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Residents get creative to conserve water

Mayor, city staff say crucial to keep usage low if water supplies to last

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

With a limited amount of water available in West Texas, Celia Page wants to make sure she's doing everything she can to conserve.

She placed a bucket in her shower to catch the water that runs through while it warms up. In her kitchen, she uses a bin to collect water whenever she washes her hands or rinses dinner plates, and in the toilets she's placed a bag that takes up space and decreases the amount of water when used whenever someone flushes.

"We all need to chip in and do this so we can preserve what we have," she said. "Everything I do, I capture, and we take that out to water the trees."

Page is one of several Midlanders getting creative in cutting their water consumption. Some say it's their responsibility to take part in saving water. Others know if they don't change their habits their water bill is going to increase, which isn't a fate they want to encounter.

"Normally, we're paying $150 to $200 in the summer because we use more water," said resident Rebecca Gibson. "It'll be $475 under the new plan and go upwards of $700. I was floored. I just want to know where are the 80 percent of people are who are using less than 10,000 gallons a month? Because the people I'm hearing from don't use that."

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Today, water restrictions go into effect that limit residents and businesses to two hours per week of outdoor watering. New water rates that also went into effect today will multiply by five the charges of those who use more than 10,000 gallons of water each month.

"We obviously don't have the same water we had last year or in years prior, so we're going to have to do something different," Mayor Wes Perry said. "We're going to make it, but it's going to require everyone to comply."

Why restrictions?

Stuart Purvis, director of Utilities, said the limit was set at 10,000 gallons per month because that's all the water the city has to sell.

"We really are in a position this year that we could not have enough water," Purvis said.

The Colorado River Municipal Water District has allotted Midland 13.9 million gallons per day to use this year, down from the 22 million gallons per day it provided to Midland in the summer of 2011. The city will supplement those supplies with water from its Paul Davis Well Field.

But even with that water, Midland has only 18.5 million gallons of water per day it can use. In the summer of 2011, it sold an average of 25 to 30 million gallons

Please see **WATER**/4A

HAMMERINGITHOME

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Christmas In Action volunteer Craig Beeson tosses old shingles into a wheelbarrow as members of Crestview Baptist Church prepare to replace the roof shingles Saturday at 3303 W. Kansas Ave.

Christmas In Action kicks off bulk of projects

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

The majority of this year's Christmas In Action projects have kicked off and this weekend is to be one of the busiest for those volunteering.

Bobby Trimble, Christmas In Action president and founder, said there were six projects on Friday and Saturday that included putting in new roofs, windows and siding and painting homes.

While the organization has projects year round, March, April and May tend to be the busiest for volunteers. The spring has better weather for those participating in the outdoor projects and the fall is usually full of sporting events, Trimble said.

"Nobody likes to do a roof in July," he said.

House selections are made as early as February for those serving as house and team captains. About 55 homes are worked on by 2,000 to 3,000 volunteers from local churches, organizations and businesses. But staff said they always can use more help for those looking for a way to give back. Trimble said he can train anyone who wants to learn about repairs, roofing and other construction needs.

Trimble said the nonprofit he founded in 1972 never has run out of homes or work. Many of those they assist are repeats with the volunteers coming back to do more plumbing work and installing heating units and water heaters.

"We just don't help them one time," he said.

An average of 50 to 60 roofs are installed each year, and while the program doesn't receive any federal funds or grants, Trimble said he relies on donations to help raise the $500,000 needed for supplies and to keep the projects going.

Staff said that on a home where a 40-gallon water heater is installed, a leak under the home is repaired and new

Please see **ACTION**/4A

The oil patch: Big money for hard work away from home

By John MacCormack
San Antonio Express-News

CARRIZO SPRINGS — A few years ago, Frankie Gonzalez was working marginal jobs and running with the wrong crowd in his South Texas hometown, San Diego. Now he's among the many oilfield workers cashing in on the gusher known as the Eagle Ford Shale.

"I started out in the wash pit, washing trucks. I worked concrete for three years. Now I'm an equipment operator. I run the hydrator," said Gonzalez, 27, who works for a major hydraulic fracturing company but spends little time with his family.

"My wife doesn't like the hours but she's happy for what I bring home. I expect to make over $100,000 this year. The oil field is a great place," he added.

The richest gas and oil play ever in South Texas rapidly is changing a region where historically both wages and opportunities were low and which promising young people tried to escape as soon as possible.

The boom also has blown up all the old economic realities, as oil and gas companies are pouring billions into South Texas to tap the sweet hydrocarbon lode found in a shale formation beneath two dozen counties.

Ranchers who once scraped by on boney cattle and seasonal deer leases have become millionaires. New motels, restaurants and other businesses are making local entrepreneurs rich.

In the oil field, drill-site consultants can make $1,500 a day. Youths without special skills or college degrees can earn six-figure incomes by working 90-hour weeks in sometimes rough conditions.

But as every oilfield veteran knows, there is a harsh tradeoff, beyond the grueling labor. Some men work hundreds of miles from their families, others live in primitive conditions or face the real risk of being maimed.

"You have no life. It's basically, work, sleep, work, sleep, and when you do go home, you sleep," said Carlos Garza, 36, who drives a fluid truck and rarely sees his

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68-NURSE program reaches highest call volume to date

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

The expanded 68-NURSE telephone triage program is on track to receive the highest call volume for a single month, according to Midland Memorial Hospital's vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer.

An estimated 3,600 calls were expected in March, said Dr. Bob Dent. The total is 1,000 additional calls than were received in December, before the program was expanded.

On Jan. 1, MMH partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa to offer a toll-free number and to give better coverage of the program to those in the Permian Basin.

The free telephone service allows residents to dial 68-NURSE or 855-68-NURSE (686-8773) to speak with health care professionals about medical concerns.

In an effort to curtail improper use of the hospital's emergency rooms, callers can be advised on whether they should go to the emergency room, see their physician or go to a community clinic.

The call center is at Midland Memorial's West Campus.

Because the program was successful in its two-year run at MMH, staff looked to expand it into Ector County.

Dent said that since the expansion, volume has risen from approximately 80 calls per day, or three calls an hour, to close to 120 calls a day, for an average of five an hour.

While the number of calls has increased, it has not been necessary to hire additional nurses to man the phones, Dent said. Eight nurses rotate; at least four work each day. The nurses are available to answer

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It's happening

Saturday

■ Todd Agnew Contemporary Christian Concert, 8 p.m.; Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

Easter Egg hunts

■ First Christian Church will host its third annual Easter Eggstravaganza 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday at Hill Park. Various local organizations, businesses and nonprofits will set up booths, including Midland Community Theatre, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Midland Fire Department, Midland YMCA, Midland Memorial Hospital and COM Aquatics. The event will include free hot dogs and snow cones, a jumper, activities, games and egg hunts.

■ Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive, will host its annual Easter egg hunt 10 a.m. Saturday for children in sixth grade and younger. For more information, call 697-3101 or email ahbcmidland@nts-online.net.

Meetings Schedule

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

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

Community Calendar

■ The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be conducting an educational seminar titled, "Rebuilding The Beef Herd" at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Midland County Extension Office.

Because of the drought of 2011, many cattle producers sold large portions of their herds. Restocking and rebuilding has become a major issue with the recent rains and change of drought assessments in recent months. In response to this need, a series of seminars has been developed to target restocking issues. The cost is $40 per person pre-registered or $50 at the door.

Pre-registration can be completed by calling the Midland County Extension Office at 686-4700.

■ Midland/Odessa Christian Women's Connection is meeting at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Ranchland Hills Golf Club.

Guest speaker is Kim Beauford, of Albuquerque, N.M.

Those attending are invited to wear Easter bonnets.

Tickets are $16; reservations are required. Reservation deadline is Thursday. To make a reservation, contact Alva at 520-4502 or jehillredbird@aol.com.

■ Midland Book Review Unit is to meet 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Ranchland Hills Golf Club.

Jimmy Patterson and Tom S. Morgan, co-authors of "Chisos Mountain Sunset," will present the program. For luncheon reservations, call 683-2138.

■ Midland Need to Read is planning tutor training for 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Wednesday at 1709 W. Wall St.

Lunch will be served.

Also, the agency'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.

Individual tickets are $60 and table sponsorships are available. The sponsorships are: Hemmingway, $1,500; Faulkner, $1,000; and Twain, $600.

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

■ Midland Association of Retired School Personnel will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Those attending may bring antiques to be appraised by Judy Jackson.

To make reservations, call Anita at 697-1602 or email at apatton123@sbcglobal.net.

■ The fourth annual Petals & Pearls fundraiser, benefiting the George W. Bush Childhood Home, is planned for 4:30-6:30 p.m. April 25 at Alldredge Gardens. The featured speaker is Sue Ellen Haning, author of "Two Nuts in Italy."

For more information, call 685-1112.

■ 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.

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. April 19 for first-through fifth-graders.

This month's featured book is "Freckle Juice. Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served.

To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

■ Home Hospice's annual Butterfly Release and Family Celebration is 2-4 p.m. May 5 at the Scharbauer Student Center at Midland College.

Ceremonies also are planned for Andrews, April 22; Odessa, April 28; and Big Spring, April 29.

Butterflies are available for a $25 donation to hospice.

For more information, call 570-0700 or visit www.homehospicewtx.com.

■ Comanche Trails Wood Turners are to meet 10 a.m. April 14 at 1709 Clark St. Loy Cornett will give the demonstration. For more information, call 682-1700.

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.

Sunday's total: 17,228,000
Monday's total: 17,342,000
Tuesday's total: 17,212,000
Wednesday's total: 17,329,000
Thursday's total: 17,380,000 (CRMWD: 13,801,000; Paul Davis: 3,579,000)

Note: Current total storage by CRMWD in their lakes is 102,237 acre-feet. (1 acre-foot is approximately 325,800 gallons). Total storage last year at the same time was 191,897 acre-feet.

Source: City of Midland

When you can water starting today:

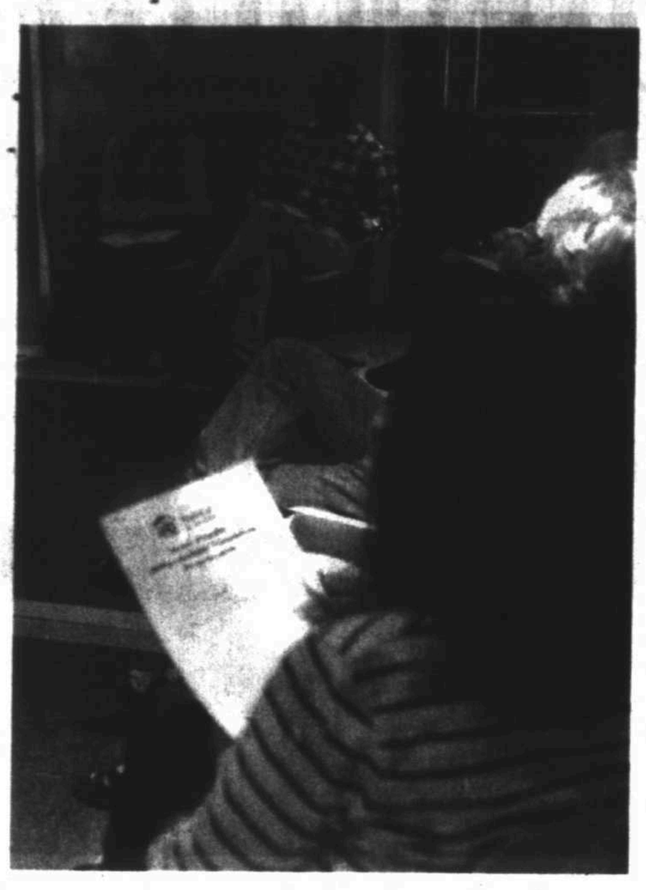
■ Residents and businesses can water for two hours between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight on their assigned day.

■ 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.

■ Washing outdoor surfaces, such as sidewalks, driveways, building exteriors and parking lots is not allowed.



A NEEDED TALK ABOUT HOUSING

Alynda Best, executive director of Midland Habitat, and John James, Midland City Councilman, help moderate the League of Women Voters' forum about affordable housing last week.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

This date in Midland

April 1, 1968. The United States Supreme Court decided in Avery v. Midland County that commissioners precincts must be redrawn as necessary to maintain a generally equal population within the four precincts. The court based its decision on the principle of "one man, one vote."

Hotel business report for January

January 2012
(Taxable receipts)
Midland: $5,258,655
Odessa: $5,754,189
Abilene: $2,527,480
Lubbock: $4,496,425
San Angelo: $1,871,296

Midland in January 2011: $3,671,067
Midland in January 2010 $2,118,346
Midland in January 2009: $2,652,974

Top Midland hotels
(total receipts)

Hilton Midland Plaza	$758,213
Residence Inn	$462,408
La Quinta (Wall)	$434,922
Plaza Inn	$384,969
Holiday Inn Express	$359,712
Courtyard/Marriott	$295,754
La Quinta	$249,554
Fairfield Inn	$243,950
Hampton Inn/Suites	$217,564
Sleep Inn	$214,435
Airport Plaza Inn	$212,171
Comfort Inn	$206,492
Country Inn	$193,956
Value Place	$182,933
W. Texas Inn/Suites	$180,391
Best Value Inn	$179,050
Comfort Suites	$178,836
Studio 6	$170,342
Am. Best Value Inn	$146,613
Travelodge Midland	$115,863
Days Inn	$115,474
Clarion Hotel	$115,067
Midtown Hotel	$103,121
Super 8 Motel	$100,335

Top in Midland-Odessa

MCM Fundome (O)	$800,834
Hilton Midland Plaza	$758,213
MCM Elegante (O)	$536,670
Residence Inn	$462,408
La Quinta (Wall)	$434,922

Source: Texas Comptroller

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Support groups, club meetings

Support groups

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

— for miscarriage grief recovery, call 570-5935.

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

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

■ A support group for those with diabetes or at risk for diabetes meets 11:30 a.m. the first Saturday at Furr's Cafeteria. For more information, call 570-9412.

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

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

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

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

■ Permian Basin Needle Arts Chapter of Embroiderer's Guild of America meets 7-10 p.m. the first Thursday at Barnes & Noble. For more information, call Paula Millhollon at 520-3250.

■ Children's Service League, auxiliary to Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center, meets 9:30 a.m. the first Thursday at the Center, 802 Ventura. For more information, call Brooke Mueller at 498-2053. (no july mtg.)

■ Permian Basin Chess Club meets 6 p.m.Thursdays at University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union. For more information: Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 268-7141; pbcc.50giga.net; odessachess@cableone.net.

■ Newcomers Club meets at 10 a.m. the first Thursday. For more information, call Kim Butterfield, membership chair, at 288-2806 or Margie Frank, president, at 218-9207.

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Tuesdays, Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main. For more information, call 687-1671.

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 432-582-2926.

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

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

INSIDE: 'THERAPY IN MOTION'

Photo by Cindeka Nealy Reporter-Telegram

Big Fun Coach Matt Koffel watches as Sarah Bruehl, 6, reaches to ring a bell after climbing a ladder during an exercise that is designed to help her with forward and backward movements recently at Next Level Gymnastics.

Koffel is helping Sarah, who suffered a stage three intraventricular brain hemorrhage at 4 days old, learn simple movements that come natural to other children her age.

See the entire story in today's **West Texas Living** section.

Today is Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday Christians celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection. For many Christian churches, Palm Sunday, often referred to as "Passion Sunday," marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday.

The Bible reveals that when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted him by waving palm branches and covering his path with palm branches. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, he begins his journey to the cross.

The biblical account of Palm Sunday can be found in Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; and John 12:12-19.

Source: http://christianity.about.com

Today in History

Today is Palm Sunday, April 1, the 92nd day of 2012. There are 274 days left in the year. This is April Fool's Day.

On this date:

In 1945, American forces launched the amphibious invasion of Okinawa during World War II.

In 1976, Apple Computer was founded by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne.

In 1984, recording star Marvin Gaye was shot to death by his father, Marvin Gay (cq) Sr. in Los Angeles, the day before his 45th birthday.

Ten years ago: Israeli tanks and bulldozers rumbled into more Palestinian towns and massed on the edge of Bethlehem in an expansion of a West Bank offensive.

Today's birthdays: Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito is 62. Political commentator Rachel Maddow is 39.

The Associated Press

City to stripe roadways

The city of Midland Transportation Division has entered into striping season. All of the arterial streets are striped twice a year. Collectors are striped at least once a year.

Motorists should expect to see division employees striping on most good-weather days. The project should be done in about a month.

For safety, motorists are encouraged to stay at least two car lengths behind the shadow vehicle, which follows directly behind the paint truck.

Water variance applications

The city of Midland has a variance form available online or in Code Enforcement Offices at City Hall, 300 N. Loraine St., for residents to use if they have a circumstance that they need to water outside of the required water restrictions.

For clarification, this variance application is not for the water rates it specifically applies to the restriction schedule only.

Source: City of Midland.

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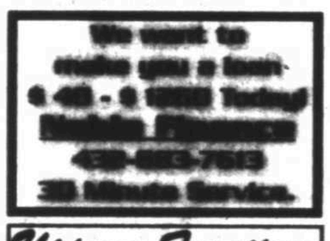

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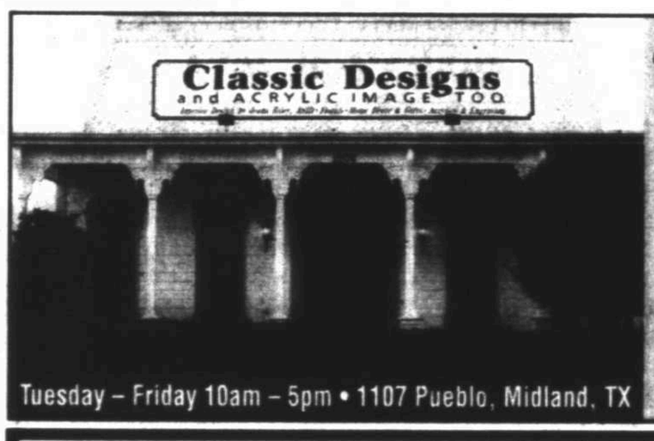

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Holy Week Schedule
DR. JASON CARTER RETURNS FOR HOLY WEEK
Some of you will remember Dr. Jason Carter from a few years ago when on Good Friday he gave a medical description of the death of Jesus as he hung on the Cross. Jason was born and raised in Odessa and graduated from Permian. He was the first Altar Server when the new parish of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was formed by Msgr. Bridges in Odessa, where he eventually served as Pastoral Assistant, RCIA Director, CCD Director, and Altar Server Director. At the time, he was the youngest certified Catechist for the Diocese of San Angelo. He was also interested in Apologetics and Liturgy. Early on he spent time at the Jewish Synagogue in Odessa learning about liturgy and the connection that our worship practices have with Jewish practices. From that time onward, he has hosted a yearly Passover meal during Holy Week. Dr. Carter currently resides in Springfield, Missouri as an Emergency Physician. Last Fall, he became interested in the Ark of the Covenant and the Tabernacle of Moses. This led him to create replicas of the furniture in the Tabernacle over the past few months and explore its connection to Christianity.
HOLY THURSDAY
English Mass: 7:00 p.m. In The Church
Spanish Mass: 7:00 p.m. In The Gym
Dr. Carter will guide the night watch following the Mass
Confessions: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
9 am Latin Sorrowful Mysteries — Noon Chanted Stations of the Cross
English at 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Presentation of the Ark of the Covenant by Dr. Carter
Spanish at 7:00 p.m. In The Gym
With Live Stations Of The Cross
Confessions: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. — 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
HOLY SATURDAY
Confessions: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL
First Easter Mass
English at 6:00 p.m. — Dr. Carter will chant the Exsultet & Litany of the Saints
Spanish at 9:00 p.m.
EASTER SUNDAY MASSES
8 a.m. • 10:30 a.m. • 12:30 p.m. (Spanish) • 5 p.m.
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El domingo de ramos las Misas empezaran en el Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe para distribuir y bendecir las palmas, después tendremos la procesión a la iglesia.
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
Hagan lo que les he enseñado.
Ha sido tratado como culpable a causa de nuestras culpas.
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
3:00-5:00 pm Confessions/Confesiones
7:30 pm EASTER VIGIL MASS / LA VIGILIA PASCUAL
EASTER SUNDAY/ DOMINGO DE PASCUA
Sunday Masses 8:00 am Spanish; 10:00 am & 12:00 noon English; 1:30 pm Spanish Misas de domingo 8:00 am Español; 10:00 am y 12:00 de medio día Ingles; 1:30 pm Español
Ha resucitado de entre los muertos e irá delante de ustedes a Galilea; allí lo verán.

WATER

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of water per day.

The limits were put in place to preserve the CRMWD's reservoirs that are dwindling amid the drought.

O.H. Ivie Reservoir — which the CRMWD uses to provide water to Midland — is projected to be empty by January 2013 if it doesn't receive additional inflows. It was at 17.63 percent full this week.

The CRMWD is constructing pipelines to its Ward County Well Fields. That addition should be online by December — before Ivie runs dry.

However, Purvis said those estimated dates all depend upon cities using only the amount of water they've been promised. If Midland or another city uses more water than it's allotted, it will shorten Ivie Reservoir's life.

"If we use it this summer, we may really wish we had it this winter," he said.

Perry said with contracts in place to bring water to the city limits from Midland's T Bar Ranch by May 2013, this summer's restrictions will be the worst residents will see. Until more water becomes available, though, he said it's crucial citizens comply.

"At the end of the day, if it doesn't work, we'll decide we will have no outdoor watering," Perry said.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Celia Page dumps recycled water for her trees in the front yard from dish water and collected shower water.

Coping with the change

Like Page, Midlander Lyn Dillard has been trying to implement as many water-saving techniques in her home as she can.

The family used just more than 11,000 gallons of water in a recent month and Dillard is hoping to get below the 10,000 gallon line so they don't have to pay the extra fees.

Dillard said the family plans to capture water in the shower and use it to feed plants outdoors. She also has placed a dish pan in her sink to catch water and empties that a few times each day on plants in the backyard.

She cautioned Midlanders to make sure the water in the sink doesn't contain bacteria — which could occur when washing dishes that held raw meat, for example. If it's just soapy water it can be great for vegetation, she said.

"Everybody's got to cut back," she said.

Amy Azcarate said her children are limited to five-minute showers. Each child also is provided a paper cup of water when they brush their teeth so the faucet doesn't have to run. She said she and her husband used to wash cars and even let their kids run through the sprinklers but they won't be turning the water on outdoors at all this year.

"Once you get everybody used to it, it's not hard to stick with it," she said. "In my point of view, this is dire straits here."

Other Midlanders said they've started taking their tooth brush in the shower so they can get everything done at once without using extra water. Some are taking "military showers" where they turn the water off while they soap up and then turn the water back on to rinse.

Page said her daughter and son-in-law have installed a pump in their bathtub so the water that's used to bathe their children can automatically be pumped into the backyard to feed the trees.

Several Midlanders said they've decreased the number of times they're running the dishwasher and washing machine each week or even just running partial cycles.

Sharla and Bart Hotchkiss said they started last year transforming their backyard to include hardscape elements instead of grass. They know they want to save their trees so they installed a drip system and mulch while taking out all pop-up sprinklers.

In doing that, Sharla Hotchkiss said they found they had leaks in their system. By eliminating those, she said, their usage and bill immediately decreased.

To find whether leaks exist, Hotchkiss said individuals can turn off everything in their home that uses water and then check their meter. If it's still registering usage, something is awry.

"If there's anything that I would pass on to people it's that key information," she said.

Gibson said in addition to conservation measures, they're also drilling a water well in the yard to help keep their trees alive.

"Then at least that won't be on city water," she said.

Looking ahead

Scott Dufford, councilman at large, said the intent of the council is to enact the higher water rates and stringent restrictions only for this year. Once water from T Bar Ranch becomes available, the amount of water being used in the summer can increase and the fees can decrease, he said.

Perry, though, said he doesn't believe Midland should return entirely to its former habits even if it can sell more water next summer.

"Should we go back to our old ways? I don't think so," he said.

It's a sentiment at least some Midlanders share. Landscaping companies have reported they're booked with requests to add xeriscaping, fake turf or other alternative surfaces to area yards. Some likely will install new grass next summer, they said. But, several will not.

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

Hotchkiss said that once people become accustomed to conserving water inside, those practices should continue even if more water becomes available.

"What we've learned is that water is finite. We really have to be better custodians of our water," she said. "If we don't have water, Midland will dry up and blow away, literally."

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Water FAQ

When can I water?

Residents and businesses are assigned one day per week on which they can water outdoors for two hours.

Customers can choose two hours between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight to water.

Days are being assigned based on zones of the city. To find your zone check: http://www.ci.midland.tx.us/departments/utilities/WaterUse_DaysofWeek%20030512.pdf

What can I water with?

Any method of watering — hand-held hoses, drip irrigation, sprinklers, bubblers, etc — can be used.

What are the new water rates?

Those who use between 10,000 and 25,000 gallons of water per month now will pay $19.55 per thousand gallons purchased (up from $3.91).

Anyone using more than 25,000 gallons of water per month will pay $22.50 per thousand gallons (up from $4.50).

Those using less than 10,000 gallons per month will not see their charges multiplied. Every user is charged a base rate of $14.35, which includes the first 2,000 gallons of water used.

Customers using between 2,001 and 10,000 gallons of water will pay $3.26 per thousand gallons purchased.

What's the city doing with all of that extra money?

The city is projecting it will have to dip into the water and sewer reserve fund to get through the summer because revenue is expected to drop.

"We're going to lose money this year," said Stuart Purvis, director of Utilities.

In a non-restriction summer, Purvis said he sold up to 37,000 gallons of water per day. Even if some residents are paying higher rates this year, it won't make up for the loss in revenue caused by the lower amount of water sold.

"The system is going to live off its bank account this summer," he said, adding there's about $5 million in reserves.

Mayor Wes Perry said other cities that have enacted rates like Midland's also have seen their revenue drop. He said city staff is hopeful between city growth and increased watering next year, revenue will return to normal levels when more water becomes available.

How long will the new rates last?

Because the rates were passed through an ordinance, it would require an amendment to that ordinance or a new ordinance to get rid of the higher prices. Scott Dufford, councilman at large, said the intention is to have these higher rates in place temporarily as an incentive to cut usage. When the water restrictions are lessened, Dufford said the plan is that the higher rates for higher water users also can be decreased.

How much water does Midland have?

18.5 million gallons per day between the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the Paul Davis Well Field.

In 2011, the city sold between 29 and 30 million gallons of water per day.

Why can't I water in the morning?

Purvis said the city's water system needs the hours between midnight and 6 a.m. to recover and build up enough supply to provide water for showers, coffee and other morning activities. If outdoor watering took place in the evening and in the morning, Purvis said the system wouldn't have time to recharge.

Can I wash my car?

No. Car washing and the washing of driveways, outdoor surfaces and building exteriors is not permitted.

Commercial car washes are permitted because the water they use is included in the city's winter water sales, according to Purvis.

Swimming?

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

Current pool owners are not prohibited from topping off their pools during outdoor watering hours but will be charged the higher water rate if they go over 10,000 gallons per month.

Doug Russell and Washington pools will be filled with water trucked in from outside the city, said Tina Jauz, director of Community Services.

The operation of ornamental fountains or ponds is prohibited unless they are supporting aquatic life or are equipped with a re-circulation system.

What else is prohibited?

Existing addresses are not permitted to add a new water meter.

Flushing gutters or permitting water to accumulate or run on the roadway is prohibited.

Restaurants can serve water only when it's requested by a customer.

Those who fail to repair controllable leaks after having been given notice such repairs are needed could be subject to fines.

How do I report a violation?

Call 685-7474.

How do I apply for a variance?

There are variance applications available at www.ci.midland.tx.us. Applications also are available in the Code Enforcement office at City Hall, 300 N. Loraine St.

How does meter reading work?

The city has six meter readers on staff who read an average of 5,000 to 6,000 water meters every three days, said Tony Goyang, customer service division manager. After meters are read, the data is put into the city's system and then checked over by a billing supervisor, Goyang said. Meters aren't necessarily read on the exact same day every month but typically are read within a day or two of that date. If you have questions about your bill or your meter reading, call 685-7320.

Exceptions to water policy rare, city staff say

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

Whether they need water to keep dirt down during construction or they want a different watering day so it doesn't conflict with church choir practice, dozens of Midlanders have requested exemptions from the restrictions.

The requests, however, are granted sparingly, according to city staff.

Thus far, 22 requests have been submitted asking for a different watering day or more watering time. Of those, four have been granted, said Steve Thorpe, building official.

City Manager Courtney Sharp said he intends to keep the number of variances low throughout the summer in an effort to ensure water usage remains below 18.5 million gallons per day.

Variances will be "few and far between," he said.

Of those granted, one will allow Midland Independent School District to water football fields and a baseball field at Lee High School, as well as a football field and baseball field for Midland High School, Thorpe said. The variance lasts through the end of May.

MISD officials wrote in their request that the variance was needed to keep fields safe for use by athletes.

Water use at all other MISD facilities will have to comply with restrictions, Thorpe said.

Citibank Ballpark will continue with an ongoing variance from the restrictions, though Thorpe said the RockHounds have agreed to cut their use from last summer.

"We're not going to tell the RockHounds not to play baseball," he said. "By their agreement, they're allowed to meet standards for turf for Major League Baseball."

The other variances were provided for construction of EOG Resources' facility on Champions Drive and for an electrical work project near Loop 250 and Midkiff Road. Both variances are short-term, Thorpe said.

Some variances that previously were approved last through early April. Those also are for construction projects, including the Bush Tennis Center and Pioneer Natural Resources construction, according to copies of variance applications provided to the Reporter-Telegram.

Thorpe said, for now, if someone starts a new construction project their request for additional water use is not being approved.

Several other variance requests also have been denied.

One request, for example, was for a different watering time. The homeowner said the family is out of town during the summer and the gardener's shift ends before the 6 p.m. watering time begins.

The George W. Bush Childhood Home also was denied its request. Staff had asked for more time to allow an in-ground drip system and bubblers near trees to run in order to preserve the landscaping around the property. The applicant offered to discontinue watering at the home's other properties (trees and grass around the parking lot and administrative building) to offset the extra use.

Several residents applied for variances from the hand-held hose mandate before realizing that the rule had been nixed from the restrictions. Residents are being permitted to use any method of watering during their two hours.

Requests also can be submitted for a variance from the water rate increase that's being applied to those who use more than 10,000 gallons of water per month.

The city automatically exempted more than 850 businesses, apartment complexes and commercial properties that use more than 10,000 gallons of water per month through indoor use alone, Thorpe said.

Others left off that list still are being added, including MISD meters that track indoor school usage and Midland Memorial Hospital, Thorpe said.

Purvis said the increase is meant to discourage outdoor use, not to restrict students and employees from using the bathrooms.

Families with more than five people also are being permitted to apply for an exemption from the rate increase. When considering the request, the city will look to see if their historical indoor use is greater 10,000 gallons per month.

So far, none have been approved, though Thorpe said several applications will be reviewed next week.

Mayor Wes Perry said it's a bit of a balancing act. If residents have legitimate reasons for needing another day or an exemption from rate increases, those requests sometimes can be granted.

But, he said the water zones and restrictions were set up so the system never is overloaded at one time. If very many residents and businesses are permitted a different watering day, given extra time or provided extra water, the plan won't function as designed.

Plus, the city simply doesn't have the staff to keep up with hundreds of special exceptions, he said.

Sharp said they want to ensure an exemption from the rate increases is legitimate.

"Just because they're running over doesn't mean they're going to get a variance," he said.

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2-15-20-22-26
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6-9-8
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Daily 4 Night:
6-1-2-5
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bathroom and kitchen faucets are put in, the organization can spend up to $1,300 on equipment and hiring a plumber for the work.

"The average person doesn't have a clue what we do and what kind of shape the houses are in," he said.

The program continues to live up to its motto of "building hope in your community." Over the years, 9,020 homes for low-income elderly and disabled have been repaired.

Last year, officials said they had a budget of $525,573 and repaired 429 homes with the help of 1,902 volunteers who put in 20,198 work hours.

Friday will mark 40 years that the Christmas In Action program has been in place, as well as Trimble's 82nd birthday.

"It will be a good Friday," he said with a smile.

For more information about Christmas In Action, or to donate or volunteer, call the office at 683-4177.

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Romney's failure to connect with voters contrasts with Bush

By Todd J. Gillman
The Dallas Morning News

ARBUTUS, Md. — There's just something a bit awkward about Mitt Romney. Casual comments about his stable of luxury cars, pals who own sports teams, enjoying the ability to fire people — these have made it easy for adversaries to lampoon him as an out-of-touch patrician.

Romney can be smooth and articulate on the stump. His seriousness and smarts appeal to many voters. But a stilted side surfaces often enough, too, as it did last week at a VFW hall near Baltimore, when a man sought some career advice.

"Avoid politics and you can avoid what I've found myself in the middle of," Romney said, giving one of those heh-heh-heh chuckles. "I'm just sort of kidding on that."

The joke, such as it was, fell flat.

Romney isn't the guy most voters want to have a beer with, unlike the last Republican president, Texan George W. Bush. Romney is less natural, less easygoing, less outgoing. While these deficits may not prevent him from winning, they have hampered him to some degree.

And while some attribute Romney's awkwardness to his wealth, Bush also came from a wealthy family and had racked up business success of his own. So how can two candidates be so different? It's a complicated question that touches on the intangibles that campaigns and candidates fret they can't control.

The differences "have nothing to do with wealth," said Ron Kaufman, a top Romney strategist who worked closely with the first President George Bush, too. "If Mitt had grown up in Midland," he said, "he'd have a different kind of personality."

Romney backers note that even if likability isn't his strength, he projects an image of competence and business savvy that appeals to many voters. He has won far more delegates and votes than other GOP candidates this year, after all. And even if he does come off as more stiff or stuffy than most politicians, there's a good reason, Kaufman said.

"He's not a politician," he said, arguing a serious persona will prove to be an asset this year, because it reflects the weighty problems facing the country.

For Romney, it's an issue that could hurt him in a close race with President Barack Obama, whose personal favorability has remained strong even while his job-approval ratings have suffered. In a time of economic anxiety, some voters will seek a reassuring connection, as others look past any likability gap to focus on competence and policy stances.

Even Romney supporters see the struggle.

"He stumbled a little bit," said Ben Magliano, 60, who saw Romney in Arbutus last week. "But it's a warm klutziness."

Magliano, a commercial real estate broker from Lutherville, north of Baltimore, calls himself a moderate Republican. He remains fond of Bush and sees a sharp contrast between the two, despite their many similarities: wealth, a pedigree of power, a Harvard MBA.

"George W. was a frat boy. He's not," Magliano said. "I heard someone saying he's Richie Rich. That's not fair. ... He's smart but not cocky. That's the Dubya thing."

The parallels between Bush and Romney are remarkable.

Both grew up in political families. Romney's father, an auto executive, became governor of Michigan and ran unsuccessfully for president.

Bush was the grandson of a senator and son of a president.

At Yale, Bush partied hard, skated by with mediocre grades and put his outsized personality to good use as a fraternity president.

Romney, by contrast, was a stellar and focused student, as an undergraduate and at Harvard for an MBA and a law degree.

Unlike Romney, who always rose to high expectations, Bush was famously aimless for years. Biographer Bill Minutaglio noted that Bush "only made serious money" of his own when he sold his stake in the Texas Rangers baseball team just before he ran for president.

"Almost anyone involved in high-end politics has little in common with ordinary Americans when it comes to personal wealth," said Minutaglio, a former Dallas Morning News reporter. But Bush came off as a regular guy.

"He wore cowboy boots, he cussed, he seemed almost anti-intellectual," he said. "Even his foes said he seemed like a guy they'd like to hang out with. That came from Bush's growing up in the heartland ... where any East Coast pretensions would be frowned on."

Romney, by contrast, projects formality. And of course, his wealth — as much as $250 million — far outstrips anything Bush collected in the oil business or from baseball. Thus, for him, $370,000 in annual speaking fees really is "not very much."

"Mark Twain said we're all ignorant on different subjects. Mitt Romney is ignorant on how common people live," said Doug Wead, a former White House aide to the elder Bush, author of numerous books on presidential families, and a campaign adviser to U.S. Rep. Ron Paul of Texas. "There are brilliant people and brainy people who don't have the street smarts and political sense, and it looks like Romney's in that category."

Romney supporters insist that whatever his mannerisms, he is hardly out of touch.

"Mitt Romney is really good with people," said Tom Rath, a longtime New Hampshire GOP leader who backs Romney, as he did Bush.

He called it a bit unfair to compare anyone to the "incredibly gregarious" Bush, who had a Texas-sized appetite for pressing the flesh. Campaign aides learned to set aside two hours for events that should have taken half that.

Style aside, he said, Bush and Romney "are both incredibly driven" and deeply committed to family, which gives them a healthy anchor beyond politics.

Does he understand the needs of people like you? In mid-November, 47 percent of voters in a Pew poll said he doesn't. By mid-February, after some bruising months in New Hampshire, Iowa and South Carolina, that was up to 61 percent.

The issue goes beyond retail politics.

Wealth, per se, isn't the problem. Well-to-do politicians from both parties have risen to the top. John Kennedy connected well with voters. Bush's father didn't.

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four kids in Mission, just two hours away.

"Sometimes we're 30 hours on location. I haven't seen my house in the daytime in two weeks," said Garza, who bunks in Asherton.

But the lure of big checks still is bringing waves of workers. In Dimmit County, population 10,000 before the boom, more than 1,000 oilfield jobs were added in 2011. Around the 20 Eagle Ford Shale counties, at least 7,000 jobs have been added in two years.

"When we do hiring events, we draw candidates from all over the state. We had one individual drive all the way from El Paso for a job fair," said Betty Sifuentes, director of Work Force Programs for the region.

"The average wage for a driver is $25 an hour. Some pay by the mile, others by the trip. For a roughneck, it's about $16 an hour. For entry level positions, they are depleting the workers from restaurants and retail," she said.

Cleo Bustamante, who owns several restaurants, is a prime example.

"I've got two carloads coming in from Eagle Pass every day to fill my positions at Church's Chicken in Carrizo Springs," he said.

'Man camps'

The massive influx of workers is causing housing and labor shortages, traffic congestion, increased crime and new infrastructure demands.

"I'd say the population of Asherton has at least doubled in the last two years. We have 10 to 15 RV parks, two man camps, with a third being built, and a motel being built," said Ralph Cordova.

Cordova, 27, a city councilman in this once dirt-poor city south of Carrizo Springs, quit his job at the Toyota plant in San Antonio for one in the oil patch.

"I haul fuel for a petroleum company. I'm doing much better," he added.

Around the region, dozens of "man camps," large clusters of mobile homes equipped with bathrooms and a mess hall, have materialized.

Hundreds of often primitive roadside "RV parks" also have sprouted on freshly graded caliche lots. There are now more than 60 in Dimmit County alone, up from just two a few years ago.

The more fortunate workers, like Gonzalez, who was staying at the Mesquite Lodge, a newly-opened man camp, sleep on clean linen and eat good meals.

In the evenings, they can play horse shoes, watch movies in the patio or sip a beer around a campfire, all behind a security fence.

But smaller companies cannot cough up the $125 to $160 a day to house and feed a man at a good man camp. Some workers, who have to find their own housing, stay in everything from horse trailers to converted shipping containers to mobile units parked by the rig site.

Still others are jammed into single-family houses being rented by the bed for $100 or $150 a week, or even "hot-bedding," in which two men working opposite shifts share a bunk.

Far worse conditions used to be the norm, say the old-timers, who recall sleeping in shacks, trucks or even empty tanks.

"The good-old days were the hard-old days. If you lived at the drilling rig, you lived in a little room with six or eight guys on top of you. You ate whatever you could bring out there, and you took a shower every three days," said Alan Roberts, 53, who has worked offshore from Norway to the coast of Africa.

"When you hit the bunk, you dropped dead, but if the horn went off, everyone jumped, no matter whose shift it was, because something was wrong," he said.

And, he said many find the cost is still more than they care to pay.

"The money may sound astounding, but put on a pair of boots and come get you some of it. See if you like it. And you'd better hope that you have the same amount of people there when you get up as when you went to bed," he added.

The old stereotype of the heavy-drinking, drug-using, reckless roughneck with a shady record also is pretty much part of the colorful past.

Companies are now far more safety conscious and less tolerant of misbehavior. Most do background checks, provide training and have a zero tolerance for drug use or alcohol abuse.

Leo Lopez, 54, who began in the oil field as a teenager, doesn't miss the old days.

"When I started it was $3.15 an hour for a roughneck. Now I'm making $160,000 a year with no education. I can't complain," said Lopez, a tool pusher, or drill crew boss, from Mission.

"Back then, there was no safety, not even hard hats. Now we're treated much better and we don't work as hard. Now they give you the equipment you need," he said.

"I worked at this all my life. I like what I do," he added, while eating roast chicken with his crew at the tailgate of his gleaming 2012 Denali HD pickup.

Big bucks but hard life

But despite the good money and other improvements, some things don't change, like wearing fire retardant overalls in 115 degree heat or going three days without proper sleep. And not everyone can take it.

"A lot of the new guys aren't ready for this kind of environment. Last summer, a good 10-15 guys quit," said Gabriel Villarreal, 23, of Alice, a safety officer for a hydraulic fracturing crew.

But, he said if you can handle the isolation, the pressure and the hard work, it beats the alternative, hands down.

"Before this, I was selling shoes in Mall del Norte in Laredo. I think to myself, what would I be doing if I weren't doing this? Working at McDonald's? I'd be lost," he said.

"And, once you get used to the money, it's hard to get out. My wife wouldn't have Coach or Louis Vuitton purses and I've got to keep her happy," said Villarreal.

But for every guy buying designer duds for his lady, there is another trying to feed the kids. For every one eating a ribeye at a comfortable man camp, others are living in old trailers and scratching out a living.

Juan Garcia, 34, and Jorge Castillo, 24, both from San Juan, do the dirty work including digging trenches, washing pits, building fences and moving rigs. They earn $13 an hour and pay $400 each a month rent to live in a FEMA trailer.

But, when there is no work, there is no money, and the bills and burdens continue to mount.

"Everyone thinks it's a good life, the oil field, but not until you get in do you find out it's not all gravy. I've been here three days. I haven't made any money," said Garcia, who before this drove a tow truck in Pharr.

"In the long run, you have more worries. You have to worry about your home, your wife and your kids, and take care of the bills there and here," he said.

Being away brings new problems, particularly if the money isn't flowing as expected.

"It creates marital stress. She calls, and says, 'I need you to come help with the kids,' but I can't go," he added. And even when he is with his family, he's never certain of how long it will last.

"You give up all your rights. We're on call 24-7 even when we're home. If they call, you've got to come back," he said.

The two men talked two weeks ago while washing stained work clothes in a laundromat in Carrizo Springs, waiting for the call to go back to work.

On the bulletin board was an offer of a $1,500 sign-on bonus plus $22 an hour for truck drivers. But it was a false hope. The job required a commercial license and hazardous materials experience.

Castillo, who hopes to become a crew leader, echoed a now familiar refrain.

"People see we make money but they don't see the hard life. There's no time to do anything for yourself. It's work, sleep. Simple as that," Castillo said, as he folded fire retardant clothing he bought at a Valley flea market.

And getting one of those higher-paying jobs is a tricky proposition.

"I'm keeping my eyes open, but it's like a mafia. It's enclosed, like a family. If you don't know someone, you ain't gonna get in," he said.

A few days later, Garcia was laid off and Castillo was promoted to crew leader.

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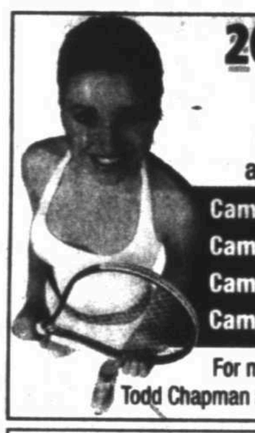
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Obama could face election-year jam on gay marriage

By Julie Pace
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President Barack Obama greets supporters after speaking at a campaign fundraiser at the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vt., Friday.

PORTLAND, Maine — President Barack Obama could be caught in an election-year bind on gay marriage, wedged between the pressure of supporters who want him to back same-sex marriage and the political perils of igniting an explosive social issue in the midst of the campaign.

Interviews with gay rights advocates and people close to Obama's campaign suggest it is no longer a matter of if, but when the president publicly voices his support. But Obama backers are split over whether that will happen before the November elections.

Gay marriage is already a big issue in a handful of states that have it on their ballots in November, including Maine, where Obama was headlining two fundraisers Friday. The president also headlined fundraisers Friday in Vermont, one of six states, plus the District of Columbia, where gay marriage is legal.

But neither in Vermont nor in Maine did Obama touch on the issue during his public remarks.

Once an opponent of gay marriage, Obama declared in 2010 that his personal views on the subject were "evolving." He has gone no further in public since then.

People familiar with the Obama campaign's deliberations have tamped down expectations that the president might declare his support for gay marriage before the election. They say the campaign's internal conversations on the issue focus instead on how to energize gay and lesbian voters in spite of Obama's lack of clarity on the issue.

Public support for gay marriage is increasing in the U.S., including among the independent voters who are a key to general election success.

But regardless of whether Obama has made up his mind on the subject, it's not the topic his campaign wants to be talking about heading into an election expected to be decided largely on economic issues. As White House and campaign officials learned all too well during the controversy over birth control access earlier this year, stepping into social issues — even those with Democratic support — can quickly throw the president's message off course.

While Obama aides saw the contraception issue as an important appeal to women voters, there may be little election-year payoff for the president taking a stand on gay marriage.

Obama's record on gay rights issues, including the repeal of the military's ban on openly gay service members and an order for the Justice Department not to enforce a provision that defines marriage as between one man and one woman, has already solidified the overwhelming backing of gay rights supporters. Obama often highlights the end of the Clinton-era "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gay military service, a surefire applause line with his supporters.

"Change is the fact that for the first time in history you don't have to hide who you love in order to serve the country that you love," he told a campaign crowd at Southern Maine Community College. "We ended 'don't ask, don't tell.'"

His Republican rivals, including GOP front-runner Mitt Romney, not only oppose gay marriage, but also some other legal protections for gays and lesbians.

As for Obama, "the gay rights community is now enthusiastically in his corner in terms of the re-election, so the pressure to deliver before the election is off," said Richard Socarides, a prominent gay rights advocate.

The risk in Obama publicly backing gay marriage before the election is that it could become a rallying cry for conservatives who have thus far been reluctant to get behind Romney.

Still, many Democrats and gay rights advocates believe Obama may end up being forced to take a position on the issue before November.

The most pressing effort comes from within Obama's own party. Several high-profile Democrats, including House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and more than 20 Senate Democrats, want support for gay marriage added to the party's election platform. The platform will be adopted at the Democratic National Convention in early September, where Obama will accept the presidential nomination.

So far, Obama advisers have sidestepped questions about whether he would support a gay marriage plank on the platform.

"We don't even have a platform committee yet, much less a platform," Obama senior adviser David Plouffe said in a television interview.

A person close to the Obama campaign said the president's re-election team is wary of the platform effort and prefers to let the president move on the issue at his own pace.

People familiar with the campaign's thinking requested anonymity in order to discuss internal strategy.

Gay rights advocates hope state ballot initiatives on gay marriage, like the one in Maine, could force Obama to weigh in, as he has on other state issues.

"He's going to be in a lot of situations like this where the issue becomes unavoidable," said Socarides, a former Clinton White House official. "Even though he might want to avoid this, I think he's going to come up right against it in so many situations in the next couple of months."

Obama's reluctance to embrace gay marriage has increasingly put him at odds with a majority of Americans. A Washington Post/ABC News poll this month found that 52 percent felt it should be legal for gay and lesbian couples to get married, while 43 percent said it should be illegal.

Support for gay marriage is highest among Democrats, with 64 percent supportive of the issue. Just over half of independents — 54 percent — back legalized gay marriage, according to the Post/ABC poll. Support among Republicans is the lowest, at 39 percent.

Gay rights advocates say those numbers — particularly the growing support among independents — suggest there would be little political risk for Obama in backing gay marriage. And they say taking a stand in an election year could help boost enthusiasm among gay voters and young people, two core Obama constituencies.

Obama campaign spokesman Ben LaBolt said the president's evolution on gay marriage will be personal, not political.

"The president and the president alone will come to a decision," LaBolt said.

Maine's state Legislature approved gay marriage in 2009, but voters rejected it 53 percent to 47 percent that November. Gay marriage supporters believe enough people have changed their minds that the outcome will be different this time around.

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Stocks making a stable and impressive climb in 2012

By Bernard Condon
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The bulls weren't bullish enough.

The stock market just had its best first quarter in 14 years. The surge has sent Wall Street analysts, some of whose forecasts seemed too sunny three months ago, scrambling to raise their estimates for the year.

"That it's up isn't surprising. It's the magnitude," says Robert Doll, the chief equity investment manager at BlackRock, the world's biggest money manager.

Doll says stocks could rise 10 percent more before the end of the year. That would be enough to push the Dow Jones industrial average to an all-time high and the Standard & Poor's 500 close to a record.

For the first three months of the year, the Dow was up 8 percent and the S&P 12 percent, in each case the best start since the great bull market of the 1990s. The Nasdaq composite index, made up of technology stocks, has had an even more remarkable run — up 19 percent for the year, its best start since 1991.

"I don't think anyone could have predicted this," says Chip Cobb, a senior vice president at Bryn Mawr Trust Asset Management. For these gains, he says, "I thought it would take all year."

The jump gives money managers like Cobb hope that ordinary folks burned by two deep bear markets in a decade will start buying again, propelling the indexes even higher.

In a remarkable act of self-restraint — or foolishness, depending on your view — they have mostly stayed out of the market. One reason they may jump in now is that fear of looming disasters, like a full-blown debt crisis in Europe or a second recession in the United States, has faded.

Bulls say investors will turn their attention to the only thing that really matters for stock prices in the long run — corporate profits.

Another hopeful sign for gains is that those who have been buying stocks appear to be taking bigger risks than before, suggesting growing confidence.

Last year, investors put much of their money into so-called defensive stocks, such as utilities and health care companies, which make money in bad times as well as good. This year, it's the risky fare that's being scooped up.

Financial stocks are up 22 percent, the best among the 10 industry groups within the S&P. Technology companies are up 21 percent. Consumer discretionary stocks, like hotels and cable companies, are up 16 percent.

Utilities are down 3 percent for the quarter, the only group in the red.

Standard & Poor's Capital IQ, a research firm, predicted at the beginning of the year that the S&P would hit 1,400 by the end of the year. By March 15, it had hit 1,403, and on Friday it was at 1,408.

"We were originally accused of being too optimistic," says Sam Stovall, chief equity strategist at S&P Capital IQ. "It doesn't mean we can't have a 10 percent correction, but it's unlikely we will."

The Dow is less than 1,000 points away blow its all-time high of 14,164.53, set Oct. 9, 2007. The S&P is about 150 points from its record close of 1,565.15, set the same day.

The first day of the year set the tone. On Jan. 3, the Dow rose 180 points. Later that month, the Federal Reserve said it would probably keep benchmark interest rates near zero for almost three more years. That sent stocks to their highest levels since May 2011.

It was the best January for stocks since 1997. Skeptics pointed out that profits at U.S. companies, after jumping by double-digit percentages for eight quarters in a row, seemed to be growing much more slowly. They also worried that the number of shares of stock traded each day was low, which suggested a lack of conviction by buyers.

Stocks kept climbing anyway, passing two milestones in quick succession.

On Feb. 28, the Dow rose above 13,000 for the first time since May 2008, four months before the financial crisis hit that September. Two weeks later, it was the Nasdaq's turn. It crossed 3,000 for the first time since the dot-com frenzy a dozen years earlier.

Some of the big winners of 2012 are perhaps less surprising: Apple has risen 48 percent. Lions Gate Entertainment, the company behind the hit movies "The Hunger Games" and "Twilight," is up 67 percent.

As if the surge weren't enough, the markets impressed longtime stock investors with the way it climbed — slowly and steadily, without the wild swings of bravado and panic that characterized the market much of last year.

The gap between the daily high and low for the S&P has averaged about 0.9 percentage points. It was three times that early last fall, when the market was obsessed with debt problems in Europe and at home, among other fears.

Investor attention turns next to corporate earnings announcements, which begin when aluminum maker Alcoa, one of the 30 stocks that make up the Dow, reports April 10.

Companies in the S&P 500 are making more money than ever, an impressive feat in a tepid economic recovery.

Those who are bullish on stocks note that the S&P 500 trades at 12.9 times expected earnings this year, somewhat cheap compared with its 10-year average of 14.6.

Some investors say the bulls are fooling themselves if they think big profits this year are assured. Indeed, first-quarter profits for the S&P 500 are expected to fall 0.1 percent from a year earlier, according to a survey of analysts by FactSet, a provider of financial data.

That would be the first time in more than two years that earnings will not have grown. For the full year, analysts are expecting profits will rise a healthy 9 percent, but those predictions depend on a surge of 16 percent in the last three months.

"The idea that we're going to have a huge rebound at the end of the year is unrealistic," says Barry Knapp, head U.S. equity strategist at Barclays Capital.

Knapp says he's bullish on technology stocks but the rest of the market has "overshot the fundamentals." He says he's sticking with his target for the S&P this year: 1,330, which would be a drop of about 6 percent from Friday's close.

Other skeptics of the surge point to the role of central banks around the world in lifting markets by printing money, lending at near-zero rates and buying bonds and other securities.

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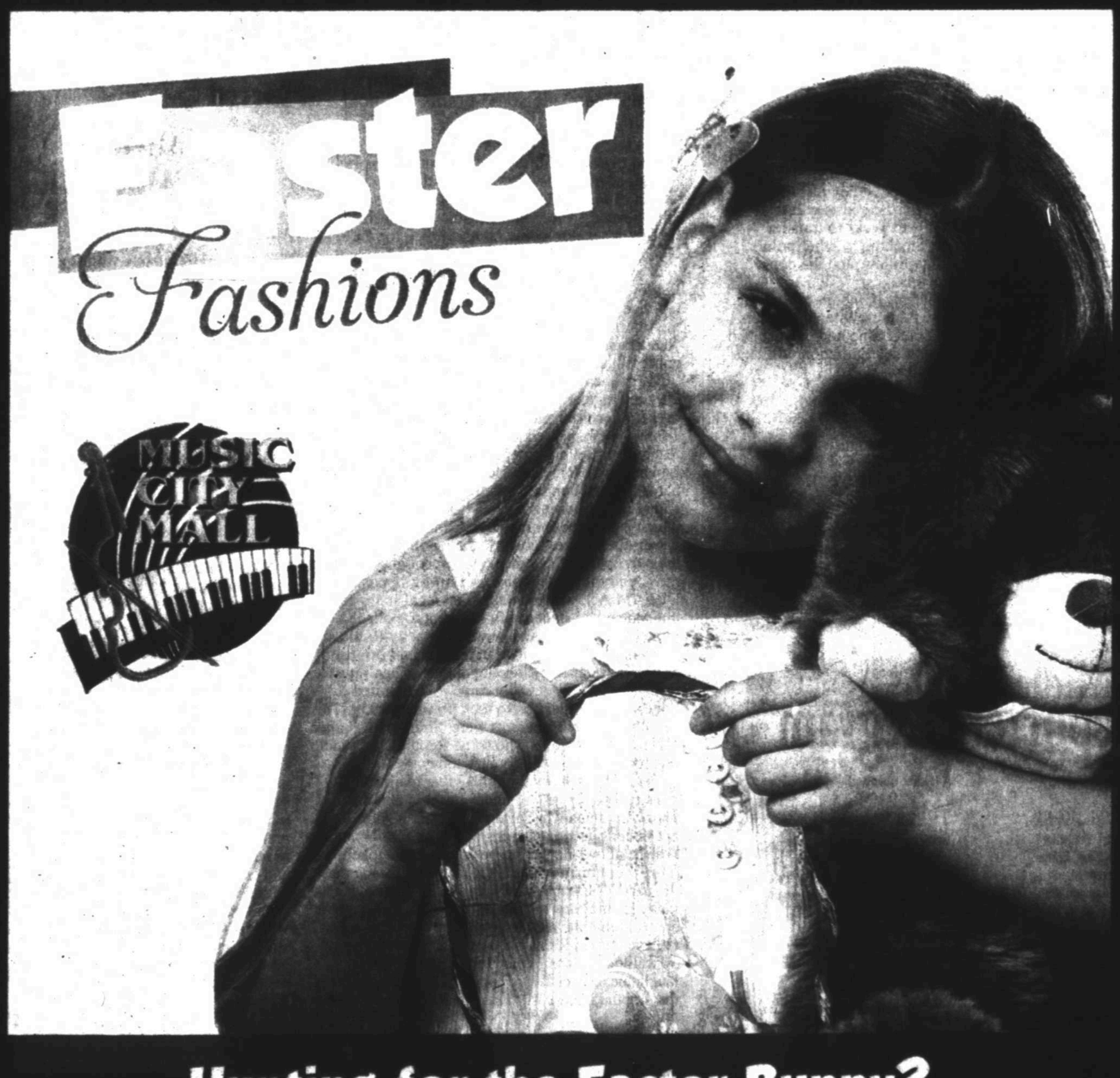

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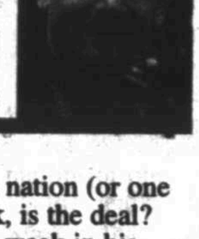

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Cox Newspapers

You might recall that Gov. Rick Perry had some trouble getting people to vote for him when he was running for president. And now that he's not running, he is having some trouble getting people to stop voting for him for president.

I can understand why people vote. I can understand why people don't vote. I can't understand why people vote for ex-candidates. I want people to stop doing that. Ex-candidate Perry, who has amassed more votes since dropping out than he did while running, also wants people to stop doing that.

Our governor got 14,321 votes before he dropped out Jan. 19, two days before the South Carolina primary. Since bailing out, Perry's picked up 39,435 votes.

I'm not ridiculing Perry for getting more votes as an ex-candidate than he did as a candidate. This happened because he was on the ballot in 17 states that have had contests since he dropped out after running in two. (And let's nod to the possibility that a relative handful of the post-dropout votes were early votes cast before Perry shut down his campaign. But there can't be many of those.)

I am, however, ridiculing people who vote for dropouts. What, a nation (or one of its columnists) must ask, is the deal?

Perry joked about it last week in his stand-up routine at the Gridiron Club dinner in Washington. "Officially, I've only suspended my campaign. I never really quit. So technically, I'm still in the race, except I can go home and relax and still do about as well."

Maybe news travels slowly in some jurisdictions. Maybe some voters somewhere didn't get the word about Perry's bailout.

Overall, Perry's 53,756 votes represent about half of 1 percent of all votes cast so far in GOP presidential contests, putting him in second place among dropouts behind Jon Huntsman's 68,173 votes and ahead of Michele Bachmann's 23,092. Herman Cain, who bailed out before any contests, has 13,633.

Though the percentages are minuscule, I'm fascinated that thousands of Americans decided voting for Perry was the thing to do even after he dropped out. I guess it's possible these voters still believe Perry is the best Republican for the job. (Another Perry Gridiron line: "The weakest Republican field in history, and they kicked my butt.")

Additional questions about Perry voters: Are they unmoved by Perry's endorsement of Newt Gingrich, something Perry announced the day he dropped out? Wouldn't Perry prefer these folks to vote for Gingrich, who remains in the race (for a reason that escapes me just now)?

Voters: Can't run a democracy when they don't show up, and can't figure out what the heck they're thinking when they do. (In 2010, 6,276 probably otherwise intelligent Texas Democrats voted for someone named Star Locke to be their gubernatorial nominee.)

So, one last time, let's make this clear: Rick Perry no longer is a candidate for the 2012 GOP presidential nomination. Please share this information with friends and loved ones you might have in states with primaries and caucuses to come.

No need to do that here in Texas. Perry has withdrawn from the May 29 ballot, which will include eight GOP contenders, including the four real and sort-of-real ones (Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum, Gingrich and Ron Paul), two dropouts (Bachmann and Huntsman), former Louisiana Gov. Buddy Roemer and John Davis, of Grand Junction, Colo., whose campaign slogan is "Let's Fix America" and whose campaign photo shows him wielding a very large red, white and blue wrench.

"I don't look like a president," Davis says on his website. "I don't talk like a president and I don't act like a president, but I do have what it takes to be a president."

(Apparently, a very large red, white and blue wrench is among the things it takes to be a president.)

Attention, people of America: Please stop voting for Perry for president. He's the ex-candidate, and he's authorized this message.

"They should indeed" stop voting for Perry, Ray Sullivan, a spokesman for the ex-candidate, told me. "He is not a candidate for president."

Sullivan said it's been tough to stamp out all vestiges of the Perry campaign. A few weeks ago, there was a guy still trying to get folks to vote for Perry.

"We had someone call him and say thanks, but no thanks," Sullivan said.

Perry wants folks to back "a candidate who can emerge as the conservative alternative," Sullivan said. For Perry, that's Gingrich.

"The governor hopes that folks will vote for viable, active candidates," Sullivan said. "That does not include him."

It would not reflect well on our democracy if Perry had to use some of his left-over campaign money to run "Don't vote for me" ads.

OUR VIEW

Debate to continue about water resource rights

With strenuous water restrictions in place for a second consecutive summer, many of our readers were shocked this past week to learn that many West Texas farmers watered crops they knew wouldn't produce.

Let's just say our watering tastes have changed and we no longer take the wasting of water with a mere shirk or smirk. Most West Texans now believe we must conserve our water resources and that takes everyone putting forth the effort.

Farmers were not being neglectful in their water usage. They were as upset as our readers because they almost have their hands tied behind their backs as insurance companies required watering in order to qualify for federal crop insurance.

It's a sticky situation because insurance companies do need tangible proof that the farmer tried to raise a crop. On the other hand, a previously simple test becomes a ridiculous example of insane behavior during drought conditions.

We think these problems should be worked out without wasting water. There is no reason to burden either the farmer, the insurance company or Mother Nature with rules that are not based on common sense.

But this does raise some significant questions. Water rights will continue to be a major issue as we go forward. Can a man water all he wants on his own property when he has his own well? That key question will come into play as water rules become more established.

For now, we think we know where the public stands on this issue. In West Texas, individual rights are still king, and it would be a hard sell to do away that choice. Individuals want the right to do with their property and mineral rights as they please.

A high-profile regional case headed for the courts will take place as Midland oilman Clayton Williams seeks to transfer water from under his property in Fort Stockton to other points for sale. More of these cases are sure to follow, and the confrontations will become more contentious.

As it stands now, we already see changes in the perception of our water resources among the public. As these interests widen and deepen, the public ultimately will determine how we use and obtain these resources, and we think that determination will be a major focus for quality of life in West Texas.

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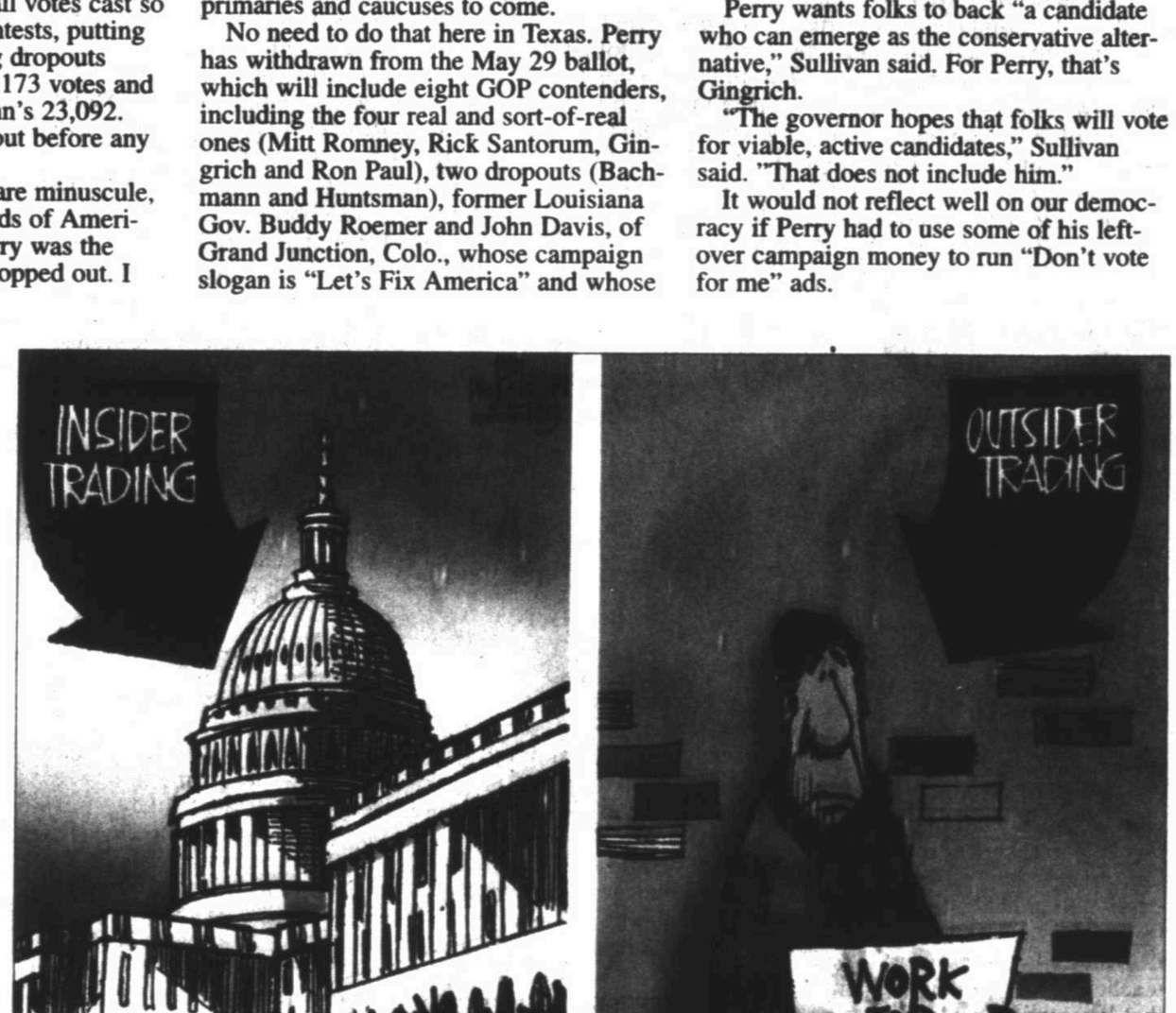

Time to give Rubio another look

■ Not sure what the Florida senator is up to, but he's made some points Latinos should hear.

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

I can't believe I'm saying this, but maybe I misjudged Marco Rubio. For one thing, I'm a big fan of Jeb Bush's. And the former Florida governor recently vouched for Rubio when he said the first-term senator would be his choice for the GOP's vice presidential nomination.

In an interview with the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, Bush called Rubio "dynamic, joyful, disciplined and principled" as well as "the best orator of American politics today" and someone who "has managed to find a way to communicate a conservative message full of hope and optimism."

My friends on the left — the few who remain after my regular pummeling of President Obama over his deceitful and deplorable record on deportations — were pleased last year when I slammed Rubio as a "sellout" for aligning himself with Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, and other immigration hard-liners in Congress. At the time, I criticized Rubio for supporting Arizona's immigration law, which is a recipe for racial profiling of Latinos because it requires local and state police to question the citizenship of anyone they suspect of being in the country illegally. I also hit him for opposing the DREAM Act, which would grant legal status for undocumented students if they went to college or joined the military. And it wasn't exactly Rubio's finest hour when, having put his Cuban-born parents on a pedestal by labeling them "exiles," it was revealed that they actually came to the United States before Fidel Castro took power in 1959. This meant that Rubio's parents were "immigrants" after all, just like the folks who some Republicans would like to keep out of the country today.

Over the last several months, I've realized that what really was getting under my skin about Rubio wasn't so much what he does or what he believes but rather how others in his party use him — and how he allows himself to be used — as a token, a prop, a frontman to try to maintain the facade that the party of Lincoln is not really anti-Latino, but many Latinos are convinced otherwise. I also get annoyed that the media along with the GOP seem to have chosen Rubio as the sole representative for 50 million Latinos in the United States. That is laughable, especially given that about 70 percent of that population are Mexicans and Mexican-Americans who aren't exactly wild for Marco.

Guess who is fond of Rubio? Mitt Romney. The GOP presidential hopeful has let it be known several times during the campaign that, if he wins the nomination, he would consider Rubio as a possible running mate.

Of course, this fact doesn't help Rubio's standing with Latinos, many of whom seem to actively dislike Romney for going out of his way to appear tough on immigration. A poll from Fox News Latino found that while 70 percent of Latino voters thought that Obama cared about them and their interests, only 18 percent felt that way about Romney.

We can assume this 18 percent includes Rubio, who officially endorsed the GOP front-runner during a recent appearance on Fox News' "Hannity."

Still, while Rubio and I obviously disagree on many things, including whether Romney cares about Latinos, I do appreciate three things about him. First, I saw him give an impassioned and what seemed to be sincere speech in Miami to a roomful of Hispanic conservatives in which he criticized members of his own party for taking positions on immigration that are harsh and unfair. Second, Rubio recently took the lead in introducing sensible legislation that could break the logjam over the DREAM Act by offering undocumented students legal status but not U.S. citizenship. This is something that could make the concept easier to swallow for Republicans who, given their ugly record on immigration, are afraid of giving immigrants the right to vote. And third, he seems to be moving away from his supporters in the tea party and creeping toward the middle, perhaps in anticipation of an offer to run on a national ticket.

I'm not sure what is happening with Rubio, or what he's up to. I don't know how much of this is sincere and how much is born of political calculation. But, nonetheless, I've decided to give him another chance and keep an open mind. Other Latinos ought to do the same.

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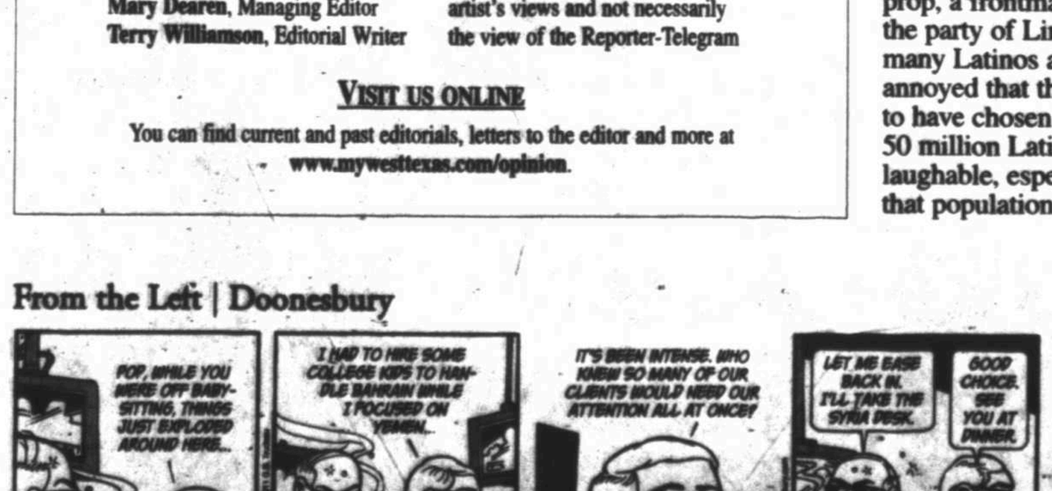

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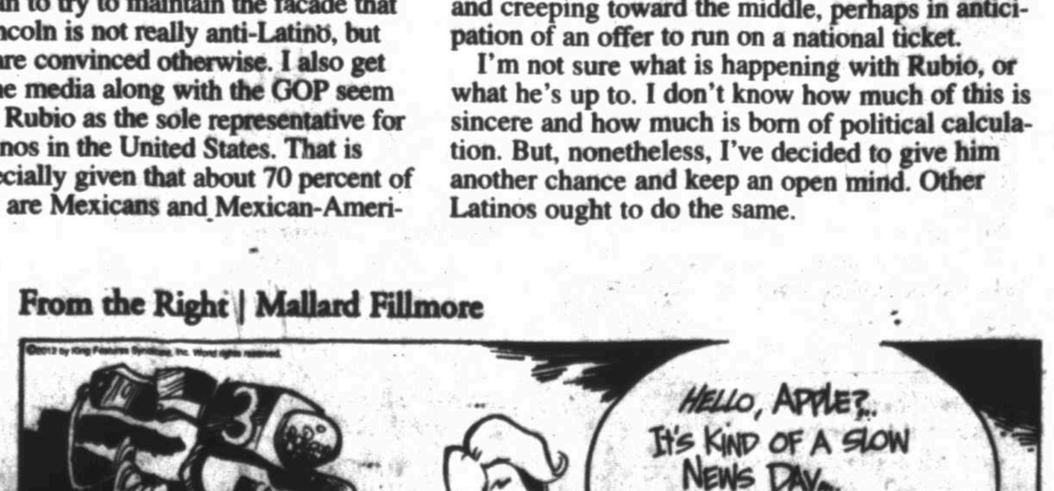

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Indian Princesses represent city well

My wife and I are camp host volunteers in Abilene State Park. Last weekend, several Indian Princess tribes from Midland were visitors in the park. We had young girls and dads camping everywhere.

While they had great fun, they routinely observed park rules. They also were very polite to staff and other guests in the park. When they left the park, they thoroughly cleaned up after themselves. By late this afternoon, the main evidence of their weekend camping trip was the full (to near overflowing) trash containers. Citizens of Midland rightfully can be very proud of their behavior. They represented your city in an exemplary manner.

David Vaughan
Abilene

Nominees for teacher of the year did not get their due

I would like to voice my opinion on the Midland Chamber of Commerce ceremony that was held March 22 at Midland Center. As one of the Excellence in Teaching nominees, I was very disappointed how my colleagues and I were treated.

I do not know if any of the other nominees had to do a lot of preparation to get to the award ceremony, but I did. I want you to know how unappreciated I felt for my long dedication to my students and my school. The application took a few hours to fill out. I invited my family to attend and celebrate with me. It required a day off for them and $390 for tickets.

I went through all of this preparation just for my family to see me stand up and sit down for a couple of seconds. Using my strategy skills as I teacher, I drew the conclusion that the Chamber of Commerce and all who were involved in planning this celebration deem it more important to have a panel discussion than honor the nominees for teachers of the year, and justified it by thinking we are just teachers who would understand that listening to a panel is more important than honoring us by at least mentioning our names individually before announcing the winner. No matter how important the panel's discussion was, it was not important enough to disgrace, belittle and dishonor the nominees. Business discussions and interviews should be done at appointed times and not sneaked in. The event was supposed to have been a teacher recognition celebration.

Yes, we understand we are just nominees, but let us have our moments of excitement to be recognized before our families and colleagues. This was supposed to have been a positive experience about our achievement and accomplishments, not about politics.

It was supposed to be about teachers, unsung heroes and honoring our Partners in Education.

Yvonne Gamboa

Is the council being a good steward of city money?

On March 21, the Reporter-Telegram reported that the City Council agreed to purchase 200 computers through the Texas Department of Information Resources at a cost of $601,250. That sounded like a lot of money to me, and when I did the math, it came out to $3,006.25 per computer. Nowhere did the article say what type of computers these are, or what features and/or software are on the computers. I am not a computer expert, but I have owned several computers and never have spent more than $1,000 on a new computer.

I am not saying the city does not need $3,006.25 computers, but I am saying I hope the City Council is being a good steward of the city's money.

Elaine E. Dunlap

WATER MATTERS

Those who break water restrictions need to pay more

Do the mayor and his council honestly think the new tiered system of billing those who exceed their normal usage will work?

I was born at night, but it was not last night. Before we had these last little spells of moisture that have greened up a lot of yards, I was driving around, doing errands. I was noticing certain areas of town, with little or no compliance with previous existing restrictions. These areas were those bounded by Garfield Street on the east, Golf Course Road and Andrews Highway on the south, Midland Drive on the west and Bluebird Lane on the north.

I would dare say at least 75 percent of those yards were in fine shape. Certainly more so than those in other parts of town. Those people in that above-mentioned section of town are not going to be deterred from watering their grass by the $100 to $200 that may be added to their bill. I would even go so far as to say a lot of the homeowners do not ever see the water bill — bookkeepers pay them. Such people are selfish; they don't care that they and others of their ilk are depleting water sources that might be needed elsewhere, such as in the upcoming summer/fire season predicted by the Midland Fire Department. I imagine they'd sing another tune if there was a fire and they lost everything because there was not enough water to combat the fire.

I believe the Reporter-Telegram did mention that one way to ensure compliance would be to go after the pocketbooks of offenders. The pocketbook strategy is a good one. But it should cut deeper. Sure, let them pay the highest rate — one time. On the next water bill for the same usage, add a $1,000 surcharge/citation/penalty. Don't bother with enforcement officers trying to discover where or if it occurred. The water meter is the only enforcement instrument needed. A $1,000 charge will at least get their attention.

Em Adam

We all need to work together to conserve water

With the water restrictions being even tougher than last year, we either will truck water in to fill our pool or not open it at all for the summer. Several people I've talked to already have filled their pools "before the rates go up." They're missing the point. It's not about the rates — it's about the amount of water you're using and why. The rates don't have anything to do with the water table. These people are using up precious water they may need in August to keep their trees alive.

Which brings me to my next point. If residents like us are willing to forego the use of our pools this summer, I think the city should do the same. How many thousands of gallons of water does it take to fill the city swimming pools? How many pools are there? Add it up; that's a lot of water going to waste for mere pleasure, rather than saving it for more important needs.

I see where the city put the bulletin in with our water bill and I see on the news where they're having seminars to teach people about water conservation. That's great, but how about they lead by example? Don't fill the pools, and when the maintenance guys have to repair water mains, devise some way of recovering that water instead of letting it run down the street.

It can't be up to residents only; we all have to work together, including businesses and the city, if we don't want Midland to dry up and become a ghost town.

Kathy Smith

A water-saving tip for pool owners

The recent water letter from the city got my attention, and it is painfully obvious that waste is going to be very costly.

I recently found I was wasting water and had no idea it was happening. The story and discovery might be worth sharing with others who have swimming pools. It was an accidental discovery; as I was not looking for it at all.

Here is the story: The valve on the pool filter has three positions: filter-backwash-drain. Most pools drain or backwash into a septic field or sewer pipe, and any water going to the drain goes completely unnoticed.

Obviously, when the valve is in the backwash position, the water runs backward through the filter, flushing the grit and dirt down the drain. One assumes that when the valve is in the filtering position, all the water is passing through the filter and returned to the pool. At least that is the way the engineers designed it to work but engineers don't always understand Murphy's laws of nature.

A few weeks ago, while rerouting my drain line and performing routine maintenance on my filter and pump, I observed some of the flow down going down the drain even though the filter valve was in the filter position. A bit of detective work found the culprit was a defective O ring causing some of the water to leak around the valve stem and go to the drain rather than back to the pool. Because the pool has an automatic fill, this leakage went totally undetected. For how long, I do not know. Again, unless you disconnect the drain pipe and look, you will never know this is happening.

The fix is simple. First of all, replace the O rings from time to time in the valve (read the manual, Freddie) but better yet: Install a $15 cutoff valve in the drain line completely eliminating any possibility of leakage past the filter valve. When you backwash, simply open that safety valve. When the backwash is complete, close it again and relax. You are not wasting water. Hope this helps other pool owners.

Fred Newman

Rate increase seems to punish larger families

Like everyone else, I received the projected water bills coming this summer. I did indeed appreciate it, but it also made me think of something. Are we not just punishing families? As a single user my rates will be reasonable. I wonder how families of four or more are going to afford it. Even if they use less water per person than I, their bill is going to be excessive. They can expect bills of $300, $400 or more.

How in the world can we do this? Water usage needs to be reduced, no argument, but not at the cost of a family's budget. This rate increase needs to be rethought. Water use and the cost associated with the use needs to be based on occupancy per person, not just total amount.

William Heathman

GUEST EDITORIAL

San Antonio Express-News

Insider trading ban was long overdue

The heat of an election year no doubt helped motivate the U.S. House and Senate to approve a bill banning congressional insider trading.

The final version of the legislation, which was the response to a scandal spawned by a "60 Minutes" report and a book by Peter Schweizer called "Throw Them Out," passed the Senate recently.

Designed to end the unsavory practice of using secret market information gleaned from congressional hearings, the legislation also changes reporting requirements, the New York Times reported. Lawmakers would have to reveal their stock dealings within 45 days of a transaction instead of annually.

While some watchdog groups complained to the Times that the House had weakened the original Senate version of the legislation, the bill represents progress.

Lawmakers beat the stock market's average performance by 12 points during a five-year period, Schweizer and "60 Minutes" reported. That is the kind of perk that justifiably angers average taxpayers and damages Congress' reputation.

The loophole has been abused for years. The fact that embarrassing media attention was needed to force lawmakers to behave ethically is a sad comment on our nation's political culture.

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Take me out to the ballgame — even though I'd rather play Xbox

■ A new generation is learning reasons not to participate in once-sacred traditions.

BILL O'REILLY
Creators Syndicate

The urchins were startled. "Hey, let's go outside and play some baseball," I said.

Outside? Are you kidding me? Inside, the two 8-year-old boys have an Xbox, iPads and personal computers at the ready. Outside?

So I dragged them down to the ball field.

"I need a helmet," one wailed. "Where're the helmets?"

"And what about a heart-guard?" the other one said. "Mom says I have to get a heart-guard before I can play."

"We're just going to practice," I replied. "No danger. Let's just throw the ball around and hit a few."

The boys looked confused.

"But we need helmets!"

The year was 1957, and two Central Nassau little league teams were on the field. There were no helmets. No heart-guards. Just a dusty field with dirty bases and a coach who sat on a splintered bench drinking beer.

I was 7 years old. Billy Weir was on the mound. I was at the plate. He threw; I swung the bat. The ball rocketed into left field. My first hit ever. I'll never forget it.

"OK, I'll hit you guys some grounders, and you throw the ball home. Got it?"

The boys looked even more confused.

"What happens if the ball hits me?" the smarter one asked.

"Pain," I said. "But that's why you have a glove. You catch the ball in the glove, and that protects you."

I hit a slow grounder to the slower boy. He stood like a statue as the ball rolled through his legs.

"What was that?" I asked.

"It was too low," he replied. "It has to be higher."

"You're supposed to bend down and catch the ball, " I said gently. "That's how you get guys out. You catch the ball and throw it to first."

The kid looked bored. The kid was bored. There were no electronic zombies to kill. There were no gadgets in sight.

"OK, let's do some hitting," I said, attempting to refocus the boys.

"I only use aluminum bats," one of them said. "Mom says wood bats are too dangerous."

Luckily, I had the aluminum model.

"It's too heavy," the kid wailed.

"Choke up, move your hands up the handle of the bat."

I threw the urchins some soft tosses, and they began to hit the ball. On contact, the bat made a loud noise, which they liked. Reminded them of the noises that feed their gaming addiction.

"OK, now we're going to run the bases."

"Why?" they said in unison.

"Because after you hit the ball, you run from base to base. That's how you score runs."

"My mom doesn't want me to get dirty."

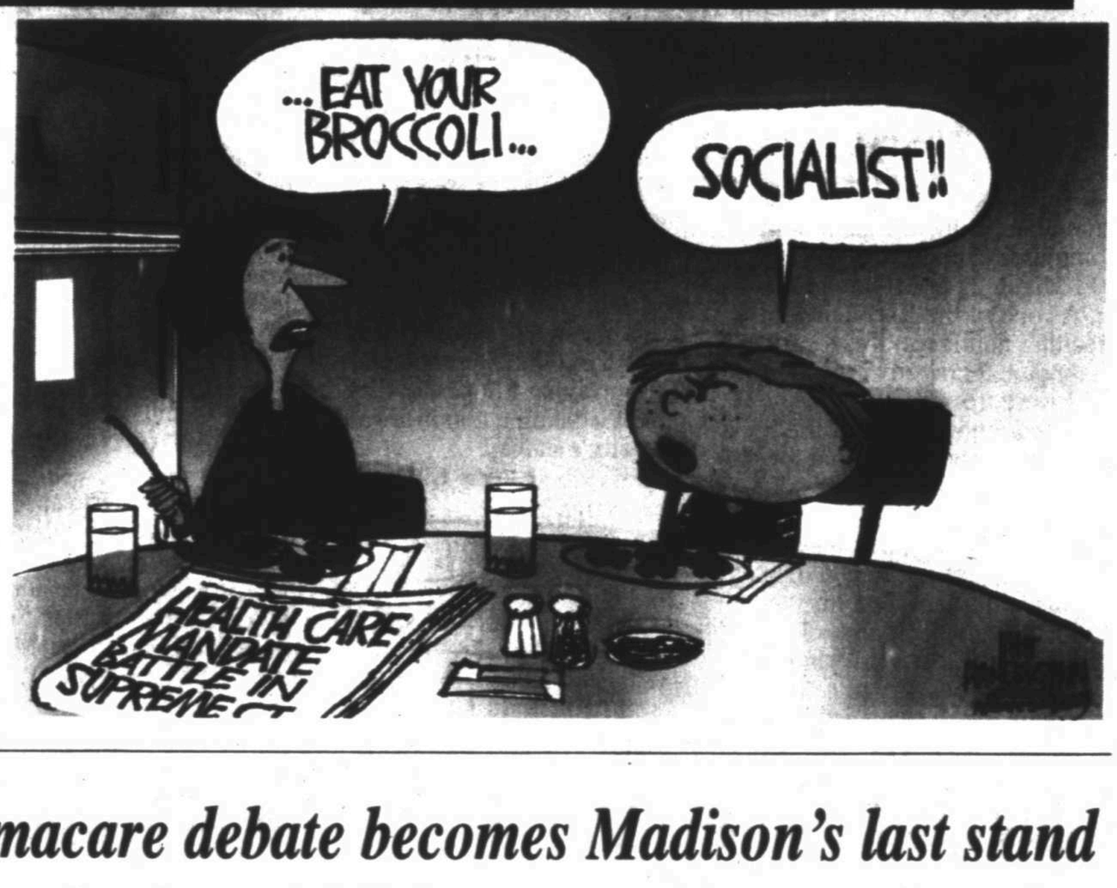
How about I bury you under the pitcher's mound?"

The kids ran to first. But they began to tire after reaching second. They both stopped and just stood there looking at me.

I looked back.

"How long are we going to do this?" the smarter one said. "I need a helmet if we're gonna keep playing."

HEALTH CARE DEBATE



DAVID BROOKS

N.Y. Times News Service

How centralized do you want your government?

■ Obamacare's mandate might be acceptable with decentralized competition.

On May 23-24, 1865, the victorious Union armies marched through Washington. The columns of troops stretched back 25 miles. They marched as a single mass, clad in blue, their bayonets pointing skyward.

As Wilfred McClay wrote in his book, "The Masterless," spectators were transfixed and realized the war had changed them. These troops had gone to war as a coalition of states, with different uniforms in different colors. But they came back as a centralized unit, with a national identity and consciousness.

U.S. history can be seen as a series of centralizing events — the Civil War, World Wars I and II, the Progressive Era, the New Deal and the Great Society.

Many liberals have tended to look at this centralizing process as synonymous with modernization — as inevitable and proper. As problems like inequality get bigger, government has to become more centralized to deal with them. As corporations grow, government has to grow to counterbalance them.

Many conservatives have looked at these inexorable steps toward centralization with growing alarm. Complicated problems, many have argued, are best addressed by local people on the ground. Centralized government inevitably leads to oligarchic government. The virtue of the citizenry depends on local control, personal initiative and intimate connections. These things are being bleached away.

The Obama health care law represents another crucial moment in the move toward centralization. With its state insurance exchanges, Obamacare is not as centralized as a single-payer system. Still, it centralizes authority in at least four ways.

First, while government always has had the power to regulate contracts and business activity, Obamacare compels people to enter into activity so it can regulate them. This new ability to compel activity opens up vast new powers.

Second, Obamacare centralizes Medicare decisions — and the power of life and death — within an unelected Independent Payment Advisory Board. Fifteen experts are charged with controlling costs from the top down.

Third, Obamacare would continue the centralization of the nation's resources — absorbing an estimated $1.76 trillion over the next 10 years.

Finally, it would effectively make health care a political responsibility. When you go to a campaign town hall in, say, Britain, you discover that many of the questions are about why somebody's back or dental surgery didn't go well and what the candidate can do to fix it. Once voters assume that national politicians are responsible for their health care, national politicians become more active in running the health system.

So this is a big moment. Obamacare forces us again to have an election about how centralized government should be.

Those of us in the Hamiltonian tradition sit crossways in this debate. Alexander Hamilton was not shy about concentrating power in Washington if he thought centralized authority was necessary to achieve national goals. On the other hand, he did not believe central decision-makers had the ability to direct an infinitely complex and changing world. He centralized goal-setting while decentralizing decision-making.

In that tradition, my own view is that the individual mandate is perfectly acceptable policy. We effectively have a national health care system. We all indirectly pay for ill, uninsured people who show up at emergency rooms. If all Americans are in the same interconnected health care system, I think it's reasonable for government to insist that all Americans participate in the insurance network that is the payment method for that system.

But I think the Obama administration made a disastrous error in centralizing so many of the cost-control elements of the new health care system. I don't care how many comparative effectiveness research studies they commission, there is no way centralized dirigistes can keep up with a complex, innovative system. There is no way government can adapt quickly to failure.

There is no way planners can know how many employers will drop coverage, how many doctors will refuse to see patients in expanded Medicaid, how to write uniform rules governing the state insurance exchanges, how many people will or won't enter high-risk pools, how Congress will undermine any painful cuts the executive branch does make, how doctors will evade efforts to control their revenue, how doctor shortages will pop up, how spending is best controlled.

From a Hamiltonian perspective, the decentralized premium support model is a better way to control costs: government insists everybody has coverage but then encourages companies, families and Medicare beneficiaries to engage in a regulated process of discovery to find the best care at the lowest cost.

So, yes, let's have another round in the debate about how centralized U.S. government should be. Let's watch liberals and conservatives duke it out. But remember there has always been a Hamiltonian alternative: centralize the goals, but decentralize the means people take to get there. Universal coverage is a worthy goal. Decentralized competition is the way to make it affordable.

Obamacare debate becomes Madison's last stand

■ If Supreme Court favors an individual mandate, the type of self-government James Madison sought may be in the past.

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The shade of James Madison hovers over the ObamaCare argument at the Supreme Court. It is the system of limited and carefully divided government powers that he had a large hand in crafting — and defended so ably in The Federalist Papers — that is at stake in the contest over the constitutionality of the individual mandate.

If the mandate stands, it will be the latest blow to Madison's scheme, which is the best architecture for self-government yet devised by man, but has been worn down steadily over time. It is a damning indictment of contemporary Washington that, overall, it is so hostile to the Madisonian ethos. He is a most inconvenient Founding Father since he tells us: No, the federal government can't do whatever it wants; no, we can't just all get along; no, we can't rush to pass whatever legislation deemed a "can't wait" priority by the president. Now, grow up.

In the mind of contemporary progressivism, these words of Madison from The Federalist Papers simply don't compute: "The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the state governments are numerous and indefinite." They are an antiquated 18th century sentiment unsuited to our more complex and more sophisticated time, to be ignored when not actively scorned.

But Madison thought this division of power so important for a reason: "In the compound republic of America, the power surrendered by the people is first divided between two distinct governments, and then the portion allotted to each subdivided among distinct and separate departments. Hence a double security arises to the rights of the people. The different governments will control each other, at the same time that each will be controlled by itself."

The entire system is meant to maximize accountability and competition in the belief that the undue accumulation of power in any one source is, in Madison's words, "the very definition of tyranny." The frequent Supreme Court swing vote Anthony Kennedy has written that "federalism was the unique contribution of the framers to political science and political theory." It is exactly this contribution that has been trampled through the decades, and Obamacare stomps on once more.

Madison concerned himself with limits on government because "there is a degree of depravity in mankind, which requires a certain degree of circumspection and distrust." So, as he famously wrote, "ambition must be made to counteract ambition."

He would have no patience for gooey discussions on the Sunday shows about the divisiveness of our political life. "The latent causes of faction," for Madison, "are sown in the nature of man." In his marvelous new biography of Madison, Richard Brookhiser calls him not just the Father of the Constitution but the Father of Politics because he was a pioneer in fighting the sort of partisan battles we now look down upon and rue.

Nor would Madison be moved by the lamentations that Congress isn't passing enough legislation quickly enough. He wanted a Senate -- that balky, frustrating upper body — to check the rush to enshrine momentary causes into law. In a passage that could have been written as commentary on the handiwork of Nancy Pelosi's Congress, he argued "it will be of little avail to the people that the laws are made by men of their own choice if the laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read, or so incoherent that they cannot be understood."

In his book on Madison's political thought, "American Compact," Gary Rosen notes that "as Madison feared, utility rather than constitutionality has become the ultimate test for public policy." The debate over Obamacare at the time of its passage focused on its cost, its workability and its aggrandizing tendency more than its constitutionality. For Madison, Rosen continues, constitutional limits "were the deepest source of republican dignity, the bulwarks that he expected citizens to defend in order to remind themselves of their sovereignty." Would that they were once again.

Foes of Obamacare need to kill it before people love it

■ The president's health care act wasn't perfect, but it was a start to better a system than we have now.

LLEWELLYN KING

Hearst Newspapers

Opponents of President Obama's healthcare legislation were wise to attack it preemptively in the courts on constitutional grounds.

If they hadn't attacked now, they would've learned that universal healthcare systems — sometimes a hybrid of public and private and sometimes single-payer national systems — are wildly popular in other countries. So popular that politicians can do no more than fiddle at the edges, as they have done in Britain recently and are about to do in France.

No leader, not even that incontrovertible defender of private enterprise, Margaret Thatcher, dared or even thought, to privatize healthcare. In the industrial democracies, from Canada to Japan, people complain about their healthcare systems — and then would defend them to the death.

Once universal healthcare is introduced and people are relieved of the fear of illness, leading to financial ruin, it is unrepealable. The opponents of Obamacare must know this, or they wouldn't have been so anxious to test it in court on the grounds of the constitutionality of the individual mandate.

"Kill it before people love it" was an imperative.

Now it's widely believed, after three days of hearings, in which conservative justices sounded more like they were conducting a congressional hearing than a judicial one, that Obamacare will be thrown out before it ever has been sampled by the public, which wouldn't come until 2014. It's been a bit like the Chinese and democracy: Don't let them try it, they might like it.

So how is it that the Republicans have been able to so demonize Obamacare?

Partly, it's because the administration has done an appalling job of selling its own program. It's almost as though it's ashamed of its offspring because it isn't the child they really wanted: a simpler bill with a public option and such goodies as interstate insurance sales.

The administration is frequently bad at trumpeting its achievements. As healthcare reform is its defining domestic issue, the fact that Obama and his Cabinet have not extolled the virtues of the bill amounts to a curious dereliction, a sin of omission.

Most people have been persuaded that is it socialized medicine (it is not); that it will double expenditures on healthcare (it won't); that it's an enormous new dictatorial intrusion into individual liberty (it's not). It's not a great bill but a good start.

We in the United States spend about twice as much as other countries on healthcare — about 18 percent of our gross domestic product. Why? Everyone knows there's excessive testing and waste. The quick answer is to defend against lawsuits. Another answer is that doctors have no incentive to save money and through their investments in testing companies, often they have an incentive to order up the tests. Mostly, I suspect it's just indifference; the medical equivalent of not turning the lights off.

I don't like Obamacare because it only does half the job and I'm uneasy about the individual mandate. Just two cheers from me.

The uninsured should be assigned an insurer and the premium collected through the tax system. That way the insurers would compete for the most desirable prospects, young adults, and a real pool would operate.

Another question that isn't asked: As new technology usually brings down costs, why does this not apply in healthcare? Why are CAT scans and MRIs not getting cheaper, as they would if they were in a different framework?

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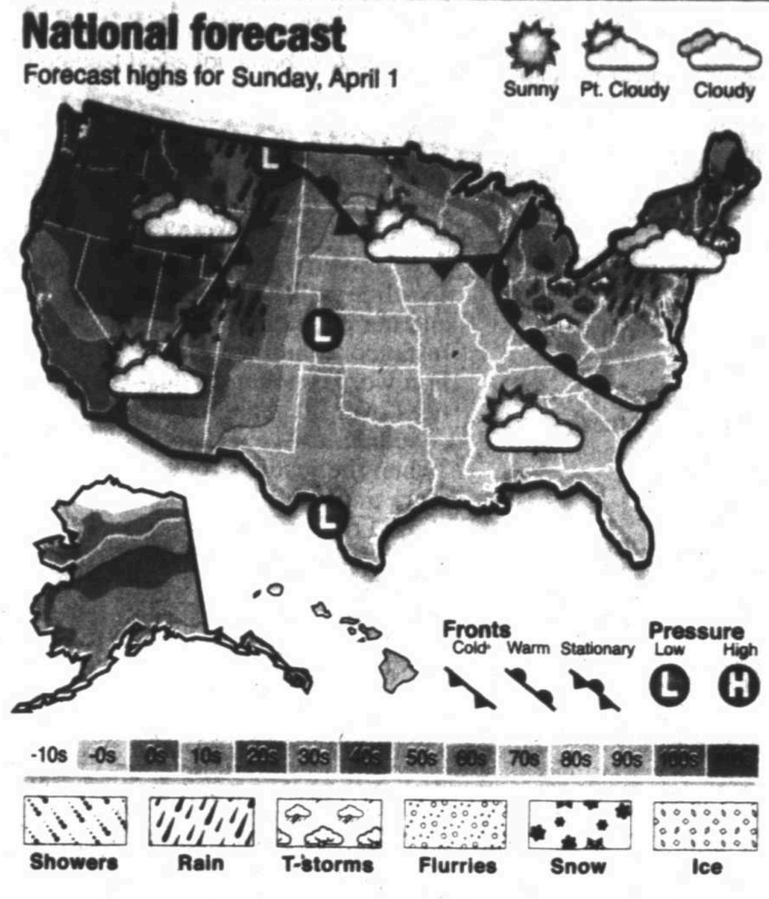

Okla. school officials ready for tornado season

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The start of what is considered to be tornado season isn't too far away and school officials from across the state say they are prepared in the event a twister should approach during the school day.

Officials with large school districts such as Oklahoma City and Tulsa, and the small, such as Arnett, said they have safe rooms, some federally approved. The officials said they would keep all students on campus if it appeared a tornado was possible, even if it were at dismissal time, which happened in May 2010.

"About two years ago when a tornado hit northwest Oklahoma City, based on the track of the thing, it was north of our furthest northern school. Obviously, we did not release the kids out to the buses," Oklahoma City Public Schools Chief Operations Officer Jim Burkey said.

Burkey and Bob Roberts, the emergency management coordinator for Tulsa Public Schools, said safety personnel watch all the local television stations and stay in touch with the National Weather Service when threatening weather appears.

"Our attitude is once the child is on the bus or the child is on school grounds, that child is ours. Once we've got them, we're going to keep them," said Roberts.

"When you look at the fact that the average amount of time from a tornado warning being issued to a tornado touching down is five to seven minutes, you can't get them to a safe place in that amount of time.

"There might be no parents at home, or the kids might not know where the safe place in the home is," Roberts said.

Forrest Mitchell, the observation program leader for the National Weather Service in Norman said nationally, the amount of time from the issuance of a tornado warning to a tornado touching down is 12 to 15 minutes, but he said it varies.

Superintendent Tim Puett of the 205-student Arnett Public Schools said his students would be taken to a basement that is beneath the school gymnasium.

"If you've got a tornado coming, you don't want, especially high school kids out there driving around. They're going to be safe there. It's a solid building with a concrete block and steel top," Puett said.

Roberts said each situation is handled on a case-by-case basis, but that a tornado watch, rather than a warning, likely would not trigger the district's safety plan.

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Analysts examine justices' questions to try to predict outcome

By Michael Doyle
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court justices can hide their intentions in plain sight, even with something as complicated as health care.

The judicial utterances during last week's lengthy oral arguments left a common impression that the conservative-led court might strike down some or all of the 2010 health care law.

Unfortunately for the White House, these kinds of impressions can be valid clues.

"If you are a frequent attendee at the court, and you study the issues, and you know the justices' jurisprudence, you can know an awful lot from what happens at oral argument," said Todd Gaziano, director of the Heritage Foundation's Center for Legal and Judicial Studies.

Like many observers of the three-day oral arguments, Gaziano came away convinced the court is leaning toward striking down some or all of the law. The overwhelming consensus left White House officials insisting afterward that the arguments defy interpretation.

"Anybody who believes that you can try to predict the outcome of a Supreme Court case based solely on the questions of the justices is not a very good student of the Supreme Court," White House spokesman Josh Earnest insisted.

But Earnest is only partly right.

Supreme Court questions, it is true, can mislead. Sometimes, justices may play devil's advocate. They may want help in framing their own answers. The rapid-fire questions themselves might be all but incomprehensible even to those within the legal priesthood.

"Don't forget her question," Justice Stephen Breyer told one lawyer Tuesday, following up on an earlier point from Justice Elena Kagan.

"I've forgotten my question," Kagan admitted.

Scholars, though, have traced connections between the justices' queries during oral arguments and the final decisions from the court.

A University of North Carolina political scientist and her colleagues, for instance, examined 8 million words spoken by justices over 30 years to conclude last year that "when the justices focus more unpleasant language toward one attorney, the side he represents is more likely to lose."

Experienced advocates and close court observers, too, can likewise piece together reasonable predictions from a combination of questions asked, tone, prior rulings and the courtroom equivalent of body language.

"You can't know anything for certain from the oral arguments," Wisconsin Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen said in an interview, "but they can give you a feeling. They're a predictor, but a cautious predictor."

Put another way, Supreme Court oral arguments can have a certain vibe. The transcripts don't catch it, but participants can feel it. The question for crystal-ball gazers is how much stock to place in something as ephemeral as a vibe.

Van Hollen, for instance, was in the court for two days of the oral arguments last week. An opponent of the health care law, he said he saw something interesting in the presence of Mary Kennedy, the wife of Justice Anthony Kennedy. Perhaps, he suggested, the justice's wife wanted to see history in the making; and history, Van Hollen said, means in this case that the law is struck down.

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Maybe that's over-analyzing the presence of a supportive spouse. Consider, then, the court's seeming deference to a final rhetorical flourish by U.S. Solicitor General Donald Verrilli Jr.

For three uninterrupted minutes Wednesday — an eternity in oral-argument time — Verrilli concluded with a stirring speech about health care and freedom from disease. No justice broke in to question him.

"In a very fundamental way, this (law) secures the blessings of liberty," Verrilli intoned.

A Supreme Court novice might think the justices' silence meant they were respectfully reflecting on Verrilli's final words. And, maybe they were. The Heritage Foundation's Gaziano, though, thought the lack of questions meant the justices already were checked out of the argument — not a good sign for Verrilli.

Sarah A. Treul, a University of North Carolina political scientist, joined three other scholars in studying the transcripts of nearly 3,000 Supreme Court cases argued between 1979 and 2008. In a study published last year, the researchers concluded that words matter.

"While justices gather information and seek answers that will help them decide close to their preferred outcome, they do so in a way that provides emotional clues as to how they may act when they finally vote on the merits," the researchers wrote in The Journal of Politics.

"We can predict just over 70 percent of votes and cases" based on oral argument questions, said Timothy Johnson, one of the researchers on the paper and a University of Minnesota political scientist.

Chief Justice John Roberts Jr., too, has identified at least some connection between oral argument questions and final results.

In a 2005 study, Roberts examined 28 cases heard by the Supreme Court. He subsequently reported in the Journal of Supreme Court History that 86 percent of the time, the side receiving more questions from justices ultimately lost the case.

Other researchers have identified similar patterns, including the likelihood that an individual justice is more likely to vote against an attorney of whom he or she asks more questions.

If this pattern holds, the health care law could be on thin ice.

Widely considered one of two potential swing votes, Roberts asked 19 questions of Verrilli, the Obama administration's chief lawyer, during the crucial Tuesday arguments over the health care law's individual mandate. Roberts asked only two questions that day of Paul Clement, the attorney who wants the law struck down, a transcript review shows.

Kennedy, the other potential swing vote, divided his questions Tuesday more evenly among the two sides. And then there is Justice Antonin Scalia, who bluntly stated his intention when discussing what happens to the law if the individual mandate is struck down.

"My approach would say if you take the heart out of the statute, the statute's gone," Scalia said.

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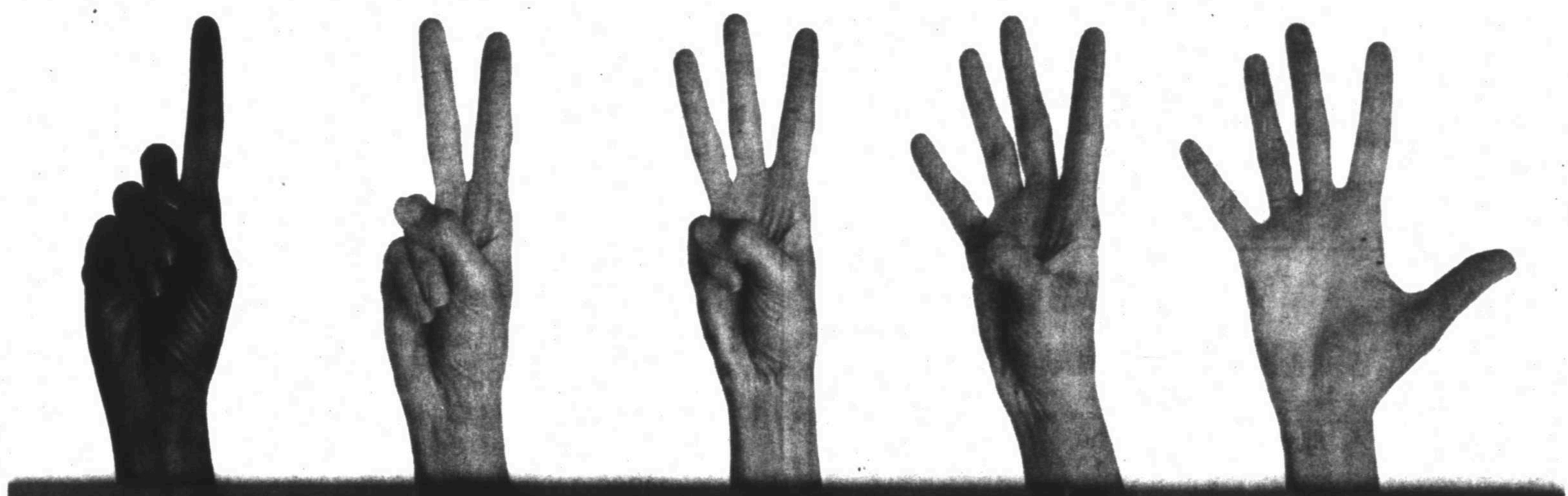

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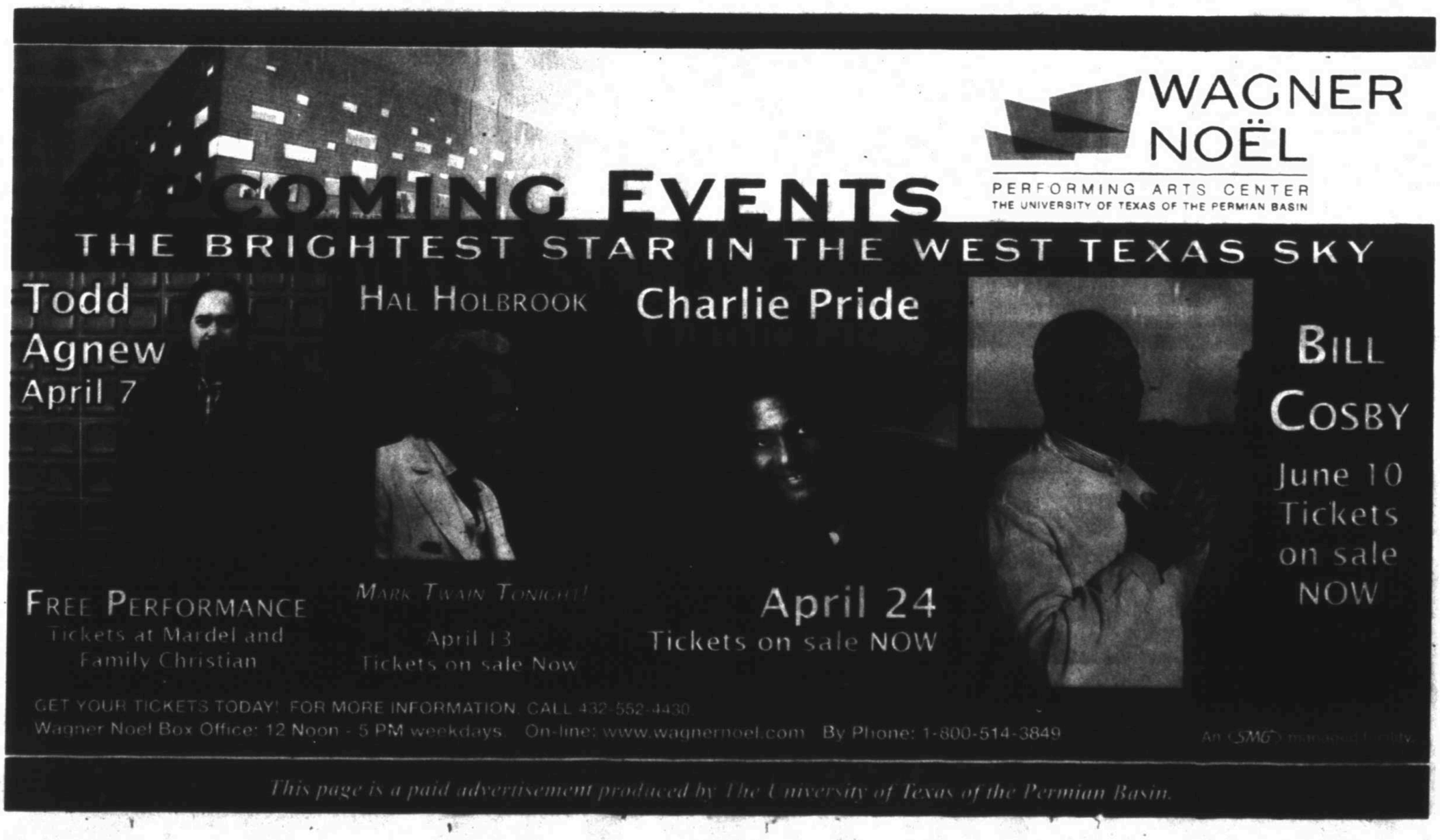

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Officer: COP program keeps Midland safe

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

Despite national attention to the Florida neighborhood watchman accused of killing an unarmed teenager, the Midland Police Department said the loosely-knit group of residents are vital to a safe community.

An alleged over-zealous George Zimmerman, a block captain in a local neighborhood watch group, shot and killed Trayvon Martin, an unarmed teenager in Sanford, Fla., in February. But MPD maintains if the law is followed and instructions adhered to, Midland neighborhood watch members would never be in a potentially life-threatening situation.

"No one is allowed to carry any weapons (while on citizens' patrol)," said officer Jimmy Young, a member of MPD's community relations and crime prevention squad. Even if a member had a concealed weapons permit, Young said the person would be in violation for carrying while patrolling the city.

He added that neighborhood watch members and the highly-trained Citizens on Patrol unit are instructed to never confront any subject or attempt to engage a suspected criminal in any manner.

Zimmerman allegedly disregarded an emergency dispatch operator's orders to not follow Martin.

Young said in his more than a decade as an officer, Midland never has had an issue remotely like the Florida incident.

"We have a group of really good volunteers. Never had any trouble," Young said.

He said Midland has 31 neighborhood watch programs but said only three were what he would qualify as extremely active. The department also has a group of 60 trained COPs.

The COP members have been trained by MPD officers of their rights and some tactics, such as directing traffic in large emergencies or during fugitive searches. The group also is instructed to safely tail a suspect vehicle and record a description and a license plate.

Each of the members are given a scanner to communicate vital information to officers that potentially could save lives, Young said.

He and COP member, Gloria Youngblood, a veteran of 13 years, both described the unit as an "extra set of eyes

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COLORS OF EASTER

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Nu-Uh the clown decorates Allie Hicks', 4, face Saturday during the Harvest Time Church Easter Extravaganza. Learn more about Easter events in Midland by reading the Religion section in Friday's edition.

Young adults learn about, affect political climate

KATHLEEN PETTY
Staff Writer

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Eleventh Court of Appeals Place 2 candidate Mike Wilson, from left, talks to Midland County Young Republicans members Michael Blonk and Robert Graves on Wednesday during a monthly meeting at Gerardo's.

Amid a fierce Republican presidential primary, state elections and a health care debate at the U.S. Supreme Court, it's difficult not to be excited about something in the political arena this spring.

Or, maybe I'm just a nerd.

Even so, I'm not the only young adult who has spent a fair amount of time reading blogs, watching polls and encouraging others to make sure they're registered to vote for the May 29 primary. As a reporter, my involvement stops with interviewing candidates and reading other reports. I take it all in, but I don't get to have an opinion until I reach the ballot box.

For many Midlanders, however, the news of various political issues continually hitting the Internet, newspapers and TV broadcasts has only spurred their interest to get involved.

Ignacio Lopez, 28, said he carries voter registration forms around town. If he meets another young professional who has neglected to register — which happens more frequently than he'd like — he hands them a form and encourages them to educate themselves on the issues.

"I usually try to explain to them why it affects them and how it affects them," he said. "Even something as simple as voting is very important."

Lopez, who helped start the Texas Tech Democrats while studying political science in Lubbock, said that as he's worked to get his business off the ground in Midland, he's only become more aware of why political decisions should matter to citizens. He recently has become involved in the Midland County Democratic Party.

"It doesn't matter who you vote for, in my opinion, as long as you make an informed decision and you go out there and vote," he said.

According to officials with both the Republican Party of Texas and the Texas Democratic Party, more young adults have become engaged in politics in recent years. Typically, a presidential election year helps to heighten interest, they said, though the national economy and issues such as high gas prices also have drawn the participation of some younger adults this year.

"We've seen more people get involved statewide," said Chris Elam, communications director for the Republican Party of Texas. "You could look around and see there are several candidates who've attracted a following from people who've rejected the Obama administration."

In the 2008 presidential election, 51 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds voted, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's current population survey. That was an increase of 2 percent from the 2004 election but still a lower percentage than was true of older adults.

About 70 percent of voters who are

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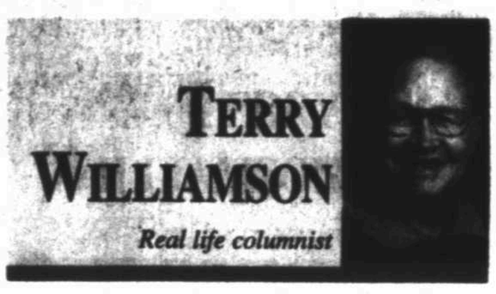

Bike accident is painful experience for rider and her mate

The wife has fallen and can't get up.

She still thinks she's 20 years old, but she rides a bike more like she's over 60 years old. The harsh reality is she now has a broken elbow, wishing she had listened to more reasonable pleas of "Don't do that."

Her version of what happened differs somewhat from mine. She says she was trying to avoid running over our 4-year-old granddaughter, who had cut in front of her bike. My version says she was ill-prepared for such a venture without wearing head gear or knee and elbow pads and not having common sense.

For her pain, the wife did get to ride in an ambulance, fulfilling one of the things left on her bucket list. If you ask me, she needs to upgrade the bucket list and quit riding bikes.

In the emergency room, the doctor asked, "Were you wearing a helmet or pads?"

She told him she wasn't and the doctor said, "Well, I guess you will the next time."

That's where I just couldn't hold it together. I flatly told the doctor, "That's the last time she will be riding a bike. Her biking days are over."

I've always heard and often repeated to my kids that when you fall off a bike, you need to get up, dust yourself off and get right back on. Whoever came up with that nonsense? You could get killed following that kind of advice.

I literally cringed every time they tried to move the wife. Everyone in the emergency room was great. They tried to minimize the suffering as much as possible, but they forgot one thing — me. I nearly passed out from even the thought of pain.

But the worst part was yet to come. We had to take the wife home. That's when my life fell apart. Fortunately, my oldest daughter lives in Midland and she stayed with us to help out. I'm not good at playing survivor. I know I can't outlast, outwit or outplay anyone or anything.

I don't even know how to make a cup of coffee on our new coffee machine. Can anyone tell me how to turn on the washing machine, and does the soap go in before or after you turn on the water?

Meals are pretty tough, too. The wife doesn't like chili out of a can, or tuna surprise on crackers. After that, my cooking menu is pretty well depleted. I thank God for giving me a daughter who was taught by her mother to cook. Most of you will notice that I haven't missed too many meals.

The wife knows where everything is in the house. She has a place for all things. She doesn't realize yet that nothing will

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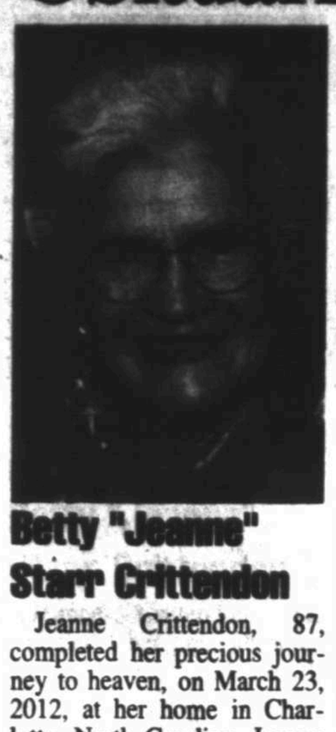
Obituaries



Betty "Jeanne" Starr Crittendon

Jeanne Crittendon, 87, completed her precious journey to heaven, on March 23, 2012, at her home in Charlotte, North Carolina. Jeanne was born on January 24, 1925, in Stillwell, Oklahoma, to Samuel and Nell Starr, the fifth of six children. She attended Bacone College, a junior college for Cherokee Indian descendants, in Muskogee, Oklahoma, where she was valedictorian of her graduating class. She then graduated with a chemistry degree from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

She married the love of her life, Bob Calvin Crittendon, on February 14, 1948, meeting him after he returned to college from World War II's Pacific front. She worked in university research labs while Bob completed his degree in petroleum engineering. His work took them to Midland, Texas, where she devoted her energies to raising their five children. She was also a beloved women's Sunday School teacher, accomplished seamstress, active community volunteer, avid reader, and passionate about her love of country. After nearly 20 years of marriage, her husband died tragically in a car accident, and she drew on her unwavering faith in God and stubborn determination to help her lead her family. She later moved to Muskogee, Oklahoma, where she lived for many years and was active in her church and volunteer work. Her quiet and gentle spirit helped her to form lifelong friendships and effectively minister to many. Nothing was more important to her than her faith and her family. Jesus Christ was always the source of her strength. When she moved to Charlotte, she continued to volunteer with adult illiteracy programs and tax counseling for senior adults. She was active at First Baptist Church and the family would like to thank the Bower's Sunday School class for showering her with cards and love, long after she was able to attend in person.

Besides her husband, Bob, Jeanne was also predeceased by two sisters, Jewel and Wynona, and brother Colbert. Jeanne is survived by her daughter, Charli Callaway of College Station, TX; son, Jim Crittendon of Dallas, TX; son, Joe Crittendon of Southlake, TX; daughter and son-in-law, Jan and David Johnson of Charlotte, NC; and son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Shira Crittendon of Atlanta, GA; grandchildren, Calvin Callaway of Los Angeles, CA, Austin Crittendon of Washington, D.C., Sam Crittendon of Chicago, IL, Peter and Gabrielle Johnson of Charlotte, NC, and Adam Crittendon of Atlanta, GA. She is also survived by a brother, Bill of Oklahoma City, OK; and a sister, Sammy Jo, also of Oklahoma City, OK.

Graveside services will be at 3:00 p.m., on Friday, April 6, 2012, at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to World Vision to Sponsor Children, P. O. Box 9716 Federal Way, WA 98063-9716, one of Jeanne's passions for many years.

Arrangements are in the care of Hankins & Whittington Funeral Service; please share condolences online at: hankinswhittington.com.

David L. Lewis

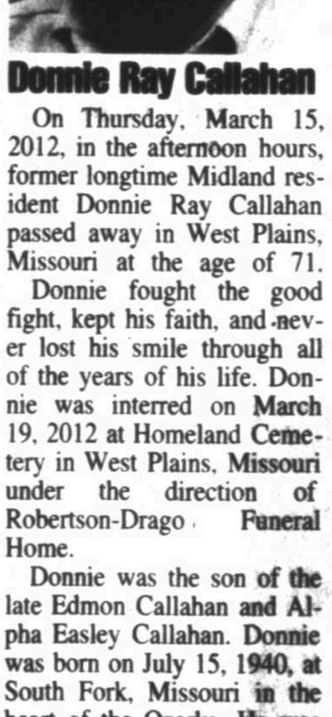
David Leigh Lewis of Yukon, OK, formerly of Midland, went to be with the Lord on March 13, 2012. David was born in Longview, TX on February 28, 1944. He was preceded in death by his father, Leigh Lewis. He is survived by his mother, Elaine Lewis of Longview, TX, his sister Mary Lewis of Longview, TX, his brother, William Lewis, his wife, Carolyn, and their daughters of Leander, TX.

He is also survived by his "adopted" family of Midland. They include Pat Shaw, her children Kelly Cunningham and husband, Michael, and their children, and Maner Shaw, his wife, Karri, and his children. Special holidays and vacations were always spent with his Midland family.

David had two loves: Harley motorcycles and guitars. Time to unwind from his job as a computer analyst would find him riding his Harley Sportster. The roads in northern Arkansas were the destination for an annual "ride".

David shared his God given talent by playing his guitar at numerous churches and retreats. He was always in Midland to play Christmas services at Christ Church.

A memorial service will be held at Christ Church Midland on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 2 PM. The Reverend Canon Jon Stasney and Reverend Tom Finnie will preside. Memorials should be sent to Christ Church Midland, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Midland, TX, 79705.



Donnie Ray Callahan

On Thursday, March 15, 2012, in the afternoon hours, former longtime Midland resident Donnie Ray Callahan passed away in West Plains, Missouri at the age of 71.

Donnie fought the good fight, kept his faith, and never lost his smile through all of the years of his life. Donnie was interred on March 19, 2012 at Homeland Cemetery in West Plains, Missouri under the direction of Robertson-Drago Funeral Home.

Donnie was the son of the late Edmon Callahan and Alpha Easley Callahan. Donnie was born on July 15, 1940, at South Fork, Missouri in the heart of the Ozarks. He was born into a family that would consist of 6 brothers and 5 sisters.

He attended West Plains, Missouri schools and graduated high school with the Class of 1957. Upon graduation, he entered military service on April 11, 1958, enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served in Korea and was honorably discharged on June 20, 1962 at the rank of Airman First Class. In May, 1965, Donnie moved to Midland, Texas with his wife Keaka, daughter Ladonna and son Kenneth where he worked at Faulkner Office Supply. He later became a salesman for Malone Business Systems. In 1981, he went into business for himself, opening Office and Register Systems in Midland, Texas as the Sweda Cash Register Systems dealer for the surrounding West Texas and Southeastern New Mexico area. He later worked for the Herb Hall Company in Midland, Texas and the Midland Independent School System. Donnie attended Oaklawn Park Missionary Baptist Church in Midland where he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior. He was the church treasurer and was later ordained as a deacon of the church. He later attended Crestview Baptist Church in Midland, Texas. Donnie enjoyed the Bible, music, hunting and stock car racing with his nephew Robert Hunt, car rebuilding and mechanics, guns, reloading, animals, traveling, gardening and people.

In 1996, Donnie returned to West Plains, Missouri. He was married to Louise Harris on November 11, 1999 in Mountain Home, Arkansas and lived in West Plains, Missouri until his death.

Donnie is survived by his wife Louise, son Kenneth Callahan of Midland, Texas, three step children, John Callahan and wife Cheryl and Ted Callahan of West Plains, Missouri and Elizabeth Callahan of St. Louis, Missouri, Grandson Sean Callahan of Midland, Texas, two step grand children, John Ryan and Brianna Callahan of West Plains, Missouri; two brothers, Winfred Callahan and wife Lavonna, and Earl Callahan, both of West Plains, Missouri; four sisters, Genevie Gentry, Ella Drumright and husband Jess, and Dona Hall and husband Gerald, all of West Plains, Missouri, and Lea Langston and husband Jim of Mountain Home, Arkansas, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Donnie was preceded in death by his beloved daughter Ladonna Lei Callahan, three brothers, Jack, Hayden and Omer Callahan and one sister, Agnes Callahan.

He was one of the bona fide good ones to all who met him or had the opportunity to know him, one who will be fondly remembered for his sense of humor, his laugh, his devotion to his family and friends, his faith in God and his example of life to others, never forgotten for his selfless love of people and his inner strength and unending smile in the face of trying times in his later years. He said what he meant, and meant what he said. He will be sorely missed by those who knew him.

I love you Dad.

Edwin (Ed) Ellis Lilley

August 22, 1936 - March 29, 2012

Edwin (Ed) Ellis Lilley died on March 29, 2012 at St. Joseph Regional Health Center, Bryan Texas, with his wife Janie by his side. Visitation will be Sunday, April 1, at 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. at Memorial Funeral Chapel in College Station. Private burial will be held in the Aggie Field of Honor at College Station Memorial Cemetery on Monday, April 2, followed by a memorial service at Christ United Methodist Church at 1:30 P.M., also on Monday, April 2.

Ed was born August 22, 1936, in Polk County, Texas, and was the son of Thomas George Lilley and Mary Ila Farrar Lilley. He attended Big Sandy schools from first grade through twelfth. He graduated from Allen Junior College in Bryan, where he was awarded the Caldwell Award, an award for the outstanding sophomore. He played junior college basketball at Allen and worked on campus. After graduation, Ed enrolled in Texas A&M. While enrolled in A&M, Ed coached the Allen Academy High School basketball team. A member of the class of 1958, Ed graduated from Texas A&M in 1959 with a degree in Petroleum Engineering.

After graduating from A&M Ed went to work for Tidewater Oil Company in Venice, Louisiana. He served in the US Army and was stationed at Ft. Benning, Georgia and Ft. Hood, Texas. After his military service, Ed returned to Venice to resume working for Tidewater. His career with Tidewater, later merged with Getty Oil, which took him from Venice to Houston, Victoria, Texas, Midland, Texas, Andrews, Texas, Houston, Gretna, Louisiana and back to Houston. In 1984 he moved to Midland and worked for Wagner and Brown, an independent oil company. After retiring in 1996 he and Janie moved to College Station in 1997.

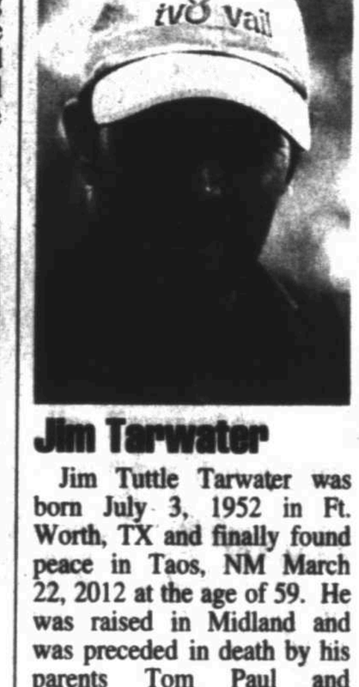
Ed married Janie Copley, June 15, 1963 in Victoria, Texas. They were blessed with two children, Steven Wayne Lilley and Dana Louise Lilley.

Ed was an enthusiastic hunter, golfer and fly fisherman. He loved to travel and spent much of his vacations and retirement travelling. A talented painter, he painted landscapes with oils which hang in some homes of family and friends. He was a loving and caring person and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include his wife, Janie; son, Steve and daughter-in-law, Natalie of Dallas; daughter, Dana and son-in-law, Robert (Howdy) Fort also of Dallas; and daughter-in-law, Lisa Alexander Lilley of The Colony; grandchildren are, Paige Lilley, Jack Lilley, and Sam Lilley; also surviving are brothers, Clayton Lilley and wife, Sandra of Dallardsville, Texas, and Lester Lilley and wife Evelyn of Houston; sister-in-law, Jackie Lilley of Plano and Loeta Oliver Lilley of Houston; and host of nieces and nephews.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Edith Lilley Kreuzer his brother Robert, and brothers-in-law Francis Cruz and Paul Kreuzer, Jr.

Persons wishing to do so may make a contribution to Christ United Methodist Church, 4201 State Hwy 6 S, College Station, TX, 77845, or to the charity of their choice.

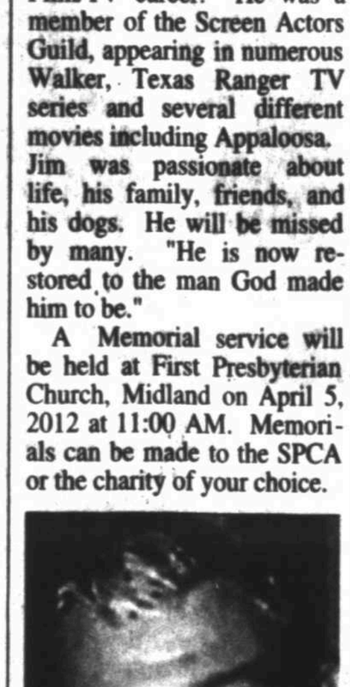


Jim Tarwater

Jim Tuttle Tarwater was born July 3, 1952 in Ft. Worth, TX and finally found peace in Taos, NM March 22, 2012 at the age of 59. He was raised in Midland and was preceded in death by his parents Tom Paul and Jessalyn Tarwater of Midland, TX. He is survived by sisters Adelle Dowling and husband Paul, Debbie Owen and husband Steve, and their families.

Jim was an avid skier and helped raise funds for the U.S. Ski Team. He loved the mountains where he felt most at home, especially on his land in Tres Piedras, NM. He enjoyed a variety of careers but most loved acting for the past 20 plus years. "Tarwater" as he was known to many, worked in Los Angeles before moving to a property outside of Taos where he continued his Film/TV career. He was a member of the Screen Actors Guild, appearing in numerous Walker, Texas Ranger TV series and several different movies including Appaloosa. Jim was passionate about life, his family, friends, and his dogs. He will be missed by many. "He is now restored to the man God made him to be."

A Memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Midland on April 5, 2012 at 11:00 AM. Memorials can be made to the SPCA or the charity of your choice.



Johnny Drew Ballard

Johnny Drew Ballard passed away Monday, Feb. 27, 2012, in Midland, at the age of 80. Johnny was born Feb. 19, 1932, in Gainesville, to Albert John and Leah Maude (Smith) Ballard. Johnny was a transport driver for the oil fields around Midland, and he was a Army Veteran. In his younger years he was amatuer bareback rider.

Survivors include his children, Sharon Ballard Meinecke, Marilyn Howard, Monty Ballard, Tony Ballard, Connie Ballard Marlow, Jenny Ballard Neff; childrens' mother, Ruby Ballard; a sister, Georgia Ann "Sug" Courtney of Brownwood; 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Joe D. Ballard; and one brother, Billy Prince Ballard.

The family request memorials be made to Hospice of Midland or charity of choice.

Margarita Villa Marmolejo

Margarita Villa Marmolejo of Midland left this earth for her eternal home in Heaven on Monday, March 26, 2012, after succumbing to injuries sustained in an automobile accident on March 9th.

She was born on October 17, 1926, to Felipe Villa and Adela Ramirez Villa in Anadarko, Oklahoma. Margarita married David Vasquez Marmolejo on January 13, 1947. Margarita was a housewife where she raised her children. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was the "cheerleader" of the family always encouraging her children to strive for success. She was very involved in her children's lives and the extracurricular activities her children were involved in such as being a lifetime member in PTA and Girl Scouts.

Her parents, Felipe Villa and Adela Ramirez Villa, her husband, David Vasquez Marmolejo, sisters, Maria Isabel Romero, Maria Villa Madrid, Raquel Villa Heredia, brothers, Apolonio Villa and Jose Villa, son David Villa Marmolejo, Jr., Adan Villa Marmolejo and David Villa Marmolejo III and her daughter, Teresa Villa Marmolejo, and son-in-law Robert "Bob" Christensen preceded Margarita in death.

She is survived by her sister Benita Mendoza; sons, Felipe Villa Marmolejo and wife Edythe of Laguna, New Mexico and Cruz Villa Marmolejo of Midland; daughters, Adela Villa Marmolejo of Midland, Juanita Villa Torres of Riverland, California and Maggie Marmolejo and husband Steven Bowery of Odessa; grandsons, Albert Marmolejo and wife Lisa of Midland, Preston Paul Marmolejo and Phillip Paul Marmolejo of Laguna, New Mexico; granddaughter Martha Villa Archuleta of Albuquerque, New Mexico; great grandsons, Marley Paul Marmolejo and Preston Paul Marmolejo, Jr. of Laguna, New Mexico, and Brady Joseph Marmolejo of Midland; great granddaughters, Desiree and Madeline Archuleta of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Carter Lauren Marmolejo of Midland.

A rosary will be held Sunday at 7 PM, at the Thomas Chapel. A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday April 2, 2012 at 1 PM at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Services are under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

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Mark Allen Wilson

Mark Allen Wilson, 37 of Midland, Texas was taken from us too soon. He departed this world Saturday, March 24, 2012. Mark was born January 4, 1975 in Odessa, Texas to Tex and Helen Wilson. He has one brother Jim who lives in Alberquerque, NM. He grew up in Midland where he attended Midland High School. Mark married his high school sweetheart in June 1994. Mark worked in the oilfield for many years, but he truly enjoyed building and remodeling. He worked for K&G Rental Services wher ehe was part of a special family. Mark loved spending time with family and friends; he was always willing to lend a hand. He also enjoyed playing many sports and games, his favorite though, was golf.

He is survived by his wife Holly, his daughters Kimberlyn and Ashlyn, his mother Helen Wilson and his brother Jim Wilson. He was preceded in death by his father Tex Wilson. He was a beloved husband, father, son and friend. He will be dearly missed.

Please call Ellis Funeral Home for visitation times 683-5555. Graveside services will be held Monday, April 2, 10:00 AM at Serenity Memorial Gardens in Midland.

Death Notices

Carolina Lopez

Carolina Lopez, 61, passed away Thursday, March 29, 2012 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Funeral Mass Monday, April 2, 2012, 12:00 P.M., St. James Catholic Church. Burial at Gaines County Cemetery. Services directed by Boyer Funeral Home.

Preceded by parents, husband Raul and three sisters.

Survivors: Daughters: Quena Burrola, Hobbs, NM, Guadalupe (Felix) Avitia, Denver, CO, Aida (Javier) Ceniceros, Midland, Ana Lopez, Seminole, Josefina (Manuel) Lopez, Denver, CO; son, Raul Lopez, Jr., Seminole; brother, Salvador Dominguez, Sr., Seminole; sisters: Maria Loya, and Socorro Demos both of Mexico, Martha Dominguez, and Aurora Macharigui both of Seminole; nine grandchildren.

Elizabeth Herrera Martinez

Elizabeth Herrera Martinez, 34, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at home.

Funeral services 10:00AM, Monday, April 2, 2012, Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Interment at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Vigil service 7:00PM, Sunday, April 1, 2012, Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Survivors: Husband, Rodney Martinez; parents, Sisto and Isabel Herrera; sons, Rodney Martinez, Rocky Martinez and Randy Martinez; two brothers, Adam Herrera and Sisto Herrera, Jr.; grandmother, Sophia Ortega; a niece and two nephews all of Big Spring.

Preceded by her grandparents, Marcelino and Juanita Herrera and Frank Alcantar.

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

Michael Carlsen

Michael Carlsen, 59, passed away on March 30, 2012 in Mont Belvieu, TX.

Survivors include his mother, Mildred Carlsen of Midland; sisters, Andrea Harris of Midland, Laura Yates and her husband Earl of Shepherdsville, KY, and Donna Cahill and her husband Andre of Garland, TX; brother, Stephen Carlsen and his wife, Alice of Plano, TX; numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland.

Robert "Bob" Adair

Robert "Bob" Adair, 54, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, March 29, 2012, in a local nursing home. Memorial services will be held at a later date in Andrews.

Survivors include brothers, Paul "Sonny" Adair of Big Spring, and Terry Adair of Andrews; sister, Laurie Kennedy of Williams, Arizona; grandmother, Verniece Ballew of Tucumcari, New Mexico; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Paul W. Sr. and Laurel (Ballew) Adair, and two nephews.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

COP

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and ears" for the department.

Youngblood said she will go to breaking crime scenes, sometimes arriving before officers, and take notes and observe actor interactions from afar. During the investigation, she said she is able to tell officers what happened or which direction a suspect fled.

She also drew very stark differences between what happened in Florida and how operations are run in Midland.

"We don't do anything like (the incident in Florida,)" Youngblood said."We don't have weapons, we don't get out of our vehicle, we don't confront suspects and we don't follow people on foot. Nothing like that would happen here."

She said the group observes and added she's never felt in danger.

Youngblood described her passion for her volunteer role and said she is dedicated to keeping Midland a safe community and that the "excitement" keeps her dedicated.

All COPs are required to have a partner. Youngblood's partner is her daughter. She said the pair would rather patrol Midland than watch television because the real-life drama is more exciting.

Both Young and Youngblood encourage more residents to be active in neighborhood watches or in MPD's COP program.

"Because of the COPs program's assistance to MPD's excellent officers, Midland is a safe place to live," Youngblood said.

James Cannon can be reached at jcannon@mrt.com.

TERRY

From 1B

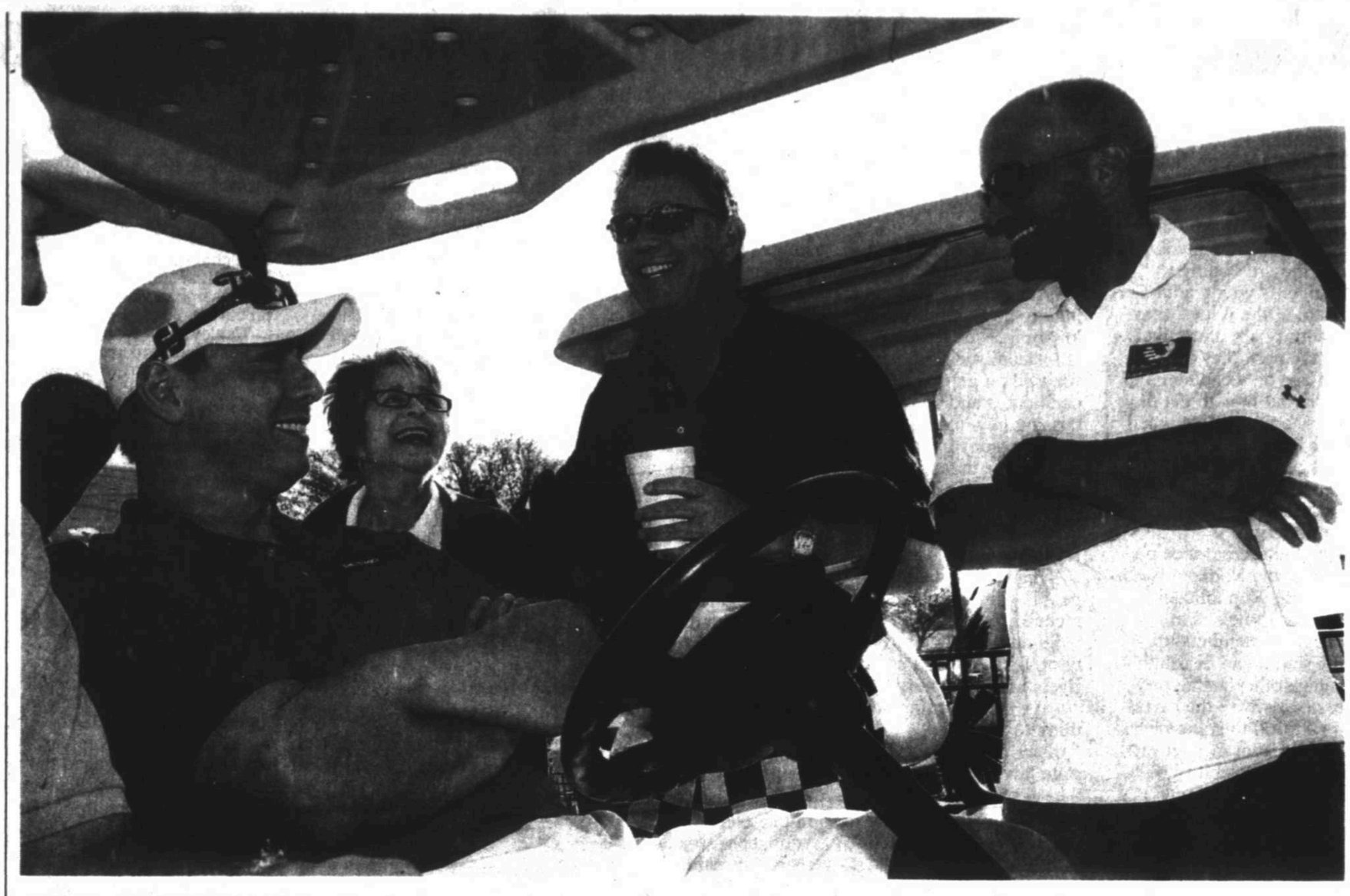
be in its place when she starts fending for herself again. I never knew where anything was and I still don't. The horrible truth is I haven't found a single item she has asked for since she fell off that bike.

Like I said, this has been a painful experience. The wife just has to get well — and soon — because I'm not sure we can survive without her at full speed.

Someone already has told me that we somehow will find our way, but I really doubt it. Life's too complicated without the wife. She has no right to go around riding bikes. Who does she think she is having fun like that? Fun is for young people. We're just supposed to be old, safe and available for an occasional cruise.

So, I'm laying down the law. No more bike riding for the wife. It's simply too painful — for me.

Thought for the Week: "One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warning."
— James Russell Lowell



BENEFIT FOR BYNUM

TOP: Christian Castro, left, Molly Wallace and Andy Branaugh, right, talk to actor Christopher McDonald, known for his role in the film "Happy Gilmore," during the Stars and Pars celebrity golf tournament at Midland Country Club on Saturday. The tournament is a benefit for Bynum School.

CENTER: Brice Claxton reacts to seeing his face painted like Spider-Man at the Helen Greathouse Children's Festival preview party at the Midland Center on Friday. Greenie the Clown painted his face.

BOTTOM: Former professional baseball player Reggie Smith, left, listens as actor Robert Hays, known for his role in the film "Airplane!" comments on his golf pants Saturday during the Stars and Pars celebrity golf tournament.

Photos by Cindeka Nealy
Reporter-Telegram

Police say they are looking for body

Associated Press

ENNIS — Dallas police say they are looking for the body of an 11-year-old boy in rural Ellis County.

Authorities said in a statement that the child's grandfather was concerned when he had not seen the child for some time and called police Friday.

The boy's 34-year-old father and 31-year-old mother have been arrested on a charge of injury to a child.

The search was suspended on Saturday afternoon and was scheduled to continue today.

Teen found shot to death

Associated Press

WYLIE — Two teens have been detained in the death of a 15-year-old whose body was found in an intersection.

Police identified the victim as Nahum Martinez of Wylie, a freshman at Wylie East High School. Authorities said he had been shot, and they found a gun in an open field.

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older than 45 took part in the 2008 election, according to the data.

Those numbers are part of what young Midlanders who've become involved said they're hoping to change. If young adults are aware of the issues, they hopefully are more likely to take part, they said.

It can be a challenge to figure out how to get their peers to participate when their lives already are crowded with social media, long hours at work and the development of young families.

As the second vice president at the Midland County Young Republicans, Heather Runels is in charge of membership. She said it can be tough to engage other young professionals with the party. In addition to being busy, she said a lot of young adults don't want to be labeled as part of one political group.

"That's a huge issue I've run into," said Runels, 28. "I know a lot of people who want to get active, but they don't want to be labeled Republican strictly."

She said the group works to make people aware of the topics that are important to their club. Many young Republicans are more focused on energy issues and fiscal responsibility than on social issues that other generations of Republicans have made a priority, she said.

"A lot of people like to associate Republicans with just the extreme right and having no flexibility on anything," she said.

Instead, she said they've focused on getting to know candidates and on discussing how regulations and decisions impact the oil and gas industry because most people in Midland are connected to that field in one way or another.

"That's fueled a lot of people who've joined recently," she said.

Students at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin also said party is not always the most important thing to them.

They want to hear from state lawmakers about how they'll fund education, particularly smaller schools like UTPB, more than they want to hear about what political party a person is attached to.

"It seems like UTPB is always on the chopping block," said Seth Tullar, a senior who also is a member of the Student Senate.

Tullar said when it comes to presidential politics, it seems like students were engaged at the beginning. With the Republican primary continuing to last, though, he said many have grown tired of it and no longer are paying attention.

Helping to educate young adults and keep them taking part in the process is part of why J. Ross Lacy said in the fall that he worked to start the Midland County Young Republicans club.

Lacy, who has political aspirations himself, said young adults are as fed up as other generations with the growing deficit in Washington. Young adults need to be engaged so they know where candidates stand and vote for those whose beliefs align with their own.

"It's very crucial, and I think will be very critical in this election that the younger voter come out there," he said.

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FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Javier A. Baumann, 37, of Midland, was arrested Thursday on a charge of assault against a family member.

Armando B. Dominguez, 50, of Midland, was arrested Thursday on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Victoria E. Floyd, 23, of Midland, was arrested Thursday on a charge of assault on a public servant.

Jonathan B. Mendoza, 24, of Big Spring, was arrested Thursday on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Manuel Urquidez, 24, of Midland, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Tammie L. Bowman, 48, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of being a fugitive from justice.

Kelly A. Brooks, 21, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a minor under the age of 15.

Michael C. Bynum, 31, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of violation of probation.

Wesley D. Grayson, 23, of Odessa, was arrested Friday on a charge of unlawfully carrying a firearm.

Fonda J. Mathison, 30, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of assault on a family member.

Pablo N. Mora, 52, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of violation of probation.

Erika R. Pena, 21, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Alex G. Ramirez, 31, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of distribution of a controlled substance.

Frenshjann L. Sutton, 25, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of violation of parole.

Alexander N. Tenorio, 23, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of aggravated assault against a family member with weapons.

Jesus G. Villarreal, 41, of Waco, was arrested Friday on a charge of theft.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

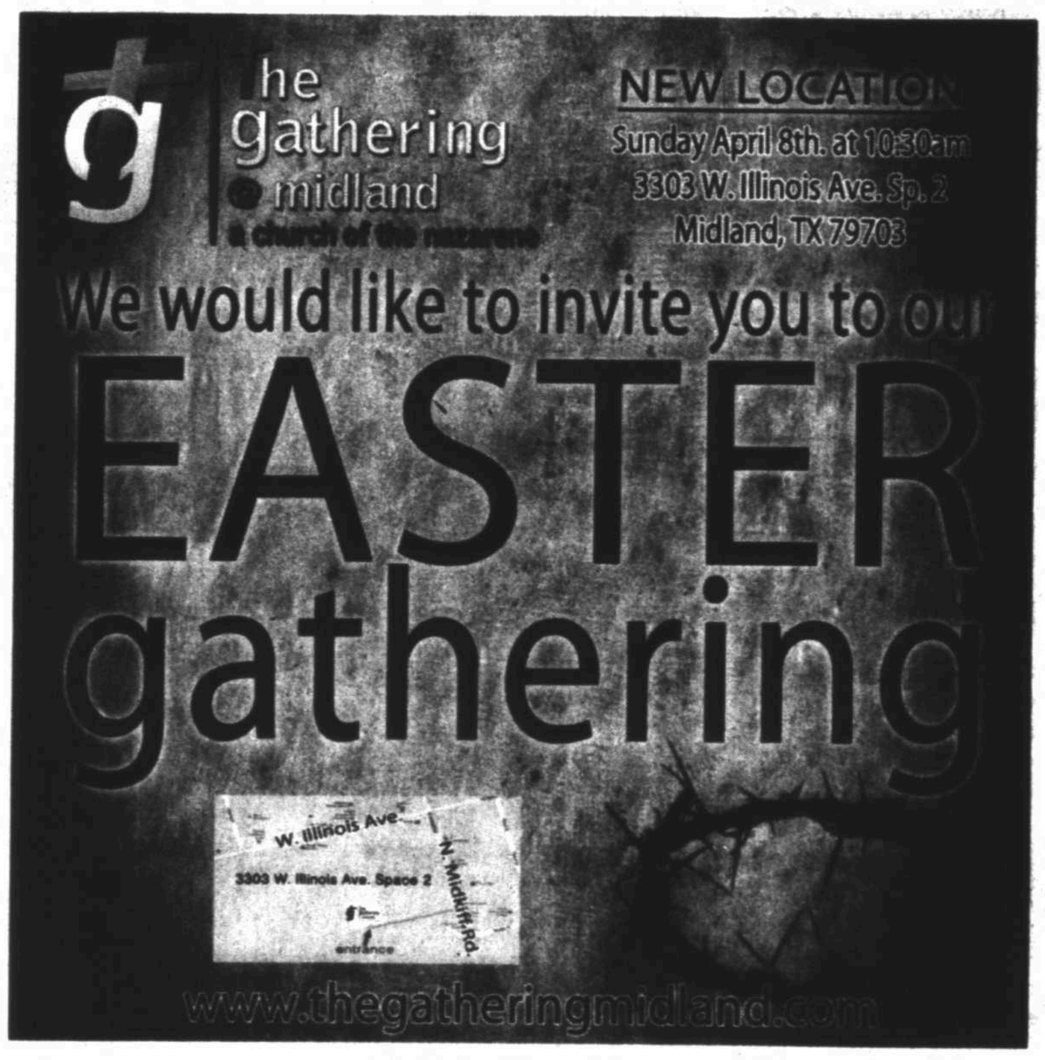
Man dies after struggle with police

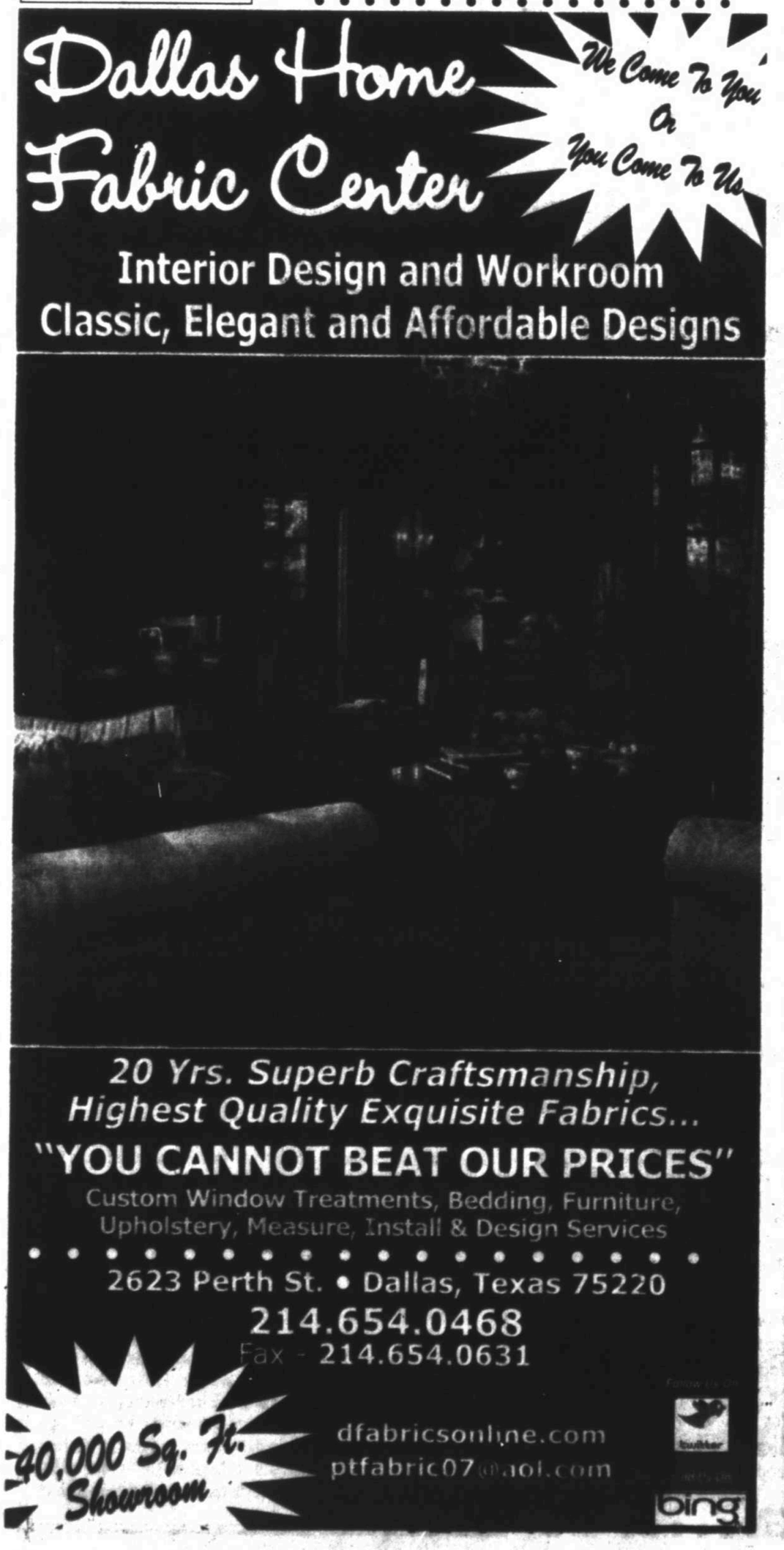
Associated Press

DALLAS — Police say a man died after struggling with officers.

Officers were working off-duty at an apartment complex early Saturday when they say they saw a 44-year-old man acting erratically in the courtyard. When they attempted to speak with him, he was unresponsive, and they called for additional officers.

A release said when the officers engaged the man, a struggle ensued. After being handcuffed, the man stopped breathing. He was transported to Baylor Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.





Winning $250,000 lotto ticket sold in Midland

From staff reports

While the jackpot Mega Million winning tickets were purchased in Kansas, Illinois and Maryland, one lucky $250,000 ticket was purchased in Midland, according to the Texas Lottery website.

The Stripes convenience store at 4317 Andrews Highway sold the ticket, which contained five of the five numbers drawn minus the mega ball, the website states.

The owner of the locally-purchased ticket is one of 13 such winners in Texas, according to the website.

Illinois' winner used a quick pick — an automatically-generated set of digits — to select the winning numbers at a convenience store in the small town of Red Bud, south of St. Louis, Illinois Lottery spokesman Mike Lang said, as reported by The Associated Press. The winning numbers also were purchased at a 7-Eleven in Milford Mill, Md., north of Baltimore, and somewhere in northeast Kansas.

The big winners will earn $213 million before taxes, according to Associated Press reports.

As need increases, organ donations flat in Texas

By Patrick Beach
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — The memory of the day her son died 14 years ago is so vivid that Pam Porter still remembers the smell of the hospital.

Scott Porter was a 9-year-old fourth-grader when he got sick one weekend in August 1998. He seemed to shake it off for a time. The following Monday, his mother went to wake him for school and found him semiconscious.

The Cub Scout who loved to go camping and hunting with his dad had suffered an aneurysm. Surgery couldn't stop the bleeding in his brain. His family was told the following morning that there was no brain activity. And no hope.

Doctors at University Medical Center Brackenridge in Austin approached the family about donating Scott's organs.

"There wasn't any hesitation," Pam Porter said. "He would have done anything for anybody."

Scott's lungs, liver, kidneys and pancreas were procured. The gift saved lives.

At UMC Brackenridge, which has a level one trauma center, 92 percent of the families who have the opportunity to donate their loved ones' organs do so, a rate that is believed to be among the highest in the country. Despite that, there were just 13 donors from UMC Brackenridge in 2011, the lowest since 1998.

Part of the shortage is because of the march of progress. As medical science gets better at saving lives, people who fall gravely ill, who might not have survived in years past, today get better and go home.

Also, conditions have to be just right. For a registered donor's organs to be procured, the patient must be in the hospital, diagnosed brain dead and on a ventilator, the latter to keep the organs oxygenated. (Those who donate tissue, such as skin, bone and corneas, don't have to die in a hospital.)

Then there's the condition of the organs themselves. Patients with diabetes or hypertension might not have kidneys healthy enough for donation — although such conditions don't automatically rule them out as donors. Cancer patients are out, unless they're in remission or have cancer only from the neck up.

"If only 1 percent of the patients die under circumstances that make them organ donors, we need to husband that 1 percent," said Mike Rosson, Austin regional director for the Texas Organ Sharing Alliance, one of three groups in the state that promote registration and assist in procurement. "Ultimately, we just need more people to sign up to donate."

In 2011, organ donations from deceased people in Texas totaled 637, less than the 670 counted five years earlier, reports the federal Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network. By comparison, more than 11,000 Texans are on a waiting list for transplants. Nationally, more than 113,400 people await transplants.

Just 9 percent of Texans are registered organ donors, Rosson said. And while the pool of donors is small, even fewer are actually able to donate after death.

Pam Porter said she was told her son's lungs went to a 16-year-old with cystic fibrosis and that his other organs went to patients "who lived as far away as Connecticut and as close as San Antonio."

"He did a lot of good while he was here, and his dying gave five people life," Porter said. "I want everyone to know that. And as a parent who has had a child die, I want to let people know there's something on the other end besides pure grief."

Organ donation also is not a subject covered in much depth in medical and nursing schools, said Dr. Carlos Brown, a nationally recognized trauma surgeon and trauma medical director at UMC Brackenridge. More conversations on end-of-life decisions need to happen among medical professionals and the public, he said.

"My job as a trauma surgeon is to save people," Brown said. "But that doesn't always happen. Society needs to be educated about what it means to be an organ donor. What is brain death? Explaining that is critical."

Indeed, consent rates in cases such as Scott Porter's are lower than in trauma cases where injury is often apparent. As his mother put it: "He looked fine — pink, warm."

Many children are not registered because it's not expected that they will fall suddenly ill, but for people interested in donating, it's critical to register — donatelifetexas.org — and have a conversation with one's family, Brown and Rosson both said.

That way, they said, if the situation arises, it's one less decision the family has to make at a stressful time. It might not be the most comfortable conversation, but it's one that could have lasting benefit for others in desperate need.

"If the last thing you do on the planet is help another person," Rosson said, "I can't imagine anything better than that."

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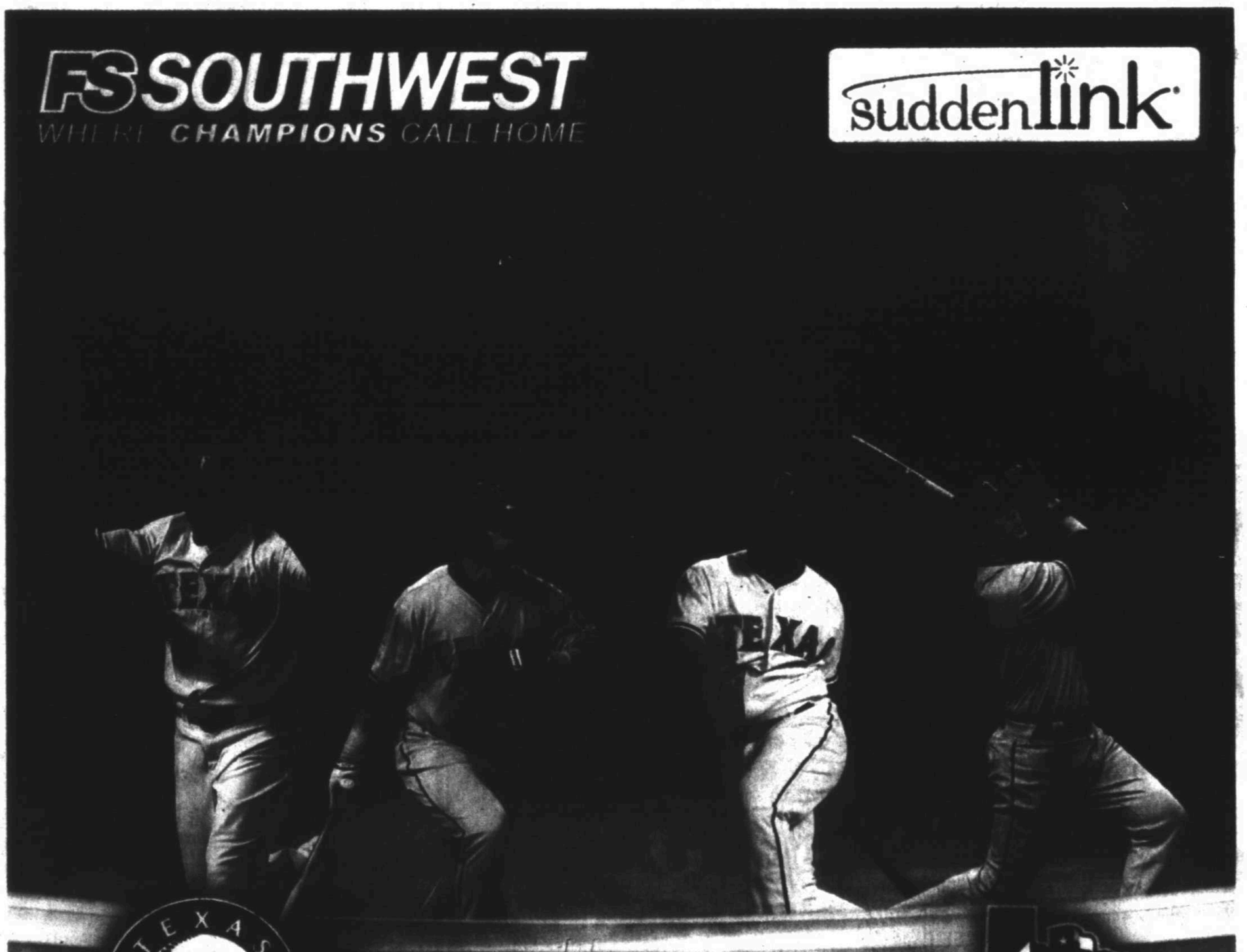

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Lucha libre uses immigration to attract US fans

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Defiantly waving an Arizona state flag, the self-described American patriot leaps into an octagon-shaped ring amid blaring music and loud boos from an overwhelmingly Latino audience, who hold aloft signs in Spanish supporting his masked Mexican opponents.

"My name is RJ Brewer, and I'm from Phoenix, Arizona," the wrestler proclaims in a video of a recent match provided by the promoter. Taunts from inside the arena get louder.

He proceeds to rail against Mexican beer and to demand that people speak English. Then he points to the message painted on the backside of his red trunks: "SB1070" — a reference to Arizona's controversial immigration law. The crowd, some wearing masks of their favorite Mexican wrestlers, shrieks ever louder. He then brags that his "mother," Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer, is helping "save" America by pushing policies that limit immigration (he's not really her son).

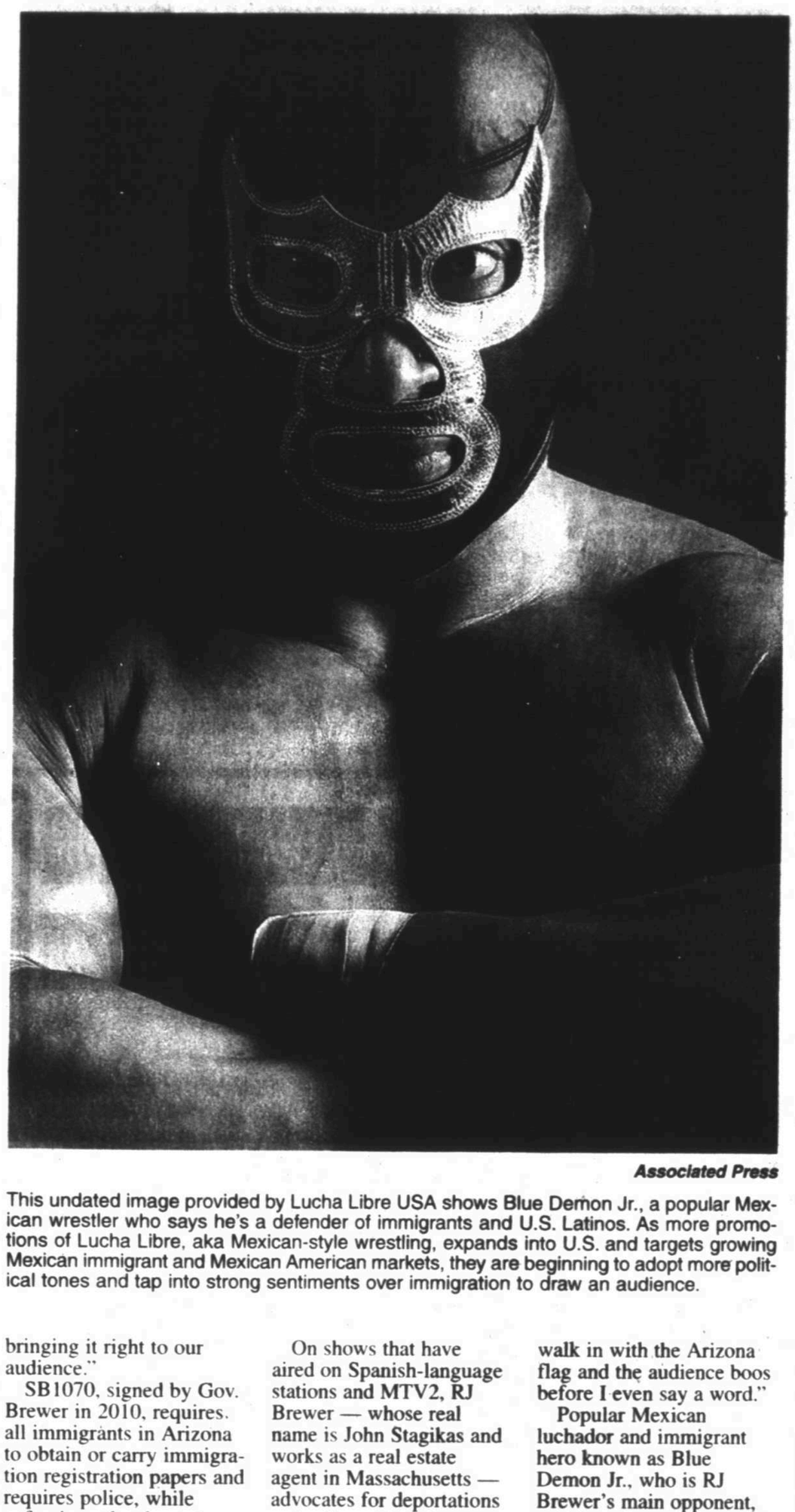
When his masked opponent in a red cape appears, the crowd erupts into cheers.

Lucha libre — or "free wrestling" in Spanish — is a brand of Mexican wrestling that dates to the 1930s. The sport came north to the United States, along with Mexican immigrants, and over the years spawned clubs in some larger U.S. cities with large Latino communities.

More recently, as the sport's promoters target growing Mexican immigrant and Mexican-American markets, they and their wrestlers' fictional personas have begun to adopt a more overtly political storyline revolving around immigration. It's a move akin to what U.S. wrestling promoters did in the 1980s and 1990s, when they took on race and the Cold War, but with one key twist: now, the American is the bad guy.

One lucha libre promotion is leading the charge away from the slapstick and simple storylines with a tour in U.S. cities with sizable Latino populations, including events in Reno, Nev., and San Jose, Calif., this week. It's using the recent events in Arizona as a backdrop while pitting popular masked Mexican wrestlers against American "bad guys."

"It's something that we've been building in our TV shows and we've gotten a lot of positive reaction to it," said Steve Ship, CEO of Lucha Libre USA, which this week is launching a "Masked Warriors" tour that will also stop in Phoenix, Los Angeles and Houston. "So we are bringing it right to our audience."



Associated Press

This undated image provided by Lucha Libre USA shows Blue Demon Jr., a popular Mexican wrestler who says he's a defender of immigrants and U.S. Latinos. As more promotions of Lucha Libre, aka Mexican-style wrestling, expands into U.S. and targets growing Mexican immigrant and Mexican American markets, they are beginning to adopt more political tones and tap into strong sentiments over immigration to draw an audience.

SB1070, signed by Gov. Brewer in 2010, requires all immigrants in Arizona to obtain or carry immigration registration papers and requires police, while enforcing other laws, to question people's immigration status if there is a reasonable suspicion they're in the country illegally. The law is being challenged by the federal government and has sparked protests and boycotts against Arizona by Latino advocates around the country.

On shows that have aired on Spanish-language stations and MTV2, RJ Brewer — whose real name is John Stagikas and works as a real estate agent in Massachusetts — advocates for deportations and calls on Americans to support laws that target illegal immigrants.

"This is different than any other program I've been involved with because usually I have to work really hard to get the audience to hate me," Stagikas said in an interview with The Associated Press. "With this, I just walk in with the Arizona flag and the audience boos before I even say a word."

Popular Mexican luchador and immigrant hero known as Blue Demon Jr., who is RJ Brewer's main opponent, said he enjoys the role as the hero and getting people to rally against a "big mouth" like RJ Brewer. He thinks the rivalry will draw more needed attention to the immigration debate.

"I represent the Latino people. We are human beings," said the wrestler, who wears a mask and whose name is not publicly known, from his Mexico City home. "I support the immigrant people no matter what country they come from."

Lucha Libre USA is pushing the immigrant storyline as its main draw on websites, social media, on Spanish-language television and through YouTube videos. Just how many new fans the tactic will draw isn't yet known. So far, ticket sales range from 3,000 to 6,000 at venues on the upcoming tour, according to Ship.

"It sounds like clever piece of theater," said Tatcho Mindiola, director of the Center for Mexican American Studies at the University of the Houston. "It may have the effect of solidifying that sense of community (among Latinos) since most can identify with what's going on Arizona. But I don't think it will result with rallies in the streets."

Mindiola said focusing on the immigration debate is smart because the issues dominate coverage on Spanish-language media and resonate with many U.S.-born Latinos.

To be sure, politics and professional wrestling often have mixed. Dave Meltzer, editor of The Wrestling Observer, a newsletter that follows professional wrestling, said during U.S. foreign affairs flaps, the "foreign menace," whether it was the Iron Sheik during the Iran hostage crisis or Russian bad guy Nikolai Volkoff during the Cold War, always played roles in giving hero stars a heel everyone could hate.

And in the 1980s, the popular Junkyard Dog, played by the late Sylvester Ritter, who was black, helped break down racial conflicts by acting as the ultimate good guy in southern states where racial tensions were still present.

Even in smaller lucha libre promotions in Tijuana, Mexico, and south Texas border towns, promoters used American border patrol heels to fight masked good guys to build rivalries, Meltzer said. But usually those storylines remained simple because the smaller promotions didn't have big television contracts to develop conflicts and characters. Typically, rivalries were based on well-known characters shifting allegiances, wrestlers making fun of each other's body types, or they were simply based on personality differences.

With Lucha Libre USA, the character of RJ Brewer has been built around promotional videos in which he openly shows disdain for anything "foreign." In one video, Stagikas is shown "patrolling" the Arizona-Mexico border after his mom tipped him off that some Mexican luchadores were about to cross over illegally.

Blue Demon Jr., is shown as the protector of immigrants and a wrestler who is fighting for a larger cause.

Still, Meltzer said Lucha Libre USA was taking a big swing by booking large venues in major markets, especially because pro wrestling overall is suffering due to the economy.

"I don't know how they are going to do it," said Meltzer. "Lucha libre is even having a hard time in Mexico."

Ship said it's a risk he's willing to take. He said he has no problem rolling the dice at putting together the multicity tour packed with lights, fireworks and high tech effects because that market hasn't been tapped.

"The Hispanic market is a growing market that few are going after," said Ship, referring to the growing U.S. Latino population. "In many cases, we are seeing multigenerational families coming out to cheer for their luchadores. So, I think we'll be expanding in the future."

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Perry campaign security costs go up, approach $3 million

By Jay Root
Texas Tribune

Gov. Rick Perry's presidential odyssey ended in January, but the bills for the security force that protected him on the campaign trail keep pouring in, boosting the pricetag to almost $3 million so far.

The Department of Public Safety released new figures Friday for the travel expenditures incurred by his security detail. The department added more than $900,000 to the amounts it had previously released, accounting for travel vouchers that were submitted since the last report about three months ago.

The travel costs — for hotels, airfare, fuel and other expenses incurred by the agents assigned to Perry and his family — amount to about $1.7 million so far.

Previously released figures show the department spent about $1.1 million in overtime pay for the governor's protection during the period he was seeking the GOP presidential nomination, from mid-August through late January. That brings the total cost as of late February to about $2.8 million.

The amount is likely to grow as more bills come in and get processed.

Critics have called on Perry to reimburse the money from donated campaign funds. Perry and his aides have said repeatedly that DPS is charged with protecting him and his family and have dismissed calls to reimburse the state for the expenses.

"It's unfortunate we live in a world where security is such a top concern," said Perry spokeswoman Catherine Frazier. "But that is the case and providing a security detail has been a tradition going back several administrations."

GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed Feb. 27-March 2 by District Judges George D. Gilles and James L. Rex:

Kelly Ann Brooks, 21, driving while intoxicated with child passenger, two years state jail suspended for four years on probation, $750 fine, driver's license suspended for 365 days and 30 days Midland County jail.

Brayden Taylor Cearley, 19, absconding, 180 days state jail.

Freddie Flores a.k.a. Freddy Tucker Flores, 49, stalking, four years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Jesus Benigno Galarza, 60, injury to a child, two years on probation, $1,000 fine and attend anger management classes.

Eduardo Juarez Galindo, 22, burglary of a building, three years on probation and $1,000 fine.

Scott Hosendove, 49, debit card abuse, two years state jail suspended for five years on probation, $1,000 fine, 30 days on intensive supervision and pay $109.26 in restitution.

Paula Jan Howell, 34, felony driving while intoxicated, three years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and driver's license suspended for 365 days.

Dillon Case Landers, 20, absconding, 180 days state jail.

Loretta Mclaughlin, 43, criminal mischief, two years state jail suspended for three years on probation and $1,000 fine.

Carlos Aguirre Ochoa Jr., 32, felony driving while intoxicated, five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and driver's license suspended for 365 days.

Dustin Aaron Perez, 29, aggravated robbery, eight years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Jesus Manuel Rodriguez, 27, possession of cocaine, two years on probation, $500 fine, attend a treatment program and pay $140 in restitution.

Josefa Carrera Rodriguez, 42, forgery, two years state jail suspended for five years on probation, $1,500 fine, 45 days Midland County jail with credit and pay restitution.

Michael Jose Saenz, 34, burglary of a habitation, three years on probation and $1,000 fine.

Luis Flores Saucedo, 50, indecency with a child, three years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Elijah Jerome Sullivan, 20, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, six months state jail.

Arlethia Warren, 17, credit card abuse, two years on probation and $500 fine.

Damien Michael Washington, 32, evading arrest and detention in a motor vehicle, two years on probation and $1,500 fine.

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed March 19-23 by District Judge George D. Gilles:

Michael Dwayne Adams, 29, aggravated sexual assault and indecency with a child, 15 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Ashley Nicole Branson, 22, theft, two years on probation, $500 fine and pay $2,800.

Paul Abigal Moreno, 39, possession of cocaine, three years on probation, $500 fine and attend a treatment program.

Source: Midland County District Attorney's Office

Carnival cruise ship briefly seized in Texas

Associated Press

DALLAS — U.S. marshals briefly seized a cruise ship in coastal Texas on Saturday under a judge's order in a $10 million lawsuit filed on behalf of a woman who died in the Italian cruise ship disaster.

The Carnival Triumph was seized for several hours at its port in Galveston, where it was scheduled to leave with 2,700 passengers. Both sides said they reached a confidential deal late Saturday afternoon that released the ship for its five-day cruise to Mexico.

A Texas judge had ordered the seizure to secure the plaintiff's claims against Carnival Corp., the Miami-based parent company of the Italian cruise line whose ship hit a reef and sank off an Italian island in January. The lawsuit was filed Thursday on behalf of a German woman who died in the wreck, which killed 32 people.

Plaintiff attorney John Eaves Jr. said he didn't file the lawsuit to inconvenience passengers of the Carnival Triumph, but rather to emphasize to Carnival the need for improved safety. He said terms of Saturday's agreement were confidential.

Carnival released a statement noting that the lawsuit was related to a European-based sister cruise line. The company said "the matter involving the Carnival Triumph" was resolved and the ship departed early Saturday evening.

Deputy U.S. Marshal Alfredo Perez confirmed that marshals seized the vessel and held it through Saturday afternoon. Passengers were allowed on and off the ship, which wasn't allowed to leave its port while the deal was negotiated.

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of the estate of Siglinde Stumpf, claims that Carnival shared responsibility for Stumpf's death for not preparing and maintaining proper safety programs for all vessels under its control, including the ill-fated Costa Concordia.

The Italian captain of the Costa Concordia when it sank, Francesco Schettino, is under investigation for alleged manslaughter, causing a shipwreck and abandoning ship during the evacuation. Schettino has denied wrongdoing and claimed that the reef wasn't marked on charts.

Eaves argued that the company's training for captains and crew members is inadequate. He said a major aim of the lawsuit was to persuade Carnival to improve safety standards and to join in a campaign to update maritime law, which he said has some good elements but "we want to bring it into the modern age."

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Monday, April 2
7:00pm Youth Led Service

Tuesday, April 3
7:00pm Silent Vigil

Wednesday, April 4
7:00pm Tenebrae

Thursday, April 5
7:00pm Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 6
7:00pm Good Friday

Saturday, April 7

Sunday, April 1 - Palm Sunday
8:00am Traditional (Rite I)
9:15am Family (Rite II)
10:45am Sunday School for all Ages
11:00am Contemporary Family

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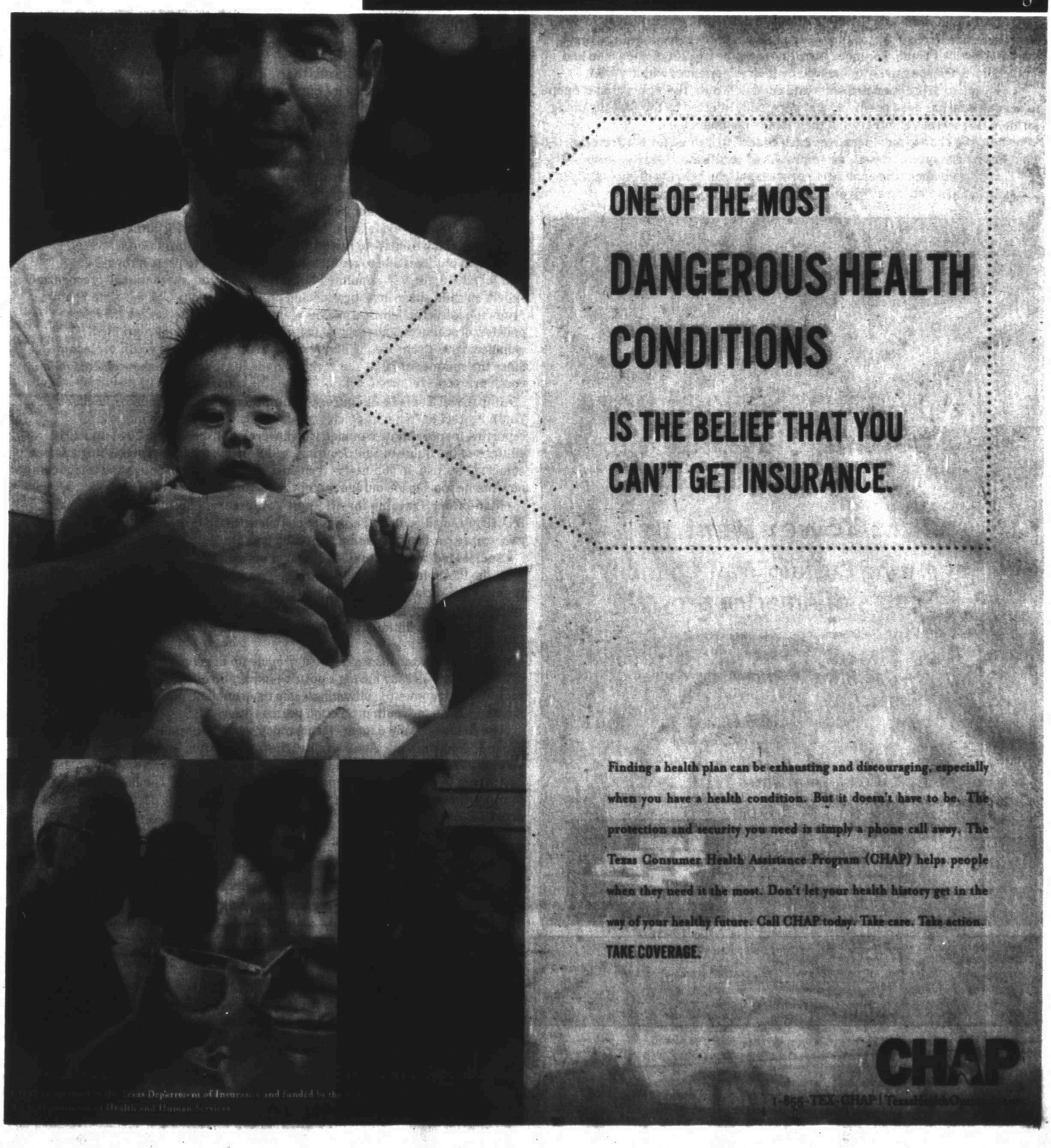

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Campserships fulfill Scouts' needs for adventure

The Buffalo Trail Council's commitment to all Scouts is: Every Scout deserves a week at summer camp, and no Scout will miss camp because of a lack of funds. A campership is financial assistance awarded to a Cub Scout or Boy Scout to allow him to attend a Boy Scout or Cub Scout summer camp program within the Buffalo Trail Council, either residential or day camp.

Scouts eagerly wait behind the corral during Horsemanship merit badge class this past summer. Other horse programs offered at the Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch include the Cavalcade Horseback Trek and Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science merit badges.

In 2011, the Buffalo Trail Council spent approximately $13,000 to help send Scouts to camp, including Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch, Philmont and numerous day camps throughout the council. One of the most fulfilling donations you can make is for a Scout to have the opportunity to enjoy camp. Some Scouts need financial help to participate in summer camp at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch. Others require financial assistance to attend the Boy Scouts of America high adventure camps or the once-in-a-lifetime jamboree.

If you are interested in providing a local Scout with an unforgettable camp experience, please consider donating a campership. Or if you know of a Scout that may not attend a summer camp experience this summer because of the lack of funds, please contact the Scout office at 570-7601 for a campership form.

Public invited to annual fish-a-thon event

The Buffalo Trail Council will host the 17th Annual Snyder Fish-a-thon on Saturday, April 14 at Towle Park Pond in Snyder. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Buffalo Trail Council Scouting programs in Scurry County.

Registration will begin at 7 a.m. with fishing to start at 8 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. More than $1,000 in prizes will be offered through grand prize and hourly prize drawings.

Last year, more than 300 people attended the fish-a-thon. This is a great opportunity for local Scouting units to work on advancement. Towle Park will be available for overnight camping to Scouting units the night before the event.

For more information about the fish-a-thon or about the camping opportunity, contact Brian Sweeney at 432-212-3577.

BSA Reaches Out With New Alumni Association

The BSA has launched the Scouting Alumni Association, giving former Scouts an opportunity to reconnect with the organization that has helped shape the lives of America's youth. For more than 100 years, nearly 200 million men and women have been positively influenced by their experiences with the BSA.

In addition to being open to former and current Scouts, the association is open to anyone who has been positively and personally affected by the BSA, including former and current volunteers and their family members.

The first 100 charter members from each council to sign up for the Scouting Alumni Association will receive an embroidered certificate.

To learn more about the application process and the benefits of joining, visit the association's website at www.scouting.org/Alumni/Association

Scout honored for taking on an extra load

Phoenix Eagle Scout, Spencer Zimmerman assisted his disabled friend, Dayton Hayward, in completing a triathlon.

WASHINGTON (March 21, 2012)—Spencer Zimmerman, a 15-year-old Eagle Scout from the Phoenix area and member of the Grand Canyon Council, will receive this week one of the nation's highest civilian honors recognizing youth, the American Spirit Award. The award recognizes an individual or group who demonstrate extraordinary leadership and skill, the courage of their convictions, and a commitment to high standards of excellence in a challenging situation. It is presented by the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation and Society.

Zimmerman will be recognized for his commitment to serving others—one of the defining principles of Scouting—in ceremonies taking place on Friday, March 23. Specifically, Zimmerman is being honored for inviting Dayton Hayward, a friend with cerebral palsy, to join him in completing a triathlon. To help his friend achieve the impossible, Zimmerman pulled, pushed, and carried his friend through a 500-meter swim, 3.2-mile run, and 12-mile bike ride. Both boys faced intense physical tests in completing the race.

"I'm honored to receive the American Spirit Award, but the credit goes to Dayton," Zimmerman said. "Despite the challenges he faces, he has great spirit. Throughout the training and race, I was just his legs. I believe there's no reason why Dayton shouldn't have the opportunity to do what everyone else does."

"It is our privilege to present Spencer Zimmerman with the American Spirit Award," said Gen. Silas Johnson, USAF (Ret), president of the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation. "Our mission is to recognize the values of courage, sacrifice, service, and patriotism exemplified by a handful of extraordinary individuals. Spencer is a shining example of the incredible young people involved with the Boy Scouts of America, and his genuine act of selflessness is the epitome of the American Spirit Award."

"Through Scouting, we work to prepare young people to live, work, and play with integrity. When we see a Scout like Spencer Zimmerman, who demonstrates not only exemplary service, but strength of character, we are immensely proud," said Boy Scouts of America Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca. "We congratulate him on this much-deserved award."

Zimmerman and his parents, Shelly and David Zimmerman, will participate in the National Medal of Honor Day activities on March 23 at Arlington National Cemetery, where he will receive the American Spirit Award.

Youth protection takes high priority in April

In observance of April as Youth Protection Month, the Boy Scouts of America is working to raise awareness about the dangers and challenges facing youth, and to reiterate the BSA's own policies and procedures to protect youth.

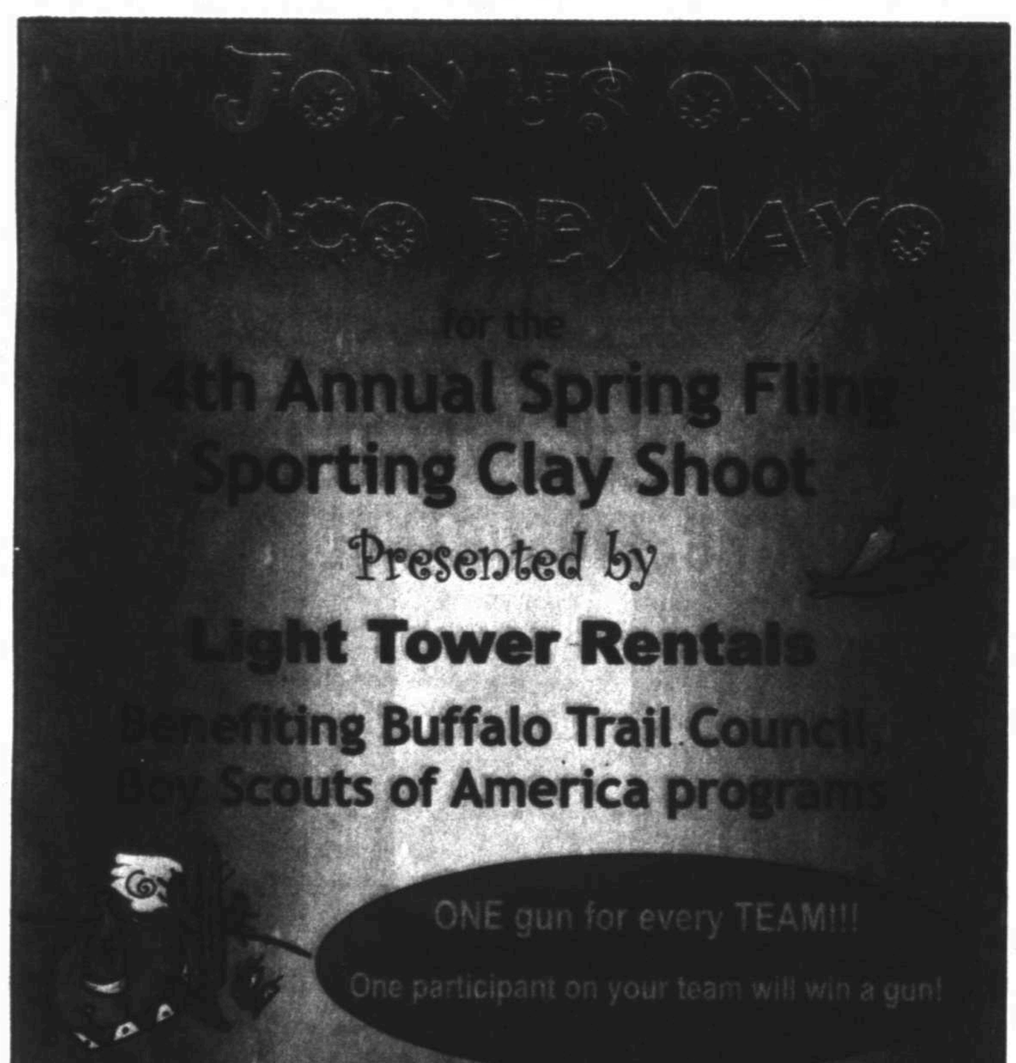
"Youth protection is—and has always been—of paramount importance to the BSA, and we continue to enhance our policies and procedures in line with the growing awareness of the dangers and challenges facing youth," said the BSA's Chief Scout Executive, Bob Mazzuca. "Scouting's leadership works throughout the year to ensure we remain at the forefront of these important issues. Youth Protection Month provides an ideal opportunity for all of Scouting—including our volunteers and parents—to review important safety information with the children in our lives and to reaffirm our commitment to protect them."

In July 2010, the BSA appointed Michael Johnson, an internationally recognized expert on child abuse investigation and prevention, as its first full-time Youth Protection director. Johnson and his team will continue to review the BSA's policies, procedures, and training materials and recommend continued enhancements to ensure the BSA remains at the forefront of youth protection. Since the summer of 2010, the BSA has made the following enhancements to its youth protection efforts:

- **Improved Tools to Encourage Prompt Reporting of Abuse:** The BSA's Youth Protection Team has increased and clarified national standards for reporting inappropriate conduct, which were published in the 2011 and 2012 editions of the Guide to Safe Scouting. Additionally, the BSA is publishing a series of fact sheets to help volunteers recognize various types of abuse and is launching new online tools to encourage prompt reporting.
- **Mandatory Training for All Adult Volunteers:** Effective June 1, 2010, the BSA required all adult volunteers to complete Youth Protection training every two years in order to maintain their membership.
- **Social Media Guidelines:** In conjunction with Youth Protection Month last year, the BSA released guidelines for Scouts and Scouting's adult leaders on how to safely use social media. These guidelines are available at: http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Marketing/Resources/SocialMedia.aspx and are part of the BSA's continuing effort to enhance and expand its youth protection programs.

"Mike Johnson and his support team, made up of people from multiple disciplines, are already having a positive impact on our organization," Mazzuca said. "When it comes to cultivating a safe environment, our message to all adult members is clear, 'Youth protection begins with you.'™"

"The challenges and dangers facing today's youth continue to change and expand," Johnson said. "At all levels of the organization, Scouting takes very seriously its responsibility to adapt to these evolving needs. We are steadfastly committed to the continued advancement of these efforts. The BSA simply refuses to compromise on the safety of youth, and I am proud to be part of this organization."



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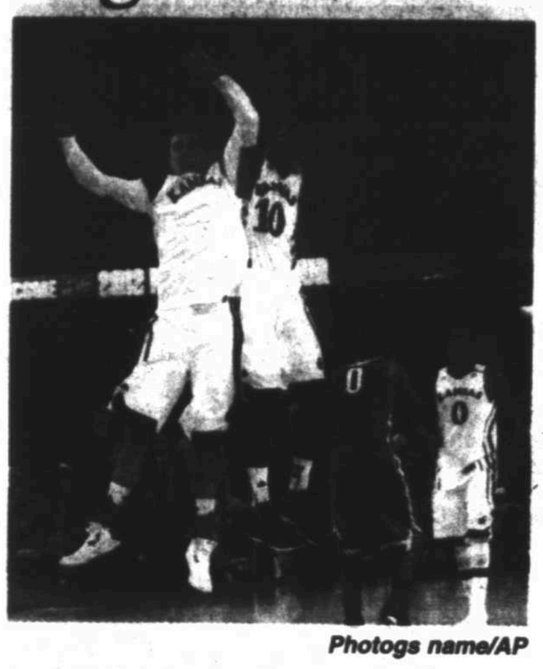
Sports

Big comeback leads KU to national championship game



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Kansas guard Tyshawn Taylor (10) celebrates with Christian Garrett after the Jayhawks beat Ohio State, 64-62, on Saturday in the Final Four in New Orleans.

Eddie Pells
AP National Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Same story, new night for Kansas. The team that's been teetering on the edge of the tournament since before it even began is now one of the last two left.

Tyshawn Taylor made two big free throws late, and Thomas Robinson finished with 19 points and eight rebounds Saturday night to lift the Jayhawks to a come-from-behind 64-62 win over Ohio State in the Final Four — a game Kansas led for a grand total of 3 minutes, 48 seconds.

Jayhawks	64
Buckeyes	62

After scoring the first bucket, Kansas didn't lead again until Travis Releford made two free throws with 2:48 left. That lasted for 11 seconds, but the Jayhawks (32-6), who trailed by as many as 13, overcame another deficit and finally held on against the Buckeyes (31-8).

Inside

Kentucky tops Louisville. See that story plus NCAA Tournament schedule on Page 6C.

Taylor's two free throws with 8.3 seconds left gave Kansas a 64-61 lead, matching its biggest of the game. The Jayhawks intentionally fouled Aaron Craft with 2.9 seconds left. Craft made the first, then quickly clanked the second one off the front of the rim but was called for a lane violation.

Kansas dribbled out the clock and celebrated a win that played out sort of the way the whole season has in Lawrence.

"It was two different games," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "They dominated us the first half. We were playing in quicksand it looked like. And the light came on. We were able to play through our bigs; we were able to get out and run, but the biggest thing is we got stops."

Early in the year, Self wondered if this team was even tournament material. The Jayhawks trailed most of the night against Purdue in the second round and were no better than North Carolina until pulling away late in the regional final.

One win. Then another. This latest one came on the biggest stage — in the Superdome. Next, a meeting Monday with Kentucky and a chance to bring the second title in five years back to Allen Fieldhouse.

The game will be a coaching rematch between Self and John Calipari, who was coaching Memphis in 2008 when the Tigers missed four free throws down the stretch and blew a nine-point lead in an overtime loss to Mario Chalmers and the Jayhawks.

"It would be a great honor" to win, said Kansas senior Conner Teahan, who could become the first Jayhawk to win two rings. "First we have to make it happen. Honestly, it's not something I've focused on."

This was a heartbreaker for the Buck-

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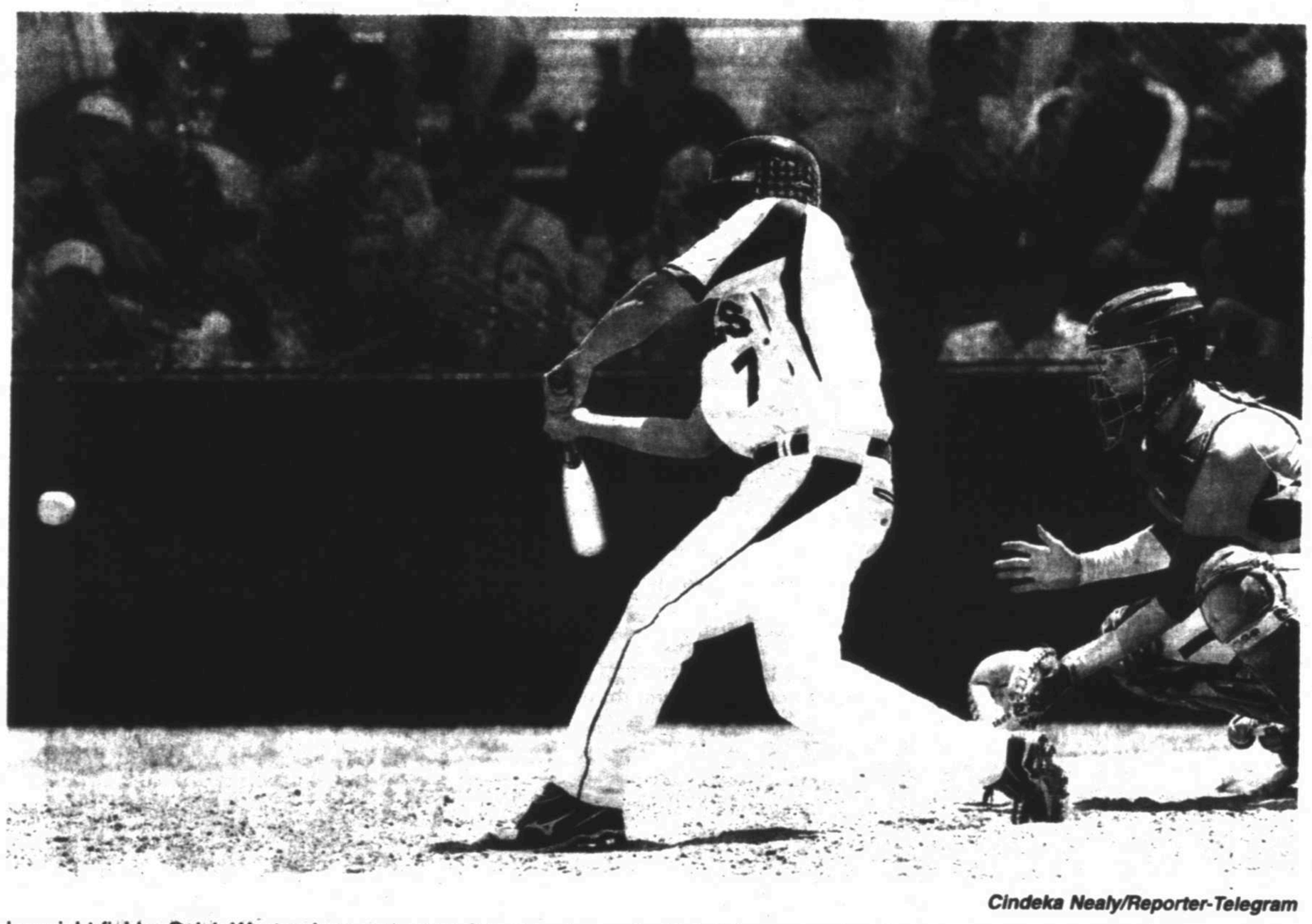
Lee's Way



Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Lee right fielder Caleb West swings at the ball Saturday during the Rebels' game against San Angelo Central at Ernie Jonson Field. The Rebels beat the Bobcats 6-2.

No rally this time as Rebels pick apart Bobcats

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

Lee felt like it did a good job offensively Friday against Abilene Cooper, outhitting the Cougars only to come up on the wrong end of a come-from-behind victory by Cooper.

Saturday, the Rebels found success at the plate again, only this time there was no rally, as Lee put away San Angelo Central, 6-2, on Saturday at Ernie Johnson Field.

"We did that (Friday), and it's just kind of a trademark," Lee coach Hector Limon said. "Offensively, we've been doing a lot of things right. It just went the Rebel baseball way (today)."

Like Friday, Lee (16-6, 3-2 in District 3-5A) got on the board first, this time on an RBI triple by Christian Dixon.

But Central (10-13, 1-4) responded two innnings later, when Jordan Minjarez knocked in a run on an RBI triple then crossed the plate himself on a groundout by Clay Wegner.

Yet, trailing 2-1, Lee didn't blink, scoring two runs itself in the bottom of the inning, as Dixon continued his hot day at the plate by ripping an RBI double to right. Colton Lathram then scored him on the next at-bat with an RBI single that made it 3-2.

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Lee first baseman Mick Limon prepares to catch the ball as San Angelo Central's Mickey Scott slides into the bag Saturday during their game at Ernie Jonson Field.

The Rebels picked up right where they left off in the next inning, when Brosig slapped a leadoff double to left and advanced to third on the throw to second.

Rebels	6
Bobcats	2

Freshman Ray Calhoun then stepped to the plate and laid down a nice bunt, beating the throw to first and allowing Cross Moody — pinch-running for Brosig — to score from third. To complete the sequence, Calhoun hustled to second on the throw home and beat the throw from Logan Sawyer to reach second with the Rebels up 4-2.

An RBI single by Caleb West later in the inning put Lee up 5-2, which was plenty of run support for Brosig, who pitched six shutout innings while allowing just two runs, one earned, on six hits and struck out eight.

Brosig even went 2-for-3 at the plate with an RBI single in the fifth to pushe the Rebels' lead to 6-2.

"He competed — he's a competitor," Limon said. "That's all that we ask out of our guys is go out and do your job, go hard, do what you're supposed to do and

Please see REBELS/4C

Lady Mustangs get sweep to clinch playoff berth

By Jonathan Hull
Sports Writer

The day ended with less comfort than desired, but after sweeping a doubleheader from Arlington Pantego, the Midland Christian softball team had laid claim to two things — first place in TAPPS 1-4A and a playoff berth.

The Lady Mustangs made quick work of Pantego in the first game at Freddie Ezell Softball Complex on Saturday, winning 16-1 via the 15-run mercy rule after three innings.

The second game didn't come so easily for the Lady Mustangs, who saw an early five-run lead turn into a one-run deficit before a sixth-inning rally propelled MCS to the sweep with an 11-9 win.

Lady Mustangs	16-11
Lady Panthers	1-9

Vines

B. Roach

With the two victories, Midland Christian (12-13-1, 4-0 in TAPPS 1-4A) can't finish worse than third in TAPPS 1-4A, giving the Lady Mustangs a playoff spot with four games left in the district season.

Furthermore, as long as they split their final two doubleheaders with Fort Worth Christian and Grapevine Faith, the Lady Mustangs earn at least a share of the district title.

"That's big," MCS coach Judy Hardy said. "We're halfway through district and we're sitting at the top of the district. It's nice for the girls to have a little bit of leeway to know that if they slip up and lose a game it's not going to hurt our playoff chances."

Pantego got on the board first in Game 1, taking advantage of two errors to go with two hit batters and a walk by Kadee Vines to push across one run. But, Vines calmed down after hitting Pantego catcher Paige Locke with a pitch to push across the Lady Panthers' lone run of the game.

Vines didn't allow another walk and allowed just one more batter to reach base due to an error. She ended up with a no-hitter, despite allowing the one run.

Meanwhile, the Lady Mustangs bats came alive. They sent 12 batters to the plate in the opening inning, scoring

Please see LADY MUSTANGS/4C

Herrington helps Lady Chaparrals avoid sweep against Howard

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

BIG SPRING — Holly Herrington stepped into the pitcher's circle on a hot Saturday afternoon at Foundation Field knowing that her Midland College softball team was desperate for a win.

The No. 8-ranked Lady Chaparrals were coming off a 10-3 loss in the first game on Saturday against rival Howard College and the Hawks were looking for the four-game Western Junior College Athletic Conference sweep in the series finale.

But not only did Herrington keep the Howard bats from doing any serious damage in Saturday's second game, the Lady Chaps' offense came to life with 17 hits to defeat the Hawks 12-4 and salvage at least one game from this crucial series.

Lady Chaps	3-12
Hawks	10-4

"It would have been real easy for us to quit and give up, but overall I'm pleased with the effort today," MC coach Tommy Ramos said.

Herrington, a freshman from Odessa Permian, scattered eight hits, but after Howard had double-digit hit totals in the first three games of the series, her performance was crucial for the Lady Chaps.

"I came out and I was ready to win," said Herrington, who improved to 15-4. "We hadn't done well the last two games and I really wanted to come out and shut them down. It was our turn to show who we truly are."

Herrington

Lovell

Midland College (32-10, 5-3 in WJCAC) rarely looked like the team that fans saw last weekend when the Lady Chaps rolled through their first four conference games.

But Howard College (29-12, 8-2), which had an 11-game winning streak snapped on Saturday, had a lot to do with how MC looked this weekend as the Hawks not only got to MC's ace Yolanda Rios with some big hits, but they took advantage of MC miscues and had some solid pitching performances from ace Sandra Serna, who picked up two wins this weekend, including a victory in Saturday's first game.

Serna (16-4) limited the Lady Chaps to just five hits, struck out two and walked one.

"I thought in the first game we played well," Ramos said. "I thought we put the ball in play a lot better than we did (on Friday). We had good contact but it was hit right at them and they didn't make any mistakes. But I told the team that if they keep focusing and putting the ball in play, good things would happen, and it carried over to the second game obviously."

Meanwhile, Rios struggled in her second consecutive start as Howard jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning with two coming off a home run by Kara Isbel. Then Howard took a 7-0 lead with three more runs in the second inning.

"Again, I think she struggled mentally, physically," said Ramos about Rios. "She did better today but she's still missing some spots. I think she still had a little taste from yesterday's games and she struggled. I thought she threw well enough in the first game to give us a chance, but we just didn't put up enough runs for her."

The Hawks had 13 hits in the game, led by leadoff batter Faith Koria who was 3 for 4. Jazzmin Arrant, Megan Granado and Claudette Smith each had two hits and Granado had four RBI.

Midland College got off a better start in the second game by taking a 3-1 lead into the fifth. The only run for the Hawks came on a solo homer by Claudette Smith but Herrington was doing a good job of

Please see LADY CHAPS/4C

Bulldogs, fans show support for Hospice Midland

By Jordan Mason
Sports Writer

The sight of Barry Russell coaching his Midland High Bulldogs in a royal blue t-shirt Saturday might have caught the average spectator off guard.

If that didn't, the sight of his team in traditional uniforms, complete with stirrups, and playing with wood bats instead of the normal composites certainly had to.

But for Carol Wilson, whose sons Josh and J.W. played at Midland High in 2004 and 2005, Saturday was just like old times.

Russell

"It was wonderful," Wilson said. "It was just like we never left."

For Carol, and many in attendance Saturday, the sights and sounds of the Bulldogs' game against Andrews, a charity game benefitting Hospice Midland, were a comforting reminder of how close the Midland High community is, as swarms of former players and parents returned to Zachery Field for the event.

And Russell wasn't the only one donning one of the royal blue commemorative t-shirts during the game, as pitching coach Hilberto Ochoa sported one also, and patches of royal blue dotted the normally purple and gold crowd.

It was a strong gesture by the Midland High community to Hospice Midland, which has helped members like Russell and the Wilsons deal with the passing of loved ones, including Russell's father, who passed in 1997, and Carol's husband, Gary, a Midland High booster from 2004 to his passing in January.

"They just pretty much carried us," Wilson said. "We've had most of these people as our friends for many, many years, and I don't think we could've gotten through it as easily."

Russell echoed that sentiment, one that Hospice Midland tries to bring to everyone it serves.

"Most people think that going to hospice means giving up, and we see it that when someone's been diagnosed with a terminal illness there is a window there for us to help them," said Hospice Midland interim executive director Vicki Jay. "Sometimes they actually improve and they graduate Hospice.

"So, it's not about giving up, it's about getting life."

Russell was so happy with everything that Hospice did for his family before and after the death of his father that he was determined to give back.

"They came to (my dad's) funeral," Russell said, "and I always said if I had money I would give it to hospice.

"I don't have money, but I do have a baseball team."

Russell pitched the idea of a charity game to the booster club in January and was pleasantly surprised to find that he wasn't the only one Hospice had affected. There were the Wilsons and booster club members that had worked for Hospice Midland and even served on the board.

The idea took off from there, culminating in what Russell called a "carnival-like atmosphere" for Saturday's game.

In addition to the tributes during the game, the game bats were entered into a raffle with proceeds going to Hospice. Donations were collected in a helmet during the game, and hamburgers were grilled at the concession stand, with all proceeds going to Hospice as well.

Then there was the postgame home run derby, that saw everyone from current parents to former players like Bulldog all-time home run leader Daniel Stovall and even Russell pay for 10 chances to put one out of Zachery Field, with all proceeds going to Hospice, of course.

In the end, more than 1,000 dollars was raised to support Hospice, as Jay was riveted by the show of support from the Bulldog community.

"We are part of the community, and we need the support of the community to do what we do — and that is to take care of terminally ill patients and their families, including kids and grandkids," Jay said, "and we can't do that without the help of the community."

Jay will be happy to know that Russell only plans to improve on the initiative in the coming years with experience to draw on and a longer time to plan and publicize the event.

"Next year, it's going to be bigger and better," Russell said. "I have no doubt."

For Wilson, an improvement on Saturday may be as hard to fathom as Russell coaching in royal blue or launching a shot to left field as he did to his own surprise in the home run derby.

"I just can't even explain it," Wilson said of being involved in the event. "They said it's just going to grow from this year on. They're just going to keep promoting it and doing it every year.

"So, it's real exciting to be a part of it."

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AUTO RACING
NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Goody's Fast Relief 500, 11:30 a.m., Fox
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COLLEGE BASEBALL
Southern Miss. at Rice, 1 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Florida at Georgia, Noon, Fox Sports Southwest Plus

CYCLING
Tour of Flanders, Brugge to Oudenaarde, Belgium, 7:30 a.m., NBC Sports Network

GOLF
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PGA Tour, Houston Open, final round, Noon, TGC
PGA Tour, Houston Open, final round, 2 p.m., NBC
LPGA, Kraft Nabisco Championship, final round, 2 p.m., TGC

MOTORSPORTS
FIM World Superbike, (same-day tape), 1 p.m., Speed

NBA
Chicago at Oklahoma City, Noon, ABC
Miami at Boston, 2:30 p.m., ABC

NHL
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Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m., NBC Sports Network

SOCCER
Women's national teams, exhibition, Japan vs. United States, at Sendai, Japan, 5:30 a.m., ESPN2

TENNIS
ATP World Tour/WTA, Sony Ericsson Open, men's championship match, Noon, CBS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
NCAA Division I tournament, semifinal, Notre Dame vs. UConn, 5:30 p.m., ESPN
NCAA Division I tournament, semifinal, Baylor vs. Stanford, 8 p.m., ESPN

HSTRACKROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MERIDYTH WINS SECOND STRAIGHT 100 GOLD

LUBBOCK — Midland High senior Cameron Meridyth picked up his second straight gold medal in the 100-meters at the Lubbock Invitational on Saturday. Meridyth, who won the event at the San Angelo Relays last weekend, finished with a time of 11.45 seconds, edging Abilene Cooper's Fred Lawrence by .03 seconds.

Lee senior Josh Shelton had a strong day, claiming three medals, including bronze in the long jump and 200 meters and silver in the 1,600 relay.

Midland High senior Zach Byars picked up a silver medal in the shot put with a throw clearing 47 feet, five inches.

On the girls side, Lee had three different athletes pick up silver medals. Shay Ray placed second in the 100 meters with a mark of 12.46 seconds — a mere .04 behind event winner Shaunice Guyton of Lubbock Coronado.

Arial Armstrong also took silver in the 300 hurdles at 48.75, while freshman Latricia Smith was second in the 200 meters with a time of 26.39.

The Lady Rebels also added several bronze medals, including two from Lindsay Friesenhahn (3,200, 1,600) and one from Tori Rackow (triple jump) and Kristen Galindo (shot put).

Jaquita Cannon had the Midland High girls' lone medal, taking bronze in the discus.

Lubbock Invitational
Varsity Girls

3,200: 1, Alexandria Kincheloe, Lubbock Monterey, 11:36.36. 2, Lyndi Hanson, Odessa Permian, 11:46.25. 3, Lindsay Friesenhahn, Lee, 11:48.25. 4, Macey Beazley, Lubbock Coronado, 11:54.92. 5, Emileigh Willems, Wolforth Frenship, 12:02.90. 6, Kirstie Smith, Amarillo, 12:12.06.

400 relay: 1, Amarillo High 49.37. 2, Lubbock Coronado 49.73. 3, Lubbock Estacado 50.25. 4, Lee 50.27. 5, Wolforth Frenship 50.77. 6, Amarillo Palo Duro 50.81.

800: 1, Miah Nelson, Odessa Permian, 2:15.56*. 2, Jamia Graham, Odessa Permian, 2:23.22. 3, Mallory Maddox, Wolforth Frenship, 2:24.18. 4, Maria Gil, Lee, 2:25.34. 5, Erika Parra, Lubbock Monterey, 2:27.49. 6, Anna Weirick, Amarillo Tascosa, 2:29.16.

100 Hurdles: 1, Sara Flinn, Wolforth Frenship, 15.72. 2, Chelsea Hearn, Lubbock High, 15.99. 3, Megan Modersitzki, Amarillo High, 16.29. 4, Porsha Parker, Odessa Permian, 16.35. 5, Hallie Zuber, Idalou, 17.09. 6, Tiffany Gomm, Wolforth Frenship, 17.39.

100: 1, Shaunice Guyton, Lubbock Coronado, 12.42. 2, Shay Ray, Lee, 12.46. 3, Brandy Calloway, Wolforth Frenship, 12.90. 4, Jerone' Allen, Amarillo Palo Duro, 12.97. 5, Breanna Mackey, Lubbock High, 13.05. 6, Jaycee Booth, Amarillo High, 13.17.

800 relay: 1, Amarillo High School 1:43.85. 2, Lubbock Estacado 1:45.33. 3, Lee 1:45.97. 4, Lubbock Coronado 1:46.43. 5, Amarillo Tascosa 1:48.47. 6, Amarillo Palo Duro 1:49.81.

400: 1, Breck Pennington, Amarillo Tascosa, 59.94. 2, Sahari Freeman, Lubbock Estacado, 1:00.60. 3, Mattie Pugh, Amarillo High, 1:01.44. 4, Jamia Graham, Odessa Permian, 1:02.62. 5, Ellyce Thomas, Amarillo High, 1:04.18. 6, Jasmyne Thomas, Amarillo Palo Duro, 1:05.06.

300 hurdles: 1, Sara Flinn, Wolforth Frenship, 47.77. 2, Arial Armstrong, Lee, 48.75. 3, Megan Modersitzki, Amarillo High, 48.94. 4, Halley Bates, Amarillo Palo Duro, 50.20. 5, Tailor Dominguez, Odessa Permian, 50.54. 6, Porsha Parker, Odessa Permian, 52.15.

200: 1, Bri Leeper, Amarillo High School, 25.21. 2, Latricia Smith, Lee, 26.39. 3, Sydni Bednarz, Lubbock Cooper, 26.40. 4, Dalmeshia Tennison, Lubbock High, 26.96. 5, Wuesi Jefferson, Lubbock High, 27.58. 6, Anastasia Mayes, Lubbock Estacado, 27.66.

1,600: 1, Miah Nelson, Odessa Permian, 5:22.03. 2, Alexandria Kincheloe, Lubbock Monterey, 5:30.04. 3, Lindsay Friesenhahn, Lee, 5:30.80. 4, Jessica Ivarez, Lubbock High, 5:31.06. 5, Mallory Maddox, Wolforth Frenship, 5:35.26. 6, Erika Parra, Lubbock Monterey, 5:38.42.

1,600 relay: 1, Amarillo Tascosa 4:07.41. 2, Wolforth Frenship 4:10.77. 3, Canyon High 4:13.04. 4, Amarillo High 4:18.13. 5, Lubbock High 4:22.24. 6, Amarillo Palo Duro 4:24.63.

Long jump: 1, Alexis Bragg, Wolforth Frenship, 16-07.75. 2, Cheyenne Swoopes, Odessa Permian, 16-05. 3, Karolyne McMillian, Lubbock Monterey, 15-11.75. 4, Leigh Collyer, Midland High, 15-10. 4, Allison Priest, Amarillo High, 15-10. 6, Brielle Watts, Wolforth Frenship, 15-07.75.

Triple jump: 1, Pamela Uchebo, Lubbock High, 37-09.25. 2, Alexis Bragg, Wolforth Frenship, 37-03.25. 3, Tori Rackow, Lee, 34-10.50. 4, Cheyenne Swoopes, Odessa Permian, 34-09. 5, Wuesi Jefferson, Lubbock, 33-07.75. 6, Hallie Zuber, Idalou, 33-04.50.

High jump: 1, Samantha Nolan, Amarillo High, 5-02. 2, Ashlyn Stewart, Lubbock Coronado, 5-02. 3, Morgan Hartsell, Wolforth Frenship, 5-00. 4, Bri Leeper, Amarillo High, 4-10. 5, Wuesi Jefferson, Lubbock High, 4-10. 6, Kimber Brooks, Lee, 4-08. 6, Christian Cagle, Amarillo High, 4-08.

Shot put: 1, Talore Kelly, Amarillo Tascosa, 45-06*. 2, Janae Stokes, Lubbock High, 35-06.50. 3, Kristen Galindo, Lee, 34-11. 4, Jaquita Cannon, Midland High, 34-08. 5, Brittany Sangwin, Lubbock Coronado, 34-04.50. 6, Cristina Soria, Amarillo High, 33-08.

Discus: 1, Talore Kelly, Amarillo Tascosa, 136-07*. 2, Kandra Jones, Wolforth Frenship, 115-11. 3, Jaquita Cannon, Midland High, 109-11. 4, Nataziah Gipson, Amarillo Palo Duro, 106-10. 5, Dakota Horner, Canyon High, 104-02. 6, Kalani Giddens, Lubbock Coronado, 97-04.

Pole vault: 1, Morgan Hartsell, Wolforth Frenship, 11-00*. 2, Kimmi Moreau, Lubbock Coronado, 11-00*. 3, Brooke Lindstrom, Lubbock Coronado, 10-06. 4, D'Onna Black, Odessa Permian, 9-00. 4, Cori Cordova, Lubbock Coronado, 9-00. 6, Christian Cagle, Amarillo High, 8-06.

Varsity Boys

3,200: 1, Jacob Campos, Amarillo Tascosa, 9:57.48. 2, Reid Splawn, Amarillo Tascosa, 10:01.63. 3, Cade Cobb, Amarillo High, 10:24.58. 4, Carter Tate, Midland High, 10:32.55. 5, Edmund Pine, Amarillo Tascosa, 10:32.71. 6, Chris Marin, Lubbock Monterey, 10:37.37.

400 relay: 1, Abilene Cooper 42.71. 2, Lubbock Estacado 43.03. 3, Wolforth Frenship 43.38. 4, Midland High 43.65. 5, Amarillo Tascosa 43.69. 6, Lubbock High 44.04.

800: 1, Raymond Rios, Lubbock Estacado, 1:57.38. 2, Chenier Gardner, Lubbock Coronado, 1:58.20. 3, Merritt Vaughn, Amarillo Tascosa, 1:58.68. 4, Dillon Vanwinkle, Lubbock Coronado, 1:58.89. 5, La'Andre Quinton, Wolforth Frenship, 2:01.96. 6, Matthew Noriega, Amarillo Tascosa, 2:03.06.

110 hurdles: 1, Bradley Adkins, Idalou, 15.10. 2, Ethan Willert, Amarillo High, 15.17. 3, Collin Hitch, Wolforth Frenship, 15.40. 4, Talor Nunez, Lee, 15.45. 5, Schamial Parker, Amarillo Tascosa, 15.70. 6, Rodney Boit, Amarillo Tascosa, 15.93.

100: 1, Cameron Meridyth, Midland High, 11.45. 2, Fred Lawrence, Abilene Cooper, 11.48. 3, D'Maujeric Tucker, Wolforth Frenship, 11.55. 4, Terry Sims, Lee, 11.67. 5, Alec Baldwin, Amarillo High, 11.74. 6, Charles Keller, Lubbock High, 11.81.

800 relay: 1, Lubbock Estacado 1:28.93. 2, Wolforth Frenship 1:29.26. 3, Abilene Cooper 1:29.90. 4, Amarillo Tascosa 1:31.38. 5, Lee 1:31.39. 6, Midland High 1:32.72.

400: 1, Chevante Bell, Abilene Cooper, 50.79. 2, Robert Guinn, Idalou, 51.49. 3, Tristan Lafuente, Wolforth Frenship, 51.86. 4, Trevor Dennis, Amarillo Tascosa, 51.92. 5, Clay Dudding, Amarillo High, 52.17. 6, Victor Lemons, Lee, 54.75.

300 hurdles: 1, Rileigh Davis, San Angelo Central, 39.49. 2, Alexander Casias, Amarillo Tascosa, 39.57. 3, Collin Hitch, Wolforth Frenship, 39.93. 4, Adrian Beavers, Lubbock Coronado, 40.17. 5, Josh Klinnert, Amarillo High, 40.88. 6, Cole Hooks, Amarillo Tascosa, 41.82.

200: 1, Victor Cruz, Abilene Cooper, 22.34. 2, Dee Grimes, Wolforth Frenship, 22.72. 3, Josh Shelton, Lee, 22.96. 4, William Coleman, Abilene Cooper, 23.19. 5, Daniel Lopez, Lubbock Monterey, 23.23. 6, Logan Bloodworth, Lubbock High, 23.45.

1,600: 1, Paul Crawford, Amarillo Tascosa, 4:32.33. 2, Chenier Gardner, Lubbock Coronado, 4:37.54. 3, Raymond Rios, Lubbock Estacado, 4:38.07. 4, Reid Splawn, Amarillo Tascosa, 4:39.33. 5, Grant Politz, Amarillo High, 4:48.37. 6, Jacob Campos, Amarillo Tascosa, 4:51.09.

1,600 relay: 1, Wolforth Frenship 3:23.34. 2, Lee 3:24.34. 3, Amarillo Tascosa 3:25.39. 4, Lubbock Estacado 3:25.96. 5, Abilene Cooper 3:27.38. 6, Lubbock High 3:29.48.

Long jump: 1, Ti Russell, Lubbock Estacado, 22-03.25. 2, Derrick Randle, Abilene Cooper, 21-08.50. 3, Josh Shelton, Lee, 21-00. 4, Erin Lopez, Lubbock High School, 20-04.25. 5, Justin Saddler, San Angelo Central, 20-02.50. 6, Tion Wright, Amarillo Tascosa, 20-02.

Triple jump: 1, Derrick Randle, Abilene Cooper, 46-07. 2, Erin Lopez, Lubbock High, 45-07.75. 3, Ti Russell, Lubbock Estacado, 45-05. 4, Bradley Adkins, Idalou, 44-03. 5, Calvin Humphries, Amarillo Tascosa, 42-09.25. 6, Reggie Sutton, San Angelo Central, 42-07.50.

High jump: 1, Bradley Adkins, Idalou, 6-08. 2, Ti Russell, Lubbock Estacado, 6-06. 3, Coleman Merrill, Wolforth Frenship, 6-02. 4, Darian Wallace, Lee, 6-00. 4, Joey Alexander, Lubbock Coronado, 6-00. 6, Tre' Culver, Lubbock Coronado, 6-00.

Shot put: 1, Garrison Railsback, Abilene Cooper, 49-02.50. 2, Zach Byars, Midland High, 47-05. 3, Brandon Holmes, Lubbock Estacado, 47-01. 4, Austin Thurman, Amarillo High, 47-00. 5, Derrick Spargo, Idalou, 46-03. 6, Dalyn Bearden, Wolforth Frenship, 46-03.

Discus: 1, Garrison Railsback, Abilene Cooper, 154-10. 2, Darrell Brown, Abilene Cooper, 143-06. 3, John Ferrin, Amarillo Tascosa, 141-10. 4, Seth Reagan, Idalou, 138-08. 5, Isaac Eng, Midland High, 135-08. 6, T.J. Long, Amarillo High, 133-03.

Pole vault: 1, Noah Zorsky, Amarillo Tascosa, 14-08. 2, Colton Buchanan, Amarillo Tascosa, 14-00. 3, Conner Loftis, Shallowater, 13-00. 4, Blake Rittenberry, Amarillo Tascosa, 12-00. 4, Dylan Carder, Wolforth Frenship, 12-00. 6, Keevan Prather, Lubbock Cooper, 12-00.

TUITT LEADS LADY STEERS TO TEAM TITLE IN CRANE

CRANE — Bridgette Tuitt collected five medals as the senior led the Big Spring girls track team to a team title at the Crane Invitational on Saturday.

Included in Tuitt's medal count were three gold coming from the long jump, 400 relay and 800 relay. She was also third in the triple jump and second in the 200 meters.

The Lady Steers finished with 156 points, which was 54 points better than host Crane, which finished second with 102 points.

On the boys side, Big Spring finished tied with Sonora for second in the team standings with 100 points. Crane won the team title with 122 points.

The Steers collected just one gold medal with sophomore Devin Roberson winning the 300 hurdles with a time of 40.13.

Andrews' Lucas Marquez took gold in the 3,200 meters, finishing with a time of 9 minutes, 41.22 seconds.

Crane Invitational
Saturday
Crane
GIRLS
Team Totals

1. Big Spring, 156.5; 2. Crane, 102.3; 3. Monahans, 78; 4. Pecos, 44; 5. Alpine, 38; 6. (tie) Andrews; and Sonora, 36; 8. Fort Stockton, 34; 9. Ozona, 27; 10. Sanderson, 18; 11. Kermit, 14; 12. San Angelo Lake View, 13; 13. Presidio, 11.5; 14. Fort Davis, 10; 15. Wink, 1; 16. Sierra Blanca, .6.

Field Events

High jump: 1. Arien Ditto, Kermit, 4 feet, 8 inches; 2. Kia Tuitt, Big Spring, 4-8; 3. Stephanie Elmore, Fort Stockton, 4-6; 4. Oceana Ridge, Andrews, 4-6; 5. Maddie Grimmett, Alpine, 4-6; 6. Abbye Williams, Sierra Blanca, 4-6.

Discus: 1. Jazmin Chavez, Fort Davis, 113-1; 2. Sarah Harrelson, Crane, 96-8; 3. Tiffany Parker, Fort Stockton, 95-2; 4. Diamond Mayes, Big Spring, 90-7; 5. Crystal Cuellar, Crane, 90-1; 6. Bianca Kyle, Big Spring, 88-9.

Triple jump: 1. Rausalyn Miller, Crane, 38-4; 2. Trianna McCalister, Monahans, 37-6; 3. Bridgette Tuitt, Big Spring, 37-6; 4. Kia Tuitt, Big Spring, 33-10.75; 5. Jessi Holly, Monahans, 32-7; 6. Sydney McCallister, Alpine, 32-1.5.

Pole vault: 1. Alexcia Mendoza, Pecos, 10-0; 2. Kelsey Favila, Sonora, 9-0; 3. Jodi Jones, Big Spring, 8-6; 4. Alexis Gomez, Monahans, 8-6; 5. Sami Young, Alpine, 8-0; 6. Dakota Bailey, Lake View, 8-0.

Shot put: 1. Kaylee Morgan, Crane, 34-3.5; 2. Bianca Ogle, Big Spring, 32-10.5; 3. Guevara, Andrews, 32-4.75; 4. Sarah Harrelson, Crane, 31-3; 5. Gardenhire, Andrews, 31-1.5; 6. Norton, Lake View, 30-8.5.

Long jump: 1. Bridgette Tuitt, Big Spring, 17-7.5; 2. Trianna McCalister, Monahans, 17-4; 3. Oceana Ridge, Andrews, 15-6.5; 4. Donisha McGee, Big Spring, 15-5.75; 5. Katie Tavarez, Fort Stockton, 15-2.74; 6. Arien Ditto, Kermit, 15-2.5.

Running Events

3,200: 1. Abby Carrasco, Sanderson, 12 minutes, 13.70 seconds; 2. Daisy Guerra, Ozona, 13:02.00; 3. Sayra Fierro, Fort Stockton, 13:18.7; 4. Karina Alvarado, Big Spring, 13:31.38; 5. Maggie Hillery, Alpine, 13:32.97; 6. Tatum Gillette, Presidio, 13:43.62.

400 relay: 1. Big Spring, 48.62; 2. Pecos, 51.78; 3. Crane, 52.07; 4. Monahans, 52.62; 5. Alpine, 52.67; 6. Presidio, 52.86.

800: 1. Leslie Villa, Crane, 2:25.62; 2. Abby Carrasco, Sanderson, 2:28.06; 3. JC Williams, Big Spring, 2:35.91; 4. Martinez, Lake View, 2:37.73; 5. Lillian Kent, Sonora, 2:37.84; 6. Alex Rodriguez, Ozona, 2:38.45.

100 hurdles: 1. Trianna McCalister, Monahans, 14.74; 2. Oceana Ridge, Andrews, 15.16; 3. Ambra Hill, Big Spring, 15.93; 4. Kelsey Favila, Sonora, 17.04; 5. Crystal Ruiz, Monahans, 17.56; 6. Haylay Dimidjan, Big Spring, 17.68.

100: 1. Deziah Ervin, Alpine, 12.83; 2. Donisha McGee, Big Spring, 12.88; 3. Katie Tavarez, Fort Stockton, 12.94; 4. Autumn Mintor, Big Spring, 12.96; 5. Marisol Ordonez, Andrews, 13.13; 6. (tie) Vivian Guerrero, Presidio; and Yanira Tuitt, Big Spring, 13.65.

800 relay: 1. Big Spring, 1:42.80; 2. Crane, 1:47.06; 3. Pecos, 1:47.15; 4. Sonora, 1:49.02; 5. Kermit, 1:51.36; 6. Andrews, 1:51.98.

400: 1. Madi Grimmett, Alpine, 1:02.03; 2. Ashley Jaquez, Monahans, 1:02.50; 3. Converson, Lake View, 1:03.64; 4. Adria Matta, Pecos, 1:04.34; 5. Jonayoa Gutierrez, Sonora, 1:04.45; 6. Andi Deleon, Big Spring, 1:05.06.

300 hurdles: 1. Trianna McCalister, Monahans, 45.51; 2. Avery Nolen, Sonora, 45.93; 3. Oceana Ridge, Andrews, 47.25; 4. Ambra Hill, Big Spring, 48.27; 5. Crystal Ruiz, Monahans, 49.84; 6. Tina Tacy, Wink, 53.37.

200: 1. Rausalyn Miller, Crane, 24.54; 2. Bridgette Tuitt, Big Spring, 25.51; 3. April Turner, Big Spring, 25.89; 4. Katie Tavarez, Fort Stockton, 26.57; 5. Darshae Vanderbilt, Big Spring, 26.71; 6. Deziah Ervin, Alpine, 26.73.

1,600: 1. Daisy Guerra, Ozona, 5:50.75; 2. Tatum Gillette, Presidio, 6:11.13; 3. Fierro, Fort Stockton, 6:16.82; 4. Grace Jahn, Alpine, 6:20.94; 5. Karina Alvarado, Big Spring, 6:21.65; 6. Daisey Gomez, Lake View, 6:22.13.

1,600 relay: 1. Crane, 4:10.23; 2. Monahans, 4:14.75; 3. Big Spring, 4:18.75; 4. Ozona, 4:18.82; 5. Sonora, 4:19.21; 6. Pecos, 4:20.21.

BOYS
Team Totals

1. Crane, 122 points; 2. (tie) Sonora; and Big Spring, 100; 4. Monahans, 68; 5. Pecos, 37; 6. Presidio, 36; 7. Andrews, 35; 8. Fort Stockton, 30; 9. Kermit, 24; 10. Alpine, 17; 11. Fort Davis, 16; 12. Sanderson, 12; 13. San Angelo Lake View, 11; 14. Sierra Blanca, 6; 15. Buena Vista, 4; 16. Wink, 2.

Field Events

High jump: 1. Domonic Gonzales, Fort Stockton, 6 feet, 2 inches; 2. Matt Sanchez, Crane, 6-0; 3. Jamie Bustamante, Presidio, 6-0; 4. Oscar Trevino, Alpine, 6-0; 5. Nick Rogers, Wink, 5-8; 6. Taylor O'Bryant, Alpine, 5-8.

Discus: 1. Evan Card, Fort Stockton, 147-2; 2. Chris Nunez, Big Spring, 136-4.5; 3. Salinas, Kermit, 134-8; 4. Bradley Shaw, Pecos, 128-0; 5. Bailey, Big Spring, 125-9; 6. Ramirez, Lake View, 121-0.5.

Triple jump: 1. Khalil Cooper, Monahans, 41-10; 2. John Ives, Andrews, 40-11; 3. Christopher Stephens, Fort Davis, 40-7.5; 4. Aguero, Lake View, 40-5; 5. Parker Mallouf, Alpine, 40-0.5; 6. Jaime, Presidio, 39-11.

Pole vault: 1. Dalton DeGraffenreid, Crane, 14-0; 2. Carlos Arreola, Kermit, 13-0; 3. Brian Mendez, Monahans, 12-0; 4. Nick Spencer, Monahans, 12-0; 5. Brandon Lingnon, Andrews, 11-6; 6. Ty Caldwell, 11-6.

Shot put: 1. Evan Card, Fort Stockton, 51-6; 2. Marco Vergara, Crane, 47-10.75; 3. Mark Covos, Presidio, 43-11.5; 4. Flex Dominugez, Pecos, 43-10; 5. Allen, Lake View, 42-8; 6. Tyler Ramos, Pecos, 41-9.25.

Long jump: 1. Christopher Stephens, Fort Davis, 21-4; 2. Awthon Lewis, Big Spring, 20-6.25; 3. Ross, Sierra Blanca, 20-5; 4. Moralez, Kermit, 20-1; 5. Kahlil Cooper, Monahans, 19-6; 6. James Jamie, Presidio, 19-5.

Running Events

3,200: 1. Lucas Marquez, Andrews, 9 minutes, 41.22 seconds; 2. Zach Daniel, Crane, 9:58.48; 3. Shawn Stegall, Sanderson, 10:14.48; 4. Gustavo Lugo, Big Spring, 10:20.01; 5. Jesus Vasquez, Sonora, 10:31.93; 6. Marco Sandate, Lake View, 10:53.87.

400 relay: 1. Presidio, 43.57; 2. Sonora, 43.63; 3. Monahans, 43.64; 4. Crane, 43.74; 5. Big Spring, 44.10; 6. Kermit, 45.04.

800: 1. Jonathan Harrold, Crane, 2:00.14; 2. Thomas Randall-King, Big Spring, 2:02.03; 3. Gage Burkhart, Big Spring, 2:02.88; 4. Robert Chavez, Sonora, 2:03.51; 5. Ricardo Regino, Sonora, 2:06.90; 6. Michael Williams, Big Spring, 2:08.20.

110 hurdles: 1. Zach Badeaux, Sonora, 14.87; 2. Joey Prieto, Andrews, 15.23; 3. Dallas Payne, Sonora, 15.57; 4. Devin Roberson, Big Spring, 15.81; 5. Matt Sanchez, Crane, 15.84; 6. Hagan Kennedy, Sonora, 17.51.

100: 1. Israel Espudo, Pecos, 11.16; 2. Oscar Trevino, Alpine, 11.28; 3. Logan Mitchell, Monahans, 11.30; 4. Anthony Lewis, Big Spring, 11.33; 5. Gunter Pennington, Sonora, 11.48; 6. Jaime Vela, Andrews, 11.53.

800 relay: 1. Sonora, 1:30.83; 2. Crane, 1:33.18; 3. Big Spring, 1:33.50; 4. Monahans, 1:33.74; 5. Kermit, 1:33.95; 6. Presidio, 1:34.15.

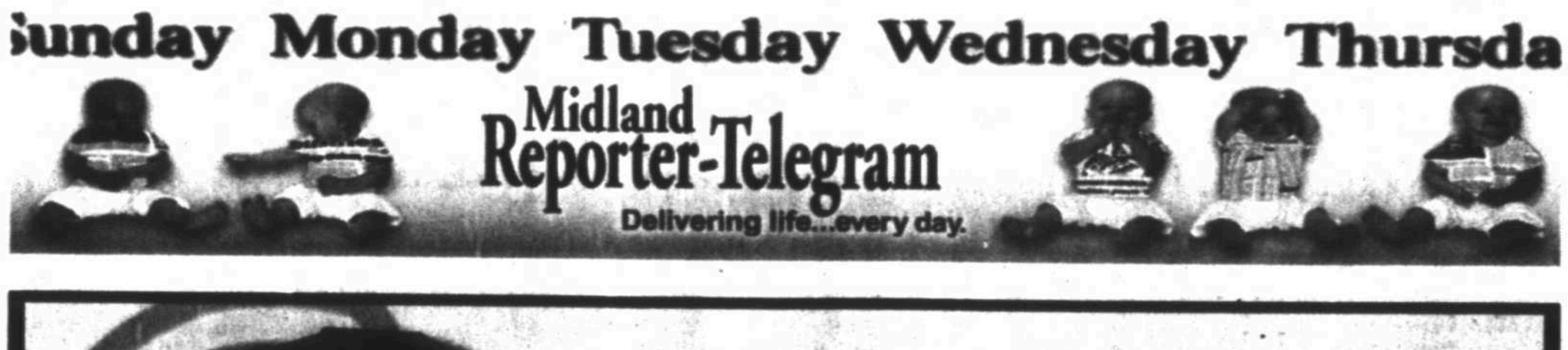
400: 1. Kahlil Cooper, Monahans, 49.04; 2. Israel Espudo, Pecos, 50.98; 3. Jonathan Harrold, Crane, 51.63; 4. Robert Chavez, Sonora, 52.20; 5. Imoni Cross, Sonora, 52.93; 6. Ryan Lopez, Big Spring, 53.26.

300 hurdles: 1. Devin Robertson, Big Spring, 40.13; 2. Dallas Payne, Sonora, 40.30; 3. Joey Prieto, Andrews, 41.07; 4. Matt Sanchez, Crane, 42.67; 5. Devin Tarpley, Crane, 43.12; 6. Anastasio Muniz, Sonora, 43.62.

200: 1. Austin Sandoval, Crane, 22.35; 2. Darien Lopez, Sonora, 22.45; 3. Israel Espudo, Pecos, 22.50; 4. Brad Dunn, Big Spring, 23.01; 5. Oscar Trevino, Alpine, 23.27; 6. Ty Caldwell, Monahans, 23.48.

1,600: 1. Zach Daniel, Crane, 4:31.84; 2. Gustavo Lugo, Big Spring, 4:40.50; 3. Shawn Stegall, Sanderson, 4:43.62; 4. Gomez, Buena Vista, 4:49.14; 5. Jesus Vasquez, Sonora, 4:54.43; 6. Sandate, Lake View, 4:45.64.

1,600 relay: 1. Crane, 3:25.91; 2. Big Spring, 3:26.50; 3. Sonora, 3:26.69; 4. Monahans, 3:31.64; 5. Pecos, 3:36.87; 6. Lake View, 3:41.16.



MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
Toronto	23	5	.821
Oakland	14	5	.737
Detroit	17	7	.708
Los Angeles	17	10	.630
Seattle	13	8	.619
Minnesota	18	13	.581
New York	15	11	.577
Boston	13	11	.542
Kansas City	15	14	.517
Baltimore	11	12	.478
Chicago	12	17	.414
Texas	10	17	.370
Tampa Bay	8	16	.333
Cleveland	6	20	.231

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
St. Louis	16	8	.667
San Diego	19	14	.576
Colorado	16	12	.571
San Francisco	16	13	.552
Los Angeles	14	12	.538
Houston	14	15	.483
Milwaukee	13	14	.481
Miami	11	12	.478
Chicago	14	16	.467
Cincinnati	14	16	.467
Philadelphia	12	16	.429
Washington	11	15	.423
Arizona	12	17	.414
Atlanta	10	17	.370
Pittsburgh	8	18	.308
New York	7	18	.280

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Saturday's Scores
Toronto 8, Philadelphia 5
N.Y. Yankees 11, Houston 9
St. Louis 6, Washington 2
Detroit 2, Atlanta 1, 7 innings
Minnesota 15, Pittsburgh (ss) 3
Pittsburgh (ss) 6, Baltimore 6, tie
Miami 6, N.Y. Mets 5
Tampa Bay 7, Boston 7, tie
Milwaukee 10, San Diego (ss) 7
Colorado 3, Chicago White Sox 1
Chicago Cubs 3, L.A. Angels 3, tie, 10 innings
Arizona (ss) 10, Kansas City 3
L.A. Dodgers 9, Arizona (ss) 3
Cincinnati 10, San Francisco 2
Seattle 6, San Diego (ss) 1
Texas vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., late

Today's Games
Philadelphia vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Detroit (ss) at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Washington vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Miami, 1:10 p.m.
Detroit (ss) vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

Monday's Games
N.Y. Mets vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 11:00 a.m.
Toronto vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Washington vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:35 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Miami, 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.
Oakland at San Francisco, 9:35 p.m.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting KC	3	0	0	9	6	1
New York	2	2	0	6	10	7
Columbus	2	1	0	6	3	2
Houston	2	1	0	6	2	2
Chicago	1	0	1	4	2	1
D.C.	1	2	1	4	5	5
New England	1	2	0	3	1	4
Philadelphia	0	3	1	1	2	6
Montreal	0	3	1	1	3	10
Toronto FC	0	3	0	0	1	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	2	0	2	8	3	0
Seattle	2	0	0	6	5	1
Real Salt Lake	2	1	0	6	5	2
San Jose	2	1	0	6	4	1
Colorado	2	1	0	6	5	5
Portland	1	1	1	4	4	3
FC Dallas	1	2	1	4	5	8
Los Angeles	1	1	0	3	4	4
Chivas USA	1	2	0	3	1	2

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's Scores
Columbus 1, Toronto FC 0
New York 5, Montreal 2
Philadelphia 0, Vancouver 0, tie
Real Salt Lake at Portland, late
San Jose at Seattle FC, late
New England at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games
Chicago at Colorado, 6 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Chivas USA, 8 p.m.

Olympic Soccer

CONCACAF Men's Olympic Soccer Qualifying Glance
FIRST ROUND
Top two nations in each group advance

GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-El Salvador	3	1	2	0	7	3	5
x-Canada	3	1	2	0	3	1	5
United States	3	1	1	1	9	5	4
Cuba	3	0	1	2	1	11	1

x-advanced to to semifinals

Thursday, March 22
At Nashville, Tenn.
El Salvador 0, Canada 0, tie
United States 6, Cuba 0
Saturday, March 24
At Nashville, Tenn.
El Salvador 4, Cuba 0
Canada 2, United States 0
Monday, March 26
At Nashville, Tenn.
Canada 1, Cuba 1, tie
United States 3, El Salvador 3, tie

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
x-Mexico	3	3	0	0	11	1	9
x-Honduras	3	2	0	1	4	4	6
Panama	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
Trinidad	3	0	1	2	2	10	1

x-advanced to to semifinals

Friday, March 23
At Carson, Calif.
Honduras 2, Panama 1
Mexico 7, Trinidad and Tobago 1
Sunday, March 25
At Carson, Calif.
Panama 1, Trinidad and Tobago 1
Mexico 3, Honduras 0
Tuesday, March 27
At Carson, Calif.
Honduras 2, Trinidad and Tobago 0
Mexico 1, Panama 0
SEMIFINALS
Winners Qualify
Saturday's Scores
At Kansas City, Kan.
Mexico 3, Canada 1
Honduras 3, El Salvador 2, OT
CHAMPIONSHIP
Monday, April 2
At Kansas City, Kan.
Honduras vs. Mexico, 7 p.m.

Tennis

Sony Ericsson Open Results
Saturday
At The Tennis Center at Crandon Park
Key Biscayne, Fla.
Purse: Men, $4.83 million (Masters 1000); Women, $4.83 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Women
Championship
Agnieszka Radwanska (5), Poland, def. Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, 7-5, 6-4.
Doubles
Men
Championship
Leander Paes, India, and Radek Stepanek (7), Czech Republic, def. Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and Daniel Nestor (2), Canada, 3-6, 6-1, 10-8 tiebreak.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	29	22	.569	—
Philadelphia	29	23	.558	1/2
New York	27	26	.509	3
New Jersey	18	35	.340	12
Toronto	17	35	.327	12 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	37	13	.740	—
Orlando	32	20	.615	6
Atlanta	31	23	.574	8
Washington	12	39	.235	25 1/2
Charlotte	7	43	.140	30

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	42	11	.792	—
Indiana	30	21	.588	11
Milwaukee	24	28	.462	17 1/2
Detroit	19	33	.365	22 1/2
Cleveland	17	33	.340	23 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	36	14	.720	—
Dallas	30	23	.566	7 1/2
Memphis	28	22	.560	8
Houston	28	24	.538	9
New Orleans	13	39	.250	24

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	39	12	.765	—
Denver	28	24	.538	11 1/2
Utah	27	25	.519	12 1/2
Minnesota	25	28	.472	15
Portland	24	28	.462	15 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	32	20	.615	—
L.A. Clippers	30	21	.588	1 1/2
Phoenix	25	26	.490	6 1/2
Golden State	20	30	.400	11
Sacramento	18	33	.353	13 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Scores
L.A. Lakers 88, New Orleans 85
Detroit 110, Charlotte 107, OT
New York 91, Cleveland 75
Philadelphia 95, Atlanta 90
San Antonio 112, Indiana 103
Memphis 99, Milwaukee 95
New Jersey at Sacramento, late
Utah at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games
Chicago at Oklahoma City, Noon
Miami at Boston, 2:30 p.m.
Washington at Toronto, 5 p.m.
Denver at Orlando, 5 p.m.
Indiana at Houston, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
Milwaukee at Washington, 6 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY'S BOXES
SPURS 112, PACERS 103
INDIANA (103): Granger 7-13 3-4 18, West 7-16 1-2 15, Hibbert 6-10 3-3 15, Collison 3-4 2-2 8, George 8-11 1-1 18, Hill 3-8 2-2 9, Amundson 1-2 0-0 2, Hansbrough 5-8 2-4 12, Barbosa 1-5 0-0 3, Jones 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 42-79 14-18 103.
SAN ANTONIO (112): Leonard 2-5 0-0 5, Duncan 7-16 9-9 23, Blair 2-4 3-4 7, Parker 7-12 4-6 18, Green 2-6 1-2 7, Bonner 2-5 1-2 5, Ginobili 6-10 4-4 18, Jackson 2-7 3-4 8, Neal 4-4 0-0 11, Splitter 4-7 2-2 10. Totals 38-76 27-33 112.
Indiana 18 30 30 25 — 103
San Antonio 25 39 26 22 — 112
3-Point Goals—Indiana 5-14 (Jones 1-1, Barbosa 1-2, Granger 1-3, George 1-3, Hill 1-3, Collison 0-1, West 0-1), San Antonio 9-19 (Neal 3-3, Green 2-3, Ginobili 2-4, Leonard 1-2, Jackson 1-3, Parker 0-1, Bonner 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 39 (Hibbert, Hill 7), San Antonio 46 (Duncan 11). Assists—Indiana 21 (Hill 6), San Antonio 22 (Parker, Ginobili 5). Total Fouls—Indiana 24, San Antonio 17. A—18,581 (18,797).

KNICKS 91, CAVALIERS 75
CLEVELAND (75): Gee 3-8 6-10 12, Jamison 5-15 2-5 13, Thompson 1-2 1-2 3, Sloan 5-10 0-0 10, Parker 4-10 2-2 10, Samuels 3-5 0-0 6, Hudson 2-8 0-0 4, Casspi 1-4 2-2 4, Erden 2-6 4-6 8, Walton 2-4 0-0 5, Harris 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-72 17-27 75.
NEW YORK (91): Fields 2-8 0-0 4, Anthony 7-14 4-8 19, Chandler 3-4 8-11 14, Davis 2-6 0-0 6, Shumpert 3-12 2-2 10, Smith 8-15 1-2 20, Douglas 2-5 1-1 5, Harrellson 1-4 6-8 8, Novak 2-8 0-0 5, Jordan 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-76 22-32 91.
Cleveland 17 21 22 15 — 75
New York 25 21 20 25 — 91
3-Point Goals—Cleveland 2-13 (Walton 1-2, Jamison 1-2, Sloan 0-1, Parker 0-1, Casspi 0-2, Hudson 0-5), New York 9-28 (Smith 3-7, Davis 2-4, Shumpert 2-5, Anthony 1-2, Novak 1-6, Harrellson 0-1, Fields 0-1, Douglas 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 51 (Sloan, Jamison 7), New York 59 (Chandler 12). Assists—Cleveland 13 (Sloan 4), New York 14 (Davis 5). Total Fouls—Cleveland 25, New York 19. Technicals—Anthony, New York defensive three second. A—19,763 (19,763).

76ERS 95, HAWKS 90
ATLANTA (90): J.Johnson 7-13 0-0 15, Smith 12-18 9-11 34, Pachulia 2-7 0-0 4, Teague 2-8 4-6 8, Hinrich 4-8 0-0 8, M.Williams 2-8 1-2 6, Green 3-7 1-2 8, I.Johnson 3-5 1-1 7. Totals 35-74 16-22 90.
PHILADELPHIA (95): Iguodala 6-12 3-4 18, Brand 10-12 5-6 25, Hawes 2-7 4-4 8, Holiday 4-11 0-0 9, Turner 6-13 1-2 13, Battie 0-1 0-0 0, Meeks 4-8 2-2 12, L.Williams 3-7 0-1 6, T.Young 2-6 0-0 4, S.Young 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-77 15-19 95.
Atlanta 23 18 25 24 — 90
Philadelphia 17 26 19 33 — 95
3-Point Goals—Atlanta 4-14 (Smith 1-1, J.Johnson 1-2, Green 1-3, M.Williams 1-4, Teague 0-1, Hinrich 0-3), Philadelphia 6-12 (Iguodala 3-4, Meeks 2-6, Holiday 1-2). Fouled Out—Smith. Rebounds—Atlanta 44 (Smith 9), Philadelphia 45 (Brand 10). Assists—Atlanta 20 (Hinrich 6), Philadelphia 25 (Holiday 6). Total Fouls—Atlanta 19, Philadelphia 16. A—19,714 (20,318).

LAKERS 88, HORNETS 85
NEW ORLEANS (85): Aminu 5-11 0-0 10, Thomas 3-8 0-0 6, Smith 8-17 1-2 17, Jack 7-20 3-3 18, Belinelli 3-12 1-2 8, Johnson 3-7 0-0 6, Henry 4-6 0-2 8, Vasquez 6-11 0-1 12. Totals 39-92 5-10 85.
L.A. LAKERS (88): World Peace 3-5 0-0 8, Gasol 8-14 5-7 21, Bynum 7-10 5-5 19, Sessions 4-8 1-3 10, Bryant 3-21 4-5 11, Blake 3-5 0-0 9, Barnes 3-11 2-2 8, McRoberts 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 32-77 17-22 88.
New Orleans 14 25 28 18 — 85
L.A. Lakers 20 23 18 27 — 88
3-Point Goals—New Orleans 2-10 (Jack 1-3, Belinelli 1-4, Aminu 0-1, Smith 0-1, Vasquez 0-1), L.A. Lakers 7-22 (Blake 3-5, World Peace 2-4, Sessions 1-1, Bryant 1-8, Barnes 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 53 (Smith 10), L.A. Lakers 55 (Gasol 11). Assists—New Orleans 21 (Jack 10), L.A. Lakers 28 (Sessions 10). Total Fouls—New Orleans 17, L.A. Lakers 11. Technicals—Blake, L.A. Lakers defensive three second. A—18,997 (18,997).

GRIZZLIES 99, BUCKS 95
MEMPHIS (99): Gay 7-18 3-4 17, Speights 4-12 2-3 10, Gasol 5-13 3-6 13, Pargo 1-4 2-4 4, Allen 2-4 0-0 4, Mayo 6-15 10-10 24, Randolph 6-9 1-1 13, Arenas 2-7 0-0 4, Pondexter 4-6 0-0 10. Totals 37-88 21-28 99.
MILWAUKEE (95): Mbah a Moute 2-5 0-1 4, Ilyasova 5-11 8-12 20, Gooden 9-16 2-3 20, Jennings 9-19 4-4 24, Ellis 2-12 4-4 8, Udoh 0-3 3-3 3, Udrih 2-5 0-0 4, Dunleavy 4-9 1-1 10, Sanders 1-2 0-0 2, Livingston 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-82 22-28 95.
Memphis 11 36 31 21 — 99
Milwaukee 19 32 20 24 — 95
3-Point Goals—Memphis 4-15 (Mayo 2-3, Pondexter 2-4, Allen 0-1, Pargo 0-1, Gay 0-2, Arenas 0-4), Milwaukee 5-17 (Ilyasova 2-4, Jennings 2-9, Dunleavy 1-2, Gooden 0-1, Udrih 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 67 (Gasol 15), Milwaukee 45 (Ilyasova 16). Assists—Memphis 15 (Mayo 3), Milwaukee 21 (Ellis 5). Total Fouls—Memphis 28, Milwaukee 19. A—17,106 (18,717).

PISTONS 110, BOBCATS 107
CHARLOTTE (107): Williams 5-10 3-3 17, Mullens 8-14 3-3 20, Biyombo 5-9 0-1 10, Augustin 5-15 4-4 16, Henderson 4-13 5-6 13, Walker 2-5 0-0 5, Thomas 5-9 0-0 10, Brown 3-5 1-1 7, Carroll 0-0 3-4 3, Najera 1-4 0-0 2, White 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 40-86 19-22 107.
DETROIT (110): Prince 11-21 2-2 24, Maxiell 3-6 0-0 6, Monroe 6-13 4-5 16, Knight 5-15 0-0 12, Daye 1-3 3-3 5, Wallace 1-1 0-2 2, Bynum 5-9 6-9 17, Jerebko 8-11 1-1 18, Wilkins 4-7 0-0 8, Russell Jr. 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 45-87 16-22 110.
Charlotte 17 32 28 20 10 — 107
Detroit 21 27 20 29 13 — 110
3-Point Goals—Charlotte 8-22 (Williams 4-6, Augustin 2-8, Walker 1-2, Mullens 1-3, Henderson 0-1, Najera 0-2), Detroit 4-10 (Knight 2-5, Bynum 1-2, Jerebko 1-2, Wilkins 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 44 (Mullens 9), Detroit 53 (Prince, Monroe 9). Assists—Charlotte 28 (Augustin 10), Detroit 19 (Knight 6). Total Fouls—Charlotte 20, Detroit 21. A—17,082 (22,076).

Coll. Basketball

NCAA Tournament
NCAA Conference Records
By The Associated Press
(Selections in parentheses)
Through Saturday

Conference	W	L	Pct.
Southeastern (4)	9	3	.750
Big 12 (6)	10	5	.667
Mid-American (1)	2	1	.667
Big Ten (6)	11	6	.647
Big East (9)	14	9	.608
Atlantic Coast (5)	6	5	.545
America East (1)	1	1	.500
Colonial (1)	1	1	.500
MEAC (1)	1	1	.500
Ohio Valley (1)	1	1	.500
Patriot (1)	1	1	.500
Sun Belt (1)	1	1	.500
Atlantic 10 (4)	3	4	.429
West Coast (3)	2	3	.400
Missouri Valley (2)	1	2	.333
Pacific-12 (2)	1	2	.333
Mountain West (4)	1	4	.200
Atlantic Sun (1)	0	1	.000
Big Sky (1)	0	1	.000
Big South (1)	0	1	.000
Big West (1)	0	1	.000
Horizon (1)	0	1	.000
Ivy (1)	0	1	.000
Northeast (1)	0	1	.000
Southern (1)	0	1	.000
Southland (1)	0	1	.000
SWAC (1)	0	1	.000
Summit (1)	0	1	.000
Western Athletic (1)	0	1	.000
Conference USA (2)	0	2	.000
Metro Atlantic (2)	0	2	.000

AP Women's Basketball Player of Year
2012 — Brittney Griner, Baylor
2011 — Maya Moore, Connecticut
2010 — Tina Charles, Connecticut
2009 — Maya Moore, Connecticut
2008 — Candace Parker, Tennessee
2007 — Courtney Paris, Oklahoma
2006 — Seimone Augustus, LSU
2005 — Seimone Augustus, LSU
2004 — Alana Beard, Duke
2003 — Diana Taurasi, Connecticut
2002 — Sue Bird, Connecticut
2001 — Ruth Riley, Notre Dame
2000 — Tamika Catchings, Tennessee
1999 — Chamique Holdsclaw, Tennessee
1998 — Chamique Holdsclaw, Tennessee
1997 — Kara Wolters, Connecticut
1996 — Jennifer Rizzotti, Connecticut
1995 — Rebecca Lobo, Connecticut

AP Women's Basketball Coach of Year List
2012 — Kim Mulkey, Baylor
2011 — Geno Auriemma, Connecticut; Katie Meier, Miami; and Tara VanDerveer, Stanford
2010 — Connie Yori, Nebraska
2009 — Geno Auriemma, Connecticut
2008 — Geno Auriemma, Connecticut
2007 — Gail Goestenkors, Duke
2006 — Sylvia Hatchell, North Carolina
2005 — Joanne P. McCallie, Michigan State
2004 — Joe Curl, Houston
2003 — Geno Auriemma, Connecticut
2002 — Brenda Oldfield, Minnesota
2001 — Muffet McGraw, Notre Dame
2000 — Geno Auriemma, Connecticut
1999 — Carolyn Peck, Purdue
1998 — Pat Summitt, Tennessee
1997 — Geno Auriemma, Connecticut
1996 — Angie Lee, Iowa
1995 — Geno Auriemma, Connecticut

Coll. Baseball

Saturday's College Baseball Scores
SOUTH
Alabama 4, Tennessee 2, susp., 6 innings
Boston College 5-1, Maryland 4-7
Clemson 3, Miami 1
Florida St. 2, Virginia Tech 1
Georgia Tech 1-8, Duke 0-0
New Orleans 7-1, Christian Brothers 2-7
North Carolina 7, Wake Forest 3
Tulane 13, Memphis 7
Vanderbilt 12, South Carolina 4
Villanova 5, Louisville 2
Virginia 5, N.C. State 2
MIDWEST
Ohio 7, E. Michigan 2
Xavier 5, Charlotte 4

Fishing Report

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 64-68 degrees; 8.5' low. Black bass are fair on swim jigs, Texas rigs and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.
ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 63-69 degrees; 8.01' low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, Rat-L-Traps, squarebill crankbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are good on Road Runners and minnows. Blue catfish are good on live shad.
FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 65-69 degrees; 9.89' low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, shallow running crankbaits, Rat-L-Traps and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on minnows and Rooster Tails. Catfish are fair on cut bait and nightcrawlers.
HUBBARD CREEK: 65-69 degrees; 14.09' low. Black bass are fair to good on jigs, finesse spinnerbaits, Texas rigs and shallow running crankbaits. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on stinkbait and nightcrawlers.
OAK CREEK: Water stained; 65-71 degrees; 14.71' low. Black bass are fair to good on squarebill crankbaits, Texas rigs, spinnerbaits and wacky rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and live minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.
O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 66-71 degrees; 39.66' low. Black bass are fair to good on Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs, jigs and swim jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on tail spinners and live bait. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 66-70 degrees; 6.36' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, jigs and medium or shallow running crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on shiners and Road Runners. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.
STAMFORD: 3.45' low. No report available.
SWEETWATER: Water murky; 65-69 degrees; 14.23' low. Black bass are fair on Senkos, Texas rigs, Rat-L-Traps and jigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and nightcrawlers.
WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 64-69 degrees; 25.23' low. Black bass are fair on finesse jigs, Texas rigs, spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and nightcrawlers.
PANHANDLE
GREENBELT: Water stained; 64-68 degrees; 37.96' low. Black bass are fair on Senkos, spinnerbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on live and minnows. The Old Marina Point ramp is still open.
MACKENZIE: Water stained; 63-67 degrees; 86.47' low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs, wacky rigs, finesse jigs and chatterbaits. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers. Ramp (hash)1 is still open.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-N.Y. Rangers	78	50	21	7	107	217	173
x-Pittsburgh	78	48	24	6	102	264	208
x-Philadelphia	78	45	24	9	99	251	218
x-New Jersey	79	45	28	6	96	219	205
N.Y. Islanders	78	33	34	11	77	193	236

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Boston	78	46	28	4	96	257	192
Ottawa	78	40	28	10	90	240	230
Buffalo	79	38	31	10	86	208	219
Toronto	79	34	36	9	77	222	252
Montreal	79	29	35	15	73	202	221

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	78	37	25	16	90	192	215
Washington	79	40	31	8	88	212	223
Winnipeg	79	36	34	9	81	213	233
Tampa Bay	78	36	35	7	79	223	268
Carolina	79	31	32	16	78	208	237

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-St. Louis	79	48	21	10	106	204	156
x-Nashville	79	45	26	8	98	227	208
x-Detroit	78	46	27	5	97	240	195
x-Chicago	79	44	26	9	97	240	229
Columbus	79	27	45	7	61	190	255

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Vancouver	78	48	21	9	105	236	189
Colorado	80	41	33	6	88	205	209
Calgary	79	35	29	15	85	192	219
Minnesota	78	33	35	10	76	168	215
Edmonton	78	31	38	9	71	208	230

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	79	39	27	13	91	185	170
Phoenix	79	39	27	13	91	206	202
Dallas	78	42	31	5	89	207	209
San Jose	78	39	29	10	88	211	201
Anaheim	78	33	34	11	77	194	217

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Saturday's Scores
Ottawa 4, Philadelphia 3, SO
Washington 3, Montreal 2, SO
Minnesota 4, Los Angeles 3, SO
Boston 6, N.Y. Islanders 3
Toronto 4, Buffalo 3
New Jersey 5, Carolina 0
Tampa Bay 3, Winnipeg 2, OT
Columbus 5, St. Louis 2
Chicago 5, Nashville 4
Phoenix 4, Anaheim 0
Calgary at Vancouver, late
Dallas at San Jose, late

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m.
Ottawa at N.Y. Islanders, 2 p.m.
Florida at Detroit, 3 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

Monday's Games
Washington at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

WILD 4, KINGS 3, SO
Los Angeles 2 1 0 0 — 3
Minnesota 2 0 1 0 — 4
Minnesota won shootout 2-0
First Period—1, Minnesota, Powe 6 (Prosser, Falk), :40. 2, Los Angeles, Richardson 4 (Brown, Kopitar), 3:28. 3, Minnesota, Johnson 8 (Zucker, Christensen), 3:45. 4, Los Angeles, Brown 21 (Richards, Kopitar), 15:31 (pp).
Second Period—5, Los Angeles, Richardson 5 (Kopitar, Brown), :57.
Third Period—6, Minnesota, Christensen 7 (Zucker, Falk), 10:57.
Overtime—None.
Shootout—Los Angeles 0 (Williams NG, Richards NG), Minnesota 2 (Christensen G, Koivu G).
Missed Penalty Shot—Setoguchi, Min, 3:42 overtime.
Shots on Goal—Los Angeles 9-8-7-5—29. Minnesota 9-5-7-2—23.
Goalies—Los Angeles, Bernier. Minnesota, Backstrom. A—18,209 (18,064). T—2:44.

BLUE JACKETS 5, BLUES 2
Columbus 2 1 2 — 5
St. Louis 1 1 0 — 2
First Period—1, Columbus, Boll 2 (Boyce, A.Johnson), 6:16. 2, St. Louis, Backes 24 (Shattenkirk, Steen), 6:33. 3, Columbus, Umberger 18, 12:19.
Second Period—4, Columbus, Umberger 19 (Atkinson, Nash), 11:00 (pp). 5, St. Louis, Perron 19 (McDonald, Pietrangelo), 16:10.
Third Period—6, Columbus, Dorsett 12 (Nash, J.Johnson), 10:25 (pp). 7, Columbus, Prospal 15 (Atkinson), 18:34 (en).
Shots on Goal—Columbus 9-10-14—33. St. Louis 12-14-10—36.
Goalies—Columbus, York. St. Louis, Halak. A—19,150 (19,150). T—2:34.

BLACKHAWKS 5, PREDATORS 4
Chicago 1 3 1 — 5
Nashville 0 2 2 — 4
First Period—1, Chicago, Sharp 32 (Shaw, Leddy), 3:25 (pp).
Second Period—2, Chicago, Bolland 19 (Hossa, Kane), 1:05 (pp). 3, Chicago, Kane 21 (Hjalmarsson, Seabrook), 6:50. 4, Chicago, Stalberg 20 (Kruger), 8:35. 5, Nashville, Erat 19 (Suter, Fisher), 9:29 (pp). 6, Nashville, Weber 18 (Suter, A.Kostitsyn), 10:18.
Third Period—7, Nashville, Radulov 3 (Legwand, Klein), 4:38. 8, Nashville, Weber 19 (Suter, Legwand), 7:10 (pp). 9, Chicago, Seabrook 9 (Shaw, Bickell), 8:19.
Shots on Goal—Chicago 16-6-15—37. Nashville 12-9-12—33.
Goalies—Chicago, Crawford. Nashville, Rinne. A—17,113 (17,113). T—2:33.

CAPITALS 3, CANADIENS 2, SO
Montreal 1 1 0 0 — 2
Washington 2 0 0 0 — 3
Washington won shootout 2-0
First Period—1, Washington, Perreault 15 (Semin, Alzner), 4:16. 2, Washington, Beagle 3 (Hendricks, Knuble), 16:10. 3, Montreal, Cole 32 (Pacioretty), 19:38.
Second Period—4, Montreal, Plekanec 16 (Markov, St. Denis), 14:31.
Third Period—None.
Overtime—None.
Shootout—Montreal 0 (Desharnais NG, Pacioretty NG), Washington 2 (Hendricks G, Ovechkin NG, Semin G).
Shots on Goal—Montreal 9-14-13-5—41. Washington 12-10-11-0—33.
Goalies—Montreal, Budaj. Washington, Neuvirth. A—18,506 (18,398). T—2:44.

LIGHTNING 3, JETS 2, OT
Winnipeg 0 2 0 0 — 2
Tampa Bay 1 0 1 1 — 3
First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Malone 19, 15:37.
Second Period—2, Winnipeg, Miettinen 5 (Kane, Stuart), 6:20. 3, Winnipeg, Wellwood 18 (Byfuglien, Stapleton), 9:28.
Third Period—4, Tampa Bay, Malone 20 (Purcell, Hedman), 7:25 (pp).
Overtime—5, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 56 (Lee), :45.
Shots on Goal—Winnipeg 12-9-7-0—28. Tampa Bay 7-10-21-1—39.
Goalies—Winnipeg, Pavelec. Tampa Bay, Caron. A—19,204 (19,204). T—2:39.

MAPLE LEAFS 4, SABRES 3
Buffalo 0 1 2 — 3
Toronto 1 2 1 — 4
First Period—1, Toronto, Crabb 11, 9:32 (sh).
Second Period—2, Buffalo, Ennis 14 (Stafford, Leopold), 10:59. 3, Toronto, Kessel 37 (Bozak, Gardiner), 15:17 (pp). 4, Toronto, Liles 7 (MacArthur, Crabb), 19:59.
Third Period—5, Buffalo, Leino 7 (Pominville, Sulzer), 6:48. 6, Toronto, Frattin 7 (MacArthur, Liles), 10:20. 7, Buffalo, Stafford 20 (Foligno, Ennis), 17:15.
Shots on Goal—Buffalo 8-15-9—32. Toronto 7-14-8—29.
Goalies—Buffalo, Miller. Toronto, Scrivens. A—19,446 (18,819). T—2:26.

DEVILS 5, HURRICANES 0
New Jersey 1 3 1 — 5
Carolina 0 0 0 — 0
First Period—1, New Jersey, Clarkson 30 (Elias, Kovalchuk), 19:38 (pp).
Second Period—2, New Jersey, Kovalchuk 34 (Sykora, Zubrus), 1:44. 3, New Jersey, Carter 4 (Bernier, Josefson), 3:28. 4, New Jersey, Sykora 19 (Elias), 17:30.
Third Period—5, New Jersey, Parise 31 (Kovalchuk, Zajac), 1:15.
Shots on Goal—New Jersey 17-11-3—31. Carolina 7-6-9—22.
Goalies—New Jersey, Brodeur. Carolina, Boucher. A—18,680 (18,680). T—2:19.

SENATORS 4, FLYERS 3, SO
Ottawa 3 0 0 0 — 4
Philadelphia 0 3 0 0 — 3
Ottawa won shootout 2-1
First Period—1, Ottawa, Spezza 32 (Alfredsson, Carkner), 6:04. 2, Ottawa, Alfredsson 27 (Karlsson), 11:39. 3, Ottawa, Neil 13 (Klinkhammer), 14:27.
Second Period—4, Philadelphia, Simmonds 26 (Schenn, Briere), 2:59. 5, Philadelphia, Couturier 13 (Talbot, Grossmann), 14:38. 6, Philadelphia, Coburn 4 (Briere, Wellwood), 17:17.
Third Period—None.
Overtime—None.
Shootout—Ottawa 2 (Michalek G, Spezza G), Philadelphia 1 (Read G, Giroux NG, Briere NG).
Shots on Goal—Ottawa 12-10-5-2—29. Philadelphia 15-14-4-6—39.
Goalies—Ottawa, Anderson. Philadelphia, Bobrovsky. A—19,822 (19,537). T—2:45.

BRUINS 6, ISLANDERS 3
Boston 1 1 4 — 6
N.Y. Islanders 1 1 1 — 3
First Period—1, Boston, Krejci 22 (Lucic, Ference), 18:11. 2, N.Y. Islanders, Okposo 21 (Nielsen, Hamonic), 18:40.
Second Period—3, Boston, Kelly 20, 4:58. 4, N.Y. Islanders, Parenteau 17 (Tavares, Moulson), 14:26.
Third Period—5, Boston, Marchand 27 (Seguin, Chara), 3:13. 6, Boston, Seguin 27 (Bergeron, Marchand), 10:37. 7, N.Y. Islanders, Parenteau 18 (Moulson, Tavares), 14:53. 8, Boston, Bergeron 21 (Seguin, Marchand), 16:19. 9, Boston, Krejci 23 (Lucic, Chara), 16:43.
Shots on Goal—Boston 7-7-13—27. N.Y. Islanders 7-9-6—22.
Goalies—Boston, Turco. N.Y. Islanders, Montoya. A—16,250 (16,234). T—2:19.

COYOTES 4, DUCKS 0
Anaheim 0 0 0 — 0
Phoenix 1 3 0 — 4
First Period—1, Phoenix, Ekman-Larsson 13 (Boedker, Rozsival), 6:10.
Second Period—2, Phoenix, Vermette 11 (Morris, Yandle), 11:03 (pp). 3, Phoenix, Vrbata 33 (Whitney, Doan), 16:14 (pp). 4, Phoenix, Whitney 24 (Vrbata, Hanzal), 16:54 (pp).
Third Period—None.
Shots on Goal—Anaheim 21-5-18—44. Phoenix 7-16-6—29.
Goalies—Anaheim, Deslauriers. Phoenix, Smith. A—15,856 (17,135). T—2:24.

GOLF

PGA

Shell Houston Open Scores
Saturday
At Redstone Golf Club (Tournament Course)
Humble, Texas
Purse: $6 million
Yardage: 7,457; Par: 72
Third Round

Louis Oosthuizen	67-66-66	— 199
Hunter Mahan	69-67-65	— 201
Carl Pettersson	65-70-67	— 202
Brian Davis	68-65-69	— 202
James Driscoll	67-66-71	— 204
Ryan Palmer	71-68-66	— 205
Keegan Bradley	67-69-69	— 205
Phil Mickelson	65-70-70	— 205
John Senden	72-65-69	— 206
Boo Weekley	69-67-70	— 206
John Huh	66-70-70	— 206
J.B. Holmes	68-67-71	— 206
Tommy Gainey	68-67-71	— 206
Jeff Overton	69-70-69	— 208
Ernie Els	70-69-69	— 208
Lee Westwood	68-70-70	— 208
Thomas Bjorn	69-69-70	— 208
Pat Perez	68-69-71	— 208
Brandt Jobe	68-69-71	— 208
Vaughn Taylor	69-67-72	— 208
Jeff Maggert	66-66-76	— 208
Bryce Molder	70-70-69	— 209
Johnson Wagner	68-71-70	— 209
Y.E. Yang	69-71-69	— 209
Cameron Tringale	69-70-70	— 209
Marc Leishman	70-70-69	— 209
Danny Lee	69-68-72	— 209
Henrik Stenson	69-68-72	— 209
Bud Cauley	67-69-73	— 209
John Mallinger	70-70-70	— 210
Scott Piercy	70-70-70	— 210
Nathan Green	70-70-70	— 210
Sean O'Hair	70-71-69	— 210
Harris English	69-68-73	— 210
Tim Herron	74-68-68	— 210
Jonas Blixt	70-66-74	— 210
Fred Couples	67-73-71	— 211
Tommy Biershenk	72-67-72	— 211
Jim Herman	68-70-73	— 211
Erik Compton	71-67-73	— 211
Mark Anderson	71-70-70	— 211
Blake Adams	67-71-73	— 211
Kyle Reifers	68-69-74	— 211
Chad Campbell	69-67-75	— 211
Angel Cabrera	65-70-76	— 211
Greg Owen	66-69-76	— 211
Brendon de Jonge	70-70-72	— 212
Graeme McDowell	70-69-73	— 212
Ben Crane	69-70-73	— 212
Rickie Fowler	68-70-74	— 212
Billy Mayfair	70-71-71	— 212
Mathew Goggin	70-72-70	— 212
Rod Pampling	73-69-70	— 212
Will Claxton	70-72-70	— 212
Roberto Castro	71-69-73	— 213
Steve Stricker	68-70-75	— 213
Steve Wheatcroft	68-72-73	— 213
Shawn Stefani	71-71-71	— 213
Shaun Micheel	70-72-71	— 213
Joe Ogilvie	71-69-74	— 214
Ricky Barnes	66-74-74	— 214
Jamie Lovemark	70-70-74	— 214
Jason Bohn	69-72-73	— 214
Cameron Beckman	74-67-73	— 214
Troy Matteson	73-69-72	— 214
Ted Potter, Jr.	74-68-72	— 214
John Merrick	70-72-72	— 214
Jhonattan Vegas	72-70-72	— 214
Troy Kelly	71-71-72	— 214
Miguel Angel Carballo	74-68-73	— 215

LPGA

Kraft Nabisco Championship Scores
Saturday
At Mission Hills Country Club, Dinah Shore Tournament Course
Rancho Mirage, Calif.
Purse: $2 million
Yardage: 6,738; Par: 72
Third Round
(a-amateur)

Karin Sjodin	72-67-68	— 207
Yani Tseng	68-68-71	— 207
Haeji Kang	69-68-72	— 209
Hee Kyung Seo	69-72-69	— 210
Eun-Hee Ji	71-69-70	— 210
I.K. Kim	70-70-70	— 210
Na Yeon Choi	72-67-71	— 210
Sun Young Yoo	69-69-72	— 210
Katherine Hull	69-73-69	— 211
Vicky Hurst	70-70-71	— 211
Se Ri Pak	70-69-72	— 211
Suzann Pettersen	72-74-66	— 212
Azahara Munoz	73-72-67	— 212
Lexi Thompson	72-72-68	— 212
Ha-Neul Kim	71-71-70	— 212
Amy Yang	66-74-72	— 212
Karine Icher	73-73-67	— 213
Inbee Park	71-74-68	— 213
Hee Young Park	72-71-70	— 213
Jiyai Shin	72-71-70	— 213
Angela Stanford	72-71-70	— 213
Paula Creamer	69-73-71	— 213
Cristie Kerr	71-70-72	— 213
Cindy LaCrosse	73-71-70	— 214
Catriona Matthew	74-70-70	— 214
Jennifer Song	72-71-71	— 214
Karrie Webb	71-72-71	— 214
Lindsey Wright	67-71-76	— 214
Anna Nordqvist	74-74-67	— 215
a-Austin Ernst	77-70-68	— 215
Kris Tamulis	72-75-68	— 215
Stacy Lewis	74-71-70	— 215
a-Ariya Jutanugarn	71-73-71	— 215
Sandra Gal	71-72-72	— 215
Jodi Ewart	69-73-73	— 215
Shanshan Feng	72-70-73	— 215
a-Charley Hull	71-77-68	— 216
Seon Hwa Lee	76-72-68	— 216
Ji-Hee Lee	74-73-69	— 216
Reilley Rankin	73-73-70	— 216
Mina Harigae	73-71-72	— 216
Jennifer Johnson	72-71-73	— 216
Pornanong Phatlum	71-72-73	— 216
Maria Hjorth	73-68-75	— 216
Brittany Lang	74-74-69	— 217
Natalie Gulbis	76-71-70	— 217
Dewi Claire Schreefel	75-72-70	— 217
Caroline Hedwall	74-72-71	— 217
Sarah Kemp	71-75-71	— 217
Lizette Salas	76-70-71	— 217
Candie Kung	70-75-72	— 217
Katie Futcher	72-72-73	— 217
Hee-Won Han	70-74-73	— 217
Heather Bowie Young	74-70-73	— 217
Ai Miyazato	71-72-74	— 217
a-Jaye Marie Green	71-77-70	— 218
Caroline Masson	79-69-70	— 218
Beatriz Recari	72-76-70	— 218
Melissa Reid	77-70-71	— 218
Wendy Ward	71-76-71	— 218
Julieta Granada	70-75-73	— 218
Mi Jung Hur	73-70-75	— 218
Pat Hurst	75-73-71	— 219
Lorie Kane	74-73-72	— 219
Mo Martin	74-72-73	— 219
Diana Luna	76-68-75	— 219
Yukari Baba	75-73-72	— 220
Amanda Blumenherst	75-73-72	— 220
Becky Morgan	76-72-72	— 220
Morgan Pressel	73-74-73	— 220
Karen Stupples	73-72-75	— 220
Christina Kim	74-69-77	— 220
Momoko Ueda	71-69-80	— 220
So Yeon Ryu	74-74-73	— 221
Alena Sharp	75-73-73	— 221
Chella Choi	72-74-75	— 221
Cydney Clanton	70-76-75	— 221
Christel Boeljon	74-73-75	— 222
Leta Lindley	76-70-77	— 223
Nicole Castrale	69-73-81	— 223
Kyeong Bae	74-74-78	— 226
Ji Young Oh	74-72-81	— 227

European

Sicilian Open Leading Scores
Saturday
At Verdura Golf and Spa Resort
Sciacca, Sicily
Purse: $1.33 million
Yardage: 7,375; Par: 72
Third Round

Thorbjorn Olesen, Denmark	68-69-67	— 204
Nicolas Colsaerts, Belgium	67-71-69	— 207
Andrew Parr, Canada	71-69-67	— 207
Soren Kjeldsen, Denmark	65-72-71	— 208
Peter Lawrie, Ireland	64-72-72	— 208
Lloyd Saltman, Scotland	71-68-69	— 208
Steve Webster, England	70-71-68	— 209
Scott Pinckney, United States	69-70-70	— 209
Jose Manuel Lara, Spain	69-70-70	— 209
Graeme Storm, England	68-73-69	— 210
John Daly, United States	71-67-72	— 210
Tano Goya, Argentina	65-73-72	— 210
Chris Wood, England	67-71-72	— 210
Julien Guerrier, France	68-69-73	— 210
Simon Wakefield, England	69-67-74	— 210
Alvaro Velasco, Spain	67-74-70	— 211
Gareth Maybin, Northern Ireland	68-73-70	— 211
Tom Lewis, England	68-73-70	— 211
Tim Sluiter, Netherlands	69-71-71	— 211
Phillip Price, Wales	70-70-71	— 211
Rich Beem, United States	69-69-73	— 211
Richard Green, Australia	67-70-73	— 211
Shane Lowry, Ireland	70-70-74	— 211
Garth Mulroy, South Africa	70-67-74	— 211
Pelle Edberg, Sweden	70-66-75	— 211

WHAT'S ON DECK

NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE
Odessa at Topeka, 6:05 p.m.
COLLEGE BASEBALL
UTPB at Southeastern Oklahoma (DH), Noon

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Optioned RHP Chris Tillman to Norfolk (IL).
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Optioned RHP Dylan Axelrod to Charlotte (IL). Reassigned RHP Brian Bruney, C Hector Gimenez, INF Rey Olmedo, LHP Leyson Septimo and LHP Eric Stults to their minor league camp.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Optioned RHP FRANK HERRMANN and RHP KEVIN SLOWEY to Columbus (IL).
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Optioned RHP Trevor Bell and RHP Garrett Richards to Salt Lake City (PCL).
MINNESOTA TWINS—Optioned C Drew Butera to Rochester (IL). Placed RHP Kyle Waldrop on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 26. Reassigned INF Michael Hollimon to their minor league camp.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Placed RHP Michael Pineda and LHP Cesar Cabral on the 15-day DL.
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Placed RHP Matt Bush on the restricted list.
TEXAS RANGERS—Optioned LHP Michael Kirkman and C Luis Martines to Round Rock (PCL). Assigned C Dusty Brown, RHP Greg Reynolds and RHP Tanner Scheppers to Round Rock.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Traded RHP Robby Rowland to the Pittsburgh Pirates. Reained the rights to RHP Brett Lorin and outrighted to Mobile (SL).
HOUSTON ASTROS—Reassigned C Carlos Corporan to their minor league camp.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Optioned OF Trent Oeltjen to their minor league camp.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Optioned RHP Mike McClendon to Nashville (PCL). Assigned RHP Amaury Rivas outright to Nashville. Reassigned INF Edwin Maysonet to their minor league camp.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
SACRAMENTO KINGS—Signed G-F Terrence Williams for remainder of the season.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS—Recalled D Mat Clark from Syracuse (AHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Recalled D Cody Goloubef from Springfield (AHL).
EDMONTON OILERS—Recalled D Colten Teubert from Oklahoma City (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES—Reassigned F Marc-Antoine Pouliot to Portland (AHL).
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Recalled G Ben Scrivens from Toronto (AHL).
American Hockey League
CONNECTICUT WHALE—Signed F Marek Hrivik.
ECHL
ECHL—Suspended Gwinnett's Jordan Foreman and Paul Flache one game each and fined them undisclosed amounts along with Dallas Jackson for their actions in a March 30 game at Florida. Suspended Ontario's Adrian Van de Mosseleer one game and fined him an undisclosed amount along with Derek Couture for their actions in a March 30 game against Alaska.
COLLEGE
KANSAS STATE—Named Bruce Weber men's basketball coach.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR

Sprint Cup
Goody's Fast Relief 500 Lineup
After Saturday qualifying; race Sunday
At Martinsville Speedway
Ridgeway, Va.
Lap length: .526 miles
(Car number in parentheses)
1. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 97.128.
2. (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 97.048.
3. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 97.003.
4. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 97.003.
5. (39) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 96.988.
6. (55) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 96.765.
7. (2) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 96.75.
8. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 96.746.
9. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 96.731.
10. (20) Joey Logano, Toyota, 96.706.
11. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 96.701.
12. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 96.627.
13. (56) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 96.583.
14. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 96.43.
15. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 96.322.
16. (47) Bobby Labonte, Toyota, 96.215.
17. (78) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 96.2.
18. (31) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 96.18.
19. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 96.049.
20. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 96.049.
21. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 95.971.
22. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 95.854.
23. (98) Michael McDowell, Ford, 95.849.
24. (34) David Ragan, Ford, 95.83.
25. (13) Casey Mears, Ford, 95.796.
26. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 95.743.
27. (22) A J Allmendinger, Dodge, 95.738.
28. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 95.607.
29. (10) David Reutimann, Chevrolet, 95.607.
30. (26) Josh Wise, Ford, 95.583.
31. (83) Landon Cassill, Toyota, 95.511.
32. (42) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 95.477.
33. (23) Scott Riggs, Chevrolet, 95.352.
34. (93) Travis Kvapil, Toyota, 95.347.
35. (74) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 95.223.
36. (32) Ken Schrader, Ford, 95.127.
37. (87) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 94.936.
38. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, 94.78.
39. (30) David Stremme, Toyota, 94.609.
40. (51) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 94.567.
41. (33) Hermie Sadler, Chevrolet, 94.486.
42. (36) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, Owner Points.
43. (49) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, 93.212. Failed to Qualify
44. (52) Scott Speed, Toyota, 92.101.
45. (19) Mike Bliss, Toyota, 84.846.
46. (37) Tony Raines, Ford.

Camping World Truck-Kroger 250 Results
Saturday
At Martinsville Speedway
Ridgeway, Va.
Lap length: .526 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (1) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 250 laps, 150 rating, 0 points.
2. (2) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 250, 121, 43.
3. (9) James Buescher, Chevrolet, 250, 114.3, 41.
4. (6) Justin Lofton, Chevrolet, 250, 108.3, 40.
5. (3) Timothy Peters, Toyota, 250, 113.6, 39.
6. (16) Nelson Piquet Jr., Chevrolet, 250, 87.5, 38.
7. (17) Ross Chastain, Toyota, 250, 87.9, 37.
8. (12) Jason Leffler, Toyota, 250, 90.4, 36.
9. (32) John King, Toyota, 250, 70.7, 35.
10. (22) Jason White, Ford, 250, 65.3, 34.
11. (15) Parker Kligerman, Ram, 250, 90.2, 33.
12. (20) J.R. Fitzpatrick, Chevrolet, 250, 54.2, 32.
13. (7) Jeb Burton, Chevrolet, 250, 76.2, 31.
14. (27) David Starr, Toyota, 250, 73.7, 30.
15. (4) Cale Gale, Chevrolet, 250, 92.5, 29.
16. (5) Ron Hornaday Jr., Chevrolet, 250, 80.5, 28.
17. (14) Miguel Paludo, Chevrolet, 250, 76.1, 27.
18. (31) Jake Crum, Chevrolet, 249, 46.5, 26.
19. (26) Max Gresham, Chevrolet, 249, 62.4, 25.
20. (25) David Reutimann, Chevrolet, 249, 55.9, 0.
21. (36) Dakoda Armstrong, Toyota, 248, 44.2, 23.
22. (18) Paulie Harraka, Ford, 248, 60.7, 22.
23. (30) John Wes Townley, Toyota, 248, 43.8, 21.
24. (11) Matt Crafton, Chevrolet, 246, 72.8, 20.
25. (13) Todd Bodine, Toyota, 246, 81.3, 19.
26. (33) Bryan Silas, Ford, 244, 33.9, 18.
27. (35) Chris Cockrum, Chevrolet, 241, 31.7, 17.
28. (19) Brennan Newberry, Chevrolet, accident, 234, 58.2, 16.
29. (8) Johnny Sauter, Toyota, 231, 88.2, 15.
30. (21) Joey Coulter, Chevrolet, 228, 54, 14.
31. (29) Clay Greenfield, Ram, suspension, 151, 34.3, 13.
32. (28) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, oil line, 148, 44.6, 12.
33. (24) Dusty Davis, Toyota, rear gear, 104, 42.8, 11.
34. (34) Jennifer Jo Cobb, Ram, suspension, 95, 25.6, 10.
35. (10) Jeff Agnew, Chevrolet, accident, 90, 35, 9.
36. (23) Rick Crawford, Chevrolet, brakes, 6, 28, 8.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 70.752 mph.
Time of Race: 1 hour, 51 minutes, 31 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.953 seconds.
Caution Flags: 7 for 49 laps.
Lead Changes: 2 among 2 drivers.
Lap Leaders: K.Harvick 1-3; T.Dillon 4-5; K.Harvick 6-250.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): K.Harvick, 2 times for 248 laps; T.Dillon, 1 time for 2 laps.
Top 10 in Points: 1. J.King, 82; 2. T.Peters, 81; 3. J.Lofton, 81; 4. T.Dillon, 78; 5. J.White, 74; 6. J.Buescher, 69; 7. P.Kligerman, 66; 8. N.Piquet Jr., 61; 9. R.Hornaday Jr., 58; 10. T.Bodine, 57.
NASCAR Driver Rating Formula
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.
The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

NHRA

NHRA Pairings
Saturday
At The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway
Las Vegas
Pairings based on results in qualifying, which ended Saturday. DNQs listed below pairings.
Top Fuel
1. Morgan Lucas, 3.817 seconds, 321.96 mph vs. 16. Steve Faria, 4.400, 229.08. 2. Spencer Massey, 3.825, 322.88 vs. 15. Steven Chrisman, 4.214, 279.96. 3. Clay Millican, 3.844, 318.77 vs. 14. David Grubnic, 3.992, 308.50. 4. Tony Schumacher, 3.849, 318.09 vs. 13. Troy Buff, 3.981, 299.20. 5. Shawn Langdon, 3.8?1, 321.81 vs. 12. Antron Brown, 3.966, 311.34. 6. Bob Vandergriff, 3.871, 322.81 vs. 11. Steve Torrence, 3.960, 308.99. 7. Khalid alBalooshi, 3.889, 316.45 vs. 10. Terry McMillen, 3.959, 280.66. 8. Doug Kalitta, 3.894, 315.78 vs. 9. Brandon Bernstein, 3.933, 311.56. Did Not Qualify: 17. Damien Harris, 4.417, 231.28. 18. Cory McClenathan, 4.866, 152.11.
Funny Car
1. Robert Hight, Ford Mustang, 4.132, 310.98 vs. 16. Terry Haddock, Chevy Impala, 4.282, 292.01. 2. Bob Tasca III, Mustang, 4.134, 307.86 vs. 15. Jeff Arend, Toyota Solara, 4.273, 299.46. 3. Jack Beckman, Dodge Charger, 4.146, 302.82 vs. 14. Alexis DeJoria, Toyota Camary, 4.247, 296.96. 4. Courtney Force, Mustang, 4.147, 309.91 vs. 13. Johnny Gray, Charger, 4.244, 304.39. 5. Tim Wilkerson, Mustang, 4.147, 302.35 vs. 12. Bob Bode, Impala, 4.242, 295.40. 6. Cruz Pedregon, Solara, 4.148, 306.19 vs. 11. Tony Pedregon, Impala, 4.212, 293.73. 7. Mike Neff, Mustang, 4.153, 303.78 vs. 10. Matt Hagan, Charger, 4.196, 299.06. 8. Gary Densham, Charger, 4.181, 300.00 vs. 9. John Force, Mustang, 4.196, 305.77. Did Not Qualify: 17. Jon Capps, 4.335, 287.60. 18. Todd Lesenko, 4.462, 295.53. 19. Jim Head, 4.733, 265.59. 20. Jeff Diehl, 5.957, 125.03. 21. Ron Capps, 6.024, 114.16. 22. James Day, 6.980, 173.29.
Pro Stock
1. Jason Line, Pontiac GXP, 6.659, 207.34 vs. 16. V. Gaines, Dodge Avenger, 6.786, 204.60. 2. Mike Edwards, GXP, 6.669, 207.37 vs. 15. Larry Morgan, Ford Mustang, 6.753, 205.19. 3. Allen Johnson, Avenger, 6.678, 206.92 vs. 14. Shane Gray, GXP, 6.742, 205.38. 4. Ron Krisher, GXP, 6.690, 206.54 vs. 13. Kurt Johnson, GXP, 6.731, 205.38. 5. Rodger Brogdon, GXP, 6.693, 206.39 vs. 12. Greg Stanfield, Chevy Camaro, 6.727, 205.10. 6. Greg Anderson, GXP, 6.697, 206.35 vs. 11. Chris McGaha, Avenger, 6.721, 205.60. 7. Ronnie Humphrey, GXP, 6.706, 206.45 vs. 10. Erica Enders, Chevy Cobalt, 6.721, 205.88. 8. Vincent Nobile, Avenger, 6.706, 205.98 vs. 9. Jeg Coughlin, Avenger, 6.713, 205.66. Did Not Qualify: 17. Steve Kent, 6.790, 205.04. 18. Gordie Rivera, 6.835, 201.28.

IRL

Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama Lineup
After Saturday qualifying; race Sunday
At Barber Motorsports Park
Birmingham, Ala.
Lap length: 2.38 miles
(Car number in parentheses)
1. (3) Helio Castroneves, Dallara-Chevrolet, 117.485.
2. (27) James Hinchcliffe, Dallara-Chevrolet, 117.41.
3. (9) Scott Dixon, Dallara-Honda, 117.398.
4. (14) Mike Conway, Dallara-Honda, 116.819.
5. (4) J.R. Hildebrand, Dallara-Chevrolet, 116.495.
6. (11) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Chevrolet, 116.009.
7. (5) E.J. Viso, Dallara-Chevrolet, 115.763.
8. (38) Graham Rahal, Dallara-Honda, 115.668.
9. (12) Will Power, Dallara-Chevrolet, 114.984.
10. (77) Simon Pagenaud, Dallara-Honda, 111.464.
11. (28) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Dallara-Chevrolet.
12. (2) Ryan Briscoe, Dallara-Chevrolet.
13. (26) Marco Andretti, Dallara-Chevrolet, 117.195.
14. (8) Rubens Barrichello, Dallara-Chevrolet, 117.336.
15. (67) Josef Newgarden, Dallara-Honda, 117.139.
16. (15) Takuma Sato, Dallara-Honda, 117.262.
17. (7) Sebastien Bourdais, Dallara-Lotus, 117.072.
18. (10) Dario Franchitti, Dallara-Honda, 117.156.
19. (18) Justin Wilson, Dallara-Honda, 115.719.
20. (19) James Jakes, Dallara-Honda, 117.028.
21. (78) Simona de Silvestro, Dallara-Lotus, 115.688.
22. (83) Charlie Kimball, Dallara-Honda, 116.032.
23. (98) Alex Tagliani, Dallara-Lotus, 114.084.
24. (20) Ed Carpenter, Dallara-Chevrolet, 115.213.
25. (6) Katherine Legge, Dallara-Lotus, 112.43.
26. (22) Oriol Servia, Dallara-Lotus, 112.907.

Grand Am

Rolex Grand-Am Rolex Porsche 250 Results
Saturday
At Barber Motorsports
Birmingham, Ala.
(Starting position in parentheses)
1. (1) DP: Antonio Garcia, Spain; Richard Westbrook, England; Spirit of Daytona Racing; Corvette DP; 103; 100.675 mph.
2. (2) DP: Jon Fogarty, Bend, Ore.; Alex Gurney, Irvine, Calif.; GAINSCO/Bob Stallings Racing; Corvette DP; 103; 99.831.
3. (4) DP; Scott Pruett, Auburn, Calif.; Memo Rojas, Mexico; Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates; BMW/Riley; 103; 99.842.
4. (6) DP; Enzo Potolicchio, Venezuela; Ryan Dalziel, Orlando, Fla.; Starworks Motorsport; Ford/Riley; 103; 98.756.
5. (9) DP; Max Angelelli, Monaco; Ricky Taylor, Apopka, Fla.; SunTrust Racing; Corvette DP; 103; 99.928.
6. (7) DP; ; Alex Popow, Venezuela; Lucas Luhr, Germany; Starworks Motorsport; Ford/Riley; 102; 97.571.
7. (8) DP; JC France, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Joao Barbosa, Portugal; Action Express Racing; Corvette DP; 101; 99.276.
8. (5) DP; John Pew, North Palm Beach, Fla.; Oswaldo Negri Jr., Miami; Michael Shank Racing with Curb-Agajanian; Ford/Riley; 100; 98.783.
9. (17) GT; Sylvain Tremblay, Parkland, Fla.; Jonathan Bomarito, Monterey, Calif.; SpeedSource; Mazda RX-8; 98; 90.556.
10. (11) GT; Emil Assentato, Locust Valley, N.Y.; Jeff Segal, Miami; AIM Autosport Team FXDD with Ferrari; Ferrari 458 Italia Grand Am; 97; 90.325.
11. (16) GT; Leh Keen, Charleston, S.C.; Andrew Davis, Bogart, Ga.; Brumos Racing; Porsche GT3 Cup; 97; 90.335.
12. (19) GT; John Potter, Salt Lake City; Andy Lally, Newport, N.Y.; Magnus Racing; Porsche GT3 Cup; 97; 90.170.
13. (27) GT; Bill Auberlen, Redondo Beach, Calif.; Paul Dalla Lana, Toronto; Turner Motorsport; BMW M3; 97; 89.911.
14. (10) GT; Jordan Taylor, Apopka, Fla.; Paul Edwards, Fort Collins, Colo.; Autohaus Motorsports; Chevrolet Camaro GT.R; 97; 90.617.
15. (12) GT; Robin Liddell, England; Ronnie Bremer, Denmark; Stevenson Motorsports; Chevrolet Camaro GT.R; 97; 90.543.
16. (14) GT; Charles Putman, Mills, Wyo.; Charles Espenlaub, Lutz, Fla.; Dempsey Racing; Mazda RX-8; 97; 90.223.
17. (18) GT; Dane Cameron, Suwanee, Ga.; Wayne Nonnamaker, Massillon, Ohio; Team Sahlen; Mazda RX-8; 97; 90.624.
18. (26) GT; Steven Bertheau, Aurora, Ill.; Spencer Pumpelly, Mason Neck, Va.; TRG; Porsche GT3 Cup; 97; 90.701.
19. (28) GT; Dion von Moltke, Coral Gables, Fla.; Jim Norman, Tampa, Fla.; APR Motorsport; Audi R8 GRAND-AM; 97; 90.446.
20. (15) GT; Boris Said, Escondido, Calif.; Eric Curran, Holyoke, Mass.; Marsh Racing; Corvette; 97; 90.070.
21. (21) GT; Joe Foster, Lawrenceville, Ga.; Patrick Dempsey, Flowery Branch, Ga.; Dempsey Racing; Mazda RX-8; 96; 88.909.

Chaparrals easily sweep Lubbock Christian JV

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — The Midland College baseball team won a pair of non-conference games on Saturday by defeating Lubbock Christian JV 10-0 and 14-2 as both games ended after six innings because of the run-rule.

In the first game, three Chaparral pitchers held LCU JV to just one hit. Lee grad Garhett Avery got the win in relief as he went two innings and allowed just one walk and struck out two.

Offensively for the Chaps, Ethan Kohnle was 2 for 3 with four RBI and a run scored, while Lee grad Nick Salois was 2 for 3 with a double, two runs scored and an RBI.

In the second game, the Chaps (19-13) had 16 hits, led by Hunter McFall who was 4 for 4 and was a home run short of the cycle with a double, triple, four runs scored and three RBI. Jesse Loter was 3 for 4 with two doubles, two runs scored and three RBI; Midland High grad Blair Beck was 2 for 4 with a home run, triple, two runs scored and three RBI; and Justin Lee was 3 for 4 with two RBI and a run scored.

Jared Robinson got the win in relief after he went two scoreless innings, struck out two and allowed just one hit.

MC plays at Howard College in a non-conference single game on Tuesday before resuming WJCAC play with a home doubleheader Friday against New Mexico Junior College.

GAME 1
MIDLAND COLLEGE 10, LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN JV 0

Midland College	000	325	—10	8	0
LCU JV 000	000		—0	1	1

Colter Bostick, Garhett Avery (4), Jake Holifield (6) and Steel Russell. Home battery not available. W — Avery (1-0). 2B — MC: Tyler Barlow, Nick Salois, Joel Atkinson.

GAME 2
MIDLAND COLLEGE 14, LCU JV 2

Midland College	403	223	—14	16	0
LCU JV	002	000	—2	7	0

Keanu Ramos, Jared Robinson (4), Jason Zgardowski (6) and Patrick Lopez. Home battery not available. W— Robinson (1-0). 2B — Matt Bienek, Hunter McFall 2, Jesse Loter 2. 3B — MC: Luke Slentz, Blair Beck, McFall. HR — Beck (1).

Record: Midland College 19-13

Next: Midland College at Howard College, 3 p.m. Tuesday

Lady Chaps

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keeping the Hawks from getting baserunners.

"I thought she had better control as far as hitting her spots, but she still missed some," Ramos said. "I think when things are going bad it's hard to get positive energy going and she had to work and work. We just asked her to work on one pitch at a time and opportunities to get an out."

Added Herrington, "In the fall, I had shut them down and I knew I could do it again. I went out there knowing that if I have two strikes and I hit my spots that my defense was going to back me up."

MC slowly started to pull away as Serna began to tire and Howard seemed to run out of available pitchers with two runs in the fifth and then two more in the sixth off a two-run homer by Debra Lovell.

The Lady Chaps then broke the game open in the seventh with five runs, including a two-run homer from Lovell — her 20th of the season which surpassed Howard's Olive Naotala's 19 for the NJCAA lead. Gomez also had three-run homer — her ninth of the season — in the frame.

Marlene Field and Diana De La Paz each had three hits, while Lovell, Kelcey Gomez, Gee Estrada and Earnysha Scroggins each had two hits in the game.

Midland College won't get much of a break from WJCAC action as it welcomes rival Odessa College to its home field on Thursday to begin another key four-game series.

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GAME 3
HOWARD COLLEGE 10, NO. 8 MIDLAND COLLEGE 3

Midland College	021	000	0—3	5	0
Howard College	430	120	x—10	13	1

Yolanda Rios, Kristine Vargas (5) and Taylor Clancy. Sandra Serna and Kara Isbel. W — Serna (16-4). L — Rios (15-5). 2B - MC: Clancy, Kayla Parra; HC: Faith Koria, Megan Granado, Claudette Smith 2. 3B — HC: Granado. HR — HC: Isbell (4), Arrant (10). RBI — MC: Clancy 2, Diana De La Paz; HC: Granado 4, Isbel 2, Olive Naotala, Arrant.

GAME 4
NO. 8 MIDLAND COLLEGE 12, HOWARD COLLEGE 4

Midland College	011	122	5—12	17	2
Howard College	001	000	3—4	8	2

Holly Herrington and Clancy. Serna, Nicole Diaz (6), Serna (6) and Granado. W — Herrington (4). L — Serna (16-5). 2B — MC: De La Paz; HC: Koria. HR — MC: Debra Lovell 2 (20), Kelcey Gomez (9). RBI — MC: Gomez 3, Lovell 3, Ashley Chavez, Clancy, Earnysha Scroggins, Marlene Fields; HC: Jazzmin Arrant, Smith.

Records: Midland College 32-10, 5-3 in WJCAC; Howard College 29-12, 8-2

Next: Odessa College at Midland College (DH), 1 p.m. Thursday; Western Texas College at Howard College (DH), 1 p.m. Thursday.

HSBASEBALL/SOFTBALL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Softball

LEE 4, LUBBOCK MONTEREY 3

Lee held off a late rally by Lubbock Monterey to pick up a 4-3 win in a non-district game at Gene Smith Field on Saturday.

The Lady Rebels scored a run in the first, third, fourth and fifth innings, collecting 12 hits in the process. Emily Hardaway picked up the win for the Lady Rebels, while freshman first baseman Rosie Marquez put together an impressive day at the plate with a triple and three RBI.

The Lady Rebels return the District 3-5A action at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, playing host to crosstown rival Midland High at Gene Smith Field.

LEE 4, LUBBOCK MONTEREY 3

Monterey	000	000	3—3	9	2
Lee	101	110	x—4	12	1

Mallory Villegas, Alysia Rivas (5) and Claudia Hernandez. Emily Hardaway, Tasha (7) and Destiny Reyes. W — Hardaway. L — Villegas. 2B — Lee: Alyssa Alvarez. 3B — Rosie Marquez.

Record: Lee 15-11, 3-4 in 3-5A; Monterey 16-10

Next: Midland High at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Gene Smith Field.

Baseball

MIDLAND HIGH 8, ANDREWS 4

Midland High jumped on Andrews early and coasted to a non-districdt win with an 8-4 victory Saturday.

"I'm glad we went out there and competed," Midland High coach Barry Russell said. "It was a good day."

The Bulldogs scored five runs in the second to blow open a tie-game thanks largely to a two-run double by Gilbert Sanchez and an RBI single by Travis Sims.

Sanchez knocked in a run again on an RBI single in the sixth to conclude the scoring for Midland High, who moved to 16-7 with the win.

The Bulldogs now prepare to face Abilene Cooper on the road Tuesday, the only District 3-5A team Midland High has yet to beat.

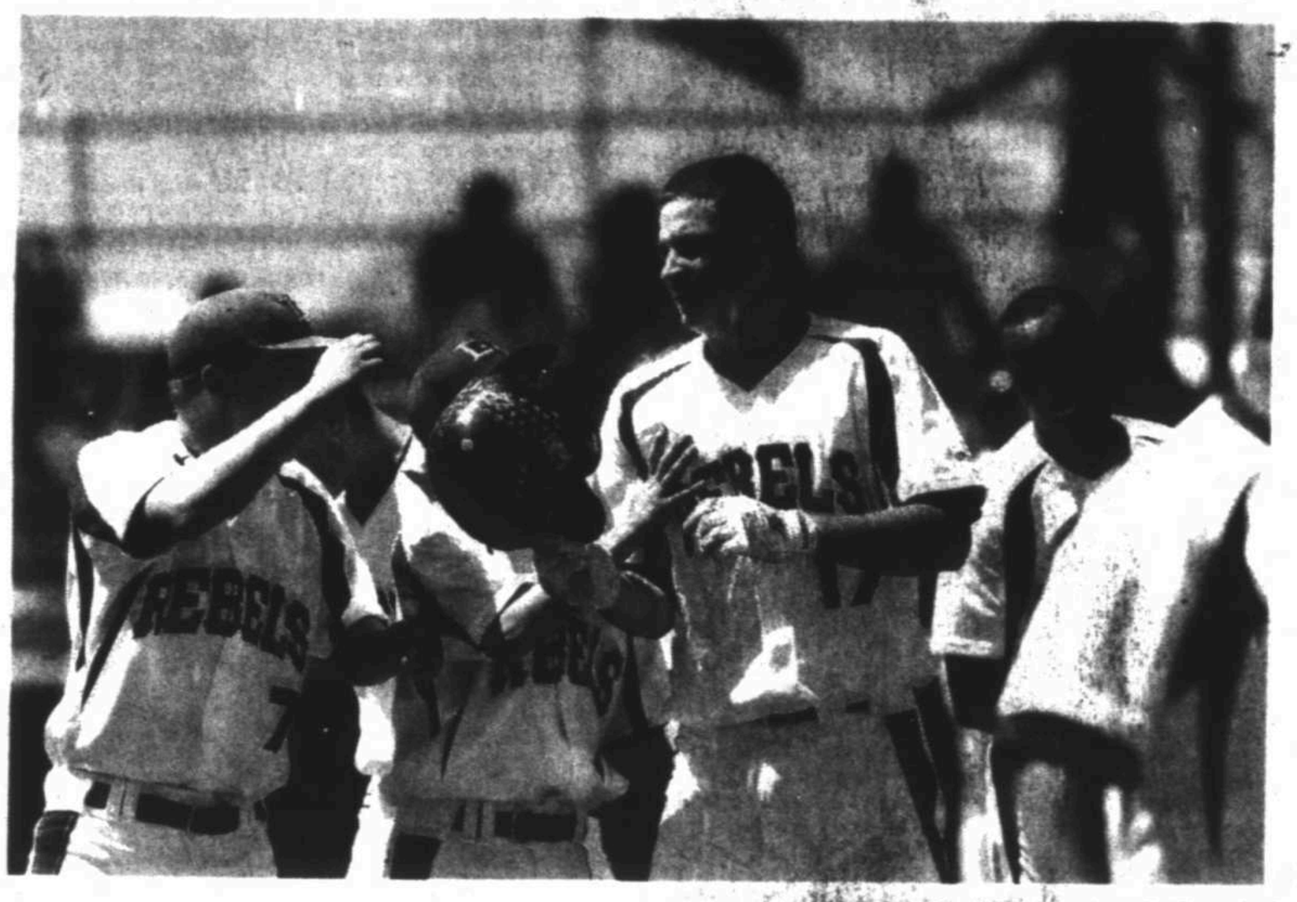
MIDLAND HIGH 8, ANDREWS 4

AND	010	010	2—4	4	3
MHS	150	002	x—8	9	3

Josh Criswell, Santi (4) and Trevor Badgett. Jackson Lancaster, Connor Beck (4), Alex Mata (6) and Travis Sims. W — Lancaster. L — Criswell. 2B — Andrews: Daniel Ramos; MHS: Austen Wade, Gilbert Sanchez. 3B — Andrews: Garrett Bawcom, Blaine Chavez, Braden Martin. RBI — Andrews: Bawcom, Martin, Ramos; MHS: Gilbert Sanchez 3, Sims, Wade.

Records: Andrews 10-10; MHS 16-7

Next: Andrews at Fort Stockton, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Stockton Field; Midland High at Abilene Cooper, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Cougar Field



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Lee's (from left) Caleb West, and Kendall White congratulate Michael Brosig as he heads to the dugout after scoring Saturday during their game against San Angelo Central at Ernie Jonson Field.

Rebels

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then whatever happens happens."

Brosig's effort at the plate was only bested by Dixon, who went a perfect 3 for 3 on the day with a triple and a double and two RBI.

And after a district victory eluded the Rebels on Friday, Lee was simply happy to return to the win column Saturday.

"Anytime you get a win in this district it's great because you know you got a notch in the win column, and that's what we're trying to do — we're trying to get as many of those as we can," Limon said. "You're going to take your losses, but today was awesome to get the win."

3-5A Baseball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland High	5	0	16	7
Abilene Cooper	4	1	8	9
Lee	3	2	16	6
Abilene High	3	2	10	8
Odessa High	2	2	8	14
San Angelo Central	1	4	10	13
Odessa Permian	0	6	2	20

Saturday's Scores

Lee 6, San Angelo Central 2; Abilene High 8, Odessa Permian 1; Abilene Cooper 8, Odessa High 4; Midland High 8, Andrews 4

Tuesday's Games

Abilene High at Lee; Midland High at Abilene Cooper; Odessa High at San Angelo Central; All games at 4:30 p.m.

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LEE 6, SAN ANGELO CENTRAL 2

SAC	002	000	0—2	6	0
Lee	102	210	x—6	10	2

Josh Sawyer, Matt Sawyer (6) and Logan Sawyer. Michael Brosig and Antonio Rodriguez. W — Brosig. L — Josh Sawyer. 2B — Lee: Christian Dixon, Brosig, Colton Lathram. 3B — SAC: Jordan Minjarez; Lee: Dixon. RBI — SAC: Minjarez; Lee: Dixon 2, Lathram, Caleb West, Brosig.

Records: Central 10-13, 1-4 in District 3-5A; Lee 16-6, 3-2

Next: Odessa High at San Angelo Central, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nathan Donsky Field; Abilene High at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Ernie Johnson Field.

Neatherlin keys Lady Dawgs win over Central

From staff reports

SAN ANGELO — Midland High has a roster filled with experienced seniors, but it was a freshman who came up with a critical hit for the Lady Bulldogs on Friday.

Designated player Shelby Neatherlin, who has played in just a handful of varsity games, hit a two-RBI double in the fifth inning, igniting the Midland High offense that had been fairly stagnant to that point. The Lady Dawgs went on to win their District 3-5A game against San Angelo Central, 9-3.

After Neatherlin's two-run double in the fifth that gave MHS a 4-1 lead, the Lady Dawgs began putting the ball in play more, and San Angelo Central began committing errors. Midland High scored five runs in the sixth to put the game away, but had just one hit in the inning.

Seniors Naomi Posada and Merissa Ramirez also had doubles for Midland High, while sophomore pitcher Madison Garcia picked up the win — her fifth of the season — after relieving senior Britney Segovia at the beginning of the second inning.

The Lady Dawgs remain alone atop the District 3-5A standings heading into their rivalry game against Lee at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Gene Smith Field.

3-5A Softball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland High	7	1	19	8
Odessa High	6	2	14	11
Odessa Permian	5	3	21	4
Abilene High	4	4	10	9
Lee	3	4	15	11
Abilene Cooper	2	5	15	9
San Angelo Central	0	8	8	18

Saturday's Scores

Midland High 9, San Angelo Central 3; Odessa High 5, Abilene High 4; Odessa Permian 7, Abilene Cooper 3, Lee 4, Lubbock Monterey 3

Tuesday's Games

Midland High at Lee, Gene Smith Field; Odessa Permian vs. Odessa High, Ratliff Sports Complex; Abilene High at Abilene Cooper. All games at 4:30 p.m. San Angelo Central is idle.

MIDLAND HIGH 9, SAN ANGELO CENTRAL 3

Midland High	001	125	0—9	12	4
Central	010	000	2—3	6	4

Britney Segovia, Madison Garcia (2) and Courtney Warren. Maddie Contreras and Mykaela Lara. W — Garcia (5-2). L — Contreras. 2B — MHS: Naomi Posada, Merissa Ramirez, Shelby Neatherlin.

Record: Midland High 19-8, 7-1 in 3-5A; Central 8-17, 0-7

Next: Midland High at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Gene Smith Field; San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper, 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

Lady Mustangs

From 1C

eight runs on five hits, a walk and three errors. Freshman second baseman McKinley Walker had the biggest hit of the inning with a two-RBI triple. Seven of the eight runs scored came with two outs in the inning and were unearned.

The Lady Mustangs batted around again in the third inning, scoring eight more runs. Nine of the 10 batters who went to the plate in the third reached base. Britton Rea had a highlight with a two-run homer to left center field that made the score 14-1.

Center fielder Bailey Wright picked up the game-clinching RBI with a sharp grounder hit toward Pantego third baseman Brianna Burger, who had the ball bounce off her glove, allowing Wright to reach first safely and Lauren Grizzard to score the game's final run.

"The girls came out swinging and ready to play, being aggressive on the bases," Hardy said of the first game. "I know at least twice today we got two bases on one passed ball. They came out and took care of business."

Midland Christian had a 7-2 lead after two innings in Game 2 thanks to a five-run second inning. But, Pantego fought back, scoring two in the top of the fifth and then answering Midland Christian's one run in the bottom of that frame with a five-run sixth inning and briefly took a 9-8 advantage.

MCS junior shortstop Bethany Roach led off the sixth with a single, stole second, took third on a passed ball and tied the game at 9-9 courtesy of a one-out single by Vines.

Vines moved up to second when Pantego second baseman Carolyn Baker booted a ball hit by Rea. Vines took third and Rea moved up to second on a throwing error by Pantego shortstop Alison Reimschussel.

Vines scored the go-ahead run on a fielder's choice ball hit by Maddie Kalt that was thrown away by Reimschussel for her second straight error, allowing Rea to score an insurance run.

Hardy was simply excited to see the Lady Mustangs fight back after surrendering a sizable lead.

"We struggled with that toward the beginning of the year. We get up and think we have the game and let them back in it," Hardy said. "No one is going to lay down and give it to you. We have to keep fighting. I was really proud of the girls for fighting back."

Notes: The Lady Mustangs played the doubleheader while wearing pink shirts as they tried to raise money to help fight cancer. They were able to raise $1,225 that will be donated to American Cancer Society.

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GAME 1
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 16, ARLINGTON PANTEGO 1

Pantego	100	—1	0	8
MCS	808	—16	13	3

Mara Frazier and Paige Locke. Kadee Vines and Maranda Galindo. W — Vines. L — Frazier. 2B — MCS: Vines 2. 3B — MCS: Galindo, McKinley Walker. HR — MCS: Britton Rea. RBI — AP: Paige Locke; MCS: Walker 2, Rea 2, Bethany Roach, Vines, Bailey Wright.

GAME 2
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 11, ARLINGTON PANTEGO 9

Pantego	110	025	0—9	9	8
MCS	250	013	x—11	12	8

Mara Frazier and Paige Locke. Britton Rea, Kadee Vines (5) and Maranda Galindo. W — Vines. L — Frazier. 2B — AP: Marisa Hunt, Faith Whiteley; MCS: Rea 2. RBI — AP: Hunt 2, Whiteley 2, Locke, Alison Reimschussel; MCS: Rea 2, McKinley Walker 2, Maddie Kalt, Vines, Lindzey Roach.

Record: MCS 12-13-1, 4-0 in TAPPS 1-4A

Next: Hobbs, N.M. at Midland Christian, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Freddie Ezell Softball Complex

COLLEGEBASEBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Softball

FALCONS STRUGGLE IN OKLAHOMA, LOSE SERIES

GOODWELL, Okla. — The Panhandle State pitching staff held The University of Texas of the Permian Basin softball team to just four hits and allowed just one run as the Aggies won the third game of the series 3-1. They would go on to finish the afternoon with an 8-5 win over the Falcons.

Tieifa Dueberry was the lone bright spot for the Falcons offensively as she hit her second home run of the season in the top of the sixth to cut the Aggie lead in half.

In the second game, the Falcons pounded out 10 hits, including a solo homer by Cene Padilla in the fourth inning, but the Aggies countered with a six-run second that proved to be too much for UTPB to overcome. The win for the Aggies will be counted as a non-conference contest as the league only counts three-game series.

The Falcons will return home on Wednesday to host nationally-ranked Angelo State in a double header at the UTPB softball complex starting at 2 p.m.

Baseball

RED RAIDERS FALL TO JAYHAWKS IN GAME TWO

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Texas Tech had its six-game win streak against Kansas snapped on Saturday with a 5-2 loss against the Jayhawks at Hoglund Ballpark.

The Red Raiders (16-12, 2-6 Big 12) allowed two unearned runs in the second and two runs in the fourth and one in the fifth as the Jayhawks (11-15, 1-4 Big 12) capitalized with eight of their nine hits during those three innings.

Texas Tech starting pitcher John Neely (2-3) took the loss pitching 4.2 innings while allowing five runs (three earned) on eight hits with two strikeouts.

Red Raider catcher Bo Altobelli led Tech going 3-for-4 with two doubles, a run scored and an RBI. Freshman shortstop Tim Proudfoot also had a multi-hit game going 2-for-5 with a double.

The Red Raiders will look to win their first conference series of the season on Sunday with a 1 p.m. first pitch at Hoglund Ballpark in Lawrence.

HSSOCCERPAIRINGS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BOYS
CLASS 5A

El Paso Bel Air (R1) vs. Amarillo Tascosa (T2), 2 p.m. Monday, Grande Communications Stadium

San Angelo Central (F3, 7-12-0) vs. Arlington Martin (W4, 15-6-4), 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Lee (R3, 8-10-2) vs. Arlington Sam Houston (T4, 13-4-5), 2:30 p.m. Monday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

El Paso El Dorado (F1) vs. Amarillo High (W2, 20-0-1), 2 p.m. Tuesday, Grande Communications Stadium

Midlothian (R5) vs. Colleyville Heritage (T6), 8 p.m. Monday, Irving Schools Stadium, Irving

Denton Guyer (F7) vs. Plano (W8), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Carrollton

Southlake Carroll (R7, 15-6-4) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (T8), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Justin Northwest HS

Cedar Hill (F5) vs. Richland (W6, 24-1-1), 8 p.m. Tuesday, North Richland Hills

El Paso Socorro (T1) vs. Lubbock Monterey (R2), 4 p.m. Monday, Grande Communications Stadium

Odessa Permian (W3, 17-5-1) vs. North Crowley (F4, 9-6-8), 5 p.m., Tuesday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Abilene Cooper (T3, 11-11-0) vs. Arlington High (R4, 19-3-4), 5 p.m., Monday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

El Paso Americas (W1) vs. Lubbock High (F2), 5 p.m. Tuesday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa

Mansfield Timberview (T5) vs. Irving Nimitz (R6, 7-6-3), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Irving

Coppell (W7) vs. Lewisville Hebron (F8), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Coppell

Keller (T7) vs. Allen (R8), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Allen

Mansfield (W5, 16-5-4) vs. Euless Trinity (F6, 8-6-4), 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Vernon Newsom Stadium, Mansfield

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Runner-up 1 vs. Lubbock Coronado (T2), 3 p.m. Tuesday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa

Odessa High (F3, 14-10-0) vs. North Crowley (W4, 13-4-6), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

San Angelo Central (R3, 16-7-0) vs. Fort Worth Paschal (T4), Noon Tuesday, Gordon Wood Stadium, Brownwood

Fourth place 1 vs. Lubbock Monterey (W2), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Grande Communications

Mansfield (R5) vs. Euless Trinity (T6), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Vernon Newsom Stadium, Mansfield

Fourth place 7 vs. Flower Mound (W8), TBA

Keller Fossil Ridge (R7, 14-5-1) vs. Plano West (T8), TBA

Duncanville (F5) vs. Grapevine (W6, 20-2-3), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Cravens Field, Arlington

Third place 1 vs. Amarillo High (R2), Noon Tuesday, Grande Communications Stadium

Midland High (W3, 17-6-1) vs. Arlington Martin (T4, 11-8-7), 7:30 p.m. Monday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Abilene High (T3, 15-8-0) vs. Arlington High (R4), Noon Tuesday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

El Paso Franklin (W1) vs. Amarillo Tascosa (F2), 4 p.m. Tuesday, Grande Communications Stadium

Mansfield Legacy (T5) vs. Hurst L.D. Bell (R6, 16-3-3), 7:30 p.m. Monday, Cravens Field, Arlington

Southlake Carroll (W7, 23-2-1) vs. Lewisville Hebron (F8), time TBA, Tuesday, Denton HS

Third place 7 vs. Flower Mound Marcus (R8), TBA

Midlothian (W5) vs. Colleyville Heritage (F6), 6 p.m. Monday, Irving Schools Stadium

Oosthuizen leads Houston Open

By Steve Campbell
Houston Chronicle

Louis Oosthuizen kept losing ground, but not his mind. Unable to get anything going early in the third round of the Shell Houston Open, Oosthuizen warded off dark thoughts with soothing swing thoughts.

By day's end, Oosthuizen was musing about breathtaking scenery and sunsets.

There were no sightings of rainbows or unicorns at the Redstone Golf Club Tournament Course, but Oosthuizen did turn a bogey-bogey start Saturday into a magical ride to the top of the leader board. With eight birdies in the final 13 holes, Oosthuizen posted a 6-under-par 66 that left him two strokes ahead of field heading into the final round.

"It was such a beautiful back nine with the weather and the sun dropping – such a nice place out there," Ooothuizen said. "When we turned on 15, I was playing down the sun and the golf course looked spectacular."

At 17-under-par 199, Oosthuizen has a vantage point that is two strokes better than that of Hunter Mahan (65-201) and three better than Carl Pettersson (67-202) and Brian Davis (69-202) and five better than James Driscoll (71-204). The only others within six of the lead are defending SHO champion Phil Mickelson (70-205), reigning PGA winner Keegan Bradley (69-205) and Texas A&M alum Ryan Palmer (66-205). Second-round leader Jeff Maggert of The Woodlands had six bogeys on the way to 76 that dropped him into a tie for 14th (208).

Jacks clinch playoff berth

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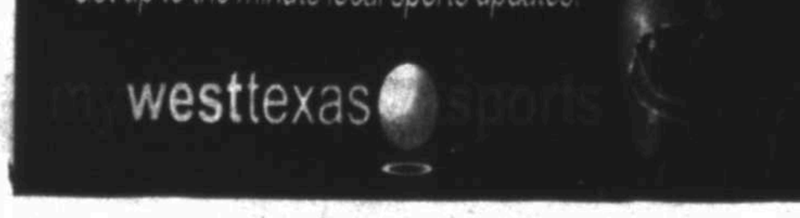
TOPEKA, Kan. — Despite a 6-3 loss to the Topeka RoadRunners at the Kansas ExpoCentre on Saturday, the Odessa Jackalopes still managed to clinch the fourth and final playoff spot available out of the North American Hockey League's South Division.

The Jacks (27-27-5 for 59 points) clinched the playoff berth after Corpus Christi (26-29-5 for 57 points) dropped a 6-1 decision to Texas on Saturday to round out its season, meaning the Jacks will remain two points ahead of Corpus regardless of the result of today's regular season finale.

Topeka outshot the Jacks 40-27 in its victory, scoring five goals in the final two period, including three in the third. Lawrence Cornellier, Ryan Atkinson and Alex Ostroski each had goals for the Jacks.

Odessa takes on Topeka at 6:05 p.m. today at the Kansas ExpoCentre in the final game of the regular season.



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Baylor two wins away from perfect season

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

DENVER — An hour after losing in last season's regional finals, Brittney Griner sent Baylor coach Kim Mulkey a text.

The message was simple: the 6-foot-8 junior phenom took responsibility for the loss and said it wouldn't happen again.

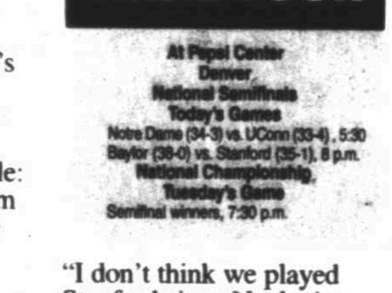
So far Griner has fulfilled her promise, helping Baylor to an undefeated season and has the team two victories away from the first 40-win season in NCAA history.

"She was the only kid that texted me within an hour of the loss," Mulkey said. "She said she was sorry that she didn't deliver. When you have a kid as talented as she is, you knew she was going to come back an even better player. She's stronger, she's forceful. She's dominant."

Standing in the way of a second national championship for Baylor (38-0) are Stanford and the Ogwumike sisters. The Cardinal (35-1) are making their fifth straight trip to the Final Four and are hoping to win their first title in 20 years.

While Stanford and Baylor haven't played each other in four seasons, the other semifinal game features two teams who know each other inside and out. Notre Dame and Connecticut are facing each other for the eighth time in the past 14 months.

"I'd much rather play teams you don't know so much about," Mulkey said.



"I don't think we played Stanford since Nneka is a freshman. Have to make sure I'm not overmedicated and forgotten something. We are familiar with Stanford."

These two teams haven't played since 2008 — the year before Griner showed up, but Nnemkadi Ogwumike is eager for the chance. Ogwumike faced Griner in an AAU game back in high school, and that's when she insists she learned to shoot 3-pointers because scoring in the paint was a big problem. But the senior feels like everybody else in the country has already faced Griner, and now she's finally getting that chance in her NCAA tournament farewell.

"I'm very excited to finally get a chance to play against her," Nnemkadi Ogwumike said. "I feel like I'm the only person who hasn't played against her, it's a big challenge. I'm never one person to win easy. For us to come out and do what we need to do to win this game would be a really great accomplishment for us."

Griner and Mulkey give Baylor sweep of AP Awards

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

DENVER — Whether emphatically blocking shots or throwing down dunks on the other the end of the floor, Brittney Griner has been the most dominant player in women's basketball this season.

The 6-foot-8 junior phenom has led Baylor to a perfect record and the Lady Bears stand two wins away from becoming the first team in NCAA history to win 40 games in a season. Now she is The Associated Press player of the year. Her coach Kim Mulkey completed a Baylor sweep of the awards, being selected coach of the year.

"It's an honor," said Griner, who became the first Baylor player to win the award. "We have a great year going and for it to be the perfect season for me, we've got to win the national championship."

The two-time All-American got 36 of the votes from the 40-member national media panel that selects the weekly Top 25. Delaware's Elena Delle Donne received two votes while Notre Dame's Skylar Diggins and Stanford's Nnemkadi Ogwumike got the other ones.

Kentucky off to title game, beats Louisville

By Nancy Armour
Associated Press

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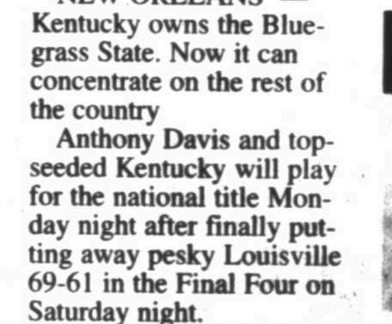

NEW ORLEANS — Kentucky owns the Bluegrass State. Now it can concentrate on the rest of the country

Anthony Davis and top-seeded Kentucky will play for the national title Monday night after finally putting away pesky Louisville 69-61 in the Final Four on Saturday night.

It will be Kentucky's first appearance in the title game since winning a seventh NCAA crown back in 1998 and gives coach John Calipari another shot at the title that has eluded him. The Wildcats (37-2) will face Kansas on Monday at 8 p.m.

As the final seconds ticked down, Davis pointed to the court and screamed twice "This is my stage!"

Yes, yes, it is.

With Davis, everybody's player of the year, leading a star-studded roster, Kentucky was the top seed in the tournament and the heavy favorite to cut down the nets when the whole tournament was done. And Calipari wouldn't let his young players consider anything else, saying repeatedly this was "just another game."

But playing in-state rival Louisville (30-10) is never just that, and the Cardinals made Kentucky work deep into the second half to grind this victory out.

Louisville outrebounded Kentucky 40-33, including a whopping 19-6 advantage on the offensive glass — the sole reason the Cardinals were able to make a game of this.

"I just said John, 'I'll be pulling for you, bring the trophy back home to Kentucky,'" Louisville coach Rick Pitino said. "Sometimes there's a lot of talk about these guys fighting, dialysis, there's also really a lot of people that get along. ... For those that have brains, they root for each other.

"We like their basketball team; we hope they bring it home for the state."

Bigger, bulkier and with Davis having a wider wingspan than some small airplanes, the Wildcats looked like playground bullies as they pushed Louisville around on their way to a 13-point lead early in the second half. But the Cardinals know a thing about rallies after coming from 11 points down to beat Florida in last weekend's West Regional final, and they sure made Kentucky sweat.

Russ Smith made back-to-back buckets to start a 15-3 run, and Peyton Siva capped it with a 3-pointer from NBA range that tied the game at 49 with 9:11 to play. But Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, who played just 23 minutes because of foul trouble, made back-to-back buckets to give the Wildcats some breathing room.

After Siva made a pair of free throws, Terrence Jones scored on a jumper and Darius Miller drilled a 3 — only Kentucky's second of the game — to give the Wildcats control for good.

"I'm proud of this team. They're coming together," Calipari said. "They've taken on shots and runs like Louisville did today, and they've held their own, so I'm proud of them."

Just to make sure Louisville didn't get any wild notions about another late comeback, Kidd-Gilchrist threw down a monstrous dunk with 1:05 to play that had Kentucky fans on their feet and assistant coaches from Kansas and Ohio State scrambling to try and find a way to stop this juggernaut.

Kentucky shot a dazzling 57 percent — yes, that's right — with Davis leading the way. He missed just one of his eight shots and finished with 18 points and 14 rebounds. Miller added 13 points, and Doron Lamb had 10. Kidd-Gilchrist had nine, all in the second half.

"We're one game closer to our dream and our goals," Davis said.

KENTUCKY 69, LOUISVILLE 61
LOUISVILLE (30-10): Kpre 3-8 0-1 7, Behanan 4-9 2-2 10, Dieng 3-10 1-1 7, Siva 4-11 2-2 11, C. Smith 3-11 1-2 8, R. Smith 4-15 1-2 9, Snopphire 0-0 0-0 0, Justice 0-0 0-0 0, Blackshear 3-5 2-3 9. Totals 24-69 9-13 61).
KENTUCKY (37-2): Jones 3-8 0-3 6, Kidd-Gilchrist 4-6 1-4 9, Davis 7-8 4-6 18, Lamb 4-9 2-3 10, Teague 4-8 0-0 8, Miller 4-7 4-4 13, Vargas 0-3 0-0 0, Wiltjer 2-3 0-0 5. Totals 28-49 11-20 69.
Halftime—Kentucky 35-28. 3-Point Goals—Louisville 4-11 (C. Smith 1-2, Kunc 1-2, Blackshear 1-2, Siva 1-2, R. Smith 0-1, Behanan 0-2), Kentucky 2-7 (Wiltjer 1-1, Miller 1-4, Lamb 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Louisville 40 (Dieng 12), Kentucky 33 (Davis 14). Assists—Louisville 7 (Siva 3), Kentucky 9 (Teague 5). Total Fouls—Louisville 16, Kentucky 14. A—NA.

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eyes, who came in as co-Big Ten champions and a slight favorite in a game — a rematch of a 78-67 Kansas win back in December when Ohio State's star, Jared Sullinger, was not available.

Sullinger was there aplenty Saturday night, but he struggled. He finished with 11 points on 5-for-19 shooting, no fewer than three of them blocked by Jeff Withey, the Kansas center who finished with seven swats. Sullinger also had 11 rebounds and a steal, but the sophomore who gave up NBA lottery money to return and win a championship will go without for at least another year.

When the buzzer sounded, he plopped at midcourt, clearly pooped — and maybe wondering how his team let this game slip away.

"They're a great team," Craft said. "They're going to make a run, and they did. And we weren't able to weather it like we have before."

Ohio State-Kansas was billed as "The Other Game" of this Final Four — garnering much less ink than the Kentucky-Louisville blood feud that preceded it — and started off looking like every bit the undercard.

The Buckeyes built an early 13-point lead on the strength of the shooting of William Buford, who came out of a 13-for-44 tournament slump to lead the Buckeyes with 19 points on 6 for 10 from the floor. Kansas trailed 34-25 at the half and only a steal and layup before the buzzer prevented the Jayhawks from a season-low.

"They wore us out the first half. But it's a 40-minute game," Self said. "There's no 13-point plays. You have to grind it and get one stop at a time"

Things changed when Ohio State came out and promptly missed its first 10 shots from the field, while Deshaun Thomas — the Ohio State big man in charge of shutting down Robinson — headed to the bench with his third foul.

That opened everything up for KU: A couple easy layups for Robinson and a kick-out to Elijah Johnson for a 3-pointer were part of a 13-4 run to open the half. It tied the game at 38 and set up for a nip-and-tuck finish between these No. 2 seeds, each of which took at least a share of their conference regular-season title and were in the hunt for top seeding all the way up to Selection Sunday.

Releford finished with 15 points and six rebounds for the Jayhawks. Johnson had 13 points and 10 boards. Taylor finished with 10 points and nine assists — not bad considering the time Craft spent nearly inside his jersey much of the night.

Releford's free throws with 1:37 left put KU ahead 60-59. Buford tried to take the ball to the basket on the next possession, but Withey swatted it away. Johnson followed with a layup — hardly as dramatic as his game-winner against Purdue, but enough for a three-point lead, which seemed like a million for the Jayhawks in this one.

Not that the Jayhawks have to have a big lead — or any lead.

"It's just been our thing all year, coming back," Robinson said. "I don't like doing it, but for some reason my team is pretty good when we're down."

KANSAS 64, OHIO ST. 62
OHIO ST. (31-8): Sullinger 5-19 3-4 13, Thomas 3-14 2-2 9, Craft 4-11 1-1 11, Smith, Jr. 2-5 4-4 10, Buford 6-10 4-4 19, Thompson 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Reisman 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 20-59 14-15 62.
KANSAS (32-6): Robinson II 8-18 3-6 19, Releford 5-7 4-4 15, Withey 2-4 0-0 4, Taylor 3-11 4-4 10, Johnson 6-9 0-0 13, Traham 1-5 0-0 3, Young 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 25-56 11-14 64.
Halftime—Ohio St. 34-25. 3-Point Goals—Ohio St. 8-22 (Buford 3-5, Craft 2-3, Smith, Jr. 2-5, Thomas 1-7, Sullinger 0-2), Kansas 3-11 (Releford 1-1, Johnson 1-3, Traham 1-4, Taylor 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Ohio St. 30 (Sullinger 11), Kansas 42 (Johnson 10). Assists—Ohio St. 11 (Craft 3), Kansas 14 (Taylor 9). Total Fouls—Ohio St. 17, Kansas 15. A—73,304.

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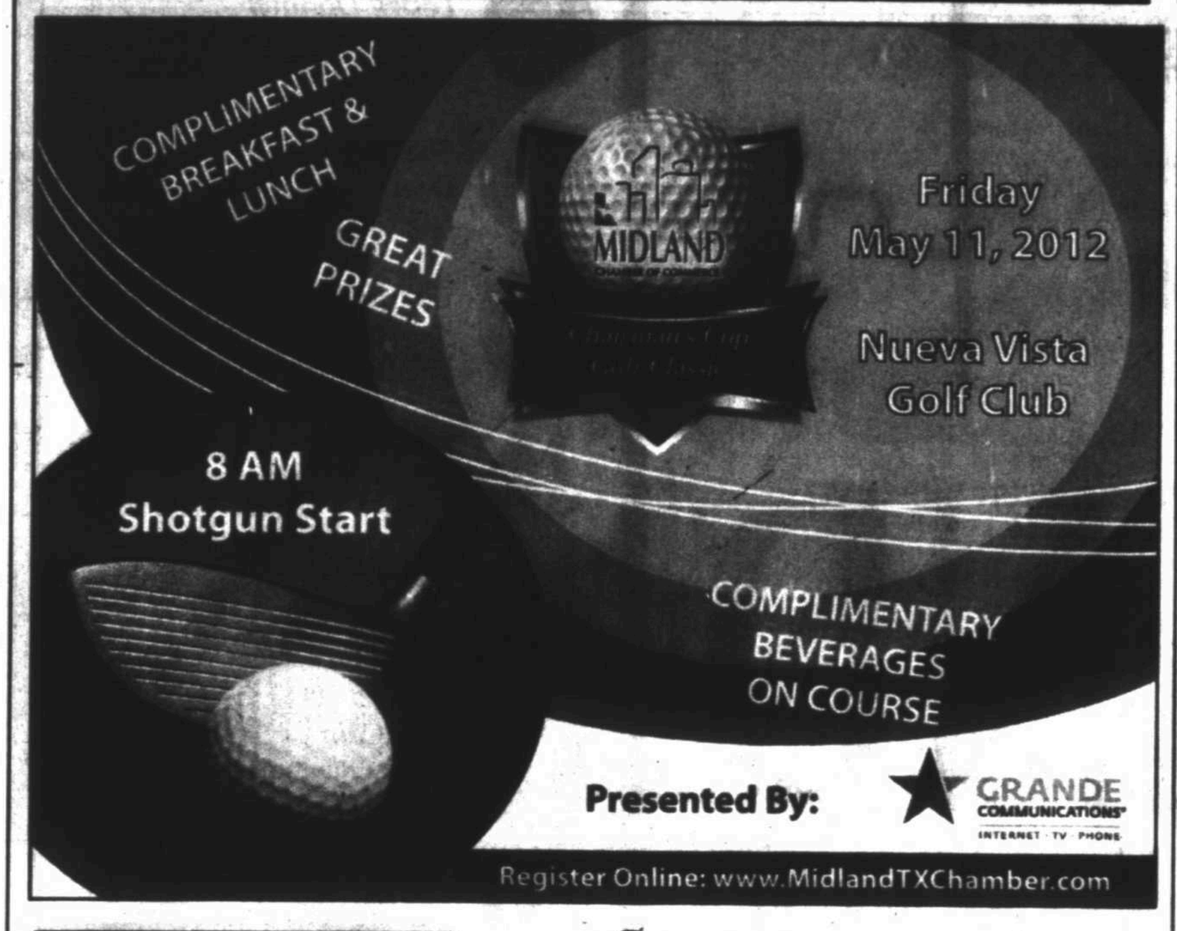

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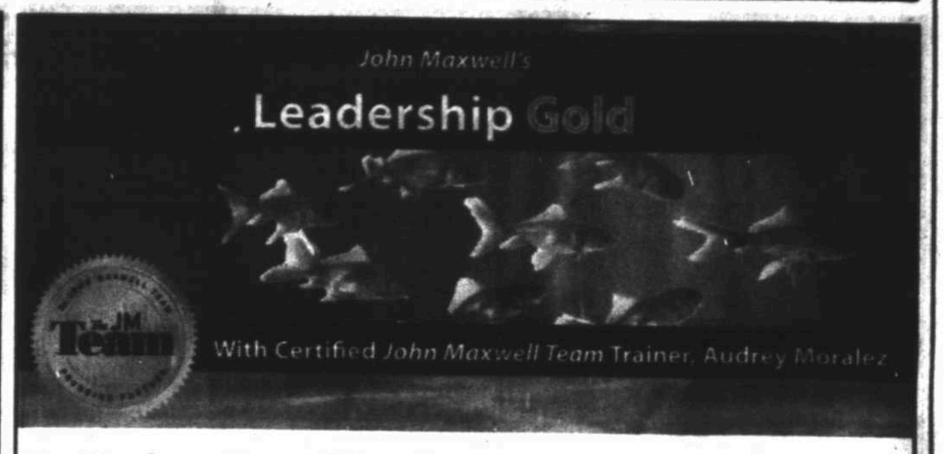

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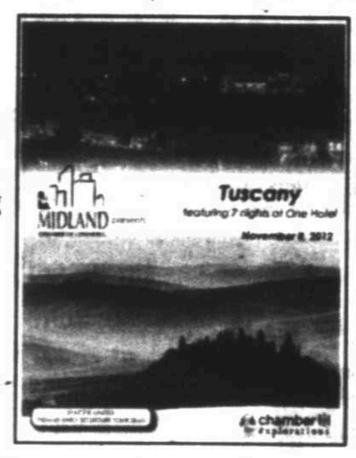

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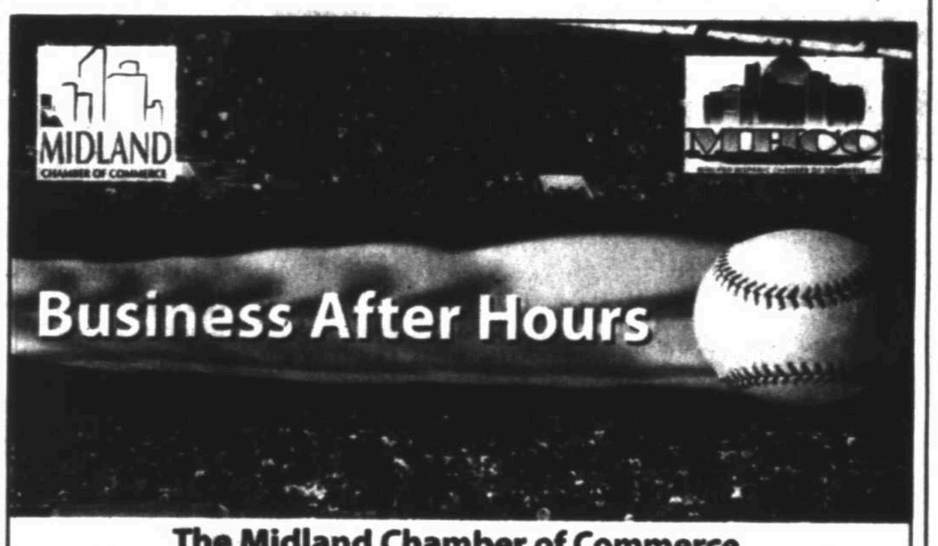

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Lost & Found

FOUND 1 yr old German Shepard Mix on FM 120 & Rankin. Call 432-528-0409.

FOUND 3 Chihuahuas. Call to identify, 432-631-3962.

FOUND GRAY Terrier long hair male, blue collar& orange flea collar. Corner of Cunningham & Midkiff. 432-210-8401

FOUND YOUNG female dog. White with red spots on Sunshine Parkway. 559-6106.

LOST 6lbs grey Morkie named Molly, wearing a pink collar. Jumped out of the car Thurs night 8pm-9pm on Andrews Hwy and Midland Dr. Needs medication. REWARD! Call 432-260-8150, 432-254-7285, 563-0156

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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. 4440-12
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

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
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for an **Exterior Signage Package** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

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All proposals must be received by 2:00 p.m. (noon), Tuesday, April 17, 2012.
Bids shall be addressed as follows:
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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING RURAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Odessa District of the Texas Department of Transportation will conduct a public meeting April 11 to discuss the 2013-2016 Rural Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for 12 counties in West Texas.

The Rural TIP is a four-year transportation plan developed for Andrews, Crane, Loving, Martin, Pecos, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Ward, and Winkler counties, and in Ector and Midland counties outside the boundaries of the Odessa-Midland Metropolitan Area.

The Rural TIP includes: (1) A priority list of projects within the 4-year period 2013-2016, and; (2) A financial plan outlining the funding that is reasonably expected.

The public meeting will be held Wednesday, April 11, at 1:30 p.m. immediately preceding the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission Board meeting at 2910 LaForce Blvd., Midland Airport Complex. There will be a public comment period following the presentation.

A 10-day comment period will permit other residents the opportunity to submit written comments to: Matt Carr, P.E.; TxDOT, Odessa District; 3901 E. Hwy 80; Odessa, TX 79761. Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. April 26. The Draft Rural TIP document can be examined during business hours through April 26 at the Odessa District office.

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Contract Documents (Plans and Specifications) have been prepared by CDM Smith, (214) 346-2800, 8140 Walnut Hill Lane, Suite 1000, Dallas, Texas 75231. Contract Documents may be examined without charge at their office. Contract Documents may be obtained from CDM at the above address for a non-refundable charge:

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Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder, his/her address, and the name of the project for which the bid is submitted. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed as specified in the bid form.

A cashier's check, certified check, or a surety bond, payable to the order of the City of Midland, in the amount of five (5) percent of the bid shall accompany the sealed proposal of each bidder. Deposits will be returned to unsuccessful bidders. Each bid submitted is a legal offer and when accepted by the City, constitutes a FIRM AND BINDING CONTRACT. The Contract is to be awarded to the low responsive responsible bidder. The City reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bidding and the right to reject any and all bids. Conditional bids shall not be accepted. THE CITY OF MIDLAND reserves the unconditional right to cancel all or any portion of this project within thirty (30) days from the date of opening of bids, for any reason and at its sole discretion.

Bids received more than ninety-six (96) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, before the time set for opening the bids, as well as bids received after the time set for receipt of bids, WILL NOT be considered and will be RETURNED UNOPENED.

For information concerning the proposed work, contact Mr. Samir S. Mathur or Mr. Srikanth Koduri, CDM Smith, 8140 Walnut Hill Lane, Suite 1000, Dallas, Texas 75231, (214) 346-2800. For an appointment to see the proposed location of the MBR Satellite Reclaimed Water Production Facility and Influent Pump Station, contact Mr. Stuart Purvis, (432) 685-7262. For security reasons, please notify the City a minimum of 24 hours in advance of requested site visit.

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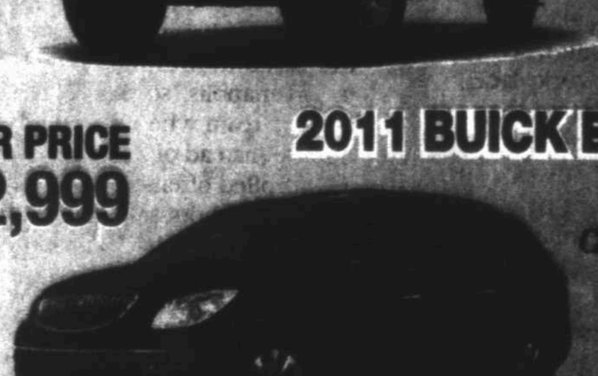

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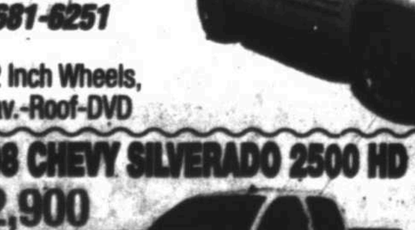

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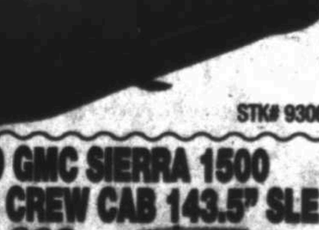

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THE GOOD QUESTION

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Want to turn a cold business relationship with a supervisor or coworkers into a personal one? Start asking some good questions.

"So often, we're afraid to ask questions and we miss out on the opportunity to develop deeper and more intimate relationships, which is what we need," says Andrew Sobel, co-author of "Power Questions: Build Relationships, Win New Business and Influence Others" (Wiley, 2012).

In times of economic instability, people want to make connections and partner with people they truly like and trust, he explains. The right questions can help build relationships by unleashing feelings and vibrant conversations.

"They help you bypass what's irrelevant and get straight to what's truly meaningful," Sobel says. "They make people like you, trust you and want to work with you."

To be sure, asking questions can be tough for many reasons. They can make us feel vulnerable and, at times, ignorant. But Sobel and others argue that asking strong questions helps us think and relate at a higher level.

M. Neil Browne, co-author of "Asking the Right Questions: A Guide to Critical Thinking"

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(Longman, 2011), says that asking questions helps us develop critical thinking skills and discover interconnectedness.

"Think of other people as your most valuable resource, the basis for the facts, opinions and conclusions that you will eventually have," he explains.

Knowing the right question to ask in the workplace can be more important than having the right answers. Sobel offers some power questions that might be useful in specific situations at work:

• "What is your question?" – to create more authentic conversations and help focus individuals or a team on the issue.

• "How would you assess our customer service levels today?" Or, if there is a call for more teamwork, "What do you mean when you say teamwork?" – to help people clarify their thinking and "get out of the cave."

• "What is the most important thing we should be discussing today?" – to zero in on what matters most to the other person.

• "Why do you do what you do?" – to help others tap into their essential passion for their work.

• "Do you mind if we start over?" – to salvage a disastrous conversation.

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EVEN TOP PERFORMERS GET THE BOOT. HERE'S HOW TO RECOVER WITH CLASS

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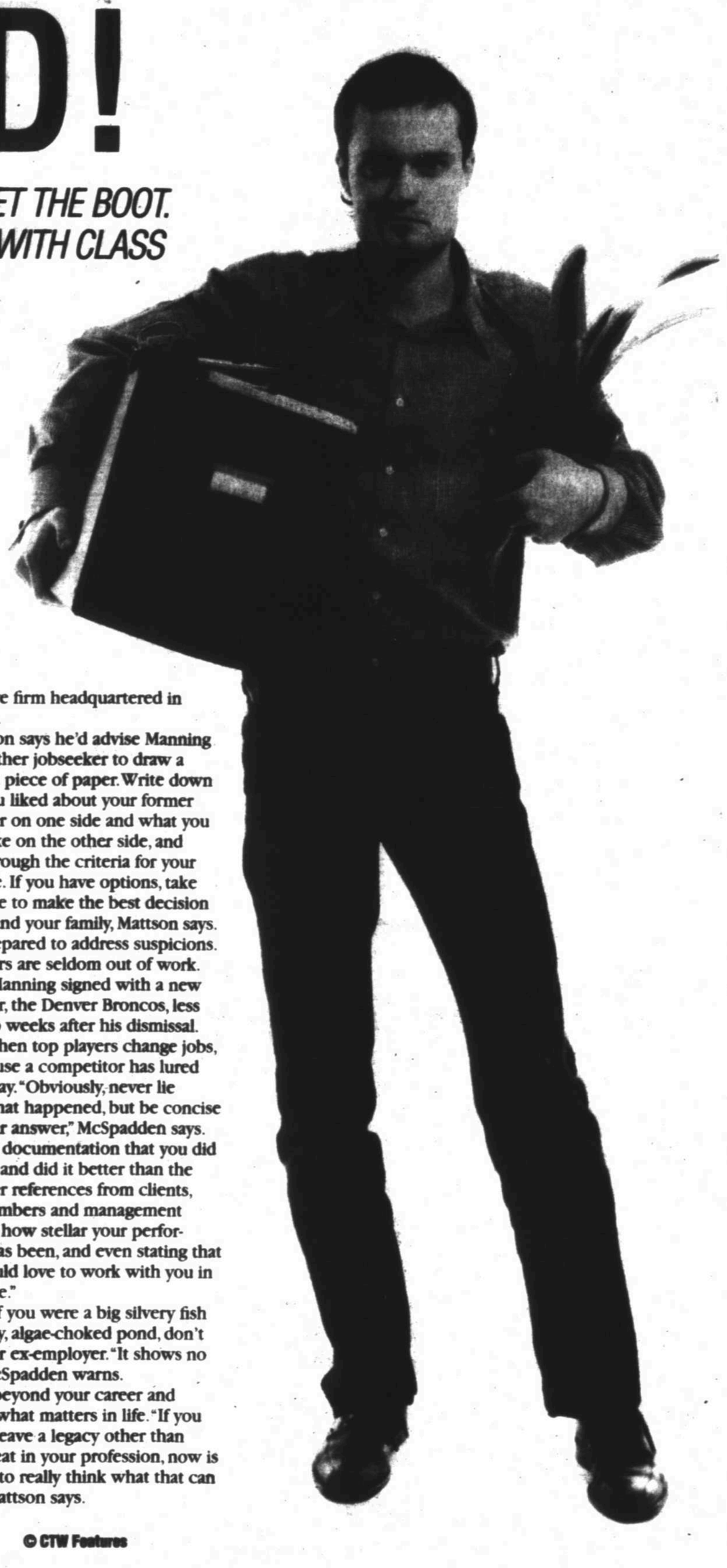

Peyton Manning, quarterback for the Indianapolis Colts for 14 years, was expecting his $28 million bonus in early March. Instead, he got a pink slip.

The four-time league MVP cried and said he'd always be a Colt; after all, he played with the team since 1998 and never missed a game until last year, when a neck injury requiring four surgeries sidelined him for the whole season. During his tenure, Manning led the Colts to a Super Bowl championship and set new team records for passing yards and touchdown passes.

Sometimes, players get kicked to the curb – even star quarterbacks. It can happen to top performers in any organization, from salespeople to CEOs. Luminaries who suddenly find themselves out of work have better prospects than weaker performers, but both groups face similar emotions and weighty decisions about the future.

So what's an out-of-work superstar to do?

"Give yourself a couple of days to react to the news. You need time to release the emotional feelings from what happened so you can make logical decisions moving forward," says Jayne Mattson, senior vice president at Keystone Associates, a Boston career management and transition services consulting firm.

Assess what you want to do next in your life and career. Was your job loss a wake up call? Had your star reached its zenith and begun to fall due to burnout or demands in your personal life?

Don't make a hasty decision. Despite uncertainties about Manning's prognosis, other teams were eager to have him, and within a week he'd met with four of them. But he evaluated each opportunity to find the best fit. "He called his own plays in Indianapolis," so he rightly would prefer a team where he could run the offense instead of a franchise with a controlled offense, with the coach calling the shots, says former college football player John McSpadden, managing director of the Dallas office of DHR International, a retained executive firm headquartered in Chicago.

Mattson says he'd advise Manning or any other jobseeker to draw a line on a piece of paper. Write down what you liked about your former employer on one side and what you didn't like on the other side, and think through the criteria for your next role. If you have options, take your time to make the best decision for you and your family, Mattson says.

Be prepared to address suspicions. Superstars are seldom out of work. In fact, Manning signed with a new employer, the Denver Broncos, less than two weeks after his dismissal. Often, when top players change jobs, it's because a competitor has lured them away. "Obviously, never lie about what happened, but be concise with your answer," McSpadden says. "Provide documentation that you did your job and did it better than the rest. Offer references from clients, team members and management showing how stellar your performance has been, and even stating that they would love to work with you in the future."

Even if you were a big silvery fish in a dinky, algae-choked pond, don't bash your ex-employer. "It shows no class," McSpadden warns.

Look beyond your career and reassess what matters in life. "If you want to leave a legacy other than being great in your profession, now is the time to really think what that can mean," Mattson says.

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RETHINKING OLD ADVICE

Certain tips for writing résumés never seem to go away. "Start with the most recent job and work backwards." "Show your entire work history." I can't tell you how often I gave out those instructions in my 37 years as an employment counselor. Some advisers are still handing it out.

Times have changed, however. The 21st century jobseeker should view a company application as a marketing tool, not a professional autobiography. The jobs you list on a résumé should demonstrate your ability to meet the needs of a particular employer.

For the jobseeker of the 1980s, it was a crisis if a job application form did not contain enough spaces to list all the jobs the applicant once held.

Gone are those days, happily. Today, the wise jobseeker uses a résumé to showcase experiences that demonstrate particular valued skills.

In most cases, this means eliminating any mention of jobs they held many years ago. A person with a bachelor's degree most likely will not list the jobs she or he held in high school or college.

This is not a hard and fast rule, though. A person who worked a variety of retail jobs through the years may want to list them, all in order to demonstrate people skills when applying for a professional position.

Here's the new rule to live by: Consider your résumé or job application as a marketing tool for the job for which you are applying, and craft it accordingly.

– *Bob Lankard*

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Family owned oil field trucking company needs adaptable office assistant for invoice preparation, data entry and various other clerical duties. MUST have experience in computer skills with knowledge of Quickbooks and Excel. Very casual and flexible atmosphere. Please fax resume to 687-1643, mail to P. O. Box 3663, Midland, TX 79702, email to rvmaskell@gmail.com, or apply to 4601 Rankin Highway.

OFFICE CLERK

ATLANTIC Operating, Inc., a Midland based independent oil and gas operator, has an immediate opening for a detail-oriented person to assist with accounting data entry and office duties. Working knowledge of Excel and Word are required. Experience with Wolfepak software is a plus. The position offers a very competitive salary and an excellent benefit package.

Qualified individuals must submit a resume, references, and salary history to:
Atlantic Operating, Inc.
Attn: Accounting
P.O. Box 3759
Midland TX 79702
or email to sandyk@atlanticoi.com

Office
Full-time, knowledge in A/P, A/R, payroll, Quickbooks, Word and Excel. Attention to detail is a must. Must work Saturday's. Two days off per week including Sunday's. Apply in person: Carter's Furniture, 2101 West Wadley, Suite #6, Midland, Tx.

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Adams Companies is looking for a full time Office Assistant. Reliable person with transportation. Must have experience with Quickbooks, Microsoft Word, & Excel. MUST BE ABLE TO WORK WELL WITH OTHERS. Please send resume to adamscompanies@yahoo.com or pick up applications at 3700 North CR 1150, Midland, TX 79705. Take Loop 250 E, go south on CR 1150, office on left. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

Secretary
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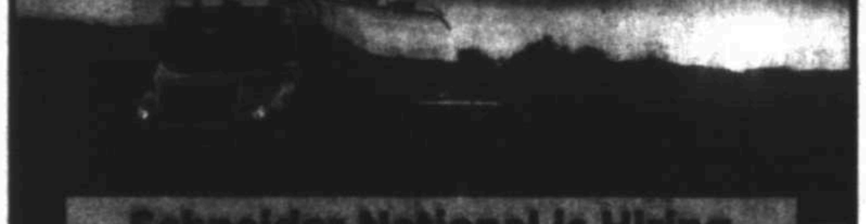

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- **Human Resources**
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Attn: Human Resources
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- 2-3 years experience in engine, compressor mechanics, production equipment and gas compression, preferred.
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- Knowledge and experience of high speed equipment, preferable Waukesha Engines
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Caregivers & Part Time Nurses
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Midland, TX 79707
Alzheimers special care center a 66 bed assisted living facility. Dedicated to the cure of residents with memory loss is seeking Caregivers & Part Time Nurses. If your are interested in a senior living environment email your resume to legacyranch-admin@jeaseniorliving.net or mail to 4800 Briarwood Ave, Midland, Tx 79707 or fax 432-694-5606

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Experienced preferred but not required. Please apply in person.

Part Time Activity Assistant
Legacy Ranch PT
Midland, TX 79707
Alzheimers special care center a 66 bed assisted living facility. Dedicated to the cure of residents with memory loss is seeking a Part Time Activity Assistant. If your are interested in a senior living environment email your resume to legacyranch-admin@jeaseniorliving.net or mail to 4800 Briarwood Ave, Midland, Tx 79707 or fax 432-694-5606

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HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Food Service Director
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Midland, TX 79707
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Now hiring for the open positions at our facility. We have an opening for a
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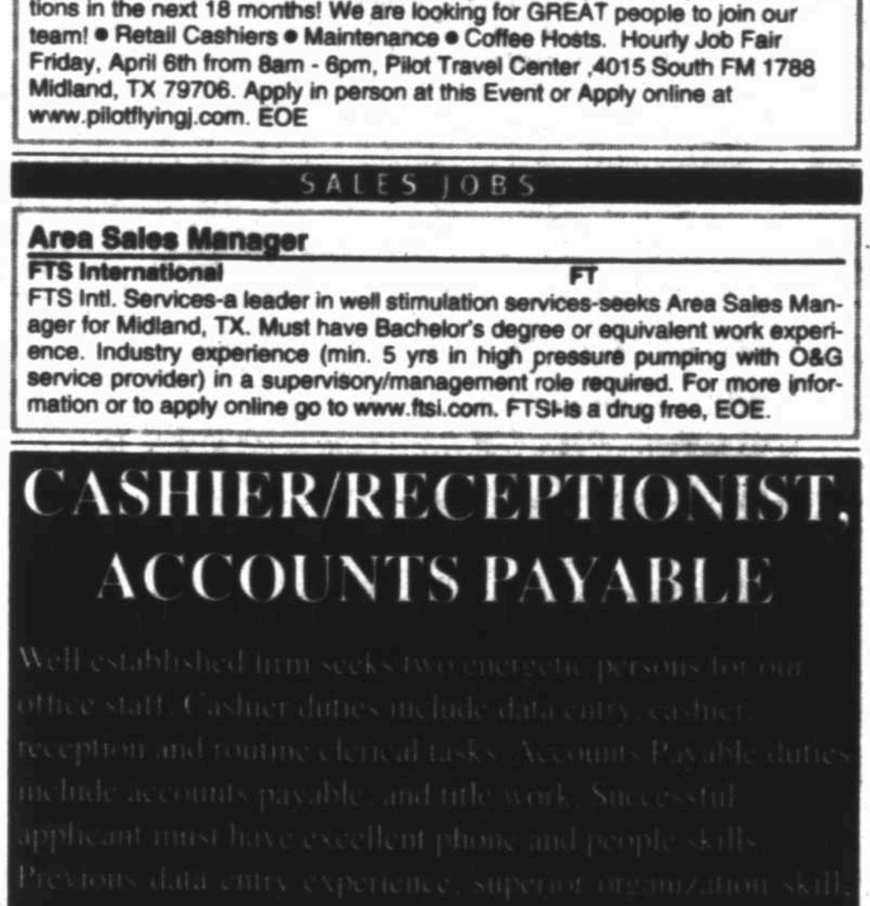

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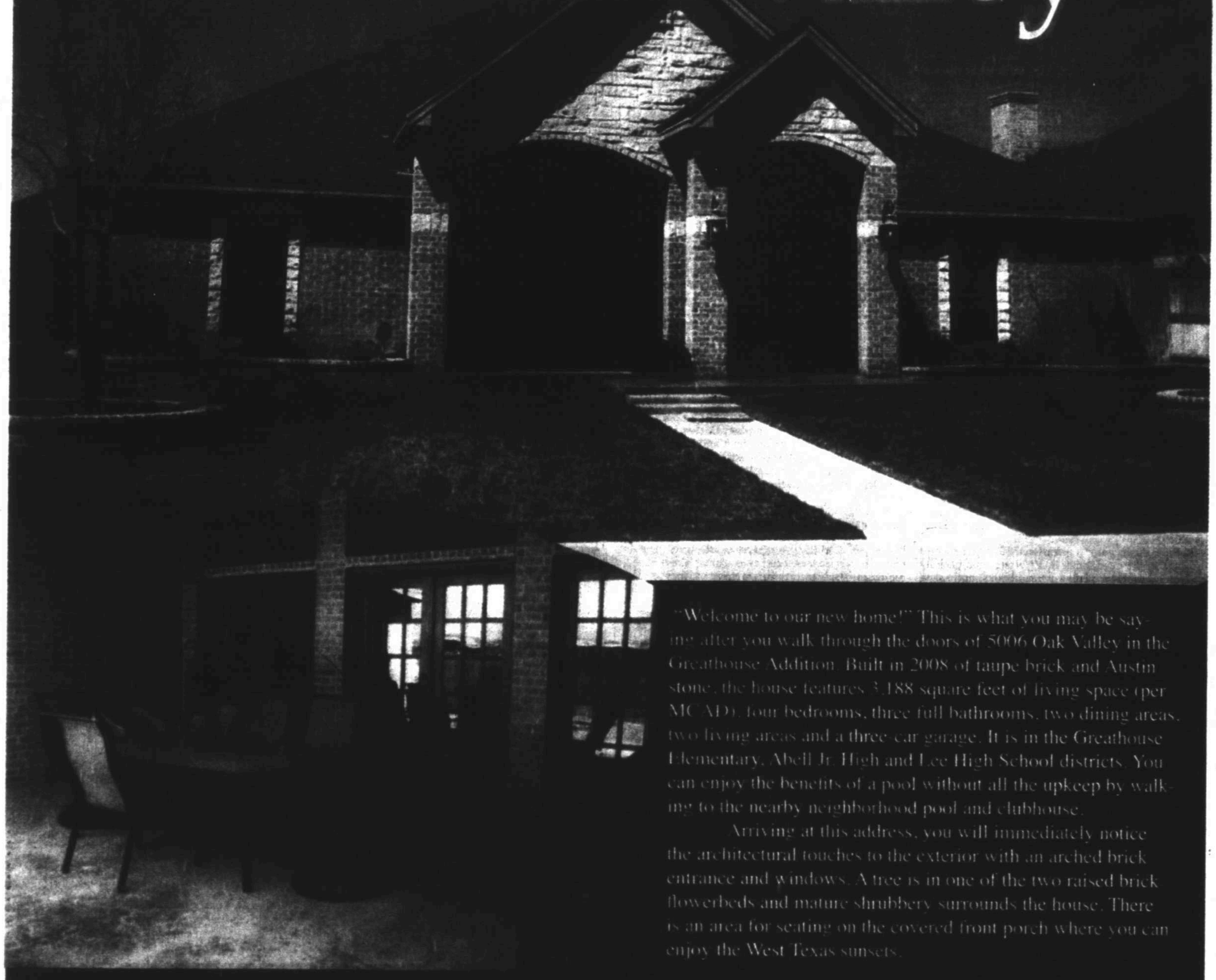

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Arriving at this address, you will immediately notice the architectural touches to the exterior with an arched brick entrance and windows. A tree is in one of the two raised brick flowerbeds and mature shrubbery surrounds the house. There is an area for seating on the covered front porch where you can enjoy the West Texas sunsets.

As the front door opens, your eyes are drawn to the beautiful hand scraped wooden floors that flow throughout the house. The house has an open floor plan with very tall ceilings. Plantation shutters, crown moulding and attractive lighting. You will be checking these requirements off your "want" list because they are all in this house! To the left of the front door is the formal dining area where a stacked ceiling makes the area open and airy. Overhead, a bronze chandelier will light up your next dinner party. After dinner, move into the formal living area, which is straight ahead of the entry, and visit with friends near the stone fireplace. It is two-sided and also opens up in the den. From the den, you can enjoy a view of the backyard and covered back porch as you look through French doors. These spaces are perfect rooms for entertaining, as they are also open to one another and the kitchen.

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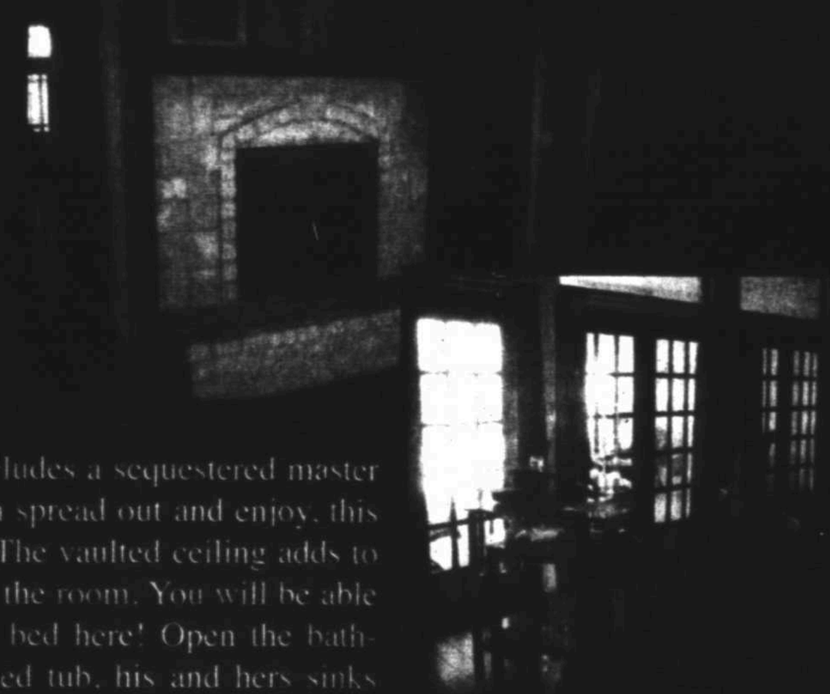

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The Best of Both Worlds?

Right now it looks as though the economy is heating up. The Federal Reserve Board's comments at the conclusion of their meeting contained a more upbeat assessment of the economy. The Dow hit its highest level since 2007 early last week. Car and real estate sales are rising. Oil prices have been climbing all year and interest rates are also starting to climb. As we have said all along, higher gas prices and rates are the price we expect to pay for a stronger economy. The next question is--how high will rates go if the economy keeps improving? In an ideal world, we would have an improving economy all year and still enjoy low rates.

The argument against rates rising too fast starts with the Fed. The Fed has stated that they are committed to keeping short-term rates low until 2014. Keep in mind that this commitment is subject to change if the economy heats up. Plus long-term rates are likely to rise in reaction to a stronger economic recovery despite what the Fed does. So the key will be the economy and we have to remember that there are still plenty of headwinds against a strong recovery. The real estate market must absorb millions of homes which are scheduled to go to foreclosure and the world economy is still slowing in some areas and struggling in other areas such as Europe. A moderate but steady recovery is probably the best we can hope for and this type of recovery could support low rates for the remainder of 2012. Keep in mind that the rates we have seen in the past several months are the lowest of our generation. A small rise in these rates in no way would be considered anything but very attractive for consumers to purchase big ticket items such as cars and houses. So as long as the rise in rates and the economic recovery are manageable, we could see the best of both worlds. After the past several years, this would be very good news.

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Ten Time-Saving Tips to Take the Stress Out of Moving

When it comes to moving, a little preparation goes a long way. As a member of the Top 5 in Real Estate Network®, my experience tells me that tons of time and energy can be saved by planning ahead, staying organized and focusing on details.

Here are 10 great, time-saving tips to make moving fast and efficient, courtesy of HGTV's FrontDoor.com:

1. Make a moving schedule. Starting 60 days before the move, use a week-by-week checklist to keep the process on track. The tasks to accomplish further from moving day might seem trivial at first, but staying on schedule will prevent last-minute headaches.

2. Hire a quality moving company. Resist the temptation to hire a company that offers a too-good-to-be-true rate. An unreliable mover will cost time and money in the long run if items are lost or broken. Check out moving company credentials with the Better Business Bureau and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

3. Pare down your possessions. If an item won't be used in the new home, don't waste time packing it. Notorious clutter items—unread books, unfinished projects and half-empty cleaning products—are prime targets to leave behind.

4. Pack like a pro. Come up with a packing system so all boxes end up in the right rooms when they get to the new home. One option is to buy a set of magic markers and create a "color code" system for the movers—red-labeled boxes for the living room, blue for the kitchen, etc. On moving day, draw a floor plan of the new place with each room labeled and give it to the movers.

5. Make the house move-out ready. Most movers won't disconnect anything that's hard-wired, so unplug all the appliances and lighting fixtures that go. Make sure all paths are clear from the house to the moving truck. Speed up the process by knowing the ground rules for what movers will and won't do.

6. Stock up on packing supplies. Don't run out of packing tape the morning of the move; have plenty of supplies on hand. Early on in the moving process, start gathering boxes, tape, bubble wrap, newsprint, box cutters and markers. Try to save time and the environment by packing with materials you already have. Load up suitcases and plastic containers and use pillows, scarves and towels to "wrap" fragile items.

7. Pack a moving survival kit. Don't throw everyday essentials like ID and medicine in with other belongings, only to have to dig through boxes later. Instead, pack a "last-to-go" box with all of the necessities—toiletries, snacks, important documents—and keep it with you instead of packing it in moving truck.

8. Spruce up the new home before moving in belongings. It's easier to clean, paint and make improvements while the new home is still empty. Before hauling in all the furniture and boxes, be sure to vacuum, dust baseboards and wash the kitchen and bathroom floors.

9. Map out the new floor plan. Decide how to arrange the furniture before moving it into the new place. The best way to do this is to make paper cutouts of the furniture. Measure the dimensions of the piece and tape together newspaper pages to match the "footprint" of the furniture. It's much easier to reshuffle newspaper than all that heavy furniture.

10. Change the address and notify companies before the move. Completing a change-of-address form before you head out can prevent hassles such as past-due bills, service lapses and even identity theft. Schedule dates in advance to discontinue utilities, phone, cable and Internet, and arrange for these services at the new address.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Play fair when selling your home

When you're planning to sell your home, you most likely want it sold at the best price and as quickly as possible. But if you inadvertently discriminate against potential buyers, not only do you run the potential risk of missing out on a great offer, you may risk violating the law.

Protected classes

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental or financing of a property based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin. Be sure to also check local ordinances that may cover additional protected classes.

These laws were put in place to ensure equal housing opportunities for all Americans. But many people don't understand exactly what "fair housing" means. And that's not surprising. Although the concept seems simple, there are situations where it gets a little complicated and harder to discern. Here are a few examples of potential violations:

- Refusing to sell your home to a single woman with several children
- Advertising that you'd prefer to sell your home to a Christian family
- Falsely denying that your property is for sale because the person who's asking doesn't share the same ethnic background as your neighbors

Is that ad a good idea?

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Let someone else be helpful

While buyers are looking, they may have questions about the neighborhood, such as the nearest grocery store or traffic concerns. But be careful how you respond if a buyer asks about things like the neighborhood's racial, ethnic or religious,demographics. It's best to direct buyers to sources of that information—the Census Bureau or local school district—rather than answer yourself. Better yet, refer these questions to your REALTOR®.

Also, if you ask your REALTOR ® to eliminate or include certain buyers based on any of the protected classes, she legally cannot follow your instructions. Don't be offended or angry. No matter how benign the request may seem, it would be a violation of fair housing laws and she would be risking a hefty fine, her reputation and her career.

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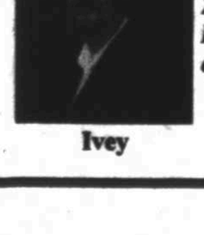

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	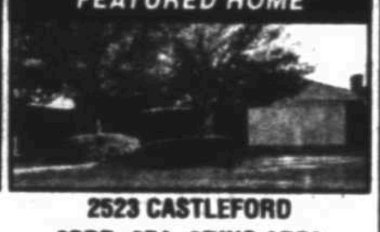
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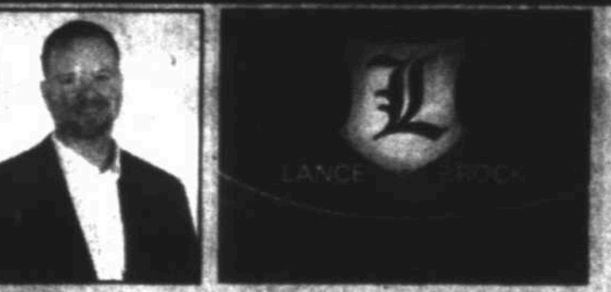

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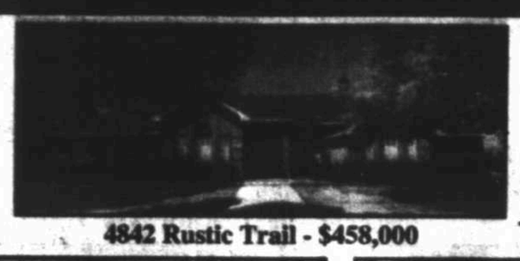
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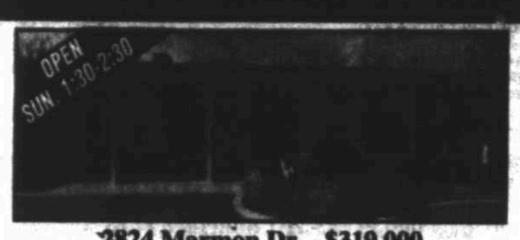

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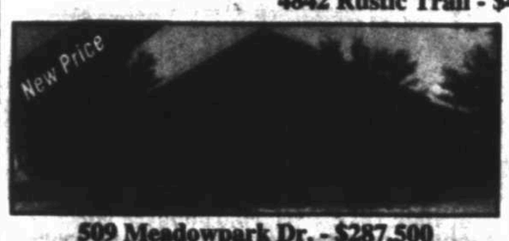

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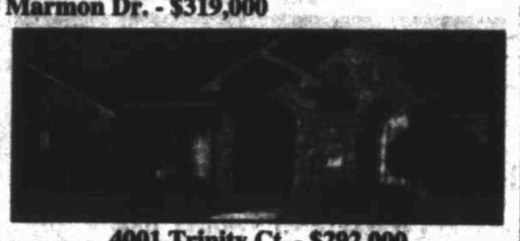
4001 Trinity Ct. - $292,000

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New and Reduced Listings

804 Keystone Ct.-Fabulous Woodruff Custom 4br, 4ba, 4 living areas, study plus 4 car garage. Gorgeous pool/spa, outdoor kitchen & play area.....$950,000
4842 Rustic Trail-Wonderful 4BR, 3BA in Green Tree North.....$458,000
5005 Oak Valley-Great open plan w/4/3 w/2 living, 3 car garage.....$429,000
2000 H. H St.-Fabulous versatile plan in Old Midland.....$365,000
2824 Marmon Dr-Beautifully updated 4/3 1/2.....$319,000
509 Meadowpark-3BR, 2 1/2BA, 3 living areas, big yard.....$287,500
2516 Gulf-Fabulous four in Fannin w/2LV, 4BD w/seq. master, 2 large walk-in closets. This fantastic home demands your immediate attention.....$210,500
1000 W. Pecan Ave.....$199,900

Two Bedrooms

2218 Western-Great 2br townhome with stained concrete floors.....SOLD...$190,900

Three Bedrooms

6516 Gladiola-3/3 new construction with RV garage & workshop.....$450,000
5307 Quicksand Cove-3BR/2.5BA/2LA/3 gar, patio home, less than 1 year old.....$375,000
509 Meadowpark-3BR, 2 1/2BA, 3 living areas, big yard.....$287,500
3202 Chelsea Pl-Stunning low maintenance new construction.....U/C...$228,500
4521 Gloucester-3bd/2bth, so much new!.....$210,000
4302 Nelson-Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 2 bath, formal dining, 2 garage.....SOLD...$195,500
3306 Edgemont Dr.....U/C IN 1 DAY...$189,500
1901 W. Ohio Ave.-A must see 3 bd/2 bth, heavily renovated Old Midland property.....SOLD...$187,500
513 Parkwood Dr.-Very nice 2 story with much updating, large storage house in back.....U/C...$137,500
3325 W. Ohio Ave.-3/1/1, workshop.....$115,000
1402 Delmar-3/2/1, water well & workshop.....$109,900
2908 Holloway-3/1, well kept! Garage/workshop.....$109,900

Four Bedrooms

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Four Bedrooms

4842 Rustic Trail-Wonderful floor plan on large lot in Green Tree North. Lots of updates including kitchen!! 4BR, 3BA.....$458,000
3029 Edgebrook Ct.-Gorgeous 4BR, 3BA, formal living, dining/den/gameroom, 3 garage. Updated!.....U/C...$430,500
4409 Verde Glen Ct.-Squeaky clean and loads of new! Beautiful pool, large patio & pretty landscaping - bonus room.....$429,000
5005 Oak Valley-Great open plan w/4/3 w/2 living, 3 car garage.....$429,000
2000 H. H St.-Fabulous versatile plan in Old Midland. Oversized island kitchen, large master w/fireplace, lovely yard w/pool, detached 3 car garage!.....$365,000
5524 Cypress-Beautifully remodeled 4Bd in Green Tree, new carpet, new paint, new hardwood floors, great kitchen, wonderful trees.....U/C...$360,000
4501 Woodhollow-Large beautiful kitchen, space galore!.....U/C...$350,000
3104 Patrick-Gorgeous New construction.....U/C...$329,000
3506 Trinity Meadows-Fabulous 4BR, hardwood floors, granite counters in kitchen, lovely!.....$324,000
2824 Marmon Dr-Beautifully updated 4/3 1/2.....$319,000
3228 Pebble-Fabulous new construction in Mayfield Place.....U/C...$304,900
2901 Caldera-Pick your colors & granite!.....U/C...$234,000
2516 Gulf-Fabulous four in Fannin w/2LV, 4BD w/seq. master, 2 large walk-in closets. This fantastic home demands your immediate attention.....$210,500
1000 W. Pecan Ave.....$199,900

Five or More Bedrooms

2000 Baybrook-Fabulous versatile plan, includes guest suite, 4.5 garages, water well, more!.....$900,000
410 Eastwood-5BR/2BA, 2 story, miles of tile.....U/C...$150,000

Town Houses and Patio Homes

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Lots, Land and Acreage

Loop 250 & I-20-approx. 20 acres, call Bill Scott.....$650,000
84 Lincoln Park-San Angelo lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy.....$179,000
900 W. Cuthbert-Build new in Old Midland, hard to find location.....$125,000
1000 W. Texas-Good downtown lot, loads of possibilities.....$99,500

New Construction

6516 Gladiola-3/3 new construction with RV garage & workshop.....U/C...$450,000
3104 Patrick-Gorgeous home in Mayfield Place.....U/C...$329,000
3228 Patrick-Beautiful 4/3/3, now complete.....U/C...$304,900
2901 Caldera-Pick your colors & granite!.....$234,000
3202 Chelsea Pl-Stunning low maintenance new construction.....U/C...$228,500

Commercial Investment Property

805 W. Wadley-For Lease-Free standing office building with approx. 4,054 sq. ft. .....Call Bill Scott for Details
W. Wadley Avenue-1.232 acre retail or offc. pad site next to new West Texas Nat'l Bank.....SOLD
2301 E. Interstate 20, Odessa, Tx.-6.65 acres with over 43,000 sq. ft. industrial bldg. 34,718 sq. ft. ..... shop & 8,518 sq. ft. office, Call Bill Scott.....$1,000,000
5500 Block of Wadley-Wonderful location in North Midland, zoned for retail. Across from Lowes. Vacant lot with approx. 53,663 sq. ft. Call Bill Scott.....SOLD...$845,000
2121 W. Florida Ave.-Terrific location retail/industrial, 3 offices, a showroom, 3BA, 2/3 storage rooms, 2 warehouse areas. Call Bill Scott.....$300,000
701-703 W. Indiana-Office building w/4 separate suites, 10,000 sq. ft., great downtown location, partial sale possible. Call Bill Scott.....$325,000
2913 W. Industrial-Approx. 8,458 sq. ft. industrial/warehouse building on .788 acres. Terrific location w/2 offices & access to Carter St. Call Bill Scott.....SOLD...$310,000
4010 N. Midkiff-Beautiful custom office building in Stone Oak Plaza w/small warehouse area. Call Cindy Kellough or Bill Scott.....SOLD...$220,000
Andrews Hwy.-2.0 acre tract of land just East of Loop 250, zoned retail. Call Bill Scott.....$125,000

Out of Town Properties

100 Bay Point, Horseshoe Bay, TX-Fabulous waterfront home including furnishings!.....$3,150,000
3625 Country Club/San Angelo-Fabulous! Lake Front home, Southwestern life.....$850,000
84 Lincoln Park-San Angelo, lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy.....$179,000

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10520 ECR 109 - $475,000
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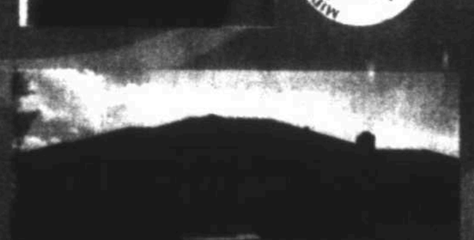
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5 BEDROOMS/4 BATHS!

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5 BEDROOMS! POOL/SPA/UPDATED!

2406 SCR 1120 - $365,000
UNDER CONTRACT!

2221 SCR 1130 - $359,000
UNDER CONTRACT!

4521 HUNTOR DRIVE - $340,000
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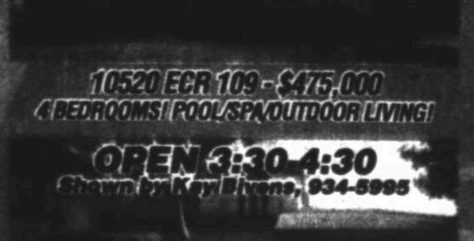
4506 GREEN TREE BLVD. - $315,000
UNDER CONTRACT!

2016 COLEMAN COURT - $300,000
UNDER CONTRACT!

5109 BRIGHTON PLACE - $270,000
4 BDRMS/3 FULL BATHS/2 LIVING AREAS!

10600 ECR 100 - $189,900
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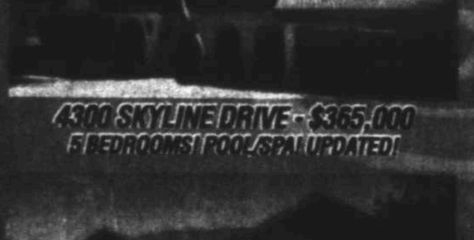
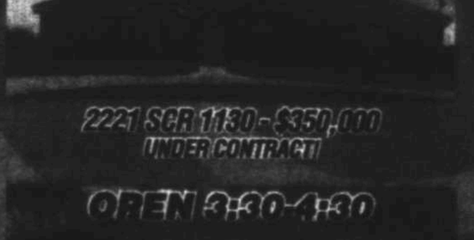

3310 NEELY AVENUE - $109,900
UNDER CONTRACT!

3520 IMPERIAL AVENUE - $145,000
UNDER CONTRACT!


804 BOYD - $145,000
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1005 McCLINTIC - $375,000
UNDER CONTRACT!

1400 LAMAR TRAIL - GARDENDALE - $165,000
UNDER CONTRACT!

2512 CUTHBERT - $130,000
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2410 SCR 1060 - $125,000
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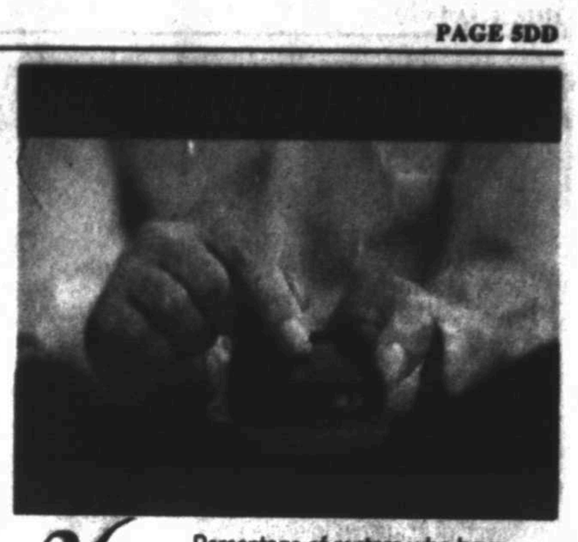

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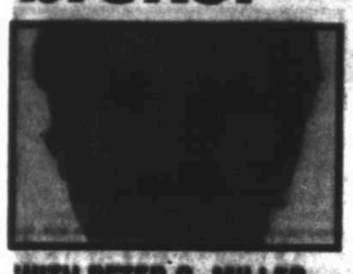

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DOWN & UP PAYMENTS

QUESTION:

I obtained a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage in 2008. Six months after closing I was notified of a severe shortage in my tax and insurance account. I am now in default. My taxes and insurance have consistently declined and the property value has dropped, yet my monthly payment has gone up. How is this possible?

ANSWER:

With a fixed-rate mortgage you have a set monthly payment for the life of the loan, say $1,000. If you buy with less than 20 percent down the lender also collects money each month for property insurance and property taxes. Maybe you now are paying $50 per month for insurance and $150 per month for taxes. The tax and insurance money is kept in an "escrow" or trust account.

While the total monthly cost for principal and interest does not change with a fixed-rate loan, the cost for taxes and insurance may go up or down. In most areas property taxes have declined along with property values.

Some jurisdictions collect property taxes twice a year, say half of $2,100 in June and half in January. Your lender may have estimated the required tax payment incorrectly or not collected the proper amount at closing, thus the need to increase your monthly payment.

For instance, the real tax cost may have once been $200 per month but it is now $175 per month. Even though the monthly cost has gone down it's still more than the lender was collecting ($150).

You must pay your taxes and insurance in full, otherwise the mortgage is in default.

Please contact an attorney immediately. An attorney will check with the property records office and your insurance broker to see how much is owed and then deal with the loan servicer. Although you're in default, a sensible mortgage investor would rather have the taxes and insurance brought current then face the losses associated with a foreclosure.

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SELLING

HOME IMPROVEMENT

BEFORE YOU OPEN YOUR DOOR TO POTENTIAL BUYERS, IT PAYS TO TAKE A FEW EXTRA STEPS TO MAKE YOUR HOME STAND OUT

By BARBARA BALLINGER
CTW FEATURES

It's not just the overall average size of the new American homes that are shrinking – down to 2,377 square feet last year from 2,438 square feet the year before, according to the National Association of Home Builders – but the stuff that goes in it, too.

Everybody knows there's no perfect house. But with more people looking to sell than to buy, sellers need to be up front about go the extra mile to make their home stand out.

"Every house today needs to be well prepared," says Stafford Manion, broker-owner with Gladys Manion Inc. in suburban St. Louis. "Sellers need to go much further than they used to."

Anything untidy and poorly maintained sends up red flags that could derail sales, Manion adds.

Sellers are wise to tackle the biggest structural and aesthetic hindrances – anything septic systems that haven't been serviced and wall cracks that have settled horribly, says Jim Ettenson of J. Ettenson Realty in Rhinebeck, N.Y.

Such problems should be addressed in listing and marketing materials for full disclosure, pros say. At the same time, home flaws sometimes can be offset by showcasing a home's positive features, says Susan Stynes, an agent with Long and Foster in Midlothian, Va. "Don't have a master bathroom, but have privacy on a cul-de-sac, two-car garage, or finished basement? Determine positives and play them up," says Stynes, who has used charts and spreadsheets on flyers to put pros and potential cons in plain view.

But that's still not enough. The most seasoned experts advise taking definitive action – read: spending money – since many homes won't appraise properly or sell if they're not well maintained, says broker Donna Mercier with Coldwell Banker in Lake Forest, Ill.

Minor Projects for Major Impact

Sellers looking to make a bit of pre-listing improvement should start with minor home flaws – they'll involve less time and money, yet they can make a big difference in how well buyers perceive a home's maintenance.

Manion says anything visible that's dated or dirty – carpet, wallpaper, paint – should get refreshed. Ettenson recently had a condo where the rooms had to be repainted, but the job was completed for just $2,500. "It made a huge difference," he says.

Aging appliances fall into the same category. Sellers might consider replacing the worst offender with a new but basic model, or offer a cash credit to buyers toward the purchase of a new appliance, says Manion.

Because storage is so sought after, sellers can play a trick with a strategically placed armoire, which can give the impression of storage in a room with less-than-ample closet space. Best of all, the sellers can take the new-purchase armoire along with them when they move, says designer Kimba Hills of Rumba Style in Santa Monica, Calif.

Ettenson puts decluttering and depersonalizing at the top of his list. For example: Take personal photos off walls so buyers aren't distracted and can see a room and its proportions, and follow the rule of no more than three things on any surface.

Unattractive curb appeal also is high on Manion's list of changes, with everything from painting a front door to weeding beds, pruning dead limbs and spreading fresh mulch.

Major Improvements Take a Plan

More extensive changes require more careful assessment, since not expenses may be recouped. Among the biggest issues:

Dated roofs are at the top of Manion's list, especially when they're near the end of their life, which may include curling shingles. "In many areas, you can put on a new roof for $10,000," says Manion, "and because it will come up in a building inspection it's better to do it up front. Casual lookers also will notice the upgrade when driving by.

Standing water is another big deal because it can become mold, be more expensive to correct and is a huge deterrent to a sale. First, found out why it's coming in, and be prepared to spend upwards of $10,000, says Mercier.

Cracks in the foundation are major but often can be easily fixed – sometimes for as little as $1,000 to $1,500, says Mercier.

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ALL ABOUT THE 'BOOM'

Over the next two decades, baby boomers and their children, the echo boomers, will be the major players in the housing market

It's boomers and their babies that are going to be to have major impact on U.S. housing over the next 20 years, according to new report from the Bipartisan Policy Center titled "Demographic Challenges and Opportunities for U.S. Housing Markets."

Over the next two decades, the aging baby boomer demographic will boost the nation's senior popular by 30 million, according to Census Bureau projections. The demographic shift likely boost the supply of housing, since people over age 65 typically release more housing than they absorb.

This creates a huge opportunity for the echo boom generation – the nearly 65 million born between

1981 and 1995. This group has been hit hard by recession at the same they've entered independent adulthood. Reduced employment and income has limited their ability to form households and attain homeownership.

The increased supply could mean additional buying opportunities for the echo boomers, according to Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors. Yun notes echo boomers could absorb 75 to 80 percent of the available inventory of owner-occupied housing by 2020.

The current market continues to favor homeowners, as rental-housing vacancy rates have declined over the past two years, and rents have been increasing, according to the report.

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4+ BEDROOMS

16704 Dogwood-NEW-Country lover's dream property on 11.57 acres in Gardendale! 4 bed/4 bath home w/two master suite (w/private patio & fireplace!) gourmet kitchen w/custom appliances, oversized 3 car gar & a backyard perfect for entertaining (down to the gutter-shaped pool!) **$695,000**

5600 Greenridge-This absolutely stunning home, zoned both residentially and commercially, is located on a corner lot in Greenleaf Estate! The gourmet kitchen features an island, pantry, double ovens, & breakfast bar! ..... **SOLD...$700,000**

1010 Cathbert- **NEW**-Absolutely Stunning 4 bedroom/4 full bath/2 half bath home with a dazzling pool in old Midland! Gourmet kitchen with granite, stainless steel appliances, and island!!..... **UNDER CONTRACT IN 1 DAY...$745,000**

6321 Hogwood-NEW-Absolutely spectacular 3 bed/3.5 bath in Greenleaf West! Custom granite throughout, soaring ceilings w/stacked stone molding, walls of windows w/plantation shutters & hand-scraped gleaming hardwood floors! Gourmet kitchen w/5 burner gas cook top & stainless appliances! 4 car garage and huge backyard! **$639,000**

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 & gazebo, 4+ car garage! Is Trinity Estate!! **$635,000**

5109 Teakwood Trace-NEW-Immaculate 4 bedroom in Green Tree! Gourmet kitchen w/granite, stainless steel appliances, pantry, breakfast bar & island! ..... **SOLD...$498,000**

4+ BEDROOMS

4505 Shady Oak-NEW-Stunning 4 bedroom/3.5 bath 2-story home in Green Tree! Granite throughout, walls of bright windows w/sweeping golf course views! ..... **SOLD...$450,000**

7004 Courtney Court-NEW-Fabulous 3 bed/2 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac in Green Tree! Walls of granite tile, walls of bright windows, granite dishes and gleaming hardwood floors in the formal living area! Gourmet kitchen with tons of master size, chandelier lighted nook and a nice area! Spacious separated master bedroom with a huge master bath! The great features of these both are SO similar! Is a garage and a huge covered patio in the backyard! **$419,900**

6605 Gladiola-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**

4609 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...$299,900**

1904 Calliope-NEW-Adorable 4 bedroom/2 bath story book cottage sits near the museum! Gleaming hardwood floors, walls of bright windows, built-ins, and 2 fireplaces! ..... **SOLD...$225,000**

3100 Mistletoe-Spacious 4 bedroom on a quiet cul-de-sac! This home features fabulous updates, gleaming hardwood floors and towering brick fireplace! The kitchen has granite countertops, breakfast bar, island! ..... **SOLD...$219,000**

3205 Bloomfield-NEW-Absolutely gorgeous gated 4 bedroom/2 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac with conventional drive-up appeal! Oversized living area with a dramatic fireplace, walls of bright windows, country ceilings! ..... **UNDER CONTRACT IN 1 DAY...$199,900**

3303 CR C 2300, Stanton-4 wonderful 4 bedroom/2 bath/2 living in Stanton! Walls of bright windows and miles of tile! There is a large kitchen with a breakfast bar, island, and oversized cabinets! The unpublished master has a gifted tub, dual sinks, and exquisite closets! The second living area has a cozy stone fireplace! The lovely home is complete with a huge backyard! **$180,000**

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

1008B1 ECR 109-NEW-Spacious 2 bedroom/2 bath home sits on 1/2 acre in Greenwood! Featuring an updated kitchen with new countertops, backsplash and shag hide-a-bed! The oversized master bath has a gifted tub, separate shower and bright skylight! ..... **UNDER CONTRACT...$200,000**

2402 Thurman-NEW-Lovely 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home with great curb appeal in the heart of old Midland! Stunning hardwood floors in the formal living and dining areas, walls of bright windows, built-ins and bath accent featuring fireplace! ..... **UNDER CONTRACT...$255,000**

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

2003 Stanolind 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 exterior and exterior paint and carpet! ..... **SOLD...$229,000**

5401 San Saba Ct.-This immaculate 3 bed/2.5 bath home is located on a cul-de-sac in Holiday Hill Village! The kitchen is open and inviting and features a large buffet, china cabinet, breakfast bar and adjacent dining area! The spacious master bedroom has a private sitting area and the master bath has double sinks, spa 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...$219,000**

5201 N Midkiff-This incredibly charming 3 bed/2 bath home has soaring (expand loamy!) ceilings, cozy fireplace, and bright windows throughout! The kitchen features stainless appliances, breakfast bar, adjacent dining! ..... **SOLD...$182,000**

1222 East Golf Course-NEW-Fabulous 3 bed/2 bath new construction with miles of tile, walls of bright windows, and soaring ceilings! Sep master suite features spacious walk in closet! ..... **SOLD...$199,000**

2503 Idlewilde-Charming 2 bed/2 bath w/walls of windows (plantation shutters!), bright skylights, & built-ins! Open den area w/cozy brick fireplace and direct access to the formal dining! Lovely kitchen! Great location close to park & schools! **$166,000**

0407 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! **$129,000**

1408S ECR 109-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 big huge second living area is perfect for media, music or game room! ..... **SOLD...$110,000**

4700 Boulder #307-A lovely downstairs condo unit with recent updates; some of which include a designer kitchen and bath, cabinets, counters, and tile floors! ..... **SOLD...$49,000**

LAND AND LOTS

16709 Dogwood Ave.-NEW-5.35 acres in Gardendale includes water well! End bright red barn with spacious stables! Huge workshop with half bath plus room for a home to be built!! **$329,000**

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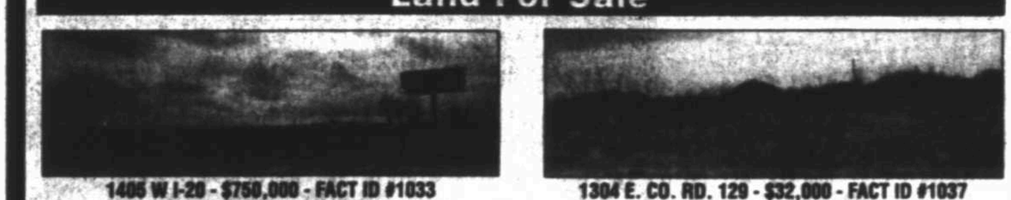

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4810 NCR 1147-3/2.5 on 13 acres ..... REDUCED $567,000
2800 Garfield-Low maint. w/pool, 3 bd, 4.5 baths, wood floors, high ceilings $399,500
*15348 N. Hollyhock, Gardendale, Tx-3/3, shop, 2.2AC ..... REDUCED $365,000
4820 Woodhollow Dr. 4/3.5/2 ..... $599,900
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
2510 W. Front-Commercial/Industrial ..... REDUCED $249,900
3715 CR 1130-4bd, 3ba, 5 acres, Greenwood, 5 outbuildings $245,900
3003 SCR 1067-New Constr. Greenwood, 4/2/2, 1AC lot ..... U/C $215,000
1406 W. Texas-Lease or For Sale $182,500
3108 Michigan-Well maintained 3 bed/2.5 bath 1814 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

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3 BEDROOMS

2800 Garfield-Low maint. w/pool, 3 bd, 4.5 baths, wood floors, high ceilings ..... U/C $399,500
15348 N. Hollyhock, Gardendale, Tx-3/3, shop, 2.2AC $365,000
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1708 Cloverdale-3bd, 2ba, 2 acres, great for pipe yard $250,000
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3314 Haynes-3/2-1/2/2 ..... U/C $215,000
3535 Hyde Park-3/2, new to market $210,000
4808 Timber Ln ..... U/C W $HOURS! $199,500
12210 WCR 52-3 bd, 2ba, 4.264 Acres ..... U/C $169,000
803 Storey-3/2/2, hardwood, Old Midland ..... U/C $159,000
3108 Michigan-3 bed/2.5 bath, 2LA, 1 gar, 1814 sqft ..... U/C $143,500
4909 Canadian Ave.-3bd, 2 bath, 2 car garage ..... U/C $139,000
4506 Aretta-3/1.5 ..... U/C $118,000
1413 E 12th St., Odessa-3bd, 2ba $115,000
5000 ECR 59-3/2, totally updated w/water well 44 acres $99,900
1706 E. Oak-3bd, 2ba, many updates ..... U/C $79,000

4 BEDROOMS

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1600 SCR 1134-Greenwood 4/3/2 in Stoneridge. 3 liv, 2 din, approx. 4479 sf. Pool, shop, barn, 3.9AC $639,900
4212 Timberglen-4/3.5, Mockingbird Heights ..... U/C $465,000
4820 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 ..... U/C $318,000
7600 ECR 110-Wow SBR, 4 1/2BA, 2.39 Acres $279,900
5001 Canterbury-4 bgd, 3 bath, 2613 sf $275,000
2501 Stoneleo-4/2, new to market ..... U/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 ..... U/C $215,000
3300 Canemont-New 4BR, 2BA, 2 din, Fairmont ..... U/C $212,000

5+ BEDROOMS

4212 Timberglen ..... U/C $465,000
4526 Hilltop-5 bed, 3 bath, 3 car $436,000
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 ..... U/C $507,000
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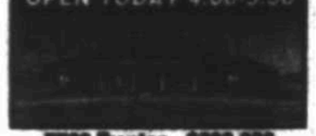
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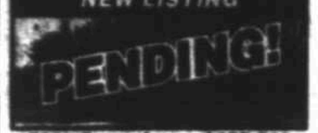

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4+ BEDROOMS

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110 S Dewberry-4 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath, Many Updates, recent kitchen cabinetry, dishwasher, carpet, lighting, cermaic tile, furnace .... **Sale Pending! $123,900**

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

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4716 E Loop 250 N-2 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1 Car Garage, 1 Car Port, 2 Storage Sheds, Approximately 5 ACRES!!! .... **New Listing! $179,500**
1805 Ward-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living Areas in Fannin District! Open Concept, Large workshop w/electricity! .... **Sale Pending! $169,900**
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6214 Blarwood-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath off Westgate Blvd in Austin! Bank Owned REO! .... **★★★★Under Contract In 5 Days! $129,000**
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5303 Greathouse-New construction in greathouse boasts 4 bed/3 bath/1 living/2 dining & 3 car gar! 4th bed is larger & opens 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. Sequestered master suite with wrap around closet. Beautiful iron front door .... **U/C...$348,900**
5308 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 area off utility room. Spacious living w/fireplace & crown molding. Gourmet kitchen w/granite, gas cooktop, island, skylight, stone backsplash & stainless appliances! Master suite w/jetted tub, large shower & sep vanities. Covered patio for entertaining **$398,900**
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2 & 3 BEDROOMS

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3101 Trails End- fabulous 3 bed/2 bath/2 living/2 dining/2 gar. Spacious living w/beamed ceiling, brick fp & built-ins. Updated kitchen w/recent counter tops, 18 inch tile, backsplash, appliances, sink & fixtures! Recent carpet, tile & paint throughout. Oversized master w/2 walk-in closets, 2 vanities, sep tub/shower. Lots of storage! Large patio & yard, 24x24 shop (heated/cooled) on great corner lot .... ***U/C IN 1 DAY!*...$269,900**
5101 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/recent appliances & lots of cabinets. Oversized utility room w/lots of storage & desk area. Recent paint, wood-look flooring (no carpet) spacious master w/dual sinks & closets! Backyard has mature trees, patio area & tranquil pond .... ***U/C IN 3 DAYS!*...$195,000**
#4 Linda Court-Nicely maintained 3 bed/2 bath home on quiet cul-de-sac! Separate formal living & formal dining. Spacious living w/brick fireplace & beamed ceiling. Seq. 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/mature trees, storage building & extra parking! Water well for the yard .... ***SOLD*...$194,900**
3304 Douglas Ave-NEW-spacious three bed/2 bath home with many updates! Spacious living w/fireplace, formal living/dining, master bed has 2 closets and updated shower & fixtures. Recent carpet, flooring, paint, & hvac. Large yard (double lot) 2 car garage or workshop in back .... **U/C...$189,900**
3207 Apperson-wonderful 3 bedroom/2 bath home in kimber lea 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 & r/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*...$184,900**
3502 Jordan - Adorable 3 bedroom/2 bath/ 2 garage. That is move-in ready! Spacious living room w/stone fireplace & nuetral 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 .... ***U/C IN 1 DAY!*...$139,900**
518 S. Bentwood -3 bed/2 bath/2 garage home w/great curb appeal is less than a block from henderson elem. 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. Seq. Master suite with hardwood floors, huge closet and private bath. Large fenced yard w/mature landscaping & covered patio .... ***U/C IN 1 DAY!*...$135,000**

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NEW CONSTRUCTION

Gallery

5304 Hilltop Drive
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $369,900
Photo is representative of finished residence by Midland Gallery Homes

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Garden City, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 living, indoor pool, priced @ $275,000

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The more experiments you make the better.
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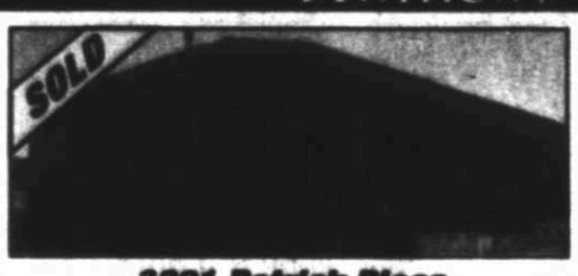
Veatch Construction

5514 Carmel Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $285,000

Saenz Signature Homes


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 @ $669,000

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

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	Carrasco 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	$376,900

NEW CONSTRUCTION

5312 Wimberley Spring	Saenz Signature Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5308 Wimberley Spring	Dominion Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$399,500
3121 Patrick Pl	Henson 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	$689,000

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

Luna Rosa Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
14819 N. Chinaberry	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/0.914 Acres	$112,000
5617 E. Goldenrod	2 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage/1 Acre	$125,000
1303 W. Co. Rd. 118	2 Bdrm/2 Ba/4 Car Garage/55.28 Acres	$379,500
1905 S. Co. Rd. 1138	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

Luna Rosa Estates	W. Co. Rd. 30/1.5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary
7409 N. Co. Rd. 1297	1.82 Acres	$39,000
6400 Mockingbird Lane	Los Conchos Estates/0.934 Acres	$92,500
County Rd. 310	70.53 Acres	$110,000
3905 Tumbleweed Trail	2.5 Acres/Horse Barn	$125,000

COMMERCIAL

2000 Rankin Hwy	6.7 Acres/LR2 Zoning	$925,000

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1202 E. CO. RD. 126
$365,000
4 Br, 2 1/2 bths, 2.664 acres, shop with guest apartment.
Shown by Pam Messer

OPEN 1:30-2:30

5704 PEDERNALES
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

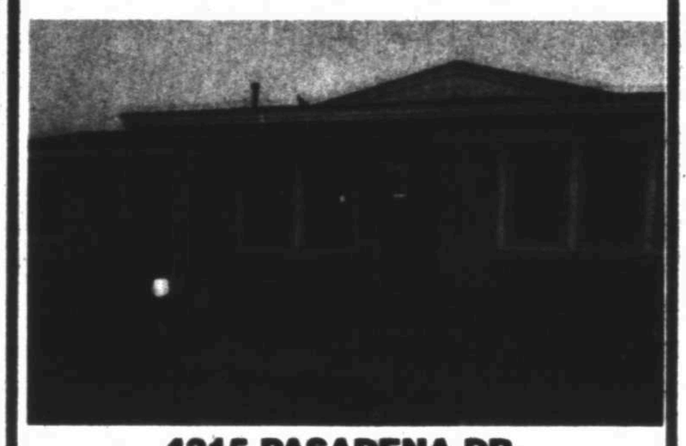
OPEN 1:30-2:30

4502 GREEN TREE BLVD.
$375,000
5 bedrooms! 4 baths!
Shown by Kay Bivens

OPEN 1:30-2:30

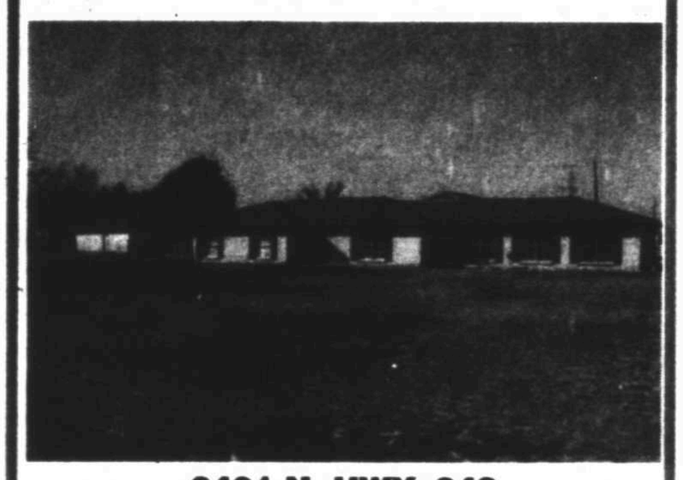
2517 CUTHBERT
$130,000
Great area & corner lot!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 1:30-2:30



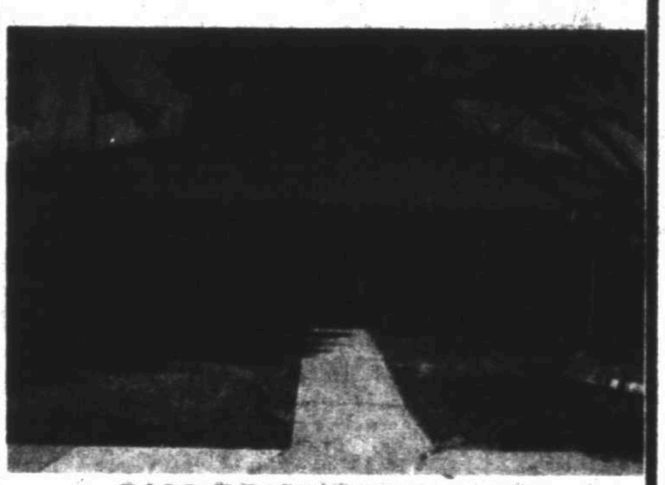
4315 PASADENA DR.
$134,900
Adorable 3 bdrm, 1.5 baths, 2 living, tons of recent updates.
Shown by Wendy Waddell

OPEN 1:30-2:30



6401 N. HWY. 349
$525,000
Lovely 4/3 w/9.92 acres for horses.
Shown by Sam McCrary

OPEN 3:30-4:30



5109 BRIGHTON PLACE
$270,000
4 bdrms/3 full baths! 2 living areas!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

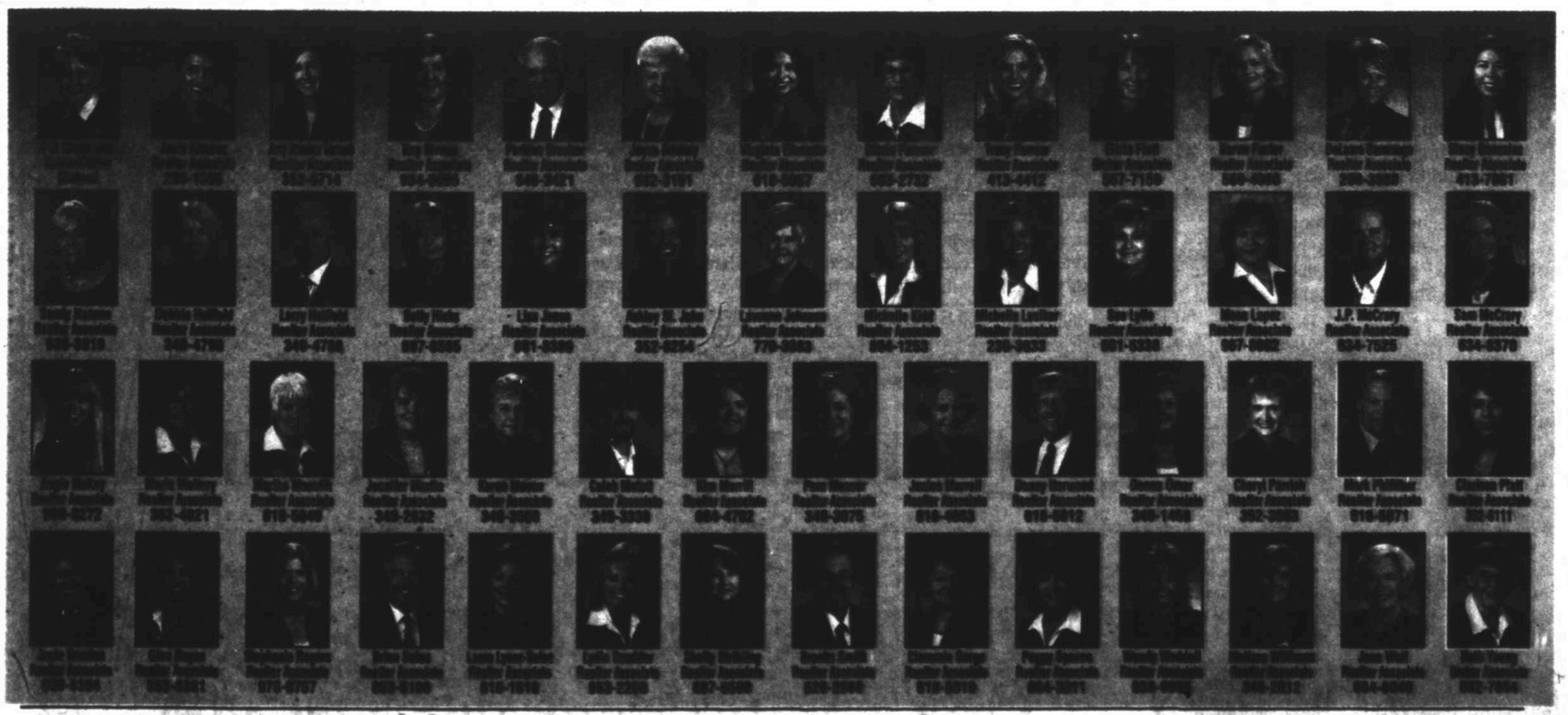
OPEN 3:30-4:30

10520 ECR 109
$475,000
4 bedrooms! Pool/spa/outdoor living!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 3:30-4:30

4300 SKYLINE DRIVE
$365,000
5 bedrooms! Pool/spa! Updated!
Shown by Kay Bivens

Come Join Us For Our Sunday Open Houses



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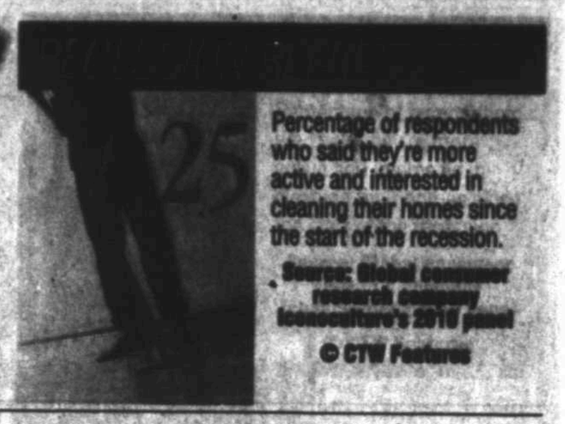

The Springtime Pioneer

Food Network star Ree Drummond, better known as the Pioneer Woman, shares her spring cleaning tips and favorite spring recipes at home on the range

By LINDSEY ROMAIN | CTW Features

Spring is just around the corner, and for Ree Drummond, that means sprucing up the indoors before the outdoors comes knocking.

"In the spring, I'm working to get the inside organized and clean because I know that in about a month, the outside is going to start waking up and the work will really begin," says Drummond, more commonly known as the Pioneer Woman, for the blog that she's turned into a mini empire.

Drummond, who grew up in Oklahoma and moved to Los Angeles for college, always saw herself as more of a city girl. But on a trip home before a planned move to Chicago, she fell in love with a man in a bar, an Oklahoma cattle rancher, and she never left.

In 2006, she started charting her transition from city dweller to country gal in the form of a blog. In time, the site started gaining traction, especially once she incorporated recipes.

> "I like the idea that we're all a team and it's not mom's job to be the maid service."
> - *Ree Drummond*

These days, she's one of the most recognizable bloggers around, with Forbes placing her in the number 22 slot on their list of The Web Celeb 25. She's also the host of the Food Network's TV series "Pioneer Woman," for which she just wrapped the second season, and the author of several books, including a soon-to-be-released cookbook, the follow-up to "The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Recipes from an Accidental Country Girl" (William Morrow Cookbooks, 2009).

The success took Drummond by surprise, but the blogging itself has become second nature. "I just enjoy the medium," says Drummond of her site, which is a scrapbook of sorts, composed of recipes, photos, tips on gardening, even advice about home-schooling, which Drummond does for her four children.

Keeping Busy: Pioneer Woman Ree Drummond has her hands full with her cookbooks, television show and home schooling her four kids. That's why she gets the whole family involved in spring cleaning.

But running a successful website, writing books and hosting a TV show doesn't mean the household chores grind to a halt. Because she home-schools, there's never a break from the usual hustle and bustle of a large family. "The house never has a break from humans," Drummond says. "I don't have any time to catch up while they're 'at school.' "

Because of this, spring cleaning has become a family effort, something everyone has a hand in. Drummond admits she's gotten everyone trained to keep control of their own respective areas of the house - the upstairs for the kids and the downstairs for the adults - and that they've come to enjoy it more than they used to.

"I like the idea that we're all a team and it's not mom's job to be the maid service," she says.

When it comes to keeping her kitchen clean, Drummond admits she's thankful for easy-to-clean hard surfaces, and says that she shies away from throw rugs or other soft items that get dirty easily, especially with the sludge that comes in from the farm. She sources her mother-in-law with giving her a lot of helpful organizational tips, like that of the "kitchen triangle."

"The space between the sink, the fridge and the stove should be in triangle with less than six feet between each one," Drummond explains. "Otherwise, it's inefficient."

Her mother-in-law also taught her about the importance of kitchen stations. "All of the materials for baking are in one area, and then everything for beverages in another, and so on," says Drummond. "No mater how large or small your kitchen, you can apply this. I know it sounds dated, but I swear it works."

And of course, an organized kitchen means plenty of room for Drummond to work on her favorite springtime recipes, like big salads and cold, grilled meat. "I like anything with a crunch, and anything that's a contrast to winter food - things like stews and other hot dishes," she says.

"And chocolate cake, but that's good for any season."

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Daylight Saving for Safety

As clocks spring ahead, take time to consider fire safety. Replace the batteries of smoke detectors, or consider upgrading the whole system

By EPHRAIM TUCHO | CTW Features

It's that time of year again - not just to "spring forward" for daylight saving time this Sunday, March 11, but also to replace the batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Don't have any such detectors? There's no reason to let the clock keep ticking: the newest features make it easier to install and maintain these life-saving devices.

Newer devices now detect smoke as well as dangerous levels of carbon monoxide. One of the latest models for this combination is the "Voice" smoke and carbon monoxide alarm from First Alert, which features a pre-recorded human voice in addition to beeping as an alert system. The voice identifies which threat is detected and in what room.

"Combo alarms have to be installed in each place you would install a smoke alarm," says Sharon Gamache, program director for the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Another new product is the Direct Connect 911 from PlugNProtect. For a $10 monthly fee, this model will automatically dial local fire/rescue teams to alert them when the alarm is triggered, so the homeowner can worry about making sure family members are safe rather than calling 911. The device has a manual shut off button to avoid unnecessary calls and false alarms.

The NFPA recommends that smoke alarms be placed throughout the home with at least one on each level and one outside of each sleeping area. Smoke alarms should be tested each month and replaced after 10 years or sooner if problems arise.

If you do not have a professional hard-wired alarm system in your home, Gamache suggests using battery-operated alarms that can communicate wirelessly with each other. When a threat is detected, a wireless signal is sent to all devices throughout the home, which sets off all alarms. They are easy to install on your own, cutting out the costs of hiring an electrician, an affordable option that many are unaware of, Gamache notes.

The two most common methods of smoke detection in alarms are ionization and photoelectric sensors. While ionization is quicker at detecting flaming fires, photoelectric detection is better for smoldering fires. The NFPA suggests having both present in the home for the best protection.

While there are dual sensor smoke alarms, this feature generally does not come with a smoke/carbon monoxide combination alarm.

"One has to chose the type of safety they want," Gamache says, "All the features you may want may not be available in one alarm."

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1407 Boeing	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS# 89342	$199,900
2516 SCR 1058		MLS# 88933	$139,500
3302 E. Hwy 158		MLS# 89337	$255,000
1001 ECR 129	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS# 89372	$329,900
4002 S. Hwy 349		MLS# 88957	$149,500
4900 S. Co. Rd. 1140-306 + plus acres barns, shops & pens			$ 1,500,000
3314 W. Co. Rd. 185-with Hanger		MLS #88559	$370,000
10515 E. Co. Rd. 109	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #88359	$475,000
Sunridge Ranch Estates 3+acres lotsPer Lot			$85,000
Oakridge Development 1.59 acre lots to 3.25 acre lots			$38,250 to $81,250
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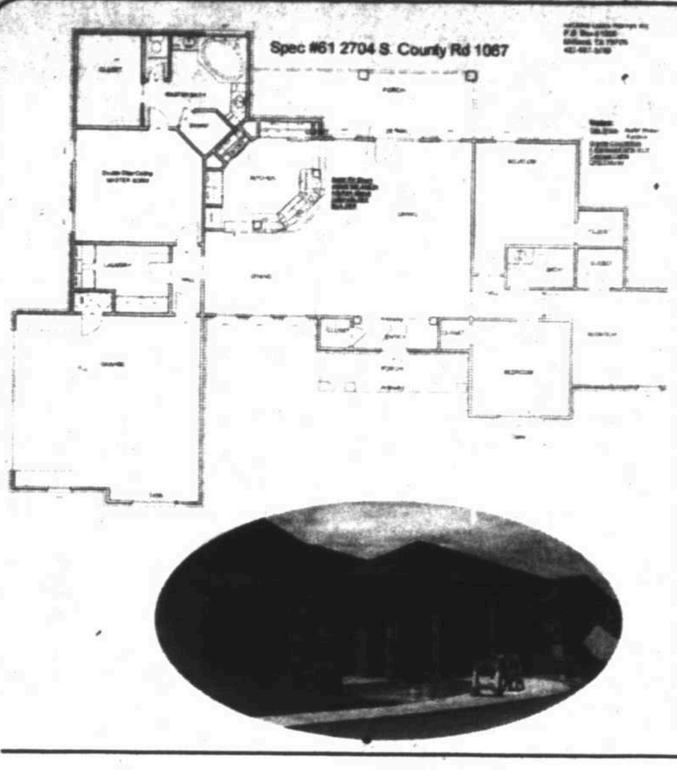

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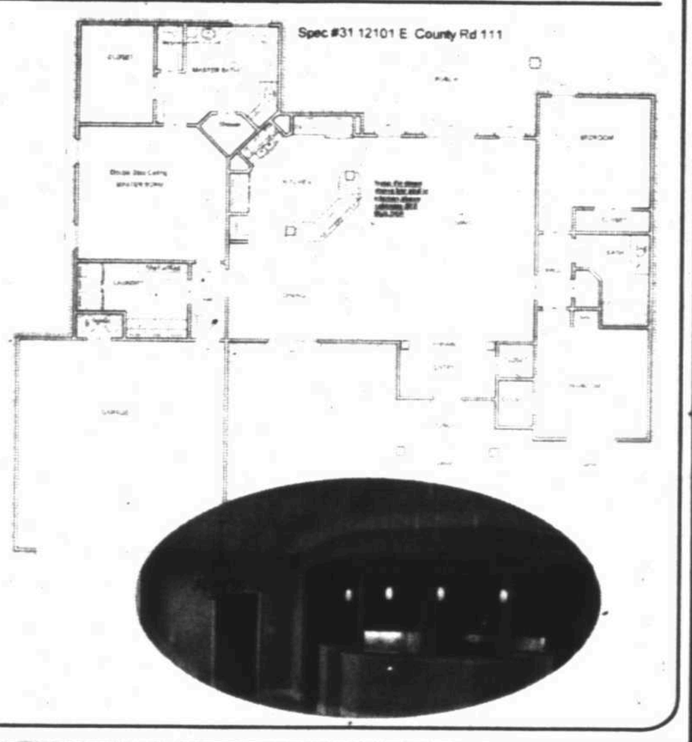

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MIDLAND'S FINEST BUILDER'S/NEW CONSTRUCTION

301 S. MADISON...*Virginia Elizondo 349-7782*...MLS #88509...$104,000

McPHERSON CONSTRUCTION

6321 PRAIRIE RIDGE...*DeLaura Gammage 288-3880*...MLS #88677...***SALE PENDING***

PERMIAN BASIN COVENANT HOMES

2201 S. CO. RD. 1089...*Clemmie Sorge 618-5019*...MLS #89269...$411,000
2101 S. CO. RD. 1089...*Clemmie Sorge 618-5019*...MLS #88906...$405,900

10102 E. CO. RD. 103...*Clemmie Sorge 618-5019*...MLS #89268...$316,000

JORGE CHAVEZ CONSTRUCTION

1400 BAIRD STREET...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*...MLS #88631...***SALE PENDING***

DOUBLE E CONSTRUCTION

1404 TEJAS...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*...MLS #88896...***SALE PENDING***

WBC CUSTOM HOMES

10204 E. CO. RD. 103...*Clemmie Sorge 618-5019*...MLS #89149...***SALE PENDING***

JC CHAVEZ CONSTRUCTION

3810 CEDAR SPRING...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*...MLS #89229...***SALE PENDING***

OLGIN HOMES

1707 N. FT. WORTH...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*...MLS #89240...***SALE PENDING***

RUEDAS HOMES, INC.

925 HOWARD DR...*Josie Rendon 889-8394*...MLS #89389...$189,000

MIDLAND'S FABULOUS FOUR OR MORE BEDROOMS

6814 CO. RD. 50	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89261	$1,675,000
2025 BRENTWOOD DR	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #89519	$969,000
6839 ISLAND CIRCLE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89053	$899,000
6200 HOMESTEAD	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #89106	SALE PENDING
00 LAKES DR	Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #88917	$789,000
3902 BAYBROOK CT	Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #89174	SALE PENDING
6300 HOMESTEAD	Peggy Spence 618-5047	MLS #88768	SALE PENDING
7707 TRENTON DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89031	$623,500
5207 POLO CLUB ROAD	Perkins Brasher 349-3421	MLS #88927	$575,000
6516 FERN	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88947	SALE PENDING
6401 HWY. 349	Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #88912	$544,999
2400 SINCLAIR AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88819	$530,000
2408 HUMBLE AVE	Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #89346	$465,000
1603 SEABOARD	Jane Wolf 618-5020	MLS #89387	$450,000
2201 S. CO. RD. 1089	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89269	$411,000
1202 TELLURIDE DR	Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #89447	$399,900
6321 PRAIRIE RIDGE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88677	SALE PENDING
4502 GREEN TREE BLVD	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89522	$375,000
1202 E.CO. RD. 126	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #89156	$365,000
5405 DREXEL CT	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89376	SALE PENDING
909 ALMONT DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89251	SALE PENDING
4300 SKYLINE DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88682	$365,000
2221 S. CO. RD. 1130	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89437	SALE PENDING
4629 HILLTOP DR	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89301	SALE PENDING
10204 E. CO. RD. 103	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89149	SALE PENDING
2701 W. CO. RD. 140	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89079	SALE PENDING
1001 CO. RD. 129	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #89372	SALE PENDING
5208 OAK VALLEY DR	Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #88302	SOLD
2201 PRINCETON AVE	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #87778	SALE PENDING
10102 E. CO. RD. 103	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89268	$316,000
4506 GREEN TREE BLVD	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88808	SOLD
4817 ROSEWOOD DR	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89237	SALE PENDING
5412 BASSWOOD CIRCLE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88678	SOLD
3809 CRESTGATE	Cheryl Parrish 352-3053	MLS #89182	SALE PENDING
2602 L ST	Sam McCrary 364-8370	MLS #89298	SALE PENDING
6307 DRIFTWOOD DR	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #89550	SALE PENDING
5109 BRIGHTON PL	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89262	$270,000
2113 BRADFORD CT	Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #89125	SALE PENDING
5001 CASTLEFORD	Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #86647	$260,000
10810 AUBURN AVE., GARDENDALE	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #89570	$234,500
1314 BRIGHTON PL	Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #89517	SALE PENDING
5407 SAN SABA CT	Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #89152	SALE PENDING
1209 GARFIELD ST	Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #89050	SALE PENDING
2804 HAYNES	Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #89173	SALE PENDING
4217 GREENBRIAR	Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #89148	SALE PENDING
4731 W. DENGAR	Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #89345	SALE PENDING
925 HOWARD DR	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #89389	$189,000
1601 NORTH "B" ST	Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #89440	$169,500
1404 TEJAS	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88896	SALE PENDING
3520 IMPERIAL AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88949	SALE PENDING
3810 CEDAR SPRING	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #89229	SALE PENDING
1204 KANSAS AVE	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88461	SALE PENDING
4605 CRENSHAW	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88702	SALE PENDING
6001 CO. RD. 85	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #88968	$67,500

LOOKING FOR THREE BEDROOMS?

8201 DUNBLANE DR	Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #89011	SALE PENDING
208 S. I ST	Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #89335	$575,000
6619 CO. RD. 105	Tracey Farrow 413-4412	MLS #89347	SALE PENDING
2101 S. CO. RD. 1089	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #88906	$405,900
6000 FM 307	Danny Pinkerton 557-6181	MLS #89504	$319,900
3805 KNIFFEN	Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #89189	$299,000
3206 BOYD AVE	Gina Reyes 618-5061	MLS #89433	$289,000
2650 E. CO. RD. 2330, STANTON	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89582	$275,000
4603 MEADOWOOD CT	Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #89249	SALE PENDING
2911 CALDERA BLVD	Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #88272	$255,000
4807 PINE MEADOW DR	Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #88733	SOLD
1301 MISSOURI AVE	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #87699	SALE PENDING
5105 BRIGHTON PLACE	Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #88634	$254,900
5704 PEDERNALES	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89575	$250,000
4213 HWY. 349	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #89527	$220,000
3700 OAKRIDGE CT	Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #89199	SALE PENDING
1611 WALL ST	Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #88128	SALE PENDING
1101 S. CO. RD. 1129	Joyce Brickey 352-4127	MLS #87706	SALE PENDING
3212 FANNIN AVE	Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #89275	SALE PENDING
3 VISTA CREST CT., ODESSA	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #88887	SALE PENDING
4308 KNIFFEN	Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #86828	$205,900
2804 DUSTIN DR., ODESSA, TX	Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #89157	SALE PENDING
1416 FRENCH AVE., ODESSA	Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #88804	SALE PENDING
1407 BOEING DRIVE	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #89342	SALE PENDING
5325 SE CO. RD. 1800, ANDREWS, TX	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87329	$199,000
3318 NEELY	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89303	SALE PENDING
804 BOYD AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88964	SALE PENDING
4509 MATHIS ST	Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #88873	SALE PENDING
10800 CO. RD. 106	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89302	SALE PENDING
1707 N. FT. WORTH	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #89240	SALE PENDING
3231 SHANDON AVE	Karen Mason 349-3550	MLS #86637	SALE PENDING
801 SHELL AVE	Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #88737	SALE PENDING
3208 LOUISIANA DR	Mark Philliber 618-5017	MLS #88565	SALE PENDING
1617 CIMMARON DR	Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #89547	SALE PENDING
2915 AURORA	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89254	$166,500
3332 W. SHANDON AVE	Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #89124	SOLD
10300 CO. RD. 85	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #87074	SALE PENDING
413 NEELY	Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #88364	SALE PENDING
3825 37TH ST., ODESSA, TX	Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #89205	SALE PENDING
3622 BOYD AVE	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #88762	SOLD
2602 N. MIDKIFF	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #89267	$149,900
4002 HWY. 349	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88957	$149,500
2603 MARIANA	Clarissa Platt 352-6111	MLS #88926	SALE PENDING
5100 SUNNYSIDE DR	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #89456	SALE PENDING
709 SINCLAIR AVE	Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #89587	$148,000
4501 PASADENA DR	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #89453	$144,900
2516 CO. RD. 1058	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88933	$139,500
3809 NEELY	Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #89343	SALE PENDING
1703 W. CO. RD. 134	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88399	$135,000
4315 PASADENA DR	Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #89236	$134,900
2517 CUTHBERT AVE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89533	$130,000
807 MICHIGAN AVE	Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #88038	$125,000
1400 BAIRD STREET	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88631	SALE PENDING
3216 W. LOUISIANA	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #87004	SOLD
12309 CO. RD. 120	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #86979	SALE PENDING
2406 BOYD	Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #89197	SALE PENDING
3519 THOMAS AVE	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #88963	$118,500
6810 CO. RD. 94E	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89377	SALE PENDING
4305 PLEASANT DR	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89395	$109,900
705 LANHAM ST	Pamela Messer 349-3075	MLS #88588	SALE PENDING
1508 S. DALLAS	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #89233	SALE PENDING
3300 HILL AVE	Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #89042	SOLD
2808 ROOSEVELT AVE	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #89052	SALE PENDING
301 S. MADISON	Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #88509	$104,000
215 N. DEWBERRY	Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #88916	SALE PENDING
3207 ILLINOIS AVE	Gina Reyes 618-5061	MLS #86930	SALE PENDING
1405 MICHIGAN	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #88453	$71,000
3913 AVONDALE	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #88921	SALE PENDING
4203 PLEASANT DR	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #88770	SOLD
2409 KENTUCKY	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #88646	SALE PENDING

MIDLAND'S BEST 2 BEDROOM & 1 BEDROOM HOMES

4900 & 4902 ANDREWS HWY	Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #88081 & #88082	$425,000
1402 TENNESSEE AVE	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #89090	SALE PENDING
3302 HWY. 158	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #89337	$255,000
1407 VENTURA AVE	Martha Manulik 557-8744	MLS #89544	SALE PENDING
4203 LIVINGSTON	Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #89282	SOLD
600 #80 LIDDON	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88801	SALE PENDING
1704 MCDONALD AVE	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #89535	$99,500
1003 NEELY AVE	Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #89485	SALE PENDING
600 #47 LIDDON	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89281	SOLD

MIDLAND'S LARGEST SELECTION OF COUNTRY PROPERTY

6814 CO. RD. 50	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89261	$1,675,000
6619 CO. RD. 105	Tracey Farrow 413-4412	MLS #89347	SALE PENDING
6401 HWY. 349	Sam McCrary 634-8370	MLS #88912	$544,999
10520 CO. RD. 109	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88891	$475,000
10515 CO. RD. 109	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88359	SALE PENDING
2201 S. CO. RD. 1089	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89269	$411,000
2101 S. CO. RD. 1089	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #88906	$405,900
3314 W. CO. RD. 185	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88559	$370,000
1202 E.CO. RD. 126	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #89156	$365,000
2221 S. CO. RD. 1130	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89437	SALE PENDING
10204 E. CO. RD. 103	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89149	SALE PENDING
2701 W. CO. RD. 140	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89079	SALE PENDING
1001 CO. RD. 129	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #89372	SALE PENDING
10102 E. CO. RD. 103	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89268	$316,000
2650 E. CO. RD. 2330, STANTON	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89582	$275,000
3187 C 2150 STANTON	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #88177	SALE PENDING
3302 HWY. 158	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #89337	$255,000
4113 CO. RD. 1185	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #88697	$254,900
4213 HWY. 349	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #89527	$220,000
1101 S. CO. RD. 1129	Joyce Brickey 352-4127	MLS #87706	SALE PENDING
5325 CO. RD. 1800, ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87329	$199,000
10800 CO. RD. 106	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #89302	SALE PENDING
401 E. CO. RD. 140	Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #89230	SALE PENDING
10300 CO. RD. 85	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #87074	SALE PENDING
4002 HWY. 349	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88957	$149,500
2516 CO. RD. 1058	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88933	$139,500
1703 W. CO. RD. 134	Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88399	$135,000
12309 CO. RD. 120	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #86979	SALE PENDING
6810 CO. RD. 94E	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89377	SALE PENDING
3203 CO. RD. 1068	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88654	SALE PENDING
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Caleb Matott 349-3330	6 Lots Left	3.5 Acre Lots/$65,000
2006 FM 307	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #89078	5 Acres/$75,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819		3+ Acre Lots/Lots $75,000/EA.
6001 CO. RD. 85	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #88968	$67,500
FM 2632, BROWNWOOD LAKE	Caleb Matott 349-3330		$44,000
CO. RD. 85	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #88189	SALE PENDING

OUT OF TOWN, ANDREWS & ODESSA LISTINGS

104 LAPOSADA, HORSESHOE BAY, TX	Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #89128	$3,475,000
7900 CO. RD. 110, GREENWOOD	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #87829	$389,900
4109 FM 818, BIG SPRING	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #89206	$375,000
2206 WESTSIDE DR., STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #87159	SOLD
3187 C 2150, STANTON	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #88177	$310,000
2650 E. CO. RD. 2330, STANTON	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89582	$275,000
10810 AUBURN AVE., GARDENDALE	Mark Philliber 222-5071	MLS #89570	$234,500
3 VISTA CREST CT., ODESSA	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #88887	SALE PENDING
2804 DUSTIN DR., ODESSA, TX	Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #89157	SALE PENDING
1416 FRENCH AVE., ODESSA	Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #88804	SALE PENDING
3262 HWY. 137, GRADY	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #89461	$199,000
5325 SE CO. RD. 1800, ANDREWS, TX	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87329	$199,000
704 NW 8TH ST., ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #85205	SALE PENDING
401 DEALY, BIG SPRING	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #88040	$174,500
108 RON AVE., CRANE	Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #85631	$159,900
14030 LARIAT TR., GARDENDALE	DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88684	SALE PENDING
710 BURLESON, STANTON, TX	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #84741	SALE PENDING
3825 37TH ST., ODESSA, TX	Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #89205	SALE PENDING
7030 24TH ST., ODESSA, TX	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #88458	SALE PENDING
504 BROADWAY, STANTON, TX	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #88271	$129,500
309 SW 11TH ST., ANDREWS, TX	Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #85551	$125,000
610 RICE AVE., ANDREWS, TX	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #89554	$119,000
107 1ST ST., STANTON, TX	Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #89270	SALE PENDING
1317 ALPINE ST., ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #85206	$115,500
1907 JOHNSON AVE., BIG SPRING, TX	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #88348	$95,000
502 4TH ST., STANTON, TX	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #89264	$82,000
505 ST. PETER, STANTON	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #88553	$75,000
2181 LIVE OAK LANE, BROWNWOOD	Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #84003	$70,000
11460 W. 57TH ST., ODESSA, TX	Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #85561	$65,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

2700 RANKIN HWY	Amy Barnett 349-3421	MLS #88603	$2,000,000
8200 W. CO. RD. 116	Caleb Matott 349-3330		6.7 Acres/$880,000
2112 E. I-20 SERVICE ROAD	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #74975	$550,000
350 MIDLAND DR	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89013	$400,000
1611 WALL ST	Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #88128	SALE PENDING
3089 CO. RD. 137, STANTON, TX	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89276	$318,900
4301 W. ILLINOIS	Mark Philliber 618-5071	MLS #86388	$229,900
1600 FRONT ST	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS 86585	$210,000
1800 N. CO. RD. W., ODESSA, TX	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #83958	$180,000
408 WAKEFIELD	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #84320	SALE PENDING
608 E. BROADWAY, ANDREWS	Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS#79313	$100,000
208 BURLESON, MCCAMEY	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89404	$64,000
12313 W. CO.RD. 120	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89510	SALE PENDING

LANDS AND LOTS

CO. RD. 60	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88932	$1,742,400
4900 CO. RD. 1140	Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88899	$1,500,000
0 E. LOOP 250 N	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88508	$809,670
S. FM 1788	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #82050	SALE PENDING
8310 FM RD 307, GREENWOOD	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #89474	SALE PENDING
HIGHWAY 191	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #87988	$437,500
SINCLAIR	Ruth Young 682-7884		5 Acres/$425,000
00 RANCH ROAD, ACKERLY	Brian Sales 618-1818	MLS #89131	SOLD
7107 FM 307	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #89139	SALE PENDING
CR 1120	Brooks Smith 618-5035	MLS #88627	$365,200
CR 1130	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89518	20.1 Acres/$363,750
AIR PARK ROAD	Amy Brasher Barnett 349-3421	MLS #89176	$325,000
10700 CO. RD. 120	Brooks Smith 618-5035	MLS #86600	SALE PENDING
CO. RD. 2300	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #89227	$89,000
2820 LOOP 250	Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #89585	2.33 Acres/$99,900
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Caleb Matott 349-3330	3 Lots Left	3.5 Acre Lots/$95,000
2006 FM 307	Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #89078	5 Acres/$75,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES	Sandy Hanson 638-3819		$70,000
C2150 STANTON	Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #88194	$65,000
FM 2632, BROWNWOOD LAKE	Caleb Matott 349-3330		$44,000
CO. RD. 85	Lavonne Johnson 770-3883	MLS #88189	SALE PENDING
10409 S. CO. RD. 1138	Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #89459	SALE PENDING
SCOTT ROAD, VAN HORN	Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88821	$29,900
FREELAND ADDITION	Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819		1+ Acre Lots/$25,000/PER ACRE
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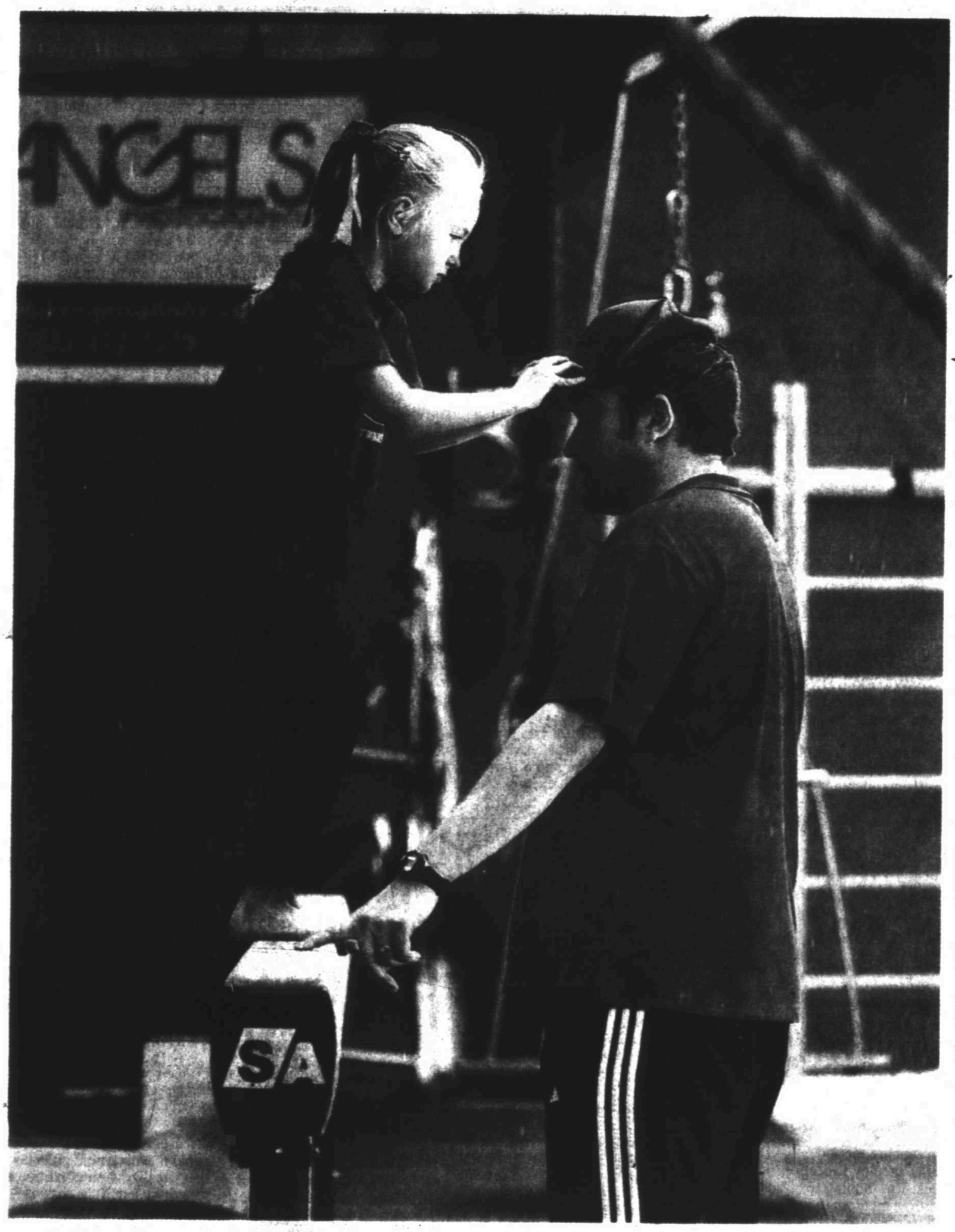

Family calls therapy, gymnastics 'life changing'

Big Fun program uses movement to help special needs kids develop.

With her right hand clutching her coach's hat and her left hand shaking to the beat of the music playing overhead, Sarah Bruehl carefully picked up her feet and inched down the balance beam.

She unscrunched her eyes as she reached the end, smiled and loosened her grip on Coach Matt Koffel's hat while he prompted her to jump off the beam and onto a mat.

Before Sarah gained her footing, Koffel was off to the next obstacle, asking her to jump over odd-shaped mats and then to somersault onto a flat surface.

"Jump, please. Both feet," said Koffel, owner of Next Level Gymnastics. "Come on, jump."

For most 6-year-olds, simple movements like jumping are developed as part of the natural growing process. For Sarah, the art of moving on different surfaces is evidence of much more.

"They said she'd never walk," her mom, Kathy Bruehl said, looking over as Sarah made her way to the trampoline. "This has done more for her than anything else."

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Sarah was born in perfect health. Bruehl smiled as she recalled that day. "She was beautiful," she said.

Then, at four days old she suffered a stage three intraventricular brain hemorrhage.

Bruehl said she remembers the moment vividly. Sarah started crying.

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Sarah Bruehl, 6, tosses a ball to her Big Fun coach Matt Koffel, in top left photo, Friday at Next Level Gymnastics. Koffel is helping Bruehl, who suffered a stage three intraventricular brain hemorrhage at 4 days old, learn the simple movements that come natural to other children her age. TOP RIGHT: After spinning and pushing Bruehl on a swing, Koffel asks her to watch and touch his hands during a hand and eye coordination drill. ABOVE and RIGHT: Bruehl clutches Koffel's cap as she inches her way down the balance beam. FAR RIGHT: Koffel pushes Bruehl to continue crawling over the matt, Friday at Next Level Gymnastics.

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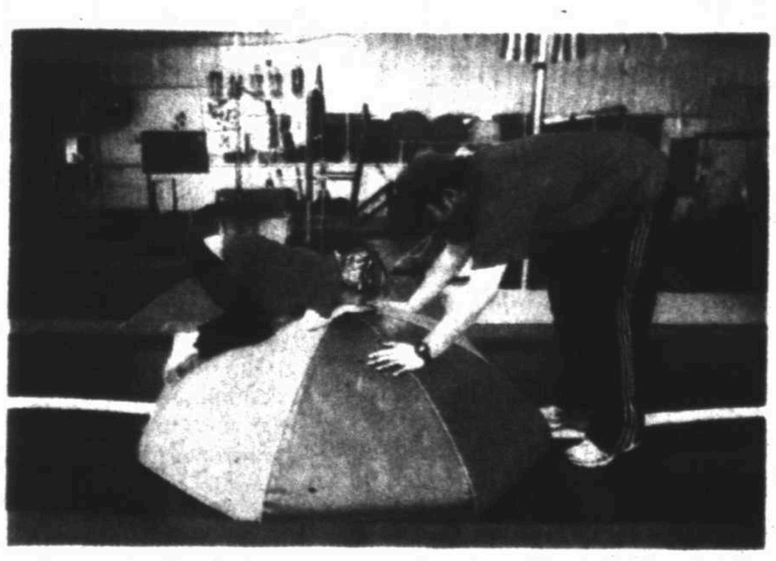

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THERAPY

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her breath became shallow and then her eyes rolled back into her head.

Bruehl and her husband, Mark, rushed their daughter to the hospital where she was taken from them immediately. She soon was airlifted to Fort Worth where doctors struggled to find a reason the hemorrhage had occurred.

Such a condition — which causes bleeding into the fluid areas of the brain — is more common among premature infants or among babies who've suffered trauma to the head through abuse. Sarah fit neither category, which her Midland pediatrician Dr. Sari Nabulsi said made her an unlikely candidate.

"In my 16 years, I've only seen it twice and one of them was Sarah," he said.

The Bruehls were told if their daughter lived, she'd likely be in a vegetative state with little ability to function.

"Sarah's was one of the worst they'd ever seen," Bruehl said. "You normally don't survive that."

Slowly, though, Sarah began to recover. She wasn't at the level of other children her age. But, she was growing.

Bruehl said they worked with therapists regularly to teach Sarah basic functions, such as rolling over. When she mastered rolling and crawling, the therapist taught her how to move her legs and balance to walk.

"We just kept going on," she said.

As a toddler, Sarah was making tremendous progress, but there still were everyday tasks she couldn't conquer.

She didn't climb stairs.

Sarah wouldn't crawl up onto the couch. If the surface on which she was walking changed — from concrete to gravel, for example, or from carpet to wood — she would freeze.

"You had to pick her up and take her," Bruehl said. "She was basically immobile."

The Bruehls knew when she turned 3 Sarah would age out of the state's Early Childhood Intervention Program that had helped to provide her services, so they began looking for other options.

At her annual checkup, Nabulsi recommended the couple take their daughter to Next Level Gymnastics' Big Fun program right after the appointment ended. He said to tell Coach Matt he'd sent the family and he believed the gym could help Sarah with her gross and fine motor skills.

"In traditional therapy they usually plateau at a certain time," Nabulsi said. "I thought it would help her to be more coordinated."

Koffel performed an evaluation and said he knew, as is the case with all children they serve, Sarah had tremendous potential.

"She's brilliant," he said. "It's just a lot of people don't see that."

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On the trampoline, Sarah bounced on her back to strengthen her abdominal muscles.

"Some of my teens can do roundoff back handsprings but they can't do that," Koffel said.

Music continues in the background and occasionally Sarah sings along. Her memory is great, Koffel said, it's just a matter of channeling her abilities into tasks that will help her to further develop.

Koffel is one of five coaches at Next Level who are certified through the Big Fun program, which is based in California and utilizes movement techniques to help special needs children learn problem solving, coordination and other skills. Five more coaches will be certified in the coming months to help meet the demand for services the gym is seeing.

"We've had quite a bit of growth," Koffel said. "It's all based on motion. This is the perfect environment for them to learn."

Sarah attends private sessions with Koffel twice each week and also participates in a group class that's provided to Bynum students.

During her first session, Bruehl said Sarah screamed the entire way through. Because the gym floor contains a myriad of surfaces and levels, Sarah would sit down and scoot across the floor or simply refuse to move at all.

"She wouldn't cross a threshold," Bruehl said.

When she arrived on a recent afternoon, it quickly became clear her fears of the gym have vanished. The 6-year-old bolted through the door and ran toward the trampoline.

Bruehl said the changes they've seen in their daughter — even in little things — have been amazing.

It didn't happen all at once. And, progress still is ongoing.

The first major difference they noticed occurred about a year after Sarah's gymnastics lessons had begun.

The family was at the San Antonio River Walk and assumed with the multiple sets of stairs along the river that someone would be carrying Sarah throughout their journey.

At the first set of stairs, though, Sarah reached her foot over the edge, touched the surface to find out what she was dealing with and then confidently walked downward.

"We all just started crying," said Ann Wells, Sarah's grandmother.

"From there, she just continued to amaze us," Bruehl said.

When Sarah's balance was off at the gym, the Bruehls mentioned it to a doctor and tests in Fort Worth confirmed her balance was awry because the shunt that drains fluid from her brain had failed.

She had emergency surgery and the issue was corrected.

Koffel said learning to deal with changing surfaces for Sarah also translates to developing a frame from which to deal with challenges at school or at home.

Big Fun Coach Matt Koffel, above, pushes and praises Sarah Bruehl, 6, as she inches her way across the parallel bars Friday at Next Level Gymnastics. Koffel designed the setup to help Bruehl with her balance and movement.

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Big Fun facts

- Big Fun was created in 1999 by occupational therapist Gene Hurwin.
- Big Fun gymnastics sessions are offered at nine gyms in California.
- Midland's Next Level Gymnastics is the only gym certified in the Big Fun method outside of California.
- Dr. Nabulsi helped send Coaches Matt Koffel and Amy Mann to California for their initial training. Hurwin will visit Midland in the coming weeks to train additional coaches.
- The method is recommended for children with a variety of conditions including autism, cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, sensory integration issues, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injuries, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis and others.

Want to help?

Next Level Gymnastics works to not turn away special needs children who could benefit from their services. Scholarships are offered based on financial and medical need.

The board is seeking additional sponsorships to help fund those scholarship sessions. Anyone who's interested can call 432-360-8300.

Online:
http://nlgymnastics.com/

The Bruehls used to struggle if they tried to take Sarah out for dinner or into crowds. She didn't deal well with multiple sources of stimulation and was rarely eager to run in and join a group of other kids. The noise and new surroundings often caused a meltdown.

At the gym, Sarah completes a variety of exercises within one hour. Music is played in the background and she's often asked to take in several surfaces and textures within the same minute.

"It turned her life around," Bruehl said.

Sarah also still sees doctors and other therapists. She goes to the Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center for hippotherapy and aquatic therapy. She also takes piano and does art therapy.

If they keep stimulating Sarah, Nabulsi said her brain should continue to develop.

"The brain of a growing child is usually dynamic," he said.

Sarah's social interactions still are developing.

She repeats greetings after her mom and responds to questions best when they're framed in a way she's familiar with. But, she's not afraid to interact and smiles with a confidence Bruehl said they once feared she'd never develop.

"Most people say we don't know," Bruehl said, of their daughter's potential. "Just keep challenging her and she could very well live almost a normal life."

Looking over at Sarah as she ran toward the corner of the gym, Koffel said there's no limit to what she'll be able to accomplish.

"I joke and I tell people in gymnastics we teach people how to fly, but first they have to walk," Koffel said. "There's a lot of things that she's going to be able to do. The possibilities are endless."

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Upbeat music playlist keeps pace while running

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.

While I write this I'm listening to my run music. I've discovered the music I'm listening to has a huge effect on how I'm running. Tuesday I ran four miles with no walk breaks. I just got on the treadmill and went for it. According to my training schedule, this week is four miles, four miles, three miles, rest, 20 easy minutes, a long run Saturday and rest Sunday. I set my music to random and go. If I get a slow song in the mix I usually just skip it. On Tuesday I rocked it! The last song was Bruce Springsteen's "Born to Run." It was the perfect song end to a great run. I finished strong.

Wednesday was my second four-mile day. I have to admit Wednesday was a struggle. I couldn't get into a rhythm. I was at 1.75 miles and I had to walk. I walked the length of a song, which ended up being about a quarter of a mile. While I was walking I was drinking some water and evaluating my run: What was the problem? I rocked it on Tuesday. The first thing I realized was I had upped the speed on the treadmill just a pinch and my music up to that point had been slower songs. I knew I could run four miles.

I thought about why I'm running. I'm running for Jodie and Dylan Delay, the boy I mentioned last week. I'm running for Clayton Smith, a mentor who I met in Kona last year who had to drop out of the Vegas race because of health reasons. I'm running for Abbe Feitelberg, a mentor for Virginia 2012, who is undergoing testing at the Mayo Clinic this week. I thought about all of you who have never met me, but still send in donations for the CCFA. So I started running, I hit the skip button until I found a good running song and finished the last two miles strong.

The moral of this story is do not give up on yourself. Whatever your goal, you have to know you can accomplish it. If things aren't going like you thought they would, take a step back and re-evaluate the situation. Do a systems check. Ask yourself, "why isn't this working right now?" You make adjustments and push on. My adjustments? First, I removed the slow songs from my playlist; I added more upbeat songs and finally, I put them in order. I'm going to try to listen to them that way instead of at random. I also added songs that make me smile, songs that make me want to sing and dance, although I don't recommend dancing on a treadmill — it's dangerous! Do you have any songs you love to work out to? If you do, send them to me at rkingham@mrt.com. I can't wait to hear your suggestions. Next week I'll be running in the Crescent City Classic in New Orleans, wish me luck!

Patients, health care professionals pass along diabetes myths

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I've been an observer of diabetes care for decades, both as a patient and a diabetes doctor. One thing that continues to capture my attention is the amount of diabetes mythology in the world, perpetuated by patients and health care providers alike. This might come as a surprise to some of you, but having an MD or RN after your name doesn't mean you know a whole lot about diabetes. The world of diabetic medicine is far too broad for any one person to master, and it grows daily.

Yet non-medical people often turn to a health care provider as an authority in just about every subject under the sun. Some of us will simply say "that's not anything I can comment on," or "that's outside my specialty." But others might take a stab at it or even look something up to provide an answer that doesn't make them appear completely uninformed.

As a specialty, diabetes is broad and deep. Although virtually all health care providers will encounter a patient with diabetes during their career, this does not necessarily make them an authority on the subject.

It's with this backdrop many myths and misconceptions about diabetes flourish. Let me explain some of the more common myths I've heard over the past several decades.

Simply stated, diabetes is an inability to control blood sugar levels. This can be permanent and it can be temporary depending on the circumstances. How to make the diagnosis of diabetes is very well defined, but may not always be followed to the letter when a health care provider might make the statement "you have diabetes."

Remember, with the handful of minutes you might have with a doctor, they must process your story and any lab work, perform an exam and make a diagnosis (if one is to be made), then decide on a course of action. Diabetes is not one disease, but a collection of many diverse causes. Medicine has created labels to use, which only act to oversimplify the matter. It sets the stage for a partial or, at worst, wrong label being applied.

Diabetes exists along a continuum. Some people may be very close to developing high blood sugars but only need a nudge from the effect of certain medications, some extra weight gain or some severe form of stress like surgery or pregnancy, to uncover the diabetic state. Take away those conditions and the problem might go away. Sadly, it may only be for a while. The situation that temporarily uncovered it could be looked upon as a warning shot to get your attention to make changes to either prevent it or at a minimum discover it early before it has time to wreak havoc on your body.

Many of the other myths about diabetes simply arise from a general lack of knowledge of the nuances of the disease. For example, most persons with type 2 diabetes don't realize their condition is progressive and the loss of the ability to make their own insulin goes away at a rate of about 4 percent per year. Eventually, this means many persons with type 2 diabetes will need to take insulin as their only way to survive.

Anyone with what we call type 1a diabetes (the type I have) always will require insulin to survive long term. There are no pills yet that can replace insulin. This myth is kept alive by a belief that somehow shots can be switched with pills in children with type 1 diabetes when they grow up.

Recently, with the aggressive use of surgical weight loss there are claims made of reversing diabetes. In some cases, the diabetic state can revert to a non-diabetic pattern if the surgery is done early enough and weight loss is in the range of 10-20 percent of starting weight. But what often is forgotten is the person with type 2 diabetes who gets surgical weight loss therapy already permanently has lost more than half of their lifelong capacity to make the hormone insulin. The weight loss reduces the insulin demand of the body to the point that what remains is sufficient to meet the overall need. What we still don't know is, for how long?

Jerilee Bennett/AP

Children dash to collect as many eggs as possible at the Old Colorado City Easter Egg Hunt April 23, 2011 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Aggressive parents force Easter egg hunt cancellation

By P. Solomon Banda
Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — An annual Easter egg hunt attended by hundreds of children has been canceled because of misbehavior last year. Not by the kids, but by the grown-ups.

Too many parents determined to see their children get an egg jumped a rope marking the boundaries of the children-only hunt at Bancroft Park last year. The hunt was over in seconds, to the consternation of eggless tots and the rules-abiding parents.

Organizers say the hunt in Old Colorado City has gotten too big for the hundreds of children and parents now attending. They canceled this year.

Last April's egg hunt, sponsored by the Old Colorado City Association, experienced a few technical difficulties, said Mazie Baalman, owner of Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory and sponsor of the event.

There was no place to hide the plastic eggs, which were filled with donated candy or coupons redeemable at nearby businesses. So thousands of eggs were put in plain view on the grass. A bullhorn to start the event malfunctioned, so Baalman, master of ceremonies, used a public address system that was hard to hear.

"So everybody thinks you said 'Go,' and everybody goes, and it's over in seconds," Baalman said. "If one parent gets in there, other parents say, 'If one can get in, we all can get in,' and everybody goes."

Parenting observers cite the cancellation as a prime example of so-called "helicopter parents" — those who hover over their children and are involved in every aspect of their children's lives — to ensure that they don't fail, even at an Easter egg hunt.

"They couldn't resist getting over the rope to help their kids," said Ron Alsop, a former Wall Street Journal reporter and author of "The Trophy Kids Grow Up," which examines the "millennial children" generation.

"That's the perfect metaphor for millennial children. They (parents) can't stay out of their children's lives. They don't give their children enough chances to learn from hard knocks, mistakes."

Alsop and others say the parenting phenomenon began in earnest when baby boomers who decorated their cars with "Baby on Board" signs in the 1980s began having children. It has prompted at least two New York companies to establish "take your parent to work day" for new recruits as parents remain involved even after their children become adults.

Lenny Watkins, who lives a block away from Bancroft Park, took his friend's son, then 4, to the hunt in 2009. "I just remember having a wonderful time, him with his Easter basket," Watkins said, adding he can understand why a parent would step in.

"You have all these eggs just lying around, and parents helping out. You better believe I'm going to help my kid get one of those eggs. I promised my kid an Easter egg hunt, and I'd want to give him an even edge."

Jennifer Rexford, who used to live near the park, said she participated in public Easter egg hunts with her boys, ages 3, 8 and 14. She doesn't anymore, because of "pushy parents" she said she has dealt with at the hunts.

"It just seems to be the mindset. People just want the best for their kids," Rexford said.

Woman doesn't approve of boyfriend's friendship with female

FAMILY MATTERS

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DEAR FAMILY: Do you think a guy can have a "girl friend" or a "friend who is a girl" and everything remain just a friendship? My boyfriend (as in romantic) works in an office with several attractive women. We have all been out of college a few years and some of us know each other from growing up here. When we all go out together for a drink after work, even if there are more males in the group, my boyfriend talks to one of the girls too much. When I try to talk to him about it he gets mad and accuses me of being jealous. Maybe I am but I can tell flirting when I see it and they definitely flirt with each other in my opinion. He says she's been that way since junior high and it doesn't mean a thing to him.

He also says they are "just friends" and he's not giving her up as a friend just because I have a jealousy problem. Maybe I do, but my best girlfriend has seen the same things I've seen and agrees with me. I like (boyfriend) but I don't know if I can get more serious if he is going to have a relationship like this and maybe other "girl friends" in the future. — AM I OFF THE MARK?

DEAR OFF: The short answer is I do not know if you are off the mark; however, my clinical experience strongly suggests a female's intuition is usually right on. Trust is a critical component of any relationship. It is defined as "actions matching words." In your relationship the only thing you actually can trust is that the way he acts with her does not match what you see.

While there is not much research on this subject, Dr. Don O'Meara's study identified the following challenges to male-female relationships:

Defining the Relationship: Friends or Lovers?

Platonic love does exist, "friendship attraction" or a connection devoid of lust, is a bona fide type of bond people experience. Distinguishing between romantic, sexual and friendly feelings, however, can be exceedingly difficult.

Overcoming Attraction: Let's Talk About Sex

The reality sexual attraction suddenly could enter the equation of a cross-sex friendship uninvited always is lurking in the background. Unwelcome or not, the attraction is difficult to ignore. In another study of more than 150 professional men and women 62 percent of all subjects reported sexual tension was present in their cross-sex friendships (for men it was positive and women negative).

Establishing Equality: The Power Play

Friendship should be a pairing of equals. But, in our culture men historically have, "been more equal than women, male dominance, prestige and power is baggage that both men and women are likely to bring to a relationship." Women are at risk of subconsciously adopting a more submissive role in cross-sex friendships.

The Public Eye: Dealing with Doubters

Society may not be entirely ready for friendships between men and women that have no sexual subtext. People with close friends of the opposite sex are often barraged with nudging, winking and skepticism.

The Meeting Place: Finding Friends

As the workplace and other social arenas become increasingly open to women, the sexes are mingling more and more.

To further test his "jealousy" hypothesis, you may want to consider seeking professional counseling for yourself for more discernment. I also would encourage you to read Dr. Neil Warren's book, "Finding the Love of Your Life," and do the exercises. Take the time to identify what characteristics you truly want in a potential partner first rather than choosing someone before explicitly stating what you want and then rationalizing your objections away (like insisting on female friendships even when you object).

Letters fun for April Fool's Day

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 READERS: It's April Fools' Day, the one day I can share some of those letters I receive from readers whose questions might not seem as appropriate on any of the other 364 days of the year (or 365 this leap year). Enjoy!

DEAR ABBY: I am a 23-year-old female who lives with my parents. I saw "The Little Mermaid" for the first time recently, and now I'm very worried.

The other day I walked in and caught my mom talking to my pet fish, Flounder. I have noticed Mom breaks into Broadway-style songs randomly, just like Ariel did in the movie. She also has the same red hair as Ariel. Mom is a lifeguard at the local pool.

Could my mom be part fish? If so, am I half-mermaid? I will await your reply before attempting underwater breathing. Please answer promptly. — SEA-ING THINGS CLEARLY

DEAR SEA-ING: Clean your goggles, honey, because you're seeing less clearly than you think. Your mother is not related to Ariel, and you are not a mermaid, but your letter is a fish tale.

DEAR ABBY: For years I have heard about players winning thousands of dollars on casino slot machines. But every time I try to win one, I run out of cash before hitting it. How can I win a jackpot before I go broke? Hurry your answer because my money is running out. — UNLUCKY IN JERSEY

DEAR UNLUCKY: Slot machines are not called "one-armed bandits" for nothing. While I can't advise you on how to win a jackpot, I can tell you how not to go broke. Try this: Don't gamble!

DEAR ABBY: At what time does "today" turn into "tonight"? — CLOCK WATCHER IN UTAH

DEAR CLOCK WATCHER: Ask me tomorrow.

DEAR ABBY: I have an amazing pool man. I have known him for quite a while. My neighbors have been complaining because he likes to work naked. His working in the buff never bothers me; I think he looks like a Greek statue and he does a great job. My pool has never looked better. I have had several pool cleaners before, but none of them compare to the current one. What should I do? — CALIFORNIA GIRL

DEAR CALIFORNIA GIRL: Although I don't live nearby, it's not hard to see why no other pool cleaner compares to this one. Assuming your pool is fenced, I'm advising you to do nothing "butt" enjoy the view.

DEAR ABBY: Why does our society insist on using the euphemism "sleeping together" in place of "having sex"? — CURIOUS IN KETTERING, OHIO

DEAR CURIOUS: That's easy — so the children won't know where they came from.

DEAR ABBY: I was awakened at 3 a.m. by a barking police dog while someone was being arrested on my front lawn. This morning I discovered the dog had pooped on my grass. I'm considering complaining to the police about it, but don't want to seem ungrateful. — LISA IN ANAHEIM, CALIF.

DEAR LISA: I think you should be more tolerant. After all, the police dog was just doing his duty.

Permian Basin offers many opportunities for entertainment

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Alex Rose is a volunteer for AARP Community Service.

So, there is nothing to do in Midland? Please, think again! The beauty of Midland is there is plenty to do and see and it does not mean you have to travel far and dig deep in your pocket books. Travel is expensive with the cost of gas, so why not just stay at home?

From the Sibley Nature Center to the I-20 Wildlife Preserve, Midland Community Theatre to the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center to The Phyllis and Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series, the Live on Stage performances, The Arlen Edgar Distinguished Lecture Series, the Museum of the Southwest, the many dance clubs and much more, there is something for everyone.

Sometimes I am overwhelmed with the opportunities to go and see and yet I am so thankful I can enjoy so much and mingle with friends and family from the area. I am not sure this would be possible in a large city such as Dallas where I lived before moving to Midland.

I looked at my calendar and from Feb. 8 through March 27, I took advantage of 13 different performances. I took my grandchildren to see the Harlem Globetrotters for the first time Feb. 8 at Chap Center. The Globetrotters put a sparkle in their eyes.

Midland Community Theatre had two performances during the month of February — "Guys and Dolls," always one of my favorites, and "Red, White & Tuna." Coming up is "Little Women" performed by the Pickwick Players. My 10-year-old granddaughter is reading the book and will see this performance with me. What a treat this will be!

Live on Stage has had many outstanding programs this season with "The Water Colors" in early March and Anna Wilson on March 25. If you like jazz, you liked Anna Wilson. The final performance of the season will be the music of John Denver at 7 p.m. April 27, at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. This is a show you do not want to miss.

It is always nice to meet the artists at the Museum of the Southwest. A "greet and meet" affair is held for the members and artists when they first bring their exhibits to Midland. There is a variety of art medias, some you want to take home and others you might decide to leave at the museum.

With the opening of the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland/Odessa has become a premier place for the performing art world. "Stomp," "Lord of the Dance," "Glen Campbell" and "In the Mood" have been outstanding evenings. There have been more I just could not work into my schedule. I hope everyone has been able to see this magnificent place and enjoy real New York opportunities.

One of my favorite events was the Arlen Edgar Distinguished Lecture Series featuring Mireya Mayor, the female Indiana Jones. This was held March 20, at the Petroleum Museum. This is a story of following your dreams and knowing what you want and being determined to do what you set out to do in your life. Her book, "Pink Boots and a Machete" is truly amazing. The Petroleum Museum also offered the showing of the movie, "SpOiled" which was a must for those in the oil industry. So many of the opportunities at the Petroleum Museum are free to the public.

The 5 Browns came to the Al G. Langford Chaparral Center on March 22, courtesy of the Phyllis and Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series and Friends of the Series. This was a treat of classical music by five siblings who all attended New York's Juilliard School simultaneously. The 5 Browns are exclusive Steinway artists.

The Sibley Nature Center and the I-20 Wildlife Preserve offer a lot of outdoor opportunities for families and children. It was fun going to the Sibley Nature Center last weekend and walking the trail, seeing the special animals and learning about the Yucca plant and how it can help you if you are in the desert. The I-20 Wildlife Preserve will be open in April and I can hardly wait to walk the trails and see the birds and butterflies.

When I look at my calendar and realize how many special evenings and afternoons there have been in the past couple of months, no wonder I feel very tired at times. I do have a family and I do have a job, so it takes a lot of organization to work it all in. My motto is "live life to the fullest."

ENGAGEMENTS

Pender- Holder

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Barry Pender of Midland, Texas are honored to announce the engagement of their son, Alan Barry Pender to Laura Lane Holder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holly Holder of Lubbock.

Alan is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Pender of Midland and the late Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dement of Sweetwater. Lane is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Daffern, Mr. Lum Holder and the late Mrs. Della Holder, all of Lamesa.

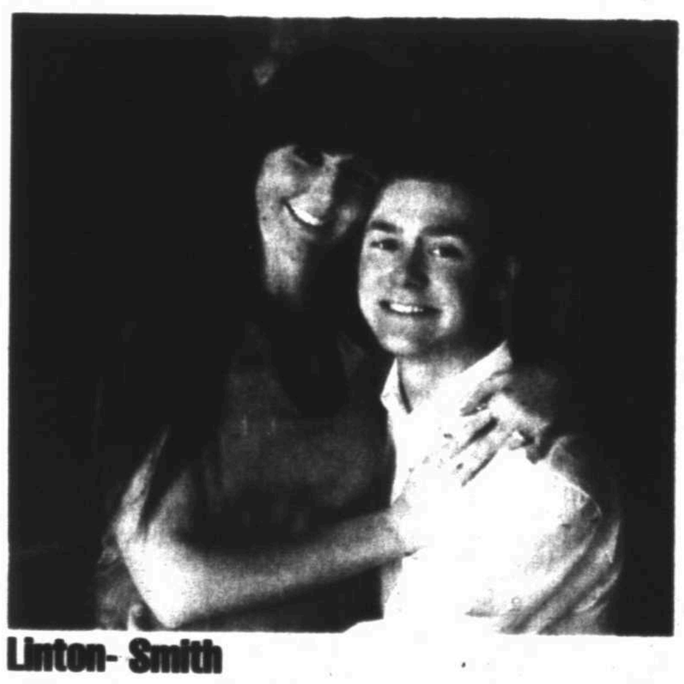
The future bridegroom is a 2005 graduate of Midland Christian High School and a 2009 graduate of Texas Tech University, with a degree in Finance. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. Alan is employed as a Senior Associate for KPMG in Dallas. The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Coronado High School and a 2009 graduate of Texas Tech University, with a degree in Advertising. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. Lane is employed as an Account Executive for Targetbase in Dallas.

The couple will exchange vows August 25, 2012, at First Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Johnson- McLeod

Alex Lee McLeod and Kristin Renee Sanders Johnson joyfully announce their approaching marriage to be held in the evening of June 15 at the Horseshoe Arena. Kristin is the daughter of Roy and Regina Sanders of Midland, and the granddaughter of Bea Sanders, Glen and Patty Sanders, and the late Billy and Dorothy Marlowe, all of Midland. Alex is the son of Rene McLeod Hannon and grandson of Joan Taylor of Austin, Bill and Joane McLeod of Crestview, Florida; Betty Hannon-Koonce of Georgetown, and the late Charles Hannon of Midland.

The couple are graduates of Midland High School - Kristin in 2003 and Alex, 2005. Kristin is a draftsman for Pennell & Marlowe Land Surveyors, where Alex also works as a surveyor.



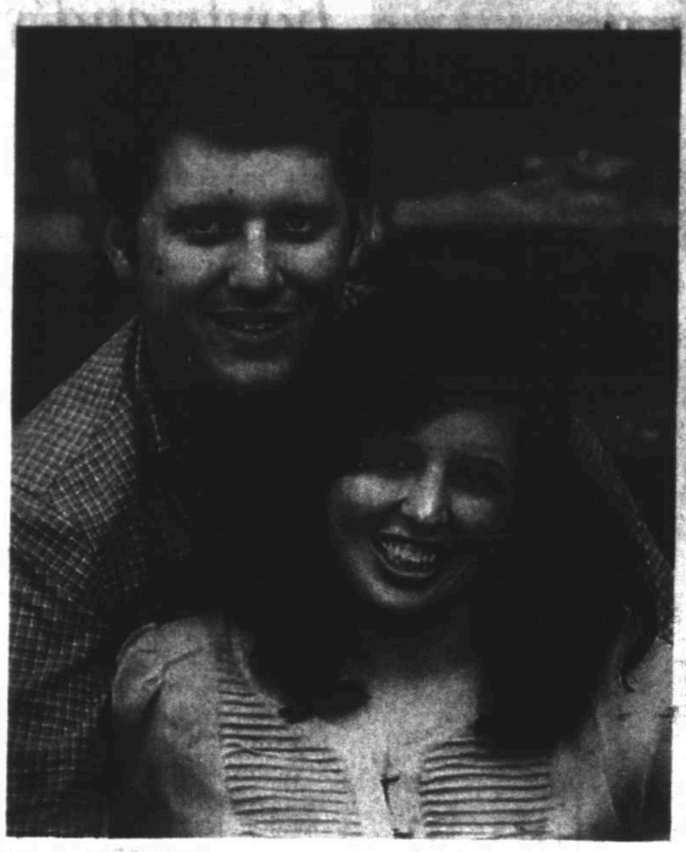
Linton- Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Linton of Midland are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Allison Brooke, to Mr. Michael Taylor Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, also of Midland.

Ally graduated from Lee High School in 2009 and attended Midland and Howard Colleges. She is currently employed by Aeropostale in Midland, and will also be working as a phlebotomist. Taylor graduated from Lee High School in 2009 and received a degree in Criminal Justice from Midland College in 2011. He is currently employed by Professional Communication, Inc.

Ally and Taylor will be married in July, 2012, in Midland. The couple will reside in Midland after the wedding.

Engagement, wedding, anniversary or quinceñera announcements may be submitted to weddings@mrt.com For more information, call 682-6222.



Lea - Marler

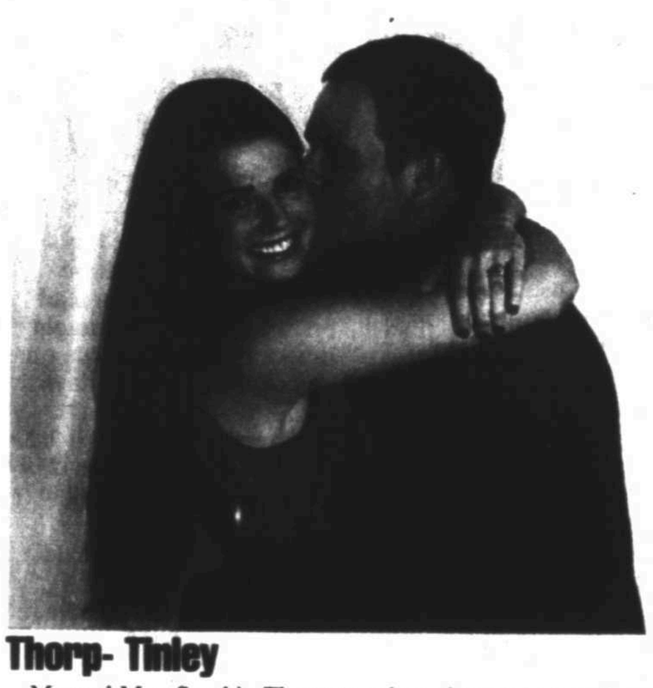
Mr. and Mrs. William Clark Lea of Midland, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Elizabeth (Libby) to Mr. Donald Garrett Marler, son of Dr. and Mrs. Donald Larry Marler of Pickens, South Carolina.

Miss Lea is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Melton, IV, of Midland, Texas and the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morell Lea. Mr. Marler is the grandson of Mrs. Eugene Franklin Hayes of Woodruff, South Carolina and the late Mr. Hayes, the late Mr. Earl William Ballard, Mrs. Frank Allen Marler of Woodruff, South Carolina and the late Mr. Marler.

The bride elect is a 2007 graduate of the Trinity School in Midland, Texas and a 2011 graduate of Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and was a member of the Delta Delta Delta Sorority. She is currently working towards a Master of Arts in Clinical Counseling at The Citadel Graduate College in Charleston, South Carolina.

The prospective groom is a 2007 graduate of Pickens High School and a 2011 graduate of Furman University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Sciences. At present, he is attending the Citadel Graduate College where he is completing work on a Master of Science in Biology. He was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order.

The couple is planning a June 2012 wedding in Midland, Texas.



Thorp- Tinley

Mr. and Mrs. Smokie Thorp are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Calli Alisha Thorp to Christopher Tate Tinley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Tinley of Hobbs, NM. Calli is the granddaughter of Bud Thorp of Hobbs, NM and Betty Thorp of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Johnson of Waynesboro, MS. Calli is a 2007 graduate of Midland Christian High School and will be graduating in May from Lubbock Christian University with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education.

Tate is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tinley of Albuquerque, NM, Judy Tinley of Denver City, TX, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Garcia of Fort Worth, TX and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tarrant of Aledo, TX. Tate is a 2007 graduate of Hobbs High School and 2011 graduate of Lubbock Christian University with a Bachelor of Science in Math. He is currently employed by Concho Resources in Midland and a MonaVie Distributor.

They will reside in Midland. The couple will be married on June 16, 2012, at 7 o'clock in the evening at The Willows in Odessa.

WEDDINGS

Waters- Wilson

Daniel Carter Wilson and Emily Ann Waters were united in marriage Saturday, October 1, 2011 at Red Corral Ranch in Wimberley, Texas. The Rev. Linda Snow officiated. Proud parents of the couple are Carolyn and Danny Wilson of Midland, Texas; Pamela Waters of Alvin, Texas and Jack Waters, Jr. of Alvin, Texas.

Morgan Collins, sister of the bride, of League City, Texas was matron of honor and maid of honor was Lindsey Jarrell of League City, Texas. Bridesmaids included Elizabeth Creel of Austin, Texas; Lindsay Fischbach of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Jamie Turner of Kansas City, Kansas and Sara Westbrook of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Best man was Mike Seawright of San Diego, California and best woman was Laura Wilson, sister of the groom of Austin, Texas. Groomsmen included Bryan Brick of Houston, Texas; Mark Davidson of San Antonio, Texas; Josh Reese of Lake Ridge, Virginia and Jason Roe of Austin, Texas. Ring bearer was Lucas Collins, nephew of the bride.

Mindy Briones and Madalyn Williams were members of the house party. Ushers were Jeff Collins, Patrick Smith, and Stephen Williams.

After the honeymoon to the Cook Islands and Sydney, Australia, Dan and Emily reside in Austin, Texas.

ANNIVERSARIES

Vargas 50th Anniversary

Eliseo and Maria Vargas celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary February 25, 2012. The renewal of vows took place March 17, 2012 officiated by Pastor Elias Rodriguez of Centro Cristiano Internacional. The celebration was held at the Second Baptist Church Fellowship Hall and hosted by their eight children, Eliseo Vargas, Jr., Jose Vargas, Jorge Vargas, Laura Oviedo, Guadalupe Rodarte, Alma Ochoa, Martha Gonzalez and Susana Paiz with their respective spouses, twenty-three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, all of Midland with family and friends in attendance.

Altuzarra sees star rising — with a few boosts

By Samantha Critchell
AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK — Joseph Altuzarra is riding the juggernaut that often lands him in conversations about the country's most promising and influential fashion designers.

He's not sure how he got to this point — with his own company, title of CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund winner and status as a must-have fashion show ticket — but he's not asking too many questions: "It all kind of just happened. It took a life of its own," he says. "By the time I decided I was into the idea, it was already happening."

Fashion, he says, has been a part of his life as long as he can remember, since boyhood in Paris. It started through a passion for drawing, which eventually became mostly fashion drawing.

"I don't think there was a single moment when I got into fashion. When you live in Paris, and fashion is such a point of pride for the French, it's always around and you're very much exposed to it from an early age. It was always something I knew about and really liked," he said.

Since coming to the U.S., first to attend Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania and then to New York to intern for Marc Jacobs, the 28-year-old has been on the move. He knows the Jacobs gig was a lucky break, especially since he's not sure he was qualified for it. But he worked hard, he says, and was like a sponge soaking up everything he could and using that to grow his talent. From there, he worked for Proenza Schouler and then Riccardo Tisci at Givenchy.

While there, he realized he was forming his own voice and was ready to say something that could only come from his own womenswear label, which debuted in 2008. He says he felt confident on the creative side, but a little unsure in business. That's where his parents, both investment bankers, came in, and he learned from them. (His mother is still active in the company and is his most trusted adviser.)

The $300,000 CFDA prize he received last year didn't hurt, either. He spent it on production and a new office, but it's the mentorship he received from different forces in the industry that he found most valuable, he says. Sure, he has competitors, but he finds that most people realize that it's better for the fashion industry to have many success stories instead of a handful.

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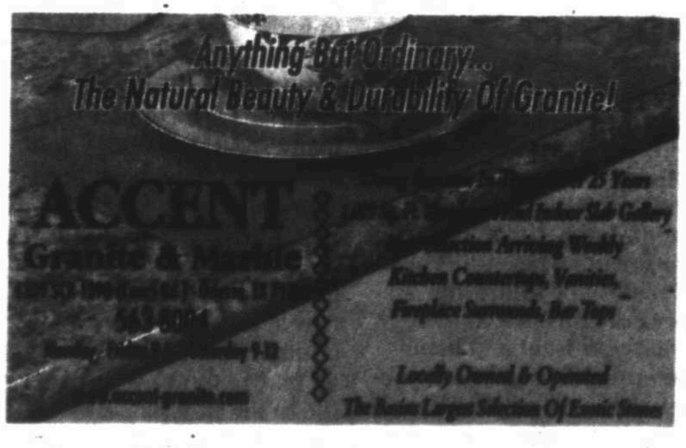

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Solomon, a Dalmatian-German shepherd mix estimated to be about 14 years old, appears March 22, at the shop where his owner, Lisa Black, cuts hair in Seattle. Black owns the Stardust Salon and Spa and Solomon goes to work with her every day to greet customers. "If they don't like him, it's not the place for them," Black said.

Vets say dogs, cats turn old halfway through life

By Sue Manning
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Age may creep up on man, but his best friend gets there at warp speed.

Going from pup to grandpup doesn't leave much prime time under American Veterinary Medical Association labels that cats and small dogs are geriatric at 7 — and large dogs at 6.

But not everyone agrees, and rescuers say those definitions can be a death sentence to older animals in need of homes.

Dr. Emily Pointer, staff internist and medical coordinator at the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital in New York, said she considers the last third of life the sunset years.

"That seems fairly crazy," she said of the AMVA designations. "I would never consider a person in their 40s or 50s to be senior."

The AVMA said the oldest cat on record was 34, the oldest dog was 29.

Forget the notion seven dog years equal one human year, the AVMA said. A 7-year-old dog weighing less than 50 pounds is like a 44- to 47-year-old human; 10 equals 56- to 60-year-old humans; 15 is like a 76- to 83-year-old; and 20 is like a 96- to 105-year-old human, the group said.

Pet health improved in the 1950s and '60s when commercial dog food and vaccinations became popular and spaying and neutering increased, said Stephen Zawistowski, ASPCA executive vice president and science adviser.

Technology has advanced and today's owners are more willing to go the distance for their pets, Pointer said.

"In the past, if your cat was diagnosed with diabetes, the recommendation was probably to euthanize the cat. Now, a lot fewer people are willing to do that because it's a treatable disease," Pointer said.

Kristin Dewey of Los Angeles has an 18-year-old Ragdoll cat named Cokie. He fell from an 80-foot palm tree 16 years ago and seemed OK until four years ago when something temporarily paralyzed him and left him incontinent.

"Indoor-only cats that are loved and treated like family start to get old around 15 but can still live good lives until 19 or more. They may be a little creaky and have some health issues, but so do we all," Dewey said.

Pointer agreed: "Well-loved pets live longer than unloved pets."

"We find that most dogs become geriatric after age 12, and that at 12-ish they are like humans at 65," said Judith Piper, founder and executive director of the rescue group Old Dog Haven in Lake Stevens, Wash.

Most shelters consider dogs old at 8, Piper said, so Old Dog Haven works with dogs 8 and up.

The group tries to place the 8- to 12-year-olds they rescue from shelters and find final refuge homes for those over 12.

At age 14, Solomon is one of those final refuge or hospice dogs. Part Dalmatian and part German shepherd, he has been with Lisa Black for 30 months.

Black owns the Stardust Salon and Spa in Seattle and Solomon goes to work with her every day to greet customers. "If they don't like him, it's not the place for them," Black said.

"Old dogs are usually good with other dogs and housebroken. They are easy and don't require a lot of trips to the park. They are usually happy with us and do whatever we want," she said.

Losing them is hard, she said, but you focus on the dog. "It's what Old Dog Haven does so they don't end up alone in a shelter. We give them a happy ending," Black said.

"Even if the time they have with the dog is short, it's worth it," Piper added.

Dori Repuyan of Columbus, Ohio, said Tucker, a 60-pound German shepherd-beagle mix her family rescued nine years ago is between 11 and 13.

She worries that calling dogs old so young will cost them good homes because "people don't want old dogs."

Tucker started showing his age a few years ago, Repuyan said. He stopped running with her, limited his walking and had trouble jumping on the bed. He started going gray and when he tore a ligament, developed weight problems. Repuyan and her husband had two children and it seemed to depress Tucker, she said.

They rescued Phoebe, a small, young dog that brought Tucker out of his funk. However, Tucker now sees the vet more often, gets a supplement for arthritis and no longer is allowed on the stairs.

"It's not so much that pets are living longer than their life expectancy, although they are, but we are taking better care of them and they are surviving longer. Sixty is the new 40 is true for pets," said Fadra Nally, a writer and blogger from Raleigh, N.C.

Nally figures large dogs should be old at 8 and small dogs and cats old at 9 or 10.

Tracie Hotchner of Bennington, Vt., author of "The Dog Bible" and "The Cat Bible," believes the AVMA's numbers are right.

"It raises people's awareness of the need to get more frequent and more thorough wellness checks," she said. "Not enough people respect the fairly serious physical changes that take place in older cats and dogs and the kind of preventive care that's available."

Dogs don't have middle age, she said.

At 6 or 7, pets can experience kidney failure, digestion problems, arthritis, obesity, teeth trouble or other ailments that can be treated.

Hotchner has two older dogs with knee problems. They had surgeries, are on medication and undergoing stem cell therapy harvested from their own belly fat, she said.

The quality of their lives has been extended decisively because of those things, she said.

Springtime brings increase in allergies for pets

PET POINTERS

Kristina McConaughey is a veterinarian at Greenbelt Veterinary Hospital & Pet Resort. Questions can be e-mailed to: info@greenbeltpetdoc.com.

Spring is in the air and with it comes pollen, dust and mold, which not only are irritating to us but also to our pets. Allergies occur when an individual reacts to a normal substance in the environment. These substances called allergens include pollens, molds, animal hair, house dust, fleas, foods and more. Allergens can cause reactions through skin contact, inhalation or ingestion.

For our pets, the No. 1 symptom is itchiness. In dogs, this shows up as facial rubbing and chewing or licking at the feet and belly. The primary symptoms are redness in the affected areas, recurrent skin and ear infections and possibly gastrointestinal signs. In cats, the primary symptom often is overgrooming resulting in bald spots. Some cats also will make mad dashes around the house as if they are trying to get away from something, and also may exhibit respiratory signs (feline asthma) or a skin condition known as miliary dermatitis. This skin condition consists of small, raised nodules that are red in color and appear on the head and face primarily, but also can be present on the body.

A large part of a chronic allergy diagnosis is dependent upon the history provided by the owner. It is very important to pay close attention to your pet's activities and behaviors in order to obtain a full history of the problem. Testing may be performed on your pet's skin to rule out other skin problems such as infection or mange. If the allergies are chronic and severe, we might recommend allergy testing, which can be done using a skin or blood sample. Allergy testing pinpoints the cause of the allergy, so we can tailor treatment accordingly. Possible food allergies can be diagnosed with a food trial. The food fed during a food trial is from a novel (new) protein and carbohydrate such as venison and potato or a strictly hypoallergenic diet. For a food trial to be performed correctly, the pet should be fed the diet exclusively with no treats or table food at all.

Once your pet's allergy has been diagnosed, the chore of management begins. There is no single treatment that cures your pet's allergies. The best treatment is a broad-spectrum approach using several different treatments to obtain maximum results. Some of the options include over-the-counter medications, prescription medications, special diets and even custom tailored allergy injections.

Over-the-counter therapy largely includes antihistamines, which can be used under the guidance of your veterinarian. However, these medications alone will not alleviate the signs, but in combination with other therapies can be very effective. Fatty acid supplementation is another easy, cost effective treatment that has anti-inflammatory properties and helps your pet stay under its itchy threshold. Special shampoos also are very beneficial not only in removing the allergens from the skin, but in decreasing the inflammation topically. The hallmark of shampoo therapy is allowing sufficient contact time for the active ingredients to work.

Prescription medications may be used to help control the allergies, especially during a severe outbreak. Steroids work well against allergies, but come with side effects and can be harmful if given long term. If your pet requires more than two long-acting steroid injections per year, or every other day oral steroids for more than four months, you should pursue additional testing to further diagnose the problem. A newer medication named Atopica® has been introduced which is similar to a steroid in how it works, but has fewer side effects.

If a food trial is successful at controlling your pet's allergies, then we may recommend the pet stays on the diet permanently. At this point, it is best if the pet eats the recommended diet exclusively to avoid reoccurring allergic reactions. Hypoallergenic diets may be expensive, but more than likely you will not have to pay for any additional medications.

Custom tailored allergy regimens are very effective at treating allergies. After the test to find out exactly what your pet is allergic to, your pet's blood is sent to a lab and they use the results of the test to create a very specific injectable to effectively control the allergy. The allergy shot tells the pet's body to react differently to allergens and reduces the symptoms that come with chronic allergies.

There are many different factors in chronic allergies and the treatment of them. The other side of allergies is acute allergic reactions. These are reactions that have a rapid onset and are most commonly brought on by insect bites. Your pet suddenly may develop facial swelling, redness and itchiness. It also can develop hives, which are whelps over their body. These reactions can be very scary, but with medical attention they should resolve easily. The key is getting your pet to their veterinarian quickly so the reaction does not worsen.

Allergies are frustrating for pets and pet owners. Together with your veterinarian these problems can be managed and allow you both to enjoy the wonder of springtime.

BURR WILLIAMS

Burr Williams is executive director of Sibley Nature Center.

Sibley Nature Center seeks to meet challenge grant

A local foundation has given the Sibley Nature Center a $50,000 challenge grant. We are deeply appreciative of all the support the center has received over the years. We hope we have been of service to the people of Midland and other West Texans. We hope we have sparked an appreciation of the Llano Estacado and its ecology and history. We hope we have helped you learn a little more about your own home!

Over the last 25 years we have given more than 8,000 programs to more than half a million people of all ages. We have been blessed by the generosity of the Reporter-Telegram, and since 1999 have provided more than 800 essays to the readers (most of which are on our website, and many more originally were published in the "Phalarope," the newsletter of the Midland Naturalists.)

Thanks to modern computers we also have published more than 200 issues of free one-page weekly e-newsletters that feature one local animal, plant or historical site or action for more than 500 subscribers. Our website, www.sibleynaturecenter.org, receives close to 3,000 page hits daily and some of our pages like our list of xeriscape plants or some of our recommended field trip photoessays, have been visited thousands of times over the seven years they have been online. Our Facebook page (under my name) has more than 1,900 subscribers mostly from our region, but also from most of the other states and 10 countries. We post photos of the flora and fauna every day, and some of the conversations are great edifying fun!

In the last year we began a weekly call-in show 8-9 a.m. Fridays on KWEL1070 AM. It is a wonderful experience hearing reports on animals seen, answering horticultural questions and talking history with oldtimers who lived it. Recently we began supplying the text for Marfa Public Radio's "Nature Notes" which also is rebroadcast on the NPR station in Portales, N.M. Both radio stations are on the Internet, and as a result we have calls for information from as far away as Las Lunas, N.M. and Sonora.

Through all of these outlets, we estimate we provide 1.5 million educational experiences each year. Thanks to the Internet, the Sibley Nature Center has become a place where tourists stop and visit, and call to ask advice on where to go and what to see and do when visiting the region. One visitor from Seattle visits us during each of his business trips to the region. A New York University professor visited us as part of her research for a recent art show debut in Houston. We answer thousands of questions a year from local folks on topics from "what is a fox doing on my roof" to "what is this weed" to "what plants attract hummingbirds and butterflies."

Thousands of people have bought plants at our annual xeriscape plant sales. (This year we will hold the sale in the fall.) We are the go-to source for xeriscape information because we have been promoting water conservation for 30 years, preaching xeriscape and testing more than 1,200 species to rigorous conditions. Our list of successful plants became the suggested plant list for the city of Midland's commercial landscape ordinance (which may become the home landscape ordinance, too.) To subscribe to our free weekly xeriscape one-page newsletter, send an email to bwilliams@sibleynaturecenter.org requesting "Landscaping Llanero Style."

It is an honor to provide meeting space for the Midland Gem and Mineral Society, the Midland Archaeological Society, The Comanche Trail Woodcarvers, the West Texas Oilfield Environmental Professionals, the Urban 4H, Keep Midland Beautiful, Texas Extension Agency, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Region 18 Education Service Center and the Midland Naturalists.

We hope you will join in on our fundraising campaign and help us out. Anyone who donates $25 or more becomes a member, and also has the option to be part of our Camera Club, Outing Club or our Xeriscape Plant Buyers Club and gets 10 percent off of purchases at Ski Skeller. Someone has donated a 1999 Nissan Altima with a bluebook value of $5,800 if someone would like to buy it for a college bound student.

Plant seeds are shown in this photo taken March 26, 2009 in New Market, Va.

Dean Fosdick/AP

Propagation is an inexpensive way to build collection of plants

By Dean Fosdick
Associated Press

A creative sideline for gardeners is plant propagation, or enhancing the landscape through reproduction.

It's also a cheap way to fill flowerbeds and herbal containers while prices continue to climb.

Methods of propagation range from seed sowing to grafting, and all require varying degrees of skill.

"For propagation, you don't need an education but you may need some guidance," said Ken Druse, author of the new "Making More Plants: The Science, Art and Joy of Propagation" (Stewart, Tabori and Chang). "Most often, though, it's all about starting plants from seeds."

Seeds are an economical way to grow in bulk, even if you must buy them in commercially prepared packets. "Getting your seeds from a proven source is a good way to ensure high production," Druse said.

Here is a propagation glossary, describing the most commonly used methods:

■ **Sowing seeds:** Druse starts his seeds indoors three at a time in half-inch pots, topping the soil with fine sand. "Moist soil is a great medium for seeds but also for fungus, which can kill a great many sprouts in just a couple of weeks," he said. "Gravel is not a hospitable medium for fungus."

■ **Stem; leaf or root cuttings:** Pieces of the parent plant are cut and placed in water or a suitable growing medium until roots develop. They become clones, or junior versions of the originals and soon are ready for transplanting.

■ **Layering:** A practice usually done with woody plants where living stems are placed on the ground with their tips forced downward. They receive nourishment from the parent plants while roots form on the planted ends, enabling them to eventually be separated and grow unaided.

■ **Grafting:** Branches are removed from one woody plant and secured to another until they "take" or begin to grow. That unites certain desirable characteristics from one plant — say hardiness, dwarfing or faster fruiting — with those of its host. Apple trees commonly are grafted, as are Japanese maples.

■ **Dividing:** Perennials should be divided once they outgrow their sites. That improves their health, bulks up foliage and produces more flowers. "Depending upon the species, these divisions may grow to be as large as the original plant by season's end: more plants for free," Druse said.

"Sowing seeds, cuttings and division are the most prevalent forms of propagation done by home gardeners," said Rosie Lerner, an extension consumer horticulturist with Purdue University. "It's a little work but well worth the effort. It's a matter of knowing which parts of the plants to split off and divide. Many have a high degree of success."

And then there are plant swaps, which add a social component to garden building.

Be careful of those pass-along plants from neighbors and friends, though — the kind they're willing to trade because they have so many. Some could be infested with mites, while others may be invasive.

"Some plants are thugs," Druse said. "Anything so easy to propagate may not be that great to have around your yard."

Spring turkey season not what it used to be

MIKE LEGGETT

Mike Leggett writes for the Austin American-Statesman.

AUSTIN — I have this growing sense our Texas spring turkey season just isn't as big a deal as it once was.

Back in the 1980s and early '90s, hunting spring turkeys was a growth industry, much anticipated by hunters eager to call up a gobbler and put the big hurt on him.

The marketplace reflected that interest, too.

There were special turkey shotguns coming out, special turkey shotgun shells and turkey vests and clothes. Call makers introduced dozens of brands of new calls, and there were more guided hunts than a turkey fanatic could choose from.

Being a turkey hunter was exciting then, too. Everybody was doing it.

I called up and killed my first Rio Grande turkey in 1985, using a mouth call that an "expert" said sounded awful, at least when I blew on it. That's when I realized it wasn't really important how I thought it sounded or how an expert thought it sounded. What was important was how a gobbler reacted. Of course that's how bar fights start, too, but that's another story.

Those of us writing about the outdoors were scrambling around, putting together lists of guided and unguided turkey hunts. People were calling for advice: where to go, how much it would cost, one gobbler or two, ticks for free.

In 1993, there were roughly 95,000 spring turkey hunters, and that year they killed more than 33,000 gobblers.

I'm not sure that was the pivotal year, but generally speaking both the number of hunters and the number of turkeys have been declining since then.

In 2010, 16,000 birds were killed by hunters. That was well below the long-term average of 25,000.

Last year, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, hunters killed the fewest number of spring gobblers ever in Texas.

Meanwhile, the number of hunters is declining too. The long-term average number of hunters is 66,000 for the spring. This spring we could see the number of hunters come in at only half of that.

To be sure, there are lots of those hunts still out there, but when you check into them, many ranches are either are full with no openings or they've cut back numbers because of declines in Rio Grande populations.

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A chocolate bunny nest is seen in this photo taken Monday, Feb. 27, in Concord, N.H. A blend of crunchy cereals and noodles with a blend of chocolate, marshmallow and peanut butter is used to create edible "nests" to store chocolate eggs and jelly beans.

Matthew Mead/AP

Easter treat: Chocolate eggs resting in crunchy chocolate nests

By Alison Ladman
Associated Press

You'll have no trouble enticing the kids to get involved in this easy and tasty part of Easter dinner prep.

We've combined a blend of crunchy cereals and noodles with a deliciously sticky blend of chocolate, marshmallow and peanut butter to create edible "nests" in which the little ones can store their chocolate eggs and jelly beans (assuming those treats stick around long enough to be stored).

The process is simple — just melt together the butter, marshmallows, peanut butter and chocolate, then stir in the dry ingredients. After that, let the children set to work shaping their nests.

Just note — this is a messy project. So you might want to do it before the kids get into their Easter best. Also, to make it a little less messy, lightly coat the kids' (or your) hands with cooking spray.

The finished nests can be stored in plastic bags at room temperature for up to a week.

Chocolate Bunny Nests

Start to finish: 20 minutes (plus cooling time)
Makes 20 small nests

3 tablespoons unsalted butter
10-ounce package mini marshmallows
1/2 cup crunchy peanut butter
6 ounces semisweet chocolate bits
2 cups thin chow mein noodles
1 1/2 cups square corn cereal, such as Corn Chex
2 cups crispy rice cereal, such as Rice Krispies
Line a baking sheet with waxed paper.

In a large saucepan over medium-low heat, melt the butter. Add the marshmallows, peanut butter and chocolate bits. Stir continuously until completely melted and blended.

Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the chow mein noodles, corn cereal and rice cereal. Allow the mixture to cool until safe to handle.

For small nests, scoop by the tablespoonful onto the prepared baking sheet. For larger nests, use about 1/2 cup. Use your thumb or the back of a spoon (coated with cooking spray) to create an indentation at the center of each mound to form a "nest." Allow to finish cooling until firm.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 180 calories; 80 calories from fat (41 percent of total calories); 9 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 5 mg cholesterol; 25 g carbohydrate; 3 g protein; 1 g fiber; 105 mg sodium.

Easter dinner: Ditch the ham but keep the pig

By Alison Ladman
Associated Press

Instead of cooking ham or lamb this Easter, why not go for something a little bit different?

Pork loin roast has an amazing flavor — and is outrageously tender — when brined. That's because the brining process adds a bit of salt, the flavor of the brine and a whole lot of moisture to the meat. The procedure is relatively simple, though it does require a bit of planning. You'll want to brine the pork for about 24 hours.

Pork not your thing? This same procedure can be used on whole chickens. The main difference is that you'll want to brine a chicken for just 4 hours, not 24. Of course, the cooking time will depend on how large your chicken is; just cook until the internal temperature of the meat is 160 F.

We've also included some side dish suggestions to help you plan your Easter dinner:

■ **Lemony Peas**
Saute 2 cups of English peas and 1 diced red bell pepper with a little butter until just tender. Season with salt and pepper, then stir in the zest of 1 lemon.

■ **Quinoa Pilaf**
Cook 2 cups of quinoa according to package directions. Saute 2 chopped cloves of garlic, 2 sliced shallots and 1 diced red onion in 3 tablespoons of olive oil until soft. Stir in the quinoa along with 1/3 cup diced dried apricot and 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme.

■ **Warm Radicchio Slaw**
Cook 4 strips of bacon until crisp. Thinly slice 2 heads of radicchio and saute in the bacon fat with 1 thinly sliced red onion. Season with salt and black pepper, 1 tablespoon brown sugar and 1 tablespoon cider vinegar. Serve topped with crumbled blue cheese and the crumbled bacon.

Rosemary-Cider Brined Easter Pork

Start to finish: 26 hours (1 hour active)
Servings: 8

1/4 cup kosher salt
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
2 cups apple cider
1 bunch fresh rosemary
1 bunch fresh thyme
1 teaspoon chili powder
4 pound pork loin roast
1 tablespoon canola or vegetable oil

In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the salt, brown sugar, cider, rosemary, thyme and chili powder. Stir just until the sugar and salt dissolve. Cool completely.

In a large zip-close plastic bag, combine the pork loin and the brine solution. Squeeze out any air and seal the bag shut. Place in a bowl in case of any leaks, then refrigerate for 24 hours.

Thirty minutes before you are ready to cook, heat the oven to 350 F. Fit a roasting pan with a rack.

Drain the pork and discard the brine solution. Rinse the pork with cool water, then pat it dry with paper towels. Rub the surface of the pork with the oil and place on the rack. Roast for 45 minutes, or until a thermometer reads 145 F at the center of the pork. Allow to rest for 15 minutes before slicing.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 380 calories; 180 calories from fat (50 percent of total calories); 21 g fat (8 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 145 mg cholesterol; 2 g carbohydrate; 44 g protein; 0 g fiber; 570 mg sodium.

Farro: What it is and how to use is

Editor's note: Off the Beaten Aisle is a weekly column by AP Food Editor J.M. Hirsch that also appears at FoodNetwork.com. It explores lesser known but widely available ingredients.

By J.M. Hirsch
AP Food Editor

The trouble with so-called "ancient grains" is though they have tickled the fancy of restaurant chefs, most of them remain way under the home cook radar.

It's an experience thing. Or lack of. Most of us aren't even sure how to cook amaranth, quinoa and spelt, never mind know how to serve them.

Which is too bad. They can be delicious, creative and usually inexpensive ways of working whole grains into your cooking.

So let me help you over that first hurdle by introducing you to farro, what I consider the easiest to cook and most versatile of the ancient grains.

Also called emmer wheat, farro was one of the earliest cultivated grains and was grown widely in northern Africa and Europe.

But farro — the Italian name for this relative of modern wheat — can be fussy to grow and lost favor. Fast forward a few thousand years and it's trying for a comeback.

Why should you care? Farro has a robustly nutty flavor, a satisfyingly chewy texture and it works well with numerous ingredients and cuisines.

Best yet, if you know how to boil pasta, you know how to cook farro. Boil 1 cup of farro in 3 to 4 cups of water (salted or not) for 15 minutes, then drain. Done.

In Italy, where most farro is grown, the grain often is added to soups. It also can be substituted for rice in risotto. Like arborio and other risotto rice varieties, farro is high in starch (needed to produce creamy risotto). Unlike rice, farro is forgiving. Overcooked rice results in mushy risotto. Farro holds its texture even when overcooked.

Most farro — which is high in protein and low in gluten — sold in the U.S. is pearled, which means it has been hulled. This helps it cook faster. Avoid farro that is not pearled, as this must be first soaked, then cooked for longer.

Like other varieties of wheat, farro can be ground into flour and used in baking and to make pasta. Raise your hand if you are never going to do that!

Instead, try it in this recipe for warm farro salad with grilled Italian sausage. And for more ideas for using farro, check out the Off the Beaten Aisle column over on Food Network: http://bit.ly/wajaFe

Warm Farro Salad with Grilled Italian Sausage

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 4

1 cup pearled farro
4 sweet Italian sausages
Juice of 1 lemon
1/4 cup olive oil
Ground black pepper
1 cup crumbled feta cheese
6 plum tomatoes, diced
1 medium cucumber, peeled, seeded and chopped
2 scallions, sliced (whites and greens)
1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano
1 to 2 tablespoons toasted sliced almonds

Bring 1 quart (4 cups) of salted water to a boil. Add the farro and cook for 15 minutes, or until the grains are plumped and chewy. Drain and set aside.

Meanwhile, heat a grill or grill pan to medium-high. Add the sausages and cook until browned on all sides, about 8 minutes. Set aside.

In a large bowl whisk together the lemon juice, olive oil and pepper to taste. Mix in the feta cheese.

When the farro has cooked and been drained, add it to the bowl and mix well. Set aside for 5 minutes to cool slightly.

Mix in the tomatoes, cucumber, scallions and oregano. Cut the sausages into 1-inch rounds, then add those to the salad. Sprinkle the salad with the almonds.

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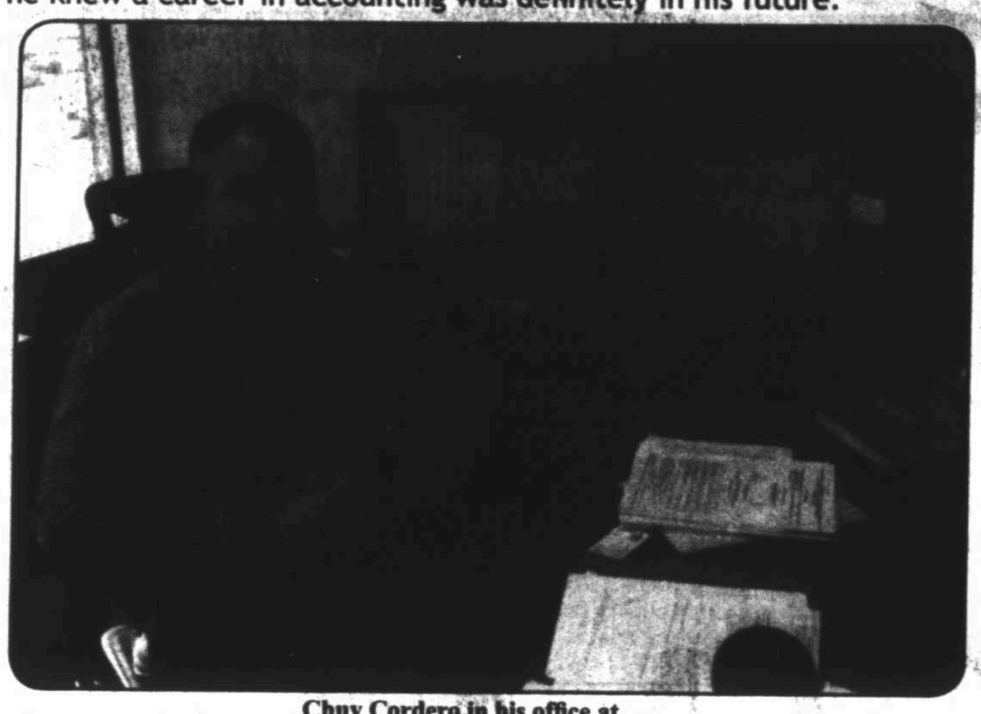
Making a career out of "numbers"

By Rebecca Bell

"I like numbers!" Those are the words of Chuy Cordero, and he is making a successful living "crunching" those numbers.

In 2004, Cordero graduated from Lee High School (LHS) in Midland and entered Midland College (MC), not really knowing what his major would be. Then he took Principles of Accounting I at MC from Dale Westfall and was hooked! The next semester, Cordero enrolled in Principles of Accounting II, also taught by Westfall, and that's when he knew a career in accounting was definitely in his future.



Chuy Cordero in his office at Legacy Reserves LP

Professor Westfall says, "Obviously being smart helped, but Chuy was self-motivated and had learned how to study. He was good with the detail work in accounting and always had a sense of how those details fit the big picture."

After obtaining an associate degree in business from MC in 2006, Cordero transferred to The University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB), where he majored in accounting and graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 2008. He just recently passed all four sections of the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam!

Cordero says, "I owe a lot to those first two accounting classes at Midland College. Of all my accounting courses, I can honestly say that Dale Westfall was the best accounting professor I ever had. He taught me the basics of accounting, which gave me a great foundation for my upper-level courses at UTPB and for studying for the CPA exam."

Cordero was born in Oklahoma; however, his family moved to Midland when he was just a year old, so he considers himself a Midland native. He has six brothers and sisters—all of whom either graduated from LHS or currently are attending LHS. One of his younger brothers is at MC and following in Chuy's footsteps—he is also taking an accounting course from Dale Westfall!

After graduating from UTPB, Cordero joined the local public accounting firm of Johnson & Miller in December 2008. At Johnson & Miller, Cordero was an auditor and says he got some good "on-the-job" training in public accountancy. In April 2011, he began working for Legacy Reserves LP, a Midland-based independent oil and natural gas master limited partnership. Cordero works as a financial accountant in the five-person financial reporting department. He is responsible for monthly accruals, including revenue accrual and mark to market accrual.

Cordero says, "My experience at Johnson & Miller as an auditor helped develop my skills for my current responsibilities at Legacy. Now I'm on the other side of the auditing process—I prepare material to be audited."

Cordero continues, "Legacy is a great organization and is growing rapidly. One-third of Legacy employees were hired in 2011. I love the oil and gas industry, and this is a great opportunity for me to gain some public accounting experience."

Cordero says that one day he aspires to become a chief accounting officer or a company controller. He feels that there will always be a need for accountants, and he recommends that young people wanting to go into the accounting field should take as much business and economics classes as possible.

"A great many people think that accounting is hard, because it involves math," says Cordero. "However, it really is just addition, multiplication, subtraction and division—there's not any calculus. A lot of accounting is based on a series of principles and procedures, and it's also important to have a good background in business law."

In his spare time, Cordero enjoys refurbishing cars. He is currently working on a 1971 Plymouth Barracuda.

When visiting with the mild-mannered accountant, it's easy to understand why the 25-year-old Chuy Cordero has progressed so far in his career in such a short time. He's gracious, smart and enjoys his chosen field. As Professor Dale Westfall says, "Yes, he was a good student, but more importantly, he is a great person!"

History professor publishes book about University Lands

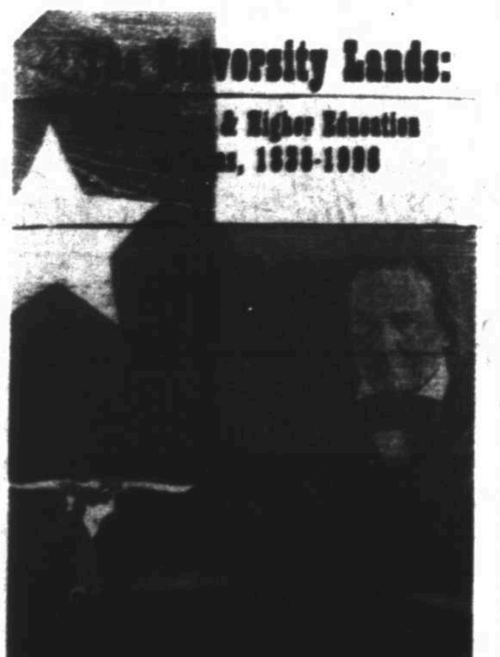
By Sarah Cotton, MC student

A Midland College history professor is making history! Todd Houck recently wrote a book entitled *The University Lands: Resources & Higher Education in Texas from 1838-1996*. The book, based on his dissertation from college, is about 2 million acres of land throughout West Texas that belong to both the University of Texas and Texas A&M University. The idea of the land dates back to the years following Texas' independence from Mexico and survived through the Civil War.

Todd Houck
Picture by MC student Kourtney Kelley

"Everybody thinks University Lands is just about oil, but there is a lot to do with the surface that people don't realize. Some of the earliest settlers in West Texas were people who settled on University Lands raising cattle. The St. Genevieve winery down in Ft. Stockton is on University Lands and was started as an experiment by the staff. They were also early on in signing contracts for wind farms," Houck said.

Houck further explained, "... A&M was created first as a branch of UT, which didn't even exist. They didn't split the two of them until the 1950s. At first UT was keeping all that PUF [Permanent University Fund] money for themselves, until after years and years A&M was able to obtain one-third of that and one-third of the control of the exploitation of resources," Houck said.



The University Lands: Resources & Higher Education in Texas from 1838-1996
Book cover designed by MC Graphic Artist Chris Hieb.

Dr. Houck has been on staff at MC for more than 10 years and is a graduate from Texas Tech University where he received his doctorate. He is a native West Texan who said he feels a strong connection to this land.

"I was born in Odessa, but I was raised in Midland. I attended Emerson, Goddard and Lee High School. My grandfather was an oil man, and as a child I knew what the price of oil was; it had a direct impact on my life. I lived through the bust in the eighties, and it was bizarre," Houck said.

Sharon Burks, assistant to Steve Hartmann, former executive director of University Lands, and Jim Benson, current executive director, said, "Steve Hartmann collaborated with Houck every step of the way, and we are very pleased with it."

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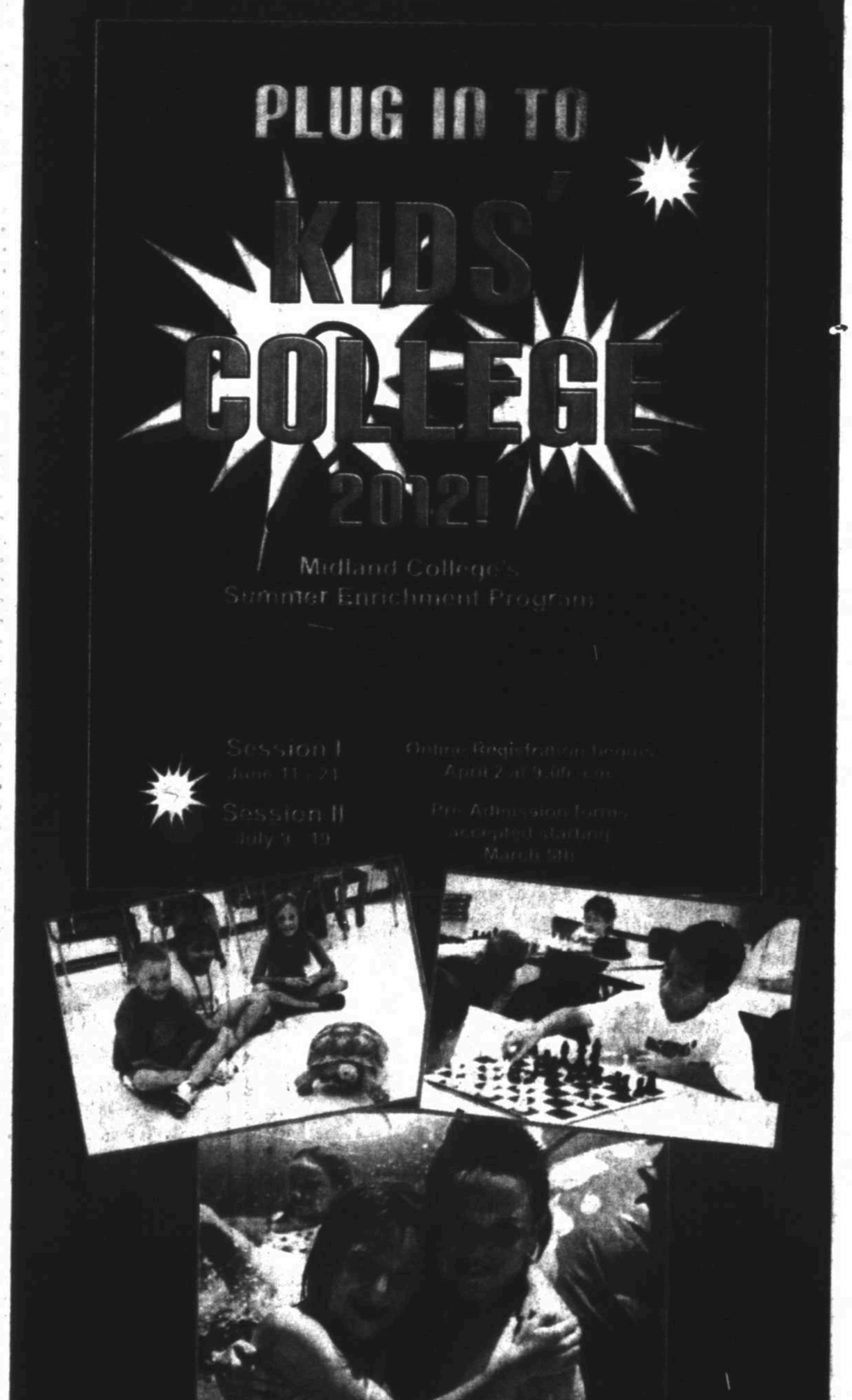

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Mother-daughter team opens En Vogue Salon

After years of working at separate salons, a mother and daughter have joined forces to open their own hair salon.

"Mom and I decided to team up," said Patricia Chavez, owner of EN VOGUE SALON at 2101 N. Midland Drive along with her mother, Rosalinda.

"We offer expert cuts and hair service for men and women," Patricia added, from cuts to color, permanents to updos. One of the three stylists is an expert in men's hair care.

En Vogue has six stations, with three available for rental. Patricia said they also are looking for a nail technician. "We hope to become a hair and nail salon," she said.

Another service offered by En Vogue is facial waxing.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Walk-ins are welcome and appointments can be made by calling 218-7949 or through the salon's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/EnVogue-HairSalon.

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Settled into its new offices is ALPHA TECH ZONE, now found at 3315 Andrews Highway.

Locally owned and operated by Amy Hill, Alpha Tech Zone "handles the software, the hardware, service existing equipment, the purchase and installation of new equipment," Hill said. "If something is needed, we'll find it or find a reliable provider. There's very little we can't do."

Offerings include printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, phone and computer systems. Alpha Tech also offers interactive white boards, security systems, web hosting, email hosting, computer and network maintenance, data storage, virus removal, computer upgrades and more. Hill said brands carried include, but aren't limited to Sharp, Panasonic, Apple, Dell, Microsoft and AT&T.

H-E-B works to address parking issues

■ Parking space addition could come with store renovation.

By Kathleen Petty
Staff Writer

H-E-B shoppers who've battled the masses known to accumulate in the parking lot likely will get a little relief in the coming months.

The company is pursuing an expansion of its parking lot and also possibly renovations inside its store, said Dya Campos, director of public affairs.

"As a lot of our customers know, parking in our store is very tight right now," Campos said. "Adding additional parking would greatly relieve some of the congestion."

The Midland City Council in March approved on first reading a proposal that would allow H-E-B to move forward with demolition work in its parking lot. It will vote on the issue a final time at its April 10 meeting.

Campos said from there the store is looking to obtain permits that would allow it to tear down part of the shopping center at the west end of the parking lot.

A nail salon, Xlent Nails, that was at one end of the shopping strip already has closed its business in Midland. The neighboring UPS store is renting space from H-E-B and would have to move if its portion of the building were demolished.

"To construct more parking we'd have to look at utilizing that space for parking," Campos said.

In March, Michael Trost, councilman for District 4, voted against the proposal after hearing objections from a nearby business owner.

Scott Ragan, of Ski Skeller Sports, said he didn't believe the parking lot expansion would adequately address the issues that exist. Plus, he said, it will negatively impact businesses, including his and the ones that will move or close.

"I'm opposed to really anything that they're doing because it's not going to solve the problem," Ragan said.

Other council members said while they sympathize with Ragan, H-E-B owns the property so he will need to work with them. Plus, the store is land-locked and therefore limited on its options in adding more parking.

"Anybody who shops at H-E-B knows there's parking problems," said Scott Dufford, councilman at large.

What most people would like to see is another H-E-B in Midland, said council members and others.

However, Campos said, that's not in the company's plans at this point.

At the current store, though, Campos said they are analyzing what types of renovations are needed. Those could be added at the same time as any additional parking spaces.

"We're still trying to determine if this is something our customers would like to see," she said. "All of our stores are configured based on feedback and desires."

The Odessa H-E-B recently celebrated the completion of its expansion and renovation, which included the addition of space, some rearranging of departments and re-design work both outside and inside. Construction began on the grocery store last spring and was completed early this year.

Campos said West Texas' stores post strong sales for the San Antonio-based grocery chain and that they are "committed" to the Permian Basin community.

"We are very proud to be operating in Midland and have gone to great extent to expand that store and to add new features to it," she said.

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THE ECONOMIST

Math skills are building blocks that will grow nation's economy

RAY PERRYMAN
The Perryman Group

For many people, the subject of mathematics conjures images of confusing lectures and highly theoretical concepts with little practical application. While a basic understanding of elementary processes is obviously essential to everyday life, it can be less clear just how important math is to the economy, technology and virtually every other science. New theories are shaping diverse fields ranging from genetics and natural sciences to engineering and computer sciences.

I have seen this first hand through my professional career. I majored in math at Baylor University and added to that a PhD from Rice in economics. I have blended math into my work since the very earliest days, developing massive models of the economy that rely heavily on math concepts. I also have seen how mathematics plays into public policy, banking and other industries, biosciences development and much more. The applications are everywhere.

That's why it's so alarming to me to see how poorly the United States is faring in mathematics compared to other countries. The OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) ranked the United States 25th of 34 peers on a math test for 15-year olds. Some 470,000 students worldwide took the test, with 5,233 from U.S. schools. While we ranked 14th in reading, the poor showing in math is alarming.

The Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) which the OECD coordinates was first implemented in 2000 and looks at student performance in reading, science and math. The 2009 testing put U.S. students at 487 on a scale of mathematics literacy. That's lower than other OECD countries such as Korea (with a score of 546), Finland (541), Switzerland (534), Japan (529), and Canada (527), among others. The Shanghai region of China was the top scorer at 600, and several other regions of China as well as other non-OECD nations such as Singapore outscored American students.

A somewhat older study, the TIMSS (Third International Mathematics and Science Study) compared performance of more than 500,000 students worldwide (33,000 in the United States) at three grade levels. This initiative sought to go beyond simply looking at scores on a test; instead, comparisons

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Keeping credit card open for rewards points is asking for trouble/**2F**

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DAVE SAYS

Keeping credit card open for rewards points is asking for trouble

DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,

I want to keep one of our credit cards open and use the bill-pay option for utilities and other monthly bills. I want to do this so we can continue earning rewards points, and the way I look at it, we'd just be re-routing the money and paying it off every month. My husband doesn't like this idea and thinks we should get rid of them all. Am I just asking for trouble by wanting to keep the rewards card open?

Cheryl

Dear Cheryl,

Yes, you are. Life never works out exactly the way you think it will. You can make all the well-reasoned and best-intentioned plans you want, but sooner or later that snake is going to bite you.

The only thing I'd consider in a situation like this is a debit card that has a rewards system attached. Lots of debit card programs offer the same kinds of rewards programs offered by credit card companies, with one big exception — you don't have to go into debt!

You need to stop chasing these stupid brownie points, Cheryl. According to Consumer Reports, 78 percent of credit card airline miles are never redeemed. Studies also show that people spend more when using credit cards as opposed to cash. That extra money you spend on things you don't need is money you could have been saving and investing. So, where's the reward?

Cut up the card and close the account, Cheryl. You don't build wealth by using credit cards!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are both active duty Marines. She's planning to get out in a few months, but I'm staying in for the long haul. You recommend saving 15 percent for retirement, but how does that apply in my case when I'll be getting a good pension after 20 years?

James

Dear James,

I'd like to see you do both. Just imagine the money you guys would have for retirement with your military pension and a big pile of cash from having saved 15 percent of your income over the years.

Having options is a great thing. Think about all the things you could do down the road if you save for retirement and have your pension in place. You could pay cash for a home, or even open a business when you retire from the military. And these are things you probably wouldn't be able to do working with just your service pension.

You've got a great future if you'll just keep plugging along and saving, James. Let the military do its thing, and you guys keep pumping 15 percent of your income into Roth IRAs and other pre-tax retirement plans. It's going to be pretty cool!

— Dave

BUILDING PERMITS

Building Permits March 19-March 23

4201 Greenbriar Drive	Fence	$3,700
1112 S. Midland Drive	Sign	$4,000
4230 N. Midland Drive	Sign	$4,000
2600 N. Midland Drive	Sign	$4,000
4401 W. Illinois Avenue	Sign	$4,000
2111 W. Wall Street	Sign	$4,000
715 W. Scharbauer Dr	Sign	$4,000
4601 N. A Street	Sign	$4,000
4400 W. Wadley Avenue	Sign	$4,000
115 W. Wadley Avenue	Sign	$4,800
4324 Andrews Highway	Sign	$4,800
900 S. Big Spring Street	Sign	$4,000
4415 N. Garfield Street	Sign	$4,800
5408 Thomason Drive	Sign	$4,000
3301 W. Illinois Avenue	Sign	$4,800
809 S. Midkiff Road	Sign	$4,000
1201 Burchill Drive	Residence-Detached	$2,600
1305 S. K	Residential Addition	$8,500
905 Alamo Drive	Residential Addition	$5,000
1307 E. Golf Course Rd	Residential Addition	$15,000
1110 Connell Street	Residence-Detached	$1,874
302 W. Estes Avenue	Residential Addition	$8,000
107 E. Pecan Avenue	Residential Addition	$52,000
301 Tanglewood Drive	Fence	$15,000
4105 Timiberglen Circle	New Residence	$297,280
802 Ventura Avenue	New Commercial	$223,000
2208 N. Loop 250 N	New Commercial	$7,000,000
1706 W. Texas Avenue	Commercial Alteration	$6,500
2308 W. Cuthbert Ave	Residential Alteration	$1,800
1000 N. Midkiff Road	Snow Cone Stand	$8,000
1202 W. Washington	Fence	$500
1207 Johnston Street	Residential Addition	$4,000
602 N. Baird Street	Commercial Alteration	$44,000
1805 Pueblo	Residence-Detached	$850
4610 N. Garfield St	Sign	$3,000
2300 W. Indiana Avenue	Snow Cone Stand	$7,000
1300 Rankin Highway	Snow Cone Stand	$5,000
611 E. Estes Avenue	Snow Cone Stand	$10,000
507 Sir Barton Parkway	New Residence	$436,960
902 Sorrel Lane East	Residential Addition	$6,000
4601 Crenshaw Drive	Fence	$1,200
506 Affirmed Lane	New Residence	$323,760
802 N. Dallas Street	New Residence	$150,480
2813 Franklin Avenue	Residential Addition	$3,000
2510 Dartmouth Drive	Swimming Pool	$48,700
905 Johnston Street	Temporary Building	$8,000
4002 Westminster Drive	Residential Addition	$26,400
504 W. Cowden Avenue	Residential Addition	$600
5612 Deauville Blvd	Commercial Addition	$3,000,000
1909 W. Kentucky Ave.	Residential Alteration	$15,000
405 Hart Avenue	Residential Addition	$500

Source: City of Midland

PERRYMAN

From 1F

included reviewing curricula, instruction, lessons, textbooks, and more.

One of the most interesting findings in the TIMSS is that US students in fourth grade were above the global average in both math and science. In eighth grade, we were still ahead in science, but slipped to below the international average in math. At the end of secondary school (12th grade here), the U.S. was among the lowest performers in both math and science. Differences in the way we teach math were noted; in particular, the researchers pointed out that goals for U.S. students were often "how to do something," with less emphasis on the underlying mathematical concepts which could be applied to future problems.

Here's one more piece of bad news: Texas students tend to be among the worst performers in the United States, ranking 46th in average math SAT scores.

Clearly, this pattern presents a problem. More complex, of course, is how to solve it. Looking across the international studies, a few points stand out. First, as mentioned, we don't necessarily start out behind; fourth-graders tend to hold their own against those in other nations. One study noted that instructional time didn't seem to be correlated, nor did homework.

Most importantly, it's not simply a question of money. An OECD report on annual expenditures per student ranks the United States in the top five for both primary and secondary education (well above the OECD averages). Several nations (such as Korea) score far better than the United States while spending far less. Adequate resources are essential, but simply throwing more money into the system is unlikely to fix it.

So where do we go from here? I'll save my long answer for another day, but here are a few things we should consider. What can we learn from teaching methods in other nations — methods that work? There are indications that better outcomes can be realized with focusing on underlying concepts (rather than "how to" lessons) and learning fewer topics at greater depth. Also, other countries tend to get into topics such as algebra earlier than we do. At risk of setting off a firestorm, I would suggest that our current testing process is moving in the wrong direction.

The importance of mathematics can hardly be understated. To succeed as a state and a nation, we must do a better job of preparing our students for success in the large spectrum of fields that use math as an essential building block. They are the growth engines of the future.

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TRISH POWELL

Better Business Bureau

Text message offering Walmart gift card is a smishing scam

I have to admit, I get a little excited every time my phone buzzes with a new message. The other day, that rush of excitement was immediately followed by disappointment and frustration when I saw it was an offer for a $1,000 Walmart gift card.

That message has been hitting phones across the Permian Basin, and Better Business Bureau is warning consumers it is a smishing scam using Walmart's name and popularity to lure in victims.

Nationwide, consumers reported to BBB they are requested to provide personal identifying information in response to the "questions" or "smishing," and to provide credit card information to cover the costs of shipping and handling.

While the exact wording of the text message is not always the same, these are a couple of versions that have been sent to various staffers at BBB:

"You just won a free $1000 Walmart Gift Card, enter "1000" at http://promocenter.ws/walmart"

"Dear Walmart shopper, congratulations you have just won a $1000 Walmart gift card. Click here to claim your gift. www.ShopCard2012.com (cancel: STOP)

Consumers who actually complete the gift card program often find themselves fulfilling "sponsor offers" which may include:

- "free trial offers" requiring credit card for shipping and handling, which may result in recurring monthly fees;
- surveys resulting in the sell or distribution of personal marketing information that will result in increased solicitations, telemarketing and junk mail; and
- unwanted subscriptions.

Walmart has posted an alert on its website claiming the text messages and sites being used are not from Walmart, nor are they associated in any way with Walmart.

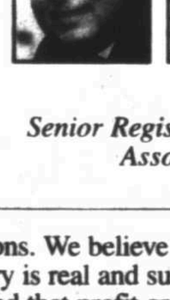
If you receive a similar text, BBB advises:

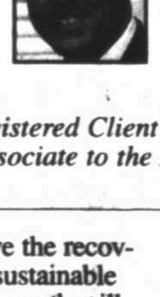
- Do not reply. Replying to a spam text only verifies that your number is active, meaning more messages can be sent.
- Avoid unknown links. Do not click on any link sent by an unknown party.
- Block suspicious numbers. If you have received texts from an unknown number, contact your phone provider to block the number the texts are originating from.
- Do not store personal information on your phone. Avoid storing credit card and account login information in emails or notes on your phone.

To check the reliability of a company and find trustworthy businesses, visit bbb.org.

MARKET WATCH

Global economic momentum is shifting to US





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With two No. 2 seeds going down on the same day (Mizzou and Duke), and four Ohio teams in the Sweet Sixteen, March Madness is in full swing. Nonetheless, the Federal Reserve added to the madness last Tuesday when it released its latest assessment of the economy.

After months of living in denial, the Fed finally admitted the economy has improved, while, for all intents and purposes, it also took additional quantitative easing — QE3 — off the table. The best news was that the Fed ignored the ridiculous idea of "sterilized" bond buying, which it floated in the Wall Street Journal a week ago. We can assume that idea is now dead.

The impact on the markets was dramatic — stocks rallied, bonds got crushed, and gold fell again.

For several months, many analysts argued the only reason to buy stocks was the potential of another round of quantitative easing. If the economy wilted, they thought, the Fed would ride to the rescue, so there was no reason to get too bearish. The "Bernanke put" had replaced the "Greenspan put."

We've been bullish for completely different reasons. We believe the recovery is real and sustainable and that profit growth will continue. We also have believed that stocks are undervalued. Yes, monetary policy has been accommodative, but monetary policy alone is not the driving force behind the bull market, profits are. We have never believed that Quantitative Easing (or the anticipation of QE) has driven stock prices up -- if it had, price-earnings ratios would have risen, but they haven't.

The proof is in the pudding. As the odds that the Fed will embark on a new round of quantitative easing decline, the stock market has moved higher. Equity investors now realize they don't have to pray for more Fed ease to keep the bull running.

Bonds certainly got the message. The 10-year Treasury was 1.93 percent a month ago, 2.03 percent on Monday, and then closed at 2.30 percent on Friday. We see this as a sign investors anticipate the Fed will start to raise short-term rates before the late 2014 date it wanted markets to believe.

The expectation of less Fed accommodation is why gold got hit, dropping $56 per ounce in two days. Gold is now 12.5 percent below its record close on Labor Day 2011. With gold still at $1,659 as we write, gold investors are still speculating on a major wave of 1970s-style inflation, but the message from the Fed is that the monetary spigot will not gush forever.

Once the Fed finally realizes economic growth and inflation are not following the Keynesian script, rates will move higher. This won't happen as soon as we would like, but soon enough to prevent the kind of inflation some gold investors have been hedging against.

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For each of the three words below, change one letter to an A and then rearrange the letters to spell a compound word made from two four-letter words.

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Yesterday's Answer: VINEGAR MITE — CREATING EVIL EEL

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From 2F

Gold bugs beware: Gold prices are headed even lower.

What this means is that the best currency to be in over the next year or so is the U.S. dollar. Yes, the Fed is loose, but everyone already knows that. It's priced in. The issue today is whether the Fed tightens policy faster than investors previously thought. And that looks increasingly likely.

Meanwhile, Europe's troubles are not over and neither are Japan's. Socialist European economies are making some improvements, but debts are still high and not every country can be saved with an aid package from abroad. The European Central Bank will face great pressure over the coming year to stay easy to help Italy, for example, and that means a lower Euro. In Japan, a political consensus is forming in support of higher taxes, which means more pressure on the Bank of Japan to stay loose.

Momentum is now shifting toward the U.S., with some global investors looking at equity returns sweetened by currency gains. Add higher U.S. bond yields and emerging markets should be even more willing to buy U.S. assets.

A self-sustaining, virtuous cycle is emerging, the kind that often forms in long-term bull markets. It's time to get on for the ride.

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Judge blocks sales of Jets-Tebow apparel

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge says "sufficient reason" has been shown for him to put a stop to Reebok's sales of Tim Tebow apparel that links him to the New York Jets.

Judge Kevin Castel issued an order late Wednesday blocking sales by Reebok International Ltd. after Nike Inc. sued the company earlier in the day.

The judge banned Reebok from selling any apparel with the name "Tebow" on it unless it was made by March 1 and was Denver Broncos-related. He set a hearing in the case for next week.

Tebow was traded from Denver to New York last week. The trade occurred just before Nike replaces Reebok on Sunday as the supplier of NFL team uniforms.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages.

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Channel	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	Paid	This Week		B. Church	Paid	Count
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Paid	Paid	Search	CBS Sunday Morning			FaceNat.	First Baptist Church		First Baptist Odessa	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	BestPill	Paid	Tomorr.	In Touch Ministries		Key David	BestPill	Paid	Wild Ltd.	Hollywd.	Live Life	On Spot
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	C'nsumer	Believers	Cornerstone		Fox News Sunday		Odessa	FaithAve	F.Hardin	C'nsumer	WideLife	Racing
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	(5:00) Light of south		Dr. Will	Morris..	In Touch Ministries		Sal.	Schwarz	Heart of the City		Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	W.Texas	Secrets	Paid	Paid	Sunday Today		Meet the Press		Edition	Garrett	TBA	Hockey
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	C.George	Cat/ Hat	SuperWI	DinoTrain	Sid	Speaks	Arthur	WordGirl	Company	Wild K.	Blue	Travel
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Concha	Concha	Vecinos	Nacional	Muchachitas		Al punto		Republica deportiva			
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Homes	Homeown.	Faith	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	1 United	CARS.TV	Sports Spec. (N)	
FLIX	340	65		165		★★★★ Unzipped		(:15) The Tale of Sweeney ...			(:50) The Englishman Who Went Up a...				★★ Walking and Talking		
HBO	300	68	14	14		(:15) Ramona and Beezus Joey King				Real Sports		★★ Unknown ('11, Myst) Liam Neeson				Bill Maher	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:15) ★★★ Les Misérables			★ Green Lantern ('11, Act) Ryan Reynolds				Game of Thrones		(:35) Thrones		Thrones
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(5:15) The Long...		(:15) ★★★ Melinda and Melinda				Bette Midler		(:10) ★★ Grace of My Heart			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	★★★ Liar Liar Jim Carrey			★★ Sex and the City 2 Sarah Jessica Parker					★★ Arthur Russell Brand		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		★★ Major League			(:05) ★★★ Major League II Charlie Sheen				(:45) ★ Torque Ice Cube			(:15) The Cuttin...	
PLEX			96			(:05) Police Academy 5: Assi...			(:40) ★★ Amos and Andrew			(:20) ★★ Kiss Me Goodbye Jeff Bridges				(:10) Dirty Rotte...	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(:15) Fade to Black ('06, Thril) Danny Huston				★★★★ Capote Philip Seymour Hoffman				★★ How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days			
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	Movie	American Bandits: Frank & J...			Infamy ('05, Doc) Claw.			★★★ The Thin Blue Line			(:15) Alchemy	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Breakout Kings		Breakout Kings		The Sopranos		The Sopranos		The Sopranos		Sopranos "No Show"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(5:50) Mad Men "A Little Kiss"				The Killing		The Killing "Missing"		★★ The Beach Leonardo DiCaprio.			
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Bobby Jones Gospel		Lift Voice	Chris	J. Foxx	J. Foxx	J. Foxx	J. Foxx
BRAVO	65	63		41		Tabatha Takes Over		★★ American Pie Presents Band Camp				Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills		Housewives Atlanta	
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 Program								
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	M.Mouse	McStuffins	M.Mouse	Jake	Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	Shake Up	A.N.T.	Austin	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report (N)	SportsCenter		SportsCenter			Tonight
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(5:25) FIFA Soccer			NBA	NASCAR Now		OLines	Report (N)	E:60		NCAA Basketball	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Boy MW	Boy-World	★★ Teen Witch ('89, Fant) Dick Sargent				★★★ Parenthood ('89, Com) Steve Martin.					Movie
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						News HQ	Housecall	America's News HQ		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Unwrapped		Meals	Hungry	Rachael's Week (N)		Dinners	Big Bite	King (N)	Chef (N)	Paula	Ma/ Meal
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Championship Spot.		UEFAMag.	Horse	Autogeek	Garage
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★ The New Guy ('02, Com) D.J. Qualls.				★★ Post Grad ('09, Com) Alexis Bledel.				★★ Spider-Man 2 Tobey Maguire.			
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Mary	Mary	Mary	Mary	Mary	Mary
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Holmes	Pro Grade	Home	Income	Property Brothers		Disaster	Disaster	Crashers	Room Cr	Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Modern Marvels		How the Earth Was Made				Mudcats		Mudcats "Hot Spots"		Mudcats	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		The Hour of Power		J.Osteen	Paid	Christine	★★★ When Innocence Is Lost				Selena
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball	Business	Up With Chris Hayes				Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	39				Outdoors	MartinC.	HOutdoors	UCI Cycling Tour of Flanders (L)				Alaska	Babe W.	Fishermn	Bass Pros	Bill Dance
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	T.U.F.F.	T.U.F.F.	Penguins	Penguins	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Kids' Choice Awards	
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Auction	Auction	Xtr. 4x4	Horsep.	Trucks!	Muscle..	Crocodile Dundee	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Fact or Faked		Fact or Faked		Fact or Faked		Fact or Faked	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Browns	Browns	Friends	Friends	Friends	★ The Dukes of Hazzard				(:45) Harold & Kumar Go to ...		
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(:15) ★★★ Elmer the Great			The Bank Dick		(:45) ★★★★ The Awful Truth Cary Grant.				★★★ At The Circus		
TELE	20	8	10	20		Paid	Paid	Sheldon	Willa	Pearlie	Wimzie's	Paid	Paid	Paid	Camara	Enfoque	Deportivo
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Leave It	Leave It
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order		LawOrder "Release"		Law & Order		LawOrder "Hitman"		Law & Order		LawOrder "Hunters"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	3's Co.	3's Comp.	Nanny	Nanny	Hot In	Hot In	Hot In	Hot In	Makeover: Home		Makeover: Home	
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Fairly Legal		In Plain Sight		★★★ Blood Diamond Leonardo DiCaprio.			
WGN	19	18				Paid	Facts	Key David	Beyond	In the Heat of the Night: Give Me You...				In the Heat of the Night: A Matter of J...			

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — APRIL 1, 2012

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Channel	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	NBA Basketball Chicago vs Oklahoma (L)					NBA Basketball Miami Heat vs. Boston Celtics (L)					News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	WTA Tennis Sony Ericsson Open (L)					Sports Spec. (N)		H.S. Basketball			Business	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Made in Hollywood	★★ The Benchwarmers Rob Schneider.				★★ An Unfinished Life Robert Redford.					Queens	Queens
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(11:30) NASCAR Auto Racing Goody's Fast Pain Relief 500 Site: Martinsville Speedway (L)							HomeT.	Hispanic		C'nsumer	C'nsumer
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Laurie	Enarson	Dr.Alewine	T.Scrivner	Light of the Southwest				Bible	Super.	Calls	Denis O
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	(11:30) NHL Hockey Pha./Pit. (L)				PGA Golf Houston Open Site: Redstone Golf Club -- Houston, Texas (L)						Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Idea/Act	Contrary	Sew It All	Sewing	Knitting	F&Porter	Sewing	Crafting	Lawrence Welk		Nature	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	MFL Fútbol Santos Laguna vs. Toluca (L)				Como dice el dicho		Humor es	Noticiero	MFL Fútbol Monterrey vs. America (L)			
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		★★ Great Balls of Fire! Dennis Quaid.				Paid	Business	AmAthlete	Insider	Access Hollywood		Stargate Universe	
FLIX	340	65		165		★★ Booty Call	(:20) ★★ Down and Out in Beverly Hills				(:05) ★★ Swing Kids Christian Bale.					Nobody's Fool	
HBO	300	68	14	14		First Look (:15) Shrek Forever After				★★ Sucker Punch			(:50) ★★ Unknown Liam Neeson.				Movie
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Thrones	Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		Thrones
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(:10) ★★★ All the Real Girls				★★ The Saint ('97, Susp) Val Kilmer.				★★★ The Devil's Own Brad Pitt.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(:20) ★★ Hall Pass ('11, Com) Owen Wilson.			(:10) ★★ Little Fockers				(:50) ★★★ Spaceballs Bill Pullman.				Movie
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(11:15) The Cuttin...	★★ Mercury Rising				(:50) ★★★ Carrie ('76, Hor) Sissy Spacek.			★★ Black Sheep David Spade.			
PLEX			96			(11:10) Dirty Rotte...	(:05) Cagney & Lacey: True...				(:40) ★★ Uncle Buck			(:20) ★★ Kiss Me Goodbye Jeff Bridges.			
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	★★★ I Am Number Four Alex Pettyfer.				Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle o...				★★★★ Red ('10, Act) Bruce Willis.			
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	Movie	(:45) ★★ Get Well Soon Courteney Cox.				★★★ As Good as It Gets Jack Nicholson.				(:50) The Twilight Saga: Ne...		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	★★★ Independence Day ('96, Sci-Fi) Bill Pullman, Will Smith.						Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Storage	Storage
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Movie	★★ Speed ('94, Act) Sandra Bullock, Keanu Reeves.					★★ Flightplan ('05, Thril) Jodie Foster.				Killing "Beau Soleil"	
BET	58	26		40		★★ Preacher's Kid ('10, Dra) Letoya Luckett.					What Goes Around Comes Around				★★ Why Did I Get Married?		
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives Atlanta		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Shahs of Sunset		Shahs of Sunset	
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	(7:30) Paid Program											
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Shake Up	Shake Up	Jessie	Austin	Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	A.N.T.	Jessie	Shake Up
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	PBA Bowling			Football	NCAA Basketball				SportsCenter		Final Four	Basketb.
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(11:00) NCAA Basketb.		Dunks of the Year		ESPN Films "Unguarded"			Elite 24		E:60	SportsCenter	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(11:30) ★★★ Stepmom Julia Roberts.				★★ The Parent Trap ('98, Fam) Dennis Quaid, Lindsay Lohan.						★★★ Toy Story	
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. "Snooty Fox"		Rest. "La Stanza"		Rest. "Sweet Tea"		Rest. "Anna Maria's"		BestAte	BestAte	Diners	Diners
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Sports Unlimited		NCAA Baseball University of Southern Mississippi vs. Rice (L)						Gold Age	Game365	Insider	BoysHall
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(10:00) Spider-M...		★★ Tropic Thunder ('08, Com) Jack Black, Ben Stiller.					★★★ Iron Man ('08, Act) Robert Downey Jr.				
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Mary	Mary	Mary	Mary	Mary	Mary	Mary	Mary	Mary	Mary	Mary	Mary
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	My Place	My Place	Property	Property	Property	Property	HouseH	House	For Rent	For Rent	HouseH	House
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Mudcats		Mudcats		Mudcats		Mudcats		Pickers "Odd Fellas"		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(11:30) ★★★ Selena Jennifer Lopez.				★★★ My Sister's Keeper Abigail Breslin.				★★ August Rush Freddie Highmore.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		Meet the Press		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NBCSN	38	39				Outdoor	IndyCar 36	IndyCar Auto Racing Grand Prix of Alabama (L)						Snocross		FirstWor	NHL Live!
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Choice	ToRock	To Be Announced			iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Victori.	iCarly
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(11:00) Crocodile Dundee			★★ Crocodile Dundee II ('88, Com) Paul Hogan.					Star Wars: Episode V: The Empire Stri...			
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Fact or Faked		Fact or Faked		Fact or Faked		Fact or Faked		★★★ The Amityville Horror			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Movie	★★ Starsky and Hutch Ben Stiller.				★ Kicking and Screaming Will Ferrell.				★★★ The Longest Yard		
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	★★★ The Great Race ('65, Com) Tony Curtis.					(:45) ★★★ Some Like It Hot ('59, Com) Jack Lemmon.					The Long, Long...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Videos asombrosos		Happy Feet (2006)				Exit Wounds ('01, Act) Steven Seagal.				Camara	Confes.
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Undercover Boss		Boss "Mack Trucks"		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Boss "7-Eleven"		Under Boss "DirecTV"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	★★★ Double Jeopardy Tommy Lee Jones.				(:15) ★★★ Kiss the Girls ('97, Susp) Ashley Judd.					(:45) ★★ Disturbia		
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Ext. Makeover: Home		Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH
USA	26	30	42	27	49	(10:00) Blood Dia...		★★ Troy (2004, Action) Orlando Bloom, Eric Bana, Brad Pitt.						SVU "Noncompliance"		Law&O.:SVU "Weak"	
WGN	19	18				In the Heat of the Night: Who Was Gel...				In the Heat of the Night: By Duty Bound				In the Heat of the Night: Grow Old A...			

SUNDAY PRIME TIME — APRIL 1, 2012

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Channel	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos		Once Upon a Time "The Stable Boy" (N)		Housewives "With So Little to Be Sure of" (N)		GCB "Forbidden Fruit" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Ugly Betty		(:35) Sports
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Country Music Awards The Academy of Country Music honors top talent and the industry's hottest performers. (N)						CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Heartland "True Enough"		★★ Cliffhanger (1993, Thriller) Janine Turner, Michael Rooker, Sylvester Stallone.				Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	Troubadour, TX		True Hollywood "Eva Longoria Parker"	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	The Simpsons	Cleveland Show (N)	The Simpsons	Bob's Burger (N)	Family Guy (N)	American Dad (N)	Three Wide Life	Tx.Roadhouse	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Consumer Corner	Consumer Corner
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Doorways to Wisdom		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		Celebrity Apprentice "Walking Papers" 1/2 cont'd next (N)			The Celebrity Apprentice "Walking Papers" 2/2 (N)			TBA	News-West 9	Cowboys Post	Red Raider
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Nova "Cracking Your Genetic Code"		Finding Your Roots (N)		Masterpiece "Great Expectations" 1/2 (N)		Saving the Titanic		Austin City "Sonic Youth/ The Black Keys"		Backstage "Frog and the Beeftones"	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Parodiando		Nuestra Belleza Latina				Sal y pimienta		Perspectiva	Noticiero Univision	La hora pico	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Without a Trace		Cold Case		The Closer		Law & Order		30 Rock	Sunny	Aggies	Office
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:00) Nobody's ...		★ Ringmaster Jerry Springer.			★★ Ernest Goes to Jail			★★ Down and Out in Beverly Hills			
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:50) ★★★ Bridesmaids Kristen Wiig.				Thrones (SP)		Game of Thrones		Game of Thrones		Sucker Punch	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Thrones	Game of Thrones		★ Green Lantern ('11, Act) Ryan Reynolds.			Beatdown Susie Abromeit				(:05) My Soul to ...	
HBOS	304	70	16	102		★★★ Bend It Like Beckham				★★ Due Date			Making	★★★ Boogie Nights Mark Wahlberg.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:30) Happy Gil...		★★★ Dinner for Schmucks Steve Carell.				★★ The Nutty Professor			(:35) Guide	(:05) Guide	(:35) Guide
MAX2	382	72	18	122		★★ Exorcist: The Beginning				★★★ Bull Durham			(:50) Femme Fatales		(:25) ★★ Secret Window		
PLEX			96			(:10) ★★ Enemy Mine Dennis Quaid.				★★★ Dirty Rotten Scoundrels				★★ Uncle Buck John Candy.			Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Shameless		Califor.	Lies	Shameless		Lies	Califor.	Shameless		Lies	Califor.
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(4:50) The Twiligh...		★★ The Twilight Saga: Eclipse				(:05) ★★ Sex and a Girl			(:45) Boogie Woogie		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Breakout Kings (N)		Breakout "Self Help"		Storage	Storage
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	The Killing		The Killing (N)		The Killing (N)		Mad Men (N)		(:05) The Killing		(:05) The Killing	
BET	58	26		40		(4:30) Why Did I ...		Celebration of Gospel (N)				Game	Together	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	Diabetes	Wall Street	Cuba: Forbidden		Bio. "Home Depot"		Fat & Fatter		Cigarette Wars		Greed "9/11 Fraud"	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	FrozPlanet "Summer"		FrozPlanet "Winter"		Myth "Fire vs. Ice"		Unchained "Speed"		FrozPlanet "Winter"		Myth "Fire vs. Ice"	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Shake Up	Shake Up	Shake (N)	Shake Up	Jessie	Austin	Austin	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(5:30) NCAA Basketball			Basketb.	NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament (L)				SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NHRA Drag Racing Summitracing.com Nationals						The Fab Five				NBA	Basketb.
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) Toy Story		★★★ Toy Story 2 ('99, Ani) Tom Hanks.				Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory				J.Osteen	Ed Young
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	Fox Report Weekend		Huckabee		Stossel		Geraldo at Large		Huckabee		Stossel	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	WorstCooks		Cupcake Wars (N)		WorstCooks (N)		Iron Chef USA (N)		Restaurant Stakeout		WorstCooks	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Volvo Ocean Race		WPT Poker		WPT Poker		UFC: Best of Pride		Words	Spotlight	WPT Poker	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(3:30) Iron Man		★★ Star Trek ('09, Sci-Fi) Zachary Quinto, Chris Pine.					★★ Star Trek ('09, Sci-Fi) Zachary Quinto, Chris Pine.				
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Mary	Mary	★ Mary and Rhoda Mary Tyler Moore.				Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Holmes on Homes		Holmes on Homes		Holmes Inspection		Holmes Inspection		Holmes on Homes		Holmes Inspection	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Ax Men		Ax Men "Let 'Er Rip"		Ax Men (N)		MetalJousting (N)		Jousting "Go to War"		Ax Men "Let 'Er Rip"	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	★★ The Bucket List Jack Nicholson.				ArmyWife "Viral" (N)		Coming Home		★★ The Bucket List Jack Nicholson.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Caught on Camera		CaughtCamera (N)		Caught on Camera		Sex Slaves "United Kingdom"				Predator Raw	
NBCSN	38	39				NHL Hockey Boston Bruins vs. New York Rangers (L)					NHL Live!	Overtime	IRB Rugby Japan Sevens				Poker
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	ToRock	Epic Adv.	'70s	'70s	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Wife Kids	Wife Kids	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(4:00) Star Wars: ...		★★★★ Star Wars: Episode VI: Return of the Jedi Mark Hamill.						★★ Starship Troopers Denise Richards.			
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★★ Gothika ('03, Thril) Halle Berry.				★★★ White Noise Michael Keaton.				★★ The Skeleton Key Kate Hudson.			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(4:30) The Longes...		★★ 2 Fast 2 Furious Paul Walker.				★★ The Fast and the Furious Vin Diesel.				The Fast & the ...	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) The Long, ...		★★★ Call Northside 777 James Stewart.				★★★ Butterfield 8 Elizabeth Taylor.				★★★ The Kiss	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Pa'Lante con Cristina				Death Race ('08, Act) Jason Statham.				Titulares	Camara	¡A Volar Joven!	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Boss "BrightStar Care"		Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Leave It	Leave It	Medium	Medium	Leave It	Leave It
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(4:45) ★★ Disturbia		★★★ Law Abiding Citizen Jamie Foxx.				★★★ Law Abiding Citizen Jamie Foxx.				Falling Skies	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	MASH	MASH	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law&O.:SVU "Storm"		Law&O.:SVU "Blast"		Law&O.:SVU "Retro"		SVU "Shattered"		★★ Good Luck Chuck Jessica Alba.			
WGN	19	18				30 Rock	M-Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	News	(:40) Replay	The Unit		Monk	

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It is the policy of the United States to provide, within constitutional limitations, for fair housing throughout the United States. So every April, the nation celebrates the strides we've made, and the work that remains to be done. MAHA, the City of Midland and local housing groups join in this celebration and ask you to do the same. The Mayor of Midland will issue a fair housing month proclamation at the April 10, 2012 City Council meeting.

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Oil Report

Your guide to the Permian Basin oil & gas industry

ENERGY AWARDS

HEARST ENERGY AWARD FOR COMPANY PERFORMANCE

Pioneer Natural Resources attributes success to its people

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

When Pioneer Natural Resources moved its headquarters from Midland to Dallas 15 years ago, the company also moved its focus from the Permian Basin to international drilling and deepwater Gulf of Mexico drilling.

Today, the company has divested its international and offshore assets to again focus on the Permian Basin, becoming one of the region's most active producers and largest employers and earning Pioneer the Hearst Energy Award for Company Performance.

For more awards, see 6-7G.

"The success of every company ultimately boils down to its people, and during my time leading Pioneer and its predecessor, Parker & Parsley, I've had the privilege to work with outstanding teams and individuals with extraordinary talent and exceptional character," said Scott Sheffield, Pioneer's chairman and chief executive officer. "We have many employees in the Permian Basin who have been with the company for 20-plus years, and we count on them and other leaders to perpetuate our culture of mutual respect and trust. As we've expanded our activities in West Texas, we've been fortunate to add to our ranks with individuals that thrive in an environment requiring a high level of personal accountability and respect for others. Pioneer's people are responsible for our strong performance, and I thank you for recognizing and honoring all of us with the Hearst Energy Award for Company Performance."

Already employer to 1,000 Permian Basin residents, Pioneer plans to hire an additional 400 this year and Sheffield has announced plans for a new $50 million three-story office building and adjacent parking garage at ClayDesta Plaza to accommodate his Midland staff. The new building is set to open in October 2013.

Pioneer also continues to step up its Permian Basin activity, budgeting $1.8 billion for the area in 2012, of which $1.5 billion will be vertical drilling in the Spraberry and $275 million spent on horizontal drilling in the Wolfcamp formation for a total of 782 wells. Last year the company budgeted $1.2 billion.

"I thought 10 years ago there was nothing left," Sheffield admitted when he announced the new office building. "Now, I realize with geology and more work, there's billions more barrels of oil to be recovered."

HEARST ENERGY AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Collins grateful for opportunities oil business provided

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Since beginning his career in 1960, Ted Collins has been with major operators and an independent. Today he remains active, participating in drilling projects in several of the country's major basins, from the Permian Basin to the Bakken in North Dakota.

"I've enjoyed what I'm doing. It's never been dull," said Collins, recipient of the 2012 Hearst Energy Award for Lifetime Achievement. He never expected accolades, he said, instead feeling fortunate to be in the business and an active player. "I didn't think I'd get to do a lot of the things I've done."

The son of a pioneering oil man, he was influenced to enter the business by family friends and his brother-in-law.

Collins recalled starting his career working for Pan American in Odessa, though he lived in Andrews. At the time, he noted, there were no copy machines or cell phones and well reports were sent via telex and oil prices were $2.65 a barrel.

Growing up in Fort Worth, he said, the first time he came to Midland was to play a football game against Midland High.

He barely had three years experience working for Pan American Petroleum after graduating from the University of Oklahoma when he decided to strike out on his own. Having watched the success of other independents, he decided it would be and profitable. He admitted that when he left Pan American to become an independent, he decided he wanted to return to Fort Worth. "Within a few months," he said, "I was back in Midland."

Despite being an independent, Collins has grown some notable companies. First teaming up with Robert Tucker and some Fort Worth Partners, they grew some producing properties into American Quasar Petroleum. He then became president of Houston Natural Gas, which merged with Northern Natural Gas to become Enron, now operating as EOG Resources. He and the late Herb Ware formed Collins & Ware and were active not only in West Texas but the Gulf Coast and Rockies before selling to Apache.

He hasn't slowed down. He's part of a group running six rigs in the Wolfberry and a couple in the Wolfbone play. He's part of another group actively drilling in Southeast New Mexico and he's also a participant in drilling in North Dakota's Bakken play.

"I didn't think the party was over" in the Permian Basin, he said. "But I thought we were looking at scraps. Now we're at the start of a major development. It's been a great ride and I think the future's brighter than a lot of people believe."

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HEARST ENERGY AWARD FOR TECHNOLOGY

Bio-Cide International draws praise for high environmental profile

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Hydraulic fracturing technology may be helping crack open the nation's oil and natural gas shale rocks, releasing increasing amounts of crude oil and natural gas for domestic use, but residents are becoming increasingly wary of the chemicals used in that technology. As a result, the energy industry is seeking more environmentally friendly components.

To that end, Bio-Cide International is receiving the Hearst Energy Award for Technology for the strong environmental profile presented by its Petro-Flo biocide, marketed exclusively by Cudd Pumping Services.

"The more telling thing is it's food-grade," said Bio-Cide's Robert Picek, technical sales manager, noting the main component in Petro-Flo has been used to treat drinking water, meat, fish, fruits and vegetables and can be found in eye drops and mouthwash.

Petro-Flo has been found effective downhole in treating bacteria in casing, frac tanks, pumps and pipes while not forming carcinogens. It also has been found to improve the quality of the flow-back water, making it more suitable for reuse.

"The writing on the wall is that regulators are more and more scrutinizing the chemicals being used," Picek said. "The talk about chemicals in frac water is a continuous barrage. Public concern is on the radar of public domain and regulators."

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Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois
This program has been accredited for 30 RL/RPL/CPL continuing education credits.

Computer Plotting of Legal Descriptions for the Layman
Instructor: Mike Johnson
April 2, Mon, 7:45 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.
$375; Out of State, $400
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois
This program has been accredited for 8 RL/RPL continuing education credits, 8 CPL recertification credits.

All Topo Maps - General Software Training
Instructor: Mike Johnson
April 3, Tue, 7:45 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.
$375; Out of State, $400
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois
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Managing Sucker Rod Lift Well Failures
Instructor: Kent Gantz
April 5, Thu, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
$280; Out of State, $305
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Basic Geochemistry for Understanding & Evaluating Shale Oil Resource Systems
Instructor: Dan Jarvie
April 5, Thu, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$500; Out of State, $525
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Land and Leasing Oil and Gas
Instructor: Ernie Gilkerson
April 12, Thu, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (1-1/2 hours for lunch)
$250; Out of State, $275
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Internet Resources for Land Professionals
Instructor: Alan Morgan
April 13, Fri, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
$250; Out of State, $275
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Waterflooding: Performance Predictions and Surveillance
Instructor: Dr. William M. Cobb
April 16-20, Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$3,195; Out of State, $3,220
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Introduction to Log Interpretation and Quality
Instructor: Gary Batcheller
April 16-18, Mon-Wed, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
$1,095; Out of State, $1,120
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The Oilfield from Planning to Plugging
Instructor: T.E. Gill
April 17-18, Tue-Wed, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$430, $445; CPE credits; Out of State, $455; Out-of-State, $470, CPE credits
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Completions and Stimulation for Geologists (and other non-petroleum engineering disciplines)
Instructor: Jennifer Miskimins, Ph.D., P.E
April 20, Fri, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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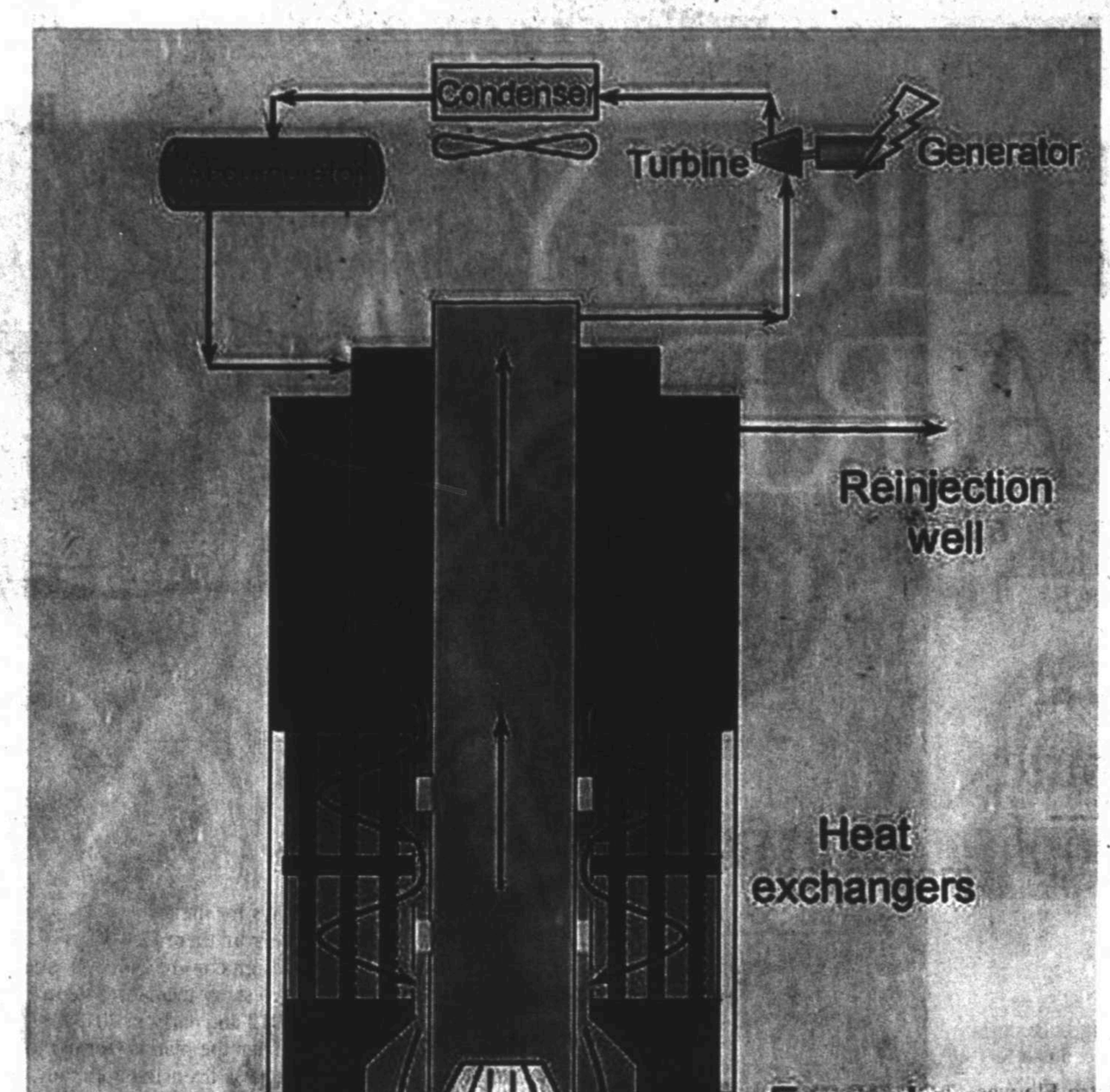

By using gravity instead of generated power to circulate the working fluid and to surface the hot water, Midland-based GeoTek Energy hopes to make geothermal electricity generation 30 percent more efficient. The company looks to test its model later this year.

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Midland-based GeoTek Energy looks to field-test new technology later this year

By Paul Wiseman
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Bringing any source of energy to market involves production costs. Even the "free" renewables generate expenses in capturing, converting the energy to a useful form and distributing that power. Midland's GeoTek Energy, LLC, a geothermal technology company, believes it has developed a system that will reduce production expenses for geothermal energy by 30 percent. With the design phase nearing completion, they are looking for a small geothermal well in which to test a scale model of that technology.

There are a variety of ways to harness geothermal energy, some of which involve directly heating homes, businesses, greenhouses or other facilities with warm water pumped to the surface. But the most widely effective use of geothermal energy involves turning it into electricity and delivering that to nearby communities.

Even for power generation there are three main options, which depend largely upon the nature and temperature of the underground heat source. For example, where there are geysers, like Old Faithful and others in Yellowstone, the steam can directly drive a generator. In the U.S., this option is only available in a geyser basin north of San Francisco, where it has been in use for approximately 100 years.

More typical are methods for either pumping hot underground water to the surface and capturing the heat through a heat exchanger into a working liquid, which is used to generate power, which is known as a binary system -- or for pumping a liquid into a hot dry formation and bringing the heat to the surface that way. The latter is the most expensive method, but both involve spending a significant portion of the generated power on bringing the heated liquid to the surface.

GeoTek bases their system, known as the Gravity Head Energy System (GHES), on the use of gravity instead of pumps to capture energy from hot underground water in a binary system.

"In a conventional binary," said Dave Marshall, CFO of GeoTek, "if you're producing, say, two-and-a-half megawatts (enough to power roughly 2,500 homes), you're using almost 500 kw to just run your production pump. That's what is referred to as 'parasitic load.'" He said another 110 kw is needed to run the working fluid pump, bringing the total parasitic load to 610 kw, or 24.4 percent of the total power produced. GeoTek states that, by eliminating those power needs, their system makes available 30 percent more power to the grid, a number arrived at by starting at the 1890 kwh actually available under standard systems and dividing the extra 610 kwh into that number.

The hot underground water still will flow to the surface in separate tubing from the heated working liquid. The water will then be reinjected in a well some distance away from the source well. The working liquid will be used to generate power, then recycled into the downhole heat exchanger.

With three liquid paths — the hot water flowing up and the working fluid cycling in both directions — the outside diameter of the well must be larger than most oil wells at a greater depth-13-3/8 OD down to as much as 2,000 feet. The GHES pump itself is only 5 inches OD.

While most traditional geothermal plants take five years to begin flowing power into the grid, Marshall expects the GHES system to begin producing power within two years of the start of construction and permitting.

The GHES system was first developed in the 1970s, during the first major energy crisis, but then shelved as the crisis eased. GeoTek, founded in 2004 by a group of local oil and gas investors who wanted to diversify their investments, wanted to further develop an existing system and bring it to market. After considering a number of possible technologies, the group decided to pursue the GHES model, in conjunction with engineers at Ortloff. The Ortloff engineers put their knowledge of gas processing procedures to work in the design, processes that are similar in many ways to the geothermal model, Marshall noted, citing heat transfer and thermosiphon loops in particular.

Years of development funded primarily by the investors began to appear on geothermal industry radar screens when, as Marshall stated, the engineers' progress was enough to attract the attention of the Department of Energy. Both the DOE and the industry gave the company more feedback on their system. "That brought us to the point where we are literally within nine months of doing a field test of a prototype unit," Marshall said.

The DOE has helped with some funding to this point, said Ken Fryrear, GeoTek's COO, but they are not prepared to completely fund the field

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Why U.S. oil production gains are like water pumps on the Titanic

LOREN STEFFY
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I filled up yesterday for $3.88 a gallon, which was 4 cents more than what I paid four days earlier. Consumers are painfully aware that gasoline prices have been on the rise for the past few months, and while such increases had been predicted since last fall, no one's happy the predictions proved correct.

Because this is an election year, rising gasoline prices are fueling political rhetoric. President Obama has hit the road to tout his energy plan, which he outlined in his State of the Union speech in January.

Meanwhile, his opponents have argued his policies are driving up gasoline prices, even though presidents have little power over pump prices. The oil industry, though, claims that if it got its way, all problems would be solved. It favors more drilling, fewer regulations and lower taxes.

Yet domestic oil production has increased 15 percent in the past two years, and gasoline prices have continued to rise. A statistical analysis of monthly, inflation-adjusted gasoline prices and U.S. domestic oil production during the past 36 years found no statistical correlation between production and pump prices, according to the Associated Press.

The much-ballyhooed increase in U.S. production simply isn't enough to have a meaningful effect on global oil prices, which doubled from 2005 to 2011. That ultimately is the biggest factor in setting prices for retail gasoline.

U.S. production gains look impressive, but much of it offsets declines earlier in the decade because of major hurricanes that disrupted offshore and Gulf Coast facilities. Domestic production was 7.5 million barrels a day in 2010, according to the Energy Information Administration, and that number probably increased to about 7.7 million barrels last year, estimates Jeffrey Brown, an independent petroleum geologist in Fort Worth who writes frequently on oil issues.

In 2004, before the spate of hurricanes, production was 7.2 million barrels. That means domestic production hasn't increased more than about 500,000 barrels a day despite the fracking binge and other efforts to encourage drilling. During the same period, net exports for all countries in North America — including Canada, Mexico and Venezuela, some of our biggest suppliers — fell by 1.4 million barrels, or 23 percent, according to Brown's analysis.

Brown compares the situation to water flowing into the Titanic after it hit the iceberg.

"Let's assume that water is pouring into the ship 10 times faster than than water is being pumped out," he said. "The water being pumped out is analogous to the slow increase in U.S. crude oil production. The water flowing in is analogous to declining annual net exports. Guess which metric most people seem to be focused on?"

That doesn't even account for China, India and other rapidly developing countries, whose

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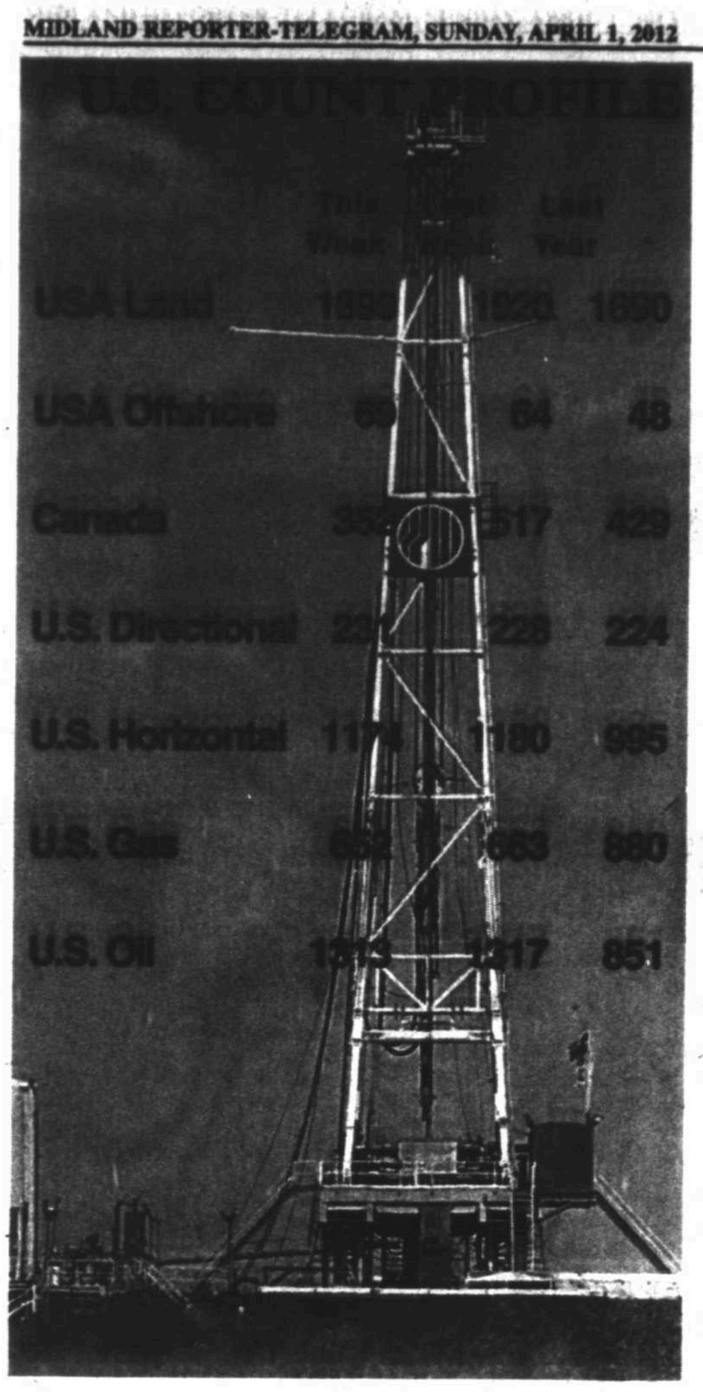

By Norman Johnson

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friendly, he stressed, is of concern to the oil and gas industry. "The thing is, we all drink the water, we all live in communities. None of us want to leave anything but a wonderful world to our kids."

With the effort to develop more environmentally friendly chemicals and technology, Picek said, "when things change everyone comes out of the woodwork with 'new and improved.' Cudd's representative said that, in his experience, if something was called green, one, it didn't work as well and, two, it was more expensive."

Since Petro-Flo was introduced in 2018, Picek reported, more than 15 million barrels of frac water has been treated, 3,000 stages of wells have been fracked using the technology with zero wells contaminated. He said the company has expanded its use from just slick water to hybrid fracking, with Petro-Flo working well with linear gels. "We're going to see how to apply our chemistry in other applications, or ways our chemistry can enhance other chemistry."

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test. "It will be on a cost-sharing basis," Fryrear said. "We will pay 60 percent of the cost and they will pay 40 percent," subject to how Congress decides to fund this type of research.

Because most geothermal activity in North America is in the west, the company expects that to be the location of the test. However, Marshall was quick to point out that the heat exchanger and other components likely will be produced in the Permian Basin. He also noted that, despite some similarity with oil and gas production, using an abandoned oil or gas well for either the pilot program or for long-term power generation is not currently practical.

The small demonstration unit will deliver only a little power, but its only purpose is to prove the concept and to let engineers determine where design improvements are needed. Marshall hopes to find a currently operating geothermal company that will let GeoTek use a small diameter well for 90-120 days for the test.

From there GeoTek will design commercial units in two sizes, available late in 2012 and early in 2013. "Then the plan is (for us) to act as a licensing company, where we will license that technology to companies that are already experienced in manufacturing a lot of the surface equipment like the turbine generators."

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Current Natural Gas Prices *Price per MMBtu*	First of the Month Price	Closing Prices 3/29/12	Same Period One Year Ago
New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) future price:	$2.446	$2.191	$4.403
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub:	$2.420	$1.910	$4.085
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains:	$2.357	$1.806	$3.954
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin:	$2.390	$1.893	$4.018
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin:	$2.390	$1.864	$3.970
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent:	$2.363	$1.869	$4.094
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast:	$2.409	$1.992	$4.136

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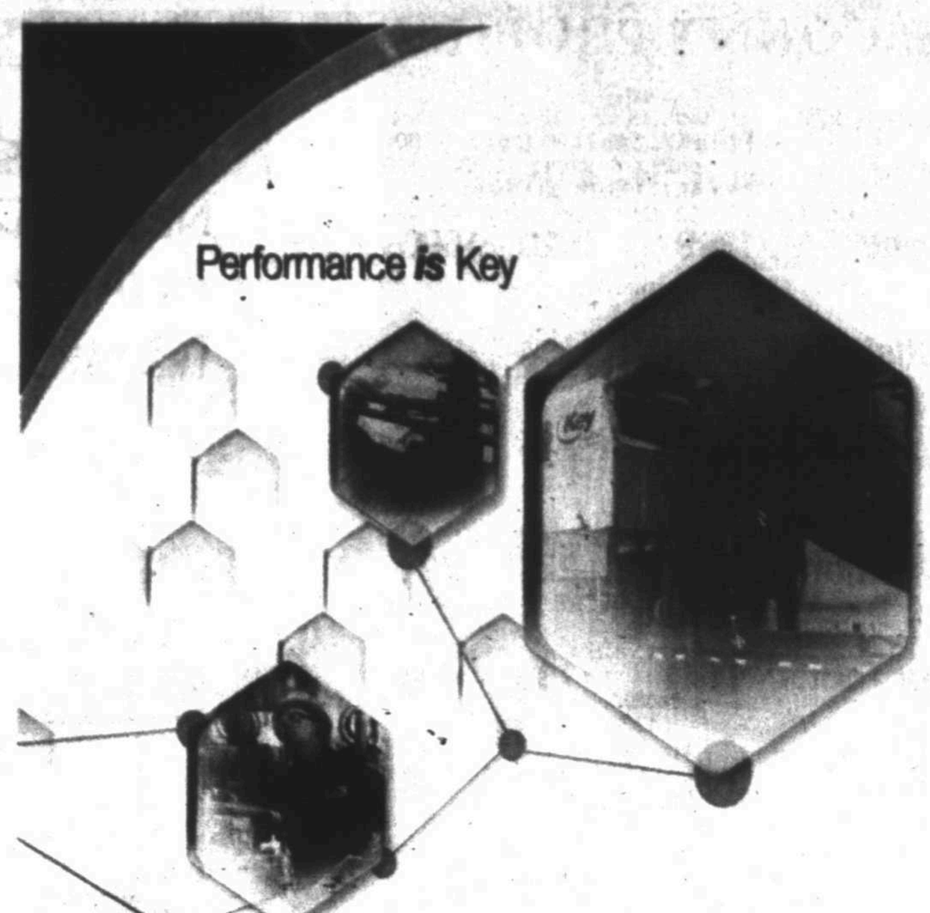

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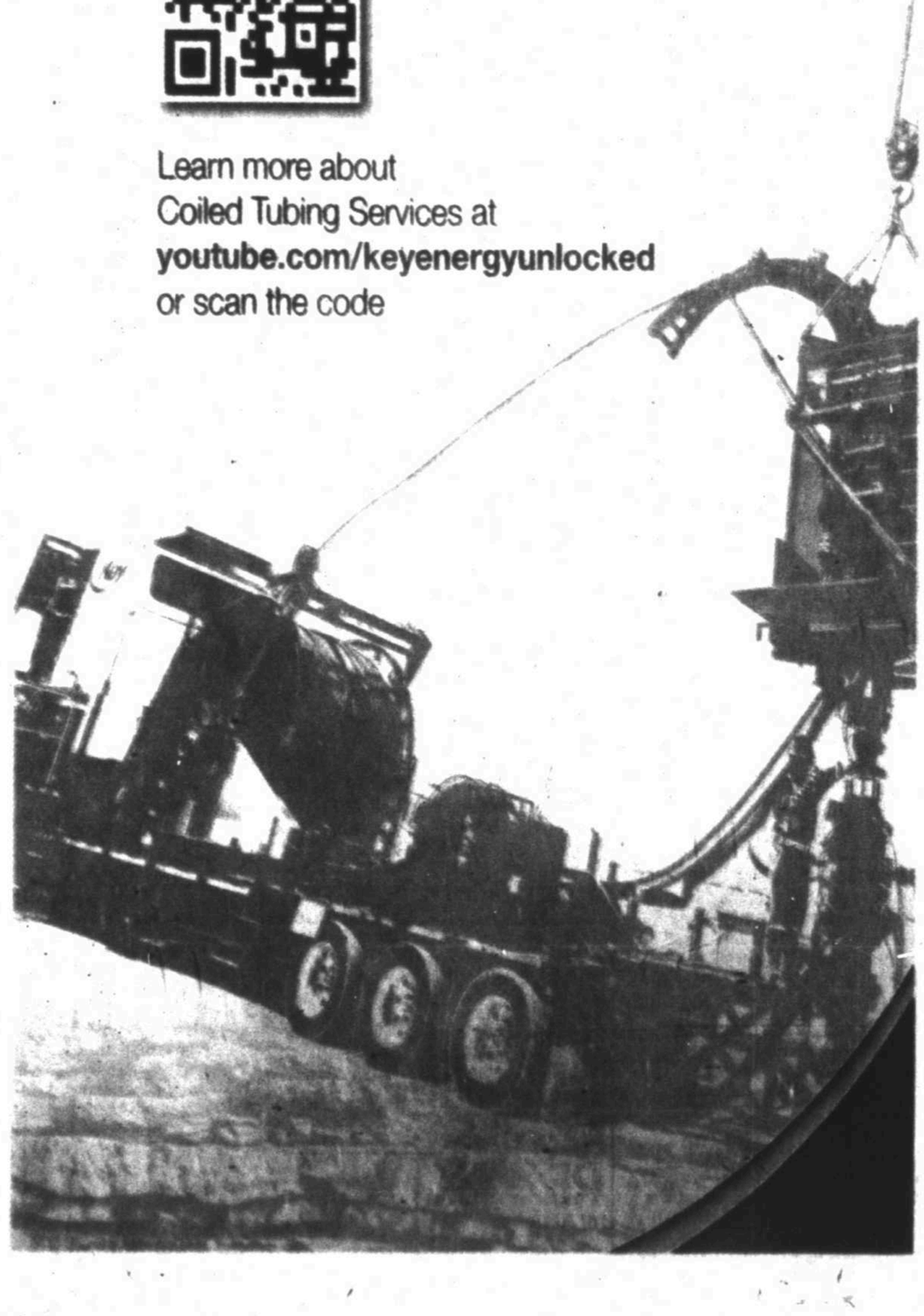

COMPLETIONS

Texas RRCD 7C

Irion County

Exco Resources Inc.
Sugg-Jane Taylor "1" #36
Sugg Ranch (Canyon); 340 fsl, 360 fwl, Sec 1, Abst. 759, J. Taylor, 22 nw Mertzon; TD 7,600; Comp 12-8-11; producing from 7,310-7,390, treated with 750 gals. NeFeHCL, 72,480 gals. gel/foam, 100,000# sand; pump 86 BO, 75 MCF, 37 BW, 42.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34796

Reagan County

El Paso E&P Company LP
University "8-1" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,316 fnl, 1,559 fel, Sec 1, Blk B, ULS, 2.2 se Texon; TD 8,600; Comp 9-27-11; producing from 5,262-8,162, fracture stimulated; pump 50 BO, 210 MCF, 160 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37174

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
University "10-20" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,880 fsl, 1,720 fwl, Sec 20, Blk 10, ULS, 4.4 nw Big Lake; TD 10,201; Comp 11-4-11; producing from 5,661-9,894, treated with 16,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 303,674 gals. crosslink, 1,014,276 gals. crosslink assist, 1,337,966# sand; pump 12 BO, 14 MCF, 118 BW, 43.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37342

Prime Operating Company
Brown #3
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fsl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 1202, Abst. 169, GC&SF RR, 7 sw Stiles; TD 9,253; Comp 10-14-11; producing from 6,332-9,159, fracture stimulated; pump 36 BO, 38 MCF, 198 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37066

Schleicher County

Highmount Exploration and Production Texas LLC
University "57-2" #2
Holt Ranch (Consolidated); 2,000 fnl, 467 fel, Sec 2, Blk 57, ULS, 20 nw Eldorado; TD 7,814; Comp 11-24-11; producing from 3,626-7,638, treated with 15,000 gals. acid, 1,176,810 gals. gel, 1,402,000# sand; pump 25 BO, 46 MCF, 92 BW, 32.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-413-32767

Upton County

Jamex Inc.
Peck #2
Sallie Ann (Spraberry-Wolfcamp); 660 fnl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 22, Blk 42, T-4-S, Abst. 1266, T&P RR, 17.2 sw Crane; TD 10,705; Comp 12-1-11; producing from 7,814-10,408, treated with 23,295 BW, 850,289# proppant; pump 112 BO, 100 MCF, 212 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37552

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
Neal "300" #306
Spraberry (Trend Area); 909 fsl, 1,991 fwl, Sec 3, Abst. 179, GC&SF RR, 5.84 ne Rankin; TD 10,758; Comp 12-11-11; producing from 7,002-10,364, treated with 24,429 bbls. acid/gel, 1,041,938# proppant; pump 25 BO, 75 MCF, 262 BW on 13/64 inch choke, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37166

Callon Petroleum Operating Co.
Neal "600" #605
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,229 fsl, 1,984 fwl, Sec 6, Blk A, Abst. 877, EL&RR, 5.4 ne Rankin; TD 10,550; Comp 11-5-11; producing from 7,064-10,216, treated with 960,140# proppant, 21,411 bbls. acid/gel; pump 29 BO, 40 MCF, 175 BW on 10/64 inch choke, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37144

Legacy Reserves Operating LP
Powell "34" #7
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,050 fwl, 1,980 fnl, Sec 34, Blk 41, T-5-S, Abst. 1430, T&P RR, 24 nw Rankin; TD 10,600; Comp 8-10-11; producing from 7,200-10,350, fracture stimulated; pump 120 BO, 235 MCF, 189 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37177

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Andrews County

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
University Consolidated XII #4614
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,100 fwl, 2,350 fnl, Sec 46, Blk 13, ULS, 4.1 se Frankel City; TD 7,318; Comp 1-11-11; producing from 4,499-7,224, treated with 144 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 5,273 bbls. fluid, 239,982# proppant; pump 70 BO, 37 MCF, 258 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-41857

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Yeager & Armstrong #9
Fuhrman-Mascho; 70 fnl, 1,730 fel, Sec 9, Blk A-42, Abst. 2224, PSL, 9 sw Andrews; TD 4,712; Comp 10-2-11; producing from 4,232-4,632, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent acid, 1,945 bbls. fluid, 203,249# proppant; pump 50 BO, 57 MCF, 189 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43270

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
M.A. Thornberry -A- LZS #24
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 2,539 fsl, 820 fel, Sec 4, Blk A-42, Abst. 2208, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,957; Comp 9-2-11; producing from 4,550-4,768, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,103 bbls. fluid, 202,967# sand; pump 40 BO,19 MCF, 200 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43072

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Sun #25
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 1,980 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 3, Blk A-36, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,792; Comp 11-19-11; producing from 4,336-4,617, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,259 bbls. fluid, 205,080# proppant; pump 40 BO, 110 MCF, 193 BW on one-inch choke, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43447

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Thornberry "SE" #7
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,210 fel, 1,180 fsl, Sec 5, Blk A-42, Abst. 2208, PSL, 11 sw Andrews; TD 4,912; Comp 11-16-11; producing from 4,524-4,74, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent HCL, 1,962 bbls. fluid, 208,617# proppant; pump 23 BO, 49 MCF, 39 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43474

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
J.W. Kuykendall #13
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 2,420 fnl, 2,160 fwl, Sec 2, Blk A-42, Abst. 1626, PSL, 8 sw Andrews; TD 4,760; Comp 11-19-11; producing from 4,296-4,576, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,240 bbls. fluid, 200,838# proppant; pump 32 BO, 36 MCF, 176 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43040

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
University "13-46" #15
Fullerton; 1,320 fnl, 2,575 fel, Sec 46, Blk 13, ULS, 13 nw Andrews; TD 7,290; Comp 11-11-11; producing from 6,914-7,128, treated with 116 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 3,903 bbls. fluid, 122,091# sand; pump 36 BO, 27 MCF, 358 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43320

Texland Petroleum LP
Cagedon -C- #59
Fullerton; 413 fsl, 1,307 fwl, Sec 1, Blk A-37, Abst. 1976, PSL, 20 nw Andrews; TD 7,504; Comp 11-10-11; producing from 6,829-7,341, treated with 4,672 gals. 15 percent HCl; pump 45 BO, 86 MCF, 155 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42806

W&T Offshore Inc.
University "6-34" 36
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,173 fnl, 467 fwl, Sec 34, Blk 6, ULS, 18.3 ne Andrews; TD 11,128; Comp 9-28-11; producing from 7,630-11,029, treated with 16,320 bbls. fluid, 1,239,102# sand; pump 40 BO, 107 MCF, 46 BW on one-inch choke, 35 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43062

Windsor Permian LLC
UL II "14" #15
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fsl, 1,817 fel, Sec 14, Blk 8, ULS, 12.9 Andrews; TD 11,274; Comp 11-6-11; producing from 8,528-11,210, treated with 15 percent HCL, 18,501 bbls. fluid, 639,389# sand; pump 200 BO, 180 MCF, 395 BW on open choke, 40.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-41801

Energen Resources Corp.
Thornberry -13- #6
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,325 fnl, 1,720 fwl, Sec 13, Blk A-42, Abst. 2212, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,882; Comp 11-5-11; producing from 4,449-4,640, treated with 8,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 140,111# sand, 52,643 gals. fluid, 932,000 scf N2; pump 7 BO, 7 MCF, 7 BW, 30 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42494

BVX Operating Inc.
Magruder "B" #4
Martin (Consolidated); 1,690 fsl, 707 fel, Sec 2 Blk 45, T-2-N, Abst. 539, T&P RR, 19.5 sw Andrews; TD 6,950; Comp 9-29-11; producing from 4,089-6,788, treated with 10,988 gals. 15 percent HCL, 338,705# sand; pump 75 BO, 105 MCF, 329 BW, 37.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43159

BVX Operating Inc.
Magruder "B" #3
Martin (Consolidated); 2,312 fsl, 1,019 fel, Sec 2, Blk 45, T-2-N, Abst. 539, T&P RR, 19.5 sw Andrews; TD 6,900; Comp 9-6-11; producing from 4,083-6,836, treated with 7,512 gals. 15 percent HCL, 384,839# sand; pump 32 BO, 74 MCF, 331 BW, 37.1 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43156

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
University "14-16 D" #5
Shafter Lake North (San Andres); 2,320 fsl, 1,341 fel, Sec 16, Blk 14, ULS, 10 nw Andrews; TD 4,885; Comp 9-18-11; producing from 4,471-4,795, treated with 2,111 bbls. fluid, 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 201,851# proppant; pump 73 BO, 30 MCF, 118 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43142

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
South Fuhrman-Masch Unit #5113
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 359 fsl, 1,270 fel, Sec 5, Blk 10, ULS, 17 sw Andrews; TD 4,785; Comp 11-25-11; producing from 4,360-4,804, treated with 2,182 bbls. fluid, 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 203,312# proppant; pump 60 BO, 69 MCF, 79 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43186

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Lindley-Remunda #61
Fuhrman-Mascho; 920 fsl, 2,301 fwl, Sec 15, Blk A57, Abst. 1644, PSI, 11 sw Andrews; TD 4,950; Comp 11-23-11; producing from 4,570-4,834, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,126 bbls. fluid, 197,367# proppant; pump 87 BO, 28 MCF, 102 BW on one-inch choke, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43512

Crane County

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Edwards "12" #3
Sallie Ann (Spraberry-Wolfcamp); 1,980 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 12, Blk 43, T-4-S, Abst. 289, T&P RR, 14.4 s Odessa; TD 10,015; Comp 9-27-11; producing from 7,578-9,109, treated with 24,662 bbls. fluid, 604,895# proppant; pump 42 BO, 40 MCF, 20 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-103-35791

Culberson County

Cimarex Energy Co.
Northern Dancer "10" Unit #1H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 900 fnl, 467 fel, Sec 10, Blk 60, T-1-S, Abst. 6992, T&P RR, 22.7 se Orla; TD 10,300 TVD; Comp 8-19-11; producing from 9,426-13,484 MD, treated with 1,467,257 gals. crosslink borate, 2,629,180 gals. slick water, 3,764,074# proppant; flow 3,304 MCF, 2,435 BW on 32/64 inch choke, FTP 1,818 psi; API #42-109-32353

Ector County

BC Operating Inc.
East Goldsmith San Andres Unit #2402
Goldsmith East (San Andres)-Reentry; 1,980 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 31, Blk 43, Abst. 174, T&P RR, 2.1 ne Goldsmith; TD 5,045; Comp 9-30-11; producing from 4,220-4,256, treated with 3,000 gals. 20 percent HCL, 1,100 gals. FW; pump 1 BO, 20 BW on one-inch choke, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-05611

BC Operating Inc.
Gideon #2
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 2,310 fsl, 850 fel, Sec 25, Blk 44, T-1-N, Abst. 264, T&P RR, 2.5 ne Goldsmith; TD 7,100; Comp 9-28-11; producing from 5,562-6,870, treated with 8,387 bbls. 15 percent gel, 340,000# sand; pump 33 BO, 151 MCF, 2,220 BW, 36.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41199

COG Operating LLC
Sallie "11" #20
Sallie Ann (Spraberry-Wolfcamp); 2,640 fel, 1,320 fnl, Sec 11, Blk 42, T-3-S, Abst. 137, T&P RR, 5.5 se Odessa; TD 10,195; Comp 11-18-11; producing from 8,115-9,995, treated with 939,988 gals. gel, 621,632# sand; pump 81 BO, 33 MCF, 107 BW, 42.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41215

RSP Permian LLC
Headlee #3403
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fnl, 1,650 fwl, Sec 34, Blk 41, T-1-S, Abst. 768, T&P RR, 9.8 ne Odessa; TD 10,892; Comp 11-9-11; producing from 8,644-10,698, treated with 35,000 gals. 15 percent acid, 851,000 gals. crosslink gel, 913,300# sand; pump 80 BO, 79 MCF, 169 BW on 24/64 inch choke, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41265

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Steakley "44" #10
Goldsmith (Clearfork)-Directional; 412 fswl, 330 fnwl, Sec 44, Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 832, T&P RR, 8 n Penwell; TD 6,248 MD; Comp 11-19-11; producing from 5,604-5,934, treated with 177,500# sand, 5,088 bbls. fluid; pump 85 BO, 112 MCF, 233 BW, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41274

BC Operating Inc.
Elizabeth #3
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 390 fnl, 2,236 fel, Sec 36, Blk 44, T-1-N, Abst. 701, T&P RR, 1.9 ne Goldsmith; TD 7,175; Comp 12-3-11; producing from 6,091-7,060, treated with 5,063 bbls. gel, 233,959# sand; pump 96 BO, 1,194 MCF, 434 BW on one-inch choke, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41314

BC Operating Inc.
Tripp #3
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 2,044 fwl, 2,310 fsl, Sec 30, Blk 43, T-1-N, Abst.655, T&P RR, 2.9 ne Goldsmith; TD 7,130; Comp 12-19-11; producing from 6,061-6,966, treated with 289,000# sand, 5,405 bbls. linear gel; pum p35 Bo, 259 MCF, 1,245 BW on one-inch choke, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-42-135-41201

BC Operating Inc.
James #2
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 1,607 fnl, 521 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 43, T-1-N, Abst. 655, T&P RR, 3 ne Goldsmith; TD 7,065; Comp 11-16-11; producing from 6,082-6,995, treated with 5,190 bbls. gel, 268,522# sand; pump 221 BO, 730 MCF, 686 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41315

BVX Operating Inc.
J.M. Williamson #13
Martin (Consolidated); 1,658 fel, 360 fsl, Sec 8, Blk4 5, T-1-N, Abst. 802, T&P RR, 28 nw Odessa; TD 6,150; Comp 9-22-11; producing from 4,180-5,984, treated with 5,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 208,086# sand; pump 72 BO, 116 MCF, 217 BW, 34.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41232

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Ernest T. Bass #11
Sallie Ann (Spraberry-Wolfcamp); 869 fnl, 1,994 fwl, Sec 21, Blk 42, T-3-S, Abst. 142, T&P RR, 7 se Odessa; TD 10,215; Comp 8-17-11; producing from 9,150-10,028; pump 102 BO, 215 MCF, 18 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40645

Linn Operating Inc.
Tyler #3705
Scharbauer Ranch (Atoka); 2,134 fnl, 823 fel, Sec 37, Blk 42, T-2-S, Abst. 126, T&P RR, 3.7 se Odessa; TD 11,300; Comp 9-1-11; producing from 10,440-11,180, treated with 10,304 bbls. gel water, 959 bbls. 15 percent HCL, 240,748# proppant; pump 24 BO, 17 MCF, 45 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41006

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Cowden South "40" #1
Addis (Strawn); 910 fswl, 767 fnwl, Sec 40, Blk 43, T-2-S, Abst. 1035, T&P RR, 7 se Odessa; TD 9,525; Comp 11-10-11; producing from 9,254-9,262, treated with 6,400 gals. 15 percent NeFe, 374 bbls. fluid; pump 58 BO, 32 MCF, 20 BW, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40857

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
TXL "44-43" #13
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 990 fsl, 2,310 fwl, Sec 41, Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 290, T&P RR, 16 w Odessa: TD 6,085; Comp 12-5-11; producing fro0m 5,556-5,870, treated with 4,000 gals. 15 percent NeFe acid, 179,000# sand, 4,745 bbls. fluid; pump 22 BO, 21 MCF, 426 BW, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41356

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
CVX "43B" #15
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 330 fnl, 2,310 fwl, Sec 43, Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 291, T&P RR, 8 sw Goldsmith; TD 6,046; Comp 12-3-11; producing from 5,675-5,874, treated with 172,000# sand, 4,870 bbls. fluid; pump 90 BO, 65 MCF, 371 BW, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41368

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
TXL "44-43" #10
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 990 fel, 2,310 fnl, Sec 43, Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 291, T&P RR, 16 w Odessa; TD 6,065; Comp 12-9-11; producing from 5,582-5,902, treated with 5,962 bbls. fluid, 207,000# sand; pump 58 BO, 58 MCF, 397 BW, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41097

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
Steakley "44" #11
Goldsmith (Clearfork)-Directional; 330 fswl, 915 fnwl, Sec 44, Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 832, T&P RR, 8 n Penwell; TD 6,289 MD; Comp 11-26-11; producing from 5,630-5,962, treated with 205,000# sand, 5,219 bbls. fluid; pump 41 BO, 50 MCF, 192 BW; API #42-135-41273

SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC
TXL "44-43" #14
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 990 fsl, 1,050 fwl, Sec 41, Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 290, T&P RR, 16 w Odessa; TD 6,048; Comp 12-7-11; producing from 5,569-5,874, treated with 259,000# sand, 6,286 bbls. fluid; pump 92 BO, 97 MCF, 381 BW, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41357

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CVX "43B" #14
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 1,650 fwl, 2,260 fnl, Sec 43, Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 291, T&P RR, 8 sw Goldsmith; TD 6,080; Comp 11-22-11; producing from 5,826-5,776, treated with 126,500# sand, 3,453 bbls. fluid; pump 80 BO, 54 MCF, 411 BW, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-41069

Glasscock County

Apache Corp.
Hester "39" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 39, Blk 34, T-3-S, Abst. 236, T&P RR, 3.7 nw Garden City; Comp 10-13-11; producing from 7,375-10,304, fracture stimulated; flow 134 BO, 106 MCF, 356 BW on 26/64 inch choke, FTP 120 psi, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34411

Apache Corp.
Bell "22" #4
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 660 fwl, Sec 22, Blk 34, T-4-S, Abst. 861, T&P RR, 3.6 sw Garden City; TD 10,763; Comp 10-6-11; producing from 7,565-10,276, fracture stimulated; flow 282 BO, 244 MCF, 490 BW on 22/64 inch choke, FTP 250 psi, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34290

Apache Corp.
Riley #4702
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,059 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 47, Blk 34, T-3-S, Abst. 240, T&P RR, 2.4 nw Garden City; TD 10,698; Comp 10-1-11; producing from 7,547-10,235, fracture stimulated; flow 237 BO, 604 MCF, 231 BW on 20/64 inch choke, FTp 290 psi, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-33759

Broad Oak Energy Inc.
Frysak -A- #471
Wildcat; 2,604 fsl, 1,988 fel, Sec 47, Blk 34, T-5-S, Abst. 286, T&P RR, 15 se Garden City; TD 10,277; Comp 6-24x11; producing from 5,964-10,000, treated with HCL and proppant; pump 75 B O, 179 MCF, 33 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34135

Energen Resources Corp.
Neal #5
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fsl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 26, Blk 34, T-5-S, Abst. 928, T&P RR, 11 s Garden City; TD 10,064; Comp 11-30-11; producing from 6,064-9,761, treated with acid and fracture; pump 38 BO, 83 MCF, 172 BW, 42.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34435

Energen Resources Corp.
Lavaca -38- #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 467 fwl, Sec 38, Blk 34, T-5-S, Abst. 927, T&P RR, 13 sw Garden City; TD 10,016; Comp 12-8-11; producing from 6,614-9,817, treated with acid and fracture; pump 58 BO, 165 MCF, 166 BW, 60 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34148

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Spraberry (Trend Area); 560 fnl, 467 fwl, Sec 20, Blk 34, T-5-S, Abst. 993, T&P RR, 11 s Garden City; TD 10,099; Comp 12-10-11; producing from 6,132-9,929, treated with acid and fractured; pump 28 BO, 40 MCF, 175 BW, 47 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34436

Hannathon Petroleum LLC
Barbee "37" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fnwl, 467 fnel, Sec 37, Blk 33, T-5-S, Abst. 187, T&P RR, 14 se Garden City; TD 9,627; Comp 11-23-11; producing from 6,360-9,580, treated with acid and fractured; flow 267 BO, 206 MCF, 590 BW on 30/64 inch choke, FTP 250 psi, 41.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34470

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Clyde Reynolds (Wolfcamp Consolidated); 467 fsl, 467 fwl, Sec 19, Blk 32, T-4-S, ABst. 73, T&P RR, 8.5 e Garden City; TD 9,785; Comp 6-4-11; producing from 7,456-9,518, treated with 7,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 12,304 bbls. Ambormax, 3,749 bbls. slick water, 530,000#sand; pump 41 BO, 122 MCF, 75 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34115

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Stone "45" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,805 fnl, 1,980 fel, Sec 45, Blk 35, T-1S, Abst. 291, T&P RR, 19.8 nw Garden City; TD 10,196; Comp 9-10-11; producing from 6,702-10,044, treated with 18,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 263,138 gals. crosslink gel, 1,268,194 gals. crosslink assist gel, 1,628,925# sand; pump 24 BO, 9 MCF, 327 BW, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34034

Sheridan Production Company
Howard W. Glasscock (G-S) Unit #503
Howard Glasscock; 2,193 fnl, 2,293 fel, Sec 14, Blk 33, T-2-S, ABst. 106, T&P RR, 15.5 n Garden City; TD 2,703; Comp 11-24-11; producing from 2,216--2,534, treated with 4,222 gals. 15 percent NeFeHCL; pump 8 BO, 1,666 BW, 34 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-33959

Athlon Energy Operating LLC
Buckner-Baptist-Benevolence #7
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fel, 467 fsl, Sec 17, Blk 35, T-5-S, Abst. 368, T&P RR, 3.8 w Saint Lawrence; TD 10,795; Comp 7-16-11; producing from 6,440-10,692, treated with 31,399 bbls. fluid, 128,790# sand; pump 61 BO, 260 MCF, 164 BW on 19/64 inch choke, 41.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34102

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Regulators praise Devon Energy's commitment to environmental stewardship

From Staff Reports

Protecting, enhancing and restoring rangeland and wildlife habitat in the Permian Basin has long been a commitment of Devon. The company's leadership in environmental efforts in the basin has earned Devon the 2012 Bruno Hanson/Midland College Environmental Excellence Award.

The award recognizes Devon as going above and beyond regulatory requirements in regard to environmental stewardship.

Devon's comprehensive list of efforts include land reclamation, weed control, wildlife habitat preservation, water conservation and greenhouse gas emission reductions in the Permian Basin in Texas and New Mexico. Year after year, Devon is recognized by regulatory and environmental groups for its environmental efforts. While the company has been active in enrolling acreage in state and federal conservation agreements to improve habitat for the lesser prairie chicken and sand dune lizard, Devon is also undertaking similar activities in Texas.

"Devon has been working with Fish and Wildlife Service on conservation in Texas," said Vicky Sánchez, regulatory advisor. "Devon is supportive of conservation, and we have an excellent record in New Mexico with some 70,000 acres enrolled in Candidate Conservation Plans. We are waiting to see what the final plan will be in Texas, and we hope we can enroll our acreage in Texas."

Those wide-ranging efforts won praise from the committee that chooses the award recipient.

"Devon showed its commitment to the environment and to being an exemplary corporate citizen when it led the charge in developing Candidate Conservation Agreements (CCA) to work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department. The CCAs they developed were a proactive and common sense approach to improving the habitat for the dune sagebrush lizard in southeast New Mexico. By fostering a spirit of cooperation with a sincere commitment, Devon showed regulators that oil and gas operators can make adjustments to improve habitat for species absent the problematic and disruptive consequences of simply enacting the Endangered Species Act," said Hoxie Smith, director of Midland College's Petroleum Professional Development Center.

"Proactivity and leadership are among the qualities for which we as a committee honor a corporation with the Bruno Hanson/Midland College Award of Environmental Excellence. From the company headquarters where the important corporate decisions are made all the way to the field personnel who are charged with the effective daily implementation of those decisions, Devon has shown and continues to show industry leadership and proactivity," said Doc Weathers, senior geologist at University Lands.

"It's painfully obvious that the domestic petroleum industry is beset by attacks on many fronts — from government agencies, many elected officials, overzealous environmentalists and certain of the news media. So, it is refreshing to see Devon step out and take a leadership role in protective environmental activities. Devon has proven to be a responsible corporate citizen, an inspiring example and a worthy recipient of this award," commented committee member Arlen Edgar.

"I have been aware for many years that Devon has been committed to protecting, enhancing and restoring range land and wildlife habitat in the Permian Basin," said Gil Van Deventer of Trident Environmental. "For example, since 2006 Devon has contributed over $250,000 to reclaim hundreds of acres of fragmented habitat for the lesser prairie chicken and the sand dune lizard in New Mexico. When I recently inquired with several of the Texas, New Mexico, and federal agency personnel involved with developing conservation plans they were highly complementary of Devon's commitment and constructive efforts, particularly for Vicky Sánchez, their Corporate Regulatory Advisor, who continues to spend countless hours collaborating in the conservation planning process.

"There are many stakeholders involved with the protection of sensitive wildlife habitats including landowners, farmers, ranchers, oil and gas operators, and the various local, state and federal agencies, particularly the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, University Lands, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Devon has been a forerunner and leader with sincere dedication in working with all of the stakeholders while establishing and committing to Candidate Conservation Agreements (CCA) and Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances (CCAA) in southeastern New Mexico. More recently, Devon has applied their accomplishments in New Mexico towards implementing the same conservation goals in Texas such that they satisfy the wellbeing of all stakeholders.

"Hopefully the Fish and Wildlife Service will recognize that listing the dunes sagebrush lizard as an endangered species would do more harm than good because implementation of the conservation plans and agreements go beyond protecting the species and their habitat by allowing all stakeholders to go about their business while being excellent stewards of the environment. Implementation of the conservation plans provide for a monetary funding mechanism which can be applied toward much needed scientific investigations to better quantify actual DSL population trends and more accurately define its habitat. The plans also provide and require steps to be taken by the participants to cooperatively reverse population declines, which is the most effective way to conserve any species," Van Deventer concluded.

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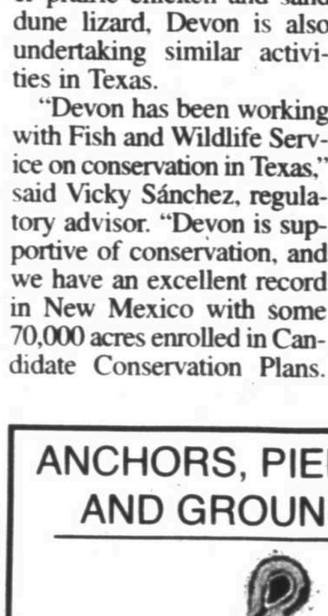

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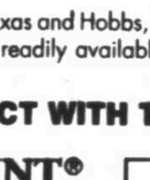

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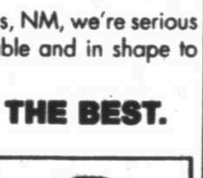

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HEARST ENERGY AWARD FOR INDUSTRY ADVOCACY

Congressman Barton plays lead role in crafting energy policy

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Serving as chairman emeritus of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Congressman Joe Barton has been called "the House GOP's leading expert on energy policy" by the Wall Street Journal.

His belief that "We owe our way of life to abundant and affordable energy" and work on energy policy since being elected to the House of Representatives in 1984 have earned the Texas Republican the Hearst Energy Award for Industry Advocacy.

The Waco native got involved in energy issues in 1981 when he was named to the White House Fellows program, serving as an aide to Energy Secretary James Edwards. He returned to Texas a year later and worked for Arco in its Dallas natural gas group, working in the accounting department and in the company's decontrol task force and then a cost control engineer for Arco's Alaska pipeline before being elected to Congress.

"We have a market-based energy policy," he said. "We need to maintain an open market. The environmental side is more prominent, but the two can exist together. Don't use environmentalism as a means to prohibit development."

There can be, he said, an intelligent debate on regulations and "bringing them back to their original intent. When a lot of our basic environmental laws were originally passed, the relationship between industry and government and citizens was different. It was more open, more cooperative. Now it's adversarial. There are interest groups who do nothing but file lawsuits. I think it's a fair thing to say we should go back to the statutes and look at how to update them for the modern era without automatically filing lawsuits claiming ancient sites are threatened or some subspecies is threatened."

Barton offered three steps to a proactive energy policy. One is maintaining an open market by streamlining the permitting process on federal lands. On private lands, he pointed out, obtaining a drilling permit can be done in a day while obtaining a permit on federal leases can take as long as seven years.

Secondly, he said, the nation must find a way to use more of its natural gas reserves for transportation. With crude oil at $100 a barrel and natural gas prices down to about $2.50 per Mcf, "there has got to be a way to get more vehicles, especially big rigs, on natural gas. It would lessen our dependency on foreign oil, reduce our natural gas glut and eventually lower gasoline prices."

Thirdly, Barton recommends looking at sites for new refineries, following former President Bush's recommendations to put new refineries at abandoned military sites or in areas that are economically depressed.

"Energy won't be cheap, but it can be reasonable," he said. "We have a huge resource base here, but America lacks the political will to develop it."

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oil imports are rising sharply, increasing the competition for oil with countries like the U.S.

"So, while slowly increasing U.S. crude oil production is very important, the dominant trend we are seeing is that developed oil importing countries like the U.S. are being gradually priced out of the global market for exported oil," Brown said.

While politicians focus on scoring election-year points by bickering over the current jump in gasoline prices, they're ignoring the bigger concern: we may be in for much worse in the coming years.

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April 23-25 DUG conference leads off with technical workshop

Is there such a thing as a perfect well, especially in unconventional plays with technology moving forward by leaps and bounds almost daily? With so much innovation, many companies feel overwhelmed, choosing to stick with "tried and true" methods rather than experimenting with new ideas.

That is why so many attendees sign up for the technical workshop before Hart Energy's annual DUG conference. This year, a Completions Technical Workshop will be held a day before the 7th Annual DUG *the Original* conference and exhibition, April 23-25, at the Ft. Worth Convention Center. The workshop happens on Monday afternoon, April 23.

The first workshop session will address the fact that most fractured reservoirs only produce about 50 percent of the available oil. Jay Miller, business development manager for Smart Frac Systems, will explain emerging technology that could change the way horizontal unconventional wells are evaluated, allowing engineers access to information they have not had on a widespread basis when designing treatment for these wells.

In the second section, attendees will hear how sliding-sleeve technology is reducing the time gap between drilling to total depth and first production. Jeff Chesnutt, business development manager for Peak Completions, will discuss how faster, more advanced, and more economical open-hole completion technology is revolutionizing the way operators are increasing well performance.

After a short discussion of green technology by Halliburton's Walter Dale, Frank E. Syfan, technical director, Oil and Gas, U.S. Silica Company and Oxane Materials' Chris Coker will talk about proper proppant selection. With further advances in this field, proppants are being specifically engineered as fit-for-purpose components of the completions strategy. From ceramic and standard sand to nanotubes, experts will discuss the benefits of having ample access to highly engineered proppants.

Registration and fees for this workshop are separate from the conference and exhibition. Visit www.dugconference.com/technical-workshop/ for more information.

New speakers have just been added for the conference — speakers with deep energy industry expertise. Added to the 11:25 a.m. Tuesday session on "Drilling Down to the Bottom Line" with Carlson Capital's James K. Wicklund is Robert Banks, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Swift Energy Co. Banks has held high level executive positions with a variety of top domestic and international oil and gas firms.

Tuesday's 9 a.m. session on marketing will now also feature Peter Bennett, the founder of Pondorosa Advisors and Bentek Energy.

And the 4:20 p.m. Tuesday session on Horizontal Success in the Wolfcamp, Bone Spring, Utica, and Eagle Ford formations will now include expertise from Mark Houser, chairman and CEO, EV Energy Partners LP and chief operating officer, EnerVest Management Ltd. and from Matthew G. Hyde, senior vice president, Exploration, Concho Resources.

In January of this year, just over half of all drilling rigs operating in the U.S. were working in unconventional plays. It is no wonder, then, that industry leaders from all over the country have made the DUG event the place to come together and share information. More than 2,400 professionals from 800-plus companies are expected to attend this year's conference.

Make your plans now to be among those professionals — putting yourself in position to make the most of this dynamic opportunity.

This year's DUG the Original conference will be April 23-25 at the Ft. Worth Convention Center. To register, go to http://www.dugconference.com/Register/.

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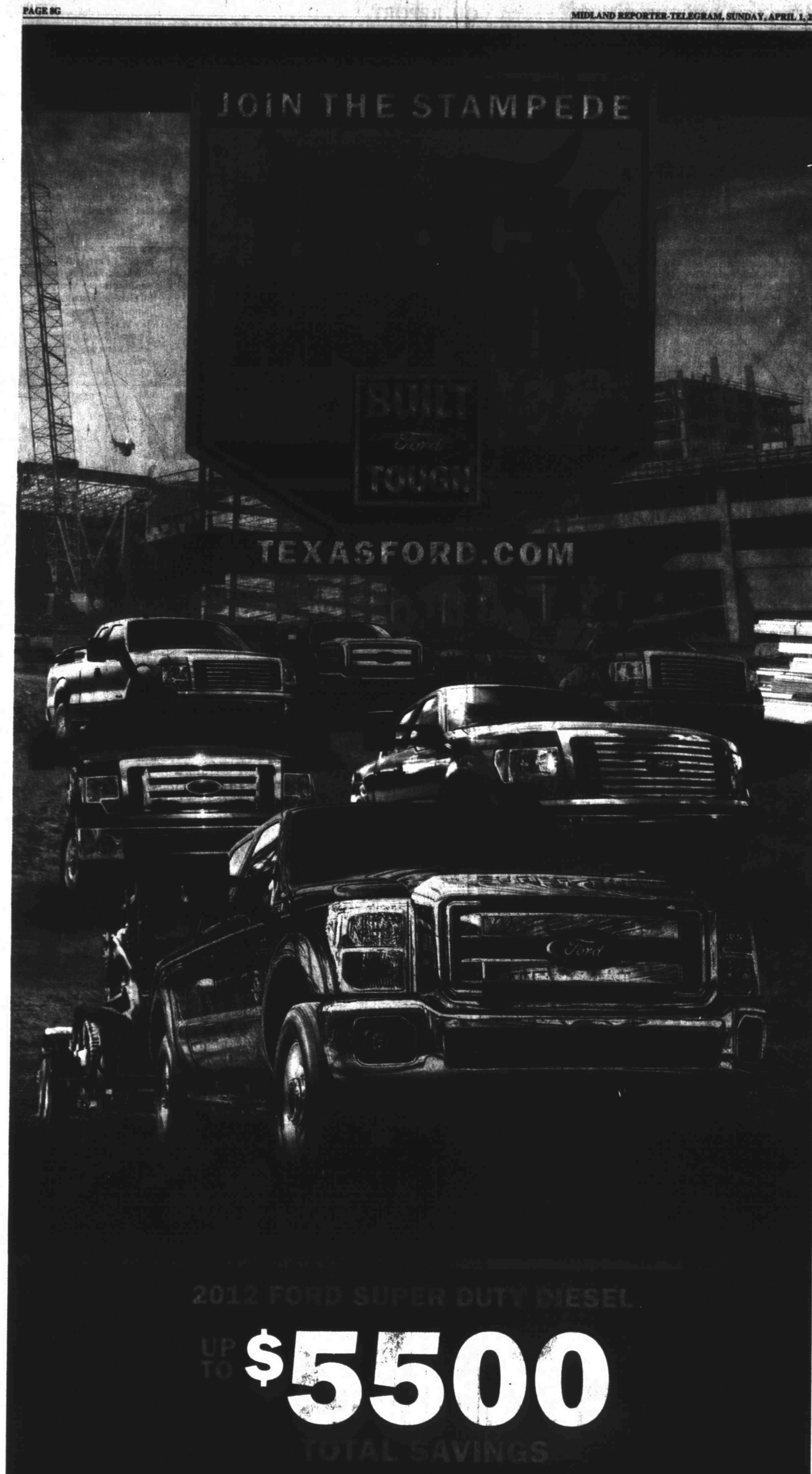

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The Arts

MIND MAPS

Artist's work reflects her life

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

Artist Melanie Yazzie credits her mother and preschool with launching her interest in art.

"Mom had us make our own toys and just encouraged us to be creative," Yazzie said in a telephone interview. "In preschool, they had a Montessori School on the Navajo Nation. That's where I first remember 'making a painting.'

"What's funny was that we were asked to bring in one of our father's shirts. That day we were able to cut the sleeves off to make a smock. That action of cutting the sleeves. You just don't do that. And then to use that to make a painting.

"I painted sort of an abstract elephant. After that the teacher made a really special lunch for us, and that special lunch was cream of mushroom soup. I had never had anything like that before. And just something about that day of painting with my dad's shirt and then having a great time and then eating this wonderful, beautiful lunch, I thought, 'This is what I want to do.'" She laughed in recalling the memory and added, "That was just really amazing to me."

In high school at Westtown School in Pennsylvania, an art class renewed her early interest.

"When I was making my art work, it was the only time that I felt really calm and centered," said Yazzie, whose work goes on exhibit Saturday in the Contemporary Gallery at the Museum of the Southwest. "I went to a private school outside of Philadelphia, and my parents had to make a lot of sacrifices for me

Please see EXHIBIT/3H

"Mind Maps: Mixed Media of Melanie Yazzie," opens to the public Saturday at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Some of Yazzie's work includes: AT TOP "She Loves Cedar." ABOVE "Blue One with Sweet One." ABOVE LEFT "Counting Numbers." LEFT "Jackie Belonged to Grandpa Baldwin."

THE ARTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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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

Ellen Noël Art Museum: EXHIBIT: People's Choice: From the Vault of the Ellen Noel Art Museum Collection. 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, 685-1112. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 North Weatherford, 682-5447. Open by appointment.

The Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: Midland Arts Association Annual Show, through April 29 in the Turner/Thomas. EXHBIT: 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, 683-2882. Gallery Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Donations Welcome.

Odessa College LRC: 201 West University. Call 432-335-6640 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: Museum hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403. Admission charged.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: EXHIBIT: Nancy Fyfe Cordozier Gallery presents "Skin Deep" 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.

MONDAY

Casa de Amigos: PROGRAM: "After School Fine Arts Program" A free Fine Arts program for 1st - 7th 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.

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. 682-5785. Regular hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

Midland Arts Association: EXHIBIT: Works of Susan Thorn, artist for the month of April, 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 College: McCormick Gallery: Gallery hours are: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information call 685-4770 or visit www.midland.edu/mccormick. No admission charged.

Midland 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 3-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.

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Midland Palette Club: EXHIBIT: Works of Naomi Colson, artist for the month of April, Chase Bank lobby, 2301 West Wall. Monday-Friday, banking hours.

Scarborough-Linebery House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 South Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

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 Avenue. 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, 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 352-8297.

WEDNESDAY

Casa de Amigos: PROGRAM: "After School Fine Arts Program" A free Fine Arts program for 1st - 7th 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.

First Presbyterian Church: CONCERT: 2012 Lenten Lunch Concert Series: Bowie Fine Arts Academy Choir with Kathy Pysh, 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 684-7821. Free and open to the public.

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

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.

FRIDAY

Midland Community Theatre: COMEDY: "Red, White and Tuna". 8 p.m. Mabee Theatre II, Cole Theatre, 2000 West Wadley, for more information call 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 570-4111. Admission charged.

SATURDAY

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 570-4111. Admission charged.

Sibley Nature Center: Center for learning about the flora, fauna, and natural and human history of the Southern Llano Estacado, 1307 East Wadley. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Volunteers keep the center open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Call 432-684-6827 for information on art and photography classes.

White-Pool House Museum: National Register of Historical Places. Texas Historical Landmark Texas Archaeological Landmark. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 East Murphy St., Odessa, 432-333-4072. Free.

Arts Council of Midland maintains a calendar of all known arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 687-1149, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, TX 79702; or email lorri@acmidland.org.

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By ROBIN STEARS

ACROSS
1 Golden Raspberry, e.g.
6 "__ Fideles"
12 "__ doctor, not a bricklayer!": "Star Trek" line
15 "Frontline" airer
18 What Fuzzbusters detect
19 Some boas
21 It can be hard to refold
22 Cut off
23 Pride of a collection
25 Admire to excess
27 Pacific Surfliner operator
28 Authority figure
30 Thornfield Hall governess
31 Golfer's slice, say
34 U.S. document publisher
35 Taken down a peg
37 Nexus One, for one
41 "Scrumptious!"
42 Judges on "Top Chef"
43 Food spearer
44 Summoned
45 Bach work
47 Prefix for calling
49 401(k) relative
52 "Joyeux __!"
53 Pro __: for now
56 Sister of Clotho
57 The 5 in "10 ÷ 5," e.g.
59 Loaded, in Logroño
60 2012 rival of Mitt and Rick
61 Like LAX, around the clock
62 Methuselah's father
63 Chevy SUV
67 Isr. neighbor
69 Org. with quarantine authority
72 Kroner spenders
73 Horse play
74 DOJ employee
78 Charged things
80 One of the deadly sins
81 "Fear Street" series author
84 Less wasteful
88 "Well, __-di-dah!"
89 Green of Austin Powers movies
90 Giant legend
91 Stuffed, cylindrical dishes
93 Slathered on, as Brylcreem
96 "Categorical imperative" philosopher
97 Data
98 Accustomed
100 Killer in a classic "SNL" sketch series
102 Accountant's creation
104 __ Square, adjacent to the Boston Marathon finish line
105 Item in a lock
106 1987 Beatty flop
107 "Real Dogs Eat Meat" brand
108 Upbraid
111 Whitman's dooryard bloomers
116 Colorful arc
118 Line in many a British dairy ad
121 Somme one
122 Preschool group?
123 Custard-filled desserts
124 Divider of continents
125 Conscription org.
126 Hrs. in classifieds
127 Minute Maid Park team
128 Geeky types

DOWN
1 Instrument for Giuseppe's glissandi
2 Not so hot
3 Mine entrance
4 Motorola flip phone introduced in 2004
5 Emulated Alice
6 37-Across download
7 Salon supply
8 Artwork in a clichéd come-on
9 Islamic sectarian
10 Large volume
11 Loafer's lack
12 "There's no step 3!" computer
13 "Why is a raven like a writing-desk?" inquirer
14 Kwik-E-Mart operator
15 1994 Sony release
16 Sacred Indian fig
17 Earns a citation?
20 Beat others to, as sale merchandise
24 Train for a fight, say
26 Slightest
29 Appian Way builders
32 They're rarely seen on rainy days
33 "Such a lonely word," to Billy Joel
36 Judge's determination
37 Union Sq., e.g.
38 "See, señor!"
39 Work without __
40 Back
46 Joey in a Milne book
48 Volcanic formations
49 2011 Colbie Caillat hit
50 Upholstery problem
51 Street sign abbr.
54 Brutus's "Behold!"
55 Eponymous mineralogist
58 Forbes rival
59 Messenger molecule
62 Father of Henry II
63 Squeal
64 Cyan
65 Shoes with a basset hound logo
66 Tagged between bases
68 Hamelin critter
70 Word whose last two letters are an example of it
71 Noble's crown
75 Madre's hermano
76 Blowup cause
77 On the other hand
79 Some earth tones
81 Aircraft carrier pilot's waiting area
82 Old Ford luxury car
83 1984 Cyndi Lauper hit
85 "We wear short shorts" brand
86 Tracy Turnblad's mom in "Hairspray"
87 S&L offering
89 Hook's right hand
92 Beethoven's fifth?
94 DuPont acrylic
95 "Oh, my"
96 Region known for its wool
98 Ill-fated son of Daedalus
99 "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" family
101 Beethoven's Third
102 Complain about
103 Neptune's largest moon
109 Ladies on a lea
110 "__ fair in ..."
112 Valentine trim
113 Maker of Aspire computers
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115 D.C. 100
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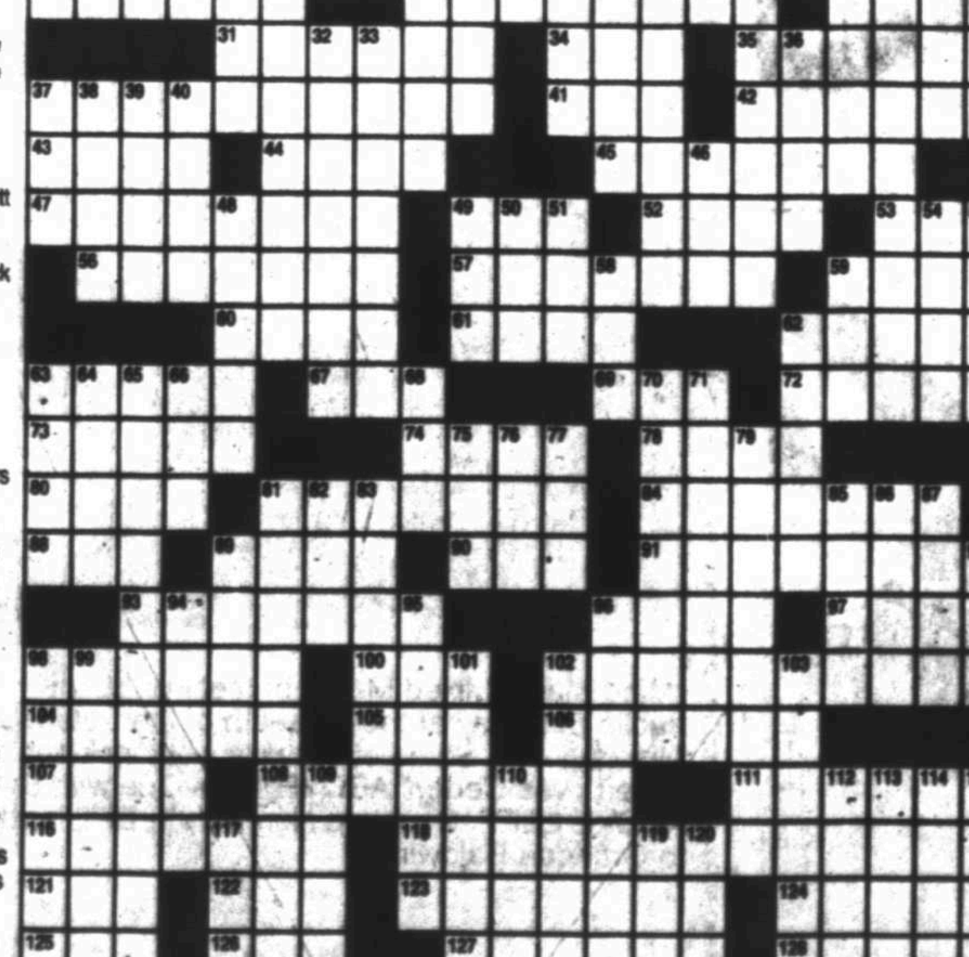
120 __ Nautilus



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With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Pick the winning line

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ J 10
♡ Q J 3
◇ A 5 3
♣ K 9 7 5 2

WEST
♠ Q 9 7 2
♡ A 10
◇ K J 10 4 2
♣ J 3

EAST
♠ 5 3
♡ 9 7 6
◇ Q 9 8 7 6
♣ A Q 4

SOUTH
♠ A K 8 6 4
♡ K 8 5 4 2
◇ Void
♣ 10 8 6

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♡	Pass
4♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♡

Some deals have more than one line possible to land the contract. Choosing the correct one is a matter of chance. Consider this deal, played in the first qualifying round of the Jacoby Open Swiss Teams a while ago. Sitting South was Steve Goldstein of Cheverly, Md.

North's one no-trump opening showed 11-12 points, and a transfer sequence offered North a choice of major-suit games and four hearts became the final contract.

West led the ace of hearts and continued with the 10, won in dummy. The ace and king of spades were cashed and a spade was ruffed with the queen as East parted with a diamond. Next, a diamond was ruffed in the closed hand and the outstanding trump was drawn with the king. The crucial time had arrived.

One line was to concede a spade and play to find West with the ace of clubs and discard the third club on the ace of diamonds. Fortunately for declarer, he spurned this line in favor of leading the 10 of clubs, covered by the jack and king and losing to the ace.

East exited with a diamond, ruffed by declarer with his last trump. Declarer led the eight of clubs, which was allowed to hold, and continued with another club to the queen. East was forced to bring dummy back to life with his diamond return — making four-odd.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, April 1, 2012:
This year you express a very playful and creative personality. Others clearly are drawn to you, and this popularity reveals many new options. You demonstrate caring and thoughtfulness. LEO adores your fiery style.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Do what you feel is important, and take some much-desired free time. Be spontaneous when making plans later today. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ As you rub your eyes to clear out what the Sandman left behind, you realize that you want to have a lazy day. On some level, you might judge this desire as being frivolous. Tonight: Order in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You can be verbal and witty, but make sure you also incorporate affection and caring into your agenda. Tonight: Whatever you want is fine with everyone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Do not take others' words so personally. Comments often have more to do with the individual uttering the words than with the receiver. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You attract many people, but it would be helpful for them to know what you want. You could be surprised at news about a trip. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You need to handle a situation differently. Curb a tendency to be reactive, and try to speak after you have processed your feelings. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Some Sundays are quieter than others. Forget solitude. Tonight: Nobody said anything about Monday. Continue the theme of the weekend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Visit with family or an older friend. You want to be there and express your caring in a responsible manner. Tonight: A late dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Ask for the answer to a question you keep wondering about. Do not let situations develop where there is a risk. Tonight: Let your imagination show.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Make time for your sweetie or a special person. Somehow you'll feel as if you are two naughty kids together. Tonight: Don't think about tomorrow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Others come forward. You might be surprised by what some people say and do. Relax. Tonight: Pretend it is Friday night.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Loosen up your reins on a project. Others like being able to express who they are through this project. Tonight: Enjoy being taken care of.

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BORN TODAY
British singer Susan Boyle (1961), actress Ali MacGraw (1939), Russian composer Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

AWARD ADESTE IMA PBS
RADAR PYTHONS MAP LOP
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AMTRAK HIERARCH EYRE
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SSS AMS ASTROS NERDS

THE WEEK AHEAD

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin April 1-7

TODAY

Drama

The lives of the March girls unfold on Midland Community Theatre's stage today in the Pickwick Players' production of Bill Williams adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's timeless classic "Little Women."

Production dates and times are 2 p.m. today, 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. "Little Women" is onstage in Davis Theatre I, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

This is a membership show. Non-member tickets are $18 adults, $15 seniors and $12 adults. Additional ticket processing fees applied for all non-member ticket purchases. For tickets call the box office, 570-4111, or www.mct midland.org.

Art show

Midland Arts Association's Spring Juried Show is on display until April 29 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Organized by the MAA in cooperation with the museum, this annual juried exhibition includes approximately 75 works featuring 46 local and national artists.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

FRIDAY

Comedy

"Red, White and Tuna," a comedy by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears and Ed Howard, closes Saturday in Mabee Theatre II at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

The show, co-produced by Concho Resources, features Mike Harrell and David Odom portraying around 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.

UPCOMING

Country concerts

Country superstar Charley Pride, the music of country legend Johnny Cash and country music 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." Many of 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 Friday, April 13, and The Rat Pack is Back on Friday, 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 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 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 432-550-9696 extension 210.

IN THE LIMELIGHT

GRAHAM DIXON

Casablanca

According to their website, Fathom Events is a company that offers "exclusive, affordable entertainment events to movie theater audiences across the U.S," and their fare ranges from live concerts such as U2 to UFC matchups and on to more culturally exclusive shows like the Metropolitan Opera.

Last Wednesday night, on the 70th anniversary of the release of "Casablanca," they gave a one-night presentation of this iconic movie. The local showing was at the Century Odessa 12 Theatre. While the movie itself was as wonderful an experience as ever, various 'technical glitches' before the show moved the audience from exasperation to bemusement and on to laughter, followed by ironic applause when theater management actually managed to show the movie.

First of all — timing. Like doctor's offices, movie theaters appear to have their own distinct time-scheme, divorced from anything most of us live by. However, as 7:20 rolled around — 20 minutes after the advertised beginning of the movie — heads started to turn and audience members stared upward toward the projection booth. At 7:21 the screen showed a massively magnified version of the "menu" screen you might find on a satellite or cable system.

A few minutes later we were treated to a lightning fast-forward through a documentary about "Casablanca," followed by a brief snippet of the film featuring the wonderful Peter Lorre, then a rewind that ended up in a no-man's land with some type of preview.

The screen then went blank.

Had we, to quote the movie, been misinformed about the showing?

The manager came in and we were promised that the movie would indeed start "really soon."

She was as good as her promise, and we were treated to a short but interesting documentary about the movie, and then, finally, what we had all come for.

Dissected into its constituent parts, it might seem mysterious that "Casablanca" is still shown at all, let alone being regarded as one of the greatest films ever made. The plot-line is ridiculous and unrealistic, while the characters are laughably stereotypical. But "Casablanca" is sublime proof that a work of art must be seen as a glorious whole rather than as a mealy-mouthed coalescence of parts.

First, just as anyone who speaks English quotes Shakespeare constantly without knowing it, so the script of "Casablanca" has become fused with modern vernacular. From Captain Renault's being "shocked, shocked" at finding gambling going on at Rick's to "here's looking at you kid" and on to the great ending, not only the words of "Casablanca" but its view of life have become indelibly etched into our thinking. Renault's naked hypocrisy has come to represent a virtually universal view of the cycnicism of public officials in general, and politicians in particular.

What makes "Casablanca" so great?

Perhaps it is its portrayal of the fearful power of music to break down emotional barriers and to allow long buried love to emerge. Has this power ever been so succinctly illustrated as when Rick tells Sam, "if she can stand it, I can — play it!"? Then what about Peter Lorre's oddly satisfying logic that Rick is the only person he can trust in Casablanca because the club-owner despises him? Or that long, long close-up on Ingrid Bergman, as her character goes through a myriad of emotions as she hears "As Time Goes By" again?

For all its simplicities and power, "Casablanca" also has more sophisticated elements that might be missed. Paul Henreid's character Victor Lazlo accepts — with remarkable gentleness and maturity — that his wife has had a love affair with Rick when she thought he was dead. Then there are the odd premonitions of what was to happen in the war, such as when Lazlo tells a German that "even Nazis can't kill that fast." How innocent they were in 1941...

So as selfless love triumphantly wins in the last scene we are left with a story that convinces us that human beings may indeed be good at heart. Perhaps because we know that the Lazlos of this world eventually vanquished the Strassers we convince ourselves that they always will.

A world that can never be, but one no less beautiful.

Upcoming Fathom Events include "Monumental," the 20th anniversary of "The Bodyguard" and the English National Theatre's production of "She Stoops to Conquer." For details go to http://www.fathomevents.com/.

EXHIBIT

From 1H

to go there. And when I told them that I wanted to go to art school, they said, 'We didn't make all these sacrifices for you to go to art school. You need to go to a strong liberal arts school, and after that, if you want to go to art school, you can do that.'"

Yazzie took a year off from school and spent it in Mexico.

"I realized when I came back, it was easier to go to school," said Yazzie. "When I was in school, I started taking art classes on the side. And I wanted to be either an English or a Spanish teacher."

What she actually wanted was to be an artist. Her sister, who was younger, asked her why she wasn't doing what she "really, really loved," reminding her their parents always told them "to do what we really love. We can't go wrong," said Yazzie, who considers the conversation a turning point in her life.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art from Arizona State University and a Master's of Fine Arts from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Yazzie works in a wide range of media including printmaking, painting, sculpting and ceramics as well as installation art and has led several collaborative international projects, including ones with artists in Siberia, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Mexico and Germany.

She is associate professor of art at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

"I teach, and that is like making art," said Yazzie. "It fills my soul also. It is when I find those like-minded students, who have the burning need to make art, that fills me with happiness and makes me feel the hard work of teaching is all worthwhile."

She credits her family and her memories as being important in her art.

"I really owe a lot to my mother and my father, Bessi Yazzie and Albert Yazzie, and my grandparents, Thelma Baldwin and Tom Baldwin, and my father's mother, Neseah Yazzie," said Yazzie.

"My grandmother on my mother's side was a traditional Navajo weaver, and she wove in the Wide Ruins style. ... The times spent with my grandmother were filled with long afternoons watching her weave, and at times helping her with the spinning of the wool and making yarn balls. My grandfather would be out herding sheep on his favorite horse Jackie. Once I was allowed to sit on it. That was an awesome day, and the print showing an image of Jackie speaks to that day."

She is married to an artist, abstract painter Clark Barker.

"He inspires a lot of my work. At times we collaborate and at times we do critiques with each other's work. It's wonderful to have him in my life. He gives me that feedback, and we speak the same language.'

The exhibition of Yazzie's work at the Museum of the Southwest features prints, acrylic paintings on canvas and a bronze.

"The prints in this exhibition are loud with color, with bright, geometrical forms against a soft background of color or clear white," Yazzie said. "They speak of quiet moments between a grandmother and granddaughter that are often not documented in my work.

"The larger prints are memories from my childhood and me dealing with different health issues I have faced in my life time. The works have images about this but are also layered with images and symbols that I have seen or collected from the many places I have been lucky enough to travel to. I have led a life full of luck, and I try to keep it going by working hard to deserve it all."

ALL THE DETAILS

"MIND MAPS: MIXED MEDIA OF MELANIE YAZZIE"

When: opens to the public Saturday

Where: Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Closes May 27.

Admission: Free. Donations accepted.

Info: Second show of Contemporary Series 2012: "Tribal Stories." Yazzie is a Navajo of the Salt and Bitter Water clans, wh grew up on the Navajo Nation.

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QUICK TAKES

Reviews of recent CDs

JUSTIN TOWNES EARLE
"Nothing's Gonna Change The Way You Feel About Me Now"

Four albums ago, Justin Townes Earle introduced himself as good-time rake who warned women about his rambling ways with a wink and a pinch. His music — a jaunty update on old-time acoustic music steeped in swing, blues and mountain hoedowns — perfectly matched his playful persona.

Now 30 years old, and not far from a rehab stint, Earle sounds as if he's reckoning with his wayward ways. Even his lengthy album title, "Nothing's Gonna Change The Way You Feel About Me Now," acknowledges that some burned bridges may never get repaired.

Always a gifted songwriter and guitarist, Earle deals with the consequences of his actions with an album of self-examining songs set to low-key yet lush arrangements featuring somber brass accents. His voice remains packed with emotion and personality, but it has more range and takes more risks, as he whispers, slurs and moans like a midnight caller.

His self-written songs, each as strong as the next, deal with family history, with the way loved ones shade the truth to each other, and with the downhill side of love and friendship. Somehow, through the confessionals and dark stories, a powerful light shines through.

— Michael McCall
Associated Press

MADONNA
"MDNA"

Madonna says it best on the opening track of her twelfth album: "No one can put out my fire." At 53, she's still got it going on.

And thankfully so.

Her newest release, "MDNA" — her first apart from her longtime label, Warner Bros. — is full of upbeat dance jams and simmering slow grooves, and it delivers for the most part. True, it's not nearly as top-notch as past records from the pop icon; the songs on "MDNA," despite some risqui language, are much safer and tread familiar ground. Still, there are some standouts.

"Girl Gone Wild," produced by Benny and Alle Benassi (Chris Brown's "Beautiful People"), starts things off nicely with its European flavor and addictive hook. Then there's "I Don't Give A," the second track on the album to feature Nicki Minaj, and the better one (first single "Give Me All Your Luvin'" sounds like a Gwen Stefani demo circa 2004, and that's not a compliment).

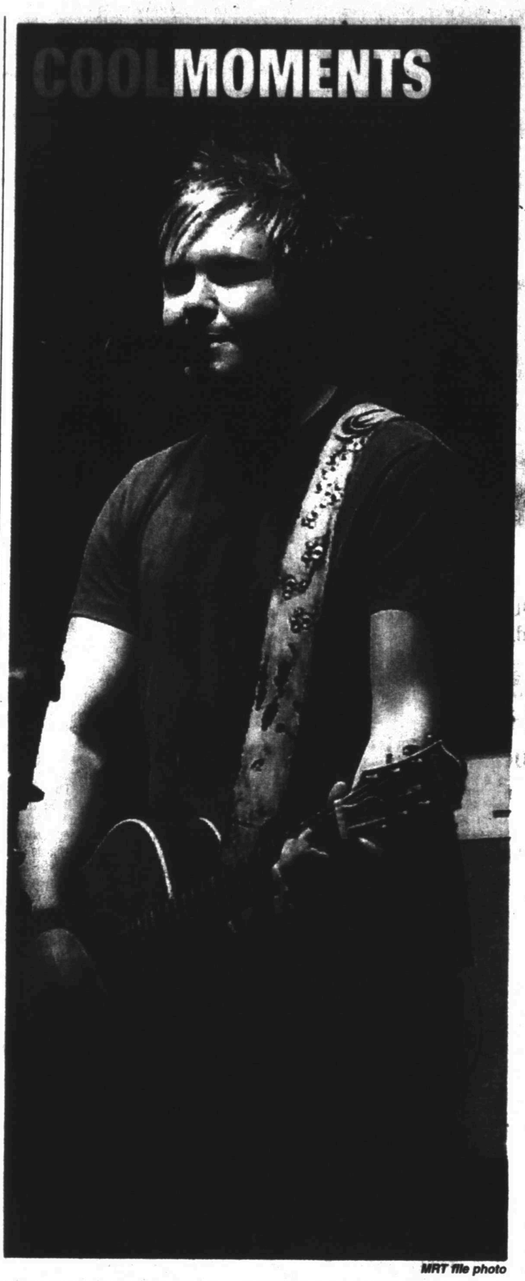
The album's best song is "Love Spent," with its Bollywood beat. It finds Madonna calling out a lover with lyrics like: "You had all of me, you wanted more, would you have married me if I were poor?" It's worth noting that the album is Madonna's first collection of new songs since she divorced director Guy Ritchie in 2008. Bitter much?

The dance sound dominates most of the 12-track set, but Madonna sometimes trips over on her own disco ball. "Gang Bang" is a complete mess, "I'm Addicted" sounds overproduced and "I'm a Sinner" is mediocre.

She shines brightest when she brings down the pace. "Falling Free" is soothing, the Golden Globe-winning "Masterpiece" from her film "W.E." is soft and classic, and "I (Expletive) Up" sounds like a raw and honest apology to an ex (perhaps another ode to Ritchie).

It's a bit of a mash-up, and may be the reason why "MDNA" is good, but not great.

— Mesfin Mekadu
Associated Press



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Mike Eli of the Eli Young Band performs in Midland during the Star Spangled Salute at Centennial Plaza in May 2010. The band is nominated for three Academy of Country Music Awards

Hit song carries Eli Young Band to ACMs, beyond

By Chris Talbott
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Count the guys in Rascal Flatts among the fans of "Crazy Girl," the song that took the Eli Young Band to the top of the country songs chart and earned the Texas quartet three nominations at the Academy of Country Music Awards today.

The veteran trio has tapped the act for its "American Band" tour later this year and guitarist Joe Don Rooney recently raved of lead singer Mike Eli's performance on the song: "He sings his butt off."

But as enamored as they are with the Eli Young Band, the Rascal Flatts members also had some advice for the rising group.

"You've got to follow it up," bassist Jay DeMarcus said. "That's the hard part. The easy part's having one hit, but you've got to follow it up."

"Yeah, but then you've got to follow that up and you've got to follow that up," Gary LeVox said with a laugh.

It's a lot of pressure, but it's a challenge the band — which includes guitarist James Young, bassist Jon Jones and drummer Chris Thompson — seems ready to tackle. After all, they spent a decade of hard work growing from a partnership between two roommates at the University of North Texas into a tight, ambitious outfit that relentlessly toured and grew its fan base one show at a time.

"No matter what comes along — hits or no hits — I think that you can work hard at capitalizing on what you already have built and then try to move forward with it and use your music to get to that point," Eli said. "Hits will definitely make that happen. They're not the only way, but they definitely will help. We've been very fortunate and very lucky to so far have this career and I think that it's turning into something really cool."

They've already experienced some of the cool moments. Last week, they wrapped up a trip to Australia, came home for 12 hours, and then jumped on a plane to Las Vegas, where the ACMs are going to be held. "Crazy Girl," a slow-building love song that rolls along like a drive down a lonely two-lane blacktop, is up for song and single of the year and the band is up for vocal group of the year.

Originally scheduled for a one-off festival appearance in Australia, a promoter suggested them to Faith Hill and Tim McGraw and they found themselves as the husband-and-wife superstars' opening act.

"This is definitely one of those situations where it's been a blast to be here," Eli said in a phone interview from Australia. "I didn't realize how many fans we could really make here and how well we'd be embraced coming over from the U.S. It's been really cool."

They earned their way into these opportunities with a rockin' country sound that recalls the mellow smooth of Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers and the raucous nature of the Texas live music scene where bands are required to bring it every night. They had put out four albums and had a hit, "Always the Love Songs," about four years ago. But their latest album, "Life at Best," and the song "Crazy Girl" took off the band to another level; that album was released last year.

Their latest single, "Even If It Breaks Your Heart," cracked the top 20 last week and is one of the fastest rising songs on the Billboard country songs chart. But whether they'll have another No. 1 remains to be seen. To be honest, they're not really sure why "Crazy Girl" captured the imagination of so many people. There was the hard work and the support of label Universal Republic. But there's no explanation for why lightning struck when it did.

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MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ALPINE

April

1 **Love's Stricken Demise, Loudfinger** @ New Blue Max
2 **Tex Railer's Doomtown** @ New Blue Max
3 **All Shall Perish, The Contortionist, Carnifex, Conducting From the Grave** @ Dos Amigos
4 **Igor and Red Elvises** @ Railroad Blues
4 **Kyle Park** @ Graham's
4 **Gideon** @ Pine Box
5 **Grupo Vida** @ Cabana Sports Bar
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
6-7 **Unsweet T's** @ Your Place
7 **Stone Cold Texans** @ Fast Freddy's
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 Disgute, 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 **Loudfinger** @ Your Place
13 **Chelsea Grin, Attila, Chunk! No Captain Chunk!, For the Fallen Dreams, Vanna, Crimson Armada** @ Dos Amigos
14 **Outlash, Failing Ashes, Only the Dead** @ Fast Freddy's
14 **Roosevelt** @ Your Place
14 **Snakeboy Johnson Band** @ Corky's
14 **A Modern Tragedy** @ Grant Street Bar
14-15 **Von Straub** @ Old Sorehead Trading Days (Stanton)
15 **Adallah, Bermuda** @ Pine Box
15 **University Philharmonic** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
16 **Temple Veil** @ Midland First Assembly Church
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 **Affiance, Fit For a King** @ Pine Box
21 **Eddie Ray Barela** @ Cabana
21 **The Road Kings** @ Corky's
21 **Black Eye Shiner** @ Fast Freddy's
21 **William Clark Green** @ Lone Star Bar
22 **Switchfoot** @ Grande Stadium
24 **Buckcherry, James Durbin** @ Dos Amigos
24 **Charley Pride** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
26 **Dusty Smirl** @ New Blue Max
27 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Your Place
27 **Bobby Champion Band** @ The Detour
27-28 **Cory Yeager Band** @ Hot Shots
27 **Take Me Home** — Music of John Denver @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
28 **Broken Jaw Philosophy, Black Water Masochist** @ Fast Freddy's
28 **Steve Earle** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center

May

2 **No Dry County** @ Lone Star Bar
3 **Blackguard, Kittie, The Agonist** @ Dos Amigos
4 **Wade Bowen** @ Fiesta West Texas
5 **Matt Kimbrow** @ Lone Star Bar
5 **Creed Fisher** @ New Blue Max
8 **Trapt** @ Dos Amigos
9 9 **Scott Helmer** @ Lone Star Bar
11 **In This Moment** @ Dos Amigos
11 **Rodney Atkins, Gregg Bates** @ Dos Amigos
12 **The Shades** @ Shack in the Back
12 **Texas Tenors** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
16 **Creed Fisher** @ Corky's
17-19 **Randy Rogers Band, Casey Donahew Band, Roger Creager, Larry Joe Taylor, Kyle Park, Bart Crow Band, Johnny Cooper, Rich O'Toole, Bleu Edmondson, Mark McKinney, Jonathan Tyler & The Northern Lights, No Justice, Tejas Brothers, Cody Johnson Band, Kyle Bennett, Adam Hood, Buckshot Bradley, Curtis Grimes** @ Crudslide
18-19 **Black Eye Shiner** @ Hot Shots

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

April

19 **Englebert Humperdinck** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods (IOMG)
22 **Ted Nugent** @ IOMG

DALLAS-FORT WORTH

April

1 **Eisley, Christie DePress, Tailhart** @ Granada Theater
2 **Kenny Loggins** @ Meyerson Center
5 **Crowbar, Prong, Witchburn** @ Trees
5 **Toadies** @ Rockin' Rodeo (Denton)
5 **White Denim** @ Granada Theater
5 **Jason Eady** @ Billy Bob's
5 **Mana** @ American Airlines Center
5 **Mint Condition** @ House of Blues
6 **Shinedown, Adelitas Way, New Medicine** @ House of Blues