could be more rational than requiring a photo ID when voters come to the polls," Pennsylvania's senior deputy attorney general, Patrick Cawley, said recently when defending the state's new law in court.

Others see these efforts as attempts to squelch the aspirations of the budding young voting bloc and other groups, and they're using that claim to try to get more young people fired up.

"You think your vote doesn't matter? Then why are they trying so hard to take it away from you?" asked Heather Smith, president of Rock the Vote, a group that works to register young voters. "It does demonstrate the power they have."

Smith notes that it's not just an issue for college students. She was teaching a civics class for graduating seniors at an inner-city high school in Philadelphia this spring and asked how many among them had driver's licenses that could be used, if the Pennsylvania law requiring a photo ID to vote were to survive the legal challenge.

"They looked at me like I had two heads," she said. Only two students in the room of 200 raised a hand; few of the students had cars. These are the sort of stories that have led some students to get involved, particularly on college campuses.

In Florida, Rock The Vote joined with the League of Women Voters to challenge restrictions on "third party" voter registration. A federal judge said last spring that many of the restrictions made it too difficult for legitimate voter registration organizations to do their work. During the fight, students at the University of Central Florida placed ironing boards around campus, a symbol that they were "pressing the issue."

Obama turns 51, plays golf, heads to Camp David

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama celebrated his 51st birthday Saturday with a round of golf and a quiet weekend at Camp David, taking a break from campaigning three months before Election Day.

Obama, wearing a white golf shirt, khaki pants and sunglasses, boarded Marine One at Andrews Air Force Base after about six hours on the golf course before heading to Camp David. He was joined by a small group of friends and aides that included White House chef Sam Kass, a frequent golf partner.

He returns to campaign mode soon enough, with fundraisers in Connecticut on Monday and campaign rallies in Colorado on Wednesday and Thursday.

Next weekend, Obama will hold several birthday-themed fundraisers in Chicago, including one at his family's South Side home. Obama's campaign used the event to drum up small-dollar donations before the end of the July fundraising deadline, offering two lucky winners the chance to attend the fundraiser at Obama's red brick home.

In an email to supporters last month, Obama warned that his birthday "could be the last one I celebrate as president of the United States, but that's not up to me — it's up to you." Obama's team has said he could be outspent by Republicans and GOP candidate Mitt Romney.

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Sen. Reid presses issue of Romney's income taxes

By Seema Mehta
Los Angeles Times

NORTH LAS VEGAS, Nev. — The issue of how much Mitt Romney has paid in taxes in recent years continued to hound the presumptive Republican presidential nominee on Friday, with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid continuing to push anonymous claims that Romney had not paid taxes for years.

"The other day, I said that I'd been told by a very credible source that Mitt Romney hadn't paid taxes for 10 years. Gov. Romney got upset. But, you know what? I'm not backing down," Reid wrote in an email to supporters. "I'm not backing down because, when you run for President, you should be an open book. I'm not backing down because Mitt Romney is hiding something — and the American people deserve to know what it is."

Romney, campaigning in North Las Vegas, shot back at Reid that he needed to reveal his source.

"Harry Reid really has to put up or shut up, all right?" Romney said when asked by reporters about Reid's allegation. "So Harry, who are your sources? Let's have Harry explain who that is. And by the way Harry, I understand what you're trying to do. You're trying to deflect the fact the jobs numbers are bad, that Americans are out of work and you're trying to throw everything up on a screen that will grab attention away from the fact the policies of the White House haven't worked to put Americans to work."

Romney was adamant that he had paid taxes.

"Let me also say categorically, I have paid taxes every year, and a lot of taxes. A lot of taxes," Romney said. "So Harry is simply wrong, and that's why I'm so anxious for him to give us the names of the people who have put this forward. I wouldn't be at all surprised to hear the names are people from the White House or the Obama campaign or who knows where they're coming from."

Romney argued that attacks such as Reid's were not only patently false, but also took away from what ought to be a substantive discussion about the nation's future.

"When (President Obama) called me and I became the presumptive Republican nominee, he said, 'You know, this is going to be an important campaign on the direction of the country and a debate for the direction of the country.' I had hoped this would be a debate for the direction of the country," Romney said. "What we're seeing instead is one attack after the other, misleading, false attacks."

Reid argued that Romney could easily put the matter to rest by releasing additional tax returns, pledged to not drop the matter and called Romney the most secretive presidential nominee since Richard Nixon.

"Romney seems to think he's above the basic level of transparency and openness that every presidential candidate has lived up to since his father set the standard in 1968. Thumbing your nose at the people you're asking to vote for you won't fly in Nevada, just like it won't fly in the rest of the country," he said.

Romney replied that he has already released financial disclosure statements since 2002 and his return for 2010, and he would release his 2011 return as soon as it was prepared.

"I've already learned from Harry Reid's action and others that people on the other side of the aisle will try and go through anything we give them to distort it, to turn it into something that it does not say and to try to make political fodder out of it, and I'm following the precedent set by the last presidential candidate of our party, John McCain," Romney said.

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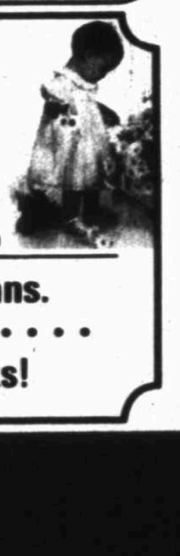

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NASA spacecraft speeding toward a landing on Mars

Associated Press

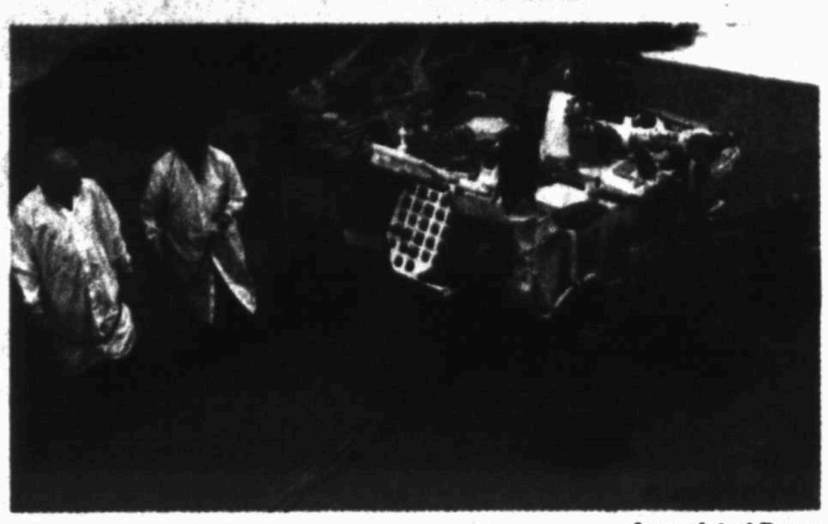
PASADENA, Calif. — After an 8 1/2-month voyage through space, NASA's souped-up Mars spacecraft zoomed toward the red planet for what the agency hopes will be an epic touchdown.

The fiery punch through the tenuous Martian atmosphere at 13,000 mph tonight will mark the beginning of "seven minutes of terror" as the Curiosity rover aims for a bull's-eye landing inside a massive crater near the equator.

The latest landing attempt is more nerve-racking than in the past because NASA is testing out a new routine. Curiosity will steer itself part of the way and end on a dramatic note: Dangling by cables until its six wheels touch the ground.

That's the plan at least.

"Can we do this? Yeah, I think we can do this. I'm confident," Doug McCuistion, head of the Mars exploration program at NASA headquarters, said Saturday. "We have the A-plus team on this. They've done everything possible to ensure success, but that risk still exists."



Associated Press

Engineers work on a model of the Mars rover Curiosity at the Spacecraft Assembly Facility at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., on Thursday. After traveling 8 1/2 months and 352 million miles, Curiosity will attempt a landing on Mars tonight.

Despite humanity's fascination with Mars, the track record for landing on it is less than stellar. Out of the 14 attempts by space agencies around the world to touch down on Earth's neighbor, only six have succeeded. NASA has fared better — with only one failure out of seven tries.

In keeping with a decades-old tradition, peanuts will be passed around the mission control room at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory for good luck.

NASA will need it. The $2.5 billion mission comes as the space agency faces a financial crunch. It abandoned a partnership with the European Space Agency to send missions in 2016 and 2018 and, instead, is charting a new future for Mars exploration.

For now, NASA is counting on Curiosity to nail the landing.

"We're now right on target to fly through the eye of the needle" at the top of the Martian atmosphere, said mission manager Arthur Amador.

Earlier in the week, a dust storm swirling to the south of the landing site gave the team some pause. Ashwin Vasavada, the mission's deputy project scientist and Mars weather forecaster, said the storm basically went "poof" and posed no threat.

"Mars appears to be cooperating very nicely with us. We expect good weather for landing Sunday night," he said.

As Curiosity plummets to the surface, it will rely on the precisely choreographed use of a heat shield and supersonic parachute to slow its descent.

Less than a mile from the ground, the hovering spacecraft will unspool cables to lower the rover.

Because of the signal time lag between Mars and Earth (it takes about 14 minutes for a signal on Mars to zip to Earth), Curiosity will execute the landing autonomously, following the half a million lines of computer code designed by Earthlings.

Touchdown is set for 12:31 a.m. CDT. NASA warned that spotty communication during landing could delay confirmation for several hours or even days.

If successful, Curiosity will join another roving spacecraft, Opportunity, which has been exploring Mars since 2004.

Before Curiosity can further explore, it must first stick the landing. Weighing nearly 2,000 pounds, it is much heavier than Opportunity and can't bounce to a stop swaddled in air bags; it would break apart if it did. So engineers devised a new trick. Today will be the first time that the novel landing routine will make its debut.

Engineer Steve Sell said his eyes will be glued to his computer screen on landing day.

"I just have to keep reminding myself to keep breathing," Sell said.

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Opinion

Football opens camp facing serious issues

■ Players are sacrificing their retirement years to feed America's addiction to the battles on the gridiron.

GEORGE WILL
Washington Post Writers Group

Are you ready for some football? First, however, are you ready for some autopsies?

The opening of the NFL training camps coincided with the closing of the investigation into the April suicide by gunshot of Ray Easterling, 62, an eight-season NFL safety in the 1970s. The autopsy found moderately severe chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), progressive damage to the brain associated with repeated blows to the head. CTE was identified as a major cause of Easterling's depression and dementia.

In February 2011, Dave Duerson, 50, an 11-year NFL safety, committed suicide by shooting himself in the chest to spare his brain tissue for research, which has found evidence of CTE. Brain tissue of 20-season linebacker Junior Seau, who was 43 when he killed himself the same way in May, is being studied. The NFL launched a mental health hotline developed and operated with the assistance of specialists in suicide prevention.

Football is bigger than ever, in several senses. Bear Bryant's 1966 undefeated Alabama team had only 19 players who weighed more than 200 pounds. The heaviest weighed 223. The linemen averaged 194. The quarterback weighed 177. Today, many high school teams are much bigger. In 1980, only three NFL players weighed 300 or more pounds. In 2011, according to pro-football-reference.com, there were 352, including three 350-pounders. Thirty-one of the NFL's 32 offensive lines averaged more than 300.

Various unsurprising studies indicate that among linemen high early mortality rates resulted from cardiovascular disease. For all players who play five or more years, life expectancy is less than 60; for linemen, it is much less.

After 20 years of caring for her husband, Easterling's widow is one of more than 3,000 plaintiffs — former players, spouses, relatives — in a lawsuit charging that the NFL inadequately acted on knowledge it had, or should have had, about hazards such as CTE. We are, however, rapidly reaching the point where playing football is like smoking cigarettes: The risks are well-known.

Not that this has prevented smokers from successfully suing tobacco companies. But, then, smoking is an addiction. Football is just an increasingly guilty pleasure. Might Americans someday feel as queasy enjoying it as sensible people now do watching boxing and wondering how the nation was once enamored of a sport the *point* of which is brain trauma?

That is unlikely. Degenerate prize fighting, or prize fighting for degenerates — called mixed martial arts or "ultimate fighting" — is booming.

Still, football has bigger long-term problems than lawsuits. Football is entertainment in which the audience is expected to delight in gladiatorial action that a growing portion of the audience knows may cause the players degenerative brain disease. Not even football fans, a tribe not known for savoring nuance, can forever block that fact from their excited brains.

Furthermore, in this age of bubble-wrapped children, when parents put helmets on wee tricycle riders, many children are going to be steered away from youth football, diverting the flow of talent to the benefit of other sports.

In the NFL, especially, football is increasingly a spectacle, a game surrounded by manufactured frenzy, on the grass and in the increasingly unpleasant ambiance of the fans in the stands. Football on the field is a three-hour adrenaline-and-testosterone bath. For all its occasional elegance and beauty, it is basically violence for, among other purposes, inflicting intimidating pain. (Seau said his job was "to inflict pain on my opponent and have him quit.") The New Orleans Saints' "bounty" system of cash payments to players who knocked opposing players out of games crossed a line distinguishing the essence of the game from the perversion of it. This is, however, an increasingly faint line.

Decades ago, this column lightheartedly called football a mistake because it combines two of the worst features of American life — violence, punctuated by committee meetings, which football calls huddles. Now, however, accumulating evidence about new understandings of the human body — the brain, especially, but not exclusively — compel the conclusion that football is a mistake because the body is not built to absorb, and cannot be adequately modified by training or protected by equipment to absorb, the game's kinetic energies.

After 18 people died playing football in 1905, even President Theodore Roosevelt, who loved war and gore generally, flinched and forced some rules changes. Today, however, the problem is not the rules; it is the fiction that football can be fixed and still resemble the game fans relish.

OUR VIEW

Senate needs to follow House's lead on tax rates

We commend the U.S. House for voting to extend the Bush-era tax cuts for one year. It was a smart move for our nation. But we realize that it takes two to tango in Washington, so we now ask the Senate to follow suit and give the struggling economy a chance to flourish.

The House's measure is far different than the Senate version. The House thankfully voted down the Senate version that would limit tax cuts to those making $250,000 or less. Democrats do not want to back off a tax increase for at least some Americans, even to the point that if Congress fails to act, everyone will automatically see a tax increase.

Republicans have maintained all along that to tax only the richest of Americans will hurt the chances of America escaping the clutches of a sluggish economy.

Midland's representative, U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, said elected officials are creating a climate that makes it difficult for business leaders to plan for expansion. We couldn't agree more.

In the nation's current economic state, Congress should work to create jobs. We view the Senate's stance as going against the goal this nation should be working toward.

It is unconscionable in our opinion to pass legislation that is to the detriment of creating jobs. We hope the Senate will adopt a more realistic approach before the end of the year.

We doubt that either the House or Senate will allow all the tax cuts to expire. The Obama administration previously extended the Bush tax cuts. This is not new territory, even for the Democrats. The House already has taken the right step, and we hope the Senate follows, even if it postpones the decision until the December deadline.

However, we would like to see the Senate act quicker now that the House has shown a clear direction on the issue. This is a first critical step toward putting the U.S. economy back on track. The next step is to cut federal spending. Deficit spending is not sustainable and is placing our national interests on tenuous ground. Just like Europe, we are not immune from a debt crisis.

We need to get our business in order, and the Senate needs to help start that process by extending the current tax rates for all Americans.

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Texas' rising star to address Dems

■ San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro will become the first Latino to give a keynote speech at the Democratic convention.

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

Now that San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro has been chosen to give the keynote speech at next month's Democratic National Convention, I wanted to hear what he plans to do with this incredible opportunity.

Castro told me he intends to tell his story along with his family's story and explain how both are just an extension of something bigger.

"The Latino community's American story is the story of all immigrant groups," he said. "And there is a lot of celebration there and hope for the future. There's no question that we've made a lot of progress, and we need to see the glass as half full."

The Democratic National Committee and President Obama's re-election campaign both want an inspirational speech to remind the base that there is still hope for change. They're likely to get one from Castro. Meanwhile, the 35,000 Democratic faithful who cram into the Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte, N.C., will be hungry for partisan red meat, and they're sure to get that, too.

"I hope to make clear the choice that folks have in front of them in this election between continuing to move in the right direction and investing in what it takes to create opportunity for all Americans versus what I see as going backward to what got us these problems in the first place," Castro said.

How about that? The official program hasn't even been printed yet, and the headliner is already on message.

I've known Castro for eight years and consider him a close friend. One of our favorite topics of conversation is Latino political empowerment. I asked how his selection as the first Latino to give a keynote speech at the Democratic convention advanced that goal.

"It's one more indicator of how important the Latino community is to the future of America, not just electorally but in every sense, economically, socially," he said. "It's one more reminder of how important the Latino community is to the United States and how seriously President Obama takes it."

Castro is one of the co-chairs of the Obama re-election campaign, and we're likely to see him on the stump with the president this fall. And so I asked what does he think Obama makes of the Latino community?

"I'm convinced that he has a very warm sense of Latinos," he said. "His past work includes work within the Latino community in Chicago. I get the sense that he's comfortable with the Latino community and he genuinely wants to listen."

That's funny. The sense I get is that Obama doesn't like to listen to criticism. And, in the last 3½ years, I've piled on plenty of it over his heavy-handed immigration policies.

"I know that you and I probably have a different view of it," Castro said. "But I believe that (Obama) has been the most effective advocate that Latinos have had in the White House when you actually look at policy. The fact that 9 million more Latinos are going to have health care coverage, that's a huge issue. On immigration, I know there has been criticism for the issue of deportation. But he has put policies in place that are sensitive to the life that an immigrant has led in the United States by prioritizing the removal of people with criminal backgrounds."

Meanwhile, I noted it doesn't hurt the Democrats' cause that the alternative is so unappealing.

"It's clear that the Latino community has significant reservations about Mitt Romney because he has embraced far right policies on immigration and aligned himself with folks ... who have not been friends of the Latino community," he said.

Personally, I was curious about what Castro thought a historic breakthrough like this meant to his mother, Rosie, who was an activist in the Raza Unida Party in the 1970s and who raised twins who pursued careers in politics. Julian's brother, Joaquin, is a Texas state representative who seems a shoo-in to win the race for a new congressional seat.

"I hope she's proud," Castro said. "The folks in that generation worked very hard so that future generations could realize our dreams. And so for her to see that the dream she had for her family and the United States is coming true thanks to the accomplishments of her sons, that feels very good to me."

Me, too. And, I imagine, it also will feel pretty good to the millions of Americans who will soon get their first glimpse of Julian Castro. It won't be their last.

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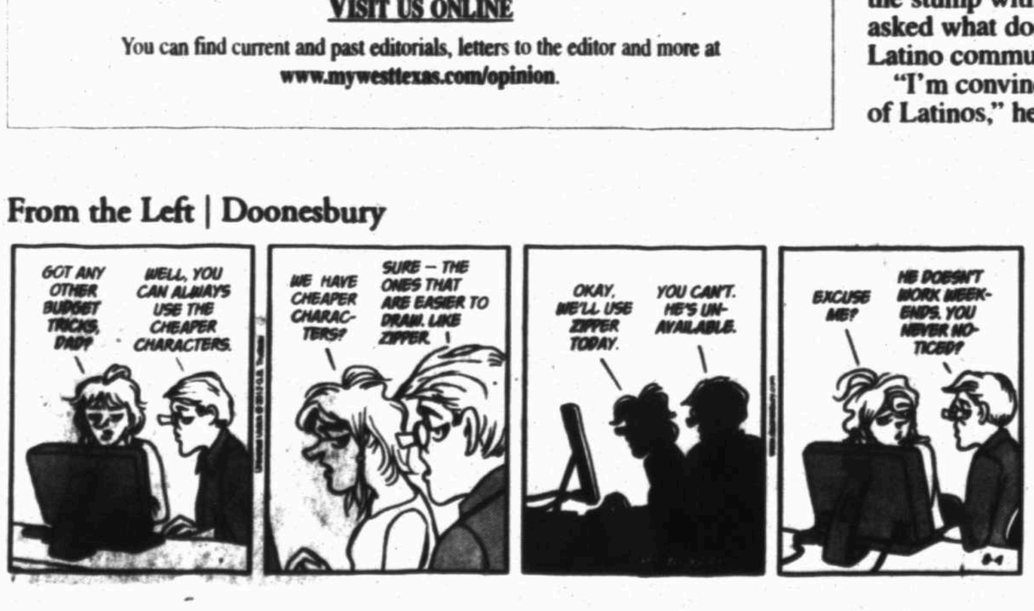

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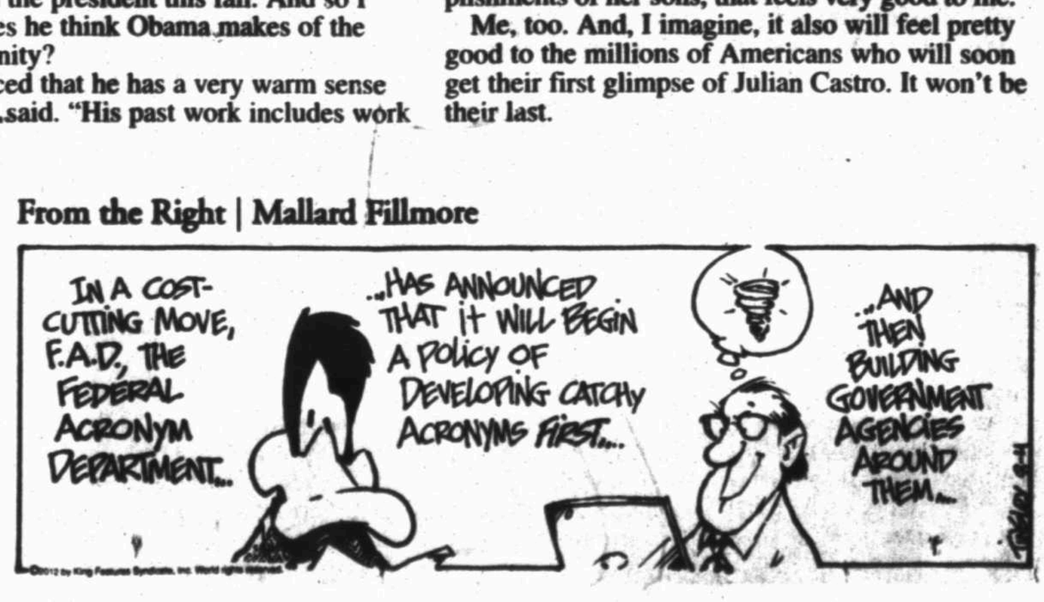


LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Midland Animal Services deserves more money

I adopted a dachshund with two different colored eyes from Midland Animal Services on May 22. The dog was very ill the day he was eligible for adoption. That is not MAS' fault, he was picked up off a Midland street in terrible condition, with abscessed teeth and barely able to walk because of malnutrition. I want them to know that after antibiotics, having five teeth pulled and regular meals, he's doing fine now.

I'm writing because I've read several letters over the years that criticized MAS, but after my experience with them I have to say these people are doing the best they can with what they have. They were very nice to me as I flip-flopped with myself over whether I wanted to take on this dog who was a mess. I asked them if it was OK for me to bring my two dogs to meet this one to see if they would accept him. I was told not only can I do that, but they strongly encourage it. I was surprised by that because I've heard so much criticism directed at them. Well, I did that; it turns out that adopting him was worth it.

My gut feeling when I was finished dealing with MAS is that they are woefully underfunded. They need more staff, they need a larger facility. I wonder, with all the taxes we pay, all the money in this town with rampant price gouging on housing, why can't more money be directed toward MAS?

Jan McArthur

Animals deserve all the compassion we can provide

One of my coworkers recently found two mixed lab pups, male and female, in a box on the side of the road. I have a great fondness for animals and brought them home with me.

The female began to vomit and exhibit diarrhea. At 10 p.m., my husband wrapped her in a towel and rushed her to a veterinarian, where I met him from another location.

The female pup had parvovirus, a deadly contagious virus. She was immediately given an IV. I called the doctor repeatedly the next day to check on her. The male dog also tested positive for parvo and was put on an IV with antibiotics.

The female pup passed away. The male pup, the smaller of the two, recovered. My husband and I decided to keep the male, and he is now a member of our family along with our other dogs.

I paid for the costly vet bills, and I live on a modest income. I gladly would do it again, though, to save these sweet creatures. It is heartbreaking such innocent animals are discarded like yesterday's old news.

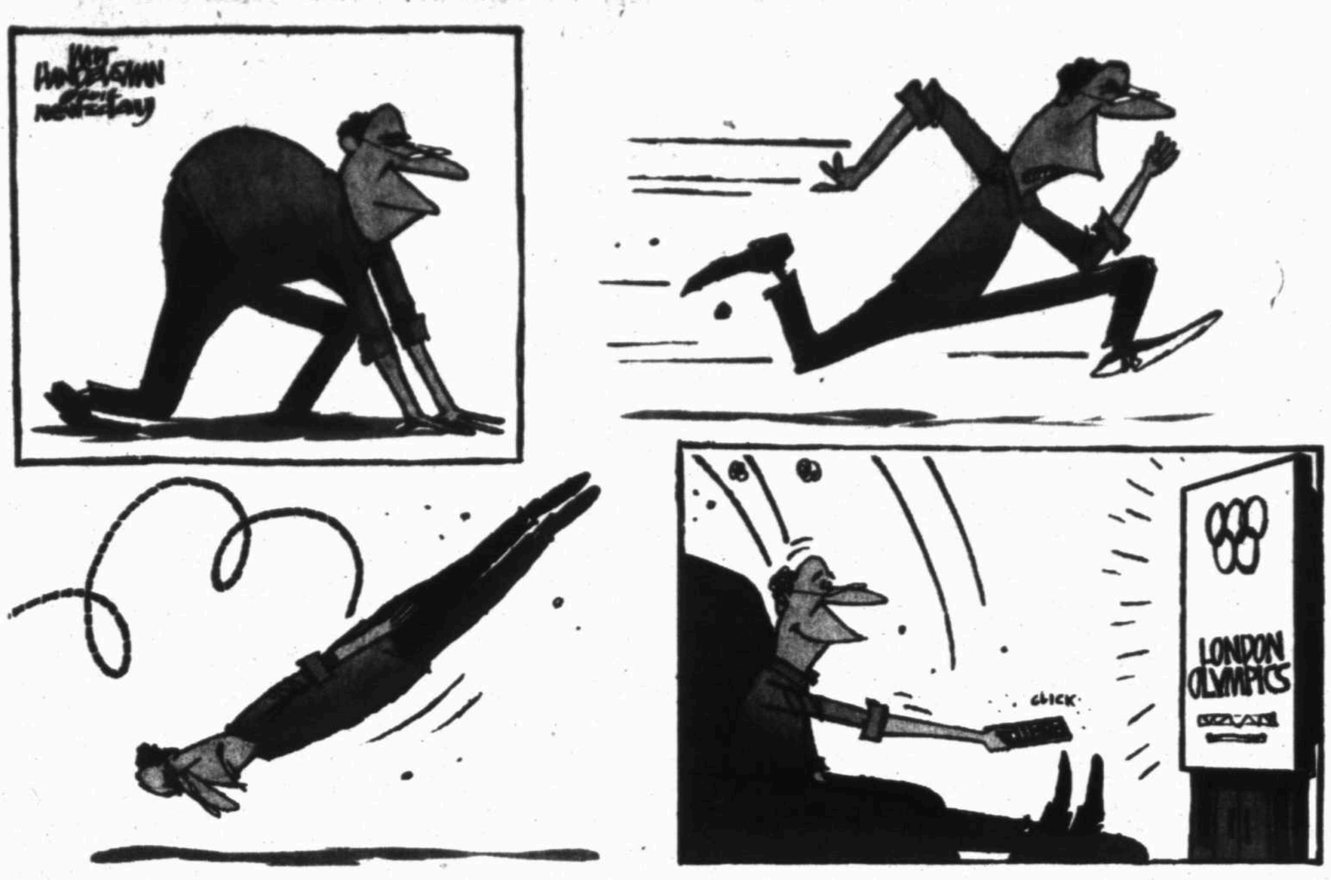
Parvovirus is a horrible disease with bloody diarrhea and vomiting. It takes one yearly inoculation to prevent this life-threatening affliction. Dogs need protection, and pet owners must realize how crucial it is for their furry companions, as well as rescue animals, to be inoculated.

Animals are abandoned at an alarming rate in Midland and elsewhere. We, as human beings, are compassionate and need to take a more active role in the care of our animal companions, whether pets or strays on the street.

I wish to thank Lone Star, Animal Control and PetSmart, organizations that provide a way for animals to have a happy life. I also thank my husband, who has a fondness for animals similar to mine, for his compassion and care.

I urge all pet owners to have their furry companions inoculated against parvovirus and other deadly canine diseases. I also hope we can show more compassion to our animal friends and give them the lives they deserve.

Kim Rhodes



Affordable Care Act should go by different name

This so-called Affordable Care Act should be called the Unaffordable Care Act or the Obamanation Act. Anyone who thinks the cost of health care will go down is living in the Land of Oz.

Ask the doctors; they're probably the only ones who have read the 2,500 pages that make up this mystery. We don't even know what we don't know yet. Doctors paint a pretty bleak picture of what this will cost and cause. Many will leave the profession because of the cost just to implement and conform to the law. States are considering opting out of Medicaid. What does that tell you?

Those who think Obamacare is such a good deal better take a good look at Europe. This is a first step all right, a first step toward socialism. The health care system does need to be overhauled, badly, but this is not the answer. This is a bill that was voted on by lawmakers who didn't even read it first and it's being shoved down our throats by the Supreme Court as a tax increase. Are you OK with that? Certainly I am not. Nov. 6 is rapidly approaching. Do you want the United States or do you want France? It's really not rocket science.

Chuck Henry

It's time for Midland to provide a nicer senior center

I'm proud to be a senior citizen in Midland. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a 21st century senior center? Thank you, Jan Salazar, for your letter to the editor July 29. Thank you television station KWES, Commissioner Randy Prude and Councilman Michael Trost for taking an interest in senior citizens.

My hat's off to our outstanding senior volunteers who retired from the work force and now give back to the community and who donate time, talent, energy and hope in many capacities -- like advocates for children, Meals on Wheels, Helping Hands, Citizens on Patrol, baby-sitting and many, many more. I wonder what the payroll would be if volunteers received even minimum wage?

No, we've not been put out to pasture. We are a viable part of the community. We make a contribution to our world; we realize the true meaning of life. We give back. We have life stories of perseverance without modern conveniences.

We want a senior citizen center to replace the current Midland Senior Center. In a city that is as wealthy as ours, surely we can include the seniors. Mayor Wes Perry, it saddened me to learn that you get so many complaints from people who do not want to do anything for the seniors. Hopefully, the city and/or county can provide Midland, Texas a 21st century senior center.

Kathryn L. (Kat) Copeland

Thank you to MMH, Dr. Barnett

I entered the Midland hospital July 6 for an outpatient procedure. I was impressed with the professional, loving care I received from every area of the process.

Midland can be very proud of the staff at our hospital. I find it comforting. Thank you, Dr. Barnett and staff. (Dr. Barnett and I share the same last name, but we are not related. I met him for the first time in surgery.)

Donna Dee Barnett

ELECTION NIGHT AFTERMATH

Tea party serves strong brew of candidates

■ Think the tea party is dead? Think again.

MICHAEL QUINN SULLIVAN

Texans for Fiscas Responsibility president

Maybe now we can stop writing the tea party's obituary? The 2012 election cycle has proven that, at least in Texas, the movement is alive and well.

Almost since the first tea party event, the establishment talking heads have been telling us it was a passing political fad, just the product of a vocal few. Perhaps it was in the beginning but not anymore. The tea party has matured quickly into a force which with politicians must not trifle.

Just ask the electoral cast-offs up and down the ballot. With very few exceptions, the conservative, grassroots-oriented, tea-party candidate carried the runoff.

Despite what some have claimed, the Republican primary cycle in Texas was not anti-incumbent nor was it anti-money. Many incumbents carried the day, as did many folks with money.

No, the common thread was that successful candidates made their case before the conservative base, personally and directly. They allowed themselves to be measured by their future employers, and found to be sufficient.

Not everyone picked up on this new reality. Our long-serving lieutenant governor, David Dewhurst, was convinced by his campaign team to sit at home and let campaign money do the talking. They ran a "Rose Garden" campaign at a time when voters were demanding a personal touch.

In contrast, Ted Cruz spent more than a year traveling the highways and farm-to-market roads of the Lone Star State attending tea party-led events — monthly meetings, coffees, forums and debates. It is not a stretch to say that a majority of the people who voted for Ted Cruz had met him, or someone close to them had.

But it wasn't just in showing up that connected candidates up and down the ballot to their motivated base of voters, it was in showing up with a message.

From the top of the ballot on down, voters around the state were clearly looking for candidates able to articulate an unapologetic message built on core conservative principles.

In races for the Texas Legislature, this has been brought into even tighter focus as this election cycle produced a very good night for conservatives … and a very bad one for squishy Republicans.

Indeed, politicians around the state should look carefully at state Sen. Jeff Wentworth's 2-to-1 loss at the hands of his voters to conservative activist Donna Campbell. His campaign lied about her record, values and principles while throwing the kitchen sink at her to boot. Campbell, on the other hand, personally connected with voters' values and principles.

We saw this same narrative play out in the first round of the primary, in state Senate and House races, but it was magnified Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Joe Straus has the losingest speakership team in several decades. The San Antonio moderate is watching his committee chairs fall at a rate that should give other legislators pause. Two more bit the electoral dust in the runoff, sending gasps of disbelief throughout the establishment. These are the people closest to Straus, with every advantage, and the only common denominator to their defeat was proximity to his lackluster leadership.

For the clearest sign of voter intent, look at the record of Straus-machine moderates in open-seat elections. They fell like flies, even after pulling every dirty trick from the out-dated political playbook.

In open-seat race after open-seat race, the losing Straus moderate misrepresented themselves, while lying about their opponents' background, values and principles. They used false-flag — perhaps even illegal — political action committees to spread lies and innuendos. In many races, it literally couldn't get any worse.

Yet the tea party-inspired voting base simply would not be fooled. They rejected the lies, the rumors and the nonsense, going instead with consistent conservatives who stuck honestly by their principles.

As tea-party activist JoAnn Fleming wrote on the influential Ramparts360.com website, "we aren't done yet."

Of course, the results of the tea party's dogged approach to policy-fueled politics won't be fully seen until the 2013 legislative session ends. Yet they are poised to win big as long as they keep doing what they are doing: pushing important reforms like spending limits, truth-in-budgeting, tax reductions and cuts to wasteful government.

The sign-waving rallies of the early days of the movement have gone away, but the tea party is stronger than ever. Texas' political landscape is being reshaped by voters who love their state, wanting nothing more than their liberty. And they are winning.

On same day, Cruz and Castro offer preview of battle for Hispanic voters

■ The two Texans couldn't be more different politically but their respective parties hope they will attract Hispanics for years to come.

WAYNE SLATER

Dallas Morning News

The battle lines for two very different ideas about America's political future were drawn this past week in Texas.

On the same day, Ted Cruz rode a vigorous anti-government tea party wave to win the Republican nomination for Senate and Democrats announced that San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro will be the first Hispanic keynote speaker at a national political convention.

Cruz is 41, Castro 37. Cruz is a Cuban-American whose father fled oppression to come to the U.S. Castro is the son of a 1970s La Raza firebrand who championed Chicano rights.

They are both charismatic, articulate young politicians with Ivy League credentials who are rising stars among a growing, increasingly important Latino electorate. They also represent the radically different poles that divide — and will define — our politics for the next generation.

In his victory speech Tuesday night in Houston, Cruz reiterated his vision for America: smaller government, lower taxes, less regulation, a secure border and a bullish commitment to free enterprise. It's an agenda that has made him the darling of Republican conservatives from Texas to the Washington Beltway.

If he wins the Senate seat in November, Cruz has pledged to go to Washington and "repeal every single page of Obamacare." He evinces the no compromise, no retreat, no surrender philosophy of the tea party electorate that sees government as the enemy.

"He's going to be the most visible Republican senator from a major state," said Rice University political scientist Mark Jones.

Castro is in his second term as mayor of San Antonio. He has a reputation as a pragmatist, a conciliator and supporter of public education who has proposed raising the city sales tax to fund a pre-kindergarten program.

"He is the brightest Democrat Hispanic light on the political horizon since Henry Cisneros," said Mark McKinnon, who was a political adviser to former President George W. Bush. "He could be the tip of the spear that returns Democrats to statewide office in Texas if he runs for governor."

The first week in September, Castro will step into the spotlight as the opening night keynote speaker at the Democratic National Convention. Like another Texas luminary before him, Ann Richards, the address could catapult him to national attention.

It used to be that California produced the trends and movements that define America. It's now, increasingly, the Lone Star state.

Both political parties will try to make their rising star a lure for a fast-growing Latino population. Hispanics vote disproportionately Democratic, and GOP leaders know that if the party hopes to remain viable, it will have to turn down the harsh anti-immigrant rhetoric and do a better job appealing to Hispanics.

In Texas, whites are already less than a majority. As the Hispanic population grows, Texas Democrats predict their party will end a two-decade political drought and begin winning statewide offices again, possibly as early as 2018.

Castro already has been dubbed in some circles as most likely to become the first Hispanic governor in Texas history — and maybe the first Hispanic president.

As for Cruz, he could be a significant voice in the Senate for the next 30 years or more. A path to the presidency is less clear because he was born in Canada, and the Constitution and case law appear unsettled on the matter. But there is nonetheless already talk of the White House in his future.

Three years ago, Cisneros, a former San Antonio mayor whose political rise was cut short by personal scandal, made a prediction: The first Hispanic president has already been born.

"I don't know if he or she's in elementary school or in law school or is already elected … to public office, but I believe that that person is already alive, and we're 20 years or less away," he said.

As for a name, how about these possibilities: Cruz or Castro.

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Scouts Salute: United Way of Odessa

Since 1951, the United Way of Odessa has been a leading nonprofit agency in Ector County. Because of local volunteers, staff, supporters and agencies, the United Way of Odessa has grown from a $55,000 campaign in 1951 to a more than $1.5 million campaign each year.

The original purpose of the Odessa Community Chest was to consolidate seven interested agencies under one umbrella for fundraising purposes. Each agency maintained its own board of directors and continued to serve its own particular segment of the community.

The original seven united agencies were the Boy Scouts, Ector County Girl Association, Hi-Spot Youth Center, Children's Milk Fund, Well Baby Clinic, USO and Salvation Army - which at that time did not have an Odessa corps.

Since its inception, the United Way of Odessa has continued to grow as the town has grown. Just as the name has changed over the years, so have the concepts. The principle reason for the Community Chest in those early days was to put a stop to the endless drives being conducted not only in Odessa, but throughout the nation by combining the drives into a single fundraising effort.

Now the basic concept of the United Way is service. It is the only organization in the United States dedicated solely to meeting the needs of the community through volunteer giving. The United Way of Odessa has grown to provide funding for 20 local agencies that range in services from youth development to senior and disabled adult meal service.

United Way

United Way of Odessa

On August 14, the United Way of Odessa will kick off another campaign to help fund the many programs offered by United Way program providers.

Because of their dedication to our community, the Boy Scouts salute the United Way of Odessa.

Scouting alumni wanted

The Scouting Alumni Association welcomes everyone positively and personally impacted by the Boy Scouts of America—former Scouts, family members of Scouts past and present, volunteers past and present, and the millions of Americans who benefit from Scouting in their communities every day—to join today. For more information, visit www.scouting.org/Alumni.

Longtime Scouting supporter's memory lives on through scholarship

Approximately 250 students, parents, donors and community leaders attended the 16th Annual Scholarship Dinner where 175 local students received a total of $334,051 in scholarships. Included in attendance was Jake Rittenhouse who was awarded the Frank Cowden, Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

"I was surprised to know it was Frank Cowden," said Rittenhouse. "The Cowden family is so well known and I was surprised they would choose to give a scholarship to a Boy Scout."

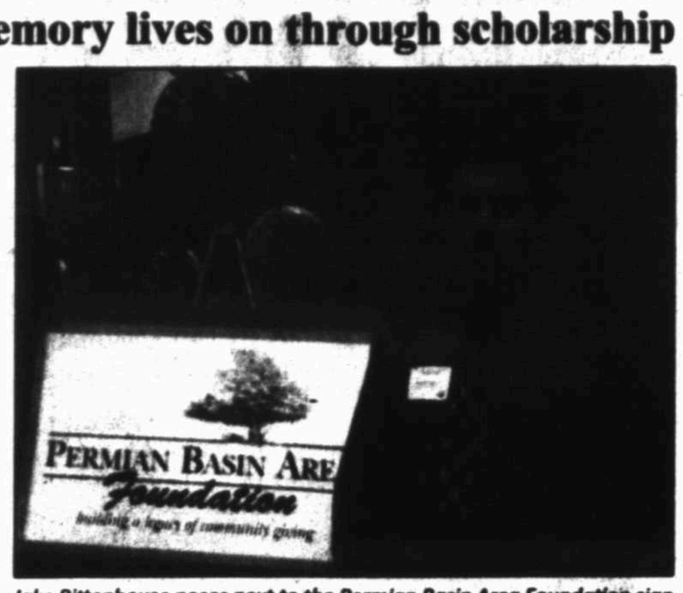
Jake Rittenhouse, an Eagle Scout from Troop 51 in Midland, received $3,000 for college to be divided equally between the fall 2012 and spring 2013 semesters. Rittenhouse plans to attend Texas Tech and major in mechanical engineering.

Rittenhouse said he has a lot of plans he would like to do once finished with college and believes mechanical engineering is a flexible degree that he can use in several different ways.

This scholarship was created by Mrs. June Cowden in memory of her husband Frank who died in 2006, and in honor of his longtime devotion to the Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America. This fund provides higher education scholarships for young men of the council who earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Rittenhouse's Eagle Scout project was building furniture for Rays of Hope. Items he created included a puppet rack that looked like a tree and his favorite piece which was a lost and found box designed like Snoopy's doghouse.

When asked why he chose Rays of Hope, he said he felt it was a great organization that helped a lot of children who are struggling with grief. He thought the organization was especially admirable since they work with children to help mend lives.



Jake Rittenhouse poses next to the Permian Basin Area Foundation sign at the 16th Annual Scholarship Dinner. Jake Rittenhouse was awarded the Frank Cowden, Jr. Memorial Scholarship.

Frank Cowden, Jr. grew up a West Texan, served our Nation in World War II, and then devoted his life to family, church, ranching, and community. His long list of community services includes being the first president of the directors of Midland Memorial Hospital, Hospital Trustee, and member of its Board of Governors. He also served on the governing boards of Midland Independent School District, Midland College Foundation, Midland Chamber of Commerce, and United Way, just to name a few. A lifelong supporter of Boy Scouts, he received the Silver Beaver Award and was the recipient of the first Distinguished Citizen's Award by the Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America. Frank loved Hereford cattle, quarter horses, and fly fishing in Colorado.

Administered by the Permian Basin Area Foundation, information and application for the Frank Cowden, Jr. Memorial Scholarship is available on their website at www.pbaf.org.

Join the Scouting Adventure this fall. Visit BeAScout.org today.

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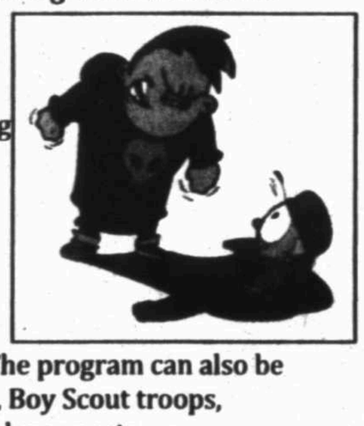
The Buffalo Trail Council will be sending representatives to your local elementary school during the months of August through October. Each school will have a recruiting sign up night. This is a great opportunity to join Scouting. If you missed your school's sign up night or you are anxious to start your journey in Scouting, you can go to BeAScout.org and join a local pack.

For boys 11 to 18 we also have Boy Scout programs as well as Venturing programs for young men and women from 14 – 21. All of these opportunities are available at BeAScout.org and through our local Scout office. Call 432-570-7601 for more information.

Character education program addresses bullying

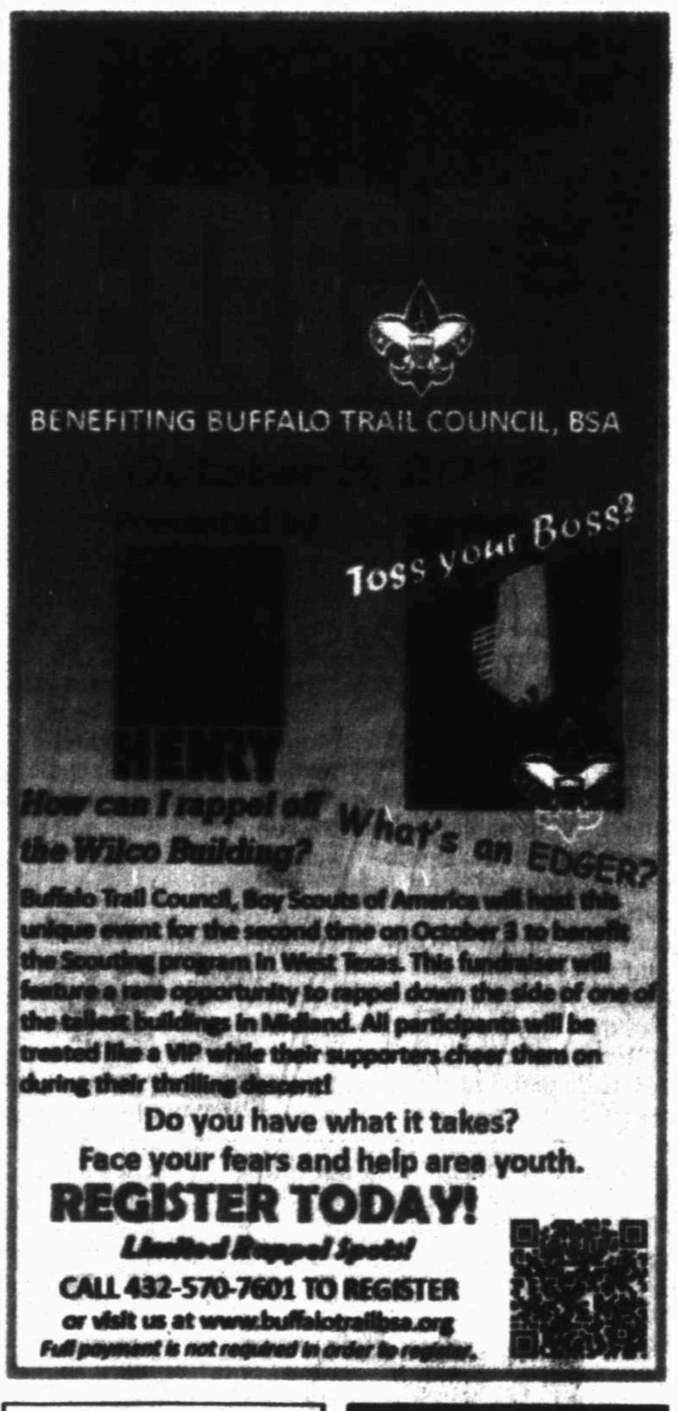
More than 30 percent of U.S. students report being bullied, with 40 percent being bullied online. In order to help schools take a proactive approach to turning this statistic around, Learning for Life, a subsidiary group of the Boy Scouts of America, has developed an anti-bullying program, which is designed for students, parents and educators. The program can also be used by Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Venturing crews and Explorer posts.



Anti-Bullying and Cyber-Intimidation Program works with school staff members, includes parent supplements and complies with state, local and federal requirements.

Harassment, Bullying & Cyber-Intimidation in Schools will discuss definitions and the personal, social, and legal ramifications associated with sexual harassment, bullying and cyber-intimidation. The course will address what is known about these troubling areas. It will then explore preventative strategies as well as how school staff can address these issues when they occur. A clear understanding of what constitutes harassment and the harmful effects of harassment on people and institutions is essential to providing a safe and inclusive school environment for all.

For more information about the Anti-Bullying and Cyber-Intimidation program or Learning for Life, contact Karl Boroski at 432-570-7601. Information video trailers are located on the Learning for Life website (learning.learningforlife.org/digital-programs/abc/).



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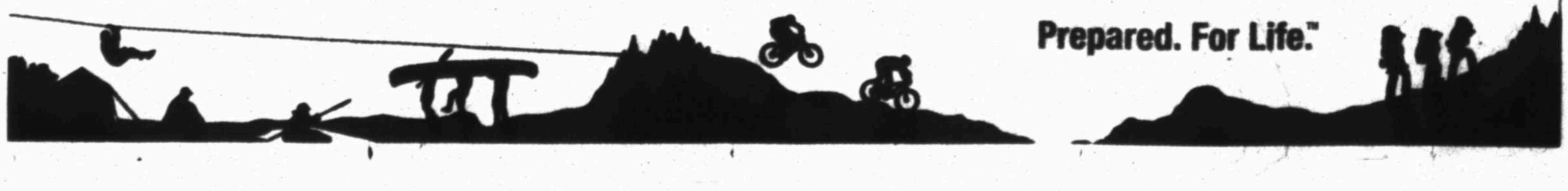

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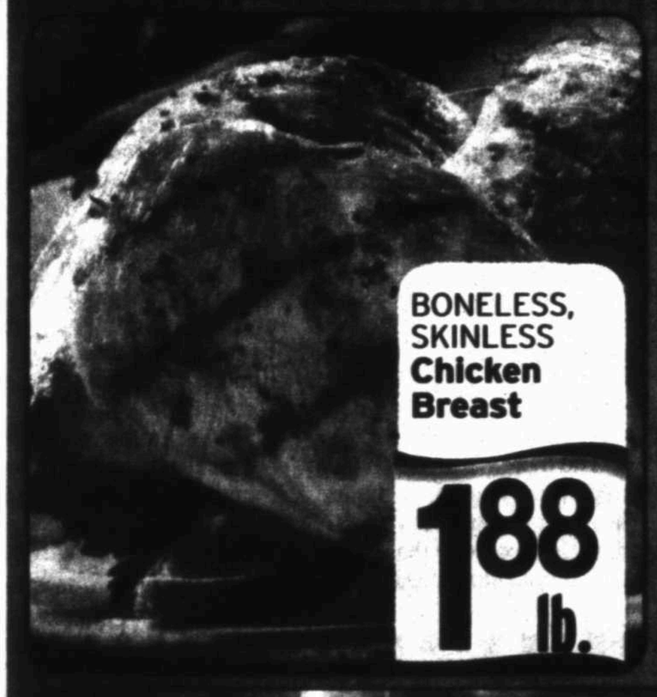

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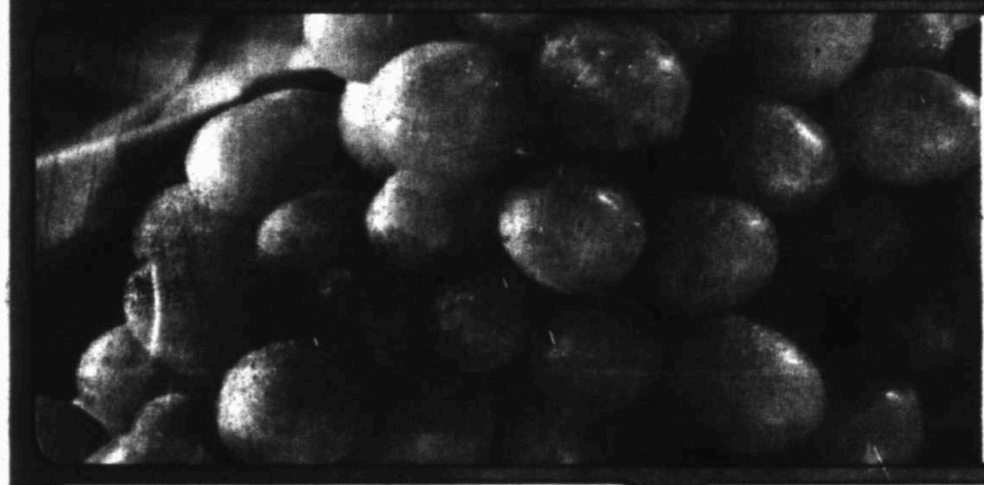

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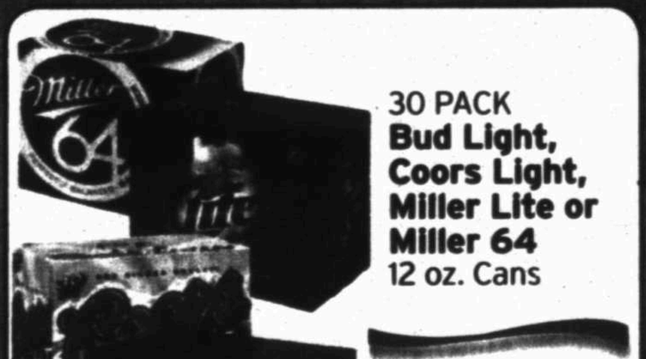

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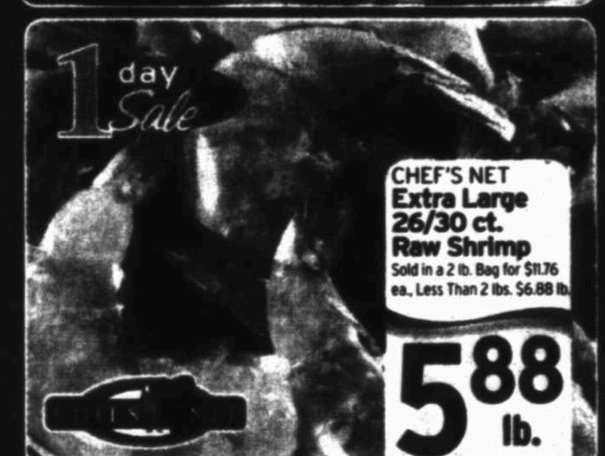

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Monday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 100, a low around 75 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 99 and a low around 75.

The high on Saturday reached 101 while the low dropped to 76. The record high for Aug. 4 is 104 set in 2003. The record low is 61 set in 1973.

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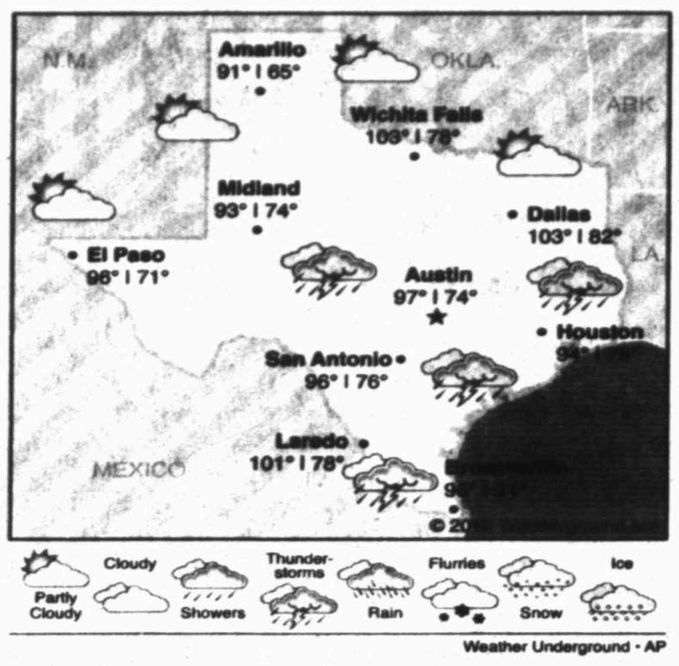
A potent cold front moving into warm and humid air from the Northeast to the mid-Atlantic will aid in the development of widespread thunderstorms from the interior Northeast into the Ohio Valley today. Damaging winds and heavy downpours will be the primary threat from these storms.

High pressure off the Atlantic Seaboard will continue to push hot and humid air into the Southeast. Thunderstorms will occur mainly in the afternoon as this moist air mass moves west from the Carolinas and Georgia into the lower Mississippi Valley.



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Total for year	5.96 in.
Normal total (year to date)	8.12 in.

Saturday's temperatures

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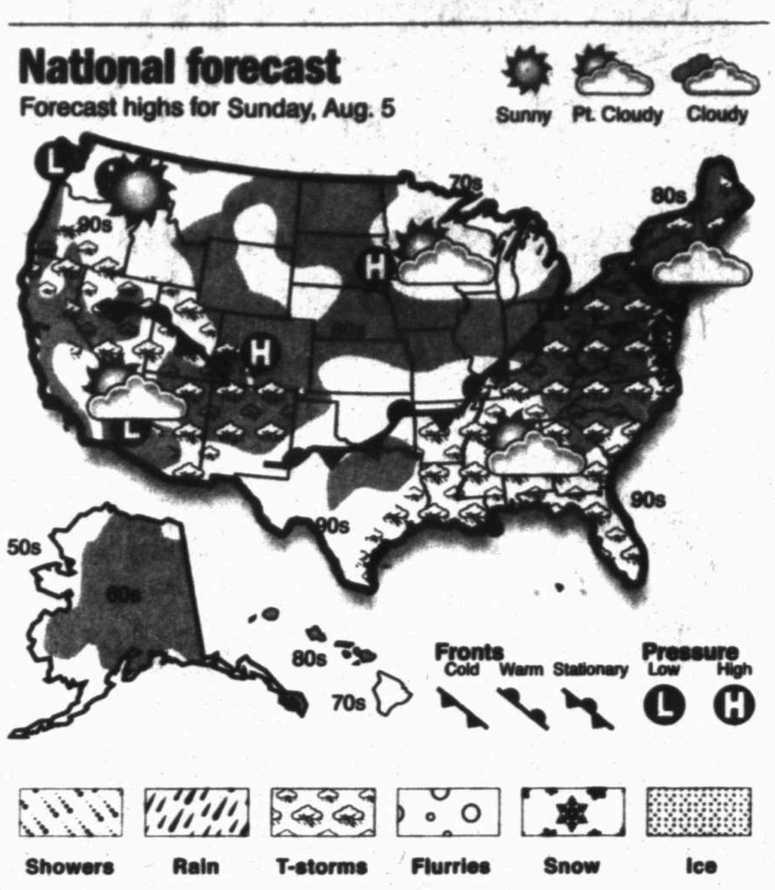

New study links current events to climate change

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The relentless, weather-gone-crazy type of heat that has blistered the United States and other parts of the world in recent years is so rare that it can't be anything but man-made global warming, says a new statistical analysis from a top government scientist.

The research by a man often called the "godfather of global warming" said that the likelihood of such temperatures occurring from the 1950s through the 1980s was rarer than 1 in 300. Now, the odds are closer to 1 in 10, according to the study by NASA scientist James Hansen. He said that statistically what's happening is not random or normal, but pure and simple climate change.

"This is not some scientific theory. We are now experiencing scientific fact," Hansen told The Associated Press.

Hansen is a scientist at NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies in New York and a professor at Columbia University. But he is also a strident activist who has called for government action to curb greenhouse gases for years. While his study was published online Saturday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, it is unlikely to sway opinion among the remaining climate change skeptics.

However, several climate scientists praised the new work.

In a blunt departure from most climate research, Hansen's study — based on statistics, not the more typical climate modeling — blames these three heat waves purely on global warming:

- Last year's devastating Texas-Oklahoma drought.
- The 2010 heat waves in Russia and the Middle East, which led to thousands of deaths.
- The 2003 European heat wave blamed for tens of thousands of deaths, especially among the elderly in France.

The analysis was written before the current drought and record-breaking temperatures that have seared much of the United States this year. But Hansen believes this, too, is another prime example of global warming at its worst.

The new research makes the case for the severity of global warming in a different way than most scientific studies and uses simple math instead of relying on complex climate models or an understanding of atmospheric physics. It also doesn't bother with the usual caveats about individual weather events having numerous causes.

The increase in the chance of extreme heat, drought and heavy downpours in certain regions is so huge that scientists should stop hemming and hawing, Hansen said. "This is happening often enough, over a big enough area that people can see it happening," he said.

Scientists have generally responded that it's impossible to say whether single events are caused by global warming, because of the influence of natural weather variability.

However, that position has been shifting in recent months, as other studies too have concluded climate change is happening right before our eyes.

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In this Aug. 6, 1945, photo released by the U.S. Army, a mushroom cloud billows about one hour after an atomic bomb was detonated above Hiroshima, western Japan. Hiroshima will mark the 67th anniversary of the atomic bombing on Monday.

Truman grandson attends Hiroshima Atomic bomb memorial service

Associated Press

TOKYO — A grandson of ex-U.S. President Harry Truman, who ordered the atomic bombings of Japan during World War II, is in Hiroshima to attend a memorial service for the victims.

Clifton Truman Daniel visited the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park on Saturday and laid a wreath for the 140,000 people killed by the Aug. 6, 1945, bombing authorized by his grandfather. Another atomic blast in Nagasaki three days later killed 70,000 more.

"I think this cenotaph says it all — to honor the dead to not forget and to make sure that we never let this happen again," Daniel said after offering a silent prayer.

Daniel, 55, is in Japan to attend ceremonies next week in Hiroshima and Nagasaki marking the 67th anniversary of the bombings. His visit, the first by a member of the Truman family, is sponsored by the peace group Sadako Legacy, named after Sadako Sasaki, an A-bomb victim who died of leukemia at age 12. While in the hospital, Sadako folded hundreds of paper cranes after hearing a legend that people who make 1,000 origami cranes can be granted a wish. Origami cranes have since become a symbol of peace.

Daniel, a former journalist, met Sadako's 71-year-old brother, Masahiro Sasaki, who survived the bombing, at a peace event in New York in 2010. They agreed to work together to deepen understanding between the two countries, which are still divided over the question of the legitimacy of the atomic attacks.

"There are other opinions, there are other points of view, and I don't think we ever finish talking about that," Daniel said after visiting a museum at the memorial. "The important thing is to keep talking, to talk about all of it."

Daniel said in a statement that he decided to visit Hiroshima and Nagasaki because he needed to know the consequences of his grandfather's decision as part of his own efforts to help achieve a nuclear-free world. He said he hoped to hear stories from survivors about how they overcame their adversity.

Daniel also is to meet with the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and participate in discussions with students.

Susumu Miura, a 78-year-old Hiroshima native, wrote in the newspaper Tokyo Shimbun that he was enraged when he learned that many Americans still support the decision to drop the atomic bombs.

"But when I heard on the news that former President Truman's grandson is visiting Hiroshima and Nagasaki, I felt as if I lost some weight from my chest," Miura wrote in an op-ed article.

The peace group also invited the grandson of a radar operator who was on both of the planes that dropped the atomic bombs.

AP file photo

In this Sept. 1, 1945, photo, then-U.S. President Harry Truman sits before a microphone at the White House in Washington, where he broadcast a message on the formal surrender of Japan.

Gunmen kidnap Iranians just outside of Syrian capital

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Gunmen snatched 47 Iranian pilgrims just outside Damascus on Saturday in a brazen attack that revealed the growing instability at the center of President Bashar Assad's power.

The abduction came as Syrian troops moved to crush one of the last rebel-dominated neighborhoods in the capital, shelling the area heavily. No group immediately claimed responsibility, although Iranian state media blamed the rebels fighting the Assad regime.

The pilgrims were on a bus taking them from the suburb of Sayeda Zeinab, about 10 miles south of Damascus, to the airport to return home when they were kidnapped, according to the Iranian state news agency, IRNA.

Mainly Shiite Iran is a close ally of the beleaguered Syrian government, which is dominated by the Alawite sect, an offshoot of Shiism. Syria has long welcomed Iranian pilgrims visiting the ornate gold-domed shrine of Sayeda Zeinab, the Prophet Muhammad's granddaughter; up to 700,000 pilgrims used to come every year, IRNA said, although the number has fallen precipitously since the 17-month uprising that has killed an estimated 19,000.

Late Saturday, Iran's semiofficial Fars news agency announced that Syrian forces had freed the hostages, but cited no source. There was no confirmation from the Syrians.

Still, the kidnapping underscores the inability of the regime, which is fighting rebels in all the major cities of the country, to even control the immediate environs of the capital city.

Just a few miles from the site of the kidnapping, regime forces encircled the southern Damascus neighborhood of Tadamon, a bastion of rebel support. Heavy explosions shook the capital Saturday, and plumes of smoke rose from the neighborhood that was attacked by regime forces the night before.

"We heard heavy bombing since dawn," a witness in Damascus told The Associated Press, asking that his name not be used for fear of his personal safety. "Helicopters are in the sky." By nightfall the state media reported the whole capital to be in government hands, but such announcements have in the past proved premature.

The kidnapping was the largest such abduction of Iranian pilgrims, although it was not the first.

In January, gunman kidnapped 11 Iranian pilgrims driving from the Turkish border to Damascus. At least two were later freed with Turkish mediation.

Seven Iranian engineers building a power plant in central Syria were kidnapped in December and the Free Syrian Army claimed responsibility.

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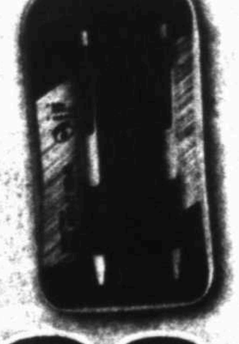

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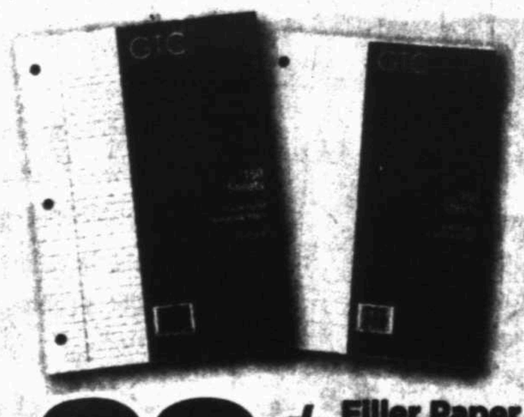

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Local & State

Education funding lawsuit set to go to trial

Attorney hopes ruling results in special legislative session to adjust funding formulas

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Texas' changing student populations and outdated funding formulas are one of many reasons Midland ISD and more than 600 Texas school districts have joined school finance lawsuits against the state education commissioner, Robert Scott.

In December, MISD joined the "Fort Bend ISD et al" lawsuit, which is represented by the Hoston-based law firm Thompson & Horton.

This lawsuit, as well as five others, have been consolidated. Travis County Judge John Dietz will hear the case by Oct. 22.

The ruling from that trial is expected to go all the way to the Texas Supreme Court for a ruling in 2013. The hope is that the Legislature will be able to call a special session in 2014 to correct the funding situation for the 2014-15 school year, according to attorney David Thompson.

"That's the fastest time table we can hope for," Thompson said. "It's ultimately up to the courts, and that means the schools will have to tighten their belts for now."

The argument in the Fort Bend case is that the funding system is unconstitutional because the Texas Constitution states: "A general diffusion of knowledge being essential to the preservation of liberties and rights of the people, it shall be the duty of the Legislature to establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools."

Thompson said the Legislature has failed to establish suitable support financially, while continuing to raise academic standards.

"We have higher standards, a growing and changing population, yet no additional funding to keep up," he said.

MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren is a vocal opponent of the current funding model and believes the Legislature needs to appropriate funds differently. Though not an opponent of accountability, Warren said districts need more resources if the educational standards continue to increase.

Thompson acknowledges it is the Legislature's right to set standards at whatever bar they want, but they must provide financial support to help the districts meet those goals.

One area the lawsuit focuses on is the review of "weights and adjustments,"

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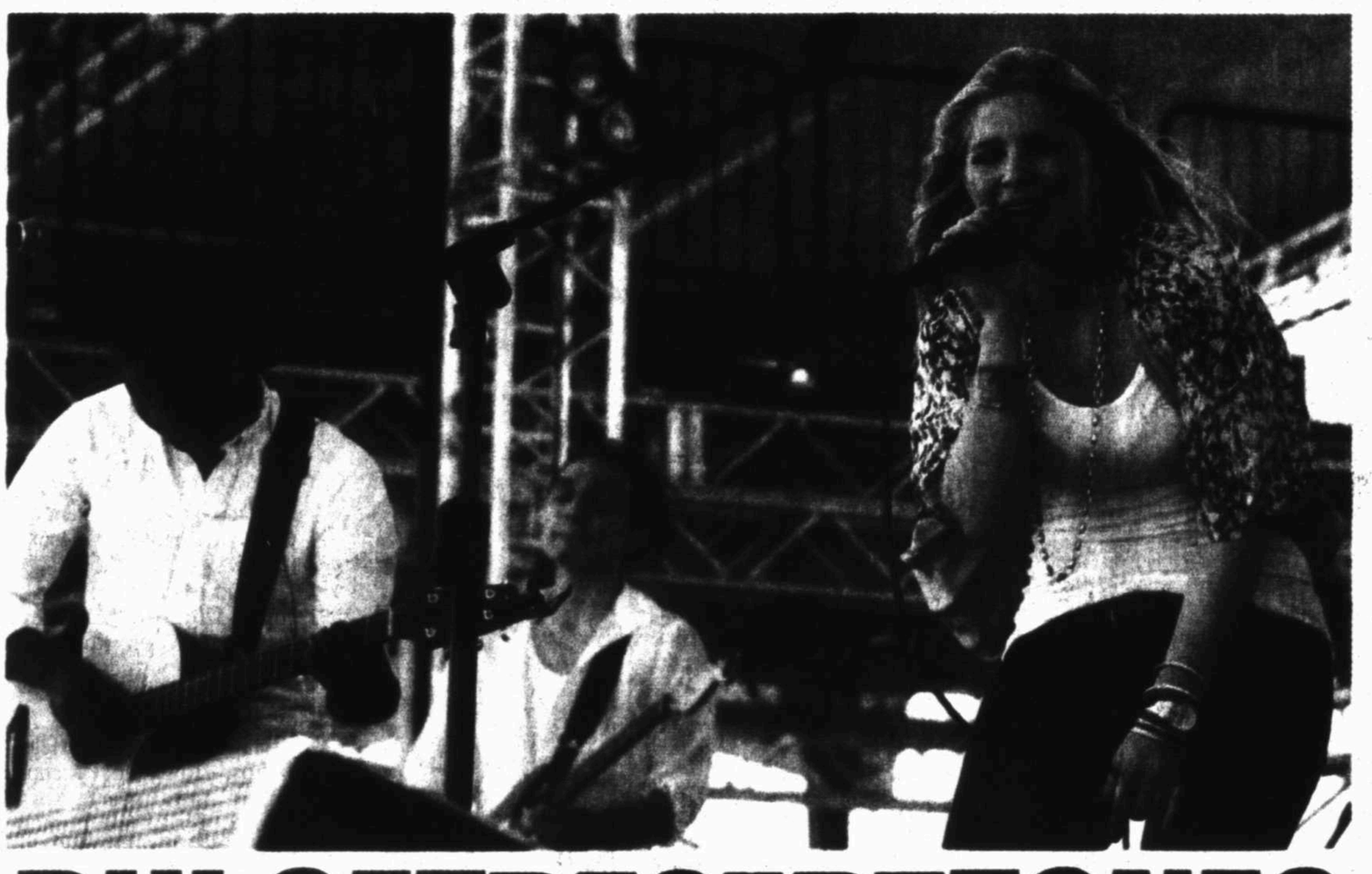

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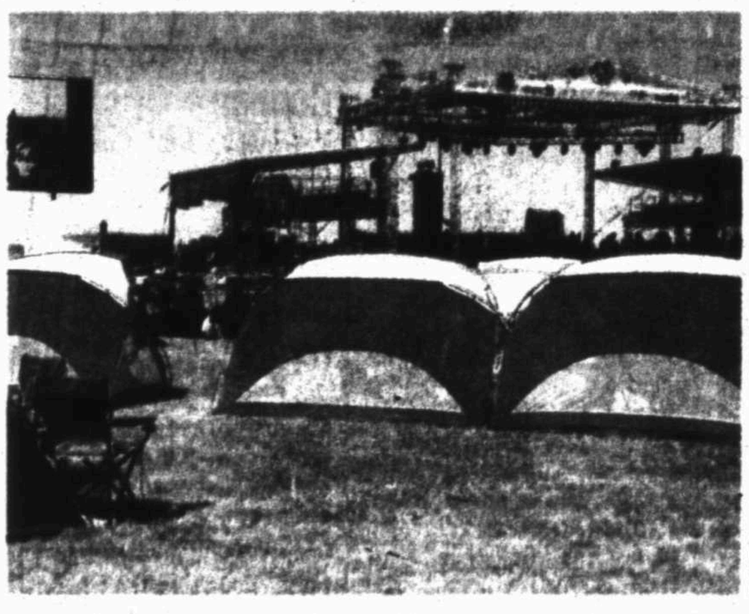

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Dara Maclean and her band perform Saturday at Rock the Desert on the main stage. Tents and umbrellas seemed to outnumber people Saturday afternoon as concertgoers tried to stay out of the sun. Members of The Advice perform in the Teen Tent.

Alpine's Gallego starts swinging in race

By Gary Martin
San Antonio Express-News

Democrat Pete Gallego wasted no time Wednesday in throwing the first punch in the fall campaign, calling Republican Rep. Francisco "Quico" Canseco an extremist for his conservative views.

Republicans immediately took aim at Gallego, a state House representative from Alpine, brandishing the newly minted Democratic nominee for the 23rd Congressional District as an "über liberal" bowing to environmental interests.

Gallego defeated former Rep. Ciro Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, in a battle for the Democratic nomination in the congressional race, winning narrowly in a runoff Tuesday.

After winning, Gallego turned his sights on Canseco, a freshman Republican who won in 2010 with tea party support.

"Mr. Canseco is an extremist," Gallego said, accusing the incumbent of fueling the heightened "partisan fires" that have left Washington in gridlock.

"We are ready to elect somebody who will help put that fire out," Gallego said.

Canseco shot back, saying: "I'm not surprised that radical environmentalist Pete Gallego has already resorted to baseless name calling.

"Pete Gallego and his radical environmentalist allies believe that we must shut down energy production from Eagle Ford to the Permian Basin," Canseco said, referring to energy fields in the congressional district.

Canseco is one of a handful of Republican lawmakers considered vulnerable in the upcoming election.

Democrats need to win 25 seats to retake control of the U.S. House of Representatives.

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TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist

Olympics features crying matches for athletes and viewers

There is something about the Olympic Games that compels you to watch every day. It's more addictive than soap operas.

The wife and I have been waiting anxiously for the Olympics to start. We were in London a week before the Olympics started and saw a few of the teams arriving at Heathrow airport.

We've quickly learned that investing your time in the Olympics is hazardous to your relationship. There is just too much drama to absorb.

The Olympics started badly for the wife. First, she didn't think it was a good idea for Queen Elizabeth to be parachuting out of a helicopter on opening night. After all, the old gal is in her 80s.

Unfortunately, the first event the wife watched was cycling, and the lead rider crashed and burned by failing to make a turn and running into a fence just minutes from the finish line. He was bleeding all over, but most of the damage looked to be on his arm.

Well, the wife had fallen while riding a bike back in April and broke her elbow. This event sent her off. She identified with it a bit too much. To her, bike racing is too dangerous to be an Olympic sport. It didn't get better. It wasn't long before a rider fell off his horse in an equestrian cross-country event and got stepped on by his horse. The conclusion of this debate was that horses should not be allowed to jump tall objects.

It was early, but the Olympics were already on a downhill spiral. I even joined the wife in her misery watching the U.S. men's gymnastic team explode under pressure while performing on that detestable pommel horse.

Women's gymnastics wasn't any better. American Jordyn Wieber failed to make the all-around competition when she stepped out of bounds on the floor exercise. I didn't time it, but Jordyn must have cried openly to a grieving nation for 45 minutes. The wife did even better. She cried a good hour-and-a-half, even though two other Americans landed in the all-around.

Michael Phelps, making a bid to become the most decorated Olympian in history, didn't even place in the 400 individual medley in his first swimming event. Kerri Walsh Jennings and Misty May-Treanor lost their first game ever in

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Travel book traces trail of Texas murder and mayhem

By Allan Turner
Houston Chronicle

BUDA — Deep in the heart of Texas lurks larceny.

By 1926, workers at Buda's twice-robbed Farmers National Bank should have been wise enough to be wary. But Becky Rogers, the coquettish newspaper reporter with a lopsided grin, could charm the eagle off a silver dollar. She grilled the men about the cotton business and made them feel like the brainiest guys in town.

Rogers, though, was no newshound. She was just a University of Texas student-cum-bank robber out to pay her off her education. The "interview" ended with a pointed pistol, the theft of nearly $1,000 and the two bankers locked in their own vault.

Buda, a hamlet 15 miles south of Austin, is a key stop in T. Lindsay Baker's "Gangster Tour of Texas," a 330-page Texas A&M Press travel guide to Texas mayhem.

The book highlights the exploits of Rogers, the so-called "Flapper Bandit," as well as Galveston gambling bosses Sam and Rose Maceo, San Antonio moonshine king Lynn Stephens, and even George Barnes — better known to Depression-era Americans as "Machine Gun Kelly."

Train robbers, dope dealers and a rogue doctor who beefed up clients' sagging libidos with goat-gland implants round out the lot, along with crime summaries, maps and tips for further reading.

"I grew up hearing those stories," said Baker, a Texas history professor at Stephenville's Tarleton State University. "One of my father's uncles supposedly shaved Machine Gun Kelly. ... There were all manner of stories about Bonnie and Clyde. It's difficult to determine if the stories are true, but people definitely believed them."

Barnes, who changed his name to "George Kelly" as he gained notoriety as a bootlegger and bank robber, is best known for the kidnapping of oil tycoon Charles Urschel, a crime that brought the thug to Paradise, a tiny North Texas farm town.

Urschel was abducted at gunpoint from his Oklahoma City home on July 23, 1933, and taken to the Wise County farm owned by the gangster's father-in-law. He was freed in exchange for $200,000 in used

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Associated Press

Historian Mary Giberson, seen here on July 11, said she tells the story of a beautiful woman who tricked bankers into the vault then robbed them in Buda. Buda, a hamlet 15 miles south of Austin, is a key stop in T. Lindsay Baker's "Gangster Tour of Texas," a travel guide to Texas mayhem.

Obituaries

George N. Greer

George N. Greer, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, passed into the arms of his Heavenly Father on August 2, 2012, after a sudden illness. George was born in Richland Parish, Louisiana, on August 14, 1931, graduated from Rayville, Louisiana High School in 1949, served his country in the U.S. Air Force 1949-1953.

In 1954, George moved to Midland, Texas, and joined Dowell Division of the Dow Chemical Company. During his 30-year tenure with Dowell, he advanced from Lab Technician to Regional Chemist, taking early retirement in 1984.

Since 1985, he and his brother, Edward O. Greer, along with their spouses, have owned and operated Permian Petroleum Services, Inc., an oilfield trucking service company.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Rebecca Greer; brothers, Fulton Greer and Roy S. Greer; and brother-in-law, Al Englehart.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Sandra Greer; daughter, Pam Greer of Del Mar, California; son, Randy Greer and wife, Daphne; and cherished granddaughters, Kendall and Cameron Greer, all of Midland. He is also survived by a sister, Patsy Englehart of San Angelo, Texas; brother, Edward O. Greer and wife, Evelyn of Midland; sister-in-law, Helen Greer of Midland; brothers-in-law, Larry Roberts and wife, Cathy of Midland; and Jay Roberts and wife, Carmen of Lewisville, Texas; a special cousin, Huey Morris and wife, Sue of Jena, Louisiana; and many nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind very special friends, Roy and Chris Maskell of Midland.

There was an open visitation at Ellis Funeral Home Saturday, August 4, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and also to be on, Sunday, August 5, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A private burial service will be held by the family to be conducted by his nephew, Rev. Dan Greer of The Woodlands, TX.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Stonegate Fellowship, 6000 W. Wadley Ave. at 1:00 p.m., Monday, August 6, with the Rev. Patrick Payton and Mike Goeke officiating.

George was a longtime member of Stonegate Fellowship of Midland.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in George's memory to Stonegate Fellowship Missions or Children Ministries or a charity of their choice.

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived with God has prepared for those who love him." 1 Corinthians 2:9.

Helen Lucille Jones Churchwell

Helen Lucille Jones Churchwell passed away August 3, 2012 at the age of 64. A graduate of Midland High School, she is preceded in death by her parents Homer and Urena Smith Jones and brother Billy Jones. She is survived by her husband of 42 years Bill; 3 children, sisters Joanne Gentry and husband Jim, Shirley Fox and Fleta Lopshire and brother Clyde Jones and companion Sandy Lundberg.

Visitation will be held Sunday, August 5, 2012 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm with funeral service at 10:00 am on Monday, August 6, 2012 at Woodlawn Funeral Home, 1101 Antoine Drive, Houston, Texas 77055. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Garden of Memories. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Westbury Baptist Church, 10425 Hillcroft St., Houston, TX 77096. For more information you may visit www.woodlawnfh.com.

Joshua Shane Mitchell

July 22, 1986-August 1, 2012

Deputy Joshua Shane Mitchell of Big Lake, Texas was killed in the line of duty and went to be with the Lord on August 1, 2012 while serving as a Deputy Patrol Officer for the Reagan County Sheriff's Office. He was born on July 22, 1986 in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Josh was a true Hero and took his oath seriously. He gave his life while serving his fellow man.

Josh graduated from Reagan County High School in May of 2006. He began his duties at the RCSO while still attending high school. After graduation, he worked as a night jailer while attending Howard College and pursuing a career in Criminal Justice. He graduated from Howard College on May 11, 2007. He then attended the Concho Valley Regional Law Enforcement Academy from which he graduated May 21, 2008. At this time he began his duties as patrol officer at RCSO.

He married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Jill Matthews Mitchell on June 21, 2008. They made their home in the Stiles area.

He had a love for children and a special way of touching their lives. In January 2011 Josh began his duties as D.A.R.E. officer at RCSO. He served as the D.A.R.E. Officer until his death. He shared the danger of drugs and alcohol with the children of Big Lake.

Josh also began his duties as K-9 Officer for RCSO in January 2012. He and his trained side kick, "K-9 Officer Sherlock" worked many hours patrolling the streets of Big Lake together.

Josh served as a volunteer fire fighter for the Big Lake Volunteer Fire Department and the North Reagan County Volunteer Fire Department. Josh was named Rookie of the Year at BLVFD in 2007. Many days he served alongside his mother Cindy, who is also a volunteer fire fighter. He was passionate about serving the community he grew up in and the surrounding area.

Josh loved the outdoors. Boating, fishing, hunting, farming, and ranching are just a few of the things he loved to do in his spare time. Family and friends were always included in everything he did and loved.

He was a faithful son, grandson, brother and husband and was there for his family anytime they needed him.

He was a friend and helping hand to all.

He was a member of Community Baptist Church in Stiles where he took time out of his busy schedule to care for the lawn.

Josh is survived by his wife Jill Mitchell of Stiles; Grandparents Marvin and Betty Mitchell, Mother Cindy Mitchell, sister Jacy Mankin and her husband JL and their daughter Kenna and sister Bethany Hardison, all of Big Lake; father and mother in-law Jimmy and Linda Matthews of Stiles; brother and sister in-law Michael and Natalie Matthews of Mertzon; sister in law Julie Matthews of Stiles; many Uncles, Aunts, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and the entire staff of the RCSO, which he considered family.

Pallbearers: Sheriff Jeff Garner, Chief Deputy Jeff Weatherby, Captain Destin Wilha, Deputy Rusty Weatherby, Deputy Troy Goodloe, Deputy Pete Botello, & Deputy Matt Morris. Honorary Pallbearers: Reserve Deputy TJ Hill, Reserve Deputy Craig Chambers, Reserve Deputy Chad Armstrong, Reserve Deputy Sieth Wireman, Reserve Deputy Caleb Edwards, DPS Trooper Rob Eshleman, Texas Game Warden Matt Adams, Deputy Matt Suttle, and special friends Coby Booth, JJ Golliday, Wes Lowe and Billy Williams.

Services will be held at First Baptist Church, Big Lake, TX on Wednesday August 8, 2012 at 10:00 am. Immediately following the service a special law enforcement tribute will be held at the Reagan County Park. Graveside services will be at the Stiles Cemetery. There will be a viewing on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at First Baptist Church, Big Lake at 6:00 pm. Rev. Byron Bitner and Rev. Gerald Bastin will be officiating the services.

The family request memorials be sent to the Reagan County Sheriff's Office D.A.R.E program.

Nicole Marie Wiley

Nicole Marie Wiley, of New York, died unexpectedly following surgery Wednesday, July 18, 2012, in New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York City. Nicole was born March 19, 1976, in Aiken S. C. to John R. Wiley and Stephanie Ferrante Wiley.

Following graduation from Midland Lee High School as a National Merit Scholar, she attended Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, receiving her bachelor of arts degree cum laude, in June of 1998. She then attended Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, where she received a master of arts degree in Irish Literature. She formed her own theatre company Danse Macabre in Dublin which produced plays in Ireland and the UK. She also taught drama workshops at Trinity College. In the US, she worked in directing in California before moving to New York to pursue her dreams. She was a Methodist.

Preceding her in death were her paternal grandparents, C. R. and Lota Wiley and her maternal grandfather, Joe Ferrante.

In addition to her parents, John R. Wiley of Corolla N.C., and Stephanie Ferrante Wiley of Mesquite TX, those left to cherish her memory are her brother, Rob Wiley of Dallas, TX, her uncle, Joe Ferrante, and his wife Ann of Aptos, CA, their children, Rick and Stephanie Johnson of Scotts Valley, CA, Matt Ferrante of Los Angeles, CA, Jason Ferrante and Marissa Ferrante, both of Aptos, CA; aunt, Patricia Bettis and her husband, Ron Bettis of Mesquite, TX their daughter, Keight Bettis also of Mesquite, and uncle, John Ferrante and his wife Rene' Ferrante of Skiatook, OK and their sons, Alex, Avery and Jack Ferrante, all of Skiatook.

A memorial service is scheduled for 10 a.m. August 11, 2012, at the First Methodist Church in Fort Stockton with the Rev. Neely Landrum officiating. Burial will be in East Hill Cemetery in Fort Stockton. Arrangements are entrusted to Memorial Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Virginia Spaight

Virginia Spaight, 67, of Midland, went to be with her Lord on Friday, August 3, 2012 at Midland Memorial Hospice Inpatient Unit after a short illness. Memorial services will be on Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 1:00PM at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland.

Ginny was born on February 19, 1945 in Queens, NY. In 1961, she moved with her family to Hudson, NY. Ginny worked for the state hospital for several years. In 1969, she became Mrs. John Spaight. In 1979 the Spaights made their home in Midland, TX and became part of the community, members of Midland Lutheran Church. Ginny will be most remembered for her beautiful Soprano voice, singing in the choirs of Midland Lutheran Church and St. Luke's United Methodist Church. She also was a member of the Norman Read Chapter of the Eastern Star, Midland-Odessa Symphony Chorale and Allegro Chorale.

Ginny is survived by John, her husband of 43 years; brother, Robert Armstrong; sister, Linda Dauber; brother, Fred Stein; nephews, as well as many many saddened friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to a charity of ones choice.

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

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G. Dean Starritt

G. Dean Starritt, 84, of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, August 1, 2012.

Dean was born August 18, 1927 to John Charles Smith and Vera Josephine Gilbert in Strawn, Texas. She was raised and educated primarily in Palo Pinto County, Texas. She had a lifetime of service to Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. She was a proud member of the AFL-CIO union in CWA (Communications Workers of America) and the Telephone Pioneers.

Dean married LB "Lewis" Starritt in 1944 and they remained married until his death in March of 1997.

She is preceded in death by her sons, Charles A. "Pete" Starritt and Marion Lynn Starritt; her sister, Johnnie Marie Smith-Bell; her brothers, Jimmy Gilbert, KG Smith and RC Smith; and her granddaughter, Shelly Moton.

She is survived by her sons, Billy Lewis Starritt and wife Anita of Azle, TX; and Randal "Scooter" Starritt and wife, Belinda of Midland, TX; her daughter, Debi Crouchman and husband, Ken of Van Alstyne, TX.

She is survived by her grandchildren: Rita Shafer, Lisa Truett, Zach Starritt, Cari Starritt-Burnett, Christi Starritt-Walker, Candi Shanks, Cindi Starritt Mughelli, Tia Heady, Jeff Starritt, Vannessa Hurst and John David Hurst. She is also survived by 23 great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and others that she would claim as her own.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 4, 2012 at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements were under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

Dean would want to be known as a loving, doting, active grandparent and great grandparent-it is how she lived her life. She was active politically in her union and as a life-long Democrat. She was known for taking care of others above herself for as long as her body allowed. She had a complete fondness for her family, friends, and fellow retirees at the telephone company. She never hid her feelings for those she loved.

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Death Notices

Urena "Judy" Loya

Urena "Judy" Loya, 80, of Big Spring, died August 3, 2012, in a local hospital. Funeral services 10:00 AM, August 6, 2012 at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Prayer vigil 7:00 PM, August 5, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Survivors: Children, Sandy Parra, Octavio Loya Jr., Urina Gomez, Mary Helen Quiroz, Rosalinda Ramos, Robert Loya, Cary Loya, Sammy Loya, and Sammy Lujuan; brother, Prieto Martinez; 25 grandchildren; and 31 great grandchildren.

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

William "Bill" Conner

William "Bill" Conner, of Midland, passed away Friday, August 3, 2012.

Visitation will be Monday, August 6, 2012 at Ellis Funeral Home between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Services will be held at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at the First Baptist Church of Midland. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

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Former presidential adviser McCracken dies at 96

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Paul W. McCracken, a former economic adviser to several U.S. presidents, died Friday in Ann Arbor at age 96.

McCracken was a member of President Dwight Eisenhower's Council of Economic Advisers and later chair of the council under President Richard Nixon.

Herbert Hildebrandt, a retired University of Michigan business professor and longtime friend, said Saturday he was told of the death by McCracken's daughter, Linda Langer.

McCracken was professor emeritus of business administration, economics and public policy at the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. An announcement of his death on the school's website said Nixon once wrote that during his first term, he depended on McCracken "for his incisive intellect and his hard-headed pragmatism."

"He was a key adviser during a crucial time in our nation's history," Nixon wrote in 1985.

McCracken recalled his appointment last year in an interview with the business school's alumni magazine.

"After Nixon won the election, the press started guessing who was going to get what job, and my name was mentioned as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers," he said. "A guy with the Washington Post and I had become pretty well acquainted, and he called me up and said, 'I hear your name mentioned frequently. Is it real?' I said, 'I have no idea.'"

McCracken said that Nixon called him the next day and he flew to New York to meet him. Nixon offered him the job, and he said he wanted to discuss it with his wife.

"Nixon and I talked a while longer and he said, 'You know, I have a press conference coming up in about 20 minutes, and I don't have anything to tell them. Why don't we just announce it?' What are you doing to do? So I said, 'Well, okay. I guess my wife can find out about it on the news,'" McCracken said.

Between Eisenhower and Nixon's administrations, McCracken served on a domestic economic task force under President John F. Kennedy and on the Commission on Budget Concepts for President Lyndon Johnson.

"He had great respect for Mr. Nixon, as he did for Eisenhower and the other Democratic presidents that asked him to sit on committees and give advice," Hildebrandt said.

McCracken resigned from the Council of Economic Advisers in late 1971. By that time, he and Nixon had disagreed over price and wage controls.

"I thought price controls were a bad idea for a very simple reason. You couldn't look back into history and point to a success story," McCracken said. "At the time, the president and Congress were involved in a battle in the political domain. Political battles are often more important to them than hard, solid data."

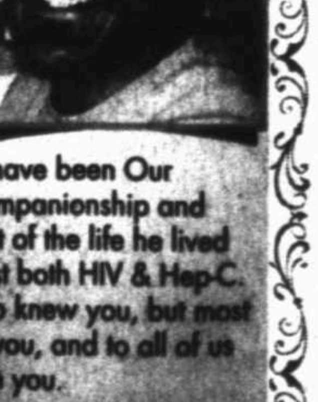
McCracken later served as senior consultant to Treasury Secretary William E. Simon in 1974 and 1975 and chaired the International Committee of Economists and the Academic Advisory Board for the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, according to the Ross School.

An Iowa native, McCracken earned his bachelor's degree from what now is William Penn University. He earned and his master's and doctorate from Harvard University.

He worked as economist and research director for the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis before affiliating with University of Michigan.

Dear friends, relatives, and past patrons: We wish to thank all of you for your calls, cards, donations, flowers, and internet messages that have encouraged us with sincere words of respect, love, and comfort. Whether it be fixing things, cooking "Love's" famous food, coaching baseball, trap or skeet, we will always remember how Dad loved using his many talents to care for and help people unconditionally. Thank you for remembering him and taking the time to share your memories with us. Sincerely, Gene Love's Family.

Oscar Paredes Jr.



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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Johnny R. Balderas, 33, of Midland, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft.

Angella L. Cook, 25, of Midland, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a prohibited substance in a correctional facility.

William T. George, 43, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana in a drug-free school zone.

Gerado A. Hernandez, 22, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of violation of parole.

Chrystal M. Hyson, 27, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana in a drug-free school zone.

Christopher R. Iglesias, 35, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Jearon C. Keith, 21, of Midland, was arrested Thursday on a charge of robbery.

Kenneth S. Payne, 35, of Midland, was arrested Thursday on a charge of aggravated robbery and arson.

Brock D. Pittman, 26, of Midland, was arrested Thursday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

John M. Martinez, 41, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of tampering with evidence.

Isaac J. Saenz, 21, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of sexual assault of a child.

Courtney L. Sauls, 30, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of distribution of a controlled substance.

Khyrea R. Schoclet, 20, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of distribution of a controlled substance.

Roy Smith, 40, of Lubbock, was arrested Thursday on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Jeffery A. Yarbrough, 45, of Gardendale, was arrested Thursday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

WILLIAMSON

From 1B

beach volleyball. That was tough on the wife, but I was wondering the whole match about how they keep sand out of those Spandex get-ups. That's got to be uncomfortable.

I never could explain to the wife why some of the teams in badminton actually were playing to lose. It seems I had the same problem back when district basketball was played in two halves when it was possible to gain a better position by losing. The public never bought into that back then, either.

A woman in fencing lost a medal with less than one second left on the clock. She cried and wouldn't leave her post. She easily beat Wieber's Olympic crying spell. The wife didn't cry much. I could tell she was toughening up to the Olympic strain. She was getting her game face on. Not even off-the-wall comments from soccer goalie and "Dancing with the Stars" star Hope Solo could leave a mark.

And then some good things happened. Phelps is now the most decorated Olympian ever. The American women's gymnastics team won gold. Danell Leyva won bronze in the men's all-around, even though he may cry now every time he sees a pommel horse.

We think we are geared for the last week of the Olympics. We have been tested, and we are hardened veterans of the Games. I'm just glad the wife and I won't be winning any gold medals.

They are priced at $25,000, and the government taxes them at up to 35 percent. That means you have to come up with cash money or sell your medal to pay the tax man.

Most of us can't afford to be an Olympian, but we can all cry and laugh with the best of them.

LAWSUIT

From 1B

which provides additional funding for students whose English-language skills are limited, who receive special education services or face other special circumstances.

"Since they don't want to lower expectations, but have the same for every kid, it may take more resources to get them all to the same point," Thompson said. "The added weights reflect the additional costs and services we provide."

He said the true cost of educating these students is not reflected in the funds districts receive.

"In some cases, these formulas have not been looked at since Ronald Reagan was president, yet the population has changed a lot," he said.

Thompson hopes the Legislature will conduct a study to review these formulas and adjust them for inflation.

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Though he had been blindfolded, Urschel provided authorities with important clues, including the taste of the water at the hideout, the variety of animals on the farm and the fact that an airplane flew over the site at specific hours. Agents located the farm, where they found Urshel's fingerprints, which he had deliberately planted throughout the building.

Barnes was arrested in Memphis, Tenn., on Sept. 26, 1933, and sentenced to life in prison, where he died in 1954.

"These crimes were absolutely tawdry," Baker said. "It's the passage of time that has given them an appealing aura."

Among the bloodiest was the case of Lynn Stephens, a San Antonio liquor retailer-turned-Prohibition bootlegger. By summer 1929, federal agents were closing in.

On Sept. 24, they raided a distillery hidden in the brush near Pleasanton, capturing two gang members. Worried the prisoners would talk, the bootlegger plotted an ambush. That night, federal agents leaving the raid site were surprised to find cars parked on a bridge on the narrow road leading to San Antonio. As they slowed, Stephens, hidden in the bushes with his gang, leaped onto the car carrying the lead agent and two arrested men and opened fire.

One agent and a bootlegger died in the battle.

The next day, agents raided Stephens' home. The bootlegger had fled, but they found the house filled with booze. As they emptied the illicit alcohol, a spark ignited a fire.

Ruben Lara, today's occupant of the restored, two-story, limestone house, said he had puzzled over burned rafters in the attic. "I thought maybe it had been something electrical," the architectural intern said. "I knew nothing of its history ... but I love it."

Stephens never was apprehended, but in 1949, the former bootlegger, broke and sick, returned to surrender. He was tried for the agent's murder, convicted and sentenced to 38 years in prison.

Closer to home, Baker examines the Maceos' booze-and-gambling mecca that flourished in Galveston for more than five decades.

Starting out as bootleggers, brothers Sam and Rose Maceo ran a series of island city nightclubs that featured gambling and top-tier entertainment. The empire's decline began in the early 1950s with the birth of Las Vegas casinos and the Maceos' deaths. Police raids in 1957, resulting in injunctions but no convictions, finished it off.

Baker directs tourists to the Hotel Galvez, where Sam Maceo worked as a barber, and the seawall site of the Balinese Room, later destroyed by Hurricane Ike.

Secretly married to a UT law student, Becky Rogers led a fairly routine life as a history student until her newly unemployed mother moved in with her. Faced with increased expenses — she was pursuing a master's degree — Rogers stepped up her part-time job. Her jumbled bookkeeping practices, which likely brought her illicit cash, cost her the position.

Inspired by a rash of highly publicized bank robberies, Rogers posed as a newspaper reporter to scope out targets in Round Rock, north of Austin. Torching a vacant house as a diversion, she ran to the bank to raise the alarm, but the employees and customers did not budge.

Then, on Dec. 11, 1926, Rogers turned her attention to Buda, again posing as a reporter working on a story about cotton prices.

"She was beautiful and they were taken with her beauty," Buda town historian Mary Giberson said. "They would have given her anything. She asked them if she could use their typewriter, then she said, 'Stick 'em up!'"

Fleeing, her car became mired in a mud hole until a farmer pulled it out. Back in Austin, she mailed her pistol and the cash to a post office box, then went to have her car cleaned. Police spotted it and arrested her.

Rogers' arson trial ended in a hung jury. Then she was convicted of robbery and sentenced to 14 years. An appeal by her attorney husband resulted in a reversal, but left open the door for renewed prosecution.

The second robbery trial ended when an impartial jury could not be seated; the third in another split jury. Authorities then dropped all charges.

"I have a lot to live down," Rogers later observed, "but not as much as those men back there who let a little girl hold them up with an empty gun."

She died in 1950.

The Buda bank closed shortly after the robbery. Today an antique shop occupies the building.

GALLEGO

From 1B

The national Democratic and Republican parties are expected to invest heavily in the 23rd Congressional District, which stretches from San Antonio to El Paso.

Gallego's campaign against Rodriguez was propelled by an advertising campaign launched by the League of Conservation Voters that attacked the former congressman's positions on traditional energy sources.

"Ciro Rodriguez lost because he is out of step with most Americans on building a clean energy future. We look forward to working with Pete Gallego in the months ahead," said Navin Nayak, the LCV senior vice president for campaigns.

Gallego won with 55 percent of the vote, taking Maverick County, which is considered a Rodriguez stronghold, and cutting into his support in Bexar County.

The Rodriguez campaign blamed the onslaught of negative advertising by the environmental group for the loss.

Energy emerged as a stark political issue that divides the two congressional candidates, as well as economic policies favored by the respective major political parties.

Immediately after the Democratic primary runoff was settled, national Democrats and Republicans attacked Canseco and Gallego.

"Congressman Canseco has turned his back on Texas' middle class, seniors and kids in favor of the ultra-wealthy, corporations and big banks," said Amber Moon, a Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee spokeswoman.

The National Republican Congressional Committee said the runoff pushed Gallego to the far left of the political spectrum, favoring tax increases and Obama's health care law, an "über-liberal platform that even national Democrats know is toxic."

The race has national attention as both major political parties, as well as special interest groups, are expected to spend millions this fall on the outcome of the race.

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TOTAL		$25,214.14

Meet Katie Miller

Katie is one of our volunteers at Helping Hands. She is in charge of our "variety/housewares" department. Katie volunteers four days each week, about six hours each day. Her responsibilities including stocking and organizing her department. Merchandise is brought to her in carts and she works closely with other volunteers and community service workers to see that her shelves are kept full. She is at Helping Hands every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday (when our store is open) to assist shoppers.

Katie, who will be 85 years old this month, has been a volunteer at Helping Hands for two years. Her husband of 63 years, Buck, is also a volunteer at Helping Hands doing repair work on lamps and other articles that are donated.

When asked why she volunteers, she said, "We were put on this earth to serve God. I cannot think of any better way to do that than by witnessing, helping the needy and loving one another." She cites Proverbs 14:31.

Katie finds the other volunteers at Helping Hands to be a wonderful group of people. "Helping one another... I would call that loving one another. I have gotten to know many who come to shop. They are real friendly. I enjoy being able to direct them to an item they are looking for. Some shoppers come every day we are open because our prices are so affordable. They feel they are getting a real bargain! I am amazed at how much Helping Hands does for the needy. Of course we all know that this is because of the generosity of the people here in our community of Midland."

Katie and Buck attend St. Paul United Methodist Church. They have been blessed with two wonderful children, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Katie Miller is dearly loved by everyone here at Helping Hands, and our community service workers often ask if they can work with her. She is mom, sister, mentor and friend to all she comes in contact with. How privileged we are to serve the poor with her! Thanks, Katie!

If you or anyone you know might be interested in joining our family, please call Mary at 528-6265 anytime!

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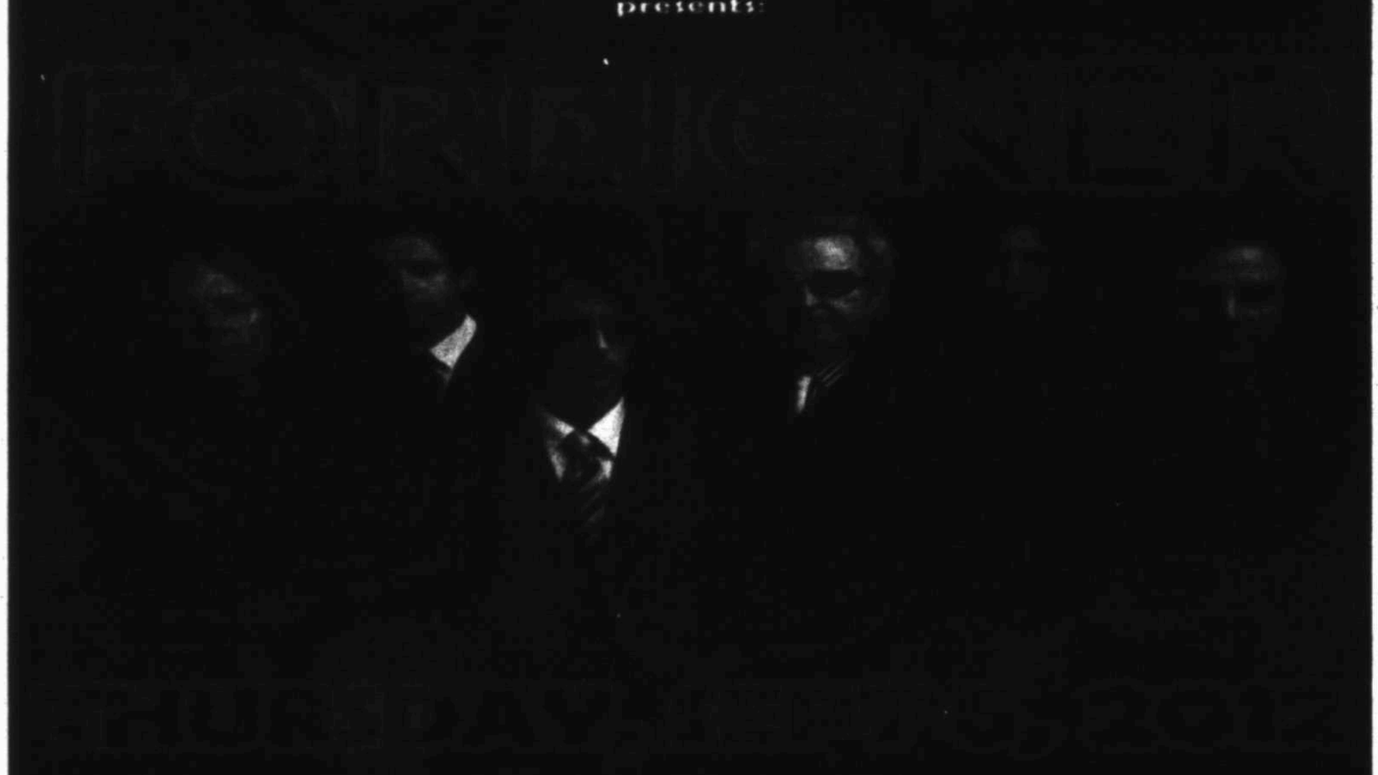

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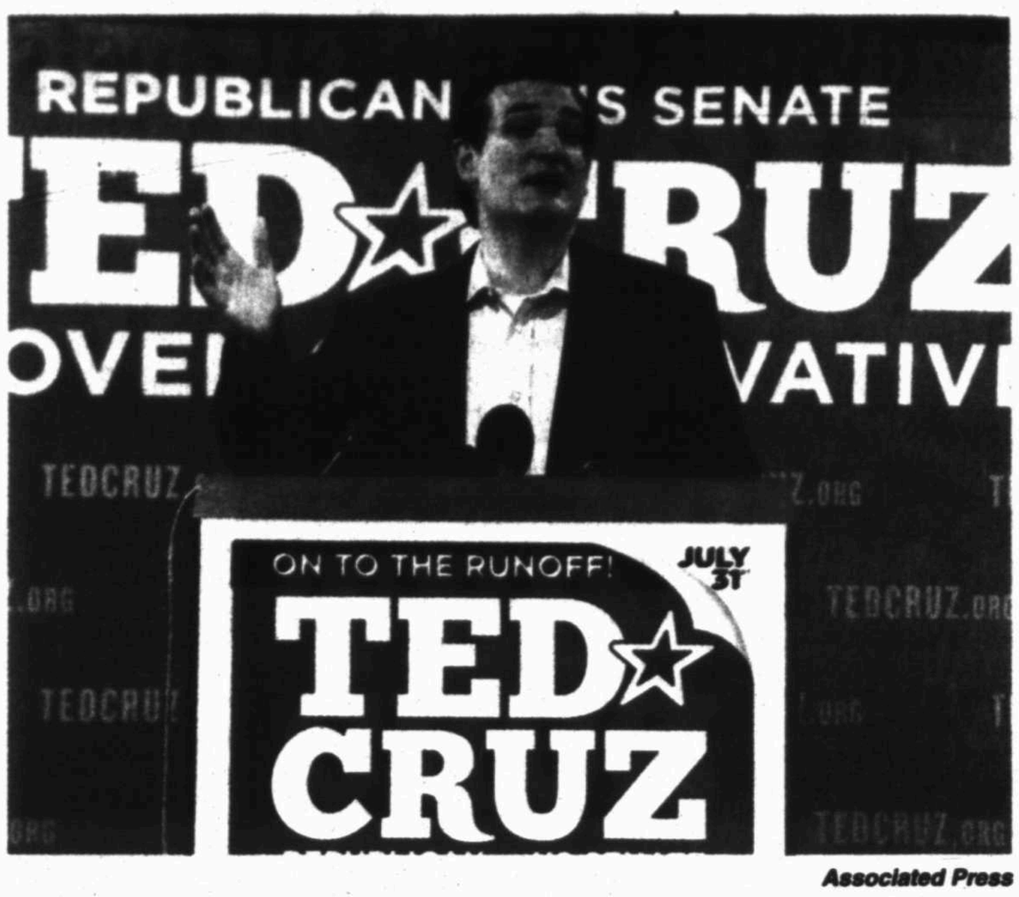

Associated Press

Republican Senate candidate Ted Cruz speaks to the media Wednesday in Houston, a day after trouncing Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst in a runoff.

Cruz laughs at 'tea party intellectual' label

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Ted Cruz's surprise victory over the mainstream Republican choice in Texas' U.S. Senate race shot him from underdog to conservative superstar virtually overnight and made him one of the nation's most visible limited-government advocates.

But don't call the 41-year-old former Ivy League debating champion a tea party intellectual.

"I don't even know what that means," a chuckling Cruz told The Associated Press in an interview.

Then he got serious again. "I think there is no doubt that we need leaders in Washington who can present the argument that freedom works, that free markets, individual responsibility, entrepreneurship, produce far greater prosperity."

Cruz points to his victory in Tuesday's runoff primary election as evidence that his argument can prevail in America's ideological battle. He clobbered Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst — who was backed by Gov. Rick Perry and most of the rest of the Texas Republican establishment — by 13 points. That victory makes him the favorite in the race to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison as Texas has not elected a Democrat to the U.S. Senate since Lloyd Benson in 1988.

Still, Cruz insists he'll continue to campaign like a longshot as he takes on Democratic nominee Paul Sadler, who served in the Texas House from 1991 until 2003.

"There are two ways to run, scared and unopposed," Cruz said. "I'm not unopposed, so I'm still running scared and hard, like I've got ground to make up."

A Cuban-American with degrees from Princeton and Harvard universities, Cruz has a fiery stage presence that he polished during five years as Texas solicitor general, arguing cases for the state in front of the U.S. Supreme Court and various appellate courts.

He struck a chord with tea party activists and grassroots groups across Texas with constant calls to tamp down government spending and repeal President Barack Obama's signature health care reform law. That also won him $5.5 million in campaign donations from the anti-tax Club for Growth and money and volunteers from other national conservative groups who consider Dewhurst too moderate.

The lieutenant governor since 2003, Dewhurst pushed some of Texas' most conservative legislation through as leader of the state Senate — but he also refused to apologize for occasionally working with Democrats to get things done.

Cruz, as a first-time candidate, was ideologically pure enough to win endorsements from tea party standouts like former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin and U.S. Sens. Jim DeMint of South Carolina and Rand Paul of Kentucky.

The race got nasty in its home stretch, with both sides accusing the other of lying and resorting to unfounded mudslinging. But Cruz said he's seen the Republican Party begin to close ranks behind him in the days after the runoff election.

"There are some in the media that like to portray conservatives as ornery and disagreeable, and I don't think that's accurate," he said. "One can be perfectly civil and agreeable and work together with a broad array of people, and at the same time retain absolute fidelity to your core principles."

Sadler said Cruz's victory also has helped his campaign. He said he received virtually no support from the national Democratic Party, which has written Texas off as a lost cause in November: "I haven't asked and they haven't offered."

But in the 12 hours after the runoff, he raked in $16,000 in contributions — a sum equal to his fundraising total for the entire previous month. Sadler also said he's been inundated with offers of support from Dewhurst voters and moderates.

"My phone starting ringing Tuesday night from Republicans saying 'Thank God you're in the race' and it hasn't stopped," he said. "People are absolutely petrified. They're absolutely petrified about having Ted Cruz in the U.S. Senate."

Cruz dismissed the idea that some people might view him as too conservative to win the general election in his fiercely red state.

"I do not think any moderates in Texas will be led to vote for a Democrat for U.S. Senate who would support Barack Obama's radical agenda," he said.

Mexico's Calderon reportedly in talks for stint at US university

By Alfredo Corchado
The Dallas Morning News

Mexican President Felipe Calderon, whose decision to take on drug cartels has shaped his six-year term, is in talks for a post-presidency stint with several U.S universities, including the University of Texas at Austin, according to several sources familiar with the ongoing negotiations.

Calderon has talked with Harvard, Georgetown and Stanford universities, but the front-runner, for the moment, appears to be the University of Texas at Austin, the sources said.

"The president has no comment," a Calderon spokesman said. UT also declined to comment.

Over a year, Calderon has met at least twice with UT President William Powers Jr., including an April 26 meeting in Houston, the sources said. Calderon's office is conducting preliminary work on a possible home for him and his wife, Margarita, and schools for their three children, according to two sources familiar with the talks.

For Mexico's commander in chief, a possible departure from Mexico could be seen as a sobering admission of just how fragile the country's security remains and how much work remains ahead. Over the years, tens of thousands of Mexicans have fled their country, many of them resettling in Texas.

In possibly selecting academia, Calderon would be following in the footsteps of former President Ernesto Zedillo, who governed Mexico from 1994-2000, a period in which he pushed for economic and political reforms. After the election in 2000 of Vicente Fox, Zedillo left Mexico and returned to his alma mater, Yale University, where he is a professor and director of the Yale Center for the Study of Globalization.

Wherever he ends up, Calderon has expressed a desire to work on regional trade, education and environmental issues, making the issue of climate change his top priority.

"Calderon is a very young president and will be a young former president," said Rafael Fernandez de Castro, chairman of the department of international studies at the Mexico Autonomous Institute of Technology. "History will be benevolent to him, and he will be remembered as someone who did a lot of good for Mexico and who can still do a lot of good for Mexico."

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Patients peek at hidden world of hospital costs

By Mary Ann Roser
Austin
American-Statesman

AUSTIN — Walter Simonds went to the emergency room on a Saturday night in February with a stabbing pain in his right side. After two hours at Seton Medical Center Austin, Simonds learned he had a large kidney stone.

Seton billed Simonds, a self-employed writer who is uninsured because of the high cost of individual coverage, $8,716 for the 128 minutes he said he spent mostly waiting in the ER. That works out to about $68 a minute and does not include the $887 Simonds had to pay the ER doctor or the $330 he paid a radiologist to read his $7,200 CT scan — about double the cost of a CT scan at St. David's Medical Center, according to the charge-comparison website NewChoiceHealth.com.

It would end up costing him $7,562 more for a procedure to crush the stone someplace else — an amount Simonds said he "happily paid."

But his outrage over his ER bill took him on one of the most high-blood-pressure-inducing journeys a patient can take: trying to understand hospital costs.

As state and federal leaders call for curbs on rising health care costs and as more consumers pay higher co-pays and deductibles, experts advise patients to find out their costs before seeking care.

Though that is unlikely to occur in an emergency, even the savviest consumers with time to value-shop are easily stymied.

> "The real cost of health care is one of the best-kept secrets in America."
>
> — LISA MCGIFFERT
> Senior policy analyst at Consumers Union

Nationally, there is a move toward greater transparency in hospital costs, but hospitals are not leading it. Hospital officials say posting their prices, even an average cost for a particular procedure, would be more confusing than helpful to consumers because many factors determine cost.

"The real cost of health care is one of the best-kept secrets in America," said Lisa McGiffert, a senior health policy analyst at Consumers Union.

U.S. health care costs climbed to nearly $2.6 trillion in 2010, more than 17 percent of the economy. Those costs are expected to consume 20 percent of the economy by 2020, according to an April article in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

"Our history of deeply insulating consumers from the costs of their health-care choices ... bear(s) at least some of the blame for year-after-year double-digit growth" in costs, says a February white paper by Thomson Reuters, an information company that covers the health care industry.

"We are asked to be good consumers of health care," said Dr. David Goodman, director of the Center for Health Policy Research at the Dartmouth Institute, "but because the cost of health care has risen so dramatically and an increasing proportion of the population is vulnerable to costs ... what was once an afterthought may be whether you declare bankruptcy or not."

Goodman, who also is co-director of the Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care, which analyzes medical costs across the U.S., called it "a scandal" that most hospitals don't reveal their prices. "What other goods and services do we purchase blindly like health care?" he said.

St. David's HealthCare, the second largest hospital system in Central Texas, has cost information online, but it is for uninsured patients, and the cost ranges can be wide.

A hospital stay for an uninsured person with pneumonia at St. David's Medical Center, for example, ranges from $4,550 to $11,370, the site says.

People without health coverage lack the leverage insurers have to negotiate prices and often are billed more for care. St. David's and the Seton Healthcare Family said they give discounts to the uninsured.

St. David's tells insured patients seeking cost information to call the hospital.

Seton and Scott & White Healthcare don't put prices on their websites. Doing so would confuse patients because of varying types of coverage, differences in patients and the possibility of complications jacking up the cost, officials said.

"The cost of health care is, unfortunately, very complicated," said Greg Hartman, a Seton executive and president of Seton Medical Center Austin. He added that Simonds' charges were "appropriate" for the Austin market.

The Thomson Reuters paper says health care costs for the same procedure in the same market can vary widely. Reducing such variation in prices for the 108 million Americans with employer-sponsored health insurance could save up to $36 billion a year, the paper says.

The state publishes the average list price, or charges, online for various hospital procedures through the Texas Health Care Information Collection. The charges are what hospitals bill patients, although almost no one pays that amount because of negotiations with insurance companies and discounts given to uninsured patients, hospital officials said.

Charges, therefore, are different than patient costs, but for now, that is one of the few sources of information readily available to consumers.

Consumers need to be armed with "clear, comparative information" on costs, the Thomson Reuters paper urges, but "price transparency is one area where information is especially lacking."

ERs are among the costliest places to get care, including scans, but patients who go there often don't have much choice.

For scheduled hospital visits and procedures, officials said they try to provide patients who call with the most accurate price based on the person's insurance coverage. But to compare one hospital's costs to another — even in the same network — requires a call to each facility, a difficult, time-eating process.

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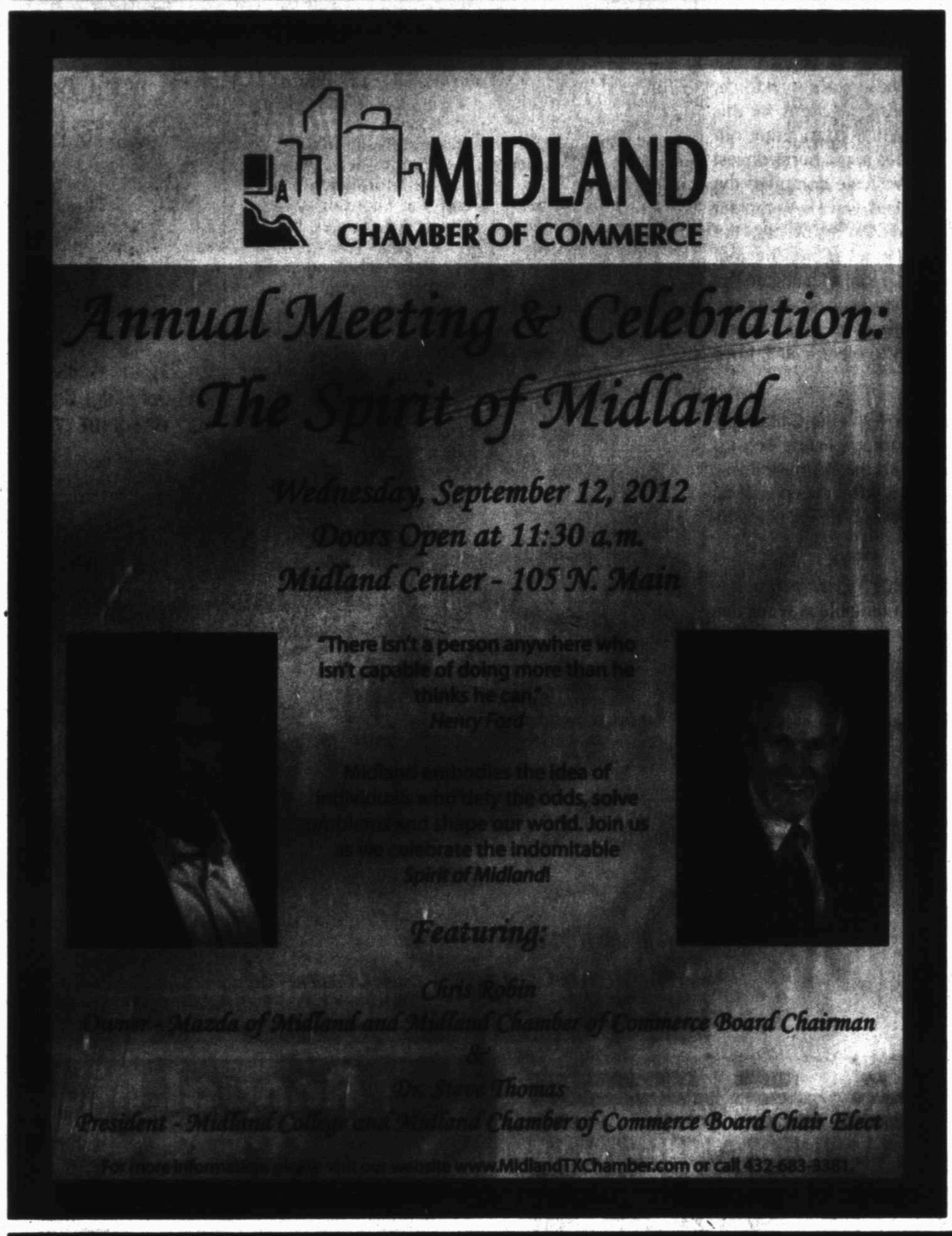

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Of course, we couldn't do this on our own. We are especially grateful to Sylvester Cantu, Jim Nichols and Cameron Walker with the City of Midland, Judge Mike Bradford, Felipe Acosta, Jennie Hilton and Dale Little with Midland County and Karen York with the Permian Basin Home Builders Association. Without their contributions, this guide would not be possible. I am truly grateful for their time, input and desire to make Midland, Texas the best place to live, work and do business!

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Hooks score 11 runs in 9th to blast RockHounds

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

One night after Midland scored four runs in the ninth and tenth innings to steal a one-run win against Corpus Christi, it seemed the Hooks were headed for a similar fate Saturday.

Yet, with Midland still riding high from a four-run seventh, Marc Krauss launched a lead-off home run, and all the RockHounds momentum, over the left field wall to start the ninth, igniting the final rally in a 17-6 Hooks victory at Citibank Ballpark.

Hooks	17
RockHounds	6

"Coming back to tie it up in (the seventh) was outstanding," Midland manager Steve Scarsone said. "Unfortunately, things fell apart in the top of the ninth."

Corpus Christi batted around in the ninth, scoring 11 runs to leave no doubt in a game that was up for grabs just an inning earlier. And it was Krauss leading the charge, driving in four of his six RBI in the game.

"Four RBI in a week is good, so for one inning to be able to do that is awesome," Krauss said. "And for us to be able to top it off with a win, especially after (Friday's) tough loss is even better."

Aliotti Horton

Just like Friday, the RockHounds seemed to start the game in a jam as Corpus Christi opened with back-to-back-to-back base hits, which Krauss capped with an RBI single to right. Two batters later, the Hooks added a run on a sacrifice fly by Jon Singleton for a 2-0 lead.

But Midland was up to the challenge early, responding with two runs of its own in the bottom of the frame.

Anthony Aliotti ripped an RBI double down the left field line to put the RockHounds on the board then came in to score two batters later on a wild pitch, knotting the score at 2.

Yet the Corpus Christi onslaught was far from over as the Hooks responded in the second, scoring on a Jose Martinez RBI single and a Josh Horton error.

Midland seemed poised to respond in the bottom of the frame with two on and one out, but the Hooks turned a 6-4-3 double play to get starter Bobby Doran out of the jam.

The Hooks, however, stayed hot in the third as Bobby Borchering launched a leadoff home run and Martinez slapped his second RBI single to make it 6-2.

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Tie at the top

Hart, Sanchez battle heading into 3rd round

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Omar Sanchez carded a total of 14 birdies in two rounds at the SC Fuels Midland Men's Championship. But on Saturday, the two-time city champ made sure he didn't give any those shots back like he did on Friday.

Sanchez carded a bogey-free 8-under 64 on Saturday on the Roadrunner Course at Hogan Park Golf Course and vaulted into a tie for the lead with first-round leader Joe Hart heading into today's final round.

Sanchez's stellar round came a day after he shot a 2-over 72 on the Quail Course on Friday — a round that included six birdies but two triple bogeys and a double bogey. On Saturday, Sanchez hit 15 of 18 greens in regulation and had 27 putts and was much happier.

Sanchez

"It's just a little humbling when you are losing your balls, I guess ... I just wanted to play with the same ball all day," Sanchez said with a laugh on Saturday. "I played a lot more protective after (Friday), and I probably hit my driver three times (Saturday) compared to, I think, nine times (Friday)."

Sanchez said he felt good from the start of the round and said being able to start each nine with a pair of birdies made a difference for him.

"That made things easier in between," said the 29-year old Sanchez, who won back-to-back city titles in 2002 and 2003.

Meanwhile, Sanchez's round was rare on a day where low scores were not common as two other players — Hart (69) and Martin Board (67) — shot below 70.

"I was just fortunate today, and I went really low and thankfully

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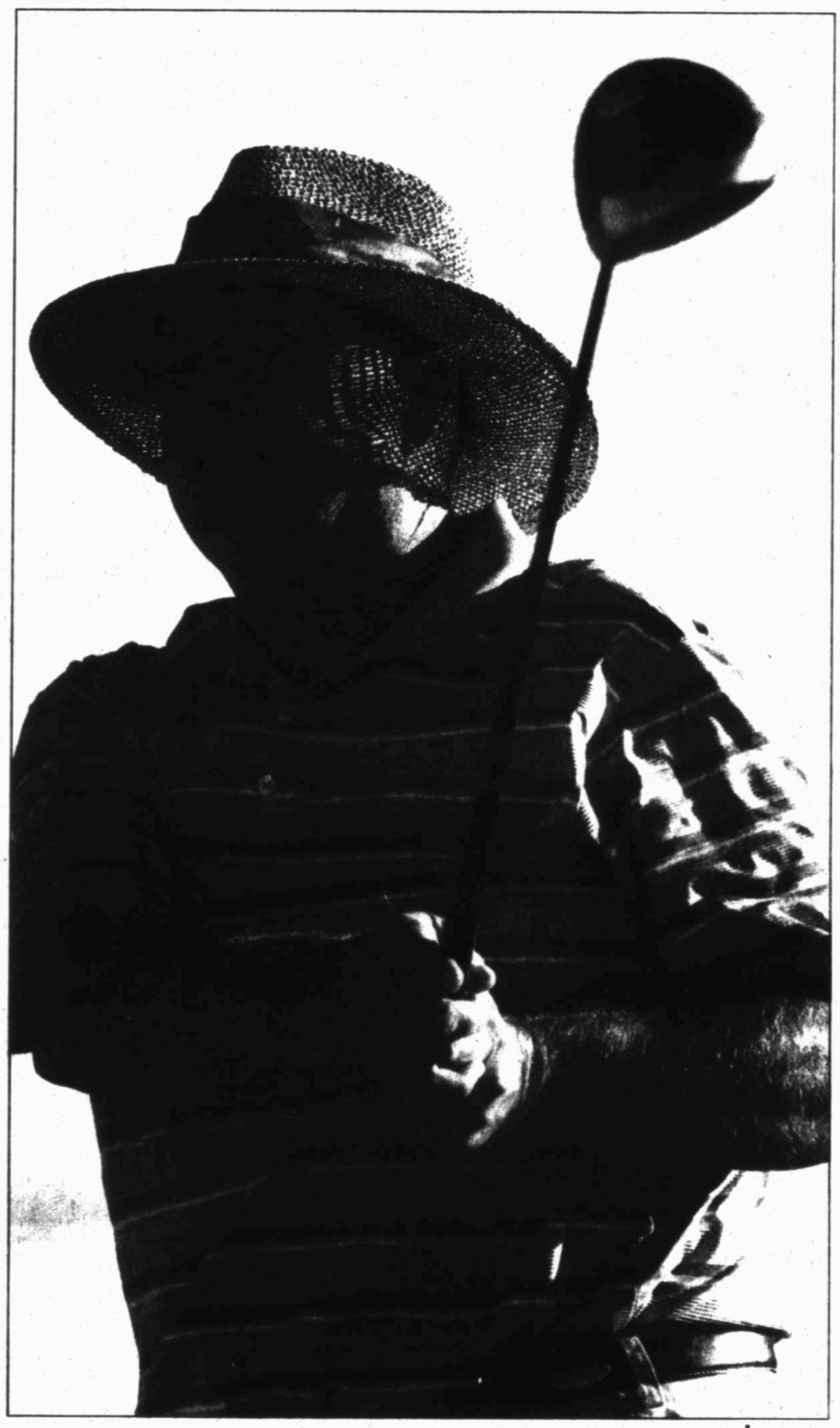
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Joe Hart watches his drive off the tee Saturday in the second round of the Men's City Championship at Hogan Park Golf Course. Hart had another good round as he's tied for the lead heading into today's final round.

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Cowboys CB Claiborne injured

Tom Orsborne
San Antonio Express

OXNARD, Calif. — A knee injury is the latest setback for Cowboys first-round draft pick Morris Claiborne.

The cornerback from LSU said Saturday he didn't expect to return to the practice field for at least a week after spraining the medial collateral ligament in his left knee. Cowboys coach Jason Garrett didn't have a timeline for Claiborne's return, placing him in the day-to-day category.

"We don't think it will be too long," Garrett said.

Claiborne said relief gave way to frustration after he learned the MRI he had Friday afternoon was negative.

"It's a minor setback, but I can't get the reps I need," Claiborne said.

The sixth overall pick in the draft said the injury won't prevent him from playing in the preseason opener at Oakland on Aug. 13.

Claiborne started feeling discomfort in Wednesday's practice. After getting treatment Thursday, he tried to work out Friday only to be pulled out of practice early by the team's athletic trainers.

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"I know my body," he said. "I know when I can go and when I can go through pain. But I could hardly walk when I woke up (Thursday)."

Getting on the field has been difficult for Claiborne since the Cowboys traded up eight spots to select him sixth overall. Surgery to repair ligaments in his left wrist forced him to miss all of the club's offseason workouts.

"It's me just being angry because I missed a lot of reps in the past, and I wish I could have those reps back," Claiborne said

Orlando Scandrick will fill Claiborne's spot with the first-team defense.

"Obviously when you are not learning on the field it's a setback," defensive coordinator Rob Ryan said. "You can't replace a rep on the field. That's going to be tough for him."

Claiborne said he didn't know when or how he got hurt, but he didn't rule out the injury being caused by too much work after his long layoff from the wrist surgery.

"A lot of people don't realize I haven't played football in at least four months," Claiborne said.

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Phelps collects 18th gold medal in final race

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

LONDON — As if 22 medal ceremonies over the last three Olympics weren't enough, Michael Phelps was summoned back to the pool deck for one more accolade.

This time, he received a trophy rather than a medal, an award that sought to sum up a career like no other.

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Too bad it was silver.

Gold was the only color for this guy.

In a final race that was more a coronation than a contest, Phelps headed into retirement the only way imaginable — with an 18th gold medal. Reclaiming the lead with his trademark butterfly stroke, the one seen in his Olympic debut as a 15-year-old in Sydney a dozen years ago, he capped off a mind-boggling career with a victory in the 4x100-meter medley relay Saturday.

"I've been able to do everything that I wanted," Phelps said.

When it was done, he hugged his teammates — Matt Grevers, Brendan Hansen and Nathan Adrian — before heading off the deck for the final time in his hip-hugging swimsuit. He waved to the crowd and smiled, clearly at peace with his decision to call it a career.

And what a career it was.

"I was able to really put the final cherry on top tonight, put all the whipped cream I wanted and sprinkles. I was able to top off the sundae," Phelps said. "It's been a great career. It's been a great journey. I can't be any more happy than I am."

Phelps retires with twice as many golds as any other Olympian, and his total of 22 medals is easily the best mark, too. He can be quite proud of his final Olympics as well, even though there were times he had trouble staying motivated after winning a record eight gold medals at the Beijing Games four years ago.

The 27-year-old could surely swim on for another Olympics, maybe two, but there's really no point.

"I told myself I never want to swim when I'm 30," Phelps said. "No offense to those people who are 30, but that was something I always said to myself, and that would be in three years. I just don't

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Lee Jin-man/AP

United States swimmer Michael Phelps holds a silver trophy after being honored as the most decorated Olympian on Saturday at the Aquatics Centre in the Olympic Park in London.

Serena Williams beats Sharapova for gold

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — As Serena Williams stood atop the medal podium, her career Golden Slam complete thanks to an Olympic rout, the gusty wind on Centre Court blew the U.S. flag off its pole midway through the national anthem.

Old Glory came to rest in front of the Royal Box.

"It was probably flying to come hug me because the flag was so happy," Williams said.

Williams wore a smile herself after she became only the second woman to achieve a Golden Slam, winning the most lopsided women's final in Olympic history Saturday by beating Maria Sharapova, 6-0, 6-1.

The victory completed a remarkable run of domination by the No. 4-seeded Williams, who lost only 17 games in six matches en route to her first singles gold medal. She went 13-0 this summer at the All England Club, where she won her fifth Wimbledon title a month ago.

It took the No. 3-seeded Sharapova 45

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Sunday Morning Line

LEN HAYWARD
Sports Editor

This and that as I'm still wondering why a backyard apparatus for kids is used for an Olympic sport:

■ Football season officially begins Monday, and greeting coaches and players is a new set of practice rules that has some coaches wondering how exactly to follow them.

The University Interscholastic League adopted new rules for two-a-days that basically center on the fact that teams can no longer do two-a-days on consecutive days. And when they do multiple practices teams cannot do them on consecutive days.

So, it's been an adjustment for coaches and likely will be for players.

There are gray areas in the rules and the UIL does have a Q & A on its website but I'm sure coaches will find some loopholes.

It was done to protect players from the heat, but I do know that coaches have been more conscious of heat and heat-related injuries over the last two decades or so.

Time will tell whether it will have an affect on players during the regular season.

■ A lot of people have been asking me if I've been watching the Olympics, and my answer has always been the same, I've never been much of a Summer Olympics guy. I do watch basketball, swimming, tennis and track, but there are so many sports that are in the Summer Olympics that it leaves me scratching my head as to how they are Olympic sports.

Maybe I am being the typical American and think in terms of what we are good at, but I really can't get into watching fencing, judo, shooting or other lesser known sports on television. Part of it is because my understanding of those sports are minimal, but a big reason is I won't watch those sports at any other time other than the Olympics. Plus, most of those sports are subjective and have judges, and you know what can happen with judges.

I am looking forward to golf in four years and will be interested to see how that plays out.

I do miss the East vs. West battles while growing up in the later stages of the Cold War. Now we are the ones everybody is chasing.

■ It was good to chat with former Lee quarterback Jon Rogers this weekend as he continues his golf career. Rogers has been working at Hogan Park for the last couple of years and after his baseball and football career ended he decided to pursue golf and it seems to be working out.

■ This year's men's city golf championship is probably one of the more competitive tournaments I've covered since I've been in Midland. The reason is there wasn't a favorite everybody was pointing to that could run away with it, like Tommy Sikes.

Actually, it's cool to see because the older guys for a number of years felt like they were being left behind by the younger players and didn't have a shot. In today's final round, two of the players in the final group are over the age of 45.

It should be a fun day because the Quail Course presents a number of challenges, and it could come down to the final few holes.

■ The RockHounds starting pitching was something that kept them in games earlier this season, and now we know why because two starting pitchers that started the year on Midland's opening day roster are now in Oakland.

Dan Straily, who had the most strikeouts in all of professional baseball at one point this season, was called up this week and A.J. Griffin was also called up within the last month. Also, reliever Sean Doolittle is also in Oakland.

■ And finally, to all the football players starting practice tomorrow good luck and remember to hydrate.

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MIDLANDPRO BASEBALLUPDATE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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

Through Friday, Aug. 3

Pitchers

Chris Withrow (Midland Christian), RHP, Chattanooga Lookouts (L.A. Dodgers Double-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
17	54.1	2-2	0	48	31	29	32	56	4.80

Jim Henderson (Midland College) RHP, Nashville Sounds (Milwaukee Brewers Triple-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
35	48.0	4-3	15	36	10	9	22	56	1.69

Milwaukee Brewers

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
5	4.0	0-0	0	4	1	0	0	5	0.00

Logan Bawcom (Greenwood, Midland College), Jackson Generals (Seattle Mariners Double-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
1	2.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0.00

RHP, Chatanooga Lookouts (L.A. Dodgers Double-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
26	32.2	3-3	13	29	10	10	15	35	2.76

Rancho Cucamonga (L.A. Dodgers Advanced-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
12	14.0	1-1	7	4	1	1	6	24	0.64

Brandon Williamson (Lee High School, Midland College), RHP, Brevard County Manatees (Milwaukee Brewers Advanced-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
14	68	2-9	0	88	58	50	24	45	6.62

Wisconsin Timber Rattlers (Milwaukee Brewers Single-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
1	6.0	0-0	0	4	3	3	2	3	4.50

Huntsville Stars (Milwaukee Brewers Double-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
2	9.0	0-0	0	9	6	5	3	7	5.00

Carson Smith (Midland Christian), RHP, High Desert Mavericks, (Seattle Mariners Advanced-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
39	50.1	4-1	11	48	21	20	27	57	3.58

Conrad Flynn (Lee), RHP

Visalia Rawhide (Arizona Diamondbacks Advanced-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
11	38.0	1-1	0	46	32	31	17	39	7.34

Mobile BayBears (Arizona Diamondbacks Double-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
4	12.0	0-1	0	14	6	4	0	5	3.00

Reno Aces (Arizona Diamondbacks Triple-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
1	7.0	1-0	0	9	6	5	2	2	6.43

Lance Day (Midland College), RHP, Tri-City Valley Cats (Houston Astros Class A short season)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
5	17.2	2-0	0	18	6	6	1	10	3.06

Position Players

Laynce Nix (Midland High), OF, Philadelphia Phillies

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
60	7	17	6	0	2	12	5	0	.283

Jayson Nix (Midland High), 3B, New York Yankees

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
96	15	25	8	0	4	13	6	3	.260

Tim Smith (Midland College), OF, Mississippi Braves (Atlanta Braves Double-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
144	21	41	5	1	2	22	9	3	.285

Lynchburg Hillcats (Atlanta Braves Advanced-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
50	10	16	4	0	1	6	6	0	.320

Chad Stang (Midland College), OF, Wisconsin Timber Rattlers (Milwaukee Brewers Single-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
373	70	104	21	9	5	35	36	22	.279

Rebel Ridling (Midland College), 1B Daytona Cubs (Chicago Cubs Advanced-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
160	18	38	12	0	2	24	18	3	.238

Tennessee Smokies (Chicago Cubs Double-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
226	25	43	7	1	8	36	28	2	.190

Reid Redman (Midland Christian, Midland College), 3B, Princeton Rays (Tampa Bays Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
143	30	40	10	2	2	20	12	5	.280

Steel Russell (Midland College), C, GCL Orioles (Baltimore Orioles Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
74	2	14	0	0	0	7	6	0	.189

HOUNDS

From 1C

That score held for the next four innings as the RockHounds saw chance after chance evaporate in the sweltering West Texas heat as they stranded five runners between the second and fifth innings.

But like Friday, Midland came roaring back, this time a bit earlier with four runs in the seventh.

"(Castro) settled down and gave us a chance to come back," Scarsone said, "which we did."

The rally began with a one-out walk to Conner Crumbliss, who came in to score two batters later on Aliotti's second RBI double of the game. Aliotti was an impressive 4-for-5 in the game with two doubles, two RBI and a walk.

After Tyler Ladendorf scored on a wild pitch, Matt Rizzotti cut the lead to one with an RBI double of his own.

Then Josh Horton, down 0-2, barely made contact on a weak grounder that reliever Erick Abreu charged but wasn't able to handle, allowing Rizzotti to tie it up on an unlikely RBI single.

Midland had multiple opportunities to take its first lead of the game in the eighth, but Ladendorf popped out with runners on first and second, and Rizzotti later grounded out with the bases loaded.

The missed opportunities haunted Midland almost immediately, as Krauss began the ninth with his solo shot to left to put Corpus Christi in the lead for good.

After back-to-back walks, Jair Fernandez slapped an RBI double to left before Andy Simunic did the same two batters later, making it 11-6.

Then Krauss, with the bases loaded, continued the rally he started with a bases-clearing double to right. Borchering completed the rally with his second blast of the night, a three-run shot off outfielder Eliezer Mesa, in to pitch, that made it 17-6.

"Hitting's contagious right there," Krauss said, "and everybody was feeding off each other and didn't want to make the last out.

"Next thing you know we had a good inning."

The RockHounds, meanwhile, will look to put Saturday's forgettable ending behind them today, when they take on Corpus Christi again at 6 p.m.

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'HOUNDS BITES: The late rally by Corpus Christi prevented Midland from its first back-to-back wins since July 22. The RockHounds have now lost four of their last five. Midland (18-23) remains in last place in the Texas League South Division… Houston Astros catcher Jason Castro remained hot in his rehab stint with the Hooks, going 1-for-2 with a double Saturday. Castro was 2-for-2 on Friday in the first game of his rehab assignment.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: The RockHounds face Corpus Christi in the third game of a four-game series at 6 p.m. today. Midland is expected to hand the ball to right-hander Murphy Smith (6-8, 4.42), while the Hooks are expected to start lefty Rob Rasmussen (2-2, 5.68).

HOOKS 17, ROCKHOUNDS 6

C Christi	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Grossman cf	2	3	1	0	Crumbliss lf	2	2	0	0
Martinez 2b	5	2	4	2	Ladendorf cf	5	1	1	0
Krauss lf	6	2	3	6	Aliotti 1b	4	2	4	2
Locke rf	5	1	1	0	Rizzotti dh	5	1	2	1
Singleton 1b	3	2	0	1	Barfield rf	5	0	0	0
Borchering 2b	5	3	4	4	Horton 2b	4	0	2	1
Castro c	5	2	1	0	Coleman ss	5	0	1	0
a-Frndz ph-c	4	1	1	2	Gil 3b	4	0	3	0
Hinzo dh	4	0	0	0	Lipkin c	3	0	0	0
b-Bailey ph-dh	1	0	0	0					
Simunic ss	5	2	2	2					
Totals	42	17	17	17	Totals	37	6	13	4

Corpus Christi	222 000 00(11) —17
Midland	200 000 400 —6

E — Horton (21). DP — Corpus Christi 1, Midland 1. LOB — Corpus Christi 8, Midland 11. 2B — Castro (2), Locke (14), Borchering (2), Fernandez (9), Simunic (10), Krauss (2), Aliotti 2 (22), Gil (5), Rizzotti (8). 3B - Simunic (1). HR — Borchering 2 (3), Krauss (5). SF — Singleton. SB — Crumbliss (22). CS — Martinez (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Corpus Christi						
Doran	6.1	11	6	6	3	2
Abreu	1.0	2	0	0	1	0
Leon W, 3-1	0	0	0	1	2	
Midland						
Castro	5.0	8	6	6	3	1
Smyth	2.0	3	0	0	0	2
Hunter	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
Daley L, 8-10	0.0	3	5	5	2	0
McSwain	0.2	2	5	5	2	2
Mesa	0.1	1	1	1	0	0

Daley pitched to 5 batters in the 9th
HBP — by Hunter (Grossman), by McSwain (Martinez). WP — Doran 2.
T — 3:30. A — 6,918.

SATURDAY'S MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

RANGERS 4, ROYALS 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Josh Hamilton drove in two runs, Scott Feldman won his sixth straight decision and Texas defeated Kansas City for its fourth victory in a row.

MARINERS 1, YANKEES 0

NEW YORK — Felix Hernandez dominated the New York Yankees in their own ballpark again, pitching his third shutout of the season to lead the Seattle Mariners to a 1-0 win on a sunny, sticky Saturday.

ANGELS 6, WHITE SOX 5, 10 INNINGS

CHICAGO — Albert Pujols homered again and Howie Kendrick hit a go-ahead single in the 10th inning that sent the Los Angeles Angels over the White Sox.

TIGERS 6, INDIANS 1

DETROIT — Doug Fister retired his first 17 batters and then settled for a four-hitter in Detroit's victory over fading Cleveland.

BLUE JAYS 3, ATHLETICS 1, 11 INNINGS

OAKLAND, Calif. — David Cooper hit a tying homer in the ninth inning and Edwin Encarnacion scored on catcher George Kottaras' throwing error in the 11th, lifting Toronto over Oakland.

TWINS 6, RED SOX 4

BOSTON — Joe Mauer hit a three-run homer with two outs in the top of the ninth, lifting Minnesota to a comeback win over the struggling Red Sox.

ORIOLES 4, RAYS 0

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Wei-Yin Chen allowed five hits in seven innings, Chris Davis had two RBIs and Baltimore beat the Tampa Bay Rays.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ASTROS 3, BRAVES 2

ATLANTA — Justin Maxwell had a career-high four hits, including two homers, and the Houston Astros snapped a four-game losing streak with win over Atlanta.

NATIONALS 10, MARLINS 7

WASHINGTON — Adam LaRoche homered twice, Danny Espinosa hit a three-run shot in Washington's six-run eighth inning, and the Nationals beat the Miami Marlins 10-7 on Saturday night.

REDS 5, PIRATES 4

CINCINNATI — Scott Rolen tripled and scored the go-ahead run in the eighth inning as the Cincinnati Reds beat Pittsburgh for their fifth straight win.

PHILLIES 3, DIAMONDBACKS 0

PHILADELPHIA — Roy Halladay gave up three hits over seven innings and Erik Kratz homered, leading the Philadelphia Phillies over Arizona.

CARDINALS 6, BREWERS 1

ST. LOUIS — Adam Wainwright pitched a five-hitter and also contributed at the plate, leading the St. Louis Cardinals past Milwaukee.

DODGERS 3, CUBS 1

LOS ANGELES — Clayton Kershaw pitched three-hit ball over seven innings, Matt Kemp homered and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Chicago Cubs 3-1 on Saturday night to keep Chris Volstad winless in his last 21 starts.

On the air today

WHAT'S ON TV

AUTO RACING

IRL, IndyCar, Honda 200, 11:30 a.m., ABC

NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Pennsylvania 400, Noon, ESPN

NHRA, Northwest Nationals, (same-day tape), 5 p.m., ESPN2

FIA World Rally (same-day tape), 10 p.m., Speed

GOLF

PGA Tour-WGC Bridgestone Invitational, final round, 11 a.m., TGC

PGA Tour-WGC Bridgestone Invitational, final round, 1 p.m., CBS

Web.com Tour, Cox Classic, final round, at Omaha, Neb., Noon, TGC

Champions Tour, 3M Championship, final round, 3 p.m., TGC

PGA Tour, Reno-Tahoe Open, final round, 6 p.m., TGC

MLB

Houston at Atlanta, 12:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

Texas at Kansas City, 1 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

L.A. Angels at Chicago White Sox, 1 p.m., TBS

Chicago Cubs at L.A. Dodgers, 3 p.m., WGN

Milwaukee at St. Louis, 7 p.m., ESPN

MOTORSPORTS

FIM World Superbike, (same-day tape), 2 p.m., Speed

OLYMPICS

LIVE: tennis: women's, mixed doubles Gold Medal final; beach volleyball, quarterfinal; women's weightlifting, super heavyweight Gold Medal final; women's volleyball: Brazil vs. Serbia, DELAYED TAPE: China vs. South Korea, Italy vs. Russia; LIVE: cycling, track events; DELAYED TAPE: synchronized swimming, duet qualifying; LIVE: men's badminton: doubles Gold Medal final, DELAYED TAPE: singles and doubles Bronze medal; men's shooting, pistol Gold Medal final, 3 a.m., NBC Sports Network

Women's: United States vs. China, France vs. Russia, Britain vs. Brazil, Canada vs. Australia, Czech Republic vs. Angola, Turkey vs. Croatia, Brazil vs. Britain,, 3 a.m., NBC Basketball

LIVE: women's marathon; men's tennis, Gold Medal final; beach volleyball, quarterfinal; women's basketball, United States vs. China; women's water polo, quarterfinal; women's volleyball, United States vs. Turkey; SAME-DAY TAPE: cycling, track Gold Medal final; equestrian, team jumping Gold Medal final round 1, 5 a.m., NBC

LIVE: women's water polo, quarterfinals; men's tennis, singles Bronze medal; beach volleyball, quarterfinal; SAME-DAY TAPE: wrestling, Greco-Roman Gold Medal finals; men's field hockey, Britain vs. Australia; men's table tennis, team quarterfinals; LIVE: women's handball, Denmark vs. France, 6 a.m., MSNBC

Women's boxing, at London, 7:30 a.m., CNBC

Women's marathon; women's volleyball; beach volleyball, quarterfinals; men's tennis, Gold Medal final; boxing, (same-day tape), 8 a.m., Telemundo

Men's boxing, quarterfinals, 2:30 p.m., CNBC

Gymnastics, individual event Gold Medal finals: men's floor exercise, men's pommel horse, women's vault; track and field, Gold Medal finals: men's 100m, women's 400m, women's triple jump; women's diving, springboard Gold Medal final; beach volleyball, quarterfinal, (same-day tape), 6 p.m., NBC

Track and field, Gold Medal finals; gymnastics, individual event Gold Medal finals; women's diving, springboard Gold Medal final, (same-day tape), 11 p.m., Telemundo

Track and field, Gold Medal finals; men's badminton, singles Gold Medal final, (delayed tape), 11:35 a.m., NBC

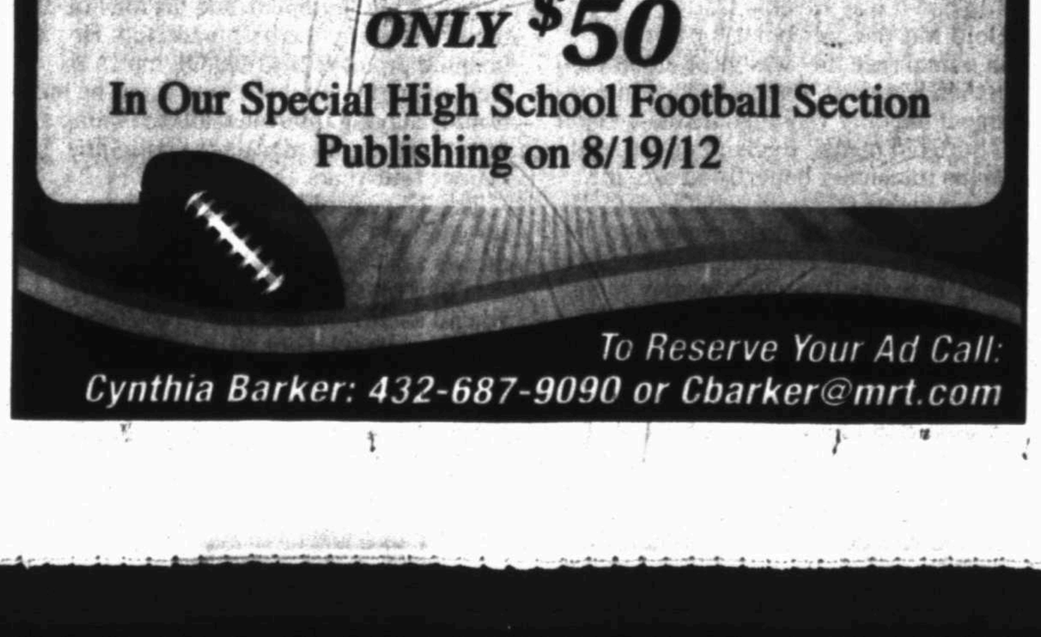
SOCCER

MLS, Dallas at Portland, 6 p.m., NBC Sports Network

MLS, Los Angeles at Seattle, 8 p.m., ESPN2

TENNIS

ATP World Tour, Citi Open, championship match, 3 p.m., ESPN2



AL Boxes

RANGERS 4, ROYALS 2

Texas						Kansas City					
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi	
Kinsler 2b	5	1	3	0	AGordn lf		4	0	0	1	
Andrus ss	5	1	2	0	AEscor ss		4	0	0	0	
Hamltn cf-lf	5	0	1	0	JCastro dh		4	0	0	0	
Beltre 3b	4	0	1	0	Butler dh		0	0	0	0	
N.Cruz rf	4	0	0	0	Mostks 3b		4	0	1	0	
MYong dh	4	1	1	0	S.Perez c		3	1	0	0	
Napoli c	4	0	1	0	B.Pinto rf		3	0	1	0	
DvMrp lf	3	0	1	0	Getz 2b		3	0	0	1	
Gentry cf	0	0	0	0	DJyson cf		3	0	2	0	
Oh 1b	2	0	1	2							
Morlnd ph-1b	0	0	0	0							
Totals	34	4	10	4	Totals		34	2	8	2	

Texas	000	202	101	000	—	4
Kansas City	000	000	000	002	—	2

E—Napoli (6), Oh (1), A.Escobar (12).
DP—Texas 2, Kansas City 2. LOB—Texas 9, Kansas City 6. 2B—Andrus (28), SB—A.Escobar (20), J.Dyson (21). SF—Oh.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Feldman W,6-6	7	2-3	6	2	2	1
M.Adams	1	1-3	0	0	0	1
Ogando S,3-6	1	2	0	0	0	0
Kansas City						
W.Smith L,2-4	5	8	3	2	4	3
K.Herrera	2	1-3	1	0	0	1
Jeffress	1	1	0	0	1	0

T—2:41. A—28,724 (37,903).

BLUE JAYS 3, ATHLETICS 1, 11 INNINGS

Toronto						Oakland					
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi	
YEscor ss	5	0	1	0	JWeeks 2b		4	0	1	0	
KJhnsn 2b	5	0	0	0	Taylor lf		4	0	0	0	
Encrnc 1b	5	1	2	0	Cespds ph-cf		0	0	0	0	
Cooper dh	5	1	1	1	Reddck cf-rf		5	0	0	0	
RDavis lf	4	1	1	0	Carter 1b		2	0	0	0	
YEvms c	2	0	0	0	Gldschm dh		4	0	0	0	
Mathis ph-c	2	0	0	0	Moss 1b		1	0	0	0	
Sierra rf	5	0	3	1	JGoms lf		5	0	0	0	
Goins cf	4	0	2	0	Inge 3b		5	1	1	0	
Hchvrr 3b	3	0	0	0	DNorrs dh		3	0	1	1	
					Kottars c		3	0	1	0	
					Rosales ss		2	0	0	0	
					Sogard ph-ss		1	0	0	0	
Totals	40	3	10	2	Totals		35	1	4	1	

Toronto	000	000	001	002	—	3
Oakland	010	000	000	000	—	1

E—Kottaras (1). DP—Toronto 2. LOB—Toronto 8, Oakland 8. 2B—Sierra (1), Gose (2), D.Norris (2). HR—Cooper (3), SB—Encarnacion 2 (12), R.Davis (29), S—Gose.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
R.Romero	7	3	1	1	4	5
Delabar	1	1-3	0	0	1	1
Janssen	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
J.Chavez W,1-1	1	1	0	0	2	1
Oliver S,2-3	1	0	0	0	0	1
Oakland						
Griffin	1	2-3	1	0	0	0
Norberto	3	2-3	1	1	1	3
Neshek	1	2-3	0	0	0	1
Balfour	1	0	0	0	0	0
R.Cook	1	0	0	0	0	1
Blevins L,4-1	2	4	2	2	2	3

WP—R.Romero 2.
T—3:37. A—17,121 (35,067).

MARINERS 1, YANKEES 0

Seattle						New York					
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi	
Ackley 2b	4	0	0	0	Grndrs cf		3	0	0	0	
Montero rf	4	0	0	0	Jeter ss		3	0	0	0	
JMontr dh	4	0	2	0	Cano 2b		4	0	1	0	
Jaso c	4	1	2	0	Teixeir 1b		3	0	0	0	
Seager 3b	4	0	0	0	Swisher rf		3	0	0	0	
C.Wells lf	4	0	0	0	Swisher rf		3	0	0	0	
Carp 1b	4	0	2	1	ErChvz 3b		3	0	0	0	
Ryan ss	4	0	0	0	Stnrcs lf		4	0	1	0	
Kwsk pr-ss	1	0	0	0	RMartn c		3	0	0	0	
Totals	34	1	6	1	Totals		28	0	2	0	

Seattle	010	000	000	—	1
New York	000	000	000	—	0

DP—Seattle 1, New York 1. LOB—Seattle 8, New York 3. 2B—Jaso (13), Carp (6), Thames (8), Cano (31).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
F.Hernandez W,10-5	9	2	0	0	2	6
New York						
Kuroda L,10-8	6	1-3	7	1	1	4
Logan		2-3	0	0	0	1
D.Robertson		1-3	0	0	0	0
Rapada		2-3	1	0	0	0

HBP—by Kuroda (Rjn,an).
T—2:32. A—47,067 (50,291).

TWINS 6, RED SOX 4

Minnesota						Boston					
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi	
Span cf	4	1	0	0	Kalish cf		2	1	0	0	
Revere rf	5	1	3	0	Cnasco ph		1	1	1	1	
Mauer 1b	4	1	1	1	Ellsury cf		3	0	0	0	
Mornea dh	4	0	2	1	Crwfrd lf		4	0	1	1	
Doumit c	4	0	1	0	Pedroia 2b		3	1	0	0	
Mastrnn lf	4	1	2	2	Aviles ss		3	0	0	0	
Wngh ph-lf	1	0	0	0	C.Ross rf		4	0	1	1	
Dozier ss	4	1	0	0	Stimch dh		3	0	1	0	
A.Casill 2b	3	1	1	0	Avilan p		0	0	0	0	
JCarrll 3b	4	2	2	1	Shppch c		3	0	0	0	
					Lvrnwy ph		1	0	0	0	
					Puntic 3b		0	0	0	0	
					Mdlrks ph		1	0	0	0	
Totals	36	6	12	5	Totals		33	4	6	4	

Minnesota	000	010	014	—	6
Boston	110	000	020	—	4

E—Shoppach (4), Buchholz 2 (3). DP—Boston 1. LOB—Minnesota 7, Boston 5. 2B—Mastnarns (3), A.Casilla (12), C.Crawford (2). HR—Mauer (7), Cirlaco (1), Aviles (11). SB—Revere (26), Pedroia (7). S—Mornea.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
De Vries	7	4	2	2	2	5
Perkins	2-3	1	2	2	0	2
A.Burnett W,4-3	1-3	1	0	0	0	1
Burton S,5-7	1	0	0	0	0	0
Boston						
Buchholz	7	7	1	0	1	3
A.Miller	0	1	1	1	2	0
Aceves L,2-7	1-2-3	4	3	3	1	1
Breslow	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

A.Miller pitched to 3 batters in the 8th.
WP—Jay Perkins (Pedroia). WP—Al.Burnett, Aceves.
T—3:22. A—37,914 (37,495).

ORIOLES 4, RAYS 0

Baltimore						Tampa Bay					
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi	
Markks rf	3	2	1	1	DJnngs lf		4	0	0	0	
Hardy ss	5	0	2	0	BUpton cf		4	0	1	0	
C.Davis dh	5	0	2	2	Zobrist 2b		3	0	1	0	
AdJons cf	4	0	1	0	Kpngr dh		4	0	1	0	
Wieters c	3	0	1	1	C.Pena 1b		3	0	0	0	
Reimld 3b	3	1	0	0	SRdrgz ss		3	0	0	0	
Wggntn lf	3	0	0	0	Rhyms ph		1	0	0	0	
Andrns 2b	3	0	0	0	Joyce rf		3	0	0	0	
McLoth lf	4	1	2	0	Fuld rf		4	0	1	0	
MrNyd 1b	3	0	1	0	JRorts 3b		3	0	0	0	
Quntnll 2b	2	0	0	0	JMolin c		3	0	0	0	
Totals	35	4	10	4	Totals		32	0	5	0	

Baltimore	110	200	000	—	4
Tampa Bay	000	000	000	—	0

DP—Tampa Bay 1. LOB—Baltimore 8, Tampa Bay 7. 2B—McLouth (1). SB—Wieters 2 (5), B.Upton (20). CS—Fuld (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Britton W,10-6	7	5	0	0	1	4

NL Boxes

ASTROS 3, BRAVES 2

Houston						Atlanta					
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi	
Altuve 2b	1	0	0	0	Bourn cf		4	0	0	0	
MGnzlz ss	4	0	1	0	Prado lf		4	0	1	0	
Bmrcs rf	4	0	1	0	Heyard rf		4	0	1	0	
Maxwll cf	4	2	4	3	Uggla 2b		3	0	1	2	
JDMrtn lf	4	0	1	0	Janish ss		3	0	0	0	
MDunn 3b	4	0	0	0	FFrmn 1b		3	1	1	0	
CSnydr c	4	0	0	0	Mahlm p		2	0	0	0	
Harrell p	2	0	0	0	Hinske ph		1	0	0	0	
FRdrgz p	0	0	0	0	Gearin p		0	0	0	0	
Schafer ph	1	0	0	0	Avilan p		0	0	0	0	
Bogsvc rf	0	0	0	0	Durbin p		0	0	0	0	
Totals	32	3	7	3	Totals		30	2	5	2	

Houston	000	200	100	—	3
Atlanta	000	002	000	—	2

DP—Houston 2, Atlanta 3. LOB—Houston 5, Atlanta 6. 2B—J.D.Martinez (13), Heyward (19). HR—Maxwell 2 (12). SB—Maxwell (3). CS—Altuve (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Harrell W,9-7	6	4	2	2	5	5
FRodriguez	1	0	0	0	0	0
W.Wright	1-1-3	0	0	0	0	2
Bmrcs H,4	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Atlanta						
Mahlm L,9-7	7	6	3	3	2	8
Gearrin	2-3	1	1	0	1	1
Avilan	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Durbin	1	2	0	0	0	0

HBP—by W.Lopez (Uggla).
T—2:33. A—30,029 (49,586).

NATIONALS 10, MARLINS 7

Miami						Washington					
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi	
Bonifac lf	5	1	3	0	Espnoss ss		5	1	2	3	
Solano rf	4	0	0	0	Harper rf		5	0	1	0	
Reyes ss	4	4	3	0	Zmmrm 3b		4	0	2	1	
Ca.Lee 1b	4	1	2	2	Morse lf		5	0	1	1	
Dobbs 3b	5	0	1	1	Clipprd 1b		4	1	1	1	
DSolan 2b	3	0	1	2	LaRoch 1b		4	3	2	2	
GHrndz cf	4	1	0	0	Werth cf		3	1	2	0	
J.Buck c	4	0	1	1	WSuzuk c		3	0	0	0	
Buehrle p	3	0	1	0	Lmrdzz 2b		3	0	1	1	
H.Bell p	0	0	0	0	Zmmrm p		1	1	0	0	
Ruggin ph	1	0	0	0	Grzlny p		0	0	0	0	
Qntnll p	0	0	0	0	Mcgrdc p		0	0	0	0	
Zamrn p	0	0	0	0	McGrdl p		0	0	0	0	
					Maths p		0	0	0	0	
					Tkcoop ph-lf		1	1	1	0	
Totals	37	7	12	5	Totals		36	10	12	10	

Miami	021	000	101	—	7
Washington	012	001	06x	—	10

E—M.Dunn (1), Espinosa 2 (9), Lombardozzi 3 (3). DP—Washington 1. LOB—Miami 9, Washington 6. 2B—Petersen (1), Reyes (26), Ca.Lee (18), J.Buck (11). HR—Espinosa (10), Harper (10), LaRoche 2 (23). SB—Reyes 2 (27), S—Cousins, D.Solano, K.Suzuki.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Miami						
Buehrle	6	7	4	4	2	2
H.Bell	1	0	0	0	0	2
M.Dunn L,0-1	2-3	4	6	0	1	1
Zamrano	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Washington						
Zimmermann	5	7	5	4	1	3
Mcgrdc	1	2	0	0	1	0
Mic.Gonzalez	1-3	0	1	0	1	0
Matthews W,4-1	1-2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Clippard	1	1	2	1	1	0

HBP—by Zimmermann (Ca.Lee).
T—3:07. A—33,449 (41,487).

REDS 5, PIRATES 4

Pittsburgh						Cincinnati					
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi	
Presley lf	4	1	1	0	Cozzrt ss		3	1	1	0	
JHughs p	0	0	0	0	Stubbs cf		4	2	2	0	
GSnchz ph	1	0	0	0	Bruce rf		3	1	1	1	
Walker 2b	2	0	0	1	Ludwck lf		4	0	1	1	
Alvrz ct	4	0	0	0	Rolen 3b		4	1	2	2	
SJsnns 1b	4	1	2	2	Rdrgz 1b		4	0	1	0	
McKnr c	4	1	2	1	DNavrr c		4	0	0	0	
PAlvrz 3b	4	0	0	0	Hanign c		0	0	0	0	
Snider rf	2	0	0	0	Valdez 2b		3	0	0	0	
JHrnn ss	3	1	2	1	Mrsh lf		3	0	0	0	
JMcDnl p	2	0	0	0	Broxtn p		0	0	0	0	
SMarte ph-lf-2b	2	0	0	0	Paul 2b		1	0	0	0	
					Chrnnn p		0	0	0	0	
					Leake p		2	0	0	0	
					Torrs p		0	0	0	0	
Totals	33	4	8	4	Totals		33	5	9	5	

Pittsburgh	011	101	000	—	4
Cincinnati	200	200	01x	—	5

E—PAlvarez (16), Leake (2). DP—Cincinnati 1. LOB—Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 6. 2B—DNavarro (17), Ludwick (19), SS—Presley (4), Rolen (2), HR—McKenry (11), J.Harrison (3). SB—Cairo (2). SF—Walker, Snider.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh						
Ja.McDonald	6	7	4	3	1	7
J.Hughes L,2-1	2	2	1	1	1	0
Cincinnati						
Leake	6	6	3	3	1	7
Marshall	1	0	0	0	0	1
Broxton W,1-0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Chapman S,25-29	1	1	0	0	0	2

HBP—by Leake (J.Harrison). WP—Leake, Chapman.
T—3:01. A—41,577 (42,319).

PHILLIES 3, DIAMONDBACKS 0

Arizona						Philadelphia					
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi	
GParra cf	3	0	0	0	Rollins ss		4	0	0	0	
Drew ss	4	0	2	0	Frndsn 3b		4	1	1	0	
Kubel lf	4	0	1	0	Utley 2b		4	1	1	0	
Gldsch 1b	4	0	1	0	Howard 1b		4	1	2	0	
J.Upton rf	3	0	1	0	Mayrry cf		4	0	1	0	
Pnngtn c	3	0	0	0	DBrwn lf		3	0	1	1	
CJhnsn 3b	3	0	0	0	Kratz c		3	1	1	2	
JMcDnl 2b	3	0	0	0	Schmkl rf		3	0	1	0	
JSmdrs p	2	0	0	0	Hellady p		2	0	0	0	
Ziegler p	0	0	0	0	Wggntn ph		1	0	0	0	
RWeikl ph	1	0	0	0	Lindlm p		0	0	0	0	
Egnsky p	0	0	0	0	Papelbn p		0	0	0	0	
Albers p	0	0	0	0							
Totals	30	0	4	0	Totals		32	3	9	3	

Arizona	000	000	000	—	0
Philadelphia	000	001	02x	—	3

DP—Arizona 1. LOB—Arizona 5, Philadelphia 7. 2B—Drew (7), Mayberry (16). HR—Kratz (4). CS—G.Parra (8).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arizona						
J.Saunders L,5-8	6	1-3	6	2	2	3
Ziegler	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Egnsky	1-3	2	1	1	0	1
Albers	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Philadelphia						
Hellady W,5-6	7	3	0	0	1	5
Papelbon S,24-27	1	1	0	0	0	2

WP—Zeguinlo. PB—Kratz.
T—2:42. A—43,762 (43,651).

CARDINALS 6, BREWERS 1

Milwaukee						St. Louis					
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi	
CGomz cf	4	0	1	0	Furcal ss		4	0	0	0	
Morgan rf	4	0	0	0	Craig 1b		4	1	1	1	
Braun lf	3	0	1	0	Hollidy lf		4	1	1	0	
Hart 1b	3	0	1	0	Beltran rf		4	1	1	1	
RWeks 2b	3	0	0	0	Freese 3b		4	0	0	0	
Lucroy c	3	0	0	0	YMolin c		4	0	1	2	
Cztura ss	3	0	0	0	Descls 2b		3	1	1	0	
Ransm 3b	3	0	0	0	Descals 2b		3	1	1	0	
MRgrs p	1	0	0	0	Wnwrg p		3	1	2	1	
Ishikaw ph	1	0	0	0							
Axford p	0	0	0	0							
Aoki ph	1	0	1	0							
FrRdrg p	0	0	0	0							
Totals	29	1	5	1	Totals		33	6	9	6	

Milwaukee	100	000	000	—	1
St. Louis	014	001	00x	—	6

DP—St. Louis 1. LOB—Milwaukee 2, St. Louis 4. 2B—C.Gomez (13), Descalso (7), Wainwright (2). HR—Beltran (25), Jay (3). SB—Molina (11). SF—Braun.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Milwaukee						
M.Rogers L,0-1	5	7	5	5	1	5
L.Hernandez	2	2	1	1	0	1
Fr.Rodriguez	1	0	0	0	0	0
St. Louis						
Wainwright W,9-10	9	5	1	1	0	7
Balk—Wainwright.						
WP—Wainwright.						
T—2:19. A—42,036 (43,975).						

DODGERS 3, CUBS 1

Chicago						Los Angeles					
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi	
SCastro ss	4	0	0	0	Victorn lf		4	1	1	0	
Rizzo 1b	4	0	0	0	Ellis 2b		4	0	1	0	
Rizzo 1b	4	0	0	0	Kemp cf		3	1	1	2	
ASorin lf	4	0	1	1	Ethier rf		3	0	0	0	
JeBakr rf	4	0	0	0	RRmrz ss		4	0	0	0	
LaHair ph	1	0	0	0	Loney 1b		4	0	1	0	
WCastll c	3	0	1	0	HrstnJr 3b		3	0	0	0	
Barney cf	3	0	0	0	Ellis c		3	0	0	0	
Valuen 3b	3	0	1	0	Kershw p		2	0	2	0	
Volstad p	0	0	0	0	GwynJr ph		1	0	0	0	
DeJess ph	1	0	0	0	Belisr p		0	0	0	0	
Campp	0	0	0	0	Jansen p		0	0	0	0	
Russell p	0	0	0	0							
Totals	32	1	3	1	Totals		31	3	7	2	

Chicago	000	100	000	—	1
Los Angeles	000	200	01x	—	3

DP—Chicago 1, Los Angeles 1. LOB—Chicago 4, Los Angeles 6. 2B—A.Sorano (23), Victorino (18). HR—Kemp (16). S—Volstad 2.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Volstad L,0-8	7	6	2	2	1	3
Russell	1-3	1	1	0	1	0
Campp	1	0	0	0	0	1
Los Angeles						
Kershaw W,9-6	7	3	1	1	2	7
Belisario	1	0	0	0	0	2
Jansen S,21-26	1	0	0	0	0	2

T—2:33. A—46,588 (56,000).

GIANTS 11, ROCKIES 6

San Francisco						Colorado					
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi	
Pagan cf	6	2	4	3	EYbng rf		4	1	2	0	
Scutaro 2b	4	2	2	1	Rutledg ph		1	0	0	0	
McCarr lf	3	2	1	2	Fowler cf		4	1	1	0	
Posey c	6	1	2	3	GGnzlz lf		4	1	2	0	
Belt 1b	5	2	1	0	Tlwtzk 1b		4	0	0	0	
Arias ss	5	1	1	0	Pachec 3b		3	0	1	1	
Blanco rf	5	1	2	1	Rmrez p		1	0	0	0	
Bell 1b	2	1	1	0	WRosr 3b		2	0	0	0	
Totals	42	11	17	10	Totals		33	4	7	1	

San Francisco	201	230	001	—	11
Colorado	000	001	221	—	6

E—Scutaro (1), W.Rosario (10), Rutledge (3). DP—San Francisco 1, Colorado 2. LOB—San Francisco 11, Colorado 9. 2B—Theriot (13), Pence (16), Belt (15), C.Gonzalez (25), Ra.Hernandez 2 (8), McBride (1). HR—Pagan (6), Me.Cabrera (11), Posey (16), Rutledge (2), Se.Pagan (18), E.Young (12). CS—E. Young (2). S—E.Young, Se.Pagan.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Francisco						
Bumgarner W,12-6	6	5	1	1	1	7

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	62	44	.585	—	—	4-6	L-1	33-22	29-22
Baltimore	58	47	.552	3½	6 ½	1 ½	5-5	25-28	33-19
Tampa Bay	56	51	.523	6 ½	1 ½	6-4	L-1	29-26	27-25
Boston	53	55	.491	10	5	4-6	L-4	27-32	26-23
Toronto	52	55	.486	10 ½	5 ½	4-6	W-1	28-23	24-32

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Chicago	58	47	.552	—	—	5-5	W-3	30-21	28-26
Detroit	57	50	.533	1 ½	1/2	5-5	W-3	30-21	27-29
Cleveland	50	57	.467	8 ½	7 ½	1-9	L-8	27-25	23-32
Minnesota	47	60	.439	11 ½	10 ½	7-3	W-3	23-28	24-32
Kansas City	44	62	.415	14	13	3-7	L-2	20-32	24-30

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	63	43	.594	—	—	6-4	W-4	34-21	29-22
Oakland	58	49	.542	5 ½	—	5-5	L-1	32-24	26-25
Los Angeles	58	50	.537	6	—	5-5	W-1	30-22	28-28
Seattle	51	58	.468	13 ½	7 ½	4-6	W-1	25-29	26-29

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Washington	64	43	.598	—	—	6-4	W-1	31-22	33-21
Atlanta	61	46	.570	3	—	8-2	L-1	31-26	30-20
Nationals	53	55	.491	11 ½	8	5-5	W-1	26-26	27-29
Miami	49	59	.454	15 ½	12	4-6	L-1	27-27	22-32
Philadelphia	48	59	.449	16	12 ½	2-8	L-2	22-30	26-29

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cincinnati	66	41	.617	—	—	9-1	W-5	36-19	30-22
Pittsburgh	62	45	.579	4	—	6-4	L-2	33-20	29-25
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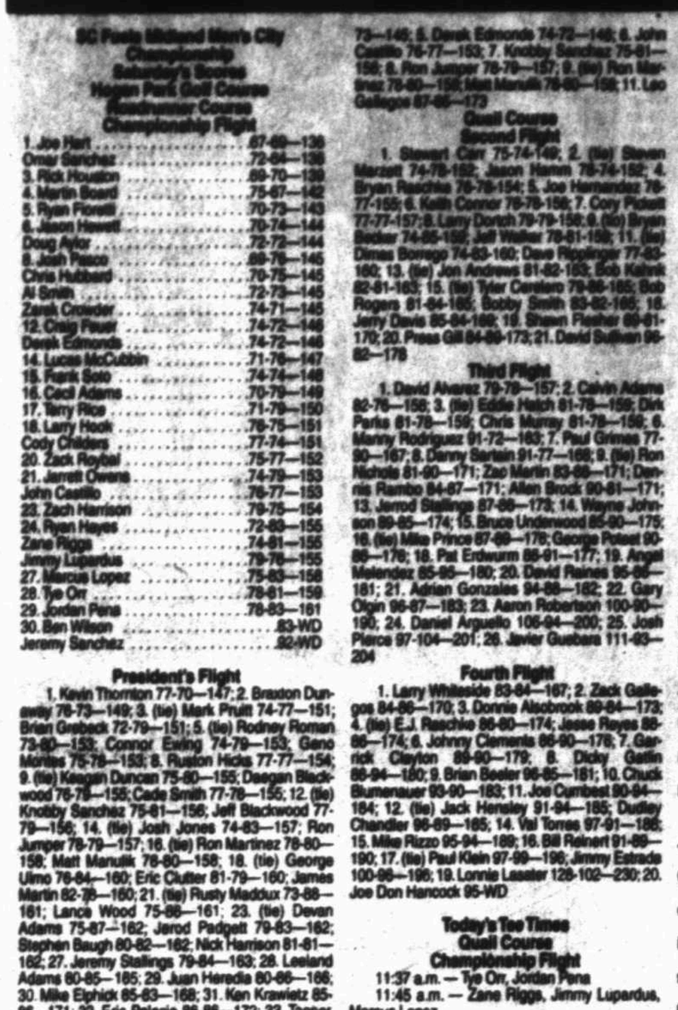

Montoya takes pole at Pocono Raceway

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Juan Pablo Montoya's contribution to the NASCAR highlight reel so far this season was his crash into a jet dryer in the season-opening Daytona 500.

Montoya finally had a bright spot that didn't involve explosions and raging fuel fires.

He turned a lap of 176.043 mph Saturday to win the pole at Pocono Raceway. The winless Montoya won his first pole since April 2011 in Richmond, Va. He hasn't won a race since Aug. 8, 2010 at Watkins Glen.

The pole was a needed lift for Montoya and his No. 42 Earnhardt Ganassi Racing team. He's 21st in the standings and has yet to drive to a top-five finish. He only has two top 10s and has continued a string of mediocre seasons since qualifying for the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship in 2009.

Montoya admitted he was "shocked" he beat out Pocono qualifying stars such as Denny Hamlin, Joey Logano and Kasey Kahne to lead the field in today's 400- mile race.

"We know we're working in the right direction, we know we're working hard, we feel the cars are getting a little better," Montoya said, "but to go out there and get a pole ... I just went through the hauler and all the engineers, they're all happy and laughing. I'm used to long faces, a lot of long faces, a lot of stressful faces. We needed something like this as a company. This is big for us."

Hamlin turned a lap of 175.795 and qualified second. It's his 12th top-10 start in 14 career Pocono races.

Paul Menard, Kahne and Marcos Ambrose round out the top five.

Points leader Dale Earnhardt Jr. starts eighth.

Montoya joined NASCAR in 2007 after a successful career in open wheel that included an Indianapolis 500 victory and a Monaco Grand Prix win. His 2009 season where he finished eighth in the standings turned out to be a one-year blip instead of a breakthrough into regular championship contention.

His team has undergone massive turnover — including new crew chief Chris Heroy — yet it didn't bring the No. 42 Chevrolet any better results. He hasn't finished better than 21st in any of his last three races and has finished better than 14th only once in his last 11 races.

"I think we're quite a ways away from as a company where we want to get to," he said. "We want to be able to come every weekend knowing you can beat a Hendrick, beat a Gibbs. That's our goal."

Montoya knows he was as unlikely as any driver to win the pole.

"If you told me this morning I was going to be sitting on the pole, I'd say, 'pfff,'" he said. "I thought we were going to be OK. I thought we'd be 12-15. And we're sitting on the pole."

The trick for Montoya becomes trying to duplicate the strong run on Sunday. Montoya has four career top 10s, including one runner-up finish in 2009, in 11 career starts at Pocono.

AUTO RACING ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SADLER REDEEMS HIMSELF WITH NATIONWIDE WIN AT IOWA: At Newton, Iowa, Elliott Sadler rebounded from the disappointment of his jumped-restart penalty last week in Indianapolis to win the NASCAR Nationwide Race at Iowa Speedway on Saturday night.

Sadler denied Ricky Stenhouse Jr. a fourth straight victory at Iowa Speedway, and increased his lead in the series standings to 18 points over Austin Dillon.

Sadler won the pole with a track-record qualifying speed of 135.141 mph and was near or at the front of the pack the entire race. He overtook Justin Allgaier on the 192nd lap and went on to his fourth victory of the season.

Allgaier was second, followed by Sam Hornish Jr., Michael Annett and Stenhouse.

Danica Patrick finished 11th.

Hornish won the final "Dash4Cash" bonus of $100,000. His fan partner, Tammy Altieri of Spokane, Wash., also won $100,000.

COULTER WINS TRUCKS SERIES RACE AT POCONO RACEWAY: At Long Pond, Pa., Joey Coulter sped from third to first off the final restart to win for the first time in the Trucks Series at Pocono Raceway.

Coulter won Saturday in his 36th career start.

James Buescher was second and pole winner Nelson Piquet Jr. was third. Matt Crafton and Denny Hamlin round out the top five.

Coulter had never won a race in Trucks or the Nationwide Series. His mother was among the first join him in Victory Lane.

POWER POWERS WAY TO POLE AT MID-OHIO INDYCAR: At Lexington, Ohio, Will Power captured his third pole of the season, holding off Dario Franchitti and rookie Simon Pagenaud to take the top qualifying spot Saturday for the IndyCar race at Mid-Ohio.

Power, ranked as the best in the series on road courses, was timed in 1 minute, 5.6474 seconds around the 2.25-mile, 13-turn layout nestled in farmland between Cleveland and Columbus. Franchitti was at 1:05.8950 and Pagenaud, making only his second appearance at the track, clocked 1:05.9038.

Scott Dixon, who has won three of the last five years at Mid-Ohio, qualified fifth. Series leader Ryan Hunter-Reay was eighth.

Officials have introduced a 5-second delay for its push-to-pass system that should allow for more passing on the narrow course.

The forecast calls for rain and cooler temperatures today.

ALLEN JOHNSON TOPS PRO STOCK QUALIFYING: At Kent, Wash., Pro Stock points leader Allen Johnson topped Pro Stock qualifying for the sixth straight event, taking the No. 1 position in the NHRA Northwest Nationals on Saturday at Pacific Raceways.

Spencer Massey led the Top Fuel field, and teammate Ron Capps topped the Funny Car class.

Johnson powered his Mopar Dodge Avenger to the No. 1 position with his 6.554-second pass at 211.66 mph Friday night. He won the first two stops of the Western Swing in Denver and Sonoma and will look to become the eighth driver to sweep the three-race swing when eliminations start Sunday.

In Top Fuel, Massey ran the quickest pass of the weekend during the Friday night session with a run of 3.837 at 319.60. Capps also maintained the No. 1 spot in Funny Car with his Friday night run of 4.119 at 298.47. Capps has three victories in seven final-round appearances at Pacific Raceways.

TIE

From 1C

nobody else did," Sanchez said.

Hart's 3-under 69 was also bogey free, and now the 57-year old Lee High School and Southwest Texas State grad has a chance to win a title he's been seeking for nearly 40 years.

Hart said his putter helped him again as he had 28 putts on Saturday, and then made a key par on No. 17 where he had to hit it out of the water to help salvage his round.

"That was the nice thing because that could've been a stopping point," said Hart, a 1973 grad of Lee High School who works in oilfield sales. "I just have to keep it down the middle and keep it in play and find the green. My stroke is good right now and I have to try not to beat myself."

Hart and Sanchez are three strokes ahead of two-time champion Rick Houston, who shot a 2-under 70 on Saturday and is at 139 for the tournament and in third place.

Midland High grad and current University of Texas-San Antonio player Martin Board vaulted into fourth with a 5-under 67 and is at 142. Lee grad and UTEP player Ryan Fioretti is fifth after a 73 is sitting at 143.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Rick Houston watches his drive off the tee Saturday in the second round of the Men's City Championship at Hogan Park Golf Course.

The Championship Flight will play its final round on the shorter Quail Course today, and Sanchez said the key will be keeping it in play as often as possible because putting together a low score is going to be tough on the tree-lined course.

"There's lots of new trees on that side and any of them can come up and bite you," Sanchez said. "It's a shorter course, and if you pick good lines you are going to be all right. If you don't you are absolutely going to pay the price."

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PRO GOLF ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PGA

BRIDGESTONE INVITATIONAL: At Akron, Ohio, A steady diet of pars kept Jim Furyk in the lead Saturday in the Bridgestone Invitational, but not by much.

Furyk made his only birdie on the par-5 second hole and had to rely on a couple of strong par saves on the back nine at Firestone for an even-par 70, giving him a one-shot lead over Louis Oosthuizen going into the final round of this World Golf Championship.

RENO-TAHOE OPEN: At Reno, Nev., J.J. Henry had an eagle for the third straight day and scored 14 points to take the third-round lead in the Reno-Tahoe Open.

Champions

3M CHAMPIONSHIP: At Blaine, Minn., David Peoples matched his career best with a 10-under 62 on Saturday to take a three-stroke lead in the Champions Tour's 3M Championship.

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Linemen lead, Martin brings tears to HOF

By Joe Kay
Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — The linemen led the way as they always do, accepting their inductions into the Pro Football Hall of Fame with an abundance of humility. Curtis Martin finished the evening by supplying plenty of tears.

The last of the six players to have their bronze busts unveiled Saturday night, Martin used the big stage to recall his rough life, his mother's pain and his life-long indifference to the game that allowed him to become famous.

"I don't necessarily have notes, so I'm going to just bare my soul," Martin cautioned. "So bear with me."

His moving story was the longest of the six and had the audience of 12,100 cheering supportively whenever one of the NFL's greatest running backs got choked up or lost for words. It was quite a way to end a three-hour induction that celebrated some of the game's best blockers and tacklers.

Linemen Willie Roaf, Chris Doleman, Cortez Kennedy and Dermontti Dawson and 1950s cornerback Jack Butler were the first inducted, accepting their honor with simple thanks and generally short stories.

All the way through, the evening had a strong Pittsburgh flavor.

Hundreds of Steelers fans sat on the field and in the stands, waving yellow "Terrible Towels" to celebrate the city's starring role. Two of the new Hall of Famers played for the Steelers — Butler and Dawson. Doleman and Martin played for the University of Pittsburgh after growing up in Pennsylvania.

When it was time for Martin, a former Jets star, to finish the evening, Broadway Joe Namath couldn't help but notice the "J-E-T-S! J-E-T-S!" chants were getting overwhelmed.

"I hear a lot of big mouths from Pittsburgh out there," he told the crowd. "And justifiably — yes, yes!"

Martin soon had them dabbing their eyes.

He described growing up in a rough neighborhood in Pittsburgh, the son of an alcoholic father who would beat and torture his mother by setting her hair on fire or pressing burning cigarettes to her legs. His mother, Rochella, wiped tears from her eyes as he shared his story, occasionally pausing to collect himself.

"My greatest achievement in my life was healing my mother and nurturing my mother," Martin said.

She urged him to play football to stay out of trouble. Even when New England coach Bill Parcells decided to draft him out of Pitt, Martin wasn't sure he wanted to play. His pastor told him he could use football as a platform to do greater things.

"I played for a purpose bigger than the game because I knew that the love for the game just wasn't in my heart," Martin said.

Tom E. Puskar/AP

Former NFL player Curtis Martin, left, and his presenter, his former coach Bill Parcells, unveil Martin's bust during his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday in Canton, Ohio.

He followed Parcells to the Jets and finished his career and the fourth-leading rusher in NFL history. Parcells became one of his biggest influences, and Martin chose him for the introduction on Saturday.

"He has tremendous compassion for his fellow man," Parcells said. "He is, I think, the poster child for what the NFL is supposed to be. You come into the league, maximize your abilities, you save your money, you make a smooth transition into society and then you pass all those things on to other people. That's what this guy has done."

The night that belonged to those who didn't have it easy.

Roaf was inducted first and set the tone. Standing in front of the large crowd in an unfamiliar role — getting attention for something good — he acknowledged feeling out of place.

"You know, it's an offensive lineman," Roaf said. "I didn't get singled out in front of a large audience very often, and when I did, it was usually by a referee who was singling me out by saying, 'Holding No. 77.'

"That's not going to happen today. And it wasn't too often when I played."

Saints play 1st game without suspended coach

By Joe Kay
Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — The Saints haven't seemed all that far removed from suspended coach Sean Payton.

When they walked into their indoor practice facility last month, they saw a large mural of the coach glaring at them with the message "Do your job" — his parting words before starting a one-season penalty for the team's bounty scandal.

That's not all.

Payton got the NFL's permission to come to Canton for the induction of former Saints tackle Willie Roaf into the Hall of Fame on Saturday, another reminder that he's still around in a sense.

The first significant change comes tonight.

The Saints (No. 9 in the AP Pro32) will play without him for the first time in the Hall of Fame game against the Arizona Cardinals (No. 23). They'll get their orders from assistant coach Joe Vitt, who is running the team for now.

New Orleans gets to start adjusting to its new normal. Payton and linebacker Jonathan Vilma are gone for the season.

"Just to get back to playing football after what's gone on, I think it's a sanctuary for us," linebacker Scott Shanle said.

A sanctuary from an awful offseason. In addition to the penalties for running a program that paid players to hurt opponents, quarterback Drew Brees skipped workouts and minicamp because he was unhappy about getting the team's franchise tag. He eventually got a five-year, $100 million deal, and the Saints started trying to get past their many problems.

A team that won 13 games last season returns most of its offense intact, its best hope of reaching the playoffs for the fourth straight season, one that ends with the Super Bowl in New Orleans.

There's no sense of doom in the Superdome — not yet, anyway.

"That may be the way that people like to frame it," said Brees, who is expected to play only a series or two on Sunday. "But that is not the way that we look at it. You can say that it just adds a little extra motivation. It just puts another chip on our shoulder, but we already had a chip on our shoulder.

"It seems to be the hot topic for us, but it is just business as usual. You deal with it. Whatever comes your way, you deal with it."

The Saints will get their look at how their new defense performs. They fired coordinator Gregg Williams before his leading role in the bounty program was uncovered, replacing him with Steve Spagnuolo. New Orleans is expected to blitz less and play more zone coverage in the new scheme.

Mostly, it's a chance to get a feel for how things will be without Payton calling the shots. The players missed him a little when a 9-foot-tall statue of Steve Gleason's 2006 punt block was unveiled outside the Superdome last month.

"It's tough when we do things like this," Shanle said. "The first big thing was the unveiling of the statue for Steve Gleason. It's something that popped into my mind that it was a shame that coach Payton couldn't be there.

"But I'm sure coach Payton read about it somewhere. We just kind of have to deal with the hand we've been dealt."

For the Cardinals, it's the start of a long journey that will help determine their quarterback. They finished 8-8 last season after a slow start. Coach Ken Whisenhunt is letting Kevin Kolb and John Skelton compete for the starting quarterback job during camp.

The Hall of Fame game provides one extra chance to make an impression.

"We're trying to make our mark every single day," said Kolb, who will get the opening series on Sunday. "Every single practice counts. Obviously the games are a little bit more important, but if you start pressing, getting yourself in those kind of modes, I think we know what happens there."

COWBOYS

From 1C

BEASLEY QUITS: The Cowboys placed undrafted rookie receiver Cole Beasley on the left team/exempt list after he informed Garrett he didn't want to continue playing football.

"He just said it wasn't in his heart at this time," Garrett said. "I'll leave it at that. I don't want to get into too much more detail. We do get a roster exemption for him and we will continue to evaluate the situation."

Garrett said Beasley met with members of the team's player development department, including a mental health consultant, before leaving camp.

"Sometimes for a young player…you don't feel like you like football when you are going through two-a-day type schedules," Garrett said.

Beasley's departure puzzled Garrett because he was in the mix for a spot on the 53-man roster after a strong offseason. Despite his 5-foot-8, 177-pound size, the SMU alum made several tough catches during various camps and practices while showing off good speed and hands.

"I was surprised because one of the things we liked about him was he definitely demonstrated passion and hunger as a player," Garrett said.

QUICK HITS: Running back Phillip Tanner will return to Dallas for surgery after breaking his right hand. He's expected to be out one to two weeks. … Rookie receiver Danny Coale (foot) and guard Mackenzy Bernadeau (knee, hip) have been cleared to practice and are set to be on the field Tuesday.

OLYMPICS SCORES AND SCHEDULES

2012 Summer Olympic Medals
Table-Gold Order
At London
Saturday
25 of 25 medal events
138 of 302 total medal events

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
United States	26	13	15	54
China	25	16	12	53
Britain	14	7	8	29
Russia	3	15	10	28
Japan	2	10	12	24
France	8	6	8	22
Germany	5	10	6	21
Australia	1	12	7	20
South Korea	9	3	5	17
Italy	5	5	3	13
Canada	1	3	6	10
Netherlands	3	1	4	8
New Zealand	3	0	4	7
Romania	1	4	2	7
Ukraine	2	0	4	6
Belarus	1	2	3	6
Brazil	1	1	4	6
Kazakhstan	5	0	0	5
North Korea	4	0	1	5
Cuba	2	2	1	5
Hungary	2	1	2	5
Denmark	1	2	2	5
South Africa	3	1	0	4
Poland	2	1	1	4
Czech Republic	1	2	1	4
Mexico	0	3	1	4
Slovakia	0	1	3	4
Slovenia	1	0	2	3
Sweden	0	3	0	3
Colombia	0	2	1	3
Spain	0	2	1	3
India	0	1	2	3
Croatia	1	1	0	2
Ethiopia	1	0	1	2
Jamaica	1	0	1	2
Belgium	0	1	1	2
Indonesia	0	1	1	2
Kenya	0	1	1	2
Mongolia	0	1	1	2
Norway	0	1	1	2
Serbia	0	1	1	2
Greece	0	0	2	2
Moldova	0	0	2	2
Georgia	1	0	0	1
Lithuania	1	0	0	1
Switzerland	1	0	0	1
Venezuela	1	0	0	1
Egypt	0	1	0	1
Guatemala	0	1	0	1
Taiwan	0	1	0	1
Thailand	0	1	0	1
Azerbaijan	0	0	1	1
Hong Kong	0	0	1	1
Iran	0	0	1	1
Qatar	0	0	1	1
Singapore	0	0	1	1
Tunisia	0	0	1	1
Uzbekistan	0	0	1	1

Saturday's Olympic Medalists
ATHLETICS
Men
Long Jump
GOLD—Greg Rutherford, Britain.
SILVER—Mitchell Watt, Australia.
BRONZE—Will Claye, Phoenix.
20Km Road Walk
GOLD—Chen Ding, China.
SILVER—Erick Barrondo, Guatemala.
BRONZE—Wang Zhen, China.
10,000
GOLD—Mohamed Farah, Britain.
SILVER—Galen Rupp, Portland, Ore.
BRONZE—Tariku Bekele, Ethiopia.
Women
100
GOLD—Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, Jamaica.
SILVER—Carmelita Jeter, Gardena, Calif.
BRONZE—Veronica Campbell-Brown, Jamaica.
Discus
GOLD—Sandra Perkovic, Croatia.
SILVER—Darya Pishchalnikova, Russia.
BRONZE—Li Yanfeng, China.
Heptathlon
GOLD—Jessica Ennis, Britain.
SILVER—Tatyana Chernova, Russia.
BRONZE—Lyudmyla Yosypenko, Ukraine.
BADMINTON
Women
Singles
GOLD—Li Xuerui, China.
SILVER—Wang Yihan, China.
BRONZE—Saina Nehwal, India.
Doubles
GOLD—China 2 (Zhao Yunlei, Tian Qing).
SILVER—Japan (Mizuki Fujii, Reika Kakiiwa).
BRONZE—Russia (Nina Vislova, Valeria Sorokina).
CYCLING TRACK
Women
Team Pursuit
GOLD—Britain (Dani King, Joanna Rowsell, Laura Trott).
SILVER—United States (Dotsie Bausch, Louisville, Ky., Sarah Hammer, Temecula, Calif., Lauren Tamayo, Barto, Pa.).
BRONZE—Canada (Gillian Carleton, Jasmin Glaesser, Tara Whitten).
FENCING
Women
Team Epee
GOLD—China (Li Na, Luo Xiaojuan, Sun Yujie, Xu Anqi).
SILVER—South Korea (Choi Injeong, Jung Hyojung, Shin A Lam, Choi Eunsook).
BRONZE—United States (Courtney Hurley, San Antonio, Maya Lawrence, Teaneck, N.J., Susie Scanlan, St. Paul, Minn., Kelley Hurley).
ROWING
Men
Fours
GOLD—Britain (Alex Gregory, Pete Reed, Tom James, Andrew Triggs Hodge).
SILVER—Australia (William Lockwood, James Chapman, Drew Ginn, Joshua Dunkley-Smith).
BRONZE—United States (Glenn Ochal, Philadelphia, Henrik Rummel, Pittsford, N.Y., Charles Cole, New Canaan, Conn., Scott Gault, Piedmont, Calif.).
Lightweight Double Sculls
GOLD—Denmark (Mads Rasmussen, Rasmus Quist).
SILVER—Britain (Zac Purchase, Mark Hunter).
BRONZE—New Zealand (Storm Uru, Peter Taylor).
Women
Single Sculls
GOLD—Miroslava Knapkova, Czech Republic.
SILVER—Fie Udby Erichsen, Denmark.
BRONZE—Kim Crow, Australia.
Lightweight Double Sculls
GOLD—Britain (Katherine Copeland, Sophie Hosking).
SILVER—China (Xu Dongxiang, Huang Wenyi).
BRONZE—Greece (Christina Giazitzidou, Alexandra Tsiavou).
SHOOTING
Women
50m Rifle 3 Positions
GOLD—Jamie Lynn Gray, Lebanon, Pa.
SILVER—Ivana Maksimovic, Serbia.
BRONZE—Adela Sykorova, Czech Republic.
Trap
GOLD—Jessica Rossi, Italy.
SILVER—Zuzana Stefecekova, Slovakia.
BRONZE—Delphine Reau, France.
SWIMMING
Men
1500 Freestyle
GOLD—Sun Yang, China.
SILVER—Ryan Cochrane, Canada.
BRONZE—Oussama Mellouli, Tunisia.
4 x 100 Medley Relay
GOLD—United States (Matthew Grevers, Lake Forest, Ill., Brendan Hansen, Havertown, Pa., Michael Phelps, Baltimore, Nathan Adrian, Bremerton, Wash., Nick Thoman, Cincinnati, Eric Shanteau, Lilburn, Ga., Tyler Mcgill, Champaign, Ill., Cullen Jones, Bronx, N.Y.).
SILVER—Japan (Ryosuke Irie, Kosuke Kitajima, Takeshi Matsuda, Takuro Fujii).
BRONZE—Australia (Hayden Stoeckel, Christian Sprenger, Matt Targett, James Magnussen, Brenton Rickard, Tommaso D'orsogna).
Women
50 Freestyle
GOLD—Ranomi Kromowidjojo, Netherlands.
SILVER—Aliaksandra Herasimenia, Belarus.
BRONZE—Marleen Veldhuis, Netherlands.
4 x 100 Medley Relay
GOLD—United States (Missy Franklin, Centennial, Colo., Rebecca Soni, Plainsboro, N.J., Dana Vollmer, Granbury, Texas, Allison Schmitt, Canton, Mich., Rachel Bootsma, Eden Prairie, Minn., Breeja Larson, Mesa, Ariz., Claire Donahue, Lenoir City, Tenn., Jessica Hardy, Long Beach, Calif.).
SILVER—Australia (Emily Seebohm, Leisel Jones, Alicia Coutts, Melanie Schlanger, Brittany Elmslie).
BRONZE—Japan (Aya Terakawa, Satomi Suzuki, Yuka Kato, Haruka Ueda).
TENNIS
Men
Doubles
GOLD—United States (Mike Bryan, Camarillo, Calif., Bob Bryan, Camarillo, Calif.).
SILVER—France (Michael Llodra, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga).
BRONZE—France 2 (Julien Benneteau, Richard Gasquet).
Women
Singles
GOLD—Serena Williams, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
SILVER—Maria Sharapova, Russia.
BRONZE—Victoria Azarenka, Belarus.
TRAMPOLINE
Women
GOLD—Rosannagh Maclennan, Canada.
SILVER—Huang Shanshan, China.
BRONZE—He Wenna, China.
TRIATHLON
Women
GOLD—Nicola Spirig, Switzerland.
SILVER—Lisa Norden, Sweden.
BRONZE—Erin Densham, Australia.
WEIGHTLIFTING
Men
94Kg
GOLD—Ilya Ilyin, Kazakhstan.
SILVER—Alexandr Ivanov, Russia.
BRONZE—Anatoli Ciricu, Moldova.

Saturday's Olympic Scores
BASKETBALL
Men
Group A
France 73, Tunisia 69
United States 99, Lithuania 94
Argentina 93, Nigeria 79
Group B
Russia 77, Spain 74
Brazil 98, China 59
Australia 106, Britain 75
SOCCER
Men
Quarterfinals
South Korea 1, Britain 1, South Korea (5-4 penalty kicks)
Brazil 3, Honduras 2
Mexico 4, Senegal 2
Japan 3, Egypt 0
HANDBALL
Men
Group A
Tunisia 34, Britain 17
Sweden 29, Argentina 13
Iceland 30, France 29
Group B
Serbia 28, South Korea 22
Croatia 32, Denmark 21
Spain 33, Hungary 22
HOCKEY
Women
Pool A
Netherlands 3, South Korea 2
Japan 1, Belgium 1
China 2, Britain 1
Pool B
Australia 1, South Africa 0
New Zealand 3, United States 2
Argentina 3, Germany 1
VOLLEYBALL
Men
Pool A
Poland 3, Britain 0 (25-18, 25-19, 25-18)
Italy 3, Australia 2 (21-25, 18-25, 25-21, 25-14, 15-13)
Argentina 3, Bulgaria 1 (25-18, 21-25, 25-19, 25-20)
Pool B
Germany 3, Tunisia 0 (25-15, 25-16, 25-16)
Russia 3, United States 2 (27-29, 19-25, 26-24, 25-16, 15-8)
Brazil 3, Serbia 2 (22-25, 25-15, 20-25, 25-22, 15-9)
WATER POLO
Men
Group A
Croatia 11, Australia 6
Spain 11, Greece 9
Italy 9, Kazakhstan 6
Group B
Serbia 11, United States 6
Hungary 17, Britain 6
Montenegro 12, Romania 8

Women's Basketball Glance

Group A

Country	W	L	Pts
United States	4	0	8
China	3	1	6
Turkey	3	1	6
Czech Republic	1	3	2
Croatia	1	3	0
Angola	0	4	0

Group B

Country	W	L	Pts
France	4	0	8
Russia	3	1	6
Australia	3	1	6
Canada	2	2	4
Brazil	0	4	0
Britain	0	4	0
Brazil	0	4	0

At Basketball Arena
Today's Games
France vs. Russia, 3 a.m.
Angola vs. Czech Republic, 5:15 a.m.
Canada vs. Australia, 7:30 a.m.
China vs. United States, 10:45 a.m.
Croatia vs. Turkey, 2 p.m.
Britain vs. Brazil, 4:15 p.m.

Women's Soccer
SEMIFINALS
Monday, Aug. 6
Wembley, England
France vs. Japan, 11 a.m.
Manchester, England
Canada vs. United States, 1:45 p.m.

Men's Soccer
QUARTERFINALS
Saturday's Scores
Match 25
Manchester, England
Japan 3, Egypt 0
Match 26
Wembley, England
Mexico 4, Senegal 2
Match 27
Newcastle, England
Brazil 3, Honduras 2
Match 28
Cardiff, Wales
South Korea 1, Britain 1, South Korea won 5-4 penalty kicks
SEMIFINALS
Tuesday's Games
Wembley, England
Mexico vs. Japan, Noon
Manchester, England
South Korea vs. Brazil, 1:45 p.m.

Tennis Results
Men
Doubles
Bronze Medal
Julien Benneteau and Richard Gasquet, France, def. David Ferrer and Feliciano Lopez, Spain, 7-6 (4), 6-2.
Gold Medal
Mike Bryan, Camarillo, Calif. and Bob Bryan (1), Camarillo, Calif., def. Michael Llodra and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (2), France, 6-4, 7-6 (2).
Women
Singles
Bronze Medal
Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, def. Maria Kirilenko (14), Russia, 6-3, 6-4.
Gold Medal
Serena Williams (4), Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., def. Maria Sharapova (3), Russia, 6-0, 6-1.
Doubles
Semifinals
Serena Williams and Venus Williams, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., def. Maria Kirilenko and Nadia Petrova (3), Russia, 7-5, 6-4.
Mixed Doubles
Quarterfinals
Victoria Azarenka and Max Mirnyi (1), Belarus, def. Sania Mirza and Leander Paes, India, 7-5, 7-6 (5).
Laura Robson and Andy Murray, Britain, def. Samantha Stosur and Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, 6-3, 3-6, 1-0 (8).
Semifinals
Laura Robson and Andy Murray, Britain, def. Sabine Lisicki and Christopher Kas, Germany, 6-1, 6-7 (7), 1-0 (7).
Victoria Azarenka and Max Mirnyi (1), Belarus, def. Lisa Raymond, Wayne, Pa. and Mike Bryan (3), Camarillo, Calif., 3-6, 6-4, 1-0 (7).

Today's Schedule
(Subject to change)
Athletics
At The Mall
Women's Marathon, 5 a.m.
At Olympic Stadium
Men's 100 semifinals and final, 400 semifinals, 1500 semifinals, 3000 Steeplechase final, High Jump qualifying, Hammer final; Women's 400 final, 400 Hurdles round 1, Triple Jump final, 12:50 p.m.
Badminton
At Wembley Arena
Men's Singles and Doubles bronze medal matches, 3 a.m.
Men's Singles and Doubles gold medal matches, 7 a.m.
Beach Volleyball
At Horse Guards Parade
Women's quarterfinals (2 matches), Noon
Women's quarterfinals (2 matches), 4 p.m.
Boxing
At ExCel
Women's Flyweight (51kg); Women's Lightweight (60kg) and Women's Middleweight (75kg) round of 16, 7:30 a.m.
Men's Bantamweight (56kg) and Men's Heavyweight (91kg) quarterfinals, 2:30 p.m.
Cycling (Track)
At Olympic Park-Velodrome
Men's Omnium: 4km individual pursuit; Women's Sprint qualifying, 4 a.m.
Men's Omnium: 15km scratch race, 1km time trial-(medal); Men's Sprint quarterfinals, race for 5th-8th places; Women's Sprint 1/16 finals & repechages, 1/8 finals & repechages, race for 9th-12th places, 10 a.m.
Diving
At Olympic Park-Aquatics Centre
Women's 3-Meter Springboard final, 1 p.m.
Equestrian (Jumping)
At Greenwich Park
Team Jumping: round 1, 5 a.m.
Fencing
At ExCel
Men's Team Foil round of 16, quarterfinals, classifications (5th-8th places), semifinals, 3 a.m.
Men's Team Foil bronze and gold medal matches, Noon
Field Hockey
Men
At Olympic Park-Hockey Centre
New Zealand vs. Belgium, 2:30 a.m.
Pakistan vs. South Africa, 4:45 a.m.
India vs. South Korea, 7:45 a.m.
Netherlands vs. Germany, 10 a.m.
Britain vs. Australia, 1 p.m.
Argentina vs. Spain, 3:15 p.m.
Gymnastics
At Artistic North Greenwich Arena
Men's Floor Exercise final; Men's Pommel Horse final; Women's Vault final, 8 a.m.
Sailing
At Weymouth and Portland, Dorset
Men's 49er, Finn (medal race), RS:X, Star (medal race); Women's RS:X, 6 a.m.
Shooting
At The Royal Artillery Barracks
Men's 50-meter Pistol qualification and Men's Trap qualification (Day 1), 3 a.m.
Men's 50-meter Pistol final, 6:30 a.m.
Synchronized Swimming
At Olympic Park-Aquatics Centre
Women's Duets technical routine, 9 a.m.
Table Tennis
At ExCel
Men's Team quarterfinals, 4 a.m.
Men's Team quarterfinals, 9830 a.m.
Women's Team semifinal, 1 p.m.
Team Handball
Women
At Copper Box
Sweden vs. South Korea, 3:30 a.m.
Brazil vs. Angola, 5:15 a.m.
Montenegro vs. Russia, 8:30 a.m.
Croatia vs. Britain, 10:15 a.m.
Norway vs. Spain, 1:30 p.m.
Denmark vs. France, 3:15 p.m.
Tennis
At Wimbledon
Men's Singles bronze medal match, Women's Doubles bronze medal match, Men's Singles gold medal match, Women's Doubles gold medal match, Mixed Doubles gold medal match, 6 a.m.
Volleyball
Women
At Earls Court
Algeria vs. Dominican Republic, 3:30 a.m.
China vs. South Korea, 5:30 a.m.
Britain vs. Japan, 8:45 a.m.
Italy vs. Russia, 10:45 a.m.
United States vs. Turkey, 2 p.m.
Brazil vs. Serbia, 4 p.m.
Water Polo
Women
Quarterfinals
United States vs. Italy, 8:50 a.m.
Hungary vs. Russia, 10:10 a.m.
Spain vs. Britain, 1 p.m.
China vs. Australia, 2:20 p.m.
Weightlifting
At ExCel
Women's +75kg group A (medal), 9:30 a.m.
Wrestling (Greco-Roman)
At ExCel
Men's 55kg and 74kg qualifications, 1/8 finals, quarterfinals, semifinals, 7 a.m.
Men's 55kg and 74kg repechage rounds, bronze and gold medal contests, 11:45 a.m.

PHELPS

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want to swim for those three years."

He hugged his longtime coach, Bob Bowman, who was teary eyed as he whispered three words that said it all, "I love you." Their partnership was formed 16 years ago, when Bowman took a gangly, hyperactive kid with an extraordinary gift and helped turn him into a swimmer the likes of which the world had never seen.

"Bob and I have somehow managed to do every single thing," Phelps said. "If you can say that about your career, there's no need to move forward. Time for other things."

Bouncing back from a disappointing first race in London, a fourth-place finish in the 400 individual medley, Phelps wound up with more medals than any other swimmer at the games: four golds and two silvers.

Sounds familiar.

"Honestly, the first race kind of took the pressure off," Bowman said. "If it's not going to go too well, we should at least have fun while we're here. That helped us relax a little bit, then he started swimming well in the relays and he picked it up again."

Phelps wasn't the only star of the night. Missy Franklin capped off a brilliant Olympic debut by helping the U.S. take gold in the women's 400 medley relay — with a world-record time, no less.

The 17-year-old Franklin, who will begin her senior year of high school when she gets back to Colorado, seems destined to be America's new star in the post-Phelps era after taking four golds, tying Amy Van Dyken at the 1996 Atlanta Games for the most by a U.S. female swimmer. The youngster also picked up a bronze while swimming seven events — the same number as Phelps.

A definite bit of symmetry there, though Franklin doubts anyone can ever replace Phelps.

"I don't think his shoes will ever be filled. They're so huge," Franklin said. "Hopefully I can make little paths next to him."

SERENA

From 1C

minutes to win a game, and by then she trailed 6-0, 3-0. Williams dominated with her serve and repeatedly blasted winners from the baseline, taking a big swing with almost every stroke despite the windy conditions on Centre Court.

Williams said the tournament was the best she has played from start to finish.

"I was so focused here," she said. "I remember I was serving and I was thinking: 'Serena, this is your best chance to win a gold medal. You're at Wimbledon, you're on grass, you play great on grass, pull it together, just win this.' And that's what I thought about."

The career Golden Slam was first achieved by Steffi Graf, who did it when she won at the Olympics in 1988 after sweeping all four major titles.

"Growing up watching her, I always liked her," Williams said. "Having a chance to be mentioned in the same name — I always thought, 'OK, one person I'll never be mentioned in the same name is Steffi Graf. She's done everything.'"

US men survive 1st test in win over Lithuania

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

LONDON — Still unbeaten, but perhaps more importantly, the U.S. is no longer untested.

The Americans got a game against Lithuania — and then some. They got a scare.

Two days after running and gunning to a record-shattering 83-point win, the U.S. men's Olympic basketball team had to come back in the fourth quarter for a 99-94 win over a fearless Lithuania team that had the Americans in serious trouble until the closing minutes.

LeBron James scored 9 of his 20 points in the final four minutes for the U.S. (4-0), which had looked nearly invincible in thrashing Nigeria 156-73 on Thursday night and breaking several records. But the Americans were reminded that the path to the gold medal is loaded with traps and Lithuania nearly sprang one.

"You want to get tested. The best teams want to be tested. We love the competition," James said. "I think we've got some of the greatest competitors in our league, in this world, so you want to have a game where you feel like you were tested, and we had that today."

Carmelo Anthony added 20 points, Kevin Durant 16 and Chris Paul added seven rebounds, six assists and four of the U.S. team's 17 steals.

Linas Kleiza scored 25 to lead Lithuania, which led by 84-82 with 5:50 to play. After the U.S. took a three-point lead, Lithuania would not go away and pulled within 87-86 on Darius Songaila's bucket with 4:12 left.

That's when James, who has already won an MVP trophy and NBA title this year, took control of the offense.

"I've been kind of doing everything else, which I'm OK with. I'm here to do all the little things, do whatever this team needs, especially from Coach K's perspective, but like I told you guys I can also score," James said. "I'm blessed and happy that I was able to make a few buckets down the stretch."

James knocked down a 3-pointer from the top of the key, and after Paul stole the inbounds pass, James took a pass down the right side and delivered one of his trademark dunks, a basket that brought the American players off the bench and seemed to restore world basketball order.

United States	**99**
Lithuania	94

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Group A

Team	W	L	Pts
United States	4	0	8
France	3	1	6
Argentina	3	1	6
Lithuania	1	3	2
Nigeria	1	3	2
Tunisia	0	4	0

Group B

Team	W	L	Pts
Russia	4	0	8
Brazil	3	1	6
Spain	3	1	6
Australia	2	2	4
Britain	0	4	0
China	0	4	0

At Olympic Park-Basketball Arena
Saturday's Scores
France 73, Tunisia 69
Russia 77, Spain 74
United States 99, Lithuania 94
Brazil 98, China 59
Australia 106, Britain 75
Argentina 93, Nigeria 79
Monday's Games
Australia vs. Russia, 3 a.m.
Tunisia vs. Lithuania, 5:15 a.m.
France vs. Nigeria, 8:30 a.m.
Britain vs. China, 10:45 a.m.
Spain vs. Brazil, 2 p.m.
Argentina vs. United States, 4:15 p.m.

UNITED STATES 99, LITHUANIA 94
Lithuania (94)
R.Kaukenas 0-1 2-2 2, M.Kalnietis 1-3 0-0 2, M.Pocius 6-13 1-1 14, R.Seibutis 2-3 3-4 8, D.Songaila 5-6 1-2 11, S.Jasaitis 2-3 0-0 5, L.Kleiza 10-20 3-4 25, A.Kavaliauskas 3-3 0-0 6, S.Jasikevicius 3-4 0-0 8, J.Valanciunas 2-4 0-1 4, P.Jankunas 4-5 1-1 9. Totals 38-65 11-15 94.
United States (99)
T.Chandler 0-0 1-4 1, K.Durant 5-12 2-2 16, L.James 9-14 1-2 20, R.Westbrook 3-7 1-1 7, D.Williams 4-12 2-4 12, A.Iguodala 0-0 0-0 0, K.Bryant 1-7 4-5 6, K.Love 2-3 3-8 7, J.Harden 1-2 1-1 3, C.Paul 3-9 0-0 7, C.Anthony 7-13 4-4 20. Totals 35-79 19-31 99
Halftime—United States 55, Lithuania 51. 3-Point goals—Lithuania 7-16 (M.Kalnietis 0-1, M.Pocius 1-4, R.Seibutis 1-1, S.Jasaitis 1-2, L.Kleiza 2-6, S.Jasikevicius 2-2) United States 10-33 (K.Durant 4-7, L.James 1-4, R.Westbrook 0-1, D.Williams 2-6, K.Bryant 0-3, K.Love 0-1, J.Harden 0-1, C.Paul 1-4, C.Anthony 2-6). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Lithuania 42 (M.Pocius 7) United States 37 (K.Love 8). Assists—Lithuania 21 (M.Pocius 6, S.Jasikevicius 6) United States 13 (C.Paul 6). Total Fouls—Lithuania 28 United States 22.

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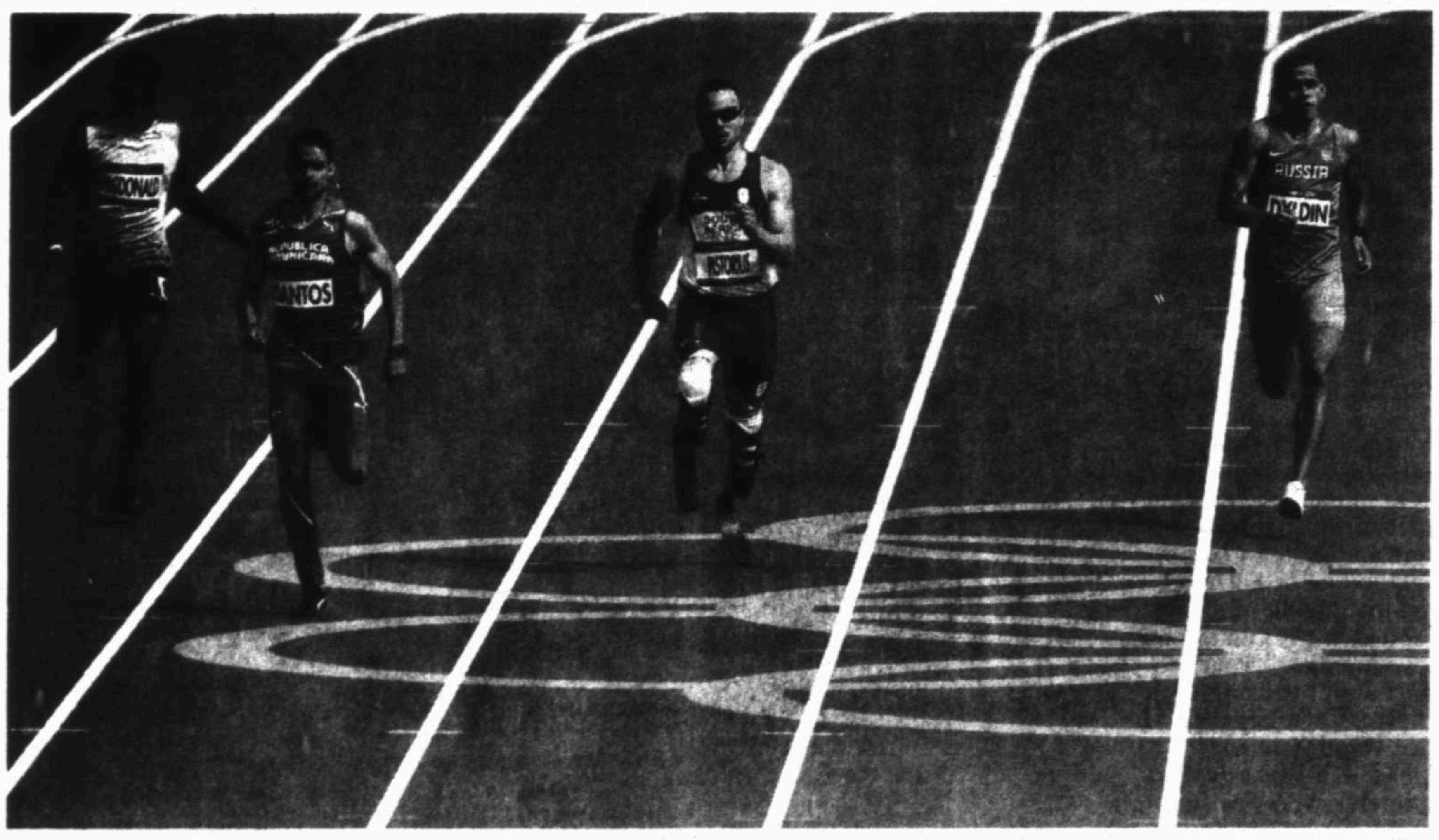
Team USA's Lebron James (6) works the ball past Lithuania's Renaldas Seibutis on Saturday during a preliminary men's basketball game at the Summer Olympics in London.



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South Africa's Oscar Pistorius, center, runs with Jamaica's Rusheen McDonald, left, Dominican Republic's Luguelin Santos, second left and Russia's Maksim Dyldin, right, in a men's 400-meter heat Saturday in the Olympic Stadium in London.

Pistorius makes it to semifinals of Olympic 400

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

LONDON — It began with a smile at the starting line.

Moments later, Oscar Pistorius took off and the click-click-clicking of carbon on the track was all but drowned out by the 80,000 fans on hand to watch him make history Saturday. The first amputee to compete in track at the Olympics, Pistorius cruised past an opponent or two in the backstretch of his 400-meter heat, and by the end, the "Blade Runner" was coasting in for a stress-free success.

Typical. Except this time, it was anything but that.

"I've worked for six years ... to get my chance," said the South African, who finished second and advanced to tonight's semifinals. "I found myself smiling in the starting block. Which is very rare in the 400 meters."

Yes, this sun-splashed day at Olympic Stadium was a good one for Pistorius, a double-amputee who runs on carbon-fiber blades and whose fight to get to this point has often felt more like a marathon than a sprint. He walked out of the tunnel, looked into the stands, saw his friends and family there — including his 89-year-old grandmother, who was carrying the South African flag.

"It's very difficult to separate the occasion from the race," Pistorius said.

But he figured it out. He finished in a season-best time of 45.44 seconds, crossing the line and looking up at the scoreboard, then covering his face with his hands when he saw the capital "Q" — for qualifier — go up by his name.

"Couldn't have hoped for anything better," he said.

The 25-year-old runner was born without fibulas and his legs were amputated below the knee before he was a year old. His is one of those stories that is every bit as much about the journey — one part dramatic, another part inspiring and yet another part controversial — as the final result.

"I know Oscar was the protagonist in the race," said Luguelin Santos of the Dominican Republic, who actually won the heat by .4 but went virtually unnoticed. "But I love him. He's a good racer."

Erison Hurtault of Dominica, who trained with Pistorius in South Africa, agreed.

"One thing I can say about Oscar is he's an incredibly hard worker," Hurtault said. "I'm glad to see him out here. I'm glad he's getting a chance to finally compete and hopefully something emerges out of everyone else's mind."

Pistorius has four Paralympic gold medals, but this latest trip around the track is about something different.

He waged a long fight to run in the Olympics against able-bodied opponents.

After dozens of hearings in front of hundreds of men and women in suits charged with the task of deciding whether the blades gave Pistorius an unfair advantage — then getting his country's Olympic committee to accept his qualifying times and enter him into the games — Pistorius finally got his chance.

He shook hands with his opponents, crouched into the blocks, flashed that smile and then — in so many ways, it was just another race, with Pistorius among the fastest men in it.

"I just see him as another athlete, another competitor," world champion Kirani James said.

Bursting out of the crouch from Lane 6, Pistorius got going slowly, but built up steam in the backstretch. He made up the lag and was easily among the top three when the runners turned into the backstretch. He passed Russia's Maksim Dyldin and then, as all the top runners do in a 400 prelim, let off the gas over the final few meters to save energy for the next one.

Though he knows his personal-best of 45.07 seconds isn't fast enough to truly contend for a medal, Pistorius wants to be more than simply a set piece at these Olympics. His goal was to be a factor, to earn a spot in the semifinals, and he did that — something the defending champion in this event, LaShawn Merritt, did not.

"He's fought to get here. He's here. Great guy, friend of mine," said Merritt, who pulled up lame with an injured hamstring halfway through his race and won't get to face Pistorius on the track.

It's Federer-Murray rematch for gold at Wimbledon

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — There will be mania among the picnickers on Murray Mount, and a proud contingent of Brits far rowdier than those strawberries-and-cream-eating tennis fans at a typical Wimbledon championship today.

Andy Murray gets a do-over at the All England Club — a month after losing to the man who dominates on the very same Centre Court grass. It's a Roger Federer-Murray rematch for Olympic gold.

This is Federer's first shot at a medal. It's Murray's umpteenth chance to show he really does have it in him to prevail when the pressure is greatest.

And Murray might finally have everything perfectly lined up to win the big one. The hard-luck Scotsman is playing at home, with the Union Jack adorning the left sleeve of his Olympic outfit, and a rockin' crowd chanting "GB!" as it tries to will him to victory once again.

"It's been an amazing month and one of the best of my career," Murray said. "The support that I have had over the last month, after Wimbledon, I really needed it. All the times that I have lost in a Grand Slam final, I've had a tough time afterward for a few months. But coming here with the motivation of playing in the Olympics and with the support that I have had has been all the motivation that I needed."

Everything points to a memorable second Sunday at the London Games: At Olympic Stadium, Jamaica's Usain Bolt goes for his second straight Olympic gold medal in the 100 meters. Across town at O2 Arena, Olympic men's all-around gymnastics champion Kohei Uchimura of Japan chases another championship in the individual floor exercise.

Also Sunday, women make their Olympic debut in boxing. And Serena Williams goes for her second gold medal in two days when she teams with sister Venus in the women's doubles final against the Czech Republic.

The Wimbledon scene will be wild for a closing day that has been sold out for months ahead of what turned out to be the best possible men's pairing as far as organizers are concerned — and it was sold out before these two even took the court for the first time in their memorable July four-setter.

Federer beat Murray 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4 to match a tournament record with his seventh Wimbledon title and 17th major victory.

Now Federer has guaranteed himself an Olympic medal to hang alongside all those shiny plaques and plates in his trophy case. But gold would be all the sweeter for the Swiss star as he takes on Murray three days before his 31st birthday.

Thanks to Federer, Murray fell to 0 for 4 in Grand Slam finals.

Last month, he became the first British man to reach the Wimbledon final since 1938. Ivan Lendl, Murray's coach, is the only other player to drop his first four major finals during the Open era.

Federer predicted after Wimbledon that Britain's tennis poster boy would indeed win a Slam someday. For now, capturing a gold medal for the hosts of the London Games would go a long way for Murray and his psyche.

Usain Bolt advances to Olympic 100 semifinals

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

LONDON — After overcoming a sloppy start to his London Olympics, Usain Bolt looked into a TV camera, held up his right index finger and declared: "No. 1, baby. All day, every day."

Well, on this day, he was merely OK.

Hardly dazzling after so much anticipation, Bolt was pedestrian out of the blocks — his reaction time ranked sixth of the eight runners in his heat — then insisted all that mattered was that he made it to the semifinals by shrugging off that poor beginning to win his race in 10.09 seconds Saturday.

"I stumbled on the start," the 25-year-old Jamaican said. "I really didn't do a lot of executing."

Lee Jin-man/AP

Jamaica's Usain Bolt, left, reacts after winning ahead of Britain's James Dasaolu in a men's 100-meter heat Saturdayin the Olympic Stadium London.

At Beijing in 2008, a showboating Bolt ruled track and field, winning golds in world-record times in the 100, 200 and 400 relay — something no man had ever done at an Olympics. At the 2009 world championships, he lowered his 100 mark to 9.58, which still stands.

But he's been less than outstanding more recently. A false start knocked him out of the dash at last year's world championships, and he lost to training partner Yohan Blake in the 100 and 200 at the Jamaican Olympic trials. Bolt blamed his poor showings at home on back and hamstring issues.

"My legs are great. My training has been great," Bolt said Saturday. "I'm feeling better."

That might very well be true. Still, another rough reaction to the starter's pistol could make things tough tonight when the 100 semifinals and final are scheduled.

Blake, whose intensity in practice led Bolt to nickname him "The Beast," looked quite good in his Olympic debut, really coasting at the end while winning his heat in 10 seconds flat.

Asked to assess his showing, Blake said: "It's not the finals."

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

MAY-TREANOR, WALSH WIN IN BEACH VOLLEYBALL

LONDON — Two-time gold medalists Kerri Walsh Jennings and Misty May-Treanor beat the Netherlands in straight sets on Saturday night to advance to the quarterfinals of the Olympic beach volleyball tournament.

The Americans beat Marleen van Iersel and Sanne Keizer 21-13, 21-12.

RUSSIA ENDS US STREAK IN MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

LONDON — Maxim Mikhaylov scored 27 points and Russia snapped an 11-match winning streak for the U.S. men's volleyball team in Olympic play with a 3-2 preliminary round victory Saturday.

A win would have clinched the U.S. men the top seed in their pool. They have another chance Monday against winless Tunisia.

JAMAICAN FRASER-PRYCE EDGES JETER FOR GOLD

LONDON — Of course the gold medal stays in Jamaica. Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce wouldn't have it any other way.

Her golden necklace banging against her chin, the bubbly Jamaican made it back-to-back Olympic titles in the women's 100 meters Saturday night, closing ground over the last 20 meters and leaning at the line to win in 10.75 seconds and edge American Carmelita Jeter by .03 seconds.

US WINS SILVER IN 10,000 METERS

LONDON — Mo Farah won the 10,000 meters at the London Olympics to give Britain three gold medals in track and field in about one hour on Saturday night.

The Somali-born Farah kicked away from a big pack coming into the final straight and won in 27 minutes, 30.42 seconds, holding off training partner Galen Rupp of the United States, who took silver in 27:30.90.

SERBIA HANDS US 1ST LOSS IN WATER POLO

LONDON — Vanja Udovicic scored three goals and Filip Filipovic chipped in with two more to give Serbia a 10-6 win over the United States in men's Olympic water polo.

It was the first loss of the London Games for the Americans.

BRITAIN BEATS US FOR GOLD IN WOMEN'S TEAM PURSUIT

LONDON — Another event, another gold medal for the British cycling team.

Another world record, too.

The women's pursuit team of Dani King, Laura Trott and Joanna Rowsell delivered the home nation its fourth Olympic gold medal in five events at the London Velodrome, turning in a time of 3 minutes, 14.051 seconds Saturday to lower the record they had set earlier in the day.

The three scorched across the finish line a quarter of a lap ahead of the United States, which finished in 3:19.727 to claim the silver medal. Canada beat Australia for the bronze.

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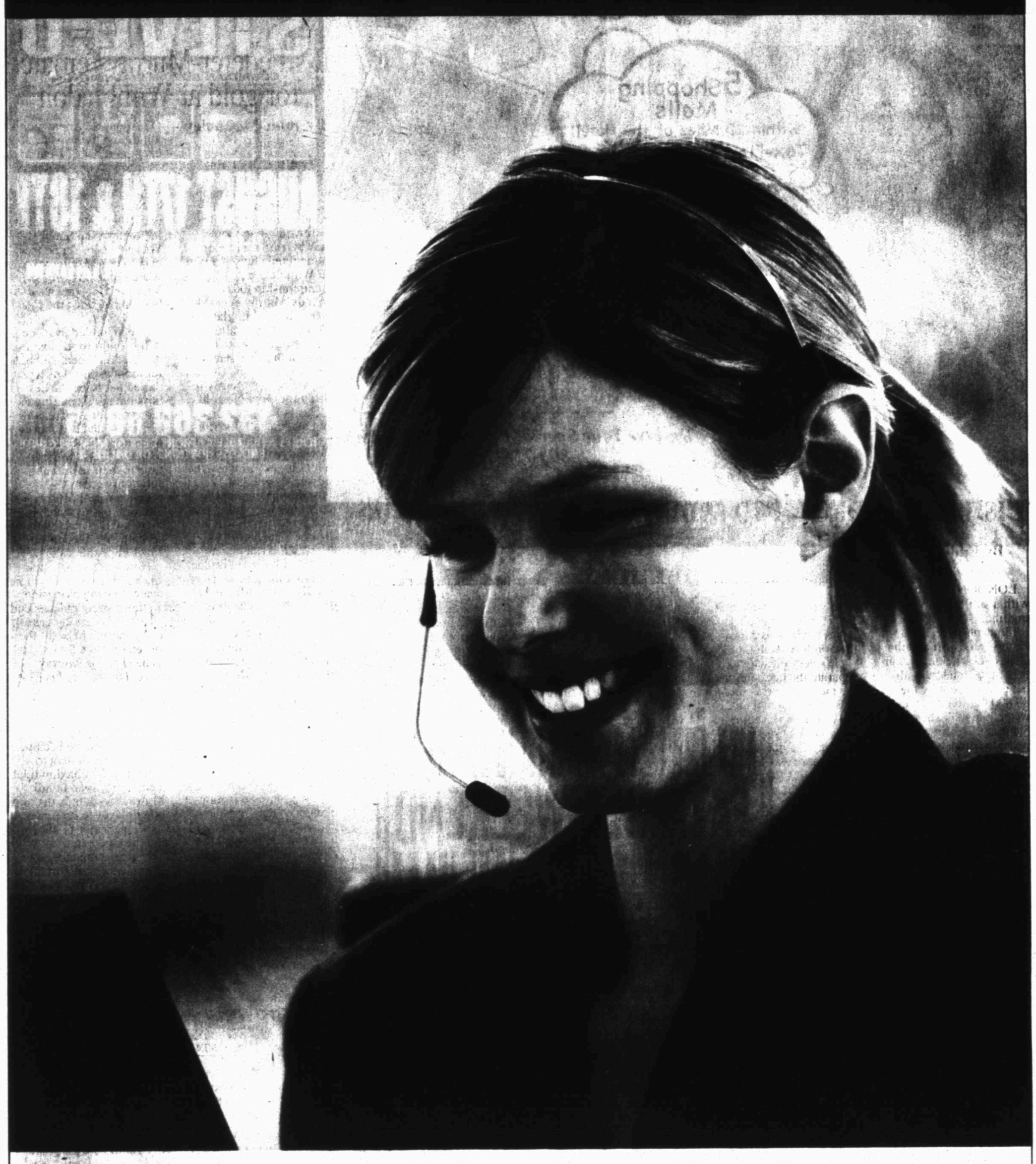

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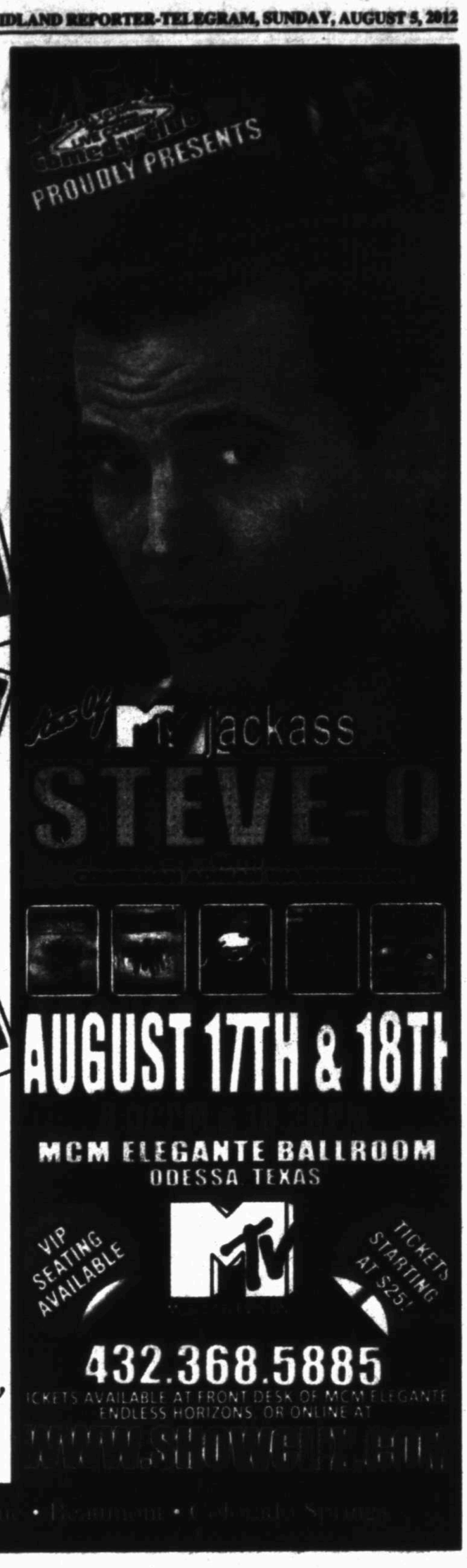

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CITATION
Cause NO. CV-48,836
385th Judicial District Court of
Midland County, Texas

TO: Unascertained and unborn persons with an interest or potential interest in the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 2 dated November 15, 1948 and the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 3 dated November 15, 1948, who may be served with process by publication.

Defendant in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause: **CV-48,836**

YOU are hereby commanded to appear before the 385th Judicial District Court of Midland County, Texas, in the Courthouse of said county in the city of Midland, Midland County, State of Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the Monday following the expiration of Forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation, being at or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday, the 20th day of August, 2012, then and file a written answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition in Cause Number **CV-48,836** styled

In the Matter of Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 2 and the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 3.

In which

Bank of America, N.A., Bert G. Johnson and Karen Scharbauer, as Co-Trustees of the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 2 dated November 15, 1948 and the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 3 dated November 15, 1948, are the Petitioners

And

Unascertained and unborn persons with an interest or potential interest in the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 2 dated November 15, 1948 and the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 3 dated November 15, 1948, who may be served with process by publication, are the Defendants.

The Petition, filed on the 21st day of June, 2012, discloses that the nature of the suit is as follows:

Petitioners, Bank of America, N.A., Bert G. Johnson and Karen Scharbauer, Co-Trustees Of the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 2 dated November 15, 1948 and the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 3 dated November 15, 1948 filed an Original Petition for Judicial Modification of Trust And would show the Court the following:

That this Court has jurisdiction and venue over this matter; that Bank of America, N.A., Bert G. Johnsona dn Karen Scharbauer are currently serving as Co-Trustees of the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 2 dated November 15, 1948 and the Monta Jo Glass Trust Number 3 dated November 15, 1948 (hereafter "the Tursts"); and that the following are the sole current Beneficiaries of the Trusts: Bert G. Johnson and Karen Scharbauer and ascertained and unborn Persons with an interest or potential interest in the Trusts; that Bank of America, N.A., Bert G. Johnson and Karen Scharbauer request this Court order the Trustee be changed and additionally Order that the terms of the Trusts be modified because of circumstances not known or anticipated To by the settlors of such Trusts. The Petitioners would further show the Court that the purposes Of the Trusts and modifications of the administrative, non-dispositive terms of the Trusts, as Requested in such Original Petition, are necessary or appropriate to prevent waste or avoid Impairment of the Trusts' administration.

WHEREFORE, Premises Considered, Petitioners pray that the Defendants be cited to Appear and answer herein, that the Court appoint an Attorney Ad Litem to represent the unborn And unascertained persons with an interest or potential interest in the Trusts, and that upon full And final hearing herein, the Court enter its judgment modifying the terms of the Trusts and a Change of Trustees and that Bank of America, N.A. be released and discharged for its actions or Inactions with repect to the administrations of the Trusts to date.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but of this writ make answer as the law requires.

WITNESS: ROSS BUSH, Clerk of the District Courts of Midland County, Texas

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT on the 5th day of July, 2012, at Midland, Midland County, Texas.

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ATTEST: ROSS BUSH
Clerk of the District Courts of Midland County, Texas

BY: Irene Debord, Deputy

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Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for **(2) Pre-Vacuum Sterilizers** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after Monday, August 6, 2012.

All bids must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 p.m. (noon), Tuesday, August 21, 2012.**

All bids must be sealed and labeled **BID #1072-080512.**

Under no circumstances will faxed or emailed bids from bidders be accepted.

All bids must be price protected until August 21, 2013.

All bids will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the bids in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Bids shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
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Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
2200 West Illinois
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Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT)
2011 to 2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 August Quarterly Revision

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public meeting to solicit public comments and input to the FY 2012 August Quarterly Revision to the 2011-2014 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The STIP is a mechanism used by TxDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to fund projects for the next four years and includes all federally funded projects. The FY 2012 STIP amendment for August Quarterly Revision may be viewed on line no earlier than August 9, 2012 at http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/stips.htm or any TxDOT District Office. Locations of these offices can be found at http://www.txdot.gov/local_information/. A copy of the August Quarterly STIP Revision will be available at each meeting location.

The public meetings will be neld from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.CDT on Thursday, August 9, 2012 at the following locations:

Abilene District
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79601

Childress District
7599 US 287
Childress, Texas 79201-9705

Lubbock District
135 Slaton Road
Lubbock, Texas 79404-5201

San Angelo District
4502 Knickerbocker Road
San Angelo, Texas 76904

Amarillo District
5715 Canyon Drive
Amarillo, Texas 79114

El Paso District
13301 Gateway West
El Paso, Texas 79928-54101

Odessa District
3901 East US Highway 80
Odessa, Texas 79761

The meeting will be informal and all interested citizens are invited to attend and express their views on the program.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aides or services are requested to contact Joe Clark (325) 676-6821 three days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Written comments may be submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation, Attention: Lori Morel, 118 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704, or by email at Lori.Morel@txdot.gov. To be considered, the public comment period to submit written comments will close at the Texas Department of Transportation, by 5:00 p.m. on September 10, 2012.

Aviso de Reunión Pública
Departamento de Transporte de Texas
Programa de Mejora de Transporte Estatal 2011-2014
Año Fiscal (FY) 2012 Agosto Trimestral Revisión

El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT, por sus siglas en ingles) llevará a cabo una reunión pública para solicitar comentarios públicos y la entrada para el Programa de Mejora de Estatal de Transporte 2011-2014 (STIP, por sus siglas en ingles) para Agosto Trimestal de Revision. El STIP es un mecanismo utilizado por el TxDOT y la Administración Federal de Carreteras (FHWA, por sus siglas en ingles) para financiar proyectos para los próximos cuatro años e incluye todos los proyectos financiados por el Gobierno Federal.

La enmienda de 2011 – 2014 STIP para Agosto Trimestal Revision puede ver no mas antes que el 09 de Agosto de 2012 en línea en http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/stips.htm o en cualquier Oficina de Distrito de TxDOT. Ubicaciones de estas oficinas se pueden encontrar en http://www.txdot.gov/local_information/. Una copia de la Revisión Trimestral de STIP de Agosto estará disponible en cada lugar de reunión.

Las reuniones públicas se celebrará el Jueves, 9 de Agosto de 2012 5:30 p.m. a 6:30 p.m. CDT en los siguientes lugares:

Distrito de Abilene
4250 Clack N.
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Distrito de Childress
7599 US 287
Childress, Texas 79201-9705

Distrito de Lubbock
135 Slaton Road
Lubbock Texas 79404-5201

Distrito de San Angelo
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San Angelo Texas 76904

Distrito de Amarillo
5715 Canyon Drive
Amarillo Texas 79114

Distrito de El Paso
13301 Gateway West
El Paso, Texas 79928-5410

Distrito de Odessa
3901 East US Highway 80
Odessa, Texas 79761

La reunión será informal y se invitan a todos los ciudadanos interesados a participar y expresar sus opiniones sobre el programa.

Las personas con necesidades especiales de comunicación o alojamiento pueden llamar a Joe Clark (325) 676-6821 de asistencia. Las solicitudes deben realizarse a más tardar tres días antes de la reunión. Se harán todos los esfuerzos razonables para dar cabida a las necesidades.

Escrito comentarios podrán presentarse al Departamento de Transporte de Texas, Atención: Lori Morel, 118 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704, o por correo electrónico a Lori.Morel@txdot.gov por 5:00 p.m. el 10 de Septiembre de 2012.

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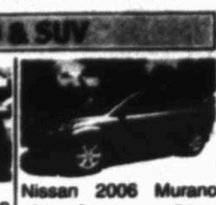

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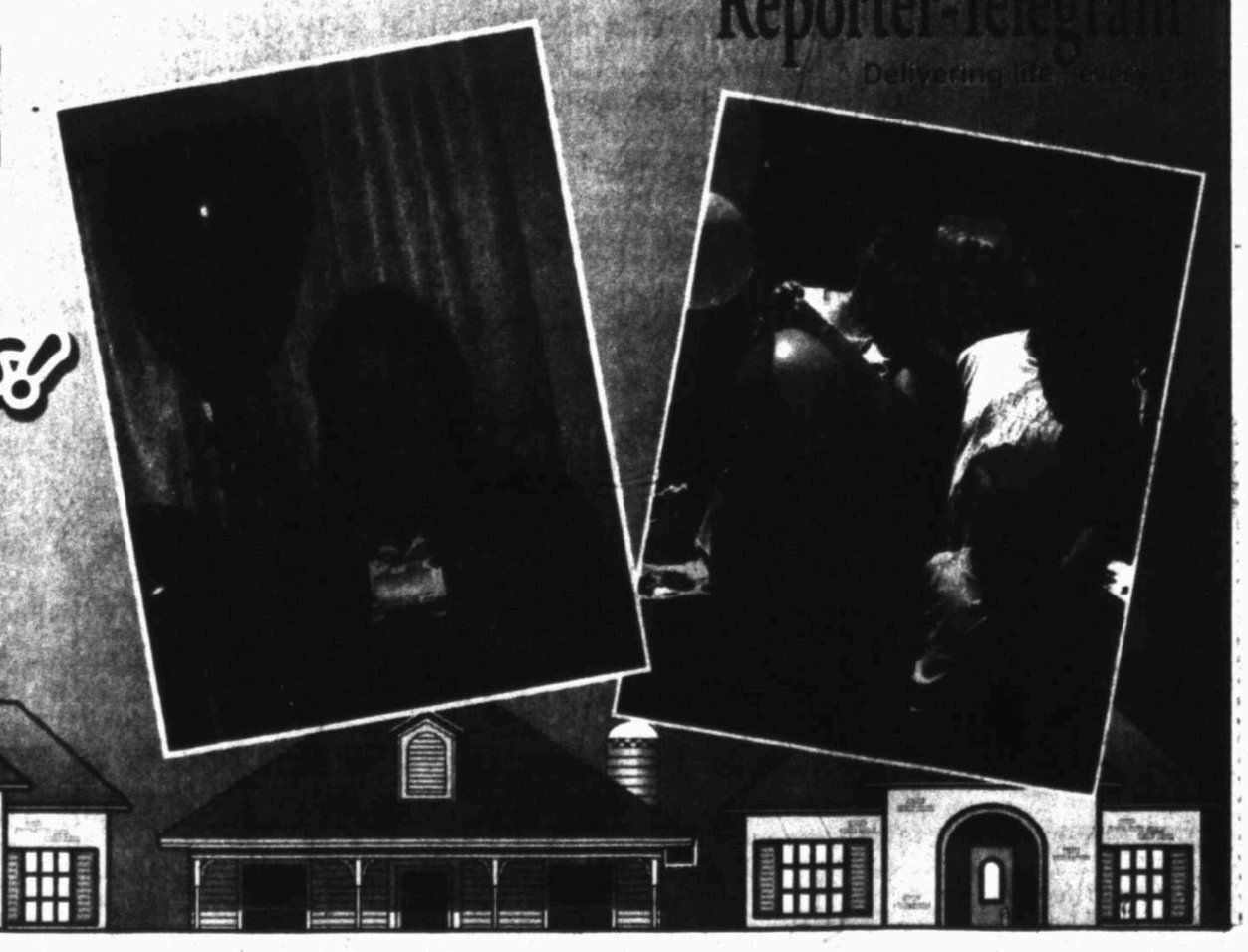

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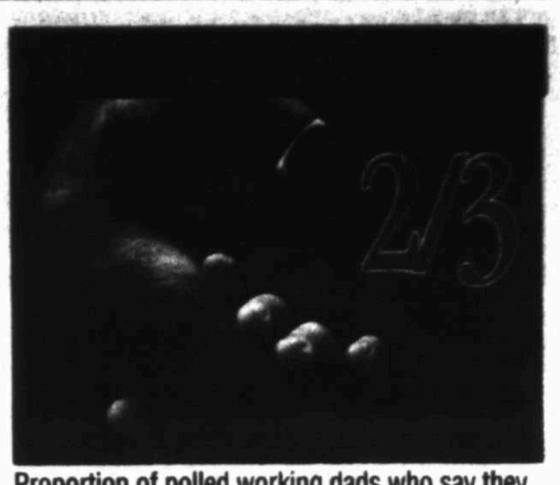

Proportion of polled working dads who say they have had problems with their employer due to conflicts between their job and duties as a caregiver.

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FACE-TO-FACE WINS THE RACE

By RENEE LEE
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Social media can be a double-edged sword. While it can help a company reach a larger audience, it can also be a hindrance when it comes to preserving some of the more "old-school" communication styles in the office setting.

With email, text, Facebook, Twitter and the dozens of other new social media and communication avenues available today, it can be hard to fit in traditional face-to-face meetings, especially when it comes to the workplace.

Jayne Mattson, senior vice president at Keystone Associates, a career management consulting firm based in Boston, says one of the most effective factors in communicating is body language.

"Without face-to-face communication, there's very little chance to include body language in a conversation," she says.

Tone of voice is another aspect missing from email or texting. In-person conversations can greatly reduce miscommunication and confusion.

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"Technology certainly enhances aspects of communicating," Mattson said, "but we are human beings, and there's something about shaking someone's hand and talking in person."

In terms of how to use face-to-face communication in the workplace, Mattson recommends instituting a blend of different communication strategies. At her company, she says, managers are sure to plan in-person meetings for all employees at least once a quarter.

"If you have a conference call one time, next time use Skype," Mattson said. "Then be sure to fit in a face-to-face meeting, too."

Making it a priority for managers to encourage in-person communication is also a key, Mattson says.

Open communication amongst employees and managers will foster an environment where there is no fear of retribution for telling the truth. When it comes to the job search, going further than just depending on social media and email technology can make a candidate stand out from the rest.

Mattson recommends always sending a handwritten thank you note after an interview. She reasons that holding an actual handwritten piece of paper can signal to the employer the candidate's interest.

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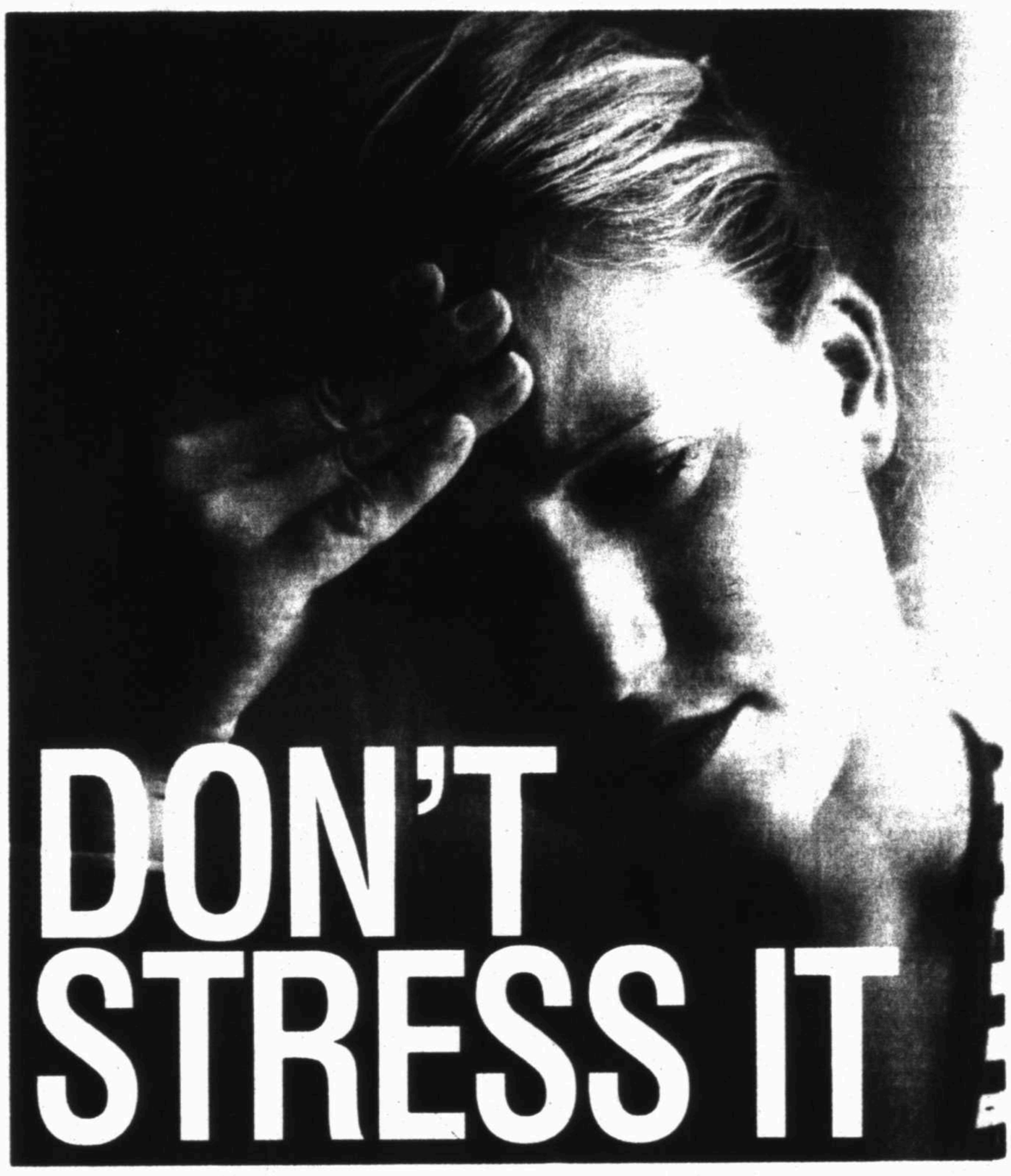

DON'T STRESS IT

THESE OFFBEAT, AT-YOUR-DESK ACTIVITIES CAN ALLEVIATE STRESS, INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY AND ADD SOME COLOR TO THE WORKDAY.

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
CTW Features

More than half of employees say workplace stress makes it difficult to focus on tasks, according to a 2012 study by ComPsych Corp., an employee-assistance program provider based in Chicago.

One-fifth of survey respondents said stress makes them commit errors and miss deadlines. Fourteen percent missed work and 15 percent said work relationships suffered.

Workers are more productive when they take breaks, and 10 minutes here and there is enough time to engage in some surprisingly effective stress reducers, like gazing at a picture on the ceiling or pretending to morph into a flower or shrub.

"No one can work continuously. You will get fatigued, your mind will wander and you will make mistakes," says psychiatrist Dr. David Sack, president and CEO of Elements Behavioral Health in Long Beach, Calif. "If you have been grinding along at your desk for two hours, stop. Stand up. Leave your desk."

Or don't, because several stress-busting activities and exercises can be performed right in your swivel chair, though it's good to step away from your workstation on occasion.

The stress busters here can be performed in a small amount of time, with immediate results.

Watch kooky cat videos, or whatever strikes you as laugh-out-loud funny. Stress constricts the arteries by as much as 35 percent, and laughter opens them up again for increased blood flow, says Dr. Kathleen Hall, founder and CEO of The Stress Institute in Atlanta.

Pop in a stick of gum. The act of chewing increases blood flow to the brain, which may improve brain function, including concentration and memory, Hall says. Chewing gum after meals can also prevent heartburn symptoms by neutralizing acid.

Keep your chin up — for at least 10 seconds. Mount a picture of something soothing, like a nature scene or family photo, on the ceiling above your chair, and tilt your head back a few times a day to gaze at it for 10 seconds. Drop your chin to your chest, hold for 10 seconds, and look to one side and then the other. "These are simple yoga poses that will stretch and relax tight muscles," Hall says.

Kick off your shoes. "Rubbing your bare feet on the floor stimulates over 200,000 nerve endings, one of the densest concentrations on the body," Hall says. "Our nerve-dense soles are our tactile contact with the physical world, and without direct contact we lose equilibrium and become disoriented."

Don't go nuts — eat them instead. Nuts, seeds, dairy products, legumes, soy products, tuna and turkey all contain tryptophan, an amino acid that helps the body produce the brain chemical serotonin, "which plays an important role in both healthy sleep and mood," Sack says.

Hug a coworker. "There are incredible benefits to hugging someone. Your blood pressure decreases and your body produces endorphins and oxytocin, a bonding hormone that makes people feel secure and trusting," says Hall, citing a University of Wisconsin study in which presentation givers who hugged their moms afterward experienced decreases in the stress hormone cortisol. Coworkers not touchy-feely? Meet your mom or bestie for a lunchtime embrace.

Bite your Bic. A 2002 study found that volunteers who were instructed to hold a pencil in their teeth, and thus were able to smile, rated cartoons as funnier than volunteers who pursed the pencil between their lips. The findings build on earlier research concluding that volunteers instructed to make certain faces experienced involuntary biological changes similar to those caused by emotions. The point is not to chew up your pen or pencil, but to smile.

Make like a monk and chant. A London study of monks in 2008 found that chanting lowers heart rate and blood pressure. Earlier studies showed chanting reduces anxiety and depression and increases performance hormone levels.

Become one with nature. "Go outside and find a tree, a flower or a shrub, and while you're looking at it, try to imagine that you are that thing," says Dr. Matthew Edlund, director of the Center for Circadian Medicine in Sarasota, Fla. "It's a game of focus. If people can focus on something outside of themselves, they will usually feel less stressed."

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CAREER CHANGE

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I was recently reading a cover letter that referred me to the applicant's personal website instead of a résumé. My first reaction was negative. Why should I go out of my way to type in this URL? Why wouldn't someone see the value of document résumé?

I went to the website anyway and was surprised that I saw a number of advantages to the more traditional résumé:

- A personal website goes beyond the traditional one or two pages of bullet points. The website for this applicant – who was applying for a church position – included normal résumé information like work history, education and an objective. But the website let the screener review his philosophy of ministry and contained a video of one of his sermons.
- The screener could review the material they deemed important and ignore the rest. This is rather difficult with a traditional résumé.
- There is room for creativity. A website allows colorful customizations, imbed features, different types of font and a vast array of layout templates. It's a great way to get a taste of the applicant's personality.

However, not all career choices lend themselves to substituting a website instead of a résumé. And there's a level of uncertainty: Will the screener actually click or type in the link? But a modern jobseekers who wants to develop a personal website and doesn't know where to start should look online – there are plenty of "how-to's" on the Web.

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

Lease Operator and Lead Lease Operator

BC Operating, Inc. FT

BC Operating, Inc. is looking for a Lease Operator and Lead Lease Operator to make positive contributions to our team near Goldsmith, Texas. The successful candidates must have minimum of 5 or 10 years of practical field experience, respectively, and be able to provide sufficient leadership and technical skills to independently operate and troubleshoot oilfield production equipment: rod pumped oil wells, water supply wells, injection wells, production vessels, well test equipment, injection pumps, ESPs, and other related oilfield equipment. Experience reporting production information electronically in FieldDirect is a plus. The successful Lead Lease Operator hire will also be responsible for QC of production data and training/leadership of other Lease Operators on the team. A company vehicle, laptop computer, and cell phone will be furnished. Job requires some overtime. A clean driving record and high school diploma or equivalent is required. Full benefits package includes major medical, prescription drug, 401K matched 5% beginning on your 6 month anniversary, and 2 weeks of paid vacation. Qualified persons may apply by submitting a resume to Fred Villanueva via e-mail, FVillanueva@BCOperating.com.

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

Supervisor (Operations)

Monahans, TX

ONEOK, Inc. is a diversified energy company involved in the distribution, acquisition, gathering, processing, marketing, transportation, and storage of natural gas and natural gas liquids.

This position requires supervisory experience directing employees in the construction, maintenance and operations of distribution systems, protection, and leak survey.

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Only applicants who meet minimum qualifications will be considered.

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Reference Job Opening **IRC47629.**

ONEOK

EEO/AA EMPLOYER

Team Leader (Foreman) Operations

Monahans, Texas

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The JBS Director should be able to lead in the delivery of outreach programs throughout the State of Texas. The University is looking for a director with experience in outstanding public service, leadership development, and has proven organizational leadership experience. The new director must have the ability to work with community groups and leaders, represent the Institute to the public, and recruit external funding for the Institute's work.

UT Permian Basin is one of nine general academic universities in the University of Texas System. It is located in Odessa-Midland, a metropolitan area of approximately 250,000 located in West Texas, 240 miles east of El Paso and 300 miles west of Fort Worth. The area offers a wide variety of cultural, athletics, and social activities. It is the center for oil and gas production in Texas.

Interested parties should send a letter of application, a current resume, and contact information for five references to Kimbriel_s@utpb.edu. Screening begins immediately and the position will remain open until filled. Questions regarding the position may be sent to Dr. William Fannin, Provost, at Fannin_W@utpb.edu or by phone, (432)552-2110.

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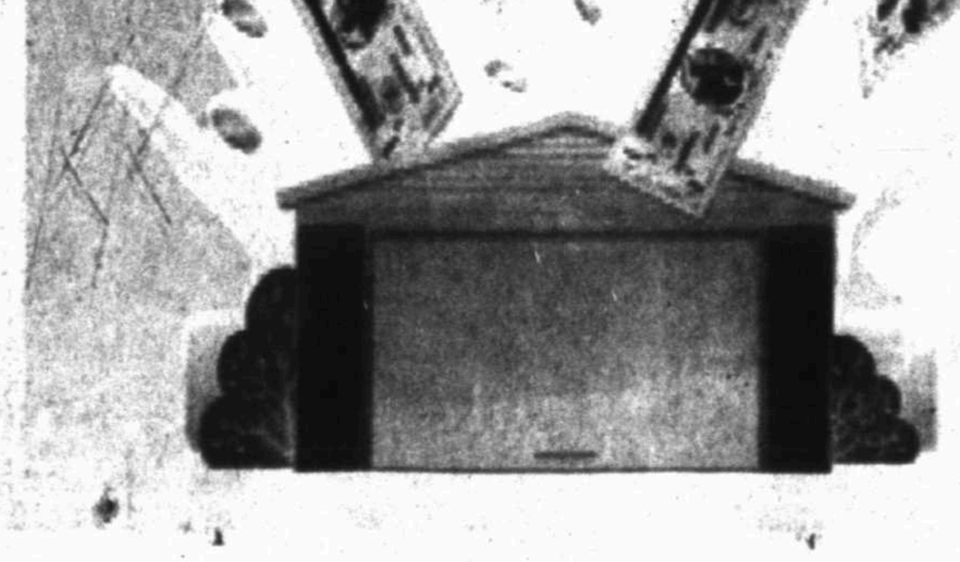

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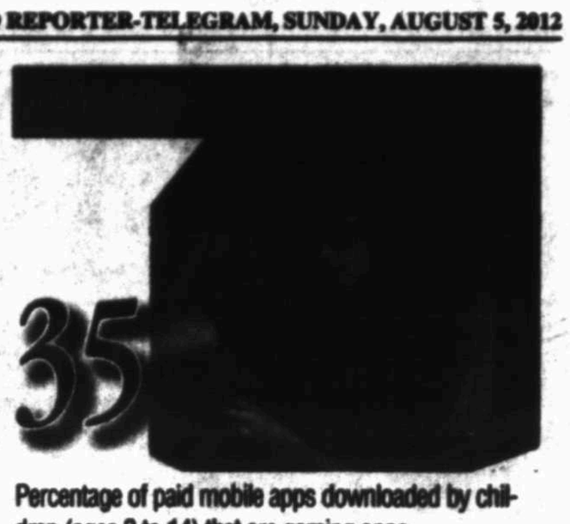

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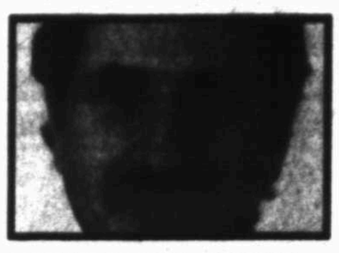

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ANSWER:

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ANSWER:

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You may be able to avoid capital gains from the sale of a property. The IRS website indicates that "if you used and owned the property as your principal residence for 2 years of the 5 year period ending on the date of sale, you have met the ownership and use tests for the exclusion," even if the property was rental property (for a maximum of 3 years) before the date of the sale.

As is always the case with taxes, the complete rule is complex. Please see a tax professional for specifics.

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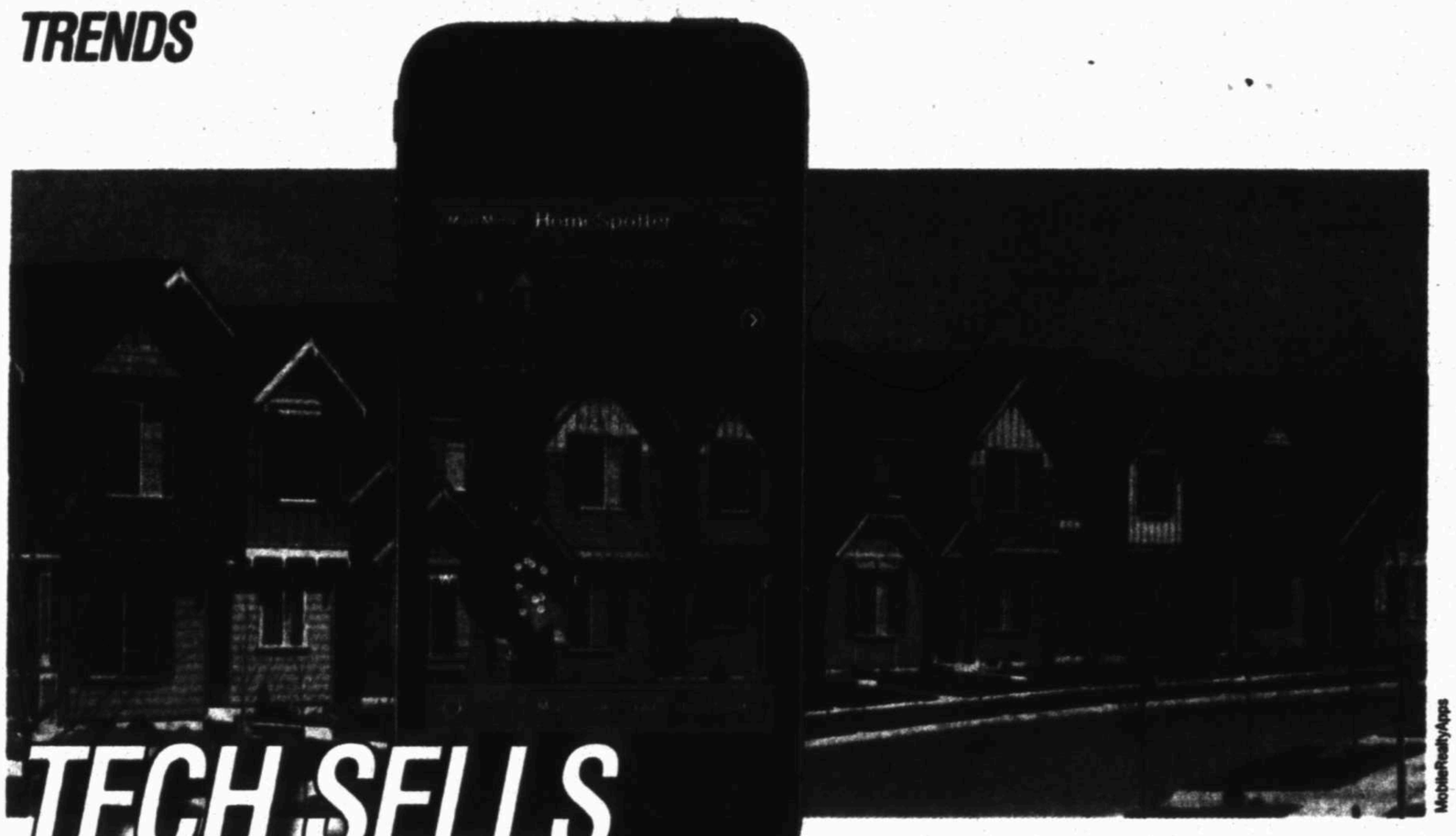

TECH SELLS

Mobile Realty Apps

FOR THE MODERN HOUSE HUNT, TECH IS THE ALL-IMPORTANT TOOL THAT HELPS REAL ESTATE AGENTS, BUYERS AND SELLERS ALIKE

By GREG SCOBLETE
CTW Features

When it comes to real estate, the old saying goes, there are only three things that matter: location, location, location. Today, it's more like: information, information, information.

Whether it's information about a particular property, the neighborhood or the real estate agents themselves, data plays a pivotal role in real estate – and technology plays a vital role in making that info accessible to consumers at home or on the road.

The modern house hunt now begins online, with more than 90 percent of homebuyers using the Web to view listings, according to the National Association of Realtors. For real estate agents, an online presence is therefore a must-have, explains Chad Curry, managing director of the Center for Realtor Technology at NAR. "With our members, mobile apps and social networking are becoming some of the main communications channels with their customers."

Successful real estate agents are consummate networkers, and online networks such as Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter can help agents connect with new and potential clients. And connect, they do.

In 2008, two-thirds of Realtors didn't engage in any social media. By 2011, NAR found that 90 percent of brokers and 91 percent of agents were active on social platforms.

But simply having a Facebook or LinkedIn presence isn't enough, says Jennifer DuBois, communications director at Move, Inc., a Campbell, Calif.-based tech company. Like a garden, a social media presence must be constantly tended with relevant information.

Using Move's SocialBios tools, agents can feed information about a local market to their Facebook walls. Agents can view how they're connected to their clients (and potential customers). Move has also incorporated the hot new social service Pinterest into its listing pages, so consumers can 'pin' up homes they like for side-by-side comparisons.

An app from real estate service Trulia allows agents to "check in" when they visit or show off a property and have that listing published to their online profile. This check-in gives consumers greater confidence that the agent has been active and knows the local market, says Ginger Wilcox, head of industry marketing for Trulia. The app also feeds real-time leads to agents' smartphones, so they can be more responsive to customer inquiries.

Mobile phones are also changing the way consumers can search for homes when they're away from theirs. Rather than drive around a neighborhood aimlessly seeking out "for sale" signs, you can pull up maps and turn-by-turn directions to all the available listings in the area using Zillow's mobile application. With the app, you can filter your search by list prices so you're not in over your head. You can also make contact with the listing agent or find nearby open houses – just not while you're driving, please.

Brokers are getting into the act as well. An app from MobileRealtyApps dubbed HomeSpotter uses "augmented reality" to give agents and real estate firms a richer mobile experience to their customers. Using a phone's broadband connection, the app overlays property details over a live feed from the phone's camera. Thanks to the on-board GPS, the app can help consumers locate other listed properties in the area with a "radar view" and direct them to the next house.

In fact, digital and virtual marketing is rapidly overtaking print. According to a study conducted by marketing firm Imprev, real estate professionals used four times as many digital tools, such as iPad presentations and virtual tours, over the past 12 months than they did over the previous five years.

But fans of old-fashioned "for sale" signs should breathe easy: They're also getting a technological makeover, NAR's Curry says. More of them are being printed with QR codes, which can be scanned by smartphones to provide greater property details in virtual form.

Indeed, it's unlikely we'll ever see the death of the printed real estate sign, at least in the short term, Curry says. Why? Location, location, location.

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BEST PLACES TO LIVE WITH KIDS

You might hear that America is urbanizing again, but a new study shows that some urban parents regret their choice to move to the city

If it's really true that we're only as happy as our unhappiest kid, then it's important to find the best location for a happy childhood, too. So what does that mean for the classic city-versus-suburb conundrum?

The most recent U.S. Census Bureau data from 2000 and 2010 indicates a shift toward families favoring urban living.

Yet, another survey from Rent.com, the country's leading Internet rental listing site, finds that parents are divided on location but united about the importance of neighborhood safety.

Among Rent.com's findings is that 42 percent of parents say they've always lived in the city and are raising children there, but a close 41.5 percent prefer the suburbs. Perhaps more important is that 46 percent of suburban parents say they'd make their same choice again, while only 34 percent of city parents would.

Real-estate saleswoman Donna Mercier, affiliated with a suburban Chicago office of Coldwell Banker, says many parents with kids find the North Shore suburbs appealing for the ease of getting around, finding parking, networking with

families and enjoying community activities and good schools. But once many become empty nesters, they return to the city, Mercier says.

In contrast, David Staples, director of sales at 2 Midtown, a mixed-use condominium in midtown Miami that offers rentals, says that parents with kids are attracted to urban life because of the convenience of living close to work and gaining a range of cultural activities.

When picking a home, he says they're most concerned about security, green spaces for kids to play and to walk dogs and nearby shopping.

The bottom line, according to April Masini, a relationship expert who writes an advice column called "Ask April," is that a family can make a good life in either place.

"The age of the child may be a good determining factor. Young children can easily play in a yard and go to friends' homes, but if you have teenagers and want them exposed to culture or get a part-time job, a city might offer a bigger advantage," she says. — *Barbara Ballinger*

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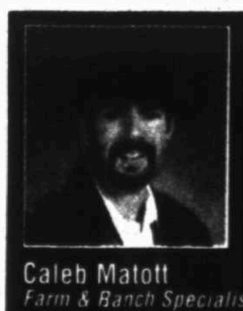

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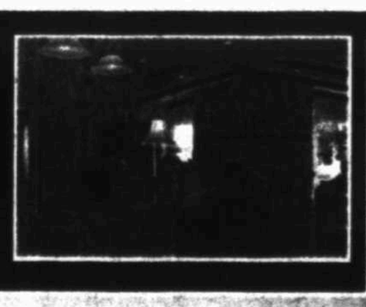

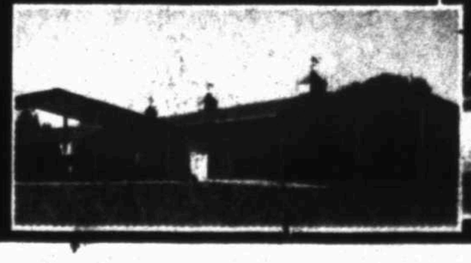

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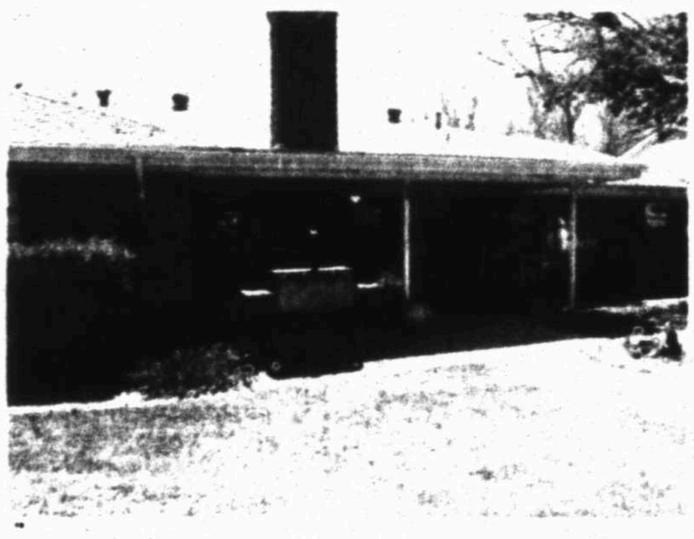

Finding a new home can be challenging, but when you run into the less than friendly crowd for inside and out, it makes the process quite easy. You would never imagine 2816 Fannin was built in 1964 with its modern paint colors, wood and tile flooring and absence of "popcorn" on the ceilings. With 2,175 square feet (per MCAD) of living space, the home features four bedrooms, two full baths, one half bath, two living areas, two dining areas and a two car garage. Located in a quiet neighborhood, the schools here include Fannin Elementary, San Jacinto Jr. High and Midland High School.

Constructed of mocha brick and tan trim, front doors open to wooden floors throughout most of the house. To the left is an oversized formal dining area where you have more than enough room for a dining table and china cabinet. Built-in shelves surround the front window and a window seat adds bonus seating. Family time is straight ahead of the entry! Cozy seating by the fireplace and areas for couches and chairs allow you to enjoy each other. Built-ins provide display opportunities and windows on both sides of the fireplace give you a view of the covered porch and backyard.

A hallway to the right of the entry leads to four bedrooms. All the bedrooms have wooden flooring, ceiling fans and large closets. The first two rooms face the front yard and the third is facing the side. A full-size bathroom with dual sinks and numerous cabinets is available in the hallway for occupants of these rooms to use. The third bedroom also has a doorway leading to this bathroom for convenience.

At the end of the hall is the master bedroom with crown molding and the same beautiful wooden floors as in the rest of the house. The bathroom has been updated with new floor tile and paint, and in the bedroom you will find two large closets for keeping clothing organized. Access to the covered porch is through a door where you will also discover a private porch for the master bedroom.

Open to the den is the galley style kitchen with walls of cabinets to hide small appliances and dishes. The tile backsplash, gorgeous tile flooring and black appliances combine to make this area an inviting work space. Informal dining is nearby in addition to bar seating where you can enjoy the view out the back windows. A door in the kitchen leads to a large utility room with cabinets, a closet, half bath and entrance to the two-car garage.

If you enjoy the outdoors, take your meals outside to your covered porch! There is a grassy area for kids to play and a storage building all enclosed by a cinderblock fence with new gates. Additional amenities to this home include: automatic sprinkler, automatic garage door opener, shades/blinds, tile and wood flooring and fireplace. You will love this home as much as the current homeowners! Listed at $260,000, more information may be obtained by contacting Holly Cohen with Real Estate One at (432) 682-1111 ext. 301 or (432) 638-3090. MLS#90027.

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The Bottom Line

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Houses for Rent- Furnished

Expand Outdoors, Increase Your Home's Value

With many Americans experiencing a financial pinch these days, there is a growing trend among homeowners nationwide to look to the outdoor areas of their own property for not only relaxation and entertainment value, but to also expand their living space and thereby, increase their home's value.

Through my national network of leading real estate professionals, the Top 5 in Real Estate Network®, I have learned that homeowners across the country are spending more time at home and showing an increased interest in outdoor living areas. By sprucing up your patios, porches and decks, you are making your home more livable now and more attractive to future buyers.

Stylish patios and outdoor rooms with comfortable furnishings and convenient cooking and eating areas provide new opportunities for recreation and relaxing family times. A recent survey by the Propane Education & Research Council, found that 35% of homeowners have a finished outdoor room and 34% say they are planning to design one in the next year or two.

Some of my clients are even foregoing expensive vacations in favor of putting in a swimming pool. The reality is, however, that you do not need to make a major investment to improve your outdoor living areas. Here are five quick additions that will make an immediate difference:

1. **Outdoor lighting units**
2. **Gas grills with cooking and food preparation surfaces**
3. **Outdoor fire pits or fireplaces**
4. **Patio heaters**
5. **Mosquito/bug eliminators**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Tips for being a smarter seller

Whether you're selling your fifth home or your first, there are many ways to be a smarter seller. While your REALTOR® is a tremendous asset in the home-selling process, being prepared and taking an active role can help you reduce stress and lessen your property's time on the market.

Remember that you're the one who can provide the most accurate information about the condition of your home. Be honest and accurate about your property and its condition. Buyers want to make informed decisions, so your REALTOR® will also want to know details about your home such as its age, the condition of the roof and the hot-water heater, property taxes and more. If you've added energy-efficient or eco-friendly features, gather receipts, tags or other evidence of these green upgrades so that your REALTOR® can present them to potential buyers.

Don't forget about disclosure

Under the law, you must disclose all known defects as well, not just the amenities. Most post-sale disputes and lawsuits center around defects and disclosure, and many of these disputes can be avoided if proper disclosures are made. That's why most states, including Texas, require some type of formal seller's disclosure. There are fill-in-the-blank notices available to assist you in fulfilling your legal requirements. You have to provide such disclosures to potential buyers on or before the effective date of a sales contract.

Even if you've resolved a problem, there are times when you should disclose its existence on your notice. Intentionally withholding information about a property when you sell can have serious legal ramifications.

Talk to your REALTOR® and make sure you understand your responsibilities. You don't want to inadvertently leave something out and have to deal with expense, hassles and possible legal consequences later. Also, if you've had previous inspections done, providing that information to your REALTOR® can be a big help.

Understand what your REALTOR® can do for you

A good marketing strategy is important so that interested buyers know about your property. Your REALTOR® will be able to determine the best marketing methods for your market and your home. Here are some examples of what he might suggest:

- For Sale sign on property
- Photographs for fliers and the Internet
- Lockbox on the front door so other REALTORS® can freely show your house to their buyer clients
- MLS information to local real estate association
- Ads in the newspaper
- Email fliers about your home to potential buyers
- Posting on various websites
- Appointments for showings (which requires you to be flexible)
- Open houses

Selling a home doesn't have to be complicated. Staying involved in the home-selling process and working closely with a REALTOR® can make your experience stress-free.

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Should I Rent My Home?

With this real estate market there are many bargains available in many areas of the country. From foreclosures to builder sell-outs, owners are willing to deal. Many would love to trade-up to their dream home but they are afraid they will not be able to sell their existing home. Of course, there is one possible solution–rent your present home.

The same market that has slowed the purchase market is also making this a very hot rental market. Those who can't afford to purchase still need to live somewhere. During the real estate boom, many apartments were converted to condos and were therefore taken out of the pool of rental properties. The question is–should you rent your present property? This report will cover some of the considerations that will help you make a decision.

First, will you make a good landlord? When you rent your property, you now are a landlord. That means you are responsible for coordinating repairs, getting a lease signed and keeping your eye on the property. These tasks become even more difficult if you are moving out of town. If you decide that you would not make a good landlord, this does not mean that renting is not for you. You could list the rental with a real estate agent and hire a property manager. This will lower your cash flow. For many, avoiding becoming a day-to-day landlord is well worth the price.

What will the cash-flow be? If you are overburdened with debt, taking on a new larger mortgage and then facing a cash-flow loss on your present home can be very burdensome to your monthly finances. You need to be realistic in your expectations by reducing the rental income for possible vacancies and maintenance. From there you can subtract the mortgage payment. If the result is positive or a break-even, then renting is not likely to hurt your monthly cash flow.

What are the tax consequences? There is good news and bad news. If you have a monthly negative or a break-even, you can write off the negative including depreciation on your income taxes if your monthly income is not too high. If you are in a 33% tax bracket, you are reducing your negative by one third (a $300 negative becomes $200).

On the other hand, renting your home may cause you to lose your capital gains exemption when you sell your present home. If you purchased your home for $200,000 and sold it today for $300,000, the $100,000 gain would be exempt from taxation, a major benefit of home ownership. But rental properties are not exempt. You can rent for up to two years without losing the exemption. There are other alternatives to avoid capital gains taxes such as a tax-free exchange for another income-producing property or moving back into the home and converting it to the primary residence in the future. It is a good idea to check with an accountant before making the decision whether to become a landlord.

How about the down payment? For many Americans, the equity in their present home is the only way to come up with a down payment on a new home. If you rent the home, you are not going to receive the proceeds from the sale. One option is to obtain a home-equity line on the present home in order to fund the down payment. While this will decrease your cash flow on the rental property, it will lower your mortgage on the new property. In general you will come out ahead because you will be able to obtain a better loan on the new property. You can understand that you will get a better rate and/or not have to pay mortgage insurance if you put 20% down versus nothing down. And if you have a good rate on your present home, you will preserve the loan on your present home as well.

Certainly, there are many things to consider before making this decision. However, there is a major benefit that can outweigh all considerations. When home prices start upwards, you will now have two real estate assets subject to appreciation. These could fund your retirement. If your present home was worth $300,000, ten years of appreciation at 5.0% would be a gain of $195,000. At $600,000 the gain would be twice this amount.

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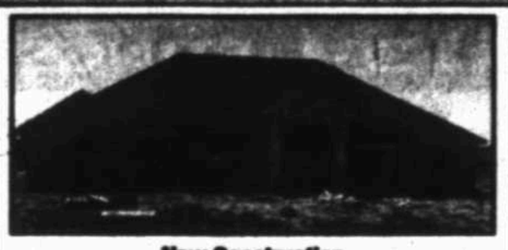

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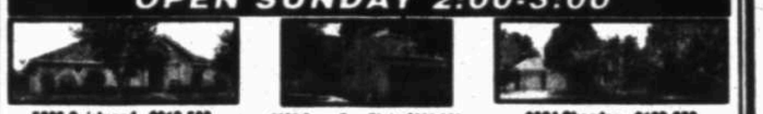

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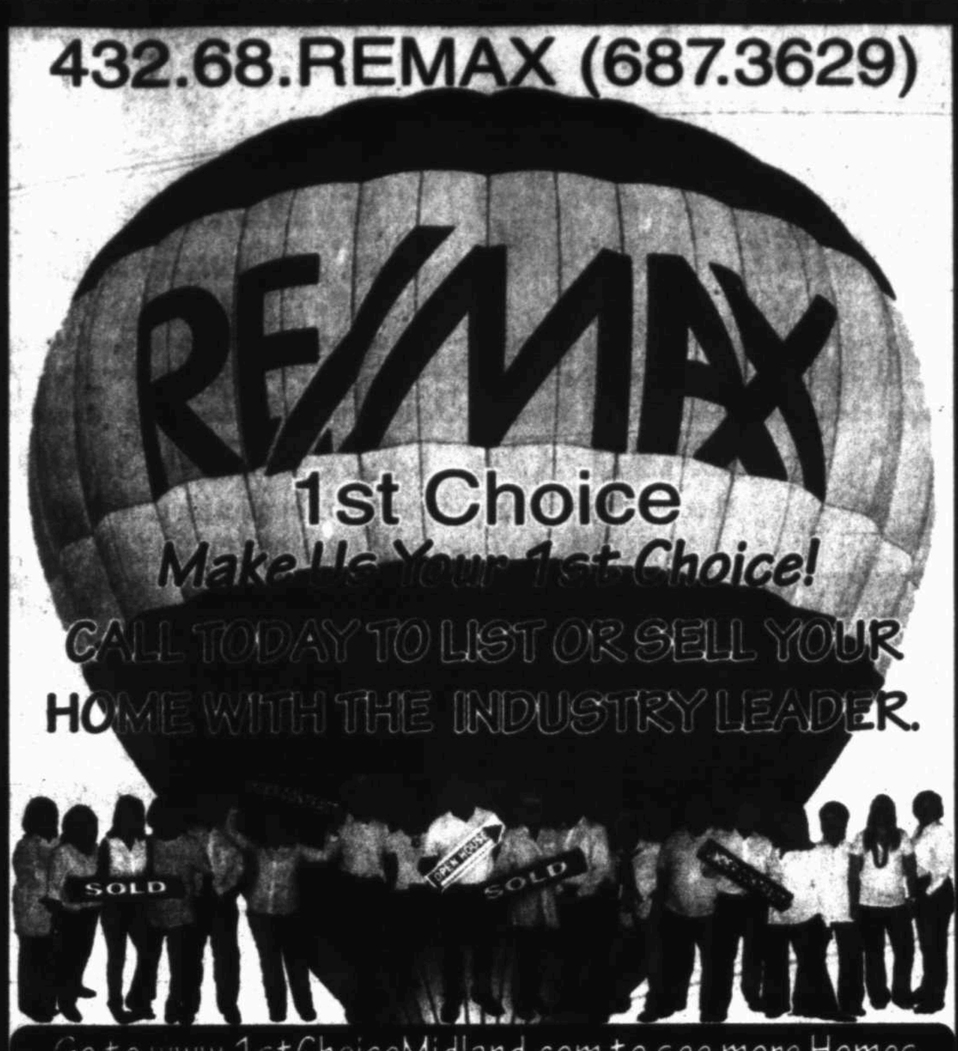

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4101 ECR 63-4 bd, 3 bath, 2.2 Acres	$610,800
5616 Drexel-Pool, 5 bd, 3LA, 3 1/2 bath	U/C..$605,000
303 Skywood Circle-4 bed w/guest house & pool!	REDUCED..$599,900
4109 ECR 63-4bd, 3 baths, 2.2 Acres	$579,800
207 Windridge Circle-3/2	$449,900
6515 Evergreen-4/4.5/2, country setting	$439,000
4549 Shady Oak Ct.-**HUGE REDUCTION**, on the golf course	$377,000
9113 Bedford, Odessa-4BR, 3BA, 3LA on 0.5AC	REDUCED..$359,900
2400 Boyd-4bd, 3ba, completely updated, granite, paint, windows, flooring, recent roof	$324,900
1921 Canterview-4 bd, 3 bh 3 car garage. **New Price!**	OPTION..$299,900
5402 Los Patios-Extras everywhere-TH feel	$299,900
5301 SCR 1160-3/2/FP, 1 acre, HUGE SHOP	$299,000
2410 Dartmouth-4 bedroom/2 bath, Fabulous Location!	$279,000
2903 Princeton Ave.-5+ bedrooms, 3LA's, 2 fireplaces, 3700+ sqft	REDUCED..$279,000
5811 Llano-3 bed, 2 bath,	U/C..$259,900
2510 W. Front-Commercial/Industrial	REDUCED..$249,900
2409 Culpepper-4 bd, 3 bath, 2 garage, pool, New to Market!	$249,000
2501 Maxwell-Pool, 3bd, 3 ba	$245,000
2405 Emerson-3/2, decorator colors	REDUCED..$215,000
1716 N. Gonzales-4/2, 1 Acre, Pool, Gardendale	$199,900
1406 W. Texas-Lease or For Sale	$182,500
2610 N. A Street-3 bed, 2 bath, 2 garage	$165,000
1106 Dormard-New construction, 3bd, 2ba, stainless steel appl	$159,900
2804 W. Michigan-3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, 1,700 SF, large lot w/shop	$142,800
3207 W. Michigan-3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1 car garage, Bring all offers!!	$129,900
2605 W. Washington -2 bdrm, 1 bath, 1 garage, recent paint, large utility room, wood floors	$80,000
3901 Anetta Dr.-2 bdrm, 1 bath	$75,900

2 BEDROOMS

2605 W. Washington -2 bdrm, 1 bath, 1 garage, recent paint, large utility room, wood floors	$80,000
3901 Anetta Dr.-2 bdrm, 1 bath	$75,900

3 BEDROOMS

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15348 N. Hollyhock, Gardendale, Tx-3/3, shop, 2.2AC, 3,376 SF	U/C..$355,000
5000 Opal-3 bed, 2 bath, 3 car garage, sparkling pool	$345,000
5402 Los Patios-Extras everywhere-TH feel	$299,900
5301 S. Co. Rd. 1160-3/2/FP, 1 acre	$299,000
2500 Keswick Rd.-3 bed, 2.5 ba, 3LA, 3 car garage	OPTIONED..$265,000
2501 Maxwell-Pool, 3bd, 3ba	$245,000
1508 Bedford-3/3.5	$243,500
2405 Emerson-3/2, decorator colors	REDUCED..$215,000
3323 Imperial Ave.-3/2	$198,500
2602 Culver-3/2/2, updated kitchen	U/C..$179,900
114 E. Cottonwood-3/2, New Construction	$169,900
116 E. Cottonwood-3/2/2, New Construction	U/C..$168,900
2111 College-3br, 2ba	$167,500
110 E. Cottonwood-3/2, New Construction	$166,900
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1106 Dormard-New construction, 3bd, 2ba, stainless steel	$159,900
112 E. Cottonwood-3/2, New Construction	U/C..$155,900
2804 W. Michigan-3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, 1,700 SF, large lot w/shop	$142,800
1413 E. 12th St., Odessa-3bd, 2ba	$115,000
5511 ECR 60-Greenwood, recent roof, siding, workshop	$110,000

4 BEDROOMS

4101 ECR 63-4 bd, 3 bath, 2.2 Acres	$610,800
303 Skywood Circle- 4 bd, 4 ba, guest house and pool	REDUCED..$599,900
1600 SCR 1134-Greenwood 4/3/2 in Stoneridge. 3 liv, 2 din, approx. 4479 sf. Pool, shop, barn, 3.9AC	REDUCED..$599,900
2024 Mosswood-4/4 1/2 Grassland - Gardendale construction	$588,360
4109 ECR 63-4bd, 3 baths, 2.2 Acres	$579,800
6515 Evergreen-4/4.5/2, country setting	$439,000
2208 Bradford-4bd, 3.5ba, Polo Park, updated w/granite, carpet, wood flooring, gorgeous!	$365,000
9113 Bedford, Odessa-4BR, 3BA, 3LA on 0.5AC	REDUCED..$359,900
2400 Boyd-4bd, 3ba, completely updated, granite, paint, windows, flooring, recent roof	$324,900
4906 Hillsboro-4 bed/3 bath, 2LA/In-law plant	$299,900
1921 Canterview-4 bd, 3 bh 3 car garage	OPTION..$299,900
2410 Dartmouth-4 bedroom/2 bath	$279,000
2409 Culpepper-4 bd, 3 bath, 2 garage, pool,	$249,000
1716 N. Gonzales-4/2, 1 Acre, Pool, Gardendale	$199,900
501 Loraine-Quadraplex	$75,000

5+ BEDROOMS

15 Lakes-Stunning Contemporary on Saddle Club Lakes	$799,000
5616 Drexel-Pool, 5 bd, 3LA, 3 1/2 bath	U/C..$605,000
2903 Princeton Ave.-5+ bedrooms, 3LA's, 2 fireplaces, 3700+ sqft	$298 000

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4101 ECR 63-4 bd, 3 bath, 22 Acres	$610,800
1600 SCR 1134-Greenwood 4/3/2 in Stoneridge. 3 liv, 2 din, approx. 4479 sf	REDUCED..$599,900
4109 ECR 63-4bd, 3 baths, 2.2 Acres, Stunning Property	$579,800
6515 Evergreen-4/4.5/2, country setting	$439,000
9113 Bedford, Odessa-4BR, 3BA, 3LA on 0.5AC	REDUCED..$359,900
5301 SCR 1160-3/2/FP, 1 acre, 3050' insulated barn, house all redone	$299,000
6900 SCR 1270-3/2, waterwell, 6.061 Acres	$229,900
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4301 Marnie Cr-Lot, 0.92 Acres Approx Off Wadley	$340,000
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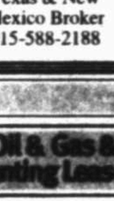
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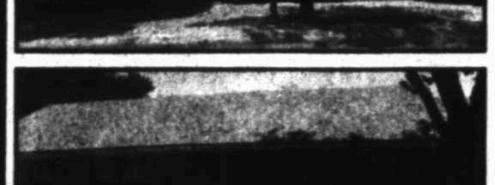
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Oil & Gas & Hunting Leases

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Mobile Homes for Sale

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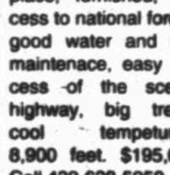
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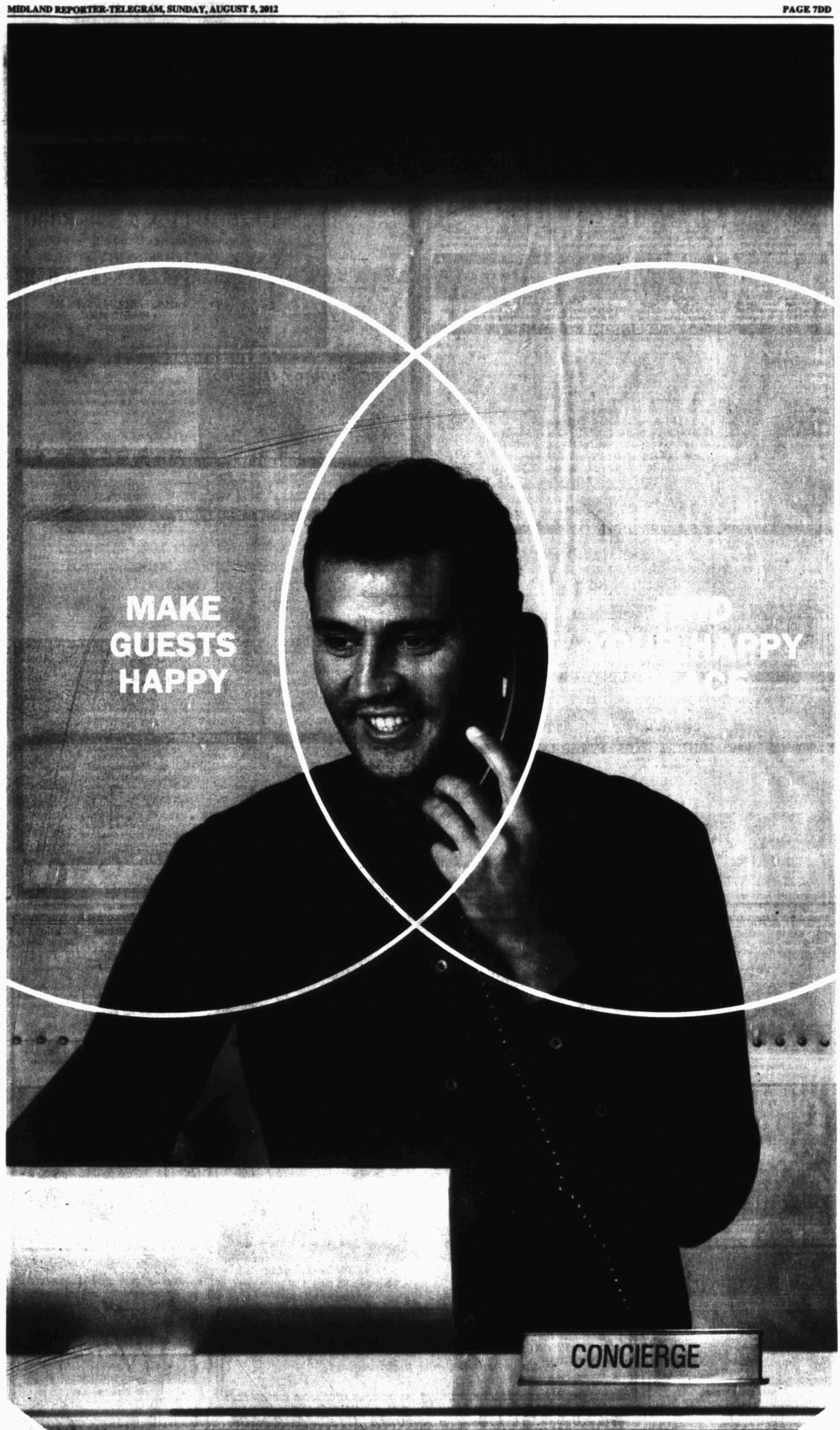

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4728 Harvard - $198,000
Fabulous 4BR, 2BA, Open Plan, Sequestered Master!

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1314 E Co Rd 127 - $289,900

NEW CONSTRUCTION

7504 Gravenstein, Odessa - $336,900
Style Galore in this Rosas New Home! 4BR, 3BA. This House is LOADED! Still time to select colors!

NEW PRICE

8108 E Co Rd 90 - $374,900
$10,000 BUYER INCENTIVE!!! UPDATED 2 Story on 5 Acres! 4 Water Wells! 40x40 Shop! Pond!

NEW LISTING

4902 Island Circle - $1,199,000
5BR, 4.5BA. Stunning Make Over, Massive Lot & Amazing Views in Green Tree North! Inground Pool, Spectacular Decor Professionally Done!

4+ BEDROOMS

4902 Island Circle-5 Bedroom, 4.5 Bath, 3 Car Garage in Green Tree North! Stunning Make Over w/AMAZING Views!!! 3 Living Areas to include Media Room, Master SUITE RETREAT, Handscraped WOOD Floors, Spectacular Decor Professionally Done! Inground Pool!!! ..... **New Listing! $1,199,000**
2504 Texland Circle-4 Bedroom + Study, 3.5 Bath, 5 Car Garage. Almost 5,000 sqft. All the Amenities you could ask for! Incredible window treatments, stained concrete flooring, soaring ceilings. Gorgeous spa area w/waterfall to pool! Barn w/2 horse stalls. This is a WOW Home, perfect for entertaining! Call Norma for more details ..... **New Price! $1,075,000**
3410 Bluebird Ln - 5 Bedroom + Study, 4.5 Bath, M.R. Lary One of Kind Design! Outdoor Kitchen, Swimming Pool & Workshop on 4 Acres of Fenced and Improved Property! 5,600+ sqft, 5 Car Garage, Christmas Storage Closet, & So Much More!!! Call Norma for more details ..... **Sale Pending! $850,000**
6830 Island Circle-Beautifully Renovated on the Golf Course w/water views on 3 sides! One of the best lots in Midland! Ceilings raised, walls replaces w/walls of windows! High end everything! Gorgeous Gourmet Kitchen w/2 Islands! Mascarello granite throughout! Marble floors! So Much more! Call Jeaneen for more details! ..... **New Price! $769,900**
2116 Blackwood-5 Bedroom, 3 Bath in the NEW Phase of Grassland Estates West on 0.381 Acres. Stunning Floor Plan by McPherson Construction! 10' Double Iron Door Entry, 3 Living Areas, Granite, Hardwood, Plantation Shutters, All the Bells & Whistles!!! Still time to make color selections! Estimated completion August 2012 ..... **Sale Pending! $630,000**
6513 Mosswood -4 Bedroom, 3 Bath in the NEW Phase of Grasslands West! Almand Construction! Stunning High Ceilings, Handscraped WOOD Floors, Shutters Throughout, Media Room or 5th Bedroom! Still Time To Select Colors! Est Completion Nov 30th ..... **New Construction! $462,500**
6517 Mosswood-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Car Garage. Spectacular NEW Almand Construction in the NEW Phase of Grasslands West! Granite, Stainless, Plantation Shutters, Crown Molding, Hardwood Flooring!!! Still Time To Customize! ..... **New Construction! $450,000**
5309 Scottsboro-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Car Garage in Green Tree North! Gourmet Kitchen w/granite, island, stone backsplash, stainless appliances! Built-ins, walls of windows, 2 Living, 2 Dining. Lush Landscaping! ..... **New Price! $369,900**
2809 Parton Way-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath in Mayfield Place! Professionally decorated by Van Stavern! Shows like a model home! Owners have thought of everything! This one won't last!!! ..... **Sale Pending! $339,900**
7504 Gravenstein, Odessa-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath in Castleridge Estates! Style Galore in this Rosas NEW Construction! High ceilings, oversized tile, LOADED w/granite. Still Time to Select Colors! Est Completion Nov. 30th ..... **New Construction! $336,500**
5401 Los Patios-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Car Rear Entry Garage, STUNNING 2008 Christopher Construction! Gorgeous granite on oversized gourmet kitchen, plantation shutters, high ceilings, oil bronze package! Luxurious Master Suite!!! ..... **Sale Pending! $319,900**
1314 E Co Rd 127-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, STUNNING Country Property on a quiet cul-de-sac! Just under an ACRE. Kitchen is loaded w/cabinets, gorgeous island, tile floors. Beautifully Landscaped, Horses Welcome! 6 Horse Stalls, Arena, & Tack Room! ..... **New Price! $289,900**
5700 Grassland-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 2 Living, 2 Dining, 3 Car Garage. Spacious, High Ceilings, Loaded w/Storage! Wonderful Family Home! ..... **Sale Pending! $[illegible]**
1007 Shell-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath. Wonderful REDO! Great floor plan, loads of storage. MASSIVE Seq. Master Bedroom. Updated paint & baths. Very Well Maintained! ..... **New Listing! $[illegible]**
2212 Sinclair-5 Bedroom, 3 Bath. Loads of Space in OLD Midland!!! 3,000+ sqft. Awesome Value! ..... **New Price! $[illegible]**
1300 W School, Stanton-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath on Half an ACRE! 2,200+ sqft. Huge sequestered master bedroom, sparkling pool! Water Well w/RV Hook ups ..... **Sale Pending! $213,000**
4728 Harvard-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage, 1,800 sqft. Lee High School District! Sequestered Master, Open Concept! ..... **New Listing! $198,000**
5905 E Co Rd 57-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. 1 ACRE in Greenwood School District!!! Recent carpet, blinds, ceiling fans, sinks & countertops in bathrooms! Fridge, washer/dryer to pass w/sale! Fresh Exterior Paint! ..... **Open Today!.....New Listing! $163,900**

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

8108 E Co Rd 90-3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath in Greenwood! 2 Story Ranch House! Charming front porch, outdoor kitchen, 3,000 sqft on 5 ACRES! 40x40 Workshop & 4 Water Wells (Estimated 30GPM)! $10,000 BUYER INCENTIVE!!! ..... **New Price! $374,900**
3002 Pecos St-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage on Side A. 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1 Car Garage on Side B. Rare Opportunity to Own a Duplex!!! Be Your Own Landlord! ..... **Sale Pending! $229,900**
414 W Spruce-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. Better Than NEW!!! 1,900+ sqft. Gourmet kitchen w/custom maple cabinets, 9' ceilings, tile throughout, no carpet. Mature Fruit Trees! ..... **Sold! $220,000**
41 Lafayette-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Half Baths, 2 Living, 2 Story Townhome! Plantation shutters, Wet bar. Spacious Rooms! Inground Pool w/Spa! Parkman Square Fountain! ..... **Sale Pending! $219,000**
1807 N. H St-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. Classy, Cool MidCentury Design! UPDATED! Concrete fireplace, Flagstone Floors, Granite, Glass Tile Backsplash, Stainless! HUGE Party Patio! ..... **Sale Pending! $[illegible]**
10612 W Co Rd 143 1/2-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Quiet Country Living on 1 ACRE! Open layout, vaulted ceilings, tile throughout w/laminate wood in master ..... **Sale Pending! $[illegible]**
312 S Bentwood-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. Lovely 2006 Home, Open Concept, Seq. Master w/Luxurious Master Bath, Jetted Tub! Open Kitchen, Stainless Appliances! ..... **Sale Pending! $[illegible]**
4714 Dengar-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in Wydewood Estates! in FANTASTIC Condition! Mrs. Clean Lives Here! Large Bedrooms, updated paint and baths! ..... **New Listing! $[illegible]**
4716 E Loop 250 N-2 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1 Car Garage, 1 Car Port, 2 Storage Sheds. Approximately 5 ACRES!!! ..... **Sale Pending! $[illegible]**
1508 N. C Street-2 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. Freshly Painted, HUGE Front Living Area, Kitchen is Loaded w/cabinets. Great Back Yard, Easy Maintenance in the front! ..... **New Listing! $[illegible]**
2212 Hughes-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage in Fannin! Beautiful Home w/so many improvements! Tumbled marble backsplash, new countertops, & stainless in the kitchen! Large back yard w/party patio!!!!! ..... **Open Today!.....New Listing! $172,900**
2312 Storey-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Great Baths, Hardwood Floors, recent paint, roof, Heating/AC. Huge Kitchen, Large Oversized Yard! ..... **New Listing! $149,900**
5001 Pleasant-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Just under 2,200sqft. Lots of space, needs TLC! On a quiet cul-de-sac! ..... **Sale Pending! $147,900**
1111 E Pine-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Open Floor Plan w/ Sequestered Master. All Tile Throughout w/Carpet in the Bedrooms Huge Covered Patio. Stainless Appliances! ..... **New Construction! $139,900**
2203 N. A Street-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Freshly painted, new flooring, HUGE laundry room. Circle drive, roof recently replaced. Priced to Sell Quickly! ..... **New Listing! $125,000**
510 Watson-3 Bedroom, 1 Bath in the Main House! 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath in Guest House! 2 Car Detached Garage. 1 Yr Home Warranty. Main House & Guest House have both been UPDATED!! ..... **Sale Pending! $110,000**
2104 Beverly, Odessa-2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 1 Carport. Many UPDATES including tile, paint, new cabinets, newer appliances. All NEW Windows! Great Starter Home! ..... **New Listing! $80,000**

COMMERCIAL/LOTS

2801 S Co Rd 1180-Excellent Opportunity for Residential or Commercial Development! 115+/- Acres. Mature pecan orchard, business office/warehouse, workshop, barn, living quarters, 16 water wells & much more! Call David for more details ..... **New Listing! $1,[illegible]**
1901 N. Big Spring-2 Lots. High Traffic, Highly Profitable Business Opportunity! Call Chris for more info ..... **New Price! $[illegible]**
Billy Hext Rd, Odessa-Fabulous Pad Site in Eastridge Office Park! Anchor Location! Call Chris to more details! ..... **New Listing! $[illegible]**
520 Elliot, Odessa-Phenomenal Investment Opportunity Here! ENTIRE block of land, Church & Warehouses Included! ..... **New Price! $[illegible]**
8501 Hwy 158-Great Multiple Use Commercial Property! Total 7,600 sqft, 2 Bathrooms, three 12' overhead doors. Currently used as a feed store. Call Sabrina for more info! ..... **New Listing! $[illegible]**
2907 Rankin Hwy-Perfect Location for your Business! Fast growing area of Midland, city water & sewer available on 2 ACRES. Easy access, convenient location in high traffic area! Zoned LR-1 ..... **Lot! $[illegible]**
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! $[illegible]**
911 S. Main-Great Opportunity! Lot is currently fenced. Zoned LR-3. Owner will finance w/$10,000 down at 8%. NO CREDIT CHECK! ..... **Lot! $40,000**

LOOKING IN AUSTIN AREA?

8508 Axis-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Ba, in ground pool! Bank foreclosure in SW Austin right off S Mopac ..... **Sale Pending! $224,900**
121 Serene Hollow-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in Buda! Relocation listing in pristine condition! Bonus Study! ..... **Sale Pending! $[illegible]**
138 Dove Lane-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in gated Meadowlakes with access to lake LBJ! ..... **New Price! $[illegible]**
151 Stone Crest-3 Bedroom, 2 Ba Chase foreclosure in Buda with super easy access to IH-35! 1 Story Ranch Style ..... **Sale Pending! $[illegible]**
6507 Eudora Cove-4 Bd/2.5 Ba, 3 living, FANNIE MAE listing with fresh new beige paint & clean carpets. Cul-de-Sac in S Austin ..... **Sale Pending! $144,900**
8604 Winter Haven-3 Bedroom, 2.5 Ba Bank Foreclosure! SE Austin KB home in master planned community ..... **Sold! $[illegible]**
5629 Victory Gallop-3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath in Del Valle! FANNIE MAE property over 2600 sqft on corner lot! ..... **Sale Pending! $[illegible]**
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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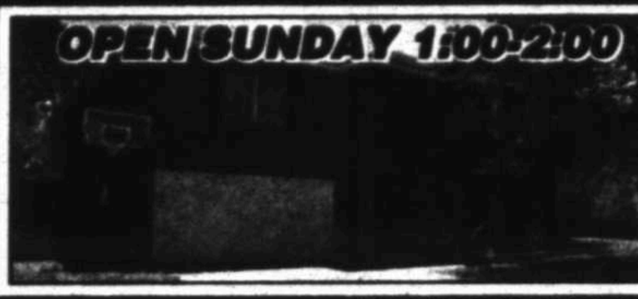
FEATURED HOMES



5016 Whitman - $329,900
Nicely updated home on corner lot! 4 Bed/2.5 Bath/ w/3 gar (1 car detached) complete kit renovation w/ granite, travertine tile, appliances, island & bar. 3 Living areas! Formal living & dining, den w/travertine fp open to kitchen + game room upstairs. Recent hvac, front door, paint, porcelain tile, tankless water heater, ro & softener! Large backyard w/covered patio has plenty of room for a pool.

GREEN TREE PROPERTIES

6830 Island Circle-beautifully renovated on the golf course! One of the best lots in midland!On the course w/water views on 3 sides!Ceilings raised!Walls replaced w/windows!High end everything!Rock-tile walls!Entry doors w/german beveled glass!Gorgeous kitchen w/2 islands-1 serves as a breakfast table!Plus wolf gas range/stove!Mascarello granite throughout!Marble floors!Patio w/planked flooring $772,500
5309 Scottsboro Lane - fabulous 4 bedroom/3 bath home in green tree! Gourmet kitchen w/granite, island, stone back splash & stainless appliances. Great den has built-ins, brick fireplace & lots of windows! Formal living & dining areas w/so much natural light. Spacious utility room w/walk-in pantry, seq. Master suite w/2 vanities, sep tub/shower & walk-thru closet. Lovely covered patio overlooks lush landscaping $369,900

4+ BEDROOMS

2711 Shasta -Horse lovers oasis on 5 acres! Incredible custom 4 bed/2.5 Ba w/stoned drive. Cathedral ceiling in greatroom w/huge limestone fp, gourmet kitchen w/planked ceiling (reclaimed wood 1890) limestone ct, hand painted tile & jenn air appl. Den w/beamed ceiling. Gorgeous views of courtyard from 4 rooms! Master suite (down) w/sitting, fp + 2 sets of french doors. 80x35 barn, huntfield & dressage arena $1,200,000
5106 Oak Valley-NEW-Immaculate custom home w/gorgeous features thru-out. Large living w/stone columns, stone fireplace, miles of tile & crown molding. Gourmet kitchen w/large island gas cooktop, stainless appl. Stone backsplash & breakfast bar. 3 Covered patios. Great backyard+separate side yard!Seq. Master suite w/jetted tub, sep shower w/dual heads, 2 vanities & wrap around closet. Big bedrooms w/walk-in closets $399,900
5309 Greathouse-NEW-New construction in greathouse! Boasts 4 bed/3 bath/1 living, 2 dining & 3 car garage. 4th bed is larger (14 x 17) can be a 2nd living area/media room ! Spacious living has brick fireplace, soaring ceiling & crown molding. Gourmet kitchen opens to la & offers granite, island, stone backsplash, skylight, & stainless appliances! Seq. Master suite w/sep tub/shower & wrap around closet $385,000
5212 Mathis-NEW-Fabulous Carrasco resale in greathouse! 4 Bed/3 ba/3 gar. Spacious living w/tray ceiling, crown molding, stone fp & built-ins. Gourmet kitchen w/custom cabinets, granite, island, skylight, stainless appliances & desk area! Spacious master suite w/granite, dual vanities, jetted tub , walk-in shower w/glass block & large closet w/custom built-ins. Formal living w/ french doors & formal dining $340,000
5016 Whitman-NEW-Nicely updated home on corner lot! 4 Bed/2.5 Bath/ w/3 gar (1 car detached) complete kit renovation w/granite, travertine tile, appliances, island & bar. 3 Living areas! Formal living & dining, den w/travertine fp open to kitchen + game room upstairs. Recent hvac, front door, paint, porcelain tile, tankless water heater, ro & softener! Large backyard w/covered patio has plenty of room for a pool $329,900
3810 Crestgate-NEW-Spectacular 4 bed/3.5 Bath (2 in master suite) w/3 living areas! Gorgeous distressed hardwood floors. Large living area w/beamed ceiling, brick fp & skylight. Formal dining, spacious kitchen w/granite look counter tops, stainless appliances & desk area. Seq. Master suite w/2 master baths. Shutters thru-out, crown molding, recent paint. 1/2 Bath w/ granite, cozy den & sunroom w/wall of windows $289,900
1905 Windrift-NEW- Amazing 4 bed, 3 bath, 2 car garage home, 4 bed, 3 bath, 2 car, 1 living are, 2 dining areas, gas logs, in living area ..... U/C $279,900
4206 Gleneagles – NEW-Lovely 4 bed/3 bath/2 garage w/dazzling pool! Large living area w/ stone tile fireplace (remote control gas logs) & beamed ceiling. Gorgeous tile floors, spacious kitchen w/lots of cabinets, granite look countertops & recent fixtures. Seq. Master w/crown molding & dual sinks. Recent windows & hvac. Gameroom w/windows that overlook pool & pergola $250,000
2818 Northtown Place-NEW-Nice patio style home w/middle courtyard + backyard! huge living w/built-ins & brick fireplace, completely renovated kitchen w/recent cabinets, granite, stainless appliances & tile. most of the windows have been replaced. hvac approx. 4 years old. roof replaced 2009. Walls of windows overlook middle courtyard, just perfect for entertaining, storage building, backyard & open patio $230,000
3305 Cord-NEW-Beautifully updated 4 bed/2 bath home w/2 gar & circle drive. Completely renovated gourmet kitchen w/granite, island, stainless appl, travertine bs, custom maple cabinets, under cab lighting, breakfast bar & 18 inch tile flooring. Open living w/beamed ceiling, fireplace & neutral paint. Formal living & dining, master suite has private bath & walk-in closet. Huge backyard & covered patio ..... U/C $217,500
1311 Missouri-NEW-situated on a large corner lot blocks from the museum of the southwest! 5 Bed/4 bath/2 living/2 dining (could be 4 bed w/private master office & his/her baths) so much space for the money, needs updating!Priced for as- is sale (sq. Footage includes 351 ft. Guest quarters over gar) kitchen offers abundant cabinets, formal la & sunroom w/walls of windows overlook open brick patio. Separate yard too $209,000
4602 Deegar- Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath 2 car garage on landscaped corner lot! Large living area w/fireplace & built-ins. Formal dining + breakfast area. Fourth bedroom is sequestered & could be used as an office. Large backyard w/deck $175,000

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

4305 B St. Andrews Dr.-NEW-wonderful paul west resale move-in ready! Gorgeous scraped wood floors, 3 bed/3 bath/2 gar. Spacious living, brick fp (gas logs) light & bright kitchen w/lots of storage. Breakfast area, side patio + small yard. 1 Bed/1 bath down, 2 bed/2 bath up, loft area perfect for small office. Zoned hvac, recent fence, hand textured walls & neutral paint. Large master w/dual vanities & 3 walk-in closets $215,000
1210 Pueblo- NEW-Spacious home w/large insulated shop on .68 Acre lot! 3 Bedroom/2 bath/2 garage + office. Formal living area, big greatroom w/beamed ceiling that is open to kitchen. Kitchen has lots of cabinets & breakfast bar. Seq. Master w/updated bath. Large backyard $210,000
1416 Tanglewood (Odessa)-NEW-Beautifully renovated 3 bed/2ba/2 garage home! Large kitchen w/granite-look countertops, island, gas ct & lots of cabinets. Open floor plan w/gorgeous 18 inch tile, neutral paint & recent paint Updated hvac, doors & hardware. Large covered patio, big yard & cinder block fence ..... U/C $185,000
4305 A St. Andrews-NEW-Paul West resale, great investment opportunity! Owner can purchase side b & live next door or purchase both sides as rentals. 3 Bedroom/3 bath/3 garage, close to parker elementary & park! Currently leased thru 10/1/2012. Spacious living w/brick fp. 1-Bed/1 bath downstairs. 2 Bed/2 bath up, plus loft could be used for an office area. Zoned hvac & recent fence. Great curb appeal w/mature trees + small yard $179,900
3505 Travis-Cute! Cute! 2 Bedroom/1 bath w/3 living areas. Formal living w/brick fireplace & recent carpet. Den has built-ins. Kitchen is updated w/granite look counter tops & ceramic tile.3rd living is perfect for office. Spacious sun porch, lush backyard w/ workshop, storage building, pond & rv parking ..... U/C $109,900
1902 McDonald – NEW-Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath home! Open floor plan, living area with brick fireplace, breakfast & kitchen with plenty of cabinets. 200 Ft. Addition would make a great gameroom (not included in footage) recent ceramic tile in baths. Utility room & oversized garage. Located on a large .34 Acre lot has lots of potential for shop or rv parking $175,000

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LAND

6801 W. County Rd. 41- Wonderful 3.01 Corner lot in one of midland's prettiest subdivisions w/acreage! Perfect location to build your dream home & watch west texas sunsets! Water well installed 2/22/2/12 - west texas water well service says well produces approx. 33 Gpm. Lot located on the corner of county rd 41 & county rd. 1244 ..... $99,900

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Dominion Exclusive Homes

5308 Wimberley Springs Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $399,500

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4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage, pool
priced @ $649,900

"Actions speak louder than words. We can apologize over and over, but if our actions don't change, the words become meaningless."
~ Unknown

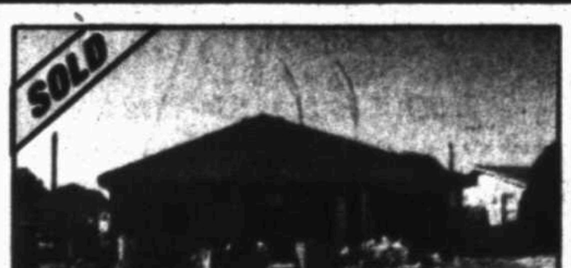
NEW CONSTRUCTION

Crystal Homes
Custom Homes & Fine Cabinetry

6501 Los Conchos Lane
4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 4 car garage, priced @ $780,000

Saenz Signature Homes

5700 Carmel Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $325,000

Carrasco Homes

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RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

1159 Register Rd	Colorado City/Lake View/2 Bdrm/2 Ba/Workshop	$69,900
3612 Roosevelt	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Carport	$110,000
1000 Lanham St	3 Bdrm/2 Ba	SOLD
909 Douglas	3 Bdrm/2 Ba	SOLD
900 Goliad	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$214,900
240 Main St	Garden City/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Living/Indoor Pool	$275,000
1322 Terra Court	4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$289,900
3720 S. Co. Rd. 1313	Odessa/3 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$299,500
402 Pinewood Ct	3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$314,900
4236 Timberglen	4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage/Pool	$649,900

NEW CONSTRUCTION

404 E. Elm Ave	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	U/C
410 E. Elm Ave	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	SOLD
402 Springwood	Diamond Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
4707 Yearwood	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
4803 Yearwood	Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
4715 Yearwood	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
4709 Yearwood	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
4602 Meadowood Ct	James Isbell Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
409 Springwood Ct	James Isbell Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$379,800
5312 Wimberley Spring	Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5308 Wimberley Spring	Dominion Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
3121 Patrick Pl	Henson Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
6418 Saddle Horn	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	U/C
6506 Saddle Horn	Morse Properties/4 Bdrm/4 Ba/3 Car Garage	$698,500
6501 Los Conchos	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	U/C

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

Luna Rosa Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
14920 Bluestem	Gardendale/2 Bdrm/2 Ba/2.69 Acres	U/C
5617 E. Goldenrod	2 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage/1 Acre	$125,000
15116 N. Pecan	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2.6 Acres	$129,000
16560 S. Hwy. 385	Odessa/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Living Areas/4.31 Acres	$225,000
3720 S. Co. Rd. 1313	Odessa/3 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Car Garage	$299,500
1407 W. Co. Rd. 150	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
1303 W. Co. Rd. 118	2 Bdrm/2 Ba/4 Car Garage/55.28 Acres	$379,500

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Luna Rosa Estates	W. Co. Rd. 30/1.5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary
7409 N. Co. Rd. 1297	1.82 Acres	$39,000
6400 Mockingbird Lane	Los Conchos Estates/0.934 Acres	$92,500
3905 Tumbleweed Trail	2.5 Acres/Horse Barn	$125,000

COMMERCIAL

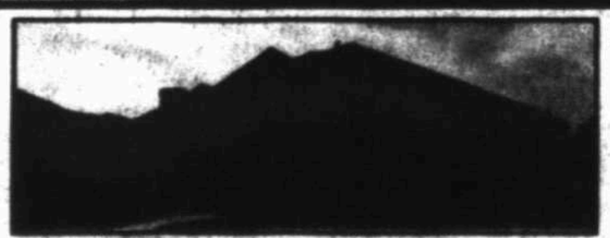
2000 Rankin Hwy	6.7 Acres/LR2 Zoning	$825,000
240 Main St	Garden City/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Living/Indoor Pool	$275,000

FEATURED HOMES

1322 Terra Court
4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $289,900

6506 Saddle Horn Lane
4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $698,500

900 Goliad
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $214,900


409 Springwood Court
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2105 MARCIE - $191,999
Cute 3/2 on quiet cul-de-sac. Please come by.
Shown by Donna Omar

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419 CHARISMATIC DR. - $620,000
Gorgeous on just over an acre lot!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

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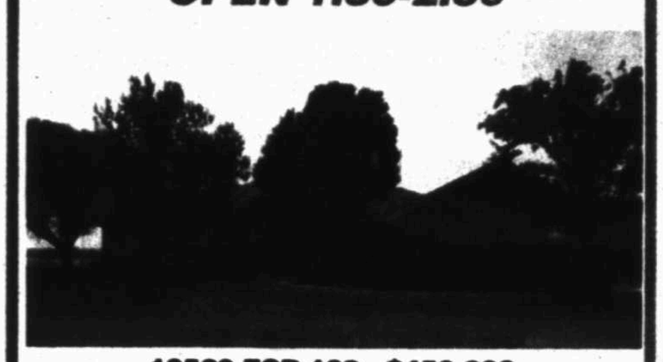
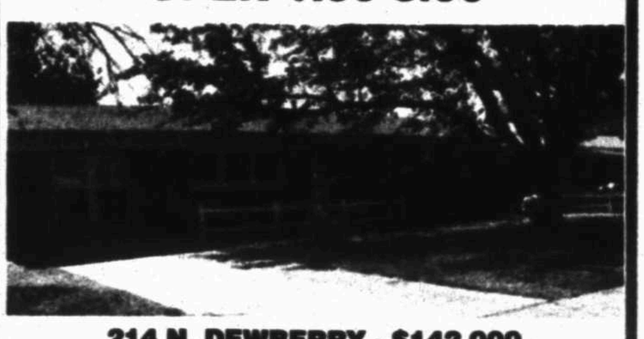


10520 ECR 109 - $450,000
Updates thru-out! High Ceilings! Great floor plan!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 1:30-2:30

5811 STERLING PLACE - $489,000
Fabulous 5 bed, 3.5 bath, 2 lvg, 2 dining, gorgeous pool w/hot tub.
Shown by Angie McKay

OPEN 1:00-3:00



214 N. DEWBERRY - $142,000
Great 3/2 family home, nice yard with a gazebo for entertaining!
Shown by Gloria Valdez Farmer

OPEN 2:00-3:00

5013 E. CO. RD. 58 - $202,000
Beautiful landscaped property with immaculate bricked single-wide on 1.24 acres!
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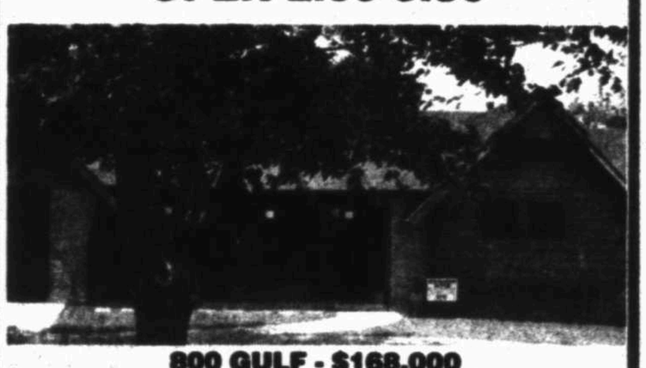
OPEN 2:00-3:30



800 GULF - $168,000
3/2, basement, water well.
Shown by Peggy Spence

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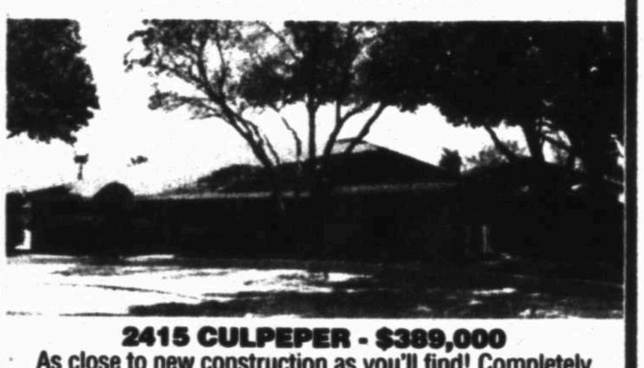

2415 CULPEPER - $389,000
As close to new construction as you'll find! Completely updated and gorgeous!
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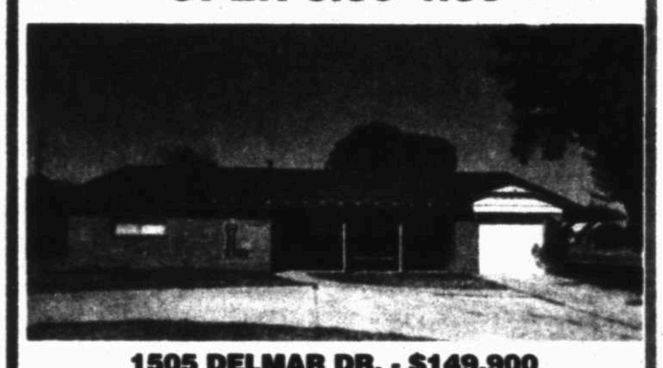
OPEN 3:30-4:30



1505 DELMAR DR. - $149,900
Buy vs Rent! This is it!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

FEATURED HOMES & NEW LISTINGS

2207 MARCIE LN. - $169,900
MLS #91242
Betty Hicks 553-8194

3519 BAUMANN AVE. - $143,900
MLS #91198
Clemmie Sorge 553-9136

6328 PRAIRIE RIDGE - $516,999
MLS #91256
Peggy Spence 664-3811

15192 N. PECAN - $370,000
MLS #91183
Caleb Matott 349-3330

4900 TROBAUGH - $1,825,000
MLS #90528
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3607 GULF - $234,900
MLS #91268
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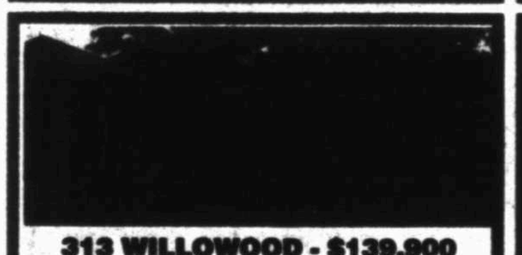

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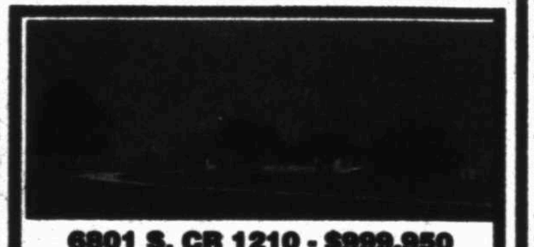

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- You want someone who can help you accurately price your home, bring in potential buyers, handle contracts, and market your home to the masses.
- Are you selling because your current home needs more work than you can handle? Are there infestation problems you would rather not talk about? You must disclose all of these facts to potential buyers. If they find out after the fact that you withheld information you could be in a whole heap of trouble.
- It is much wiser to price a home correctly from the start of the selling process than to have an overpriced home sit on the market for months only to have to do a price reduction. You get much more traffic on a well-priced and newly listed home.
- Yes, you have hired a professional to handle the legwork and legality of your sale, but you will rest much easier at night if you understand the process and all that is going on. Be sure to have regular conversations with your agent.
- Staging is a perfect way to help buyers see the true potential of each room. This may mean, however, that you have to tone down your own style and pack away any clutter or extraneous décor.
- Sellers can put a lot of heart and soul into staging and getting a home ready for the market. They might want to hang out during an open house. Resist the urge. This makes is very uncomfortable for buyers. So, during showings of any kind, be sure to make yourself invisible.
- Are you going to be buying another home? Have you decided to rent? Under normal sales, you will have plenty of time to make arrangements, but you also might get a buyer who needs to move in right away. Be ready to take your next step.
- This means you need to be flexible on both price and terms. Do not compromise on your bottom line, but understand that you must be willing to negotiate.
- Pay attention to the feedback you get from your agent and prospective buyers! Most of all, do not get discouraged. You will find a buyer!

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Home Improvement Goes Green

Ready to get in on the DIY-handyman trend? Eco-friendly options abound

By ALYSSA KARAS | CTW Features

In the past, the hassle of finding eco-friendly building materials would outweigh the benefits of using them. But green home improvement is a growing trend, from retail stores to websites to labels that are designed to help you make sustainable, efficient choices for your home.

As the green movement continues to sprout, it's reaching a new – and sometimes unfamiliar – audience.

"If construction is not your first language," says Kevin Graham, a home improvement store is "not always a comfortable place to be". Graham is the vice president of marketing at green home improvement center TreeHouse in Austin, Texas.

He says, "People often do come in overwhelmed or highly skeptical."

Those who dabble in green home improvement know it's difficult to find all the right products in one place. TreeHouse wants to solve that problem, Graham says, so eco-friendly builders, remodelers and DIYers can get their desired materials without visiting multiple stores and vendors, which takes a lot more time and know-how. They also provide green-building information so amateur DIYers can ask questions and get what they need.

Not many hardware stores are green product-only, but more of them are carrying eco-friendly options.

In Annapolis, Md., the shelves of K&B True Value (opened in 1974) are stocked with green options alongside more traditional products. Owner Jared Littmann likes to present customers with eco-friendly options when he can.

"You don't have to jump in and be a completely environmentally friendly store," Littmann says. "You can dabble. It's the same thing for a customer. You don't have to change all the lightbulbs in the house at once."

Littman saw the importance of sustainability in his previous life as an environmental lawyer. After transitioning to the hardware business in 2007, he says he enjoyed bringing more green products to the store and helping his customers see the benefits of green thinking.

Susanna Schultz, marketing manager for the home improvement chain Green Depot agrees. "It's not like if you choose to live more sustainably, you have to gut your house," she says.

If you're unfamiliar with green home improvement, it's easy to start small and at a low price-point. Simply switching out showerheads and faucets or using non-toxic paint can make a difference, Schultz says. Installing a dual-flush toilet is a good starter project, too.

Sometimes it's as easy as going down the light bulb aisle and learning the difference between a typical incandescent light and an energy-saving compact fluorescent bulb, Littman says.

For those who are unfamiliar and skeptical about spending money on purported eco-friendly products, in-store guidance, comparison and testing can help.

For instance, TreeHouse customers can flush a standard toilet and a dual-flush toilet and decide which one is more efficient. The same testing process goes for light bulbs and single- versus double-pane windows. The store also has an idea center where customers can chat with architects and interior designers about their green home improvement projects. And the building itself has many green features.

Expertise in sustainability is a bonus especially for home improvement amateurs. Green products can be more pricey, so don't break your bank with products that are "greenwashed" with good marketing but not many green credentials.

Plus, make sure you understand what you are trying to accomplish with your green products. Some may be motivated by concern for the environment; others want a healthier home for their families.

"One of the main reasons homeowners should consider going green is because of indoor air quality concerns," Schultz says. "Indoor air quality can be five times more polluted than outside."

"Green" is a broad term, and Graham encourages homeowners to think about what it means to them. Is it health, efficiency or sustainability?

In the future, however, he hopes homeowners won't have to think about it at all. "We always say we hope that 'green building' in the future is just called 'building,'" Graham says.

"It's hard to argue with this idea of efficient homes, sustainable homes," he says.

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Basement Bonus Space

Keep out of the heat! A basement remodel is the perfect summer project with long-term benefits

By DAN RAFTER | CTW Features

As most of the U.S. faces record-high temperatures, the basement might be the best respite from the heat. Those with finished basements are ahead of the game.

But if basement remodeling has been at the top of your to-do list for some time, now may be the best time to do it. John Habermeier, owner of West Chicago, Ill.-based Synergy Builders, recommends that homeowners think long-term when planning a basement project that will improve their quality of life.

"If you are talking to a young couple with young kids, they will have different needs than homeowners with teens or those with no children living in the home," Habermeier says. "Homeowners who plan on living in the home for a long time will have different needs than people who are moving in two or three years."

Homeowners must first determine whether their existing basement space is even feasible for a remodel. Not all are, says Dan Fritschen, author of the book "Remodel or Move? Make the Right Decision" (ABCD Publishing, 2005) and founder of Remodelormove.com.

"Basements are enticing," Fritschen says. "Homeowners view it as an inexpensive way to add feasible space. But there can be challenges. These are typically darker spaces. Some basements have water problems that need to be fixed. You have to consider the limitations with light and moisture. Your basement space might not support a remodel."

Then, there are cost concerns. Basement remodels can cost as low as $5,000 or as high as $50,000 or more for a remodel that includes a new bathroom, wet bar and bedroom space, Fritschen estimates. A pricey remodel might not make financial sense for owners who plan to move in two or three years.

Then, there is the matter of resale value. Some people are most interested in enjoying their new basement space, while others want a remodel that boosts resale value. Those interested in the latter should commission a basement remodel that mainly consists of bright, open space. Potential buyers can then visualize their own family using the space in their own way.

Possibilities, galore: A well thought-out plan for basement remodels should consider the needs of a family and the limitations of the space to provide maximum return on investment.

Keith Trembley, owner of Keith Trembley Building Services in Portland, Maine, recommends that homeowners be specific about their basement goals. Builders will take a different approach if the main goal is to provide young children with an additional play space than they would if homeowners were mainly interested in creating an area that appeals to adults.

"Don't just say you want more space," Trembley says. "Tell us what kind of space you need."

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416 CHAMPAGNE DR. - $469,500
GORGEOUS ON JUST OVER 1/2 ACRE LOT!
Formal dining with wood flooring! Gourmet kitchen with granite & huge island is open to the family room! Big breakfast bar! Tons of knotty alder cabinets! Family room has beautiful fireplace! Spacious master with beautiful bath offers large closet! 5th bedroom is perfect gameroom/office/home gym(w.Murphy bed)/in-law suite! Great covered patio!

OPEN SUN 1:30-2:30

10609 ECR 109 - $498,000
UPDATES THRU-OUT! HIGH CEILINGS! GREAT FLOOR PLAN!
Living with huge fireplace! Office (could be formal dining)! spacious master with great bath! Shower has jetted! Wood flooring! Recent carpet! RV parking! Inground pool with hot tub plus 2 firepits outside, outdoor fireplace and kitchen! 2,000 sq. ft. heated/cooled shop with half bath is perfect man cave/media room. Artificial grass in backyard! So Cool!

6005 SEQUOIA DR. - $469,000
GREEN TREE! LOW-MAINTENANCE! POOL!
Open & bright! Spacious home in Country Club with walls of windows surrounding the beautiful pool! Formal living w/rock wall & fireplace! Formal dining! Kitchen w/ views of the pool offers breakfast bar, nook, built-ins, island & dbl ovens! Den w/ woodburning stove & built-ins! Large master w/fireplace & pool view has large bath & fabulous closets! Pool is ready for summer! Covered patio! 3 Car garage!

6205 GUNSMOKE DR. - $325,000
GORGEOUS!
4 Bdrm offers 3 full baths! Sep master w/beautiful bath has dual vanities,sep shower w/dual heads,jetted tub & nice closet! In-law plan w/private bath & walk-in closet! Kitchen is loaded w/granite & has island,breakfast bar,stainless appliances,skylight,rich cabinets & pantry! Living has pretty ceiling treatment, built-ins & big windows! Formal dining! Nice utility room w/sink! Covered patio!

1708 CESSNA DR. - $295,000
GET READY TO BE CHARMED!
Walk inside to see this fabulous home in coveted ms mar! Close to Grats Park, this beauty offers hardwood flooring, brick fireplace, tons of windows & a round formal dining room! Kitchen w/ granite & beautiful backsplash has tons of cabinets! Formal living w/ bay window! Large utility room w/ desk! 4 roomy bedrooms! Spacious master w/ updated bathroom! Unique architectural features thru-out! Lovely yards! Impressive!

OPEN SUN 3:30-4:30

1509 WILSHIRE - $295,000
COUNTRY PROPERTY! CLOSE TO THE CITY!
On over half an acre! 3 Car garage! Wow! Beautiful 4 bedroom home w/2 full baths! Formal dining! Formal living w/fireplace! Cozy den w/ fireplace! Nice kitchen offers 2 pantries & cutting area! Sequestered master suite offers sitting area, separate tub/shower, dual vanities & 2 closets! 4th bedroom is great study/game room w/doors to the covered patio! Tons of parking! Saultillo tile! Wood floors!

1505 DELMAR DR. - $149,900
BUY VS RENT! THIS IS IT!
Tons of space to call your own! 3 Bedrooms! Nice den plus great family room! Kitchen w/big breakfast bar & spacious dining area opens to one living area! Enclosed patio for even more space! Master offers private bath & ample closet space! Large, updated hall bathroom! Roomy bedrooms! Great fenced backyard! 1 Car garage, 1 car carport & circle drive offers tons of parking!

4421 STOREY AVE. - $129,000
NICELY UPDATED!!
Own this "home cheaper than most rent payments! Living room offers tile flooring & big window! Updated kitchen has recent countertops & cabinets plus dining area! Sequestered master could also be a second living room! Inside utility room! Roomy bedrooms! Nice bath! Covered patio & storage building!

3804 TANNER DR. - $89,900
INVESTOR SPECIAL!!!
Tons of potential! Projects are started...Not completed...Will not go fha or va - cash or conventional only please! 3 Bedrooms! 2 Baths! Kitchen has breakfast nook & breakfast bar that are open to front living room! Back den is spacious! Seq bedroom off den! Large laundry room! Tons of parking! Storage shed!

611 W. LOUISIANA - $225,000
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POOL! GUEST HOUSE!
Hardwood flooring! Formal living! Formal dining! 3rd bedroom could be study! Finished basement/storm cellar! Wood blinds! Master bedroom offers access to backyard/pool area, walk-in closet & private bath!Main house is 20' approx 1020 sq ft!per record & guest house is 11' approx 594 sq ft!per record!Living,full kitchen,wet & pool! Great pool/hot tub! Privacy fence! 2 Car garage! Great investment property with 2 houses - rent one or both!

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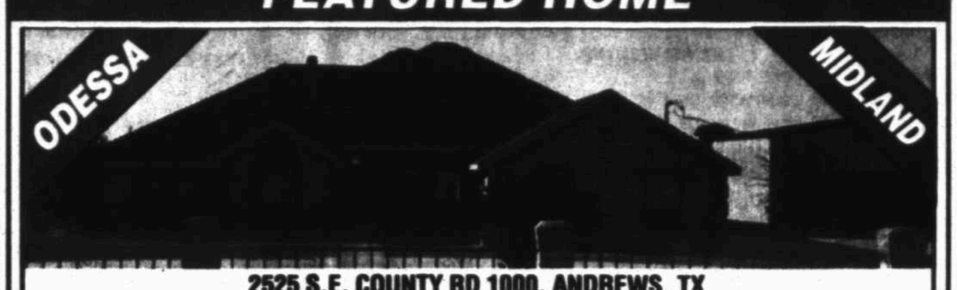

2525 S.E. COUNTY RD 1000, ANDREWS, TX
35 minutes from Odessa, Tx. - 45 minutes from Midland, Tx.
Amazing Drive up appeal with brick & iron fence, Circle Drive and nice-sized front porch. This home features a great floor plan w/ 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths & 1 half bath as well as Ornate Ceilings situated on approximately 2.5 acres. Lovely Sequestered Master suite has computer/exercise nook and a Master Bath with glass block and jetted tub/separate shower. Delightful Kitchen with great storage space, two lazy Suzan's, and a Breakfast bar. The Shop is approx. 1200 sq. foot and insulated with over-head roll-up door. MLS# 90768 $299,000

FEATURED LISTINGS

6801 SCR 1210-on 70 acres w/ private gun range, pool & cantina		MLS# 91271	$999,950
3602 Tanner	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS# 91069	$170,500
4413 Verde Glen-New Price		MLS# 91059	$419,000
313 Willowood-New Carpet		MLS# 91113	$139,900
4511 Teakwood Trace	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS# 91027	$284,600
2525 SE County Rd 1000-Shop, Andrews, TX		MLS #90768	$299,900
9300 S. CO. Rd 1210, Midland-Plus approx. 360 acres		MLS #90895	$1,399,000
3917 E. Golf Course Rd (New Construction) on 1 acre		MLS #90777	$295,000
804 w. Broadway, Stanton, TX-3% Buyer Asst.		MLS #89958	$159,900
4900 Oakwood Ct.		MLS #89771	$499,900
6109 S. Co. Rd. 1178	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #89599	$225,000
3302 E. Hwy 158-Commercial and or Residential on 2 Acres		MLS #89337	$225,000
3314 W. Co. Rd. 185-with Hanger	**MAKE OFFER!**	MLS #88559	$370,000
Sunridge Ranch Estates 3+acres lots		Per Lot	$95,000
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MIDLAND'S FINEST BUILDER'S/NEW CONSTRUCTION

301 S. MADISON...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #90862	$80,000
EE HOMES, INC.		
1612 PUEBLO...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #90719	$288,000
1205 E. CUTHBERT AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #89615	$134,500
1203 E. CUTHBERT AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #89617	SALE PENDING
WESCON SERVICES, LLC		
1214 E. PARKER...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #90750	$133,900
OLGIN HOMES, INC.		
1705 N FT WORTH...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #90544	SOLD
MASON TRENDSETTERS		
5300 ALYSHEBA...Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #90884	$1,340,000
PERMIAN BASIN COVENANT HOMES		
2201 S. CO. RD. 1089...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89269	SALE PENDING
2200 S. CO. RD. 1087...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #90423	$388,000

MIDLAND'S FABULOUS FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS

4900 TROUBAUGH...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #90528	$1,825,000
9300 S. CO. RD. 1210...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #90895	$1,399,000
5300 ALYSHEBA...Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #90884	$1,340,000
6801 S. CO. RD. 1210...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91271	$999,950
2102 S. CO. RD. 1128...Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #91199	$925,000
3115 PALO VERDE GLEN...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #90404	SOLD
5300 TEAKWOOD TRACE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #90194	$849,900
2012 GLADEWOOD...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #90563	$700,000
8201 DUNBLANE DR...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #89011	$699,900
5017 MIRA VISTA CIRCLE...Amy Barnett 352-6714	MLS #90508	$649,900
5545 MARIGOLD DR., GARDENDALE...Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #90291	$624,900
419 CHARISMATIC DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #91103	$620,000
4500 CHAPARRAL RD,BIG SPRING...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #90854	$599,000
2009 FRINGEWOOD...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #90415	SOLD
5805 CRANSTON PL...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #90832	SALE PENDING
6328 PRAIRIE RIDGE...Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #91256	$516,999
3709 NCR 1140...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #89793	$500,000
4900 OAKWOOD CT...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #89771	$499,900
5811 STERLING PLACE...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #90835	$489,000
208 S. I ST...Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #89335	SALE PENDING
4008 BAYBROOK DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #90616	SALE PENDING
4313 WOOD DR...Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #90849	$455,000
200 SKYWOOD CIRCLE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #91097	SALE PENDING
1505 SEABOARD...Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #91048	$450,000
6401 HWY. 349...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #90903	SALE PENDING
5811 GRASSLAND BLV...Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #90597	$425,000
4001 EDGEBROOK DR...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #91020	SALE PENDING
4413 VERDE GLEN CT...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91059	$419,000
4817 WOODHOLLOW DR...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #91095	$414,500
4005 DYER CIRCLE...Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #91036	$409,000
6505 SEQUOIA DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #90050	$400,000
5613 HEARTLAND CT...Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #91179	$399,000
2415 CULPEPER DR...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #90269	$389,000
3904 ARROYO DR...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #90693	SOLD
2201 S. CO. RD. 1089...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89269	SALE PENDING
1502 NORTH C...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #91022	$348,000
900 BEDFORD DR...Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #90498	SOLD
3916 NORTHFIELD...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #90596	$330,000
2207 HARVARD AVE...Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #91100	$329,000
5205 QUICKSAND DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #91223	$325,000
5302 CASTLE PINE RD...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #91185	$324,900
2820 NORTHTOWN PL...Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #90705	$319,000
5816 LLANO...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #91010	SALE PENDING
4611 CARDINAL...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #90039	SOLD
1818 DUKES DR...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #90698	SOLD
1203 CASTLEFORD RD...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #90784	SALE PENDING
4901 THAMES...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #90448	$312,000
2502 METZ...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #90355	$311,000
10509 E. CO. RD. 109...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #91109	SALE PENDING
2302 CULPEPER...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #90703	$310,000
2805 MARMON...Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #90908	$310,000
1708 CESSNA DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #91038	$295,000
3917 E. GOLF COURSE RD...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #90777	$295,000
4911 LEARMONT DR...Elisia Flatt 557-7159	MLS #91004	$294,900
1305 GARFIELD ST...Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #91277	$289,900
11507 W. CO. RD. 56...Clarissa Platt 352-6111	MLS #90656	SALE PENDING
2701 W. CO. RD. 140...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89079	SALE PENDING
5007 APPLE CREEK...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #90433	SALE PENDING
1612 PUEBLO ST...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #90719	$288,000
4403 HACKBERRY CT...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #90994	SALE PENDING
4511 TEAKWOOD TR...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91027	SALE PENDING
4103 BOULDER...Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #91126	$283,500
2826 W. SHANDON...Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #90745	$277,900
2503 LEARMONT...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #90939	$269,900
2701 L STREET...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #90605	SOLD
3607 APOLLO CT...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #90091	$269,900
2512 SHELL AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #91130	SALE PENDING
11911 W. CO. RD. 56...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #91125	$262,000
4500 WESTMINISTER...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #89955	SOLD
2404 CAMARIE...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #90420	$250,000
4308 VALLEY DR...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #90324	SALE PENDING
1202 E.CO. RD. 126...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #89156	SALE PENDING
1605 S. CO. RD. 1090...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #91082	$245,000
2400 DARTMOUTH DR...Jane Wolf 352-4808	MLS #90224	$245,000
3632 IMPERIAL AVE...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #89747	SALE PENDING
1308 W. CO. RD. 140...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89978	SALE PENDING
1506 WASHITA...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #90707	$235,000
3807 GULF...Maria Mallory 352-4021	ML #91268	$234,900
2826 MAXWELL...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #90686	SALE PENDING
6109 CO. RD. 1178...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #89599	SALE PENDING
3604 OAKRIDGE DR...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #91096	SALE PENDING
4508 TREVINO ST...Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #90651	$225,000
3302 HWY. 158...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #89338	$225,000
4100 ANGELINA DR...Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #90974	SALE PENDING
3820 LOUISIANA AVE...Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #90449	SALE PENDING
3301 CORD...Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #90844	$218,000
3605 EDGEMONT DR...Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #90971	SALE PENDING
3600 GODFREY CT...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #90646	$215,000
3802 BEDFORD AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #90831	SALE PENDING
3012 VERMONT...Debbie Hatfield 349-4790	MLS #90975	SALE PENDING
3233 CAMARIE...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #90088	SALE PENDING
900 AUTHUR CT...Larry Hatfield 349-4790	MLS #90860	SALE PENDING
3300 DENGAR...Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #89926	$199,000
3608 GULF AVE...Melissa Williams 349-2812	MLS #91041	$199,000
2300 DENGAR...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #90713	$173,500
313 WILLOWOOD DR...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91113	$139,900
4421 STOREY AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #91064	$120,000
211 TILDEN...Josie Alvarez 296-1395	MLS #91081	$114,900
204 RIDGLEA DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #90489	SALE PENDING
1714 CHECOTAH...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #90922	$98,500

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2696 FM 1212, STANTON...Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #90223	$450,000
2200 N. ELKINS RD...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #91143	$435,000
15192 N. PECAN, GARDENDALE...Caleb Maott 349-3330	MLS #91183	$370,000
3810 COYOTE...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #91227	$349,000
12810 E. CO. RD. 103...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #90803	SALE PENDING
10501 E. CO. RD. 109...Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #90792	SALE PENDING
1904 SCR 1121...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #90173	SALE PENDING
5003 GRANITE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #90687	$317,500
4901 POLO PARKWAY...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #90930	$310,000
2369 CO. RD. 2651, STANTON...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #91080	$305,000
5608 S. CO. RD. 1213...Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #90667	SALE PENDING
11701 W. CO. RD. 52...Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #91037	$299,999
4309 CRESTGATE AVE...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #90881	$281,000
2650 E. CO. RD. 2330, STANTON...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89582	$275,000
4823 SPRING MEADOW LN...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90791	$268,000
4705 A&B DENTCREST...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #90684	SALE PENDING
5002 WHITMAN...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #90457	$249,900
2610 N. GARFIELD...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #89825	SALE PENDING
2201 WYDEWOOD...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #90279	SOLD
6215 SEQUOIA...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #91024	SALE PENDING
1105 SCR 1129, 1.668 Acres...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #91105	SALE PENDING
801 E. CO. RD. 125...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #91012	$235,000
6101 S. CO. RD. 1065...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #91028	SALE PENDING
5004 BRUNSWICK...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061	MLS #91053	$229,900
3606 GODFREY CT...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #90646	$215,000
3801 FAIRGREEN CT...Josie Alvarez 296-1395	MLS #90820	$214,900
2402 EMERSON...Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #90332	$209,500
2819 DURANT...Melissa Williams 349-2812	MLS #90935	SALE PENDING
5013 E. CO. RD. 58...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #91167	$202,000
2810 ANDOVER...Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #90189	SOLD
3208 LOCKHEED DR...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #90056	SOLD
2100 WYDEWOOD...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #90452	SALE PENDING
3605 SPRINGMONT DR...Debbie Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #91044	SALE PENDING
2819 DURANT DR...Melissa Williams 349-2812	MLS #90935	SALE PENDING
2407 CAMARIE...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #90846	$197,500
1803 WESTERN DR...Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #90397	SOLD
4213 HWY. 349...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #89527	SOLD
4213 DOWNING AVE...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #89953	SOLD
3708 STANOLIND AVE...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #90202	$199,900
1610 CIMMARON DR...Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #91066	$196,000
1006 DENTON ST...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #91021	$193,500
2105 MARCIE CT...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #90815	$191,999
3314 DENGAR AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #90899	SALE PENDING
3008 BOARDWALK...Mark Philliber 618-5071	MLS #90674	SOLD
2806 FANNIN...Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #90353	$189,000
3208 ORIENTAL...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #90639	SOLD
2422 APPERSON DR...Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #90437	SALE PENDING
2602 WYDEWOOD...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #90736	SALE PENDING
3328 PROVIDENCE...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #91171	SALE PENDING
4723 DENGAR AVE...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #90475	SALE PENDING
3011 VERMONT...Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #90855	SALE PENDING
3602 W. MICHIGAN...Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #90729	SALE PENDING
1705 N FT WORTH...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #90544	SOLD
2289 FM 829, STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #90277	$179,000
3700 STANOLIND AVE...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #91039	SALE PENDING
1502 PINE...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #90822	SOLD
3618 ANDREWS HWY...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #90794	SALE PENDING
3231 SHANDON AVE...Karen Mason 349-3550	MLS #86637	SALE PENDING
3602 TANNER...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91069	SALE PENDING
3516 CAMARIE AVE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #90234	SOLD
2207 MARCIE LN...Betty Hicks 553-8194	MLS #91242	SALE PENDING
3223 SHANDON...Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #90852	$169,500
3214 ELMA DR...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #91085	$168,000
800 GULF AVE...Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #90389	$168,000
4711 BOULDER AVE...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #90955	SALE PENDING
12003 E. CO. RD. 120...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89906	SALE PENDING
702 SINCLAIR AVE...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #90370	$165,000
3103 LOUISIANA AVE...Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #90875	$165,000
3201 WHITTLE WAY...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #91278	$162,500
804 W. BROADWAY, STANTON...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #89958	$159,900
4629 CROCKETT AVE...Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #91088	SALE PENDING
3508 W. MICHIGAN AVE...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #90936	$159,000
5108 E. CO. RD. 58...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #90010	SALE PENDING
201 WALKER CT...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #91013	SALE PENDING
1505 DELMAR DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #91237	$149,900
4503 WATSON CT...Kay Bivens 934-5995	MLS #90284	$149,500
4514 LEDDY DR...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #90866	SALE PENDING
3811 SUNCREST...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #91089	SALE PENDING
4528 LEDDY DR...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #90067	$145,000
3519 BAUMANN AVE...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #91198	$143,900
803 SPRUCE AVE...Melissa Williams 349-2812	MLS #91025	$142,900
4400 ROOSEVELT...Lavonne Johnson 687-6500	MLS #90789	$142,000
1500 N. WASHINGTON, ODESSA...Jane Wolf 352-4804	MLS #91062	SALE PENDING
214 DEWBERRY...Gloria Farmer 618-5004	MLS #90890	$142,000
3116 ROOSEVELT...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #90310	SALE PENDING
1703 W. CO. RD. 134...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88399	SALE PENDING
711 LANHAM ST...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #91135	SALE PENDING
1104 LANHAM...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #90887	$134,900
311 E. PECAN AVE...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #90702	SALE PENDING
1203 E. CUTHBERT AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #89617	SALE PENDING
1205 E. CUTHBERT AVE...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #89615	$134,500
1214 E. PARKER...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #90750	$133,900
520 S. BENTWOOD...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #90821	SALE PENDING
105 BENTWOOD...Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #90867	SALE PENDING
4715 ERIE DR...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #91127	SALE PENDING
4520 ROOSEVELT DR...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #91158	SALE PENDING
12309 CO. RD. 120...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90053	SALE PENDING
4019 MONTY DR...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #90556	SOLD
1305 E. 55TH, ODESSA...Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #90543	SALE PENDING
704 RAYMOND...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #90403	SALE PENDING
1710 S. CO. RD. 1083...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #90098	SALE PENDING
1318 12TH PLACE, ANDREWS...Mona Lopez 697-8602	MLS #90008	SALE PENDING
4700 W. ILLINOIS AVE...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #91150	SALE PENDING
306 GLENWOOD DR...Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #91106	$109,000
411 EASTWOOD...Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #89917	SALE PENDING
6810 CO. RD. 94E...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89377	SALE PENDING
2205 BRUNSON...Pamela Messer 349-3075	MLS #89799	SALE PENDING
1104 ST. JOSEPH, STANTON...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #90591	SOLD
3510 THOMAS AVE...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #88963	SALE PENDING
3804 TANNER DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #91226	$99,900
3300 TANNER DR...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90123	$97,000
3202 W. ILLINOIS...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #91166	SALE PENDING
2705 BAGLEY, ODESSA...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #91031	$80,000
301 S. MADISON...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #90862	$80,000
2911 WCR 110...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #90159	SALE PENDING
3113 KESSLER...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #90650	SALE PENDING
602 W. CUTHBERT...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #90261	$60,000
1101 NW 13TH ST., ANDREWS...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #86711	$55,100
1405 MICHIGAN...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #88453	SALE PENDING

MIDLAND'S BEST 2 BEDROOM & 1 BEDROOM HOMES

4900 & 4902 ANDREWS HWY...Ruth Young 352-0996	MLS #90145/90146	$425,000
5004 BELLE GROVE CT...Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #91181	SALE PENDING
4310 CRESTWOOD AVE...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #90885	SALE PENDING
3417 OHIO AVE...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #91261	SALE PENDING
1028 KOLETA, ODESSA...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #90806	$120,000
2601 DELANO...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #90285	$99,500
2714 ROOSEVELT AVE...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #90612	$87,000
3106 DELANO AVE...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #90751	$89,000
5701 FT. WORTH, ODESSA...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #86461	$83,000
407 FORT WORTH...Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #89795	$75,000

MIDLAND'S LARGEST SELECTION OF COUNTRY PROPERTY

4900 TROUBAUGH...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #90528	$1,825,000
9300 S. CO. RD. 1210...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #90895	$1,399,000
6801 S. CO. RD. 1210...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #91271	$999,950
2102 S. CO. RD. 1128...Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #91199	$925,000
8201 DUNBLANE DR...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #89011	$699,900
3709 N. CO. RD. 1140...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #89793	$500,000
2696 FM 1212, STANTON...Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #90223	$450,000
10520 E. CO. RD. 109...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #90031	$399,900
2200 N. ELKINS RD...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #91143	$435,000
12810 E. CO. RD. 103...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #90803	SALE PENDING
6401 HWY. 349...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #90903	SALE PENDING
2201 S. CO. RD. 1089...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89269	SALE PENDING
2200 S. CO. RD. 1087...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #90423	$388,000
15192 N. PECAN...Caleb Maott 349-3330	MLS #91183	$370,000
3314 W. CO. RD. 185...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88559	$370,000
808 E. FM 1233, MONAHANS...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #89792	87 Acres/$359,900
11507 W. CO. RD. 52...Mark Philliber 618-5071	MLS #90607	$359,000
CO. RD. 170...Caleb Matott 349-3330		SALE PENDING
2701 W. CO. RD. 140...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89079	SALE PENDING
10509 E. CO. RD. 109...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #91109	SALE PENDING
3187 C 2150 STANTON...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #88177	$310,000
2369 CO. RD. 2651, STANTON...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #91080	$305,000
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5608 S. CO. RD. 1213...Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #90667	SALE PENDING
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1605 S. CO. RD. 1090...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #91082	15 Acres/$245,000
11620 CO. RD. 40...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #91074	$238,400
1308 W. CO. RD. 140...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89978	SALE PENDING
6101 S. CO. RD. 1065...Caleb Matott 349-3330		SALE PENDING
801 E. CO. RD. 125...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #91012	$235,000
3302 HWY. 158...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #89338	$225,000
6109 CO. RD. 1178...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #89599	SALE PENDING
4213 HWY. 349...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #89527	SOLD
5013 E. CO. RD. 58...Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #91167	$202,000
15375 N. HOLLYHOCK, GARDENDALE...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #89641	SALE PENDING
12003 E. CO. RD. 120, Greenwood, 1.28 Acre...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89906	SALE PENDING
5108E. CO. RD. 58...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #90010	SALE PENDING
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Caleb Matott 349-3330	4 Lots Left	3.5 Acre Lots/$135,000
12309 CO. RD. 120...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90053	SALE PENDING
1710 S. CO. RD. 1083...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #90098	SALE PENDING
1703 W. CO. RD. 134...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88399	SALE PENDING
6810 CO. RD. 94E...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89377	SALE PENDING
2911 WCR 110...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #90159	SALE PENDING
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819		3+ Acre Lots/Lots $75,000/EA.

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4500 CHAPARRAL RD,BIG SPRING...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #90854	$599,000
2696 FM 1212, STANTON...Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #90223	$450,000
4109 FM 818, BIG SPRING...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #89206	$375,000
808 E. FM 1233, MONAHANS...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #89792	$359,900
3187 C 2150, STANTON...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #88177	$310,000
2369 CO. RD. 2651, STANTON...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #91080	$305,000
2525 S. E. CO. RD. 1000, ANDREWS...Sandy J. Hanson	MLS #90768	2.5 Acres/$299,900
2650 E. CO. RD. 2330, STANTON...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89582	$275,000
505 HIGH ROAD, COLEMAN...Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #89621	$264,900
9210 DUBLIN AVE., ODESSA...Melissa Williams 349-2812	MLS #86323	SOLD
3262 HWY. 137, GRADY...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #89461	$189,900
15375 N. HOLLYHOCK, GARDENDALE...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #89641	SALE PENDING
2289 FM 829, STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #90277	$179,000
804 W. BROADWAY, STANTON...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #89958	$159,900
1500 WASHINGTON AVE., ODESSA...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #91062	SALE PENDING
2026 CO. RD. 2801, STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #90491	$140,000
504 BROADWAY, STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #88271	$129,500
1318 12TH PLACE, ANDREWS...Mona Lopez 697-8602	MLS #90008	SALE PENDING
309 SW 11TH ST., ANDREWS...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #85551	$124,500
1028 KOLETA, ODESSA...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #90806	$120,000
1305 55TH ST., ODESSA...Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #90543	SALE PENDING
105 E. 21ST., CRANE...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #85747	$100,000
1104 ST. JOSEPH, STANTON...Clemmie Sorge 553-9136	MLS #90591	SOLD
2018 GILA ROAD, ODESSA...Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #90085	SOLD
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5701 FT. WORTH, ODESSA...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #86461	$83,000
2705 BAGLEY, ODESSA...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #91031	$80,000
502 4TH ST., STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #89264	SOLD
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11911 CO. RD. 125...Ashley St John 352-6254	MLS #90060	$950,000
8200 W. CO. RD. 116...Caleb Matott 349-3330		6.7 Acres/$880,000
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10100 PILOT AVE...Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #90480	$450,000
8501 HIGHWAY 158...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #90788	SALE PENDING
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3089 CO. RD. 137, STANTON, TX...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89276	$290,000
6301 N. CO. RD. 1150...Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #90635	$290,000
4705 A&B DENTCREST DR...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #90684	SALE PENDING
2311 ELIZABETH...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89875	$225,000
1800 N. CO. RD. W., ODESSA, TX...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #83958	$180,000
15375 N HOLLYHOCK...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #89641	SALE PENDING
708 MINEOLA...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90122	$150,000
2600 FRONT...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #89876	$140,000
3414 THOMASON DR...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #90551	$139,000
1206 E. CO. RD. 126...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #90527	$136,500
W. HWY. 80...Caleb Matott 349-3330		4.3 Acres/$129,000
608 E. BROADWAY, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS#79313	$100,000
301 NW AVE. B, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #86457	$97,500
1909 NE MUSTANG DR, ANDREWS...Cynthia Boocker 266-1448	MLS #86458	$72,500
1901 S. LAMESA...Angie McKay 599-3272	MLS #90326	$60,000

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E. CO. RD. 130...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90125	$2,475,655
CO. RD. 60...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88932	$1,742,400
E. CO. RD. 130...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90439	$1,400,000
FM 1788...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90083	$801,600
MARTIN & HOWARD COUNTY...Caleb Matott 349-3330		906 Acres/$725,000
4900 CO. RD. 1140...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88899	SOLD
SINCLAIR...Ruth Young 682-7884		5 Acres/$425,000
1000 CO. RD. 1120...Brooks Smith 618-5035	MLS #88627	$365,200
CO. RD. 1130...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89518	29.1 Acres/$363,750
808 E. FM 1233, MONAHANS...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #89792	$359,900
CO. RD. 170...Caleb Matott 349-3330		SALE PENDING
3407 S HWY 349...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #90196	$330,000
AIR PARK ROAD...Amy Brasher Barnett 349-3421	MLS #89176	$325,000
HIGHWAY 191...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #87988	$312,500
10501 E. CO. RD. 109...Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #90792	SALE PENDING
6301 N. CO. RD. 1150...Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #90635	$290,000
I-20...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #90888	$271,750
1605 S.CO. RD. 1090 15 Acres...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #91112	$245,000
11620 E. CO. RD. 40...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #91074	5.96 Acres/$238,400
CO. RD. 2300...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89227	$179,550
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E. CO. RD. 110...Mark Philliber 618-5071	MLS #90675	$119,970
1710 SCR 1083...Tracy Farrow 432-413-4412	MLS #90098	SALE PENDING
NORTH RANCH RD., ODESSA...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #86507	28.64 Acres/$110,000
12205 W. CO. RD. 56...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #89967	$100,000
2820 LOOP 250...Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #89585	2.33 Acres/$99,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy Hanson 638-3819		$95,000
LIME STREET, ODESSA...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #86738	9.24 Acres/$91,000
S. FM 1788...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #82050	2 Acres/$70,000
C2150 STANTON...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #88194	10 Acres/$65,000
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Mallory Rowland and her family, top left photo prepare for her surgery. From left are, Sydney, Mallory, Rick and Tara Rowland. **TOP CENTER:** Rowland lies in her hospital bed next to her grandmother, Ruthie Barron. **TOP RIGHT:** Rowland and her mother and sister lie in bed after her surgery. **ABOVE LEFT:** Rowland wears bandages after her surgery. **ABOVE:** Rowland prepares for her surgery at the Dallas Ear Institute in Dallas.

Midlander regains gift of hearing with implant

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

Mallory Rowland's family was standing around the kitchen when her mother asked if she wanted any mushrooms.

"No, I don't want any," the 23-year-old automatically replied with her back facing her mother.

The room went silent; Rowland turned around to see her family staring back at her in awe.

Just one month ago, Rowland wouldn't have been able to hear her mother say anything at all. Rowland was born deaf in an all-hearing family and has depended on lip reading her whole life for communication.

In one ear, Rowland was born with no hearing at all, even with the help of a hearing aid. She could hear sounds in the other at 110 decibels, which is about the volume of a chain saw, and with the combined help of a hearing aid she got at the age of 3 and lip reading skills, she was able to understand conversations.

It's gotten Rowland by her whole life; after working with a speech therapist, she entered first grade at Greenwood Independent School District, where she would graduate in 2006. She will graduate from Midland College with a Bachelors of Applied Technology in organizational management next year and works as a geotech at Clayton Williams Energy.

In December 2011, Rowland received some unsettling news. When she went to get testing done for a new hearing aid, she was told what little hearing she had left was declining rapidly and would be completely gone in a few years. She found herself asking friends to repeat themselves over and over in conversation.

"I think I was in denial," she said. "I didn't really want to go completely deaf."

When the reality finally hit, Rowland wanted to do anything she could to salvage her hearing. She looked into cochlear implants, which are surgically implanted devices that help deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals hear through their brains, not their ears. Sound enters a microphone and travels to an external device called a sound processor. The sound is processed and converted into digital information, which is sent over a transmitter antennae to a surgical implant that turns the information into electrical signals. Sound information bypasses the damaged inner ear and is sent to the brain.

Rowland had her worries. Brain surgery is no joke, and she'd have to go without hearing aids, and therefore hearing, for weeks after the surgery. If the surgery didn't

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work, she wouldn't be able to go back to her hearing aid.

A series of appointments began in March to ensure Rowland was a good candidate for the implant. She met with doctors, speech therapists and a psychologist and was evaluated on balance, hearing and ability to handle stress and change. Finally, the surgery was scheduled for June 13 at the Dallas Ear Institute.

That morning was a long, nervous wait, then darkness. When she woke up, Rowland's ears were ringing and she was told the implant worked in the operating room. She was excited, but the ringing and dizziness continued to make her feel sick. Luckily, Rowland's implant was set to be activated just two weeks after surgery instead of the expected four weeks.

Everything came down to activation day. Rowland knew she wouldn't hear noise as a "normal" person would, but rather a perception of the sound translated through the device. Rowland's audiologist turned on the implant and ran her through a hearing test comprised of various beeps. Rowland took a deep breath; at least she knew it was working.

The audiologist configured all the settings and told everyone in the room to be quiet. As she started talking, Rowland heard beeping, buzzing and all sorts of sounds she only can compare to R2-D2 from Star Wars. It was bizarre, but it worked.

"I cried," she admitted. "I was trying to be strong. I was just thinking, 'It works.'"

Rowland left the appointment with a renewed faith and confidence. She had a full conversation with her father in the dark car on the way home.

"I have never been able to understand anything without looking at people's lips so that was just so bittersweet," Rowland said, "that after all of this training in understanding, I wouldn't have to work so hard to read people's lips and understand what they're saying."

She suddenly noticed everything: dogs barking, chewing her cereal, the sound her sister always complained about as she dragged her feet while walking. Most of it still sounded robotic.

Every two weeks, Rowland goes back to Dallas to reprogram the implant's processor so she can hear more clearly. Her brain now has to relearn sounds she couldn't hear before; water still sounds like static and birds sound like beeps, but she's also hearing some of her favorite songs for the first time.

"I never knew there were different pitches; it sounded like one sound to me," she said. "I always wondered why the voices would drown out in parts of it, but they don't drown out now."

Rowland still has a lot of work to do after spending her whole life trying to form sounds with little to no feedback, relying solely on visual clues. She still stumbles with her own speech; her "S" has a hard "T"-like sound to it. But she's hopeful this experience will improve more than just her hearing. One thing it's already showed her is the strength and importance of her support system along the way.

"My family has helped me through everything," she said. "That was the biggest help I could have ever had."

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Pablo Martinez Monsivais/AP

Pedestrians cross K Street and Connecticut Avenue on July 10, in downtown Washington. Across the country on city streets, in suburban parking lots and in shopping centers, there is usually someone strolling while talking on a phone, texting with their head down, listening to music, or playing a video game. The problem isn't as widely discussed as distracted driving, but the danger is real.

Distracted pedestrians stumble into danger

By Joan Lowy
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A young man talking on a cell phone meanders along the edge of a lonely train platform at night. Suddenly he stumbles, loses his balance and pitches over the side, landing head first on the tracks.

Fortunately there were no trains approaching the Philadelphia-area station at that moment, because it took the man several minutes to recover enough to climb out of danger. But the incident, captured last year by a security camera and provided to The Associated Press, underscores the risks of what government officials and safety experts say is a growing problem: distracted walking.

On city streets, in suburban parking lots and in shopping centers, there is usually someone strolling while talking on a phone, texting with his head down, listening to music, or playing a video game. The problem isn't as widely discussed as distracted driving, but the danger is real.

Reports of injuries to distracted walkers treated at hospital emergency rooms have more than quadrupled in the past seven years and are almost certainly underreported. There has been a spike in pedestrians killed and injured in traffic accidents, but there is no reliable data on how many were distracted by electronics.

"We are where we were with cell phone use in cars 10 years or so ago. We knew it was a problem, but we didn't have the data," said Jonathan Akins, deputy executive director of the Governors Highway Safety Association, which represents state highway safety offices.

State and local officials are struggling to figure out how to respond, and in some cases asking how far government should go in trying to protect people from themselves.

In Delaware, highway safety officials opted for a public education campaign, placing decals on crosswalks and sidewalks at busy intersections urging pedestrians to "Look up. Drivers aren't always looking out for you."

Philadelphia officials are drafting a safety campaign that will be aimed in part at pedestrians who are looking at their devices instead of where they're going. "One of the messages will certainly be 'pick your head up' — I want to say 'nitwit,' but I probably shouldn't call them names," said Rina Cutler, deputy mayor for transportation and public utilities.

As an April Fool's Day joke with a serious message, Philadelphia officials taped off an "e-lane" for distracted pedestrians on a sidewalk outside downtown office buildings.

Some didn't get that it was a joke.

"The sad part is we had people who, once they realized we were going to take the e-lane away, got mad because they thought it was really helpful to not have people get in their way while they were walking and texting," Cutler said.

When the Utah Transit Authority adopted an ordinance barring pedestrians from using cell phones, headphones or other distracting electronic devices while crossing the tracks of its light rail system on the streets of Salt Lake City, subject to a $50 fine, the Legislature refused to make it a statewide law.

"Look, I get distracted all the time," bristled Utah State Rep. Craig Frank, a Republican who opposed the proposal. "I have a smart phone, too. Walking on sidewalks, in stores and malls, and maybe in a crosswalk sometimes I'm using my cell phone. But I try to stay connected to my environment. I never thought the government needed to cite me for using my cell phone in a reasonable manner."

Distracted walking bills in the Arkansas, Illinois and New York legislatures also went nowhere.

"It sounds very ridiculous," said Tia Little, a pedestrian in downtown Washington. "I mean, it's our phone. We should be able to use it and walk and talk if we choose to, walk and text or whatever."

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, which provided the video of the man who fell onto the train tracks, has received reports from bus drivers and train engineers who say they nearly hit pedestrians who didn't appear to hear them sound their horns because they were distracted by their electronic devices, said Jim Fox, the agency's director of system safety and risk management.

He said there have been several cases of people hit and killed by the authority's trains in which it appears they were wearing headphones or using cell phones while trespassing on tracks.

A University of Maryland study found 116 cases over six years in which pedestrians were killed or seriously injured while wearing headphones. In two-thirds of the cases the victims were men under age 30. Half the cases involved trains. In a third of the incidents, a warning horn was sounded just before the accident.

"With the smart phone technology these days and everything at your fingertips, it's almost getting to be an obsession or a compulsion with people," Fox said. "You see it in airports or train stations or malls — if there's any kind of downtime, they're jumping right to that phone."

About 1,152 people were treated in hospital emergency rooms in the U.S. last year for injuries suffered while walking and using a cell phone or some other electronic device, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, which receives annual data from 100 emergency rooms and extrapolates the information into a national estimate. But that's likely an underestimate because patients may not mention they were using a cell phone or other device at the time at the time they were injured, or the doctor or nurse may neglect to include the information in their report, said Tom Schroeder, director of the commission's data systems.

The cases include a 24-year-old woman who walked into a telephone pole while texting; a 28-year-old man who was walking along a road when he fell into a ditch while talking on a cell phone; a 12-year-old boy who was looking at a video game when he was clipped by a pickup truck as he crossed the street; and a 53-year-old woman who fell off a curb while texting and lacerated her face.

One 67-year-old man walking along the side of a road was hit a by a bicyclist who was talking on a cell phone as he rode. The pedestrian injured a knee.

Though overall traffic deaths were lower in 2010 than the year before, pedestrian fatalities rose by 4.2 percent and injuries by 19 percent, according to the latest data available from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. It's not clear how many of the pedestrian deaths and injuries involved cell phones and other electronics because police often don't collect that information.

Opinions differ on how much to disclose to prospective employers

Robin Kingham is a former Reporter-Telegram employee. Last year she raised more than $8,000 for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America through the Team Challenge program. This year she has signed up for two more races and is serving as a mentor for both. For more information or to make a donation text DONATE to 37332. All donations are 100 percent tax deductible.

ROBIN KINGHAM
Robin Kingham writes for the Reporter-Telegram.

Last week I posed a question. I wanted to know your thoughts on whether I should tell prospective employers — during the interview process — about my IBD. After I submitted my column, one of the support groups I follow, My Doctor Knows me Best From Behind: Ostomy and IBD support, posed the very same question on Facebook. Many of the responses were adamant: absolutely not. One respondent wrote that because the interviewer legally cannot ask that question, then the person interviewing for the job should not give that information. I was surprised by how many people gave same advice. Fortunately, I did receive several responses from my readers.

Mike Reed, a 61-year-old retired police officer, said this in an email, "I was diagnosed with Crohn's in 1972, at the age of 21, while I was in the military. I had my first surgery at that time ... When I was diagnosed very few people knew what Crohn's was, even the doctors at that time were somewhat in the dark. I did complete my four-year military commitment as a military policeman. I joined the Midland Police Department and I told them I had Crohn's, and completed 27 years there and another seven years at the Midland Police Academy with them all knowing I had Crohn's. I have had five surgeries for Crohn's — one in 1972, the next in 1984, and then three in 1996, all the while I was supported by the department. I have worked since retirement at a Nueva Vista Golf Course, both full and part time, with them knowing I have Crohn's as well. My answer is yes to telling you have Crohn's, more people have knowledge of Crohn's now and I think your being honest is important to you and the perspective employer."

Missey Graham, a Midland real estate agent, also sent me an email. This is what she wrote, "... yes I believe you should disclose this to your new employer. Over the past 11 years I have been hiring staff and agents to work side by side with me. And the No. 1 thing I wanted to know about a new hire is who they are, not what they are. My son was diagnosed with Crohn's when he was 11, went into remission at 15, and now is 20. And through out the many days and nights in the hospital I couldn't have done it without the support of my employers, staff and agents. This chronic illness is very challenging mentally, fiscally on a family and business. The company you are looking to work for needs to have the same values as you: God, family and business. I was blessed to learn this early in business, and fortunate enough to spread it to others. You need to look at your interview like this, 'Are they a match for me? Not, am I a match for them?'"

I have to admit I couldn't agree more. I learned early on the interview process is the opportunity for me to find out if the prospective employer is a good fit for me, my family and my life. I work to live, not live to work. When my husband reads this he probably will laugh at that last statement because I am committed to my job 110 percent. I am dedicated and sometimes take my work home with me. But that's the thing isn't it? If we spend most of our time at these places of employment, with these supervisors and co-workers, shouldn't it be someplace we want to be? With people who we like? I know that can seem like a pipe dream, but it is possible. I found it at the Reporter-Telegram and at other jobs I've had through the years.

I definitely want to know, right from the start, if I am going through what may be a life-threatening medical situation, my place of employment is an understanding and supportive place. If they don't want to hire me because I have IBD, then I definitely don't want to work there. I only have returned to the hospital one time since my take-down surgery 11 years ago. It was an out patient procedure, so I was in and out in a day and that was probably eight years ago. But for so many with Crohn's and colitis, regular visits to the hospital are the norm. I can understand why so many are against divulging their medical history. For me, there is no question.

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Anthony Crosson, center in photo above left, of the Boston Area Health Education Center, speaks in a break-out session July 26, during the Break-Up Summit at Simmons College in Boston. ABOVE RIGHT: High school students, from left, Andrew Curtin, Marisa Diamond and Cassie Desrochers, all from Waltham, Mass., speak with a reporter July 26, during the Break-Up Summit at Simmons College in Boston. The summit, sponsored by the Boston Public Health Commission, is part of a national program aimed at preventing dating violence.

Boston seminar advises teens on how to break up safely

By Bridget Murphy
Associated Press

BOSTON — Andrew Curtin said it happened at least twice at his Boston-area high school in the last year. Angry about a breakup, a boy ended up at the school nurse's office with a broken hand after punching a locker or a wall.

"You don't think about when you see two people walking down the hall, 'Are they in a bad relationship or is it good?'" the 17-year-old Waltham High School senior said.

But he was among about 250 teenagers doing a lot of thinking about healthy relationships at a seminar at Simmons College in July. And the dating advice was coming from an unlikely source: city government officials.

Boston's Public Health Commission partnered with local social service agencies to put on its third annual "Break-Up Summit" for teens as part of a $1 million, four-year grant from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Nationwide, the $18 million program known as Start Strong is aimed at teaching teens in 11 cities to prevent dating violence. Counselors in Boston focused on teaching teens to end relationships in ways that don't spark negative behavior like cheating, public humiliation or worse.

Nicole Daley, who heads Boston's Start Strong program, said a bad teenage relationship can lead to problems like depression, low self-esteem, falling academic grades and even unwanted pregnancies in cases where one partner tries to manipulate the other. There's also the risk of a physically dangerous confrontation.

"In popular media, cheating is seen as an excuse for violence," Daley said.

Recent studies by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed about 10 percent of students nationwide reported a boyfriend or girlfriend had physically hurt them in the last year. CDC statistics also showed that among adults who were victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner, 15 percent of men and 22 percent of women first experienced some kind of partner violence when they were between 11 and 17 years old.

Teens who were part of the seminar described a dating scene where social media can make ending relationships even more emotionally fraught. Many said changing one's Facebook status back to "single" was the worst way to break up with a significant other.

"The world knows before you do," said Cassie Desrochers, 17, another Waltham High senior.

"A relationship is personal. The whole world shouldn't know about it."

President Esta Soler, president of Futures Without Violence, the nonprofit that helped design the Start Strong program, said social media also complicates teen relationships because a bad rumor can travel far in seconds.

"When I was growing up ... we had a telephone and we didn't have voicemail and it took a lot of work to spread it," she said.

Soler also said breakups always used to be in person. But that's not the case anymore.

Teens talked about breaking up by sending a text message, or being on the receiving end of one. They also spoke about fights they'd seen in their schools between students who were in competition for another student's affections, or felt jilted after a relationship ended badly.

Counselors at the forum urged teens to communicate with partners about relationship boundaries, together defining whether they were "just texting," casually "hooking up," "friends with benefits," or in a monogamous relationship.

They also encouraged students to end relationships with face-to-face contact, and to look for warning signs that ongoing relationships could turn abusive.

"Now I've got all the information," said West Roxbury High School sophomore Tyler Jones, who's training as a Start Strong peer leader. "I realize you've got to give your partner space. You don't need to be hugging up on them all day."

Through correctly updating the mind with relevant accurate data, a new way of seeing yourself is created. The mind is wonderfully adaptable and can be reprogrammed to interpret things differently.

Stepfather's comments lead to lasting body image issues

Family Matters

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DEAR FAMILY: When I was 12 my mother remarried a man with a daughter my age and a son two years younger. I never liked him even when they were dating, but I think my mother was desperate to get married again and so she did. Soon after they got married I started developing and was especially curvy for my age. My stepfather started making disgusting comments about my body and about how all the boys were going to love this and that about me. He never said anything directly sexual, but made many sexual comments. My stepsister was slower developing and she was jealous so she thought it was funny and made her share of comments, too.

He would comment all the time even though I did my best to cover myself up from top to bottom. Because he would say those things in front of my mother it upset me even more. When I tried to talk to her about it she basically justified what he was doing and told me I should ignore him because he did so much for us — we lived in his house. I got no support from her. I didn't tell my father or my stepmother because I thought it was my fault for looking like I did.

I finally told my stepmother when she took me shopping for school clothes and I only would look at clothes that covered me up. She went to my father and told him, he talked to me and invited me to live with them. I accepted and he worked it out with my mother and the rest of my high school was much better.

As an adult I have come to realize his comments did have a very negative effect on me and my body image. After dating many loser guys, I was blessed to marry an awesome man who loves and adores me. The problem is I can't stand to be nude around him in the light, I dress in the bathroom or the closet with the door locked and I won't go to the pool because I won't wear a swimsuit. Is there anything you can tell me to help me get over this? — BODY FEARS

DEAR FEARS: Your stepfather was totally wrong in making such comments to you and your mother was wrong and destructive because her attitude reinforced his behavior. You raised a totally legitimate concern to your mother and had every right to expect her validation and intervention. Instead you were told your concern was not valid or legitimate. This directly leads to confusion, self-doubt and shame. She normalized that your body was appropriately the source for inappropriate sexual comments. I am so thankful to your stepmother and father for recognizing the situation and taking action.

In order to start the healing process, I first would encourage you to get a red notebook and start writing your stepfather and your mother letters. Tell them each exactly how you feel about what they did and the effect it has had on you — let it flow to wherever it goes. Do not edit or be concerned about what you write. Never share your notebook with anyone other than perhaps a counselor or minister if you want to. The purpose of the writing is to safely express your righteous anger and to help those feelings of pain and shame process out of your mind.

After you have written enough — and you will know when that is — you will want to begin the behavioral modification process to clear up the distortions associated with your body. Start alone at home by removing as many of your clothes as you are comfortable with, stand in front of a mirror and practice positive self-talk. Try to realistically look at your body as part of you and compliment it out loud; especially focusing on the areas that were objects of your stepfather's abuse. The idea is a simple one. Through correctly updating the mind with relevant accurate data, a new way of seeing yourself is created. The mind is wonderfully adaptable and can be reprogrammed to interpret things differently. Continue the process until you can do it nude and then involve your husband in the same way — that is, he becomes the mirror. Then get a bathing suit and wear it around the house, then in your back yard, until you get comfortable. When you are ready to wear it to the pool, wear a cover-up, remove it slowly, perhaps going from a pool chair to the pool, to walking around and so on. Your mind will change and so will you.

St. Paul points out, "... your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you which you have from God" and "... you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body." Do not let your stepfather's sinful words diminish the temple.

Wife's choice of wardrobe for son is too girly for dad

Dear Abby

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I'm becoming increasingly concerned about my wife, "Traci," and her influence over our 3-year-old son, "Grant." I love having a son, as does Traci, although she always wanted a little girl. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to have another child, and my wife's focus on our son appears to be somewhat skewed.

Over the last few months, Traci has been buying Grant more and more feminine clothing. I'm OK with a pink shirt now and then, but lately it has gotten out of hand. She has been close to dressing Grant in drag. My wife says not to take it so seriously, but it bothers me when people tell us we have a "lovely little girl."

I'm worried that what my wife is doing will have an adverse effect on my son, but at the same time I need to know if I'm overreacting. — IT'S A BOY!

DEAR IT'S A BOY!: My experts tell me there is no data that demonstrates what your wife is doing will cause gender confusion in your son. What's important is that you talk to her and express your concerns privately. Your little boy is at an age where he can sense stress in your marriage, and that could cause him problems later on. More important than what clothes he's wearing is decreasing the level of stress on the boy.

DEAR ABBY: I'm dating a man who is genuine, considerate, thoughtful, humble, responsible, committed to his family, and we have great physical chemistry. Unfortunately, there is no intellectual/social "connection."

We have never had an intellectually stimulating conversation, and I'm not sure he's even someone I would have picked to be friends with, although we do share interests in the outdoors and our faith. I feel emotionally secure with him and keep wondering if I'm being overly critical or choosing to stay in a relationship out of fear of not finding someone better in time to start a family. (I'm in my early 30s.) Please advise. — INDECISIVE IN PLEASANTON, CALIF.

DEAR INDECISIVE: To be frank, no one person has "everything." If intellectual stimulation is the quality that's most important to you, then the man you have been dating isn't the one for you. The fine qualities you listed would weigh heavily in his favor with many women. What you must ask yourself is whether you can be with him and find intellectual stimulation elsewhere when you feel you need it.

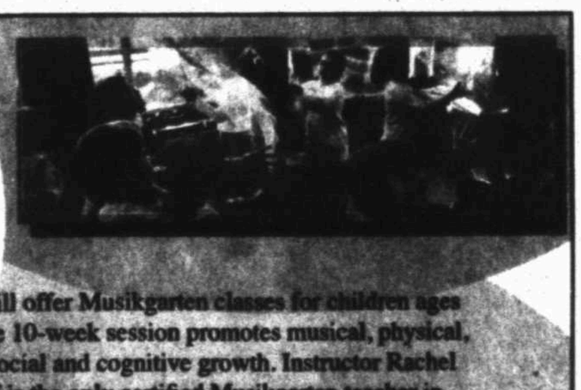
DEAR ABBY: I have four grown children between the ages of 21 and 25. For years I had a career, supported them financially and put them through college and trade schools.

I remarried last January. My youngest daughter now says my kids no longer are No. 1 in my life and she no longer will speak to me. I told her my husband and all my children always will be No. 1 — just in a different way.

She's having a baby soon and hasn't included me in her life since January. Mind you, the baby is from a drug cartel man, they both have felonies, and she recently married her high school sweetheart.

I'm torn between getting on with my life or trying to reach out to her with hugs and kisses every now and then via snail mail. She has blocked me on Facebook and changed her cell phone number. Any suggestions? — TORN IN TUCSON

DEAR TORN: Yes. Get on with your life. On her birthday and at Christmas send cards to let her know you love her and are thinking of her. When she needs you for something, I guarantee she'll contact you.



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WEDDINGS

Payne - Webb

Catherine "Cassie" Pomeroy Payne and Jonathan Hogan Webb were united in marriage January 28, 2012 at five in the evening at Park Cities Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas. The Reverend Joseph Ryan officiated. Readings were delivered by Kristen Schroder and Patrick Hogan Webb, cousin of the groom. Soloists were the bride's cousins, Catherine Elizabeth Frank and Laura Lyman Payne. Following the ceremony, the guests enjoyed dinner and dancing with music provided by Think Big and The Bulletproof Brass Band at a reception hosted by the bride's parents at Brook Hollow Country Club. On the eve of the wedding, the rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at The Petroleum Club of Dallas, and on the morning of the wedding the bride's aunts and uncles hosted a brunch for out of town guests.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blaine Payne, Jr. of Dallas. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Robert Blaine Payne and the late Mr. Robert Blaine Payne of Dallas and the late Mr. and Mrs. John Leo McMahon Jr. of Wichita Falls, Texas.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hogan Webb of Midland, Texas. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James David Webb and the late Irene Patricia Webb, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Earl Bray, all of Midland, Texas.

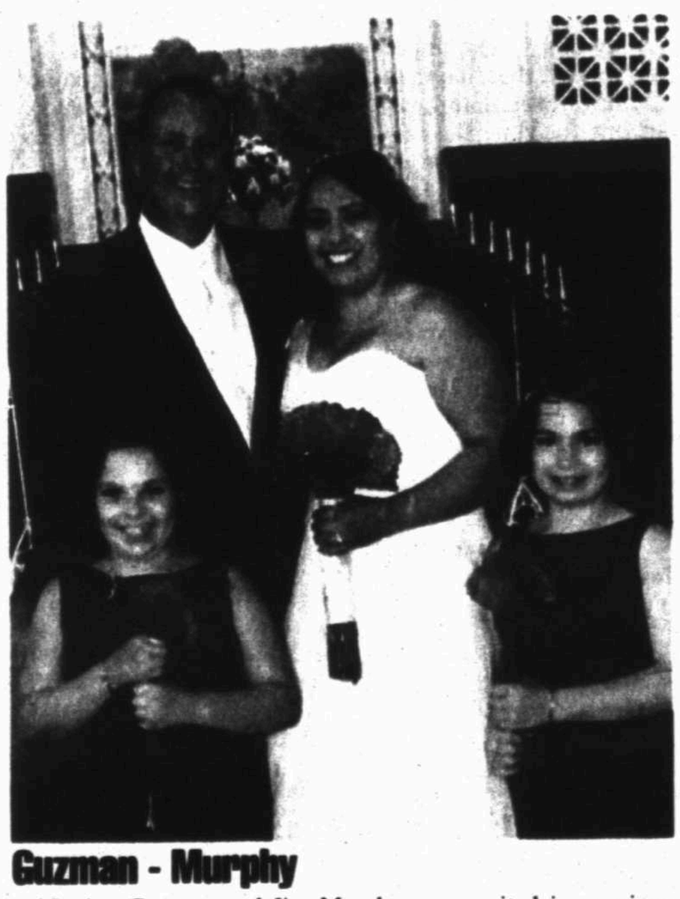
Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore her mother's gown of candlelight re-embroidered Alencon lace appliqued on ivory point d'espirit. The skirt was enhanced with an overlay of scalloped lace sweeping into a wide, chapel-length train. Cassie also chose to wear her great-great-grandmother's heirloom Belgian lace veil from her wedding in 1897. She carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley.

Serving the bride as her maid of honor was Rebecca Elizabeth Madole of Dallas, Texas and matron of honor was Hayley Harris Picchini of Austin, Texas. The bridesmaids were Elizabeth Webb Cooksey of Dallas, Texas, sister of the groom; Kelly Elizabeth Nail of College Station, Texas; Jennifer Leigh Hankinson, Paige Elizabeth Redwine, and Lauren Kukla Payne; all of Dallas, Texas. Allison Anne Cooksey, niece of the groom, served as the flower girl. The groom chose his brother, Andrew Raymond Webb of Midland, Texas as his best man. The groomsmen were Chad Scott Cooksey of Dallas, Texas; John McMahon Payne also of Dallas, Texas and brother of the bride; David Stephen Dunn of Washington, D.C.; Zachary David Frisbie of Dawsonville, Georgia; Garnett Houston Slatton III of Metuchen, New Jersey and Otis Bennett Walton IV of Houston, Texas. The house party included Elaine McChesney Bell of Oaklawn Park, Illinois; Amy Atkinson Dees of Edison, New Jersey and Joan Elizabeth Gossett of Germantown, Tennessee. Serving as ushers were Timothy Clifford Dees of Edison, New Jersey; Bradley Lane Newton of Lubbock, Texas; John Taylor Batey, Christopher Alan Canada, and Jason Tyler McDaniel, all of Austin, Texas.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Highland Park High School and a 2006 graduate of Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and Child Development. She received her Master of Science in teaching from Pace University and a Master of Science in Animal Science from Texas A&M University. She is the founder of the Food, Think! Forum; a guest lecturer for the Texas Beef Council; and a free lancer for Progressive Cattleman Magazine.

The groom is a 2003 graduate of Midland High School and received his Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering from Vanderbilt University in 2007. He is the founder of two orthopedic design companies, Dean & Webb LLC and Capstone Design.

The couple took their honeymoon in Little Dix Bay, British Virgin Islands, and they currently reside in Austin, Texas.



Guzman - Murphy

Monica Guzman and Jim Murphy were united in marriage Saturday, June 9, 2012 at Baptist Temple Church in San Antonio, with Pastor Wesley Craig officiating. Monica's two daughters, Ariel (8) and Zoe (9) also participated in the wedding ceremony.

Jim is the son of Mike and Fariss Murphy of Midland, formerly of Pecos. He is employed by Plains Marketing, LP. as a Field Supervisor.

Monica is the daughter of Maria Guzman of San Antonio and the late Robert Guzman. She will be teaching Kindergarten with MISD. The family will reside in Midland.

ENGAGEMENTS

Wolf - Lissner

Mr. and Mrs. Bart A. Wolf are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Hannah Beth Wolf to Cole Patrick Lissner, son of Bob Lissner and Shirley Lissner of Spring, Texas. Hannah is the granddaughter of Boyd and Nell Wolf and the late Janice Sue Wolf of Midland, Texas and Jo Blackburn Davis of Ballinger, Texas and the late Leo Blackburn of Temple, Texas.

Hannah is a 2006 graduate of Midland High School and a 2007 graduate of the cosmetology program at Midland College. She is a senior art director with Toni and Guy Salons in The Woodlands, Texas. Cole is a 2004 graduate of Klein Collins High School in Spring, Texas and attended Texas A&M University. He is a personal trainer and nutritionist in The Woodlands, Texas.

The couple will be married on August 24, 2012 at the Chateau Polonez in Northwest Houston and after a wedding trip to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico they will make their home in The Woodlands, Texas.

Wallace - Cleaver

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wallace of Lafayette, LA, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Lerai Wallace, to Jacobi Travante Cleaver O.D., son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cleaver of Odessa, TX.

Ashley is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Jones of Midland, TX, and Mr. W.A. and the late Dorothy Wallace of Paris, TX. Jacobi is the grandson of the late Manuel Jones and Beatrice Jones of Midland, TX and the late Lorine Rheams of Odessa, TX.

The future bride graduated from Sam Houston State with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with an emphasis in Pre-Pharmacy. She is a science teacher in Houston TX. The future groom received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Houston. Jacobi attended the Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University where he obtained a Doctor of Optometry degree. He is currently practicing optometry in Houston TX.

An August 2012 wedding is planned and the couple will live in Houston TX.

ANNIVERSARIES

Midkiff 50th Anniversary

Bob and Toni Midkiff of Midland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Fort Worth Petroleum Club in Fort Worth on July 14, 2012. They celebrated with their children, Kris Midkiff Stephens and husband, Randy of Comanche, Texas; and Herd Midkiff and wife, Shannon of Fort Worth, Texas; and their grandchildren, Robert Stephens and Caroline Midkiff.

They married July 14, 1962 in Brownfield, Texas at the First Presbyterian Church. The couple met in Odessa on November 6, 1959. Toni was an elementary school teacher in Odessa at John Ireland Elementary. With his father and brother, Bob ranched and operated a cattle feed lot in Midland county. Bob is a descendent of T.O. Midkiff who came to Midland in 1895.

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Lemon grass: What it is and how to use it

By J.M. Hirsch
AP Food Editor

It may look and sound like a weed, but lemon grass actually is one of the most important ingredients in Southeast Asian cooking.

It also happens to have the power to transform the all-American foods you love.

Lemon grass is a reed-like plant that grows as a thin, firm 2-foot stalk with a small bulb at the base. It varies in color from pale yellow to very light green. True to name, lemon grass has a pleasantly assertive lemon taste and aroma. It generally is used one of three ways — whole in simmering, whole as a skewer and finely sliced in just about anything you like.

Let's start with simmering. Use this method when you want a gentle lemon aroma and flavor in a dish with plenty of liquid, such as soups or braises. To do this, trim the stalk to just the bottom 6 inches, then lay it flat and pound with a meat mallet or rolling pin until well bruised (to release the flavor). Add the bruised stalks to the liquid and simmer for the recipe's normal cooking time. Discard the stalk before serving.

The whole stalks also can be used as skewers to lend a subtle flavor to grilled meat. Just trim the stalks to the desired length, then thread chicken or beef cubes over them. You may need to use a paring knife to poke holes in the meat first.

For a more assertive flavor, trim away all but the bottom 2 to 3 inches of the stalk, then peel away and discard the tough outer layers. Slice the lemon grass crosswise very thin, then add to soups, stews, sautes and stir-fries. No need to fish it out.

Lemon Grass Chicken Stir-fry

Start to finish: 20 minutes (plus 1 hour marinating)
Servings: 4

Two 4-inch pieces lemon grass, lightly crushed with a meat mallet or rolling pin
1/4 cup canola oil, plus 2 tablespoons
1/2 cup white wine
1/2 tablespoon whole peppercorns
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon dry ginger
3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (about 1 1/2 pounds), cut into 1-inch chunks
3 cups broccoli florets
2 red bell peppers, cored and cut into strips
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1/4 cup cool water
Rice or egg noodles, to serve

In a small saucepan over medium-low heat, combine the lemon grass, 1/4 cup of the canola oil and the wine. Heat to a low simmer, then set aside to cool to room temperature.

Meanwhile, in a spice grinder, combine the peppercorns, salt, garlic powder, cumin and ginger. Grind until reduced to a fine powder. Stir this mixture into the oil and lemon grass mixture, then transfer the entire thing to a large bowl. Add the chicken, toss to coat, then refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

When ready to cook, heat a wok or large, deep saute pan over medium-high. Add the remaining 2 tablespoons of canola oil and heat until nearly smoking.

Add the broccoli and red peppers and saute until just starting to brown, about 5 to 6 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the vegetables to a plate.

Discard the lemon grass from the chicken, then add the chicken to the pan, reserving the marinade in the bowl. Cook until starting to brown, about 10 minutes.

Add the marinade from the bowl to the wok and bring to a boil. Cook for 2 minutes. In a glass, mix together the cornstarch and water, then add to the pan.

Cook until the sauce thickens, about another 2 minutes. Return the vegetables to the pan and toss to coat. Season with salt and pepper. Serve over rice or noodles.

Shirataki noodles lighten up pasta salad

By J.M. Hirsch
AP Food Editor

The trouble with being a food editor is that you eat. A lot.

It's fun and wonderful and satisfying... and sometimes incredibly fattening. Especially if, like me, you've already spent most of your life wrestling with your weight. So lately I've been doing a lot of watching of carbs, trying hard to minimize them, or at least eat them mostly in the form of veggies.

The secret weapon here is an increasingly popular new-ish product known as shirataki noodles, which have zero to 20 calories per serving. They are produced by several companies and generally are made from soy, yam or some combination of similar ingredients. With calorie counts like those, you can easily eat a satisfying mound of them.

The noodles — which are packed in bags of water and are sold in a variety of shapes, including penne — just need to be blanched in boiling water for a couple minutes.

Healthy Carb Pasta Salad

Start to finish: 20 minutes
Servings: 6

1/2 cup plain fat-free Greek yogurt
1/2 cup low-fat sour cream
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon hot sauce
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
Three 8-ounce packages shirataki noodles
1/2 cup frozen peas
2 ears corn, husks removed
1 red bell pepper, cored and diced
1 small red onion, diced
1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
Ground black pepper

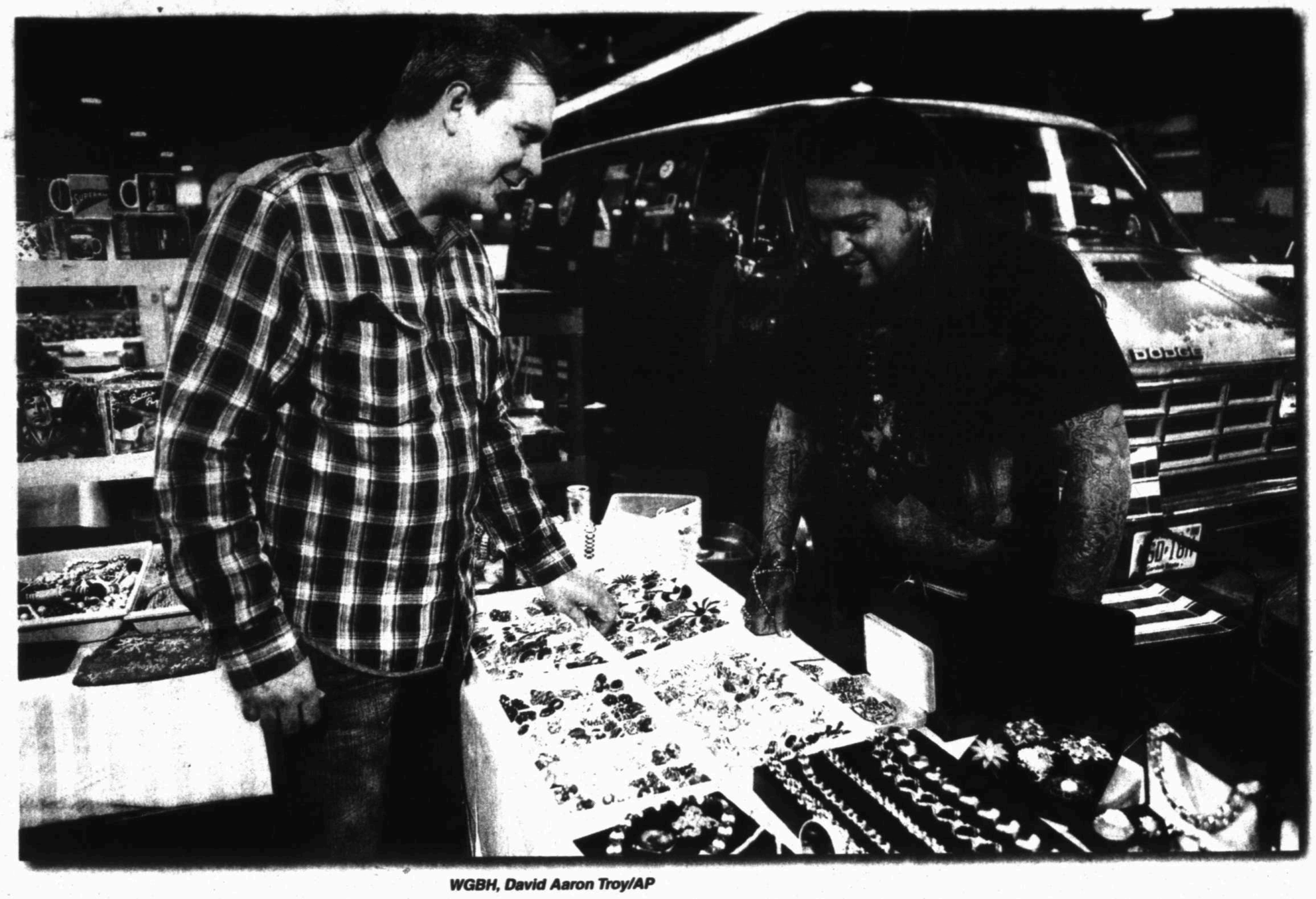
Line a rimmed baking sheet with a clean kitchen towel.

In a large bowl, whisk together the yogurt, sour cream, Worcestershire sauce, garlic powder, hot sauce and salt. Set aside.

Drain the noodles, then place them in a large saucepan. Add enough water to cover by 1 inch, then bring to a boil over high heat. Boil the noodles for 2 minutes. Add the peas and return the water to a simmer, then drain and spread the noodles and peas in an even layer on the prepared baking sheet. Transfer to the freezer to cool and dry for 5 to 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, cut the kernels from the ears of corn. To do so, one at a time stand each ear on its wide end and use a serrated knife to saw down the length of the cob. Add the kernels to the yogurt-sour cream mixture in the bowl and mix well. Mix in the bell peppers, red onion and tomatoes.

Once the noodles and peas have cooled, add those to the bowl and gently mix in. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper, if necessary.



WGBH, David Aaron Troy/AP

Scenes from the TV show, "Market Warriors," that premiered on PBS on July 16, are shown in these publicity photos provided by WGBH.

One person's junk becomes another's obsession in new shows

By Meliss Rayworth
Associated Press

Tracy Hutson wanders through a graveyard of ovens that haven't roasted a turkey or baked a ham since decades before she was born. Picking through their discarded parts, she muses: "The rust on this is just so gorgeous."

Her "Picker Sisters" partner, Tanya McQueen, agrees — yet another item to bargain for, purchase and turn into a high-end piece of furniture on their Lifetime network TV series.

You'll find a similar pair of women, the "Junk Gypsies," doing much the same thing over at HGTV. And these two pairs are not alone.

The list of television shows about hunting for elusive treasure amid mountains of discarded stuff keeps growing like a suburban landfill. At least three new entries are premiering this summer, adding to the already double-digit roster of shows about "pickers" and pawn shop owners and people who bid for the contents of storage containers.

Why, especially when we're so overloaded with our own clutter and junk, are we so fascinated with the search through other people's castoffs?

The rush to remember

Jordan Hembrough, host of "Toy Hunter," which premieres Aug. 15 on the Travel Channel, believes people love junk-hunting shows because they reconnect us with a time we like to remember as simpler and happier.

We recognize items instantly, from toys to household goods to advertising signage. Previous generations of Americans kept things longer, and there was less to choose from when you did buy new: Many of us had the same CorningWare coffee pot, the same Fisher-Price toys as our neighbors.

Items designed in the 1950s and 1960s "are from a period that consciously looked to the future," said Allen Topolski, associate professor of art at the University of Rochester. It was a time of optimism, and although "we never got the jet packs we were promised," we enjoy revisiting that feeling as junk-hunting TV hosts come across this stuff, he says.

This experience won't be the same for future generations because we replace things so frequently today. Young people also are less likely to have the exact same items as their peers. "More choices means less shared history," said John Baick, associate professor of history at Western New England University, in Springfield, Mass.

So why do even viewers in their teens and 20s watch these shows?

The thrill of the hunt

T.J. Heckman has "been into junk," for nearly all of his 26 years. He, his father and his uncle "used to go out all the time just picking up stuff. I remember when I was 6 years old bringing home a kitchen table on my bicycle."

In his work as a delivery truck driver in the Pittsburgh area, he's constantly scouting roadsides for anything potentially fun or useful. He loves bringing things home, and loves watching these shows for the excitement of scoring something awesome at little or no cost.

"The stuff today being made is garbage compared to the stuff back then," Heckman said. "They took their time and put effort into making it."

Craig Dalen, who coordinates sustainability programs at Grantham College in Pennsylvania, sees this as a strong explanation for the popularity of these shows. "Many goods now are designed to break down and need to be replaced, and our desires are socially engineered to want more, better, the latest. I think some are rediscovering the value in these goods because of the craftsmanship and the materials."

Heckman says he is happy when a TV host can find and repurpose an old table or chair — revealing its enduring value and returning it to daily life.

Television, of course, reliably delivers those satisfying moments. Through editing, these shows offer "very clever storytelling," Baick said. Something well-made and worthwhile is always uncovered. "Like the hunt for the Holy Grail, in all the accounts it ends up being a humble cup of tremendous value," he said. For viewers in homes filled with everyday items, "this is kind of magical, that you can turn lead into gold" if you have a discerning-enough eye.

Two shows that premiered last month — PBS' "Market Warriors" (from the producers of "Antiques Roadshow") and the "American Pickers" spinoff "Picked Off" — raise the bar by merging the junk-hunting genre with competition. "Picked Off" has a $10,000 grand prize, while the "Market Warriors" winner only earns "bragging rights for eclipsing his peers," according to the show's website.

The desire to DIY

For the "Picker Sisters" and "Junk Gypsies," it's all about what these found goodies can become. These shows, along with sites like Pinterest, offer fresh and sometimes outrageous ideas for affordable do-it-yourself projects.

Whether many viewers actually try their hand at a project is another question. But it's fun to see someone turn a chipped sink into a flower-filled planter rather than tossing it into a landfill, even if you'll never attempt a similar task.

Although the creation and sale of DIY items via sites like Etsy.com is a trend, "we are also creating in many ways a voyeuristic culture where we can consume the data and information," Dalen said. "It's easy to organize and pin it for a day that it would be nice to do it."

The hosts

The last piece of the puzzle — crucial to any successful TV show — is the characters. Junk-hunting hosts and competitors fall into two major camps: the fierce, take-no-prisoners people who bristle with bravado, and the folksy, charming people you'd love to invite over for dinner.

The friction-filled family on "Pawn Stars" can't close a deal without an argument, while tattooed Darrell Sheets lovingly bumps heads with his son Brandon on "Storage Wars." Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz, the stars of "American Pickers," invariably incur the biting sarcasm of their office manager, Danielle.

How long will these shows remain popular? Well, there's an awful lot of junk out there. And our national appetite for a voyeuristic peek into other people's attics and basements seems to run deep. (The evil mirror images of these upbeat junk shows are the shows about hoarding, where only misery comes from amassing so much stuff.)

Craig Dalen thinks that as the rate of change in our lives keeps accelerating, our hunger to look back toward an era of relative stability — "this nostalgic kind of grasping onto what we had" — is only likely to grow.

With planning, yard sales can bring extra cash with little headache

By Susan Salisbury
Cox Newspapers

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — If your closets are stuffed, your home is cluttered, and your garage is filled with items you don't use, one solution is to hold a yard or garage sale.

With the right planning and strategy, you can end up with a couple of hundred dollars. But it can be a lot of work.

If you don't like haggling with strangers and having them paw over your discards, then don't even consider it. You can expect annoying people who want to give you 25 cents for something you've priced at $10. Keep an eye on small items or they will disappear.

Christie Hardcastle, community development officer with CredAbility, a nonprofit credit counseling and education agency in West Palm Beach, said a yard sale is a great way to put some extra money in your pockets. If you're paying to keep furniture or other possessions in a storage unit, and you get rid of those, you could actually save money.

Hardcastle participates in a neighborhood yard sale once a year, and says she's learned a lot.

> Preparation is key, and it starts with picking a non-holiday weekend day for the sale. Check with your homeowners' association or local government to see if you need permission and to make sure such sales are allowed. Advertise in advance through the newspaper or signs.

"As far as garage sales, I love them," Hardcastle said. "You get to meet your neighbors."

Keeping the garage cleared of unwanted items means there's actually room to park cars there.

First of all, don't try to run the sale by yourself. It takes at least three or four people to handle the crowd that might show up. Recruit a friend or two to help. They might want to bring some of their own castoffs to sell.

"People want to think about having a safety plan," Hardcastle said.

That means making sure your house is locked, and not letting anyone in to use the restroom.

Keep watch to make sure no one shoplifts. Shoppers have been known to distract the seller with questions while another shopper steals. Just like stores do, check the inside of suitcases to see whether a purchaser has hidden items in it.

Hardcastle suggests keeping small items close and putting up a sign that says, "Jewelry or trinkets, ask me."

If something is truly valuable, a yard sale might not be the best place to sell it. Selling jewelry, antiques or collectibles through a classified ad or ebay might make more sense.

Preparation is key, and it starts with picking a non-holiday weekend day for the sale. Check with your homeowners' association or local government to see if you need permission and to make sure such sales are allowed. Advertise in advance through the newspaper or signs.

Set hours for the sale, which probably should not extend past early afternoon.

Be prepared for early birds.

"If your sale starts at 8 a.m., people will show up at 7:30 a.m.," Hardcastle said.

Decide in advance whether you will let the shoppers begin the hunt, or if you will have an "early birds pay double" policy.

Instead of marking every item with a price tag that someone can remove or switch, group items on tables. For example, have an "Each item is $1 table," or an "Each item is $5." Tag major items such as furniture, Hardcastle said.

It's best to hang clothing on a rack, rather than to have people digging through boxes. Simplify clothing prices by pricing all shirts the same, all shorts the same, etc.

"Make sure you have enough change, singles and quarters and all that good stuff," Hardcastle said. Keep the money in a fanny pack, rather than in a box on the table.

CredAbility advises pricing items in good condition at 25 to 30 percent of their retail value. You can find suggested pricing guides by Googling "garage sale pricing."

Figure out what you will do with the goods that don't sell.

"You are not going to sell everything, just like a store," Hardcastle said.

After going through the job of getting everything out, she recommends donating what's left to a charity. Those who itemize on their tax returns might get a deduction.

Hardcastle has some advice for buyers also. Be careful what you buy. Linens, for example, could be infested with bed bugs.

It's also not a good idea to buy cribs and car seats, which could have been subject to a recall or be damaged. While haggling and negotiating is expected, shoppers should be respectful, Hardcastle said. Don't offer someone a nickel for something priced at $2.

Jumanos hold important place in history of West Texas

BURR WILLIAMS
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The grassroots historian Israel Mendoza de Levario recently self-published "A brief chronicle of Presidio del Norte," which is the diary of Don Francisco Colomo, along with De Levario's observations about the dearth of exhaustive research into the history and ethnic backgrounds of many people living in the Presidio-Ojinaga area. His goal is to establish the Jumano Indians, which according to most published works disappeared, live on in the area, in the oil fields of West Texas and elsewhere. There is DNA evidence to show 90 percent of the people in the valley have Indian ancestry. His grandfather was born in the 1830s and is mentioned in the book. I hope a grad student takes the diary and produces an exhaustive annotated version, tracing the names mentioned and discussing what became of them and their families.

The perception that snapped into focus for me as I surveyed the book was once the Presidio at La Junta de los Rios was established in the 1750s, some of the native residents of the area — Jumanos and Jumano Apaches — became soldiers at the military fort. Many Jumanos had professed conversion to Christianity in the 1680s when the first missions were established in the region. As the Spanish settled in, the Jumanos took Spanish names.

The Jumanos contributed greatly to the spread of horses after the Pueblo Revolution in 1680 in northern New Mexico, and the inference is they remained in the area as horse breeders, horse traders and farmers. When the Spanish arrived, they sought a measure of protection by assisting the Spanish. Few references report anything from the area during that 70 year stretch.

This would indicate the Jumanos continue to trade livestock to Comanches, and might have been the source of the information that led Comanches to ride the famous Comanche War Trail, which was part of an old Jumano trade network of trails from central New Mexico to the panhandle of Texas to far east Texas before the Comanches arrived.

Much of "Chronicle" takes place before the first Anglos in the area. It mentions 70 "rancherias" or hamlets throughout Trans Pecos Texas and northern Mexico where several families banded together for protection from the Apache and Comanche, and farmed along the creeks, hunted the deer, gathered native plant foods and began to run cattle on the landscape — the famed early rancher Milton Favor had to learn how to manage cattle in the arid lands from someone.

One of the hamlet names is Pecos, supposedly in existence many years before it became a cattle shipping town when the railroad was built in 1881. Until another source is found, historians probably will consider the information unverified; I do not think any archaeological remains have been found to prove the reference.

In the 1770s the Spanish commander Hugo O'Connor attacked "700 Apaches led or influenced by a mestizo from Durango" north of present-day Pecos, as he sought to strengthen the line of Presidios from San Antonio west across northern Mexico. Other historians have posited at that time much of northern Chihuahua had mestizo colonies that remained out of reach of the caste system of land ownership imposed by the Spanish government and inadvertently strengthened by the Catholic church, so the people created an alternative society that took the Spanish and then Mexican governments many years to incorporate as taxpaying, contributing members of the state.

Jumano trading network trails crossed the Llano Estacado in several places, as did later Apache and Comanche routes across its mostly waterless expanses. As I noted in a previous essay, many of the Spanish artifacts found across West Texas may originate from this period of time when both mestizo populations and Indian populations dealt with the vagaries of Spanish laws, procedures and culture. I wonder how much the population of the area around Presidio (La Junta de los Rios) utilized the buffalo during their southward winter migrations on and east of the Llano Estacado. One individual is noted in other references, known as El Cibolero, who left the Presidio area in the early 1800s after killing Spanish soldiers, so there is some evidence of that economic endeavor being performed by folks from La Junta de los Rios.

Seeking to understand the pre-Anglo history of the Llano Estacado and West Texas is challenging.

Hooking a white bass as easy as casting your line

MIKE LEGGETT
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GRANGER LAKE — It's hot out here on the lake. The thermometer is pushing 100 degrees, and boat seats heat up lava-like in the sun.

But there's a cool breeze from the southeast, and the promise of thousands of white bass feeding near the surface.

This makes the furnace-like heat more bearable, especially as guide Tommy Tidwell lines up his landmarks for the "Outhouse Hole." That's the name I give the spot because Tidwell uses a door to a rest room on shore as one of his marks to get close. He also uses the image of the lake floor on his fish finder to zero in on just the right spot.

I lob a white slab spoon, one of Tidwell's making, toward the dam on the lake. A big white bass, sucks it up before it's a foot below the surface and begins a thrashing, slashing fight toward the boat. As the fish gets close and finally sees the hull, it uses a last burst of energy to make one more run and then gives up.

Tidwell is fighting a fish of his own, so I maneuver the white so the needle-like fins and razor edged gills are pointed away from me.

The goal is to remove the hook without serious injury to me or the fish. I toss him back.

Around us, small schools of white bass — threes and fours and fives — are relentlessly ripping through fleeing shad, sending the smaller fish bursting through the surface in a vain attempt to escape the feeding fish below.

It's impossible to know exactly where to cast but the water seems the right place, so I just let fly with the heavy slab, knowing it really doesn't matter where it lands. There's going to be a fish right there.

Actually, more than one. As I bring one to the boat, two others are frantically trying to grab the spoon from its mouth and escape with what they think is going to be an easy meal. I release this fish as well.

We catch more than a hundred in just about two hours on this hot summer afternoon. I can't give an exact number because we lose count. I honestly can say there were no more than a dozen casts during those two hours when I didn't hook up with a white bass, and on some of those I could just drop the slab back to the bottom and bounce it around until I got a fish to hit.

"When these fish are here like this, you can pretty much have a fish on all the time," Tidwell said. The Georgetown teacher has been guiding on Granger forever and made his name on the big crappie that he puts clients on.

"I fish for crappie most of the time now, but I started guiding on white bass," he said. "Sometimes they'll be back up on the flats in shallow water schooling, and there will be acres of them. But right now, they're down here feeding on these shad, and you can catch them on these slab spoons pretty much all the time."

The whites, native fish in most of the rivers and lakes in Central and East Texas, are prolific spawners and their numbers can run into the hundreds of thousands when they're schooling on shad.

"I'll catch these fish on into the fall and there are lots of days we'll fish for crappie for a while and then come down and catch the whites, too," he said.

Tidwell guides for white bass, crappie and catfish on weekends during the school year and every day during the summer. He can be reached at 512-365-7761.

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Animal Planet show star helps humans understand cats

By Sue Manning
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Many cats are tail talkers. If those tails start to twitch and wag, watch out for fangs and claws, warns cat behaviorist Jackson Galaxy.

If you try to pet a cat when its tail is wagging and get bitten, "You had it coming," said Galaxy, who helps solve behavior problems, both human and feline, on his Animal Planet TV show, "My Cat From Hell."

When a cat's angry enough to wag its tail or the fur on its back stands up, its ears flatten and eyes dilate, the owner needs to figure out what's wrong, he said.

Galaxy figures cats and owners equally share the blame for relationships gone wrong, but when it comes to changing behavior, cats are the easier students — by a wide margin.

His house call kit is a guitar case loaded with cat toys and treats. But there's no magic wand in the box, he sayid. It takes time and hard work. "You get what you give."

Galaxy, 46, has an usual job — and he's an unusual guy. He's 6-foot-5, bald, wears specs and ear hoops, sports a long goatee, prefers bowling shirts and sneakers, has tattoo "sleeves" and has started tats on his legs so he'll one day have a "full suit."

He plays the guitar, has a degree in acting and has been addicted to drugs, alcohol and food. He's also written an autobiography, "Cat Daddy."

Galaxy was working at an animal shelter in Colorado more than 15 years ago when a man walked in with a cat in a cardboard box. The cat, named Benny, had been hit by a car and was "unbondable," the man said. Benny and Galaxy spent the next 13 years bonding and developing what Galaxy calls "cat mojo."

He had a practice with a holistic vet before moving to Los Angeles in 2007 and opening a private consulting firm. He was at a pet adoption fair when he met the friend of a friend who introduced him to reality TV producer Adam Greener ("Extreme Makeover: Weight Loss Edition"). "My Cat From Hell" began airing in spring 2011. In each episode, viewers witness owners struggling to find domestic harmony with their cats.

Emilie Bandy and Mike Petriello are fans of Galaxy's show. For seven months, they tried to turn their New York City apartment into a peaceful place for their cats, Olive and Pepper, but Olive attacked Pepper every chance she got. They went to the vet, gave Olive doses of Prozac, searched for answers online and in bookstores, slept in separate rooms so they could each care for one cat, and put planning for their September wedding on hold.

When they learned Galaxy was filming season three of "My Cat From Hell" in Manhattan, they made a video and submitted it. Their problem with Olive and Pepper became the summer's first episode. In it, Galaxy:

- Gives Olive a food dish with a middle bump so she has to eat around it, ensuring that Pepper finishes and leaves first.
- Shows the couple how to build trees and platforms where Pepper can escape if Olive starts to attack. "Build a vertical world," Galaxy said.
- Tells them to stop running every time Olive whines, scratches or throws a temper tantrum. "Don't positively reinforce bad behavior," he said.

It's been three months since the last catfight. Bandy and Petriello are back in the same bedroom, wedding planning is again in full swing, and the couple spends hours each day playing with both cats in the same room.

Animal Planet/AP

Cat behaviorist Jackson Galaxy is shown in late May working with Oliver the cat, during production of Season 3 of Animal Planet's, "My Cat From Hell," in New York.

Finding the right pet insurance plan requires research

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Pet health insurance isn't a new idea — insurance for pets has been available for more than 20 years. But, for most pet owners, the concept of pet health insurance is still relatively new. The variety of coverage plans, while encouraging, often are viewed with confusion and even suspicion as to whether they actually reduce the costs of pet care.

Today's veterinary medicine closely parallels human medicine. Most veterinary practices are equipped with an in-house laboratory which provides full blood work in minutes, advanced radiography, advanced dentistry and several other diagnostic capabilities. Veterinarians also are armed with advanced treatments for pets. Many of us perform surgeries, dental extractions and other therapies that just a couple of decades ago were not available. The medical advancements of today bring increased cost. We are able to do a much better job, but it is more expensive. Pet health insurance helps the everyday pet owner afford the advanced care they often want for their pets.

When considering pet health insurance, pet owners need to shop the various plans and choose from different coverage plans with varying premiums and deductibles. Plans are mostly based on species, age and pre-existing conditions. Most companies start policies at age 6 to 8 weeks, but this will vary between companies. Pet health insurance does not work like human insurance. In most cases, pet owners pay the veterinarian in full and then submit forms to the insurance company for reimbursement. Most companies reimburse within 30 days, minus the copay or any exclusions.

As for pre-existing conditions, some companies will allow coverage if the animal's condition is stable or controlled, usually after waiting periods of three to 12 months, while other companies will refuse animals with current conditions or terminal disease. Some insurance plans will not cover breed predispositions, such as hip dysplasia in labrador retrievers.

Policy costs vary widely depending on the kind of animal and the type of package the owner selects. Most pet owners are interested in comprehensive packages that include annual checkups with vaccinations, routine care, preventive medications and spay/neuter surgeries. Other plans cover only accidents and illness. Most plans offer immediate coverage for accident claims and 30 days for illness claims on new policies. Additional pets usually are covered at a reduced rate after the first policy-holding pet.

An expensive, comprehensive policy may not be best for everyone, but statistics show one out of every three pets will need some type of emergency care every year, and two out of every three companion animals will face a serious health problem sometime in their lives. Given these statistics, pet insurance could be a good investment, because serious illness and emergencies almost always are the ones that become a question of finances instead of what can be done to save a pet's life. This is often the most frustrating part of veterinary medicine for doctors and staff.

Ask your veterinarian for his or her recommendation. Compare plans carefully and read the fine print to find the best value. There are many good plans available, and you can find good information online. Like all insurance, you want to have it, but you hope you never have to use it.

Here are 10 questions you should ask when shopping for pet health insurance:

1. Is this insurance plan a discount plan or a comprehensive insurance plan?
2. Do I get to choose my veterinarian?
3. What are the waiting periods?
4. What services are excluded, and are breed specific diseases are excluded for my pet?
5. Will routine wellness care be covered?
6. Will neutering/spaying be covered?
7. Does it include prescription coverage?
8. Do I have to pay a deductible?
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MC student in Virtual Choir heard 'round the world!

By Lesley Isaacs, Public Relations Specialist

Brenda Aguirre, Midland College music student

Brenda Aguirre, born and raised in Midland, knew she wanted to sing since she was 5 years old. She has been participating in choirs since 7th grade, including school choirs and church choirs. Aguirre was a high school choir officer, participated in Solo/Ensemble Contests, All-Region Choirs, UIL Contests, All-State Choir and performed in Washington, D.C., with her high school choir.

Today, Aguirre is a student at Midland College, and she participates in the St. Stephen's Church Choir, Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, the Midland College Chaparral Singers and is a scholarship singer at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. This past May, Aguirre was one of the principal performers in Midland College's production of "Glee @ MC." Recently, she auditioned and was selected for a one-of-a-kind experience—the Virtual Choir.

The Virtual Choir is a choir composed of recorded voice parts, which are then digitally mixed and played together. Each person in the choir created an individual video of their assigned part (soprano, alto, tenor or bass). The recordings were then put into one track with accompaniment, which allowed all voices and accompaniment to be played at the same time creating one singular song.

The first Virtual Choir experiment was a video called "Lux Arumque," created by Eric Whitacre, who is a renowned composer, conductor and lecturer. After Aguirre saw the first video, she knew immediately that she wanted to participate. When Mr. Whitacre posted information on auditions for Virtual Choir 3, Aguirre was determined to be in it.

"I recorded myself singing about seven times, using my iPhone," explained Aguirre. It was a real struggle for me because of the many distracting sounds that interfered with my video. For example, toward the end of my second attempt in recording, I was confident that the sound was good until my young nephew walked in to ask me a question."

Once Aguirre had her video recorded, she sent it in with fingers crossed hoping to be selected. A couple of months after submitting her audition video, she received an invitation to attend the launching of the Virtual Choir video in New York.

"Only those who were selected for the Virtual Choir 3 received the email, which meant I had made it!" said Aguirre.

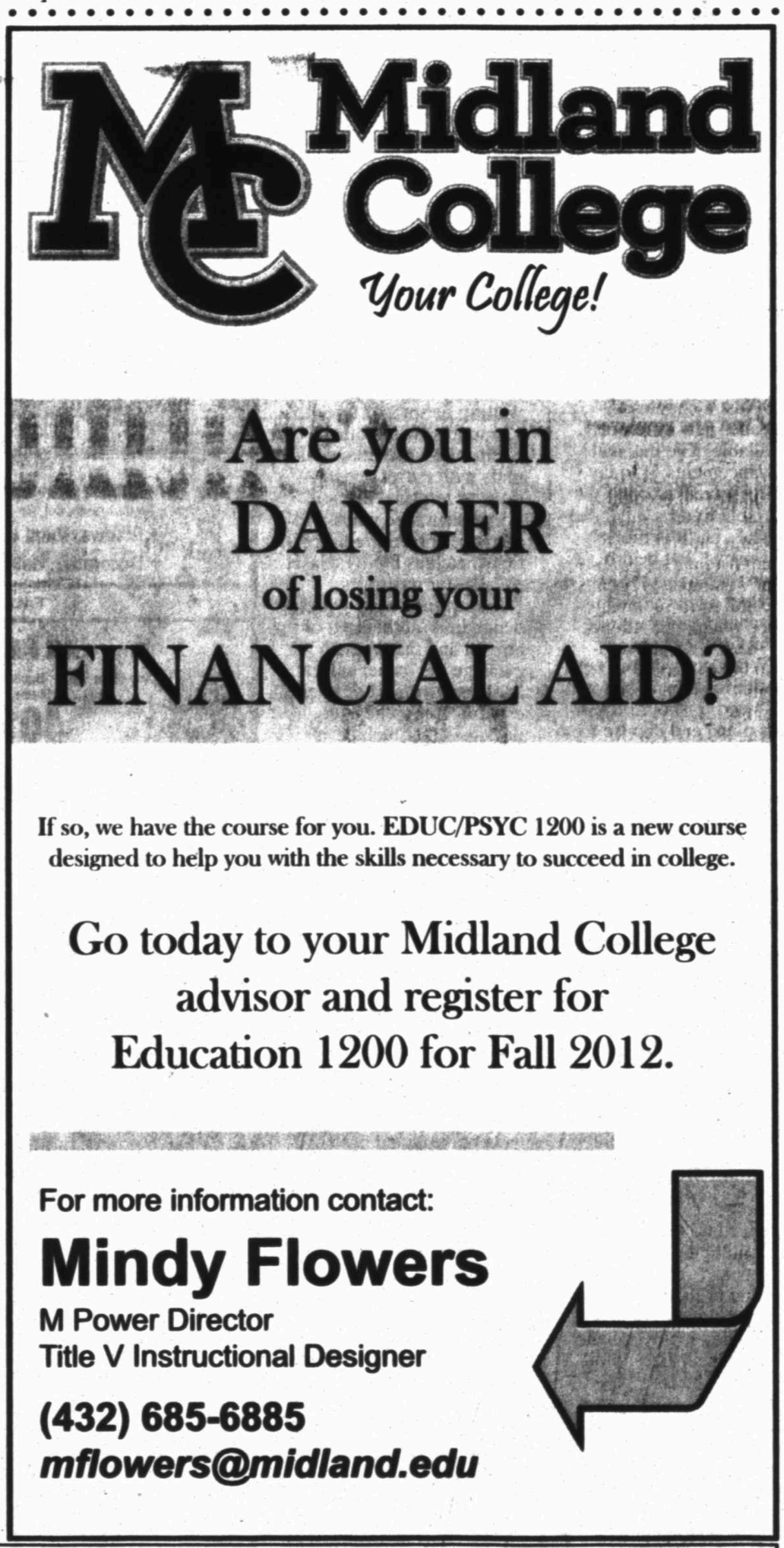
Virtual Choir 3 consists of the song "Water Night," and is composed of 3,746 videos uploaded from 2,945 singers from 73 countries singing one or more parts. "Water Night" is a 14-part piece of music based on a poem written by Octavio Paz.

The Virtual Choir 3 video was used to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the loss of Titanic. On April 14, the video was heard in Titanic Belfast, an iconic new Visitor Centre located in the heart of Belfast, Ireland, and dedicated to the birthplace of the Titanic.

According to the Eric Whitacre's website, "Following the celebrations around the opening of the new building and marking 100 years since the loss of Titanic, the projection of the Virtual Choir 3 in the atrium of Titanic Belfast provides a moment of contemplation for the lost souls."

Aguirre has a passion for choir, but the one thing she finds vital for people to know is that "the most important thing to remember overall in a choir is the actual music and what the composer is trying to share with the world. Singing is from the heart, and everyone has the ability to be the one voice that can change the world."

The video of Virtual Choir 3 can be seen at *http://ericwhitacre.com/the-virtual-choir*.



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rental car DEMAND

Customers wait at car rental counters at Midland International Airport Wednesday morning to rent a vehicle.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

NAMES *in the news*

CBIZ Stoltz announces the expansion of its Midland office with the addition of two new employees.

MOLLYE HILLMAN has joined as an account manager responsible for developing, implementing and monitoring risk financing and insurance programs for several of the company's top oil and gas clients. She is certified in petroleum land management through Texas Christian University.

RICHARD HOWARD is an account executive who comes to CBIZ after working for an oil and gas hedge fund in Dallas. He will focus on business development and client relations for the national energy practice.

Both Hillman and Howard are Midland natives.

CBIZ, a professional business service that helps clients manage their finances and employees, acquired Stoltz and Company Ltd. of Midland effective July 1. Founded by Mark Stoltz in 1990, Stoltz and Company also has operations in San Antonio and Amarillo as a regional insurance broker specializing in multiple insurance products and services, including property and casualty insurance, personal lines and employee benefits, and specializes in oil and gas related risk management.

BEN SANCHEZ, PE, has joined the Schumann Engineering Company.

The Lubbock native comes to Schumann from the Texas Department of Transportation, where he spent 17 years designing highways, inspecting work and serving as materials engineer for the Lubbock district.

LPC Crude Oil Inc. has hired STEVEN GOUDEAU in its lease crude acquisitions.

The Midland native previously worked for Champion Technologies in Lafayette, La. and Midland.

Rental car industry continues to boom

■ Some bringing staff, cars in from Lubbock.

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Travelers looking to rent a specific car when they land in Midland will have to call early.

After nearly a year of increased rentals, particularly from Midland International Airport, staff at rental car agencies say there's no sign yet that business is slowing.

Managers at some companies say they rent as many as 250 vehicles a day during the week and on their busiest day are even bringing in cars from Lubbock stores to meet demand.

Summer is often a busy time for rental agencies, industry data shows. In Midland, where the rental car business has long depended more on industry than summer tourism, though, the warmer months don't always mean bigger business. This summer, however, has so far been the busiest in recent memory, rental car managers said.

Industry studies show the frequency of car rentals is tied closely with the number of airline passengers at any given location.

Midland's enplanement numbers are up 4.2 percent for the year, according to Midland International Airport data. In June, the most recent numbers available, enplanements were up 8.7 percent.

Midland rental car managers said the bulk of their rentals do come from business travelers who fly in to work in Midland during part of the week.

Because of that trend, Tuesday through Thursday typically is the busiest time of the week and the days on which managers said it's best to make reservations ahead of time.

A small number of renters also reserve a car because their own vehicle is in the shop or because they're in town to visit family, managers said.

Staff said they've yet to run out of vehicles. But, if customers want to rent a truck or SUV, their options may be limited if they didn't make reservations well in advance.

Typically business is at its slowest on the weekends, managers said.

Profits in the rental car industry were up not just in Midland but also nationwide in 2011.

According to a report from Auto Rental News, the average rental vehicle generated revenues of $1,060 in 2011, which is a record amount of revenue for single vehicles.

With higher-than-average rentals already having occurred in Midland this year and the Permian Basin International Oil Show planned for the fall, 2012 is shaping up to be a record year for some Tall City franchises, managers said.

One rental car business said they've had to start utilizing cleaning crews from their company's Lubbock location during times of high demand in order to turn cars around in time for the next rental.

A larger demand can impact cost.

This week, prices for an economy car ranged from $40 to $48 per day in Midland. The cost for trucks ran as high as $99 per day, according to company websites.

Those costs are higher than in some cities but also are similar to other airports and even lower than is available in some places, such as Dallas-Fort Worth, according to price estimates provided on various rental car websites.

Nationwide, the average cost of a rental car is on the decline. Through the first quarter of 2012, the average cost of a rental car per day had decreased by 4.6 percent from 2011, according to a study released by Travel Leaders Corporate.

"We're seeing car rental companies continue to meet consumer demand by adjusting their base rates to make business travel more affordable for our clients," said David Holyoke, president of Travel Leaders Corporate, which analyzed data from about 1.5 million business travel bookings as part of its study. "What's more, our data shows that rates continue to decrease across the board, regardless of what car rental company our clients choose."

In Midland, managers said the best deals usually are available on the weekend when demand tapers off. During the week, some said, many business travelers are willing to pay what they need to rent a truck, SUV or even compact car.

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Panda Express plans fall opening for Midland location

Targeting a fall opening is PANDA EXPRESS, currently under construction in the Wal-Mart parking lot at 4517 N. Midland Drive, just behind New Avenue.

Officials with the Rosemead, Ca.-based restaurant company expect a mid-September opening for the 2,500-square-foot location, barring unexpected construction delays.

The restaurant will include a dining room and a drive-up window. The menu includes beef, chicken and shrimp dishes, pork dishes and vegetarian fare like eggplant tofu and mixed vegetables, along with appetizers, side dishes and fortune cookies or chocolate chunk cookies for dessert.

Also available are party meals and catering trays.

Panda Express is constantly looking for team members, already employing more than 21,000 associates. It has more than 1,419 restaurants throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. All are corporate-owned locations.

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KIRKLAND'S, long a retailer in Midland Park Mall, is expanding into Odessa with the opening of its new store in Odessa's Chimney Rock shopping center on Highway 191 and Loop 338.

MELLA MCEWEN
Reporter-Telegram oil editor

The store will have a grand opening celebration Saturday, Aug. 11 and Sunday Aug. 12. Among the events will be free design consultations with local interior designers Marcy and Denton Taylor from 1 to 4 p.m. both days. Those interested in a consultation are encouraged to bring photos of rooms or floor plans of spaces they hope to decorate.

The new location will employ 15 to 18 people and is one of the newest of Kirkland's 302 stores nationwide. Operating in 30 states, Kirkland's offers a broad selection of home decor from framed art to mirrors and lamps, candles, accent rugs, artificial greenery, garden accessories, gift items and seasonal merchandise.

Grand opening hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11 and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12.

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A few tricks to help landlords select good tenants/2F

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DAVE SAYS

A few tricks to help landlords select good tenants

DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,

I'm a landlord in New York, and I've always felt it's not a good idea to rely entirely on previous landlords for referrals on prospective tenants. Do you have any tips for selecting good renters?

Jean

Dear Jean,

I think you're on the right track. Most landlords aren't thorough enough with the screening process. You can't get to know someone without spending some time with them and digging into their personalities and backgrounds a little.

I have several rental properties, and here are a few tricks that work well for me. I always pull a credit bureau report on prospective renters. I also get a big deposit up front. I spend quite a bit of time talking to them one on one, as well, so with all this they'd have to be a pretty good con artist to get past me.

Another thing I do is to drive by the place they're currently living. I like to see what condition the house is in, and if they keep the yard maintained. To me, this is a great indication of how responsible they are and how they would treat my property. It's not a bad idea to get some proof of them having made previous rental payments on time, either.

In some ways it's a leap of faith any time you sign an agreement with a new tenant. But there are things you can do in order to make a more informed decision as to whom you're doing business with. And who knows? Lots of renters appreciate knowing they have a landlord who handles things in a professional manner. Maybe these suggestions will help you both feel a little more at ease.

Good luck, Jean!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

A debt collector has been calling members of my family to get information on me. She has identified herself as collector, and I want to pay what I owe, but is it legal for them to do this? If not, what can I do to make them stop?

Katherine

Dear Katherine,

No, it isn't legal. If she identified herself in any way as a debt collector, and spoke with anyone but you about your debt, she has broken federal law. This is a violation of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. You need to file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) against this collector and her company.

I also would advise recording the conversation the next time they call. Just tell them at the beginning that you'll be taping any interaction you have with them from that point forward, and tell your relatives to do the same thing. That way, you'll have proof of their misbehavior to hand over to the FTC or the attorney general. You might even be able to get this crooked collector shut down.

Don't get me wrong. It's perfectly OK to collect a debt. If you're a creditor or collector, it's simply money that's owed to you, and you deserve it. But you must do it within the confines of the law, and you should do it within the confines of good taste. If you owe money, you should be honorable enough to pay what you owe. But this kind of behavior is just harassment and intimidation. Don't let them get away with it, Katherine!

—Dave

BUILDING PERMITS

Building Permits July 23-July 27

906 Todd Drive	Residential Alteration	$300
2300 Faulkner Dr	Commercial Alteration	$10,000
4000 Roosevelt Ave	Residential Alteration	$100
1007 S. Big Spring St	Residence-Detached	$3,000
5016 Briarwood Avenue	New Commercial	$1,000,000
13 Lafayette Place	New Residence	$135,240
411 E. Florida Avenue	Commercial Alteration	$10,000
3004 Phillip Place	Residential Alteration	$400
1611 College Avenue	Residence-Detached	$20,000
104 E. New York Ave	Residence-Detached	$2,500
2511 Colonial Oaks Ct	New Residence	$312,000
6300 Ojibwa	Residential Addition	$100,000
110 N. Marienfeld St	Commercial Addition	$5,000
906 Pecan Court	Residence-Detached	$9,000
1704 McDonald Street	Residence-Detached	$1,200
2505 Fairview Lane	Residence-Detached	$3,000
3200 Andrews Highway	Sign	$4,000
5706 Dunbarton Oaks	New Residence	$203,680
223 W. Wall Street	Sign	$22,000

Source: City of Midland

THE ECONOMIST

Texas' largest metros can expect continued economic growth

RAY PERRYMAN

The Perryman Group

The state's largest metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) serve as the drivers of overall economic growth, with business activity throughout the state linked to these centers of commerce. The Perryman Group's recent long-term outlook calls for growth for these areas, though there likely will be the inevitable bumps along the way. Here are a few forecast highlights. (All of our growth projections are presented as compound annual rates, meaning that they reflect changes in the base from which growth is calculated.)

The Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos Metropolitan Statistical Area economy is performing relatively well as it recovers from the recession, with employment growth gaining momentum. Output (real gross product) is forecast to increase at a 3.55 percent annual rate over the next 29 years, higher than that of Texas or the U.S. The information segment will see the largest compound annual growth rate in output at 4.53 percent, closely followed by services at 4.17 percent. Employment growth is projected to be 1.82 percent during the period, resulting in the addition of some 563,000 new jobs. The services sector is expected to experience the highest growth rate in employment, with expansion at a 2.49 percent compound annual pace through the forecast horizon.

Over the next three decades, the Dallas-Plano-Irving Metropolitan Division (MD) economy also is likely to outperform the state and nation, with sources of growth ranging from technology-oriented manufacturing to business and financial services.

The long-term forecast for the Dallas-Plano-Irving MD calls for growth in output (real gross product) at a 3.43 percent rate. The largest gain in output is projected to occur in the services sector, with expansion of $138.7 billion (representing a 3.98 percent compound annual rate) during the period. Information and durable manufacturing also should exhibit notable growth. Approximately 1,344,830 net new wage and salary jobs are expected to be created over the forecast horizon; some 865,000 of them in the services segment.

As a cost-effective place to live and to work with growth across a spectrum of industrial sectors, the Fort Worth-Arlington area is likely to remain a strong performer for decades to come. Although cyclical by nature, exploration and production in the Barnett Shale will be a source of economic stimulus for many years. The area should continue to serve as a center for logistics and wholesale operations, as well as aviation-related manufacturing, for the foreseeable future. Tourism is another source of business activity, with visitors drawn to the area's many attractions. Real gross product is expected to see a 3.37 percent compound annual growth rate, with several segments forecast to experience output growth exceeding 3.9 percent (information, durable manufacturing, and services). Wage and salary employment is projected to expand by 1.63 percent (almost 541,800 jobs) over the long-term horizon.

The El Paso MSA is a low-cost location for businesses with strong bases in military operations and export/import activity and other ties with Mexico. The area has experienced improvement in its economy over the last year, although its unemployment rates remain higher than other large cities and the state as a whole. The Perryman Group's most recent long-term forecast calls for modest growth. From 2011 to 2040, the El Paso MSA is projected to see expansion in real gross product at a 3.08 percent compound annual rate, while wage and salary employment is expected to grow at a 1.48 percent pace. The area is likely to see the fastest rates of output growth (above 3.6 percent) in the information, services and durable manufacturing segments. The services, information and trade industry groups are forecast to experience growth in employment at or exceeding 1.3 percent, and the area is projected to gain some 164,500 net new jobs through 2040.

The Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown Metropolitan Statistical Area is expected to see growth in wage and salary employment at a 1.60 percent compound annual rate during the 2011-2040 period, according to The Perryman Group's latest forecast. Real gross product is projected to expand at a 3.25 percent annual rate, with the information and durable manufacturing sectors each growing at a pace exceeding 4.0 percent per annum through the long term. Employment gains are likely to total almost 1.6 million. The services, information, and trade segments are all expected to have 1.5 percent or greater growth rates in employment.

The San Antonio-New Braunfels Metropolitan Statistical Area has been among the strongest performing metropolitan areas in the country in recent years. Stability and growth in the decades to come will stem from traditional strengths for the area such as education, health care, military and related activity. Tourism also continues to serve as a source of stimulus. The Perryman Group's most recent long-term (2011-2040) forecast calls for expansion in output (real gross product) in the San Antonio area at a 3.28 percent annual compound rate, while wage and salary employment is likely to grow at a 1.64 percent pace. Sectors expected to have the highest output growth rates are information and durable manufacturing, with rates projected above 4.0 percent. The largest dollar gains in output likely will be services (with $40.6 billion) and finance, insurance, and real estate (with $18.2 billion). Employment expansion is projected to be highest in the services, information and trade segments; each will grow at over a 1.4 percent pace. The total employment gain during the period is forecast to be more than 558,100.

Like all parts of the United States, these cities remain vulnerable to challenges ranging from the possibility of the "fiscal cliff" at the end of this year to the potential for escalation of European debt problems, and business cycles are inevitable. Even so, The Perryman Group's outlook for Texas' metropolitan areas calls for moderate expansion at a clip outpacing most of the United States over an extended time horizon.

ERIN RODRIGUEZ

Better Business Bureau

BBB offers tips to help keep your home stable in the Texas heat

It seems like every day last summer, I saw a new record set. It was the hottest summer, 100-degree days stuck around longer than ever before and it was one of the driest summers on record.

This type of heat and lack of rain can wreak havoc on anything from streets to your lawn.

One casualty of the heat and the drought you may not have thought about is your foundation. Especially in areas with expansive soil — which expands when it takes in water and contracts as it dries — foundations can take a beating as the concrete dries out and the ground shifts.

Since last June, Better Business Bureau has given close to 14,000 BBB Business Reviews to consumers looking for foundation repair services, almost a 70 percent increase compared to the same time last year.

The most common signs of foundation issues are cracks in walls or bricks, doors and windows that do not close properly, visible cracks in the foundation or floor and displaced or cracked moldings. If you notice any of these issues, have a foundation specialist inspect your home for damage.

If your foundation appears fine, help prevent future issues by keeping the soil around the house moist and keeping any landscaping alive. Plants with deep roots are part of the support system for the foundation and rotting roots can create voids in the soil underneath your home.

BBB recommends the following tips for consumers in need of foundation repair:

■ Check with your insurance. Some homeowner's policies will cover foundation repair, so check with your insurance before signing a contract.

■ Do your homework. Use BBB Member Pages to find a BBB accredited contractor, and compare several price quotes. Always check out the BBB Business Review of any company you're considering.

■ Request an on-site inspection. To ensure you're getting an accurate estimate, have the company come out to your home to inspect the damage. This should be done even if you don't see visible cracks or shifts.

■ Beware of red flags. High pressure

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MARKET WATCH

Upcoming summer doldrums could quickly end when least expected

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We are reaching the end of July and the summer is beginning to wind down. Many in the U.S. financial community take much of the month of August as vacations. The Europeans take the entire month off. In most years, the prevailing theory is that markets will be quiet as few decision makers are actually in the office. The junior staff will be running most of the big trading desks in New York and London and they do not want to make any costly mistakes; they will mostly just be filling customer orders.

But is August always quiet? Will this August be different? Thin trading volume and a lack of interested participants can easily add up to unexpected large moves in the financial markets when headlines hit the tape. And if recent history is any indication, there is a high probability that breaking news could come from any number of areas around the globe. But the timing of market moving headlines is tough to predict. We can make an educated guess that the funding crisis in Spain or Italy will get worse over the next six weeks or that the building civil strife in Syria might spill over into a more regional problem in the Middle East. Or we could guess that economic reports coming out of China will improve in the very near term.

Also keep in mind that the campaign season will be

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Yesterday's Answer: SLOWEST, COLOGNE, THICKET, LANGUOR

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kicking into high gear next month. The Republican convention will be held at the end of August followed by the Democratic convention the first week in September. This promises to be a bloody and contentious election season and the financial markets are bound to swing to some extent based on the media polls.

But the S&P 500 Index has been trapped in a tight trading range for the last six weeks. It seems likely that over the next month or so some news item or a group of new headlines will push the Index toward either the early April highs or the more recent early June lows. We continue to believe any push down toward those lows should be viewed as a buying opportunity. The economic recoveries in the United States and for most of the world, based on our work, should continue at a modest pace. We expect inflation to stay subdued. Stocks can move higher under those conditions. We would not advise traders to chase the market on any rally toward the highs seen earlier in the year but those investors with a 9+ month outlook can continue to build positions in quality companies. We are comfortable with our year-end target range of 1400-14500 for the S&P 500.

So while many investors will be spending the month of August at the beach, the financial markets will not necessarily wait for vacations to end and the kids to be back in school before making a material move. We look for volatility to increase as we move into the fall and buying opportunities to be created. Do not get too complacent, the summer doldrums could suddenly come to an end when most market participants least expect it.

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sales tactics or requests for a full upfront payment are red flags consumers need to watch out for.

■ Ask about warranties. Warranties and workmanship are only as good as the company that stands behind them. Many businesses will offer information about how they plan to handle any repairs covered under warranty, particularly if they are an out-of-town company.

■ Review your contract. Be sure to read through and fully understand everything listed in your contract. Make sure the warranties, expected timeline and payment schedules are clearly listed out. Do not sign a contract that has blanks or if you don't agree with something.

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KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	(5:00) Light of south		Dr. Will	LifeBynd	In Touch Ministries		Sal.	Schwarz	Heart of the City		Shepherd's Heart	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(5:00) London 2012 Summer Olympics											
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	C.George	Cat/ Hat	SuperWI	DinoTrain	Sid	Speaks	Arthur	WordGirl	Wild K.	Company	Passport	Travel
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Concha	Concha	Vecinos	Vecinos	Para volver a amar		Al punto		Republica deportiva		Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Homes	Homeown.	Faith	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	1 United	CARS.TV	Paid	Paid
FLIX	340	65		165		★★ The Glass Shield Michael Boatman.				Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle o...				The Night We Never Met			Movie
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:30) ★★★ For Love of the Game				Gulliver's Travels Jack Black.		★★ The Medallion				Vampires Suck	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	(:40) ★★★ Megamind			(:20) ★★ Chasing Liberty Mandy Moore.				(:15) ★★★ Contagion Matt Damon.			
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Movie	(:25) ★★ Picture Perfect			(:10) Mr. Popper's Penguins			(:50) ★★ Up Close and Personal Robert Redford.				
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	★★★ Seabiscuit ('03, Dra) Tobey Maguire.				(:20) Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son				(:10) ★★★★ 48 Hours			Movie
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:15) First Daug...	★★★ Dances With Wolves ('90, Epic) Kevin Costner.							★★★ Cape Fear Robert De Niro.			
PLEX			96			(:05) ★★ Flower Drum Song Nancy Kwan.				(:20) ★★ Big Trouble in Little China				(:05) Under the Cherry Moon			Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(:15) Open	★★ Honey, I Blew Up the Kid			Franchise	Swinging With the Finkels			★★ The Big Empty			Movie
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:35) Cool Dog		(:05) ★★ Car Wash			(:45) The Job ('09, Com/Dra) Patrick Flueger.				★★ Jefferson in Paris		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The Glades		The Glades		The Glades		The Glades		Longmire		Longmire	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(5:15) ★★★★ Scarface ('83, Cri) Michelle Pfeiffer, Al Pacino.						(:15) ★★★★ The Godfather ('72, Dra) Al Pacino, Marlon Brando.					
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Bobby Jones Gospel		Lift Voice	Chris	Bernie M	Bernie M	The Clean Up W...	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Miss Advised		Miss Advised		Miss Advised		Advised "True Colors"		Miss Advised		Advised "The One"	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	London 2012 Summer Olympics Boxing Elimination Bouts (L)						Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	News	Sanjay	CNN Newsroom		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	M.Mouse	McStuffins	M.Mouse	Jake	Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	Jessie	A.N.T.	A.N.T.	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report (N)	SportsCenter				Sprnt Cup (L)	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NFL (N)	NFL (N)	BASS Fishing		NASCAR Now (L)		OLines	Report (N)	Fantasy	SuperBowl	Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Boy MW	★★ Bring It On: Fight to the Finish				★★ Bring It On: In It to Win It				Bring It On: All or Nothing		
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						News HQ	Housecall	America's News HQ		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Unwrap'd	Unwrap'd	Cupcake Wars		Week In a Day		Dinners	Big Bite	BBQ (N)	Southern	Paula	Pioneer
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	His/Hers	Adventur	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Lunch With Rangers		Golf Life	Horse	Lokar	Garage
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Mother	M-Mother	Mother	★★ Eagle Eye ('08, Act) Billy Bob Thorton, Shia LaBeouf.						★★★ Stop-Loss		
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Lucy	Lucy	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	The Good Witch's Gift Catherine Bell.			
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Property Brothers		I Want (N)	Income.	Income	Kitchen	Kitchen	My Bath	Crashers	Crashers	Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Modern Marvels		Who Really Discovered America?				How the States Got Their Shapes				States got Shapes	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Hr. Power	Turn Point	J.Osteen	Paid	Christine	Christine	Christine	★★ Fools Rush In		
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	London 2012 Summer Olympics											
NBCSN	38	39				(3:00) London 2012 Summer Olympics						London 2012 Summer Olympics (L)					
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Penguins	Penguins!	Parents	Parents	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Winx	Winx
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Xtr. 4x4	Horsep.	Trucks!	Muscle..	Monster House		Monster House (N)	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Twilight	Twilight	Twilight	★★ Pandorum ('09, Hor) Dennis Quaid.				Movie
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Browns	Browns	Friends	★★★ Shark Tale ('04, Ani) Will Smith.				★★ Over the Hedge			(:15) Madagascar	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	Movie	(:45) ★★★★ They Won't Forget				★★★★ Four Daughters			★★★ Four Wives ('39, Com) Eddie Albert.			
TELE	20	8	10	20		Paid	Paid	Wimzie's	Raggs	Juegos Olímpicos Maratón (F), Voleibol (F), Voleibol de Playa (M, F), Tenis (M), Boxeo (M, F)							
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	LawOrder "Cherished"		Law & Order		Law & Order		Franklin & Bash		LawOrder "Church"		Law & Order	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	3's Co.	3's Comp.	3's Co.	SoulMan	The Exes	Retired	★★ The First Wives Club ('96, Com) Goldie Hawn.					Griffith
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Necessary Rough		Suits "Sucker Punch"		National Treasure: Book of Secrets			
WGN	19	18				Paid	Facts	Key David	Beyond	Matlock "The Dare"		In Heat of Night		★★ Freaky Friday Jamie Lee Curtis.			

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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	(11:30) IndyCar Auto Racing Honda Indy 200 (L)				Paid	Paid	Ball Boys	Ball Boys	Wipeout		News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	PGA Championship		PGA Golf WGC - Bridgestone Invitational Site: Firestone Country Club -- Akron, Ohio (L)								FaceNat.	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Made in Hollywood	★★★ Suspect ('87, Myst) Cher.					★★ John Q ('02, Dra) Denzel Washington.				Queens	Queens
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Consumer	Consumer Corner			★★ Garden State Zach Braff.				Hispanic	HomeT.	Consumer	Consumer
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Mark B	Alan Lee	T.Scrivner	Dr. R.B.	Light of the Southwest Best of Week				A.G. Roth	Dr. Dye	Calls	Alewine
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(5:00) London 2012 Summer Olympics										Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Accents	Travel	Daytrip	Sewing	Knitting	F&Porter	Sewing	Sew It All	Lawrence Welk		Nature	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	MFL Fútbol Leon vs. Toluca (L)				Vecinos		La Vida		Como dice el dicho		Humor es	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		★★ Company Business Gene Hackman.				Paid	Business	AmAthlete	Insider	Access Hollywood		Stargate Universe	
FLIX	340	65		165		(11:40) ★★★ Broken Flowers			★★ Scary Movie 2			★★ Down and Out in Beverly Hills				Lara Croft Tom...	
HBO	300	68	14	14		Movie	★★★ Inception ('10, Act) Joseph Gordon-Levitt.					Puss in Boots			About Face		Movie
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(:10) Cedar Rapids Ed Helms.			(:45) True Blood		(:45) ★★ Something Borrowed				(:40) The Tree of Life Brad Pitt.		
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Beginners Ewan McGregor.			(:45) ★★★ Titanic (1997, Drama) Kate Winslet, Billy Zane, Leonardo DiCaprio.							Newsroom "Bullies"	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(11:50) ★★ Another 48 Hours			★★ Arthur Russell Brand.			(:20) ★★ The Matrix ('99, Act) Keanu Reeves.					Movie
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★★ Paul ('11, Com) Nick Frost.				★★ Mulholland Dr. ('01, Dra) Naomi Watts.					★★ The Jewel of the Nile		
PLEX			96			(11:50) ★★ Once Bitten			★★★ Blind Date Bruce Willis.			(:05) ★ Amos and Andrew			(:45) ★★ Fandango		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(11:45) ★★ Powder		(:45) ★★★ Phenomenon ('96, Dra) John Travolta.						Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind			
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(10:30) Jefferson ...	★★★ Primary Colors ('98, Dra) John Travolta.						★★ Timeline ('03, Fant) Paul Walker.				Movie
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Longmire		Criminal Minds		Criminal "Normal"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(9:15) The Godfa...		(:15) ★★★ The Godfather II A Mafia chief's life is contrasted with flashbacks of his father's early days.									Movie
BET	58	26		40		(11:00) The Clean Up Woman Jackee Harry.				★★ The Best Man ('99, Rom) Nia Long, Taye Diggs.				Diary of a Mad Black Wom...			
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives Atlanta		Real Housewives		Housewives Top 20		Real Housewives		Wives "Dirty Ol' Dad"		Housewives NJ	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Olympics Boxing Elimination Bouts (L)				Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		Next List	News	Your Money		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Gator Boys		Gator Boys		Gator Boys		RivMon Unhooked	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Austin	Shake Up	A.N.T.	Gravity	Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Austin	Shake Up
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NASCAR Auto Racing Pennsylvania 400 Site: Pocono Raceway -- Pocono, Pa. (L)								SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NFL	NFL	Golf		Bowling	Bowling	ATP Tennis Citi Open (L)				NHRA Drag Racing	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Movie	★★ Step Up ('06, Dra) Jenna Dewan, Channing Tatum.					★★ Step Up 2: The Streets				The Blind Side	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(11:00) News HQ		Fox News		Stossel		America's News HQ				Fox News	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Rest. "Zandi's Grill"		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Diners	Diners
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Words	Pre-Game	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers vs. Kansas City Royals (L)						Rangers	BoysHall	Xterra World	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(10:30) Stop-Loss		★★ Black Hawk Down ('01, Act) Eric Bana, Josh Hartnett.						★★★ The Hurt Locker Jeremy Renner.			
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	The Good Witch's Family Catherine Bell.				★★★ The Good Witch Catherine Bell.				★★★★ The Good Witch's Garden			
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	My Place	MyPlace	Property	Property	Property	Property	HouseH	House	Crashers	My Yard	HouseH	House
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	States got Shapes		States got Shapes		States got Shapes		States got Shapes		States got Shapes		Restore	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Movie	★★★ Vicky Cristina Barcelona Scarlett Johansson.					★★ Spanglish ('04, Com/Dra) Téa Leoni, Paz Vega, Adam Sandler.					
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	(6:00) London 2012 Summer Olympics										Hardball	
NBCSN	38	39				(9:00) London 2012 Summer Olympics (L)											
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Big Time	ToRock	iCarly	Victori.	Big Time	Big Time	iCarly	iCarly	Victori.	Victori.	Sponge	Sponge
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Flip Men	Flip Men	Flip Men	Flip Men	Flip Men	Flip Men	Flip Men	Flip Men	Flip Men	Flip Men	Flip Men	Flip Men
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(11:50) ★★★ Serenity Nathan Fillion.				(:20) ★★★★ Close Encounters of the Third Kind Richard Dreyfuss.							Movie
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(11:15) Madagascar		MLB Baseball Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim vs. Chicago White Sox (L)						Friends	Friends	The House Bunny	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	★★ Four Mothers Lola Lane.			★★★ Kings Row ('42, Dra) Ann Sheridan.			(:45) ★★★ Now, Voyager Bette Davis.					Movie
TELE	20	8	10	20		(8:00) Juegos Olímpicos de Londres 2012 Cobertura en exclusiva en español de los juegos olímpicos de Londres.										Videos	Para ser
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	My Teen's Pregnant		Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras		Toddlers & Tiaras	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	★★★ Braveheart ('95, Action) Sophie Marceau, Patrick McGoohan, Mel Gibson.							(:45) ★★★ Gladiator ('00, Epic) Russell Crowe.				
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Griffith	(:50) Griffith	(:25) A. Griffith Show		Griffith	Griffith	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Movie	★★ G.I. Joe: The Rise of the Cobra					SVU "Choice"		SVU "Brotherhood"		Law&O.:SVU "Gray"	
WGN	19	18				★★ What Happens in Vegas				Law & O: CI "Poison"		MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs vs. Los Angeles Dodgers (L)					

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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		Secret Millionaire (N)		EM: Weight Loss "Jonathan" Jonathan is unable to sleep in bed next to his wife. (N)				KMID News	(:35) Crook and Chase		(:35) Sports
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Big Brother (N)		3		The Mentalist "Little Red Book"		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Heartland "Broken Arrow"		★★ What Happens in Vegas ('08, Com) Ashton Kutcher, Rob Corddry, Cameron Diaz.				Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	Troubadour, TX		True Story "Diana: Legacy of a Princess"	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	American Dad	Cleveland Show	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Family Guy	Three Wide Life	Tx.Roadhouse	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Consumer Corner	Consumer Corner
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Doorways to Wisdom		Walking	Joe McGee	Light of the Southwest				Jean-Claude	Jack Van Impe	For the Heart of the City	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Olympics Gymnastics (M) Floor Exercise Gold Medal, Gymnastics (W) Vault Gold Medal, Track & Field (M) 100m Gold Medal, Track & Field (W) 400m Gold Medal, Track & Field (W) Triple Jump Gold Medal, Diving (W) Springboard Gold Medal										News-West 9	Summer Olympics
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Nova Science "Can We Make It to Mars?"		National Parks Many Americans begin to worry about the quantity of pristine land remaining in the US.					West. Perspec.	Austin City Limits "Kenny Chesney"		Backstage Pass "The Lash"	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La Familia P. Luche		Pequeños Gigantes 2				Sal y pimienta		Perspectiva	Noticiero Univision	La hora pico	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Without a Trace		Cold Case		The Closer		Law & Order		30 Rock	Sunny	Office	Chris
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:00) Lara Croft T...		★★★★ The Big Lebowski Jeff Bridges.				★★★ American Heart Jeff Bridges.				The Original Kin...	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:50) ★★★★ Bridesmaids Kristen Wiig.				True Blood (N)		Newsroom "5/1" (N)		True Blood		The Newsroom "5/1"	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(4:40) The Tree of ...		★★★ Contagion ('11, Act) Matt Damon.				Cedar Rapids Ed Helms.			My Soul to Take John Magaro.		
HBOS	304	70	16	102		★★ Welcome to Mooseport Ray Romano.				Beginners Ewan McGregor.			1stLook	★★★ Titanic Leonardo DiCaprio.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:40) Dream House	(:15) ★★★ The Whole Nine Yards					★★ Horrible Bosses			Femme	(:15) Life on Top	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:20) ★★ A Nightmare on Elm Street				★★ Road House ('89, Act) Patrick Swayze.				Lingerie	★★★ The Eagle		
PLEX			96			(:20) ★★ Once Bitten Lauren Hutton.				Big Trouble in Little China			(:40) ★★★ Blind Date			(:20) Fandango	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Weeds	Episodes	Dexter		Homeland		Weeds	Episodes	Weeds	Episodes	Therapy	Real L W
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:30) Hoodwinke...		★★★ Source Code			(:35) ★★ Brokeback Mountain Heath Ledger.					Beyond Borders	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	C.Mind "The Stranger"		Criminal "Big Sea"		The Glades "Islandia"		Longmire (N)		Longmire		Criminal "Big Sea"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(5:45) ★★★ Goodfellas ('90, Cri) Joe Pesci, Ray Liotta.						Breaking Bad (N)		SmallTo	(:35) Breaking Bad		SmallTo
BET	58	26		40		(4:30) Diary of a...		Sunday Best (N)		Sunday Best		Sunday Best		Together	Together	BET Inspiration	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ (N)		Housewives NJ (N)		Watch (N)	Housewives NJ		Wives NJ
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Diabetes	Wall Street	Ripping	Cyber	Industrial Light & M		American Greed		Crime Inc.		Marijuana USA	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		CNBC Special		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom		CNBC Special		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	River Monsters		RivMon Unhooked		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters		River Monsters	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Shake Up	Shake Up	Shake (N)	16 Wishes Kendall Cross.			(:40) GoodL	(:05) Jessie	A.N.T.	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Baseball Tonight (L)		MLB Baseball Milwaukee Brewers vs. St. Louis Cardinals (L)						SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(5:00) NHRA Drag Racing Northwest Nationals				MLS Soccer Los Angeles vs Seattle (L)				Poker World Series		NASCAR Auto Race	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) ★★★ The Blind Side Sandra Bullock.				★★★ The Blind Side ('09, Spt) Tim McGraw, Sandra Bullock.						J.Osteen	Ed Young
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	Fox Report Weekend		Huckabee		Stossel		Geraldo at Large		Huckabee		Stossel	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Cupcake Wars (N)		Chopped (N)		Iron Chef USA (N)		Chef Wanted		Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Bull Riding Championship			OceanRc.	WPT Poker		UFC Unleashed		Cowboys	Spotlight	WPT Poker	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(4:00) The Hurt Lo...		★★ Hancock ('08, Act) Will Smith.				★★ Hancock ('08, Act) Will Smith.				★★ Shaft	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	The Good Witch's Gift Catherine Bell.				The Good Witch's Family Catherine Bell.				Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	HouseH	House	Property Brothers		Holmes Inspection		Holmes Inspection		Holmes on Homes		Holmes Inspection	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Picked "Radio Fight"		Shark "Shark Alley"		Ice Road Truckers	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Blue Lagoon: The Awakening				Drop Dead Diva (N)		Army Wives (N)		Blue Lagoon: The Awakening			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Sex Slaves-America		Sex Slaves		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	39				MLS Soccer FC Dallas vs. Portland Timbers					MLS 36	Sports Illustrated		Beach Volleyball		Indy 36	Soccer
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Hollywood Heights		G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Res. "Tiki Curse"		Bar Rescue		Flip Men	Flip Men	Monster House		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★★ Blade Runner Harrison Ford.				★★★ The Fifth Element ('97, Sci-Fi) Bruce Willis.					★★ Star Trek: Insurrection		
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(5:00) The House...		★★★ Shrek ('01, Ani) Mike Myers.				★★★ Shrek ('01, Ani) Mike Myers.				Sullivan	Movie
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:45) The Wolf M...		★★★ The Invisible Man			★★★★ Mr. Skeffington ('44, Dra) Bette Davis.					(:15) The Unsus...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		★★ Rambo III ('88, Act) Sylvester Stallone.				★★★ The Transporter Jason Statham.				Titulares	Videos	Juegos Olímpicos	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Toddlers & Tiaras		Hoarding		Hoarding (N)		St. Sex	St. Sex	Hoarding		St. Sex	St. Sex
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(3:45) Gladiator		Leverage (N)		Falling Skies (N)		The Great Escape (N)		Falling Skies		Leverage	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:05) MASH	(:45) MASH	(:20) M*A*S*H		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	SVU "Possessed"		Law&O.:SVU "Flight"		Law&O.:SVU "Bully"		Political Animals (N)		Necessary Rough		SVU "Choice"	
WGN	19	18				30 Rock	M-Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	News	(:40) Replay	The Unit		Monk	

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A master's degree in mathematics will help at least two upcoming UTPB graduates/secondary educators quit their retail second jobs and devote fulltime attention to their high school students. More importantly, their classes at the University enabled them to change their teaching styles and even utilize websites and YouTube resources as reinforcements.

Melody Dumas and Dustan Foster are part of the first cohort of students in the new Master of Arts in Mathematics (MAM) program. Both are employed by Midland Independent School District, although Ms. Dumas taught at Odessa High School for the past three years. Graduate school classes are conducted once per week with more frequent meetings during the summer months. Students drove in from as far away as Big Lake to take advantage of this addition to UTPB's collection of graduate degrees.

Tuition, fees, and books for their studies were covered by a grant written by Dr. Juli D'Ann Ratheal, project director and associate professor of mathematics education who is now assistant vice president for Graduate Studies & Research. Funded by the $700,000 Permian Basin Mathematics and Science Teacher's Academy (PBMSTA) grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 44 secondary mathematics and science teachers were able to attend UTPB and pursue a graduate degree. This grant opportunity officially ends December, 2012, at which time, most of the 44 will have completed their master's.

Anticipating her August graduation Ms. Dumas reflected from her summer job at Best Buy on the terrific experience of collaborating with her peers at UTPB. The single mother of three (including a 16-year-old) discovered she has a "major testing phobia" that she didn't remember while attending Brady High School or Howard Payne University. As a result, she felt graduate school wasn't always easy and even as a veteran educator, she has a new appreciation for the fact that students learn differently. In the fall at Lee High School, she vows to change the way she approaches grading and evaluate assessments "through different eyes." While she acknowledges that the bar needs to stay high, and students need to be accountable for mathematics concepts they've learned previously, she plans to present the material in multiple ways to help her students succeed.

Dustan Foster, a first generation college undergraduate at UTPB, has taught geometry and algebra II at Midland High School for the past three years. Last December, he finally quit his part-time job at HEB to devote all of his free time to furthering his mathematics education. Thanks to the PBMSTA grant, his only expenditures were gasoline and "brainpower." By no means the youngest student in this degree program, Mr. Foster thought he was good in mathematics until he encountered the curriculum and the faculty who were totally different from his professors at the undergraduate level. His takeaway from the program that he expects to finish next May is "the ability to answer any math problem they could throw at you." In addition, with a master's in mathematics, Mr. Foster will be qualified to teach calculus and dual credit courses.

During Dr. Ratheal's four-year tenure at UTPB, she has focused on enhancing the teaching skills of secondary mathematics educators through various grants, summer workshops, and innovative courses. "We are extremely proud of our first cohort of MAM students, and are actively recruiting students for our program. We would like to see a significant expansion into industry as well as continue serving regional educators. Our MAM degree has two tracks designed to meet a variety of needs and interests in mathematics and mathematics education," Ratheal stated.

Dr. Christopher Hiatt has been selected as the new director of the Graduate Mathematics Program since Dr. Ratheal became assistant vice president of Graduate Studies & Research. Although the PBMSTA grant is about to end, UTPB has many other scholarships available to students wanting to further their education. For more information about the master's in mathematics, contact Dr. Hiatt at hiatt_c@utpb.edu or Dr. Ratheal at ratheal_j@utpb.edu or call 432-552-2259.

Music Camps at UTPB

The All-Region Brass/Woodwind Camp brought music-making to the quiet summer schedule of the Wagner Noël. The students were busy learning etudes for the 5A All-State and Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB), while also playing in chamber music ensembles with the faculty. Double reeds enjoyed reed-making classes which busy schedules do not allow for during a school year. Members of the MOSC served as faculty and taught students proper warm-up techniques, private practicing routines, and lots of attention to learning the etudes for All-Region tryouts in December. A "brush-up" workshop will be held in September for the campers – also open to others – and a mock audition in late November. The camp is one-quarter the price of other West Texas camps and provided a unique experience focusing on All-Region music and chamber ensembles instead of the traditional band camp. For more information on the upcoming September "brush-up" workshops or November mock auditions, please call 432-552-3286 to speak with Yvonne, or email Music@UTPB.edu for more information.

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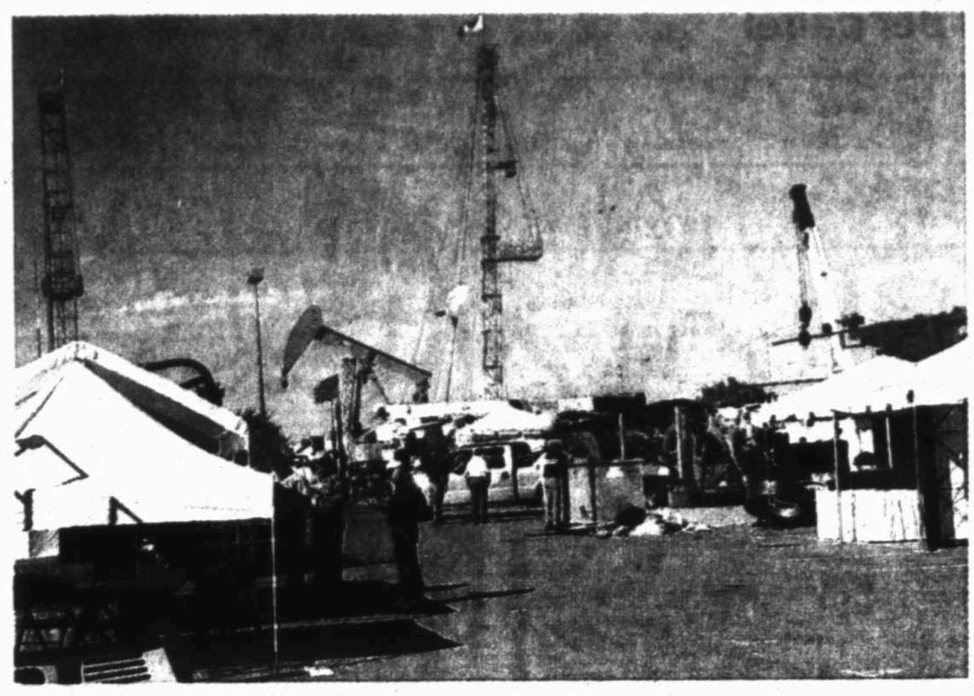

Oil Show officials expect another strong exhibition

■ Despite lack of hotel rooms, up to 40,000 from around the globe are expected.

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

In roughly 10 weeks, visitors from around the state, the nation and even the globe will descend on the Ector County Coliseum for the Permian Basin International Oil Show, set for Oct. 16-18.

Held in even-numbered years since 1940, with the exception of the World War II years, the show exhibits the latest in technology and services.

"It's shaping up to be a big show," said Executive Director Tony Fry. "We're sold out - we've been sold out practically since day one with a long waiting list of companies who want to participate."

Officials have tweaked the acreage at the Coliseum to make room for a few additional spaces, he said, particularly the larger outside spaces where trucks, drilling rigs, pulling units and other large equipment can be displayed. Otherwise, he said he expects the number of exhibitors to remain stable, with some first-time participants.

"Every year I count on 10, 15 or 20 percent of the exhibitors turning over," Fry said. "We just got notification a company is giving up its space because it's being acquired by a company that already has a larger space."

Oil Show Honoree

A show that has been held every other year for 72 year has its traditions and one that continues this year is naming of the Oil Show honoree. This year that honor goes to longtime businessman Charles Perry.

"He's done so much for this area," Fry said.

No Parade

One tradition that won't continue this year is the Oil Show Parade, traditionally held the Monday before the show opens.

Fry cited three reasons for ending the tra-

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Biotechnology seen as new frontier in oil and gas industry

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Advances in hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling technology, among other advancements, are given credit for reviving domestic oil and gas production.

But there is another technology that could impact the industry as well.

"Biotechnology is a new technology that is certainly at the beginning of what it can do," stated Dr. Dennis Schneider, vice president of research and development at Micro-Bac International and adjunct professor of microbiology at the University Texas at Austin. He listed its benefits as being a greener product that is safe and reduces environmental liability and offers performance advantages.

He was in Midland recently to discuss the use of microbes in controlling hydrogen sulfide at a luncheon sponsored by Southwest Microbial Solutions.

The gas is toxic and can cause fatalities in high concentrations, but those high levels also can affect the price of an operator's production and cause significant corrosion of production equipment. It can occur geochemically and biologically, which can be controlled by various means.

Herb Collier, co-owner and general manager of Southwest Microbial, said H2S is generated by sulfate-reducing bacteria, which are often introduced into oil and gas reservoirs, almost always from the water used in drilling operations.

Those SRBs, said Schneider, are "tough bacteria that have been around billions of years." Controlling them is challenging because they are diverse with a lot of different groupings, he said. That diversity, he said, can offer solutions to eliminating the bacteria.

He likened the research into controlling various SRBs to the effort to find treatments for the MRSA — methicillin-resistantStaphylococcus aureus — infection several years ago.

Biologic solutions, he said, are environmentally benign, very effective and affordable. The first application was in Kansas' Hugoton field and locally one of the first treatments was in the Chickadee field, which was treated in December 2011.

Such solutions, Schneider said, are applicable in producing wells, storage tanks and waterfloods.

Biotechnology, Schneider said, is gaining acceptance among oil and gas operators. But, he said, a lot of growth still needs to take place and more penetration within the industry is needed.

"We need people to get the word out" about the benefits of biotechnology, he said. "That's been a hindrance to growth."

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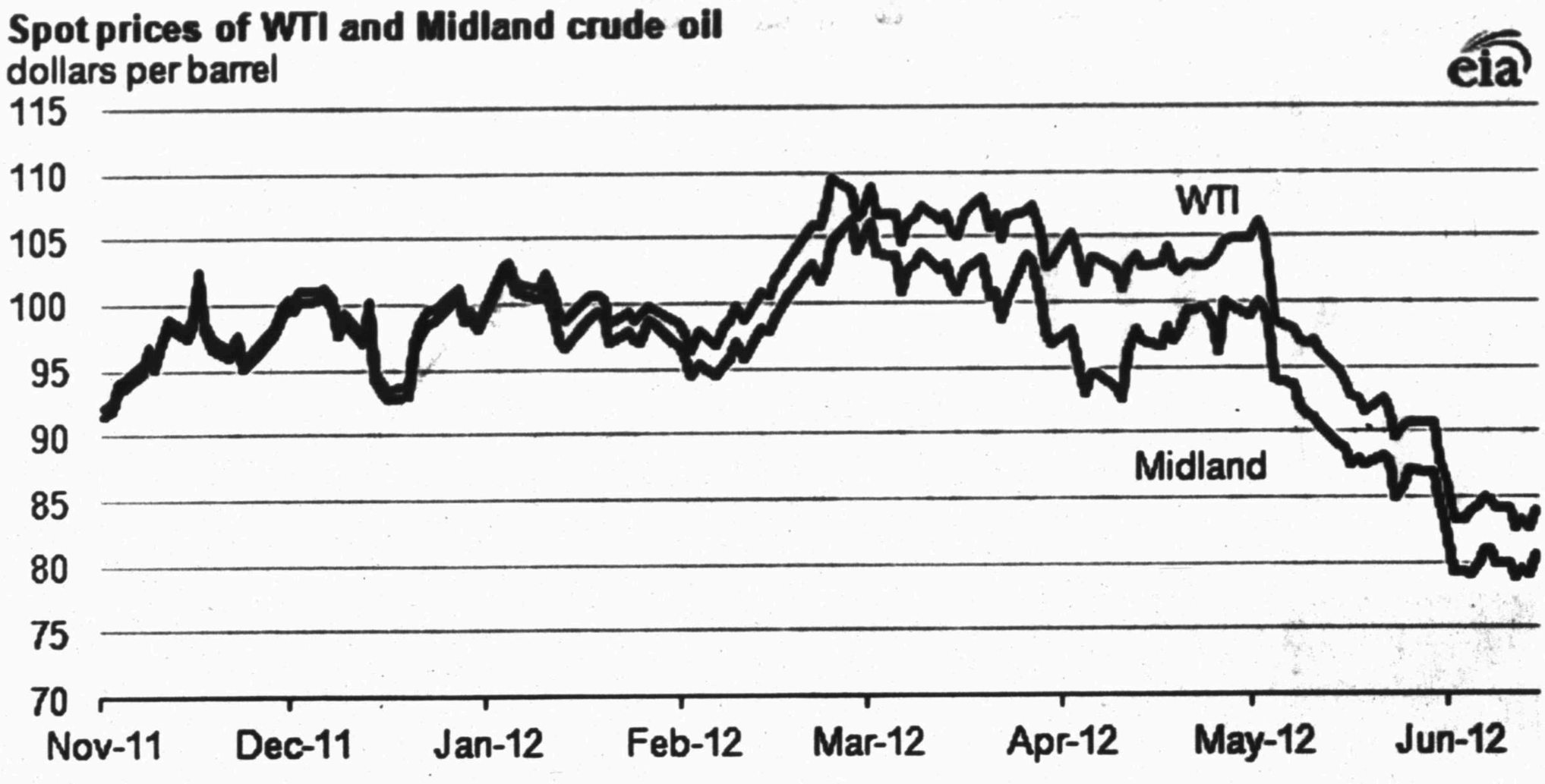

Rapidly increasing oil production in the Permian Basin — to levels not seen in 14 years — is putting pressure on pipelines and reducing per-barrel prices. New pipelines and use of railroads to transport oil should bring relief in due time, but for now producers must wait for the logjam to break.

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MEETING

PALTA August meeting

Members of the Permian Association of Lease and Title Analysts will meet Thursday, August 9 at the Petroleum Club beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Mickey Cargile, managing partner, Cargile Investment Management LLP, will give a presentation on "Why is it so Difficult to Predict the Future For Investments?"

Cost is $20. Reservations should be made by Monday, August 6 by calling 818-2333 or by email at ccrossland@concho.com.

Pipeline glut reduces Basin WTI price relative to price at Cushing

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

Late last year Permian Basin oil production began exceeding 1 million barrels per day for the first time in more than 14 years. Most of that growth has come in the last 24-36 months.

Now crude oil pipelines can be added to the list of those straining under the load. NGL producers already have had to shift to railroads for product transportation, and the same may be required of oil producers despite the growing list of planned new pipelines, as production increases continue to grow.

This upward pressure on transportation has created a slight downward push on prices for West Texas Intermediate crude as sold in the Permian Basin, according to figures compiled by the Energy Information Administration in July.

Since today's production levels are not new — they were this high as recently at 1998-one could ask why there is not sufficient pipeline capacity now, if there was plenty of it then.

Midstream expert Dan Lippe of Houston-based Petral Worldwide, an industry consulting firm, pointed out that there are several factors involved. "The prices don't tell us the whole story," said Lippe, adding that a pipeline backlog at Cushing was also depressing prices there compared to the world market.

Years of falling production from 1971 to 2009 actually diminished the number of pipelines available, he said. "Over the years, we have probably shut in various pipelines. Nobody maintains pipelines for 20-something years," especially if they are empty. "Once you stop pumping oil through a pipeline and you leave it in the ground, it corrodes and you can't reactivate it — in my opinion." He stressed that he is not a pipeline corrosion expert. Lippe believes some of the lost pipelines were old enough that they needed to be replaced whether they were needed or not.

Even two years ago, Lippe said, anyone predicting that Texas' production would grow to 1.8 million bbl/day and the Basin's would exceed 1 million bbl/day "would have been carted off to the loony bin." Given the long lead time involved in building pipelines, this rapid production growth made a glut almost inevitable.

He stated that Basin oil had, until January of this year, stayed within 25 cents per barrel of the Cushing, Okla. price. Beginning in January, the Basin price dropped to $1 less and in July was $3-$4 less, mostly due to the difficulty of getting that oil to market.

Lippe pointed out that phenomenal production growth actually has strained transportation resources across the country, especially in the Bakken and Eagle Ford shale regions — areas that had little oil and gas infrastructure to start with. With new drilling and completion procedures, he sees no letup in production boost for at least five years. Permian Basin producers, at least, will mostly be reopening wells that had been abandoned only because the remaining oil was, at that time, not economically recoverable. New procedures have made the oil economical.

Re-entries also have negated the need for exploration — producers can go to these wells as sure things. And when no one is drilling dry holes — every hole is basically a producer — production increases even faster.

"It will be difficult for pipeline companies to keep up with the growth in crude" during that time frame, Lippe said. He added that the railroads should be happy to take up the slack — bringing crude transportation full circle. Railroad tank cars were among the first means of crude transportation in the oilfields' early days — which is why the industry's regulatory agency is still called the Railroad Commission, even though they no longer deal with railroads at all.

While he has heard of no producers who are slowing drilling, he feels there are some wells that could take up to a year to reach full production because of pipeline backlogs.

On that question Permian Basin Petroleum Association President Ben Shepperd said, "Certainly it's a consideration, but I have not seen operators modify their plans because of the congestion issues." Shepperd added that there have been capacity problems for years, but that producers are hopeful that they will be alleviated as pipelines currently being built come on line.

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Unsafe driving is a dangerous road for oil and gas workers

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Whether in the oil and gas industry or a related service industry, workers are exposed to many of the same driving risks as other drivers, including speeding, distracted driving, driver fatigue and not wearing a seatbelt.

■ Excessive speed is the No. 1 cause of fatal and serious injury accidents on Texas roads. Good drivers understand they must control their speed to protect themselves and others on the road.

■ Nearly 80 percent of all crashes in the United States are caused by driver distractions, and the effects can happen in an instant. In five seconds and traveling at 40 miles per hour, your car travels approximately the length of a football field.

■ According to state police reports, driver fatigue caused more than 4,000 crashes on Texas roads in 2010. If you are tired or drowsy, it is time to rest — that is the only way to get the job done safely.

■ While seatbelts are not necessarily a cause of driving-related accidents, not wearing one can greatly worsen the injuries in an accident. In the United States, 63 percent of people killed in traffic accidents were not wearing a seatbelt.

These factors are also the four leading causes of on-the-job, transportation-related deaths, which can be exacerbated by inexperience, long shifts or deadlines for oil and gas-related workers. According to a 2010 report from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, driving-related accidents account for nearly 40 percent of oil and gas industry fatalities.

For oil and gas companies to create and maintain a high level of safety awareness, employers should share driver safety tips with their employees, encourage safe driving habits and implement a driver safety program that includes basic safe driving rules, policies restricting cell phone use, mandatory seatbelt use and other safe practices that eliminate or minimize drivers' distractions.

Drivers may think on-the-job transportation is an easy task because we drive every day — but it's easy to forget even the most basic safety practices, because they become habitual.

Here are some tips to help drivers remain safe on the job.

- Fasten Your Seatbelt: Buckle up for safety and control. Wearing seatbelts is still the single most effective thing drivers can do to save lives and reduce serious injuries on roadways.

■ Take Care of Yourself: The driver plays the most important role in a moving vehicle. Get plenty of rest before getting behind the wheel to make sure you are alert and in the best condition to operate a vehicle.

■ Control Your Speed: Not only is it important to maintain a lawful speed when driving, but oil and gas workers also should consider the size of the load they are transporting and how that may impact their safe maximum speed.

■ Eliminate Distractions: When you are driving, avoid distractions, such as talking on the cell phone and eating. Also, you should never text while driving. Make all of your calls and texts before you start driving or once you reach your destination. If you have to use your phone, pull off the road to a safe location first.

■ Check and Recheck Transport Materials: If you are transporting goods be sure everything is completely secure before you begin driving, and recheck the security of those items every time you stop.

Texas Mutual Insurance Company is dedicated to educating employers and employees in oil and gas-related industries on how even small changes in driving habits can make a big difference in workers' safety on the road. In June, Texas Mutual launched the "Give Safety a Hand" campaign in Midland and Odessa to help educate oil and gas employees about driver safety practices. Texas Mutual hopes oil and gas workers, their families and employers will use this campaign as a conversation starter about workplace driving accidents and safety. Texas Mutual is pleased to be part of the solution in preventing driving-related accidents. For more information or to order driver safety toolkits, please visit the campaign website at SafeHandTexas.org.

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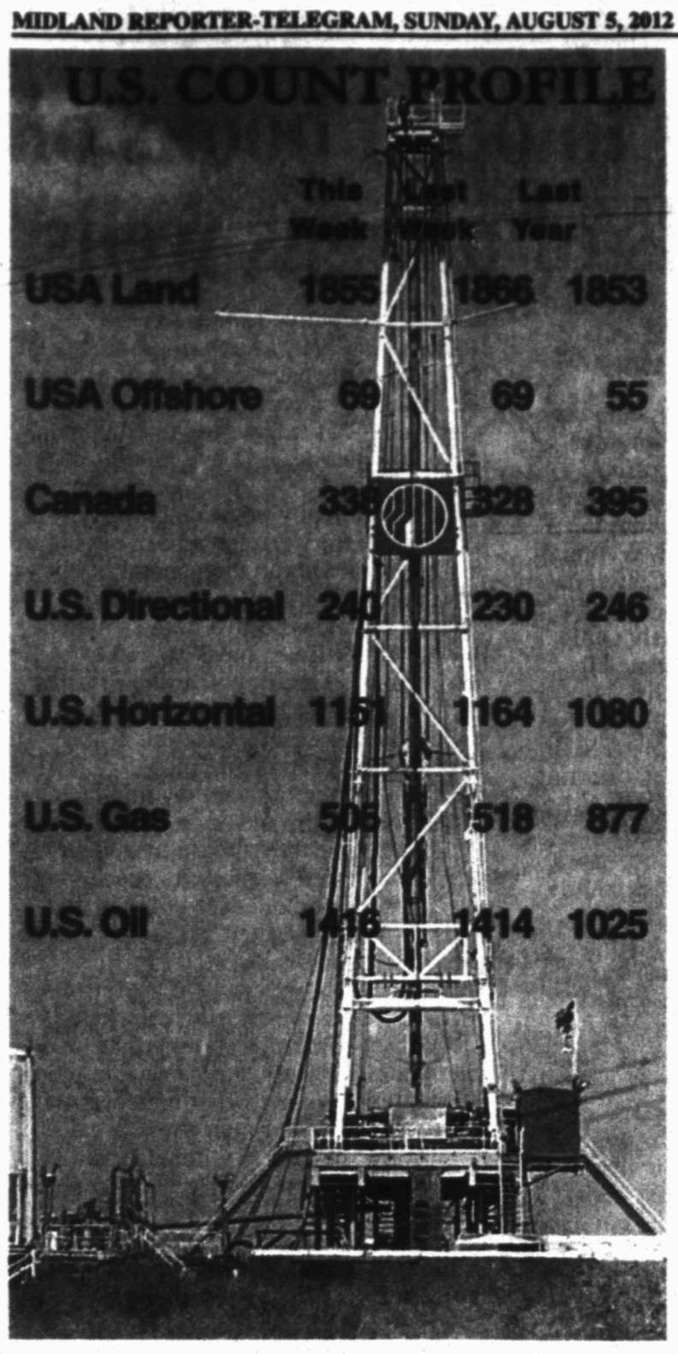

By Norman Johnson

Phillips 66 profits from refining U.S. crude

By Simone Sebastian
Houston Chronicle

Newly independent refining corporation Phillips 66 is tying its success to North America's growing bounty of crude, employing a bevy of transportation methods to free its refineries from higher-priced oil imports.

CEO Greg Garland said he's looking to rail, trucks, pipelines and ships to access U.S. barrels stranded far from the company's refineries — potentially pricey transportation that will improve margins in the long run.

"It's a fundamental part of our strategy going forward," Garland said in an interview. "We're aggressively pursuing every angle we can."

The company has reversed plans to sell its Gulf Coast Alliance refinery, forecasting that the price of the North American crude the Alliance plant processes will stay below that of overseas oil imports in coming years, Garland said.

ConocoPhillips began shopping the Louisiana refinery earlier this year, before spinning off Phillips 66 in April to form a standalone refining company.

In reporting its first financial results as an independent entity, Phillips 66 said its second-quarter profit jumped 14 percent, boosted largely by stronger refining margins in the United States.

In addition to ConocoPhillips' refineries, Phillips 66 also absorbed its fueling outlets, pipeline ventures and chemicals assets. ConocoPhillips now is an independent oil and gas exploration and production business.

Phillips 66 banked $1.2 billion in earnings, or $1.86 per share, during the quarter ending June 30. That compares with $1 billion, or $1.64 per share, for the same period in 2011, when the refining business operated as part of ConocoPhillips.

Revenue fell 10 percent to $47.8 billion.

"They are taking advantage of cheap domestic crudes," said Jeff Dietert, a managing director for Simmons & Company International. "The outlook for profitability for the Alliance refinery is much better than a year ago."

More pipelines

Dietert noted that Phillips 66 and other U.S. refiners stand to profit from a flurry of pipeline construction and remodels that will deliver crude produced from North American shale to refiners on the coasts.

Some coastal refineries, particularly those dependent on imported crude, have suffered from high oil prices in recent years. West Texas Intermediate crude, the domestic benchmark, is trading about $17 per barrel below the global Brent crude price.

'Try to fix it first'

Garland said Phillips 66 is open to selling assets but declined to say which facilities might be candidates.

"To the extent that we can get advantaged crudes to those refineries, we can improve their performance," Garland said. "It's like any other asset in the portfolio. We will try to fix it first."

Experts: Ohio governor's $1 trillion gas price tag is wrong

By Julie Carr Smyth
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio Gov. John Kasich's claim that a single energy company could recover $1 trillion worth of oil and gas from the state's shale is an exorbitant overestimate, according to experts interviewed by The Associated Press.

At current oil prices, that figure represents more than four times U.S. oil production last year. Viewed another way, every drop of oil produced in America for the next four years will be worth roughly $800 billion, based on current prices and production rates.

"I think he's way off base," said Arthur Berman, a Texas-based petroleum geologist and independent energy consultant. "My best estimate is he's probably wrong by a couple of zeroes."

U.S. crude oil production in 2011 was 2.078 billion barrels. At roughly $100 a barrel, that's $200 billion worth of oil.

The revenue potential of newly accessible deposits of oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids under the state is important because Kasich is pursuing an increase in a state tax that large-volume oil and gas producers pay on what they extract. Proceeds from the tax would fund modest statewide income tax relief.

During his 2010 campaign, Kasich pledged to reduce and eventually phase out the income tax. He faces opposition to his manner of funding the reduction from the well-funded energy industry and some fellow Republicans in the state Legislature.

Kasich traces the trillion-dollar figure to a conversation with an energy company CEO. He has repeated the number often in local and national television interviews and in public appearances.

"One energy company said they were going to take a trillion dollars' worth of value out of our state," he said on WCMH-TV in Columbus in March.

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dition. "Once the exhibitors get their equipment into the show grounds, it's difficult to get it back out for the parade and then back in," he explained. "Also, we've had declining participation from area school bands. It's not that they don't want to participate but it's a question of transportation and finding the busses to get them to the parade and back. Also, I'm not sure the city is keen on shutting down a major thoroughfare at 5 p.m. on a Monday."

But because the community has supported the Oil Show for so long, he said officials plan to reciprocate by participating in other parades, such as the Christmas and Fourth of July parades.

Room At The Inn?

Rumors had spread earlier this year that the show would be canceled because of a lack of hotel rooms, a rumor Fry quickly denied.

"Our exhibitors know, and have known for a long time" about the lack of hotel rooms "and secured lodging," he said, though a few companies have called the office asking where to turn for accommodations. The show's web site has a page with contact information for residents willing to rent their homes for the week.

Accommodations can be found, he said, though "it won't be the most convenient or most reasonably priced."

Visitors

Fry expects between 30,000 and 40,000 visitors during the three days of the Oil Show, including international visitors.

He said he's aware of how busy everyone in the industry is, but "I hope people will take a day off and come to the Oil Show — it's every two years — and see what's on display. I've been to other trade shows and people take the time to visit them. I think this one will be well worth the time."

Technological Advances

Just as exhibitors will encourage Oil Show visitors to take advantage of the latest technology they offer, Fry said the Oil Show is also using the latest technology.

"We're encouraging everyone to register online," he said. "They can get a confirmation email, print out the receipt, we'll scan it and they can pick up their badges. Just as the industry is using advanced technology, we're trying to utilize technology ourselves."

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More college grads want to work for energy firms

By LM Sixel
Houston Chronicle

Google is chic and Apple is cool. And who wouldn't want to work for the mouse at Walt Disney Co.?

But an increasing number of college students are turning away from tech and Tinker Bell and returning to the oil patch. Energy companies are becoming more popular among college students, the latest in an annual survey shows.

Chalk it up to higher-than-average starting salaries and a plethora of job opportunities, coupled with work-life balance and promotion opportunities. Those are making energy companies a hot ticket on college campuses, according to a survey by Universum, the Stockholm-based firm that polls about 60,000 college students each year, including 2,400 in Texas.

Companies use information from the weighted online surveys to determine how to position themselves as employers of choice.

"It's way up this year," said Vicki Lynn, senior vice president of client talent strategy and employer branding for Universum at the firm's U.S. headquarters in New York.

Engineers, for example, ranked oil and gas firms 10 points higher on the desirability scale. With a rating of 1 being the most desirable, engineers ranked energy firms an average of 48.1 this year compared to 58.6 last year, according to Universum.

Exxon Mobil top choice

That's not much of a surprise to Jamie Belinne, assistant dean for career services at the C.T. Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston. While energy companies have always been popular with UH students, Belinne said, other universities are becoming more eager to lure energy companies to their campuses.

She said she is getting calls from her peers elsewhere – some of whom clearly don't know there is a difference between upstream and downstream energy. Or that the big oil and gas companies are also some of the leaders in alternative energy.

"We know energy and we know energy jobs, but we're finding out it's a bit of a mystery to other schools," she said.

UH hosts a forum in August so energy companies and universities – including several from the Ivy League – can talk about recruiting trends.

Students interested in energy work want to go big, listing Exxon Mobil Corp. as the No. 1 choice, followed by Royal Dutch Shell and BP, according to the Universum survey.

Lynn was surprised there isn't a shadow hanging over BP because of the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill, but she said the company meets the matter head-on when visiting college campuses. BP's approach to the students, she said, is, "Come help us. We need you more than ever."

The campaign is working, said Lynn, pointing to BP's No. 3 ranking among students seeking energy careers.

The strategy demonstrates the importance of the environment and social responsibility among young people, said Luke Metzger, director of Environment Texas, a nonprofit advocacy-group in Austin.

It also speaks to the desire of students to work for companies that live up to their ideals, said Metzger. That can make it hard for some to admit to their friends that they work for BP.

But if a new employee can say to friends, "I'm trying to fix things," that might reassure the new engineers, chemists and geoscientists that they're working for a company that is trying to do things better, he said.

Career development

BP spokesman Scott Dean credits part of its recruiting success to its Challenge Program, which focuses on career development of new undergraduate and post-graduate employees.

Program participants rotate through several BP business units and receive extensive coaching throughout their two to three years in the program, he said. The employees gain practical experience through formal, on-site learning to build a strong foundation in wells, engineering, finance, health and safety, procurement and supply-chain management.

Lynn said the top issue among college students polled by Universum this year is work-life balance. Prospects appreciate the compressed work weeks schedules that energy companies offer – including 9/80s in which employees work 80 hours in nine work days.

Texas getting 2nd look

Students also want career security, as they've seen their parents go through the trauma of restructuring and layoffs. They want to work for companies that promote from within and help with career development.

And students want to work for companies that are invested in the greater good, whether it's a focus on local communities or the environment, she said.

College students are also taking a second look at the Lone Star State.

"It doesn't take a genius to see the economy is booming in Texas," said Lynn, referring to students who come for interviews and see the vibrant economy. And the cost of living is low, meaning entry-level workers can get more for less.

It doesn't hurt that some of the graduates — especially petroleum engineers — can walk into six-figure jobs between the base wage and bonus, she said. "It's very exciting."

Low natural gas prices ding Anadarko

By Simone Sebastian
Houston Chronicle

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. reported a net loss during the second quarter, as low natural gas prices led the company to record a $978 million write-down largely for its coal bed methane properties, the company said Monday.

The Woodlands-based oil and natural gas producer recorded a net loss of $380 million, or 76 cents per diluted share, for the quarter ending June 30.

It posted a $544 million gain, or $1.08 per diluted share, during the same period in 2011.

Revenue fell 12 percent to $3.2 billion for the quarter.

Anadarko, one of the nation's largest independent fossil fuels producers, reported that its coal bed methane operations were slammed by natural gas prices, which fell below $2 per million British thermal units during the quarter.

A boom in shale gas production has caused prices to fall precipitously from a high of $13 in 2008.

The price closed at $3.214 per million British thermal units Monday on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Coal bed methane is an unconventional form of natural gas produced from coal seams. Anadarko operates about 4,000 coal bed methane wells in Wyoming and Utah, according to its website.

While Anadarko's natural gas sales volumes grew 8 percent to 230 billion cubic feet during the quarter, revenue from natural gas sales fell 43 percent to $496 million, according to financial statements.

Total sales volumes hit record levels during the quarter, according to a company statement.

Growing production in the deep-water Gulf of Mexico and in Colorado's Wattenberg field pushed Anadarko to 742,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day in sales, growing 8 percent over the same period in 2011.

"With record sales volumes and significant free cash flow during the first half of the year, our deep portfolio and efficient capital allocation continue to deliver growth and value in the current price environment," CEO Al Walker said in a statement.

MID-WEEK WTI POSTED PRICES

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current Natural Gas Prices *Price per MMBtu*	First of the Month Price	Closing Prices 8/2/12	Same Period One Year Ago
New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) future price:	$2.774	$3.171	$4.145
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub:	$2.660	$3.180	$4.220
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains:	$2.450	$3.024	$3.955
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin:	$2.565	$3.115	$4.160
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin:	$2.490	$3.049	$4.070
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent:	$2.603	$3.102	$4.126
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast:	$2.705	$3.174	$4.238

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Sutton	0
Terrell	0
Tom Green	2
Upton	27

DIST. #8

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Brewster	0
Crane	8
Culberson	4
Ector	30
Glasscock	39
Howard	17
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	18
Martin	29
Midland	17
Mitchell	1
Pecos	3
Presidio	0
Reeves	38
Sterling	4
Ward	23
Winkler	6

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Borden	4
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Crosby	1
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Hale	0
Hockley	1
Kent	1
King	0
Lamb	0
Lubbock	0
Lynn	1
Motley	0
Scurry	4
Terry	2
Yoakum	5
TEXAS TOTAL	418

NEW MEXICO

Chaves	1
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Roosevelt	1
N.M. TOTAL	77

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"And if we can't take advantage of some of that and let Ohioans in all 88 counties benefit, it would be a colossal mistake," the Republican governor continued, "because keeping the money here and letting families have more and small businesses be more successful means that we're healthier as a state. This is not confusing or complicated. It's pretty simple."

Kasich has never identified the source of the figure, and spokesman Rob Nichols declined again this week to name the individual or provide specifics on the period over which the $1 trillion would come.

Portions of both the Utica and Marcellus shale formations lie under much of eastern Ohio.

Philip Budzik, a research analyst with the U.S. Energy Information Administration, said a new report has estimated that just over 1 trillion cubic feet of natural gas within the portion of the Marcellus Shale now reachable under Ohio with modern technology. A similar estimate has not yet been calculated for the Utica Shale.

Wyoming to open books on hundreds of oil, gas wells

By Mead Gruver
Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Petroleum companies, investors and landowners might soon get a better idea who has struck black gold and who might be in the red as a result of drilling for oil deep into the Niobrara Shale beneath eastern Wyoming.

The Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission has announced it will open a vast amount of previously confidential information on more than 900 recently drilled oil and gas wells.

The commission, which regulates oil and gas drilling in Wyoming, plans to lift "confidential" status for the wells starting Wednesday.

Newly available information will include production rates for hundreds of oil wells drilled into the Niobrara Shale. The Niobrara is a vast formation deep beneath eastern Wyoming, northern Colorado and western Nebraska that has drawn a lot of interest and investment over the past couple of years because of its geological similarity to the highly productive Bakken Shale in North Dakota.

The soon-to-be-released production data will go back to the time the wells began producing — information that the state commission, up to now, has kept confidential to protect petroleum companies' business interests.

Confidentiality can help companies strike better deals when they lease mineral rights for drilling. But while commission practice has been to seal production data for exploratory oil and gas wells, the state can't keep the books closed on such "wildcat" wells forever.

Eventually, as more drilling occurs and the potential of an oil or gas play becomes known, a wildcat well sooner or later becomes just another, ordinary oil or gas well.

"We felt like the large amount of information that was being held as confidential no longer qualified as confidential, and in the interest of public disclosure felt like that information should be made available unless the operators could make a strong case as to why it should be held confidential," Bob King, interim state oil and gas supervisor, said Thursday.

The new data will be accessible on the commission's website.

Several hundred wells have been drilled 7,000 feet or more into the Niobrara Shale formation in eastern Wyoming since 2010. A handful of wells drilled in Converse County and just south of the state line in northern Colorado have been fairly productive.

Few, if any, Niobrara wells are known to be as productive as those in the Bakken, however. Most top-producing Niobrara wells have yielded half as much oil, or less, as a typical Bakken well, which might average close to 1,000 barrels a day over its first few months of production.

It's theoretically possible, however, that some Niobrara wells have been paying off in a big way without the general public knowing about it.

Some people who live in the southern Powder River Basin have wanted to know more about oil drilling near their homes, said Shannon Anderson with the Powder River Basin Resource Council, a landowner advocacy group.

Information about the way in which a well has been drilled can help landowners decide whether they should have their well water tested so they can prove — in case oil development ever pollutes that water — that the water, at one time, used to be clean.

"We're very supportive of any efforts the oil and gas commission can do to make this information more public. We've been having a really hard time finding out information for landowner members of ours, and just our organization, because so much of the data is withheld from public inspection," Anderson said. "We think it's a positive step."

New oil and gas commission policy will require companies to request in writing and make their case for receiving confidential status for wells, rather than receive confidential status automatically, said Renny MacKay, spokesman for Gov. Matt Mead, who as governor is a member of the state Oil and Gas Commission.

MacKay said Mead supports the new approach.

"True wildcatting deserves confidentiality, but tightening up this rule, he says, should be good for everyone. Both the operators and the general public have expressed support for the change," MacKay said.

The Niobrara might yet become a big oil play as the formation becomes better understood, said John Robitaille, vice president of the Petroleum Association of Wyoming.

"It does give you a little better picture," he said of the upcoming release. "There are certain plays that will take a little more time to read and understand."

He said association members "don't really have a big problem" with the release and the new policy.

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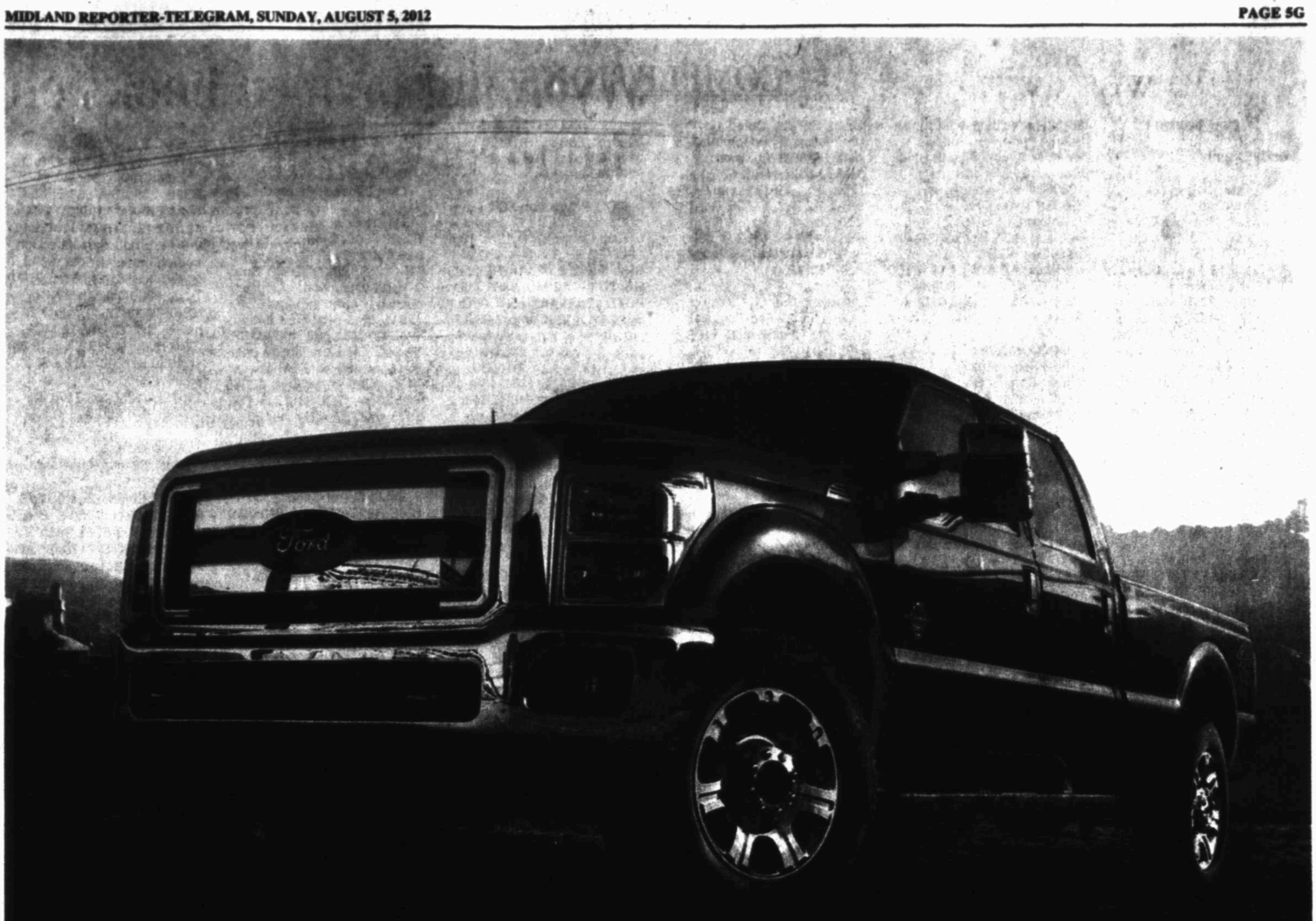

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COG Operating LLC
Fir Federal #4
Red Lake; Sec 25 T17S R27E; 2235/S & 330/W; EL 3575 GL, TD 4750, PBTD 4583; Spud 12-11-11, Comp 1-22-12; production is through treated perfs: 3190-3440, 3705-3930, 3990-4215, 4275-4500. Treat: Acdz w/7000 gals 15%, Frac w/447,883 gals gel, 541,842# 16/30 Ottawa, 105,699# 16/30 CRC. IP: 2-5-12 Pump 24 hrs 160 BO, 629 BW, 140 MCF, GOR 875, Gty 41.3. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 405 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1030 w/400 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4740 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4443; API #30-015-39462

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Maracas 22 State #2
Empire; Sec 22 T17S R28E; 1950/N & 1650/E; EL 3585 GL, TD 4918, PBTD 4837; Spud 2-5-12, Comp 2-28-12; production is through perfs: 3522-4695. IP: 3-4-12 Pump 24 hrs 30 BO, 1236 BW, 1 MCF. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 425 w/280 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4918 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3506; API #30-015-38329

Apache Corp.
D State #61
Artesia; Sec 36 T17S R28E; 2310/S & 1550/W; EL 3677 GL, TD 4630, PBTD 4480; Spud 11-14-11, Comp 12-22-11; production is through treated perfs: 4201-4567. Treat: 4143 gals acid, 231,300# sd, 194,460 gals gel. IP: 1-30-12 Pump 24 hrs 49 BO, 28 BW, 21 MCF, GOR 429, Gty 40. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 431 w/370 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4829 w/1150 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4459; API #30-015-38969

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #508
GB-Jackson; Sec 13 T17S R29E; 990/N & 990/W; EL 3635 GL, TD 4617, PBTD 4556; Spud 1-9-12, Comp 1-30-12; production is through treated perfs: 4210-4410. Treat: Acdz w/2000 gals acid, Frac w/99,00 gals gel, 101,808# 16/30 brady sd, 18,527# 16/30 CRC. IP: 2-14-12 Pump 24 hrs 120 BO, 357 BW, 237 MCF, GOR 1975, Gty 38.2. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 337 w/950 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1008 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4604 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4523; API #30-015-39313

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #517
GB-Jackson; Sec 13 T17S R29E; 287/N & 937/E; EL 3645 Gl, TD 4651, PBTD 4600; Spud 1-4-12, Comp 1-26-12; production is through treated perfs: 4260-4510. Treat: Acdz w/2000 gals acid, Frac w/104,349 gals gel, 108062# 16/30 brady sd, 23035# 16/30 CRC. IP: 2-23-12 Pump 24 hrs 45 BO, 165 BW, 106 MCF, GOR 2355, Gty 39.6. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 374 w/950 sx, 8 5/8 @ 1010 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4651 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4548; API #30-015-39441

COG Operating LLC
Folk Federal #27
East Empire; Sec 17 T17S R29E; 1783/N & 2404/W; EL 3622 GL, TD 5452, PBTD 5393; Spud 10-8-11, Comp 11-4-11; production is through treated perfs: 3950-4200, 4330-4580, 4640-4890, 4950-5200. Treat: Acdz w/10,500 gals 15% HCl, Frac w/441,000 gals gel, 562,519# 16/30 white sd, 111,456# 16/30 CRC. IP: 11-13-11 Pump 24 hrs 162 BO, 512 BW, 186 MCF, Gty 39.2. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 350 w/1125 sx, 8 5/8 @ 941 w/ 651 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5443 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5103; API #30-015-39274

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Pere Marquette 18 Federal #7
Empire; Sec 18 T17S R29E; 660/N & 1750/W. BHL: 985/N & 1828/W; EL 3709 GL, TD 4844 MD, 4830 TVD, PBTD 4802; Spud 9-20-11, Comp 10-20-11; production is through treated perfs: 3940-4170, 4274-4767. Treat: 2,175,137 gals total fluid, 818,732# sd. IP: 11-29-11 Pump 24 hrs 155 BO, 810 BW, 250 MCF, GOR 1612, Gty 39.7. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 292 w/675 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4844 w/1400 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3939; API #30-015-39053

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Pere Marquette 18 Federal #9
Empire; Sec 18 T17S R29E; 2030/N & 330/W. BHL: 1654/N & 331/W; EL 3696 GL, TD 4869 MD, 4848 TVD, PBTD 4803 MD; Spud 10-1-11, Comp 10-21-11; production is through treated perfs: 3870-4130, 4234-4692. Treat: 2,189,153 gals total fluid, 938,887# Sd. IP: 11-30-11 Pump 24 hrs 85 BO, 516 BW, 159 MCF, GOR 1870, Gty 38.9. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 294 w/618 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4841 w/800 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3861; API #30-015-39055

Apache Corp.
Empire Abo Unit #415
Empire; Sec 2 T18S R27E; 1650/N & 2430/E; EL 3565 GL, TD 6300, PBTD 6260; Spud 12-7-11, Comp 1-17-12; production is through treated perfs: 5386-5700. Treat: 15,500 gals Acid & 52.7 tons CO2. IP: 1-19-12 Pump 24 hrs 5 BO, 42 BW, 1 MCF, GOR 200, Gty 42.6. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 498 w/460 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6300 w/1275 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5710; API #30-015-39009

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Bradley 29 Fed Com #4
Santo Nino; Sec 29 T18S R30E; 510/N & 150/W. BHL: 501/N & 347/E; EL 3460 GL, TD 12803 MD, 8246 TVD, PBTD 12740 MD, 8247 TVD; Spud 10-1-11, Comp 12-16-11; production is through perfs: 8447-12740 (MD), 8186-8247 (TVD). IP: 12-16-11 Pump 24 hrs 276 BO, 417 BW, 142 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 330 w/550 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1400 w/ 780 sx, 7 @ 8338 MD, 8174 TVD, 4 1/2 @ 8125-12740 MD, 8082-8247 TVD; API #30-015-38487

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Beetle Juice 19 Federal #2
NW Hackberry; Sec 19 T19S R31E; 250/N & 1670/E. BHL 325/S & 2125/E; EL 3397 GL, TD 12,340, PBTD 12,282; Spud 9-29-11, Comp 12-30-11; production is through perfs: 9050-13268. IP: 1-10-12 Pump 24 hrs 698 BO, 882 BW, 626 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 510 w/450 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3505 (PH 9130 & Whipstock @ 8170-8182) w/2150 sx, 5 ? @ 13340 w/2425 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8292; API #30-015-38989

Oxy USA Inc.
Lost Tank 3 Federal #25
West Lost Tank; Sec 3 T22S R31E; 1500/N & 541/E; EL 3501 GL, TD 6310, PBTD 6220; Spud 2-18-11, Comp 6-16-11; production is through treated perfs: 5380-6110. Treat: 85,458 gal frac GR21 + 400374 gals Delta Frac 200R21 w/911247# sd. IP: WIW. Csg: 11 1/2 @ 680 w/500 sx, 8 5/8 @ 4245 w/1160 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6305 w/1200 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5323; API #30-015-38254

Oxy USA Inc.
Goodnight 27 Federal #3
So Laguna Salado; Sec 27 T23S R29E; 962/S & 364/W. BHL: 333/N & 729/W; EL 3007 GL, TD 11419 MD, 7789 TVD, PBTD 11258 MD, 7790 TVD; Spud 12-23-11, Comp 2-9-12; production is through treated perfs: 8520-11101. Treat: 214,604 gal WFGR11 + 12000 gals 15% HCL acid + 694065 gal DF200 R17 w/900,200# sd. IP: 2-21-12 Flow 24 hrs 265 BO, 906 BW, 1137 MCF, 26/64" Ch, TP 950, GOR 4291, Gty 42.7. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 293 w/580 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3069 w/1080 sx, 5 1/2 @ 3118-6015 w/1196 sx; API #30-015-39220

COG Production LLC
Canvasback 13 Federal #1
East Cotton Draw; Sec 13 T24S R31E; 330/N & 480/W. BHL: 342/S & 438/W; EL 3569 GL, TD 12712 MD, 8388 TVD, PBTD 12663 MD, 8387 TVD; Spud 1-13-12, Comp 3-23-12; production is through treated perfs: 8557-8953, 9084-9482, 9611-10009, 10139-10536, 10666-11061, 11193-11589, 11720-12117, 12248-12643. Treat: 24665 gals acid, 2299996# sd, 1967059 gals fluid. IP: 3-28-12 Flow 24 hrs 399 BO, 1645 BW, 287 MCF, 2" Ch, TP 620, CP 510. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 884 w/850 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4503 w/1550 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12712 w/2000 sx; API #30-015-39191

COG Operating LLC
SRO State Unit Com #11
Red Bluff; Sec 34 T25S R28E; 300/S & 660/W. BHL: 366/N & 692/W; EL 2947 GL, TD 12420, PBTD 12406; Spud 12-2-11, Comp 2-13-12; production is through perfs: 8270-12386. IP: 2-2-112 Flow 24 hrs 596 BO, 845 BW, 738 MCF, 14/64" Ch, CP 1040. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 410 w/400 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2385 w/850 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12410 w/1900 sx; API #30-015-38169

Bopco LP
PLU Big Sinks 2 25 20 State #1
Wildcat; Sec 2 T25S R30E; 350/S & 1980/E, BHL: 100/S & 1971/E; EL 3353 GL, TD 13811, PBTD 13811; Spud 9-24-11, Comp 11-30-11;production is through perfs: 9400-13785. IP: 12-28-11 Flow 24 hrs 499 BO, 1430 BW, 1183 MCF, 12/64" Ch, TP 650. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 756 w/850 sx, 8 5/8 @ 3995 w/1550 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13811 w/1148 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8642; API #30-015-39344

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Skeen 21 State Com #2
Hay Hollow; Sec 21 T26S R28E; 330/N & 1980/E, BHL: 343/S & 1618/E; EL 3017 GL, TD 11235 (MD) 6816 (TVD), PBTD 11235 (MD) 6816 (TVD); Spud 1-8-12, Comp 4-10-12; production is through treated perfs: 7149-11180. Treat: Frac w/935,670 glas 15# linear gel carrying 375,180# 100 mesh sd & 1,262,406 gals 20# XL Carrying 1,450,720# 20/40 sd, 285,000 SB Excel. IP: 4-17-12 Pump 24 hrs 96 BO, 2129 BW, 2649 MCF, GOR 22177, Gty 50.1. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 570 w/600 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2474 w/900 sx, 7 @ 7079 MD w/1050 sx, 4 1/2 @ 6834-11180 (MD), 2 7/8 @ 6441; API #30-015-39773

COG Production LLC
Diamondback 22 State Com #1
Hay Hollow; Sec 22 T26S R28E; 480/N & 1960/E. BHL: 349/S & 2160/E; EL 2981 GL, TD 12365, PBTD 12363; Spud 2-16-12, Comp 4-12-12; production is through perfs: 8246-12311. IP: 5-5-12 Flow 24hrs 425 BO, 1461 BW, 1880 MCF, TP 550, CP 525. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 405 w/450 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2492 w/850 sx, 5 1/2 @ 12365 w/1700 sx, (TOC @ 2038-TS), 2 7/8 @ 7570; API #30-025-38528

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Brushy Draw 1 Federal #1
South Corral Canon; Sec 1 T26S R29E; 330/N & 370/E. BHL: 438/N & 369/W; EL 3099 GL, TD 12191 MD, 7835 TVD, PBTD 11905 MD, 7827 TVD; Spud 5-27-11, Comp 9-29-11; production is through treated perfs: 8115-11905 MD. Treat: Frac w/743,500 gals 20# linear gel carrying 309,375# 100 mesh sd & 1,008,000 gals XL carrying 1,368,375# 20/40 sd. IP: 10-8-11 Flow 24 hrs 99 BO, 625 BW, 372 MCF, GOR 3758. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 825 w/800 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3250 w/1200 sx, 7 @ 8055 w/1000 sx, 4 1/2 Lnr @ 7619-11905, 2 7/8 @ 7358; API #30-015-38673

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COG Operating LLC
Taylor D #12
West Maljamar; Sec 10 T17S R32E; 2310/S & 330/W; EL 4121 GR, TD 7027, PBTD 6957; Spud 2-15-12, Comp 3-16-12; production is through treated perfs: 5600-5875, 6060-6260, 6330-6530, 6600-6800. Treat: Acdz w/9250 gals 15% HCl, Frac w/448,351 gals gel, 545,447# 16/30 Ottawa sd, 108,080# 16/30 SLC. IP: 3-24-12 Pump 24 hrs 119 BO, 166 BW, 237 MCF, GOR 1992, Gty 36.7. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 932 w/650 sx, 8 5/8 @ 2384 w/700 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7017 w/1050 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6758; API #30-025-40203

COG Operating LLC
G C Federal #57
West Maljamar; Sec 19 T17S R32E; 1625/S & 1907/W. BHL: 1675/S & 1656/W; EL 3928 GL, TD 7025, PBTD 6965; Spud 2-14-12, Comp 3-14-12; production is through perfs: 5330-6680. IP: 3-28-12 Pump 24 hrs 66 BO, 259 BW, 31 MCF, Csg: 13 3/8 @ 709 w/1000 sx, 8 5/8 @ 2147 w/700 sx, 5 ? @ 7009 w/1050 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6628; API #30-025-40238

CML Exploration LLC
Winthrop 24 State #1
East Corbin; Sec 24 T17S R33E; 2050/S & 660/E; EL 4124 GR, TD 11,600, PBTD 11,165; Spud 5-28-11, Comp 9-9-11; production is through treated perfs: 10,536-10542, 10650-10656, 10,766-10770. Treat: 6200 gals 15% HCL NEFE. IP: 9-16-11 Pump 24 hrs 25 BO, 27 BW, 15 MCF, GOR 600, Gty 39. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1550 w/1250 sx, 8 5/8 @ 4620 w/2000 sx, 5 1/2 @ 11578 w/1250 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10,485; API #30-025-40127

Apache Corp.
West Blinebry Drinkard Unit #111
North Eunice; Sec 9 T21S R37E; 1600/N & 330/E. BHL: 1255/n & 353/E; EL 3464 GL, TD 7215, PBTD 7170; Spud 2-4-12, Comp 3-9-12; production is through tgpated perfs: 5595-5935, 6108-6327, 6465-6740. Treat: Acdz w/15,150 gals 15% HCl, Frac w/145,534 gals SS-25, 572,538# 20/40 SLC, 595,525 gal linear gel. IP: 3-12-12 Pump 24 hrs 44 BO, 17 BW, 136 MCF, GOR 3091, Gty 38.8. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1345 w/675 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7215 w/980 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6916; API #30-025-40363

Apache Corp.
Lockhart B 13A #14
Blinebry & Tubb; Sec 13 T21S R37E; 980/N & 660/E; EL 3455 GL, TD 7495, PBTD 7446; Spud 1-26-12, Comp 3-14-12; production is through treated perfs: 5928-6407, 6535-6722. Treat: 24,946 gals acid, 188,622 gals SS-25, 284,486# sd, 15,960 gal gel. IP: 3-24-12 Pump 24 hrs 10 BO, 148 BW, 2 MCF, GOR 200, Gty 40.1. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1574 w/675 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7495 w/1170 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7019; API #30-025-40345

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Tres Equis State #3
West Triple X; Sec 6 T24S R33E; 330/N & 660/W. BHL: 4939/N & 701/W; EL 3645 GL, TD 15421 MD 11133 TVD; Spud 12-18-11, Comp 2-24-12; production is through treated perfs: 11100-15395. Treat: Frac w/2,715,526# sd & 1,838,229 gals fluid. IP: 3-1-12 Pump 24 hrs 676 BO, 649 BW, 423 MCF, GOR 626,Gty 39. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1209 w/955 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4915 w/1785 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15408 w/2355 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10457; API #30-025-40320

Shell takes major step in Arctic drilling quest

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — Shell has begun installing anchors at the site of one of its planned wells in the Chukchi Sea north of Alaska — a major step toward launching a new era of Arctic oil exploration, even as the company has been forced to scale back its drilling plans.

Delays in construction of an emergency spill containment barge, last-minute problems with an essential air pollution permit and stubborn sea ice still clinging to Alaska's coast have shortened the company's drilling window. And now Shell believes just two out of 10 wells planned for the Beaufort and Chukchi seas are likely to be completed this year.

Even those might be tough, conceded Shell Alaska Vice President Pete Slaiby in an interview. "We hope we get two wells drilled to completion," he said. "But it's going to be a challenge."

Shell has to stop drilling in hydrocarbon-bearing zones by Oct. 31 in the Beaufort Sea and Sept. 24 in the neighboring Chukchi Sea. Shell also will be forced to suspend operations in the Beaufort Sea to allow native Alaskans time to hunt the bowhead whale that migrate through the area; whether the company can resume work there this year would be up to Interior Department officials.

Shell had hoped to launch drilling in July, but sea ice and other setbacks have postponed work until later this month at the earliest.

"It's going to be tough just because of the late ice season that we've got," Slaiby said. "We're still pretty bullish about being able to work through the Chukchi Sea. We've got a bit of an issue in the Beaufort Sea, with the whaling blackout."

If the weather cooperates and regulators sign off on the plans, Shell aims to stay in the area longer and conduct so-called "top-hole drilling," effectively getting a start on wells it would temporarily abandon and then complete in 2013.

Slaiby said there is precedent from the 1990s and 1980s, when Shell and others drilled roughly three dozen wells in the area, with work sometimes spanning two or more seasons.

Operations have to be managed around sea ice, which can swiftly encroach on ships in fall. One of Shell's ice management vessels is in the Chukchi Sea now, and another, the Aiviq, is set to soon deliver the first set of anchors that will be used to position the Noble Discoverer drillship above the company's Burger prospect.

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Coke County

BOAZ ENERGY, LLC BRONTE (ELLENBURGER) (O) DRILL Well# 1 JL BRUNSON, 7784 FNL 183 FEL, SEC 5, C&M SUR., A-62 5500', 2 SW BRONTE

Crockett County

PETROHAWK OPERATING CO. LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 606H UNIVERSITY 45, 1650 FEL 2190 FNL, SEC 6 BLK 45, UNIV LANDS SUR. 7750', 12 SW BARNHART

Irion County

CHEVRON MIDCONTINENT, LP LOWER HALF (WLFCMP) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2603 PFLUGER G, 3300 FNL 2300 FEL, SEC 3026 BLK 24, H&TC/ W BENTLEY SUR., A-894 8200', 24 SW STERLING CITY

CHEVRON MIDCONTINENT, LP LOWER HALF (WLFCMP) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 2613 PFLUGER G, 4690 FNL 1457 FWL, SEC 3026 BLK 24, H&TC/ W BENTLEY SUR., A-894 8100', 24 SW STERLING CITY

Menard County

PAINT ROCK OPER., LLC P-C (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 37 RUSSELL, 2247 FWL 369 FNL, SEC 73, EL&RR SUR., A-874 4000', 9 NE FT. MCKAVETT

PAINT ROCK OPER., LLC LITTLE DOG (CAMAR) (O) DRILL Well# 38 RUSSELL, 250 FEL 752 FNL, SEC 73, EL&RR SUR., A-874 4000', 9 NE FT. MCKAVETT

Reagan County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5E SAU 28-1, 1320 FSL 2640 FEL, SEC 28 BLK B, L&SV/ WJ CUTBIRTH SUR., A-759 9000', 25 SW GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3C SAU 18-3, 1150 FNL 1150 FEL, SEC 18 BLK E, HE&WT/ JST BAKER SUR., A-6 10000', 31 SW GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4C SAU 5, 1320 FSL 1320 FEL, SEC 5 BLK E, L&SV SUR., A-334 8200', 29 SW GARDEN CITY

DLB OIL & GAS INC. PRICE (GRAYBURG) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 HICKMAN, 1000 FNL 978 FEL, SEC 232 BLK 1, T&P/WB HENDERSON SUR., A-196 3700', 7 E BIG LAKE

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP RED HOUSE (STRAWN) (O/G) (RE-ENTER) Well# 6 POOL 167, 2300 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 167 BLK 1, T&P SUR., A-546 12000', 11 NE BIG LAKE

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 903H UNIVERSITY 49, 2256 FEL 2490 FNL, SEC 9 BLK 49, UL SUR. 7582', 6 SE BIG LAKE

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1805H UNIVERSITY 47-48, 959 FWL 1376 FSL, SEC 18 BLK 48, UNIV LANDS SUR. 7395', 10 SE BIG LAKE

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (RE-ENTER)(INJ) Well# 501D UNIVERSITY 09, 1320 FWL 1320 FSL, SEC 5 BLK 9, UNIV LANDS SUR. 7775', 11 NW BIG LAKE

ENDURING RESOURCES, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 701D UNIVERSITY 09, 660 FWL 660 FSL, SEC 7 BLK 9, UNIV LANDS SUR. 4000', 9 NW BIG LAKE

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 152N DIVIDE DRAW, 926 FSL 1996 FWL, SEC 152 BLK 1, T&P/JA MCCALLUS SUR., A-895 10000', 6 NE BIG LAKE

LAREDO PETROLEUM - DALLAS, INC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 9AA SRH A, 1871 FSL 2054 FEL, SEC 9 BLK A, JF JACKSON SUR., A-231 10500', 19 N BIG LAKE

PETROHAWK OPERATING CO. LIN (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1816H UNIVERSITY 12, 650 FEL 2190 FSL, SEC 18 BLK 12, UNIV LANDS SUR. 7750', 8 SW BIG LAKE

Schleicher County

HIGHMOUNT E&P TEXAS LLC NE OZONA (CANYON) (G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4901H FOSTER, 235 FNL 500 FEL, SEC 49 BLK A, GC&SF SUR., A-107 5310', 15 W ELDORADO

HIGHMOUNT E&P TEXAS LLC SAWYER (LEONARD) (O/G) DRILL) Well# 12 MEADOR 178, 1746 FNL 1946 FEL, SEC 178 BLK A, HE&WT/ SI NICKS SUR., A-809 4350', 10 SW ELDORADO

Sutton County

HIGHMOUNT E&P TEXAS LLC SAWYER (LEONARD) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 JONES RANCH 157, 1920 FNL 1870 FWL, SEC 157 BLK A, HE&WT SUR., A-303 4200', 10 NW SONORA

Upton County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 HALL COWDEN 42, 2205 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 42 BLK 38 T5S, T&P/ JH FINE SUR., A-1183 11000', 24 NE RANKIN

CALLON PETRO. OPERATING CO. SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (WIW) Well# 2WS NEAL, 2552 FWL 2361 FSL, SEC 1 BLK BG, GC&SF SUR., A-178 1000', 4 NW RANKIN

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. MCELROY DRILL (INJ) Well# 639W CRIER-MCELROY, 477 FSL 179 FWL, SEC 186 BLK F, CCSD&RGNG/ WT CRIER/JT MCELROY SUR., A-1392 3700', 3 NE CRANE

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. MCELROY DRILL (DIREC)(INJ) Well# 642W CRIER-MCELROY, 2070 FSL 406 FWL, SEC 186 BLK F, CCSD&RGNG/ WT CRIER/JT MCELROY SUR., A-1392 3700', 3 NE CRANE

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. MCELROY (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 645 CRIER-MCELROY, 857 FSL 1329 FWL, SEC 186 BLK F, CCSD&RGNG/ WT CRIER/JT MCELROY SUR., A-1392 3700', 3 NE CRANE

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. MCELROY (O) DRILL Well# 637 CRIER-MCELROY, 1603 FSL 338 FWL, SEC 186 BLK F, CCSD&RGNG/ WT CRIER/JT MCELROY SUR., A-1392 3700', 3 NE CRANE

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. MCELROY DRILL (DIREC)(INJ) Well# 641W CRIER-MCELROY, 1869 FSL 742 FWL, SEC 186 BLK F, CCSD&RGNG/ WT CRIER/JT MCELROY SUR., A-1392 3700', 3 NE CRANE

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC. MCELROY DRILL (INJ) Well# 640W CRIER-MCELROY, 1033 FSL 577 FWL, SEC 186 BLK F, CCSD&RGNG/ WT CRIER/JT MCELROY SUR., A-1392 3700', 3 NE CRANE

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 2 COWDEN 52, 467 FWL 725 FSL, SEC 52, CC PHILLIPS SUR., A-760 10400', 6 NW RANKIN

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 AMACKER 23SE, 660 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 23 BLK Y, GC&SF SUR., A-172 10800', 10 NW RANKIN

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 AMACKER 60SE, 660 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 60 BLK Y, TC/I MURCHISON SUR., A-583 10300', 9 NW RANKIN

OPAL RESOURCES OPER. CO., LLC BLOCK 4 (DEVONIAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 UNIVERSITY 4-13, 2321 FSL 1977 FEL, SEC 13 BLK 4, UL SUR. 13000', 5 SE RANKIN

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1066 XBC GIDDINGS ESTATE, 5450 FNL 4530 FEL, SEC 1, THROCKMORTON CSL SUR., A-542 11275', 20 NW RANKIN

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 BLOXOM 20, 660 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 20, HE&WT/JH NICHOLSON SUR., A-753 9900', 2 W RANKIN

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 HUCKABY 34, 2173 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 34, C&M/WT RANKIN SUR., A-874 10900', 2 N RANKIN

SUMMIT PETROLEUM LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4216 KALEIGH DAWN B, 467 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 42 BLK 42 T5S, T&P/ HF TAYLOR SUR., A-693 10875', 23 NW RANKIN

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Andrews County

APACHE CORPORATION THREE BAR (WICHITA) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 103H THREE BAR SHALLOW UNIT, 10 FSL 400 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 11, UL SUR. 7200', 20 NE ANDREWS

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4014 UNIVERSITY FRANCES, 2080 FNL 620 FWL, SEC 40 BLK 4, UNIV LAND SUR. 12000', 7 NE ANDREWS

COG OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1908 BARBARA, 467 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 19 BLK 3, PSL/WR LEE SUR., A-1984 12000', 6 E ANDREWS

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. EMBAR (PERMIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 216 UNIVERSITY ANDREWS, 235 FNL 2405 FWL, SEC 32 BLK 10, UL SUR. 8900', 16 SW ANDREWS

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. EMBAR (ELLENBURGER) (O) DRILL Well# 227 UNIVERSITY ANDREWS, 945 FSL 710 FWL, SEC 19 BLK 10, UL SUR. 9000', 16 SW ANDREWS

MOMENTUM ENERGY CORP. BLOCK 6 (STRAWN) (O) (RE-ENTER) Well# 7R ULS 5-27, 1879 FNL 1932 FEL, SEC 27 BLK 5, UNIV LANDS SUR. 13900', 14 NE ANDREWS

Crane County

XTO ENERGY INC. CORDONA LAKE (O)(HORZ) (REC) Well# 162H CORDONA LAKE CONS. UNIT, 4977 FNL 3739 FWL, J CORDONA SUR., A-1 5800', 14 SW CRANE

Culberson County

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. W FORD (WOLFCAMP) (G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H ZEV 22 UNIT, 210 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 22 BLK 60 T1S, T&P/WW WEST SUR., A-7000 10500', 22 NW ORLA

FINLEY RESOURCES, INC. W FORD (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 HARRIER 14, 330 FWL 330 FSL, SEC 14 BLK 58 T2S, T&P/JT ALLEN SUR., A-18 5500', 10 W ORLA

FINLEY RESOURCES, INC. W FORD (O/G) DRILL (36)(37) Well# 1 FORD SOUTH SWD 16, 330 FNL 330 FWL, SEC 16 BLK 58 T2S, T&P/JT ALLEN SUR., A-19 3800', 10 W ORLA

Ector County

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. GOLDSMITH (CLR FRK) (O/G) DRILL Well# 281 CLYDE COWDEN, 1980 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 13 BLK 44 T1S, T&P SUR., A-276 7300', 14 NW ODESSA

Glasscock County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2306 NICHOLS, 660 FNL 1787 FEL, SEC 23 BLK 34 T3S, T&P SUR., A-228 11000', 6 NW GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 GLASS 3, 1127 FSL 853 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 34 T4S, T&P SUR., A-242 11000', 2 SW GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 13 HIS BLESSING 35, 2288 FNL 2173 FEL, SEC 35 BLK 34 T3S, T&P SUR., A-234 11000', 4 NW GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 17 ADAMS 26, 1787 FSL 2173 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 34 T4S, T&P/ JW DAUGHERTY SUR., A-747 11000', 4 S GARDEN CITY

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC STA (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 3 JOST 25, 467 FNL 1709 FWL, SEC 25 BLK 35 T4S, T&P SUR., A-348 11000', 7 SW GARDEN CITY

BERRY OIL COMP. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1211 BLALOCK C, 2173 FWL 2173 FNL, SEC 12 BLK 36 T3S, T&P/ PW COOK SUR., A-957 12000', 7 E SPRABERRY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. THREE NINOS(FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 8 TRINITY 16, 467 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 16 BLK 34 T5S, T&P/ R DUNBAR SUR., A-970 11000', 10 SW GARDEN CITY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. THREE NINOS(FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 8 NEAL, 660 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 26 BLK 34 T5S, T&P/ MF BOGARD SUR., A-928 11000', 12 S GARDEN CITY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. THREE NINOS(FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 4 LLANO 8A, 1980 FSL 1780 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 34 T5S, T&P/ R DUNBAR SUR., A-969 11000', 9 S GARDEN CITY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. FRYSAK FARMS (DEV) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4509 COLE RANCH 35, 660 FNL 1860 FWL, SEC 45 BLK 35 T4S, T&P SUR., A-358 11500', 11 SW GARDEN CITY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. THREE NINOS(FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 7 TRINITY 16, 1980 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 16 BLK 34 T5S, T&P/ R DUNBAR SUR., A-970 11000', 10 SW GARDEN CITY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. THREE NINOS(FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 4 FRIO, 1980 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 34 T5S, T&P/ GL BOGARD SUR., A-870 11000', 13 S GARDEN CITY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 FROST, 660 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 40 BLK 33 T5S, T&P/ RL WESTERMAN SUR., A-1063 11000', 14 SE GARDEN CITY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. THREE NINOS(FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 4 LAVACA 38, 467 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 38 BLK 34 T5S, T&P/ MF BOGARD SUR., A-927 11000', 14 S GARDEN CITY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. THREE NINOS(FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 8 GUADALUPE 48, 660 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 48 BLK 34 T5S, T&P/ TJ SEABOALT SUR., A-1116 11000', 14 SE GARDEN CITY

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORP. THREE NINOS(FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 8 LLANO 8, 1980 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 8 BLK 34 T5S, T&P/ R DUNBAR SUR., A-969 11000', 9 S GARDEN CITY

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 92N BARBEE, 1146 FSL 1957 FWL, SEC 92 BLK 2, T&P/WC ELAM SUR., A-1141 10500', 16 SE GARDEN CITY

FIVESTONES ENERGY LLC ST LAWRENCE(STRAWN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 SCHWARTZ 48, 2003 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 48 BLK 35 T4S, T&P/ BF CARTER SUR., A-1091 11000', 9 SW GARDEN CITY

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC. S GARDEN CITY(WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 SOUTH BOXCAR 3, 660 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 3 BLK 33 T4S, T&P SUR., A-146 12000', 4 NE GARDEN CITY

LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC. S GARDEN CITY (WLFCMP) (O/G)DRILL(HORZ) Well# 1402H LAZY E, 2515 FNL 970 FWL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T2S, T&P SUR., A-766 12000', 14 NE GARDEN CITY

NADEL AND GUSSMAN PERMIAN LLC CLYDE-REYNOLDS (WC) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 BEARKAT 20, 660 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 20 BLK 32 T4S, T&P/ WF CALDER SUR., A-781 10500', 9 E GARDEN CITY

Howard County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 PUCKETT 3, 660 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 30 T1N, T&P SUR., A-225 9100', 8 NE COAHOMA

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 NICHOLS 21, 2027 FSL 662 FWL, SEC 21 BLK 33 T1N, T&P SUR., A-312 10500', 4 NW BIG SPRING

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC BIG SPRING (FUSSELMAN) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 BYNUM 46, 467 FNL 1604 FWL, SEC 46 BLK 32 T2N, T&P/ WM SIMPSON SUR., A-1118 11000', 9 N BIG SPRING

Loving County

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP. SANDBAR (BONE SPRNG) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H SEVENGILLS 55-1-35, 350 FSL 1926 FWL, SEC 35 BLK 55 T1, T&P SUR., A-109 16000', 14 NE ORLA

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC. SLASH RANCH(WLFCMP) (O) DRILL Well# 1 BOYD C26-2, 467 FSL 1320 FEL, SEC 2 BLK C26, PSL/L DRIVER SUR., A-1036 13500', 14 NE MENTONE

Martin County

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 MABEE K, 990 FNL 2000 FEL, SEC 1 BLK HA, HA MOORE SUR., A-916 14000', 13 W TARZAN

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 13 UNIVERSITY 7-30, 660 FWL 1980 FNL, SEC 30 BLK 7, UL SUR. 12000', 13 NW TARZAN

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 4 NAIL RANCH 2, 687 FWL 2291 FSL, SEC 2 BLK 38 T1S, T&P/AM GOSNEY SUR., A-750 12800', 12 W STANTON

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 4 NAIL RANCH 3, 2222 FNL 2060 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 38 T1S, T&P SUR., A-292 12800', 13 W STANTON

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 6 NAIL RANCH 2, 2062 FWL 467 FNL, SEC 2 BLK 38 T1S, T&P/AM GOSNEY SUR., A-750 12800', 12 W STANTON

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 3 CR STATE 28, 1028 FEL 1245 FNL, SEC 28 BLK 35 T2N, T&P/ WC WESTFALL SUR., A-1172 11900', 8 E LENORAH

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC CEDAR FLATS (MISS) (O) DRILL Well# 5 NAIL RANCH 2, 687 FWL 620 FNL, SEC 2 BLK 38 T1S, T&P SUR., A-750 12800', 12 W STANTON

CROWNQUEST OPERATING, LLC PAUL PAGE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 NAIL RANCH 3, 467 FWL 849 FNL, SEC 3 BLK 38 T1S, T&P SUR., A-292 12800', 13 W STANTON

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP J.L.M. (MISSISSIPPIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 2 PIER 22, 1856 FWL 2650 FSL, SEC 22 BLK 37 T2N, T&P/ PC TOM SUR., A-906 12000', 3 W TARZAN

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 ROB 25, 660 FSL 2174 FWL, SEC 25 BLK 35 T3N, T&P SUR., A-96 12000', 7 SW ACKERLY

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 EILAND 34, 467 FEL 2183 FNL, SEC 34 BLK 37 T1N, T&P/ J SCHARBAUER SUR., A-1147 12000', 8 NW STANTON

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP J.L.M. (MISSISSIPPIAN) (O) (RE-ENTER) Well# 2 KOGER 6, 610 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 6 BLK 35 T3N, T&P/CC KOGER SUR., A-769 12000', 0.09 N FLOWER GROVE

HENRY RESOURCES LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2033 KIMBERLY, 1169 FEL 1320 FNL, SEC 20 BLK 39 T1N, T&P/ LL REIGER SUR., A-799 12500', 22 W STANTON

HENRY RESOURCES LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1938 KIMBERLY, 1041 FWL 1094 FSL, SEC 19 BLK 39 T1N, T&P SUR., A-436 12500', 22 W STANTON

HENRY RESOURCES LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1740 KIMBERLY, 1 FSL 1265 FEL, SEC 17 BLK 39 T1N, T&P SUR., A-306 12500', 22 W STANTON

JM COX RES., LP SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 3 BRYANT, 467 FNL 467 FWL, SEC 39 BLK 35 T1N, T&P SUR., A-60 12000', 6 NE STANTON

LINN OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND DEV) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 34A BILLIE COX, 4687 FNL 853 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 34 T3N, T&P/ TW COTTEN SUR., A-1102 12000', 25 N STANTON

LINN OPERATING, INC. PAUL PAGE (ATOKA) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 3 TCM, 660 FNL 1977 FWL, SEC 48 BLK A, BAUER & COCKRELL SUR., A-1122 11000', 17 NE STANTON

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3312 SOUTH CURTIS RANCH, 1113 FSL 1533 FEL, SEC 33 BLK 39 T1N, T&P SUR., A-312 12500', 8 NW MIDLAND

OXY USA INC. LOWE (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 103 MABEE 239D, 2014 FSL 2016 FEL, SEC 1 BLK 39 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-406 13000', 16 N MIDLAND

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC PAUL PAGE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 GAYNELLE 24, 467 FWL 467 FNL, SEC 259, BORDEN CSL/LABOR 24 LEAGUE 259 SUR., A-590 13000', 29 NW STANTON

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC PAUL PAGE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 1 ROBASON 18, 467 FWL 467 FSL, SEC 259, BORDEN CSL/LABOR 18 LEAGUE 259 SUR., A-590 13000', 29 NW STANTON

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) DRILL Well# 6 MABEE FOUNDATION, 467 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 15 BLK 38 T1S, T&P SUR., A-298 11800', 7 NE MIDLAND

Midland County

BERRY OIL COMP. W LOWE (STRAWN) (O) (FDTFR) Well# 1 SCHARBAUER, 456 FSL 467 FWL, SEC 36 BLK 41 T1S, T&P/ TB TRIPP SUR., A-1149 10720', 12 NW MIDLAND

CAZA OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1D ELKINS, 950 FWL 1110 FSL, SEC 34 BLK 38 T1S, T&P/ CD CARROLL SUR., A-1068 7450', 5 E MIDLAND

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP BETTY SUE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 4 BRANCH 102, 467 FEL 660 FSL, SEC 102, LF HEARD/TE BIZZELL SUR., A-1395 12000', 7 SE MIDLAND

Mitchell County

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Pecos County

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Reeves County

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J. CLEO THOMPSON WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 5 JORDAN 51-16, 1980 FNL 610 FWL, SEC 16 BLK 51 T7S, T&P/ MRS MJ BROWN SUR., A-1944 13500', 11 S PECOS

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Sterling County

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Ward County

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CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H CROCKETT 1-27 WRD, 75 FNEL 500 FSEL, SEC 27 BLK 1, W&NW SUR., A-333 16000', 10 N BARSTOW

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H GREENBLATT 71 WRD, 500 FNWL 2800 FNEL, SEC 71, MRS PA BLACK/ S COWAN SUR., A-1120 12000', 12 NW BARSTOW

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H CROCKETT 1-37 WRD, 265 FNEL 1980 FNWL, SEC 37 BLK 1, W&NW SUR., A-336 12000', 13 NW BARSTOW

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ)(37) Well# 2H CROCKETT 1-27 WRD, 250 FNEL 1820 FSEL, SEC 27 BLK 1, W&NW SUR., A-333 16000', 10 N BARSTOW

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OXY USA, INC. COLLIE (DELAWARE) (O/G) DRILL Well# 28 WORSHAM 42, 9769 FNEL 534 FNWL, SEC 42 BLK 33, H&TC/ CA MARTIN SUR., A-1313 6800', 3 E PECOS

OXY USA, INC. COLLIE (DELAWARE) (O/G) DRILL Well# 27 WORSHAM 42, 11941 FNEL 1280 FNWL, SEC 42 BLK 33, H&TC SUR. 6800', 3 E PECOS

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WHITING O&G CORP. N WARD-ESTES (O/G) DRILL Well# 1715 HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 2507 FSL 2221 FWL, SEC 6 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-124 3600', 6 SE MONAHANS

WHITING O&G CORP. N WARD-ESTES (O/G) DRILL Well# 1731 HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 1482 FNL 378 FEL, SEC 7 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-125 3600', 6 SE MONAHANS

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WHITING O&G CORP. N WARD-ESTES (O/G) DRILL Well# 1712 HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 860 FNL 2134 FEL, SEC 7 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-125 3600', 6 SE MONAHANS

WHITING O&G CORP. N WARD-ESTES (O/G) DRILL Well# 1710 HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 2084 FNL 1416 FWL, SEC 7 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-125 3600', 6 SE MONAHANS

WHITING O&G CORP. N WARD-ESTES (O/G) DRILL Well# 1709 HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 2486 FSL 403 FEL, SEC 6 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-124 3600', 6 SE MONAHANS

WHITING O&G CORP. N WARD-ESTES (O/G) DRILL Well# 1714 HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 534 FSL 1085 FEL, SEC 7 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-125 3600', 6 SE MONAHANS

WHITING O&G CORP. N WARD-ESTES (O/G) DRILL Well# 1704 HUTCHINGS STOCK ASSN, 489 FSL 1589 FWL, SEC 6 BLK O, G&MMB&A SUR., A-124 3600', 6 SE MONAHANS

Winkler County

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Crosby County

JUNO OPER. CO. II LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 4678 WHEELER-1046, 660 FSL 100 FEL, SEC 1046 BLK 1, H&OB/WW BROWN SUR., A-936 5000', 10 NE SLATON

JUNO OPER. CO. II LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 7201 CADDELL-1072 ETAL, 1 FNL 660 FWL, SEC 1072, EL&RR SUR., A-1149 5000', 11 NE SLATON

Dickens County

CANAN MOWREY OPER., LLC TRIFECTA (TANNEHILL) (O) DRILL Well# 1 BULL RUN, 467 FSL 2260 FEL, SEC 183 BLK 1, H&GN SUR., A-98 7200', 5 SW SPUR

Floyd County

TYNER TEXAS OPER. CO. MCINTOSH (PENN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 JONES, 2009 FSL 622 FEL, SEC 134 BLK 1, B&B/GH POULSON SUR., A-1597 10946', 3 W DOUGHERTY

Gaines County

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC SE TEX-MEX (WICH ALB) (O) DRILL Well# 2 FERGUSON, 335 FSL 335 FWL, SEC 19 BLK A11, PSL SUR., A-410 7850', 22 SW SEMINOLE

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC SE TEX-MEX (WICH ALB) (O) DRILL Well# 1 FERGUSON, 335 FSL 335 FEL, SEC 19 BLK A11, PSL/RO COOK SUR., A-410 7850', 22 SW SEMINOLE

Garza County

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Hockley County

TEXON OIL CO., INC. WEEKS (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 3 WEEKS B, 467 FNL 2495 FEL, SEC 92 BLK A, RM THOMSON SUR., A-128 7000', 17 NE LEVELLAND

Scurry County

KINDER MORGAN PROD. CO. LLC KELLY-SNYDER (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 30-22H SACROC UNIT, 275 FSL 2104 FEL, SEC 392 BLK 97, H&TC/ MRS A MARTIN SUR., A-1512 7250', 8 N SNYDER

Yoakum County

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON (O/G)DRILL (DIREC) Well# 3358 DENVER UNIT, 655 FSL 973 FWL, SEC 862 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ MRS A MILLER SUR., A-1560 5600', 3 NW DENVER CITY

New Mexico

Eddy County

LRE Operating LLC
Resler State #5
NE Red Lake; Sec 25 T17S R27E; 530/S & 330/E; 10 mi SE Artesia; Rot 3850 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40308

LRE Operating LLC
Marathon 26 State #33
Artesia; Sec 26 T17S R28E; 440/N & 980/E;10 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 4200 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40307

COG Operating LLC
MC State #6
Empire; Sec 23 T17S R28E; 2310/S & 2125/E; 10 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 5250 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40285

COG Operating LLC
Maple State #14
NE Red Lake; Sec 30 T17S R28E; 205/N & 990/W; 10.5 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40286

Apache Corp.
D State #76
Artesia; Sec 25 T17S R28E; 2270/S & 1040/E; 9 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40309

Apache Corp.
D State #77
Artesia; Sec 25 T17S R28E; 1786/S & 1620/E; 9 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-4031011

Apache Corp.
D State #78
Artesia; Sec 25 T17S R28E; 350/S & 1835/E; 9 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40311

Apache Corp.
D State #79
Artesia; Sec 26 T17S R28E; 170/S & 990/E; 10 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40312

Apache Corp.
D State #80
Artesia; Sec 26 T17S R28E; 390/S & 2415/W; 10 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40313

Apache Corp.
D State #81
Artesia; Sec 35 T17S R28E; 520/N & 1155/E; 10 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40314

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #527
Burch Keely; Sec 13 T17S R29E; 1980/S & 2615/E; 3 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40315

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #531
Burch Keely; Sec 13 T17S R29E; 1980/S & 1309/W; 3 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40316

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely #532
Burch Keely; Sec 13 T17S R29E; 2615/N & 1950/W; 3 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40317

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #649
GB-Jackson; Sec 19 T17S R30E; 1225/S & 2392/E; 2 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-40298

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #913
GB-Jackson; Sec 19 T17S R30E; 245/S & 660/E; 2 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-40299

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #914
GB-Jackson; Sec 19 T17S R30E; 995/N & 2289/W; 2 mi W Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-40300

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Wyatt Draw 13 OB #1
North Seven Rivers; Sec 24 T19S R25E; 250/N & 2190/E; 4.5 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 7500 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40302

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Wyatt Draw 13 PA #1
North Seven Rivers; Sec 24 T19S R25E; 190/N & 970/E; 4.5 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 7500 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40301

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Wyatt Draw 13 NC #1
North Seven Rivers; Sec 24 T19S R25S; 225/N & 1670/W; 4.5 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 7500 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40303

Mewbourne Oil Co.
West Draw 5 NO #1
North Seven Rivers; Sec 8 T20S R25E; 100/N & 1670/W; 6.5 mi SW Lakewood; Rot 7600 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40290

COG Operating LLC
Puckett 13 Federal #2
Fren; Sec 13 T17S R31E; 105/S & 957/W; 4 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 4800 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-40304

Devon Energy Production Co LP
Turquoise PWU 27 #8
Parkway; Sec 27 T19S R29E; 390/N & 340/W; 14 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 11506 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40289

Apache Corp.
Lee Federal #61
Cedar Lake; Sec 17 T17S R31E; 850/S & 1680/E; 4.5 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6500 Glo/Yates; API #30-015-40293

Apache Corp.
Lee Federal #62
Cedar Lake; Sec 17 T17S R31E; 900/S & 900/W; 4.5 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6500 Glo/Yates; API #30-015-40294

Apache Corp.
Lee Federal #63
Cedar Lake; Sec 20 T17S R31E; 2275/N & 1670/E; 5 mi E Loco Hills; Rot 6500 Glo/Yates; API #30-015-40295

Bopco LP
BEU Hackberry 34 Federal #1
SWD; Sec 34 T19S R31E; 800/N & 825/E; 8 mi NW Halfway; Rot 14500 Devonian; API #30-015-40288

Mack Energy Corp.
Knight Federal Com #1
Indian Basin; Sec 3 T23S R23E; 330/S & 660/W; 16.5 mi NW White City; Rot 6705 Yeso; API #30-015-40305

Nadel & Gussman Permian LLC
Texas Eagle #1
Five Mile; Sec 13 T18S R25E; 2310/N & 330/E; 5.5 mi SW Artesia; Rot 6900 Yeso; API #30-015-39965

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Glow Worm ALX Federal #8
Livingston Ridge; Sec 3 T23S R31E; 200/N & 1800/W; 16.5 mi NW White City; Rot 12968 Delaware; API #30-015-40291

Manzano LLC
Ruby State Com #2
Willow Lake; Sec 30 T24S R29E; 1700/S & 350/E; 4 mi SE Malaga; Rot 11657 Bone Spring; API #30-015-40287

Bopco LP
Poker Lake Unit #392
Poker Lake; Sec 20 T24S R31E; 200/N & 1900/W; 16 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13673 Delaware; API #30-015-40296

Lea County

XTO Energy Inc.
Estancia SED #1
West Triple X; Sec 31 T23S R33E; 330/S & 1980/W; 11 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 11070 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40591

XTO Energy Inc.
Mia Amigos #1
West Triple X; Sec 31 T23S R33E; 330/S & 1980/E; 11 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 11090 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40590

COG Operating LLC
S C Federal #1
West Maljamar; Sec 22 T17S R32E; 2345/S & 225/E; 2 mi S Maljamar; Rot 7100 Yeso; API #30-025-40592

COG Operating LLC
S C Federal #2
West Maljamar; Sec 22 T17S R32E; 1650/S & 940/E; 2 mi S Maljamar; Rot 7100 Yeso; API #30-025-40586

COG Operating LLC
S C Federal #7
West Maljamar; Sec 22 T17S R32E; 2210/S & 915/E; 2 mi S Maljamar; Rot 7100 Yeso; API #30-025-40587

COG Operating LLC
S C Federal #8
West Maljamar; Sec 22 T17S R32E; 1650/S & 330/E; 2 mi S Maljamar; Rot 7100 Yeso; API #30-025-40593

COG Producing LLC
Triste Draw 5 State #2
Mesa Verde; Sec 5 T24S R32E; 380/N & 1750/W; 15 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 10800 Delaware; API #30-025-40581

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw 32 State Com #1
North Paduca; Sec 32 T24S R32E; 2310/S & 660/E; 15 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 15506 Delaware; API #30-025-40583

Devon Energy Production Co.
Cotton Draw Unit #157
Paduca; Sec 18 T25S R32E; 330/N & 660/W; 16 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 12797 Delaware; API #30-025-40584

COG Producing LLC
Eata Fajita State #1
West Triple X; Sec 8 T24S R33E; 330/N & 330/W; 9 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15319 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40582

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Norte 13 HE Federal #1
East Lusk; Sec 13 T19S R32E; 1780/N & 330/E; 7.5 mi NE Halfway; Rot 14234 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40588

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Norte 18 Federal #1
Tonto; Sec 18 T19S R33E; 1760/N & 375/W; 8 mi NE Halfway; Rot 14200 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40589

EOG Resources Inc.
Black Bear 36 St #5
Red Hills; Sec 36 T25S R33E; 1420/N & 1320/E; 9 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 10450 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40585

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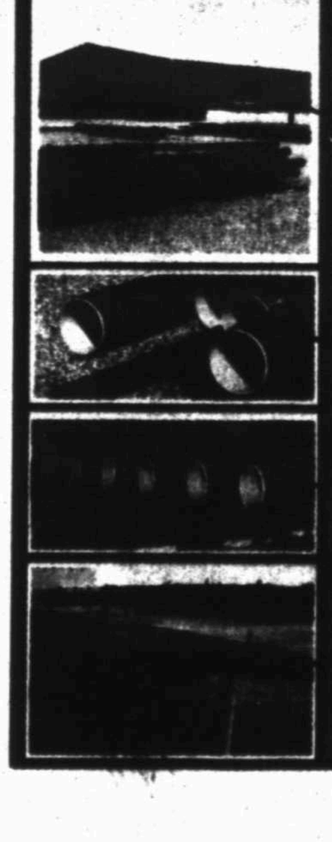

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Entertainment Editor

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— an advertisement in the Centennial Edition of the Reporter-Telegram, published July 4, 1985

A half-century ago in 1962 Dr. Lara Hoggard was approached about conducting the Midland Symphony. He told the Reporter-Telegram in 1982 his reply to the offer was, "'If these two towns will go together, I think you could do something.' I could see then that the destiny of the two towns (in terms of an orchestra) could be as one."

This year the MOSC is celebrating its 50th season and doing so in the multi-million dollar Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center with a Sept. 14 deadline for subscription memberships. For the first time the MOSC is offering a season sponsorship.

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Dr. Thomas Hohstadt, who teaches at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, was conductor of the MOSC in 1982 when Hoggard returned to West Texas to act as a judge in the National Young Artist Competition and spoke with the Reporter-Telegram about the organization's formative years.

His suggestion to combine the two orchestras, Hoggard recalled, met "with a lot of shaking heads."

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Western Perspective: Art & Creativity in West Texas - 9:30 p.m. A look at West Texans involved in the arts, including landscape photography and performance theater. Basin PBS For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Ellen Noël Art Museum: EXHIBIT: The West Texas Triangle (WTT), a collaboration of five art museums and a region-wide exhibition of sculpture, painting, prints and ceramic works by international contemporary artist Catherine Lee through Aug. 12. And: Grass Roots: African Origins of an American Art. Through Aug. 12 and Flour Girls: Mixed Media Art by Letitia Huckaby through Aug. 26. www.noelartmuseum.org 432-550-9696.

George W. Bush Childhood Home: HISTORIC HOME: Home to two presidents, two governors and a first lady. Listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and restored to the 1950s period when the Bush family lived in the home. Gift shop for interesting souvenirs, Christmas ornaments, gifts, 1950s toys, books, clothing, patriotic items and much more. 1412 West Ohio, 685-1112 Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 North Weatherford, 682-5447. Open by appointment.

Museum of the Southwest: Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts Series: Rock 'n' Roll and "The Shades" hosted by 97 Gold and Sponsored by House of Printing. Evening theme is "Classic Car Night." 7:45 p.m. Free. For more information call 683-2882

Odessa College LRC: 201 West University Call 432-335-6640 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

MONDAY

Haley Library and History Center: ART SHOW: An exhibition of paintings selected from the Holt Cattle Corporation Collection through Oct. 12. Permanent collections including paintings, bronzes, firearms and artifacts that exhibit pioneer settlement of the Great Southwest and the cattle industry, 1805 West Indiana. 432-682-5785. Regular hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

Midland Arts Association: EXHIBIT: Paintings of Jennifer Marie Talley, artist for the month of August, Community National Bank lobby, 401 West Texas. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

Midland Community Symphonic Band: Weekly meeting. New members always welcome. 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. For more information call Walter McClure at 432-260-7136.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: An exhibit honoring World War II veterans is now in place, in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 West Missouri. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2-5 p.m. Call 432-682-2931 or 432-688-8947 Free

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Midland County Public Library: Circulating art prints: Hundreds of art prints are available for circulation. 301 West Missouri Ave. For more information call Diana at 432-688-4334.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: Museum hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1500 Interstate 20 West, 432-683-4403. Admission charged.

Scarborough-Lingberry House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 South Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Sibley Nature Center is offering Bug Camp for students going into the fourth through sixth grades. The camp Aug. 13-16 from 9 a.m. to noon is a four-day introductory field lab class to entomology and arthropod biology. Fees are $50 for Sibley Nature Center members and $80 for non members. Up to two full scholarships are offered each session for students with financial difficulties. For more information and registration contact Michael Nickell at the Sibley Nature Center at 684-6827 or go to the Sibley Nature Center website at www.sibleynaturecenter.org for registration and additional information.

Sibley Nature Center: Center for learning about the flora, fauna, and natural and human history of the Southern Llano Estacado, 1307 East Wadley. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Volunteers keep the center open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Call 432-684-6827 for information on art and photography classes.

TUESDAY

Blakemore Planetarium: Permanent exhibits open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission charged. Closed Sunday and Monday. A Sky Show is playing every Tuesday through Friday at 4:15 p.m. and Friday evenings at 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. with two shows on Saturdays at 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. 1705 West Missouri Ave. For more information call 683-2882.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Regular museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1705 West Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: "Pueblo to Pueblo" in the South Wing Galleries through Aug. 12. Presented in collaboration with Smith Kramer Fine Art nearly 70 vessels and supporting materials and augmented by pieces from the MSW Archeology collection. EXHIBIT: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection on view all year, Hogan Gallery. EXHIBIT: The Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Pick up a walking guide with descriptions of all sculptures. EXHIBIT: Contemporary Artist Series presents: William Stone, photography, in the Here and Now Gallery, through Aug. 26. 1705 West Missouri, 683-2882 Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Donations Welcome.

The Palette Club: Join members for painting time 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays. No painting on monthly meeting days. Contact Clara Johnson at 352-8297 for more information.

White-Pool House Museum: National Register of Historical Places. Texas Historical Landmark Texas Archaeological Landmark. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 East Murphy St., Odessa, 432-333-4072. Free.

WEDNESDAY

The Palette Club Join us for painting time on Wednesday mornings each week from 9 until noon. No painting on monthly meeting days. Contact Clara Johnson at 432-352-8297 for more information.

The Palette Club: The artwork of Don McSparran is on display in the lobby of the downtown location of Chase Bank, 2301 W. Missouri, in Midland throughout the month of August. Be sure to stop in and see his work. Call Susan May if you would like an opportunity to exhibit your work 432-634-1795.

Parker House Ranching Museum: Permanent collection of Tom Lea and his work, also featuring area local history exhibits. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 1118 Maple, Odessa, 432-335-9918. Free.

FRIDAY

Summer Mummers: "Scurrilousness Among the Stars" or "May the Farce Be With You." 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday through Sept. 1. Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. Tickets: $20 for the pit, $15 for the house, $10 for the balcony and $5 for the gallery. Not recommended for those under 16. For reservations call 570-4111 or go by Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Basin PBS: The Big Band Years - 4 p.m. Peter Marshall hosts this celebration of big bands of the 1930s and '40s. Included: Glenn Miller, Harry James, Benny Goodman and Cab Calloway, as well as singers Helen O'Connell and Bob Eberly (Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra), the Pied Pipers (Tommy Dorsey Orchestra) and Frank Sinatra (Tommy Dorsey Orchestra) Basin PBS For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Great Performances - 8 p.m. Tanglewood 75th Anniversary Celebration James Taylor, Yo-Yo Ma, pianists Emanuel Ax and Peter Serkin, violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter, the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Boston Pops Orchestra perform at the 75th anniversary celebration of the Tanglewood Music Festival in western Massachusetts.

The Globe Theater: 7:30 p.m. Whenever It Rains by Rick Smith. Following 18 months of little rain, the Globe Theater is bringing back this popular show, originally written for Odessa's centennial celebration but seems especially fitting for today. Through a series of vignettes, Whenever it Rains interprets Odessa's early history in an entertaining manner for audiences of all ages. For tickets call 432-580-3177 or hamlet@globesw.org for more information.

SATURDAY

Basin PBS: The Lawrence Welk Show Big Band Splash — 6 p.m. Doc Severinsen hosts this collection of big band classics from the "Lawrence Welk Show," including his 1972 visit to the music showcase. Among the featured tunes: "In the Mood"; "Let's Dance"; "One O'Clock Jump"; "Sentimental Journey"; "Sweet Georgia Brown"; "St. Louis Blues"; "Sugar Blues"; "Little Brown Jug"; "When My Baby Smiles at Me"; "Ring Them Bells"; "Boogie Woogie"; "Panama"; "Rhapsody in Blue"; "Take the A Train"; and "Begin the Beguine." Basin PBS For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Chris Isaak Live! Beyond the Sun - 8 p.m. Chris Isaak performs at the Moody Theater in Austin, where guests include rockabilly legend Wanda Jackson. Basin PBS For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Foreigner: Live in Chicago - 9:30 p.m. Foreigner performs at the Arcada Theatre near Chicago. Included: "Double Vision," "Head Games," "Cold as Ice," "Waiting for a Girl Like You," "Feels Like the First Time," "Urgent," "I Want to Know What Love Is," "Hot Blooded" and "Juke Box Hero." Basin PBS For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

WoodSongs - 11 p.m. Imelda May & April Verch.

The Globe Theater 7:30 p.m. "Whenever it Rains" by Rick Smith. Following 18 months of little rain, the Globe Theater is bringing back this popular show, originally written for Odessa's centennial celebration but seems especially fitting for today. Through a series of vignettes, "Whenever it Rains" interprets Odessa's early history in an entertaining manner for audiences of all ages. For tickets call 432-580-3177 or hamlet@globesw.org for more information.

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"DOUBLE OVERTIME"
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ACROSS

1 Madison Ave. figure
6 DEA employees
11 Convert into an anesthetic
19 Much of Egypt
21 Hawaiian welcome
22 "I like your invention!"
23 "Like Disneyland, vis-à-vis theme parks
25 "Perform efficiently
26 Rd. atlas listings
27 Dessert cart array
28 Friars Club main courses?
30 Tokyo-based electronics giant
31 Dancer Falana
32 Crochet loop
34 "Take a shot at it"
37 Meal
40 Amy Winehouse's reaction to rehab, in the song
41 British Invasion drummer
42 Baker with the breakout album "Rapture"
43 Oft-quoted Yogi
44 Unwanted tabloid fame
48 "Tryst venue
50 Mad as __ hen
51 Berry touted as a superfood
52 Old Russian ruler
53 "WKRP" costar with Gary, Gordon, Howard et al
54 __ Island NY/NJ landmark
55 Hearty partner
56 Current designation
58 DNA shape
61 "May It Be" singer
63 __ Wolf, Disney comics kid
64 "They'll Do It Every Time" cartoonist Jimmy
67 "Bit of campaign nastiness
69 Green course
71 Drop the ball
72 First-year law student
75 Wreck
76 Job particular
78 Letters to creditors?
80 Central Florida city
82 They may stay till closing time
84 Four-ring-logo company
88 "The lady __ protest ...": "Hamlet"
89 Lake __, Blue Nile source
90 "Get-rich-quick buy
93 Oscar winner's words
95 Nebraska's largest city
96 Physicist Bohr
97 Twix or Trix, e.g.
98 "Permission granted"
100 "Juno and the Paycock" playwright
101 Boil
103 Caterpillar rival
104 Some faux outerwear
105 Routine
106 Ahab's kingdom
109 Confirmation, e.g.
110 __ TV: Court TV since 2008
113 "Writer's bottom line?
116 "1978 Commodores hit
120 Joined the Navy
121 Rob of "90210"
122 St. Francis's birthplace
123 Six-pack units
124 Score notations
125 Prop for Monet

DOWN

1 Deadly snakes
2 Blowgun missile
3 P-like letters
4 Enjoy, with "up"
5 Offer
6 Afternoon breaks
7 "American Gladiators" co-host Laila
8 Mythical bird
9 Patio bagful
10 Tavern
11 Nog basics
12 Traffic sound
13 "Absolutely perfect
14 Shogun stronghold
15 Score slow-up: Abbr.
16 "Remind me"
17 Not as many
18 '50s TV adventurer __ Derringer
20 Leaning
24 Vote for
29 Like some 20th-century music
31 Indirect and creative, as thinking
32 White House entrance
33 Memo starter
35 Stick in a scull
36 Dickens baddie Heep
37 Lose control
38 Baseball's Slaughter
39 Pocket bread
40 Light on Broadway
41 Oktoberfest purchase
43 College QB, often
45 Barn baby
46 Sylvester's "Rocky" co-star
47 Triangular sign
49 Honorary legal deg.
54 K-12
57 Bit of 48-Across talk
59 Other, in Oaxaca
60 The Bengals of the Big Sky Conf.
62 Widow in "Peer Gynt"
64 Alpine heroine
65 Forster's "__ With a View"
66 "Honestly ..."
67 Flier
68 In "Wicked," say
70 Trees favored by giraffes
73 "Zilch"
74 Online greeting
76 Ancient public walkway
77 SFO setting
79 Brief
81 Fancy-schmancy
83 Emperor after Galba
85 Luau instruments
86 Take-out order?
87 Wee
90 Lesser-of-evils situation
91 "A Book of Verses underneath the Bough" poet
92 Bump up
94 Slangy turndown
99 Seesaw
100 "I'm __ here!"
101 They may be blown or cracked
102 Low-budget lead-in
104 In good shape
107 British submachine gun
108 Wine list heading
109 Supreme leader?
110 Speaker of Cooperstown
111 It's romantic to give one
112 Condo expense: Abbr.
114 __ Maria: liqueur
115 Presidential policy support gp.
117 There are two of them in each starred ans.
118 Worked (up)
119 Flight safety org.

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

A finesse with no entry

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠7 5 4
♡Q 8 7
♢Q 6 4
♣7 5 4 3

WEST
♠Q 10 9 6 2
♡10 6 3
♢K 9 7
♣9 6

EAST
♠K 8
♡J 9 5 4 2
♢10 5 2
♣10 8 2

SOUTH
♠A J 3
♡A K
♢A J 8 3
♣A K Q J

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♣	Pass	2♢	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♠

Textbooks will tell you that 26 points are enough to make nine tricks at no-trump. However, when almost all the points are concentrated in one hand that is seldom the case.

South constructed a bidding sequence to show a balanced hand of 25-27 points. Considering his two queens, North was more than happy with the contract's chances.

West led the 10 of spades, top of an interior sequence, and East put up the king. Declarer gets home by winning the trick and leading a diamond to the queen, but that would be fatal should it be East who holds the king. A spade return through the jack would force South to bend the knee. Holding up the spade ace for two rounds then leading a diamond to the queen would be fatal if the king were with West. Declarer found a line that was bound to succeed no matter who held the monarch. East's king of spades was allowed to win the first trick and the spade return was taken with ace. The king and ace of hearts were cashed, followed by three rounds of clubs. Now West was thrown in with the jack of spades.

The best the defender could do was to take two more spade tricks, on which declarer discarded two diamonds from both dummy and the closed hand. But then, reduced to red cards, West would be forced to present declarer with the contract. A heart would be won in dummy as declarer discarded the jack of diamonds from hand, while a diamond would be into declarer's tenace and that too would be nine tricks.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Aug. 5, 2012:
This year you frequently look at the big picture, and you'll make better decisions. Curb a tendency to over-do things or to overindulge yourself. ARIES is very impulsive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Handle a personal matter in the morning. This issue could involve a parent or elder. By midday, your energy will soar. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You know what you want and clearly have a chosen direction. Accomplish key matters in the morning. Tonight: Not to be found.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You draw admirers into your camp. How you see a situation could change after you hear more feedback from other parties. Tonight: As if there is no tomorrow.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Touch base with someone at a distance. Exchanging news will make you feel as if you are in the same town. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Your sweetie makes it clear that he or she wants more of your time. You could enjoy a very leisurely day together if you do not answer the phone. Tonight: Choose the unusual.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You might be exchanging so many hellos and well wishes wherever you are that you'll want a nap afterward. Tonight: Dinner for two.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could be surprised by how much a lazy morning could mean. Sometimes not being accountable is important for you and for others. Tonight: Love the one you are with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Enjoy a childlike person in your life; he or she absolutely adores you. When you start interacting with this person, you'll feel like a kid, too. Tonight: Start thinking about tomorrow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Getting going might be a slow process, if for no other reason than it's just habit. Break past barriers and do what you want in the daylight hours. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Making morning calls and visiting with a key person could keep you busy into the middle part of the day. Invite family over for an early dinner. Tonight: Relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Be aware of how much you give to people, and not necessarily in the form of money or material assets. Tonight: Return emails.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max, when others appear to be more responsive to your energy. Tonight: Have a talkt.

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BORN TODAY
Author Wendell Berry (1934), former NASA astronaut Neil Armstrong (1930), poet Conrad Aiken (1889)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

THE WEEK AHEAD

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin July 11-17

TODAY

Lawn concerts

The Summer Sunday Lawn Concert series concludes with The Shades performing at 7:45 p.m. today at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

This concert is sponsored by House of Printing and 97 Gold.

The Hotdog Man and Little Jimmy's Italian Ice will be present. All of the free performances have been made possible through the generosity of the musicians and sponsors.

The series is underwritten by the Reporter-Telegram and CBS-7.

Drama

ODESSA — The history of Odessa unfolds in Rick Smith's "Whenever it Rains" on stage at the Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road. Curtain is at 7 p.m.

The production is being directed by Maija Johnson-Horne. Remaining production dates and times are 2:30 p.m. today and 7 p.m. Saturday. For reservations call 580-3177 or 432-332-1586.

MONDAY

Exhibition

Paintings from the Holt Cattle Corporation Collection are hanging at the Haley Memorial Library and History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave., through Oct. 12.

These paintings have never been offered for exhibition to the general public and represent the collecting efforts of Midlanders Bobby and Joan Holt over a period of 35 years. The paintings, which are part of a larger collection, are focused on the Western genre. Most artists represented in the exhibition were or are members of the Cowboy Artists of America and/or the National Association of Western Artists.

The library is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is no charge to view the exhibition. The library is closed Labor Day.

FRIDAY

Melodrama

"Scurrilousness Among the Stars" or "May the Farce Be With You" is onstage weekends through Sept. 1 at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave.

The melodrama is directed by Cody Tumlin with old-fashioned silent-film sequences, known as the Moviola, directed by Roger Barnes. The evening closes with the All-American Olio — a series of short sketches — directed by Phil Tytanic and choreographed by Misti Tytanic. All proceeds from the Summer Mummers go to benefit the operating budget of Midland Community Theatre, Inc.

Tickets are $20 for the pit, $15 for the house, $10 for the balcony and $5 for the gallery. The show is not recommended for those under 16. For reservations call 570-4111 or go by Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

UPCOMING

Exhibit

The American Plains Artists 28th annual Juried Exhibit and Sale is set for Aug. 16-Oct. 14 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

The opening reception is set for 6 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 16. Award winners will be announced at that time. The public is invited to attend.

Juror for the show is sculptor John Coleman, a member of the Cowboy Artists of America and the National Sculpture Society of New York.

Dinner theater

ODESSA — Dinner Theatre has returned to Dee's Bistro, 622 N. Lee Ave. at 7th Street, with Larry Shue's "The Nerd" presented by Mark 10 Theatricals. The final two performances are set for 7 p.m. Aug. 17 and 5 p.m. Aug. 19.

The play is being directed by Mark Tenniswood and stars Odessa stage veterans Brock Bizzell, Andrea Harbin, Morgan McKeehan, George Melonakos, Brandon Ramirez and Shannon Rusnack.

"The Nerd" is recommended for adults for mild language (PG). The $25 admission includes chicken, brisket or vegetarian entrée and all the trimmings, plus dessert and the show. A cash bar will be available.

Reservations must be paid 24 hours in advance, or tickets cannot be guaranteed. Reservations can be made online at www.mark10theatricals.com, or by calling 432- 853-5249.

Concert series

Live on Stage has announced that all concerts for the 2012-2013 season will be held at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

The acts performing during the season include Papa Doo Run Run, Sept. 11; Redhead Express & The Walker Family, Oct. 2; Collin Raye, Nov. 8; Masters of Motown, Feb. 9, 2013; Terry Barber, Feb. 25, 2013; and 42Five, May 13, 2013.

Season tickets if purchased by June 30 are $70 adults and $35 children 18 years old and younger. All single tickets are $30. After June 30, adult season tickets are $75. All performances are at 7 p.m. unless otherwise notified.

New arrangements with the center have made it possible to have the same policy in regard to open seating as in years past.

For more information, go to www.liveonstage-pb.com or call Live on Stage, 789-1249.

The Who fans trade in 1979 tickets 33 years later

By Michelle Smith
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — It was December 1979 when Emery Lucier learned the concert he was eagerly awaiting in Rhode Island by British rock band The Who had been canceled over safety concerns. The 17-year-old was so angry he knocked over a chair in his high school classroom.

"I just remember being so upset about the whole thing," he said.

Lucier, now 50, of Milford, Mass., held onto the ticket, for which he paid $25 ($12.50 for the ticket and $12.50 more for the scalper). On Tuesday, he and nine other people traded in tickets from that canceled show and got new ones for The Who's final appearance on its Quadrophenia tour in February at the Dunkin Donuts Center, the same venue it was supposed to play 33 years ago.

The venue's general manager, Lawrence Lepore, said earlier this month he would honor tickets for the 1979 show, which then-Mayor Buddy Cianci canceled after a stampede before a Who concert in Ohio killed 11 people. Any 1979 tickets the venue receives will be donated to the Special Olympics of Rhode Island, which plans an August eBay auction of the 14 tickets turned in on Tuesday.

Ed McConnell, now 50, was a high school student in Pawtucket and planned to attend the concert with about 15 friends. He said he remembers the disappointment when he heard the concert was canceled, and even now can list reasons why it was a bad decision, among them that the concert had assigned seats and not festival seating — which is what was blamed for the stampede in Cincinnati.

"I still don't agree with it," McConnell said after trading in his and his brother's tickets for the show.

McConnell said he met Cianci once and took the opportunity to complain.

Sandy Ball exchanged two tickets that her brother, Stephen, now of Colonial Heights, Va., had waited in line for overnight when he was a college freshman. The tickets have moved 16 times since then with Stephen, who was in the military. Ball said her family remembers the day when he learned the show was canceled.

"We had to talk him off the cliff," she said.

Barry Belotti, now 53, of Fitchburg, Mass., estimates he's seen The Who 100 times but still remembers the canceled show in Providence. He had second-row tickets and had bought several other tickets for friends to come along.

"We were pretty upset about it," he said.

He got a refund on most of the tickets after the show was canceled but kept one as a memento in a binder filled with newspaper clippings about the band and photos of singer Pete Townshend. Belotti said he is planning to see the band play on four or five stops on this tour, one he's especially looking forward to because it's playing the 1973 album "Quadrophenia," which is especially meaningful for him.

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Fortunately for musicians and audiences alike, he was called back.

"The meeting was almost like facing Texas and A&M forces lined up on opposing sides of the room," said Hoggard, who died in 2007 at the age of 92.

That year (1962) the two organizations built central administrative offices and rehearsal facilities, now the Burton-Noel Center, near the Midland International Airport.

"It is an unusual situation to have two different boards for the same orchestra," Hoggard said. "I don't know of any other orchestra that has the same structure."

He was told, Hoggard said, "'This area is a sleeping giant.' And it was."

More than 400 showed up for the first Chorale auditions. The process took Hoggard and his wife, Mildred, over two months to complete.

The organization owes much of its success in the beginning to the musicians from the area as far north as Lubbock who would drive to rehearsals and performances. At one point, Hoggard said, the orchestra would not have made it had it not been for the 19 people who came from Lubbock three times a week for rehearsals. Bill and Ellen Noel of Odessa made that possible by paying the expenses and renting a bus for the trips.

To build support for the orchestra, Hoggard traveled 36,000 miles making 76 speeches, recruiting and auditioning throughout West Texas the first year. He spoke to civic clubs, high schools, music clubs, anyone who would listen to him.

The schools he visited wanted to give him an honorarium, a fee for having worked all day with their choirs and bands, which he accepted in the symphony's name. He then would have the money listed as a contribution and the school or group listed in the program as a contributing member.

His interest in music education led him to suggest a yearly competition. The annual National Young Artists Competition (now held every other year) was in its 20th year when he returned to West Texas in 1982 to act as a judge. During the formative years of the competition, Ruth Burton, in the name of her late husband, Raiford H. Burton, provided the financial impetus to make the competition possible.

Jerome Hines, following his "Evening of Opera Concert" with the symphony and chorale, told Hoggard, "It must be wonderful to work with something so vital and growing as this effort is out here. I've sung 'Boris Godunov' all over the world, and there were times last night when I thought I had not heard it performed better. You have a wonderful chorale and the orchestra is splendid."

Hoggard made many suggestions during the organization's formative years, and the open-minded response he received always amazed him. "Now that's West Texas," Hoggard said. "You see, there's no place on earth like it."

ALL THE DETAILS

THE MIDLAND-ODESSA SYMPHONY & CHORALE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

When: First concert 8 p.m. Sept. 22. Masterworks I: The Titan.

Where: All concerts for all MOSC ensembles: Wager Noël Performing Arts Center.

Masterworks concerts: 8 p.m. Sept. 22, Nov. 10, Jan. 19 and April 13.

Pops concerts: 8 p.m. Oct. 20, Dec. 1, March 2 and May 18.

Season Subscription Tickets: Eight reserved seats, four Pops and four Masterworks: conductor's circle/orchestra/parterre, $211; preferred mezzanine, $166; and general admission gallery, $121. Four reserved seats, Pops series only, conductor's circle/orchestra/parterre, $152; preferred mezzanine, $116; and general admission gallery, $80. Four reserved seats, Masterworks series only, conductor's circle/orchestra/parterre, $98; preferred mezzanine, $80; and general admission gallery, $62.

Single Ticket Pricing: Pops concerts: conductor's circle/orchestra/partarre, $42; preferred mezzanine, $32; and general admission gallery, $22. Masterworks concerts: conductor's circle/orchestra/parterre, $27; preferred mezzanine seating, $22; and general admission/gallery, $17.

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National Young Artists Competition: Finals 8 p.m. Jan. 12, Midland College, free.

Deadline: Complete and submit subscription by Sept. 14 to secure reserved seating.

For more information on the 50th season: call the MOSC, 563-0921.

Additional information on the organization: The organization's structure has changed during the years and now has one board with representation from both communities. What has remained consistent through the years is the support from the Midland Symphony Guild and the Odessa Symphony Guild. The Midland-Odessa Symphony Orchestra, under the guidance of Dr. Thomas Hohstadt, who was artistic director and symphony conductor for 15 seasons from 1973 to the spring of 1988, made its international debut in the early 1980s with several performances in Mexico.

Source: The Centennial Edition of the Reporter-Telegram published July 4, 1985, and the MOSC schedule provided by the organization.

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IN THE LIMELIGHT

GRAHAM DIXON

The second Tall City Blues Fest improved on some missteps from last year, and when I attended on the Saturday night, offered two first-rate acts that were preceded by one less pleasing. The VIP tent was not located backstage this year, the segues between acts were quick and not weighed down by endless charity appeals, while even the weather provided just a pleasant rather than an overwhelming heat.

And Heineken even was served along with domestic beers.

Music festivals are divided between those bands who play during the day and those that, like Johnny in the famous song, appear when the sun goes down. Occasionally one may catch the future star baking under the sun, playing to an empty space, but last Saturday this was not the case. Albert Castiglia lists his influences as Hendrix, SRV and Eric Clapton, among others, and his show was a pale pastiche of these and several other giants. He started with a riff that timidly echoed Voodoo Chile, then continued into a meandering solo that appeared — alarmingly — as if it might never end.

Castiglia should follow the example of the headlining acts — better to discover your own sound than to mimic genius.

Tommy Castro is a great guitarist, a charismatic performer and an artist who is aware of the audience while also becoming lost in the music. Particularly good in numbers that express personal meaning to him — "Going to San Francisco" because he is from the Bay Area, "You Can't Take the Road off of Me" because he, like so many artists, spends long miles and months traveling between cities. Castro smiles a lot more than most Blues artists, and also seems much happier with his own life, but underneath the Californian cheeriness lies a melancholy that cries out from his guitar.

At one point he came down into the audience for quite a time, effectively using the wonders of wireless amp feeds, and was almost in danger of being swamped. But luckily he made it back onto the stage and continued with the solo that had never stopped during his journey to the fans.

There was only one weak moment. One of the painkillers — the band goes by the Fiftiesesque moniker of Tommy Castro and the Painkillers — almost begged the audience to come closer to the stage, but they stayed resolutely in their bag chairs. It must have been clear by that time most of us were quite happy just sitting and listening.

So to the final act of the evening, the zany but electrifying JT Coldfire. Resembling a cross between Brutus from Popeye, a roadie gone to seed and a long-distance truck driver, Coldfire presents a resolutely non-flashy persona to the audience. His jeans look like they might fall down any moment, and a white towel hangs loosely from his belt to wipe away the sweat. But his guitar work is fantastic, possessed by some blues demon as he plays with everything from his pick to his teeth.

From close-up, JT Coldfire has a surprisingly sensitive, artistic face as he becomes lost in guitar solos. His voice has an artful range that he uses to good effect, such as in the soulfully sad "For the Last Time." Here was blues narrative at its best as he expressed — with words and guitar — the gut-wrenching sadness of a person who has been left.

In "Money Honey," Coldfire showed a humorous side, while in "I'm Feeling the Music," he asked for the crowd to make their voices heard in honor of all the artists who had played during the festival. But this was a supremely laid-back audience, and so they met Coldfire's plea with a few raised beer bottles and thrown glow necklaces and bracelets.

A successful Tall City Blues Fest, illuminated by a beautiful half-moon as it serenely made its way across the sky above the Hilton.

Roll on next year …

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Reviews of recent CDs

RICK ROSS
"God Forgives, I Don't"

Throughout his career, Rick Ross has declared himself a "bawse." On his latest album, the Miami rapper continues to live up to his catchphrase, proving he's one of the top bosses not just in hip-hop, but in music period.

His fifth solo album in six years is loaded with undeniable quality tunes, making his new offering his most well-balanced piece of work to date. It's clear that the burly, bearded Ross — who normally dons black shades — has made strides as a lyricist and storyteller.

His husky voice is full of bravado with eloquence that is easy to digest. He stays in his familiar lane, rapping about grimy street life, his large stash of cash, luxury cars, women and his rise from rags to riches.

But what makes Ross special on "God Forgives" is his colorful perspective. That is certainly evident on "Pirates" where he raps, "Fascination with fortune afford me mansion and Porsches, panoramas, abortions, marijuana imported, dreams of getting cream and never to be extorted, seen so many things be preposterous not to record it."

Of Ross' four albums, three have debuted at No. 1 and three have reached gold status; another debuted at No. 2, and the only one not to reach gold is close to it. With "God Forgives," Ross is consistent, and it sounds classic.

Jonathan Landrum Jr./AP

GLORIANA
"A Thousand Miles Left Behind"

Nashville trio Gloriana, rebounding from the departure of fourth member Cheyenne Kimball, manage to make their sparkling musical arrangements and sweet harmonies come across more engagingly than ever on their second album.

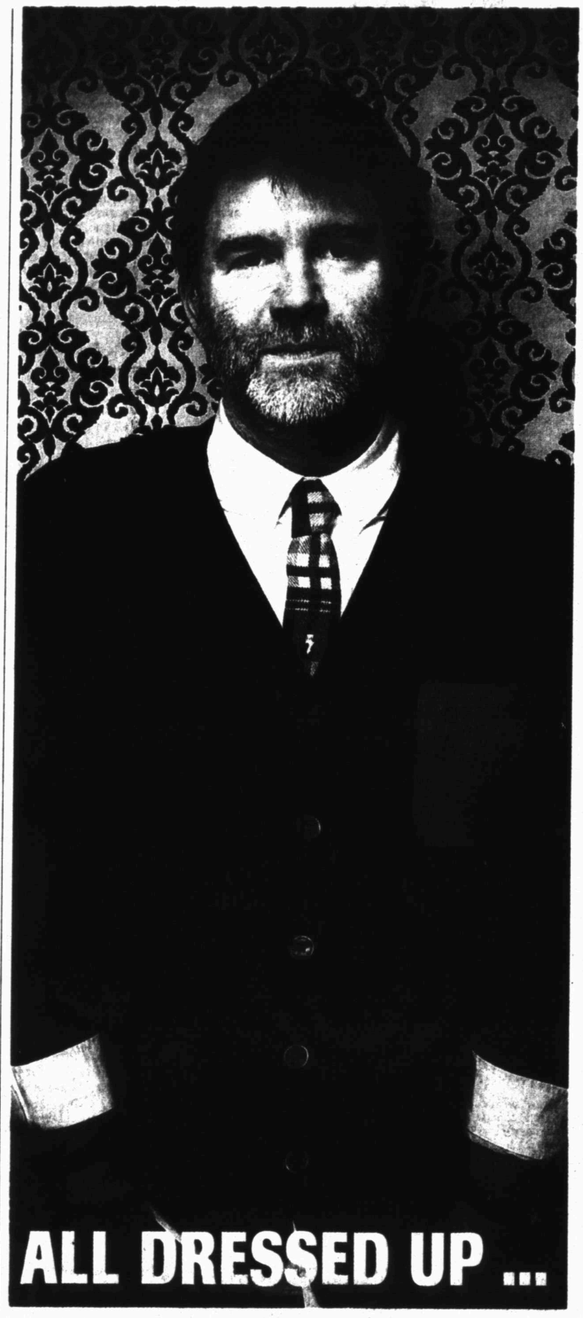
Still working an acoustic-based string sound made contemporary through rhythms and musical accents, Rachel Reinert and brothers Mike and Tom Gossin prove that losing Kimball's instrumental virtuosity doesn't slow down their musical growth.

However, another new development does hamper their forward movement. Group members co-wrote all 11 songs after contributing only one song to their 2009 self-titled debut. The step proves a bigger challenge than they can handle.

Their potential as songwriters comes through on the album's best cuts, including "(Kissed You) Good Night," written by Tom Gossin and Josh Kear — and Gloriana's first top 10 country hit. Mike Gossin's "Turn My World Around" and Reinert's "Where My Heart Belongs" also connect by conveying real emotions.

But the autobiographical nature of several lyrics — such as "Sunset Lovin'" and "Go On . Miss Me" — fails to transform intimate experiences into universal themes. The trio's sound is golden, but some of the songs need more polish.

Michael McCall/AP



LCD Soundsystem takes last waltz in concert film

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Asked to characterize "Shut Up and Play the Hits," a concert film that documents LCD Soundsystem's final, oft-mythologized show at Madison Square Garden, James Murphy deadpans a television promo.

"Middle age guy stops band. Pictures at 11."

The film, which played in theaters for one night recently, is a kind of "The Last Waltz" for a new generation: an adored band going out with a self-induced, possibly premature bang. But it's also, as the filmmakers Dylan Southern and Will Lovelace said, "a character study" of Murphy, whose decision to end LCD Soundsystem is as curious to the man who made it as it is to anybody.

"I still don't know if it's the right decision," says Murphy. "I felt like it was the right decision for the moment and you only have that. And I'm OK with that. I regret it sometimes. I don't know if I regret it; but I'm sad sometimes. I'm like, 'Oh, it would be fun to play with those guys.' Or I see a band that stinks and I'm like, 'Let's go wipe them off, stop them from playing.'"

The movie is an occasion not only to lead new ears to LCD Soundsystem and let their fans relive a concert that seemed to define an era of New York music, but a chance to unpack LCD Soundsystem — an alternatively ironic and sincere groove-based outfit that made cerebral electronic dance music with pristine production and propulsive rhythms.

"We did a bunch of things that I'm only figuring out now," Murphy said. "We were cooler than I thought we were. But we didn't rest on it because I didn't think we were cool. So I don't feel like we sold out too bad."

In a recent interview at his newly purchased Williamsburg loft, Murphy, a kickboxing enthusiast, had the restlessness of a fighter without a bout on the horizon. "I'm not retired," he says, feigning a golf swing. But a kind of post-LCD limbo has taken hold. Recalling the day's decisions, he said, "I forgot to eat. Should I make a juice or should I fry an egg? I don't have eggs. Should I rent a Zip car?"

"That's kind of what's going on now," says Murphy, laughing.

After three acclaimed albums that concluded with 2010's "This Is Happening," the band was only gaining in popularity and had built a crystal-clear, pulsating live act on par with "Stop Making Sense"-era Talking Heads.

When Murphy — a punk band veteran and co-founder of DFA Records who was already 35 when the group debuted — gazed at his future, he saw never-ending three-year cycles of writing, recording and touring. He feared continual life on the road would carry him through middle age and propel him into a more public lifestyle.

"I don't want to be a famous person," he says. "That's what's next. That's the next step, especially with an American band. Just make the same record seven times and then you're huge."

But the recalibration hasn't worked the way Murphy hoped. He still doesn't want to reconstitute LCD Soundsystem, but his plan for leisure and professional freedom has been bedeviled by other encroachments.

"I'm excited to do some stuff," he said, mentioning a desire to do another uninterrupted album like LCD Soundsystem's "45:33" and an impulse to make "more synthy stuff" like the band's "I Can Change." "I'm terrified in a lot of ways. I don't know if anyone's going to care. I don't know what's going to happen, which is kind of exciting."

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5 **Chris August** @ First Baptist Church (Odessa)
5 **Goodtimers, Tucker Binkley, Michael Walker, Chad, Mary Mitchell** @ Music City Mall
7 **Abigail Williams, Trail of the Bloodstained God, Weedgrinder, Power Trip** @ Pine Box
8 **Continental** @ New Blue Max
8 **Jeff Strahan, Sam From Amsterdam** @ Shack in the Back
9 **Pastime** @ Pine Box
9 **Granger Smith** @ Rockin Rodeo
10 **No Dry County** @ Detour
10 **Molly Gene Whoaman Band** @ New Blue Max
10 **Joe Nichols** @ Dos Amigos
10 **Nitelife, Daniel Porter, Alan Childs** @ Music City Mall
10-11 **The Unsweet T's** @ Your Place
10-11 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
10-11 **Creed Fisher** @ Escape Lounge
11 **No Dry County** @ Lone Star Bar
11 **Technical Jazz, Mike Leonard, Sara Valdez, Alan Childs, Ty Miller, Andres & Justin, Mary Mitchell** @ Music City Mall
12 **Benito Ramos, WB Quartet, Ann Russell, Michael Walker, Scott Jones, Mary Mitchell** @ Music City Mall
14 **I Call Fives** @ Pine Box
15 **Evanescence, Chevelle, HaleStorm, New Medicine, Cavo** @ Horseshoe
15 **Josh Peek, Brian Milson** @ Shack in the Back
15 **The Early Birds** @ Charla's
16 **The Split Livers** @ New Blue Max
16 **Bart Crow** @ Rockin Rodeo
17 **Gary Allan, Charlie Robison** @ Dos Amigos
17 **Shane Rogers** @ Detour
17 **Noel Olivas** @ The Bar
17 **Nitelife, Daniel Porter, Michael Walker** @ Music City Mall
17-18 **Road Kings** @ Your Place
18 **Blue Cats** @ The Bar
18 **Texas Renegade** @ Lone Star Bar
18 **Rodney Carrington** @ Graham Central Station
18 **Vince King and Fever** (Elvis tribute) @ Ector Theatre
18 **Sara Valdez, Ann Russell, King/Hilliard, Brian Flanders, Mary Mitchell** @ Music City Mall
18 **Tim Hawkins** @ Stonegate Fellowship Church
18 **Chill Factor** @ Boomerz
18 **Jason Stout and the Wealthy Beggars, Murder the Stout** @ Dos Amigos
19 Tommy Jean & Jerry Band, Allstars, Tucker Binkley, Michael21 **Reverend Horton Heat, Not in the Face, Pinata Protest** @ New Blue Max
21 **Pat Benatar with Neil Giraldo** @ Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center
22 **CPR Band, Dapper Dan** @ Shack in the Back
23 **Cory Morrow** @ Rockin Rodeo
24 **Creed Fisher** @ Detour
24 **Randy Rodgers Band, Wade Bowen, Brl Bagwell** @ Grande Stadium
24 End of Summer Local Showcase featuring **Pride's Paranoia, New Days Dawn, Vice Versa, 432 Revived, Never Turn Back, Fame By Death, Only The Dead, Eternal Mosh** @ Dos Amigos
24 **Mil Rublo, Daniel Porter, Dene Redmon** @ Music City Mall
24-25 **Funky Munky** @ The Bar
24-25 **Mike Hernandez Band** @ Your Place
25 **Technical Jazz, Mike Leonard, Alan Childs, Ann Russell, Ty Miller, Andres & Justin, Mary Mitchell** @ Music City Mall
25 **Jason Boland and the Stragglers, Turnpike Troubadors** @ Dos Amigos
25 **Riven, Nue Trad Archon, Spur Gang, Broken Jaw Philosophy, Outlash, Seventh Rize, Bred For War** @ New Blue Max
25 **Parabelle, New Days Dawn, Wrecklifyde, First Dead Witness** @ Outer Limits
26 **Jeff Williams, Tucker Binkley, Michael Walker, Brian Flanders, Mary Mitchell** @ Music City Mall
29 **Suicide Silence** @ Dos Amigos
29 **Black Eye Shiner** @ Shack in the Back
31 **Creed Fisher** @ Boomerz
31 **Kevin Ochs** @ Detour
31 **Mil Rublo, Tucker Binkley, Michael Walker** @ Music City Mall
31 **Darren Welch Group** @ The Bar

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August

17 **Evanescence, Chevelle, HaleStorm, New Medicine, Cavo** @ Lone Star Amphitheatre

September

10 **Yo-Yo Ma with Lubbock Symphony**

NEW MEXICO

August

15 **Ronnie Dunn** @ Inn of Mountain Gods

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August

8 **Rellent K, Hellogoodbye, William Beckett** @House of Blues
10 Identity tour featuring **Eric Prydz, Nero, Doctor P, Paul van Dyk, Wolfgang Gartner, Arty, Le Castle Vania, Hardwell, Stephan Jacobs, Eva Simons, Audrey Napoleon** @ Gexa Energy Pavilion
11 **Jason Mraz, Christine Perri** @ Gexa Energy Pavilion
12 **Mindless Behavior, Jacob Latimore, Lil Twist, Kayla Brianna** @ Verizon Theatre at Grand Prairie
14 **Crosby, Stills and Nash** @ Verizon Theatre at Grand Prairie