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Residents revamp yards amid drought

Swimming pool, stone patio installations keep Midland landscapers busy

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Mike Franklin anticipates he'll do five times the business this year than he did in 2011.

As a landscaper, he said many assume the ongoing drought and stringent water restrictions starting April 1 mean his business is suffering.

However, he and other business owners said the opposite has been true.

"As far as affecting my business, it's made it tremendously better. (In) January and February, I had more sales than I did the last two quarters of '11," he said. "They're wanting to take away the grass and redesign, and it's not a cheap process to do."

Swimming pool installers said they're experiencing a similar phenomenon.

Although water restrictions will mean any new pool owners have to truck in water or fill their pool through a well, that hasn't been a deterrent.

The city has issued permits for more than 10 new pool installations during the past month, including one estimated to cost $233,000.

Those who want to see Midlanders going to greater lengths to conserve water may object,

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Courtesy photo

American Home Improvment is redesigning this yard, located on Rustic Trail. Grass has been removed and will be replaced with a cedar patio cover, outdoor kitchen, fire pit, patio and some stone walls.

CRITTER CONUNDRUM

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland SPCA Executive Director Avey Moon greets one of the rescued Great Pyrenees dogs available at the shelter Friday afternoon.

County seeks solution for animal control

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Midland County could consider a more comprehensive approach when it comes to Animal Control in the coming months.

At their Monday meeting, Midland County commissioners will begin looking at how best to provide rabies control, licensing and spay/neuter vouchers for the pets of those living within the county.

The discussion likely will continue beyond this week's meeting, said Randy Prude, commissioner for Precinct 4, because the county wants to tackle the issue from several angles.

"All those things, who picks up the animals, will be discussed," Prude said.

In 2011, commissioners signed a six-month trial contract with the Midland SPCA to provide spay/neuter vouchers, rabies control and quarantine services. The county had to provide up to $25,000 for a spay/neuter program and up to $1,000 per month for the other services.

The contract recently ended and the Midland SPCA will again be considered, though its role likely will shift a little, said commissioners and Executive Director Avey Moon.

Eventually, animal advocacy groups and commissioners said, they'd like to see a partnership that could include the city's Animal Services department and various animal rescue/adoption agencies.

It is uncertain how such a partnership will work. But, Prude and others said it should provide an approach that helps address the needs identified.

"We're all working for the same goal, and that's to save the adoptable cats and dogs," said Susie Hitchcock-Hall, board member with the Midland Humane Coalition. "All working together we can do it."

Please see **COUNTY**/4A

Revitalized Basin helps to lessen dependence on foreign oil

By Clifford Krauss and Eric Lipton
New York Times News Service

The desolate stretch of West Texas desert known as the Permian Basin is still the lonely domain of scurrying roadrunners by day and howling coyotes by night. But, the roar of scores of new oil rigs and the distinctive acrid fumes of drilling equipment are unmistakable signs that crude is gushing again.

And not just here. Across the country, the oil and gas industry is vastly increasing production, reversing two decades of decline. Using new technology and spurred by rising oil prices since the mid-2000s, the industry is extracting millions of barrels more a week, from the deepest waters of the Gulf of Mexico to the prairies of North Dakota.

At the same time, Americans are pumping significantly less gasoline. While that is partly a result of the recession and higher gasoline prices, people also are driving fewer miles and replacing older cars with more fuel-efficient vehicles at a greater clip, federal data show.

Taken together, the increasing production and declining consumption have unexpectedly brought the United States markedly closer to a goal that has tantalized presidents since Richard Nixon: independence from foreign energy sources, a milestone that could reconfigure U.S. foreign policy, the economy and more. In 2011, the country imported just 45 percent of the liquid fuels it used, down from a record high of 60 percent in 2005.

"There is no question that many national security policymakers will believe they have much more flexibility and will think about the world differently if the United States is importing a lot less oil," said Michael A. Levi, an energy and environmental senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. "For decades, consumption rose, production fell and imports increased, and now every one of those trends is going the other way."

How the country made this turnabout is a story of industry-friendly policies started by President George W. Bush and

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It's happening

Today

■ Remuda Quarter Horse Show at the Horseshoe

■ Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc. presents Lone Star Brass, 2 p.m. , Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Tickets: Purchase at www.wagnernoel.com or call the symphony office, 563-0921.

■ Live on Stage presents Anna Wilson: Jazz vocalist with quartet, 2:30 p.m., Midland High School Auditorium. Web: www.liveonstage-pb.com.

Thursday

■ Political consultants James Carville and Mary Matalin will speak on "All's Fair: Love, War and Politics," 7 p.m., Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. There event is part of the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute's Distinguished Lecture Series.

■ Seventh Annual Vintage Harmony, 7 p.m., The Willows. Tickets: $75. Call 563-0921. Fundraiser for the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc.

Saturday

■ Downtown Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 501 W. Texas Ave., under the green

■ Easter Extravaganza, 2-4 p.m., Harvest Time Church, 8300 W Highway 191. Info: Free.

■ Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and Paul Williams, 8 p.m., Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Tickets: $15 adults, $10 seniors, $5 students.

Meetings Schedule

County Commissioners
9 a.m. Monday
Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom.
500 N. Loraine St.

MISD board
5:30 p.m. Monday
MISD administration building

Hospital District
1:10 p.m. Wednesday
board room off administration office

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

It's your birthday

■ Isaiah Orosco, of Midland, turns 7 today.

Put your birthday/anniversary in the paper

The Reporter-Telegram runs birthdays and anniversaries as part of our daily presentation.

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

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

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

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

YOU OUGHT TO BE IN PICTURES

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Bob Newman, of Fort Davis, left, watches as Gary Chaffin boxes his new amateur band radio recently during the St. Patrick's Day Ham Radio Fest at the Midland Lions Club.

Community Calendar

■ The Midland League of Women Voters is hosting a community forum on Midland's housing issue. The event is set for 7 p.m. Monday at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland, Neely Avenue and Midkiff Road.

Guest speakers will be Alynda Best with Habitat for Humanity and City Councilman John James.

For more information, call Mary Smith at 520-0305.

■ Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland is hosting a seminar on bullying 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center.

There will be two 30-minute sessions — one for parents, "I Raise Peace" and one for children, "I Choose Peace." The seminar will be led by Lauren Ashley, director of education for the Midland Rape Crisis & Children's Advocacy Center.

Reservations are required. There is a $1 fee per child. Refreshments will be provided. To make a reservation or for more information, call BBBS at 687-0195 by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

■ Midland Need to Read is planning tutor training for 6:30 p.m.- 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday or 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. April 4 at 1709 W. Wall St.

Lunch will be served at the April 4 session.

For more information or to RSVP, call Patci Lewis or Cris Shaw at 682-9693.

■ Local chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association is planning Permian Basin Muscle Walk for Saturday at the Petroleum Museum.

The event kicks off at 10 a.m.; registration begins at 9 a.m.

To register in advance, call the local office at 570-4970.

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

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

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

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

Entry fee is $20 for participants 15 and older for advance registration (before 5 p.m. April 13). Race-day registration is $25.

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

■ Midland Need to Read's 10th annual Family Literacy Style Show is planned for 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. April 26 at Midland Country Club. The event includes a luncheon and silent auction. For more information, call Patci Lewis at 682-9693.

Individual tickets are $60 and table sponsorships are available. The sponsorships are: Shakespeare (presenting sponsor), $3,000; Hemingway, $1,500; Faulkner, $1,000; and Twain, $600. For more information, call Patci Lewis at 682-9693.

Midland invited to participate in cleanup

More than 3,000 Midlanders will get together on April 14 for one of the nation's largest single-day cleanups — The Great American Cleanup/Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off - co-sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Keep America Beautiful (KAB) and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB), the grassroots arm of the Don't Mess with Texas campaign and Keep Midland Beautiful.

Participating groups will clean up their designated area on the morning of April 14 and then attend a celebration picnic at Hogan Park from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Groups not able to attend the April 14 event are encouraged to do a litter cleanup before May 31 and still be counted as being part of the cleanup/trashoff.

The event is open to anyone interested in making Midlands' public spaces litter-free. For more information visit www.keepmidlandbeautiful.org , or call 687-7400.

Parks endowment fund event

The city of Midland Parks Endowment Fund is hosting a kick-off event for its $20 million by 2020 Campaign from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on April 24 at Centennial Plaza. The event is open to the public, and a free lunch will be served.

The goal for this first year is to raise $2 million to contribute to the community parks in hopes to improve the quality of life in the City of Midland. According to a survey done last year, residents of Midland were satisfied with the recreation facilities. However, through this fund the goal is to keep improving them, the numbers showed in the survey that residents believe there is a lack of hiking and biking trails.

If you would like to be a part of this kick-off event by sponsoring or just be a part of improving the quality of life in Midland by donating to the Endowment Fund in getting us a step closer to our campaign goal, please call Parks and Recreation at 685-7370 or the Permian Basin Area Foundation at 617-3213.

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.

Here is the water usage from earlier this week.
Monday's total: 17,546,000
Tuesday's total: 16,408,000
Wednesday's : 16,636,000
Thursday's total: 16,234,000
(CRMWD: 12,562,000; Paul Davis Well Field: 3,672,000)

Source: City of Midland

When you can water starting April 1:

■ Residents and businesses can water for two hours between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight on their assigned day.

■ Days are being assigned based on zones. To find out which zone you're in, visit: http://www.ci.midland.tx.us/departments/utilities/WaterUse_DaysofWeek%20030512.pdf or call 685-7474

■ All types of watering devices are permitted.

■ New pools are allowed only if they are filled with water purchased and trucked in from outside the city.

Today in History

Today is Sunday, March 25, the 85th day of 2012. There are 281 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On March 25, 1776, Gen. George Washington, commander of the Continental Army, was awarded the first Congressional Gold Medal by the Continental Congress for leading the liberation of Boston from British troops during the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

In 1965, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. led 25,000 marchers to the state capitol in Montgomery, Ala., to protest the denial of voting rights to blacks.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Aretha Franklin is 70. Singer Elton John is 65. Auto racer Danica Patrick is 30.

The Associated Press

Fundraiser for MDA coming to an end

Time is running out for Managing Editor Mary Dearen to collect change for Muscle Walk, a fundraiser for the local chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

So far this month she has collected $40.73 — she found $1.22 on her daily walks; $39.51 was donated by Reporter-Telegram readers and staff members. Her total for the year is $91.42.

Help her add to that total by March 31 — which is the date of the walk — by bringing your pennies, nickels and dimes to the Reporter-Telegram.

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Court showdown set for Obamacare

By Dan Freedman
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court embarks Monday on a three-day examination of the Affordable Care Act — "Obamacare" — with supporters arguing it's a constitutional way to insure the uninsured while opponents counter if Congress can require Americans to buy health insurance, it can make them eat broccoli.

The stakes couldn't be higher as legal and health policy experts parse each word the justices utter during six hours of oral arguments, sifting for clues on how they will rule in what's shaping up as a landmark decision.

The court's opinion, expected by the end of June, could be its most significant statement on the limits of congressional regulatory power since the 1930s when the justices struck down and then upheld President Roosevelt's New Deal.

"(The health-care ruling has) the potential to be momentous — if they go against the law," said Lucas A. Powe Jr., a University of Texas law professor. "If they sustain the law, it will simply be a continuation of Supreme Court decisions dating back over seven decades, (but the justices) would likely incite considerable Republican trashing."

Health care in the United States is a multi-trillion dollar industry, but 50 million people have no insurance whatsoever and cannot pay all their medical bills.

The cost of uncompensated care for the uninsured amounts to $43 billion annually. Hospitals make up the difference by charging higher rates to insurance companies, which pass them on to policyholders. The bill for uncompensated care adds more than $1,000 to individual policyholders' premiums.

In Texas, 25 percent of the population lacks health insurance — the nation's highest rate.

The Supreme Court is reviewing three cases that present four distinct issues, some of which might alter or sidetrack a ruling on the whether the health-care law is constitutional.

Day one of the arguments focuses on an 1867 tax law that could affect the health law's penalty for not buying insurance. Day three concerns the law's Medicaid expansion, which Texas and 23 other states complain is an act of federal coercion, and whether a negative decision on one part of the law dooms it all.

Supreme Court handicappers predict the justices will find a way to rule on the main constitutional question they consider on day two: Does the law's health insurance mandate fall outside the Constitution's commerce clause, which gives Congress regulatory power only when matters of interstate commerce are involved?

Opponents of the law, including Texas and 25 other states, say it does.

"This is an unprecedented claim of governmental power," said Randy Barnett, a law professor at Georgetown University. "It's never happened before."

Opponents argue that while the Constitution grants Congress the power to pass laws that regulate interstate economic activity, it doesn't apply to a case of "inactivity."

"Our position is you cannot tell someone to go out and engage in activity, in commerce," said Bill McCollum, the former Florida attorney general who brought the case now before the court.

Roger Vinson, a Florida federal judge, wrote last year that if Congress can force individuals to buy health insurance, it could "require that people buy and consume broccoli at regular intervals" because it's good for you and it helps interstate commerce.

But above all, opponents say, the legal challenge isn't just about health care. "It's about liberty," said Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli.

The law's advocates counter that opponents are obfuscating the real issues weighing down the health care system.

"There is no liberty interest in forcing other people to pay your medical bills," said Joe Onek, a veteran Washington lawyer. "That's nonsense."

Elections would guarantee that Congress doesn't overstep its bounds and impose a broccoli-eating regimen, they said. And, not purchasing health insurance is in itself an "activity" because failure to do so shifts health-care costs onto insurance policyholders nationwide, they add.

"The 'inactivity' argument has no legitimate foundation," said Robert Field, a law professor and health-policy expert at Drexel University in Philadelphia. "The only issue should be whether the mandate is necessary to regulate interstate commerce."

Field and others argue the mandate, in fact, is a necessary mechanism to ensure the insurance risk pool is large enough to handle the law's other main provisions: Barring insurance companies from refusing coverage to those with pre-existing medical conditions, or charging them higher premiums.

With Gov. Rick Perry an outspoken opponent and state Attorney General Greg Abbott a party in the court case, Texas is in no hurry to adhere to the health-care law's timetable.

The state faces a January 2013 deadline for carrying out the law's requirement to create health insurance purchasing exchanges. Failure to do so would permit the federal government to set one up in Texas in 2014.

The state received a $1 million grant to plan its exchange, but the Texas Legislature last year failed to act on bills that would authorize one.

The Texas Department of Insurance is taking a wait-and-see approach, spokesman John Greeley.

"TDI is working closely with state leadership to consider the range of options and implications for the state while monitoring" the Supreme Court case, he said.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission, which oversees Medicaid in Texas, is not taking anything for granted, spokeswoman Stephanie Goodman said.

"Our agency has said we're certainly going to monitor the court battle and continue to raise concerns," Goodman said. "But right now, the law is coming down the pike pretty quickly, so we have to be ready to implement it."

Perry, Abbott and other opponents are betting the court's five-justice conservative majority holds together and scuttles "Obamacare."

But, supporters say they expect to win over at least one conservative vote. Up for grabs, they say, are Chief Justice John Roberts, Justice Anthony Kennedy, and maybe even the court's conservative stalwart, Justice Antonin Scalia.

The Obama administration's court briefs are peppered with references to Kennedy's position in U.S. v. Garcia, a 1995 case from San Antonio in which the court ruled against a federal law aimed at keeping guns away from schools.

Kennedy joined the court's 5-4 majority, but he wrote: "Where economic activity substantially affects interstate commerce, legislation regulating that activity will be sustained."

The government's briefs quote this and other Kennedy sentences in Garcia as parallels to how the justices should view the health-care law.

Health care reform through history

Associated Press

A look at health care through the years:

1912:
Former President Theodore Roosevelt champions national health insurance as he tries to ride his progressive Bull Moose Party back to the White House.

1929:
Baylor Hospital in Texas celebrates group health insurance. Dallas teachers pay 50 cents a month to cover up to 21 days of hospital care per year. The plan grows into Blue Cross.

1932:
After five years of work, doctors, economists and hospital administrators on the independent Committee on the Costs of Medical Care publish their report about the increasing costs of health care and the number of people going untreated. They say health care should be available to all.

1935:
Americans struggle to pay for medical care amid the Great Depression. President Franklin D. Roosevelt favors creating national health insurance but decides to push for Social Security first.

1945:
Saying medical care is a right of all Americans, President Harry Truman calls on Congress to create a national insurance program for those who pay voluntary fees.

1960:
John F. Kennedy makes health care a major campaign issue but as president can't get a plan for the elderly through Congress.

1965:
Medicare for people age 65 and older and Medicaid for the poor signed into law. President Lyndon B. Johnson's legendary arm-twisting and a Congress dominated by his fellow Democrats succeeded in creating the kind of landmark health care programs that eluded his predecessors.

1971:
Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., offers his proposal for a government-run plan to be financed through payroll taxes.

1974:
President Richard Nixon puts forth a plan to cover all Americans through private insurers. Employers would be required to cover their workers and federal subsidies would help others buy insurance. The Watergate scandal intervenes.

1976:
Jimmy Carter pushes a mandatory national health plan, but a deep economic recession helps push it aside.

1988:
Congress passes and President Ronald Reagan signs into law COBRA, a requirement that employers let former workers stay on the company health care plan for 18 months after leaving a job, with the worker bearing the cost.

1988:
Congress expands Medicare by adding a prescription drug benefit and catastrophic care coverage. It doesn't last long. Barraged by protests from older people upset about paying a tax to finance the additional coverage, Congress repeals the law the next year.

1992:
Helping the uninsured becomes a big issue of the Democratic primaries and spills into the general election. Democrat Bill Clinton wants to require businesses to provide insurance to their employees, with the government helping everyone else; Republican President George H.W. Bush proposes tax breaks to make it easier to afford insurance.

1993:
Newly elected Clinton puts first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in charge of developing what becomes a 1,300-page plan for universal coverage. It requires businesses to cover their workers and mandates that everyone have insurance.

2003:
President George W. Bush persuades Congress to add prescription drug coverage to Medicare in a major expansion of Johnson's "Great Society" program for seniors.

2008:
Hillary Rodham Clinton makes a sweeping health care plan, including a requirement that everyone have coverage, central to her bid for the Democratic presidential nomination. She loses to Barack Obama, who promotes his own, less comprehensive plan.

2009:
Obama and the Democratic-controlled Congress spend an intense year ironing out a compromise that requires companies to cover their workers, mandates that everyone have insurance or pay a fine, requires insurance companies to accept all comers, regardless of any pre-existing conditions, and assists people who can't afford insurance.

2010:
Congress passes the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, designed to extend health care coverage to more than 30 million uninsured people. Obama signs it into law March 23.

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NEW YORK

Florida man wins national memory contest

A Florida man who climbs mountains to call attention to Alzheimer's disease has won a national memory competition held in New York City.

It's the second year in a row that 27-year-old Nelson Dellis, of Miami, has won the USA Memory Championship. He also broke a record for memorizing 303 random numbers in five minutes, besting the previous record of 248 numbers in five minutes. He set that record last year.

About 50 people competed in Saturday's challenge of mental skill.

Among the challenges, competitors had to recall 99 names and faces, a 50-line unpublished poem and 200 random words.

A group from Hershey High School in Hershey, Pa., won in a competition against groups from another high school and the University of Pennsylvania.

The competition, now in its 15th year, was founded by a former IBM executive to promote the capabilities of the human brain.

NEW YORK

Man climbs NY Times tower, says he wanted a paper

A man described by police as emotionally disturbed will be evaluated after he tried to climb The New York Times' 52-story headquarters in Times Square, then said he wanted a copy of the newspaper.

The unidentified man began scaling the building at about 7 a.m. Saturday. A police spokesman said the man got as far as the fifth floor, then came back down when officers told him to descend. He was not injured but was taken to Bellevue Hospital for psychiatric evaluation.

The New York Post reported the man said he climbed the building because he was looking for a copy of the newspaper.

Three men climbed the building's ladder-like façade in separate incidents in 2008. Two made it to the roof, and one got to the 11th floor.

DETROIT

Porsche recalling 1,200 sports cars for fuel leaks

Porsche is recalling more than 1,200 of its 911 Carrera S sports cars because a fuel line can cause a fire.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said on its website Saturday that the line can come apart at a connection and leak fuel. The agency said that could cause loss of power and a crash, or it could cause a fire.

The 2012 cars have a starting price of more than $96,000.

CONNECTICUT

Man accidentally dials 911 while stealing

SOUTHINGTON — Authorities say a Connecticut man accidentally dialed 911 from his cellphone while stealing about 700 pounds of scrap metals.

Police said the 46-year-old man was arrested after the robbery from a Southington merchant.

WFSB-TV reported he was charged Thursday with third-degree criminal trespassing and sixth-degree larceny. He was released on bond and is scheduled to appear in court April 2.

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Options

At the Midland SPCA, Moon said she has been implementing new policies since she took over in October — after the county contract was signed — and still working to provide shelter, adoptions and other animal rescue services.

"The animals are our main concern," she said.

In addition to sheltering animals and conducting adoptions, the Midland SPCA is the organization that's been called during the past six months when a bite, stray dog or other issue takes place in the county.

In past years, a constable handled such calls. However, when a resignation occurred in early 2011, the sheriff's office ended up taking the calls, which is part of why the county looked to the SPCA last fall.

Moon said the SPCA responds to cases that vary from dog bites to pet hoarders. Sometimes the sheriff's office will respond and then take the animal to the Midland SPCA for further care.

Recently, for example, Moon said the Midland County deputies called the SPCA about a dog that was stumbling through a field. Deputies suspected it had rabies.

Once the animal was retrieved, Moon said the SPCA discovered it didn't have rabies but was sick because of a lack of food and water. The Midland SPCA took the dog and is working to nurse it back to health.

If a bite has occurred in the county or if an animal has rabies, the SPCA will quarantine the dog at its shelter for the required amount of time.

Prude said, that service is one the county likely will want the Midland SPCA to provide for now.

Area animal rescue organizations

Lone Star Animal Sanctuary
4500 N. Fairgrounds Road, 563-PETS, www.lonestaranimalsanctuary.org
The nonprofit provides shelter to abused and abandoned animals. It is a no-kill facility and will keep animals on its property until they're placed in a permanent home.
Before animals are adopted, they're rehabilitated through surgery, behavior modification or other treatments. Families then are screened before being able to adopt to ensure the pet will fit in at their home.

Midland Animal Services
1200 N. Fairgrounds Road, 685-7429, www.midlandtexas.gov/departments/animal_serv/animal_serv.html
The city's animal shelter responds to calls of strays, animal abuse or other issues within the city limits. It houses and adopts dogs and cats. Many of its adoptions are completed by the Midland Humane Coalition after pets are transferred from the city shelter to the nonprofit.
Microchipping, registration and rabies testing are available at the shelter for a fee. Vouchers for $70 also are provided to city residents so they can have their pets spayed or neutered.

Midland Humane Coalition
4666 N. Loop 250 West, 685-3131 ext. 7, www.midlandhumane.com
The coalition started with the goal of partnering with various animal organizations to increase adoption and eventually to end the euthanization of "adoptable" pets.
The nonprofit receives dogs and cats from Midland Animal Services and works to adopt them into the community through a shelter that was built in partnership with PetSmart Charities. The coalition and its volunteers operate the adoption center within PetSmart. Each pet is spayed/neutered, microchipped and given shots before being adopted.

Midland SPCA
2701 S. County Road 1206, 684-7582, www.midlandspca.net
Midland SPCA operates an adoption center and shelter, primarily for dogs and cats. It provides response in the county to bite cases, reports of rabies and animal abuse, among other things and also provides quarantine services when needed. The SPCA works to adopt all "adoptable" animals and, like Animal Services, will have euthanized those that are deemed dangerous or severely ill.
When it has a vet on staff, it provides shot and spay/neuter clinics.

Pet Solution
P.O. Box 3824, 685-3428, www.petsolution.org
Pet Solution has the ultimate goal of building a multi-facility adoption center in Midland County. Until that point, it will continue operating by utilizing shelter space set aside at Happy Paws Pet Motel.
The nonprofit takes in dogs, cats and other animals, specifically targeting those that are considered "unadoptable." It works to rehabilitate and adopt animals but will keep them on site if not adopted. It is a no-kill facility that also works to promote spay/neutering as well as microchipping of pets.

Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary
683-9460, www.noahsarkmidland.com
A no-kill facility outside of Midland that offers adoption services and a long-term home for strays.

Source: Websites, interviews with staff at organizations
Note: This list is not complete but provides a sample of the major animal rescue organizations in Midland.

In speaking with the SPCA, the Midland Humane Coalition and the city's Animal Services staff, Prude said it became apparent more quarantine space is needed in Midland, whether for dogs with rabies, animals with distemper or pets with some other disease. That issue will take a more time to fully address.

"The one thing we need most is a place to isolate more animals," Prude said. "I'll present to the county, in the near future, the idea of the county perhaps providing an expanded facility for the isolation of animals."

When it comes to the spay/neuter voucher program, Prude said the county may partner with the city's Animal Services department.

Vouchers for $70 redeemable at various local veterinary offices already are offered to city residents from the Animal Services shelter.

If commissioners approve such a proposal, the county would pay for $70 vouchers given to its residents and have Animal Services disperse them along with the city vouchers it already provides.

The city also will be considered to handle registrations for county animals.

"The city is very equipped," Prude said.

Paul O'Neill, director of Animal Services, said he hears from county residents frequently, so acting as a hub for the vouchers should make distribution simpler.

"We get calls all the time," he said.

The Midland Humane Coalition also could participate in the partnership.

The nonprofit was awarded $15,000 from Midland County in 2011 for its adoption center that was built in conjunction with PetSmart Charities. The shelter operates within the store through the direction of coalition staff and volunteers. It now adopts an average of 14 pets per month, Hitchcock-Hall said.

Adopted dogs and cats are taken from the Animal Services shelter. They're spayed or neutered, microchipped and given an initial vaccination before they are adopted.

O'Neill said in fiscal year 2011, the city took in nearly 530 animals from the county. Several of those county animals taken in this year are eligible for adoption through the Humane Coalition, he said.

Hitchcock-Hall said she will present to the commissioners about progress of the adoption center on April 9.

She and Prude said they hope the larger group of animal advocacy groups and organizations can work together to address the city and county's needs.

"If we're all there together, it shows that we all have the same goal, which is critical," Hitchcock-Hall said.

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business owners said. But, customers say if they can't have a lawn, they want to have something to enjoy outdoors.

And, pools can operate with little evaporation or need for refilling because of new technology, some said.

"There's a lot of new things out there and new technology," said Ranae Lesink, owner of Bluescape Pools by Ranae.

In the past, residents have worked to transform their yards into a green oasis. They now are trying to figure out how to change their outdoor living areas so that they use less water, business owners said.

Because restrictions that begin on April 1 provide only two hours per week to water outdoor plants, many have decided to invest in large items such as pools, outdoor kitchens or stone patios that they can enjoy without watering.

City officials said this summer's restrictions will be the most stringent residents have to endure while an additional water source is coming. The city has signed a contract that will bring water from its T Bar Ranch property by May 2013.

However, several said that even if restrictions are lessened, some Midlanders' mentality has changed, and neighborhoods full of plush green lawns (that aren't artificial) may become a thing of the past.

"We're not going to go back to the way we lived," said Rodney Martin, of American Home Improvement.

Martin said his company has been inundated with calls from individuals who want their yards to require little water. He said his company tries not to just dump rocks where grass once was. Instead, various textures and structures are used.

"People, if they want to do something, they better get their landscapers out because they're going to get in a long, long line," Martin said. "We're building sun rooms, outdoor kitchens, lots of rock patios, fire pits."

Martin brought in landscape designers from Dallas to help complete work through the summer. Most yard redesigns cost between $15,000 and $65,000, he said.

"People are making a lot of money now. They'll spend it," he said.

Franklin, owner of Franklin Foliage, said he always has relied on boulders, rocks and other elements that don't require water, but his company is ramping up that type of work now. Previously, tropical landscapes were the trend in Midland, he said.

"They're putting their money in rooms and hardscape and pots and plants," he said. "The expense is a lot more to get a finished product, but when you get through, it's low maintenance. Our landscape should allow you to live on one day of watering."

Arlen Fisher, owner of Midland Tree Service, said his business was up by 15 percent to 20 percent in 2011 and likely will increase again this year.

With restrictions allowing just one day of outdoor watering, Fisher said many Midlanders have primarily become concerned with helping their trees survive.

After a winter with snowfall and light rain, Fisher said trees have a better start this year than they did last year.

His company has started completing "spring feeds" on clients' trees. After that fertilization, he said trees can do well with just one good soaking a week, provided they're not newly planted.

"People think they just require a whole lot of water," he said. "The best thing you can do for a tree is deep water it and then let it dry out and then water it again. They don't like to be sitting in deep watering."

Lesink said there's a misconception that new pools aren't allowed.

However, she said her business has worked with the cities of Midland and Odessa and hasn't been denied a pool permit request all year so long as it's willing to work within the restrictions.

With the housing market as tight as it is in Midland, Lesink said many are looking to invest in the property they already have.

"People are tending to stay put because of the cost of housing here," she said.

Others decided that they wanted to add a pool following last summer's warm temperatures.

Lesink said her company works with pool owners to use technology that allows for more energy efficiency, less evaporation and less water waste.

Those techniques are what resident Sheri James said she wants for her own pool.

She had one installed in her back yard in 2007 and said she uses it nearly every day during the summer while she's babysitting her two youngest grandchildren.

After she heard about the restrictions and the water rate increase, James said she started analyzing her previous water bills and said she was surprised at how much extra her pool required last year. It has a system that automatically refills water after it's evaporated.

Now, she's trying to figure out how to conserve without giving up her pool.

"I don't have any landscaping in my back yard. We try to save water where we can in the house," she said.

Customers like James are whom pool service companies said they'll provide supplies to in addition to filling their usual summer orders.

Several don't want to stop using their pools. But, they also are hoping to keep their water use down to avoid paying the multiplied cost for Midland's highest water users.

Martin said it will be interesting to see where landscaping and outdoor construction goes in the coming years. If this year is any indication, he said, their company and others hopefully will be busy for awhile.

"It's huge," he said, of the demand. "We can't keep up with it."

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Newspaper finds suspicious test scores nationwide

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Hundreds of school systems nationwide exhibit suspicious test scores that point to the possibility of cheating, according to an investigation by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

The newspaper examined test results for 70,000 public schools and found high concentrations of scores in school systems from coast to coast.

The analysis doesn't prove cheating. It reveals that scores in hundreds of cities followed a pattern that, in Atlanta, indicated cheating in multiple schools.

The AJC reported in 2008 and 2009 about statistically improbable jumps in test scores within the 109-school Atlanta Public Schools system. Those reports led to an investigation by Georgia officials, which found that at least 180 principals, teachers and other staff took part in widespread test-tampering in the 50,000-student district.

In today's editions, the AJC reported 196 of the nation's 3,125 largest school districts had enough suspect test results that the odds of the results occurring naturally were less than one in 1,000.

For 33 districts nationwide, the odds of their test scores occurring naturally were worse than one in a million.

Standardized test scores have been at the forefront of national and local efforts to improve schools. Test performance was the centerpiece of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, which demanded higher classroom accountability. Tougher teacher evaluations that many states are rolling out place more weight than ever on the tests.

But, the AJC report found the sweeping policy shifts rely on test results that may be unreliable.

While the federal government requires states to use standardized testing, it does not require educators to screen scores for anomalies or investigate those that turn up.

"If we are going to make important decisions based on test results — and we ought to be doing that — we have to make important decisions about how we are going to ensure their trustworthiness," said Daria Hall, director of K-12 policy with the nonprofit Education Trust.

"That means districts and states taking ownership of the test security issue in a way that they haven't to date."

In nine districts — Atlanta, Baltimore, Dallas, Detroit, East St. Louis, Ill., Gary, Ind., Houston, Los Angeles and Mobile County, Ala. — scores careened so unpredictably that the odds of such dramatic shifts occurring without an intervention such as tampering were virtually zero, the newspaper found.

In Houston, test results for entire grades of students jumped two, three or more times the amount expected in one year, the analysis showed. When children moved to a new grade the next year, their scores plummeted — a finding that suggests the gains were not because of learning.

"These findings are concerning," U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said in a statement after being briefed on the AJC's analysis. He added that "states, districts, schools and testing companies should have sensible safeguards in place to ensure tests accurately reflect student learning."

Many school district officials contacted by the AJC disputed any conclusion that cheating was to blame for the swings.

Cheating is one of only a few plausible explanations for such dramatic changes in scores for so many students within a district, said James Wollack, a University of Wisconsin-Madison expert in testing and cheating who reviewed the newspaper's analysis.

"I can say with some confidence," he said, "cheating is something you should be looking at."

NATION BRIEFS
FROM WIRE REPORTS

SALT LAKE CITY
Residents sue Chevron over oil spills

Sixty-six residents of a Salt Lake City neighborhood are suing Chevron over a pair of oil spills in 2010.

The lawsuit filed in federal court Friday claims their properties near Red Butte Creek have been damaged by the spills and residual oil poses potential health problems.

Attorney Paul Durham said the group will seek damages in the tens of millions of dollars.

State regulators said a pipeline failure in June 2010 released 33,000 gallons of oil into Red Butte Creek that killed all the fish at Liberty Lake and large trees. About 21,000 gallons spilled nearby in December.

Chevron already agreed to $4.5 million in a separate settlement with the city.

Company officials did not immediately return calls by the Associated Press for comment.

NEW ORLEANS
5,000 new claims filed after BP settlement

More than 1,000 claimants have received about $27 million in the two weeks since a court-supervised administrator took over the processing of claims spawned by the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

A statement issued Friday by Patrick Juneau, the new claims administrator, also said nearly 5,000 new claims have been filed since the process shifted March 8 to the court from the $20 billion compensation fund set up by BP PLC in the spill's aftermath.

The transition is part of a settlement agreement between BP and lawyers representing more than 100,000 individuals and businesses. The parties will ask U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier to give preliminary approval to the settlement next month.

Stuck with high gas prices, drivers pump less

Associated Press

Americans have pumped less gas every week for the past year.

During those 52 weeks, gasoline consumption dropped by 4.2 billion gallons, or 3 percent, according to MasterCard SpendingPulse. The decline is longer than a 51-week slide during the recession.

The main reason: higher gas prices. The national average for a gallon of gas is $3.89, the highest ever for this time of year, and experts say it could be $4.25 by late April. As a result, Americans are taking fewer trips to restaurants and shopping malls. When they take a vacation, they're staying closer to home.

But, the decline in gas consumption is also a sign that efforts to push carmakers to produce vehicles with better gas mileage are paying off. The average new car now gets nearly 24 miles to the gallon, compared with about 20 mpg just four years ago, according to the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute.

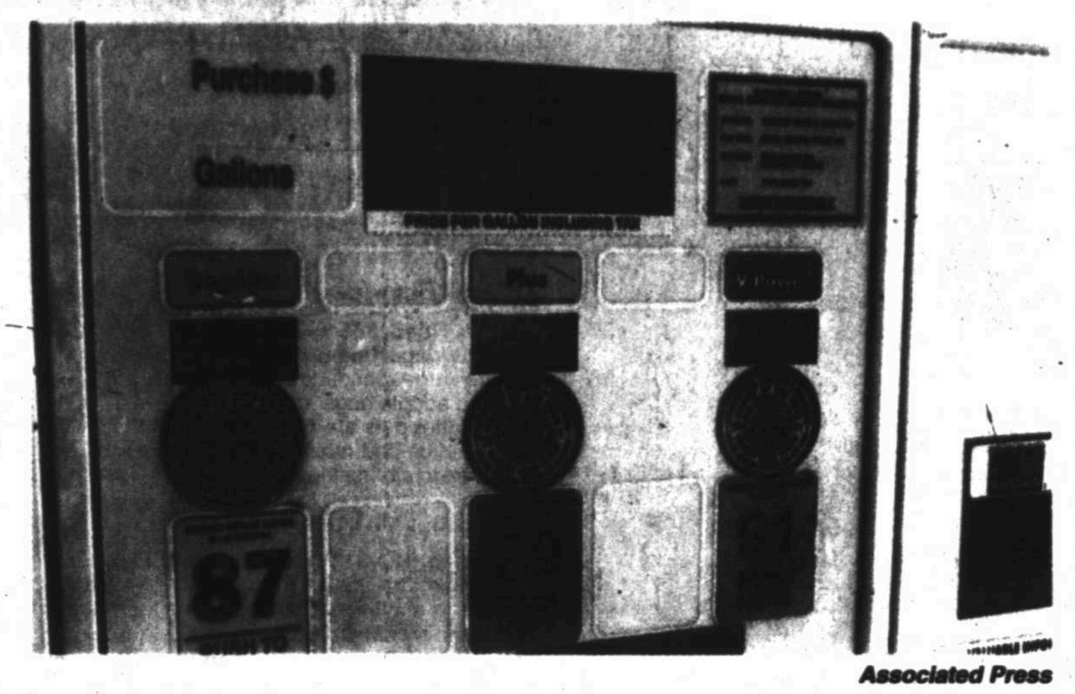
"I'd expect to see lower gasoline consumption for several years to come," Rice University energy expert Ken Medlock says.

Americans have cut back on fill-ups for extended periods before. In 2008, gas spiked from $3.04 to $4.11 per gallon in seven months. It wasn't until January 2009, when the national average for gas had dropped to $1.86 that consumption increased. Drivers bought more gasoline for 23 weeks in a row.

"The spike in 2008 was a real shock to the system," Medlock says. "There's still a residual impact on people's driving behavior."

There were other stretches of reduced gas use, notably two into the 1970's and one in the early 1980's. But in those cases, Americans eventually went back to driving big cars and trucks that guzzled gas.

This time may be different. Medlock thinks economic growth will be too modest and gas prices will stay too high for Americans to start driving more anytime soon. Economists expect the U.S. economy to grow 2.5 percent in 2012. The government estimates that gas will average a record $3.79 per gallon for the year.



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On Feb. 21, the pump at a Shell Oil gas station shows a purchase of more than $68.73 for 15.6 gallons of gas prices in Del Mar, Calif. Americans have pumped less gas every week for the past year. It's a slide that's now longer than the decline seen during the recession. Soaring pump prices have forced people to drive less and buy more efficient cars.

John Gamel, who oversees MasterCard SpendingPulse's weekly consumption report, points to rising sales of fuel-efficient vehicles.

"People have gotten used to elevated prices and they've made their long-term purchases," Gamel says. "They're going to be using less fuel."

Consumers now care more if a car gets good gas mileage than if it's reliable, stylish or comes with a great deal, according to a survey of more than 24,000 new-vehicle owners taken last summer and fall by J.D. Power and Associates. That wasn't the case in the nine previous years that J.D. Power conducted the survey.

Automakers have listened to consumers, and responded to stricter government fuel economy requirements. They've improved engines and transmissions so cars burn less fuel. They've also made cars more aerodynamic, boosting mileage by cutting wind drag. The government is gradually increasing gas mileage requirements so that by 2025, cars and trucks will have to average 54.5 mpg.

Between February 2011 and February 2012, the combined city-highway mileage of a new vehicle sold in the U.S rose to 23.7 mpg from 22.7. Better gas mileage has a huge impact on the overall economy. At $3.86 per gallon, U.S. drivers would save $35.8 billion per year with a 1 mpg improvement for the entire fleet of cars, trucks and buses, according to Michael Sivak, a research professor with the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute.

Consumers would appreciate the help. The rise in gas prices has been so steep that they're still spending more on gas than a year ago despite using less.

Gasoline prices rose by 24 percent in the last 52 weeks, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. MasterCard, which collects purchase receipts from more than 100,000 service stations around the country, said spending on gas rose by 20 percent during the period.

In 2011, Americans spent 8.4 percent of their household income on gasoline, or about $4,155, compared with 6.7 percent in 2010, according to experts at OPIS.

W.M. Lewis, a general contractor in Anchorage, Alaska, says he is spending as much as $150 a week on gas. He's consolidating his errands, but still limiting his driving because fuel keeps getting more expensive.

"It's changing everybody's plans," he says. "You have less money to spend."

Behind all this is the high price of oil. Brent crude, which is used to price most of the oil used to make gasoline at many U.S. coastal refineries, has jumped by 16 percent this year to more than $124 per barrel. Benchmark U.S. crude has risen 9 percent this year to more than $107 per barrel.

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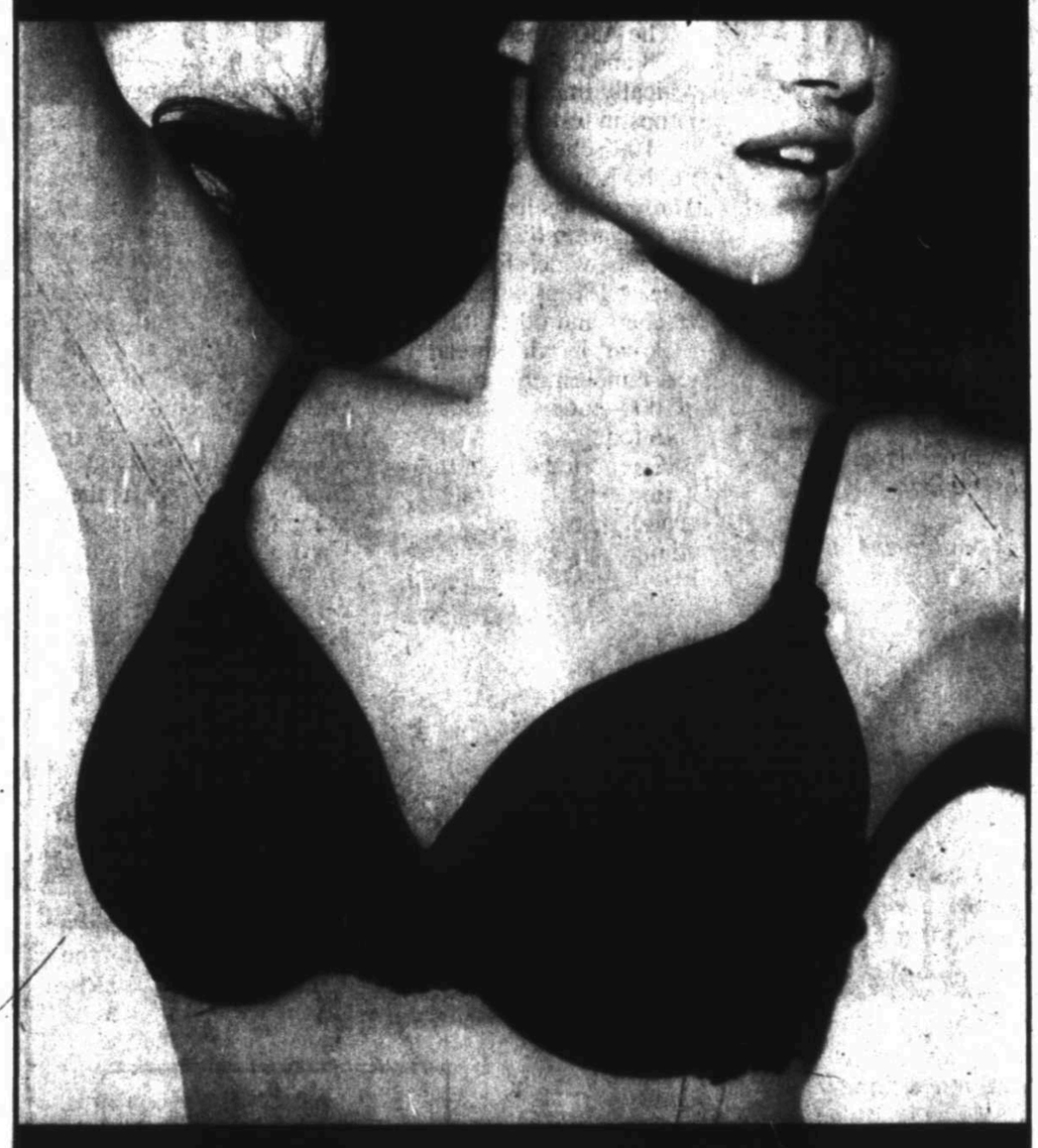
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largely continued by President Barack Obama — many over the objections of environmental advocates — as well as advances that have allowed the extraction of oil and gas once considered too difficult and too expensive to reach. But mainly, it is a story of the complex economics of energy, which sometimes seems to operate by its own rules of supply and demand.

With gasoline prices now approaching record highs and politicians mud-wrestling about the causes and solutions, the effects of the longer-term rise in production can be difficult to see.

Simple economics suggests that if the nation is producing more energy, prices should be falling. But crude oil — and gasoline and diesel made from it — are global commodities whose prices are affected by factors around the world. Supply disruptions in Africa, the political standoff with Iran and rising demand from a recovering world economy all are contributing to the current spike in global oil prices, offsetting the impact of the increased domestic supply.

But, the domestic trends are unmistakable. Not only has the U.S. reduced oil imports from members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries by more than 20 percent in the past three years, it also has become a net exporter of refined petroleum products like gasoline for the first time since the Truman presidency. The natural gas industry, which less than a decade ago feared running out of domestic gas, is suddenly dealing with a glut so vast that import facilities are applying for licenses to export gas to Europe and Asia.

National oil production, which declined steadily to 4.95 million barrels a day in 2008 from 9.6 million in 1970, has risen over the past four years to nearly 5.7 million barrels a day. The Energy Department projects that daily output could reach nearly 7 million barrels by 2020. Some experts think it could eventually hit 10 million barrels — which would put the U.S. in the same league as Saudi Arabia.

This surge is hardly without consequences. Some areas of intense drilling activity, including northeastern Utah and central Wyoming, have experienced air quality problems. The drilling technique called hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, which uses highly pressurized water, sand and chemical lubricants that help force more oil and gas from rock formations, has also been blamed for wastewater problems. Wildlife experts also warn that expanded drilling is threatening habitats of rare or endangered species.

Greater energy independence is "a prize that has long been eyed by oil insiders and policy strategists that can bring many economic and national security benefits," said Jay Hakes, a senior official at the Energy Department during the Clinton administration. "But we will have to work through the environmental issues, which are a definite challenge."

The increased production of fossil fuels is a far cry from the energy plans Obama articulated as a candidate in 2008. Then, he promoted policies to help combat global warming, including vast investments in renewable energy and a cap-and-trade system for carbon emissions that would have discouraged the use of fossil fuels.

Houston Chronicle

Michael Jenkins waits to change a drill pipe as he works on an oil rig running on Anadarko's Raybank Well on June 2, 2011, near the west Texas town of Mentone, about 90 miles west of Midland.

More recently, with gasoline prices rising and another election looming, Obama has struck a different chord. He has opened new federal lands and waters to drilling, trumpeted increases in oil and gas production and de-emphasized the challenges of climate change. On Thursday, he said he supported expedited construction of the southern portion of the proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada.

Obama's current policy has alarmed many environmental advocates who say he has failed to adequately address the environmental threats of expanded drilling and the use of fossil fuels. He also has not silenced critics, including Republicans and oil executives, who accuse him of preventing drilling on millions of acres off the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts and on federal land, unduly delaying the decision on the full Keystone project and diverting scarce federal resources to pie-in-the-sky alternative energy programs.

Just as the production increase was largely driven by rising oil prices, the trend could reverse if the global economy were to slow. Even so, much of the industry is thrilled at the prospects.

"To not be concerned with where our oil is going to come from is probably the biggest home run for the country in a hundred years," said Scott D. Sheffield, chief executive of Pioneer Natural Resources, which is operating in West Texas. "It sort of reminds me of the industrial revolution in coal, which allowed us to have some of the cheapest energy in the world and drove our economy in the late 1800s and 1900s."

The foundation is laid

For as long as roughnecks have worked the Permian Basin — made famous during World War II as the fuel pump that powered the Allies — they mostly have focused on relatively shallow zones of easily accessible, oil-soaked sandstone and silt. But after 80 years of pumping, those regions were running dry.

So in 2003, Jim Henry, a West Texas oilman, tried a bold experiment. Borrowing an idea from a fellow engineer, his team at Henry Petroleum drilled deep into a hard limestone formation using a refinement of hudraulic fracturing. By blasting millions of gallons of water into the limestone, they created tiny fissures that allowed oil to break free, a technique that had previously been successful in extracting gas from shale.

The test produced 150 barrels of oil a day, three times more than normal. "We knew we had the biggest discovery in over 50 years in the Permian Basin," Henry recalled.

There was just one problem: At $30 a barrel, the price of oil was about half of what was needed to make drilling that deep really profitable.

So, the renaissance of the Permian — and the domestic oil industry — would have to wait.

But, the drillers in Texas had important allies in Washington. Bush grew up in Midland and spent 11 years as a West Texas oilman, albeit without much success, before entering politics. Vice President Dick Cheney had been chief executive of the oil field contractor Halliburton. The Bush administration worked from the start on finding ways to unlock the nation's energy reserves and reverse decades of declining output, with Cheney leading a White House energy task force that met in secret with top oil executives.

"Ramping up production was a high priority," said Gale Norton, a member of the task force and the secretary of the Interior at the time. "We hated being at the mercy of other countries, and we were determined to change that."

The task force's work helped produce the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which set rules that contributed to the current surge. It prohibited the Environmental Protection Agency from regulating fracking under the Safe Drinking Water Act, eliminating a potential impediment to wide use of the technique. The legislation also offered the industry billions of dollars in new tax breaks to help independent producers recoup some drilling costs even when a well came up dry.

Separately, the Interior Department was granted the power to issue drilling permits on millions of acres of federal lands without extensive environmental impact studies for individual projects, addressing industry complaints about the glacial pace of approvals. That new power has been used at least 8,400 times, mostly in Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico, representing a quarter of all permits issued on federal land in the last six federal fiscal years.

The Bush administration also opened large swaths of the Gulf of Mexico and the waters off Alaska to exploration, granting lease deals that required companies to pay only a tiny share of their profits to the government.

These measures primed the pump for the burst in drilling that began once oil prices started rising sharply in 2005 and 2006. With the world economy humming — and China, India and other developing

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nations posting astonishing growth — demand for oil began outpacing the easily accessible supplies.

By 2008, daily global oil consumption surged to 86 million barrels, up nearly 20 percent from the decade before. In July of that year, the price of oil reached its highest level since World War II, topping $145 a barrel (equivalent to more than $151 a barrel in today's dollars).

Oil reserves once too difficult and expensive to extract — including Henry's limestone fields — had become more attractive.

If money was the motivation, fracking became the favored means of extraction.

While fracturing itself had been around for years, natural gas drillers in the 1980s and 1990s began combining high-pressure fracturing with drilling wells horizontally, not just vertically. They found it unlocked gas from layers of shale previously seen as near worthless.

By 2001, fracturing took off around Fort Worth and Dallas, eventually reaching under schools, airports and inner-city neighborhoods. Companies began buying drilling rights across vast shale fields in a variety of states. By 2008, the country was awash in natural gas.

Fracturing for oil, which is made of larger molecules than natural gas, took longer to develop. But eventually, it opened new oil fields in North Dakota, south Texas, Kansas, Wyoming, Colorado and, most recently, Ohio.

Meanwhile, technological advances were making deeper oil drilling possible in the Gulf of Mexico. New imaging and seismic technology allowed engineers to predict the location and size of reservoirs once obscured by thick layers of salt. And, drill bits made of superstrong alloys were developed to withstand the hot temperatures and high pressures deep under the seabed.

Houston Chronicle

Oil wells dot the Midland landscape. New drilling techniques have helped revitalize the Permian Basin.

As the industry's confidence — and profits — grew, so did criticism. Amid concerns about global warming and gasoline prices that averaged a record $4.11 a gallon in July 2008 ($4.30 in today's dollars), Obama campaigned on a pledge to shift toward renewable energy and away from fossil fuels.

His administration initially canceled some oil and gas leases on federal land awarded during the Bush administration and required more environmental review. But in a world where crucial oil suppliers like Venezuela and Libya were unstable and high energy prices could be a drag on a weak economy, he soon acted to promote more drilling.

Despite a drilling hiatus after the 2010 explosion of the Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico, which killed 11 rig workers and spilled millions of barrels of crude oil into the ocean, he has proposed expansion of oil production both on land and offshore. He is now moving toward approving drilling off the coast of Alaska.

"Our dependence on foreign oil is down because of policies put in place by our administration, but also our predecessor's administration," Obama said during a campaign appearance this month, a few weeks after opening 38 million more acres in the Gulf for oil and gas exploration. "And whoever succeeds me is going to have to keep it up."

An American oil boom

The last time the Permian Basin oil fields enjoyed a boom — nearly three decades ago — Rolls-Royce opened a showroom in the desert, Champagne was poured from cowboy boots, and the local airport could not accommodate all the Lear jets taking off for Las Vegas on weekends.

But when crude prices fell in the mid-1980s, oil companies pulled out and the Rolls dealership was replaced by a tortilla factory. The only thriving business was done by bankruptcy lawyers and auctioneers helping to unload used Ferraris, empty homes and useless rigs.

"One day we were rolling in oil," recalled Jim Foreman, the general manager of the Midland BMW dealership, "and the next day geologists were flipping burgers at McDonald's."

The burger-flipping days are definitely over. Today, more than 475 rigs — roughly a quarter of all rigs operating in the U.S. — are smashing through tight rocks across the Permian in West Texas and southeastern New Mexico. Those areas are already producing nearly 1 million barrels a day, or 17 percent more than two years ago. By decade's end, that daily total could easily double, oil executives say, roughly equaling the total output of Nigeria.

"We're having a revolution," said G. Steven Farris, chief executive of Apache Corp., one of the basin's most active producers. "And we're just scratching the surface."

It is a revolution that is returning investments to the U.S. Over several decades, Pioneer Natural Resources had taken roughly $1 billion earned in Texas oil fields and drilled in Africa, South America and elsewhere. But in the past five years, the company sold $2 billion of overseas assets and reinvested in Texas shale fields.

"Political risk was increasing internationally," said Sheffield, Pioneer's chief executive, and domestically, he was encouraged to see "the shale technology progressing."

Pioneer's rising fortunes can be seen on a 10,000-acre field known as the Giddings Estate, a forsaken stretch inhabited by straggly coyotes, rabbits, rattlesnakes and cows that forage for grass between the sagebrush. When Pioneer bought it in 2005, the field's hundred mostly broken-down wells were producing a total of 50 barrels a day. "It was a diamond in the rough," said Robert Hillger, who manages it for Pioneer.

Hillger and his colleagues have brought an array of new tools to bear at Giddings. Computer programs simulate well designs, minimizing trial and error. Advanced fiber optics allow senior engineers and geologists at headquarters more than 300 miles away to monitor progress and remotely direct the drill bit. Subterranean microphones help identify fissures in the rock to plan subsequent drilling.

Today, the Giddings field is pumping 7,000 barrels a day, and Pioneer expects to hit 25,000 barrels a day by 2017.

The newfound wealth is spreading beyond the fields. In nearby towns, petroleum companies are buying so many pickup trucks that dealers are leasing parking lots the size of city blocks to stock their inventory. Housing is in such short supply that drillers are importing contractors from Houston and hotels are leased out before they are even built.

Two new office buildings are going up in Midland, a city of just more than 110,000 people, the first in 30 years, while the total value of downtown real estate has jumped 50 percent since 2008. With virtually no unemployment, restaurants cannot find enough servers. Local truck drivers are making six-figure salaries.

"Anybody who comes in with a driver's license and a Social Security card, I'll give him a chance," said Rusty Allred, owner of Rusty's Oilfield Service Co.

If there is a loser in this boom, it is the environment. Water experts say aquifers in the desert area could run dry if fracturing continues expanding, and oil executives concede they need to reduce water consumption.

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Yet, environmental concerns, from polluted air to greenhouse gas emissions, have gained little traction in the Permian Basin or other outposts of the energy expansion.

On the front lines in opposition is Jay Lininger, a 36-year-old ecologist who drives through the Permian in an old Toyota Tacoma with a hard hat tilted on his head and a federal land map at the ready.

A former national park firefighter, he says he is now battling a wildfire of a different sort — the oil industry.

Nationally, environmentalists have challenged drilling with mixed results. Efforts to stop or slow fracking have succeeded in New York state and some localities in other states, but it is spreading across the country.

In the Permian, Lininger said, few people openly object to the foul-smelling air of the oil fields. Ranchers are more than happy to sell what water they have to the oil companies for fracturing.

Lininger and his group are trying to slow the expansion of drilling by appealing to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect several animal species, including the 5-inch dunes sagebrush lizard.

"It's a pathetic little lizard in an ugly desert, but life needs to be protected," he said. "Every day we burn fossil fuel makes it harder for our planet to recover from our energy addiction."

Lininger said the oil and ranching industries had destroyed or fragmented 40 percent of the lizard's habitat, and 60 percent of what is left is under lease for oil and gas development.

The wildlife agency proposed listing the lizard as endangered in 2010 and was expected to decide last December, but congressional representatives from the oil patch won a delay. Oil companies are working on a voluntary program to locate new drilling so it will not disturb the lizard habitat.

But, for Lininger's group, the Center for Biological Diversity, that is far from sufficient.

Brendan Cummings, senior counsel of the center, said protecting the lizard was part of a broader effort to keep drilling from harming animals, including polar bears, walruses and bowhead whales in the Alaskan Arctic and dwarf sea horses and sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico.

"When you are dealing with fossil fuels, things will always go wrong," Cummings said. "There will always be spills, there will always be pollution. Those impacts compound the fragmentation that occurs and render these habitats into sacrifice areas."

A turn toward efficiency

If the Permian Basin exemplifies the rise in production, car-obsessed San Diego is a prime example of the other big factor in the decline in the nation's reliance on foreign oil.

Just since 2007, consumption of all liquid fuels in the U.S., including diesel, jet fuel and heating oil, has dropped about 9 percent, according to the Energy Department. Gasoline use fell 6-12 percent, estimated Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information Service.

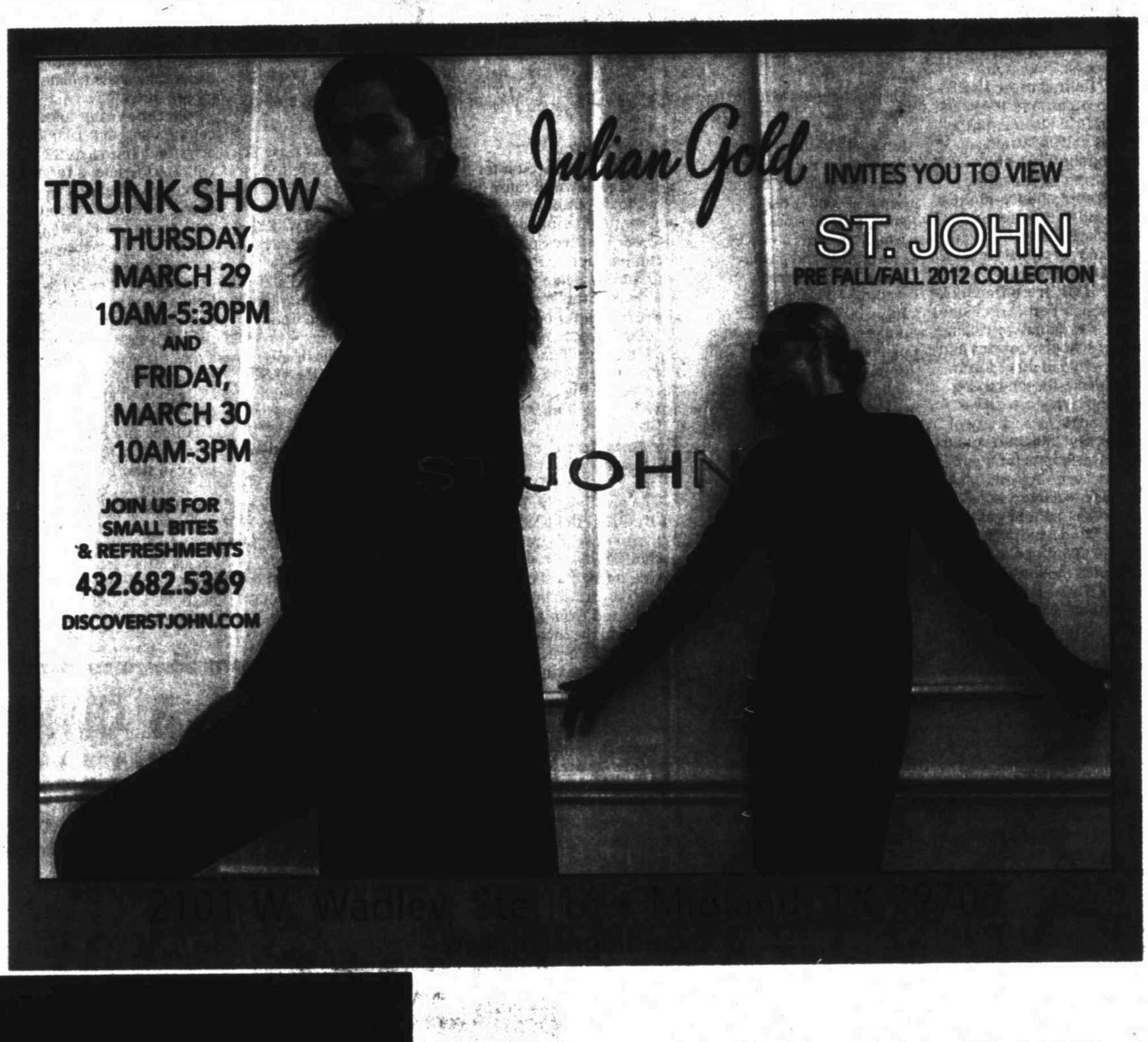
Millions of Americans have downsized. SUVs accounted for 18 percent of new-car sales in 2002, but only 7 percent in 2010.

The surge in gasoline prices nationwide — they are already at a record level for this time of year — has contributed to the shift toward more fuel-efficient cars. But a bigger factor is rising federal fuel economy standards. After a long freeze, the miles-per-gallon mandate has been increased several times in recent years, with the Obama administration now pushing automakers to hit 54.5 mpg by 2025.

As Americans replace their older cars — they have bought an average of 1.25 million new cars and light trucks a month this year — new technologies mean they usually end up with a more efficient vehicle, even if they buy a model of similar size and power.

The trend of lower consumption, when combined with higher energy production, has profound implications, said Bill White, former deputy energy secretary in the Clinton administration and former mayor of Houston.

"Energy independence has always been a race between depletion and technologies to produce more and use energy more efficiently," he said. "Depletion was winning for decades, and now technology is starting to overtake its lead."



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Few Louisiana voters say Etch A Sketch flap important

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WASHINGTON — Few voters in Louisiana's Republican presidential primary said they were influenced by a comment by a Mitt Romney aide likening his campaign's tactics to an Etch A Sketch toy, even though it was one of the week's big political stories.

Early results of an exit poll of voters Saturday showed only about 1 in 5 saying the remarks played an important role in choosing a candidate.

Asked whether Romney's positions in the GOP primary might make him too conservative for more moderate voters in November's general election, Romney adviser Eric Fehrnstrom had said the campaign could start over in the fall. Romney's opponents said the remark shows he shifts his views too easily.

"Everything changes. It's almost like an Etch A Sketch. You can kind of shake it up" and start all over again, Fehrnstrom said.

The exit poll showed more Louisiana GOP voters think the former Massachusetts governor would be a stronger candidate than Rick Santorum this fall, but more say Santorum understands average people better than Romney.

The survey also illustrated the state's conservative tilt.

More than 4 in 10 Louisiana voters said they are very conservative, exceeding the average of about 1 in 3 in states where GOP primary and caucus voters have been surveyed. About 7 in 10 back the tea party, making Louisiana one of the strongest bastions of support for the grassroots conservative movement among the states surveyed.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rick Santorum won the Louisiana Republican presidential primary Saturday, beating front-runner Mitt Romney in yet another conservative Southern state.

Although the victory gives Santorum bragging rights, it does not change the overall dynamics of the race; the former Pennsylvania senator still dramatically lags behind Romney in the hunt for delegates to the GOP's summertime nominating convention.

Even so, Santorum's win underscores a pattern in the drawn-out race.

The under-funded underdog has tended to win in Bible Belt states that include Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama. Romney — a deep-pocketed, highly organized former Massachusetts governor — has persistently struggled in such heavily conservative regions.

Neither candidate was in the state as Louisiana Republicans weighed in. Nor was former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who was trailing in Louisiana.

Romney took a rare day off Saturday, with no public events. Santorum spent the day campaigning in Pennsylvania and next-up Wisconsin, which votes April 3 and represents one of his last chances to beat Romney in a Midwestern state.

"Stand for your principles. Don't compromise. Don't sell America short," Santorum implored voters in Milwaukee, telling them that he expected their state to be "the turning point in this race."

In an unmistakable jab at Romney, Santorum added: "Don't make the mistake that Republicans made in 1976. Don't nominate the moderate. When you do, we lose." It was a reference to Ronald Reagan losing the 1976 Republican nomination to incumbent President Gerald Ford, and Democrat Jimmy Carter winning the White House.

Early exit polls conducted for the Associated Press and the television networks showed that Santorum's win in Louisiana was one of his strongest performances to date among conservatives, working class voters and those calling the economy their top issue. And, he continued his dominance among white evangelical voters and those looking for a candidate who shares their religious beliefs.

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As in previous Southern states, Romney's best showing came among those voters with annual incomes higher than $100,000 and those who prioritized a candidate's ability to defeat President Barack Obama in November.

The bad economy was the top issue for Louisiana voters. Most were gloomy about prospects for a recovery, saying they felt the economy was getting worse instead of better. While some national surveys suggest Americans are feeling optimistic about economic improvement, just one in eight Republican primary voters said they thought a recovery was under way.

Santorum badly needed a rebound after a decisive Illinois loss to Romney earlier in the week that moved party stalwarts to rally around the front-runner. Many urged Santorum and Gingrich to drop out of the race.

Both refused, and campaigned aggressively in Louisiana in hopes that a victory there would justify them staying in despite Republican worries that the long nomination fight could hurt the party's chances against Obama. The Democratic incumbent faces no serious primary challenge and his re-election campaign already is well under way.

Romney barely campaigned in Louisiana, though his allies spent on TV ads there. Instead, Romney was looking past the results and toward the general election.

"I want the vote of the people of Louisiana so we can consolidate our lead," Romney said Friday while campaigning in Shreveport. He told supporters his campaign wants to focus on "raising the money and building the team to defeat someone that needs to be out of office in 2012, and that's Barack Obama."

Romney is far ahead in the delegate count and on pace to reach the necessary 1,144 delegates before the party's convention in August.

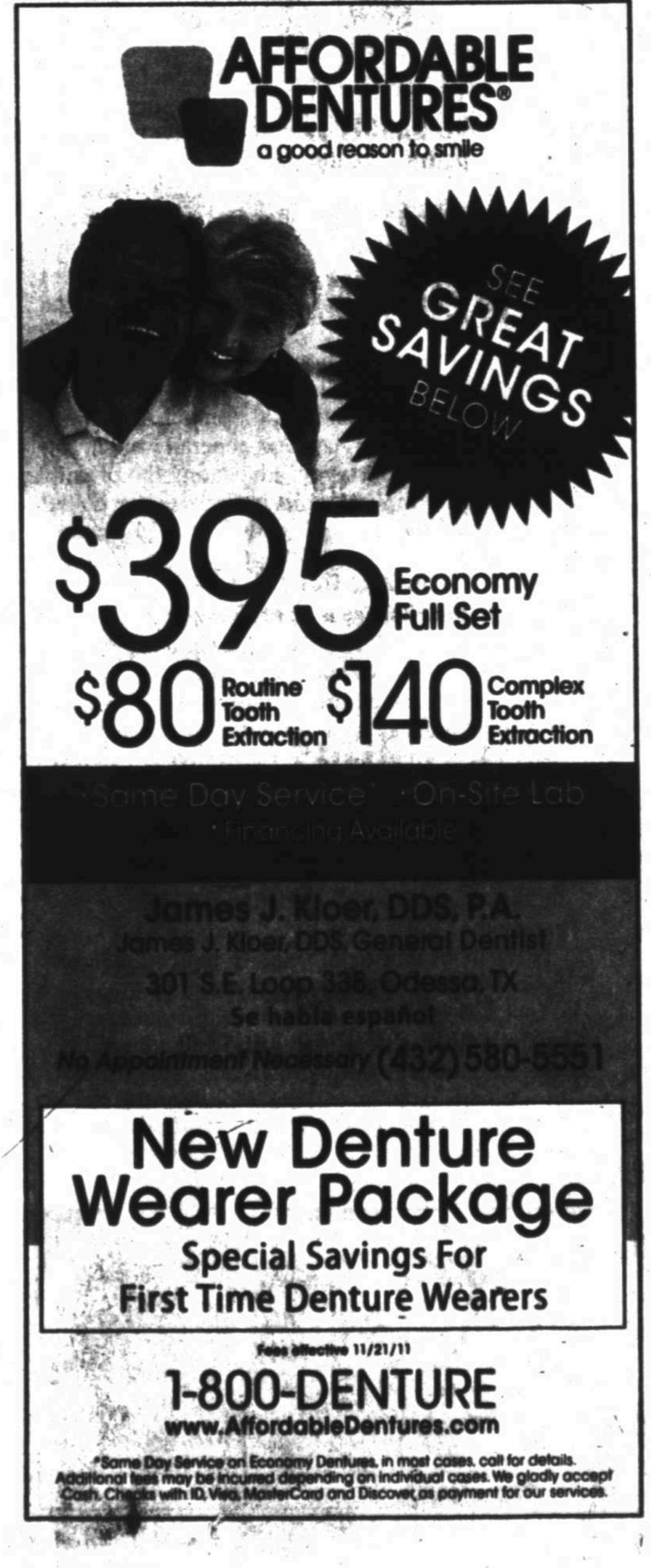
After the Illinois primary March 20, Romney had 563 delegates, according to an Associated Press tally. Santorum had 263, while Gingrich trailed with 135. Texas Rep. Ron Paul had 50.

The Louisiana exit poll found that in a hypothetical choice between just the two top contenders, Santorum's lead over Romney tops 20 percentage points, suggesting the former senator would pick up votes from Gingrich's and Paul's current supporters.

Earlier Saturday, Santorum said he wanted to debate Romney without their trailing competitors on stage.

"This race has clearly gotten down to two candidates that can win the nomination," Santorum told reporters in Milwaukee. "I'd love to have a one-on-one debate."

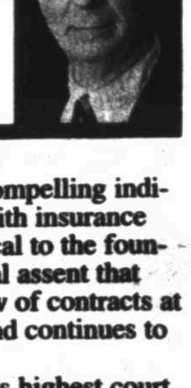
In the run-up to Louisiana's voting, Santorum found himself on the defensive after suggesting he'd prefer a second term for Obama over a Romney presidency. Santorum was all but forced to walk back those comments, saying less than 24 hours before Louisiana polls opened that "over my dead body would I vote for Barack Obama."



Opinion

Obamacare's contract problem is compelling

■ If the Supreme Court decides Obamacare doesn't coerce individuals into engaging in commerce, unlimited government soon may follow.



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On Monday, the Supreme Court begins three days of oral arguments concerning possible — actually, probable and various — constitutional infirmities in Obamacare. The justices have received many amicus briefs, one of which merits special attention because of the elegant scholarship and logic with which it addresses an issue that has not been as central to the debate as it should be.

Hitherto, most attention has been given to whether Congress, under its constitutional power to regulate interstate commerce, may coerce individuals into engaging in commerce by buying health insurance. Now the Institute for Justice, a libertarian public interest law firm, has focused on this fact: The individual mandate is incompatible with centuries of contract law. This is so because a compulsory contract is an oxymoron.

The brief, the primary authors of which are IJ's Elizabeth Price Foley and Steve Simpson, says Obamacare is the first time Congress has used its power to regulate commerce to produce a law "from which there is no escape." And "coercing commercial transactions" — compelling individuals to sign contracts with insurance companies — "is antithetical to the foundational principle of mutual assent that permeated the common law of contracts at the time of the founding and continues to do so today."

In 1799, South Carolina's highest court held: "So cautiously does the law watch over all contracts, that it will not permit any to be binding but such as are made by persons perfectly free, and at full liberty to make or refuse such contracts. ... Contracts to be binding must not be made under any restraint or fear of their persons, otherwise they are void." Throughout the life of this nation it has been understood that for a contract to be valid, the parties to it must mutually assent to its terms — without duress.

In addition to duress, contracts are voidable for reasons of fraud upon, or the mistake or incapacity of, a party to the contract. This underscores the centrality of the concept of meaningful consent in contract law. To be meaningful, consent must be informed *and must not be coerced*. Under Obamacare, the government will compel individuals to enter into contractual relations with insurance companies under threat of penalty.

Also, the Supreme Court in Commerce Clause cases repeatedly has recognized, and Congress has never before ignored, the difference between the regulation and the coercion of commerce. And in its 10th Amendment cases ("The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people") the court specifically has forbidden government to compel contracts.

In 1992, the court held unconstitutional a law compelling states to "take title to" radioactive waste. The court said this would be indistinguishable from "a congressionally compelled subsidy from state governments" to those who produced the radioactive waste. Such commandeering of states is, the court held, incompatible with federalism.

IJ argues: The 10th Amendment forbids Congress from exercising its commerce power to compel states to enter into contractual relations by effectively forcing states to "buy" radioactive waste. Hence "the power to *regulate* commerce does not include the power to *compel* a party to take title to goods or services against its will." And if it is beyond Congress' power to commandeer the states by compelling them to enter into contracts, it must likewise be beyond Congress' power to commandeer individuals by requiring them to purchase insurance. Again, the 10th Amendment declares that any powers not given to the federal government are reserved to the states *or to the people*.

Furthermore, although the Constitution permits Congress to make laws "necessary and proper" for executing its enumerated powers, such as the power to regulate interstate commerce, it cannot, IJ argues, be proper to exercise that regulatory power in ways that eviscerate "the very essence of legally binding contracts." Under Obamacare, Congress asserted the improper power to compel commercial contracts. It did so on the spurious ground that this power is necessary to solve a problem Congress created when, by forbidding insurance companies to deny coverage to individuals because of pre-existing conditions, it produced the problem of "adverse selection" — people not buying insurance until they need medical care.

IJ correctly says that if the court were to ratify Congress' disregard for settled contract law, Congress' "power to compel contractual relations would have no logical stopping point." Which is why this case is the last exit ramp on the road to unlimited government.

OUR VIEW

Don't read too much into University Lands total

For the past three years, University Lands lease sales have set record highs, but this past week sales plummeted to previous levels, leaving many of us wondering if that means a change of thinking for the oil and gas industry.

In fact, the difference in this year's sales compared to the past three years was a bit startling. University Lands bids totaled $27.816 million in this year's sale. That is nowhere close to the previous three-year run that shattered lease records and made big news across the state.

The bidding frenzy exploded in 2010 when University Lands officials received $210 million for leases, four times higher than the previous record. It didn't stop there. The March 2011 sale brought in $247 million. In September 2011, bids totaled a record $310 million.

As you can see, the $27.816 million during the spring sale was down significantly, so what are we to make of it?

Well, not much really. While it's easy to jump to some dire conclusions about a cooling for oil and gas exploration, we won't take that negative leap as an end to current drilling activity here in the Permian Basin or the rest of the state.

Officials are calling the University Lands total a return to normal. In past years, $28 million would be considered a firm haul for University Lands. Jim Benson, executive director of the University Lands Board for Lease said, "We've fallen back to pre-run-up levels. I'm still pleased at the continued interest in our acreage. Though this isn't a record, $27 million is still a good number."

This past week's sale also indicates that while the black gold rush continues, available land for lease is dwindling. Benson said, "We have about 300,000 acres left. We're close to being totally leased up."

The refocus has switched to areas where the Wolfberry was explored south of Crockett, Reagan and Upton counties because little acreage is left in those hot areas. Benson said, "We have only 6,000 acres left in Reagan, Crockett and Upton counties, and the high bids were in those areas."

While the march on lease sales obviously has hit its zenith, the drilling on those lands, we believe, is still on the horizon for the most part. Now is the time to find out if the leases pay off, and it will take years for us to get a grasp on the complete answer to that question.

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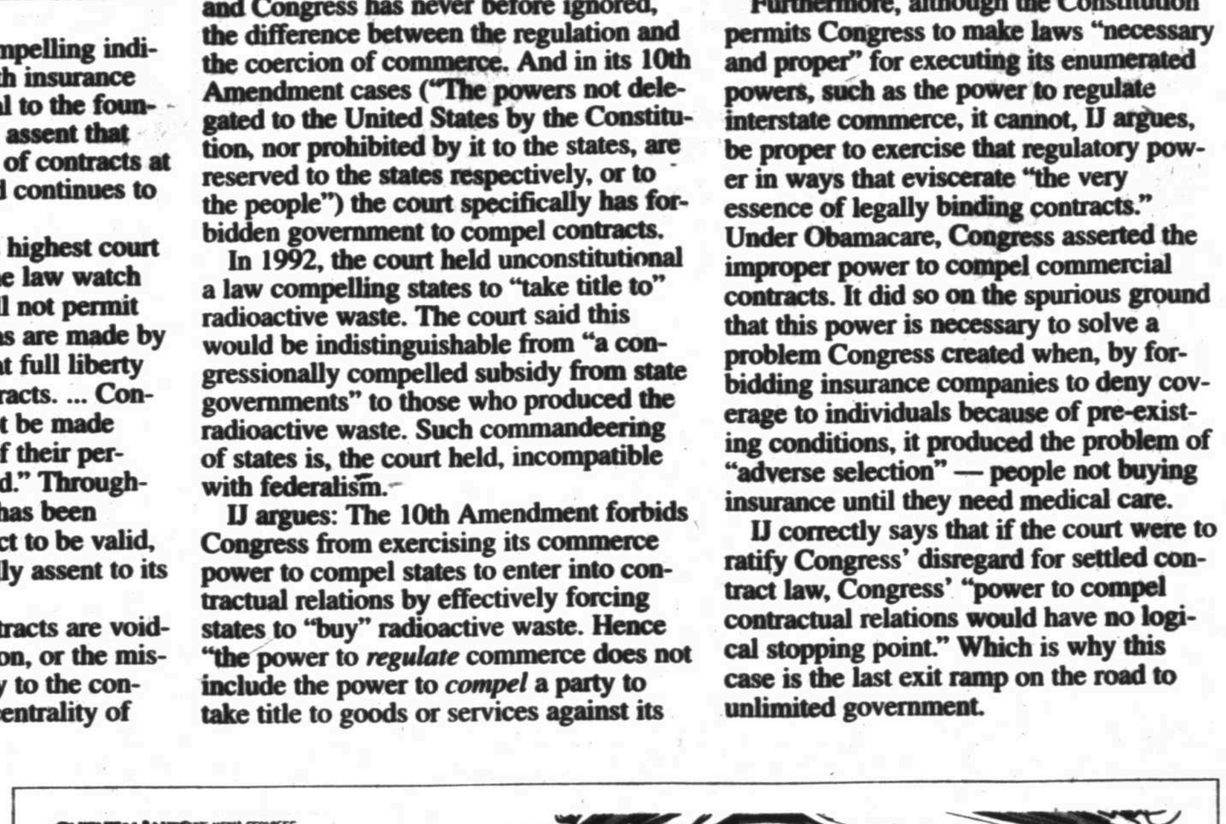


A reason to court Obama's replacement

■ A Supreme Court overturning of Obamacare may depend on the conservatism of five judges in particular. Need a better reason to make sure we see change in the White House?

WILLIAM MURCHISON
Creators Syndicate

The Supreme Court of the United States, whose inveterate habit is telling Americans what's good for them, will do the honors once more after weighing the merits and demerits of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, generally and ominously known as Obamacare.

Formal arguments before the court, commencing March 26, will last three days. In the end, five or six justices will advise us how much power the federal government may exercise over our method of providing health care and how we're to pay for it. Assuming, we ever manage to pay for it.

Forty-nine percent of Americans, according to a new poll by The Hill, the Washington, D.C., political newspaper, expect the justices to strike down the law — an enactment long seen as vulnerable on account of its big brotherly order that we all buy health insurance. By contrast, an American Bar Association survey of legal "experts" says 85 percent expect the court to greenlight the law.

One sees, in either case, the extent of our dependence on the very federal judges Thomas Jefferson considered a "subtle corps of sappers and miners constantly working under the ground to undermine the foundations of our confederated fabric."

How has it come to this? Through habit as much as anything else. The more law we have — and we have more now than Jefferson at his gloomiest could have foreseen — the more disputes make their way to the Supreme Court for final resolution. Such as the one over "how dare Congress tell me I have to buy health insurance?!"

A similar dispute erupted nearly 80 years ago, at the start of the big government era. Congress, in the Social Security Act, ordered employers and employees alike to cough up, year after year and for all time, a payroll exaction designed to ease the burdens of the elderly. A Supreme Court, startled by President Roosevelt's attacks on it for disallowing other pieces of New Deal legislation to change course, (Helvering et al. vs. Davis) decided the Social Security tax was fine and dandy — not for us to reason why, etc., etc.

That's how these things get started. Let this or that abridgement of rights pass judicial muster and you end up ... where? Maybe where we are now, waiting for today's high court to decide whether it's OK for Congress to reach still more deeply into our pockets, for reasons of national policy.

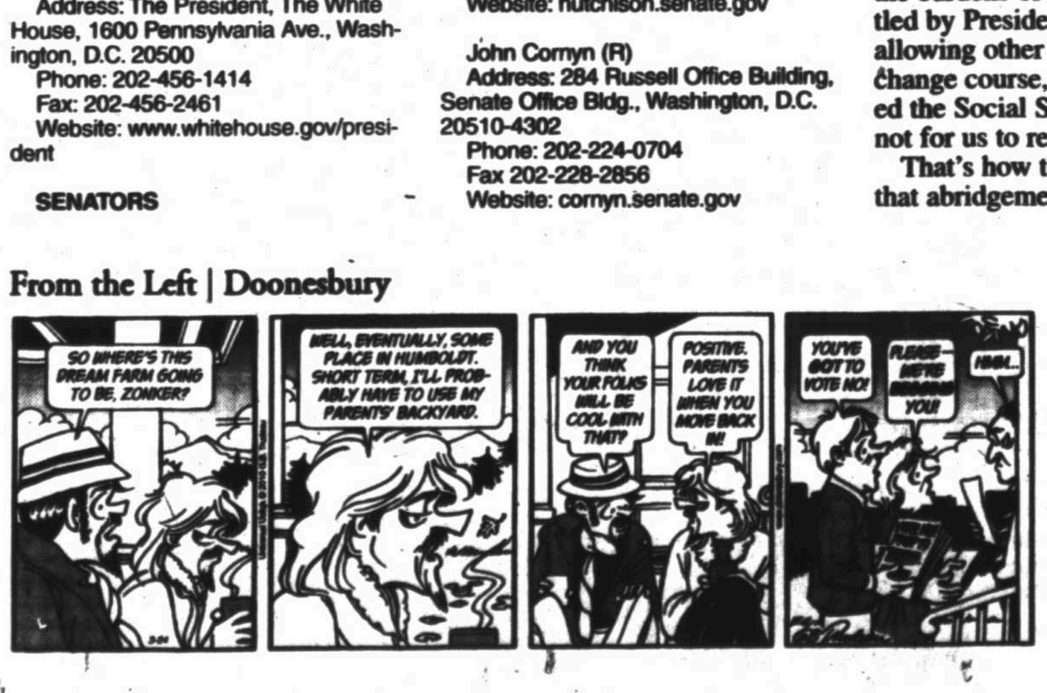
Which brings to mind — surprise, surprise — the 2012 elections. It matters who gets to appoint our federal judges and justices. It matters profoundly. The only reason opponents of federal aggrandizement have any hope of relief from Obamacare is the presence on the high court of four, maybe five, depending on how you count justices of conservative bent, all appointed by Republican presidents.

The justices in question are Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Clarence Thomas, Anthony Kennedy, Antonin Scalia, and Samuel Alito Jr. All will give the time of day, and generally much more than that, to lawyers advocating the principle of explicit or implicit limits to the exercise of federal power. The same five will listen with some earnestness to arguments that Congress can't pass just any old law weakening the already frail balance of powers upon which our liberties depend.

Barack Obama's two Supreme Court appointees — Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan — are smart people, but neither registers visible alarm over governmental hyperactivity. Maybe, as the ABA survey suggests, a "conservative" or two will defect, giving the administration a narrow victory. I hope not. In any case, those varied "conservatives," now walloping each other with baseball bats and bungstarters, might benefit from imagining the consequence of throwing the election by tearing the GOP apart.

How about four more years of judicial appointments by the president who thinks it's a great idea to make every American buy health insurance? It's far from the only reason to call off this ineffably stupid Republican family feud, but I suggest that few stronger reasons will come our way.

From the Left | Doonesbury



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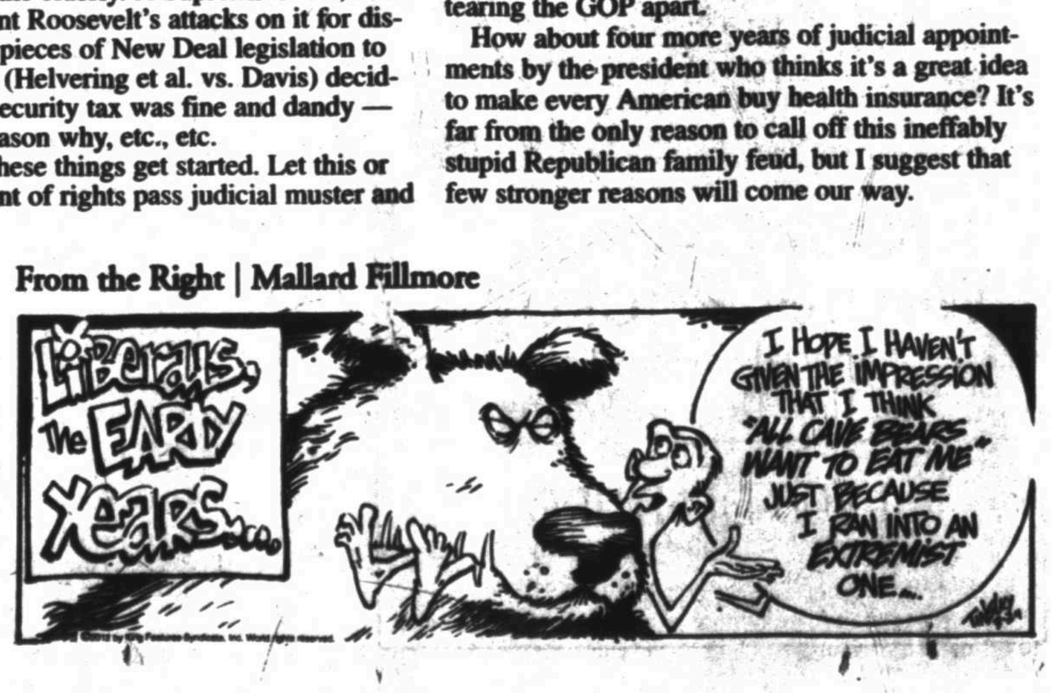

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Raising prices won't solve water shortage problem

Starting in April, the city of Midland will increase water charges from $3 per thousand gallons to about $19 per thousand gallons. Who will this affect?

Many people in northwest Midland have incomes that can afford the increase for overage water use. Hey, we have an oil and gas boom. No problem. I have visited with several of the more affluent, and they said they will just pay the bill and water their yard and fill their pools. But, the retired, those on fixed incomes, poor large families and minorities are the losers.

Again, here is the government trying to fix something the stupid way. Applying outrageous fees (taxes) to the public by the wave of the magic wand.

But, we always will have enough fresh water for the oil and gas industry. Raising the price will not solve the issue of our water shortage.

What about creating a tax break for land owners who will switch to a desert-like landscape and plant more trees to block the drying wind. What about stop selling fresh water to oil and gas producers in Midland County. Require the oil and gas producers to use salt water in lieu of fresh water.

Oh, I'm sorry; that is not important. But, the money it could bring to Midland's economy is important.

Good grief, Charlie Brown. Look how stupid we have become in Midland.

Timothy L. Parker

Honor system for watering isn't working

I hardly know how to start this letter. I'm one of the few people in this town who is trying to stay within the watering rules for Midland, and it's frustrating. My grass is dying, and I have absolutely no hope for flower beds. Yet, everywhere around me, I see lush, green lawns and flower beds. True, I'm not a great gardener, but I'm not stupid enough to think that those lawns are thriving without a little help from sprinkler systems that are set to go off after midnight when no one will catch them watering illegally.

It's evident the honor system isn't working, and charging extra for water overage won't work either. They're special, you know, and the rules don't apply to them. Besides, most people easily can afford a couple of extra dollars on their water bill. (I am the exception because I'm living on Social Security).

Maybe they think it's going to rain, and the drought will be over soon. Well, what if it doesn't? What happens then? Thanks for letting me vent. I know it won't make any difference, but things need to be said.

Judy Benton

Make landowners, inmates clean up lots

It seems every day another city is considering banning the plastic bag because of land pollution. This is OK; however, there are a couple of options that should be considered.

One; Contact the landowners and have them clean their lots. For example, if an alley needs mowing behind a particular home, the city contacts the homeowner and informs them about the problem. If the owner does not comply, the city has it mowed and bills the owner.

Two: Sitting in the county jail are many people who lay in bed thinking, sleeping, play cards, etc. The people of the county are paying for their detainment, so why not resort to the "Georgia chain gang" method. Use these inmates to clean the lots and byways. Most of them probably would enjoy getting outside for a change. Allowing them to work will keep them from just sitting around and thinking up ways to create problems for themselves, the other inmates and the guards.

The residents of the county at least would get something for their money.

Richard H. Wallace

Midland needs water, not stadium seats

We need water, not millions of dollars for new seats at the stadium or ballpark.

Why don't we spend that money to build a water-recycling plant? Clean up our waste water and use it over and over again. The technology is available. This is done on the space shuttle.

We should be able to complete the project in less than a year if we really tried. Result: We have enough water to continue living in Midland.

John E. Cosby Jr.

Permain Basin needs to support Wagner Noël shows

Joe Ely put on a heck of a show at Wagner Noël last Saturday night. Unfortunately, only a couple hundred people saw it. I would estimate the building was at one-eighth capacity. I know Midland/Odessa isn't known for its live music scene, but with the new state-of-the-art Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, we have a chance to snag incredible acts on occasion as they travel across the state. Out of curiosity, I went online to see if tickets were still available for the Steve Earle show April 28. Yes, they are. Seats on the fourth row of the entire venue, center stage, are still available. This cannot be a good thing.

I hope the other shows thus far have been better received. Joe Ely, a West Texas native, did what he could to provide some energy, but an empty room doesn't exactly electrify. I worry that if word gets out that Midland/Odessa is a dud, then booking decent acts will become harder.

The acoustics at Wagner Noël are every bit as good to my untrained ear as at the multigazillion dollar Austin City Limit venue. And unlike ACL, you don't have to be a size 2 chick to fit comfortably in the seats.

Oh, but don't forget a fat wad of cash if you're drinking; a double tall is $16 before tip.

RobRoy McDonald

Midland is full of big-hearted character

Our recent home fire was traumatic and hard to deal with. We wouldn't have recovered without the overwhelming support and generosity of our splendid friends, neighbors and relatives.

We need to thank Terry and Dee Weddle, Scott and Lisa Steger and Laurie Sherrod, Rob Beatty, Levi Weddle, David and Pattye Fields, our neighbor, Naomi, the Rev. Steve Schorr, A.L. Mitchell, James Gripp, Roy Nelson and the Midland Volunteer Fire Department for all their help and immediate assistance.

Anyone who would question the big-hearted character of Midland never has suffered a personal crisis in this magnificent West Texas town.

Grier and Evan Brunson

Wire service got it wrong with Obama preview

On the front page of the March 21 Reporter-Telegram, there was a story by AP reporter Jeri Clausing about Obama visiting the New Mexico oil fields.

Never mind the irony of the fool trying to take credit for oil and gas production has risen on his watch. Mr. President, production is up in spite of you, not because of you. Clausing states the Permian Basin is "the nation's second-largest oil-producing region after Alaska."

Really? According to World Oil Magazine, Texas production in January was 1,772,000 barrels per day. The article states two-thirds of Texas production comes from the Permian Basin. That works out to 1,181,000 barrels per day. January production for the entire state of Alaska was 622,000 barrels per day. Please check these facts before you cut and paste these stories.

On the positive side, the editorial that day was excellent in which you explained how oil companies do not receive "subsidies" and never have. Our president knows this, and he intentionally is lying to the public about this matter. How sad.

Marc Briggs

There are times when Al Sharpton is right

■ Still, it's time to leave vigilantism to what happened on the streets in Orlando.

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

What is true of the stopped clock is also true of the perpetually aggrieved, shamelessly exploitative publicity hound: Through sheer chance, he occasionally will be right.

The Trayvon Martin case appears to be one of those instances for Al Sharpton. The longtime provocateur and MSNBC host has a leading role in the protests over the lethal shooting of the 17-year-old Martin at the hands of a zealous Neighborhood Watch volunteer in the Florida community of Sanford.

During halftime of the NBA All-Star Game, Martin left the home of his father's girlfriend to walk to the local 7-Eleven for Skittles and iced tea. It was about 7 p.m., and he caught the attention of 28-year-old George Zimmerman, who had taken it upon himself to patrol the neighborhood armed with a gun. He considered Martin suspicious and called 911, which dispatched police. Ignoring the 911 operator's urging not to pursue Martin, Zimmerman followed the young man, got into an altercation with him and shot him dead.

Zimmerman claims Martin attacked him from behind, and he fired in self-defense. But, while he was on the line with 911, Zimmerman was the one chasing Martin. At the same time, Martin talked on his cellphone to his girlfriend, complaining of a man watching him. She told him to run away, which he apparently did during the interval Zimmerman was on with 911. The girlfriend claims she heard Martin say, "What are you following me for?" before the call went dead.

The tape of another 911 call from a neighbor has yells of "help" in the background before the gunshot. We may never know what exactly happened in the altercation. We do know this: Through stupendous errors in judgment, Zimmerman brought about an utterly unnecessary confrontation and then — in the most favorable interpretation of the facts for him — shot Martin when he began to lose a fistfight to him.

Florida has a "Stand Your Ground" law that stipulates that someone doesn't have to retreat and can use deadly force if facing a threat of death or bodily harm. It is one of the reasons the police didn't press charges against Zimmerman. But, the law is not meant to be a warrant for aggressive vigilantism. It was Martin, chased by a stranger who wasn't an officer of the law, who had more reason to feel threatened and "stand his ground" than Zimmerman.

So, Sharpton and his usual complement of allies are right about this: The Sanford police appear to have made the wrong call in letting Zimmerman off. Of course, the usual suspects can't leave it at that. In their telling, the case is a wholesale indictment of American society.

One MSNBC anchor compared the case to the notorious lynching of Emmett Till in 1950s Mississippi. On a visit from Chicago, the 14-year-old Till talked to a white woman and was subsequently murdered, mutilated and thrown in a river. His murderers got off. The Till case exposed a system built on injustice and hatred. The Orlando suburbs in the 2010s aren't remotely comparable, and George Zimmerman manifestly did not set out that night to kill Trayvon Martin, or he wouldn't have bothered to call the police.

News accounts tend to leave out that Zimmerman is a mixed-race Hispanic. That doesn't mean he can't be a racist. (Although it's murky, it sounds as if he mutters a racial epithet on the 911 call.) But, a Hispanic-on-black killing lacks the narrative clarity of a white vigilante chasing down Trayvon Martin in the tradition of the worst practices of the Jim Crow South.

The attention devoted to the case has forced the chief of police of Sanford to step aside temporarily, and it's hard to see the grand jury that is now looking into the shooting not handing down charges against Zimmerman. If so, he shouldn't effectively be tried during street protests or on cable TV. There's already been enough vigilantism in Sanford, Fla.

LLEWELLYN KING
Hearst Newspapers

Energy issue confuses White House officials

■ Obama needs to separate the oil problem from the electricity problem and go after the real market movers — the traders.

When the Obama administration seeks to explain its oil policy, it changes the subject in mid-sentence.

The most frequent practitioner of this verbal contortion is the president's press spokesman, Jay Carney. It is as though he's a magician who has promised to pull out a live rabbit from his top hat. This conjurer stands before his audience, recites some incantations and, poof, retrieves not a live rabbit from the hat but a dead chicken.

What magician Carney does, as well as other members of the president's staff and those at the Department of Energy, is to start by talking about oil and switch to talking about "alternatives."

The alternatives, with the exception of the nettlesome subject of biofuels (nettlesome because they produce little or no energy above what's invested in producing them), are ways of making electricity.

The administration is adept at confusing these almost unrelated subjects.

Oil is the stubborn problem. It affects every aspect of life and prosperity, from the balance of payments to war planning, from economic growth to our relationship with China. Worse, it may be in constrained supply for the rest of time as the BRIC countries (Brazil, Russia, India and China) continue to suck up the precious commodity.

New finds and new technology relieve this gloom for a while, but as demand rises and supply struggles to adjust, that future is known — even if Washington conservative think tanks and trade groups fight the notion of structural shortage.

The United States isn't short of electricity and has no need ever to be.

The electricity problem, if there is one, is an environmental one. Do we continue to burn coal on a massive scale while we search for an environmental fix? Or do we go wholeheartedly for nuclear, despite the fact that the Obama administration has abandoned the Yucca Mountain waste repository in Nevada and has settled for a decision not to decide (maybe in this century) on waste disposal?

Solar, wind, geothermal, wave power, even biomass, are technologies that come under the rubric of "alternatives" — and they're all electric technologies.

Then there's natural gas, thought to be exhausted in the United States in the 1970s, now in abundance as a result of releasing it from shale with sophisticated technologies in drilling and hydraulic fracturing. That's another electricity fuel in abundance.

It's enthusiasm for alternatives (a long-time love affair on the left of the Democratic Party) that has encouraged the confusing White House utterances about a policy of "all of the above."

It's this that has spread the public perception that the president can do something about the price of gasoline. It's this that makes him vulnerable to Republican scorn over debacles like the loan guarantees to solar array manufacturer Solyndra.

If Obama's re-election hopes aren't to be extinguished at the gas pump this November, he needs to separate oil and electricity — and the future from the present. He can't affect world oil prices, and he can't drill enough holes in the United States to change the world oil market.

But he can change the debate and push down the price somewhat by taking up arms not against the oil producers but rather against the oil traders, who are the market movers. They are concentrated in the New York Mercantile Exchange, where they daily bid up the price in a spiral that is unrelated to cost. The price of oil is set by traders in the market who use rumor, fear and the knowledge that producers will be silent partners, to jack it up.

These are the speculators. They aren't phantoms. They are real flesh-and-blood people who manipulate the markets daily.

What's happening to oil in the New York Mercantile Exchange is what happened to electricity prices in California when Enron traders were running wild. There have even been shenanigans at the Cushing tank farm in Oklahoma — the installation that Obama toured Thursday.

He might do well to read Leah McGrath Goodman's Fortune magazine article this month on how ConocoPhillips warehoused oil at Cushing. That oil came in by the same pipeline that the new owners have now reversed, she writes, and it's now flowing to refineries by the very route it came in, but at higher prices.

In oil, Goodman knows what she's talking about. She's a former Wall Street Journal reporter who wrote "The Asylum," the definitive book about the New York Mercantile Exchange and the madness of oil trading.

Obama could jawbone the traders while providing more resources and moral support to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission — the poodle trying to do a pit bull's work.

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Monday, look for partly cloudy skies with a high around 83, a low around 61 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday, look for mostly cloudy skies with a high around 84 and a low around 59.

The high on Saturday reached 91 while the low dropped to 43. The record high for March 24 is 91 set in 1988. The record low is 24 set in 2006.

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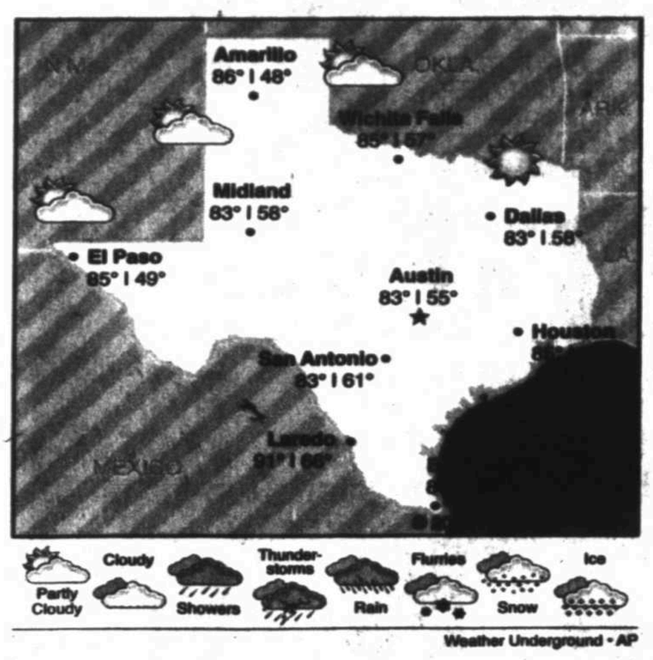
A slow-moving storm will reach the East Coast today, making for a soggy day from New England to the mid-Atlantic. While temperatures across the Northeast will average several degrees above normal, mainly in the 50s, they will be lower compared with a few days ago, when multiple records were shattered.

With warmer temperatures farther south, thunderstorms will develop near the storm's center from Delaware through the eastern Carolinas. A few of the storms could turn severe, with damaging winds and hail.



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Friday	0.00 in.
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Saturday's temperatures

High	90
Low	43
Normal high	73
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Phoenix could have another summer of dust storms

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — Many Phoenix-area residents had never heard the word "haboob" before last summer. Now, they can't forget it. Some experts say the heavy dust storms could be making a comeback in a few months.

Until last weekend's storm that dropped nearly an inch of rain, the Phoenix metropolitan area had gone nearly 90 days without significant precipitation.

Those dry conditions can create a situation similar to — or possibly even worse than — what set up last year's events. That could include the 5,000-foot-tall dust cloud that dumped 50,000 to 200,000 tons of dirt on the Phoenix metro area on July 5.

The significantly poor air quality conditions of early July — including that widely photographed and nationally chronicled dust event — were reported to the federal Environmental Protection Agency in a 214-page document that the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality finished this month.

Thunderstorms collapsed just north of Tucson in an extremely dry area where Pinal and Pima counties meet. It generated a pressure system and winds up to 70 mph that then delivered the dust and dirt to the Phoenix area.

"The drier we are, the more concern I have for the summer and the blowing dust," Eric Massey, head of air quality for the state's Department of Environmental Quality, told the East Valley Tribune. "I would be lying to you if I said I wasn't concerned about the lack of rain."

The rain is needed in the desert to keep dust in place.

"This rain is helpful for the short term and helping the desert to form a protective crust. But, without more rain more often, we still run the risk of dust storms in the long term," said Mark Shaffer, a spokesman for the Department of Environmental Quality.

"For the next couple of weeks, we'll probably have a break from the dust. But, if we don't get any more rain, it would likely create a problem in mid-April and onward," said Marvin Percha, meteorologist for the National Weather Service's Phoenix office.

According to the U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook, the Phoenix metro area had severe drought conditions as of March 6. The group's prediction is for the drought to persist or intensify through the summer.

Conditions of last summer create a health hazard for many in the area, said Dr. Jagruti "Julie" Patel, a pulmonary critical care physician who practices at Mercy Gilbert Medical Center. During last summer's dust storms, she was working at an outpatient clinic.

"After that, there was an increase of both admissions of asthma and COPD aspiration and an increase and diagnosis of coccidioidomycosis," she said.

Coccidioidomycosis is the clinical name for Valley Fever, a lung disease that is transferred through fungus spores in the air.

Dust can irritate the airways and create an allergic reaction for those with airway disease, Patel said.

Weatherman's forecasts are musts for ski areas

Associated Press

CENTER SANDWICH, N.H. — Ski area operators throughout Northern New England for more than three decades have relied on one New Hampshire man to help them plot when to make snow and how many loaves of bread to buy.

Tony Vazzano is a meteorologist and owner of North Winds Weather, which supplies ski areas with daily, individualized weather reports before the chairlifts begin their ascent.

Except for two days for heart surgery in 2010, Vazzano said he hasn't had a day off in winter in 33 years.

"My last day off was Oct. 16. My next day off is May 1," Vazzano said.

But, his workload is getting lighter by the day, as ski areas crippled by unseasonably warm weather begin closing earlier than anticipated. Temperatures surpassed 80 degrees in many places last week, and one town in Vermont lost 20 trails in two hours, he said.

Mike Wing, surfaces manager at Vermont's Sugarbush mountain, said Vazzano's report is the first thing he looks at in the morning and a constant source of reference throughout the day.

"It's like the holy grail of my whole winter operation," Wing said. "It's a must-have."

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LONDON

Queen drops in on wedding ceremony

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II has become a wedding crasher.

The monarch dropped in moments after the nuptials of John and Frances Canning at Manchester Town Hall in northern England on Friday.

The newlyweds said Saturday the queen chatted and posed for wedding photographs. The queen and her husband Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, were visiting the venue for lunch at the same time the wedding took place.

"It was very special — it was so lovely that she took the trouble to speak to us," bride Frances Canning said.

MADRID

Police arrest alledged 'bar code pimps' gang

Spanish police arrested 22 suspected pimps who allegedly used violence to force women into prostitution and tattooed them with bar codes as a sign of ownership, officials said Saturday.

Police are calling the gang the "bar code pimps." Officers freed one 19-year-old woman who had been beaten, held against her will and tattooed with a bar code and an amount of money — €2,000 ($2,650) — which investigators believe was the debt the gang wished to extort before releasing her.

The woman also had been whipped, chained to a radiator and had her hair and eyebrows shaved off, according to an Interior Ministry statement.

All those arrested were of Romanian nationality and had forced the women to hand over part of their earnings, the statement said.

The women were tattooed on their wrists if they tried to escape, the statement said.

Pope's arrival sparks surprising emotions

Associated Press

LEON, Mexico — It had become tradition in Mexico. Before daybreak, youths would creep as close as security permitted and serenade their beloved Pope John Paul II with a song of greeting and celebration.

Now a new, less familiar pope had come, seeking to strengthen his own ties with the largest Spanish-speaking Catholic nation.

Before dawn Saturday, two dozen youths from a Guadalajara church group gathered near the school where the Pope Benedict XVI was staying. "We sang with all our heart and all our force," said Maria Fernanda de Luna, a member of the group. "It gave us goosebumps to sing 'Las Mananitas' for him."

Songs, joyful throngs, church bells and confetti welcomed Benedict as he began his first trip to Mexico, a celebration that seemed to erupt spontaneously out of what had been a thin, sun-dazed crowd.

As Pope Benedict XVI's plane appeared in the shimmering heat Friday, people poured from their homes. They packed sidewalks five and six deep, screaming ecstatically as the pope passed, waving slowly. Some burst into tears.

Many had said moments earlier that they could never love a pope as strongly as Benedict's predecessor, John Paul II. But, the presence of a pope on Mexican soil touched a chord of overwhelming respect and adoration for the papacy itself, the personification for many of the Catholic Church, and God. Thousands found themselves taken aback by their own emotions.

As a girl, Celia del Rosario Escobar, 42, saw John Paul II on one of his five trips to Mexico, which brought him near-universal adoration.

"I was 12, and it's an experience that still makes a deep impression on me," she said. "I thought this would be different, but, no, the experience is the same."

"I can't speak," she murmured, pressing her hands to her chest and starting to cry.

Belief in the goodness and power of the pope runs deep in Guanajuato, the most observantly Catholic state in Mexico, a place of deep social conservatism and the wellspring of an armed uprising against harsh anti-clerical laws in the 1920s. Some in the crowd came for literal healing, a blessing from the pope's passage that would cure illness, or bring them more work. Others sought inspiration, rejuvenation of their faith, energy to be a better parent.

"(Popes) have a personality, a positive energy. The simple fact of seeing him is a great satisfaction," said Jose Luis Perez Daza, a 47-year-old lawyer from Mexico City who was among tens of thousands pouring off of buses Saturday and trudging three miles to a sprawling campground in the city of Silao to await today's papal Mass.

"It is faith that moves us," said Alejandra Angoa, 34, a handicrafts-maker from the state of Tlaxcala. She walked alongside people of all ages carrying sleeping bags, coolers, backpacks, rolling suitcases and jugs of water to the campsite in 86-degree weather.

Marcela Perez, 35, was exhausted after the trek and huddled in the only shade she could find alongside a portable toilet. But, she did not regret coming.

"I think it's worth it," she said. "He is the head, the rock for us who have been baptized, for the church. It's a unique experience."

Some Israelis reach out to Iran

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Ruthie Pliskin didn't want Israel's threats of a possible military strike to be the only message her country had for Iran. So the doctoral student from Tel Aviv posted a photo of herself and her cat on Facebook, with a sign in Farsi reading: "We love you, people of Iran."

She said she received enthusiastic responses from Iranians when she posted on an "Israel-Loves-Iran" Facebook page who corrected the sign's spelling and returned warm wishes.

Pliskin is among a small but growing number of Israelis trying to reach out to Iranians, even as Israeli politicians warn with growing frequency and intensity that Israel might strike to halt Tehran's suspected nuclear weapons program.

Israelis mounted an art exhibit in Tel Aviv centered on Iran, built a website in Farsi with news of Israeli daily life and protested Saturday against a potential strike on Iranian nuclear installations. They have posted images endlessly shared on Facebook against a war with Iran.

Meir Javedanfar, an Israeli expert on Iran, said that this marks the first time Israelis have reached out in such a way to another nation in the Middle East. It's impact is not clear yet, but Israelis say Iranians are responding positively to the Internet outreach. But, it appears unlikely that any good will generated by civilians will sway governments.

Israel's leaders say a nuclear-armed Iran is an existential threat. Iranian leaders often demonize Israel. Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak has said he's willing to give sanctions and negotiations a few more months to deter Iran from trying to obtain nuclear weapons, but suggests that, if efforts fail, Israel could strike this year.

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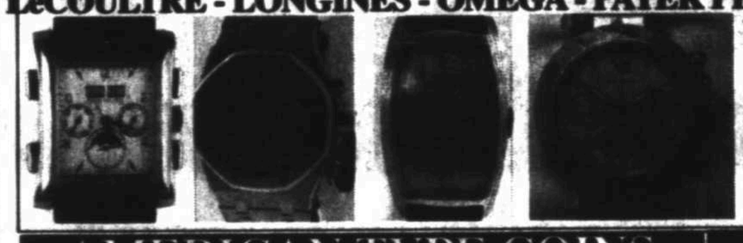

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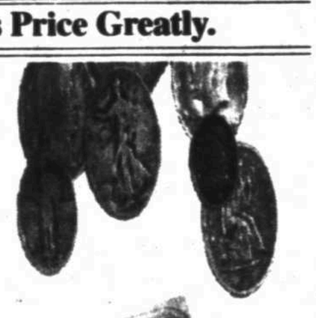

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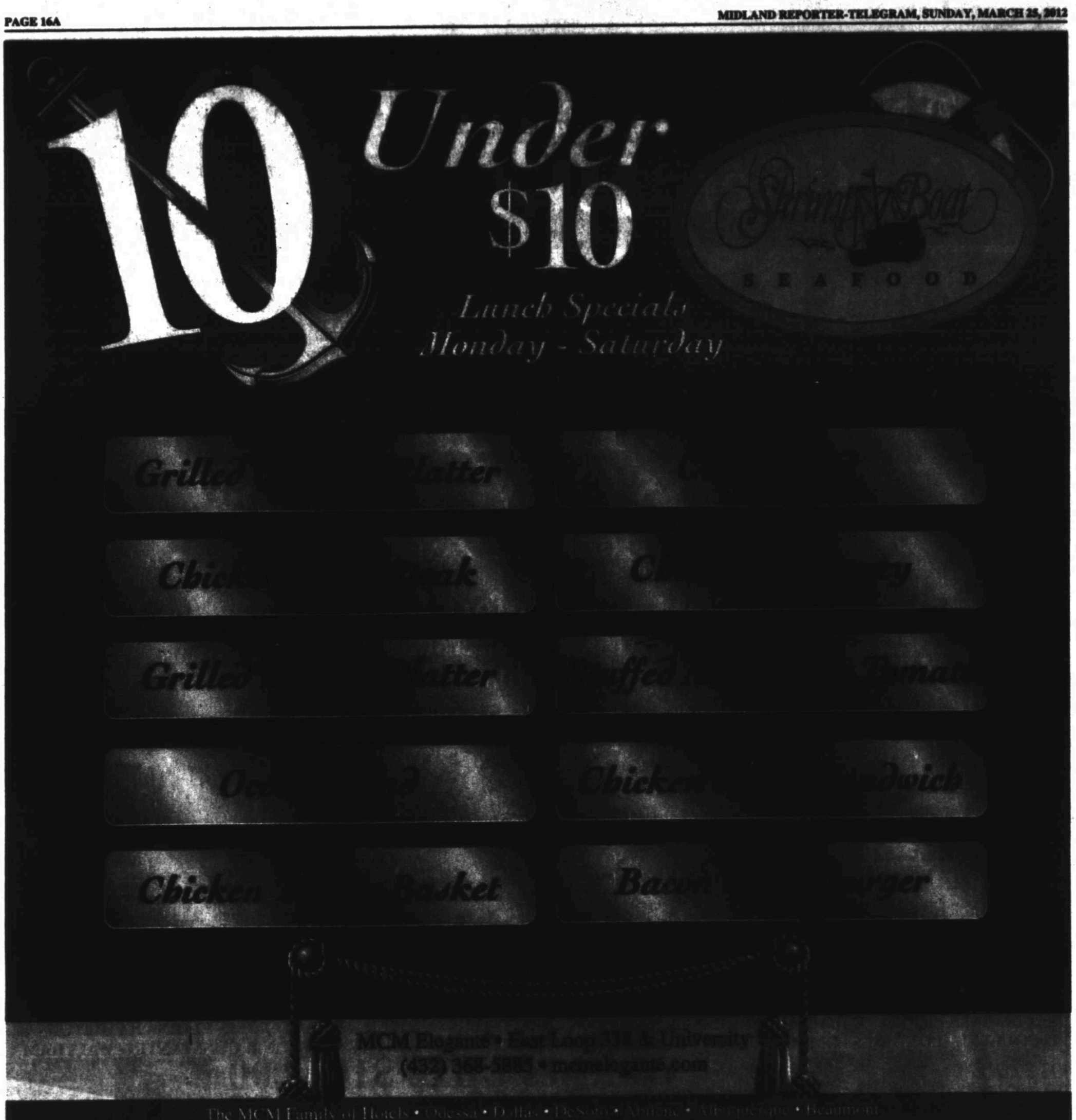
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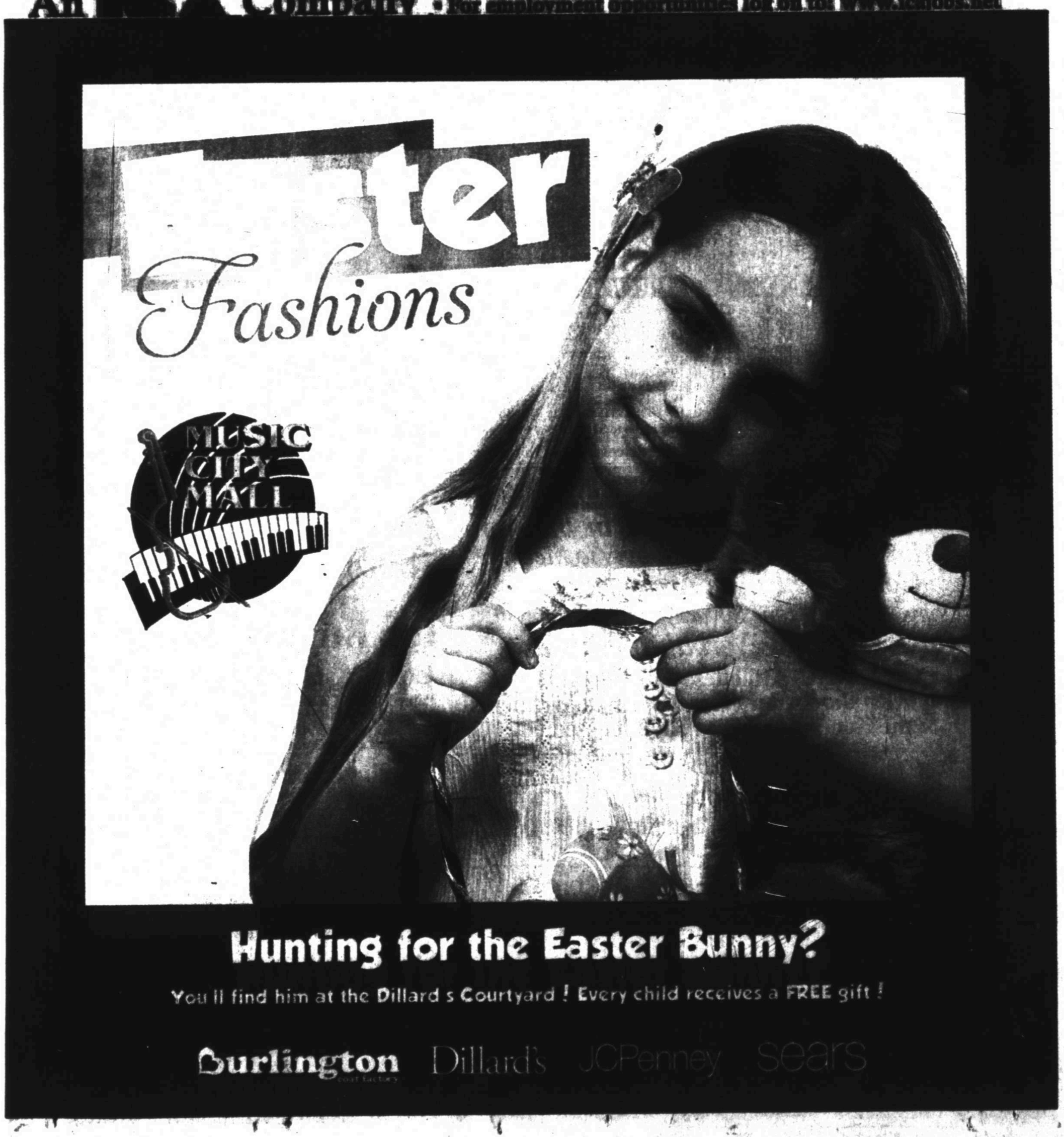
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MISD board to interview architecture firms

By Meredith Moriak
Staff Writer

Monday evening will be long for members of the Midland ISD board of trustees as they interview three architecture firms — and likely select one — to produce and finalize a long-term facility planning need study for the district.

The firms — Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc., Perkins+Will and SHW Group — each will have an hour and a half to present to the board and answer questions. The board is expected to select a firm to conduct a study that includes "specific facility design data, educational facilities programming and educational presentational materials for the district."

Though MISD administrators have created a $158 million bond proposal to be taken before the public in November, Superintendent Ryder Warren suggested the board seek input from professionals outside the district.

In December, the board allowed administrators to open a request for qualifications.

"The opinions are saying it can't just be our numbers, but that we've got to have professional experts," Warren said.

The three firms selected each indicated they will partner with an additional firm to ensure the best facility plans are developed.

Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, a Lubbock-based group with offices in Midland, will seek the experience of DeJong-Richter, an Ohio-based educational facility planning firm PSC got to know while working with four other firms to develop a "Visjon for a 21st-century education" for the Department of Defense.

"Through (the DoD) group, I have had the opportunity to work with and get to know Bill DeJong. Bill has literally worked in schools all over the world, assisting them with long range planning," said PSC K-12 Director and Firm Principal Jay Edwards in a letter of intent to the board.

Edwards said DeJong's experience "would be the perfect group to bring a comprehensive, research based

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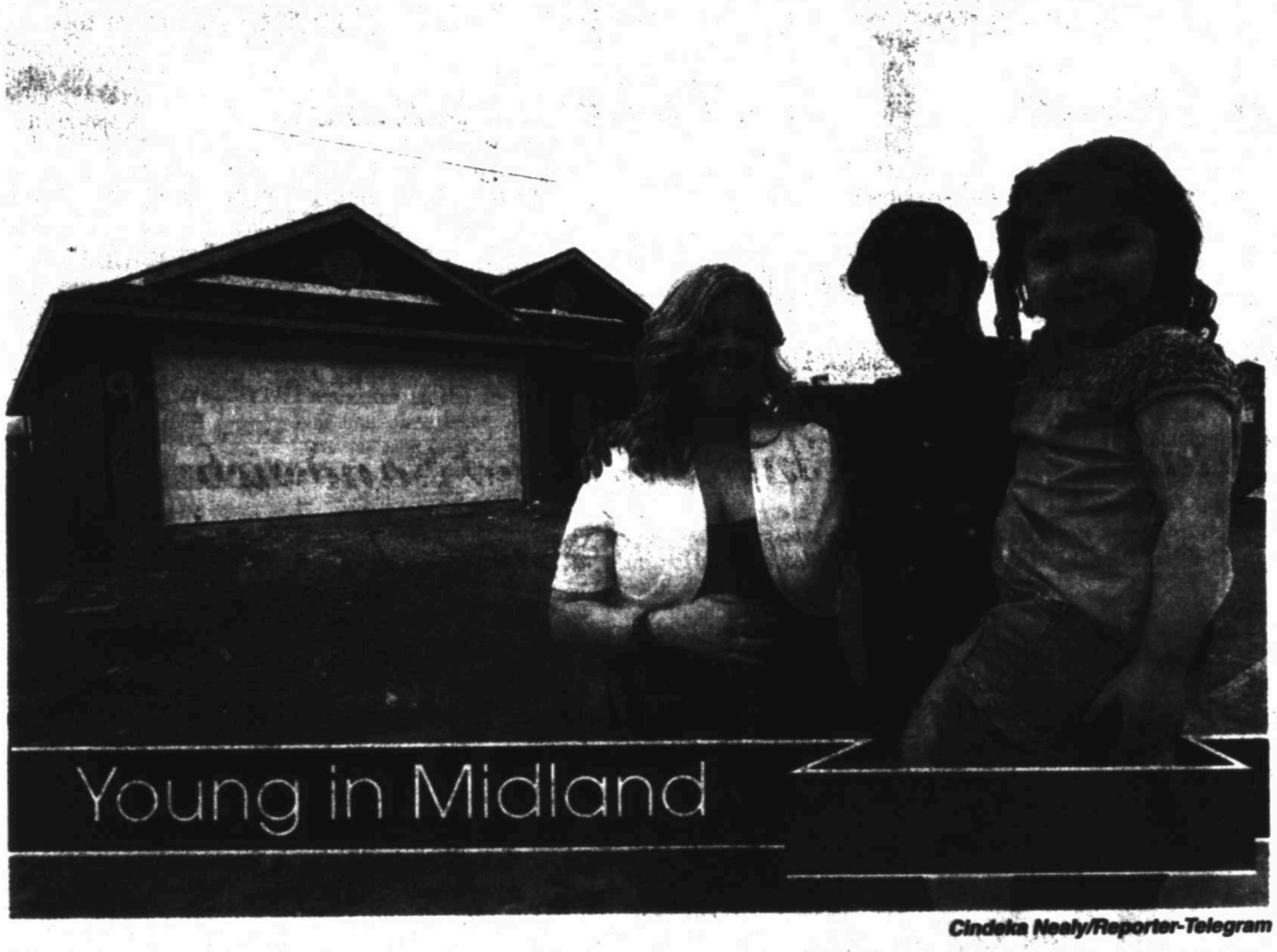

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Ashley Skaggs, her husband Brent and their daughter Destiny, 5, are planning to move into their first home in Legends Park. Construction is expected to be completed on the three-bedroom and two-bath home in May.

First-time homebuyers weigh rising rents against tight real estate market

Megan Lea Buck
Features Editor

For the past several months, Midlanders have been unable to pick up the newspaper or turn on a TV without hearing about the city's booming economy and resulting lack of housing.

Apartments are occupied fully, and many complexes are increasing rents. Those looking to escape escalating rates and long waiting lists for available units aren't necessarily finding it easier to manuever the real estate market. Purchasing a home for the first time can be intimidating under the best circumstances, but those venturing into Midland's real estate market are seeing "For Sale" signs around town that seem to come down within days of their posting.

Recently, the Reporter-Telegram reported the lowest number of available houses for sale since officials began keeping records. Despite the fast-moving pace of houses on the market, some young Midlanders are deciding now is the time to make the plunge into home ownership.

Rising rental prices inspired Ashley Skaggs, 25, and her husband, Brent, 29, to look at other housing options. The couple, who moved from Fort Worth in 2010, experienced a rent increase of $400 in 15 months while living in an apartment.

"Moving from Fort Worth and coming to Midland, it's kind of a whole other world here when it comes to pricing and the amount that people charge for rent," Ashley Skaggs said. "We kind of just wanted to make an investment if we know we're going to be here for awhile, especially if we're spending as much as we are."

Instead of looking at existing homes on the market, the Skaggses decided to build a home in the newly developed Legends Park neighborhood, located just west of the Scharbauer Sports Complex.

"Really, we went from trying to look for rent homes to last year, in April, we went and spoke to the people at Betenbough, and we realized we needed to do a little credit fixing and get some ends tied up," she said. The couple began the process of attaining a building permit in January and broke ground on the house in February. They hope to move into a 1,600-square-foot home in mid-April or May.

When asked if she would describe their first real estate

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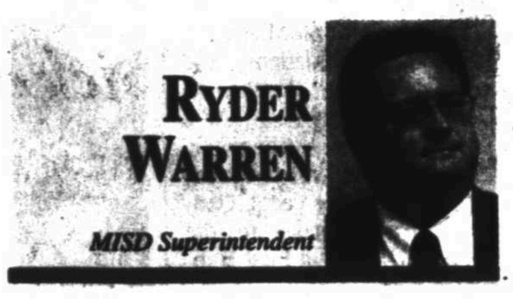

Ryder Warren
MISD Superintendent

Assessment program provides challenges for MISD

■ Lawmakers have created testing culture that is producing generations of test-passers and not truly educated young adults.

With the state of Texas student testing program cranking up this week, the focus of this article will be the state's student assessment program.

This will be an unusual year for us, and for all Texas school districts, because the state will be administering two different exams beginning this school year. Our 10th- and 11th-graders will be assessed under the old testing program — the TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills). In addition to these tests, our third- through ninth-graders will be assessed using the state's new testing program — the STAAR (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness).

I am going to write a series of articles regarding our testing and accountability systems in Texas because I want everyone to understand what our students are being asked to do in relation to these state-mandated tests, and what I feel are the effects of these requirements on the kids.

Beginning Monday, state testing begins for all public school districts in Texas. To put this in "Midland" terms, formal instruction will stop for approximately 11,500 students, and they will be required to take state-mandated exams. On Monday, high school students will take writing tests; on Tuesday, fourth-, fifth-, seventh- and eighth-graders will take writing and math tests; on Wednesday, fourth-, fifth-, seventh-, eighth- and 10th-graders will take writing and reading tests; and on Thursday, high school students will take reading tests. Friday of next week will be reserved for any absent students to make up missed tests.

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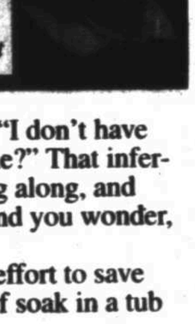
Hard to find time to enjoy life once you reach a certain age



Terry Williamson
Real life columnist

Time is a problem with real life. There never seems to be enough of it. We're always in a hurry, and most of the time we don't even know why.

A lot of you out there are older than dirt, just like me. If you are still young at heart and still graced with strength, you will one day know that my words today are clear and true. Just like the rest of us, you will wake up one morning and wonder where the time has gone.

Just step back for a moment and take a look at your life. You spend most of it not trying to find your kids, but trying to find time. You plead for more time; you bargain for more time; and you search for more time. It's a never ending battle.

Your daily battle cry is, "I don't have time," or "Can we find time?" That infernal clock just keeps ticking along, and suddenly the day is over and you wonder, "Where did the time go?"

Everything we do is an effort to save time. We shower instead of soak in a tub because it saves time. We microwave our breakfast and eat it on the way out the door for work. When in the car, you hurry to get to work while starting your workday by texting or talking on the phone on your way to the office.

While going to work, you are on a street with hundreds of others following your example. It's like a NASCAR outing without a grand prize waiting at the parking lot. Along the way, you check things you have to do the rest of the day. You scribble notes with one hand, text with another and drive with your knees on the steering wheel. I know; I've seen it.

At work there are deadlines to be met, appointments to be kept and meetings to attend. Time disappears in an office. There never is enough time.

Thank goodness for lunch. There's time to relax. Right? Nope. That's a myth.

You hurry to eat so you might find time to pick up laundry, purchase license tags or find that present you didn't have time to shop for last week. There is no relaxing at lunch, and chances are you're going to be back late for work once again. Where did the stinking time go?

The end of the day should be spent relaxing, but we never have the time. There's the grass to mow and (in some parts of the country) plants to water, microwaved meals to fix, clothes to wash,

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Obituaries

Geneva Walker

Geneva Walker, 82, of Midland, died on Thursday, March 22, 2012, at the Hospice Inpatient Unit at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at First Baptist Church, with Rev. David Johnson officiating. The family will receive friends on Monday, March 26, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

She was born on March 24, 1929, in Ada, Oklahoma, and married George Walker on December 23, 1950, in Ada. They moved to Midland in 1970, and she was a housewife. In her latter years, Geneva was a pie maker for the Solid Rock Café at First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, George Walker of Midland; two daughters, Linda Pait and husband, David of Bedford, Texas, and Joyce Nicholas and husband, Kurt of Doha, Qatar; three granddaughters, Whitney Bennett and husband, Daniel of Washington, Illinois, Amanda Eisenhour and husband, Troy of Haslet, Texas, and Grace Brown and husband, Lee of N. Richland Hills, Texas; five great grandsons, Austin Bennett, Noah Bennett, Dylan Eisenhour, Derek Eisenhour, and Maverick Brown; three great granddaughters, Hannah Bennett, Ellie Bennett, and Darcy Brown; and a sister, Wanda Snyder.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Arise and Build, c/o First Baptist Church, 2104 W. Louisiana, Midland, Texas 79701; or to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-8000

Ineta Armstrong

Ineta Owen Armstrong of Midland, passed away on Friday, March 23, 2012, at the age of 97. She was born on March 22, 1915 in Silver Valley in Coleman County, TX, to Hersey and Estell Owen. She attended a small country school in Coleman County through the tenth grade and then completed eleventh grade in Coleman. She attended Howard Payne College in Brownwood, TX for two years, and later received her teaching degree from College of the Southwest in Hobbs, NM. She married Theo Armstrong in January 1936, and they moved to Eunice in 1947. They lived for a few years in northern New Mexico and she taught school on the Indian reservation in White River, AZ and the Navajo reservation in Shiprock, NM. They returned to Eunice, and she taught in the Hobbs and Eunice schools. She was also a Mary Kay cosmetics consultant for many years. She was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church in Eunice, NM. She moved to Midland in 2000 and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Midland.

Mrs. Armstrong was preceded in death by her husbapd Theo in February 1983. She is survived by her daughter Pam Smith and husband A. O. Smith of Midland. Other survivors include one sister, Mary Hampton of the Houston area; two grandchildren, Jason Robinson and Amber Heady, of Eunice, NM; and three great-grandchildren, Conagher Robinson of Dallas,TX, A. J. Robinson and Taylor Robinson, of Eunice NM.

Visitation will be held on Monday March, 26, 2012 at 10:00 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel and the funeral service will follow at 10:30am. Burial will follow in Brunson Memorial Cemetery in Eunice NM at 2:30 PM (1:30 MDT).

The family wishes to extend special thanks to Becky Walker and Dr. Gregory Bartha with Hospice of Midland. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland TX 79702, or charities of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland. Condolences may be made at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Maria Louisa Garcia

"You have given my brothers, sister and I the gift of life.

For this we are grateful. Every year that passes and celebrate another year, I see more of you in me.

There are many things I say or do and I cannot help but think of you at that particular moment.

You have been a marvelous example to all of your family. You are the matriarch of our home; the one that sees to everyone's well being, happiness and health before your own. I give thanks to Jesus Christ Our Lord for the immense blessing he bestowed on us with a mother like you. When I grow up, I want to be just like you, "My Mother".
-Viola Flores"

Maria Louisa Perez Garcia, 81, died Friday, March 23, 2012, at her home in Midland, Texas. She was born August 19, 1930, in Midland, Texas to Esteban and Maria Perez. Louisa married the love of her life, Rodolfo Chavez Garcia on June 19, 1951. Louisa and Rodolfo were married for 60 years and their marriage exemplified a Christ-centered love. She is preceded in death by her parents, 10 sisters and 2 brothers. "Tita" (affectionately known by her grandchildren and great grandchildren) was known for her healing hugs and personal blessings, making delicious homemade tortillas and burritos. She was the owner of La Amistad Mexican Restaurant, a popular restaurant in the 70's. She worked with Ms. Molly Parsley of Midland for 30 years. Her commitment was to the Lord, her husband and her family by nurturing her family with the love of Christ. She had a joy-filled laughter, enjoyed life to the fullest, playing bingo with her closest of family and friends and was a very strong woman of the Catholic faith. She is survived by her husband, Rodolfo Garcia of Midland; 3 sons, Rodolfo Garcia Jr. and his wife Carol of San Antonio, Ricky Garcia and his wife Lupe of Midland and Michael Garcia and his wife Patricia of Odessa; 2 daughters, Corina Urias and her husband Gummi of Fort Stockton and Viola Flores and her husband Reymundo of Mertzon; 1 brother, Esteban Perez of Midland and 2 sisters, Emilia Garza and Olga Reyes of Midland. Louisa's pride and joy were her 20 grandchildren and 48 great grandchildren. Also, a niece she considered as her own daughter, Olivia (Vivi) Flores of Midland. We will celebrate her life beginning with a Rosary which will be said on Sunday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home in Midland. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, March 26 at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Midland with Father Edward de Leon, OMI officiating. The family wishes to thank all of the Care Angels who helped give special care; Marisol, Elizabeth and the staff at Allison Cancer Center, Jaime, Molly, Jennifer, Dwayne and staff at StarCare Hospice of Odessa, Deacon Jesus Napoles of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. If you would like honor our wife, mother and grandmother, please donate in her name to any of the organizations listed herein. Other Care Angels include all of her grandchildren and other family members who were honored to personalize the care for her. Special thanks to her granddaughter, Regina Natividad Ruiz for providing the tender loving care to our "Tita". Words cannot express our heartfelt gratitude to all of our friends and families who have shown us compassion and lent us a shoulder or uttered a prayer. Forever, we are grateful and will remember you in our

Funeral services are under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
2500 N. Big Spring - Midland, TX - (432) 682-3361

Mary Virginia Renton

Mary Virginia Renton formerly of Midland Texas, passed away on March 17, 2012,at the age of 87, in Tempe, AZ. Mary was born in Pittsburgh, PA. on July 11, 1924, to the parents of Charles Roy Donathen and Mary Bell Donathen. She had two siblings, Sam Donathen and Roymaine Koshick of Poughkeepsie, NY.

She is survived by her sister Roymaine; her four children, Walt, Howard, Marie and Kevin; seven grandchildren, Richard, Jill, Neil, Bradley, William, Michael and Stephen; plus seven great grandchildren, Kyle, Luke, Andrew, Brandon, Rebekah, Nicole, and Felicia; and several nephews and nieces.

Mary married Walter Campbell Renton (deceased), on September 5th, 1946. Her marriage to Walt enabled her not only to travel the world, but to experience living in foreign lands, Kuwait, London, England & Calgary, Canada. Upon retirement, Walt & Mary settled in Midland, Texas, where she lived for over twenty years. Due to health issues, Mary moved to Mesa, AZ. in 2007, to be near her daughter. In 2011, Mary was moved to Claire Bridge Tempe, an Alzheimer's facility. Even though she kept them on their toes, they still called her their little princess.

Mary's wishes were to be cremated and have her ashes returned to Pittsburgh. This will be done some time in the future.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that you send donations in her memory to Sun Valley Hospices, 7227 E. Baseline Road, Suite 129, Mesa AZ 85209; or to Arizona Animal Welfare League, 30 N 40th Place, Phoenix, AZ, 85034.

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Samuel L. Tarango

Samuel L. Tarango, 87, of Midland, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 22, 2012, at Midland Memorial Hospital, surrounded by his loving family. Samuel was born on July 12, 1924, in Modesto, California, to the late Cantu and Leonor Tarango. Samuel was raised in Mexico during his childhood, then later moved to Midland, TX, where he resided the rest of his life. Samuel met and married Carmen Reyes in 1959, the couple was married for forty eight years. Samuel worked as a cement finisher all of his life. He enjoyed family gatherings, bar-b-cues, and singing, but most of all being around his loving family. Samuel was a lifetime member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Samuel will be greatly missed by all his family.

Samuel is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Carmen Tarango; his brother, Manuel Tarango; and his son, Sirilio Reyes.

Samuel is survived by his sons, Jose Reyes and Rudy Reyes, both of Midland, TX, and Jose Luis Tarango of Odessa, TX; his daughters, Velma Espino and Josefina Reyes of Midland, TX, and Berta Marquez of Odessa, TX; his brother, Ismael Tarango of El Mulato, Chihuahua Mexico; a special son-in-law, Fernando Espino of Midland; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Rosaries are scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m., at Heavenly Gate Chapel in Midland, TX. A Funeral Mass will be held Monday, March 26, at 11:00 a.m., at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, with Father Edward de Leon, OMI officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Arrangements were made with Heavenly Gate Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: heavenlygate@suddenlinkmail.com.

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Maxine Fry McCullough

July 5, 1917 -
March 21, 2012

Maxine Fry McCullough, formerly of Midland, passed away on March 21, 2012, in El Paso, TX, at the age of 94. She was born July 5, 1917, in Lockney, Texas; the daughter of Robert Ernest and Ruby Britton Fry, early settlers of Floyd County. She graduated from Floydada High School, and in 1938 received a BA degree in Journalism from Texas Tech.

After teaching Journalism for two years in Littlefield and Grandfalls, she married Hugh D. McCullough, of Waco, on August 21, 1940, in Floydada. They moved to Midland in 1941, where he worked for The Texas Company and later Sinclair Oil and Gas Company. In 1942, he became a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and they lived in Newark, New Jersey; Washington DC; Ardmore, Oklahoma; and Ft. Worth, Texas. In 1950 they returned to Midland, Texas, where Hugh became an independent geologist.

Maxine and Hugh were charter members of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, where she served as historian, youth counselor, teacher, Administrative Board member, and President of the United Methodist Women. She was a staff member and editor of The Midlander Magazine during its first seven years. She was past president of Midland High School PTA, of Progressive Study Club, and Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Association. She was a charter member of Midland Symphony Guild, a Scout troop organizer, an early officer of Midland Woman's Club and Church Women United. She was secretary of the Board of Directors of Midland High Youth Center, and a member of Midland Country Club. When she was 80 years old, she served for two years as a reading tutor for Henderson Elementary School.

While at Texas Tech, she was a yearbook beauty, the 1938 Sun Bowl Princess, a member of Forum honorary (later Mortar Board), and in Who's Who. She also served as president of Las Chaparritas, which later became Kappa Kappa Gamma. She worked on the campus newspaper, and was the first female president of the student body. She later served as Midland's representative to the Tech Ex-Students' Association.

Maxine moved to El Paso in 2005, to Monte Vista to be near her daughter. Before leaving Midland, she was honored by St. Luke's United Methodist Church with a "Maxine McCullough Day". Mrs. McCullough loved her home, her family, her friends, her church, her country, and Texas Tech. She loved to travel, and she and Hugh traveled worldwide, as well as to all 50 states in the USA. She also loved history, genealogy, writing, reading, crossword puzzles, and gardening in her earlier years. She was always adding to the books she had compiled for her grandchildren, with family stories, photos, and genealogy.

She was preceded in death, in 1991, by her beloved husband, Hugh McCullough, of over 50 years. Mrs. McCullough is survived by three children: Robert Fry McCullough (Kathy) of Sea Island, GA, Linda McCullough Mead of Mesa, Arizona, and Mary Kay Gray (Ken) of El Paso. Other survivors include one sister, Marilynn Slough of Austin; grandchildren: Bob McCullough (Rachel) of Atlanta, GA, Sharon Walker (John Gray) of Perry, GA, Lauren McCullough of Austin, Rick Mead of Mesa, AZ, Erin Mead of Phoenix, Geoffrey Barnett and Wade Barnett, both of Los Angeles, and Meredith Barnett of Las Cruces, NM. Mrs. McCullough also leaves behind 5 great granddaughters.

A memorial service will be held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland on April 21. Memorials may be made to the McCullough Youth Endowment at St Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 W. Kansas, Midland, Texas 79701; VNA Hospice of El Paso; or to a charity of one's choice.

Special thanks to Ellen Chan and Becky Horowitz of VNA Hospice.

Notes may be sent to the family at 4813 Costa de Oro, El Paso, TX 79922.

Death Notices

Betty Isaacs

Betty Isaacs, 75, of Midland passed away on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at Midland Memorial Hospital. Memorial services will be on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 2:00PM at Mid Cities Community Church in Midland.

She is survived by her husband, Gene Isaacs; daughter, Karla Hamilton; son, Kerry Gregg; daughter, Kelly Dupriest; and daughter, Carrie Urquidez.

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

Debbie Hicks Puente

Debbie Hicks Puente, 37, of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 22, 2012 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Prayer services will be at 3:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home followed by visitation until 5:00 PM. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM Monday, March 26, 2012 at Gateway Baptist Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Survivors: Brothers: Johnny (Robin) Hicks, Ernest Hicks and Robert Hicks, all Big Spring; sister: Crystal (John) Doporto of San Antonio; nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews; four aunts and one uncle.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Jim Tarwater

Jim Tarwater, 59, passed away March 22, 2012 in Taos, NM.

Memorial services pending in Midland, Tx.

Jose Marquez Hernandez

Jose Marquez Hernandez, 83, of Big Spring, died Friday, March 23, 2012 at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Prayer services 7:00PM Sunday and Funeral services 2:00PM Monday, March 26, 2012 both at Myers & Smith Chapel, burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Survivors: Brothers: Jesus (Viola) Hernandez and Aristeo Hernandez of Big Spring and Javier (Josie) Hernandez of Midland; sisters: Alicia Monje of Mansfield, Lusila Garcia of San Antonio and Olivia (Alfredo) Martinez of Pflugerville; his ex-wife Julia Hernandez of Watsonville, CA; nieces and nephews.

Preceded by his parents; one brother; and two sisters.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mildred Smith

Mildred Smith, 94 of Seminole passed away Friday, March 23, 2012 at Memorial Health Care Center in Seminole, Texas.

Funeral services for will be held Monday, March 26, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. at First Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Gaines County Cemetery. All services are under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home.

Preceded by parents; first husband, Bertis Smith; second husband Clyde Falkner; one grandson, and three sisters.

Survivors: Daughters: Joan (Gordon) Grayson of Seminole, Pauline (Waymon) Jones of Seminole; sisters: Sarah Moffatt of Lamesa, Burna Southerland of California, Jonell Kermott of California; 6 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; 8 great-great grandchildren.

Nicholas Menchaca

Nicholas "Nicky" Menchaca passed away at a local hospital on March 23, 2012 in Midland Tx.

He is survived by his two children Melia Nikol Strong and Nicolas Menchaca; mother Enedina and step father Hector Villa, three sisters, two brothers, four grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and his grandmother Erlinda Perez.

Nicholas is preceded in death by his father Patricio Menchaca, brother Arturo "Tudy" Menchaca, grandfather Secundino Perez and grandparents Pichard and Ramona Menchaca.

Services will be Monday March 26, 2012 at 1:00 PM at Thomas Funeral Home Chapel.

Services are under the Direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Lockheed Martin will pay millions to settle lawsuit

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Lockheed Martin will pay $15.8 million to settle a lawsuit that it overcharged the government for tools used on military aircraft programs.

The Justice Department said the settlement stems from a 2005 case when a former worker from Tools and Metals Inc. filed lawsuits against the company for overcharging Lockheed.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that whistle-blowers Robert Spencer and John Becker will split a $2 million share of the settlement.

Spencer and Becker both filed lawsuits alleging that TMI owner Todd Loftis engaged in price fixing. Loftis was sentenced to seven years in prison for fraud.

The Justice Department said Lockheed acted recklessly by failing to adequately oversee TMI's charging practices.

Lockheed said it did not engage in inappropriate billing but wanted to close the matter.

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purchase as a "starter home," Skaggs was unsure how to label her family's custom-built house.

"I guess it's a starter house," she said. "It's definitely not our dream home, but it's definitely a great starter home."

Permian Basin Board of Realtors President Warren Ivey said he usually defines "starter homes" as those priced less than $100,000, but with high prices of building materials, most new construction does not fit into the category. Instead, starter homes come onto the market when families decide to move up.

"I used to think that, 'Oh man, we can't build that starter home anymore, it's not possible,' but in all actuality; it is," Ivey said. "The home they moved out of can very easily represent the first home for a new family."

Midland teacher Deonna Allen, 27, moved last fall into a house she described as "definitely a starter home."

The 1980s-construction house in northwest Midland is almost 1,600 square feet with two bedrooms and two baths.

Like the Skaggses, Allen's journey into home ownership began with a search for an affordable rental.

"After I rented a house, I was looking at apartments, and the average rent was like $850 for a single bedroom in kind of a good neighborhood," she said. "It was kind of the same as a mortgage, so I figured I'd be better if I just looked at buying instead of renting."

After getting pre-approved for a home loan, Allen began looking at houses with a real estate agent. She was out-bid on one house after offering full asking price.

"It's just a market where there's not very many houses out there, I guess, so people are just trying to get it the first time," she said. "I don't think anyone is offering below asking."

While she's satisfied with her investment and happy to be living and working in the same town as her family, Allen said she didn't think she would be a homeowner at this time in her life.

"I thought I would rent for a while and maybe go get my master's or something," she said, noting the home will be good for resale or rent if her housing needs change. "I just figured it would be a good idea to put my money in something I might get it back on."

First-time homebuyers willing to brave the tight market do reap some financial benefits, Ivey said.

"The opportunity is there for young buyers," he said. "Our interest rates are at all-time lows, so, therefore, a young buyer might qualify now for a loan because of interest rates than they would three to four years ago. It's easier to get the loan for the house, now the challenge for them or any other buyer is finding the house."

Heather Mata, 27, and her husband, Isaac, 26, purchased their first home almost a year ago when the local housing market was picking up.

"Obviously, April of last year we had kind of heard that Midland was about to get busy again, and Isaac and I had been looking for houses," said Heather Mata. "You could just see the market was getting smaller and smaller all the time."

The Matas lived separately in their parents' homes before their June 2011 wedding, each working and saving for their eventual down payment.

"We had a joint bank account and we tried to save every penny we had," she said. "I just wanted to make sure we would get approved for a loan."

The Matas purchased a 2,280-square-foot new home in the Heritage Oaks subdivision, located in northwest Midland, near Stonegate Fellowship.

"It is our first home, but we tried to invest in something that we would stay in for a long time," she said.

Mata recommends other first-time homebuyers plan ahead and save as much money as possible.

"It's hard not to jump into it because of the market, but it's definitely something to plan for," she said.

Ivey also advises young buyers to pay attention to their finances, even though the local economy is booming.

"These younger people need to realize that in order to qualify for a loan it still takes money out of their pocket to get into a new home," he said. "Watch your credit like a hawk — the only way you're going to buy a home is to have good credit."

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perspective" to MISD. Together, the PSC and DeJong-Richter team would "bring unique local and global perspectives, ideas and research," Edwards wrote.

PSC has worked with more than 35 school districts, including MISD, during the past five years. Previous experience with MISD includes fieldhouses at MHS and LHS, 2007 bond work at Henderson, Milam and Scharbauer elementary schools, work at Memorial Fieldhouse and renovations at Goddard and San Jacinto junior highs, Milam, Pease and Rusk elementaries.

Though Dallas-based Perkins+Will is the lead firm on bid, they have partnered with Midland-based Rhotenberry Wellen Architects. RWA has worked with MISD, Trinity School, Midland Classical Academy, Hillander School, Bynum School and UTPB in during the last five years and Perkins+Will has worked with 11 school districts, including Fort Worth, Dallas and Round Rock ISDs.

"Our proposed team brings a strong depth of local, regional and national school experience that Midland Independent School District can trust," the team wrote in its letter of intent. "Our team is dedicated to delivering the very best in education design, building documentation, contract administration and client service."

RWA has completed renovations at Bowie Fine Arts Academy, Alamo Junior High and Carver Center for MISD and worked on the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Andrews Technology Center and two phases of building at Midland Classical Academy. They currently are working on an addition at Hillander School.

Though Perkins+Will has not worked with MISD, they are developing a Midland Memorial Hospital "facility master plan that will lead the county facility into the long-term future."

Perkins+Will believes in developing sustainable schools and designs "include 'schools-within-a-school' planning concept where smaller more personalized 'houses' are grouped into a larger school context."

Dallas-based SHW Group focuses specifically on education architecture and partnered with Midland-Odessa-based JSA Architects to gain local understanding.

"With the magnitude of the project that you are undertaking and the volatility of the construction market due to the oil and gas industry, having the right expertise and knowledge of the local economy is paramount," SHW Group wrote in its letter of intent.

Though neither SHW or JSA have experience working with MISD, JSA has completed work for Ector County ISD, Odessa College, First Baptist Church Midland, Midland Memorial Hospital and St. Nicholas Episcopal Church.

SHW Group has completed construction projects for Marble Falls, Duncanville, Coppell, Garland, Dallas, Amarillo and Pflugerville ISDs.

"SHW Group gives MISD the best chance of passing an election. Our election campaign team brings their expertise totaling over $8 billion within the last 10 years and their 90 percent success rate in helping districts get their bond passed," according to the letter.

SHW said the success rate comes from "quality planning, community alignment and election campaign oversight by a team focused on helping districts communicate the needs, and communities understanding and valuing them."

If selected, SHW said they "believe that we should provide as many options as possible. Each solution brings its own set of values, opportunities, and challenges. This gives the Midland ISD administration multiple solutions to consider as it makes recommendations to the Community Advisory Committee."

The board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday at the MISD administration building, 615 W. Missouri Ave. The meeting is expected to last at least five hours.

Meredith Moriak can be reached at mmoriak@mrt.com.

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This is my main point — it is my job in this community to test children. That is what I do for a living. Professional educators in all of our community's schools, both public and private, assess students every day to understand where our students are and what we have to do to get them to the next levels of learning. I am not railing against testing, because that is one of the most important tasks we undertake. The issue that has become the hot button in Texas is the scope of testing requirements for our kids and the pressure being put on them and on our teachers by the accountability system.

Texas public school curriculum contains so much mandated information that our teachers don't have the opportunity anymore to teach to a depth that will precipitate true, authentic learning because they have to move on to the next curriculum strand to make sure everything is taught before the testing windows begin. This situation is what we have to discuss with our lawmakers because they are the only ones who can fix it. I do not mind testing, but I do resent that we are being asked to produce generations of test-passers and not truly educated young adults with the tools to not only survive in our society but to excel. Those skills are being overlooked by these tests.

I know this article puts a lot of information out there, and both of these subjects are very important to our kids. As I continue to write about these issues and as I speak in the community, I will do my best to answer any and all questions. Please do not hesitate to contact me concerning any of this (ryder.warren@midlandisd.net), and I will get back to you. Thank you for your support of our schools and your support of our children.

Teachers, lawmakers rally at Capitol

Associated Press

AUSTIN — More than 1,000 teachers, students and administrators from schools across Texas rallied Saturday at the state Capitol to decry $5.4 billion in cuts to public education and demand lawmakers restore some of that funding — or at least not impose another round of cuts next year.

The demonstrators, who also included parents and a number of Democratic lawmakers, marched through downtown, than gathered under the Capitol's pink dome for nearly three hours. They chanted "Save Texas Schools!" and held up signs that read: "Cuts hurt kids," "You get what you vote for," and "If you can't read this, thank your congressman."

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Kyle S. Begaye, 21, of Farmington, N.M., was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of burglary of a building.

Jose F. Chavez Jr., 22, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Brenda K. Furr, 27, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

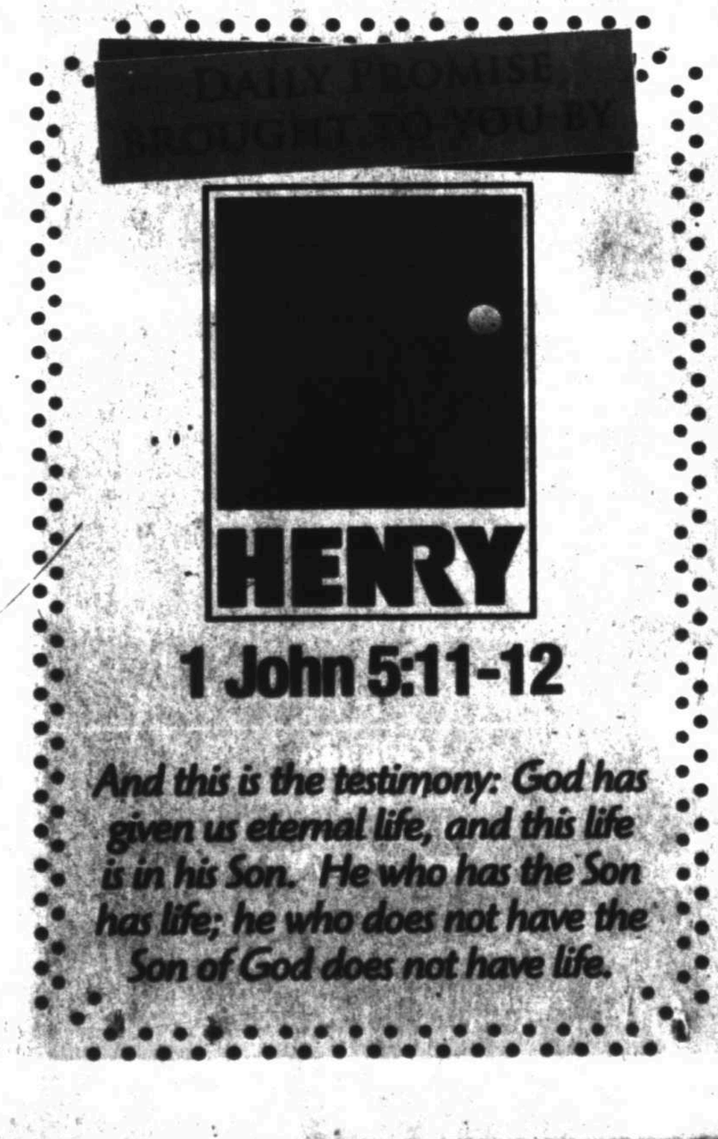
Lashonte M. Keets, 19, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of theft.

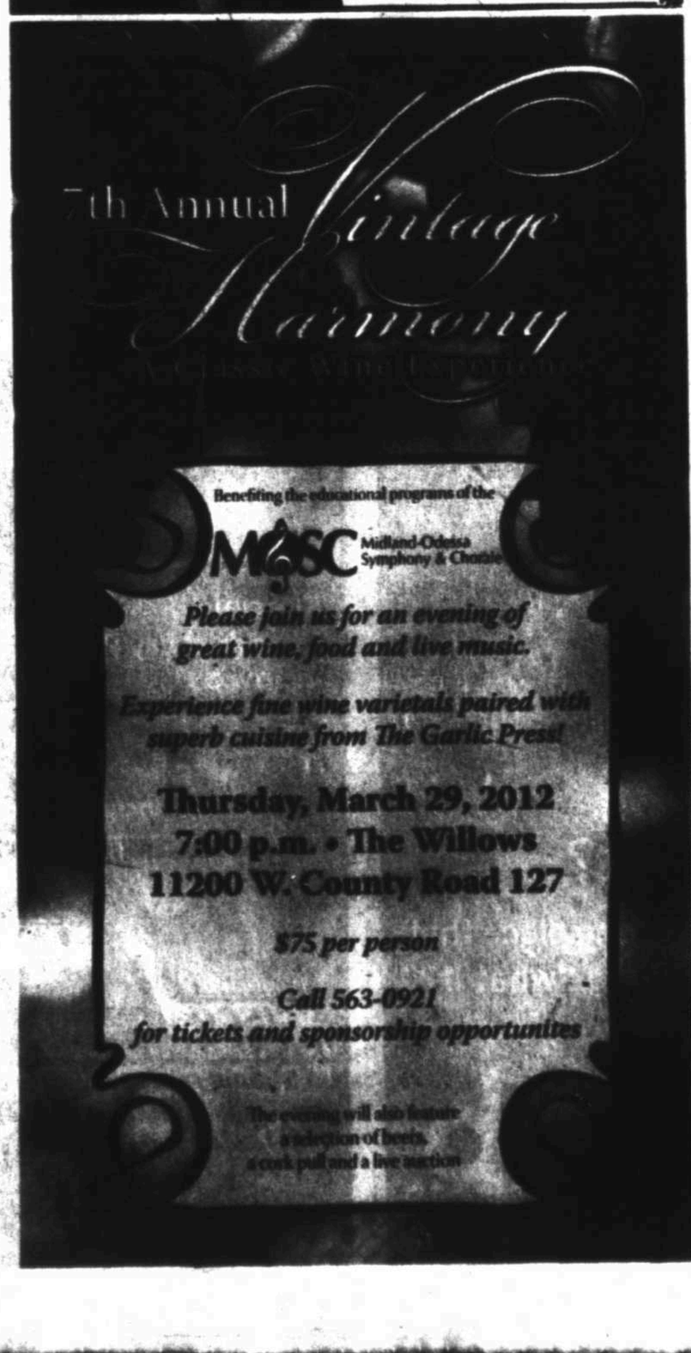
Paul Villafranco III, 25, of Midland, was arrested Friday by 238th Judicial District Court officials on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.

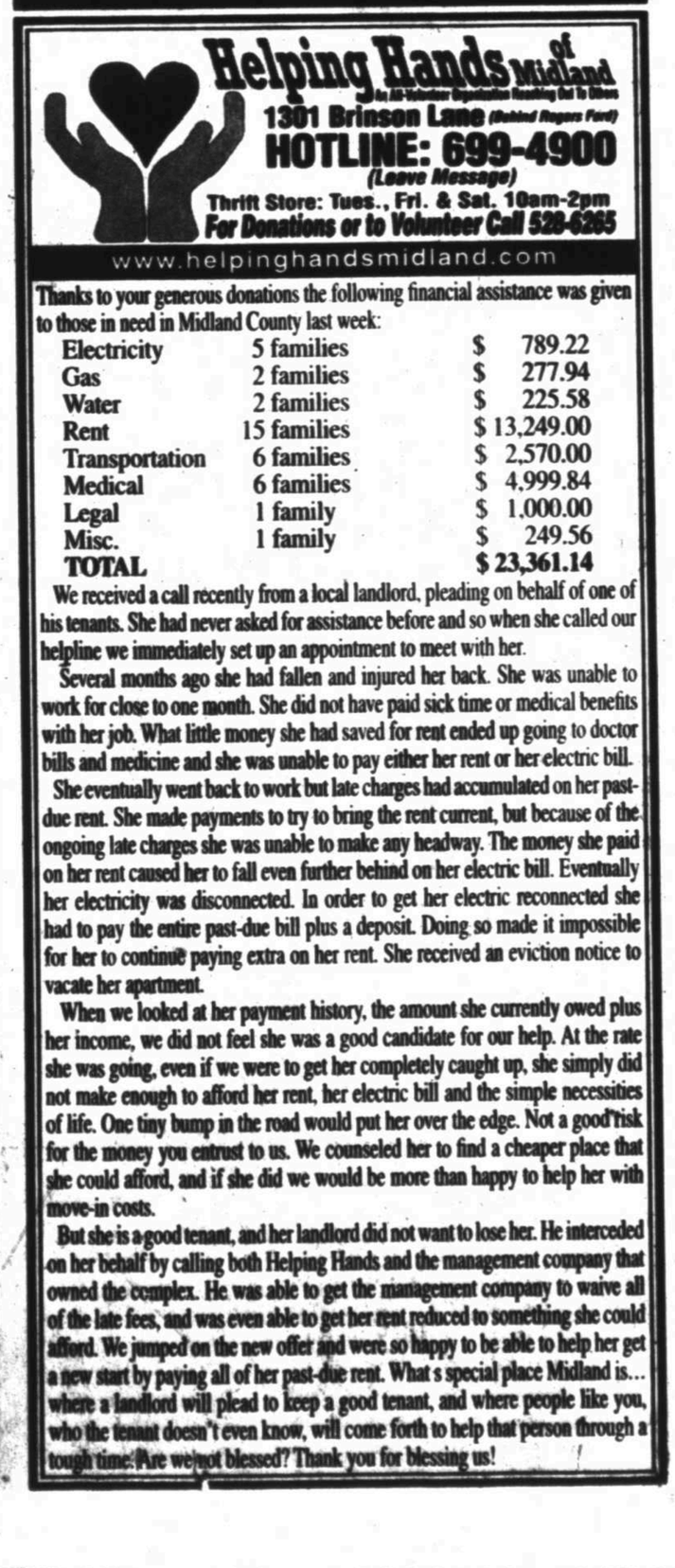
Wesley A. Wells, 29, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Thomas E. Whitfield, 45, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office.







Mexico, awash in weapons, has just one legal gun store

By Tim Johnson
McClatchy Newspapers

MEXICO CITY —Mexico has some of the most restrictive gun laws in the world. If any of the nation's 112 million citizens want to buy firearms, there's only one store where they can do it legally. It's on a sprawling military base and run by the army.

That, however, hasn't stopped Mexicans from acquiring firearms. The country is awash in illegal guns, many of them assault weapons in the hands of merciless criminal gangs. President Felipe Calderon says authorities have seized more than 140,000 weapons since he came to office in late 2006. Many of them, Mexican officials assert, were purchased in the United States.

Nothing highlights the cultural and legal differences between Mexico and the United States as starkly as Mexico's lone gun shop, whose ponderous name is the Directorate of Arms and Munitions Sales.

In contrast, the four U.S. border states — California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas — have 20,834 firearms dealers licensed by the U.S. government, according to Marc Willis, a spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

In the gun shop here, soldiers keep a wary eye on customers as they pass through a metal detector. Once inside, clients seeking protection for their homes are each permitted to buy one small-caliber handgun. They also can obtain 200 rounds of ammunition a year.

"Normally, we have 70 or 100 visitors a day," army Col. Raul Manzano Velez said as he took a visitor past rows of wooden cabinets displaying Belgian-, German-, Turkish- and U.S.-made handguns and single-shot hunting rifles.

The shop's existence is unknown to many citizens. "The federal firearms law forbids us from advertising so as not to promote rampant gun buying," Manzano said.

The differences between U.S. and Mexican gun laws date to the days when founding fathers north of the border saw armed militias as a necessity to guarantee freedom while Spanish rulers south of the border saw guns as a threat.

"The last thing the Spanish grandees or the hacendados (large landowners) wanted was people running around with guns," said Ray Walser, a senior policy analyst on Latin America at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative research center in Washington.

"The principle of defense is pretty much ingrained in our culture," Walser said of the United States. "In Mexico, they say, 'The state will defend you.' But it doesn't defend you. ... So we end up trading invectives at each other."

Calderon, usually with fury in his voice, has lashed out at what he calls lax U.S. gun laws, most recently on Feb. 16 as he stood near a billboard erected in Ciudad Juarez that said, "No More Weapons!" The sign faces the U.S. border.

Calderon said organized crime in Mexico had grown stronger because of "unlimited access to high-powered weapons that are sold freely and indiscriminately in the United States of America."

Despite the rigor of Mexico's gun laws, its murder rate of 18 per 100,000 people is more than triple the United States' rate of five per 100,000. Nearly all homicides in Mexico occur with firearms.

Mexico once had a few private gun shops but the last one was abolished in 1995, leaving business to the army store. Profits go to the national treasury.

Obtaining a gun involves first getting a permit. Requirements include an official photo ID, proof of residency and employment, a document showing fulfillment of military service and a declaration of a clean criminal record.

"When you have all these documents, you take them to the federal firearms registry, and within five to 10 working days you get the license," Manzano said.

For those seeking guns for home protection, the law requires that the firearms never leave the permit holders' primary residences. The firearm can be from .22 to .380 caliber. It can be a pistol or a revolver, but can't be a rifle. Only a single gun is allowed.

A different permit is given to marksmen and hunters, allowing them each to own up to nine single-shot rifles or shotguns and one small-caliber handgun. Mexico has 89 gun and hunting clubs and 20 government offices that sell hunting licenses.

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From 1B

emails to check, bills to pay and kids to put to bed.

The weekend should offer some respite. After all, we live for the weekend. But weekends whiz by so fast that we once again wonder where the time has gone. We live in a hurry, eat in a hurry, move in a hurry and reach old age in a hurry.

I can remember when I was 20 years old and not once did it ever occur to me that I would ever be older than 60 years of age. That literally seems like yesterday. In fact, my mind still thinks I'm 20. The body knows better. The body is the best indicator of time gone by.

The sad truth is time marches on, never looking back and ever pressing forward. We can't seem to get our minds or hands wrapped around time. It's as elusive as the air we breathe. It's with us as a passing ghost, gone before the night falls.

Most of us would like to slow down and smell the roses along the way, but we can't seem to find the time. We look for it everywhere, but it's gone before most of us can get a handle on it. We only see the roses as we drive past in our cars while talking on the phone. Most of us don't even know what a rose smells like.

Then one day we wake up and time has merely left us a patchwork of memories. We only can hope those memories are good and a benefit to those who shared this time with us. If that's the case, maybe you spent your time wisely, even though there is never really enough time for life itself.

Thought for the Week: "Time is a circus always packing up and moving away." — Ben Hecht.

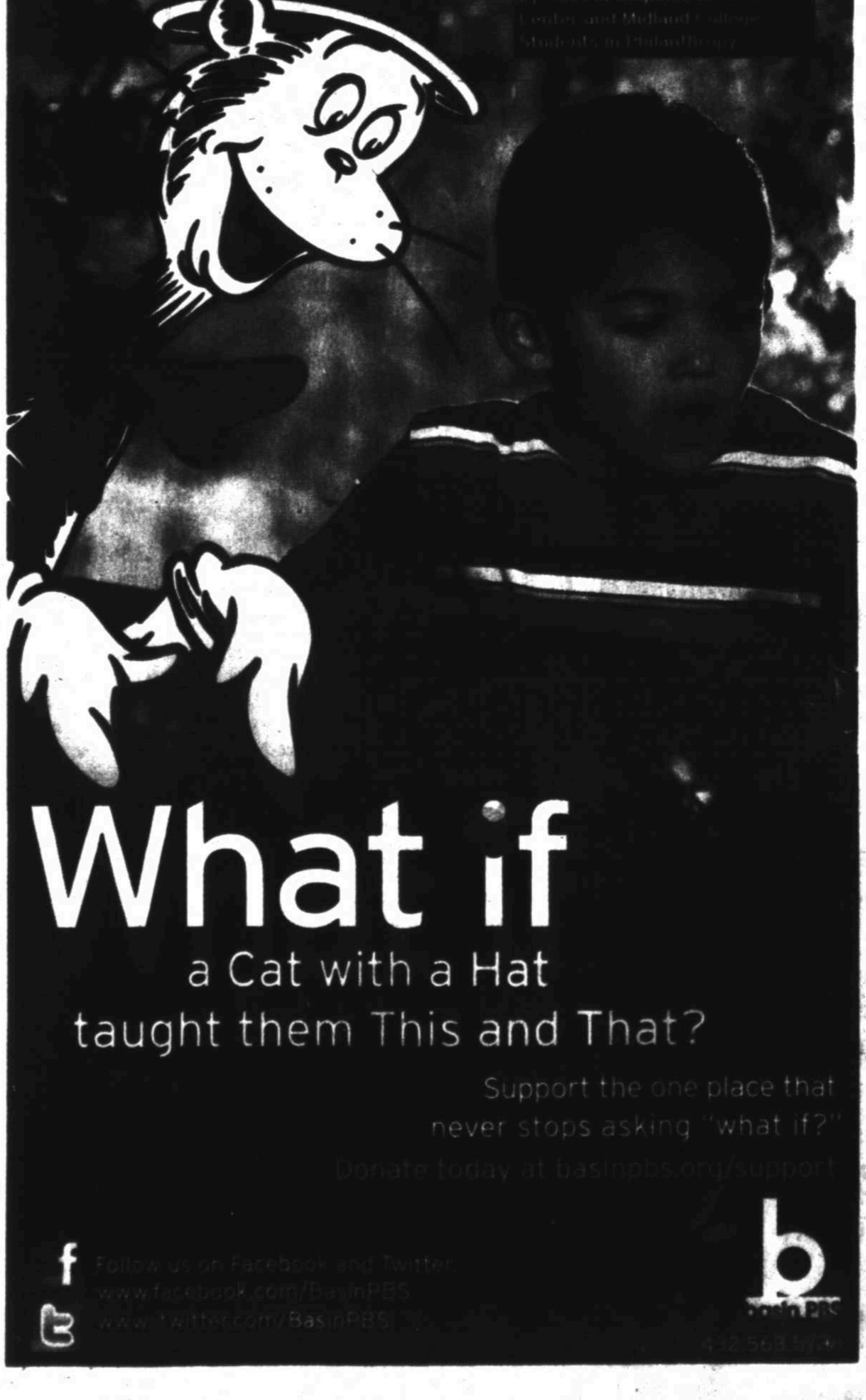
DPS trooper dies in early morning crash

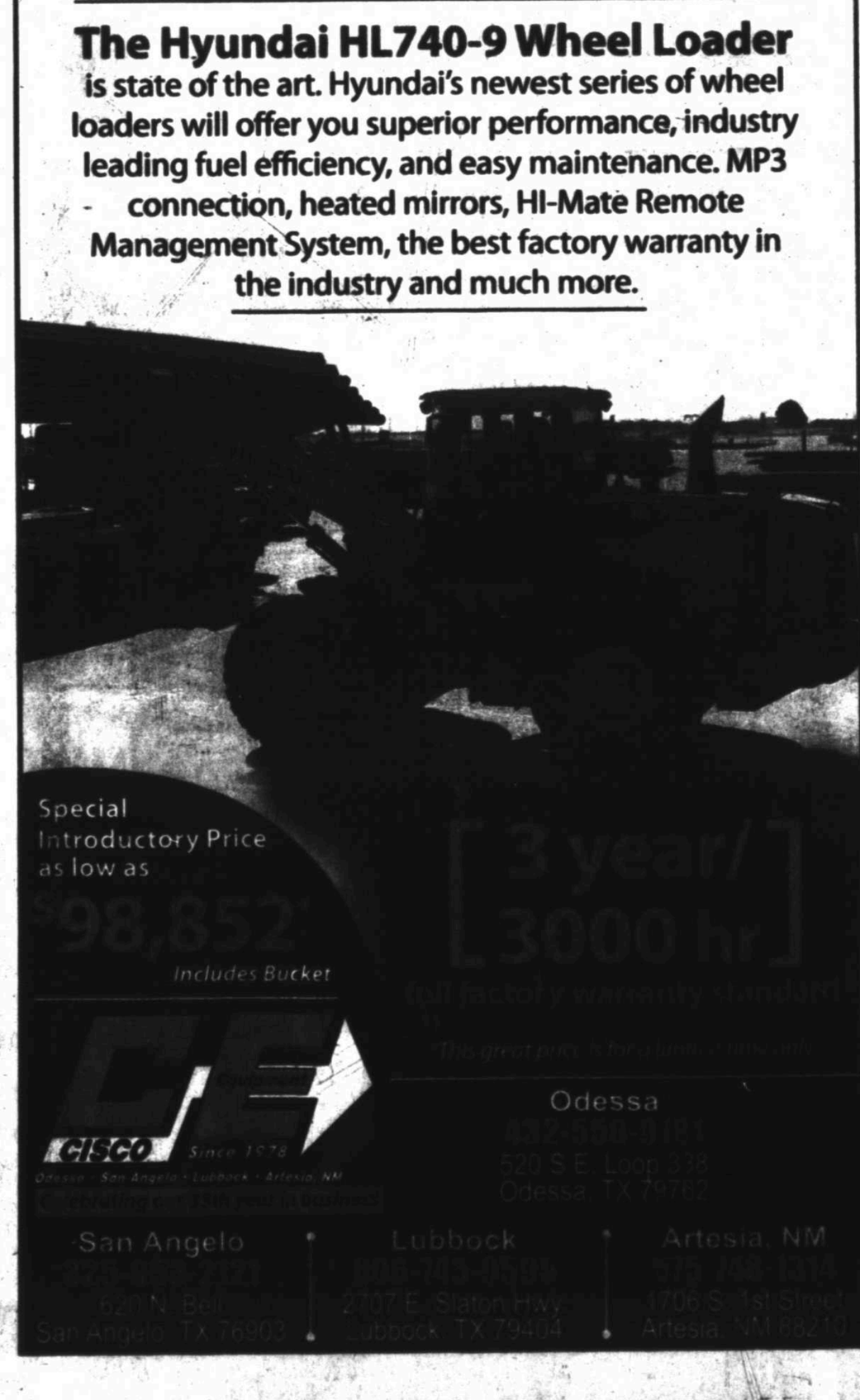
Associated Press

EL PASO — A Texas Department of Public Safety trooper has died after a two-vehicle crash in El Paso.

The DPS says 32-year-old Trooper Javier Arana Jr. was responding to a pursuit call shortly before 1:30 a.m. Saturday when his patrol car was struck at an intersection by a Ford Ranger. The DPS vehicle caught fire, and Arana died at the scene.

The driver of the Ford Ranger, 18-year-old Edgardo Antonio Flores, was taken to Del Sol Medical Center. His passenger, 20-year-old Josue Alejandro Guerrero, was transported to University Medical Center.





Analyst: Combs and the perils of political adaptation

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

The Connecticut Leather Company started out in the shoe business and remade itself as a toy company. You know it as Coleco. Amazon.com was originally just an online bookstore. Your bank was probably operating under a different neon sign a couple of years ago.

Adaptation is crucial to survival. Businesses chase customers. Animals go wherever the water is. Politicians chase voters.

Comptroller Susan Combs, with her eye on the 2014 race for lieutenant governor, has endorsed, and on Thursday appeared with, former Sen. Rick Santorum, of Pennsylvania, in this year's Republican presidential race. That came as a surprise to those who classified her as a moderate, and it risked coming across as insincere to movement conservatives who did not expect her support.

The easy thing for Texas Republicans was to have a Texan in the race, but Gov. Rick Perry is long out of the contest. Now, instead of endorsing geographically, they have to endorse ideologically — if they endorse at all. For someone trying to appeal to the conservatives in the party, it is a no-brainer.

Combs followed with endorsements of a couple of conservative Texas House members — Wayne Christian of Center and David Simpson of Longview — who face challengers in the Republican primary in May. Her aides say other representatives, including several who support Republican Speaker Joe Straus of San Antonio — a favorite quarry of party conservatives — will be getting endorsements and visits from Combs between now and the primary.

Cindeka Healy/Reporter-Telegram

State Comptroller Susan Combs talks to Mayor Wes Perry before speaking to a group about the economy, grant programs for technical education, and local transparency initiative during a visit to the Tall City in August 2010 at Midland College.

The comptroller and her fellow politicians constantly are maneuvering — or trying to maneuver — themselves into the favor of at least 51 percent of the voters. If their voters move, they move. Ronald Reagan, a Roosevelt Democrat, became a darling of the national Republican Party. Perry, a Democrat elected to the Texas House in the same 1984 election that swept Reagan to his second term, became the darling of the Texas Republican Party. Ron Paul, a Republican congressman, ran on the Libertarian Party's presidential ticket in 1988 before winning his way back into Congress as a Republican again.

Most who change their politics do so without putting on the other team's jersey. Bill Clinton championed changes to welfare and took an issue away from the opposition. Richard Nixon proposed a national health care plan. George W. Bush increased federal involvement in public education.

Combs was a Republican state lawmaker from Travis County in the mid-1990s. She supported abortion rights then, and it is safe to say, without raising any question about her convictions, that is where her voters were, too. Last year, she changed her position, citing what she called an alarming abortion rate and saying it had convinced her that the procedure should be legal only in cases of rape, incest and when the life of the mother was endangered.

It is also safe to say, without questioning her convictions, that her new position is more in line with most of the voters in a statewide Republican primary.

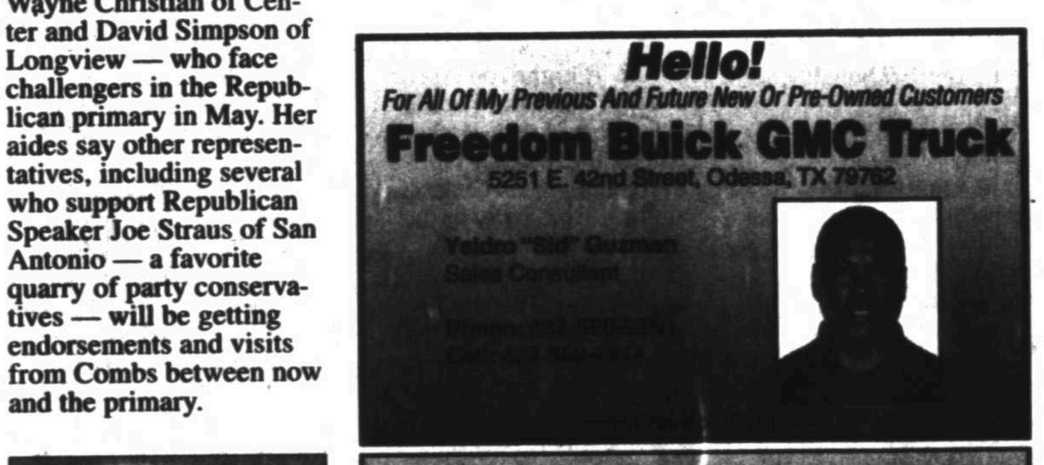
Combs won her current office before her change of heart on abortion policy, but she told conservative leaders that they had no cause for concern because the state's tax collector did not have much to do with that issue. But the lieutenant governor, who decides which senators are on which committees and who sets the agenda for the Senate, has a hand in almost every state issue.

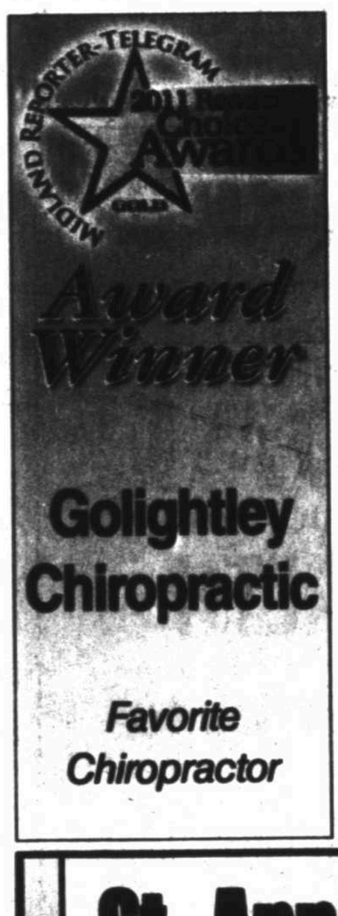
She will need to mollify the conservatives in the party, emphasizing agreements and playing down differences.

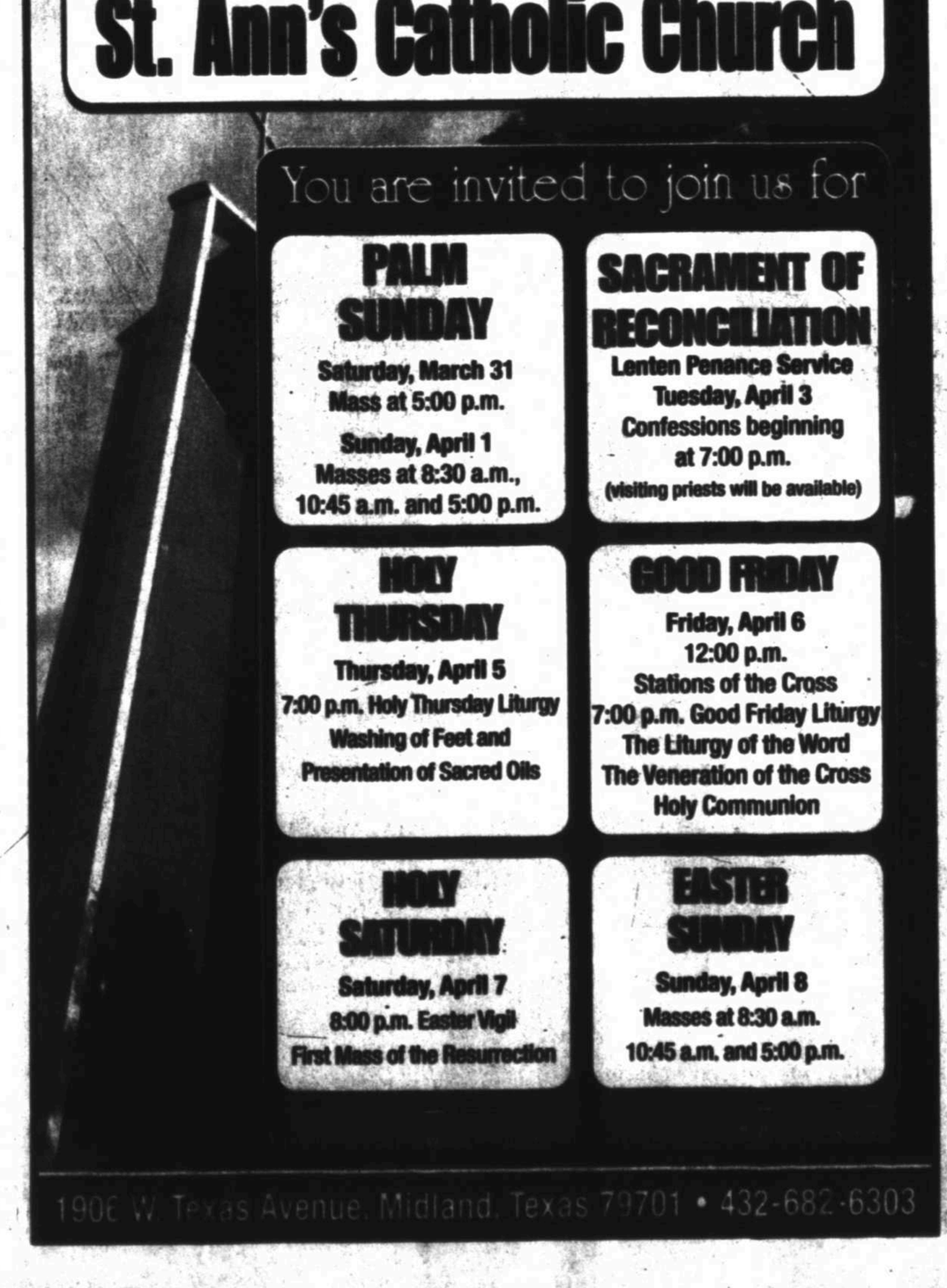
Her change of tack will not be tested until the next time that voters see her name on the ballot, probably in 2014. Her mission is to convince those who pegged her as a moderate that she is a conservative, and because Texas is a reliably Republican state, she probably will not have to make the change in a way that protects her in a general election from a Democratic opponent. Democratic challenges figure into national elections and will probably figure into state contests someday, but it is not the top concern of Republican candidates. The primary is the thing, and the voters there are conservative.

She has to adapt without raising suspicions that political ambition was the sole cause of any change in thinking.

It is a question of how she moves and where she ends up. But it is also about what she believes and what she believes — or whether they think she believes anything at all.







ARTSBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

TODAY

Concert

Jazz vocalist Anna Wilson will bring her blend of country, jazz and pop here for a 2:30 p.m. performance today at Midland High School Auditorium, Illinois Avenue at A Street.

Wilson's performance will feature songs from her albums, as well jazz standards. She is backed by a rhythm section led by her guitarist and husband, renowned producer/songwriter, Monty Powell.

She has described her current release, "Countrypolitan Duets," as "country music and jazz music shaking hands because it's a real fusion of two great American musical art forms."

The album features duets with some of the best known vocalists in Nashville, such as Ray Price, Kenny Rogers, Connie Smith, Keith Urban, Rascal Flatts and Lady Antebellum. In addition to her own albums, she is a prolific songwriter who has penned songs for Reba McEntire, Brooks & Dunn, Billy Ray Cyrus, Lee Ann Womack and Chris Cagle.

Her performance is part of the Live on Stage-PB concert series. For more information, visit the association website at www.liveonstage-pb.com.

Concert

MESCALERO, N.M. — Alison Krauss & Union Station featuring Jerry Douglas will bring its Paper Airplane Tour 2012 to Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino on June 19.

Tickets are on sale and may be purchased by visiting www.InnOfTheMountainGods.com or calling 888-262-0478.

MONDAY

Deadline extended

Arts Council of Midland is accepting applications from merchants to participate in the Merchant Bazaar, a new component of the 29th annual Celebration of the Arts, being held downtown May 19-20.

"We are looking for handmade or crafted items," said Danny Holeva, director of the Arts Council of Midland. "It could be things that people wear, use in their homes, eat or enjoy reading."

Postmark deadline for entries has been extended to Friday. Submit an application with a CD that is representative of your work.

Contact the Arts Council of Midland, Celebration of the Arts, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, 79702, call 687-1149, or email lorri@acmidland.org for more information.

THURSDAY

Art reception

The opening reception and awards presentation for Midland Arts Association's Spring Juried Show is set for 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Organized by the MAA in cooperation with the Museum of the Southwest, this annual juried exhibition will include about 75 works featuring 46 local and national artists. The public is invited to attend. The evening will honor Merle Taylor, a charter member of MAA.

The exhibition will remain on view until April 29.

Event

Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale's 7th annual Vintage Harmony is set for 7 p.m. Thursday at The Willows.

The event is catered by the Garlic Press and features live music, a live auction, food and wine. Tickets for the fundraiser are $75. Call the symphony office at 563-0921.

MRT file photo

Celebration of the Arts attendees look over artworks available for purchase from artists in May 2010. Arts Council of Midland is accepting applications from merchants to participate in the Merchant Bazaar, a new component of the 29th annual Celebration of the Arts, being held downtown May 19-20.

FRIDAY

Comedy

The run of "Red, White and Tuna," a comedy by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears and Ed Howard on stage in Mabee Theatre II at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., has been extended to April 7.

The show, co-produced by Concho Resources, features Mike Harrell and David Odom portraying about 10 different characters each.

Tickets for "Red, White and Tuna" are $18 for adults, $15 for seniors and $12 for children. Additional ticket processing fees applied for all non-member ticket purchases. For tickets call MCT's box office, 570-4111.

SATURDAY

Concert

BIG SPRING — The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and Paul Williams, an Oscar and Grammy award winning songwriter, will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

Tickets are $15 adults, $10 seniors and $5 students and may be purchased at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, KBST, KBYG, the Big Spring Herald, Heritage Museum, Blum's Jewelry, Faye's Flowers and Western Banks. Tickets also will be available at the door.

UPCOMING

Country concerts

Country superstar Charley Pride, the music of Johnny Cash and Hall of Famer Don Williams are all part of the Country Music Combo at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

On April 24, Pride will perform many of his classic hits. He remains one of the top 20 best-selling country artists of all time.

On June 9, "The Man in Black: A Tribute to Johnny Cash" comes to the Wagner Noël. Through Shawn Barker's talent the life of Johnny Cash unfolds on stage. While offering the retro look of a younger Cash, the show still features more than 30 hit songs that span Cash's career.

On June 23, Williams will perform many of his No. 1 hits. He has amassed 17 No. 1 hits in his career including songs like "Tulsa Time" and "I Believe In You." Williams' hits have been covered by artists such as Eric Clapton, Josh Turner and Alison Krauss.

Prices range from $90-$200 based on seat location.

Series tickets

Tickets are still available for "Hal Holbrook's Mark Twain Tonight" on April 13, and "The Rat Pack is Back" on May 4. Both are part of the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center inaugural Broadway in the Basin Series.

The center is located off of Highway 191 and FM 1788. For ticket information, contact the Wagner Noël staff at 432-552-4430 or order online at www.wagnernoel.com.

Flower Market

ODESSA — Flower Market 2012, a one-stop shopping for plants, flowers, art, gifts and garden items, is set for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 14 at the Ellen Noël Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd.

The annual event is a fundraiser for the George and Milly Rhodus Sculpture and Sensory Garden at the museum. Admission is free.

This year's market will be oriented toward drought tolerant plants and water conservation. Debbie Frost, former Ector County extension agent for agriculture and natural resources, will speak in the garden at 10:30 a.m. about drought tolerant plants and Darlene Mays, Ector County Neighborhood Development Services supervisor, will speak at 11:45 a.m. about water wise use and Odessa City water restrictions.

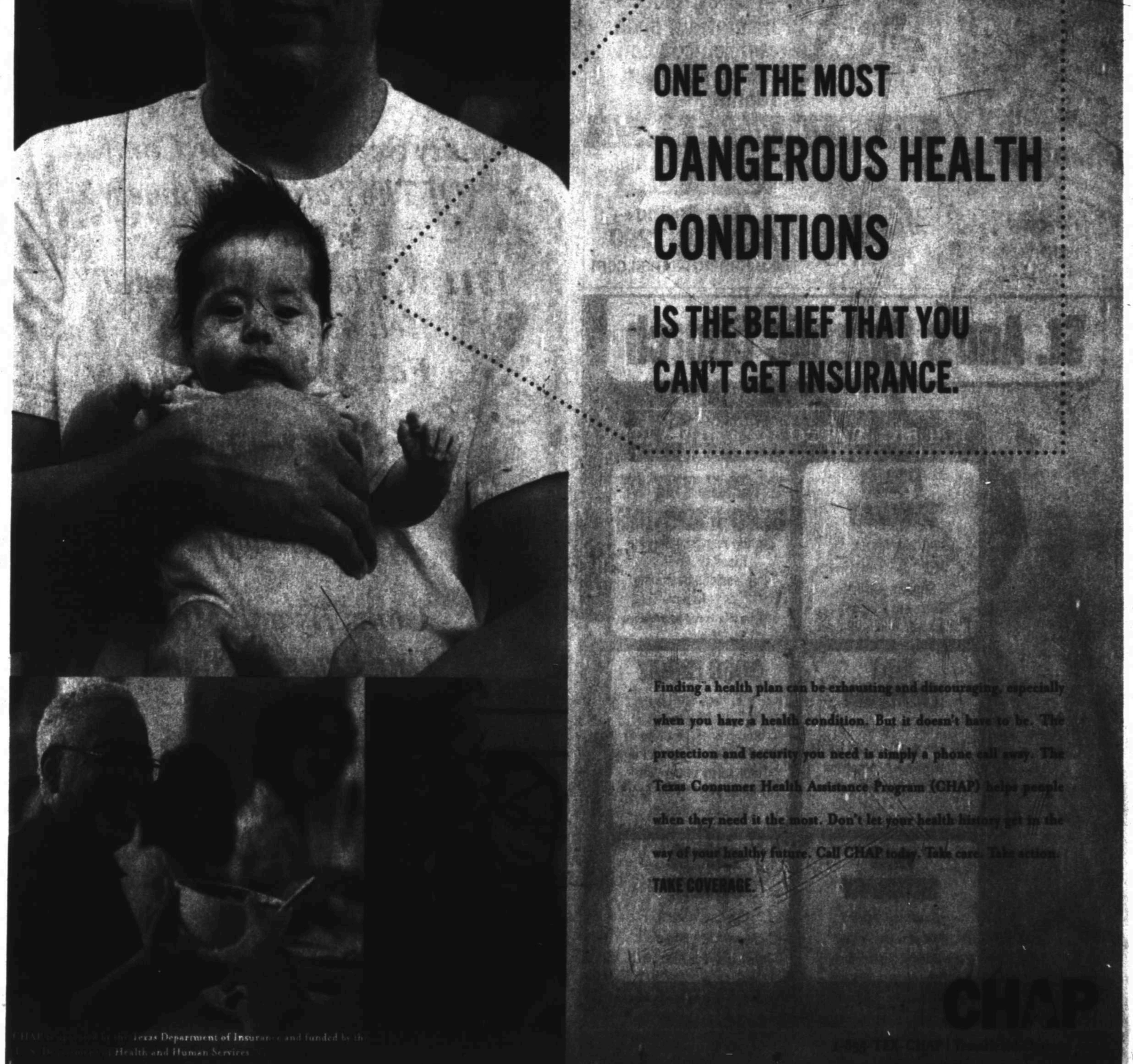
A preview party will be held on from 6 to 8 p.m. April 13. Attendees will have first choice in their selection of plants and vendors' wares. The evening also will include hors d'oeuvres and beverages provided by Ogi's Restaurant and Bar. Cost is $35 per person. Reservations may be made at www.noelartmuseum.org or by calling 550-9696, extension 210.

Art show and sale

The Midland Palette Club's Fourth annual Art Show and Sale entitled Arts of the Heart is set for April 20-22 at the Midland Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave.

Works by 38 area artists will be on display and for sale. Artist Kay Smith has donated an original painting for the event. Tickets can be purchased for a chance to win this artwork at the door.

Prices on the artwork will range from $50 to $4,000 for original work. The public is invited to attend the free event.



Sex traffickers prove harder to catch as they move online

Jazmine Ulloa
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — The sex industry has evolved in the past two decades, moving from the streets to computer screens, and authorities across Texas say their efforts to enforce the law and find and protect victims are hampered by the shift.

Detectives said they have made strides to fight what they describe as a modern-day form of slavery by enhancing their collaboration across jurisdictions and their use of tools on the Web, where victims are easier to hide, predators harder to catch and evidence tougher and more time-consuming to gather.

But authorities said offline efforts are just as important, such as training officers, emergency responders and residents on how to detect potential sex trafficking circles in their own communities.

At its core, social workers and detectives say that the universal model for one of the world's oldest professions remains much the same: men capitalizing on young women.

But the sex trade is no longer mostly girls hanging around dark city corners looking for business, experts said. It is a multibillion-dollar enterprise that has expanded to hundreds of thousands of women advertising — or being forced to advertise — their services on countless online classified ads, teen dating and social networking sites.

Craigslist shuttered its "adult services" section almost two years ago after complaints that ads for prostitution — many including children sold into the trade — were widespread on the site. But others, such as Backpage and Facebook, have taken its place, investigators said.

"The Internet is an enabler, a marketing strategy for the pimps who exploit these girls and the johns who use them," said Noel Busch-Armendariz, a sociology professor at the University of Texas.

Detectives said it's often tough to distinguish early in an investigation between victims willingly involved in prostitution and those who have been forced into the business.

"Sex trafficking victims are typically minors or vulnerable young adults who are coerced or fraudulently brought into the trade through mental or physical abuse," said Billy Sifuentes, human trafficking liaison for the Austin Police Department.

Numbers on such cases are difficult to find because victims often do not come forward to authorities, and there is no uniform database to track such cases when they do. The Human Trafficking Reporting System, developed in 2007 under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Justice, counted 2,515 suspected incidents of human trafficking for investigations nationwide between January 2008 and June 2010 — about 80 percent of which involved commercial sex as opposed to forced labor.

But the system is not a comprehensive study and does not provide a statistical snapshot for the country, government officials said. It collected data from federally funded task forces that in Texas included only those from Bexar and Harris counties and the cities of Austin, Dallas and Fort Worth.

Police tactics evolve

The scope of the online enterprise is even harder to measure as it is increasingly transitory, transnational and predatory, authorities said. Across the state, Texan gangs and Mexican cartels have dipped into the deep pockets of the lucrative trade and expanded its reach.

To fight it, police departments in Texas have ramped up their coordination with other police forces and child advocacy centers across the state and nationwide. Detectives in one city often have to execute search or arrest warrants in others. They also have to be able to quickly share case and suspect information among varying agencies.

State legislation in 2007 created the Texas Human Trafficking Task Force, which brings together law enforcement officials at the local, state and federal levels who can swap intelligence between regional and statewide task forces. It is headed by the attorney general's office, but the agencies taking charge and working on cases vary from community coalitions and victim assistance agencies to state departments such as the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, said Jerry Strickland, a spokesman for Attorney General Greg Abbott.

Commission officers conducting their own investigations have been able to shut down bars, cantinas and other businesses with liquor licenses that were operating human trafficking rings.

The attorney general's office and the statewide task force work to stay on top of the trends, Strickland said, whether an investigation starts on the Web or on the ground.

"The evidence and the activity dictates where we go," he said.

And with the movement of the sex trade to the Web, law enforcement officials also have boosted their efforts to fight the exploitation of children online, and detectives working on sex trafficking cases can often work with those who specialize on cybercrimes.

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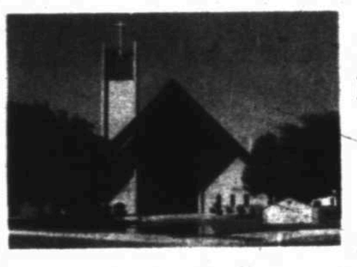

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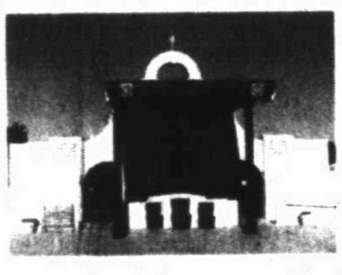

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HOLY THURSDAY/ JUEVES SANTO
12:00 Noon Prayer Service and Anointing of the sick
Servicio de Oración y Unción de los enfermos
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper
Misa de la Ultima Cena del Señor
9:00 pm – 12:00 midnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose in Wilhelm Parish Hall
Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento en el Altar de Reposo en el Salón Parroquial Wilhelm

GOOD FRIDAY/ VIERNES SANTO
10:00 am Live Way of the Cross from Reyes Park on the corner of Cuthbert and Fairgrounds
Vía Crucis en vivo desde el parque Reyes por la calle Cuthbert esquina con Fairgrounds

3:00 pm Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion
Celebración de la Pasión del Señor, Adoración de la Santa Cruz y Sagrada Comunión

7:30 pm Condolences to Mary for the loss of her Son, everyone should bring flowers to offer to Mary
Pésame a la Virgen por la pérdida de su Hijo, todos deben traer flores para ofrecerle a María

HOLY SATURDAY/ SABADO DE GLORIA
8:00-8:00 pm Confessions/Confesiones
7:30 pm EASTER VIGIL MASS / LA VIGILIA PASCUAL

EASTER SUNDAY/ DOMINGO DE PASCUA
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UTPB working with UT System on Framework for Advancing Excellence

Melanie Nicholas
Office of Communication & Special Projects

A recent visit by the top brass of the University of Texas System has confirmed what many students, faculty and staff members at UT Permian Basin already knew – hard work pays off!

"UTPB has exhibited a great use of technology and is an outstanding model in providing online opportunities," UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa, M.D., said. "Despite enormous challenges, UTPB is providing unlimited opportunities for students."

The chancellor and other UT System education leaders recently visited UTPB to discuss the system's new education initiative, the Framework for Advancing Excellence. The framework focuses on student success, enrollment, academic excellence, leadership, faculty excellence and strategies for learning.

Cigarroa and his team met with UTPB President Dr. David Watts and other key university administrators. They discussed education priorities, curriculum, program development, faculty recruitment and retention, technology initiatives and collaboration.

Cigarroa added that UTPB is viewed as an "innovator" in student success, affordability and academic partnerships.

"We have worked very hard to provide excellent educational opportunities for all students, while ensuring affordability. Our recent successes are a credit to the faculty and staff here."

UTPB earned another national nod in January when U.S. News & World Report ranked UTPB's online master's degree in business administration degree programs as one of the best in the country.

UTPB's engineering programs are also experiencing enrollment booms. Degrees are offered in mechanical engineering, petroleum engineering, industrial engineering and mechanical engineering-nuclear track.

"We are particularly pleased with the partnerships between UTPB, Los Alamos National Laboratories, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Waste Control Specialists. Our engineering programs are providing excellent classroom experiences as well as hands-on learning with industry leaders," Watts said.

Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa and Dr. W. David Watts (center) during Cigarroa's recent visit to the UTPB campus.

Photo by Rafael Aguilera

Other programs such as social work and education have also been recognized for excellence, and UTPB has been named No. 1 among Texas public universities for placing its graduates within six months in jobs or in graduate school.

UTPB remains one of the most affordable public universities in Texas. The average cost for an undergraduate student to attend UTPB full time (12 hours) is about $1,800. The average cost for an out-of-state undergraduate student to attend UTPB full time (12 hours) is about $5,000.

"Financial assistance is available, and each yea about $15 million is awarded in scholarships. We ar doing all that we can to make sure UTPB remain affordable," Watts said. "I am encouraged about th Framework for Excellence."

"Dr. Cigarroa and our team will meet again in a few weeks to resume our planning," Watts said. "I look forward to the positive impact it will have for our curren and future students. Students get a great education a UTPB, and we will do everything we can to ensure tha they succeed."

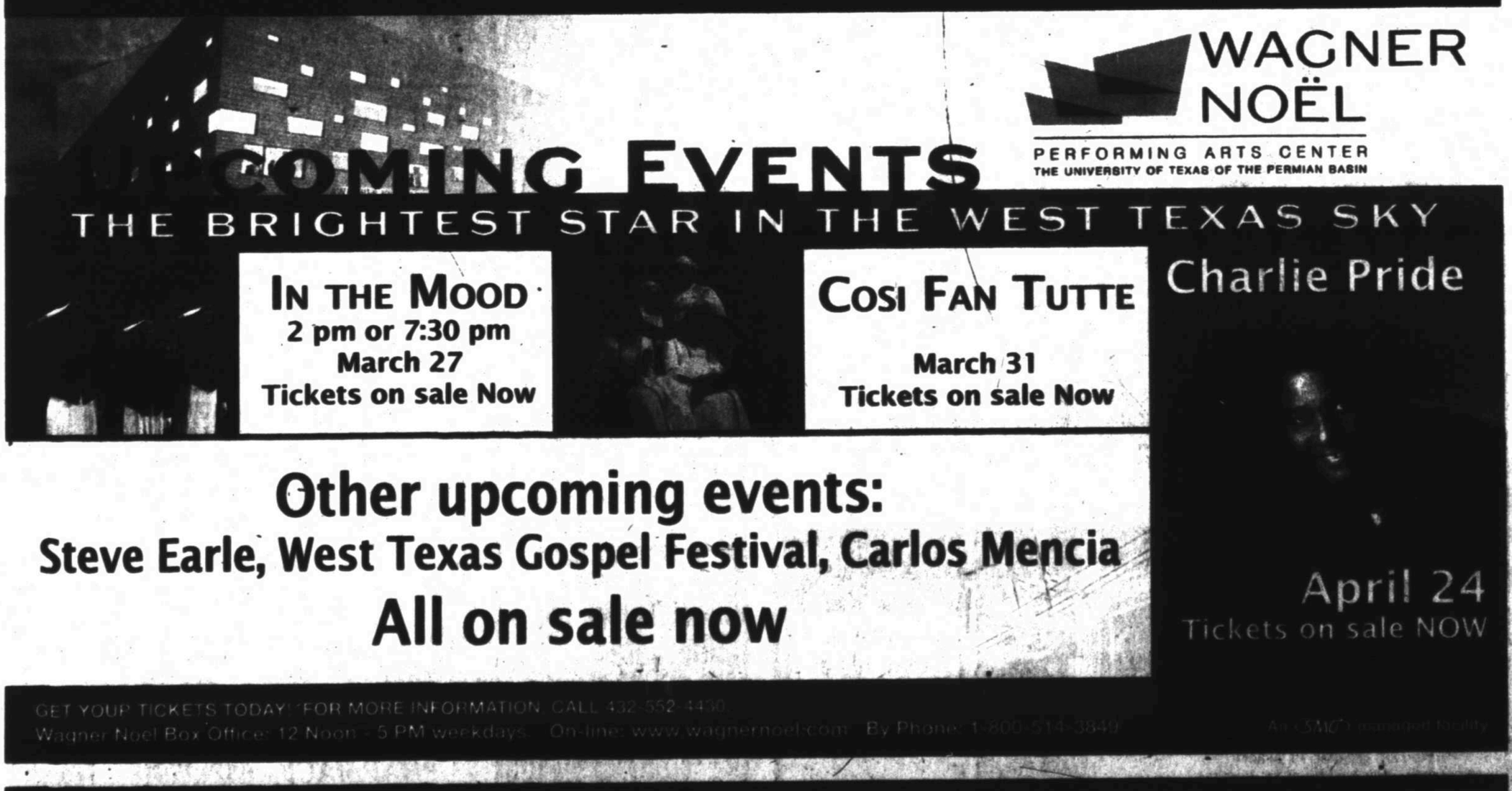
JBS Distinguished Lecture Series Features James Carville and Mary Matalin

Political consultants James Carville and Mary Matalin will speak on "All's Fair: Love, War and Politics" at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center on Thursday, March 29, at 7 p.m. as part of the ongoing Jon Shepperd Public Leadership Institute's Distinguished Lecture Series. The program is free and open to the public. Evan Smith, CEO and Editor-in-Chief of The Texas Tribune, will moderate the discussion.

Carville, author of the book 40 More Years: How the Democrats will Rule the Next Generation, is a tough, thought-provoking speaker whose political strategy career began in 1986 when he helped three- time loser Robert Casey attain the governorship of Pennsylvania. His domestic campaign work ended in 1992 with the election of President Bill Clinton and the award "Campaign Manager of the Year." Since that time, he has led Ehud Barak to become Prime Minister of Israel in 1999, consulted with other international candidates, written several books, hosted talk shows, acted in movies and a TV series (playing himself). A graduate of Louisiana State University where he studied law, Carville served with the U.S. Marines, taught school, and worked for a law firm for a time before his involvement in politics. Prior to his public lecture, he will speak to UTPB students and answer their questions.

Mary Matalin, wife of James Carville since 1993, spent nearly two decades after graduating from Western Illinois University with the Republican National Committee. She joined George H.W. Bush's 1988 presidential campaign and later served as deputy campaign manager for political operations for his re-election bid. She served as counselor to Vice President Dick Cheney until 2003. She has also acted in a documentary, played herself in a TV series, and hosted talk shows for CNN and CBS. Currently, she serves as chief editor for "Threshold Editions," a conservative publishing imprint of Simon & Schuster.

After the lecture, the couple will autograph copies of the book they co-authored in 1995: All's Fair: Love, War, and Running for President. For more information about the Distinguished Lecture Series or the Shepperd Inner Circle, contact the Institute at 432-552-2850.



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Bulldogs win but fall short of playoffs

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Francisco Rodriguez, left, is held back by Abilene Cooper's Mufuta Kasongo, right, as they go after the ball Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium. The Bulldogs beat the Cougars 2-1 but it wasn't enough to send them to the playoffs.

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

The reaction of the Midland High boys soccer team after Saturday's shootout victory against Abilene Cooper wasn't from a team that has just won a big game.

It was a reaction of frustration and disappointment because after a short celebration for the 2-1 victory, the Bulldogs then found out that their efforts weren't enough to earn an outright playoff berth or a even a tie for fourth place.

San Angelo Central beat Odessa High 3-1 on Saturday at Ratliff Stadium, and the Bobcats earned the final playoff spot in District 3-5A, leaving Midland High out of the playoffs for the first time since the 2009 season.

Bulldogs	2
Cougars	1 (SO)

"It's pretty disappointing because everyone gave so much effort this whole season, but things really didn't turn out how we wanted it to," said MHS senior Jake Forrester, who forced two crucial misses as a goalkeeper in the shootout. "The cards just weren't in it for us."

Midland High will finish the season with an 11-11-2 overall

Please see BULLDOGS/6C

Surging Lady Rebs

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Rosie Marquez stretches for the ball as Abilene High's Samantha Rodriguez races to first base on Saturday at Gene Smith Field. The runner was called safe on the play. Despite the fortunate call for the Lady Eagles, Lee won 7-1.

Lee pummels Abilene High to continue hot streak

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

Lady Rebels	7
Lady Eagles	1

After such a rough start to the district season, the Lee softball team is grateful to be where it is now.

The Lady Rebels wrapped up the first half of District 3-5A play with a 7-1 victory against Abilene High at Gene Smith Field on Saturday. With the win, Lee (14-10 overall) improves to 3-3 in 3-5A and moves into a tie with Abilene High for fourth place in the standings. It's a considerable accomplishment considering the Lady Rebels opened 3-5A play with a pair of losses.

"With the start that we had, this is about as good as we can be to finish the first half," Lee coach Wes Overton said. "We're right where we need to be and just have to keep going. With the hole that we dug ourselves, we have to worry about us. We can't worry about anybody else."

The Lady Rebels got down early with Abilene High pushing an unearned run across in the first inning. The Lady Eagles collected three of their five total hits in the opening frame as Lee pitcher Emily Hardaway calmed down from there and shut down the Abilene High bats.

Hardaway, who still hasn't allowed an earned run in more than 21 innings, also gave up one walk and had five strikeouts over seven innings of work. She retired Abilene High's final 11 batters and didn't allow a base runner after the fourth inning.

"In the beginning, I was really nervous," Hardaway said. "Coach told me I needed to calm down and start pitching right. I just kind of settled down and started pitching better."

Lee immediately responded to the Lady Eagles' lone run in the top of the first, scoring two in the bottom half of that inning. Sophomore designated player Adri Berzoza reached first with one out

Please see LADY REBS/2C

No. 8 Andrews rallies to avoid upset against Greenwood

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

Lady Mustangs	4
Rangerettes	2

For four innings Saturday, Greenwood not only stood toe to toe with the No. 8 team in the state, it seemed to be in control against district foe Andrews.

But, even on the road, the Lady Mustangs didn't go easy, erasing a two-run deficit in two innings while shutting out Greenwood in the last five innings of a 4-2 win at Greenwood Field.

Maddox

Greenwood pitcher Kendall Maddox battled through a pulled groin to retire nine of the first 10 batters she faced, helping the Rangerettes build a 2-0 lead, but Andrews responded with four runs on five hits in the next two innings to ultimately take the game.

"That's one thing we're going to have to work on," Greenwood coach Lee Ann Curry said. "We'll get hot for a couple of innings and then, all of sudden, it's like that's all we think we need to do.

"And we found out today that is not the case."

Andrews (20-3, 2-0 in District 4-3A) had no answer for Maddox early, who had six strikeouts and just one walk on the day.

And after the first nine batters in the game were retired in order, Greenwood (16-7, 1-1) finally got to Andrews pitcher Shannon Hobbs in the second, loading the bases with two outs before a fielding error on an Ariel Urias fly ball allowed two runs to score.

Yet Hobbs didn't panic despite the early 2-0 deficit.

"I had faith in my team, and as soon as we came in the dugout, I knew we were going to hit and come back and get them," Hobbs said. "I wasn't really mad about it."

Andrews finally got on the board in the fourth, when Allison Florez slapped an RBI single to left to make the score 2-1.

One inning later, the Lady Mustangs immediately loaded up the bases thanks to a fielding error and two base hits to start the inning. Two batters later, Neel tied the game at two with a soft liner to center that scored one.

On the next at bat, Kayla Bruton scored on a wild pitch, then Greenwood caught Neel in a rundown, but was still able to score to put Andrews up 4-2.

Maddox got herself out of the jam without any further damage, but that was all the run support Hobbs needed, retiring 12 of 13 batters to end the game, in which she allowed just three hits.

"It took (Hobbs) a while to get into it and to kind of get comfortable out there," Andrews coach Prescilla Ramirez said. "Once she did, she settled down and did okay."

Please see GREENWOOD/2C

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Yolanda Rios delivers a pitch Saturday against Frank Phillips College. Rios helped the Lady Chaparrals sweep the doubleheader at the MC softball field.

Lady Chaps belt Frank Phillips College

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

When the No. 7-ranked Midland College softball team is clicking on all cylinders, the Lady Chaparrals can be fun to watch for their fans but a nightmare for opponents.

Just as Frank Phillips College found out after the Lady Plainsmen were run-ruled in a doubleheader sweep by the Lady Chaps on Saturday afternoon at Midland College.

In the first game, Yolanda Rios scattered three hits to help MC to a 10-0 victory in five innings. Then in the second game, the MC bats really came to life as the Lady Chaps pounded out 25 hits and belted five home runs in a 22-5 victory over the Lady Plainsmen in five innings.

Lady Chaps	10-22
Lady Plainsmen	0-5

Inside

See how the Midland College baseball team did on Page 7C.

"We were just on point today," said MC sophomore outfielder and leadoff hitter Kayla Parra, who was 5 for 6 on the afternoon. "We had good approaches and we knew who was behind us (in the order), so we just tried to get our jobs done (at the plate). Hard work and practice pays off. Once we gel as a team we're on."

The Lady Chaps (31-7 overall) concluded a successful Western Junior College Athletic Conference opening weekend as they won all four of their games by run-rule, and Saturday followed a doubleheader sweep over Clarendon College the day before.

"We're seeing the ball really well and we had people that came off the

Please see LADY CHAPS/7C

Griner dunks as Baylor women rout Georgia Tech

Associated Press

Baylor was cruising, the Lady Bears' reserves were waiting to check in and there seemed to be little excitement.

Then Brittney Griner got behind the Georgia Tech defense and everyone in the arena knew what could be coming.

Baylor's 6-foot-8 All-American didn't disappoint.

Griner threw down a two-handed dunk to cap a sensational performance and the Lady Bears stormed into the NCAA regional finals for the third straight year with an 83-68 victory over Georgia Tech on Saturday.

Lady Bears	83
Yellow Jackets	68

Inside

For more on the men's and women's NCAA Tournament see Page 8C.

Griner, who finished with 35 points, 10 rebounds and six blocks, took a pass from Brooklyn Pope and soared in for her dunk with 6:29 left in yet another rout for the Lady Bears — swinging briefly on the rim for good measure.

"I wanted to get one in this game," said Griner, who was almost nonchalant about her crowd-pleasing play. "Brooklyn got me the ball and I just went up and slammed it."

It was the second straight game in which Griner dunked and the seventh slam of her college career. She's now tied with former Tennessee star Candace Parker, whose two dunks in NCAA tournament play had been the most.

"Even though she dunks in warm-

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Sunday Morning Line

LEN HAYWARD
Sports Editor

This and that as I'm wondering if all the helmet sticker programs in high schools will come under fire now:

■ If Tuesday's first baseball game between Lee and Midland High is any indication of how intense the rivalry will be this year, then the second meeting will likely be another barnburner.

The game last Tuesday had an overflow of emotion after it, and the next game will likely be as emotional. But let's just hope we don't have what we had happen after the last game occur again.

Sometimes emotions can get the best of players, and in this case it did for a couple on Tuesday.

Either way, it's a rivalry that is important to the players because of how important baseball is in this city, and it's cool to see the games live up to the hype.

■ The recent announcement by the PGA Tour about how Qualifying School and the Nationwide Tour will get its players could be something that could benefit the Western National Bank Open here in Midland in the future.

Beginning in 2013, the Tour has said that the way to the PGA Tour will be through the Nationwide Tour as Qualifying School will just determine who goes to the Nationwide Tour.

If the Midland tournament keeps its late summer/fall date, the fields could be a little stronger. Now whether that will translate into more people coming to the course during the tournament remains to be seen. But it's certainly a move that could help the tournament in the long run.

■ Who would've thought that Baylor would have two of the Big 12's more dominant basketball programs the last few years?

Both teams are still in the hunt for a national title, and it shows how far the athletic program has come over the last 10 years. Life is good in Waco these days.

■ I picked up this interesting fact from someone the other day, Midland High co-head girls soccer coach Jim Bragg has helped lead three different teams in 3-5A girls soccer to district championships. Along with Bragg's most recent interim stint at MHS, Bragg led Odessa Permian and San Angelo Central to district titles.

■ The UIL announced the alignment for volleyball and team tennis last week, and District 2-5A will remain intact with the same teams as announced for football and basketball. Although not a surprise, I think it does show that the UIL will stick with Amarillo Tascosa in the district for the next two years.

■ The recent suspensions of New Orleans Saints head coach Sean Payton and former defensive coordinator Gregg Williams were definitely warranted after information about the bounties had come out.

Williams being suspended indefinitely was not much of a surprise, and if I were Roger Goodell, I would make sure Williams doesn't do anything in the NFL ever again. If he's going to make a living as a coach he needs to start over as far away from the NFL as possible.

Meanwhile, I think Payton's suspension was as much about him not telling the truth about the program as it was the program itself.

Either way, what has happened is something the league will have to live with for a long time because player safety has been a hot-button issue the last few years.

■ Also, these type of things are not new to the NFL, but the Saints just got caught. Although, the suspensions hopefully will be enough to deter other teams from doing it to that extent.

■ Even if the Odessa Jackalopes don't make the NAHL playoffs, you've got to give them credit for their late-season surge. Odessa worked its way back into playoff contention and there is still two weeks remaining in the season.

Coach Paul Gillis and assistant coach Matt Cressman have done a great job this season with all the changes that occurred prior to and during this season.

■ And finally, Opening Day is next weekend, and with everything going on, it will probably still be overshadowed by the NFL, even in the offseason.

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On the air today

WHAT'S ON TV

AUTO RACING
IRL, IndyCar Series, Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, 11:30 a.m., ABC
NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Auto Club 400, 1:30 p.m., Fox

COLLEGE BASEBALL
East Carolina at UCF, Noon, Fox Sports Southwest
Arkansas at Mississippi State, Noon, Fox Sports Southwest Plus

CYCLING
Criterium International, final stage, Porto-Vecchio to Col de l'Ospedale, Corsica (same-day tape), 10 p.m., NBC Sports Network

GOLF
European PGA Tour, Trophee Hassan II, final round, 8 a.m., TGC
PGA Tour, Arnold Palmer Invitational, final round, Noon, TGC
PGA Tour, Arnold Palmer Invitational, final round, 1:30 p.m., NBC
Champions Tour, Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic, final round, 1:30 p.m., TGC
LPGA, Kia Classic, final round, 6 p.m., TGC

MLB
Preseason, Chicago Cubs vs. Cleveland, at Goodyear, Ariz., 3 p.m., WGN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
NCAA, Division I tournament, regional finals, doubleheader, Baylor vs. Kentucky, North Carolina vs. Kansas, 1:10 p.m., CBS

NBA
Miami at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m., ESPN
10:30 p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL
Minnesota at Washington, 4 p.m., NBC Sports Network
Nashville at Chicago, 6:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network

RUGBY
Sevens World Series, pool play, teams TBA, at Hong Kong, 1:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network

SOCCER
MLS, Colorado at New York, 3 p.m., ESPN
FC Dallas at Sporting Kansas City, 5 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
NCAA Division I tournament, regional semifinal, Texas A&M vs. Maryland, 11 a.m., ESPN
2:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — NCAA Division I tournament, regional semifinal, Notre Dame vs. St. Bonaventure, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2
NCAA Division I tournament, regional semifinal, UConn vs. Penn State, 3:30 p.m., ESPN2
NCAA Division I tournament, regional semifinal, Gonzaga vs. Kentucky, at Kingston, R.I., 6 p.m., ESPN2

Lady Dawgs pick up win against Abilene Cooper

From staff reports

ABILENE — Stefani Baeza pitched six shutout innings, and Courtney Warren went 4-for-4 as Midland High overpowered Abilene Cooper in a 7-2 win Saturday.

The Lady Bulldogs scored three in the first and never looked back, as Cooper trailed the entire game.

Baeza allowed two runs in the first and didn't allow one the rest of the game, allowing just five Cooper hits in the game.

Shelby Neatherlin homered for Midland High and led the team with two RBI.

MIDLAND HIGH 7, ABILENE COOPER 2

MHS	300	001	3	7	12	1
Cooper	200	000	0	2	5	1

Baeza and Courtney Warren. Ashley Rangel, Katie Bailes (3) and McKenzie Black. 2B — Cooper: Vanessa Carranza. 3B — Carranza. HR — MHS: Shelby Neatherlin. RBI — MHS: Naomi Posada, Marissa Urias, Neatherlin 2, Gaby Munoz.

Records: MHS 17-8, 5-1 in District 5-5A; Cooper 15-5, 2-3.

Next: Odessa Permian at Midland High, 4:30 p.m. Thursday; Abilene Cooper at Midland Christian (Odessa Permian), 5 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Rattler Sports Complex, Odessa.

Lady Bulldogs 7
Lady Cougars 2

Baeza Warren

Lady Rebs

From 1C

courtesy of an error by Abilene High third baseman Christy Rodriguez, moved up to second on a single by Ciara Sheppard and scored on a single by freshman first baseman Rosie Marquez.

Sheppard made it 2-0 when she came in from third after Abilene High failed to turn a double play on a fielder's choice hit to shortstop by Kristin Schlemeyer.

The Lady Rebels added to their lead with a pair of unearned runs in the fourth inning. With two outs and courtesy runner Brooke Smith on third and Dee Gaona on second, Hardaway hit a sharp grounder to Abilene High shortstop Christa Garcia, who first bobbled the ball when initially trying to field it and then committed a second error by throwing it out of the reach of first baseman Chastine Simmons.

The pair of errors by Garcia allowed both Smith and Gaona to score, giving Lee a 4-1 advantage.

A timely hit by Alicia Alvarez — the lone senior for the Lady Rebels — in the sixth inning put the game permanently out of the Lady Eagles' reach. Alvarez — a left-handed batter — slapped a pitch into right field with runners on second and third with two outs.

Brandi Marquez — courtesy running for catcher Destiny Reyes who singled to start the two-out, seventh-inning rally — easily scored on the hit and Kylee Olivas was coming around from second, giving Alvarez a pair of RBI.

But, the ball skipped past the glove of Abilene High right fielder Shelby McMahon, allowing the speedy Alvarez to easily score on an error-assisted, inside-the-park home run for a 7-1 Lee advantage.

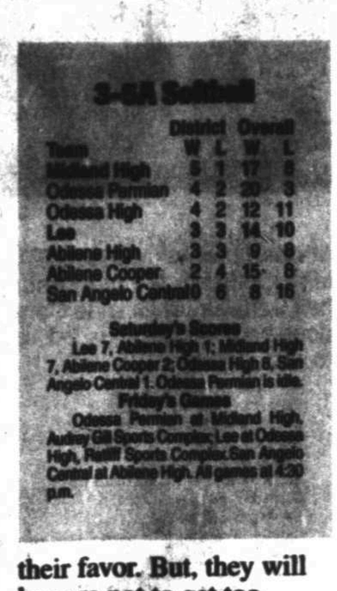
"I was just trying to get a base hit to get the runners home," said Alvarez, who finished the game 2 for 4. "But, when she missed the ball I just kept running."

Now, the Lady Rebels can move into the second half of the district season on a two-game winning streak with plenty of momentum flowing in their favor. But, they will be sure not to get too ahead of themselves.

"We're basically playing it one game at a time," Overton said. "I know that's kind of an old cliche, but we're really taking it to heart. We're doing it one game at a time and that's the only way we can do it."

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Abilene High's Christy Rodriguez, right, dives back to third but is tagged out by Lee's Kristen Schlemeyer Saturday at Gene Smith Field.



S-5A Softball

	District	Overall
Team	W L	W L
Midland High	5 1	17 8
Odessa High	4 2	15 7
Cooper	4 2	12 11
Lee	3 3	14 10
Abilene High	3 3	7 9
Abilene Cooper	2 4	7 8
San Angelo Central	0 6	6 15

Saturday's Scores
Lee 7, Abilene High 1; Midland High 7, Abilene Cooper 2; Odessa High 6, San Angelo Central 1; Odessa Permian is idle.

Schedule
Abilene Cooper at Midland High, 4:30 p.m. Thursday; Lee at Odessa High, Rattler Sports Complex, Odessa, 4:30 p.m. Friday; Abilene High at Odessa Permian, 5 p.m. Friday; San Angelo Central at Abilene High, All games at 4:30 p.m.

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LEE 7, ABILENE HIGH 1

Abilene High	100	000	0	1	6	5
Lee	000	520	x	7	8	1

Rodriguez and Hardaway; Williams, Bailey Hardaway and Destiny Reyes. W — Hardaway. L — Rodriguez. HR — Lee: Kayla Alvarez 2, Rosie Marquez. RBI — Lee: Alvarez 4, Marquez 2, Hardaway.

Records: Abilene High 6-8, 3-3 in 3-5A; Lee 14-10, 3-3.

Next: San Angelo Central at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m. Friday; Lee at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m. Friday, Rattler Sports Complex.

Greenwood

From 1C

For Greenwood, it was a bittersweet game, having competed well against one of the top teams in the state but, ultimately, being unable to come away with a win.

But Curry was encouraged by her team's effort, praising the play of the injured Maddox and the Rangerettes defense, which she said showed signs of improvement.

"We came ready to play," Curry said. "And, probably, that's the most intense we've been in the last several games."

And with two games left in the first half of district play, Curry was in good spirits after her team seemed poised to knock off the No. 8 team in the state.

"These kids are just going to come back on Monday, and they're going to work hard, and we're just going to get after them next time," Curry said.

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NO. 8 ANDREWS 4, GREENWOOD 2

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Melena Lopez and Shannon Hobbs. Ambrey Stone and Kendall Hobbs. L — Hobbs. W — Hobbs. 2B — Andrews: Nikki Hood, Reana Wright. RBI — Andrews: Allison Florez, Hood.

Records: Andrews 20-3, 2-0 in District 4-3A; Greenwood 16-7, 1-1

Next: Monahans at Andrews, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday; Greenwood at Fort Stockton, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday

HSSOFTBALL/BASEBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Softball

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN SWEEPS FWC

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS — Midland Christian swept a pair of games from rival Fort Worth Christian to start TAPPS 1-4A play on Saturday on the road.

Midland Christian began the day with a 6-4 victory against the Lady Cardinals, and then closed the day with a 16-6 six-inning run-rule victory.

In the first game, Madi LeRoy was 4 for 4 with two RBI as the Lady Mustangs used a four-run fifth inning to take a lead.

Kadee Vines picked up the pitching victory, allowing the four runs on eight hits.

In the second game, the Lady Mustangs' bats woke up as they pounded out 21 hits and used an eight-run third inning to break the game open.

LeRoy had another big game at the plate going 2 for 4 with three RBI. Vines was 4 for 5 with three RBI and Lauren Grizzard was 3 for 3 with three RBI. Briton Rey, who also was the winning pitcher, drove in three runs and Maranda Galindo had two RBI on the day.

Midland Christian (10-13-1, 2-0 in TAPPS 1-4A) will take on Alpine on the road in a non-district game at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 6, FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN 4

MCS	010	140	0	–6	8	4
FWC	101	000	2	–4	6	3

Kadee Vines and Maranda Galindo. Banks and Tarbet. W — Vines. L — Banks. 2B — MCS: Madi LeRoy. FWC: Avila.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 16, FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN 6, 6 INNINGS

MCS	200	123	–16	21	3
FWC	000	312	–6	10	1

Briton Rey and Maranda Galindo. Banks, Henderson (5) and Tarbet. W — Rey. L — Banks. 2B — MCS: Rey 2, Lauren Grizzard, Galindo.

Record: Midland Christian 10-13-1, 2-0 in TAPPS 1-4A

Next: Midland Christian at Alpine, 5 p.m.

Baseball

GREENWOOD 4, ANDREWS 1

An outstanding pitching effort by Zach Long and solid base-running helped Greenwood defeat Andrews 4-1 at home in its district opener Saturday.

Long pitched a complete game in the win, allowing just one run and three hits at Greenwood Field.

"Zach did a great job of keeping them off balance," Greenwood coach Vince Callicoatte said. "He threw the whole game, and I can't compliment him enough."

Callicoatte said he wanted to play small ball against the Mustangs (9-9, 0-1 in District 4-3A) heading into the game, and his strategy worked, as Greenwood (4-10, 1-0) was able to put up four runs without any extra-base hits.

Long and Garrett Carlisle each had two RBI, as Greenwood has won two of its last three after losing six straight.

"It's just huge for us," Callicoatte said. "It kind of turns our season around and lets our kids know what they're capable of."

GREENWOOD 4, ANDREWS 1

AND	010	000	0	1	3	3
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Chavez and Ramos. Zach Long and Zach Redwine. L — Chavez. W — Long. RBI — Andrews: Buck; Greenwood: Long 2, Garrett Carlisle 2.

Records: Andrews 9-9, 0-1 in District 4-3A; Greenwood 4-10, 1-0

Next: Monahans at Andrews, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 27; Greenwood at Fort Stockton, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 27

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 12, ARLINGTON GRACE PREP 2

Midland Christian stayed hot Saturday, scoring 12 runs against Arlington Grace Prep for the second game in a row, this one a 12-2 win at Christensen Stadium.

Daniel Crooks held Grace Prep (3-11, 0-4 in TAPPS 1-4A) to two runs on six hits in six innings and went 3-for-3 at the plate with two RBI to help his own cause.

Nikko Velarde went 2-for-3 with a double and a triple and was one of six Mustangs to record an RBI in the game.

Midland Christian (15-6, 5-1) has now won four in a row heading into nearly a week off before a road series with Fort Worth Christian.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 12, ARLINGTON GRACE PREP 2

AGP	001	010	x	–2	6	5
MCS	220	306	x	–12	10	3

Brudi, Prater (4), Waller (6) and Hodapp. Daniel Crooks and Bailey Blain. L — Brudi. W — Crooks. 2B — Grace Prep: Hodapp; MCS: Crooks 2, Nikko Velarde, Garrett Clark. 3B — MCS: Velarde, Caleb Thomas. RBI — Grace Prep: Sawyer 2; MCS: Crooks 2, Velarde, Thomas, Colton Chalker, Clark, Corby Ogden.

Records: Grace Prep 3-11, 0-4 in TAPPS 1-4A; MCS 15-6, 5-1

Next: Grace Prep at Grapevine Faith Christian, 7 p.m. March 30; MCS at Fort Worth Christian, 6 p.m. March 30

FORSAN 9, SLATON 6

FORSAN — Forsan remained undefeated in District 3-2A play with a 9-6 victory against Slaton on Saturday, taking advantage of four errors and eight walks.

The Buffaloes were down 3-2 after two innings, but pushed three runs across to take the lead in the bottom of the third. Slaton tied it at 5 in the top of the fourth, but another three-run inning in the fourth game the Buffs the lead for good.

Foster Burchett was the winning pitcher with his younger brother Trevor Burchett picking up the save. Foster Burchett also had a triple and the only two RBI recorded by a Forsan player.

Forsan continues district play at 7 p.m. Friday with a trip to Colorado City.

FORSAN 9, SLATON 6

Slaton	310	110	0	–6	7	4
Forsan	203	301	x	–9	6	1

Kurtis Roberts, Jace Jones (5) and Matthew Fennimore. Foster Burchett, Trevor Burchett (5) and Clayton Galloway. W — F. Burchett. L — Roberts. S — T. Burchett. 2B — Slaton: Quaylon McDaniel. 3B — Slaton: Nathan Rudd; Forsan: F. Burchett. RBI — Slaton: McDaniel 2, Rudd 2, Jones, Nate Guerra; Forsan: F. Burchett.

Records: Forsan 8-3, 4-0 in District 3-2A

Next: Forsan at Colorado City, 7 p.m. Friday

MLB

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	15	9	.625	
Detroit	14	9	.609	½
Baltimore	14	9	.609	½
Los Angeles	13	9	.591	1
San Francisco	13	9	.591	1
San Diego	14	10	.583	1
Arizona	11	9	.550	1½
Colorado	11	10	.524	2
Philadelphia	10	11	.476	3
Chicago	10	13	.435	4½
Cincinnati	10	13	.435	4½
Miami	7	10	.412	5
Arizona	8	12	.400	5½
Milwaukee	7	12	.368	6½
Pittsburgh	7	13	.350	7
Atlanta	7	14	.333	7½
New York	5	13	.278	7½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	15	9	.357	
Los Angeles	11	7	.611	1
San Francisco	13	9	.591	1
San Diego	14	10	.583	1
Arizona	11	9	.550	1½
Colorado	11	10	.524	2
Philadelphia	10	11	.476	3
Chicago	10	13	.435	4½
Cincinnati	10	13	.435	4½
Miami	7	10	.412	5
Arizona	8	12	.400	5½
Milwaukee	7	12	.368	6½
Pittsburgh	7	13	.350	7
Atlanta	7	14	.333	7½
New York	5	13	.278	7½

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Saturday's Scores
Houston 5, Pittsburgh 4, 10 innings
Toronto 9, Atlanta 0
Baltimore 12, Washington 3
N.Y. Yankees 4, Detroit 2, 10 innings
Boston (ss) 4, Miami 1
N.Y. Mets 6, St. Louis 6, tie, 10 innings
Philadelphia 10, Boston (ss) 5
Minnesota 19, Tampa Bay 4
Cincinnati (ss) 6, San Diego (ss) 0
Chicago White Sox 6, Milwaukee 4
San Diego (ss) 5, Chicago Cubs 1
L.A. Dodgers 5, Cleveland 4
San Francisco (ss) 6, Cincinnati (ss) 4
Colorado 7, San Francisco (ss) 6
L.A. Angels 3, Texas 2
Kansas City vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., late

Today's Games
N.Y. Mets vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Philadelphia (ss) at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Houston (ss) vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Houston (ss) at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Miami vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (ss) vs. Detroit (ss) at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Detroit (ss) vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (ss) vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Texas vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Milwaukee (ss) at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

SATURDAY'S TEXAS BOXES
RANGERS 1, ANGELS 0
At Surprise, Ariz.

Los Angeles (AN)	000	000	000	3	5 0
Texas	000	010	100	—	2 6 0

E.Santana, Hawkins (6), K.Johnson (8), D.Taylor (9) and Conger; G.Reynolds, Nathan (8), Uehara (9) and Iannetta. W—Nathan (8). L—Uehara (0-1). Sv—D.Taylor (1). HRs—Texas, Kinsler (3), Hamps (1).

PIRATES 3, ASTROS 0
At Bradenton, Fla.

Houston	000	000	000	1 —	5 4 0
Pittsburgh	200	000	00x	2 —	4 10 3

(10 innings)

Wetland, W.Wright (6), Fe.Rodriguez (7), D.Carpenter (8), R.Cruz (9), Del Rosario (10) and J.Castro, Powell; Ja.McDonald, Resop (6), Ig.Gonzalez (9), Mosebo (9), K.Johnson (10) and Mckinnery, Fryer. W—R.Cruz. L—K.Johnson. Sv—Del Rosario. HRs—Houston, S.Moore (1). Pittsburgh, G.Jones (3).

Fight Schedule

Tuesday
At Tokyo, Suriyan Sor Rungvisai vs. Yota Sato, 12, for Sor Rungvisai's WBC super fly-weight title.

Friday
At East London, South Africa, Nkosinathi Joyi vs. Kenneth Takyiagyan, 12, for IBF minimumweight title.

At Mohegan Sun, Conn. (ESPN2), Hanky Lundy vs Dennis Williams, 10, lightweights; Elvin Ayala vs. Hector Camacho Jr., 10, mid-dleweights.

Saturday
At Los Cabos, Mexico, Hugo Ruiz vs. John Mark Apolinario, 12, for Ruiz's WBA interim bantamweight title.

At Lima, Peru, Jose Alfredo Rodriguez vs. Alberto Rosas, 12, for the interim WBA World light flyweight title.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	27	21	.563	
Boston	25	22	.532	1½
New York	24	23	.511	2½
Toronto	19	26	.422	6½
New Jersey	13	31	.295	11½
Southeast Division				
Miami	36	11	.766	
Atlanta	31	16	.660	5
Orlando	29	20	.592	8
Charlotte	23	24	.489	13
Washington	10	37	.213	26½
Central Division				
Chicago	40	10	.800	—
Indiana	28	19	.596	10½
Milwaukee	22	28	.458	17
Cleveland	17	32	.347	22½
Detroit	16	32	.333	23

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Southwest Division				
San Antonio	32	14	.696	—
Dallas	29	22	.569	6
Memphis	26	21	.553	7
Houston	26	23	.531	7½
New Orleans	12	35	.255	21
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	36	12	.750	—
Utah	26	22	.542	10
Denver	26	22	.542	10
Minnesota	23	26	.469	13½
Portland	22	26	.458	14
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	30	18	.625	—
L.A. Clippers	27	21	.563	3
Phoenix	24	24	.500	6
Golden State	19	26	.422	9 ½
Sacramento	17	30	.362	12 ½

Saturday's Scores
L.A. Clippers 101, Memphis 85
Atlanta 95, Washington 92
New Jersey 106, Charlotte 89
New York 101, Detroit 79
Chicago 102, Toronto 101, OT
Dallas 101, Houston 89, OT
San Antonio 88, New Orleans 86
Indiana 125, Milwaukee 104
Sacramento at Golden State, late

Today's Games
Phoenix at Cleveland, 2 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.
Utah at Atlanta, 5 p.m.
Washington at Boston, 5 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Antonio, 6 p.m.
Miami at Oklahoma City, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Portland, 8 p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY'S BOXES
MAVERICKS 101, ROCKETS 99, OT
DALLAS (101): Marion 4-11 4-4 12, Nowitzki 10-20 9-10 31, Mahinmi 0-1 0-0 0, Kidd 3-8 1-2 9, Carter 2-7 0-0 4, Odom 0-2 0-0 0, Terry 9-16 4-4 24, Beaubois 2-8 2-2 6, Wright 7-9 0-0 14, Cardinal 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-80 21-24 101.

HOUSTON (99): Parsons 5-16 0-0 12, Scola 7-15 5-6 19, Budinger 5-7 4-4 16, Dragic 7-16 5-6 24, Lin 6-20 0-0 15, Bradley 2-4 0-0 4, Patterson 0-2 0-0 0, Camby 3-4 0-0 6, Forbes 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 37-98 16-18 99.

Dallas	25	22	13	18	23 — 101
Houston	22	22	15	18	22 — 99

3-Point Goals—Dallas 6-23 (Terry 2-4, Kidd 2-6, Nowitzki 1-4, Beaubois 0-1, Carter 0-2, Marion 0-6), Houston 6-22 (Lin 2-6, Budinger 2-5, Scola 1-3, Dragic 1-3, Lin 1-7, Forbes 0-1). Fouled Out—Patterson. Rebounds—Dallas 57 (Nowitzki 13), Houston 54 (Scola 13). Assists—Dallas 17 (Kidd 5), Houston 20 (Dragic 8). Total Fouls—Dallas 30, Houston 22. Technicals—Houston defensive three second. A—18,103 (18,043).

SPURS 98, HORNETS 89
SAN ANTONIO (98): Duncan 5-13 2-2 12, Diaw 4-11 5-6 13, Ginobili 5-14 5-5 23, Parker 6-18 8-12 20, Green 3-8 0-0 6, Anderson 3-7 0-0 6, Jackson 0-5 0-0 0, Blair 1-3 0-0 2, Bonner 1-2 0-0 2, Mills 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 30-85 17-27 98.

NEW ORLEANS (89): Gutierrez 1-3 0-0 2, Belinelli 3-8 0-0 6, Ariza 2-8 0-0 4, Gray 4-12 0-0 8, Jack 11-19 4-4 27, Thomas 5-9 0-0 10, Landry 5-8 5-5 15, Henry 0-4 0-0 0, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Aminu 3-7 2-2 8. Totals 37-81 11-12 89.

San Antonio	23	24	26	18	— 98
New Orleans	22	28	24	14	— 89

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 2-9 (Bonner 1-2, Jackson 1-5, Duncan 0-1, Leonard 0-1, Anderson 0-2), Parker 0-3, Green 0-4), New Orleans 1-5 (Jack 1-3, Belinelli 0-1, Vasquez 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 49 (Green, Duncan, Leonard, Blair 7), New Orleans 52 (Aminu 13). Assists—San Antonio 17 (Parker 10), New Orleans 21 (Vasquez 6). Total Fouls—San Antonio 14, New Orleans 19. A—16,110 (17,188).

CLIPPERS 101, GRIZZLIES 85
MEMPHIS (85): Gay 4-8 0-0 9, Randolph 6-16 2-2 14, Gasol 3-12 0-0 6, Conley 4-6 0-0 9, Allen 3-5 4-4 11, Cunningham 0-3 0-0 0, Arenas 1-5 0-0 2, Speights 3-4 1-2 7, Mayo 5-12 1-3 13, Pargo 1-3 0-0 3, Haddadi 0-0 0-0 0, Pondexter 3-3 0-0 9. Totals 33-78 10-14 85.

L.A. CLIPPERS (101): Butler 6-11 0-0 12, Griffin 6-9 6-12 20, Jordan 3-4 0-0 6, Paul 6-13 7-9 19, Foye 5-11 4-5 18, Martin 2-4 0-0 4, Young 6-13 4-5 16, Simmons 1-3 0-0 3, Bledsoe 0-2 0-0 0, Evans 1-2 1-2 3, Thompkins 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-72 24-33 101.

Memphis	17	25	19	24	— 85
L.A. Clippers	33	23	25	20	— 101

3-Point Goals—Memphis 5-15 (Pondexter 3-3, Mayo 2-6, Conley 1-1, Allen 1-1, Gay 1-2, Pargo 1-2, Gasol 0-1, Arenas 0-1), L.A. Clippers 5-16 (Foye 4-8, Simmons 1-2, Butler 0-1, Young 0-1, Paul 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 44 (Gasol, Randolph 8), L.A. Clippers 50 (Griffin 10). Assists—Memphis 26 (Conley 9), L.A. Clippers 24 (Paul 13). Total Fouls—Memphis 26, L.A. Clippers 18. Technicals—Paul Flagrant Fouls—Mayo. A—19,060 (19,060).

KNICKS 104, PISTONS 79
DETROIT (79): Maxiell 2-4 0-0 4, Prince 2-10 2-3 6, Monroe 5-10 0-2 12, Knight 4-11 0-0 9, Gordon 7-13 2-2 20, Jerebko 2-5 4-4 8, Russell Jr. 0-3 0-0 0, Wilkins 2-6 4-6 8, Daye Jr. 2-7 0-0 7, Wallace 0-1 0-0 0, Villanueva 1-6 3-3 5. Totals 28-76 17-22 79.

NEW YORK (101): Anthony 5-12 5-6 15, Stoudemire 7-10 3-4 17, Chandler 5-8 1-2 11, Lin 3-6 5-6 13, Fields 1-3 0-0 2, Smith 5-14 1-1 14, Shumpert 3-7 0-0 6, Novak 3-6 0-0 8, Davis 2-5 0-0 5, Hamilton 2-4 0-2 4, Bibby 0-0 0-0 0, Jeffries 0-0 0-0 0, Douglas 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 38-78 19-30 101.

Detroit	17	20	24	19 — 79
New York	27	28	27	19 — 101

3-Point Goals—Detroit 5-19 (Gordon 1-2, Knight 1-2, Daye Jr. 1-3, Monroe 1-3, Prince 0-2, Villanueva 0-2, Russell Jr. 0-2, Jerebko 0-4), New York 8-23 (Anthony 3-6, Lin 2-3, Smith 1-5, Bibby 0-1, Anthony 0-1, Fields 0-1, Hamilton 0-1, Novak 2-5, Davis 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 40 (Monroe 7), New York 64 (Chandler 17). Assists—Detroit 19 (Maxiell 4, Gordon 4), New York 20 (Fields 4). Total Fouls—Detroit 20, New York 22. Technicals—Prince, Douglas, Detroit defensive three second. A—19,763 (19,763).

BULLS 103, RAPTORS 101
TORONTO (101): J.Johnson 7-14 5-6 20, Bargnani 4-10 9-10 17, Gray 3-7 0-0 6, Calderon 5-15 4-4 20, Forbes 6-16 0-2 12, A.Johnson 4-8 0-2 8, Ukaka 3-7 0-0 7. Davis 4-6 1-1 9. Totals 36-87 20-25 101.

CHICAGO (103): Deng 10-24 3-5 23, Boozer 11-18 2-2 24, Noah 1-2 0-2 2, Watson 6-18 5-6 23, Brewer 2-8 0-2 4, Asik 2-5 6-10 10, Gibson 4-8 1-1 9, Lucas 2-9 0-0 4, Korver 1-7 0-0 3, Butler 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 41-103 17-28 102.

Toronto	29	25	19	31	7 — 101
Chicago	33	30	21	19	0 — 103

3-Point Goals—Toronto 3-14 (J.Johnson 1-1, Ukaka 1-4, Bargnani 1-6, Forbes 0-1, Calderon 0-2), Chicago 3-23 (Watson 2-6, Korver 1-5, Butler 0-1, Brewer 0-1, Lucas 0-4, Deng 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 24 (Johnson 6), Chicago 60 (Boozer, Deng 10). Assists—Toronto 19 (Calderon 10), Chicago 23 (Lucas 6). Total Fouls—Toronto 20, Chicago 19. Technicals—Noah 2. Ejected—Noah. A—21,841 (20,917).

PACERS 125, BUCKS 104
INDIANA (125): Granger 3-8 9-10 15, West 6-14 3-4 15, Hibbert 7-11 2-2 16, Collison 4-10 0-0 8, George 2-5 0-0 4, Hansbrough 2-5 2-4 6, Hill 7-9 7-8 24, Amundson 3-6 2-4 8, Barbosa 2-3 5-5 9, Jones 4-8 2-2 13, Stephenson 1-2 0-0 2, Price 1-2 0-0 3. Pen-dergraph 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 43-84 32-39 125.

MILWAUKEE (104): Delfino 5-11 0-0 13, Ilyasova 8-15 5-5 22, Gooden 3-11 2-2 8, Jen-nings 5-16 0-0 12, Ellis 4-9 2-4 11, Mbah a Moute 4-6 1-1 9, Udoh 0-7 0-0 0, Dunleavy 3-8 0-0 8, Udoh 1-2 2-2 4, Livingston 1-2 1-2 3, Brockman 3-3 0-0 6, Harris 2-2 1-2 6. Totals 40-96 11-18 104.

Indiana	29	29	36	33	— 125
Milwaukee	28	22	28	26	— 104

3-Point Goals—Indiana 7-12 (Hill 3-4, Jones 3-5, Price 1-1, Granger 0-2), Milwaukee 10-21 (Delfino 3-6, Dunleavy 2-3, Jen-nings 2-5, Harris 1-1, Ilyasova 1-2, Ellis 1-3, Udoh 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 61 (Hibbert 9), Milwaukee 42 (Ilyasova 8). Assists—Indiana 19 (Hill 5), Milwaukee 30 (Ellis 6). Total Fouls—Indiana 20, Milwaukee 23. Technicals—Hansbrough, Dunleavy, Milwaukee defensive three second. Flagrant Fouls—Dunleavy. A—16,207 (18,717).

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-N.Y. Rangers	75	47	21	7	101	206	168
x-Pittsburgh	74	46	22	6	98	248	193
x-Philadelphia	75	44	23	8	96	238	209
New Jersey	75	42	27	6	90	204	195
N.Y. Islanders	74	30	33	11	71	177	222
Northeast Division							
Boston	74	43	28	3	89	241	182
Ottawa	75	38	28	10	86	230	223
Buffalo	76	37	29	10	84	197	209
Toronto	76	33	34	9	75	217	239
Montreal	76	29	34	13	71	197	211
Southeast Division							
Florida	74	36	24	14	86	184	203
Washington	75	37	30	8	82	202	214
Winnipeg	75	35	32	8	78	201	217
Tampa Bay	74	34	33	7	75	209	252
Carolina	76	30	31	15	75	202	228

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-St. Louis	75	46	20	9	101	192	147
Detroit	75	45	25	5	95	230	185
Nashville	75	43	24	8	94	213	198
Chicago	75	42	25	8	92	229	214
Columbus	74	24	43	7	55	172	237
Northwest Division							
y-Vancouver	74	44	21	9	97	226	185
Colorado	76	40	31	5	85	196	199
Calgary	76	34	27	15	83	196	204
Minnesota	74	31	33	10	72	159	204
Edmonton	75	30	36	9	69	200	220
Pacific Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	75	41	29	5	87	198	198
Los Angeles	75	37	26	12	86	175	164
Phoenix	75	37	26	12	86	197	194
San Jose	74	37	27	10	84	201	195
Anaheim	75	32	32	11	75	189	209

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Saturday's Scores
N.Y. Rangers 4, Toronto 3, SO
Dallas 4, Calgary 1
Buffalo 3, Minnesota 1
Ottawa 8, Pittsburgh 4
Philadelphia 4, Montreal 1
Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Islanders 3
Detroit 5, Carolina 4
Nashville 3, Winnipeg 1
Boston 4, Los Angeles 2
Vancouver at Colorado, late
Phoenix at San Jose, late
Anaheim at Chicago, late

Today's Games
Edmonton at Columbus, 2 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Florida, 4 p.m.
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Nashville at Chicago, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Anaheim, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY'S SUMMARIES
STARS 4, FLAMES 1

Calgary	1	0	0	— 1
Dallas	2	1	1	— 4

First Period—1, Dallas, Ja.Benn 23 (Sutton, Pardy), 1:37. 2, Dallas, Ryder 33 (Ribeiro, Lehtonen), 7:17. 3, Calgary, Cammalleri 16 (Babchuk, Giordano), 12:07.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—4, Dallas, Ja.Benn 24 (Ott, Daley), 16:27. 5, Dallas, Morrow 10, 18:32 (en).

Shots on Goal—Calgary 7-14-15—36. Dallas 8-8-6—22.

Goalies—Calgary, Kiprusoff. Dallas, Lehtonen. A—17,238 (18,532). T—2:28.

LIGHTNING 4, ISLANDERS 3

N.Y. Islanders	2	1	0	— 3
Tampa Bay	1	2	1	— 4

First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 51 (Purcell, St. Louis), 15:49.

Second Period—2, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 52 (St. Louis, Purcell), 1:38. 3, N.Y. Islanders, Nielsen 15 (Moulson, Tavares), 8:15 (pp). 4, N.Y. Islanders, Okposo 16 (Bailey, Nielsen), 19:22.

Third Period—5, N.Y. Islanders, Moulson 33 (Streit, MacDonald), :43. 6, Tampa Bay, Pyatt 11 (Malone, Connolly), 9:08. 7, Tampa Bay, Wallace 3 (Stamkos, Lubbo), 12:10.

Shots on Goal—N.Y. Islanders 14-15-8—37. Tampa Bay 9-9-11—26.

Goalies—N.Y. Islanders, Montoya. Tampa Bay, Roloson. A—19,204 (19,204). T—2:19.

SABRES 3, WILD 1

Minnesota	1	0	0	— 1
Buffalo	0	1	2	— 3

First Period—1, Minnesota, Kampfer 2 (Brodziak, Johnson), 6:51.

Second Period—2, Buffalo, Vanek 24 (Hodgson, Myers), 1:02.

Third Period—3, Buffalo, Foligno 6 (Myers, Leopold), 1:45 (pp). 4, Buffalo, Hodgson 19, 19:59 (en-pp).

Shots on Goal—Minnesota 16-5-4—25. Buffalo 11-17-9—37.

Goalies—Minnesota, Harding. Buffalo, Miller. A—18,690 (18,690). T—2:28.

RED WINGS 5, HURRICANES 4

Carolina	1	3	0	— 4
Detroit	0	3	2	— 5

First Period—1, Carolina, Thusty 16 (LaRose, E.Staal), :17.

Second Period—2, Carolina, LaRose 18 (E.Staal, Allen), :26. 3, Detroit, Zetterberg 20 (V.Filppula, Datsyuk), 5:16. 4, Carolina, McBain 9 (Faulk, Jokinen), 15:38 (pp). 5, Carolina, Thusty 17 (Skinner, Jokinen), 15:55 (pp). 6, Detroit, Zetterberg 21 (V.Filppula, Hudler), 16:58.

7, Detroit, Bertuzzi 14 (Hyquist, Lidstrom), 17:16.

Third Period—8, Detroit, Hudler 22 (Stuart, V.Filppula), 8:10. 9, Detroit, Miller 14 (Cleary), 13:46.

Shots on Goal—Carolina 10-11-3—24. Detroit 16-15-9—50.

Goalies—Carolina, Ward. Detroit, Conklin. A—20,066 (20,066). T—2:29.

SENATORS 8, PENGUINS 4

Pittsburgh	2	1	1	— 4
Ottawa	3	1	4	— 8

First Period—1, Ottawa, M.Michalek 33 (Greening, Kuba), 9:06. 2, Pittsburgh, Cooke 18 (Engelland), 9:46. 3, Pittsburgh, Cooke 19 (Crosby, Martin), 13:01.

Second Period—4, Ottawa, Gonchar 4 (Foligno, Alfredsson), 3:3. 5, Ottawa, Phillips 5 (Turris, Alfredsson), 7:05 (pp). 6, Ottawa, Turris 9 (Foligno, Kuba), 14:51. 7, Pittsburgh, Kennedy 9 (Sullivan, Staal), 7:55. 8, Ottawa, Alfredsson 23 (M.Michalek, Cowen), 16:07 (sh).

Third Period—9, Pittsburgh, Crosby 3 (Asham, Dupuis), 11:43. 10, Ottawa, Spezza 31 (M.Michalek), 13:16. 11, Ottawa, Alfredsson 24 (Foligno), 17:05. 12, Ottawa, Greening 17 (Karlsson, Spezza), 18:09 (en).

Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 13-14-13—40. Ottawa 9-12-7—28.

Goalies—Pittsburgh, Thiessen. Ottawa, Bishop. Anderson. A—20,076 (19,153). T—2:33.

FLYERS 4, CANADIENS 1

Montreal	0	1	0	— 1
Philadelphia	1	2	1	— 4

First Period—1, Philadelphia, Timonen 4 (Giroux), 11:07 (pp).

Second Period—2, Montreal, Pleksnac 15 (Eller, Pacioretty), 3:44. 3, Philadelphia, Briere 15 (Carle, Read), 7:57 (pp). 4, Philadelphia, Briere 16 (Jagr, Bryzgalov), 17:38 (pp).

Third Period—5, Philadelphia, Read 21 (Coburn, Carle), 18:07.

Shots on Goal—Montreal 4-9-11—24. Philadelphia 8-10-15—33.

Goalies—Montreal, Budaj. Philadelphia, Bryzgalov. A—19,931 (19,537). T—2:33.

PREDATORS 3, JETS 1

Winnipeg	0	0	1	— 1
Nashville	0	2	1	— 3

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Nashville, Hallschuk 13 (Fistebutr, Klein), 2:58. 2, Nashville, Bourque 5 (Sparling, A.Kostitsyn), 10:01.

Third Period—3, Winnipeg, Stapleton 11 (Machacek, Maxwell), 12:53. 4, Nashville, Ryan (Hartnell), 19:50 (en-pp).

Shots on Goal—Winnipeg 7-9-9—25. Nashville 10-5-13—28.

Goalies—Winnipeg, Pavelec. Nashville, Rinne. A—17,113 (17,113). T—2:33.

RANGERS 4, MAPLE LEAFS 3, SO

N.Y. Rangers	1	1	1	0	— 4
Toronto	1	1	1	0	— 3

N.Y. Rangers won shootout 2-1

First Period—1, Toronto, Franson 5 (Kessel, Bozak), 8:11. 2, N.Y. Rangers, Ga-boik 36 (Erixon, Richards), 12:18.

Second Period—3, Toronto, Crabb 10 (Brodeur, Phaneuf), 6:53. 4, N.Y. Rangers, Du-binsky 9 (Mitchell), 15:29.

Third Period—5, N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 37 (Richards), 4:19. 6, Toronto, Connolly 12 (Crabb, Stecket), 4:37.

Overtime—None.

Shootout—N.Y. Rangers 2 (Gaborik NG, Richards G, Callahan G), Toronto 1 (Bozak NG, Connolly G, Kadri NG).

Goalies on Goal—N.Y. Rangers 7-16-5-5—33. Toronto 6-10-7-2—25.

Goalies—N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist. Toronto, Gustavsson. A—19,507 (18,819). T—2:42.

WHAT'S ON DECK

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Oklahoma at Texas Tech, 1 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned LHP Andy Oliver to Toledo (IL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with OF Lorenzo Martin to Round Rock (PCL). Released OF Engel Beltre to Frisco (TL). Assigned INF Greg Miclat, INF Mike Olt, C Chris Robinson and LHP Dan Snyder to minor league camp.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Reassigned OF Anthony Gose, INF Jose Chavez, RHP Drew Carpenter and RHP Robert Coello to minor league camp.
National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Reassigned RHP Fernando Nieve, RHP Angel Guzman and LHP Wilfredo Ledezma to minor league camp.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Optioned INF Jordy Mercer to Indianapolis (IL). Re-assigned RHP Shaun Martin, LHP Jo-Jo Reyes and LHP Doug Slaten to minor league camp.
Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed INF Roberto Ramos.
Frontier League
LONDON RIPPERS — Signed RHP Mike Gipson and RHP Yohan Gonzalez.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Signed C Kelih Bronson to a 10-day contract. Assigned F Chris Wright to the Dakota (NBADL).
ORLANDO CITY THUNDER—Assigned G Reggie Jackson to Tulsa (NBADL).
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed DE Jamaal Anderson. Agreed to terms with DT Pat Sims.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Recalled D Frederic St-Denis from Hamilton (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES — Recalled C Alexandre Bolduc from Portland (AHL).
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Recalled D Danny Syvret from Peoria (AHL) on an emergency basis.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Assigned F Cody Eakin to Hershey (AHL).
American Hockey League
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Signed G Ramis Sadikov to an amateur tryout agreement. Released G John Murray.
ECHL
ECHL — Fined Stockton RW Cameron Abney one game and fined him for his ac-tions during Friday's game. Fined Utah F Ryan Watson an undisclosed amount for his actions during Friday's game.
BAKERSFIELD CONDORS — Loaned G Scott Greenham to Houston (AHL).

CYCLING

Volta Ciclista a Catalunya Results
Saturday
At Badalona, Spain
Sixth Stage
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1. Samuel Sanchez, Spain, EuskaltelEuskadi, 4 hours, 4 minutes, 50 seconds; 2. Allan Davis, Australia, GreenEdge, 2 seconds behind; 3. Julien Simon, France, Saur-Sojasun, same time; 4. Juan Jose Haedo, Argentina, Team Saxo Bank, same time; 5. Damiano Cunego, Italy, Lampre-ISD, same time; 6. Francesco Gavazzi, Italy, Astana, same time; 7. Fabio Sabatini, Italy, Liquigas-Cannondale, same time; 8. Daniel Martin, Ireland, Garmin-Barracuda, same time; 9. Dmitriy Muravyev, Kazakhstan, Sky Procycling, same time; 10. Jurgen Van Den Broeck, Belgium, Lotto Belisol, same time.

Also

25. Thomas Danielson, United States, Garmin-Barracuda, same time; 38. Peter Velits, United States, Garmin-Barracuda, same time; 44. Matthew Busche, United States, Radio Shack-Nissan, same time; 60. Alinz Howes, United States, Garmin-Barracuda, :16; 65. Lawi Leipheimer, United States, Omega Pharma-QuickStep, same time; 94. Christian Vande Velde, United States, Garmin-Barracuda, 1:26.

Overall Standings
(After six stages)

1. Michael Albasini, Switzerland, GreenEdge, 21 hours, 28 minutes, 43 seconds; 2. Samuel Sanchez, Spain, Euskaltel-Euskadi, :30; 3. Jurgen Van Den Broeck, Belgium, Lotto Belisol, 1:32; 4. Daniel Martin, Ireland, Garmin-Barracuda, same time; 5. Rigoberto Uran Uran, Colombia, Sky Procycling, same time; 6. Damiano Cunego, Italy, Lampre-ISD, same time; 7. Sergio Pardilla, Spain, Movistar, same time; 8. Robert Gesink, Netherlands, Rabobank, same time; 9. Dario Cataldo, Italy, Omega Pharma-QuickStep, same time; 10. Matteo Carrara, Italy, Vacansoleil-DCM, same time.

Also

11. Thomas Danielson, United States, Garmin-Barracuda, same time; 15. Peter Stetina, United States, Garmin-Barracuda, same time; 16. Lawi Leipheimer, United States, Omega Pharma-QuickStep, :58; 53. Matthew Busche, United States, Ra-dioShack-Nissan, 15:18; 74. Christian Vande Velde, United States, Garmin-Barracuda, 24:59; 89. Alex Howes, United States, Garmin-Barracuda, 33:13.

TENNIS

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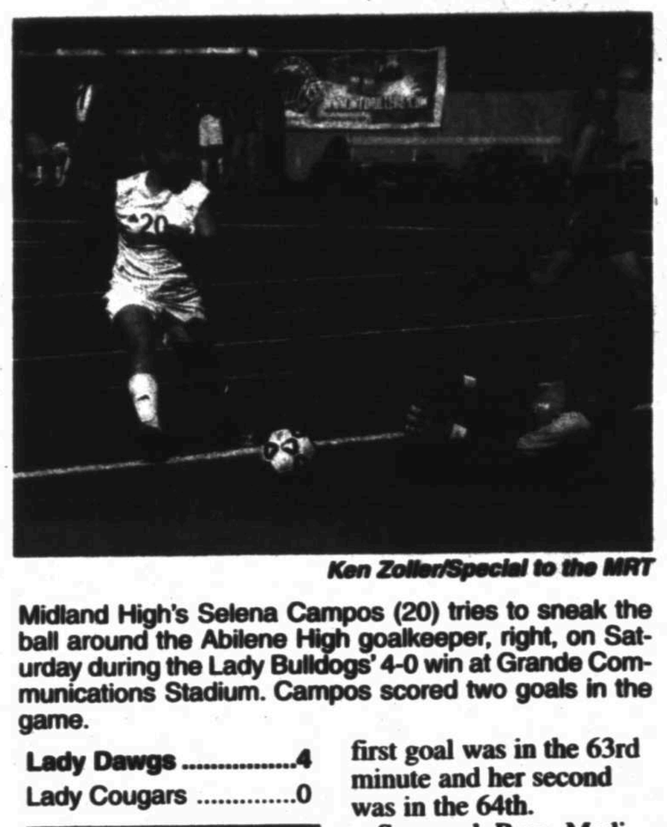
Campos helps Lady Dawgs close regular season with win

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor



Ken Zoller/Special to the MRT

Midland High's Selena Campos (20) tries to sneak the ball around the Abilene High goalkeeper, right, on Saturday during the Lady Bulldogs' 4-0 win at Grande Communications Stadium. Campos scored two goals in the game.

Lady Dawgs	4
Lady Cougars	0

Selena Campos knew Saturday was her chance.

Campos knew that the final regular season game for Midland High against Abilene Cooper at Grande Communications Stadium was a chance to show that as a sophomore and playing much of the 2012 season on the junior varsity, that she could play with a talented Lady Bulldog varsity team.

On the same day that the program's four senior players and manager were honored, Campos scored two goals and helped the Lady Bulldogs complete their run to a District 3-5A title with a dominant 4-0 victory.

"I felt like it was an opportunity to show them my skills," Campos said. "I felt like I was just as good at the beginning of the year, but I'm very blessed to be here."

Midland High (17-6-1 overall, 8-0-3-1, 31 points in 3-5A) will now wait another week before the postseason starts as it will play a yet to be determined opponent from District 4-5A either on April 2 or 3 in Abilene. Abilene Cooper ends its season at 4-17-0 and 0-11-1-0 with 2 points.

Campos' two goals came in less than a minute midway through the second half after two of the Lady Bulldogs' key seniors — Molly Barham and Morgan Hannon — scored the first goal was in the 63rd minute and her second was in the 64th.

Savannah Ross, Madison Morrow, Madison McAdams and Madison Scribner all had assists on Saturday.

"We told the kids we were going to use this game to get ready for the playoffs," Midland High co-head coach Jim Bragg said. "We said, 'Let's pass the ball around, rather than run around because the ball moves faster than we do.' I thought we did real good until we started subbing, but with the heat today we were going to sub a lot. But with our starting group in there we were pretty good."

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BULLDOGS

From 1C

record and 3-6-2-1 mark in District 3-5A with 14 points and will finish in fifth place, two points behind Central.

Cooper, meanwhile, finishes its season at 11-11-0 and 6-3-1-2 with 22 points in league play and will take on either Arlington High in a Class 5A bi-district game tentatively set for 5:30 p.m., April 2 at Shotwell Stadium.

The Bulldogs dominated the pace of play and possession through much of the game as they constantly pressured Cooper in its end but could not find the back of the net. Meanwhile, Midland High's defense, which includes Forrester on the backline, kept the Cougars from generating any kind of offensive chances as they didn't record a shot on target in the first 40 minutes.

Early in the second half, though, the Cougars scored on one of their few opportunities when Bryce Footer found the back of the net off an assist from Jacob Yerian.

"They had two shots on goal and scored on a flip (throw-in), and we are on their side of the field the whole time," Midland High coach Warren Cottle said. "We outshot them 14 to whatever, and they had one corner kick and we had a ton. It's kind of the story of the year."

The Bulldogs, though, tied it in the 61st minute when Cooper goalkeeper Tyler Simpson couldn't handle a Will Downing shot. That score eventually forced the shootout.

In the shootout, Cooper made its first three shots as Matt Lopez, Daylon Lucas and Mufuta Kasongo all scored. But the Cougars didn't find the back of the net on the final three shooters as Forrester forced two shots wide right and regular keeper Jesus Munoz stopped a shot.

Meanwhile, Midland High's Stephen Reid and Ethan Baltier scored in the first three shooters, and then Nico Francino scored to tie the shootout. Jason Carter ended the game with a low shot in the right corner.

But the celebration was short lived as Forrester, along with Michael Wynne and Munoz found out they'd played their final games as Bulldogs, and a frustrating season ended with a victory.

"I don't know (what could've been done different), and maybe just coming out in the beginning of district a little harder," Forrester said. "I don't think we were ready for the height of the struggle."

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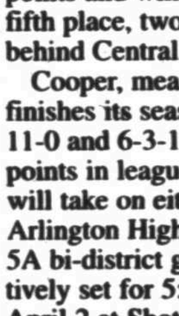
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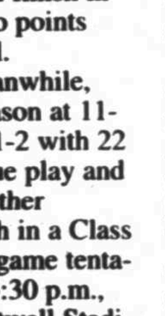
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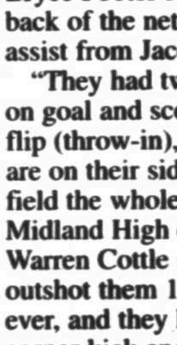
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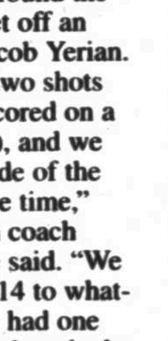
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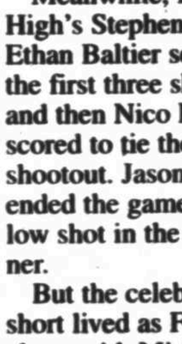
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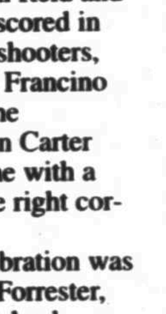
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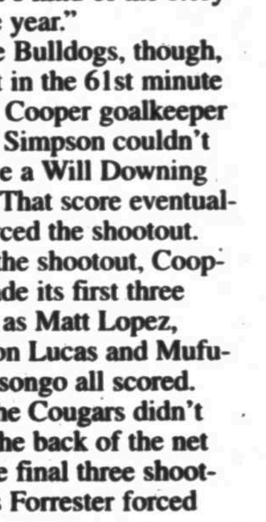

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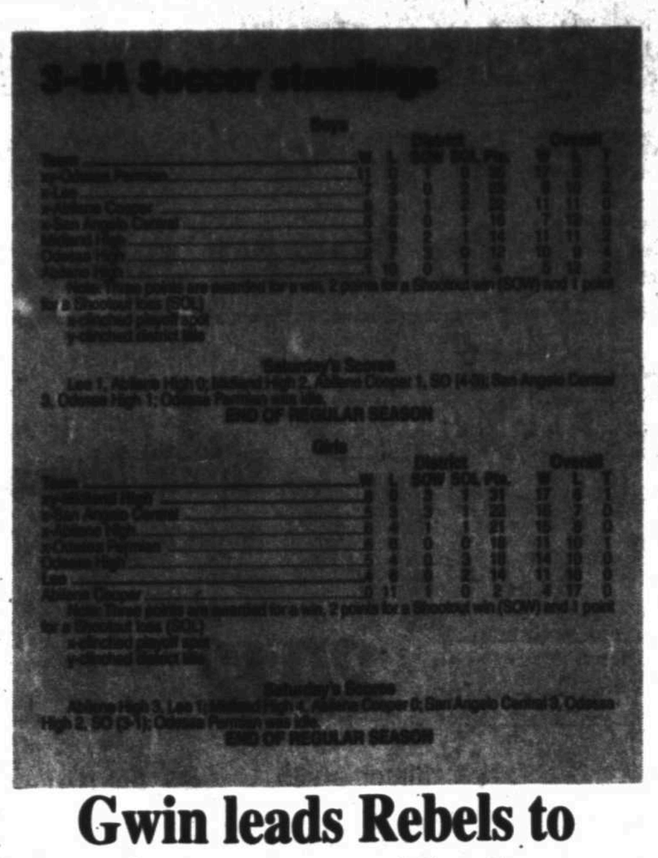
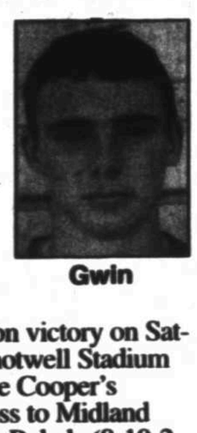


Gwin leads Rebels to victory over Eagles

From staff reports

Rebels	1
Eagles	0

ABILENE — Riley Gwin's goal with less than two minutes remaining gave the Lee boys soccer team the margin it needed to take a 1-0 victory against Abilene High on Saturday and take second place in District 3-5A.


Gwin

Lee earned second place thanks to its regulation victory on Saturday at Shotwell Stadium and Abilene Cooper's shootout loss to Midland High as the Rebels (8-10-2 overall, 7-3-0-2 in 3-5A) finished with 23 points to the Cougars' 22.

"Overall I have a good feeling coming out of district because we've won the last three games outright," Lee coach Scott Hicks said. "I think we are starting to peak at the right time. We've always got work to do, but I feel good about the first playoff game."

Lee will take on Arlington Sam Houston, the third-place team from District 4-5A, in a Class 5A bi-district round game in the Abilene area on April 2 or 3, as the date and time have not been set.

On Saturday, the Rebels pressured the Eagles throughout the game but it wasn't until Gwin's goal that the Rebels tallied anything on the scoreboard. Hicks said the Rebels had more than 20 shots, while holding Abilene High to less than five and even fewer scoring chances.

"They do a good job of defending the goal, and they force you to take shots from the outside," Hicks said. "We had complete domination of the game."

Lady Rebs close season with loss

From staff reports

Lady Eagles	3
Lady Rebels	1

ABILENE -- The Abilene High girls soccer team scored three first-half goals and overwhelmed Lee in a 3-1 victory at Shotwell Stadium on Saturday.

The Lady Eagles' Jordan Lara scored in the 11th minute, then Brittany Wilson added a goal in the 20th minute and Erika Rodriguez completed the scoring with a goal in the 26th minute.

Cumbest

Lee's lone goal came from Erin Cumbest on an assist from Sammie Stewart on a corner kick.

With the loss, the Lady Rebels finish the season at 11-10-0 overall and 4-6-0-2 with 14 points in District 3-5A. Abilene High's victory moved it in third place in District 3-5A at 15-8-0 overall and 6-4-1-1 with 21 points in district play.

"In the first half it was pretty sloppy and lackadaisical, and Abilene High just buried us," Lee coach Brian Pollard said. "We gave them too many good looks at the goal. I think we gave up one shot on goal in the second half, and we scored quickly but much like we've done this year it was too little too late."

The Lady Eagles will play a yet to be determined District 4-5A opponent in the first round of the Class 5A playoffs on April 2 or 3.

UTPB ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

BASEBALL TEAM COMPLETES SWEEP OF DUSTDEVILS

ODESSA — Jacob Ricosse pitched seven shutout innings, allowing just three hits while striking out six to stifle Texas A&M International as the Falcons won the third and final game of the series 3-0.

Ricosse tossed 5 1/3 no-hit innings before Will Wurth broke up the gem with a single to left field. He walked four batters en route to his second win of the season — both of which came in the weekend's series.

Jeff Fisher-Gasper pitched the final 1 1/3 innings where he gave up a single hit to garner his second save of the season. UTPB improved to 7-19 on the year and 6-15 in Heartland Conference play and have won three-straight games for the first time this season. The Falcons have also been victorious in five of their last seven games.

UTPB will be back in action at 3 p.m. Wednesday when it hosts the University of the Southwest for a doubleheader at Roden Field.

SOFTBALL TEAM HOLDS ON FOR WIN AGAINST ST. MARY'S

SAN ANTONIO — Whitney Kuhrt drove in four runs to lift The University of Texas of the Permian Basin to a 7-5 win over St. Mary's in Heartland Conference action.

Kuhrt's first two RBI came in the second inning when she drove in Lesli Ericson and Amanda Cejudo to break a scoreless tie. She came through once again in the fourth inning after a bases-clearing triple gave the Falcons a commanding 4-0 lead.

The Falcons improved to 10-20 on the year and 3-3 in Heartland Conference play and will be back in action at 2 p.m.Tuesday when they host the University of the Southwest in a doubleheader starting at the UTPB softball field.

TENNIS RESULTS

MEN

UTPB 8, SCHREINER 0

DOUBLES

Morales/Fowler (UTPB) def. Carrola/Timber (Schreiner) 8-4 2; Silluntes/Ellsworth (UTPB) def. West/Wallace (Schreiner) 8-1, Edgar Lazcano/Joshua Lop (UTPB) def. Salazar/Pflughaupt (Schreiner) 8-1

SINGLES

Molton Morales (UTPB) def. Austin Carrola (Schreiner) 6-4, 6-0 2; Alvaro Silluntes (UTPB) def. Cameron Timber (Schreiner) 6-0, 6-1; Austin Fowler (UTPB) def. Matt Salazar (Schreiner) 6-0, 6-4; Anthony Ellsworth (UTPB) def. Michael Wallace (Schreiner) 6-1, 6-1; Vicente Vack (UTPB) def. Nathan West (Schreiner) 7-6, 6-4 6; Jacoy Kidd (UTPB) def. Travis Pflughaupt (Schreiner) 6-1, 6-0

WOMEN

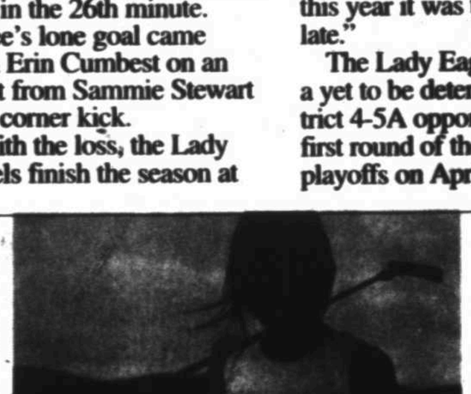
UTPB 8, SCHREINER 1

DOUBLES

Sanchez/Olivia Baltazar (UTPB) def. Galan/Richards (Schreiner) 8-5; Tarver/Shotwell (UTPB) def. Fee/Sparks (Schreiner) 8-1; Estes/Farmer (UTPB) def. Collenback/Chiarro (Schreiner) 8-6

SINGLES

Breigh Shotwell (UTPB) def. Teresa Galan (Schreiner) 6-0, 6-4; Ynez Sanchez (UTPB) def. Lynne Collenback (Schreiner) 6-1, 6-0; Kelly Sparks (Schreiner) def. Brittany Farmer (UTPB) 6-0, 6-0; Jordan Turner (UTPB) def. Haley Richards (Schreiner) 6-2, 6-4; Shayla Estes (UTPB) def. Lindsey Fox (Schreiner) 6-0, 6-3; Tiffany Mitchell (UTPB) def. Becky Chiarro (Schreiner) 6-2, 6-2



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Brewer leads black to win in Texas Tech spring game

By Evan Jansa
MRT Correspondent

LUBBOCK — A lot has changed since the last time Texas Tech played a football game.

Nearly four months after their season-ending loss to Baylor, the Red Raiders played their annual spring game at Jones AT&T Stadium. In a back-and-forth matchup, the Black squad came back against the Red, winning 25-19.

Michael Brewer led the Black team and helped to solidify his spot as Tech's No. 2 signal caller. The Lake Travis product was an efficient 20 of 25 through the air, totaling 281 yards and two touchdowns for the Black team. Brewer repeatedly showed poise and precision with most of his snaps coming against the second-team defense.

Against the first-team defense for the majority of the afternoon, Doege, who led the Red team, completed 64 percent of his passes and one touchdown.

"I like the way Brewer handled himself," Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said. "(It's the) first time he's been in front of a crowd. We know what Doege can do and I expect Doege to have a good summer and get a lot of confidence and be around all those receivers for four or five months."

The former Crane quarterback completed an 18-yard fade pass to Marcus Kennard on the Red's opening possession but Doege was intercepted in the second quarter by Will Smith. The Black team capitalized to tie the game at 10, then rattled off 15 consecutive points to take a 25-10 lead.

"There was some things that I know I missed on just because I knew on the field that I messed up," Doege said. "At the same time, you're going to make mistakes. You've got to live with it, play the next play, and learn from it."

In the early stages, Brewer dealt with pressure but was given more time to throw in the second half and made the most of it.

"I just kind of treated this as just another practice with uniforms on," Brewer said. "I thought the offense performed pretty well as a whole and we're going to build on that."

There were a lot of new faces on the offensive side due to injuries suffered during last season and in spring practice. Running back Eric Stephens, as well as wide receivers Eric Ward and Alex Torres were out of the game.

Tight end Jace Amaro and running back Kenny Williams were also held out of the game.

Ronnie Daniels and SaDale Foster filled the void in the backfield. Daniels finished with 18 yards and a touchdown for the Black team and 34 additional yards for the Red.

The running backs and the rest of the offense struggled at times against the 4-3 scheme implemented by new defensive coordinator Art Kaufman, who previously coached under Tuberville at Ole Miss.

The Red team defense allowed 285 yards through the air and the Black team gave up 319. After being ranked in the bottom of the country in almost every category, a more stingy defense might be another change for Tech in the fall.

"That's the whole thing this spring that we wanted to get done is to evaluate the guys we have and what they can and try to improve on that," Kaufman said. "It takes time."

BLACK 25, RED 19

Black	9	13	12	0	—25
Red	7	3	6	3	—19

First Quarter
R — Marcus Kennard 18 pass from Seth Doege (Ryan Bustin kick), 13:40
Second Quarter
R — Bustin 28 FG, 12:14
B — Bustin 42 FG, 7:58
R — Ronnie Daniels 1 run (Bustin kick), 5:37
B — Bustin 46 FG, :00
Third Quarter
B — Kennard 5 pass from Michael Brewer (kick failed), 11:43
B — Aaron Fisher 10 pass from Brewer (kick failed), 9:35
R — Doege 5 run (kick failed), 1:19
Fourth Quarter
R — Kramer Fyfe 34 FG, 2:00

	Black	Red
First Downs	17	23
Rushes-Yds.	27-67	24-81
Passing Yds.	319	285
Comp.-Att.-Int.	26-34-0	27-44-1
Punts-Avg.	6-38.5	7-44
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yds.	10-82	6-50

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING — Black, SaDale Foster 3-21, Ronnie Daniels 5-18, Jamill Henry 4-16, Jelleem Grant 2-12, Javon Bell 1-9, Jeweus McRoy 1-8, Jamal Nixon 2-6, Kyle Jackson 1-1, Brent Costilla 1-(-6), Michael Brewer 6-(-9). Red, Foster 6-80, Daniels 7-34, Donell Edwards 1-6, Josh Talbott 1-(-5), Seth Doege 8-(-17).
PASSING — Black, Brewer 20-25-281, Costilla 4-5-21, Jackson 2-3-17. Red, Doege 25-39-217, Brewer 1-3-16, Costilla 1-2-52.
RECEIVING — Black, Grant 3-24, McRoy 3-15, Bell 2-84, Marcus Kennard 2-55, Edwards 2-40, Aaron Fisher 2-23, Daniels 2-20, Tevin Williams 2-19, Brent Mitcham 2-12, Brian Oculuko 1-10, Jordan Davis 1-5, B. DeFrance 1-5, Bradley Marquez 1-4, Foster 1-3, Derrick Mays 1-0, Red, Williams 5-60, Foster 4-17, Kennard 3-42, McRoy 3-15, Davis 2-57, Fisher 2-34, Darfield 2-18, Marquez 2-11, Mays 1-12, Darin Moore 1-7, Edwards 1-6, Omar Ontiveros 1-6.

Chaps again split with Hawks

From staff reports

BIG SPRING — The Midland College baseball team earned another split against No. 5-ranked Howard College at Jack Barber Field on Saturday.

The Hawks defeated MC in the first game 9-5, but the Chaparrals bounced back with a 12-4 victory in the second game that was run-ruled after seven innings.

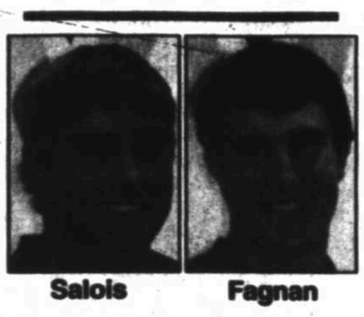
With the split, the Chaps move to 17-11 overall and 5-7 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. Howard is now 20-5 on the season and 6-2 in the league.

Midland College actually had a 4-2 lead after four innings in the first game before Howard took advantage of eight walks and a hit-by-pitch in a four-run fifth.

The Hawks added three more runs in the sixth.

Colter Bostick took the loss for MC.

Chaps 5-12
Hawks 9-4



Salois Fagnan

Offensively for the Chaps, Matt Bienek and Steel Russell each drove in two runs.

In the second game, the Chaps trailed the Hawks 3-1 in the second inning before they had a four-run third inning and four-run fifth to take control.

Jake Bateman (4-0) was once again stellar in relief as he pitched two scoreless innings and allowed just one hit and a walk.

Hunter Flake was also solid in relief with three strikeouts in his one inning of work.

Lee grad Nick Salois led the MC offense by going 3 for 4 with two doubles, a triple, two runs scored, three RBI and a walk. Jeremie Fagnan was 2 for 4 with two runs scored, an RBI and a walk for the Chaps.

MC next plays New Mexico Junior College in a single non-conference game Tuesday in Hobbs, N.M.

GAME 1
NO. 5 HOWARD COLLEGE 9, MIDLAND COLLEGE 5

Midland College	000	020	1	—5	6	4
Howard College	010	143	x	—9	6	1

Colter Bostick, Jake Hollfield (5), Monty McCasland (6), Jared Robinson (8) and Steel Russell, Clayton Crum, Dominic Moreno (6) and Elliot Richoux. W — Crum. L — Bostick (8-3). 2B — MC: Matt Bienek; HC: Paul Herdris.

GAME 2
MIDLAND COLLEGE 12, NO. 5 HOWARD COLLEGE 4, 7 INNINGS

Midland College	104	002	1	—12	9	3
Howard College	020	010	0	—4	4	2

Jayden O'Dell, Jake Bateman (5), Hunter Flake (7) and Tyler Barlow, Michael Franco, Reid Scroggins (5), Dalton Brown (5), Michael Gill (5), Austin Blunt (6), Joseph Gawlesh (7) and C.J. Manning. W — Bateman (4-0). L — Franco. 2B — MC: Jeremie Fagnan, Nick Salois 2; HC: Brett Bell, Jorden Allen. 3B — MC: Salois.
Records: Midland College 17-12, 5-7 in WJCAC; Howard College 20-5, 6-2
Next: Midland College at New Mexico Junior College, 3 p.m. Tuesday

Bulls snap Jacks' winning streak

From staff reports

AMARILLO — The Odessa Jackalopes had 39 shots on goal, but couldn't put any of them in the net in a 1-0 loss to the Amarillo Bulls on Saturday. It marks the ninth time this season the Jacks have lost to the Bulls.

Amarillo's Mike Erickson took a set up from Karl Beckman for the game's only goal with 12:51 left in the second period. It was the only shot Jacks goalie Connor Hellebuyck allowed past him. Hellebuyck had 38 saves, but was outdueled by Amarillo's Gregg Gruehl.

Bulls 1
Jackalopes 0

The loss ends a seven game win streak for the Jacks, who fortunately remained tied for fourth place with Corpus Christi for the final playoff berth available in the North American Hockey League's South Division.

Odessa (26-26-5 for 57 points) returns to action at 7:05 p.m. Friday against the Wichita Falls Wild at Kay Yeager Coliseum in Wichita Falls. The Jacks have won five straight against the Wild with all of those wins occuring in the past month.

LADY CHAPS

From 1C

bench and produced like they should," MC sophomore catcher Meghan Macias said. "It was a good team effort today. This is a great start for us in conference. It shows everyone else, especially Howard and Odessa, what we have to offer and it shows us that we can do it too."

MC coach Tommy Ramos said with the balance in the lineup that the Lady Chaps have showed this year, this has to rank as one of the best offensive teams in his 15 seasons of leading the program.

With 56 runs scored this weekend, it's easy to figure out why Ramos believes that.

"We've been working on some things and getting each player to understand their approach at the plate and to keep things simple, regardless of how the game is going," Ramos said. "I thought they did a good job with that. Even with the girls who came off the bench. They were able to put the ball in play and it was good to see the bench do that."

After taking a 2-0 lead in the first inning of Game 1, the Lady Chaps added four more runs in the second behind four hits and two of the five Lady Plainsmen errors in the contest.

MC added a run in the third and then three more in the fourth — two coming off a Kelcey Gomez home run — for a 10-0 advantage.

Gomez also had an RBI double in her 2-for-3 performance, while Parra, Diana De La Paz and Camille Hampton also had two hits for MC.

That was more than enough for Rios, who also struck out seven Lady Plainsmen (8-23, 1-5) and only allowed two runners to reach second base.

The day before in a split against Odessa College the Lady Plainsmen scored 30 runs and collected 38 hits in the doubleheader against the Lady Wranglers.

"I thought (Rios) threw very well," Ramos said. "She has a bruise in her leg but did really well for us."

MC pretty much put Game 2 out of reach with a nine-run first inning as 13 Lady Chaps came to the plate to connect for eight runs and take advantage of two FPC errors.

"It's easy to lose focus when you get up early like that, so that's why I was talking to (the Lady Chaps) on what we needed to do and focus on us and not them," Ramos said. "That helped us to maintain our energy and effort throughout the game."

The Lady Chaps certainly did not let up. Macias hit a solo home run as part of a two-run second inning. Then in the third the Lady Chaps scored seven runs on nine hits, including a two-run homer by Debra Lovell (her 17th of the season), a two-run home run from Gee Estrada (her 15th of the year), and a solo home run by Allie Woodward.

In the fifth, MC added four more runs and Ashley Chavez belted the Lady Chaps' fifth homer of the game with a two-run shot to left.

Offensively, every Lady Chap who had an at-bat got a hit and 10 players had multiple hits. Woodward and Lovell each drove in three runs.

With the way the Lady Chaps played over the weekend, they feel pretty good going into a key four-game series with rival Howard College this weekend.

"Against Howard we're going to have to keep the pressure on them and play well," Ramos said. "If we have a letdown, we know how to pick it up. We've got to be ready to play them."

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GAME 1
No. 7 MIDLAND COLLEGE 10, FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE 0, 5 INNINGS

Frank Phillips	000	00	—0	3	5
Midland College	241	3x	—10	10	1

Ashley Abair and Ashlie Odle, Yolanda Rios and Meghan Macias. W — Rios (15-2). L — Abair. 2B — FPC: Antonio Alvarado; MC: Diana De La Paz, Kelcey Gomez. HR — Gomez (7). RBI — MC: Gomez 3, Kayla Parra, De La Paz, Macias, Debra Lovell.

GAME 2
No. 7 MIDLAND COLLEGE 22, FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE 5, 5 INNINGS

Frank Phillips	001	22	—5	8	2
Midland College	527	x	—22	25	1

Abair and Odle, Madlin Dorholter (3), Holly Hannigton, Kristine Vargas (4) and Macias, Taylor Clancy (4). W — Hannigton (14-4). 2B — MC: Macias, Gomez, Parra, Gabee Lossya, Clancy, Allie Woodward. 3B — MC: Parra 2, Earnysha Scroggins. HR — FPC: Brianna Rodriguez, Dorholter; MC: Macias (5), Lovell (17), Estrada (15) Woodward (1), Ashley Chavez (2), RBI — FPC: Dorholter 2, Christina Florance, Rodriguez; MC: Lovell 3, Woodward 3, Parra 2, Gee Estrada 2, Macias 2, Gomez 2, Chavez 2, Scroggins 2, Lossya, De La Paz, Carly Weidenbach.
Records: Midland College 31-7, 4-0 in WJCAC; Frank Phillips College 8-23, 1-5
Next: Howard College at Midland College (DH), 1 p.m. Friday

LOCALSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MHS GRAD WEDDLE EARNS ASC HONOR

RICHARDSON — University of Texas-Tyler senior golfer Danica Weddle was recently named the American Southwest Conference Golfer of the Week this past week.

Weddle, a Midland High grad, finished third overall at the Jekyll Island Invitational in Jekyll Island, Ga., and finished six strokes out of first place. Weddle was one of four golfers to post all three rounds in the 70s, and it was the second time this spring that Weddle had received the conference honor.

TWO RECENTLY RECORD ACES

■ Curtis Northcutt recorded a hole-in-one on Saturday at Green Tree Country Club. Northcutt used a pitching wedge from 119 yards on No. 6 West.

Witnesses were Gary Gray and Jacob Garcia.

■ Don Robinson had an ace on the par-3 second hold at Lajitas Golf Club in Terlingua. Robinson used a 5-iron from 178 yards.

COLLEGEBASEBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

TCU BEATS NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Brett Johnson broke a 4-4 tied with an RBI single in the ninth to help the TCU Horned Frogs to 5-4 victory Saturday afternoon. Johnson had a career day at the plate with three hits, two stolen bases and two RBIs.

Andrew Mitchell was touched for four runs on five hits in three innings of work. He struck out four and walked two. Nick Frey was solid in middle relief, giving up just four hits, walking one and striking out one in four innings of work. Justin Scharf pitched a perfect eighth inning with three ground balls to earn the win. Kevin Allen pitched a perfect ninth with two strikeouts for his first save of the season.

TCU improves to 12-8 on the season and 4-1 in conference play. The rubber match of the series is slated for 2 p.m. today.

TECH'S REDMAN SUFFERS BROKEN FOOT, OUT INDEFINITELY

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech senior third baseman Reid Redman has suffered a fractured second metatarsal in his left foot. There has been no timetable set for Redman's return to the lineup.

Redman, Midland Chrisitan grad and former Midland College player, is currently batting .310 (27-for-87) with five doubles, one home run and 13 RBI while having made just three errors defensively at third base.

Redman led Tech in batting as a junior with a .320 batting average.

Redman, considered by many one of the top defensive third basemen in the country, has started 81 consecutive games at third base for the Red Raiders.

RED RAIDERS' RALLY COMES UP SHORT

Texas Tech came within a run late, but eventually fell to No. 27 Oklahoma 5-3 on Saturday evening in front of a near-sellout 4,187 fans at Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park.

Texas Tech (15-9, 1-4 Big 12) scored a run in the eighth inning but stranded two base runners in the frame while the Sooners (14-10, 1-4 Big 12) evened the series with 10 base hits as left-handed starting pitcher Dillon Overton (4-0) pitched a complete game with five strikeouts in the victory.

Senior right-handed pitcher John Neely (2-2) pitched a career-high seven innings in the loss for Texas Tech while allowing four runs on seven hits with one strikeout and a walk.

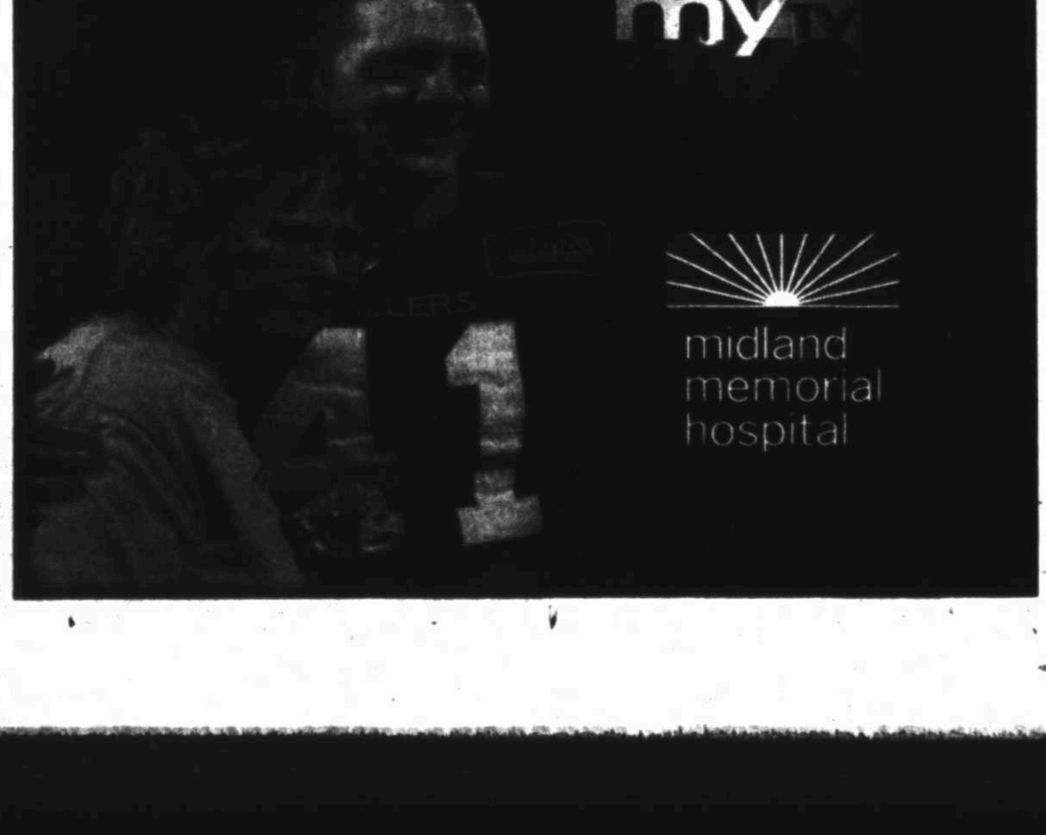
Texas Tech was led at the plate by junior Barrett Barnes (2-for-4, HR, 2 RBI) and junior Jamodrick McGruder (2-for-4, run).

Three of Oklahoma's five runs came in the first two innings as the Sooners tallied a double, two singles and a walk that led to taking a 3-1 lead after two innings.

Barnes put Tech on the scoreboard in the bottom of the first inning with his fifth home run of the season — 29th of his career — with a solo shot over the left field wall.

The Red Raiders cut OU's lead to a run, 3-2, in the third on an RBI single by Barnes to score lead-off hitter Jamodrick McGruder, who led off the inning with a single to left field.

After OU added a run in the fourth, Tech cut the Sooners lead to a run with an error by OU shortstop Caleb Bushyhead in the bottom of the eighth inning that allowed Brennan Moore to score all the way from second base.



Bears' Acy 'can't shy away' from Cats' Davis

By Charles Odum
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Baylor dunked its way into the NCAA South Regional final.

Kentucky is waiting with the nation's most imposing deterrent to the Bears' hopes for another jamfest today.

Quincy Acy had four of Baylor's seven dunks in a 75-70 regional semifinal win over Xavier on Friday night. The highlight was his one-handed slam over 7-footer Kenny Frease on an alley-oop pass. The play found an immediate home on YouTube.

The next test is tougher. Kentucky's 6-foot-10 Anthony Davis leads the nation with 169 blocked shots. The Wildcats' total of 317 rejections also leads the nation, according to STATS LLC.

Clearly, Baylor's path to the basket — and the Final Four — won't be easy.

Acy said he and the Bears can't back down from the challenge inside posed by Davis and the top-seeded Wildcats.

"We've gone against great shot-blockers before," Acy said Saturday. "Obviously, he's the best in the NCAA, but we can't shy away from him. We have to attack."

Acy, who is 6-7 and 235 pounds, can't match Davis in height, but he's also an imposing presence. Burly, bearded and physical, Acy had 20 points and 15 rebounds against Xavier.

After the game, Musketeers coach Chris Mack joked that he wanted to see Acy's birth certificate.

"I think it might be my hairline," Acy said. "That might be it. Prematurely bald. I've accepted it. I get a lot of rag from my teammates. It's cool. I'm supposed to be a junior, y'all. I'm not old."

Acy is making his second trip to the Elite Eight. Baylor also was one win from the Final Four in 2010 when it lost to eventual national champion Duke.

Now the third-seeded Bears may be better equipped for another shot.

Kentucky coach John Calipari and Davis said Baylor is a good match for the Wildcats' size and athleticism. Perry Jones III (6-11, 235) and Quincy Miller (6-9, 210) join Acy on the front line. Senior Anthony Jones (6-10, 195) is a top reserve and former starter.

"This team is very talented, athletic, very long," Davis said. "It'll be a great matchup for us. It's going to be a battle of who wants it more. Both teams are great offensively and defensively."

Like Davis, Jones is projected as a lottery pick in the NBA draft. He said he won't be drawn into making today's game a personal battle with Kentucky's star.

"No, I'm looking forward to playing team basketball," Jones said. "I don't want to feed into that because we haven't fed into that all year and we've been successful. Last thing I want to do is feed into that, trying to go one-on-one the whole game and not play team basketball, because our team will lose."

Davis, who had three blocks but only nine points in Kentucky's 102-90 regional semifinal win over Indiana, said he's looking forward to the challenge provided by Baylor's inside players.

"Definitely. I always look forward to a challenge, and I think Baylor brings a challenge," Davis said. "They attack the rim. They're very athletic, and they can dunk the ball and finish above the rim. I'm looking forward to the challenge. Hopefully we prevail."

Acy's powerful jams motivate his teammates.

"Being that he's probably one of the best dunkers in the nation, y'all probably have seen the bench," guard Pierre Jackson said. "We all get excited. On the defensive end, it just makes us want to get another one for him. Try to get another stop and get another one for Acy."

Acy said he watched a replay of his one-handed jam against Xavier.

"I still think it's not my best dunk," he said. "I still feel my best dunk is yet to come. I haven't had one like I want yet, but it was a great dunk."

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ups all the time, in the game it's just something that automatically just gets us fired up and really excited," Baylor's Odyssey Sims said. "I think we get more excited for her than she does for herself."

Destiny Williams added 18 points on 9-for-10 shooting for the top-seeded Lady Bears (37-0), who'll play second-seeded Tennessee in the regional final on Monday night, the winner advancing to the Final Four.

Baylor, the 2005 national champion, will be seeking its third Final Four appearance and second in three years. Tennessee, which has won eight titles, will try to get to the national semifinals for the 19th time.

Though her team was hopelessly behind at the time, Georgia Tech coach MaChelle Joseph didn't feel Griner was rubbing it in with her dunk. Heck, she thought it was cool.

"It doesn't bother me," Joseph said. "I think she's great for the game. I think it's awesome. Nobody wants to get dunked on, but how many people can actually say I coached in a game where a female basketball player dunked?"

Baylor took control with a 20-0 first-half run and never gave fourth-seeded Tech (26-9) a chance to answer. Sharp-shooting freshman Sydney Wallace led Georgia Tech with 32 points.

Griner dominated with her scoring (13-for-18 shooting), rebounding and intimidation on defense. Then came the dunk, which put Baylor up 77-46 — and even the neutral fans stood and roared their approval.

A few seconds later, during a timeout, Baylor coach Kim Mulkey took Griner and the other starters out, giving the crowd another chance to salute the game's most dominating player.

"There's no doubt that Brittney Griner is definitely the best player I've ever coached against, I've ever seen play live," Joseph said. "She's a tremendous talent on both ends of the floor. But I thought their complementary players, Destiny Williams in particular, had a huge game for them, especially in the first 10 minutes of the game."

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

WALLACE, MERIDYTH CLAIM GOLD IN SAN ANGELO

SAN ANGELO — Lee's Darian Wallace and Midland High's Cameron Meridyth each claimed gold medals in their respective events at the San Angelo Relays at San Angelo Stadium on Saturday.

Wallace won the high jump, clearing the bar at six feet even. Two other participants — San Angelo Central's Tavion Ritchie and Odessa Permian's Michael Franco — also cleared six feet, but Wallace had fewer misses on the day to claim gold.

Meanwhile, Meridyth outraced Odessa Permian's Tyler Grizzell to a gold medal in the 100 meters with a time of 11.12. That was a mere .02 better than Grizzell's mark of 11.14. It's the first time this season Meridyth has defeated Grizzell in the 100.

The Lee boys also claimed gold in the 1,600 relay with a mark, holding on for the win in a tight race with Round Rock. The Rebels finished with a time of 3 minutes, 27.38 seconds, which was just .09 better than Round Rock.

Midland Christian claimed the Division III title with 144 points — just 14 points more than second-place Abilene Wylie.

The Mustangs got gold medals on Saturday from Landon Lacy, who won the 400 meters, and the 400 relay team made up of Erwin Baquirin, Kade Christensen, Richard Neboh and David Parkhurst. Lacy had a time of 50.57, while the 400 relay came in at 43.17.

Big Spring's Gustavo Lugo won a pair of medals, taking gold in the 1,600 at 4:43.62 and silver in the 3,200 at 10:16.05.

LEE GIRLS WIN 4 GOLD IN BIG SPRING

BIG SPRING — In what Big Spring girls track coach Nick Roberson described as the "fastest girls track meet he's seen in the area in some time," the Lee girls track team found a way to bring home a slew of gold medals from the Lady Steers Relays at Blankenship Field on Saturday.

Perhaps the best performance belonged to sophomore Shanses Ray, who won the 100 meters with a personal best time of 11.67 seconds.

Junior Lindsay Friesenhahn won a pair of gold medals winning the 3,200 and 1,600 meters, while freshman Latricia Smith was tops in the 400 meters.

Kimber Brooks was the only other Lady Rebel to medal, taking bronze in the high jump. Lee finished fifth in the team standings with Big Spring defending its home turf and winning the team title.

54th annual San Angelo Relays
DIVISION I

Team standings: 1. Abilene Cooper, 111; 2. Round Rock, 102; 3. (tie) Central, Odessa Permian, 88; 5. Del Rio, 63; 6. Lubbock Coronado, 58; 7. Midland High, 47; 8. Lee, 46; 9. Lubbock, 18.

3200: 1. Gustavo Hacienbrink, Round Rock, 9:53.82; 2. Cesar Moreno, Del Rio, 9:54.44; 3. Caleb Hollifield, Round Rock, 10:00.30.

Pole vault: 1. Jason Weller, Central, 12-0; 2. Jacob Thomas, Lubbock Coronado, 11-6; 3. Ryan Gandy, Central, 11-0.

Triple jump: 1. Derrick Randle, Abilene Cooper, 46-7; 2. Jose Fontennette-Mitchell, Round Rock, 44-1; 3. Erin Lopez, Lubbock, 43-3.

400 relay: 1. Abilene Cooper, 42.70; 2. Odessa Permian, 42.72; 3. Midland High, 43.38.

800: 1. Chenier Gardner, Lubbock Coronado, 1:59.31; 2. Dillon Vanwinkle, Lubbock Coronado, 2:00.01; 3. Adriel Govea, Del Rio, 2:01.09.

110 hurdles: 1. Ryan Bahlman, Central, 15.88; 2. Talor Nunez, Lee, 15.94; 3. James Curlee, Round Rock, 16.19.

High jump: 1. Darian Wallace, Lee, 6-0; 2. Tavion Ritchie, Central, 6-0; 3. Michael Franco, Permian, 6-0.

Shot put: 1. Garrison Railsback, Abilene Cooper, 51-3; 2. Hayden Vinson, Central, 50-11; 3. Zach Byars, Midland High, 49-3.

100: 1. Cameron Meridyth, Midland High, 11.12; 2. Tyler Grizzell, Permian, 11.14; 3. Jordan Tansil, Del Rio, 11.45.

800 relay: 1. Abilene Cooper, 1:30.69; 2. Central, 1:31.80; 3. Del Rio, 1:32.21.

400: 1. Chevante Bell, Cooper, 50.10; 2. Jason Wilson, Permian, 50.12; 3. Terry Brown, Round Rock, 50.47.

300 hurdles: 1. Sergio Salinas, Del Rio, 40.31; 2. Adrian Reeves, Lubbock Coronado, 40.74; 3. Trey Spain, Cooper, 41.39.

200: 1. Nikki Chet, Cooper, 32.67; 2. Jeff Peterson, Del Rio, 22.93; 3. Garrett Woodall, Permian, 23.05.

1600: 1. Graham Hazelwood, Round Rock, 4:39.59; 2. Chester Gardner, Lubbock Coronado, 4:41.54; 3. Cesar Moreno, Del Rio, 4:42.25.

1,600 relay: 1. Lee, 3:27.38; 2. Round Rock, 3:27.47; 3. Permian, 3:28.04.

DIVISION II

Team totals: 1. Wolfforth Frenship, 228; 2. Granbury, 203; 3. Late View, 122; 4. Carthage, 8.

3200: 1. Kristian Summerlage, Granbury, 10:38.81; 2. Chris Sanchez, Lake View, 10:40.11; 3. Cade Speed, Frenship, 10:42.45.

High jump: 1. Cohen Merrill, Frenship, 6-0; 2. Dominic Hinard, Lake View, 5-8; 3. Brandon Crossin, Granbury, 5-8.

800 relay: 1. Frenship, 1:30.76; 2. Granbury, 1:32.17; 3. Lake View, 1:37.76.

Shot put: 1. Adam Hood, Frenship, 50-7; 2. Dalyn Bowden, Frenship, 45-10; 3. J.D. Brewer, Granbury, 42-6.5.

400 relay: 1. Frenship, 43.66; 2. Granbury, 44.66; 3. Late View, 45.13.

300 hurdles: 1. Collin Hitch, Frenship, 40.82; 2. Westley Kren, Granbury, 43.75; 3. Michael Milson, Granbury, 46.41.

800: 1. La'Andre Quinton, Frenship, 2:05.80; 2. Joey Monjia, Frenship, 2:11.80; 3. Taylen Sullivan, Granbury, 2:23.25.

110 hurdles: 1. Collin Hitch, Frenship, 15.48; 2. Charles Wallace, Granbury, 16.38; 3. Brandon Crossin, Granbury, 16.87.

High vault: 1. Michael Milson, Granbury, 13-6; 2. Daniel Langford, Carthage, 12-6; 3. Todd Parsons, Frenship, 12-0.

Triple jump: 1. Orlando Aguero, Lake View, 41-5.2; Austen Wade, Granbury, 41-3.5; 3. Josh Sparkman, Frenship, 40-8.75.

100: 1. Tucker DiMarjanic, Frenship, 11.52; 2. Tristan Lafuente, Frenship, 11.89; 3. Anthony Moreno, Lake View, 11.98.

400: 1. Jacob Cain, Granbury, 52.67; 2. Jose Palaustios, Lake View, 53.01; 3. Jason Roberts, Lake View, 53.67.

200: 1. Dee Grimes, Frenship, 22.81; 2. Brandon Davis, Granbury, 23.20; 3. Keeun Shaw, Granbury, 23.57.

1600: 1. Cade Speed, Frenship, 4:55.44; 2. Chris Sanchez, Lake View, 5:00.59; 3. Kristian Summerlage, Granbury, 5:03.38.

1,600 relay: 1. Frenship, 3:29.73; 2. Granbury, 3:37.22; Lake View, 3:45.16.

Division III

Team standings: 1. Midland Christian 144; 2. Abilene Wylie 130; 3. Lubbock Estacado 110; 4. Big Spring, 101; 5. Lampasas 87; 6. Perryton 25; 7. Lee JV 11; Abilene Cooper JV 9; 9. San Angelo Central JV 4.

3200: 1. Fabian Morcado, Perryton, 9:59.81; 2. Gustavo Lugo, Big Spring, 10:16.05; 3. Joshua Means, Big Spring, 10:51.84.

Long jump: 1. Marcus Shields, Abilene Wylie, 21-06.25; 2. Anthony Lewis, Big Spring, 20-05.50; 3. Ti'Rashard, Lubbock Estacado, 20-03.25.

400 relay: 1. Midland Christian, 43.17; 2. Lubbock Estacado, 43.84; 3. Abilene Wylie, 43.50.

800: 1. Raymond Rios, Lubbock Estacado, 1:58.89; 2. Thomas King-Randell, Big Spring, 2:00.71; 3. Taylor Ochs, Midland Christian, 2:01.11.

110 hurdles: 1. Hyle Dalton, Abilene Wylie, 15.29; 2. Devin Roberson, Big Spring, 15.95; 3. Matt Ramirez, Midland Christian, 16.39.

1,600 relay: 1. Lubbock Estacado, 3:25.81; 2. Midland Christian, 3:26.09; 3. Lampasas, 3:27.31.

800 relay: 1. Lubbock Estacado, 1:31.18; 2. Midland Christian, 1:31.83; 3. Lampasas, 1:31.88.

Discus: 1. Deandra Key, Abilene Wylie, 130-07; 2. Diamond Bellig, Big Spring, 130-06; 3. David Stanley, Lampasas, 129-08.

100: 1. Diwan Brown, Abilene Wylie, 10.98; 2. Richard Neboh, Midland Christian, 11.19; 3. Tye Calhoun, Abilene Wylie, 11.54.

400: 1. Landon Lacy, Midland Christian, 50.57; 2. Zach Childress, Abilene Wylie, 51.78; 3. Chase Birch, Lampasas, 52.28.

300 hurdles: 1. Patrick Walker, Abilene Wylie, 40.41; 2. Devin Roberson, Big Spring, 40.67; 3. Matt Ramirez, Midland Christian, 41.06.

200: 1. Diwan Brown, Abilene Wylie, 22.39; 2. Richard Neboh, Midland Christian, 22.82; 3. David Parkhurst, Midland Christian, 23.33.

1600: 1. Gustavo Lugo, Big Spring, 4:43.62; 2. Thomas King-Randell, Big Spring, 4:47.99; 3. Chandler Boone, Midland Christian, 4:48.14.

Division IV

Team standings: 1. Sonora, 140.50; 2. Munday, 94; 3. Crane, 84; 4. Idalou, 76; 5. Wall, 74; 6. Panhandle, 48; 7. Colorado City, 29; 8. Cisco, 28; 9. Marfa, 20; 10. Late View JV, 13; 10. Bovina, 13; 12. Christoval, 8.50; 13. Midland Christian, 3.

3200: 1. Zachary Daniel, Crane, 9:45.87; 2. Jesus Vasquez, Sonora, 10:28.74; 3. Abel Rocha, Bovina, 10:50.53.

Discus: 1. L.J. Collier, Munday, 149-02; 2. Blanford Paul, Mindey, 146-08; 3. Blaine Mitulik, Wall, 139-05.

400 relay: 1. Wall, 43.44; 2. Sonora, 43.48; 3. Coahoma, 44.11.

800: 1. Jarrett Lujan, Marfa, 1:57.25; 2. Robert Guinn, Idalou, 1:57.85; 3. Jonathan Harrold, Crane, 1:58.13.

110 hurdles: 1. Zach Bardeaux, Sonora, 14.83; 2. Bradley Adkins, Idalou, 14.88; Alex Graham, Panhandle, 16.08.

Long jump: 1. Paul Dee, Munday, 21-02; 2. Bradley Adkins, Idalou, 20-03.25; 3. Word Hudson, Sonora, 19-09.50.

100: 1. Landon Meek, Wall, 11.11; 2. Darien Lopez, Sonora, 11.44; 3. Nathan Jackson, Colorado City, 11.69.

800 relay: 1. Sonora, 1:30.14; 2. Wall, 1:30.37; 3. Crane, 1:31.86.

400: 1. Imani Cross, Sonora, 51.10; 2. Robert Guinn, Idalou, 51.47; 3. Tyler Hall, Panhandle, 52.09.

300 hurdles: 1. Dee Paul, Munday, 39.66; 2. Dallas Ryan, Sonora, 41.39; 3. Alex Graham, Panhandle, 42.20.

200: 1. Austin Sandoval, Crane, 22.72; 2. Gunter Pennington, Sonora, 23.48; 3. Austin Matschek, Wall, 23.91.

1600: 1. Zachary Daniel, Crane, 4:32.66; 2. Jesus Vasquez, Sonora, 4:51.58; 3. Ricardo Reginno, Sonora, 4:54.89.

1,600 relay: 1. Sonora, 3:26.47; 2. Crane, 3:26.75; 3. Colorado City, 3:27.25.

TOURNEYROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

WEST REGIONAL
NO. 4 LOUISVILLE 72, NO. 7 FLORIDA 68

PHOENIX — Bradley Beal and Erik Murphy scored 14 points each, but Florida squandered an 11-point lead in the second half to lose 72-68 in the West Regional on Saturday and keep coach Billy Donovan winless against his mentor.

Donovan hadn't beaten Louisville coach Rick Pitino in six previous tries, but appeared to be headed toward a breakthrough win after the Gators hit eight 3-pointers and shot 72 percent in the first half against one of the nation's best defenses.

Florida (26-11) missed all nine of its 3-point shots in the second half, but still managed to lead 58-47 with just under 11 minutes left. The Gators couldn't hold off the charging Cardinals (30-9), though, allowing them to go on a 10-0 run and to hit all the big shots late.

EAST REGIONAL
NO. 2 OHIO STATE 77, NO. 1 SYRACUSE 70

BOSTON — Jared Sullinger recovered from first-half foul trouble to score 19 points and grab seven rebounds, helping Ohio State beat Syracuse 77-70 on Saturday to advance to the Final Four.

It will be the Buckeyes' first trip to the NCAA semifinals since 2007.

Deshaun Thomas scored 14 with nine rebounds for Ohio State (31-7), which led by eight points with 59 seconds to play and held on after the Orange cut it to three. The Buckeyes made 13 of 14 free throws in the final 68 seconds.

Brandon Triche scored 15 points and Baye Keita had 10 rebounds for Syracuse (34-3). The Orange were hoping for a return trip to New Orleans, where they won their only national championship in 2003.

Women

DES MOINES REGIONAL
NO. 2 TENNESSEE 84, NO. 11 KANSAS 73

DES MOINES, Iowa — Meighan Simmons scored 22 points off the bench and Tennessee rallied to beat 11th-seeded Kansas 84-73 and advance to its second straight regional final.

Glory Johnson added 18 points Saturday for the second-seeded Lady Vols (27-8), who'll meet the winner of Georgia Tech-Baylor on Monday night for a spot in the Final Four.

The Lady Vols trailed by as many as 14 points in the first half, but they cut it to five by the break. Tennessee took the lead for good with a 19-9 run to open the second half, as Simmons had 16 points in the final 20 minutes.

Angel Goodrich had a game-high 23 points and Aishah (Ee-shah) Sutherland had 19 for Kansas (21-13), which fell to 0-3 in regional semifinals.

Elise Amendola/AP

Ohio State guard Aaron Craft (4) reacts alongside Deshaun Thomas (1) and Lenzelle Smith, Jr. (32) as Syracuse forward James Southerland (43) walks up the floor during the second half of the East Regional final game in the NCAA Tournament on Saturday in Boston. Ohio State won 77-70.

NO. 2 DUKE 74, NO. 3 ST. JOHN'S 47

FRESNO, Calif. — Shay Selby took charge in the second half to finish with 18 points and seven assists, leading Duke to a 74-47 victory over St. John's on Saturday night in the Fresno Regional semifinals.

Chelsea Gray, who grew up about 75 miles north in Stockton, scored 13 points and Tricia Liston had 15 for the second-seeded Blue Devils (25-5) in what became a surprising rout. Duke moved within one win of its first Final Four since 2006 and will play top-seeded Stanford or No. 5 seed South Carolina on Monday night.

Selby had five points and two assists in the opening 4:55 of the second half and knocked down a 3-pointer from the top of the arc that built Duke's lead to 49-29. She also had four steals.

Da'Shena Stevens scored 19 points in her final game for No. 3 seed St. John's (24-10), which didn't have another player with more than six points.

TOURNEYSCORES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

NCAA Tournament Glance

EAST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At TD Garden
Boston
Thursday, March 22
Syracuse 64, Wisconsin 63
Ohio State 81, Cincinnati 66
Regional Championship
Saturday's Score
Ohio State 77, Syracuse 70

SOUTH REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Friday, March 23
Baylor 75, Xavier 70
Kentucky 102, Indiana 90
Regional Championship
Today's Game
Baylor (30-7) vs. Kentucky (32-2), 1:20 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis
Friday, March 23
North Carolina 73, Ohio St. 67
Kansas 80, N.C. State 57
Regional Championship
Today's Game
North Carolina (32-5) vs. Kansas (30-6), 4:05 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 22
At US Airways Center
Phoenix
Louisville 57, Michigan State 44
Florida 68, Marquette 59
Regional Championship
Saturday's Score
Louisville 72, Florida 68

FINAL FOUR
At The Superdome
New Orleans
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 31
Ohio State (31-7) vs. Midwest champion, 5 or 7:30 p.m.
South champion vs. Louisville (30-9), 5 or 7:30 p.m.
National Championship
Monday, April 2
Semifinal winners, 9 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
LOUISVILLE 72, FLORIDA 68
FLORIDA (26-11): Boynton 4-11 2-4 12, Young 5-7 1-2 11, Walker 3-10 4-6 12, Beal 6-15 2-2 14, Murphy 4-5 4-4 14, Rosario 1-1 1-1 3, Wilbekin 1-1 0-0 2, Prather 0-1 0-1 0. Totals 24-48 12-18 68.
LOUISVILLE (30-9): Siva 3-7 2-2 9, C. Smith 3-4 1-2 8, Dieng 4-11 0-0 8, Kuric 3-9 0-0 8, Behanan 7-10 2-2 16, R. Smith 6-13 6-7 19, Price 0-0 0-0 0, Swopshire 1-3 0-0 2, Jenkins 0-1 0-0 0, Wiers 0-1 0-0 0, Blackshear 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 27-60 12-15 72.
Halftime—Florida 41-33. 3-Point Goals—Florida 8-20 (Murphy 2-2, Beal 2-5, Walker 2-6, Boynton 2-7), Louisville 8-19 (Kuric 2-6, Siva 1-1, Behanan 1-1, R. Smith 1-2, C. Smith 1-2, Wiers 0-1, Swopshire 0-1). Fouled Out—Siva. Rebounds—Florida 32 (Murphy 8), Louisville 39 (Behanan 9). Assists—Florida 17 (Walker 7), Louisville 11 (Siva 8). Total Fouls—Florida 15, Louisville 20. Technical—Louisville Bench. A—13,459.

OHIO ST. 77, SYRACUSE 70
OHIO ST. (31-7): Sullinger 5-9 2-2 19, Thomas 6-14 2-2 14, Craft 1-3 3-5 5, Smith, Jr. 4-10 7-9 16, Buford 3-12 6-6 13, Scott 0-0 0-0 0, Thompson 1-1 0-0 2, Williams 1-2 1-2 3, Rosenberg 0-0 3-4 3. Totals 21-51 31-42 77.
SYRACUSE (34-3): Fair 1-2 0-0 2, Jardine 5-12 1-2 11, Triche 4-10 5-6 15, Chubrevia 3-3 0-0 6, Joseph 4-11 2-5 10, Watkins 2-4 0-0 5, Keita 1-4 1-2 3, Southerland 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 22-50 9-15 70.
Halftime—Tied 35-35. 3-Point Goals—Ohio St. 4-13 (Smith, Jr. 3-6, Buford 1-5, Thomas 0-2), Syracuse 6-16 (Jardine 3-7, Triche 2-4, Southerland 1-2, Walters 0-1, Joseph 0-2). Fouled Out—Craft, Southerland, Walters. Rebounds—Ohio St. 39 (Buford, Thomas 9), Syracuse 26 (Keita 10). Assists—Ohio St. 10 (Craft 4), Syracuse 9 (Jardine 6). Total Fouls—Ohio St. 20, Syracuse 28. Technical—Syracuse Bench. A—19,028.

Women

NCAA Basketball Tournament Glance

DES MOINES REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Wells Fargo Arena
Des Moines, Iowa
Saturday's Scores
Tennessee 84, Kansas 73
Baylor 83, Georgia Tech 68
Regional Championship
Monday, March 26
Tennessee (27-8) vs. Baylor (37-0), 6 p.m.

FRESNO REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Save Mart Center
Fresno, Calif.
Saturday's Scores
Duke 74, St. John's 47
Stanford (33-1) vs. South Carolina (25-6), late
Regional Championship
Monday, March 26
Duke vs. Stanford-South Carolina winner, 8 p.m.

RALEIGH REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At PNC Arena
Raleigh, N.C.
Today's Games
Texas A&M (24-10) vs. Maryland (30-4), 11 a.m.
Notre Dame (32-3) vs. St. Bonaventure (31-5), 1:30 p.m.e.
Tuesday, March 27
Regional Championship
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

KINGSTON REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At The Ryan Center
Kingston, R.I.
Today's Games
UConn (31-4) vs. Penn State (26-8), 3:34 p.m.
Gonzaga (28-5) vs. Kentucky (27-8), 6 p.m.
Regional Championship
Tuesday, March 27
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

FINAL FOUR
At Pepsi Center
Denver
National Semifinals
Sunday, April 1
Dos Moines champion vs. Fresno champion, 5:30 or 8 p.m.
Raleigh champion vs. Kingston champion, 5:30 or 8 p.m.
National Championship
Tuesday, April 3
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

TEXAS BOX
DES MOINES REGIONAL
BAYLOR 83, GEORGIA TECH 68
GEORGIA TECH (26-9): Gortner 0-2 0-0 0, Goodson 4-10 0-1 8, Hays 2-6 2-2 6, Washington 0-0 0-0 0, Marshall 3-12 4-4 10, Bennett 0-0 0-0 0, Taylor 0-0 0-0 0, Hamilton-Carter 0-0 0-0 0, Adams 5-13 0-2 10, Wallace 12-22 6-9 32, Rogers 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26-70 6-8 68.
BAYLOR (37-0): Williams 9-10 0-0 18, Griner 13-18 5-11 35, Sims 3-7 4-6 11, Haynes 2-7 1-2 5, Madden 0-4 0-0 0, Robinson 0-2 2-2 2, Cooney 0-0 0-0 0, Agbaji 0-0 0-0 0, Field 0-1 1-2 1, Palmer 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-79 13-23 83.
Halftime—Baylor 42-29. 3-Point Goals—Georgia Tech 10-19 (Wallace 4-12, Marshall 2-5, Goodson 1, Hays 0-1, Taylor 1-1, Bennett 0-1, Hamilton-Carter 0-1, Adams 0-1, Gortner 0-2), Baylor 2-9 (Griner 1-3, Williams 1-3, Sims 0-1, Haynes 0-2). Fouled Out—Hamilton-Carter. Rebounds—Georgia Tech 40 (Hays 8, Taylor 14 Hayes, Madden 8, Total Fouls—Georgia Tech 24, Baylor 12. A—7,961.

Woods takes 1-shot lead at Bay Hill

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Even with a bizarre sequence of events that cost Tiger Woods a comfortable lead Saturday, he walked off the 18th green at the Arnold Palmer Invitational as close as he has ever been to ending 30 months without a PGA Tour victory.

He had a one-shot lead, and no one in golf has a more formidable record as a frontrunner.

He was hitting the ball so well that Woods had the putter in his hand for a birdie attempt on 38 consecutive holes.

And he was at Bay Hill, where he already has won six times.

"If you're in the lead, you've done some good things," Woods said after recovering from a late double bogey for a 1-under 71. "That's how I've always looked at it. And it's a nice position to be in."

Better yet would be posing with Palmer in a trophy presentation.

But there's still one round to go before that happens, and a familiar face alongside him in the final group.

Graeme McDowell, the former U.S. Open champion who rallied from four shots behind to beat Woods in the Chevron World Challenge at the end of 2010, didn't make a birdie until the 17th hole but kept bogeys off his card for a 71.

"There's a fair bit of expectations on Tiger," McDowell said. "He's looking to complete the comeback tomorrow, because there's no doubt he's playing great. He's got the ball under control. But he's got to go out there and try to win tomorrow, the same way I do and a lot of other players that have got the opportunity to win."

It will be the 40th time Woods has taken the lead into the final round on the PGA Tour. He has failed to win just twice, one of those times as a 20-year-old in his third start as a pro.

Woods was more interested in winning for the 72nd time on tour than the 30 months it has taken to get to this point.

"I'm looking forward to tomorrow. I'm looking forward to getting out there and playing and competing again," Woods said. "As far as what it would mean? It would mean No. 72. Not a bad number, either."

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Employment

The Permian Basin Workforce Development Board announces the release of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for child care quality improvement activities. The purpose of the RFP is to contract with an entity to plan, coordinate, and implement several quality improvement activities to enhance the quality of services in the Permian Basin child care facilities.

A RFP packet may be obtained beginning March 23, 2012 by contacting:
Permian Basin Workforce Development Board
432.563.5239 or info@workforcepb.org

The deadline for submitting a proposal is April 13 at 12:00 noon Central Daylight Savings Time.

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APPLICATION HAS been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Package Store (P) and Wine Only Package Store (Q) permits by Larry R. Hodge dba Larry's Discount Smokes, to be located at 3800 W. Wall Midland, Texas. Officers of said corporation are Larry R. Hodge, Owner.

PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Midland County Hospital District is requesting proposals for a **MAIN CAMPUS FIRE ALARM SYSTEM PARTIAL UPGRADE** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Monday, March 26, 2012.**

Two **MANDATORY** Pre-bid conferences will be held. Interested bidders may attend on either Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 1:00 PM **OR** Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 1:00 PM in the Midland Memorial Facilities Services Conference Room.

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **1:00 p.m. (afternoon), Monday, April 16, 2012.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP #1055-032612 Enclosed".**

Under no circumstances will faxed or emailed proposals from respondents be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected until **July 31, 2012.**

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals 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 proposals and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
2200 West Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for **Medication and Supply Cabinets** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Bidders may obtain bid documents on or after **Wednesday, March 21, 2012** by contacting Mary J. Niles, Mitchell Planning Associates at the following address:

630 Dundee Road, Suite 340
Northbrook, IL 60062
(847) 412-0300, ext. 222
mniles@mitchellplanning.com

All bids must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 NOON, Wednesday, April 25, 2012.**

Equipment must be delivered no later than 90 days after receipt of order.

All bids must be sealed and labeled **"BID # 1054-032112".**

Under no circumstances will faxed or emailed bids from bidders be accepted.

All bids must be price protected for one year from date of receipt.

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 as follows:
One (1) disk and three (3) hard copies to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
2200 West Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701

One (1) electronic copy via email and two (2) hard copies to:
Mary J. Niles
Procurement Director
Mitchell Planning Associates
630 Dundee Road, Suite 340
Northbrook, IL 60062
mniles@mitchellplanning.com

FOUND 3/21/12 large young female white dog with black muzzle and small light brown & white terrier off Midland county road 1050 north of 307. Call 432-238-5821.

FOUND DOG - Italian Greyhound, vicinity of Meadowlark/Oriole, 432-697-2777.

FOUND: MONGOOSE KIDS bicycle in 1600 block of Country Club Dr. 432-683-3719.

FOUND WOMEN'S Lee High School ring. "1976" and "Susie" inscribed on the side. Call 432-413-8296

FOUND YOUNG apparently neutered Shepherd Mixed Male on FM 120 and Rankin Hwy. Call 432-528-0409.

Lost Pomperanian, Eisenhower & Thomason, 3/22/12 Call 432-416-0056

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PHARR & COMPANY, LUBBOCK, TX – CONSTRUCTION MANAGER-AT-RISK for the **GLASSCOCK COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** in GARDEN CITY, TX, is accepting Bids for the **HIGH SCHOOL & LIBRARY RENOVATIONS**. Deadline to submit bids is **Thursday, April 12, 2012 2:00 PM local time.** All proposals must be accompanied by an itemized scope of work. **Fax bids to (806) 763-5843 or email to** John Pharr – johnny@pharrco.com. Plans are available for viewing through the Pharr & Company website – www.pharrco.com and the Lubbock AGC Planroom. Call office (806) 763-5263 ext 29 for login directions.

Kenneth G. Molinero, DO
Notice of Practice Relocation

Dr. Molinero is leaving Premier Physicians and will be relocating his orthopedic practice out-of-the-area after May 31, 2012.

Your continued medical care is very important to us. A copy of your medical records can be transferred to the physician of your choice or released to you or another person you designate. This will require your permission through an authorization form. You can obtain this authorization form by calling the phone numbers listed below. Until authorization is received, your records will remain on file with Premier Physicians at 2402 W. Wall St., Midland, Texas 79701

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., April 18, 2012 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 4449-12
For: Labor, material, equipment and supervision necessary for the turnkey construction of a 70 ft pavilion at Hogan Park for the Parks Division.

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

LEGAL NOTICE:

This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on April 9, 2012. You have until October 6, 2012, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#1343 Monthly Bonus ($5)** overall odds are 1 in 4.90. This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on April 30, 2012. You have until October 27, 2012, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#1380 Triple Tripler ($3)** overall odds are 1 in 4.85. These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on May 30, 2012. You have until November 26, 2012, to redeem any tickets for these games: **#1293 Double Blackjack ($2)** overall odds are 1 in 4.85, **#1370 Silver Bells ($5)** overall odds are 1 in 3.86, **#1378 Instant Cash Pile ($1)** overall odds are 1 in 2.63. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including $599. Prizes of $600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over $1,000,000 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at **1-800-37LOTTO** or visit the Lottery Web site at **www.txlottery.org** for more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players, and winners are subject to, and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures, and final decisions of the Executive Director. A Scratch-Off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. PLAY RESPONSIBLY. The Texas Lottery supports Texas education.

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2008 MAZDA 6, red, 4 door, V6, auto, We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222.

ACURA 2004 3.5RL V6, leather, woodgrain interior, heated seats, GPS, navigation, CD changer with premimum sound moonroof, very clean, good tires, garaged, non-smoker, $7,950, 817-718-8836.

BMW 2002 325i white w/ tan leather, 112,600 miles, $7500 or obo. Call 817-694-1946.

CADILLAC 2002 Escalade, $9,000. 127,391 miles. Taupe exterior, taupe leather interior. Multi-CD player and 2 bar. 4WD. Luggage rack. Call Shelley at H&S Motors 432-699-1650, 432-556-6225.

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CORVETTE 1999 w/ TX Speed Performance package. 10,999 miles. $20,000 for more details call 425-3520. Serious inquiries only.

FORD 2009 Mustang V6 Coupe, 2D, 17,890 miles, red ext, black cloth int, $18,000 OBO, 432-368-3005

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MAZDA 2003 6Sport, V6, 107k miles, $4500 432-270-3602

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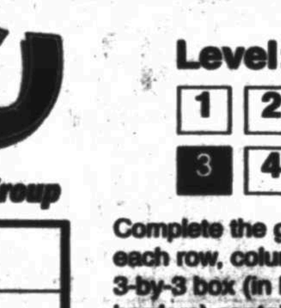

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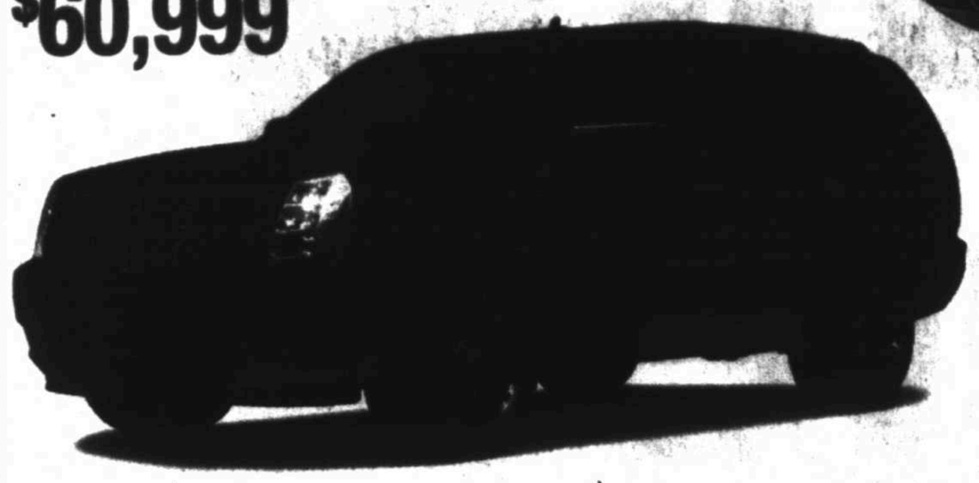

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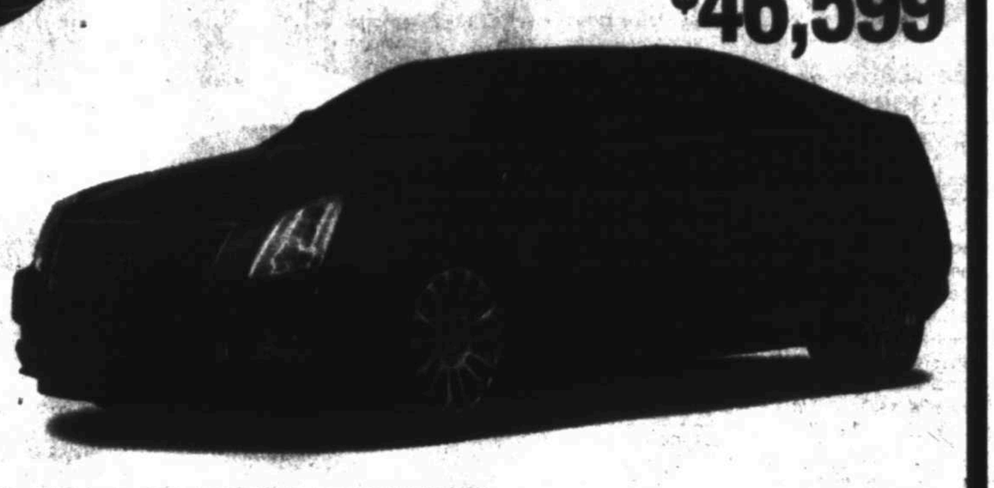

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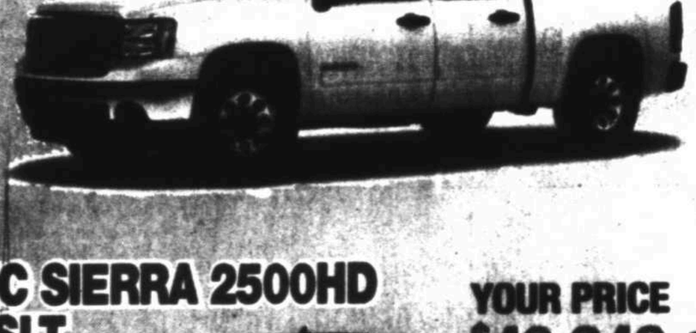

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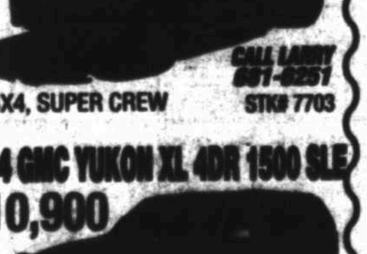

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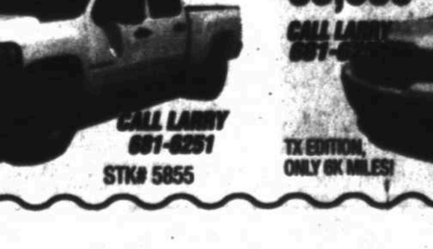

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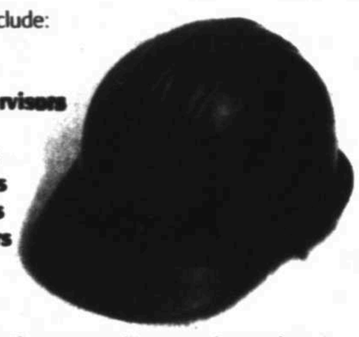

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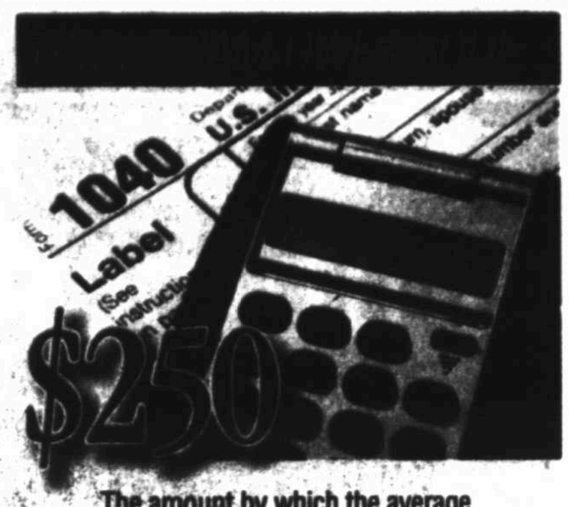

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SPEAK UP FOR 'BEST PRACTICES'

By PATRICIA RIVERA
CTW Features

It's no secret that employees and their bosses don't always see eye-to-eye – not even when it comes to interpretation of best practices.

But when employees run up against policies and procedures that don't work, they have the right and responsibility to speak up and inspire change. "The voice and opinions of employees are very important to strengthen best practices and make an organization more efficient," says Stacey Engle, director of marketing at Fierce, a Seattle communication training and leadership development company.

> 47 percent [of employees] say their organization's best practices get in the way of producing desired results.

Too often, employees give lip service to the idea of best practices, even when they don't work very well. Some 44 percent of employees find their organization's workplace practices to be ineffective and believe that they hurt employee productivity and morale, according to a Fierce survey. A larger number, 47 percent, say that their organization's so-called best practices actually get in the way of producing desired results.

Part of the problem comes from a lack of communication. About 50 percent of respondents say lack of company-wide transparency contributes to poor results. "We see a real disconnect between the priorities of managers versus employees in terms of workplace communication," Engle says. "Companies need to create an environment in which communication with employees is valued."

> Describe the practices and how they are affecting you without laying blame.

The good news is that employees want to speak up; 70 percent of respondents say they would discuss with decision makers company practices that they felt needed to be re-evaluated or adjusted.

Engle offers the following tips for how employees can broach the topic with decision makers.

- No excuses. Take responsibility for rules and regulations that are counterproductive. Throw away the excuse that if a policy were different, you would be a different employee.
- Speak up. Get out of your comfortable chair on the sidelines and ask for a seat at the table. Find out who makes the changes and ask them directly if you, or you and a study group, can provide feedback.
- Be real. Describe the practices and how they are affecting you without laying blame. That will give you better leverage and you'll be perceived as a leader.

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WORKERS OF THE WORLD, MOVE!

MORE WORKERS ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO GET A MOVE ON, FOR HEALTH'S SAKE

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
CTW Features

Employees at Telebrands are as likely to roll up a ball as pull up a chair in meetings. Half the staff sits on stability balls, the inflated plastic orbs that have become popular among desk-bound workers looking for ways to stay fit.

"You can't slump or completely relax on a stability ball. You're constantly engaging your core and leg muscles," says A.J. Khubani. The CEO of the Fairfield, N.J., direct marketing company that hawks such "As Seen On TV" classics as the aluminum wallet and the 12-in-1 kitchen tool started sitting on a large rubber ball two years ago to keep his posture erect and his mind alert. He offered to buy stability balls, also called balance balls or exercise balls, for his team. About 30 employees took him up on it.

Across the country, workers concerned with fitness and companies anxious to curb spiraling healthcare costs are uniting to find ways to create more active workplaces.

Workplace wellness programs work, says Dr. James Levine, endocrinologist and researcher at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn. "What patients will actually tell you when they move more, whether it's during the day or in their leisure time, is that they feel better, they feel more energized, they feel healthier.

"The chair is killing people, and there are a lot of chairs out there," Levine says. A sedentary lifestyle can lead to health problems, including diabetes and high blood pressure and cholesterol. Workers who take care to move more during the day will feel better and be more productive, he says.

In his quest to find ways to get workers moving, Levine came up with the idea of the "walking desk." Swapping eight hours a day of sitting at a normal desk with eight hours at an elevated desk outfitted with a treadmill instead of a chair can result in a weight loss (57 pounds a year, Levine estimates) and help head off disease.

At Drexel University in Philadelphia, psychology professor James Herbert enjoys thinking on his feet – literally. To alleviate back pain and burn more calories throughout the day, he ditched the traditional desk and executive chair and replaced them with a treadmill desk. Now, depending on his meeting schedule, Herbert walks from two to eight hours each day, logging an average of 2 to 2.5 miles at his desk.

"We're not talking heavy-duty exercise," says Herbert, adding that he never breaks a sweat, even in a suit and tie. "You walk really slowly, not at a brisk pace like you're at the gym." The treadmill operates at a slow pace, allowing users to comfortably write, type and talk on the phone.

Herbert uses a TreadDesk, a commercial model that sells for about $840. But an employee need not spend a dime to incorporate more movement during the workday. From 9 to 5, it's possible to accrue the minimum 30 minutes of physical activity recommended by the Centers for Disease Control simply by making a point of getting out from behind the desk every so often.

"Instead of putting up your feet in the coffee room and gossiping say to a friend, 'Look, we've got 15 minutes, let's go for a speed walk,'" Levine suggests.

A commitment to exercising in the office can be contagious. One of the principals at the San Francisco public relations firm Borders + Gratehouse asked co-workers if they'd mind if she did pushups in the conference room. Before long, at least 10 employees joined her. They downloaded the Hundred Pushups app from SoftwareX ($1.99 on iPhone and Android) and followed a six-week strengthening program that conditions participants so they can do 100 push-ups in a row. Now, at 4 p.m., the team hits the floor for daily push-ups.

"It has been great for office camaraderie and fitness," says account executive Jordan Pennington.

Any sort of movement in the office can help boost fitness. Dr. Sejal Shah, medical director of Medi-Weight Loss Clinics, Tampa, Fla., advises deskbound employees to set an alarm and walk around the office or take the stairs for three minutes every hour, which adds up to 24 minutes of activity and 100 calories by the end of the day. "You don't have to do it all at one time," Shaw says.

Need reminding? StretchClock, a free computer gadget that works with Windows, Firefox and Google, pops up to prompt workers to stretch for a minute or two every hour. The no-sweat exercises demonstrated in the calm instructional videos can be done at a desk, in office attire (stretchclock.com).

Standing up during phone calls is a good habit to get into. Simply standing and moving burns twice as many calories as sitting, "even if you're just shuffling your feet," says Ronald Cox, an associate professor of kinesiology at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

"People have actually suggested drinking a lot of water so you have to go to the bathroom a lot – anything to get you moving. Just sitting is more devastating than we ever thought," he adds.

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Here's top-flight job-hunting advice from a generation ago: "Go to a good stationery store. Buy quality bond paper with a watermark and matching envelopes, preferably in an off-white color. This will make your cover letter and résumé look professional. The employer will be impressed." Grandparents may still dole out this gem.

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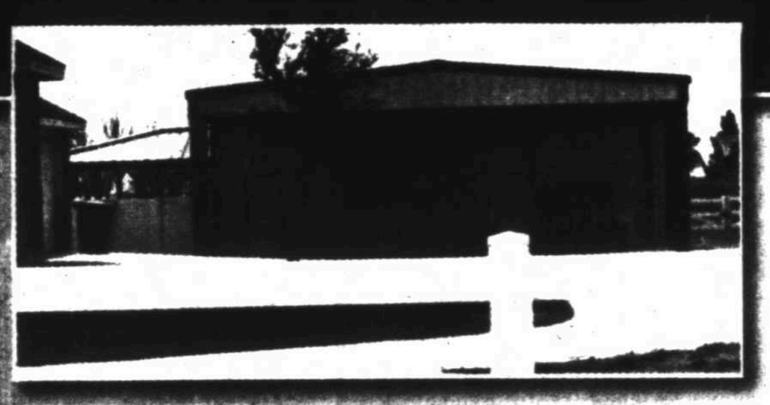

A perfect family home! One where you have room to enjoy your family and spend time together making memories is what you will discover within the white fenced house located at 7707 Trenton in the Saddle Club Ranch Estates area. Built in 2007 of mocha brick, it has 4,252 square feet (per MCAD), four bedrooms, three full bathrooms, one half bathroom, two dining areas, two living areas, a separate building that has been made into a game room or mother-in-law room, a five car garage with RV pad, workshop area and is on approximately 2.018 acres. Schools for this area include Scharbauer Elementary, Goddard Junior High and Midland High School.

When the front door opens, you will notice crown molding, tall ceilings, decorative lighting, tile and wood floors in certain areas as well as large windows that bring in natural light. To the left of the entry behind French doors is an office complete with a wall of built-in shelves and cabinets. Formal living is straight ahead of the entry where you can enjoy a view of the backyard through the wall of windows. A stacked ceiling with recessed lighting adds height and ambiance to the room. To the right of the front door, an arched doorway leads to the formal dining area where you will enjoy beautiful wooden flooring.

Storage at this address is no problem as there are numerous closets in hallways, bathrooms and in the laundry room. All bedrooms have large walk-in closets, ceiling fans and rich cozy carpet. Three of the bedrooms have window seats with hinged lids for bonus storage! Down the hallway to the left of the entry you will find a full bathroom as well as the first bedroom. All the bathrooms have modern nickel faucets, light fixtures and cabinets for linen storage.

Your master suite off the formal living area is waiting at the end of the day to offer a relaxing getaway! The ceiling here is also stacked with recessed lighting and the bathroom features an oversized corner jetted tub as well as his and her dressing areas and sinks. The walk-in closet is amazing with rows of clothing racks to the ceiling in addition to drawers and shelves.

The chef in your family will love this gourmet kitchen! Here you will enjoy using stainless appliances, granite countertops, a center island, dark wooden cabinets for keeping dishes and small appliances out of sight and a corner pantry. Join your family around the kitchen table in the informal dining area or take a seat at the bar area surrounding the kitchen. A skylight provides natural light to this area. A half bath is nearby as well as the laundry room, which features a sink, built in cabinets, hanging space, ample room for a washer and dryer as well as a door to the four-car lighted garage.

Your family may move from the kitchen around the corner to the great room where they can relax or watch the latest movie together. A fireplace adds warmth to the room and a hallway nearby leads to two large bedrooms. Both face the front of the house and are connected by a Jack and Jill bathroom.

A covered back porch allows for additional dining options as the summer approaches. Out back, another family gathering place awaits!

A separate building has been created and turned into a game room, sleepover paradise or a mother-in-law room. It even has a bar area with a counter seating, sink, refrigerator, freezer and wine refrigerator. A bathroom is conveniently located out here as well. A door here leads to the RV port and garage as well as a workshop area. Your kids will also love the play area in the backyard!

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What are you asking?

One of the first steps to selling your home is deciding how much to ask for it. Several factors influence pricing a home … some you can control, and some you can't. A REALTOR® can help you decide on the best price based on the condition of the home and what comparable homes in the area have recently sold for—be prepared in case the amount isn't what you had in mind. Here are a few things that determine a fair price.

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Out of your control

The asking price also depends on circumstances you can't control—the housing market's inventory, local employment numbers, interest rates, the amount your neighbor's home sold for, and a host of others. You also can't do anything about your property's location … and location is perhaps the biggest word in real estate. A house's location includes access to schools, businesses, public transportation and highways. This convenience could be a strong selling point. A property with an attractive view or near a public green space can deservedly command a higher sales price than a similar house on the block without those features.

Get expert help

With such significant financial consequences at risk, it's in your best interest to ask a REALTOR® for help. In many cases, your REALTOR® will develop a comparative market analysis (CMA), which compares your property to similar, recently sold homes. This is a time-tested way of getting an asking price in the right ballpark. Of course, each home is different – and that's where a REALTOR® can really clarify and fine-tune the pricing process.

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What is the Velocity of Money and How Does it Impact Home Loan Rates?

If you've been watching the economic news, you've probably noticed that market experts and traders have been keeping a close eye on the Commerce Department's Personal Spending and Personal Income reports. Obviously, those reports provide insight into the health of our economy, but did you know they also influence home loan rates? That's right, personal spending can actually influence the interest rates that are available when you purchase or refinance a home.

Here's why. It has to do with something called the velocity of money. Even though the government keeps pumping money into the system, nothing happens until that money is spent or lent – and passes from one hand to another or one business to another. The speed at which this money passes between parties is called the velocity of money.

With the job market still very sluggish, consumers aren't spending much money these days, and businesses are still reluctant to spend money to make investments in their business. With the present velocity at low levels, inflation remains subdued and that's good for home loan rates. That's because rates are tied to Mortgage Bonds and inflation is the archenemy of Bonds, so low inflation is good for Bonds and rates. However, once velocity increases, the excess money in the system will cause inflation – which is bad for rates, since even the slightest scent of inflation can cause home loan rates to worsen.

While we certainly want to see better economic recovery news in the near future, we have to remember that there's an inverse relationship between good economic news and Bonds and home loan rates. Weak economic news normally causes money to flow out of Stocks and into Bonds, which helps Bonds and home loan rates improve. Strong economic news, on the other hand, normally has the opposite result.

Currently, home loan rates are at a historically low level, but that situation won't last forever. That means now is an ideal time to purchase a home or refinance before the velocity of money – and rates – change. If you or anyone you know would like to learn more about the current economic situation and how to take advantage of historically low home loan rates, then please contact me.

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New Coldwell Banker Campaign Voiced by Emmy and Golden Globe Award Winner Tom Selleck Highlights True Value of Home

National Advertising Campaign Celebrates Home Ownership and Its Role In Improving Quality of Life

PARSIPPANY, N.J. (March 2012) – For many people, buying a home is the most significant investment they will make in a lifetime. Today, Coldwell Banker Real Estate launched a new national advertising campaign that focuses on the deeper and intrinsic value of a home. Voiced by Emmy and Golden Globe award winner Tom Selleck, whose father retired as an Executive Vice President of Communications for Coldwell Banker Real Estate, the campaign reinforces the message that people value their homes as much for the emotional and psychological reasons as for financial considerations.

"The Coldwell Banker brand has always meant something special to me," said Tom Selleck. "My father worked for the company for 38 years. Over that period, my two brothers and my sister worked both for and with Coldwell Banker. I was the one exception. So it was indeed a proud moment when I was able to tell my mom that I was at last in the 'family business.'"

"More than four million homes are expected to be purchased this year in the United States according to the National Association of Realtors, and in this new ad campaign, we wanted to focus on the underlying reasons why," said Michael Fischer, chief marketing officer, Coldwell Banker Real Estate. "People's homes are so important because they are the setting for life's most meaningful moments. While the economics of home buying are critical, we must remember there is much more to it: lifestyle, memories, family, and pride of ownership."

The Coldwell Banker ad campaign debuts with a series of new television commercials surrounding the theme, "Value of a Home" including:

- "Value of a Home" – In a series of vignettes of moments at home that emotionally convey the joy of home ownership, Coldwell Banker poses the question, "How does one put a value on a home?" Viewers are then presented with a unique and intangible equation ("multiplying the smell of flipped pancakes by the sound of children laughing; adding the warmth of a winter fire while subtracting the stresses of work and the outside world") to "quantify" the true value of a home.
- "Pets," "Kids," and "Backyards" – These three distinct 15-second spots build on the "Value of a Home" theme by highlighting life moments and memories of children, pets and backyard activities. The spots pay tribute to each group and how their presence helps to make a house a home.
- "Innovation" – This spot showcases Coldwell Banker's leading edge technology and its advanced tools for searching homes, neighborhoods and agents virtually anywhere – whether in your living room or at a busy café.

In addition to the national advertising campaign, Coldwell Banker Real Estate has refreshed its "entryway" to coldwellbanker.com, improving the design to underscore the value of a home with heartwarming family and agent images.

The "Value of a Home" campaign and television spots were conceived by Siltanen & Partners, the national advertising agency for Coldwell Banker Real Estate. They were directed by Carolyn Chen under the direction of Executive Creative Director, Rob Siltanen. In addition, MediaCom worked to place the new spots in appropriate media outlets, including ABC Wednesday's Primetime Domination, NBC's LXTV Open House, as well as HGTV, ESPN, A&E, FX and USA, running from March through June. To view the new Coldwell Banker commercials, please visit the Coldwell Banker YouTube channel, On Location.

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Top 5 - The Right Way to Manage Your Credit Cards

While one in seven Americans has at least 10 credit cards, the average is four, according to a report from Experian. Usage on credit cards has dropped dramatically in the last two years as financially constrained consumers have reduced spending and begun paying off debt. The national average interest rate on credit cards as of November 2009 is 12.64%, which has declined 0.45% from six months earlier.

As a member of the Top 5 in Real Estate Network®, I know that mortgage-seeking clients are always asking for advice on how they can improve their credit profile, such as the number of credit cards they should have. According to the credit experts at ApprovalGuard.com, however, it's not just the number of credit cards you have, but how you use and manage those cards.

Here are some critical tips for managing your credit cards in order to maximize your credit profile:

1. Use your credit cards regularly, but in small amounts, never exceeding 30% of your entire credit line. For example, if your card limit is $4,000, set a self-imposed limit to keep your balance at $1,200.

2. Even if you pay your bills on time, coming close to your full balance each month affects your credit score negatively. Regularly maxing out your card limit is a bad habit in the eyes of credit-rating firms. It's better to spread your credit charges out over two or three cards, keeping each balance at or below 30% of your total credit line.

3. Don't get rid of old cards even if they have higher interest rates than ones you may get on newer cards. Credit rating firms like to see a well-established history, so utilize your old cards every so often for small purchases.

4. On the flip side, avoid getting new cards, if possible. When you add a new credit card, your credit score will likely suffer a temporary drop until you have established a payment history with that card.

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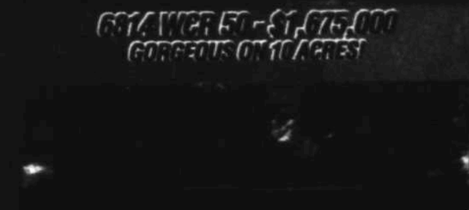

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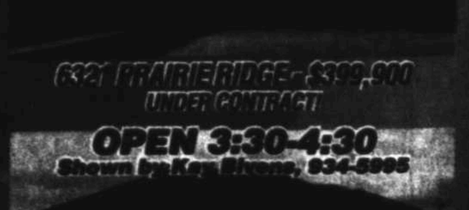

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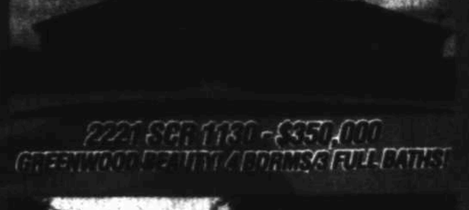

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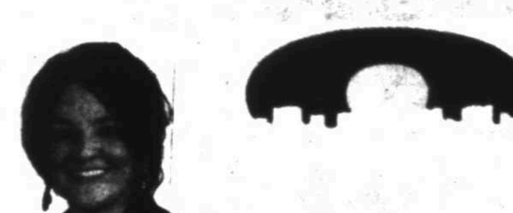

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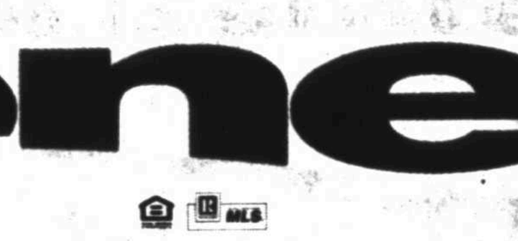

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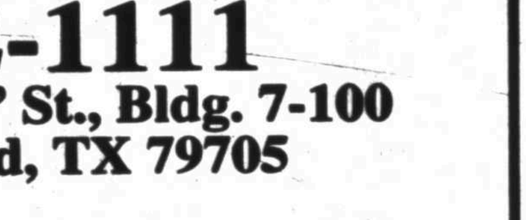

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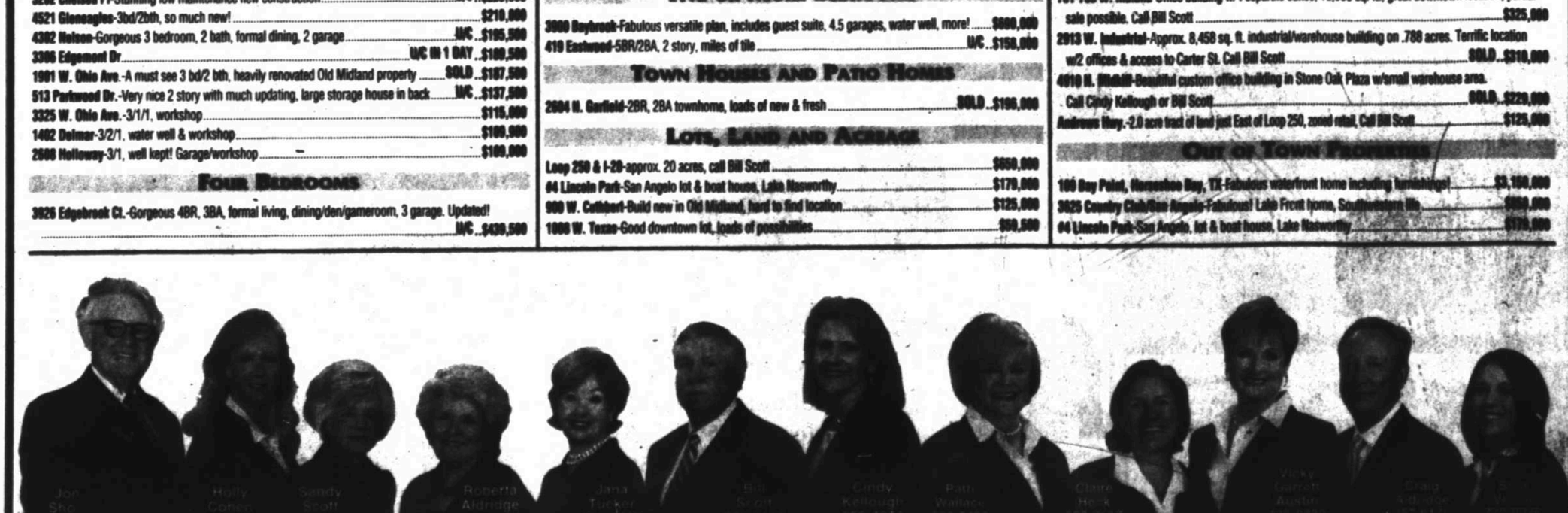

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Third, go to an online mortgage calculator to determine how much extra to pay. For instance, a $150,000 mortgage at 4 percent costs $716.12 per month for principal and interest. At $1,518.68 per month, the loan would be paid off in 10 years.

By prepaying the loan you will save a considerable amount of interest and lop off 240 monthly payments. The lifetime interest bill across 30 years is $107,803; the interest cost is just $32,242 if the loan is paid off in 10 years.

Is prepaying a mortgage a good investment? Paying off high-cost credit card debt is a better choice, but if your credit cards have a zero balance, then there's a lot of sense and comfort associated with paying off a mortgage as quickly as possible.

For specifics, speak with local lenders.

QUESTION:

My wife and I recently read both of the articles you wrote in our local paper. We wish to thank and commend you for stating plainly the issues that led to and continue to plague the housing market. Several years ago at the height of the market we were visiting Las Vegas. My wife loves to visit open houses to see the differing designs. They would have gladly sold us the properties with just our signature. All the paperwork was there, offering an 80-percent conventional mortgage along with a 20-percent second mortgage and additional cash incentives. We were aghast that anyone would offer or accept such deals.

ANSWER:

Thank you. Not everyone agrees with my analysis but at least the subject is increasingly on the table.

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EVERY SELLER WOULD LOVE TO GET MORE. BUT THE BEST CHANCE FOR MOVING A HOME IS PRICING IT RIGHT FROM THE GET-GO

By MARILYN KENNEDY MELIA
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If you've been thinking about selling your home, no doubt you've been thinking about how much you'll get for it.

Hold those thoughts; better yet, erase them.

Putting the right price tag on a home requires careful analysis of the most recent data, say experts.

Sellers' pre-conceived notions are easily skewed by emotion or outdated information. Indeed, many homes are incorrectly priced, as evidenced by surveys like a recent one from listing site Trulia.com, which found that one-quarter of the homes in its database had a price reduction.

The right number is crucial to selling, say agents. Mindy Chanaud, a Coldwell Banker agent in Greenwich, Ct., notes that although a price reduction can sometimes give a property a "pop" on listing sheets, incorrect pricing drags out the time a home sits on the market, and it also can give a property a stigma that it "wasn't snapped up."

Here's what experts say about arriving at a proper price:

THE LATEST NEWS

This year, some sellers will enjoy a welcome change: "Even though there are no markets where prices did not fall in the past 12 months, we are at a point where prices will go up a bit in some markets," observes Ingo Winzer, president of Local Market Monitor, a forecasting firm based in Cary, N.C.

Winzer predicts that some 35 large markets and 17 smaller ones, out of the 300 the firm tracks, may see an uptick. But there are still markets seeing significant declines, he notes.

Within markets, are micro-markets – neighborhoods that might buck the larger trend, for instance.

The task for sellers: Learn the prices of most recently sold comparable homes and sense the trend.

For instance, Sam Bayne, an agent with Atlanta Fine Homes Sotheby's International, subscribes to a service that maps how many homeowners are delinquent on their mortgage or beginning foreclosure within one mile of a particular property. A high number of distressed homes means an abundance of downward pressure, with prices adjusting quickly. In these instances, "I don't even think you can use comparables from longer than three months ago," he says.

In addition to very recent comparables, Winzer advises studying whether the inventory of homes for sale in the area has grown [downward price pressure] or lessened, a good sign. If the length of time homes take to sell shortens that bodes well for price, he adds.

QUALITY DATA

Data should be objective, but it can be misleading if it's not interpreted by someone with an in-depth knowledge of the neighborhood and homes the data reflects.

A home sold nearby may have the same number of bedrooms and other descriptors of another seller's home, but the comp may not reflect more subtle details, like whether the seller's home is on a more desirable cul-de-sac, notes Steve Levine, a Realtor based in Shrewsbury, Mass.

Also, websites that offer price estimates on specific addresses can be off the mark, because there's no expert culling the data the estimate is based on. "The sites take property descriptions from public records," says Levine, who recently submitted information about his own home to Zillow.com, so that the site's estimator better reflected his home's features.

SECOND OPINIONS

Even when presented with comprehensive data, agents say sellers might not agree on a suggested price. "If you have a seller who purchased in the middle of the last decade when prices were at a peak, they might not like what they hear," observes Billy Coons, a board member of the Virginia Association of Realtors. Coons says they are sometimes convinced, which can cost anywhere from about $300 to $600, says Ken Chitester of the Chicago-based Appraisal Institute.

Besides convincing sellers, adds Atlanta agent Bayne, an appraisal also helps guarantee that a buyer will get financing, since lenders will base their loan decision on a professional appraisal.

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SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT

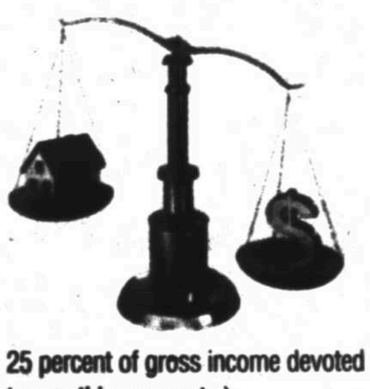
More markets showing signs of improvement as housing affordability hits a record high

Markets just keep getting better.

Through mid-March, the National Association of Home Builders' Improving Markets Index lists 99 housing markets as showing measurable improvement from their lows in housing permits, employment and home prices for at least six consecutive months. The 99 markets represent 33 states and the District of Columbia.

Housing affordability also is growing stronger in 2012.

In January, the most recent month numbers are available, the National Association of Realtors' Housing Affordability Index rose to record high of 206.1, the highest level since the NAR began tracking conditions in 1970. (An index of 100 is defined as the point where a median-income household has exactly enough income to qualify for the purchase of a median-priced existing single-family home, assuming a 20 percent down payment and



25 percent of gross income devoted to monthly payments.)

A recent NAHB study combined info from the U.S. Census Bureau's Housing Vacancy Survey and American Community Survey to pinpoint metro areas with the highest ownership rates. The top areas and their percentage of owner-occupied units:

1. Palm Coast, Fla. – 81.5
2. Holland-Grand Haven, Mich. – 80
3. Nassau-Suffolk, N.Y. – 79.8
4. Monroe, Mich. – 78.8
5. Ocala, Fla. – 78.4
6. Rochester, Minn. – 78
7. Bay City, Mich. – 77.9
8. Punta Gorda, Fla. – 77.8
9. Barnstable Town, Mass. – 77.5
10. Steubenville/Weirton, Ohio/W. Va. – 76.9

Most of the Top Ten high home-ownership areas are small in terms of population – eight are less than 100,000. Most (another eight) also have a median home value less than $175,000.

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$42 million — Amount of funding for housing counseling grants to 468 national, regional and local organization recently announced by the U.S. Dept. of Housing Development

SOURCE: U.S. Dept. of Housing Development

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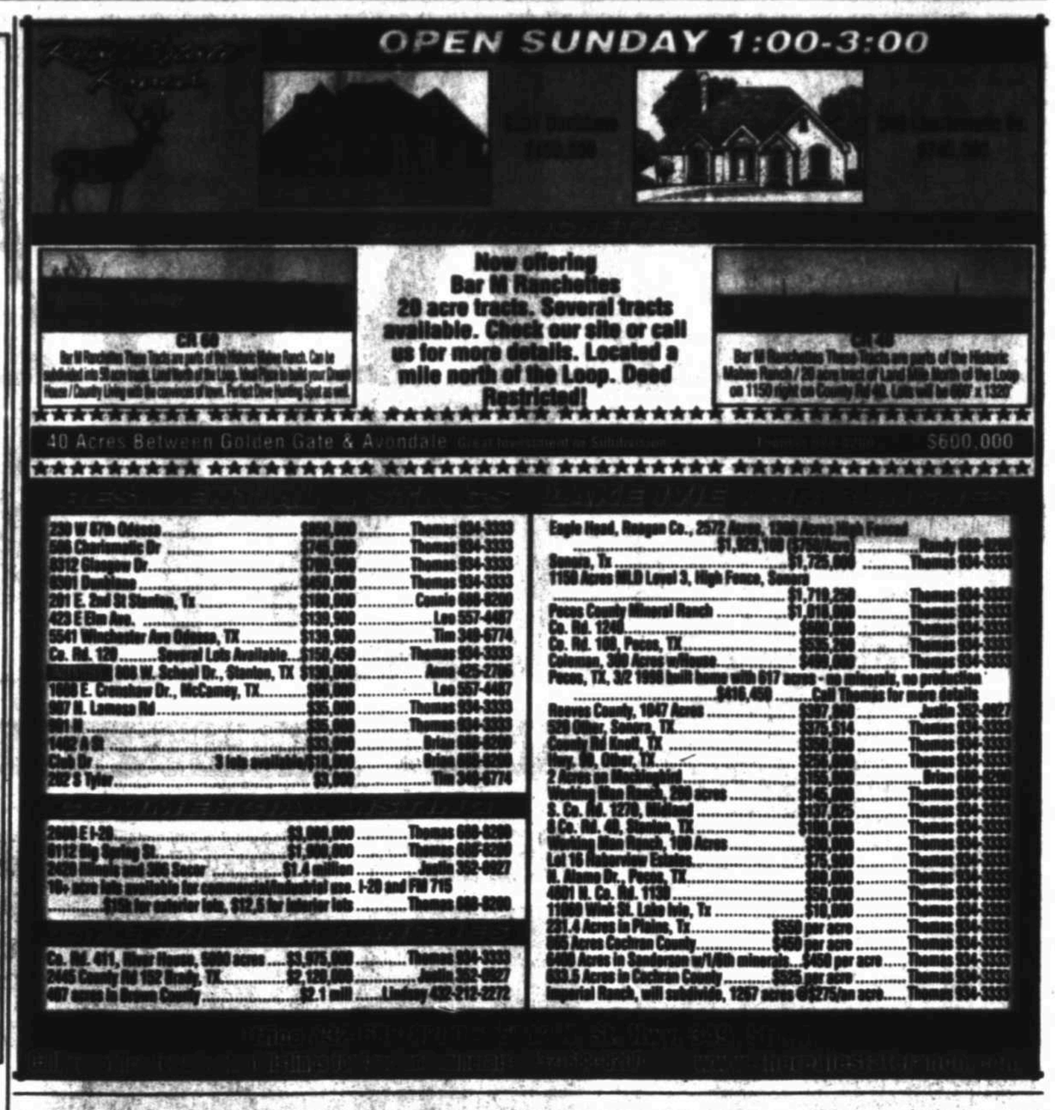

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LOCATION!!!! Prime Commercial property located in Midland County off I-20 and CR 1250. Most of property is paved with security fencing. City, sewer, 2 Excellent Water Wells.

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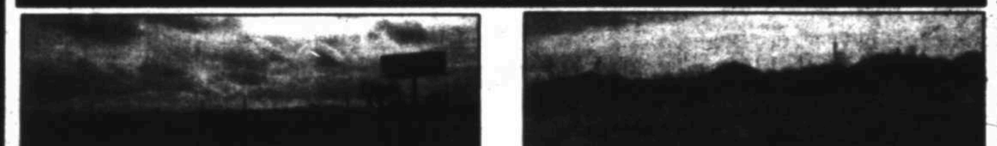

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1304 E. CO. RD. 129 - $32,000 - FACT ID #1037
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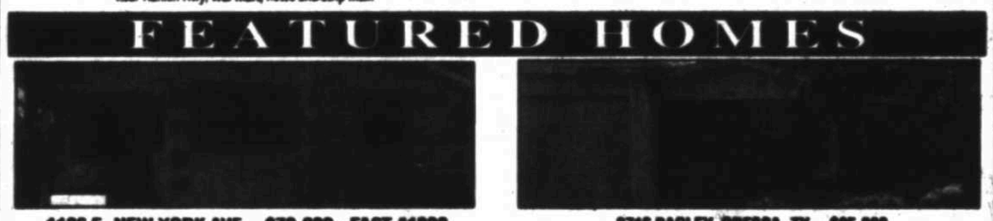

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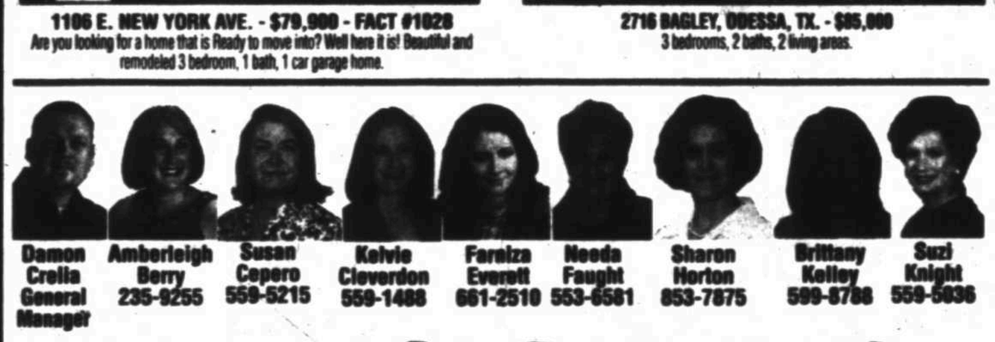

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4+ BEDROOMS

16794 Dogwood-NEW-Country lover's dream property on 11.57 acres in Gardendale! 4 bed/4 bath home w/big master suite w/ private patio & fireplace! gourmet kitchen w/custom appliances, oversized 3 car gar & a backyard perfect for entertaining (down to the patio-sloped pool)! HUGE workshop/garage w/overhead doors and spacious barn w/stables! $1,200,000

5609 Greenridge-This absolutely stunning home, zoned both residentially and commercially, is located on a corner lot in Greenbriar Estates! The gourmet kitchen features an island, pantry, double ovens, & breakfast bar! ..... UC ... $799,900

1010 Cuthbert - NEW-Ranch/Country Hideaway! 4 bd/3 ba/3 car barn home with a dazzling pool in all Midland! Gourmet spacious kitchen with granite, stainless steel appliances, and island! Walls of bright windows, plantation shutters, soaring ceilings, vaulted ceilings and dazzling hardwood floors throughout make you feel at home the moment you walk in the door! Large covered patio extends the entire length of the home for entertaining! $795,000

6321 Ridgewood-NEW-Absolutely spectacular 5 bed/3.5 bath in Grandeur! Wow! Custom granite throughout, soaring ceilings w/detailed crown molding, walls of windows w/plantation shutters & hand-scraped planning hardwood floors! Gourmet kitchen w/5 burner gas cook top & stainless appliances! 4 car garage and huge backyard! $530,000

3002 St. Andrews-This absolutely spectacular 5 bedroom home is located on a quiet, tree-lined cul-de-sac! Gourmet kitchen w/glass tile backsplash, stainless appliances, granite countertops, & breakfast dining! Dazzling pool & spa/spa, 4+ car garage! In Trinity Estates! $535,500

5109 Teakwood Trace-NEW-Immaculate 4 bedroom in Green Tree! Gourmet kitchen w/granite, stainless steel appliances, pantry, breakfast bar, & island! ..... SOLD...$499,000

4005 Shady Oak-NEW-Charming 4 bedroom/2.5 bath 2-story home in Green Tree! Granite throughout, walls of bright windows, w/energizing golf course views! ..... UC IN 1 DAY...$498,000

SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE

OPEN TODAY 1:00-3:00...2405 Terrace-NEW-Lovely 2 bedroom/2.5 bath home with great curb appeal in the heart of old Midland! Charming hardwood floors in the formal living and dining areas, walls of bright windows, built-ins, and brick wood-burning fireplace! Spacious kitchen with stainless appliances and access to the large utility room with an office area! The lush backyard has an above-ground swimming pool and a detached garage with alley access! $255,000

4+ BEDROOMS

7004 Courtney Court-NEW-Immaculate 5 bedroom home on a quiet cul-de-sac in Briar Creek! Walls of bright windows, plantation shutters and gleaming hardwood floors in the formal living and Gourmet kitchen with tons of granite space, stainless steel appliances and dark wood! Spacious separated master bedroom with a huge master bath! The guest bedrooms all have lush carpet! Oversized 3 car garage and a huge covered patio in the backyard! $410,000

6505 Gladiolus-New construction. Adorable 4 bed/2.5 bath home! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, miles of tile, gourmet kitchen, granite countertops in kitchen and baths! ..... SOLD...$310,000

4009 Woodhollow-Lovely 4 bedroom in Briarwood! Miles of tile, soaring ceilings, plantation shutters and walls of bright windows! The open floor plan makes this home perfect for entertaining! ..... SOLD...$290,000

1004 College-NEW-Adorable 4 bedroom/2 bath story book cottage sits near the museum! Charming hardwood floors, walls of bright windows, built-ins, and 2 fireplaces! ..... UC...$225,000

3106 Wade-Spacious 4 bedroom on a quiet cul-de-sac! This home features fabulous updates, gleaming hardwood floors and charming brick fireplace! The kitchen has granite countertops, breakfast bar, island! ..... SOLD...$210,000

3205 Beardsworth-NEW-Ranch/Country picture perfect! Fabulous! 3 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac with tremendous drive-up appeal! Oversized living area with a dramatic fireplace, walls of bright windows, soaring ceilings! ..... UC IN 1 DAY...$199,000

3353 CR C 2000, Stanton-Immaculate 4 bedroom/3 bath! Living in Stanton! Walls of bright windows and miles of tile! There is a huge kitchen with a breakfast bar, island, and dramatic cabinets! The oversized master has a jetted tub, dual sinks, and separate shower! The second living area has a cozy stone fireplace! The lovely home is complete with a huge backyard! $189,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

1808 ECR 100-NEW-Spacious 3 bedroom/2 bath home sits on 1.02 acres in Greenwood! Featuring an updated kitchen with new countertops, backsplash and shiny hardwood! The oversized master bath has a jetted tub, separate shower and bright skylight! This lovely home is complete with a huge backyard and storage building! $209,000

2405 Terrace-NEW-Lovely 2 bedroom/2.5 bath home with great curb appeal in the heart of old Midland! Charming hardwood floors in the formal living and dining areas, walls of bright windows, built-ins and wood burning fireplace! Spacious kitchen with stainless appliances and plenty of cabinet space! The lush backyard has an above-ground swimming pool and a detached garage with alley access! $255,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

2603 Shandon Ave-NEW-Absolutely stunning updated 2 bedroom/2 bath home in Fannin area! Miles of tile, walls of bright windows, and abundant built-ins and storage! Recent interior and exterior paint and carpet! ..... UC IN 1 DAY...$229,900

5401 San Saba Ct.-This immaculate 2 bed/2.5 bath home is located on a cul-de-sac in Holiday Hill Village! The kitchen is open and inviting and features a large buffet, china cabinet, breakfast bar and adjacent dining area! The spacious master bedroom has a private sitting area and the master bath has double sinks, sep shower & jetted tub and walk-in closet! $229,900

3412 Wedgewood-NEW-Immaculate 3 bed/2.5 bath townhome with fabulous curb appeal! 2 living, 2 dining and downstairs sequestered master suite! Lovely low maintenance yards! ... SOLD IN 1 DAY...$210,000

5201 N Midkiff-The incredibly charming 3 bed/2 bath home has soaring (exposed beams!) ceilings, cozy fireplace, and bright windows throughout! The kitchen features stainless appliances, breakfast bar, adjacent dining! ..... UC...$102,000

1222 East Golf Course-NEW-Fabulous! 3 bed/2 bath new construction with miles of tile, walls of bright windows, and soaring ceilings! Stay master suite features spacious walk-in closet! ..... SOLD...$199,000

2503 Midkiff-Charming 2 bed/2 bath w/walls of windows (plantation shutters!), bright skylights, & built-ins! Open den area w/cozy brick fireplace and direct access to the formal dining! Lovely kitchen! Great location close to park & schools! $155,000

2408 Apperson-Adorable 3 bed/2 bath with 2 living areas! Spacious master bed w/separate closets and private bath! Plenty of closets for storage! Large backyard and lush landscaping! ..... SOLD...$109,000

3407 Thomas-NEW-A charming 3 bedroom/2 bath home featuring recent updates, miles of tile and bright windows! The large updated kitchen has a lovely island, and adjacent dining area! The cozy den has beautiful dark wood floors! This home is complete with huge backyard! $139,000

1408B ECR 104-NEW- This adorable 2 bed/1.5 bath home sits on 4.3 acres and is just minutes from Greenwood schools! The first living area is open to the spacious kitchen and the large second living area is perfect for media, music or game room! The 2 car carport has attached storage! Landscaped with mature trees! $110,000

4700 Boulder #307-A lovely downstairs condo unit with recent updates; some of which include a designer kitchen with bath, cabinets, counters, and tile floors! The darling kitchen has wood block superlative, pantry, cabinetry, and is open to the large living area with access (through French doors!) into the private patio and yard! $48,000

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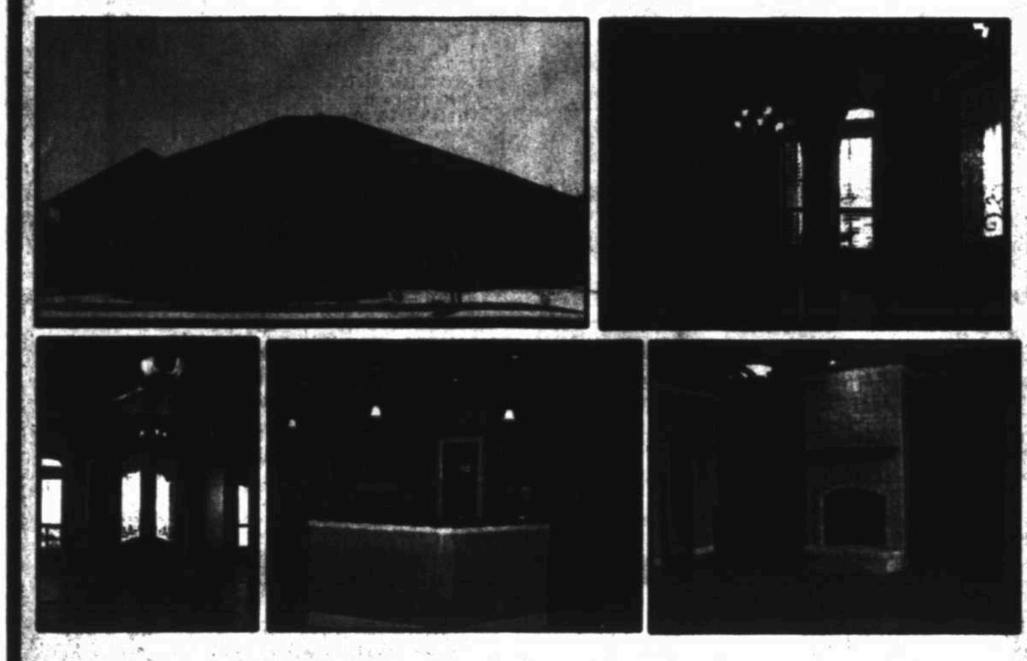

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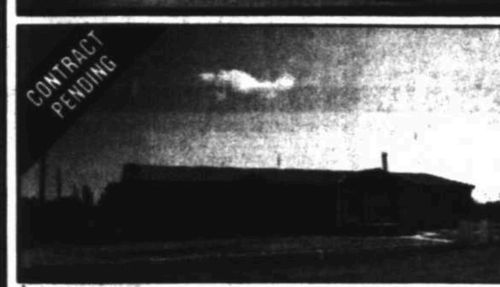

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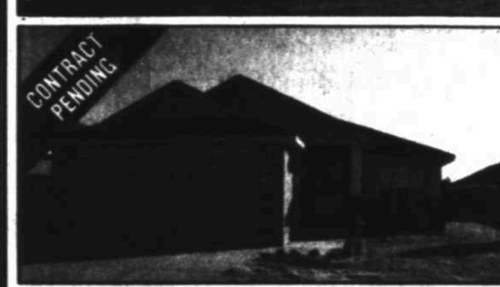

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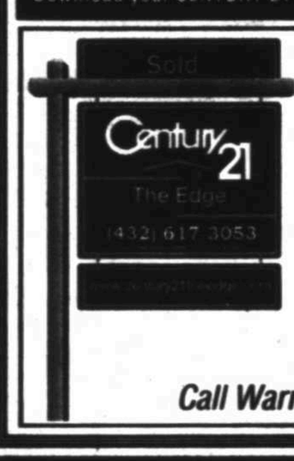

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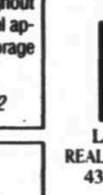
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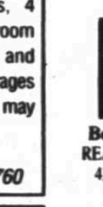
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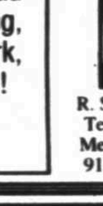
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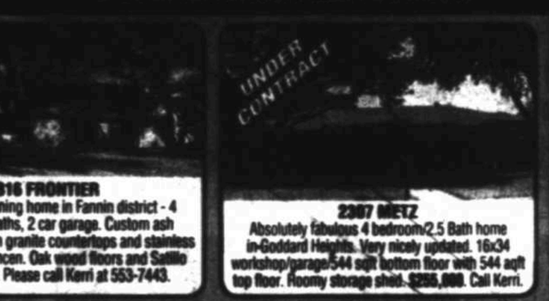
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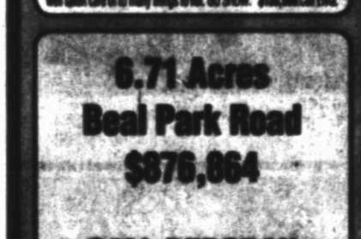

2317 CO. RD. 1149
Beautiful country home on 3.47 acres. LOTS OF SPACE! Spacious bedrooms with great storage. Separate utility/mud room with separate bath and closet. Great kitchen has lots of kitchen cabinets with many things to do. ED DUNN $169,000.00 Cell Kerri.

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Absolutely stunning home in Fannin district - 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car garage. Custom ash cabinets along with granite countertops and stainless appliances in kitchen. Oak wood floors and Saltillo tile. $350,000. Please call Kerri at 553-7443.

2307 BETZ
Absolutely fabulous 4 bedroom/2.5 Bath home in Godbold Heights. Very nicely updated. 18x34 workshop/garage/644 sqft bottom floor with 544 sqft top floor. Roomy storage shed. $260,000. Call Kerri.

6.71 Acres Neal Park Road $575,024 CALL DEBORAH

4617 PLEASANT
3 bedroom, 3 bath home in Western Hills. $189,000. Please call Cindy.

705 SPRINGBERRY
Charming and very well cared for 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 1 living area, or 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 living area home. Recently totally remodeled including paint,tile,all fixtures,water heater,AC,roof and Austin Stone Rock exterior. $142,000. Call Kelley 553-7443.

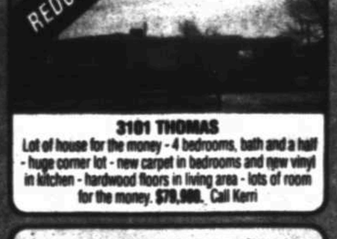
1010 WAHOTA
Stunning custom built home with four bedrooms three full baths and a three car garage. Tile throughout the entire house. $249,000. Please call Cindy.

2400 JEFFERSON
Great neighborhood. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 living area and 2 car garage. $167,000. Please call Deborah.

4516 FAIRBANKS
Charming 4bed/2 bath/1 living/2 dining/2 car garage home in fairmont park! features soaring ceilings,crown molding,bright windows,incredible built-ins, hardwood floors, tile & carpet & tons of closet space thru-out! $215,000. Please call Kerri at 553-7443.

5200 OAK VALLEY DR.
Absolutely fabulous 4 bedroom 3 bath home in grandiose addition. Beautiful open floor plat with high ceilings, crown molding and rounded corners. 3 Car garage. Call Cindy. $312,000.

3213 STANDLIND AVE.
Cul-de-sac location on beautiful tree lined street in mature trees. Tons on space and storage. 3 Living areas one with wood burning fireplace. 3 dining areas, big kitchen with lots of cabinets, 4 large bedrooms with lots of closet space. 3 full size bathrooms and a large utility room. $262,000. Owner Agent. Call Cindy at 413-9404.



3101 THOMAS
Lot of house for the money - 4 bedrooms, bath and a half - huge corner lot - new carpet in bedrooms and new vinyl in kitchen - hardwood floors in living area - lots of room for the money. $70,000. Call Kerri

2815 MARMON
4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, 2 car garage, workshop, covered patio. $225,000. Call Kerri.

3600 CO. RD. 1169
Fabulous country home. Three bedrooms two and a half baths. Like new built in 2006. Walls of windows, cozy fireplace with beautiful tile floors. Fantastic master suite with a wonderful closet! $312,000. Call Cindy 413-9404.

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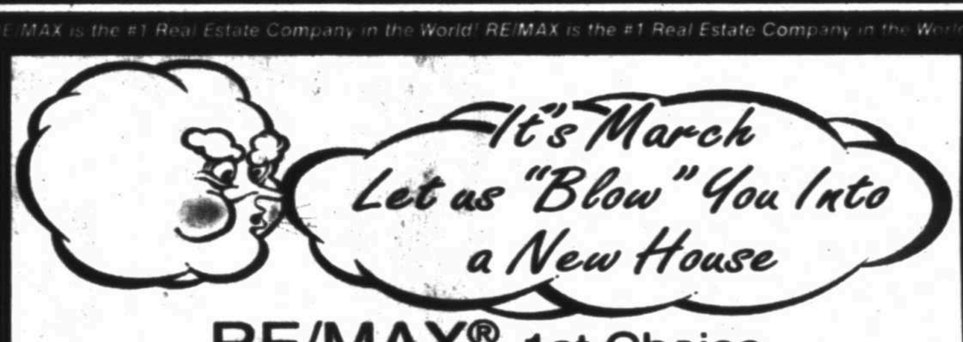

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4210 ECR 61-New construction, 2.3 Acres, 4 bd, 3 ba, 3 liv, 2 din ... $659,900
1600 SCR 1134-Greenwood-4/3/2 in Stoneridge. 3 liv, 2 din. approx. ... $639,900
4479 sf. Pool, shop, barn, 3.9AC. ... $639,900
1600 SCR 1134-Greenwood-4/3/2 in Stoneridge. 3 liv, 2 din. approx. 4479 sf. Pool, shop, barn, 3.9AC. ... $639,900
4810 NCR 1147-32.5 on 13 acres. ... REDUCED $507,000
2800 Garfield-Low maint. w/pool, 3 bd, 4.5 baths, wood floors, high ceilings ... $399,500
15348 N. Hollyhock, Gardendale, Tx-3/3, shop, 2.2AC ... REDUCED $365,000
4829 Woodhollow Dr -4/3.5/2 ... $359,900
5509 Highland Ct - Immaculate & updated 4 bdr, 3.5 bath, 2 living, 2 dining, 2750 sq ft ... $319,900
7600 ECR 110-Wow SBR, 4 1/2BA, 2.39AC. ... REDUCED $279,900
3715 CR 1130-4bd, 3ba, 5 acres, Greenwood, 5 outbuildings. ... $259,000
2510 W. Front-Commercial/Industrial ... REDUCED $249,900
3003 SCR 1067-New Constr, Greenwood, 4/2/2, 1AC lot. ... $215,000
1406 W. Texas-Lease or For Sale ... $182,500
3108 Michigan-Rnf nat/amer 3 bed/2.5 bath 1914 sqft ... REDUCED $143,500
1413 E. 12th St., Odessa,-3bd, 2ba ... $115,000
2102 Missouri ... $105,000
2001 Bryant St -2bd, 2ba, water well ... $65,000

2 BEDROOMS

2001 Bryant St -2bd, 2ba, water well ... $65,000

3 BEDROOMS

2800 Garfield-Low maint. w/pool, 3 bd, 4.5 baths, wood floors, high ceilings ... W/C $399,500
15348 N. Hollyhock, Gardendale, Tx-3/3, shop, 2.2AC ... $365,000
1706 Cloverdale-3bd, 2ba, 2 acres, great for pipe yard ... $250,000
1508 Bedford-3/3.5 ... $243,500
6600 SCR 1270-3 bed, 2 bath on 6 Acres ... $229,900
5104 Brighton-3bd, 2ba, 2 dining, Saddle Club South ... W/C $224,500
3314 Haynes-3/2-1/2/2 ... W/C $215,000
4008 Timber Ln. ... W/C IN 5 HOURS! $199,500
2211 Seaboard-3bdrm. workshop ... SOLD $194,500
12210 WCR 52-3 bd, 2ba, 4.284 Acres ... W/C $169,000
803 Stoney-3/2/2, hardwood, Old Midland ... W/C $159,000
3108 Michigan-3 bed/2.5 bath, 2LA, 1 gar, 1914 sqft ... W/C $143,500
4909 Canadian Ave.-3bd, 2 bath, 2 car garage ... W/C $139,000
4506 Aretta-3/1.5 ... W/C $118,000
1413 E. 12th St., Odessa-3bd, 2ba ... $115,000
5000 ECR 59-Updated 3/2, Greenwood schools, .44 acres ... $99,900
1706 E. Oak-3bd, 2ba, many updates ... W/C $79,000

4 BEDROOMS

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1600 SCR 1134-Greenwood 4/3/2 in Stoneridge. 3 liv, 2 din. approx. ... $639,900
4479 sf. Pool, shop, barn, 3.9AC. ... $639,900
4212 Timbergien-4/3.5, Mockingbird Heights ... W/C $485,000
4829 Woodhollow Dr -4/3.5/2 ... $359,900
5509 Highland Ct – Immaculate & updated 4 bdr, 3.5 bath, 2 living, 2 dining, 2750 sq ft ... $319,900
5008 Apple Creek Rd.-4 bed, 3 bath, 2 liv ... W/C $318,000
7600 ECR 110-Wow SBR, 4 1/2BA, 2.39 Acres ... $279,900
2507 Stanolind-4/2, new to market ... W/C $247,900
3715 CR 1130-4bd, 3ba, 5 acres, Greenwood, 5 outbuildings. ... $245,900
3003 SCR 1067-New Constr, Greenwood, 4/2/2, 1AC lot ... $215,000
3004 SCR 1067-New Constr, Greenwood, 4/2/2, 1AC lot ... W/C $215,000
3300 Canernont-New 4BR, 2BA, 2 din, Fairmont ... W/C $212,000

5+ BEDROOMS

4212 Timbergien ... W/C $465,000
7600 ECR 110-5 BR, 4½ Bath, Office, Barn 2.39 acres ... $279,900

COUNTRY HOMES

1600 SCR 1134-Greenwood 4/3/2 in Stoneridge. 3 liv, 2 din. approx. 4479 sf. Pool, shop, barn, 3.9AC. ... $639,900
4810 NCR 1147-Spectacular home on 13 acres ... W/C $507,000
15348 N. Hollyhock, Gardendale, Tx-3/3, shop, 2.2AC ... REDUCED $365,000
7600 ECR 110-Wow SBR, 4 1/2BA, 2.39 Acres. REDUCED $279,900
1708 Cloverdale-3bd, 2ba, 2 acres, great for pipe yard ... $250,000
3715 CR 1130-4bd, 3ba, 5 acres, Greenwood, 5 outbuildings. ... $245,900
6900 SCR 1270-3/2, waterwell, 6.061 Acres ... $229,900
3003 SCR 1067-New Constr, Greenwood, 4/2/2, 1AC lot ... $215,000
3004 SCR 1067-New Constr, Greenwood, 4/2/2, 1AC lot ... W/C $215,000
1221E WCR 52 3 bd, 2ba, 4.294 Acres ... W/C $189,000
5000 ECR 59-Totally updated 3 bed 2 bath Greenwood schools ... $99,900

LAND

3312 Andrews Hwy.-Great location, .841 Acres ... $390,000
4301-4000 E. CR 63-11 Lots ... Call Ernesto For Sizes & Prices
E. CR 61 and 63-Pristine Lots ... Call Ernesto for Sizes & Prices
4306 N. CR 1148-2.91 Acres ... $92,120
Stoneridge-CR 1134-G/SO - 3.4 AC, s/f RES ... $85,500
4801 CR 1147 -8.5 Acres ... W/C $65,000

COMMERCIAL

1002 I-20 Service Rd.-5.71 Acres ... $999,000
4216 Marnies C-Lot, 0.97 Acres Approx Off Wadley ... $359,000
4301 Marnie C-Lot, 0.92 Acres Approx Off Wadley ... $340,000
4206 Marnies C-Lot, 0.78 Acres Approx Off Wadley ... $289,000
2510 W. Front-Commercial/Industrial ... REDUCED $249,900

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NEW LISTING
1615 S Pecan Ave, Gardendale - $199,000
3BR, 2BA on 4.25 Acres! Workshop!
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4 - BEDROOMS

2504 Tealand Circle-4 Bedroom + Study, 3.5 Bath, 3 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..... Grand Reduced $1,175,000

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! 5,800+ sqft, 3 Car Garage, Christmas Storage Closet, & So Much More!!! Call Norma for more details..... Grand Reduced $1,050,000

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 ..... Now Construction! $599,000

7706 Trenton-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 Living, 2 Dining in the Main House! 4.42 Acres, 5400sqft insulated workshop, guest house, 2 water wells. Lots going on here, call Chris for more details! ..... Grand Reduced $600,000

4200 E Co Rd 91-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath. Another Gorgeous Triple M Home! 2.3 Acres in Bonito Estates. Granite throughout, Hand Scraped Hardwood Floors, Plantation Shutters, Stainless Appliances, & So Much More!!! ..... Sold! $515,000

296 Carol Ln-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, Gorgeous Country Home on 0.584 Acres. All the Bells & Whistles!!! Loaded w/granite, stainless appliances, game/media room! Yard will be landscaped & have vinyl fencing. Estimated Completion May 1st. Call for more details! ..... New Construction! $495,000

6515 Evergreen -4 Bedroom. 4.5 Bath. 3 Living Areas. Rare Split Level! New Carpet & Paint! 25x30 Workshop. 1.7 Acres in Llano Estacado! ..... New Price! $439,000

5305 Prairie Ridge-4 Bedroom. 3 Bath. 3 Car Garage! Brand New Almond Construction! Still time to customize this Gorgeous Home! Buyers can select granite, tile, carpet, colors, etc!!! ..... New Construction! $360,000

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, all bronze package! Luxurious Master Suite!!! ..... New Price! $329,900

3225 Marlberry, Odessa-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Car Garage. Another Magnificent Rosas New Home In Castlebridge Estates! Granite, tumbled marble, stainless appliances, crown molding, plantation shutters, & much more!! ..... Sale Pending! $469,000

4805 E Co Rd 89-4 Bedroom. 3 Bath. 2 Car Garage. 2390 sqft. Just under 1 Acre! Brand NEW Construction!!! ..... Sale Pending! $260,000

2800 Caldera-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath. Brand NEW RGA Construction! HUGE Open Floor Plan, Granite, Miles & Miles Tile, Stainless, Oil Bronze, High Ceilings & So Much More!!! ..... Sold! $299,000

1600 Pueblo-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Another Beauty from Summit Homes! Stainless appliances, miles of tile, loaded w/granite! Landscaping package included. In 249 Ranch Estates. ..... Sold! $267,000

3016 Bowman-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 Living Areas. Recent heating & cooling (2 units) recent dishwasher & microwave! Charming home in Great Shape!!! ..... Sale Pending! $189,000

110 S Dunberry-4 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath. Many Updates, recent kitchen cabinetry, dishwasher, carpet, lighting, ceramic tile, furnace ..... Sale Pending! $123,000

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

1313 E Co Rd 129-3 Bedroom. 2.5 Bath. 2 Car Garage. 4 Carports. Totally Updated Home w/travertine marble tile throughout, granite, new low e windows. Sparkling in-ground fiber glass swimming pool! 4,200 sqft heated & cooled Workshop! 2.5 ACRES!!! ..... New Listing! $399,000

2 Bristol Ct-3 Bedroom. 2 Bath. 2 Living Areas. 2 Dining Areas! Lots of updates. Stainless Appliances, Granite is the bathrooms, tile & laminate wood flooring, & in-ground Swimming Pool! ..... New Listing! $339,900

41 Lafayette-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. 2 Half Baths. 2 Living, 2 Story Townhome! Plantation shutters, Wet bar, Spacious Rooms! Inground Pool w/Spa! Barkman Square Foundation! ..... New Listing! $210,900

160 S Eisenhower-3 Bedroom. 2 Bath. HUGE Bonus Room. Inground Pool!!! Stunning Home Looks Home Owners Have Totally Updated! Stainless Appliances, Updated Kitchen & Baths! Pergo Flooring! ..... Sold! $161,000

1005 Wood-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living Areas in Fannin District! Open Concept. Large workshop w/electricity! ..... Sale Pending! $165,000

3405 W Golf Course-3 Bedroom. 2 Bath. 2 Living. 2 Dining. Historic Midland Home! Incredible Location! Basement, Workshop, Storage Sheds! ..... Sale Pending! $169,000

16736 N. Pecan, Gardendale-3 Bedroom. 2 Bath on 4.93 Acres!!! Perfect Serene Country Setting! Home just under 1,900sqft, Workshop, & Horse Pens! ..... New Listing! $160,000

610 W. Hobbs-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Quaint Charming Cottage! Hardwood flooring, recent paint & texture w/tch focusing! Appro 1,000 sqft, plush carpeting & oversized bedrooms! $2,000 Buyer Incentive ..... Sale Pending! $142,000

602 W. 2nd St, Stanton-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. Home sits on 2 lots! HUGE circle drive & extra parking pad to the side. Endless Possibilities! ..... Sale Pending! $135,000

4504 Leddy-3 Bedroom. 2 Bath. 1,680+sqft. Lots of recent updates!!! New metal roof! all NEW Flooring! ..... ★★★★Under Contract 48 Hours! $134,900

1300 Rowe St-3 Bedroom. 2 Bath. 2 Car Garage. Front Courtyard Entry w/extra concrete parking! Master bath has garden tub, spacious open living area. Great Price Point!!! ..... Sale Pending! $120,000

1309 W. Michigan Ave.-2 Bedroom, 1 Bath. Totally redone! Fresh paint throughout, new cabinets in kitchen, stainless appliances including refrigerator! ..... Sold! $114,000

4613 Mercedes-3 Bedroom. 2 Bath. 2 Car Garage. 1,331 sqft. Some Interior Updating! ..... Sale Pending! $114,000

3509 Park Ln-3 Bedroom. 1.5 Bath. 1 Car Garage. Big open kitchen, newer windows & flooring! Perfect Starter Home! ..... Sold! $98,000

1300 E. Loop 250 N-3 Bedroom. 1 Bath. Great Potential! 2.5 Acres! Call Chris for Additional Info! Loop Frontage Property ..... Sale Pending! $14,000

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, 13 water wells & much more! Call David for more details ..... New Listing! $1,200,000

1001 N. Big Spring-2 Lots. High Traffic. Highly Profitable Business Opportunity! Call Chris for more info ..... New Price! $1,200,000

520 Elliot, Odessa-Phenomenal Investment Opportunity Here! ENTIRE block of land. Church & Parsonage Includes! ..... New Price! $449,000

6501 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! $375,000

1002 W Illinois-6 Offices, Board Room, Kitchen, 2 Baths. Updated Interior. Plenty of Parking! Call Chris for more details ..... New Listing! $299,000

3812 Tumbleweed-1.4 Acre Lot Located in North West Midland. Country Sky Subdivision. Perfect for your NEW Home! Call Ron for more details! ..... Lot! $85,000

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?

4301 Huskhilled Hills-4 Bedroom. 3.5 Ba in Falconhead! Awesome plan, granite + $25,000 buyer decorating allowance! WOW! ..... New Price! $452,000

11912 Cascade Caverns Trail-Super REO 5 Bedrooms & over 4000sqft in Shady Hollow Area ..... ★★★★Under Contract in 10 Days with 4 Offers! $352,100

130 Dove Lane-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in gated Meadowview with access to lake LEA! ..... New Price! $379,000

6214 Sherwood-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath off Westgate Blvd in Austin! Bank Owned REO! ..... ★★★★Under Contract in 5 Days! $120,000

1750 Loop 1604C-Bank Owned 14 Acres in Outgoing Springs with easy access to 290 ..... ★★★★Under Contract! $79,000

494 Emerald Way-Fabulous Cul-de-sac Lot in Horseshoe Bay West Ready to Build On! Call 512-796-4340 ..... New Price! $29,000

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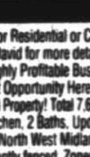
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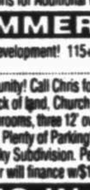
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4 - BEDROOMS

5303 Greathouse-New construction in greathouse boasts 4 bed/3 bath/1 living/2 dining & 3 car gar! 4th bed is larger & open to patio making a great media/gameroom! Spacious living w/brick fireplace & crown moulding. Gourmet kitchen opens to living and offers granite countertops, island, skylight, stone backsplash & stainless appliances. Separate master suite with wrap around closet. Beautiful iron front door ..... Sale Pending! $399,000

5303 Greathouse - new construction in greathouse boasts 4 bed/3 bath/2 living/2 dining & 3 car garage! 4th bed is larger & would be a perfect gameroom. Office was off utility room. Spacious living w/fireplace & crown molding. Gourmet kitchen w/granite, gas cooktop, island, skylight, stone backsplash & stainless appliances! Master suite w/pulled tub, large shower & two vanities. Covered patio for entertaining ..... Sale Pending! $399,000

1311 Rimrock-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 & likefter 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 in & sunroom w/walls of windows overlook open brick patio. Separate yard too $299,000

800 W Michigan-NEW-great home on corner lot close to downtown & parks! Four bedroom, two bath, two garage.Fourth bedroom could be study/office. Priced to sell as-is! Spacious living area w/granite fireplaceand built-in bookcases. Breakfast and formal dining. Hardwood floors, 13 seer trane hvac, ducts & tankless water heater installed in 2006. Covered patio, cinderblock fence & auto sprinkler $184,900

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

404 Springwood-Wonderful energy home! 3 Bed/2.5 Ba/2 gar. Open floor plan w/spacious great room. Soaring ceilings, crown molding, ceramic tile & brick fireplace. Kitchen has custom cabinets/granite, brick accent wall & custom lighting. Sep. Master w/lovely master bath, jetted tub/shower & huge walk-in closet. Formal dining w/crystal bedroom chandelier, wickerboard, pool, tennis & playground $209,000

3101 Trails End- fabulous 3 bed/2 bath/2 living/2 dining/2 gar. Spacious living w/charmed ceiling, brick fp & built-ins. Updated kitchen w/accent counter tops, 10 inch tile, tasteful appliances, sink & stained accent cabinets. Recent carpet, tile & paint throughout. Oversized master w/2 walk-in closets, 2 vanities, sep tub/shower. Lots of storage! Large patio & yard. Quiet street location! ..... $189 MY I BUYS! $209,000

3101 San Antonio-NEW-great 3 bed/2 bath/2 garage on corner lot in northgate. Tiled entry leads to large living area w/beamed ceiling & fireplace. Spacious kitchen w/appliances & lots of cabinets. Oversized utility room w/lots of storage & desk area. Recent paint, wood-look flooring (no carpet) spacious master w/tiled bath & garden tub has mature trees, patio area & fenced yard ..... $99 MY I BUYS! $185,000

69 Linda Dawn-Nicely maintained 3 bed/2 bath home on quiet cul-de-sac! Separate formal living & formal dining. Spacious living w/brick fireplace & beamed ceiling. Sep. Master w/2 closets, dual sinks & shower. Study office w/2 pantries! This home has great storage & built-ins! Recent carpet & paint. Sunroom, large backyard w/matching trees, storage building & extra parking! Water well for the yard ..... SOLD. $184,000

3207 Aganeeta-wonderful 3 bedroom/2 bath home in kember ba with lovely curb appeal! 2 Living areas with walls of windows, neutral paint and brick fireplace (wood burning). Great kitchen offers double oven, abundant cabinets (some display), breakfast bar & n'o. Master suite with private bath and his & her closets. Spacious inside utility room. Park like backyard with mature landscaping and large covered patio ..... SOLD. $184,000

3502 Jordan - Adorable 3 bedroom/2 bath/ 2 garage. That is move-in ready! Spacious living room widows fireplace & mantel paint. Faux blinds, wood-look flooring & tile, updated kitchen w/recent counter tops, backsplash, gas cook top & fridge. Updated hvac 2007, garage doors & roof. French doors open to patio, large yard w/storage building ..... $99 MY I BUYS! $185,000

619 S. Boatwood -3 bed/2 bath/2 garage home w/great curb appeal is less than a block from Austin Middle School! Wonderful living area boasts soaring vaulted ceilings, fireplace, french doors leading to patio and lovely hardwood flooring. The kitchen offers abundant storage & separate dining area. Sep. Master suite with hardwood floors, huge closet and private bath. Large fenced yard w/mature landscaping & covered patio ..... $99 MY I BUYS! $185,000

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LAND

900 E. Marigold 2.18 Acres - build your dream home! Large lot with pecan trees and 2 water wells. Needs septic, gas for area is before. Buyer to verify gardendale water tap is available and extends to lot. Per deed restrictions - 1600 sq ft 65% masonry, no swine, no pre fab homes $25,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

GALLERY

5304 Hilltop Drive
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ASHINGDON HOMES

5901 Coquina Court
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NEW CONSTRUCTION

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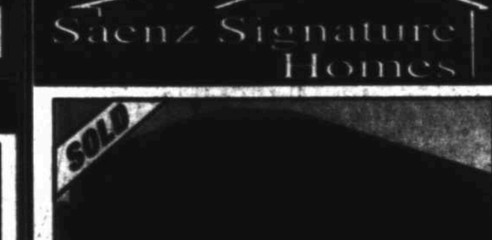

3201 Patrick Place
4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $295,500

Carrasco Homes

6500 Los Conchos Lane
4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $699,000

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

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1159 Register Rd	Colorado City/Lake View/2 Bdrm/2 Ba/Workshop	$74,900
5605 Kermit Ave	Odessa/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
2809 Moss Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
2205 Medford Ct	Odessa/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
240 Main St	Garden City/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Living/Indoor Pool	$275,000
2412 Dartmouth Dr	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$319,900

NEW CONSTRUCTION

4300 Wood Dr	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
4714 Yearwood	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5510 Carmel Ct	Veatch Construction/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
4808 Yearwood	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5702 Los Patios	Dozier Custom Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
4806 Yearwood	Carrage Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5511 Carmel Ct	Veatch Construction/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
3201 Patrick Pl	Saenz Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5902 Oak Creek	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5314 Mathis St	Branson Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
3709 Coquina Ln	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5005 Coquina Ct	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
4715 Yearwood	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$286,300
4709 Yearwood	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$298,200
5700 Carmel Ct	Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$325,000
5309 Castle Pine	Dominion Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$370,000
5312 Wimberley Spring	Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5306 Wimberley Spring	Dominion Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$390,500
3121 Patrick Pl	Hanson Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
403 Pinewood	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
408 Pinewood	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
6500 Los Conchos	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
6501 Los Conchos	Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/4 Car Garage	$699,000

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

Luna Rosa Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
14819 N. Chinaberry	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/0.014 Acres	$112,000
5617 E. Goldenrod	2 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage/1 Acre	$125,000
1303 W. Co. Rd. 110	2 Bdrm/2 Ba/4 Car Garage/56.28 Acres	$375,000
1905 S. Co. Rd. 1130	Greenwood, 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
5634 E. Marigold Dr	3 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage/Gardendale/9.86 Acres	SOLD

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

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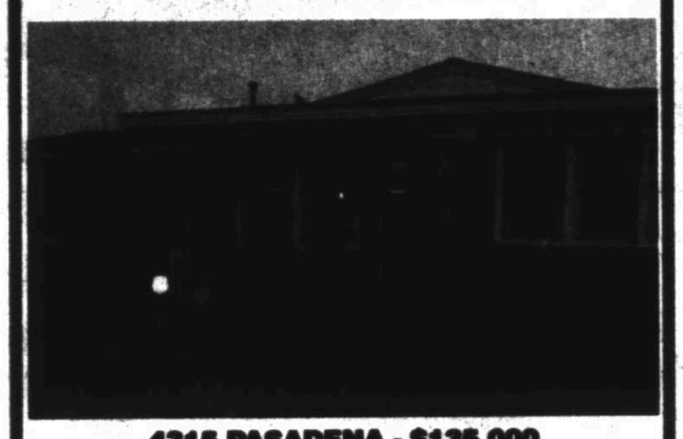
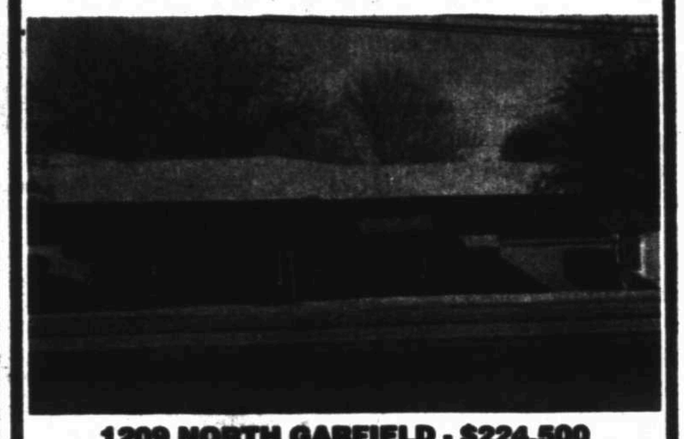


4315 PASADENA - $135,000
Well kept, clean, 3br, 1.5 bath, tons of updating!!
Shown by Maria Mallory

OPEN 1:30-2:30



1209 NORTH GARFIELD - $224,500
4 bedrooms, 3 baths.
Shown by Jane Wolf

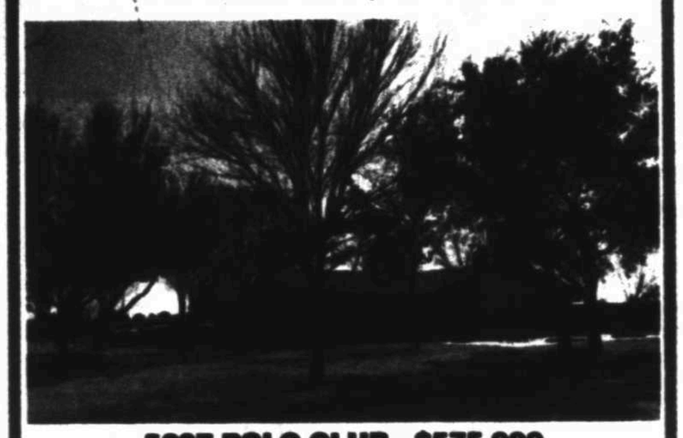
OPEN 1:30-2:30

1202 TELLURIDE DR. - $399,900
New listing in Woodland Park. 4 bdrm, 3 full baths, 2 living, 3 car garage.
Shown by Cheryl Parrish

OPEN 1:30-2:30

5109 BRIGHTON PL. - $270,000
4 bedrooms! 3 full baths! 2 living areas!
Shown by Kay Bivens

OPEN 1:30-2:30



5207 POLO CLUB - $575,000
4/3, 2+ acres with outdoor arena.
Shown by Perkins Brasher

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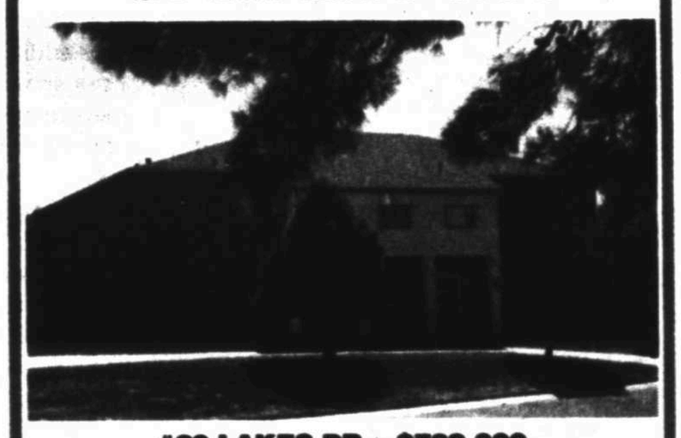

#20 LAKES DR. - $789,000
One of a kind!
Shown by Martha Manulik

OPEN 2:00-3:00

3805 KNIFFEN - $299,000
3 bedroom, 2 bath, nestled on 1.25 acres.
Country living at it's best!
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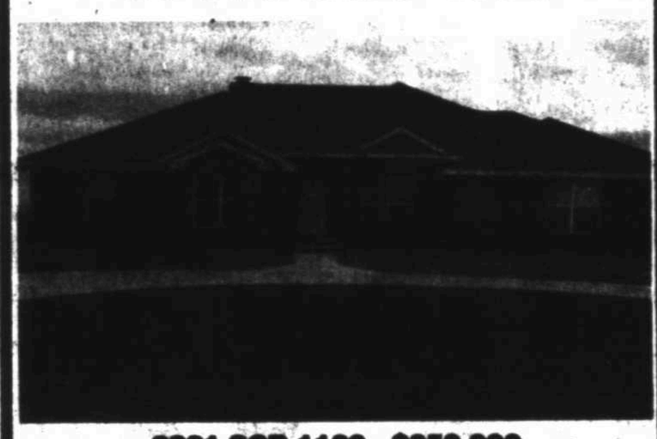

2221 SCR 1130 - $350,000
Greenwood Beauty! 4 bedrooms/3 full baths!
Shown by Kay Bivens

OPEN 3:30-4:30

4300 SKYLINE - $365,000
5 bedrooms! Pool/spa! Updated!
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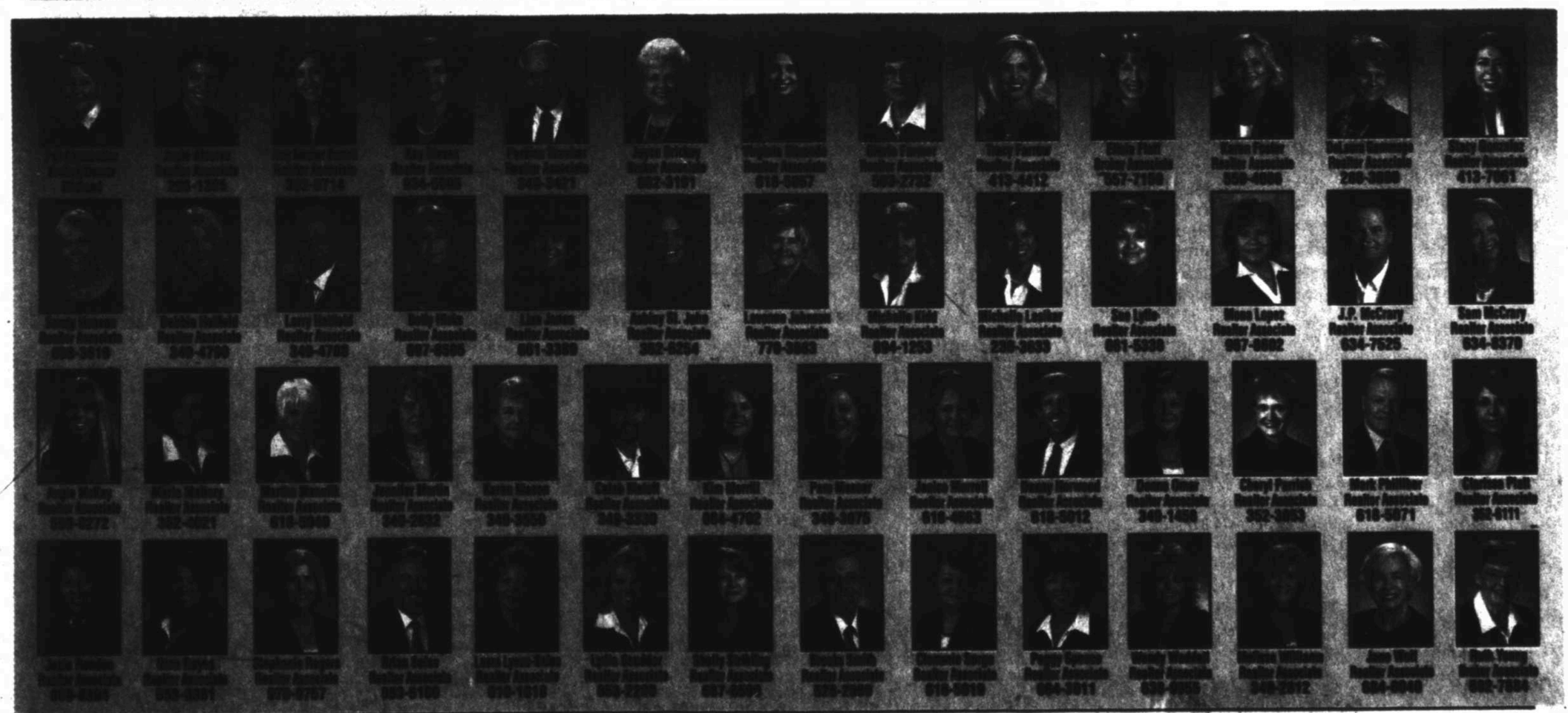

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Percentage of tablet owners who use their tablets while in the bathroom.

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What Makes It Modern?

Don't be fooled by dictionary definitions: Modern and contemporary styles overlap now, but understanding the differences can help create a more cohesive style in your home

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH | CTW Features

In the dictionary, "modern" and "contemporary" seem synonymous: Both describe something belonging to the present time. Perhaps that's why people use the words interchangeably to describe architecture and interior design, although modern and contemporary are actually two distinct styles.

Webster notwithstanding, only the word "contemporary" describes what is in style or "of the moment" in architecture and design. The label "modern" indicates a specific period in design history that took root in the 1920s and 1930s and lasted through the 1960s and 1970s. That means modern style is established and doesn't change. Contemporary, on the other hand, is "what's happening now. And that changes over time," depending on prevailing tastes, says interior designer Ron Tremblay of Los Angeles.

Modern design is "very clean-lined and very functional," says interior designer Vicki Bergelt, of Scottsdale, Ariz. "It represents a drastic change to what was popular before, like dark, heavy, carved woods and gilding."

"If anyone wants to know what modern design is," she adds, "just watch 'Mad Men.'" Due in part to the popularity of the AMC TV show set in the 1960s, the "mid-century modern" look is in vogue right now, so modern and "contemporary" styling overlap.

And though Tremblay urges clients not to get "too hung up on terminology," understanding the similarities and differences between the two styles helps people communicate their tastes to designers and salespeople.

Both styles favor clean lines and lack of clutter and veer away from ornate, frilly or ponderous elements.

Modern and contemporary sofas, chairs and ottomans have exposed legs to create that sense of openness and airiness, stopping short of starkness. Sleek floors and reflective surfaces such as exposed metals and glass complete the effect.

Perhaps the most notable difference between modern and contemporary styling is the overall effect each achieves. Modern design creates a retro effect because it features vintage pieces or new pieces inspired by vintage designs, such as Eames chairs, Formica tables and bent plywood.

In contrast, contemporary design tends to create a futuristic effect through the use of modular furnishings, asymmetry, open floor plans and recycled and composite materials.

Inexpert attempts to create a modern or contemporary design can result in a cold, uninviting space. Adding color and texture brings about a warmer effect. "A cushy shag rug in a space that otherwise has modern, clean lines is going to warm things up," Tremblay says. He recommends adding personal touches like photos, artwork and books.

Incorporating some traditional or unexpected pieces also helps. "Anything that's a counterpoint to those hard, clean lines is going to generate warmth," he says.

Modern pieces can also be incorporated into other design styles. "Finding vintage modern furniture and bringing it into your design is very popular now," Bergelt says. "Modern always seems to stay current; it never goes out of style."

Newer design terms like neo-eclecticism and classic-contemporary have sprung up to assert the idea that a room need not conform to just one style. Tremblay's clients often specify "warm contemporary" to make clear their desire for a space that combines contemporary with softer, warmer elements.

Combining pieces from different eras and styles can create a space that's predominantly but not purely modern or contemporary, for a pleasingly warm and welcoming effect. "This is what I am seeing a lot of," Bergelt says, "and it's also my favorite way of designing. I like to call it classic-contemporary."

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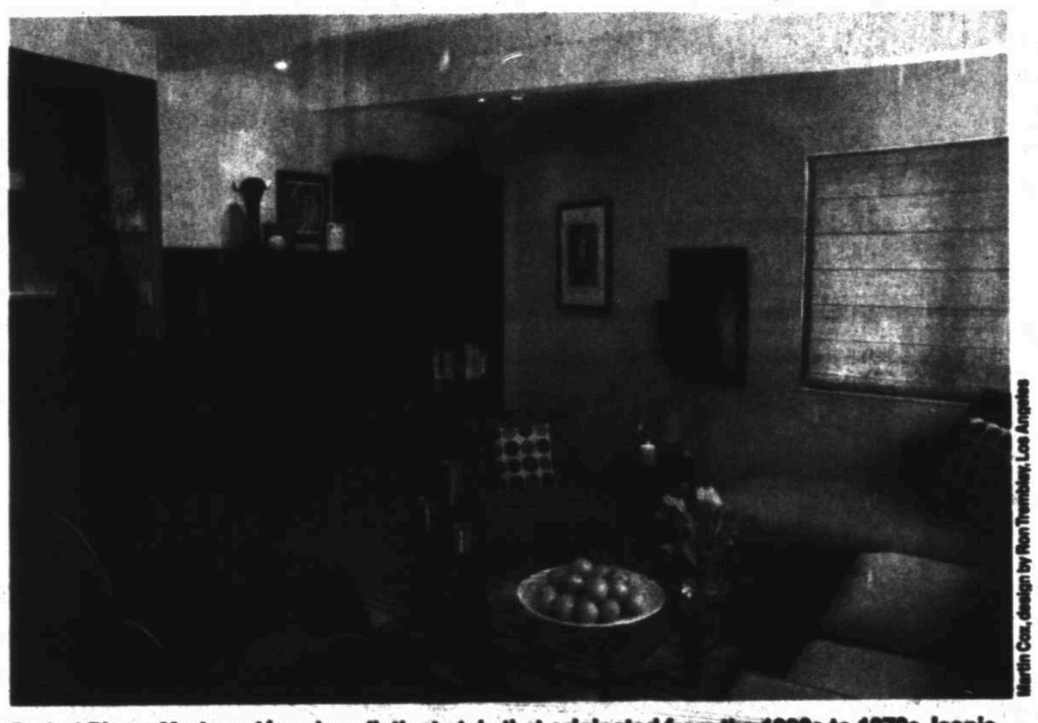
Martin Cox, design by Ron Tremblay, Los Angeles

In the Now: Contemporary design elements follow the current styles and what's popular now. In 2012, that includes modular leather seating and a mix of natural and synthetic materials, including hardwood flooring and a Lucite side table.



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Period Piece: Modern décor is a distinct style that originated from the 1920s to 1970s. Iconic modern pieces include an authentic Eames chair and a Noguci-inspired coffee table, above.

Sit Back and Enjoy the Show

The newest luxury recliners for home theaters feature perfect positioning, mood lighting and, for those who tend to doze off, a swift kick in the rear

By ALYSSA KARAS | CTW Features

With all of the recent innovations in home theater seating, you might even forget to pop in the movie. Power recline, LED lighting, and a sound system that will shake the chair without waking the kids – sit back and let these seats steal the show.

It's been 85 years since the founders of La-Z-Boy began their business out of a garage in Monroe, Mich. To mark this special anniversary, the company is introducing its latest power recliner, a souped-up version of the wood-slat folding chair that debuted in 1928.

The PowerReclineXR will be available in mid-March, and the feature's hand-held remote lets you independently position the back and leg rest for maximum comfort.

The "Cinema" model by Lane Furniture also offers power recline, as well as a variety of bells and whistles to enhance any movie-going (or staying) experience. "A lot of new seats coming out have lighting on the bottom," says Vaughn Johnson, web marketing specialist at InteriorMark, which runs the online Theater Seat Store. "They're a cool blue color so they don't mess with your night vision."

Soft blue lighting on the bottom of the chair mimics that of a real theater, but the tufted headrest, tall seatback and deep cushioning go a step beyond. The "Cinema," which is one of the website's most popular models, also features a sliding armrest that reveals hidden, lighted cup holders.

Canada-based Palliser Furniture's latest innovation in home theater seating is one you can actually feel. Their products, just hitting stores now, come with a factory-installed ButtKicker option. The ButtKicker is a low-frequency audio transducer that shakes your seat in sync with the bass track of a movie or music.

"You feel all of the effects, but it's not loud," says Mark Luden, president and CEO of the Guitammer Company, which manufactures the ButtKicker. "If you stand up from your Palliser seat, you don't feel it anymore, which also means you don't hear it."

One of Palliser's most popular models is the "Media," and most customers choose to fully load it with options, including ButtKicker, LED-lit cupholders, arm storage compartments and tray tables.

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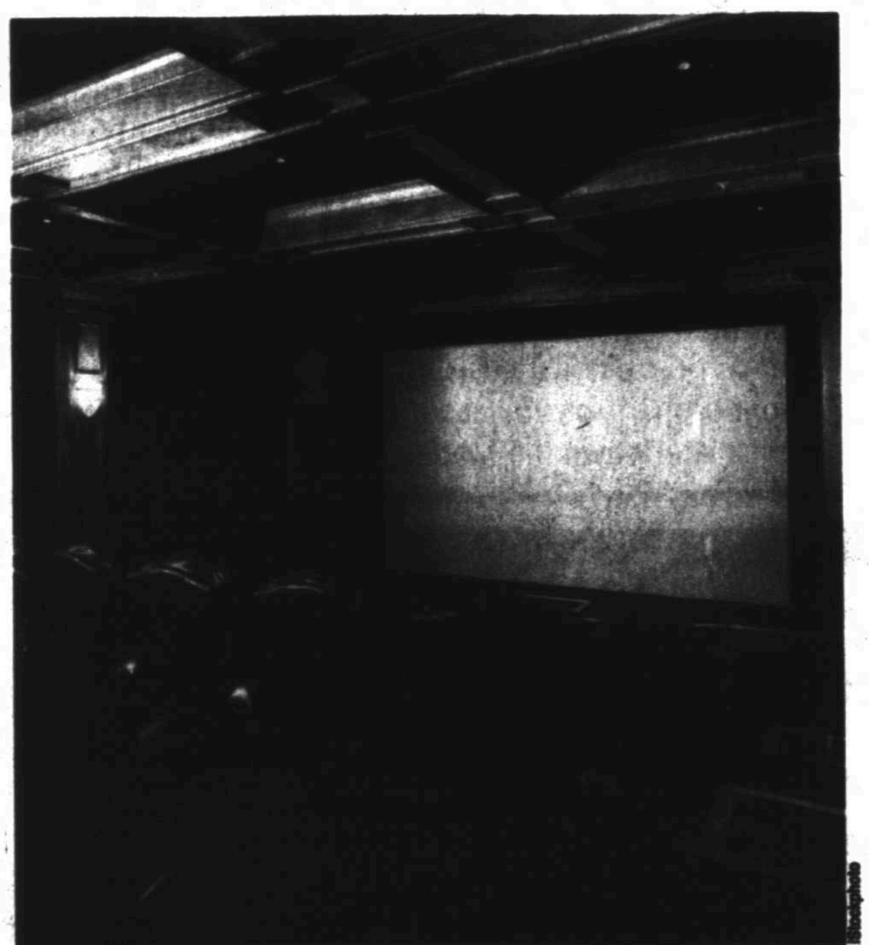

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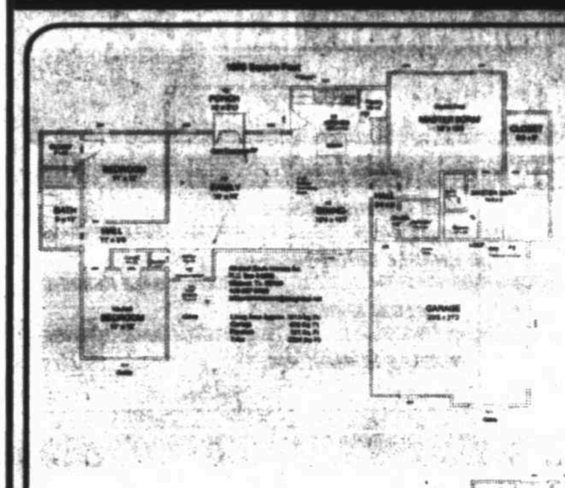

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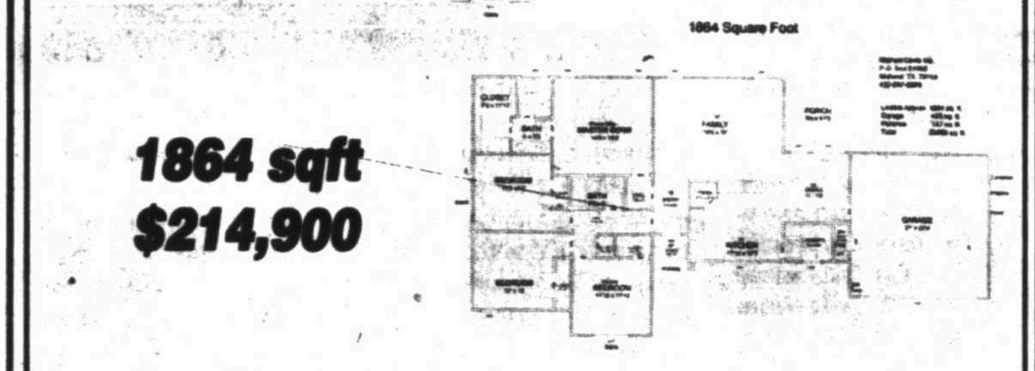

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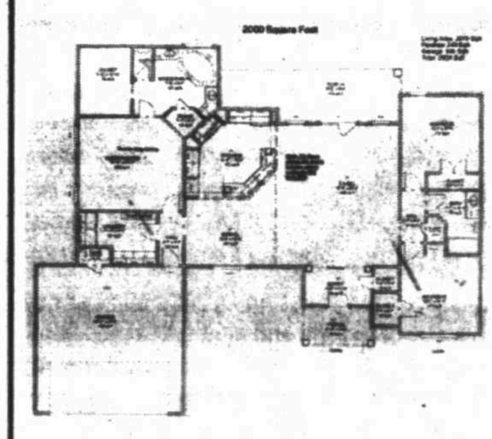

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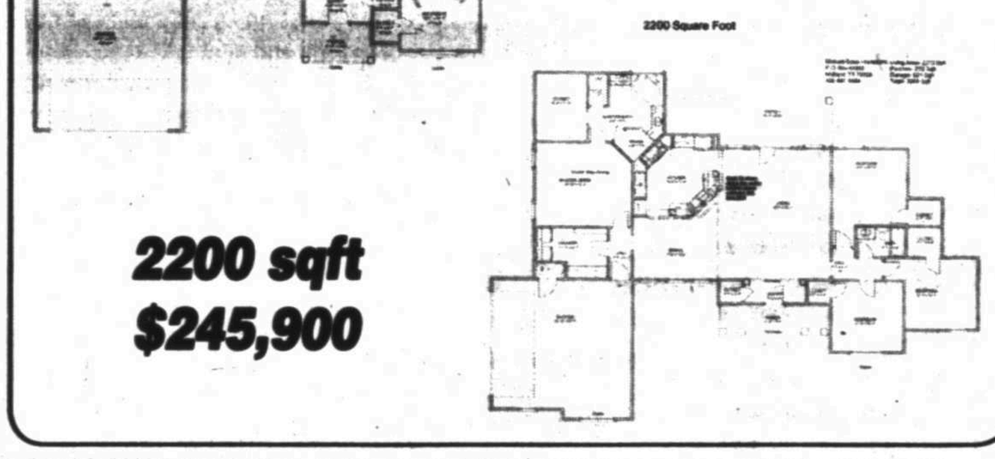

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10102 E. CO. RD. 110...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #98268 ... $316,000

4506 GREEN TREE BLVD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #98808 ... SALE PENDING

4817 ROSEWOOD DR...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ... MLS #99237 ... SALE PENDING

5412 BASSWOOD CIRCLE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #98678 ... SALE PENDING

3000 CRESTGATE...Cheryl Parrish 352-3053 ... MLS #99182 ... SALE PENDING

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2804 HAYNES...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #99173 ... SALE PENDING

4207 LYNBROOK, ODESSA, TX...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ... MLS #99066 ... SOLD

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4701 W. DENGAR...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #99345 ... SALE PENDING

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1601 NORTH "B" ST...Martha Manulik 618-5049 ... MLS #99440 ... $169,900

5403 ARETTA...Clarissa Platt 352-6111 ... MLS #99047 ... SOLD

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3700 OAKRIDGE CT...Donna Omar 349-1458 ... MLS #98199 ... SALE PENDING

1011 WALL ST...Ruth Young 682-7884 ... MLS #98128 ... SALE PENDING

1101 S. CO. RD. 1129...Joyce Brickey 352-4127 ... MLS #97706 ... SALE PENDING

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3212 FANNIN AVE...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... MLS #99275 ... SALE PENDING

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4308 KNIFFEN...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #98628 ... $299,900

2804 DUSTIN DR., ODESSA, TX...Janice Murrell 349-7242 ... MLS #99157 ... SALE PENDING

1416 FRENCH AVE., ODESSA...Janice Murrell 349-7242 ... MLS #98804 ... SALE PENDING

1407 BOEING DRIVE...Sandy Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #99342 ... SALE PENDING

5325 SE CO. RD. 1000, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #97329 ... $199,000

3318 NEELY...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #98303 ... SALE PENDING

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4509 MATHIS ST...Martha Manulik 618-5049 ... MLS #98873 ... SALE PENDING

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1707 N. FT. WORTH...Josie Rendon 889-8394 ... MLS #99240 ... SALE PENDING

3231 SHANDON AVE...Karen Mason 349-3550 ... MLS #98637 ... SALE PENDING

801 SHELL AVE...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ... MLS #98737 ... SALE PENDING

3208 LOUISIANA DR...Mark Philliber 618-5017 ... MLS #98565 ... SALE PENDING

2915 AURORA...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #99254 ... $168,500

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1405 MICHIGAN...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #98453 ... $71,000

3913 AVONDALE...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ... MLS #98921 ... SALE PENDING

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1202 E.CO. RD. 126...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #99156 ... $375,000

3314 W. CO. RD. 105...Sandy Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #98559 ... $370,000

2221 S. CO. RD. 1130...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #99437 ... $350,000

10294 E. CO. RD. 103...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #99149 ... SALE PENDING

2701 W. CO. RD. 140...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ... MLS #99079 ... SALE PENDING

1001 CO. RD. 129...Sandy Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #98372 ... SALE PENDING

10102 E. CO. RD. 103...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #98268 ... $316,000

3187 C 2150 STANTON...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... MLS #98177 ... SALE PENDING

3302 HWY. 158...Sandy Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #99337 ... $295,000

4113 CO. RD. 1105...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #98897 ... $254,900

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4002 HWY. 349...Sandy Hanson 638-3819 ... MLS #98957 ... $149,500

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3187 C 2150, STANTON...Caleb Matott 349-3330 ... MLS #98177 ... SALE PENDING

4207 LYNBROOK, ODESSA, TX...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ... MLS #99066 ... SOLD

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2804 DUSTIN DR., ODESSA, TX...Janice Murrell 349-7242 ... MLS #99157 ... SALE PENDING

1416 FRENCH AVE., ODESSA...Janice Murrell 349-7242 ... MLS #98804 ... SALE PENDING

3262 HWY. 137, GRADY...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #98461 ... $199,000

5325 SE CO. RD. 1000, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #97329 ... $199,000

704 NW 8TH ST., ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #95205 ... SALE PENDING

401 DEALY, BIG SPRING...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #98040 ... $174,500

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3825 37TH ST., ODESSA, TX...Donna Omar 349-1458 ... MLS #99205 ... SALE PENDING

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504 BROADWAY, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #98271 ... $129,500

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1317 ALPINE ST., ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #95206 ... $119,000

1007 JOHNSON AVE., BIG SPRING, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #98348 ... $95,000

502 4TH ST., STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #99264 ... $92,000

505 ST. PETER, STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #98553 ... $76,000

1000 HW 6TH ST., ANDREWS...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #95011 ... $74,500

2101 LIVE OAK LANE, BROWNWOOD...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #94003 ... $70,000

11400 W. 67TH ST., ODESSA, TX...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #95561 ... $65,000

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MEXICO

Tourist town reflective of Mexican culture, struggles

Cars and homes grow small below window gazers as their planes depart from the U.S. There is a sense of structure to this newly miniaturized world, as if each house were a Monopoly piece, carefully positioned in its designated place.

Descending into Mexico City, one gets the feeling someone's little brother came and kicked over the board game, sending all the pieces into a chaotic mess. The country's capital is home to more than 21 million people in its metropolitan area, with almost 9 million residing in city proper. The city is rich in ancient Aztec history and politics, and provides an informational getaway for tourists from around the world.

Tourist destinations in Mexico usually bring to mind pristine waters, fresh seafood and stands selling Coronita bottles filled with sand, but if you're looking for a more authentic Mexican adventure, head just south of the nation's capital to the city of Cuernavaca.

Nicknamed the City of the Eternal Spring by 19th century explorer Alexander von Humboldt, Cuernavaca is the capital of the small state of Morelos. It's a place even Mexico City residents, who live a mere 50 kilometers away, have come as tourists looking to escape the haze of pollution that hangs like a cloud over the nation's capital.

Like Mexico City, dirty streets and thick traffic are offset by luscious green grass and cascades of brightly colored bougainvillea spilling over tall walls into sidewalks. It's an environment indicative of the balanced chaos that is Mexico, always appearing on the brink of collapse but maintaining a sort of systematic and sometimes even romantic clamor.

This part of Mexico is about the architecture, the food and the authentic feel of grabbing an ice cream in the town square where kids are gathering at the end of the school day. It also offers a glimpse into many of Mexico's economic realities; though Cuernavaca is home to some of Mexico's wealthiest, beggars and vendors often are allowed on buses within city limits to try to gain enough pesos from riders to feed their children that night. Though stable jobs often pay more, the daily minimum wage in this part of the country is less than 60 pesos, or $5.

Cuernavaca long has been a popular destination for students from the U.S. and Canada looking to learn Spanish through immersion programs. Almost a dozen schools are affiliated with the Association of Spanish Language Schools in Cuernavaca, and many provide host

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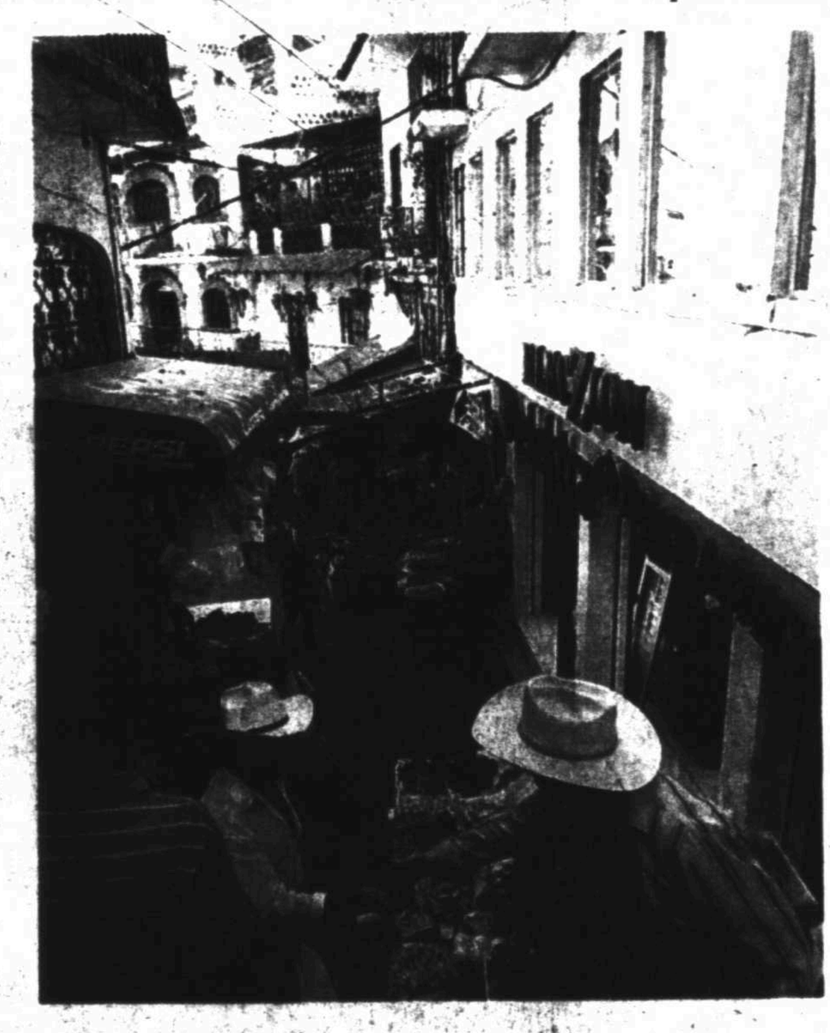

Tourists relax at the Chapultepec Castle, top photo, as the Mexican flag overlooks Mexico City in the distance. The castle has served as a military academy, presidential home and presently as a national history museum. ABOVE: The original Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe housed Juan Diego's cloak depicting her image from 1709 to 1974. The building now is sinking, as Mexico City was born on a former lake. RIGHT: A vendor gives change to a man buying food on the streets of Taxco, located in the state of Guerrero. BELOW LEFT: The Christ monument overlooks the colonial town of Taxco. BELOW CENTER: A mural made from seeds covers a church gate in the town of Tepoztlan. BELOW RIGHT: The Santa Prisca Church adds a baroque touch to the colonial town of Taxco. The church was built in the 18th century by Frenchman Jose de la Borda, who made his fortune off the silver mining industry of the town.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
SARA HIGGINS

Cuernavaca, Mexico

MEXICO

From 1E

families at a low cost for a cultural learning experience. Here, many families live in close confinement and are an important part of the society's social fabric.

Just as Cuernavaca embodies much of the Mexican culture, it is also a recent example of the country's struggles against drug cartel-related violence. Since President Felipe Calderon declared a war on drugs, figures from the Mexican government suggest 47,515 people were killed in narcotics-related violence in Mexico through Sept. 30, 2011.

On Dec. 16, 2009, Arturo Beltran Leyva was killed in a raid by the Mexican Navy during a Christmas party in a high-rise apartment complex in Cuernavaca. Nicknamed the "Boss of Bosses," Beltran was formerly a part of the infamous Sinaloa Cartel with his brothers, then went on to dominate the trafficking route through Cuernavaca. More than 400 Mexican commandos were involved in the two-hour shootout, and six people were killed, including a sailor.

The U.S. government and numerous media outlets labeled the raid as Calderon's biggest victory since he declared war on drugs at the beginning of his presidency, but the killing of Beltran Leyva led to bloody turf wars among the survivors to see who would take power next. The violence was brutal, but remained mostly targeted among those involved with the cartels. Locals gossiped about front page stories in which bodies were hung from bridges in the middle of the night, accompanied by warning messages from cartels to others who may have crossed them. Nevertheless, the economy suffered as tourists and language students canceled plans last-minute.

From the city's newfound struggle with violence, there also was born a movement. On March 28, 2011, 24-year-old Juan Francisco Sicilia Ortega's body was found stuffed in a Honda Civic just south of Cuernavaca along with six others', all apparently tortured before their deaths. It was the kind of tragic story that had become familiar to the city's residents, but this one would not go unnoticed. Sicilia Ortega's father was famous Mexican poet Javier Sicilia, who was quick to speak out against the forces he believed to be behind the killings.

"*Estamos hasta la madre,*" Sicilia wrote on April 3, 2011, in weekly national magazine El Proceso, for which he wrote a regular column. We have had it up to here. In his "Open Letter to Politicians and Criminals," he chastised both the government and the cartels' roles in the drug war. About 50,000 people gathered to march in Cuernavaca three days later, and countless others held marches across the country.

Mexicans now are awaiting to see how the dynamic shifts after presidential elections this summer. The Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) had been in control for 71 years before Calderon — of the National Action Party (PAN) — took office, and opinion polls show the public is leaning toward voting for this year's PRI candidate, Enrique Pena Nieto.

For now, life carries on as taxis and buses scurry furiously through the streets of Cuernavaca, their drivers honking as dogs bark behind concrete walls. Despite the news of violence and death, there's no doubt this city is very much alive.

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If you go to Cuernavaca, Mexico ...

How to get there:

The best way to get to Cuernavaca from the airport in Mexico City is through Pullman de Morelos, which offers "golden executive" charter bus rides to Cuernavaca's Casino de la Selva terminal that include bathrooms, LCD screens and choice of beverage for a little less than $15 USD each way. The ride can take anywhere from 70 minutes to more than 2 hours, depending on traffic.

Is it safe?:

The latest travel advisory from the U.S. Department of State says the following about Morelos: "You should exercise caution in the state of Morelos due to the unpredictable nature of (Transnational Criminal Organizations) violence. Numerous incidents of narcotics-related violence have occurred in the city of Cuernavaca, a popular destination for U.S. students."

For visitors, a good dose of common sense goes a long way: don't wander at night and, if you are unfamiliar with the area, don't travel too far off the beaten path.

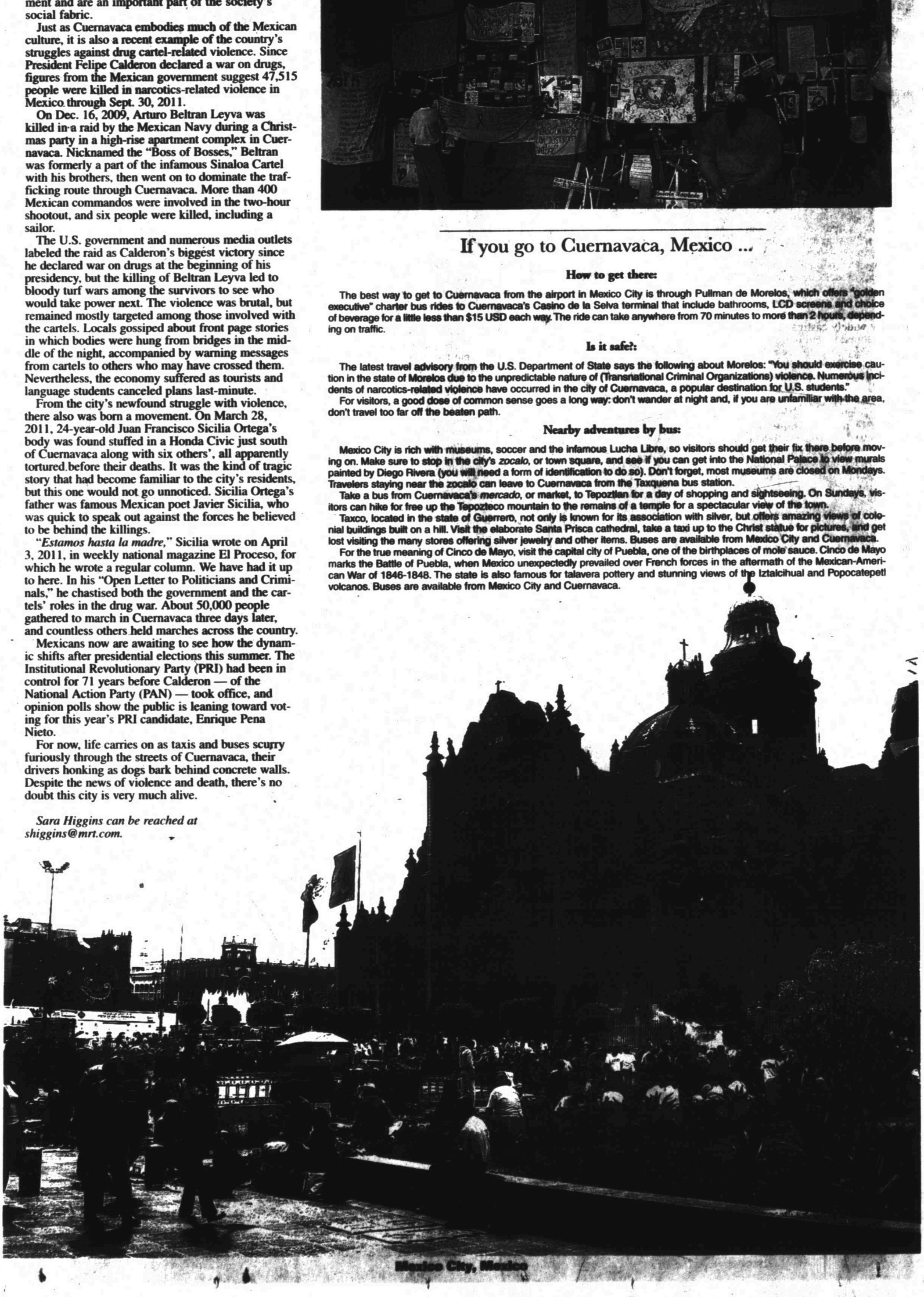
Nearby adventures by bus:

Mexico City is rich with museums, soccer and the infamous Lucha Libre, so visitors should get their fix there before moving on. Make sure to stop in the city's *zocalo*, or town square, and see if you can get into the National Palace to view murals painted by Diego Rivera (you will need a form of identification to do so). Don't forget, most museums are closed on Mondays. Travelers staying near the zocalo can leave to Cuernavaca from the Taxquena bus station.

Take a bus from Cuernavaca's *mercado*, or market, to Tepoztlan for a day of shopping and sightseeing. On Sundays, visitors can hike for free up the Tepozteco mountain to the remains of a temple for a spectacular view of the town.

Taxco, located in the state of Guerrero, not only is known for its association with silver, but offers amazing views of colonial buildings built on a hill. Visit the elaborate Santa Prisca cathedral, take a taxi up to the Christ statue for pictures, and get lost visiting the many stores offering silver jewelry and other items. Buses are available from Mexico City and Cuernavaca.

For the true meaning of Cinco de Mayo, visit the capital city of Puebla, one of the birthplaces of *mole* sauce. Cinco de Mayo marks the Battle of Puebla, when Mexico unexpectedly prevailed over French forces in the aftermath of the Mexican-American War of 1846-1848. The state is also famous for talavera pottery and stunning views of the Iztalcihual and Popocatepetl volcanos. Buses are available from Mexico City and Cuernavaca.



Mexico City, Mexico

Oded Balilty/AP

A man walks past an advertisement displayed on a main street Monday, in Tel Aviv, Israel. A new Israeli law is trying to fight the spread of eating disorders by banning underweight models from local advertising.

New Israeli law eyes super-thin models as bad examples for youth

By Diaa Hadid and Daniella Cheslow
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Told she was too fat to be a model, Danielle Segal shed a quarter of her weight and was hospitalized twice for malnutrition. Now that a new Israeli law prohibits the employment of underweight models, the 19-year-old must gain some of it back if she wants to work again.

Not that she was ever overweight. At 1.7 meters (5-feet-7), she weighed 53 kilograms (116 pounds) to begin with. Feeling pressure to become ever thinner, she dropped another 13 kilograms (29 pounds). The unnaturally skeletal girl weighed 40 kilograms (88 pounds) by then, or about as much as a robust pre-teen, and her health suffered.

The legislation passed Monday aims to put a stop to the extremes, and by extension ease the pressure on youngsters to emulate the skin-and-bones models, often resulting in dangerous eating disorders.

The new law poses a groundbreaking challenge to a fashion industry widely castigated for promoting anorexia and bulimia. Its sponsors say it could become an example for other countries grappling with the spread of the life-threatening disorders.

It's especially important in Israel, which, like other countries, is obsessed by models, whose every utterance and dalliance is fodder for large pictures and racy stories in the nation's newspapers. Supermodel Bar Refaeli is considered a national hero by many. She is not unnaturally thin.

The new law requires models to produce a medical report no older than three months at every shoot for the Israeli market, stating they are not malnourished by World Health Organization standards.

The U.N. agency relies on the body mass index, calculated by factors of weight and height. WHO says a body mass index below 18.5 indicates malnutrition. According to that standard, a woman 1.72 meters tall (5-feet-8) should weigh no less than 119 pounds (54 kilograms).

Also, any advertisement published for the Israeli market must have a clearly written notice disclosing if its models were made to look thinner by digital manipulation. The law does not apply to foreign publications sold in Israel.

In Israel, about 2 percent of girls between 14 and 18 have severe eating disorders, a rate similar to other developed countries, experts said.

The law's supporters hope it will encourage the use of healthy models in local advertising and heighten awareness of digital tricks that transform already skinny women into seeming waifs.

"We want to break the illusion that the model we see is real," said Liad Gil-Har, assistant to law sponsor Dr. Rachel Adato, who compared the battle against eating disorders to the struggle against smoking.

The law won support from a surprising quarter: one of Israel's top model agents, Adi Barkan, who said in 30 years of work, he has seen young women become skinnier and sicker while struggling to fit the shrinking mold of what the industry considers attractive.

"They look like dead girls," Barkan said.

Aspiring model Segal says she's thrilled with the new law and wishes it had been passed years ago. "I wouldn't have grown up thinking that this (being underweight) is a model of beauty. I wouldn't have reached the point I reached," she said.

Segal said an agent told her three years ago she had a beautiful face — but not a "model's body." Trying to attain that ideal through drastic diets, she ended up in the hospital twice and stopped menstruating.

Segal said she met Barkan during her modeling work, and he convinced her she could succeed as a model without being unnaturally thin. Segal, who now weighs around 50 kilograms (110 pounds) and would have to gain 3.5 kilograms (almost eight pounds) to qualify for work.

Barkan estimated about half the 300 professional models in Israel would have to gain weight to work again.

Top Israeli model Adi Neumman said she wouldn't pass under the new rules, because her BMI is 18.3. Neumman said she eats well and exercises. "Make girls go to a doctor. Get a system to follow girls who are found to be puking," a symptom of bulimia, she said.

Critics say the legislation should have focused on health, not weight, arguing many models are naturally thin.

"The health of the model ... should be evaluated. Our weight can change hour to hour," said David Herzog, a professor of psychiatry and a leading U.S. expert on eating disorders.

Pressure on the fashion industry has intensified in recent years, sparked by the deaths of models in Brazil and Uruguay from medical complications linked to eating disorders.

Uruguayan model Luisel Ramos, 22, collapsed and died soon after stepping off the runway in August 2006, reportedly of anorexia-linked heart failure.

Other governments have taken steps to prevent "size zero" medical problems but have shied away from legislation.

The Madrid fashion show bans women whose BMI is below 18. Milan's fashion week bans models with a BMI below 18.5.

The U.K. and U.S. have guidelines, but their fashion industry is self-regulated.

Unrealistic body images in the media are believed to shape eating habits, especially among young people, though there is debate about how influential they are. Other factors include psychological health, trauma like sexual assault or a tendency within one's family to emphasize physical appearance as a sign of success.

It's not certain the law will have a measurable impact, because Israeli teens take their cues from both international media and local publications, said Sigal Gooldin, an eating disorder specialist at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Social worker Uri Pinus, who treats seven teens with eating disorders at a Jerusalem hospital, said the law was unlikely to affect his patients.

"But our expectation is that this law will impact the wider public," Pinus said. "(It) will reduce pressure on the girls to lose weight."

FAMILY MATTERS

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Having daughter at family meals is battle worth fighting

DEAR FAMILY: I am being challenged by my 13 year-old daughter about her wanting to eat dinner in her room and "work" on the computer. I know what she is doing is talking to her friends on Facebook. She says all her friends' parents let them do it and she's the only one who has to eat with her mother and sister. I use the, "what if all the kids jumped off the bridge" argument but that just makes her mad. Her latest thing is she will eat with us but is surly and rude to us. She is making dinner such a hassle that I'm just about ready to give in so her sister and I can have a pleasant evening. I know you're always saying to pick your battles in parenting, but I need to know if this one is worth fighting. Right now it's not looking worth it. — DINNER DILEMA

DEAR DINNER: I believe this is a battle worth fighting and winning. While there may be times a child might not be able to eat at the dinner table with the family for a good reason (for example, legitimate school, church or sports obligations), I do think it is worth insisting everyone dine most nights as a family. Not dinning as a family should be the exception not the rule.

There is even research that helps support the importance of the family dinning together. The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse found teenagers who ate frequent family dinners did much better than those who did not. The report identified benefits for those teens having five or more family dinners per week as compared with those who have three or fewer weekly family dinners, including being:

- less likely to smoke cigarettes,
- less likely to drink alcohol,
- less likely to try marijuana,
- less likely to have friends who use illicit drugs,
- less likely to have friends who abuse prescription drugs,
- more likely to get mostly A's and B's at school,
- more likely to say they would confide in one or both parents about a serious problem,
- more likely to report that their parents are very proud of them,
- more likely to report lower levels of stress and tension at home and
- more likely to talk to their families during dinner and have the TV off during the meal.

Another recent report found family dinners also have been linked to healthier eating, fewer weight problems and fewer skipped meals for teens.

When I look at that list of benefits, it sure makes daily family meals sound like a winner in spite of what a 13-year-old might think. In addition to those benefits, it gives the entire family an opportunity to socially bond together in a positive way. As Rutgers University anthropologist Robin Fox observed, "If it were just about food, we would squirt it into their mouths with a tube. A meal is about civilizing children. It's about teaching them to be a member of their culture." Eating a meal together is also a powerful spiritual tradition (remember how the Christ said to remember him.)

You might want to take your daughter aside and offer her a reward (like an extra 30 minutes of computer time) or a consequence (like no computer time that evening) contingent upon her acting appropriately. As an aside, I also would remove the computer from her room and put it in a common area as a matter of her protection. There is a significant body of research now and lots of news stories identifying the dangers of unsupervised teenage Internet activities. That is another battle I believe is worth fighting.

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> Rutgers University anthropologist

Mom wants Grandpa to be more involved in child's life

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: My daughter just celebrated her first birthday, and I'm trying to come to terms with the fact my father isn't a "baby person." He has tried holding "Krissy" only twice.

He and his wife showed up to her party an hour and a half late and left early. The gift they brought was for a much younger, smaller baby, and the price tag — from a budget store — was still on it. The gift cost less than $10. Dad and his wife are not poor; in fact, they are wealthy.

Dad isn't in good health, so I hate being mad at him. I don't know how many more years he'll be around. Should I talk to him about this, or just let him sit it out and do practically nothing to be a part of his only grandchild's life? My in-laws are happily involved with Krissy. What do I tell her when she's old enough to wonder why Grandpa never sees her? — MELANCHOLIC MOM IN MICHIGAN

DEAR MELANCHOLIC MOM: If it will make you feel better to talk to your father about this, by all means do so. But keep in mind he comes from a generation of men who didn't necessarily relate to babies. Also, if he's in poor health, it may be a reason why he's not eager to hold her. It's possible he may relate better to his grandchild when she's old enough to talk and interact with him.

Tackle the question about how to respond to your daughter when she's old enough to question his absence if the issue arises. It's possible he may no longer be around by then. And if that's the case, hope he's more generous in his estate planning than he was on her first birthday.

DEAR ABBY: My mom is divorced. She lives alone in an isolated area and has been diagnosed with severe depression. About a year ago, while she was staying with my sister "Susie," my sister looked through Mom's online accounts and discovered Mom's fiance is a prisoner. She also saw Mom has been using a service to send large amounts of money to his prison account.

Susie has continued to log onto Mom's account. She tracks the amount of money she's sending this prisoner and reads the letters he sends to her. The content of some of them is scary. He insists Mom keep their relationship a secret, that she meet him upon his release from prison and marry him immediately.

It's apparent I have two problems — one, that Susie is tracking Mom's private dealings. The other, that my mother is sending money she can't afford to a prisoner with a history of fraud and domestic abuse. What should I do? — DESPERATE FOR ANSWERS

DEAR DESPERATE: Contact the warden of the prison, explain what has been going on and express your concerns, which are valid. It is entirely possible your mother isn't the only lonely and vulnerable woman this prisoner has been extorting money from.

I have heard in the past from prison guards who have warned me this is often a scam, and one that is quite common. In fact, the prisoners sometimes collaborate with one another in writing these communications to make them more effective.

DEAR ABBY: I was married for five years to a man I was afraid of. He was controlling, uptight and never let me out of his sight. When we divorced, I was happy, and I thought that would be the end of it.

However, I find myself going back to him every time he calls, in spite of knowing who he is and what he did to me. Why can't I get over him and move on? — BACK AT SQUARE ONE IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR BACK AT SQUARE ONE: Possibly because you are co-dependent, have low self-esteem and are afraid he's the only man you can get. You would rather settle for the familiar than possibly have no one. Because the path you're on is destructive, please get some counseling to help you establish healthier relationships.

ENGAGEMENTS

Drake- Burleson

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Drake are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Sydney Leigh, to Eric Jeffrey Burleson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Burleson, all of Midland, Texas.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. Baker Hallford and the late Mrs. Hiawatha Hallford of Midland, Texas and Mrs. Mona Drake and the late Mr. Cecil Drake of Big Spring, Texas. Miss Drake is a 2008 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's Degree in the College of Mass Communications in Public Relations in May of 2011 and is now working as the Public Relations Director for Rock the Desert in Midland. She is also an Eteen Bible Study leader for 7th and 8th grade girls.

Mr. Burleson is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry B. Gibson of Breckenridge, Texas and the late Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Burleson, formerly of Midland, Texas. He is a 2008 graduate of Midland Christian High School. He is attending Texas Tech University and will receive his Petroleum Engineering Degree in May of 2012. He will then return to Midland where he will work for Burleson Petroleum as a petroleum engineer. He is also in the S.P.E Society for Petroleum Engineers at Texas Tech.

The couple will be married on June 23, 2012 at First Presbyterian Church in Midland, Texas.

Corwin- Aaron

Dr. and Mrs. James A. Corwin are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Abigail Rosalie Corwin to Patrick Thomas Aaron, Jr., son of Mr. Patrick Thomas Aaron Sr. Katherine is the granddaughter of Emmy Gardiner Gyaki of Jefferson City, Missouri and the late William Joseph Gardiner, Lt. Jg, US Navy, and the late Richard and Florence Corwin of East Hampton, New York. Katherine is a graduate of Trinity High School and graduated from Washington University in St. Louis Missouri with a Bachelor's in Environmental Studies.

Katherine is currently employed as a veterinary assistant at Bay Area Bird Hospital. Patrick is the grandson of Dorothy Aaron of Belleville, Illinois, and the late Sherman Aaron, and the late Michael James and Etta St. Louis of Fresno, California. Patrick attended San Mateo High School and the College of San Mateo. Patrick is currently employed as a property manager with Trinity Management Services.

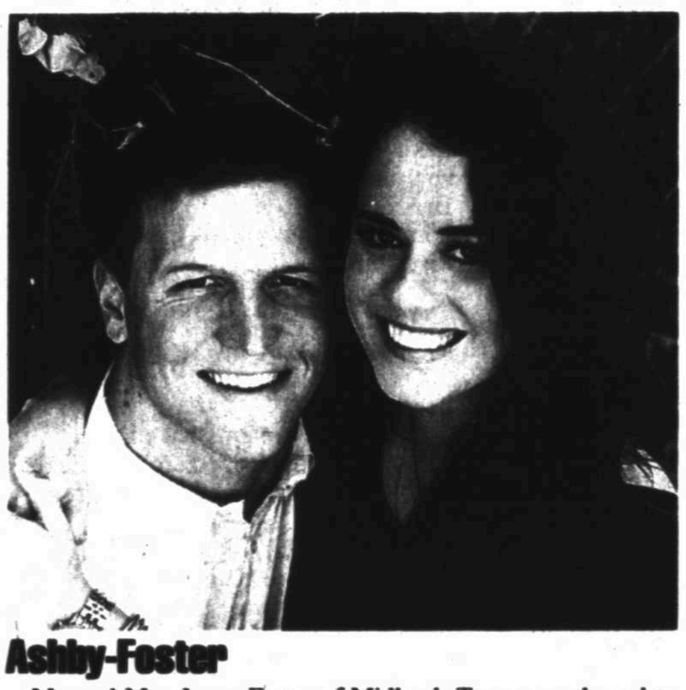
The couple will marry April 21st in St. Louis, Missouri at the historic Whittemore House on Washington University.

Smith- Mora

Randall and Gina Smith of Fort Worth announce the engagement of their daughter, Sidnie Nicole Smith to Eric Brian Mora both of Austin. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Bill Lively and the late Dorothy Lively of Midland and Sylvester Smith of San Jacinto, Calif. and the late Agnes Smith of North Hollywood, Calif. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Ruben and Stella Mora of Midland. He is the grandson of the late Joe and Mary Cardona and the late Victor Mora and Alicia Miller.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas A&M University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Physiology, class of 2006, and was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She is employed as account manager with Frontera Strategies. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering, class of 2004, and was a member of the Men's Soccer team. He is employed as an operations engineer with Three Rivers Operating Company.

They plan to marry June 30, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., at Memory Lane Event Center, Dripping Springs.



Ashby-Foster

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Foster of Midland, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Tanner Foster to Angie Ashby of Lubbock, Texas. Angie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ashby of Lubbock, Texas.

Angie and Tanner are both graduates of Texas Tech University where they received their Bachelors Degree in Exercise and Sports Science. Angie is currently employed by Lubbock ISD. Tanner is employed by ProPetro in Midland.

The couple will marry July 13, 2012 in Lubbock, Texas.

Engagement, wedding, anniversary or quincenera announcements may be submitted to weddings@mrt.com For more information, call 682-6222.

WEDDINGS

Stacy - Vaughn

Megan Stacy and Bucky Vaughn are happy to announce that on November 11, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nevada at Cupids Chapel in a small, but special ceremony surrounded by family and friends, they began a new life together.

Megan is the daughter of Beth and Danny Shock and Pam and James Stacy. Megan is the granddaughter of Ann Bailey and the late Ray Bailey, Annie Rose Shock and the late Vernon Shock, Jim and Mary Morgette, and the late June Weatherby all of Midland.

Bucky is the son of Theresa and David Vaughn. Bucky is the grandson of Linda and Gary Northern and the late Douglas C. Rodgers of Lamesa, and Donna and the late James Vaughn of Odessa.

Apps enable passion for fashion

By Kristi Gustafson Barlette
Hearst Newspapers

Add "fashion advice" to the list of things that are instant thanks to your smartphone or tablet.

StyleTag, an app for fashionistas and trendsetters, released a new version for the iPad and updated the StyleTag iPhone app earlier this week. StyleTag lets users interact through real-time, on-the-spot photos.

The iPad interface allows users to flip through the latest styles and trends for fashion ideas and inspiration and StyleTaggers can email their favorite StyleTag photos to friends and post them on Facebook, Twitter and Tumblr. They also can connect with the style community and comment on various outfits.

StyleTag users also can stay up-to-date on style and trends through real-time photos and custom fashion feeds based on hand-selected styles, brands and posts from fellow StyleTag fashionistas.

Users share their favorite outfits and looks by taking photos and posting them to the StyleTag gallery. Fashion lovers can exchange advice and learn more about specific items by commenting on fellow StyleTaggers' images.

StyleTag is a free Android and iOS app available at the Apple App Store and the Android Market. StyleTag requires iOS 4.0 or later and is compatible with the iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad.

Phone Fear

Do you have a fear of losing your phone?

There's a name for that.

Two-thirds of the 1,000 people surveyed by a U.K.-based mobile security service provider suffer from nomophobia, the fear of losing or being without your phone. Being outside of cell range, or the fear of receiving poor reception, are also included in this phobia label.

Nomophobia is up 13 percent from four years ago.

Fashion loosens up with inspiration from the 1920s

By Samantha Critchell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fashion influences from the Jazz Age are making some noise this spring. Dropped-waist dresses, sporty knits, fringe and long necklaces are among the trends born from the groundbreaking, looser look that first emerged in the 1920s. They're a blend of an unfussy attitude while maintaining a polished appearance.

Everything old always seems to become new again in the seasonal style cycles, and the time seems right to revisit this era as people once again are looking to have a little fun and are easing the tight grip on their wallets.

"There's a little optimism that comes with the '20s," said Meredith Melling Burke, Vogue's senior market director. "You have the color, the 3-D embellishment. It all feels upbeat, and it all plays into a more carefree attitude."

The exuberance of the time — and especially in the clothes worn for nightlife and dancing — is appealing, but you also run the risk of an over-the-top look that cannot be sustained for a long time, said Harold Koda, curator in charge of The Costume Institute at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. That's what happened after the stock market crash in 1929 when anything flashy suddenly looked so wrong, he explains.

The clothes and attitude of 2012 are a smarter version of what was offered in the flapper days; it's all being done in a more approachable, thoughtful way, Koda said.

But Koda says he sees a sociological link between then and now when it comes to people testing boundaries. "There was a generational change happening. It was about losing the Edwardian restrictions then, but there was a sense of social opportunity that's in the air now."

He also can draw some parallels in fashion trends. Rich, luxurious textiles were so important — as they are now — and the favorite silhouette was long and languid, just like you'll see on the current catwalks.

"It's a drift of cloth over a really elegant body," Koda said. "It's decorated with embroideries and fringe, or any kind of ornament. The woman is wearing a sensual expression of textile and technique rather than highlighting the fine points of her body. The look suggests animation ... but it's a straight-up and straight-down line in supple fabrics, satin, georgette or chiffon. It's not an ostentatious sexiness, but you could see it might appeal to women who are being attentive to their fitness. It's an elegant way to show off what you've been doing on the Pilates machine."

Designer Tory Burch's new collection is full of the chemise dresses, sleeveless tops and tiered skirts that were groundbreaking in the 1920s. She took her inspiration from the then-popular seaside French resort of Deauville.

Other designers, including Marc Jacobs and Ralph Lauren, tapped into the menswear-inspired styles and cloche hats, too. There were some handkerchief hemlines as well, which is how Coco Chanel, Jean Patou and Jeanne Lanvin first began to adjust the collective eye toward a shorter, less matronly skirt during the youth of today's great-grandmothers.

"I love the effortlessness of the era. It was the dawn of modern sportswear," said Burch. Even then, there was an eye-catching mixing and matching of menswear-inspired jackets and trousers with very feminine dresses in pretty makeup colors and delicate prints — a look that's equally relevant now, she observes.

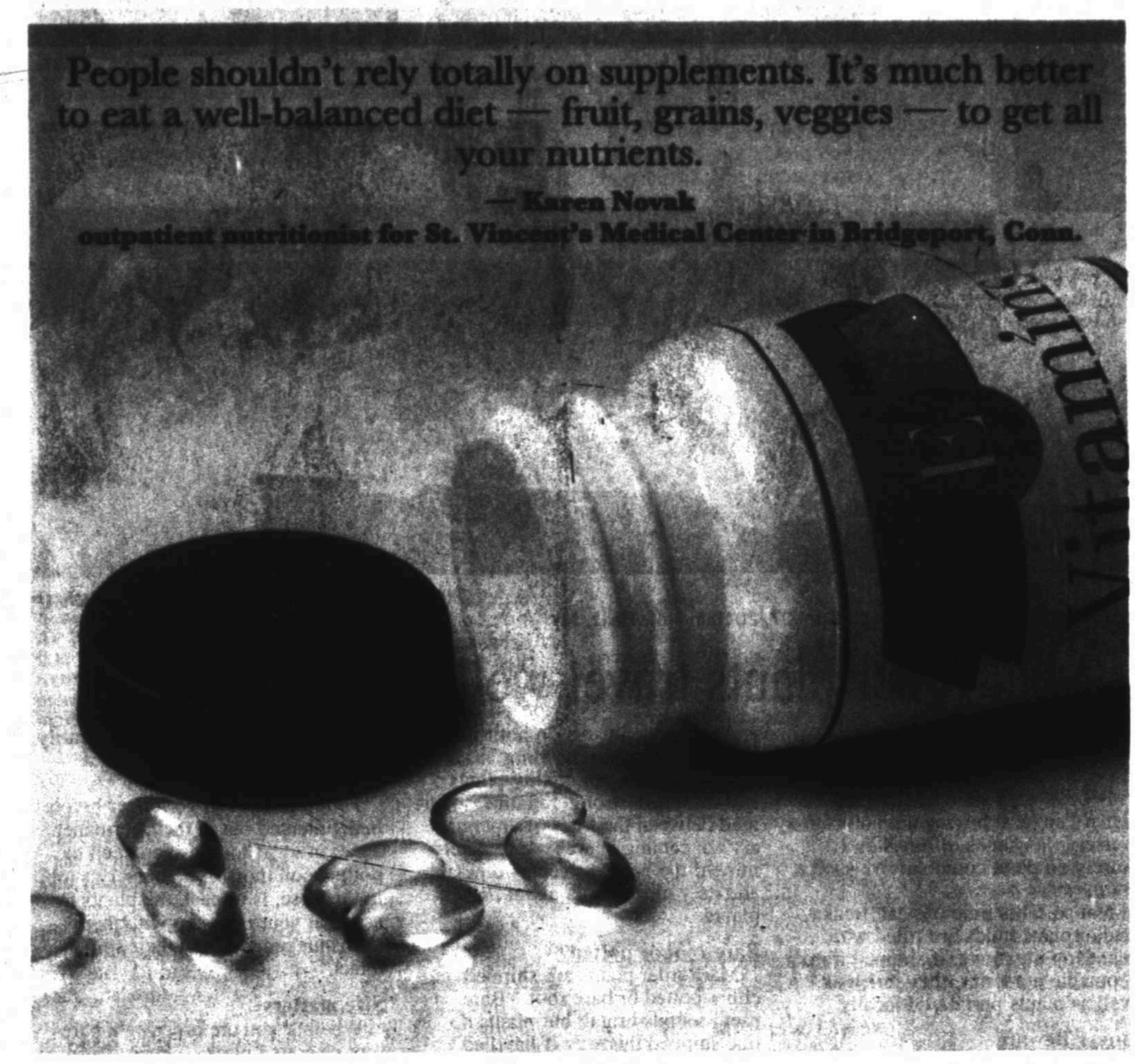
Burch's advice on how to wear a '20s-inspired style without appearing costume-y is to push those unexpected combinations: Try a silk dress with a leather jacket or a printed dress that's dotted with sequins. That should be just enough to push you out of your comfort zone and into the trend, she said. It has to all come off effortlessly, though, never looking like you are trying too hard, she adds.

If in doubt, start with the long necklace.

"What felt new about the way designers approached the era of the 1920s was how they reinterpreted it," said Vogue's Melling Burke. "It didn't become a head-to-toe statement. The statement was really about a dress — a '20s dress, a chemise, an easy drop-waist, a slip dress — but the accessories and makeup were modern."

AP file photos

Fashion inspired by the 1920s from the spring 2012 collection of designer Tory Burch is modeled Sept. 13, during Fashion Week in New York.



Medical experts, research suggest vitamins may promote false security

By Scott Gargan
Hearst Newspapers

STAMFORD, Conn. — A swimmer, bicyclist and runner who competes in triathlons, Julie Gabay strives to be in tip-top shape.

So, in addition to exercising regularly and eating a well-balanced diet, she used to take a daily multivitamin — that is, until, she realized it was "false security."

Instead of seeing an improvement in her health, the Stamford, Conn., resident suffered from nausea and stomach aches. It wasn't long before she dropped it from her diet.

"I've taken them before, but I haven't had much success," Gabay, 43, said. "They didn't do anything for me."

Gabay, it turns out, might have made the healthy choice, according to a number of recent studies. Late last year, experts at the University of Nancy in France found volunteers taking supplements were just as likely to develop cancer as those who took an identical-looking dummy pill.

Another study, published in the Archives of Internal Medicine, found older women who took a daily vitamin faced a greater chance of dying from cancer and cardiovascular disease.

While particular groups — children, pregnant women and the elderly, for example — stand to benefit from certain dietary supplements, they may have no effect at all, or actually trigger health problems in people who do not have severe nutritional deficiencies, experts said.

"If you're eating healthy, and you're getting all the necessary nutrients, then you probably don't need to take (supplements)," said Andrea Valenti, clinical nutrition manager at Bridgeport (Conn.) Hospital. "People also need to be aware that some supplements do have health risks."

An excess of fat-soluble vitamins, including vitamins A, D, E and K, for instance, can be stored in the body's fat tissue. This can lead to health problems, including lethargy, nausea, constipation, kidney problems and increased bleeding.

Water-soluble vitamins, like the B vitamins and vitamin C, carry fewer risks, as they're simply excreted. While this won't hurt your body, it can hurt your wallet. Half of all American adults reach for some form of daily supplement at a cost of nearly $34 billion a year, according to Consumer Reports.

"It is often said that Americans have the most expensive pee in the world," said Karen Novak, outpatient nutritionist for St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport, Conn.

Novak noted because of the country's "on-the-go culture," many Americans opt for a quick fix, taking supplements as opposed to taking the time to eat right. But as Novak explained, "the body uses nutrients from natural sources more efficiently."

"People shouldn't rely totally on supplements," she said. "It's much better to eat a well-balanced diet — fruits, grains, veggies — to get all your nutrients."

Some groups might need to take supplements to get all the necessary nutrients, physicians and dieticians said. One of those groups is pregnant women. When Gabay, who has three children younger than 11, was pregnant, her doctors advised her to take additional folic acid, iron, calcium and vitamin D.

Children and the elderly also can benefit from supplements, said George Fredericks, pharmacy director for Northeast Health, a Troy, N.Y.-based health care provider. For kids — especially those who are finicky eaters — vitamins A, B, C, calcium and iron are key. For older people, especially those suffering from osteoporosis, calcium and vitamin D are essential, Fredericks said.

Another group — one that many of us Northeasterners fall into — is the vitamin D-deprived. Sun is a natural source of vitamin D, and Fredericks said getting enough of the nutrient typically isn't a big problem in the sunny summer months. However, in the winter, levels can get low and a supplement might be a good idea.

"I recommend a thousand units every day of vitamin D," Fredericks said.

However, if you do decide to take a supplement, it's best to research which product is best, and consult your doctor on which ones you should take.

For people like Gabay, however, the best way to get nutrients always will be from a well-balanced diet.

"I realized a long time ago that I would rather eat right than take supplements," she said. "But really, it all depends on what your body needs."

'Prayer sign' test checks for limited joint mobility

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Persons with diabetes of any type have a higher risk for losing some flexibility in their joints. The most common location where this happens is in the hands. It's often accompanied by thickened and waxy skin on the back of the hands. This condition is aptly called limited joint mobility. Other joints that can be affected include the wrists, elbows, shoulders, knees, ankles and occasionally the neck and lower back. But limited hand joint flexibility has some important associations you should know about.

We might know diabetics who live long lives and seem to suffer relatively few complications, yet other diabetics seem to struggle with one diabetes-related problem after another after only a few years with the disease. If only there were a way to separate high risk from low risk diabetics, we could better focus our efforts to prevent them; and sooner. This is the value of looking for limited joint mobility in every diabetic when they get a checkup. I do.

It's easy to check for limited joint mobility. You simply perform what's called the "prayer sign." Tightly and evenly press the palms together with the elbows pointing out. If the finger joints are bent, causing tiny to large gaps between the hands, this is limited joint mobility, known in medical lingo as diabetic cheiroarthropathy. If the test is negative, you should not be able to pass a sheet of paper between any sections of the palms.

Limited joint flexibility is not painful and often is dismissed or ignored by patients and some doctors who don't appreciate its meaning. This is unfortunate because it can be a useful warning sign of other diabetes-related conditions that could affect your well being and which might be prevented.

A positive prayer sign in a diabetic is associated with higher risk of microvascular complications in the eyes and kidneys. This makes it an incredibly useful tool to help identify who is at greater risk of these very serious diabetic complications. If you have a positive prayer sign, you should make a point to get your eyes and kidneys checked yearly by your doctor. Both tests are pain free: a dilated eye exam or a retinal photograph for the eye, and a simple urine test to look for something called microalbuminuria to check the kidneys. Hundreds of thousands of diabetics could live fuller lives if only these two studies were performed yearly because diabetic complications start slowly, can be detected early, and can be slowed or prevented in their early stages.

It's estimated about one in three diabetics have limited joint mobility. There are other common hand and joint problems that can go along with having diabetes, so loss of flexibility may not only be because of this condition. If you have joint problems, you should have a careful exam done. I've had corrective surgery for carpal tunnel syndrome in both wrists and trigger fingers in both hands. Yet I don't have limited joint mobility after 45 years of diabetes.

The risk of developing limited joint mobility increases with your duration of diabetes and the level of control over the diabetes. The poorer the control, the greater the chance of showing a positive prayer sign. Age and smoking increase the risk of this problem. It also may show up early in life or in the course of the diabetes. It's unknown as to why. And if you don't have diabetes and have a positive prayer sign, don't be surprised. Up to one in four non-diabetics have it. Still, given the high number of undiagnosed diabetics out there, it should be a good reason to get your blood sugar checked.

Because limited joint mobility tracks with poor diabetes control, one good thing is its prevalence has fallen over the past 30 years in both adults and children. The reason everyone agrees with is we have much better overall control of diabetes in the 21st century than we did in the latter part of the 20th century.

Limited joint mobility should be looked upon as a simple tool to screen diabetics for their relative risk of having or developing diabetes complications. If present, it should serve as a wakeup call to you and your doctor to intensify your efforts to improve overall diabetes control by whatever means necessary. While it's not a perfect tool, it can be done quickly, painlessly and at no additional cost.

ROBIN KINGHAM

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Lesson learned from races: Running is a mental sport

Robin Kingham is the real estate account representative for the Reporter-Telegram. 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.

Over the past year I've learned a lot. I've learned a lot about what I am capable of and about what others are capable of. I've come to appreciate the complete, unselfish generosity of strangers and the unending support from friends and family. One of the most astonishing lessons I've learned is I have underestimated what my body can do.

Today is the end of the first week of training for the Kona half-marathon scheduled for June 24. This week I have run more than 12 miles. That's 12 miles. I have to repeat myself just so I believe it — and I'm the one who did the running. Last year when I started my journey with Team Challenge, I barely could manage two minutes of running. Here I am, one year later, running for 45 minutes, 50 minutes and even more than an hour at a time. Wow. What a difference a day makes. What a difference a year makes.

I've discovered running is a mental sport. Your brain will trick you into thinking you need to rest when your body can keep going. That has been one of my biggest challenges. In every other area of life I have an "I can do anything" attitude. I'm sure I've mentioned that a time or two. When it comes to running, I had to convince myself I could keep going. Now, I know I can go farther and I'm working on going farther faster. Wednesday I ran my three miles three minutes faster than I did Tuesday. My running is a work in progress, forward progress.

For all of these new and wonderful things I can do, I am reminded about the people for whom I am running. The patients that are so weak a short walk is unimaginable. Last year I wrote about my friend Jodie Delay's son, Dylan. I met Dylan in Kona last year. Being 12, Dylan was too young to participate in the half-marathon so he and his older sister, Jackie, completed the 5K. As of today, Dylan is in the midst of a major flare. He is receiving most of his nutrition from an NG tube. He's been in and out of the hospital and on and off steroids and a myriad of other medications. We need to find a cure. If you know someone affected by either of these diseases, please consider making a donation in their name. I'll run for them, too. You can sponsor one of my 26.2 miles for only $250. Thanks to Jeaneen Pruitt for being the first to become a mile sponsor. Call me at 432-687-8876. Email me at rkingham@mrt.com. Visit the foundation's website at www.ccfa.org.

New website lets consumers rate products' health claims

By Gary Dinges
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — A new website launched by an Austin marketing firm lets consumers call out businesses that are allegedly making bogus health and fitness claims on packaging and in their advertisements.

EnviroMedia Social Marketing — with the help of a nationally known team of advisers — has rolled out LeanwashingIndex.com, a follow-up to its GreenwashingIndex.com site, which monitors companies' environmental claims. The firm said it will make no money from the site.

The term "leanwashing" is a variation on whitewashing, said EnviroMedia co-founder and Leanwashing Index co-creator Valerie Davis, with "lean" referring, in part, to the weight loss many products promise.

Consumers pick the ads featured and then rate them on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 designating promises believed to be "authentic" and 5 for those considered "bogus."

"With pizza considered a vegetable for school lunches ... we know consumers need something now to help them scrutinize some of the bogus health claims that abound in food and product advertising," Davis said.

A study conducted last year by Nielsen Global Research showed 59 percent of consumers said they often were unable to make sense of nutritional facts on food packaging.

Many also said they were skeptical of health claims companies make.

Companies whose ads are rated can either post comments on the site or email site administrators with responses.

Some of the first ads to be rated are for Quaker granola bars, McDonalds Happy Meals and the Sunny D and Vitaminwater beverages. Many of the initial reviews come from students of Dr. Gretchen Nurse, one of Leanwashing Index's advisers and an assistant professor in the Norton School of Family and Consumer Sciences at the University of Arizona.

"It's no secret advertisers are not going to look out for consumers' health," said Bruce Bradley, another adviser, who has experience marketing products for several well-known food manufacturers. "It's time for consumers to take control and go beyond what they see on TV or on the front of the package."

Criteria used to determine ratings include health claims that can't be proven, perceived exaggerations, the masking of key information, and imagery or words believed to be misleading, all of which could lead consumers to believe items they're purchasing are healthier than they actually are.

While any product can be reviewed on the site, there is a focus on items aimed at children.

"Advertising of soda and junk food has gone over the top, making claims that are ludicrous," said Dr. Harold Goldstein, Leanwashing Index adviser and executive director for the California Center for Public Health Advocacy.

"In the midst of the childhood obesity epidemic, truth in advertising is more important than ever."

BURR WILLIAMS

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When flowers bloom, there is no spring like in West Texas

This spring is extra special — the wildflowers have come back! Last year we had none and now there are billions of bladderpods in the upper drainages of the Concho River — Garden City, Sterling City, Styles, Eldorado, Big Lake, Mertzon. The fields are gold. Other species are beginning to bloom — on a recent drive I identified 45 species between San Angelo and Midland while driving 75 mph.

A few of the first hummingbirds are back, as are the swallows. Curved bill thrashers are gathering sticks. The great horned owls have eggs in the nest at the Chevron building. The cyclical ecological stories of place of the southern Llano Estacado are unfolding for all to see and read and hear.

Keith Basso wrote a book, "Wisdom Sits in Places," in which he mapped an Apache reservation using their names for the places. He soon discovered each named place has one or more stories, and the place is called by the name of a story (so sometimes a place will have more than one name.) Some of the stories are about the actions of one of the members of the tribe at that place. Other stories are about the actions of game animals or about a predator's use of the location.

Plants have stories, too. Think about the story of filaree, for example. It was a native of North Africa that moved to Spain with Arabian horses, and then to the new world where it rode the hair of the churro sheep Coronado drove through New Mexico and on to Kansas to feed his army. Filaree is loved by the ranchers, for its early green growth puts weight on cattle, along with the native tallowweeds (*Plantago sp.*).

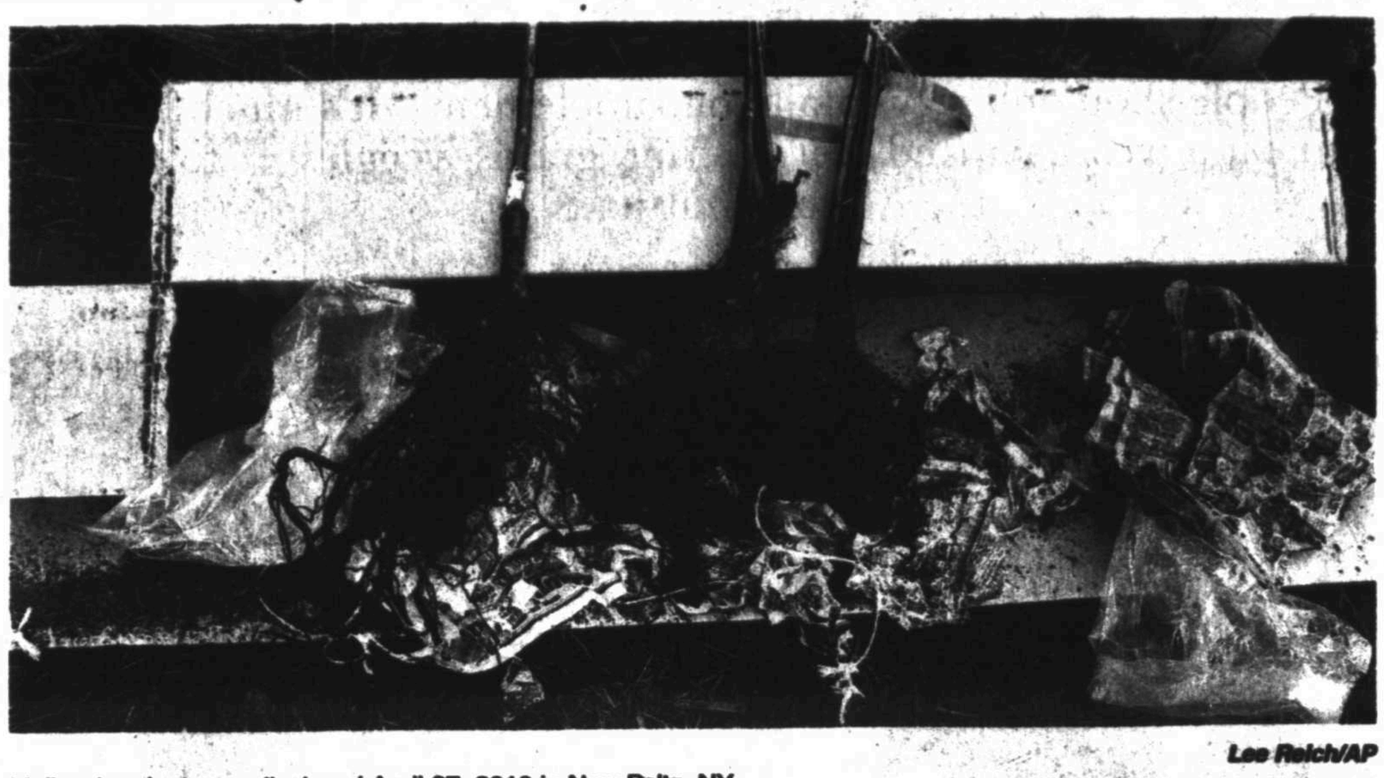
The plant stories are stories of home, too. First, anthropologists began investigating concepts of home space, but the concepts have spread to sociologists and now psychologists. Ecopsychology now is a developing field. "Places are as much a part of us as we are of them, and senses of place — yours, mine and everybody else's — place-making is a universal tool of the imagination. Place-making is a way of constructing social traditions as well as personal identities," said Basso. We are the places we imagine.

Some folks imagine the southern Llano Estacado as flat brown and ugly, brush-choked and cactus covered, an industrial wasteland of oil wells, and the businesses it takes to move petrochemicals from the bedrock to the gas pump. Some people hate living here, and many young people raised here cannot wait to escape. Such people are confined to this negative world view, limited (by themselves) from a sense of belonging.

The trash we see in so many places along our streets and roads is a reflection of that mind set. When a person hates where they live, they hate part of themselves, for they have lost touch with one of the stalwart pillars of pride. When a person participates in one of Keep Midland Beautiful's annual cleanups, most volunteers experience disgust and revulsion at the waste some members of our society leave behind to be cleaned up. Plastic bags, cigarette butts, aluminum cans and plastic bottles forever remind the volunteers of the worst finds — the dirty diapers, reeking dead domestic cats and dogs crawling with maggots, and rotted half-eaten fast food meals covered with flies.

One such longtime clean-up volunteer, JoAnn Merritt, balances the grossness with keeping a list of all of the wildflowers in bloom and butterflies visiting the blooms. Her example is inspiring. — she finds beauty and wonder while performing a selfless task that her love and pride of home makes joyous. She finds red flowered milkweeds covered with monarch butterfly caterpillars, or species of plants not seen before in the local landscape, and often has a story of a bird, a lizard or a snake that behaved in a different way.

Merritt's grandparents settled on a ranch near what became the Pegasus oilfield, and her husband Don came to Midland in a covered wagon in the late 1920s. Both tell stories wonderfully. They pass on to any who will listen a sense of love of this place, this landscape, imparted by stories of the glories of the flora and fauna, and tales of grassroots history. There are many other folks like them, and I applaud all who quietly share the best of our culture. They are my heroes, for their gifts deepen, amplify and tacitly affirm the world as a meaningful place.



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Mail-order plants are displayed April 27, 2010 in New Paltz, NY.

Mail-order plants travel well this time of year

By Lee Reich
Associated Press

People often stare in disbelief when I suggest buying a plant from a nursery thousands of miles away. Surely no plant could survive such a journey!

Not so. This time of year, trucks and airplane holds are filled with plants on the move. If shipped from reputable nurseries, they thrive as well as plants purchased locally.

Buyer Beware

That "if" is a big one. Quality costs money, so beware of any nursery offering super-bargains or horticultural hype.

For instance, you might see a magazine ad or catalog listing for a plant described as a "climbing vine peach." Be aware this plant's fruits might look like peaches but are tasteless by comparison. This "vine peach" isn't even distantly related to a real peach.

And just because a nursery offers an "ironclad guarantee" does not make it reputable. Some disreputable nurseries offer such guarantees but bank on customers' apathy or their forgetting about such claims when spring melts into summer.

A few rotten fruits do not ruin the whole barrel, though: Many mail-order nurseries sell quality plants and also have strong guarantees. Just read between the lines of any nursery ad, catalog or website to determine if the business seems reputable, and do your research about the plants.

Bare root or potted?

Mail-order plants are shipped either potted or bare root. "Bare root" sounds brutal, but plants do fine shipped this way if handled properly by the nursery and you.

The nursery's job is to dig the plants while they are leafless, except in the case of small evergreens, then keep them cool with their roots swathed in moist peat, sawdust, shredded newspaper or other moist, spongy material. Years ago, I received a small, bare-root bush cherry plant that had been just tossed into a plastic bag; no wonder it never grew.

Your job is to unpack any bare-root plant soon after its arrival, check that the roots are still moist, then put it in the ground posthaste. If you cannot plant immediately, keep the plant cool and moist by putting it in your refrigerator with its roots wrapped in plastic, or by temporarily planting it in a shallow hole at a shady, moist location.

Potted plants can go longer before being planted out in their permanent location — as long as you keep the potting soil moist. The nursery's job, in this case, is to pack the plants to arrive at your doorstep with their stems undamaged and their soil intact.

Size matters

Whether you are ordering a bare-root or potted plant — even if you are buying locally — do not always opt for the largest one you can buy. Large, bare-root plants often suffer more in digging and transit. Large potted plants often have their roots cramped and twisted into undersize pots. In either case, growth of a smaller plant might outstrip growth of a larger one after a couple of years.

There is something satisfying about walking into a nursery on a balmy spring day, drinking in the bright colors, the smells, the riot of greenery and textures, then buying a plant. But if a local nursery does not have the type or quality you desire, buy mail-order.

Silencer proposal draws strong support

MIKE LEGGETT

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AUSTIN — The record is safe, officials say. No proposal in the electronic age has drawn more public comment than the one that gave private landowners the right to manage wild deer populations on their private property.

However, the current level of public comment on a proposed rule to allow silencers and suppressors on rifles used for hunting game animals is in the stratosphere.

Robert Macdonald, a regulations coordinator for Texas Parks and Wildlife, said he's received more than 3,000 public comments, and there is no end in sight. "I would say that 95 percent of those are in favor of the rule change," Macdonald said.

Encouraged by the National Rifle Association and the Texas State Rifle Association, folks have been making certain their opinion is considered when the TPWD commissioners meet this week to consider a series of changes to state rules and regulations.

Here's the short description of the rule change that has drawn so many to comment: TPWD staff is recommending silencers and suppressors for rifles be allowed for the taking of game animals in Texas, mostly deer and turkeys.

"Lots of them are saying they can't wait to get out there to shoot hogs with those guns," Macdonald said. 'Of course, they can do that now for hogs. This allows them to take game animals."

This suggests to me that some, if not many, of those commenting are more Second Amendment advocates than Texas hunters: Instead, they are folks responding to an NRA campaign to get silencers and suppressors approved in a number of states this year.

The NRA has been successful in other states, often using the argument suppressors and silencers can reduce noise that may offend non-hunters and damage the hearing of hunters.

That ringing in my ravaged ears means it's too late for me, but I'm certain some people could benefit from less noise from the end of a rifle barrel. "The new regulation could have an impact on the market when noise becomes more of an issue," said Steve Hall, executive director of the Texas State Rifle Association, which is headquartered in Austin. "That's what other states have done."

Hall said TSRA favors approval of the rule change. "Our position is the NRA's, which is acceptance," he said. "It's not a bad thing. The only negatives are the misperceptions surrounding suppressors."

Silencers, while not silent the way we see in movies, do reduce noise levels considerably by slowing bullets down below the speed of sound. Suppressors are devices that reduce noise levels but not as much as silencers. There is no distinction under the law, said Pete Flores, chief of law enforcement for Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Hall said, in the end, not many people will go through the checks, waiting period and expense required to outfit a rifle with the silencing device. "I would doubt if there'll be as many people as have commented so far who'll buy one," he said. "I would think it's a real small marketplace."

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Ace Easter breakfast with easy coffee cakes

Easter will be here before you know it and like with most holidays, that means company may be arriving at your house. In addition to preparing a dinner or two, breakfast definitely will be one meal you will need to have waiting for your guests. Get a jump on your food preparation by making one of these easy coffee cakes that starts with a cake mix. By adding various other ingredients, you will have much more than a simple cake from a box. Make a coffee cake now and store it in your freezer until the night before you need to serve breakfast. Your guests will be impressed at how easily you have something ready and waiting on the table.

Apricot Streusel Bundt Cake
From "Quick Fixes with Mixes"

1 (18.25-ounce) yellow cake mix
1 (3/4-ounce) package vanilla flavor instant pudding mix
1 (15.25-ounce) can apricot halves in heavy syrup, drained, sliced, reserve syrup
1 cup reserved apricot syrup
4 eggs
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/2 cup finely chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350. In large bowl, combine cake mix, pudding mix, apricot syrup, eggs and oil. Beat on low speed to blend, then beat on medium for 2 minutes. In small bowl, combine sugar, cinnamon and pecans; mix well.

Pour half of batter into greased and floured 12-cup capacity Bundt cake pan. Place half of sliced apricots evenly over batter, and sprinkle half of sugar mixture over. Gently pour remaining batter on top, and smooth over. Layer another half of apricots and sprinkle with remaining sugar mixture. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes or until cake tester comes out clean. Cool in pan for 10 minutes, then turn out onto cooling rack. Ice with Powdered Sugar Glaze

Powdered Sugar Glaze:
2/3 cup powdered sugar
1/2 teaspoon clear vanilla
3 teaspoons warm water

In small bowl, combine sugar, vanilla and water. If needed, add water a couple of drops at a time as needed to reach drizzling consistency. Drizzle over cake, working quickly as this glaze hardens quickly.

Dutch Apple Coffeecake
From "Duncan Hines Bake Shop in a Book"

Streusel:
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1 1/2 cups packed brown sugar
2 Tablespoons flour
2 Tablespoons cinnamon
1/2 cup nuts, finely chopped
1 cup cooked diced apples

Cake:
1 package Duncan Hines Deluxe II Spice Cake Mix
1 cup all purpose flour

Preheat oven to 350. For streusel, melt butter in a small saucepan. Mix in brown sugar, flour, cinnamon, nuts, and cooked diced apples; set aside.

For cake, add 1 cup flour to dry cake mix in a large mixer bowl and beat as directed on package. Spread half of batter into 2 greased and floured 8 or 9-inch round layer cake pans. Spoon (by dropping from teaspoon) half of the streusel filling over batter. Spread remaining batter over filling and spoon second half of filling over top of batter.

Bake at 350 for 45 minutes or until cake tests done with a toothpick. If desired, glaze cake with warm corn syrup and decorate with pecan halves. Serve warm.

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Food Etc.

What are some of your favorite Easter recipes? They can be main dish, salad, vegetable, and dessert — anything you and your family would miss if it were not on the table during the holiday. Send your recipe to foodetcmrt@aol.com or mail to the Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, 79701, attention: Food Etc./Joan Huff or fax to 570-7650. Please include your name, phone number and source of the recipe. Deadline is March 27.

Sambal: What it is and how to use it

Editor's note: Off the Beaten Aisle is a weekly column by AP Food Editor J.M. Hirsch that also appears at Food-Network.com. It explores lesser known but widely available ingredients.

By J.M. Hirsch
AP Food Editor

Rule No. 1 about spicy ingredients — you don't need to love spicy foods to love what spicy ingredients can do for the foods you do love.

That's because foods such as chili peppers and hot sauces can do way more than simply add mouth-searing heat. Adding just a touch will heighten the other flavors of a dish without adding noticeable spiciness.

For example, whip up your favorite mac and cheese. Now stir in just a few drops of hot sauce. Taste. It won't be spicy, but it will be better.

Why am I telling you this? Because I want you to try a seriously spicy ingredient and there is no need to be scared off by the heat.

Throughout Asia there are numerous condiments referred to as sambals. Most are made by grinding together chili peppers and vinegar. Depending on where you are, other ingredients — such as dried shrimp, fermented soy beans, brown sugar, spices, coconut milk, etc. — may be added.

The result is a family of sauces with bright, punchy flavor and a fair amount of heat. They usually accompany meat and rice dishes and are added to taste.

The international aisle of most mainstream grocers in the United States will offer at least one or two varieties and they are worth checking out.

One of the most common is sambal oelek (also called chili paste or fresh chili paste), which is a simple blend of crushed chilies, salt and vinegar. Alongside sambal oelek, you also may find something labeled chili garlic sauce, which is sambal oelek with garlic added.

Either is a fine choice for any of these recipe ideas. The flavors are intense, slightly acidic and almost pungently sweet.

Like most vinegar-based condiments, sambals can be refrigerated for months after opening (most are marked with "best by" dates).

Celebrities brewing coffee sales for charity

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press

You know you like your cup of Joe in the morning. But are you ready for a cup of Hugh?

We are, of course, talking about actor Hugh Jackman, who recently launched a coffee and tea company that raises money for charity.

Philanthropy is the driving force behind Jackman's involvement in the coffee world. In a telephone interview he talked about being inspired by the late Paul Newman and his company, Newman's Own, which has donated millions to charity. But it's not the only reason.

The other factor? Taste.

"Hey, I'm a coffee snob," said Jackman, who could drink coffee "all day, because I just love it," but limits himself to one or two cups. "If I'm buying it, I want a great cup of coffee. If you can have a great cup of coffee and the profits of that company are actually going back to different charities, I think it's a win-win for everybody."

Jackman's interest in creating a coffee company was sparked during a tour he took as an ambassador for World Vision, an organization that works with children and families. In Ethiopia, he met Dukale, a local coffee farmer, and was struck by how hard he worked to look after his family, and by how a little help could make a big difference in the lives of coffee farmers.

In a piece of synchronicity, he discovered that a friend, Barry Steingard, who has 25 years experience in the coffee and restaurant industry, was planning on getting back in the coffee business. "I said, 'Well, do you need a partner?'" said Jackman.

So far Laughing Man Coffee & Tea — chocolates also recently were added — is the first subsidiary under Jackman's umbrella company, Laughing Man Worldwide. The way it works is 50 percent of the subsidiary profits go to the parent company, which then donates 100 percent of its profits. Educational initiatives are the focus of the coffee company, which has partnered with Harlem Village Academies, the well-regarded charter schools in New York, and WorldVision.

And Jackman's not the only java star. Leonardo DiCaprio is partnering with the La Colombe Torrefaction coffee company to create a special blend, LYON, with net profits earmarked for environmental projects supported by the actor's foundation.

Chili Garlic Roasted Shrimp with Fettuccine

Start to finish: 25 minutes
Servings: 4

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 tablespoon sambal oelek or chili garlic sauce
1 pound large raw shrimp, shells and veins removed
12-ounce package fresh fettuccine
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
3 scallions, chopped

Heat the oven to 450 F. Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil.

In a large bowl, mix together the oil, salt, pepper and the sambal or chili garlic sauce. Add the shrimp and toss well.

Transfer the shrimp, as well as any sauce in the bowl, to a rimmed baking sheet. Roast for 5 to 7 minutes, or until pink and firm.

While the shrimp roast, add the pasta to the water and cook according to package directions. Reserve 1/4 cup of the cooking water, then drain.

In a large bowl, combine the pasta and shrimp. Use a silicone spatula to scrape any liquid from the baking sheet into the bowl. Toss well.

Sprinkle the cheese and scallions over the pasta and shrimp, as well as a bit of the reserved pasta cooking water. Toss until the cheese is melted.

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Bridge (Advanced)
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Fridays, April 6 - 27
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Saturdays, April 21 - May 19
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Saturday, March 31, April 21 or 28
9:00 - 11:00 am

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Thursdays, April 24 & May 1
- or -
Thursdays, May 3 & 10
6:30 - 9:30 pm

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Saturday, April 28
8:00 am - 8:00 pm

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Health Sciences Continuing Education

Child Care 8 Hour Pre-Service Training
Saturday, May 5
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

CPR - American Heart Association Basic Life Support
Saturday, April 14
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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CPR, First Aid, & BBP
Tuesday, March 27
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Confined Space for Professionals
Tuesday, April 10
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Drug & Alcohol for Supervisors
Wednesday, April 11
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Driver Safety
Thursday, April 12
8:00 am - Noon

Lock Out / Tag Out / Electrical Safety
Monday, April 16
8:00 am - Noon

Forklift Safety
Tuesday, April 17
8:00 am - Noon

CPR, First Aid, & BBP
Tuesday, April 24
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Fall Protection / Ladder Safety
Wednesday, April 25
8:00 am - Noon

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Workforce Continuing Education

Office 2010: New Features (Last Chance!)
Monday & Wednesday, March 26 & 28
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Excel 2010: Intermediate
Tuesday & Thursday, March 27 & 29
8:00 am - Noon

Excel 2010: Comprehensive
Tuesdays & Thursdays, March 27 - April 24
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Basic Electrical Training: Introduction to Residential Wiring
Tuesdays & Thursdays, March 27 - April 24
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Excel 2010: Basic
Monday & Wednesday, April 2 & 4
1:00 - 5:00 pm

Adobe Illustrator CS5.5: Basic
Tuesday & Thursday, April 3 & 5
1:00 - 5:00 pm

Lunchtime Learning: Gossip in the Workplace
Wednesday, April 4
11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Access 2010: Basic
Wednesday & Friday, April 11 & 13
8:00 am - Noon

Electric License Update Course: Electrical Installations in Hazardous Locations
Saturday, April 14
8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Real Estate MCE
Saturday & Sunday, April 14 & 15
8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Windows 7: Intermediate (Last Chance!)
Monday & Wednesday, April 16 & 18
1:00 - 5:00 pm

Introduction to PLCs/Motor Controls
Mondays & Wednesdays, April 16 - May 16
7:00 - 9:00 pm

Mac OS X Lion
Tuesdays & Thursdays, April 17 - 26
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Improving Your Presentation Skills
Tuesdays & Thursdays, April 17 - 26
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Adobe Photoshop CS5.5: Basic
Tuesdays & Thursdays, April 17 - May 3
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Microsoft Project 2010: Intermediate
Wednesday & Friday, April 18 & 20
8:00 am - Noon

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Basin Business

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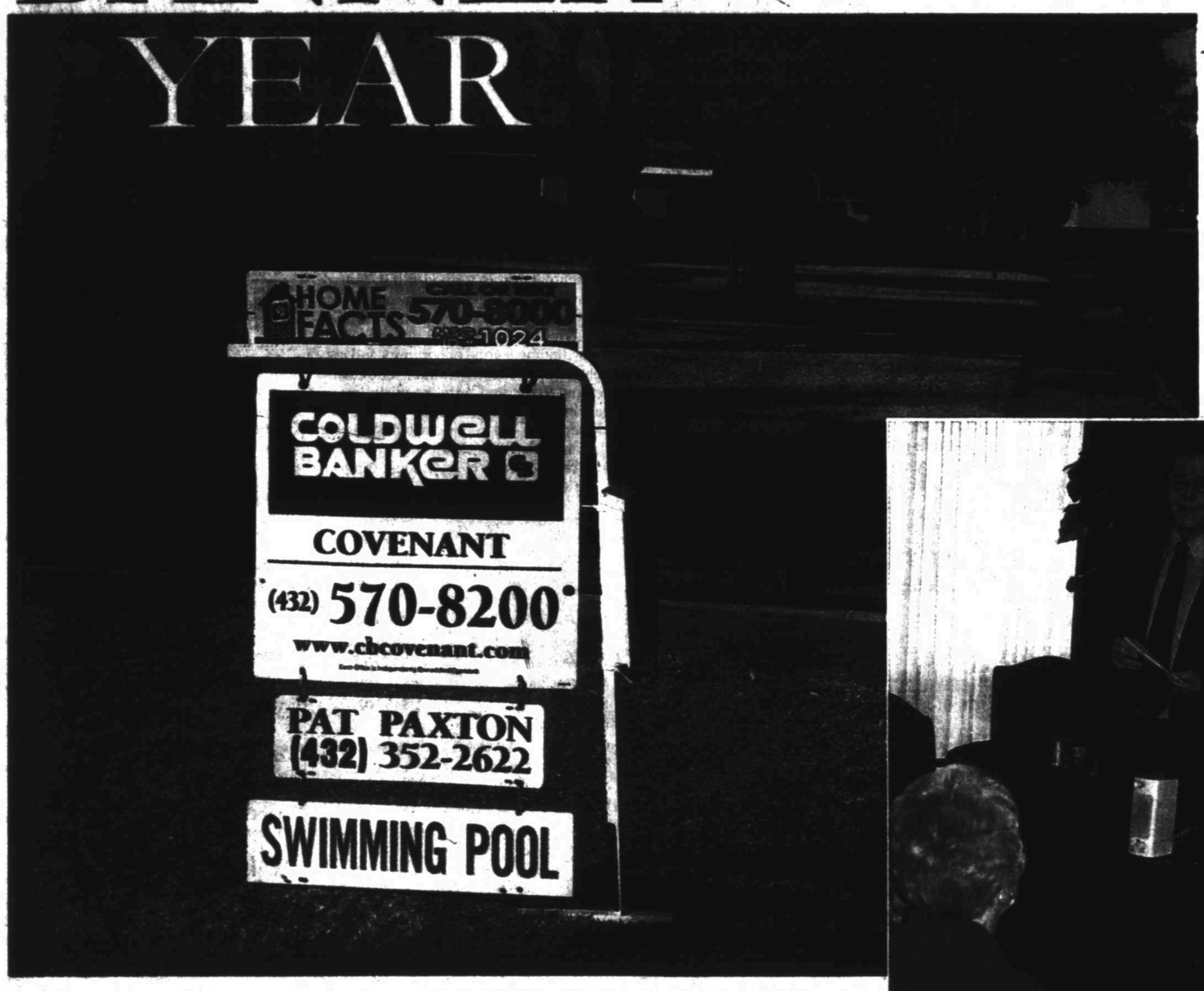

Coldwell Banker president, Jim Gillespie, at right, speaks to area Realtors Wednesday at their awards breakfast.

Tim FischerReporter-Telegram

NAMES *in the news*

DALLAS — Texas CPA firms continued to perform well among the nation's elite in the recently released Accounting Today Top 100 Firms of 2012. Two Fort Worth firms, Weaver and Whitley Penn, claimed 45th and 78th, respectively. For the second consecutive year, both firms also ranked first and second in a list of the top 10 Southwest firms.

Weaver, the largest firm in the Southwest with nearly 400 employees in six offices, took the region's top honor with more than $66 million in revenue last year, a 1.68 percent increase from a year ago.

The firm continued its growth trend as it merged with Houston firm L.T. Hawthorne & Associates in January. In July, it merged with the office of Killman, Murrell & Company in Midland. The firm expanded its energy credit brokering services in September and in January, merged with San Antonio-based John R. Hannah & Company.

Whitley Penn also had a stellar 2011. With more than 180 total employees in two offices, the firm boasted $37.5 million in revenue, up nearly 17 percent from a year ago. The firm expanded its services in audit, tax and litigation support/business valuation. It also announced, in September, a move to a new office in Dallas. As in 2010, Whitley Penn was named an Accounting Today Best Firm to Work for in 2011.

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. - In recognition of its commitment to reliability and quality, Averitt Express, which operates in the Permian Basin, was recently presented with a 2011 Outstanding Performance Award from Chevron Lubricants.

According to officials from Chevron Lubricants, only carriers that demonstrate high performance and safety standards are considered for the award. Averitt maintained a pickup and delivery score of greater than 90 percent, while also receiving strong safety survey results, which included zero accidents.

Coldwell Banker recognizes banner year

■ Sales dollars up 40.8 percent in 2011.

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

With a more than 40 percent increase in sales dollars and a nearly 30 percent increase in homes closed during 2011, Coldwell Banker is a prime example of how Midland's real estate market is unlike any other, its CEO said.

"The advantage Midland has is that it's tied to an industry that is on fire," said Jim Gillespie, CEO for Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC.

Gillespie visited Midland last week from the company's corporate headquarters in New Jersey to help recognize the Tall City's Coldwell Banker Covenant office for its performance in 2011. Midland's office was one of only 4 percent worldwide to sell enough real estate during 2011 to qualify for the company's Chairman's Circle.

"This is really so different from the rest of the country," Gillespie said. "You guys are so blessed and you know that you're blessed."

Nationwide, Gillespie said signs of recovery are beginning to occur.

He said he analyzes data on new home starts, non-distressed home sales, automotive sales, consumer spending and consumer confidence, among other things, to determine where the real estate market is headed.

Retail sales were up nearly 5 percent in recent months, non-distressed home sales show prices have stabilized in markets without major foreclosure rates and automotive sales also have been positive.

New home building permits nationwide are up 34 percent from this time last year, he said, which will be a great help to increasing home sales as in previous years there have been anywhere from 500,000 to 1 million fewer new homes than was typical as recently as 2006.

"Even though the market is good here, it's got to get better across the country," Gillespie said.

As is taking place in Midland, Gillespie said home buyers are starting to purchase homes as part of milestones in life rather than just as investments.

In the first five years of the century, Gillespie said individuals had started looking at homes as "piggy banks" and investing in their property in hopes that it would bring back great returns.

Then the housing market crashed and buying activity became depressed.

Now, he said, people are re-entering the market and doing so to buy homes as they get married, have children, change jobs or move to a new town.

"Traditionally, buying a home is emotional," he said. "People buy homes because that's where they want to raise their family. It's the purest form of Americana."

The company's newest marketing strategy is based on the idea that people purchase homes as part of their quest for creating solid family memories and achieving the American dream.

In Midland, Gillespie said the challenge is not selling homes through this method but rather finding enough homes to meet demand.

There were just 178 active residential listings on the last day in February, according to the most recent data available from the Permian Basin Board of Realtors.

Pat Paxton, who's been an agent since 1978 and was recognized last week as the top producer of the year for Midland's Coldwell office, said buyers have to be ready to purchase when they're looking at homes with the inventory as low as it's become.

She said she remembers the years where there were 2,300 homes on the market in Midland. Now, she said, most sellers are receiving multiple offers. Buyers who are used to having time to go home and think about a property find they now have to make an offer on the spot if they're truly interested in a home.

Still, Gillespie said, having too few properties is better for the market than having one that's over-saturated.

In addition to having an increase in overall closings and sales dollars, Coldwell Banker Covenant in Midland reported a 108 percent increase in referrals closed and a 48.3 percent increase in gross commission, said Damon Crelia, general manager at Coldwell Banker Covenant.

Please see **HOMES/3F**

BUSINESS SCENE

AT&T highlights $25 million investment in Midland-area network

AT&T is highlighting the nearly $25 million it has invested in its Midland-area wireless and wireline networks from 2009 through 2011 with a focus on improving the company's mobile Internet coverage and overall network performance.

In 2011, AT&T made nearly 30 wireless network upgrades, including activating two new cell sites or towers to improve coverage; adding more than 20 extra layers of frequency or "carriers" and upgrading two cell sites to provide fast mobile Internet speeds.

"To stay connected with friends, family and business, Midland residents use wireless communications now more than ever before," said Bobby Burns, president and chief executive officer of the Midland Chamber of Commerce. "I applaud AT&T's continued investment in its wireless network and commitment to the communication needs of Midland and Odessa residents and businesses."

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MIDLAND PARK MALL welcomes the Easter Bunny, who arrived Friday, March 23 and will be at the shopping center through Saturday, April 7.

Children can take a photo with the Easter Bunny and a life-sized figurine of EB, the star of the Universal Studios film Hop.

Other upcoming Easter events include the annual Midland Northside Lions Club Bunny Breakfast, scheduled for Saturday, March 31 in the Food Court from 7 to 10 a.m. The Bunny Breakfast will feature mascots, clowns, face painting and more. Tickets are $5, available at the Simon Guest Services or through Northside Lions Club members.

Also Saturday, March 31, the Simon Kidgits Club will host the Kidgits EGG-traordinary Easter event from 8 to 10 a.m., where participants can build their own Easter drum sets and participate in various activities.

After a two-month renovation project, JUSTICE has now reopened in its original, now upgraded location between Wet Seal and Abercrombie and Fitch.

Justice is a national retailer for tween girls offering moderately-priced fashion and accessories including tops and bottoms, dresses and outerwear.

basin business *inside*

Education is best way to protect students from credit sharks/**2F**

Timeshare pitfalls continue to trap consumers/**2F**

DAVE SAYS

Education is best way to protect students from credit sharks

DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,

Is there some way to put a block on a credit report prior to sending a kid to college, so that the credit card hustlers can't get to them?

Trevor

Dear Trevor,

No, there's not. Unfortunately, in today's culture that's part of becoming an adult. When you hand them car keys there's no way to put a block on how they drive. And when they turn 21, there's no way to put a block on what they ingest.

About the only thing you can do is to teach your kids to the best of your ability, and be a good parent and good example. Teach them why debt is dumb, and show them how it eats away at their ability to save money and build wealth.

And for goodness sake, don't use credit cards yourself. Kids can smell a hypocrite a mile away!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

I'm a new doctor, and I drive a car that has more than 200,000 miles on it, is 10 years old and has a few dings in the doors. I've heard image is everything when you're a doctor, but I like not having a car payment. Should I just get over being self-conscious about my old car?

Mario

Dear Mario,

I like not having a car note, too. I'd walk, ride a bike, or drive your car with a great, big smile on my face before I picked up a car payment!

As new, young doctor you've probably got six figures in student loans hanging over your head right now. So you need to get out from under all that before you start thinking about driving something fancy. If this car is truly on its last legs, then I'd say save up for a few months then upgrade to a good, reasonably-priced, used car.

Just remember, a Mercedes or BMW doesn't prove you're a doctor, and it doesn't mean you're a good doctor, either. You just need to worry about what's smart for you instead of what other people think!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

I'm 24, and I don't have any debt except for a small student loan. I'm going to law school to study international law, and I have a scholarship that pays 25 percent. However, I won't really be able to work much while I'm studying. How can I do this without taking on more debt?

Amy

Dear Amy,

If I were you I'd do some online research on all the governmental agencies out there. I'll bet there's one that's willing to pay for your law school if you would agree to work for them for a few years after you get out. It's kind of an indentured servitude deal, but that's a lot better than taking on $150,000 or more in debt.

The scholarship is a good thing, but we both know it will only scratch the surface when you're talking about law school. Think about this, Amy. You got the scholarship by finding a good opportunity and asking for it, right? There's a ton of scholarship money out there, and millions of dollars of it goes unclaimed every year.

If I were you, I'd get into the business of hunting money. Track down every possibility you can, and use every honest thing to your advantage!

—Dave

BUILDING PERMITS

Building Permits March 12-March 16

5900 Whitman Drive	New Commercial	
6205 Oriole Drive	Residential Alteration	$5,000
310 Magnolia Avenue	New Residence	$77,000
4110 W. Loop 250 North	Commercial Alteration	$1,200,000
5811 Oak Creek Drive	New Residence	$227,280
5103 Hilltop Drive	Residential Addition	$11,000
4979 Rustic Trail	Residential Addition	$30,000
1304 S. Loraine Street	New Residence	$167,840
1011 n. Midkiff Road	Commercial Alteration	$10,000
4500 Trevino Street	New Residence	$150,640
4005 Pleasant Drive	Residence-Detached	$800
4519 Spence Drive	Residential Alteration	$30,796
301 S. Mineola Street	New Residence	$92,160
4200 Kingwood Court	Swimming Pool	$43,000
1707 Cherry Lane	Residential Addition	$128,000
5612 Deauville Blvd	Commercial-Slab Only	$3,000,000
3327 W. Wadley Avenue	Snow Cone Stand	$11,000

Source: City of Midland

THE ECONOMIST

Long-term view of market direction is matter of perspective

RAY PERRYMAN

The Perryman Group

The Dow Jones Industrial Average hit the highest level since before the recession this week. One factor pushing stocks upward was the release of the Federal Reserve's annual stress testing, which revealed most of the largest banks were passing. The Fed's optimistic outlook added to the positive momentum, as did strong retail sales results. There is also some indication that the crisis in Greece can be contained and managed without spiraling into a major meltdown.

Looking at these nice upward trends is only one perspective, however, and a longer-term view of markets tells a somewhat different story. With several substantial intervening rallies and devastating crashes over a number of decades, it wasn't until November 14, 1972 that 1,000 was reached for the first time ever. The next 30 years (well, 27, actually) saw the market trend decidedly upward, reaching 10,000 in March 1999.

A peak close of 11,727.98 was set in January 2000, but the dot.com bubble then burst and the bear emerged. Adding to the gloom of the crash in various technology company stocks were a national (and global) recession, major corporate accounting scandals, and a horrifying act of terrorism on U.S. soil. It wasn't until 2006 that we reached that level again. The market then peaked in October 2007, with the Dow closing above 14,000 for several days that month.

We all know what happened after that: A financial crisis, an equity market freefall, and a national/global recession the likes of which had not been seen for 80 years. The worst close was in March 2009 at 6,547.02.

To think that we have basically doubled that level now is remarkable given how bad things looked just three years ago. However, today's levels look far less impressive when viewed in light of prior peaks, and the past 15 years aren't nearly as strong as the 15 from, say, 1985 to 2000.

At the end of the day, it is the underlying potential of corporations which determines long-term performance, because markets reflect underlying assets and their ability to generate profits. Even so, external events can and do cause price swings – positive and negative, short-lived and lingering. Investor sentiment also can exaggerate responses to changing conditions. While today we are feeling better about what's going on in Greece, for example, a run of bad news there could pose a significant challenge to U.S. markets.

The longer the positive economic trends continue, both in the United States and around the globe, the more likely it is that downward pressure will ease and investors will be encouraged back into the market. Currently, many smaller investors are staying on the sidelines, burned by volatility and sharp drops in portfolio values. Now that the market is up, it becomes more difficult to feel the time is right to get back in amid fear that one may be "buying high" and, thus, less likely to achieve further gains.

Opinions vary (as always) as to whether the bull market still has far to go. Several risk factors have the potential to cause a retreat. Financial crisis escalation in Greece or elsewhere could dampen performance. Slowing of major global growth engines such as China and other emerging economies could hurt. Of course a major upswing in tensions with Iran would be a serious challenge, particularly given the likely effect on oil prices. While I firmly believe the long-term potential of the U.S. economy is quite strong and will lead to higher markets, the path is likely to be rocky.

When will we reach the next record? Unfortunately, the answer has more to do with the whims we can't control than the factors that are subject to systematic analysis. We can be sure, however, that it will indeed happen.

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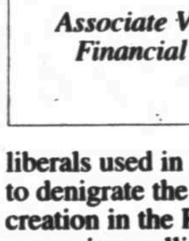
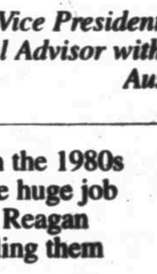
MARKET WATCH

Economic bears' five stages of grief





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The economic bears have had it rough the past few years. They keep bashing the economy, but it keeps recovering. Watching them fight through the five stages of grief is educational. First there was denial, then anger (some are still in this stage), now it's bargaining.

The bears say, yes, the jobs numbers were good in February: Nearly 300,000 private payrolls (with revisions) while the household survey showed 428,000. The unemployment rate stayed at 8.3 percent due to an increase in the labor force of 476,000. That gain undermined the bears' denial about the recent drop in the jobless rate, where they were saying it was all due to a shrinking labor force, with fewer people looking for jobs.

The bargaining has now begun and the bears are saying "job growth might be OK, and the labor force may be growing, but the jobs are inferior, low paying and of low quality." This is actually an old argument, the same one liberals used in the 1980s to denigrate the huge job creation in the Reagan expansion, calling them "McJobs."

It's true that temporary jobs, which make up only 2.2 percent of all private sector positions, have accounted for almost 13 percent of job growth in the past two years. But this is not unusual. Temp jobs are always more cyclical than the rest of the economy, falling more when the economy shrinks and rising faster when it recovers. At 2.2 percent of all private sector jobs, the share is still lower than the peak in 2000, as well as where it was in 2005-07.

It's true, as well, that health care jobs are expanding. But, in the past two years, health care jobs have held steady at just below 13 percent of all private-sector jobs. No increase in their share of the workforce. In other words, the growth in this sector mirrors job growth overall.

It's also true that jobs at bars and restaurants are growing faster than the rest of payrolls. But that's part of a long-term trend. In the past two years, 13.5 percent of all private payroll gains have been at bars and restaurants. But these same positions accounted for 15

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Timeshare pitfalls continue to trap consumers

It is a common scenario. You receive a mailer or email offering a free trip or other fantastic prize and all you have to do is sit through a half-day seminar. Once you're there, the company turns on the high-pressure tactics in an attempt to sell a timeshare.

I've heard many tales of how people pulled wonderful vacations out of these sales pitches, but, working for Better Business Bureau, I've heard many more about people scammed by these phone calls and mailers.

The good news is people are catching on, and turning a wary eye toward timeshare sales. The bad news is that scammers are just changing the game to get your money, prompting new warnings from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and enforcement efforts from the Federal Trade Commission.

The new focus is on current timeshare owners. The scammers contact victims promising to sell their timeshares, then ask for thousands of dollars upfront to cover legitimate-sounding fees and taxes. Once they have your money, the perpetrators disappear.

BBB received more than 2,600 complaints nationally about timeshare resell companies last year, and almost 200 more in January 2012. Some complain about available dates or other management issues, but many allege companies collected money for fees or other charges and then disappeared.

The FBI is warning some are falling victim twice. Once the scammers disappear with the "taxes and fees," they contact the victim again, pretending to be a different company. This time, they promise to recover the lost money for a fee.

When buying or selling a timeshare, BBB offers the following tips:

- Beware of upfront fees. Though there may be closing costs or other fees associated with purchasing a timeshare, be wary of any company that pressures you to pay any such fees upfront or before reviewing any contracts.
- Read the fine print. Especially when selling a timeshare, make sure to read the contract carefully. Find out if the company is actually selling your timeshare or simply charging you to advertise the listing.
- Start with trust. Visit www.bbb.org to check out the BBB Business Review for a company before paying any money.
- Never wire cash. Credit cards offer a certain amount of fraud protection that you cannot get if you use a wire service. Walk away from any deal that requires you to pay cash or wire money, especially to locations in other countries.
- Get it in writing. Ask the salesman for all information in writing, including all fees, timing and ways the seller plans to advertise the unit.
- Check the license. Ask for licensing information for the seller's agents, and check that information with the Real Estate Commission. Only deal with licensed brokers and ask for references.
- If it sounds too good to be true, it is. Be wary of any seller who promises a big selling price or quick turnaround. High-pressure tactics are always a red flag.
- Know where to turn. Before selling your timeshare, read the FTC's advice on selling a timeshare and report any scams to BBB or the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center.

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percent of private payroll gains in 2003-07.

None of this is to say that the job market could not be better, even much better. The expansion in the size of government over the past several years has resulted in slower job creation and slower wage growth than would otherwise be the case. The bigger the government, the smaller the private sector becomes and the less dynamic the economy. This undermines opportunity and interferes with free market growth. If you want to understand this, think jobs not created by the Keystone project, and the bankrupcy and job loss at Solyndra.

Shrinking the size of government over the next decade would accelerate payroll gains and raise living standards at a faster pace. But even these mistakes can't stop an amazingly resilient economy. The bears need to move toward acceptance. It could be better, but it ain't as bad as they think.

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He said the combination of the strong economy in Midland and the hard-working sales force at their office is what led to increases across the board in 2011. With the oil and gas industry continuing to remain strong, agents said they expect 2012 to be a strong year, as well.

"In a struggling economy around the country we can continue to perform above the pack," Crelia said.

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						6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House		Paid	This Week		B. Church	Paid	Racing
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid		Paid		Search	CBS Sunday Morning			FaceNat.	First Baptist Church		PBR Bull Riding	
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Extravagant	Paid	Extravt.	In Touch Ministries		Kay David		Memory	Paid	Wild Ltd.	Hollywd.	Live Life	On Spot
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Crossings	Believers	Crossings	Fox News Sunday				Odessa	FaithAve	F.Hardin	C'nsumer	C'nsumer	C'nsumer
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dorm Light of Israel		Dr. Will	Mornin..		In Touch Ministries		Sol	Schwarz	Heart of the City		Nuevo Vida	
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Mornin Light	Cosmic	Paid	Paid		Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press		Edition	Garrett	First Baptist Church	
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	C.Range	Cal Hist	Sunsd	DineTrain		Sid	Squeals	Arthur	WordGirl	Cymraeg	WWI K.	Blue	Travel
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	Concha	Concha	Victoria	Nacional		Muchachitas		Al rondo		Ranchera deportiva			
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Homes	Hometown.		Faith	Nazarion	O.House	Hospef.	1 United	CARS.TV	Sports Spectacular	
FLIX		340	65		165														
HBO		300	68	14	14						Dating WCB					Making ...			
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23													
HBO5		304	70	16	102														
MAX		380	71	17	120	24													
MAX2		382	72	18	122														
PLEX				96															
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25													
TMC		336	67	22	155	26													
AAE		27	32	28	35	47	Breakout "Round Two"		Breakout Kings		The Sopranos			The Sopranos					
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	Mad Men		Mad Men		Killing "Vengeance"			Killing "Snowballed"		Killing "Underlow"			
BET		58	26		40		6:00 BET Inspiration				Bobby Jones Gospel			Lift Voice	Chris		Chris		
BRAVO		65	63		41		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List			Interior Therapy		Interior Therapy			
CNBC		46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid		Paid	Paid	Paid	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	Myth "Paper Armor"			MythBusters		Unchained Reaction		MythBusters	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Mickey	McStuffins	Mickey	Jake	Phineas	Phineas		GoodLuck	Shake Up	Gnik Chronicles		Mickey	Mickey
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report (N)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		NCAA Basketball	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	SportsNation		BASS Fishing		SportsCenter			OLines	Report	NASCAR Now (L)		SportsCenter	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33													
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	(6:00) FOX & Friends Sunday							News HQ	Housecall	America's News HQ		America's News HQ	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Wor.Easy	5 Fix	Meals	Hungry	Week In a Day (N)			Dinners	Big Bite	King (N)	Chef (N)	Paula	Ma' Maid
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid		Championship Spot.		UEFAMag.	Horse	Ocnarbor	Garage
FX		31	31	59	64	60													
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls							
HGTV		63	26	46	48	44	Holmes	Pro Grade	Home	Income	Property Brothers			Disaster	Disaster	Crashers	Room Cr	Love It or List It	
HISTORY		71	62	28	50	43	Modern Marvels		American Pickers		American Pickers			American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFETIME		28	25	25	26	48	In Touch Ministries		The Hour of Power		J.Osteen	Paid		Christine	PantsMom	Dance Moms		Dance Moms	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball	Business	Up With Chris Hayes					Melissa Harris-Perry				Rachaeld. Alex Witt	
NBCSN		38	39				Outdoors	Marlins	NJOutdoor	Outdoor	Hot Shots	Deadliest		Quest For	Alaska	Babe W.	Fishermn	Bass Pro	Bill Dance
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Back at the Barnyard		Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge		Sponge	Sponge	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	T.U.F.F.	Penguins
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Auction	Auction		Auction	Digger	Xtr. 4x4	Horsep.	Trucks!	Muscle..
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Ghost Hunters Int'L			Master Mind					
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Payne	Payne	Browns	Browns	Friends	Friends		Friends	Friends				
TCM		41	61	24	63	66													
TELE		20	8	10	20		Paid	Paid	Soldiers	Wills	Pearlie	Winnie's		Paid	Paid	El Papa Benedito XVI		Viaje de Esperanza	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Niecy Nash's Wedding			Bash		Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order "Grief"		LawOrder "Rapture"		Law & Order "Brazil"			Law & Order		LawOrder "Bailout"			
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	3's Co.	The Nanny	"Material Fran"		Hot In	Hot In		Hot In	Hot In	Makeover: Home		Makeover: Home	
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		FLegal "Start Me Up"			In Plain Sight					
WGN		19	18				Paid	Facts	Key David	Beyond	Matlock			In Heat of Night					

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — MARCH 25, 2012

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						12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	(11:30) IndyCar Auto Racing				To Be Announced			Paid	Paid	Paid		Queens	Queens
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Sports Spectacular		NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament (L)							NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament (L)			
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Hollywd.		Fatal Attraction ('87, Thril) Michael Douglas.										
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	HomeT.	WildeLife	C'nsumer	NASCAR Auto Racing Auto Club 400 Site: Auto Club Speedway (L)						C'nsumer	C'nsumer		
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Laurie	Enarson	Alewine	T.Scrivner	Light of the Southwest								
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Golf Equipment		Golf C.	PGA Golf Arnold Palmer Invitational Site: Bay Hill Golf Club and Lodge (L)						Inside Ed.	News		
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	Ideal/Act	Contrary	Sew It All	Sewing	Knitting	F&Porter	Sewing	Crafting	Lawrence Welk		Nature		
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	Vidas paralelas		MFL Fútbol Tigres vs Pumas (L)					Vecinos		Dale con Ganas	F. Diez	Noticiero	
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16									Athlete	Insider	Access Hollywood		Stargate Universe	
FLIX		340	65		165														
HBO		300	68	14	14		Movie	Bill Maher										Movie	
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	Movie	(:50) Luck		(:45) Luck		(:40) Luck		Boxing WCB					
HBO5		304	70	16	102		Movie												
MAX		380	71	17	120	24													
MAX2		382	72	18	122														
PLEX				96			Movie	(:50)											
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25													
TMC		336	67	22	155	26													
AAE		27	32	28	35	47	Movie	Ship Wars	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Ship War	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Storage	Storage
AMC		40	21	23	42	51													
BET		58	26		40		Movie												
BRAVO		65	63		41		Shahs of Sunset		Real Housewives		Real Housewives			Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives	
CNBC		46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid		Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		Next List	News	Your Money			CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Myth "Dodge a Bullet"		Myth "Drain Disaster"		MythBusters			MythBusters		MythBusters		Frozen Planet	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Austin	Austin	Jessie	Jessie		Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	A.N.T.	SoRandom	Shake Up
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	(11:30) NCAA Basketb.		SportsC.	PBA Bowling				MLS Soccer Colorado vs New York (L)				SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	SportsCenter Special		Score.	NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament (L)					
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33													
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	(11:00) News HQ		Fox News		Justice JudgeJeanine			America's News HQ				Fox News	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Rest. "Valley View"		Chopped		Chopped			Chopped		BestAte	BestAte	Diners	Diners
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	NCAA Baseball East Carolina vs. Central Florida (L)							Sports Unlimited		Insider	Game365	Sports Unlimited	
FX		31	31	59	64	69													
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34													
HGTV		63	26	46	48	44	My Place	My Place	Property	Property	Property	Property		House	House	For Rent	For Rent	House	House
HISTORY		71	62	28	50	43	Pickers "Keep Out!"		American Pickers		American Pickers			American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFETIME		28	25	25	26	48													
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		Meet the Press		Caught on Camera			Caught on Camera		CaughtCam "Crash"		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN		38	39				FLW Outdoors		Alaska	IRB Rugby	Hong Kong Sevens			NHL Live!		NHL Hockey Minnesota vs Washington (L)			
NICK		55	34	39	34	37													
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58													
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67													
TBS		25	11	44	66	41													
TCM		41	61	24	63	66													
TELE		20	8	10	20														
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Say Yes	Say Yes to	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes		Medium	Medium	Long Island	Medium	Medium	Medium
TNT		24	23	40	26	50													
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Ext. Makeover: Home		Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote			Murder, She Wrote					
USA		26	30	42	27	49													
WGN		19	18																

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						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos (N)		Once Upon a Time "Hat Trick" (N)		Desp. Housewives "Any Moment" (N)		GCB "A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing" (N)	KMID News	(:35) Ugly Betty		(:35) Sports
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		The Amazing Race (N)		The Good Wife "Blue Ribbon Panel" (N)		CSI: Miami "Law & Disorder" (N)	CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer	
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Heartland "Eye of the Wolf"		The Honeymooners ('05, Comedy) Mike Epps, Gabrielle Union, Cedric the Entertainer.				Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	Troubadour, TX		True Hollywood Story "Sharon Stone"	
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	The Simpsons	Cleveland Show (N)	The Simpsons	Bob's Burger (N)	Family Guy	American Dad (N)	Three Wide Life	Tx.Roadhouse	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Consum-er Corner	Consum-er Corner
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Doorways to Wisdom		Marvin Wilson	Dr. R.Booker	Light of the Southwest					Alan Lee	Jack Van Impe	For the Heart of the City	
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Dateline NBC (N)		Harry's Law "Search and Seize" (N)		The Celebrity Apprentice "Party Like a Mock-Star" (N)			TBA		News-West 9	Cowboys Post	Red Raider	
KPBT	PBS	13	13			13	8	Nova "Extreme Ice"		Finding Your Roots (N)		Roots "Cory Booker and John Lewis" (N)		Masterpiece Classic "Oliver Twist" 1/2 cont'd next		Masterpiece Classic "Oliver Twist" 2/2			
KUPB	UNI	4	4			4	16	Parodiando		Nuestra Belleza Latina				Sal y pimienta		Perspec-tiva	Noticiero Univision	La hora pico	
KOSA	MNT	16	16			16		Without a Trace		Cold Case		The Closer		Law & Order		30 Rock	Sunny	Aggies	Office
FLIX		340	65			165													
HBO		300	68	14	14		Movie												
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23													
HBO5		304	70	16	102														
MAX		380	71	17	120	24													
MAX2		382	72	18	122														
PLEX				96															
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	Shameless		Caller.	Lies	Shameless			Lies	Caller.	Shameless		Lies	Caller.
TMC		336	67	22	155	26													
AAE		27	32	28	35	47	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage		Breakout Kings		Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC		40	21	23	42	51					Mad Men "A Little Kiss" (SP) (N)					(:10) Mad Men "A Little Kiss"			
BET		58	26		40						Rip the Runway			Game	Together	Together	BET Inspiration		
BRAVO		65	63		41		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atl. (N)			Shahs of Sunset (N)		Watch (N)	Housewives Atlanta	Atlanta	
CNBC		46	45		39	72	Debt	Wall Street	Millions	Millions	Bks. "Dave Thomas"			McDonald's Empire		Pepsi's Challenge		American Greed	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan			CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Dam Freedom		Dam Freedom	Dam Freedom	Mythbusters			Unchained Reaction		Frnz/Planet	Summer	Mythbusters	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Austin	SoRandom	Austin (N)	Shake (N)	A.N.T.	Jessie		Shake Up	Shake Up	A.N.T.	A.N.T.	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		NBA Basketball Miami		Heat vs. Oklahoma City			Thunder (L)		NBA Basketball Memphis vs Los Angeles (L)			
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament (L)				Gameday Scans (L)			SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsC.	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33													
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	Fox Report Weekend		Huckabee		Stossel			Geraldo at Large		Huckabee		J.Ortiz	Ed Young
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	WorstCooks		Cupcake Wars (N)		WorstCooks (N)			Iron Chef America		Restaurant Stakeout		WorstCooks	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	MLS Soccer Dallas vs Sporting KC (L)				WPT Poker			UFC Bad Blood: Chuck		Spotlight		WPT Poker	
FX		31	31	59	64	69													
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34													
HGTV		63	26	46	48	44	Holmes on Homes		Holmes on Homes		Holmes Inspection			Holmes on Homes		Property Brothers		Holmes Inspection	
HISTORY		71	62	28	50	43	Ax Men		Ax Men		Ax Men "Man Down"			Full Metal Jousting		Full Metal Jousting		Ax Men	
LIFETIME		28	25	25	26	48					Army Wives			Coming Home					
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Caught on Camera		CaughtCamers (N)		Caught on Camera			Sea Slaves (N)		Sea Slaves "Iron"		Predator Exp.	
NBCSN		38	39				Hockey	NHL Hockey	Nashville Predators vs. Chicago Blackhawks (L)					NHL Live!	Overtime	UCI Cycling		Polar Affair Unit	
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Full	Full	Wills Kids	Wills Kids		G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58										Diggers	Diggers	Diggers	Diggers
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67													
TBS		25	11	44	66	41													
TCM		41	61	24	63	66													
TELE		20	8	10	20														
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium		Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
TNT		24	23	40	26	50													
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	Everybody Loves	Everybody Loves		Raymond	My Wife	Dobro	Dobro	Cosby	Cosby
USA		26	30	42	27	49													
WGN		19	18																

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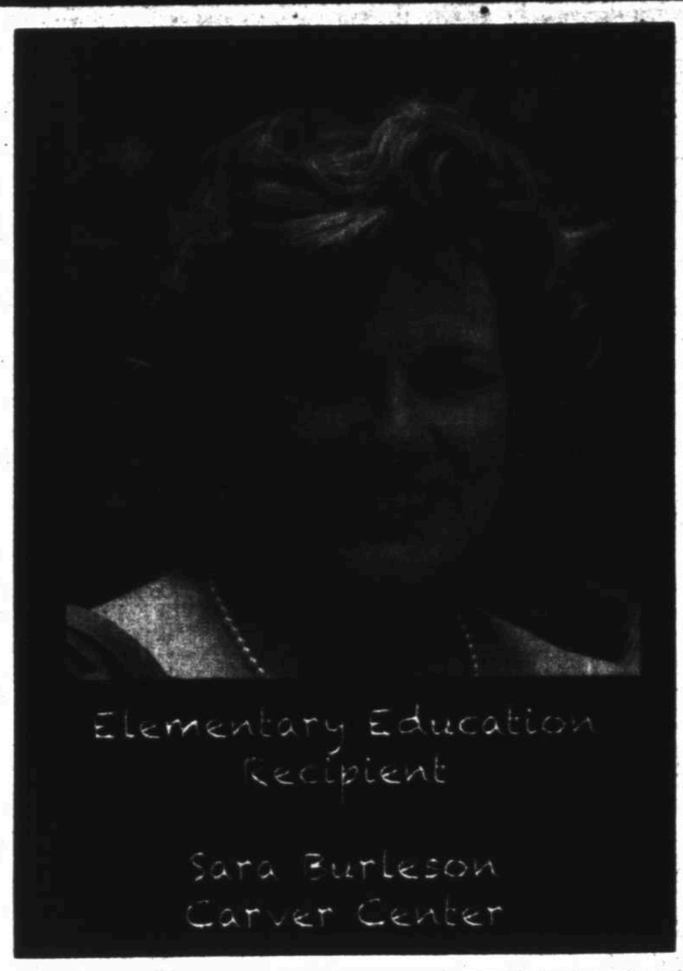

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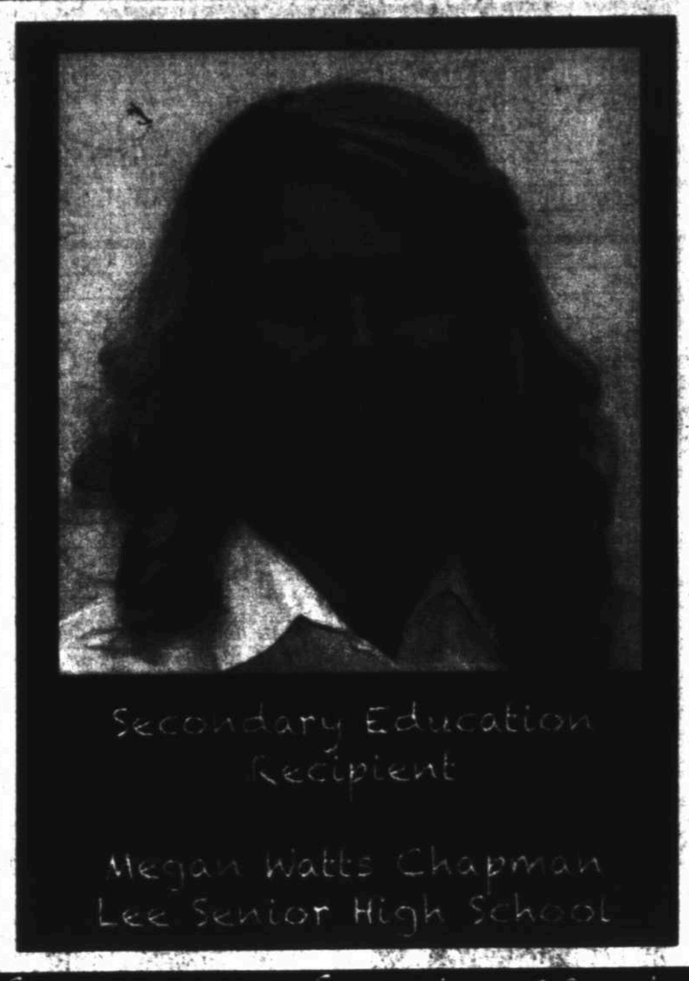

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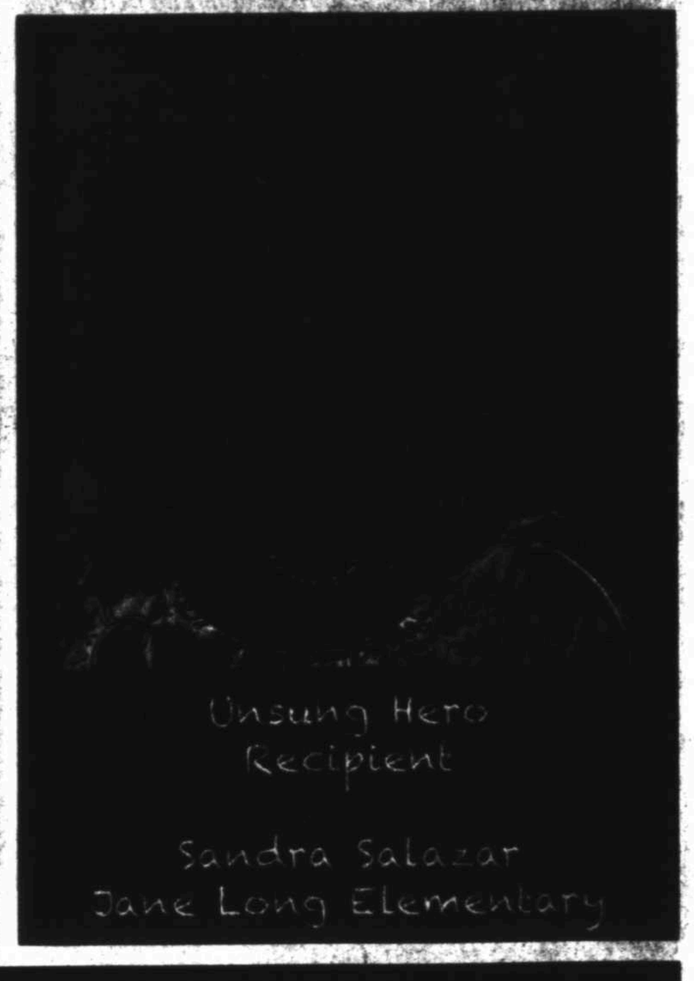

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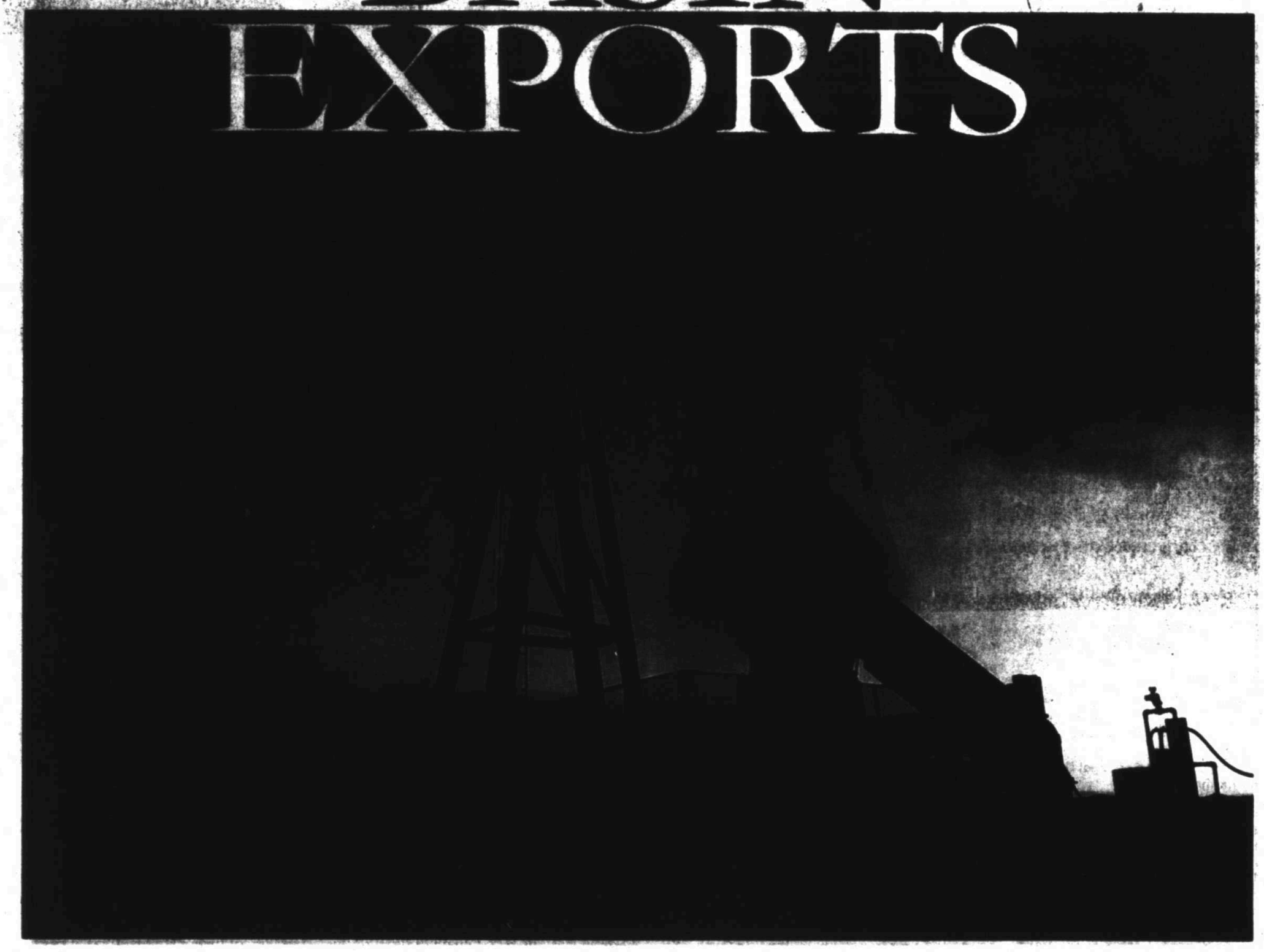

Basin exports remain strong despite domestic activity

■ Exporting companies say mix of domestic, international markets benefits bottom line.

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

With domestic oil and gas production at their highest levels since 2003 thanks to high drilling activity and technological advancements, many oil and gas producers are focusing on North American opportunities.

Some think that focus could be at the expense of exporting to international markets.

"With the domestic market being as active as it is," said Harry Henson, director of the West Texas Export Assistance Center at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, local exports are still going well.

From drilling rigs to equipment to capture flare gas or methane to pumping units to tool, Henson said much of the items being shipped from Permian Basin companies to other nations is oil-related. "Everything is related because there is so much exploration going on everywhere," he said.

"Exports are still going strong, which is why there's so much hiring going on. More and more companies are exporting because they see opportunities outside U.S. borders," he continued, citing a major shale project in Canada. "I think companies see opportunities to increase their revenues, and that shows up in our low unemployment."

Larry Richards, president of Hy-Bon Engineering, said demand for Hy-Bon's products to be used domestically could fill his fabricating facilities. But, he said, Hy-Bon's business strategy is to keep its international business strong.

"Historically, our exports are 50 percent of our overall revenues," he said. "It's a mix we like to keep as diversification to guard against the up and down swings in the domestic industry."

In fact, he said, "I recommend to oil service companies here that, though they may have exported goods in the past, it's easy to drop that business in light of strong domestic activity. But keep that export mix because, when domestic activity does go down, and it will, that will help weather the downturn."

It was that strong export business, he said, that helped Hy-Bon weather the slowdown in 2009 with no layoffs, in large part because its international business had large projects "hit at the right time. It's a nice, common sense healthy mix of business."

As Hy-Bon prepares to celebrate its 60th anniversary, Richards said the company reported its second consecutive year of the biggest domestic business it has ever had, export markets are not overlooked.

"Each year we try to add two international markets," he said. "We're doing that this year.

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National economy shows impact of thriving oil and gas industry

■ Federal, state actions could hamper — or help — activity.

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

The impact of high oil and gas activity on the nation's economy is easily seen.

"It's obvious, the impact of the industry on the Permian Basin, also the Eagle Ford in South Texas," observed Luke Legate of G. Fox Consulting in Austin and the Joint Association for Oil and Gas Education. "The Eagle Ford is growing faster than people realize. It's a tremendous economic engine; they need qualified workers, there's housing shortages, wages are rising."

In Midland to address the Natural Gas Society of the Permian Basin, Legate said advances in completion technology, such as hydraulic fracturing, significantly has increased the nation's domestic oil and gas production, yet Americans are faced with high gasoline prices. "That's why we need to develop more resources in Texas, and we are," he said.

Texas, he pointed out, provides 25 percent of the nation's energy and illustrates how domestic production has grown thanks to advanced well completion technology.

"At the Three Rivers refinery in the Eagle Ford," he said, "they used to refine 100 percent foreign oil. Now it's 50 percent Eagle Ford oil and they expect it to be more," but infrastructure must grow.

"Texas is an optimistic state that wants to create jobs," he said. "That requires building new facilities and employing hundreds of thousands. It's why Midland has 4 percent unemployment. We're seeing spin-offs in services, hotels, restaurants. I think Texans are appreciating good economic times. You can't drive down the street without seeing out-of-state license plates."

The nation's oil and gas-producing regions are seeing investment dollars previously being spent overseas being spent domestically, Legate said, with that shift in capital creating increased manufacturing activity, more jobs, more domestically-produced products. Yet regulatory action threatens to impact that growth, he said, citing action by the Environmental Protection Agency and the possible listing of the dunes sagebrush lizard as endangered.

"Texas regulatory agencies can regulate better than the EPA can," Legate said.

The Joint Association for Oil and Gas Education is an joint effort by the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, Texas Alliance of Energy Producers, Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners, Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association, Texas Oil and Gas Association, Texas Pipeline Association, Foundation for Energy Education and Texas Royalty Council.

"We speak to various groups, highlighting the jobs we create, the taxes we pay and we do it statewide," explained Legate. "I've spent significant time in the Barnett Shale and Eagle Ford. Each are different but contribute to jobs and the state's economic success. Even in the Eagle Ford, some towns are experiencing triple-digit growth. The Rainy Day Fund is 99 percent funded by oil and gas."

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NGPA to hear about DCP's Sand Hills Pipeline

The Natural Gas Producer's Association will meet Thursday, March 29 at the Petroleum Club beginning at 11:45 a.m.

David Barth, director of NGL business development for DCP Midstream, will discuss NGL production growth in West Texas, existing pipeline infrastructure and his company's new Sand Hills Pipeline.

There is no charge for members, $20 for guests. Reservations should be made by noon Monday, March 26 by calling 688-2068 or by email at dknipe@gwdc.com.

Photo by Paul Wiseman

Area 7-Eleven stores are getting a new look as owner Alon Brands begin featuring its own name instead of the classic Fina name. Gasoline and diesel for these stores will continue to come from the Alon refinery in Big Spring, as they have for many years.

Alon rolls out rebranding of retail gasoline at area 7-Eleven stores

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

After three years of planning Alon Brands began earlier this month the rebranding of their gasoline at 7-Eleven stores in West Texas and New Mexico. While the name will change from Fina to Alon, the curved red, white and blue stripes will remain the same, according to Kyle McKeen, president and CEO of Alon Brands.

The first 7-Eleven stores to receive the Alon brand were the one at Midkiff and Loop 250 in Midland and the store at Eastridge and Loop 338 in Odessa. After assessing feedback from employees and customers at those locations Alon began to roll out the larger scale changeover earlier this month. They expect to have Midland, Odessa and Big Spring stores completed very shortly, with a goal of finishing all stores by this summer. During the full-bore conversion process crews will be changing signage on 3-4 stores per day.

Alon bought the Fina refinery in Big Spring from France's Total in 2000, and along with that the rights to the Fina name for a certain number of years. Alon owns 300 7-Eleven convenience stores and provides retail gasoline product to approximately 700 others. As Alon executives saw their rights to the Fina name coming to an end, they had to decide whether to negotiate a continuation or to make their own brand. They also saw that the company as a whole was almost completely focused on the manufacturing and refining, to the exclusion of marketing.

As a result of this realization Alon formed Alon Brands, whose purpose would be to focus on retail operations in order to upgrade that area. "We started focusing on serving the customer," McKeen explained. "We started programs inside and outside the store and we raised the bar as far as the requirements for service and cleanliness at all our roughly 1,000 Fina locations." Part of the goal was to make the retail arm profitable on its own, separately from the refining operations.

The corporate office for 7-Eleven is getting more aggressive with its own franchisee programs, which McKeen said is dovetailing nicely with Alon's efforts.

One program in particular, known as Clean TEAM, began showing better-than-expected results -- doubling sales in some stores. "It stands to reason if you're cleaner and friendlier you're going to improve your business," McKeen noted.

The Clean TEAM program began to measure customer service, not only regarding cleanliness, but also friendliness and attention to customers' needs. Alon saw its employees thrive in this environment, becoming a competition between stores to see who could do the best in these categories. In the last two years Alon Brands has given out 15,000 awards, the highest of which is a new car presented to the manager of each year's highest-performing store.

McKeen noted the top-performing stores in the region have increased sales by more than 100 percent, making a vehicle and other cash prizes very worthwhile for the company.

Alon's 7-Elevens are adding food service in the order of Stripes' Laredo Taco, in order to compete with fast food. They are also upgrading the stores' coffee bars. "The coffee program has gone from the old pot to urns, with better holding time and better flavor and presentation," added Jonathan Ketchum, operations lead for Alon Brands-Retail.

Alon Brands has remodeled most of the stores in Midland, Odessa and Big Spring, with remodels of the remaining owned and operated stores set to coincide with sign changes. Upgrades include painting inside and out, improved lighting, landscaping and other improvements, Ketchum noted.

As these internal changes alone made a difference, McKeen said the company felt it should announce these improvements to the general public. This coincided with the approaching loss of rights to the Fina name. With the help of outside consultants, Alon realized it would be difficult to change the public's perception of the Fina name anyway, so Alon decided to put its own name on the product in order to show the public that other changes were also in progress.

"Given what we had achieved, and the different approach we were taking to the consumer, we decided that the best all-around option that we had was to go ahead and change the name," McKeen explained. In truth, he added, Total is discontinuing the Fina brand internationally anyway.

Fuel at the pumps of the Midland-Odessa-Big Spring stores is provided by Alon's Big Spring refinery. Product for the other stores comes either from there or from one of Alon's four other refineries.

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Energy conservation can protect environment, lower taxes

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With Texas energy companies serving as a leading provider of crude oil and natural gas, companies have a prime opportunity to take advantage of more than 80 federal, state and local incentive programs. Despite the fact that these programs are available to defray the cost of purchasing and installing energy conservation equipment, executives in the Lone Star state are still leaving money on the table.

Conservation incentives and credits allow companies to demonstrate environmental stewardship, increase operating efficiencies and lower income taxes by defraying the cost of purchasing energy conservation equipment and systems. Unfortunately, the funds often go unused — and the programs won't last forever.

Companies can and should take advantage of underutilized conservation credits and incentives to lower taxes and operating expenses, as well as positively impact the environment.

Reasons to consider switching to energy efficient equipment or materials

The benefits of switching to energy efficient equipment and materials include the opportunity to lower energy consumption and utility bills by installing modern, energy-efficient manufacturing equipment, and windows or HVAC systems. It also provides the chance to promote a positive public image by launching green initiatives and supporting environmental stewardship. Plus, both tenants and building owners can utilize the incentive programs and reap the financial rewards. For example, the improvements help owners by boosting property values, while tenants benefit from increased energy efficiency, which ultimately reduces operating costs.

Available incentives

There are numerous federal, state and local programs that can be used for equipment purchases or upgrades that reduce energy consumption. The programs include: tax deductions, credits and exemptions, loans and grants, rebates and performance-based incentives. For example, Texas businesses can qualify for commercial energy efficiency rebates, energy efficient incentive programs, green building corporate tax credits and sales tax exemptions for purchasing energy and water efficient products.

Best of all, executives don't have to commandeer large amounts of cash to complete the projects because companies can tap different programs to train employees, purchase equipment or pay for installation contractors. So, companies can still invest in that much-needed marketing program or software upgrade if they replace inefficient manufacturing equipment or install a new HVAC system.

Financial benefits of these incentives

Essentially, there are five areas where companies benefit from energy efficiency incentives and tax credits:

- **Gross income exclusions.** Companies can deduct the full amount of incentive payments or grant funds they receive for qualified energy conservation projects from gross income.
- **Dollar-for-dollar deductions.** There are no sliding scales or phased-out deductions. Companies can use every dollar they invest in qualified energy conservation projects to reduce their tax liability.
- **Accelerated depreciation.** Under IRS 179D, companies can depreciate the cost of purchasing new plant and energy equipment at a faster rate than typically allowed. So, instead of taking 39 years to

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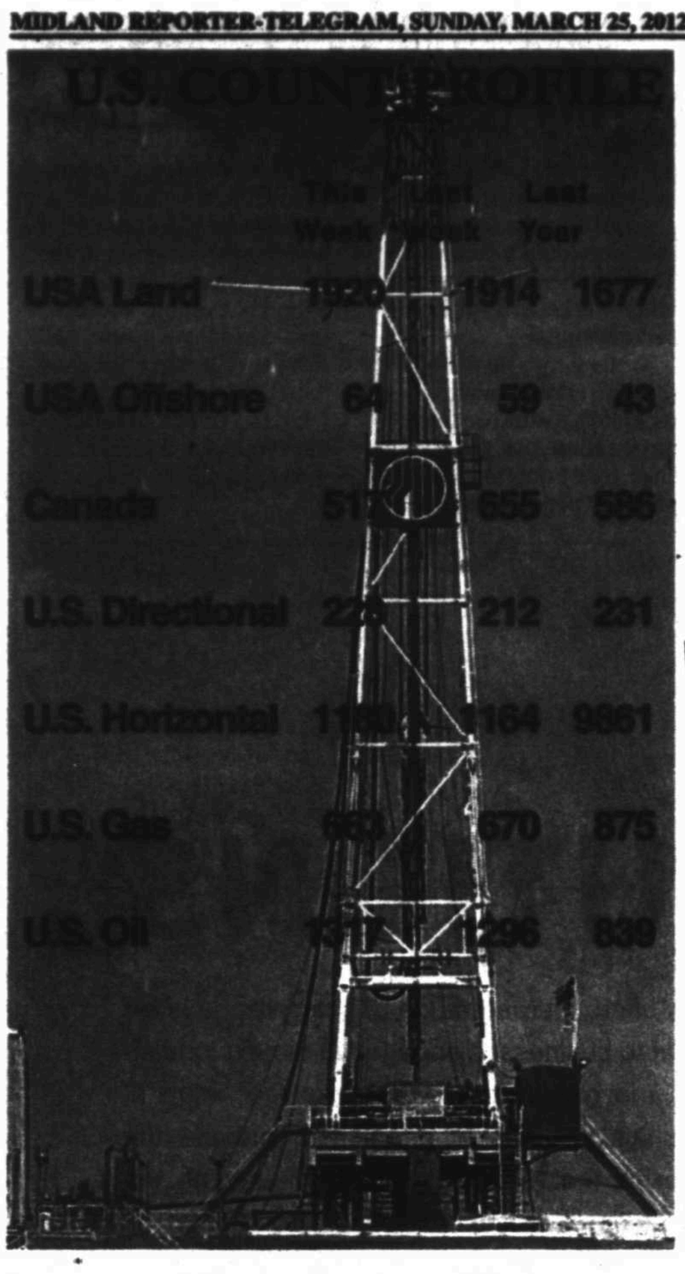

By Norman Johnson

Oil, gas industry doesn't receive 'subsidies'

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Subsidies, tax preferences, deductions, incentives and loopholes. Unfortunately, these terms are used interchangeably by politicians and the media and, for the most part, imply there is something unseemly about the tax code. In fact, the 13,000-page Internal Revenue Code, in addition to being a platform for raising federal revenues, is also an experiment in social engineering.

For example, home ownership is encouraged through the deductions for mortgage interest and local property tax payments. Personal saving is boosted through provisions that permit tax deferrals on current income that is deposited into IRAs and 401(k)s. And the tax code contains hundreds of provisions to induce businesses to undertake certain desirable activities, such as searching for energy resources.

President Barack Obama rails constantly about the need to remove the huge and unnecessary subsidies to the oil and gas industry. But the industry doesn't actually receive "subsidies." What it does receive is access to the same "deductions" that are available to most other manufacturing and mining industries. Simply put, deductions from gross revenue allow businesses to write off legitimate expenses incurred in the production of that revenue to ensure taxes are levied on net income.

By contrast, a "subsidy" is a direct payment from the government, i.e. taxpayers, to a business entity to promote development of a new technology or product that is deemed desirable from a societal perspective. Currently, renewable energy sources such as wind and solar are being subsidized to the tune of $12.5 billion a year, presumably because of the perceived environmental benefits that attend these non-polluting technologies.

The argument for continuing these subsidies is that wind and solar are infant industries that have not yet achieved economies of scale. Unfortunately, that is never likely to happen because renewables — with the exception of hydropower -- are unable to achieve the scalability and energy density of generating plants fueled by coal, natural gas or nuclear.

In contrast to renewables, the oil and gas industry receives about $2.8 billion in tax preferences. Not only do these incentives pale by comparison to the subsidies for wind and solar, especially when compared on a Btu-equivalent basis, but the economy gets a lot more bang for the buck.

The year 2011 was the third consecutive year of higher domestic oil production, while natural gas output reached an all-time high. Over the past five years, about 158,000 new jobs have been created in the oil and gas industry while employment growth associated with renewables has been minuscule. Indeed, with the recent failures of Solyndra, Beacon Power and other renewable energy companies, industry-wide employment has probably declined.

Despite more than a decade of huge direct taxpayer support, renewables still can't meet the market test and, therefore, their subsidies should be reduced or eliminated.

If policymakers are concerned genuinely with cutting greenhouse gas emissions while enhancing America's energy security, a better allocation of federal largess would be to target subsidies, preferences, incentives or whatever we choose to call them at natural gas and nuclear. These clean-burning fuels can heat our homes, power our vehicles and generate electricity for America's households and industries a lot more cheaply and reliably than renewables.

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We're taking a 10-year, long-term view instead of a short-term view."

In December, the company sent its first two large Ariel reciprocating gas compressor units to offshore Mumbai, India.

Permian Basin companies, he said, "I think have something unique to provide. We have 80- to 90-year-old formations that are still producing. Other basins are just now hitting the maturity we hit 20 years ago. We have tried and true technology we could send" to emerging producing areas in India, China, eastern Russia.

For 10 years, Richards noted, Texas has been the top exporting state in the nation and Permian Basin companies interested in developing international markets "have a free reservoir of talent and expertise" through the West Texas Export Assistance Center, established by the Department of Commerce 10 years ago, and the West Texas District Export Council, which he chairs. The council is a voluntary group of exporting companies selected by the Department of Commerce and the secretary of commerce to share best practices. The council offers quarterly seminars.

"Our goal is to increase exports because it's healthy for the economy," Richards said. "It increases business and brings in more money."

The West Texas Export Assistance Center, said Henson, stands ready to help meet President Obama's goal of doubling exports by 2015.

"We're doing all we can to help," he said. "We help with research, finding financing, setting up distribution agents."

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recover the cost of a new lighting, HVAC system or building envelope, the owner of a 100,000-square-foot building can deduct up to $1.80 per square foot, or up to $180,000 in the first year.

■ Ancillary funding and allowances. Funding is available to hire specialized workers or train current employees on the use of energy conservation equipment and processes.

■ Multiple opportunities. Companies can tap multiple incentives for each project including loans, performance-based incentives, deductions, tax exemptions and grants, as well as property and sales tax rebates.

Approach to take

The incentive plans and tax codes are fairly straightforward, but there's no need to spend hours interpreting the criteria or deciphering nebulous clauses when a tax professional is intimately familiar with the nuances of each program. At the same time, a tax professional may help identify additional opportunities to complete the project without tapping cash reserves, and can often share tips and ideas from experience helping other companies navigate the process.

Companies should discuss ideas and energy needs with architects, contractors and energy professionals so they can create a list of feasible projects and determine the material and labor cost for the various improvements. Review the list with an accountant, since he or she is familiar with the tax code and incentives, and can provide an estimate of the cash outlay and ROI.

Finally, act now. Remember, it costs virtually nothing to investigate these opportunities, and there's no reason to wait when the money to complete energy conservation projects is there for the taking.

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Strong oil and gas market boosts borrowing for Wells Fargo clients

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

Even though current prices and activity make for strong cash flow for oil and gas producers, even greater opportunities beckon. These growth opportunities mean the need for oil and gas lending is as strong as ever, according to Marc Cuenod, executive vice president and head of Oil and Gas for Wells Fargo's Energy Lending Group. Wells Fargo is one of the sponsors of this year's Executive Oil Conference. The conference will be held April 2-3 at the Midland Center, with a networking golf tournament scheduled for Monday. This year's conference theme is "Navigating the Hurdles."

"In terms of the bank market for energy deals, it's pretty strong," Cuenod noted. "We see that in how well deals are subscribed and in terms of the general interest. We've come a long way since 08/09 when banks were struggling with their own problems."

Even with strong cash flow, loan demand remains strong "mainly because of acquisition opportunities," Cuenod continued. "There is strong cash flow, but people are trying to grow, and the fastest way to grow is through acquisition," which usually involves credit.

Those transactions are weighted toward oil or liquids-rich gas due to the wide price difference between oil and gas, Cuenod stated. "But there have been cases where people have long-term views and they have financial staying power," leading them to invest in dry gas. While some companies are looking to buy gas properties now because they are relatively cheap, in expectation of higher demand and rising prices in the future, Cuenod said fewer producers are willing to sell for the same reason — they do not want to sell gas assets now because they are so cheap. An exception would be a company wanting to reposition itself geographically or for another reason.

That oil/gas price differential has made the oil-rich Permian a prime area of interest among producers. "This is as good of a resurgence in that area as I've seen in 30 years," said Cuenod. "Capital and company interest tends to flock toward these 'hot' areas...and the Permian is certainly a huge area of interest."

Because anyone who has seen or studied oil and gas history knows markets rise and fall, Cuenod noted all loans contain contingencies and hedging strategies designed to smooth expected rough spots. He said producers have increased their own efficiency through the use of 3-D seismic, computer models and other cost-saving strategies, but that the other side of the equation, the sales price of oil, gas and liquids, is beyond any individual's control. That is where hedging and other market-side planning becomes vital.

Wells Fargo plans to have several representatives, including a number from the local area, at the conference. The conference's Monday activities include a golf tournament at Green-Tree Country Club and at Ranchland Hills Golf Club and the presentation of the Hearst Energy Awards at Monday evening's reception. Tuesday's events will consist of conferences and panel discussions at the Midland Center. The schedule events can be found at www.petroleumstrategies.com.

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The conference will feature presentations on both technical issues and market concerns. For example, Tuesday morning at 9:05, Jarand Rystad, managing partner, Rystad Energy, will tackle supply and demand issues regarding unconventional plays. Rystad will discuss well costs and market prices.

Later, James K. Wicklund, Principal, Carlson Capital LLC will discuss the varieties of ways producers are improving their bottom lines, from making higher-performing wells to building their own service company operations.

Wolf E. Regener, president and CEO, BNK Petroleum, Inc., will talk about how operators are going worldwide with unconventional procedures learned here in America.

A variety of producers will discuss their specific experiences in a number of U.S. fields. Scott Sheffield will explain some of Pioneer's innovations in fields such as the Barnett, vertical and horizontal Permian Basin, horizontal Mid-continent, the Eagle Ford and the Rocky Mountains.

Also, Stephen Bull, vice president, U.S. Onshore, Statoil ASA, plans to share how the global energy giant has taken the reins of operatorship in the world-class Bakken oil play from Brigham Exploration Co. He will talk about the global integrated's plans for unconventionals here and abroad.

One discussion will emphasize Permian plays including the Bone Spring, Wolfcamp and Penn Shale, led by David Witter, chief geologist, Cimarex Energy. Others will describe international opportunities.

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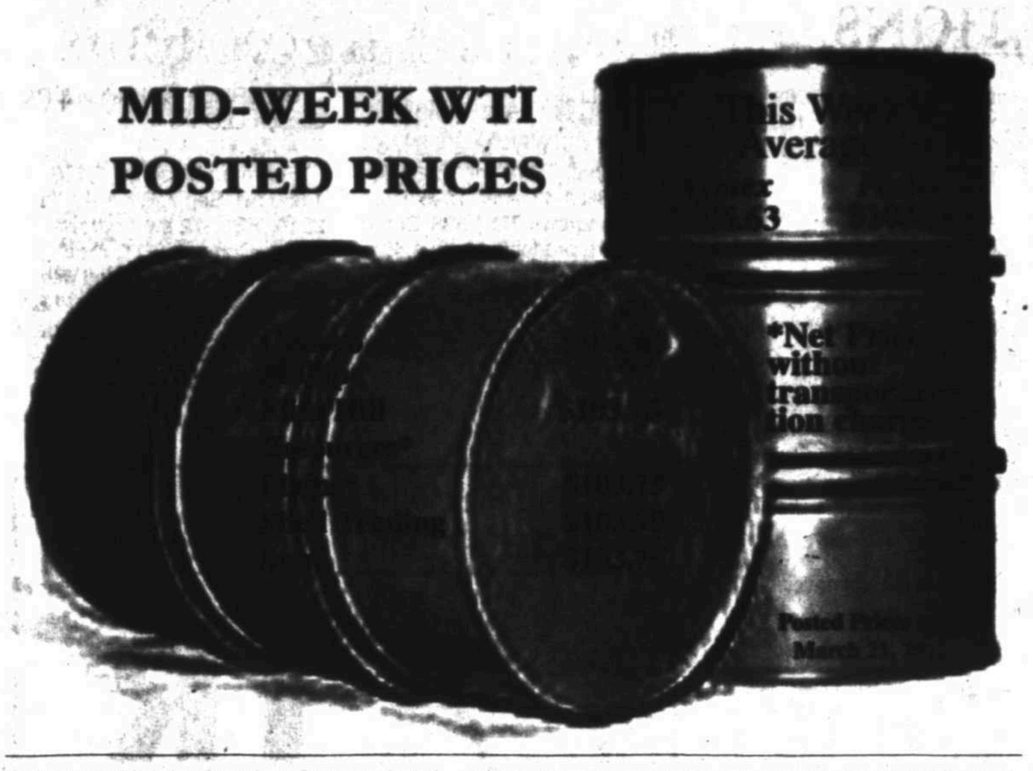

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Current Natural Gas Prices *Price per MMBtu*	First of the Month Price	Closing Prices 3/22/12	Same Period One Year Ago
New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) future price:	$2.446	$2.284	$4.168
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub:	$2.420	$2.072	$3.86
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains:	$2.357	$2.050	$3.699
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin:	$2.390	$2.101	$3.202
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin:	$2.390	$2.078	$3.730
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent:	$2.363	$2.025	$3.798
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast:	$2.409	$2.116	$3.913

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Schleicher	2
Sutton	0
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Tom Green	0
Upton	30

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Brewster	0
Crane	5
Culberson	3
Ector	25
Glasscock	38
Howard	14
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	9
Martin	43
Midland	38
Mitchell	3
Pecos	6
Presidio	0
Reeves	39
Sterling	1
Ward	25
Winkler	2

DIST. #8A

Bailey	0
Borden	5
Cochran	0
Cottle	0
Crosby	2
Dawson	1
Dickens	1
Floyd	0
Gaines	11
Garza	0
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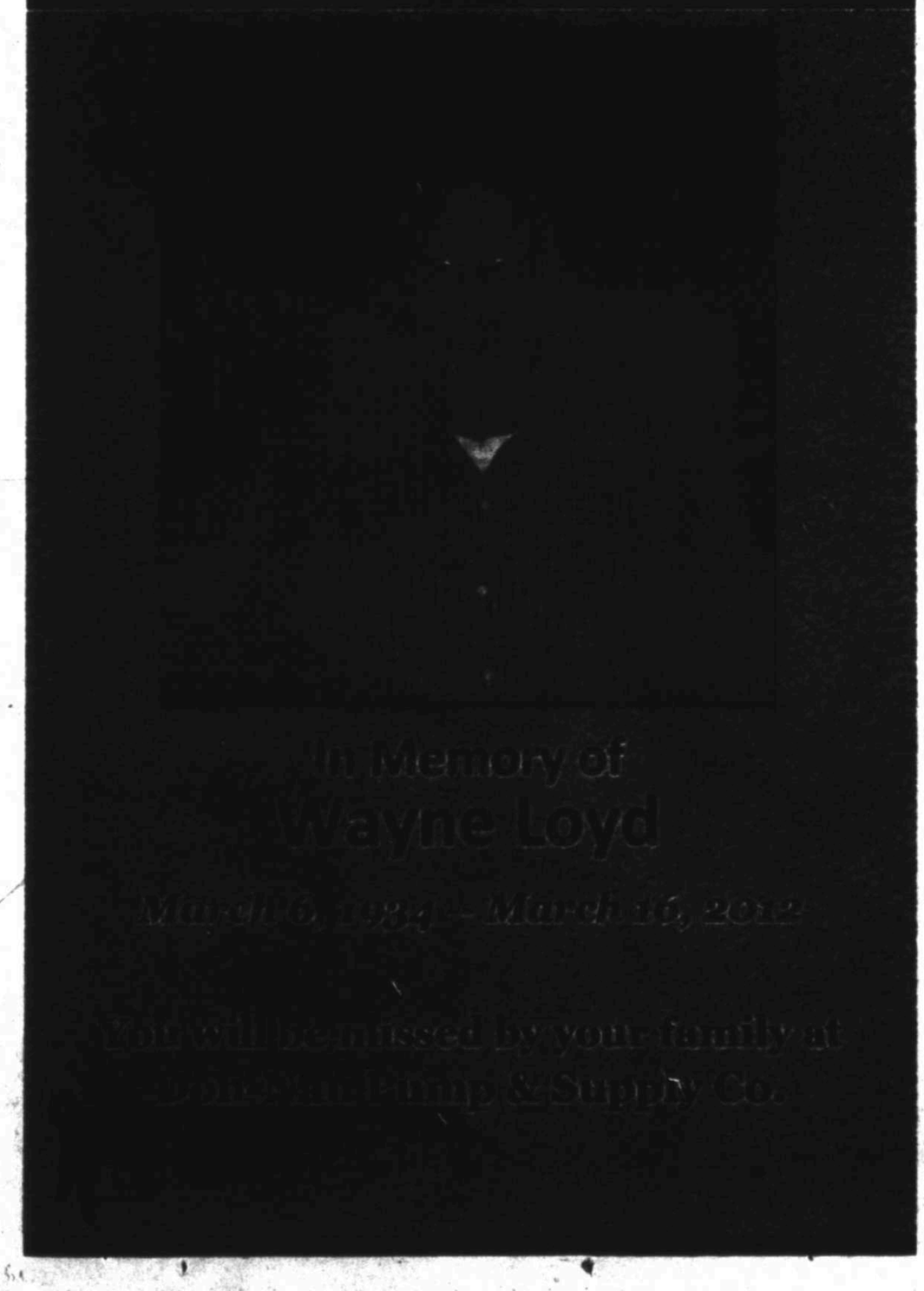

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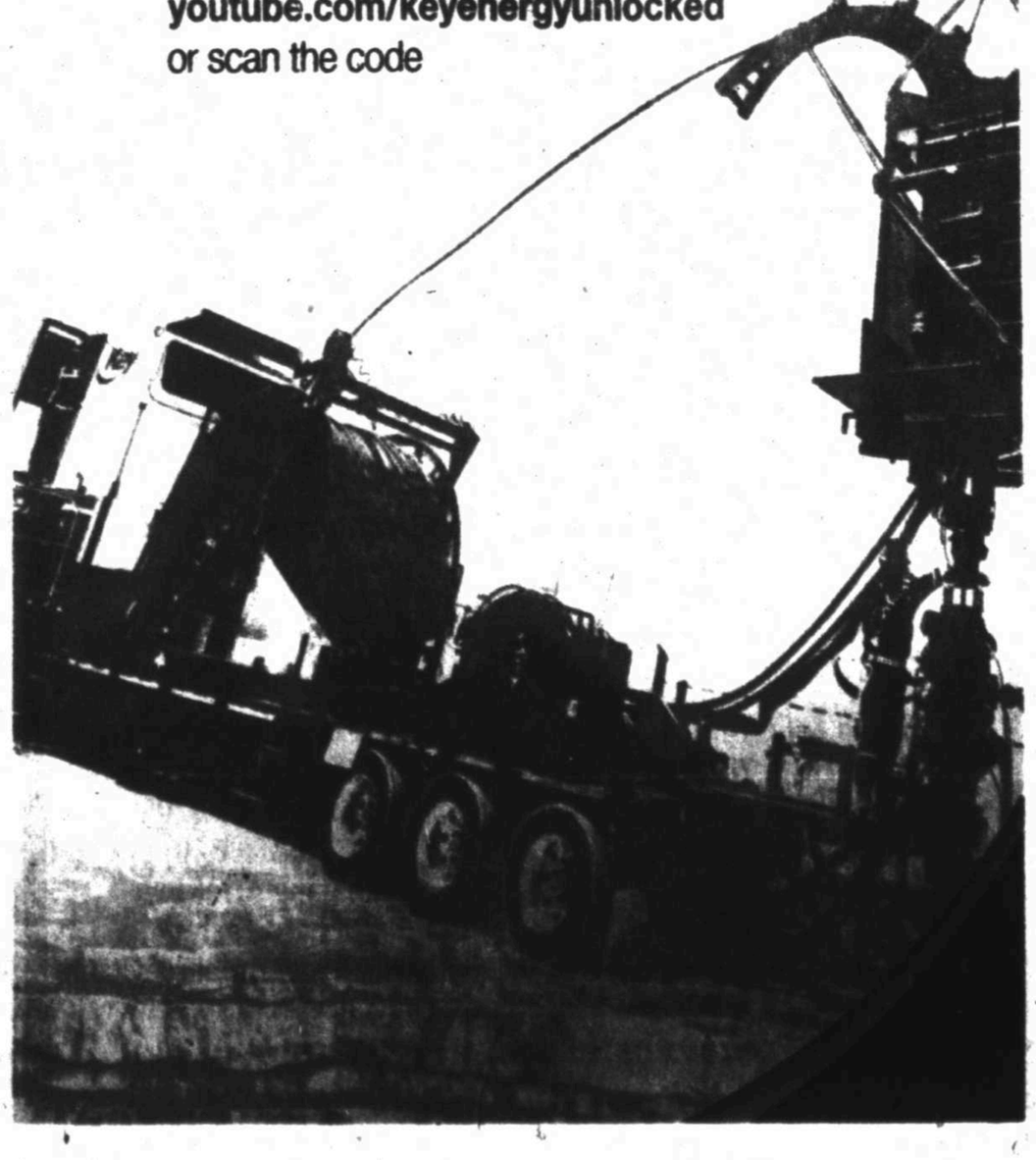

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Texas RRCD 7C

Tom Green County

Banner Operating LLC
Livingston "29" #3
Funk (San Andres); 1,024 fwl, 330 fsl, Sec 29, Blk 5, Abst. 916, H&TC RR, 21 nw San Angelo; TD 1,460; Comp 7-19-11; producing from 934-942, treated with 2,500 gals. 15 percent HCL; pump 20 BO on open choke, 35 Oil Gravity; API #42-451-32657

Upton County

COG Operating LLC
Neal Ranch "57" #11
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fsl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 57, Blk C, Abst. 39, CCSD&RGNG, 21.2 nw Rankin; TD 11,503; Comp 10-11-11; producing from 7,805-11,030, treated with 771,000# sand, 1,211,365 gals. fluid; pump 11 BO, 51 MCF, 219 BW, 41.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37519

COG Operating LLC
JWG M2 #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,680 fel, 4,700 fnl, Sec 2, Abst. 587, J.W. Grounds, 7.3 nw Rankin; TD 10,900; Comp 10-2-11; producing from 6,250-10,770, treated with 488 bbls. acid, 1,096,500# sand; pump 91 BO, 97 MCF, 97 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37236

COG Operating Inc.
Neal Ranch "45" #3
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fsl, 660 fwl, Sec 45, Blk 40,T-5-S, Abst. 474, T&P RR, 21.1 nw Rankin; TD 11,490; Comp 10-18-11; producing from 7,740-11,335, treated with 776,000# sand, 1,255,368 gals. fluid; pump 80 BO, 38 MCF, 97 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37266

Opal Resources Operating Co. LLC
Friulano #4
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Reentry; 549 fwl, 1,093 fsl, Sec 31, Abst 5, C&M RR, 3.4 ne Rankin; TD 10,820; Comp 9-29-11; producing from 6,050-9,831, treated with 22,041 gals. 15 percent HCL, 47,622 bbls. crosslink gel, 899,585# sand; pump 100 BO, 150 MCF, 388 BW on 18/64 inch choke, 37.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-31720

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
XBC Giddings Estate #1056
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,600 fnl, 3,915 fwl, Sec 1, Abst. 542, Throckmorton CSL, 19.8 nw Rankin; TD 10,875; Comp 10-24-11; producing from 7,504-10,694, treated with 15,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 923,384 gals. linear gel, 298,377 gals. crosslink, 1,465,775# sand; pump 75 BO, 69 MCF, 174 BW, 43.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37216

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
XBC Giddings Estate #3045
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,000 fsl, 667 fwl, Sec 3, Abst. 544, Throckmorton CSL, 16 nw Rankin; TD 10,748; Comp 11-1-11; producing from 7,446-10,596, treated with 17,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 1,489,672 gals. gel, 1,546,915# sand; pump 32 BO, 32 MCF, 131 Bw, 43.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37322

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
XBC Giddings Estate #2066
Spraberry (Trend Area); 567 fnl, 2,900 fwl, League 2, Abst. 543, Throckmorton CSL, 20.6 nw Rankin; TD 10,935; Comp 10-10-11; producing from 7,620-10,708, treated with 15,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 645,438 gals. linear gel and crosslink assist, 827,904 gals. crosslink gel,1,218,727# sand; pump 66 BO, 55 MCF, 190 BW, 43.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-36978

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
University "3-11" #7
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 2,140 fel, Sec 11, Blk 3, ULS, 6,7 ne Rankin; TD 10,296; Comp 9-20-11; producing from 6,770-10,167, treated with 16,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 945,554 gals. crosslink assist, 276,532 gals. crosslink, 1,272,345# sand; pump 18 BO, 24 MCF, 167 BW, 43.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37288

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
XBC Giddings Estate "B" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fsl, 1,500 fel, Sec 4, Blk 1, Abst. 770, GC&SF RR, 14.8 nw Rankin; TD 10,730; Comp 9-17-11; producing from 7,054-10,527, treated with 16,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 1,294,170 gals. linear and crosslink assist, 259,638 gals. crosslink, 1,586,480# sand; pump 94 BO, 103 MCF, 214 BW, 43.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-36957

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
XBC Giddings Estate "B" #16
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,450 fnl, 1,150 fel, Sec 4, Blk 1, Abst. 70, GC&SF RR, 14.8 nw Rankin; TD 10,744; Comp 10-16-11; producing from 10,330-10,540, treated with 6,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 390,005 gals. crosslink assist, 328,679# sand; pump 124 BO, 173 MCF, 53 BW, 44.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37264

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
XBC Giddings Estate #1052
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,551 fnl, 3,411 fel, League 1, Abst. 542, Throckmorton CSL, 20.4 nw Rankin; TD 10,900; Comp 10-15-11; producing from 7,456-10,652, treated with 15,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 633,012 gals. crosslink assist gel, 919,460 gals. crosslink gel, 1,258,004# sand; pump 42 BO, 64 MCF, 120 BW, 42.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37212

Windsor Permian LLC
Tori #12
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fnl, 2,000 fwl, Sec 34, Blk 42, T-5-S, Abst. 1481, T&P RR, 23.2 n Rankin; TD 10,550; Comp 9-5-11; producing from 7,780-10,440, treated with 15 percent HCL, 20,065 bbls. fluid, 633,384# sand; pump 28 BO, 30 MCF, 280 BW, 42.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-36667

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Myco Industries Inc.
University "5-40" #5
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fsl, 467 fwl, Sec 40, Blk 5, ULS, 13.3 ne Andrews; TD 11,985; Comp 11-13-11; producing from 8,642-11,908, treated with 36,580 gals. acid, 1,530,186 gals. fluid, 1,678,364# sand; flow 105 BO, 109 MCF, 218 BW on 44/64 inch choke, FTP 125 psi, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42684

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
University "7-23" #3
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fsl, 2,173 fel, Sec 23, Blk 7, ULS, 18.4 ne Andrews; TD 11,235; Comp 9-2-11; producing from 8,449-11,108, treated with 13,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 356,714 gals. crosslink gel, 581,000 gals. linear gel, 1,191,304# sand; pump 67 BO, 83 MCF, 139 BW, 42.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42430

Reliance Energy Inc.
Mabee "22" #2201
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 22, Blk 39, T-2-N, Abst. 2305, G&MMB&A, 17 se Andrews; TD 12,349; Comp 5-24-11; producing from 7,934-10,175, treated with 7,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 883,870 gals. crosslink gel, 727,918# sand; pump 44 BO, 71 MCF, 31 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42551

Reliance Energy Inc.
Mabee "240" #1203
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 12, Blk 40, T-2-N, Abst. 763, T&P RR, 15 se Andrews; TD 11,701; Comp 9-2-11; producing from 7,952-11,652, treated with 28,500 gals. 15 percent NeHCL, 1,083,000 gals. crosslink gel, 1,200,000# proppant; pump 161 BO, 158 MCF, 190 BW, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42965

Reliance Energy Inc.
Mabee "24" #2302
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fsl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 23, Blk 39, T-2-N, ABst. 299, G&MMB&A, 18 se Andrews; TD 11,577; Comp 2-7-11; producing from 7,990-11,495, treated with 30,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 889,000 gals. crosslink gel, 1,081,500# sand; pump 120 BO, 234 MCF, 320 BW, 45 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-41954

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Nora #8
Fuhrman-Mascho; 990 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 12, Blk A-42, Abst. 2222, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,755; Comp 11-26-11; producing from 4,350-4,610, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,236 bbls. fluid, 201,660# proppant; pump 20 BO, 111 MCF, 188 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43488

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M.A. Thornberry Cons. I #43
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 2,447 fnl, 1,615 fwl, Sec 3, Blk A-42, Abst. 2207, PSL, 9 sw Andrews; TD 4,612; Comp 6-5-11; producing from 4,496-4,588, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,096 bbls. fluid, 202,985# proppant; pump 40 BO, 37 MCF, 232 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42752

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
University "13-46" #16
Fullerton; 2,510 fnl, 2,307 fel, Sec 46, Blk 13, ULS, 13 nw Andrews; TD 7,316; Comp 11-12-11; producing from 6,886-7,070, treated with 3,000 gals. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,301 bbls. fluid, 73,126# proppant; pump 66 BO, 40 MCF, 348 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43293

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Miles #27
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 1,479 fnl, 1,861 fel, Sec 2, Blk A-47, Abst. 1995, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,636; Comp 10-29-11; producing from 4,454-4,704, treated with 48 bbls. NeFeHCL, 2,080 bbls. fluid, 202,038# proppant; pump 81 BO, 15 MCF, 127 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43095

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Anita #15
Fuhrman-Mascho; 2,150 fsl, 1,850 fwl, Sec 7, Blk A-42, Abst. 2210, PSL, 12 sw Andrews; TD 4,898; Comp 2-8-11; producing from 4,446-4,706, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 1,829 bbls. fluid, 249,600# proppant; pump 27 BO, 9 MCF, 57 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42342

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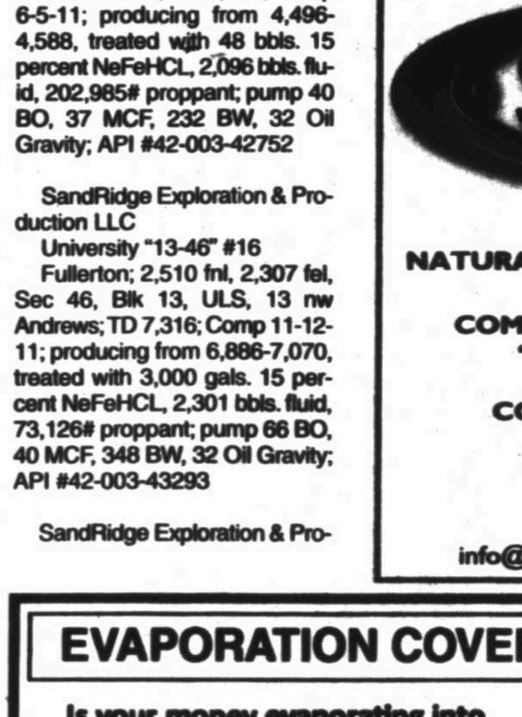

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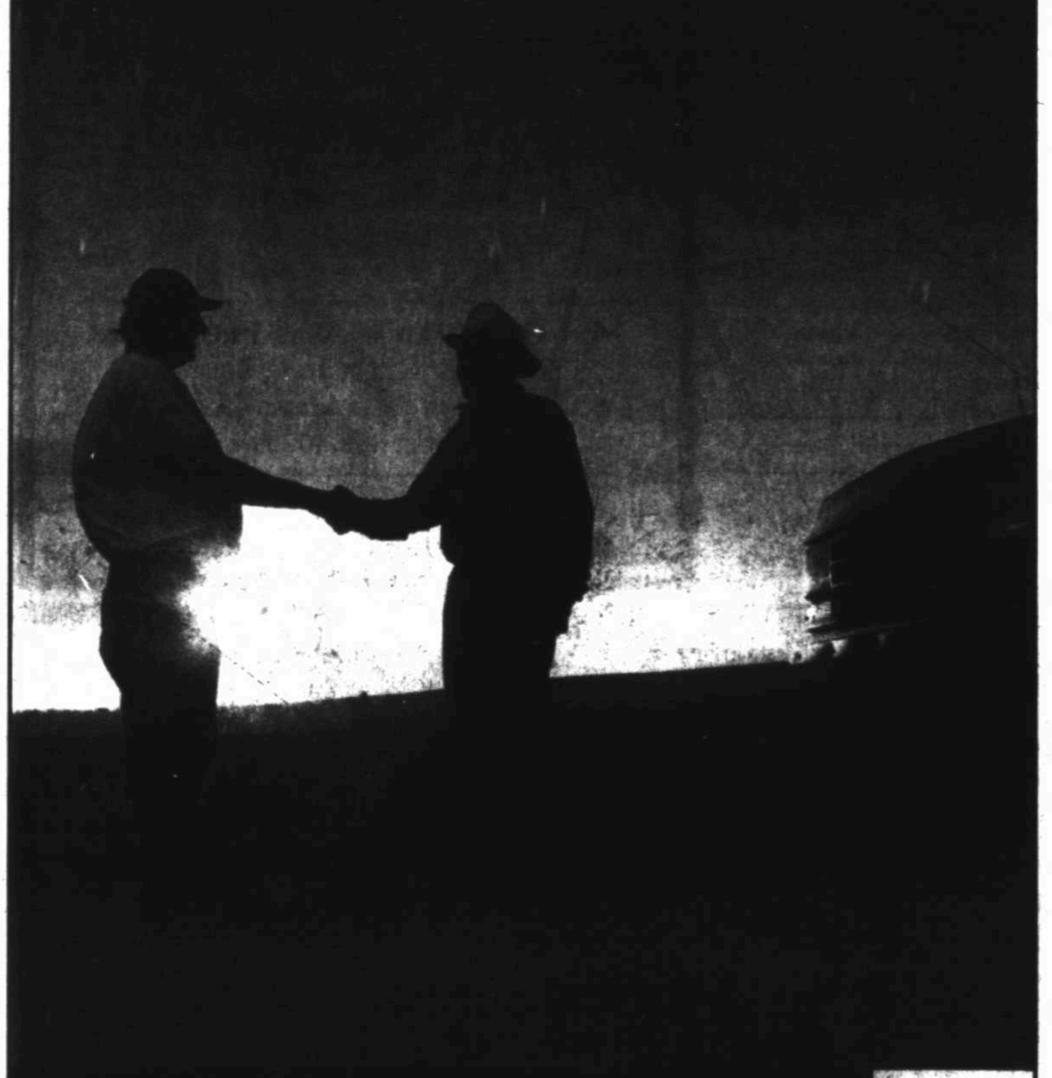

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Crockett County

Approach Oper. LLC
University 45 A #704H
Holt Ranch (Consolidated)-D; University Lands; A-N/A, Blk 45, Sec 7; 7910 FSL 400 FWL of lse; 2640 FNL 400 FWL of survey; 18 miles N of Ozona; obj: 7000; permit #732029; API #105-41396

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V.I.P. (Clear Fork)-Recompletion; TC RR Co.; A-4631, Blk A, Sec 6; 1320 FNL 1790 FEL; 1320 FNL 1790 FEL of survey; 18 miles SW of Ozona; obj: 6600; permit #733397; API #105-31067

Irion County

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Lin (Wolfcamp)-D; WC RR Co./Holmes, P G; A-1222, Blk N/A, Sec 50; 7838 FNL 3424 FWL of lse; 2417 FNL 1945 FEL of survey; 2.1 miles NW of Barnhart; obj: 6800; permit #731542; API #235-34949

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EOG Res., Inc.
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Lin (Wolfcamp)-D; UL; A-N/A, Blk 43, Sec 10; 7882 FNL 5609 FEL of lse; 2550 FNL 282 FWL of survey; 2.9 miles W of Barnhart; obj: 6750; permit #734059; API #235-35003

Menard County

Paint Rock Oper., LLC
Russell #35
Danny Mae (Lower Cisco *A*) & Little Dog (Camar)-D; T & NO RR Co.; A-767, Blk N/A, Sec 31; 1938 FEL 2199 FSL of lse; 702 FWL 2199 FSL of survey; 9 miles NE of Ft. McKavett; obj: 4000; permit #734265; API# 327-31159

Reagan County

Apache Corp.
SRH 15 #1507
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; Casey, Mrs. R; A-53, Blk A, Sec 15; 467 FNL 521 FWL of lse; 1733 FSL 2197 FWL of survey; 20.6 miles NW of Big Lake; obj: 10100; permit #731989; API #383-37642

Endeavor Energy Res. L.P.
Ricker 'E' #5
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; L & SV RR Co.; A-277, Blk A, Sec 35; 660 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 660 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 19.7 miles SE of Midkiff; obj: 12000; permit #733972; API #383-37684

Endeavor Energy Res. L.P.
Ricker, Rupert P. -J- #5
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; L & SV RR Co./Earnest, H B; A-125, Blk A, Sec 36; 589 FNL 792 FEL of lse; 589 FNL 792 FEL of survey; 10.2 miles S of St. Lawrence; obj: 12000; permit #733978; API #383-37686

Runnels County

Boaz Energy, LLC
Hoelscher/Schwertner #3A
Ballinger, W (Morris SD)&(Capps)-Recompletion; Eakin, J J; A-142, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 470 FSL 1350 FEL of lse; 1800 FNL 1350 FEL of survey; 8 miles S of Winters; obj: 4300; permit #734080; API #399-34459

Schleicher County

Highmount Expl. & Prod. TX LLC
Nikoleuk #605
Fawcett (Wolfcamp) & Sawyer (Strawn)-D; C & M RR Co./Huey, G; A-1244, Blk A42, Sec 6; 530 FSL 3743 FEL of lse; 530 FSL 1485 FWL of survey; 19 miles W of Eldorado; obj: 8600; permit #733292; API #413-32823

Tom Green County

Banner Oper., LLC
Livingston #2226
Funk (San Andres)-D; H & TC RR Co./Funk, I; A-8568, Blk 5, Sec 22; 2308 FSL 1068 FEL of lse; 330 FNL 2665 FWL of survey; 20 miles NW of San Angelo; obj: 2000; permit #734008; API #451-32737

Upton County

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Spraberry (Trend Area) & Davis (Pennsylvanian)-D; GC & SF RR Co./Tunnell, F W; A-775, Blk C, Sec 46; 617 FWL 468 FNL of lse; 2035 FEL 2170 FSL of survey; 11.2 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 11500; permit #733923; API #461-37933

COG Oper. LLC
Mann51 #2
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Recompletion; Phillips, C C; A-762, Blk N/A, Sec 51; 4028 FWL 208 FNL of lse; 4028 FWL 208 FNL of survey; 7.3 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 10690; permit #733957; API #461-36920

COG Oper. LLC
Neal Ranch '45' #15
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Davis (Pennsylvanian)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-474, Blk 40, T5S, Sec 45; 660 FSL 756 FWL of lse; 660 FSL 756 FWL of survey; 21.1 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 12060; permit #733170; API #461-37915

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TXL-27 #15
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-465, Blk 40, T5S, Sec 27; 467 FSL 467 FWL of lse; 467 FSL 467 FWL of survey; 24.2 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 12000; permit #734082; API #461-37936

COG Oper. LLC
Vanessa #9
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; CCSD & RGNG RR Co./Williamson, W K; A-1322, Blk C, Sec 52; 2130 FEL 660 FNL of lse; 2130 FEL 660 FNL of survey; 18 miles SW of Midkiff; obj: 11000; permit #734116; API #461-37941

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OXY USA Inc.
University BN #5
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Spraberry (Trend Area) & Magutex (Atoka)-D; UL; A-N/A, Blk 5, Sec 7; 1880 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 1880 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 38.1 miles NW of Midland; obj: 12200; permit #733951; API #003-44008

Tadand Pet., L.P.
Twilight #6
Boydell, S. (Clear Fork, LO.) & Dempsey Creek (San Andres)-D; PSL/Willmon, W D; A-567, Blk A31, Sec 8; 470 FSL 470 FWL of lse; 2175 FNL 470 FWL of survey; 25 miles NW of Andrews; obj: 7600; permit #733452; API #003-44013

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University Andrews #198
Embar (Permian)&(Ellenburger)-D; UL; A-U356, Blk 11, Sec 36; 3993 FSL 2834 FWL of lse; 1320 FNL 2560 FEL of survey; 17.75 miles SW of Andrews; obj: 8200; permit #727918; API #003-43625

Crane County

Devon Energy Prod. Co., L.P.
Emma #2
Sallie Ann (Spraberry-Wolfcamp)-D; T & P RR Co./Davis, J H; A-661, Blk 42, T4S, Sec 18; 1980 FNL 1980 FEL of lse; 1980 FNL 1980 FEL of survey; 15 miles S of Odessa; obj: 10250; permit #733873; API #103-35963

Apache Corp.
North McElroy Unit #3301BH
McElroy-D; UL; A-U33, Blk 30, Sec 33; 3493 FNL 8326 FWL of lse; 850 FNL 400 FWL of survey; 5.4 miles NW of Crane; obj: 3250; permit #733893; API #103-35966

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Millie B #22
Sallie Ann (Spraberry-Wolfcamp) & Darlin (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-383, Blk 42, T4S, Sec 7; 660 FSL 3303 FWL of lse; 660 FSL 1980 FEL of survey; 14.3 miles SE of Odessa; obj: 10500; permit #727065; API #103-35901

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Jerry Schuyler, President & COO, Laredo Petroleum, Inc.
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Scott Sheffield, Chairman and CEO
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Session 6 - 3:30 pm
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Ward Polzin, CFA Managing Director & Head of A&D
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Moderator: Joe Wright, SVP and COO, Concho Resources; Panelists - Ron Gasser, Engineering Manager, Clayton Williams Energy, Matthew Thompson, Manager of Government Affairs, Apache Corporation
Session 5 - "Global Economic Landscape and Energy Fundamentals Driving Today's Investment Environment"
Facing one hurdle after another, industry observers present a macro overview of oil prices, North American supply, world supply, and data to back up investment dollars.
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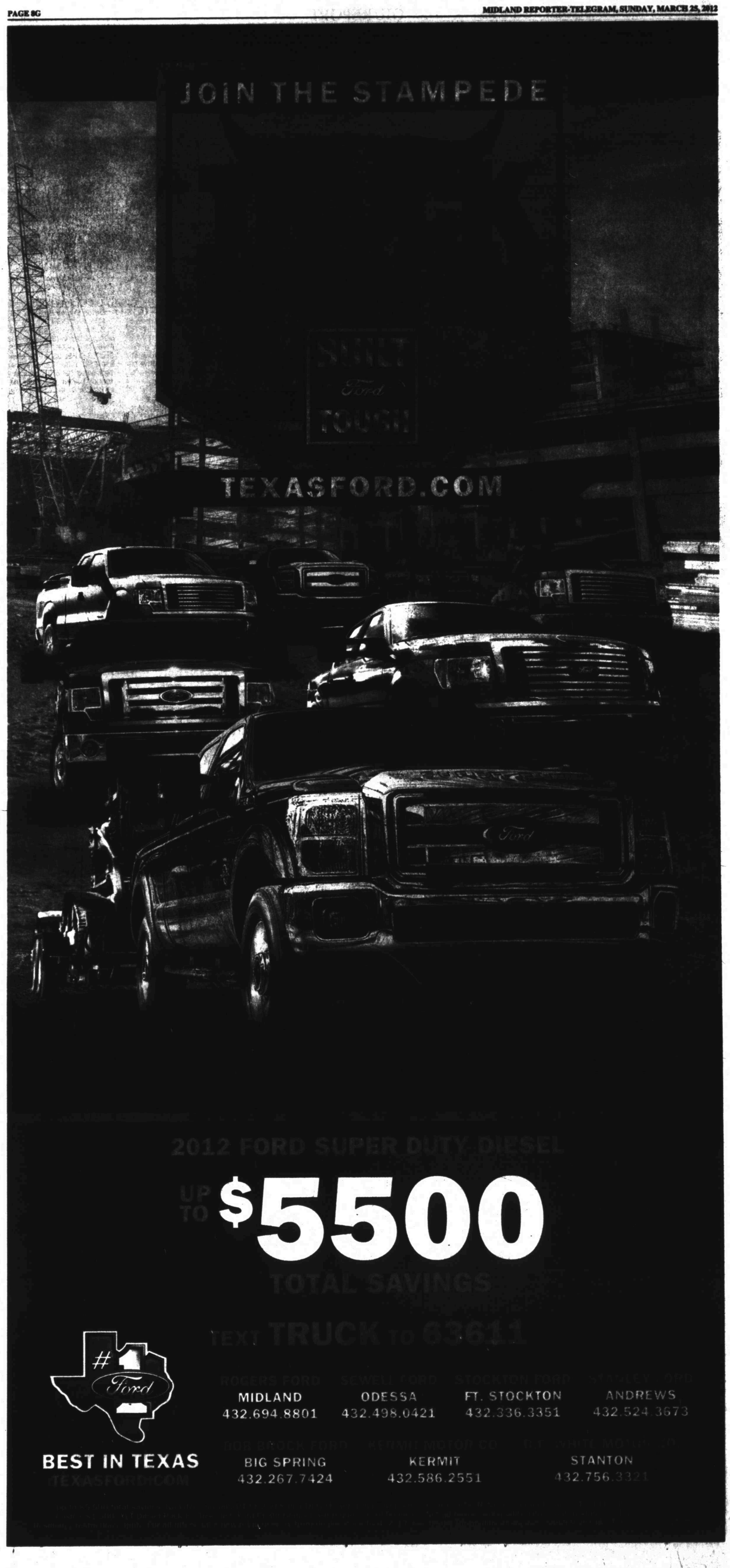
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The Arts

LITTLE WOMEN

Pickwicks to present 'timeless classic'

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

Louisa May Alcott's beloved novel "Little Women" comes to the Midland Community Theatre stage Friday via the Pickwick Players and a script by Bill Williams.

"It's one of my favorite books," said Alex Speight, a sophomore at Midland High School who has been cast as Marmee. "I love it very much. It's very dear to my heart. I think the play is very well adapted by Bill Williams.

"Of course, there's things we cannot do, like Jo can't cut her hair off. We can't hit Amy. He came up with some clever ways to cover that."

When Speight auditioned, she wasn't thinking of playing the mother.

"I definitely did not consider Marmee at all," said Speight. "I just wanted to be a March sister or one of the girls associated with them. But now that I am Marmee, I realize she is like all of the March girls in one. I realized I get to be all the March girls plus Marmee."

All the March girls includes Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy. "Little Women" was written at Orchard House from May to July 1868. The novel is based on the author and her sisters' coming of age and is set in Civil War New England.

The character in the novel who is most like the author is Jo.

"'Jo March' was the first American juvenile heroine to act from her own individuality — a living, breathing person rather than the idealized stereotype then prevalent in children's fiction," stated louisamayalcott.org.

Alcott was born in Germantown, Pa., Nov. 29, 1832. She and her three sis-

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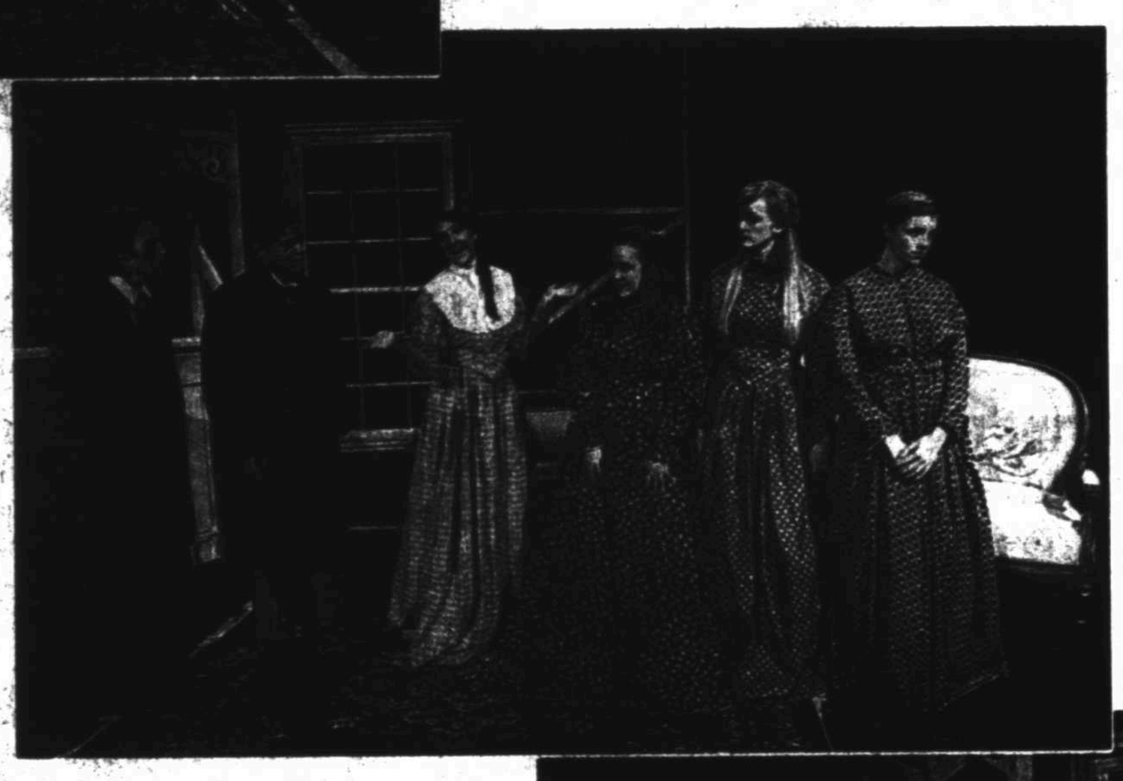

Marmee (Alex Speight), at top, reads a letter to her daughters Amy (Phage Nolte), from left, Jo (Michelle Smith), Meg (Bailey Brooks) and Beth (Brittany Jennings) Thursday during the Pickwick Players' rehearsal for "Little Women" at the Cole Theatre. ABOVE LEFT Meg, left, and John (Connor Franks) react to Aunt March's (Samantha Foster) ill feelings about John's proposal. LEFT Laurie (Bobby Haley), from left, and John meet The March sisters, Jo, Amy, Meg and Beth for the first time. BELOW Beth gives Mr. Laurence (Paul Hernandez) some slippers to thank him for his kindness.

Photos by
Cindeka Nealy

Seated are Drew Finley as Don Alfonso, Gabriel Preisler as Despina. Standing, left to right, Kristin Fletcher as Dorabella, Neal D. Patel as Fernando, Nathan Pitre as Guglielmo and Elizabeth Reiter as Fiordiligi.

Texas Tech production to be first opera at Wagner Noël

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

In Mozart's "Cosi fan tutte," two sisters, their fiancés, an older man and a wager create what has been described as "a deliciously ironic look at the foibles of love."

That ironic look comes to the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center Saturday when Midland Opera Theater and West Texas National Bank present Texas Tech University's Music Theatre and Symphony Orchestra in the inaugural opera performance in the hall.

"I visited that theater two days after Rod Stewart," said Gerald Dolter, TTU's Music Theatre director. "That theater is fantastic. I really wish we had one like it up here. You are so lucky."

Dolter described the "Cosi fan Tutte" sets by Tim Walsh as "beautiful" and designed specifically for the

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MIDLAND MARQUEE

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Arts Council of Midland: Midland's non-profit arts council and umbrella organization for performing and visual arts organizations, 401 W. Texas Ave., Suite 508, 432-687-1149. Arts Council of Midland is now accepting applications from Merchants to participate in the Merchant Bazaar, a brand new component of our 29th Annual Celebration of the Arts, to be held May 19-20, 2012. Interested Merchants may submit an application with a CD that is representative of their work. Postmark deadline for entries is March 30, 2012. For an application, please contact: Arts Council of Midland, Celebration of the Arts, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, Texas 79702, call 687-1149, or email lorri@acmidland.org for more information.

SUNDAY

Basin PBS: LAWRENCE WELK: Keep a Song in Your Heart: "Beer Barrel Polka," "Warsaw Concerto," "Runnin' Wild," "Walkin' on New Grass" and "Walkin' Happy." 4 pm PBS TV Channel For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: MASTERPIECE: Oliver Twist Part I. 9 pm PBS TV Channel For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: MASTERPIECE: Oliver Twist Part II. 10:30 pm PBS TV Channel For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Ellen Noël Art Museum: EXHIBIT: A Visual Feast: Narrative Stitching by Cindy Hickok, through June 10. EXHIBIT: The Mike and Linda Tilton Collection of contemporary art, through April 8. Regular museum gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 4909 East University, Odessa, 432-550-9696 or noelartmuseum.org.

George W. Bush Childhood Home: HISTORIC HOME: Come tour this unique landmark which was home to two presidents, two governors, and a first lady. Listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and restored to the 1950s period when the Bush family lived in the home, this home is truly a unique landmark in the history of Midland and of the country. You'll see a 1950s restoration with period furnishings, learn a little more about Midland in the 1950s and a great deal more about the Bush family and their impact on Midland and the country. You can also visit our gift shop for interesting souvenirs, Christmas ornaments, gifts, 1950s toys, books, clothing, patriotic items and much more. 1412 West Ohio, 432-685-1112. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged.

Live On Stage!: CONCERT: Anna Wilson is a critically acclaimed jazz singer and songwriter who has scored big on the Billboard and iTunes jazz charts. 7 p.m. Midland High School Auditorium. For more information call 432-789-1249 or go to www.liveonstage-pb.com. Admission charged.

Midland College McCormick Gallery: EXHIBIT: "He Got Marks" featuring the works of Gordon and Degan Sherman, through March 30. Gallery hours are: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information call 432-685-4770 or visit www.midland.edu/mccormick. No 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.

Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale: CHAMBER SERIES: Lone Star Brass. 2 p.m. Greathouse Rea Recital Hall in the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. For more information call 563-0921 or visit www.mosc.org. Admission charged.

The Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: Lasting Light: 125 Years of Grand Canyon Photography, through June 10 in the Southwing Gallery. EXHIBIT: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection on view all year, Hogan Gallery. EXHIBIT: The Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Pick up a walking guide with descriptions of all sculptures. 1705 West Missouri Ave., 683-2882. Gallery Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Donations Welcome.

Odessa College LRC: 201 West University. Call 432-335-6640 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: Museum hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1500 Interstate 20 West, 432-683-4403. Admission charged.

Scarborough-Linebery House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 South Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Sibley Nature Center: Center for learning about the flora, fauna, and natural and human history of the Southern Llano Estacado, 1307 East Wadley. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Volunteers keep the center open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Call 684-6827 for information on art and photography classes.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: EXHIBIT: Nancy Fyfe Cordozier Gallery presents paintings and silverpoint by Donna M. Meeks, through April 15.4901 East University, Odessa. Regular hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 2-5 p.m. Call 432-552-2806. Free and open to the public.

White-Pool House Museum: National Register of Historical Places Texas Historical Landmark Texas Archeological Landmark. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 East Murphy St., Odessa, 432-333-4072. Free.

MONDAY

Casa de Amigos: PROGRAM: "After School Fine Arts Program" A free Fine Arts program for first through seventh-graders. Students will learn basic rhythm, musical chords, instruments, and construct musical equipment, instructor, Mary Lou McDonald. 1101 East Garden Lane. For enrollment, contact Youth Education Coordinator Chris Stonedale at 682-9701.

Midland Arts Association: EXHIBIT: Works of Sara Drescher Braswell, artist for the month of March, Community National Bank lobby, 401 West Texas. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

Midland County Public Library: Circulating art prints: hundreds of art prints are available for circulation. 301 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call Diana at 688-4334.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: An exhibit honoring World War II veterans is now in place, in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 West Missouri. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2-5 p.m. Call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland Palette Club: EXHIBIT: Works of Mary Tucci, artist for the month of March, Chase Bank lobby, 2301 West Wall. Monday-Friday, banking hours.

TUESDAY

Blakemore Planetarium: Permanent exhibits are open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with admission charged. Closed Sunday and Monday. A Sky Show is playing every Tuesday through Friday at 4:15 p.m. and Friday evenings at 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. with two shows on Saturdays at 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. with admission charged. 1705 West Missouri Ave. For more information call 683-2882.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBIT: Putt-Putt Around the World: Nine-hole game of miniature golf. Each hole represents a different culture and provides fun facts about each country. Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Regular museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1705 West Missouri, 432-683-2882. Admission charged.

Midland Palette Club: PAINT TIME: Join us for painting time each Tuesday from 9 a.m.-12 noon, 907 West Wadley. For more information call 432-352-8297.

WEDNESDAY

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First Presbyterian Church: CONCERT: 2012 Lenten Lunch Concert Series: Lee High School Band with Randy Stone, Director. Lunch is available for a fee in Lynn Hall 30 minutes before and after each concert. 12-12:30 p.m. 800 West Texas Avenue. For more information call 432-684-7821. Free and open to the public.

The Haley Library and History Center: 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.

Parker House Ranching Museum: Permanent collection of Tom Lea and his work, also featuring area local history exhibits. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 1118 Maple, Odessa, 432-335-9918. Free.

THURSDAY

Basin PBS: GREAT PERFORMANCES: American Yiddish theater is celebrated in "The Thomashefskys," the story of San Francisco Symphony music director Michael Tilson Thomas' grandparents Bessie and Boris. The couple were integral to the development of Yiddish theater in New York City. 7 p.m. PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: GREAT PERFORMANCES: Under the baton of Michael Tilson Thomas, the San Francisco Symphony marks its centennial season with an opening-night gala at Davies Symphony Hall, which features violinist Itzhak Perlman on Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E minor. 8 p.m. PBS TV Channel. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

The Haggard Gallery: EXHIBITION: Photography Exhibition by Guy McCrary, through April 30. The Martin County Library, 110 West School Street at St. Mary Street, Stanton, Texas. For information call 432-756-2472.

Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale: EVENT: 7th Annual Vintage Harmony: A Classic Wine Experience. Enjoy an evening of great wine, food and music with performances by Lone Star Brass, West Texas Winds and Permian Basin String Quartet. 7 p.m. at the Willows, 11200 County Road 127 West. For more information call 563-0921. Admission charged.

The Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT OPENING: Midland Arts Association Annual Show, through April 29 in the Turner/Thomas Gallery Opening Reception: 7-9 p.m. 1705 West Missouri Ave., 683-2882. No Cost.

FRIDAY

Midland Community Theatre: COMEDY: "Red, White and Tuna". 8 p.m. Mabee Theatre II, Cole Theatre, 2000 West Wadley, for more information call 432-570-4111. Admission charged. No Late Seating.

Midland Community Theatre: DRAMA: "Little Women". 8 p.m. Davis Theatre I, Cole Theatre, 2000 West Wadley, for more information call 432-570-4111. Admission charged.

SATURDAY

Basin PBS: LAWRENCE WELK: A tribute to the Irish includes "Galway Bay," "Harrigan," "Too Ra Loo Ra Loo Ra," "How Are Things in Glocca Morra" and "Four Leaf Clover." 6 pm PBS TV Channel For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

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Midland Opera Theater: PERFORMANCE: "Così Fan Tutte (All Women are Fickle) featuring Texas Tech University Music Theatre & Orchestra. Pre-opera lecture begins at 6:15; performance begins at 7 p.m. Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Southeast corner of FM 1788 and Hwy 191. For more information call 269-0398 or visit www.midlandoperatheater.org. Admission charged.

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"GREG'S LIST" By SAM EZERSKY

ACROSS
1 Scavenged, as the fridge
7 Lines at the register?
11 Nabokov novel
14 "Throat clearers
19 Verdi title bandit
20 X-Men enemy who can control fire
21 Snuggler's catch
22 Didn't participate, with "out"
23 Uses Knorr packets instead of poker chips?
25 Stat for 30-Down
26 New Mexico's state flower
27 "Here __ again!"
28 Jazzman Al and sportscaster Linda
29 Lard display site?
31 Apparition with a proboscis?
35 Piece activist's go.?
36 Dress (up)
37 Pencil maze word
38 Teen's room, to many a mom
39 Sailor's patron, briefly
41 Gym shorts material
42 Calendario entry
44 "Peek-__!"
46 Brit. lexicon
47 Sock end?
48 Penn of "Harold & Kumar" films
51 Entrée feature
54 One of a game's 16
56 Real mess
57 One putting up framed stone carvings?
60 Do not disturb
62 Cards' home: Abbr.
63 Windbag
64 Taina of "Les Girls"
65 Race of Norse gods
67 War on Poverty org.
69 Stories told by rapt storytellers?
75 Upbeat Progressive insurance spokeswoman
76 Looped handles, in archaeology
77 Wolves in Winter
78 Type of poll
80 Understand
83 Noted tart stealer
85 Superior vis-à-vis Huron?
86 Baby's wake-up gadget?
125 Setting for many King novels
126 Palindromic pooh-bah
127 Seedy joint
128 __ the bud
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130 Hoover, e.g.
131 Amanda of "The Whole Ten Yards"
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3 Secret to the max
4 A little one will "do ya," in old ads
5 Blowup: Abbr.
6 Perfect score, to Paolo
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9 Valentine recipient, perhaps
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13 Garage job
14 Places of refuge
15 U-__
16 Odds and ends
17 Word coiner?
18 "Don't come any closer, Zombie!"?
24 Plastered ones
29 Photog's setting
30 MLBer with the most career seasons of 100-plus 25-Across
32 End-of-proof letters
33 Bathsheba's husband
34 Bolivian bear
40 It'll help you slow down
41 Game pieces
43 Tsuman's secretary of state
45 Second-string squads
48 Old 123-Down fee
49 Immensely
50 Vega's constellation
52 Farm newborn
53 Diner work
55 "I cannot tell __ school
56 Trickle
58 Ill-gotten gains
59 Mark up or down, maybe
61 NW city nicknamed "The City of Trees"
66 Everest aide
68 Autobahn auto
70 Sommer of "A Shot in the Dark"
71 Universal donor's type, for short
72 Director Martin
73 Student stressor
74 Bank manager?
79 With 93-Across, spicy cuisine
80 Prison workers' respite?
81 Heir's burden
82 Skosh
84 1980s album with a cover photo of its band crossing the street
87 "Does this __ bell?"
89 __ school
91 Quash
95 Actor/composer Novello
97 "__: Miami"
99 Creative output
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104 Like some small racecars
105 __-cat: sandlot game
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109 Adirondacks lake
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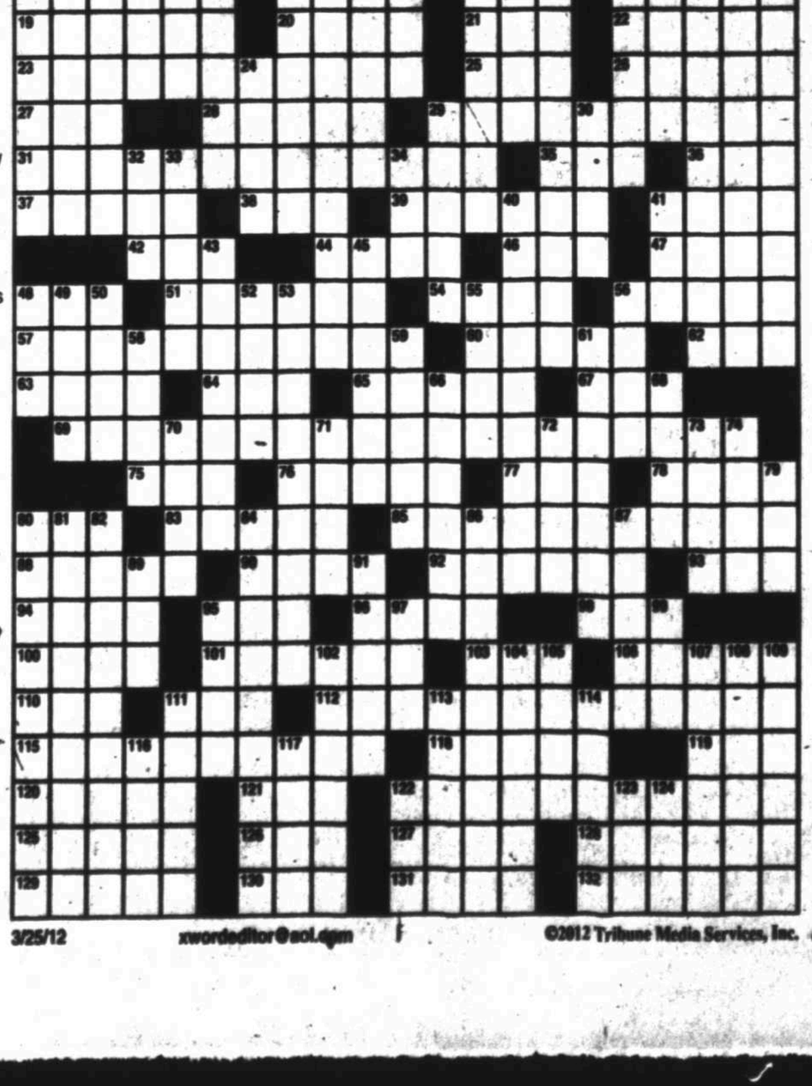

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Where's the ruff?

Neither vulnerable. East deals.

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◇ Q J 10 5 4
♣ 10 9 8 5

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◇ A K 9 3 2
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EAST
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◇ 8 7 6
♣ Void

SOUTH
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♡ 2
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The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
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5◇	6♠	6♡	Pass
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Opening lead: ?

To appreciate this deal from the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs at the recent ACBL Fall North American Champions reported by Dick Wegman, cover all cards except the West hand and decide: What should West lead against six spades?

South's jump to four clubs over East's weak two hearts promised at least a good 5-3 in the black suits. West bid a lead-directing five diamonds then sacrificed in six hearts. South made a reasonable decision to compete over six hearts, which would likely go down only two tricks. West decided that South probably held 12 cards in the bid suits divided 5-7. North's failure to prefer spades over clubs likely showed no more than three spades.

Therefore, East very likely held three or four spades and had shown at least nine or 10 red cards. He therefore selected as a lead the queen of his short suit!

That settled matters immediately. East ruffed the opening lead and cashed the ace of hearts — down one for 75 of the 77 matchpoints available on the deal.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, March 25, 2012:
This year you make peace when no one else can. You often feel a need to complete projects. You gain financially through using good sense, and also because of an unusual set of skills. TAURUS helps you build security.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Stop and take a second out of your busy life. Instead of doing more, be grateful for what is happening now. Take off for a drive. Tonight: Time to treat others.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your mood changes. You feel so much more together than you have in a long time. You draw others towards you. Tonight: Bring in whatever makes you content.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ Don't you think you need to stop the hectic pace for a few hours? Everyone does once in a while, and you are no exception. Tonight: Only with a select few.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Someone continues to transform. You need to update this person in your mind, if you want to continue to relate. Tonight: Relish the moment.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Get involved in a project that will make exercise your project — you can only feel better as a result. Meet friends at a favorite spot. Tonight: Could go to the wee hours.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone. Catching up on news might encourage a change of plans. You find reconnecting on this level very rewarding. Tonight: Let spontaneity in.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Make time for that special person. Nothing makes this person feel more cared about than time with you. Tonight: Let someone say "thank you" in his or her own way.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Go with the flow. You are strong and dominant, but by letting others come forward and lead, you'll see a lot of good will. Tonight: Say "yes."
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Keep reaching out for an acquaintance you would like to get to know better. In general, you have a good time together. Tonight: Roll with others' plans.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You know there is always a solution. Use your ability to mix various, different friends together. Tonight: Forget that tomorrow is Monday.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Honor your energy level on a project. Once this effort is completed, you will be more adaptable. Tonight: Make your favorite meal.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You might decide to forge ahead by yourself. Meeting a new friend could occur, so be open. Tonight: You don't need to go far.

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BORN TODAY
Actress Sarah Jessica Parker (1965), guitarist Paul Miles (1952), Rock 'n' roll legend Elton John (1947)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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ters, Anna, Elizabeth and May, were educated by their father, philosopher/teacher Bronson Alcott, and raised on the practical Christianity of their mother, Abigail May.

"It's a great story," said Speight. "It brings people together because of all the hardships. I think everyone can relate to at least one situation in the play. There's birth and death, there's school and family. There's a lot of things people can relate to."

Samantha Foster, a senior at Midland High School, is playing the disapproving Aunt March.

"Aunt March is really resentful toward the March girls mainly because she doesn't agree with how they were brought up, and she takes out everything on them," Foster said. "I guess Amy is her pride and joy because she takes Amy to Europe with her. And in the end, you can tell she has a lot of respect for Jo. I think all along she has a hidden respect for the March family, but she is really resentful towards them."

As for the story, Foster said, "I think it's really neat because it shows four girls who grew up in the same home in the same way, but they all did something different with their lives. In the show they say something about that they are all birds, and they all fly. And I think it shows that you can fly. You can do so much with your life, and this is a good example of it."

Bailey Brooks, a junior at Greenwood High School, knew nothing about "Little Women" when she auditioned for the play.

"I haven't seen any of the movies, and I haven't read the book," said Brooks, who was cast as Meg, the oldest sister. "She's interesting because she's kind of like the second mother to the girls, and she's always taking over when Marmee isn't there to teach them."

Michelle Smith, a sophomore at Lee High School, also knew nothing about the story.

"I have never read the book," said Smith. "I had never watched the movie. Just about a week before auditions, I watched the movie, and I liked it, and I wanted to try out.

"I didn't necessarily want a particular part. For sure, I wanted a March girl, but I was happy to get any part. ... Amy was the brat. Meg was the motherly one, Beth the sick one, Jo was kind of the tomboy."

She got the part of Jo.

"It is a great story," said Smith. "It's very realistic. Not something that's like a fairy tale. It's really down-to-earth."

ALL THE DETAILS

LOUISA MAY ALCOTT'S TIMELESS CLASSIC, "LITTLE WOMEN"

When: Friday through April 7.

Where: Davis Theatre I, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

Non-member tickets: $18 adults, $15 seniors and $12 adults. Membership show. Additional ticket processing fees applied for all non-member ticket purchases.

Box office: 570-4111 or www.mctmidland.org.

Info: Presented by the Pickwick Players, Midland Community Theatre's youth performance troupe. Bill Williams, the Pickwick Players director, adapted the novel for the stage. The show is co-produced by Ortloff Engineers, Ltd. Look for an additional story on the production in the Pulse April 5 issue.

Cast: Jo March, Michelle Smith; Meg March, Bailey Brooks; Beth March, Brittany Jennings; Amy March, Phaga Nolte; Marmee, Alex Sedlight; Laurie, Bobby Haley; John Brooke, Connor Franks; Friedrick Bhaer, Paul Dingus; Hannah, Audrey Grimes; Mr. Laurence, Paul Hernandez; Father, Landry Edwards; Aunt March, Samantha Foster; Mr. Atwater, Toby McKaskle; Dr. Bryan, Dylan Watson; Mr. Davis/Editor, Ben Rosen; Mrs. Moffat/Schoolgirl 1, Olivia Taylor; Mrs. Kirke, Courtney Iverson; Sallie Gardiner/Emmanuella, Shannon Murphy; Annie Moffat/Schoolgirl 2 , Kyle McDuffey; Jenny Snow, Elizabeth Howell; Maggie Wright, McKenzie Kuykendall; Schoolgirl 3, Melissa Olsen; Schoolgirl 4, Morgan Kuehler; Schoolgirl 5, Alice Ly; and Schoolgirl 6, Julie Butler.

OPERA

From 1H

Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. "We're making them fit in the Allen Theatre (in Lubbock)."

Included in the Texas Tech production are two Lee High School graduates: bass baritone Andrew Henry and mezzo-soprano Kaitlin Hatchett.

Henry, the son of Lana and Steve Henry, is in his senior year majoring in music education. Karl Dent is his voice teacher. Selected to be a member of the Texas All-State Choir in 2005 and 2007, he was a cast member of the musical drama "Texas!" at Palo Duro Canyon during the summers of 2009 and 2010. One summer he was part of a five-member fire stunt team where he was, as he puts it, "basically paid to be lit on fire!"

Hatchett, the daughter of Kim and Richard Hatchett, is in her junior year at Texas Tech majoring in vocal performance and music education. She studies voice with Kathy McNeil. Selected to be a member of the Texas All-State Choir in 2009, Hatchett has been on the Dean's List numerous times and is a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda Honor Society. She is a member of the Texas Tech University Choir and recently was featured at this year's Texas Music Educators' Association convention as a soloist with the TTU choir. She is presenting her junior recital this spring in Lubbock and has appeared in "Orpheus in the Underworld," "La Boheme," "Candide" and "The Secret Garden."

A third cast member, mezzo-soprano Casey Joiner, is the daughter of former Midlanders, Beulah Casey and Steve Joiner, who now live in Dallas. Joiner, a graduate of The Hockaday School, was an All-State Softball catcher and was selected to the Texas All-State Choir in 2008. Before coming to Texas Tech, she studied jazz piano and film scoring at the Berklee College of Music in Boston. She is majoring in musicology and plans to continue her post-graduate studies in Celtic ethnomusicology and choreology in Ireland. Dolter is her voice teacher. Joiner plays the accordion and has performed as Martha Watson in Lubbock Moonlight Musicals' production of "White Christmas."

"Cosi fan tutte" includes six main roles and a chorus. The Texas Tech production, which has been double cast, features Henry as Don Alfonso; Hatchett as Dorabella with Joiner as the Midland performance understudy; sopranos Elizabeth Hott or Catherine Swindle as Fiordiligi; tenors Neal D. Patel or John Wenzel as Ferrando; baritones Nathan Rhoden or John Daugherty as Guglielmo; and sopranos Aimee Pineau or Jackie Stevens as Despina.

Disguises and trickery play major roles in testing the sisters' faithfulness. The title, "Così fan tutte," literally means "Thus do all (women)."

First performed in 1790, "Cosi fan tutte" was the final comic opera by Mozart and the last collaboration between the composer and Lorenzo Da Ponte, who had written the libretto for "Le nozze di Figaro" and "Don Giovanni."

"Anything that is accompanied by the orchestra is in Italian," Dolter said. "But this is a Mozart opera, one of his comic operas. The singers sing on pitch when accompanied on a harpsichord. All of that is in English. It's a lot easier for the audience to follow the action. It's like watching a musical."

ALL THE DETAILS

MIDLAND OPERA THEATER PRESENTS MOZART'S "COSÌ FAN TUTTE" (THUS DO ALL)

When: 7 p.m. Saturday

Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

Info: Performed by Texas Tech University Music Theatre & Orchestra

Tickets: $40, $30, and $20 in advance and $45, $35, and $25 at the door. Purchased at the Wagner Noël Box Office Monday through Friday noon to 5 p.m., online at www.wagnernoel.com, or by phone at 800-514-3849.

Info: Pre-opera lecture will begin at 6:15 p.m. Performance at 7 p.m. Gerald Dolter is director of the Texas Tech University Music Theatre. Andrew George is director of the Texas Tech University Symphony Orchestra.

Quote: "A deliciously ironic look at the foibles of love." Portland Opera.

IN THE LIMELIGHT

By Graham Dixon

Rebecca Kilgore

One of sultriest women ever to appear on film, yet also one of the most vulnerable, the image of Marilyn Monroe is still instantly recognizable. We think we know what she represents, but actually she represents a myriad of meanings. Somehow, she is always more than we think — a funnier comedienne, a more serious dramatic actress, a better singer.

Perhaps most important, she was dead at 36. She will be forever young.

So what happens when we explore her music, when we bring to life that which is normally frozen in memory?

The West Texas Jazz Society brought Rebecca Kilgore, a fine singer who brings an ambiguous tone to many of these songs that we think, like Marilyn, to know so well. She started with "Every Baby Needs a Daddy" and immediately showed a deliberate self-consciousness — as if Marilyn Monroe was somehow resurrected before us at a more advanced age and was gently making fun of her earlier persona. Of course there was always a sardonic, ironic touch to Monroe — think of her saccharine exaggeration of sexuality singing Happy Birthday to JFK.

In her 60s, Kilgore has a poise and awareness that really does not exist in those younger. She plays a role even when not singing. Between songs her little anecdotes of Marilyn Monroe were hesitant, a little uncertain — much like the star herself. Before she sang "Do It Again," Kilgore explained how army authorities had asked Marilyn to sing "kiss me again" at a concert at Camp Pendelton, but she had gone ahead with the real lyrics, causing a near riot of desire.

Of course the venerable West Texas Jazz Society audience was not about to rush the stage, any more than Kilgore oozes the more obvious aspects of Monroe's sensuality. Instead we have delicious, shadowy echoes and reminders of it. As she sang "I Want To Be Loved By You," Kilgore hesitated a little with a shy giggle on the "boo boo be doop." I could imagine Marilyn doing exactly the same thing in this song if she had made it to her 60s.

And what of the other musicians? Harry Allen's tenor saxophone was haunting then challenging, sexy then plaintive. He was best in purely instrumental numbers such as their version of "That Old Black Magic" — a piece that highlights the range that a virtuosic saxophonist can bring to an interpretation. His final note in "She Acts Like a Woman Should" was just about as gravelly low as I have heard a tenor sax go.

On piano Bob Alberti was understated but mesmerizing in his solos, while Chuck Riggs had some short but voluminous drum sections. Joel Forbes had only one solo, and like many of his fellow bassists, seems content to lurk somewhere in the background — unheralded and yet vital to the whole.

So the West Texas Jazz Society gave us another winner, at this, my first concert in the Rea Greathouse Recital Hall. The Hall is intriguing — it is like sitting inside a massive cube, as the ceiling is so high for a relatively limited floor-space. Initially I was not too sure, but by the end of the evening the acoustics had won me over. Recital implies a certain intimacy between performer and audience, and the sheer height of the Greathouse renders such closeness unlikely, but the sound is gorgeous.

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QUICKTAKES

Reviews of recent CDs

MAGNETIC FIELDS
"Love at the Bottom of the Sea"

The Magnetic Fields are still on the quest for romance.

"Love at the Bottom of the Sea" finds the band once again exploring the theme of failed love affairs using biting lyricism, thanks to leader and songwriter Stephin Merritt, but this time with added synth.

Rather than traditional love songs lamenting pain and anguish, the Magnetic Fields mock the heightened emotions of love with sarcastic lyrics.

"Andrew in Drag" is a dreamy ditty in which Merritt sings about being in love with a cross-dresser: The moment seeing Andrew in a dress means that Merritt can't love anyone else again, and causes him to ponder his "misspent youth."

"Quick!" is a plea for a lover to shape up or ship out. Its lyrics are again another example of the clever wordplay employed by Merritt, as they take unexpected twists like "what a waste of all those beers," when you would expect the line to be "what a waste of all those years."

"My Husband's Pied-a-Terre," about an adulterous partner, starts out slow and mournful, but the hilarious rhyming — "pied-à-terre" coupled with "derriere" for example — illustrates just what a talented songwriter Merritt actually is.

All of the songs on the album are under three minutes, allowing them to be punchy and not overdone.

— Stan Watson
Associated Press

ESPERANZA SPALDING
"Radio Music Society"

It's somehow fitting that Esperanza Spalding sang the Louis Armstrong hit "What a Wonderful World" at the Oscars, because her career arc bears certain similarities to the jazz legend's. She began primarily as an instrumentalist, developed her own distinctive vocal style to accompany her bass playing, and on her new CD, she has embraced the pop music of her day without sacrificing her jazz roots.

The CD complements the bassist-vocalist's previous release, "Chamber Music Society,"" an intimate, acoustic melding of classical, jazz and world music. However, "Radio Music Society" is an extroverted, electric fusion of R&B, neo-soul and hip-hop with jazz, performed by a genre-spanning lineup including R&B singer Lalah Hathaway, rapper Q-Tip acting as a producer, and jazz drummers Jack DeJohnette and Terri Lyne Carrington.

— Stan Watson
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The Wanted, One Direction lead new invasion

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NEW YORK — It seems like we can never say goodbye, bye, bye to boy bands.

A decade after 'N Sync and the Backstreet Boys dominated the entertainment world, boy bands have returned and are making a comeback.

One Direction, the British quintet that placed third on the U.K.'s "X Factor" in 2010, saw its album "Up All Night" debut at No. 1 on Billboard's Top 200 albums chart this week. The Wanted, another U.K.-based quintet, is spending its second week at No. 4 on Billboard's Hot 100 singles chart with the jam "Glad You Came."

Big Time Rush, a four-member boy band that also has a hit Nickelodeon show readying its third season, recently wrapped a sold-out tour at New York's Radio City Music Hall, and will embark on a larger U.S. and Canadian trek this summer. And Mindless Behavior, formed by the man who discovered Lady Gaga — record executive Vincent Herbert — debuted at No. 2 on the R&B charts in late 2010 with its album "#1 Girl," and has toured with Janet Jackson and Justin Bieber, among others.

"It's just exploding," said Ernie D., the creative director and on-air personality for Radio Disney. "It's really amazing to see, especially on my end, hearing all the calls from the listeners. ... So, that fever is definitely growing for sure."

It's reminiscent of a time when 'N Sync battled the Backstreet Boys as music's top act, selling millions of albums and concert tickets, thanks to the millions of girls who invested time, their parents' money and screamed pleas for their favorite boy band. 'N Sync and the Backstreet Boys, who rose to fame in the 1990s and carried that through the new millennium, were followed by others successful boy bands, such as 98 Degrees, O-Town and Dream Street.

Before that, it was New Edition who exploded on the scene in the 1980s, followed by the massive success of New Kids on the Block. And before that, there was the Jackson 5 and the Osmonds, and so on.

The Jonas Brothers made it big in the mid-2000s with its hit Disney TV series, films and albums. They started to fade years later, though, as the oldest, Kevin, got married, and Joe and Nick launched solo careers.

But now, there are various boy bands releasing music simultaneously, helping drive each other to the top of the charts.

"It's giving us that little competition that makes us want to go further and excel further than we are right now," said 22-year-old Carlos Pena Jr. of Big Time Rush.

"It's cool to see more boy bands, but us, Mindless Behavior, we want to show the fans what we got," said Mindless Behavior's Prodigy, who is 15. Roc Royal and Princeton — both 14 — and Ray Ray, 15, round out the group.

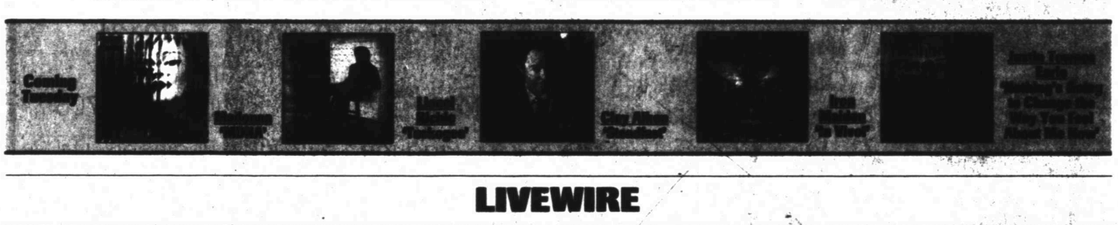
Big Time Rush recently had its TV film, "Big Time Movie," reach over 13.1 million total viewers when it debuted on Nickelodeon two weeks ago. They also released an EP of the same name to accompany the film, which features cover versions of classic Beatles songs.

The group members said they weren't excited about being coined a "boy band" when they debuted in late 2009.

"We hated that term to start with," 21-year-old James Maslow said.

"Because the term hadn't come back yet," added Kendall Schmidt, 21. "We kind of feel like we paved the way for it to come back."

Other boy bands on the verge include Midnight Red, formed by RedOne, the producer behind Lady Gaga hits like "Just Dance," "Poker Face" and "Bad Romance." Midnight Run will release a single next month, and an album later this year. Beyonce, who recently launched her production company Parkwood Entertainment, said she plans on putting together her own boy band. And the British quartet JLS, the runners-up on the U.K.'s "X Factor" in 2008, has released three top-selling albums in Europe, collecting five No. 1s; they have plans to release music in America.



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MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ALPINE

March

25 **Creed Fisher** @ Flash's Cantina
25 **Anna Wilson** @ MHS auditorium
25 **Lone Star Brass** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center (2 p.m.)
25 **Technical Jazz, Tucker Binkley, King/Hilliard, Mary Mitchell** @ Music City Mall
25 **It Lies Within, As They Sleep, NightShade, The Pulse Agency** @ Pine Box
27 **Bobby Loco** @ TJ Rabbit's
27 **Daniel Park** @ Buffalo Wild Wings (Midland)
28 **Three Bad Jacks, The Sticks, Black Eye Shiner** @ New Blue Max
30 **Jason Tarelton and the Unsweet T's** @ Cigar Frog's
30 **Tyree Johnson, Ashley Smith, Mary Mitchell** @ Music City Mall
30 **Loudfinger** @ The Detour
30 **Horse Opera** @ New Blue Max
30-31 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Riley's
30-31 **Cory Yeager Band** @ Hot Shots
30-31 **Road Kings** @ Your Place
31 **Rain, Swing For the Fences** @ Fast Freddy's
31 **Brian Keane** @ Lone Star Bar
31 **Creed Fisher** @ Corky's
31 **Robert Clairborne** @ Cigar Frog's
31 **Jeff Williams, Mike Leonard, Michael Walker, Alan Childs, Ernest Calderon, Andres & Justn, Jessie Thomas** @ Music City Mall
31 **Continental** @ New Blue Max

April

1 **Love's Stricken Demise, Loudfinger** @ New Blue Max
2 **Tex Ritter's Doomtown** @ New Blue Max
3 **All Shall Perish, The Contortionist, Carnifex, Conducting From the Grave** @ Dos Amigos
4 **Kyle Park** @ Graham's
5 **Willie Nelson** @ Dos Amigos
5 **Granger Smith** @ Rockin' Rodeo
6 **Creed Fisher** @ New Blue Max
6 **No Dry County** @ Detour
6-7 **Electric Cowboys** @ The Bar
6-7 **GloveBox** @ Hot Shots
7 **No Dry County** @ Lone Star Bar
7 **800 Mile Monday** @ New Blue Max
7 **Todd Agnew** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
7 **Blacklisted** @ Corky's
11 **La Dispute, All Get Out, Sainthood Reps, Balance & Composure** @ Pine Box
11 **Jennifer B & the Groove Kings** @ Shack in the Back
11 **Creed Fisher** @ Corky's
12 **Creed Fisher** @ The Detour
13 **Casting Crowns, Royal Tailor, Matthew West, Lindsay McCaul** @ Ector County Coliseum
13 **Chelsea Grin, Attila, Chunk! No Captain Chunk!, For the Fallen Dreams, Vanna, Crimson Armada** @ Dos Amigos
14 **Outlash** @ Fast Freddy's
14 **Snakeboy Johnson Band** @ Corky's
14 **A Modern Tragedy** @ Grant Street Bar
14-15 **Von Straub** @ Old Sorehead Trading Days (Stanton)
15 **Adaliah** @ Pine Box
15 **University Philharmonic** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
16 **Mustard Plug, Left Alone** @ Blue Max
18 **Alcest** @ Pine Box
18 **Job For a Cowboy, 3 Inches of Blood** @ Dos Amigos
19 **Aaron Watson** @ Rockin' Rodeo
20 **West Texas Gospel Celebration** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
20 **Shane Rogers Band** @ The Detour
21 **Eddie Ray Bareis** @ Cabana
21 **The Road Kings** @ Corky's
21 **William Clark Green** @ Lone Star Bar
22 **Switchfoot** @ Grande Stadium
24 **Buckcherry** @ Dos Amigos
24 **Charley Pride** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
26 **Dusty Smirl** @ New Blue Max
27 **Bobby Champion Band** @ The Detour
27-28 **Cory Yeager Band** @ Hot Shots
27 **Take Me Home** — Music of John Denver @ MHS auditorium
28 **Steve Earle** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
28 **B.J. Thomas** @ CAF Hangar

LUBBOCK

March

30 **Pat Green** @ Wild West Lubbock

April

14 **The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band** @ Cactus Theater
21 **Dead Sara, Korn** @ Amphitheatre Lone Star Event Center
21 **Godsmack, Staind, HaleStorm** @ Amphitheatre Lone Star Event Center
25 **Cannibal Corpse, Exhumed, Abysmal Dawn, Arkaik** @ Jake's

NEW MEXICO

March

29 **LeAnn Rimes** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods (IOMG)
31 **REO Speedwagon** @ IOMG

DALLAS-FORT WORTH

March

28 **Todd Rundgren** @ House of Blues
28 **Hot Chelle Rae, Electric Touch, Cady Groves** @ House of Blues
29 **Big Ghostly** @ House of Blues
29 **Tech N9ne, machine Gun Kelly, Krizz Kaliko, Hilltop1, Prozak, Stevie Stone** @ Palladium Ballroom
30 **Green River Ordinance, Graham Colton** @ House of Blues