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City sends letter to FWS about lizard listing

Petition asks U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to consider Midland's need to access water

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Citing its need to access water in surrounding counties, the city of Midland last week submitted comments against the listing of the dunes sagebrush lizard as a federal endangered species.

In a letter signed by Mayor Wes Perry, City Attorney Keith Stretcher and Councilmen Jeff Sparks and Scott Dufford, the city wrote that not only would the listing of the lizard create issues for the city's future water needs, it also would violate the Endangered Species Act because it would fail to take into account the state's efforts to protect the lizard.

"West Texas is in a severe drought, and the development of appropriate water resources is imperative. ... Without additional rainfall or the development of the T Bar Ranch, Midland will be without water," the letter states. "The water issue is not a balancing of economic or land use interests but is an issue regarding the ability to live in our area of the country."

The letter was sent Wednesday to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's chief of policy and directive management division. The service has been considering adding the lizard to the endangered species list and in December agreed to delay the decision until mid-June because of new information.

As part of its delayed decision, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will accept additional public comments and new scientific data submissions through Jan. 18.

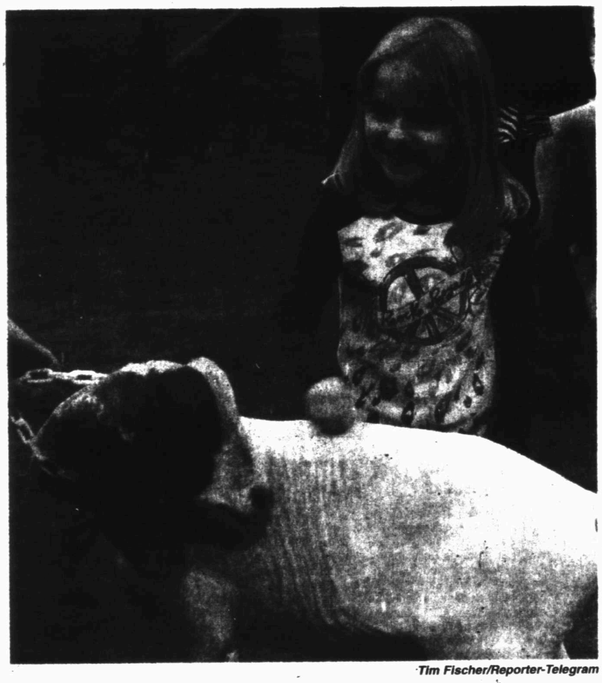
During a visit to Midland in the fall, representatives with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said the agency simply is trying to protect the lizard. It lists habitat removal, fragmentation and land degradation because of oil and gas development as some of the primary threats to the lizard. Because the species

Please see **LIZARD**/4A

Got her goat

Livestock culminates with children's goat show, fundraising auction

By James Cannon
Staff Writer



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Paige LeNoir pets her brother's goat, "Cutter Chambers," before he shows it Saturday at the Midland County Livestock Show.

The Midland County Livestock Show wrapped up at the Horseshoe Arena on Saturday with many happy children, some of whom even came away with monetary prizes.

The children's winnings, secured via an auction, will help to pay for the animals' upkeep, to purchase new livestock or to help fund college.

"These kids and their families live closer to the Earth," said Dennis Sever, president of the Midland County Livestock Association. "They are raised to be responsible, hard workers. They've learned to take care of and feed their animals first, before school work or feeding themselves."

Sever added that judges and spectators can see the difference between livestock raised by the truly dedicated children.

The multi-day event culminated with an auction Saturday afternoon. Wealthy benefactors, corporate sponsors and family members bid on the animals to make donations to the children responsible for raising and caring for the livestock, Sever said.

Last year, about $200,000 was raised for the 120 children who participated. There were about 140 children who participated this year, but not all competed for auction donations. Some entered in the breeding animal competition or the culinary arts competition.

Some show veterans, like Taylor Keesler, 19, recognized the importance of the annual event. Keesler is too old to compete this year — the competition is open to any child between 9 and 18 — but still likes to support his younger compatriots. He even had advice for them.

"Take your time and enjoy (competitions) while you can," Keesler said.

Keesler used to enter hogs, goats, sheep and steer in competitions, but despite his ineligibility in competitions like this, he said he still has a passion for animals and competitions. He is now in college, considering a career path as a veterinarian, but said winnings in years past help pay for feed, which he

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Ballot items focus on usage of tax dollars

■ Big Spring would use portion of EDC tax for water infrastructure; Stanton to use part of sales tax for road repairs.

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

When the need for major infrastructure is paired with the desire to keep tax rates level, city governments are forced to get creative in how they finance projects.

ELECTION 2012

Area city councils are doing just that and will ask voters to back them up in their proposals in May. It's something the Midland City Council has done in the past and likely is an issue it will grapple with in the future, officials say.

Big Spring

Last week, the Big Spring City Council voted unanimously to put an item on the May ballot that will give residents the option to transfer part of the revenue from the city's economic development corporation (EDC) tax toward financing water infrastructure. Stanton also will have a measure for residents to consider in May.

"This money belongs to the citizens of Big Spring, and they have an option of rebuilding those water lines with no additional tax, or they will have an option of paying more taxes," Mayor Tommy Duncan said.

The city's proposal would take an estimated $800,000 to $850,000 of the annual economic development sales tax revenue and put it toward an $11 million

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Scholarship set up to honor Hyde

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

The Midland Teen Court is establishing a significant memorial college scholarship as a way to honor one of the organization's most distinguished volunteers.

The "Honorable Judge John G. Hyde" scholarship will be a way to honor Hyde, who died Jan. 2 and served as a judge and on the teen court board since 1991 during his tenure on the bench, said Executive Director Mary Beck:

"We want to be able to select the best of the best based on an outstanding applicant who's contributed a lot to teen court," she said, adding that the scholarship will be a way to honor Hyde's name. "He was always involved in people and wanting people to be the best they could be."

Interested?

For more information, contact Midland Teen Court at 689-1065, online at www.midlandteencourt.org or at 615 W. Missouri Ave., Suite #226, Midland, TX 79701.

She said she believed Hyde and the other judges who volunteer with the youth at teen court do so to help them and hopefully never to see them as future defendants in their courts.

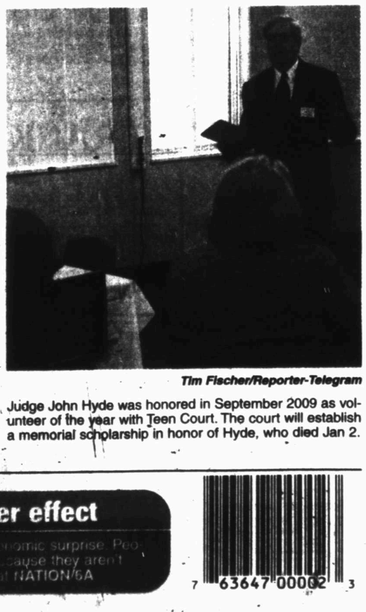
While it will depend on the amount of money the organization receives for the scholarship, Beck said she hopes the organization will receive a significant amount and then give out at least $2,000 annually in Hyde's name.

Applications will be received, and the teen court scholarships will be awarded on April 27 during a luncheon at the Petroleum Club. The largest scholarship the organization ever dispersed was for $4,000.

Hyde's daughter, Hillary Lovell, served as a teen attorney while in high school and his other daughter, Whitney, also volunteered during her high school years. The judge served as an officer of the board from 1997 to 2002, was the presenter in 2000 at the Texas Teen Court Association Conference in Midland and was inducted into the Midland Teen Court Hall of Honor in 2009, Beck said.

Sharon Hyde, the judge's wife, was honored that the organization wants to honor her husband with the scholarship. She said Judge Hyde liked working with the kids and

Please see **HYDE**/4A



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Judge John Hyde was honored in September 2009 as volunteer of the year with Teen Court. The court will establish a memorial scholarship in honor of Hyde, who died Jan 2.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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It's happening

Monday

■ "A Dream Bigger Than Life" — Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Commemorative Program — 7 p.m., MLK Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. Info: Guest speaker the Rev. Debra Green. For more info: call 685-3876

Tuesday

■ Classic Movie Club presents "Heaven Can Wait," 7 p.m., Cigar Frogs.

Thursday

■ ClayDesta Center Presents Midland Odessa Symphony Sack Lunch Concert, 11:45 a.m., 6 Desta Drive, ClayDesta Atrium. Admission: Free.

Friday and Saturday

■ Winter National Monster Truck Show at the Horseshoe. Friday, 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Saturday matinee, 2-4 p.m.; Saturday night, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets: Adults $19.50, Kids $12.50, VIP $27.50. Tickets available at www.midland-horseshoe.com or at the Horseshoe Box Office.

■ MotoCross at Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

Saturday

■ Genealogy Off The Shelves, 10 a.m., Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Info: Representatives from 12 local ancestral societies will answer questions.

■ Children's Storytime, "Charlie the Ranch Dog," 10:30 a.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

■ Masterworks III — Midland Odessa Symphony & Chorale's concert features pianist Kyle Orth, 2011 NYAC Winner — 7 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, FM 1788 and Highway 191. Tickets:call 432-563-0921 or visit www.mosc.org.

Meetings schedule

Permian Basin Community Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation
3:30 p.m. Tuesday
Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission
2910 LaForce Blvd.

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

Midland College
4 p.m. Tuesday
Gibson Board room, Administration Building, Midland College campus

Midland-Odessa Urban Transit District Board
Noon Wednesday
Midland–Odessa Transportation Organization (MOTOR) board room
Wright Office Complex, Suite 1, 9601 Wright Drive

Midland Crime Prevention Commission
7 p.m. Thursday
Third floor classroom Police Department
601 N. Loraine St.

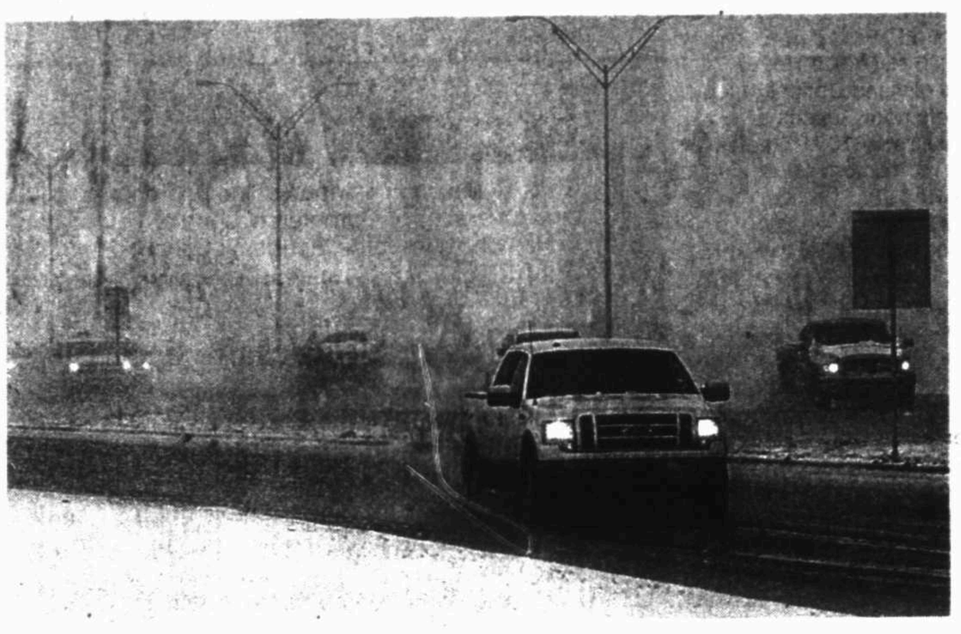
Suicide Coalition meeting on Thursday

The first meeting of the Permian Basin Suicide Coalition will be 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at BCA Permian Basin, 3300 S. Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

According to a news release, "the goal of this coalition will be to reduce the number of suicides in our county, provide educational resources in our schools, community organizations and to provide a comprehensive site for community resources."

Lunch will be provided. For more information and to RSVP, call BCA at 561-5915.

WEEK IN REVIEW: A SNOWSTORM UNLIKE ANY OTHER



ABOVE Drivers cautiously drive on West Loop 250 as snow falls Monday afternoon in Midland.

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Top seasonal snowfalls
(from fall to spring)

Season	Inches
1. 2011-12	**19.5**
2. 1946-47	13.9
3. 1982-83	12.3
4. 1986-87	11.7
5. 1980-81	11.6

Note: Average seasonal snowfall is 5.2 inches

Top daily snowfalls

Date	Inches
1. Jan. 9, 2012	**10.6**
2. Dec. 11, 1998	9.8
3. Nov. 28, 2001	6.0
4. Jan. 9, 1955	5.9
5. Dec. 24, 2011	5.8

Top snowfalls for the month of January

Year	Inches
1. 2012	**10.6**
2. 1985	9.0
3. 1949	7.7
4. 2012	7.0
4. 1974	7.0

Source: National Weather Service



Heavy snow caused a parking structure to collapse early Tuesday outside a business at Michigan Avenue and Marienfield Street.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Did you know?

Three of the top 11 one-day snowfalls in Midland's history have taken place in the last 11 months — Jan. 9, 2012 (10.6 inches), Dec. 24, 2011 (5.8 inches) and Feb. 23, 2010 (4.4 inches).

Community Calendar

■ The January meeting of the Midland Association of Churches is set for noon Tuesday at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church. Barbara Yarborough will present a program on her parent and student mentoring efforts.

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home's monthly reading event for children is 4:30 p.m. Thursday. This month's featured book will be "Snow." Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served.

To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

■ Midland Need to Read has scheduled tutor training at 1709 W. Wall St. Prospective tutors can attend 6:30-9 p.m. Jan. 24 and Jan. 26 or 9:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Feb. 1. For more information, call 682-9693.

■ Aphasia Center of West Texas' annual fundraiser, Chocolate Decadence, is 7 p.m. Feb. 9 at Midland Center. This year's theme is "A Night of Mystery, Intrigue and Glamour." To make a reservation, call the center at 699-1261 or visit www.AphasiaWTx.org and click CHOCOLATE.

Midland Developers Forum

The city of Midland will host the Midland Developers Forum Jan. 26-27 at the Hilton Midland Plaza.

Speakers will include the featured speaker, Secretary of State Esperanza "Hope" Andrade. Andrade is one of six state officials to form the state's executive department.

Workshop topics include a trade analysis, local/regional economic analysis, possible incentives and an in-depth tour of Midland. It will provide attendees with all the necessary information and resources to consider and evaluate the many development opportunities that exist throughout Midland.

For more information or to register for the free event, please visit www.midland-developers.eventbrite.com.

Lee Legacy Hall of Honor

Lee High School is accepting nominations for Lee Legacy Wall of Honor inductees for the 2012-2013 school year.

The school began the Wall of Honor tradition during the 2010-2011 school year to mark Lee's 50th anniversary. Last year's inductees included former first lady Laura Bush, Gen. Tommy Franks (ret.) and Michael L. Williams, former chairman of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Nominees may be either LHS graduates who graduated at least 15 years before the nomination or former faculty/staff members. Nominations also may include community members who have made significant contributions to the quality of Lee High School.

Outstanding past LHS groups such as teams, choirs or bands also will be considered for nomination. The deadline for submitting nominations is March 30.

Nomination forms are available at the campus website, www.midlandisd.net/lhs, or may be picked up in the LHS office, 3500 Neely Ave.

Midland International Airport report

Enplanements
(people boarding an airplane)
December 2011: 41,548
December 2010: 40,265
Percent difference: 3.2
Year to date: 122,147 (2.1 percent increase from 2010-11)
December 2009: 35,161
December 2008: 38,457

Total passengers
December 2011: 80,919
December 2010: 78,830
Percent difference: 2.7
Year to date: 241,796 (1.7 percent increase from 2010-11)

Fuel sa;es
(in gallons)
December 2011: 503,183
December 2010: 506,562
Percent difference: -0.7
Year to date: 1,749,184 (10 percent increase from 2010-11)
December 2009: 391,171
December 2008: 506,754

Parking revenues
December 2011: $165,449
December 2010: $150,352
Percent difference: 10.0
Year to date: $526,490 (11.2 percent increase from 2010-11)
December 2009: $130,141
December 2008: $150,101

2011 enplanement increases and decreases
(percentages listed)
January 10.2
February 13.5
March 12.5
April 6.5
May 7.7
June 4.8
July 1.0
August 2.2
September 4.4
October -2.6
November 6.1
December 3.2

Source: City of Midland

EZ Rider report for December

Fixed route

	2011	2010
Total	35,172	38,579
Midland	19,864	19,774
Odessa	14,985	18,805

Year-to-date: 113,310 (a decrease of 12.59 percent compared to last year)
Year-to-date in Midland: 63,963 (an increase of 6.01 percent compared to last year)
Ridership in Midland was 21,292 in December 18,977 and 16,544 in December 2009

Revenue in October

	2011	2010
Total	$23,958	$22,209
Midland	$14,003	$11,598
Odessa	$9,954	$10,610

Year-to-date in Midland: $41,026, (an increase of 17.43 percent compared to last year)

Paratransit Riders in Midland-Odessa
Year-to-date: 7,468 (an increase of 16.631 percent compared to last year)

EZ Express
323 passengers

Midland vs. Odessa, previous six reports

	Midland	Odessa
June	21,993	20,459
July	20,948	18,313
August	24,869	21,466
September	23,256	16,620
October	22,552	17,723
December	19,864	14,985

Source: Midland-Odessa Urban Transportation District

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— 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.

■ Bariatric Support Group meets 11:30 a.m. third Wednesday at ACT Counseling Center, 2445 E. 11th St., Odessa. For more information, call 272-4333.

■ 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.

■ West Texas Amputee Support Group meets 11 a.m.-2 p.m. third Saturday of the month at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital. For more information, call 550-4371.

■ 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.

Toastmasters Clubs

— Pop-Up Toastmasters Club meets 6:30 a.m. Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center - Room 228, 800 W. Texas Ave. For more information contact Scott Long, vice president of membership, at 432-559-6923 or slong@flexbarinc.com; or Dennis Bade, president, at 432-683-2404 or shalom@grandecom.net.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 432-582-2926.

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

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

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

■ Midland Odessa Chapter of the United Ostomy Association meets 2:30 p.m. the third Sunday at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus.

■ 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.

■ Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club meets 5 p.m. the third Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. For more information, call 687-2588.

■ Oops Alley Clowns of West Texas meets the third Thursday. For more information, call Sass at 520-3512.

■ American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 19 meets 6:30 p.m. third Tuesday of the month at 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.

Dance clubs

— Tall City Cloggers meet 6:30 p.m. Mondays at the M-Squarena Dance Hall, 2800 W. CR 130. Lessons available. For more information, call Lynn Meyers at 528-0374.

— Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:30-10 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Stephen's Catholic Church; cost is $5 for members, $6 for non-members; 520-4343.

■ Sons of Confederate Veterans, Dunn-Holt-Mid-kiff Camp No. 1441 meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday at Fairmont Park Church of Christ Activities Annex. For more information, contact Tom Owens at tmowens44@juno.com or call 697-6955.

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

27th annual Texas Leadership Forum

The John Ben Shepperd Leadership Institute has provided Texans with an education for and about leadership, ethics and public service through its annual Texas Leadership Forum.

Aimed at young professionals, this year's event is Feb. 2-4 at the Austin Capitol Complex. An added benefit will be a behind-the-scenes tour of the Capitol Building.

The forum will feature as keynote speaker, Joanne King Herring. The international socialite, global political activist and former television anchor was portrayed by Julia Roberts in the movie "Charlie Wilson's War."

Forum participants will be able to choose from more than 20 individualized leadership training sessions, hear leading authorities discuss today's leadership challenges, put their training to the test in breakout sessions, explore and learn practical leadership skills and network with members of the Legislature as well as authorities in issues facing Texas, such as health, education and water.

For more information, contact the Shepperd Institute at 432-552-2850 or http://aa.utpb.edu/jbs-leadership-institute.

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Today in History

On this date:

In 1929, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta.

In 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, headquarters of the U.S. Department of War (now Defense).

In 1954, Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio got married at San Francisco City Hall.

In 1967, the Green Bay Packers of the NFL defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the AFL 35-10 in the first AFL-NFL World Championship Game, retroactively known as Super Bowl I.

In 2009, US Airways Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger ditched his Airbus 320 in the Hudson River after a flock of birds disabled both of the plane's engines; all 155 people aboard survived.

Source: Associated Press

This week in the Reporter-Telegram

Today

In B section, the Reporter-Telegram starts a new feature on life here in Midland for young adults. Whether it's a profile of a younger professional, a feature on a 20-something trend, first-person commentary about entertainment or quality-of-life options or a report on the challenges facing younger parents, we hope to give readers a glimpse of being "Young in Midland."

Monday

We start a regular feature regarding Midland and its history. These brief items will provide a little Midland 101 on our city, why certain things are the way they are and other tales that tell the story of our area.

Kathleen Thurber also profiles Rhonda Lacy, incoming president of the Midland County Republican Women's club. The Lacy family has a long history of Republican Party involvement.

The work of our @tallcityteens writers will be on display with the next edition of the section by and for Midland students.

Tuesday

We will change up our Tuesday edition a little as we move our Education coverage to become the new cover of Section B. We have increased our coverage of schools in Midland with new features and our teacher column. Expect that and more as we put a greater spotlight on education.

We also will have complete coverage of Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations across Midland.

Wednesday

Features writer Sara Higgins writes about young entrepreneur Miranda Hocutt, who is helping businesses outsource administrative tasks locally through Cybertary Midland. Hocutt, 25, provides a range of office support services for business owners — from website design to bookkeeping — all from the comfort of her home.

Thursday

Popular columnist Shanna Sissom makes the move from Tuesday to Thursday's edition. Also this week, the Ed Todd profile makes its return with a feature on a familiar downtown staple.

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Apple juice made in America? Think again

By Christina Rexrode
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Which food revelation was more shocking this week?

Did it blow you away that low levels of a fungicide that isn't approved in the U.S. were discovered in some orange juice sold here? Yawn. Or was it the news that Brazil, where the fungicide-laced juice originated, produces a good portion of the orange pulpy stuff we drink? Gasp!

While the former may have sent prices for orange juice for delivery in March down 5.3 percent earlier this week, the latter came as a bombshell to some "Buy American" supporters. But, that's not the only surprise lurking in government data about where the food we eat comes from.

Overall, America's insatiable desire to chomp on overseas food has been growing. About 16.8 percent of the food that we eat is imported from other countries, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, up from 11.3 percent two decades ago. Here are some other facts:

■ Not all juices are treated the same. About 99 percent of the grapefruit juice we drink is produced on American soil, while about a quarter of the orange juice is imported; more than 40 percent of that is from Brazil.

■ About half of the fresh fruit we eat comes from elsewhere. That's more than double the amount in 1975.

■ Some 86 percent of the shrimp, salmon, tilapia and other fish and shellfish we eat comes from other countries. That's up from about 56 percent in 1990.

Better communication (thank you, Internet) and transportation (thank you, faster planes) play a role in all the food importing. And in many cases, it's just become much cheaper to pay for shipping food from distant countries, where wages are often lower and expensive environmental rules often laxer than in the U.S.

Our expanding population — and bellies — also has made feeding people cheaply more important. The U.S. has about 309 million residents, as of the 2010 U.S. Census. In 1990, that number was about 249 million.

There's also a shift in our food psychology. New Americans — those who have immigrated from Latin America and other countries — want the foods that they enjoyed back home. Not to mention that Americans in general have come to expect that they should be able to buy blueberries, spinach and other things even when they're not in season in the U.S.

"This is about the expectation that we're going to have raspberries when it's snowing in Ithaca," said Marion Nestle, a food studies professor at New York University.

Of course, the U.S. government still has high standards when it comes to dining on vittles that were created elsewhere.

For instance, while 85 percent of the apple juice we drink is imported, only about 7 percent of the apples we eat are. Andy Jerardo, an economist at the USDA, said that's because the juice often comes from China, which produces apples that are inferior for snacking but good for drinking.

And, we still get the majority of American dinner staples like wine, red meat and veggies from within the U.S. The U.S. is more inclined to import foods that can be easily stored and won't spoil quickly. For example, 44 percent of the dry peas and lentils Americans consume are imported.

Also, we're much less likely to import foods that we already grow a lot of here. Indeed, only about 1 percent of the sweet potatoes we eat — which grow plentifully in states like California and North Carolina — come from outside the nation's borders. And, basically all of our cranberries are from U.S. places like Massachusetts and Oregon.

But stuff like fruit and fish can be a little trickier to gauge.

The USDA's Kristy Plattner said the percentage of imported fruit has grown because we're eating more tropical fruits. That's a result of two things: More Americans have ties to Latino cultures, and as a nation, we're becoming more adventurous eaters.

HYDE

From 1A

watching them learn how the court system works.

"I think it's quite an honor that they would want to name a scholarship in his honor," she said. "He worked with the teen court and thought it was a good program. Several of his students went on to law school."

Speaking about the teen court program, she said it provides an opportunity for students to be attorneys and to look at both sides of an issue.

"It's a great benefit to the city and county. It's a way of giving kids a second chance that they wouldn't have without teen court," she said. "A lot of times, all they need is that second chance to turn things around and make it straight."

Karen Nicholson, current secretary of the teen court board, said that when Beck emailed others asking how the organization could honor Hyde, she thought the scholarship would be a wonderful idea.

"I can't think of a better way to honor him than having a scholarship from teen court. He was so important to the judiciary system here in Midland," Nicholson said.

While dispersing scholarships is not new to teen court, Nicholson said the board wants to award Hyde's scholarship to the most outstanding graduating high school senior who has been a teen court volunteer.

"I think it will only grow through the years," she said. "It's just such a wonderful way not just to honor him but to keep his legacy going forward."

Nicholson said she knew Hyde outside of the teen court atmosphere. She served as a potential juror in his 238th District Court.

"What a wonderful judge he was," she said. "He explained everything so well, was so calm, thoughtful and compassionate in his demeanor, and when he worked with teen court, the same kind of things came across. He was just a good person who loved the law and had a nice combination of compassion and intellect you don't often find in people."

Donations can be sent to Midland Teen Court, and they should be designated for the Hyde memorial scholarship fund. The organization is a nonprofit, 501 C-3 agency, and all donations are tax deductible, Beck added.

"Mainly, we know that many people have already given to the charities the family designated, but we think it's a wonderful way to give back to someone who gave so much to us. We thought it would be a good way to honor him," she said.

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SHOW

From 1A

said was a huge help.

Besides the auction, the other big attraction Saturday was the Pee-Wee Goat Show where young children parade their goats around for judges, such as County Commissioner for Precinct 4 Randy Prude.

Prude has been judging the goat show for more than a decade and said his favorite part was talking to the children about their family, pets and livestock.

"The biggest joy, though, is handing children a blue ribbon," the commissioner said.

Paige and Raylee LeNoir, 5-year-old twins, were visibly excited as they stood by their 9-month old goats, "Chewy" and "Dirafe." The pair are second-year veterans, and their experience was obvious when compared to some of the other children competing for the first time. Regardless of the auction's outcome, the younger children simply were excited to show off their goats and receive the blue ribbon.

Sever said the event was once again a success and noted how much fun the participants and their families had during the four-day-long event. But he stressed its importance.

"Our economy is integrated," Sever explained. "If we lose the ability and know-how to take care of animals, that is the day we begin to starve."

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Youngsters get a chance to go in the ring with a goat Saturday before the Midland County Livestock Show.

Tim Fischer/ Reporter-Telegram

BALLOTS

From 1A

bond that would rebuild water lines and update the city's wastewater and water treatment plants, Duncan said. If the ballot measure passes, the proposal would leave about $800,000 annually for the Big Spring Economic Development Corp. (BSDC) to continue its operations, he said.

There have been people who oppose the use of EDC funds for water infrastructure. But according to Duncan's research, the BSDC has used an average of $800,000 during the past five years for its successful incentives and its operations.

If the EDC tax is not used for water repairs, Duncan said the council must either raise property taxes or increase water rates. Property taxes already are at a rate of more than 90 cents per $100 valuation, which Duncan described as too high. Water rates were increased in 2011 to pay for the increased charges coming from the Colorado River Municipal Water District as it completes its water infrastructure projects.

"My position is that we can't double the water rates two months ago and now come back and ask for another $8," Duncan said.

He said the wastewater and water treatment plants already have failed to meet state standards, and if a major restructuring doesn't take place, the conditions will continue to worsen.

With water lines, the city had about 80 open holes last week where it was repairing water main breaks, he said.

"The city water lines are crumbling throughout the streets," Duncan said.

If passed, the EDC tax money would not cover all of the water improvements. The city already has dedicated some money to the projects. Duncan said officials also will seek grants for the infrastructure and would decrease the portion taken from the EDC tax if grants are received.

"If we don't do something quick, that problem is just going to grow and grow," he said.

Last week, the council voted on first reading to place the item on the ballot and will give the proposal final approval through a second vote in February.

Stanton

Last week, Stanton's City Council voted unanimously to have voters consider in May utilizing one-fourth of 1 percent of its sales tax revenue to fund street repair and maintenance. The proposal is a renewal of a tax first passed in 2004, City Manager Michael Adams said.

"That's kind of been a life-saver for us in some ways," he said. "It's really just now getting cranked real good, and we're starting to see the benefits of that."

He described Stanton as a small town that serves as a bedroom community to Midland and Big Spring. He said the sparse number of homes and businesses means property taxes can't cover all of the road repairs unless taxes are raised to a level the council and many residents see as too high.

During the past five years, Adams said the tax has brought in about $45,000 on average for the streets.

"It does not pay for all of it," he said. "It just gives us a little bit of something to work with."

The proposal in May will leave the city's one-half percent economic development sales tax untouched, Adams said.

With those revenues, Adams said the board that overseas the tax attracted a new hotel for along Interstate 20, which the city saw as a real victory.

Mayor Justin Branch said the proposal is just an extension of what is already in place, so he thinks residents will continue to support it.

Midland

In 1999, voters in Midland agreed to use a 4B quarter-cent sales tax to finance bonds for the Scharbauer Sports Complex. Revenue from the sales tax also is used for upgrades to the complex, such as the new video board and control room improvements that the City Council approved last week.

Midland also has a 4A sales tax for the Midland Development Corp.

The MDC already has invested some of its funds in water infrastructure. In 2011, it agreed to provide up to $6 million to finance water lines along the north side of Highway 191. The addition should allow for business growth in that area and ensure water supplies are available for the airport in the long-term.

The city also has proposed a partnership with the MDC for utility extensions near Garfield Street and Interstate 20.

Mayor Wes Perry said the city has gone to the MDC only with requests for utility infrastructure when it believes the addition of water lines also would help with economic development.

"I do think there will be some discussions in the future about what we do," he said.

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LIZARD

From 1A

exists in such small numbers, representatives said its habitat in West Texas and eastern New Mexico needs to be protected.

Representatives said the service is not targeting any specific industry in its endangered species considerations; the service is examining 111 species throughout Texas for possible inclusion on the list.

The city's letter says if the lizard were added to the list, it could impact negatively Midland's ability to provide water to its residents for the next 30 to 40 years. The T Bar Ranch property in Winkler County — which the city is in the process of developing — is the only additional groundwater source the city currently owns to support its future needs, the letter says.

"If the (lizard) is listed as an endangered species, this would greatly increase the cost of developing the T Bar Ranch water field and potentially eliminate access to the field," the letter states. "The development of this water field will be dramatically curtailed and possibly eliminated if the (lizard) is listed."

Aside from T Bar Ranch, the listing of the lizard could pose problems or create higher costs for bringing water to Midland from the Colorado River Municipal Water District or the Paul Davis Well Fields.

That was the case for the CRMWD when it constructed O.H. Ivie Reservoir while accommodating for the Concho water snake. Executive Director John Grant said previously the district spent an estimated additional $3 million to account for the snake and its habitats while developing the reservoir.

In relation to the lizard, the city also argued the consideration of the reptile is flawed because it ignores local information.

During the lizard's consideration, the state submitted a draft Texas Conservation Plan that would work to "implement conservation measures for this species by removing threats to its survival and protecting its habitat," according to the letter.

The Fish and Wildlife Service did not take into account the state's conservation plan during its most recent comment period, the letter states, which violates the rules laid out in the Endangered Species Act.

During the peer review process, the city's letter states, one review of the proposal to add the lizard was in favor of its addition as an endangered species because Texas was not taking action to protect the lizard. If the state's conservation plan had been noted, such a conclusion would not have been made.

"The FWS has also failed to address the most current data regarding both the success of conservation agreements in New Mexico and the (lizard) population in Texas," the city's letter reads. "There has not been any credible information brought forward to sustain any theory that the (lizard's) population is declining."

Mayor Wes Perry said the city also is interested in the threats posed to the area's oil and gas industry by the lizard's listing. He added that, for the city, water and the ability to build pipelines is the imperative issue.

"We're going to fight for our water," he said.

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NORTH CAROLINA

Air Jordan shoe collection heisted from home

CHARLOTTE — A Charlotte, N.C., man said 30 pairs of Nike Air Jordan sneakers still in their boxes he's been collecting since middle school have been heisted.

WCNC-TV reported that 22-year-old Bryant Toala told police someone broke into a home Monday night and took the shoes he said could be worth more than $10,000. The burglars came in through a bedroom window and made off with the boxes Toala said were hidden.

He said a collection of baseball hats that matched the shoes also was taken.

BOSTON

Wahlberg says he wants to meet reputed mob boss

Mark Wahlberg said he's considering a jailhouse meeting with James "Whitey" Bulger, but victim's relatives are criticizing the actor's interest in the reputed former mob boss.

Bulger has reached out to Wahlberg, the actor told Boston's WAAF-FM radio Friday, and he speculated Bulger wants to give him rights to his story.

"He wants me to come down and visit him. Maybe he'll give me the exclusive rights to tell his story, 'cause he knows, you know, we can do it better than anybody else," Wahlberg said.

Wahlberg grew up in South Boston, also Bulger's home when he ran a local gang in the '70s, '80s and '90s while working as an FBI informant. Bulger, 82, is accused of participating in 19 murders before fleeing in 1995, allegedly after his FBI handler tipped him that an indictment was coming. He was caught in California last year after 16 years on the run.

Wahlberg said his "heart goes out" to loved ones of Bulger's victims, but the story has tremendous potential.

Patricia Donahue, whose husband, Michael Donahue, was allegedly killed by Bulger during a hit on another man, said Saturday that's there nothing she can do to stop someone from making a movie. But, she said she prays the filmmakers don't make Bulger a hero and "will portray him as he really is, the murderer that he is."

CALIFORNIA

Lopez, Anthony promote new project

PASADENA — Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony were together again on Saturday — at least to promote their new project.

The stars, who announced last summer they were ending their marriage after seven years, appeared on a stage Saturday to talk briefly about a new music series they are doing together. "Q'Viva! The Chosen" premieres Jan. 28 on Univision.

Anthony reached down to offer his hand and help Lopez climb three stairs to the stage, and later admired the four sparkling rings on her left hand. They sat side by side on director's chairs.

'Handicap This!': 2 men, a wheelchair, friendship

By Sharon Cohen
Associated Press

SKOKIE, Ill. — In the hushed darkness of a crowded theater, the spotlight finds a young man in a wheelchair at center stage, his hands clenched, his head tilted, his motionless body leaning to one side. His first words are a declaration, uttered with a sense of urgency.

"I have," he says, "cerebral palsy."

A second man bounds out stage left, introduces himself and adds: "... And I don't."

So begins a one-of-a-kind reality show starring Mike Berkson, a sharp-witted, movie-obsessed 22-year-old college student, and Tim Wambach, his aide, champion and sidekick on and off over the last decade. They're on stage this night to celebrate their friendship, reminisce about shared experiences (the good, bad and unforgettable) and offer theatergoers what they call life lessons about perseverance.

It's familiar territory for Berkson, who has learned (with Wambach's help) to find laughs from the awkward stares of strangers, cope with a body where he can control just a single finger and fend off those darkest of days when he wants to end it all.

It's a story heavy on unvarnished truths and light on political correctness ("gimp" is in, "challenged" is out).

It's a story designed to motivate, educate and inspire.

But most of all, it's a buddy story.

They bonded about 10 years ago in a suburban Chicago food court mall when Tim Wambach, recently hired to help a young Mike as his aide in elementary school, took him on their first solo adventure.

Mike wanted to eat at Taco Bell. Fine, thought Wambach, not realizing that feeding a crumbling-gooey concoction to a 12-year-old who can't use his arms or hands wouldn't be easy. Soon, there were tortilla bits on Mike's torso, lettuce in his lap, cheese in places where there shouldn't be cheese. Wambach was horrified.

Mike broke the ice. "There's no need to cry over spilled Taco Bell," he assured his exasperated helper. "It was quick-witted, boom, out of the box," Wambach recalls. "I was hooked." (The scene, substituting yellow Post-It Notes as food, is replicated in their show.)

It was the start of an enduring friendship that has transformed Wambach from aide to unofficial member of the Berkson family. "We think of Tim as our lot-older brother," says David Berkson, Mike's identical twin, who is able-bodied.

Mike, born two minutes after David, was briefly deprived of oxygen and diagnosed with cerebral palsy, a disorder that affects body movements and coordination. He was not expected to talk, but talk he does — albeit with some difficulty — about everything.

His words sometimes sputter out in a spray, so he jokingly warns the audience: "People in rows A through J: I apologize in advance" and if that's not good enough, he adds with a gleeful grin, 'Duck!'"



Charles Rex Arbogast/AP

Mike Berkson, right, reacts as his aide Tim Wambach taps him on the head with a new toothbrush after Berkson's dental appointment in Glenview, Ill. Wambach and Berkson have teamed up to create a stage show titled "Handicap This!" to dispel myths about cerebral palsy and disabilities, encouraging others to overcome obstacles.

Berkson and Wambach say they came up with the idea for their show — "Handicap This!" — to dispel myths about cerebral palsy and disabilities and encourage others to overcome obstacles. But there are personal reasons, too: The show satisfies Wambach's yearning to be a motivational speaker. And it gives a voice to someone who often is ignored.

"People don't think he can necessarily accomplish a lot," Wambach says. "Physically he really can't, but mentally it's overdrive. He's got more between his ears than anyone I know. He really enjoys proving people wrong."

Berkson compares himself to a blind person whose other senses become sharper. "My mental state is not better or stronger, but it just fires a little quicker or goes a little faster than the average person," he says. Or as he tells the audience: "My body is in a wheelchair, my mind is not."

That's clear from the get-go in their 80-minute show.

"Within the first 60 seconds, you see Mike as Mike and not in a wheelchair," Wambach says, and the audience — about 650 people this night — "immediately knows Mike is intelligent and funny."

Berkson insists he can mine laughs from the most painful situations and he has plenty of material, having endured about 12 surgeries, including having two 18-inch rods implanted in his spine so his organs won't be crushed.

As part of the show, Berkson offers a Top 9 tongue-in-cheek list of advantages of living with cerebral palsy. Among them: Never wear out a pair of shoes. Always have a place to sit. And one that seems funny, but is uncomfortably true — lower expectations.

Sometimes, though, there are those rare people who see him for what he is. One eighth-grade history teacher, for instance, helped Berkson by rigging a light at the top of a pole, attaching it to the back of his wheelchair and installing a button on the arm rest. Berkson was able to answer questions in class by using his left index finger — the only one he can control — to press down and turn on the light.

This night, Berkson demonstrates, concentrating intently, knowing that maneuvering his finger into the proper position is a monumental achievement.

Watching in a front row is Denis Berkson, his teary-eyed father. "I'm pulling for him," he says "I'm rooting for him. I don't want him to be disappointed."

He isn't. When Berkson turns on the light, the audience erupts in applause

On stage, Mike Berkson looks triumphant. Tim Wambach beams.

Those are happy memories to savor. The story of their 10-year friendship also has a raw side — for both men.

That moment is recreated as they recall the anguishing day in Berkson's freshman year when he told Wambach that his total dependence on others — he needs help eating, dressing, even scratching his head — made him so depressed, he wanted to commit suicide.

"I'm so sick of it, I want to kill myself, but I can't," he says in the scene.

Wambach — now 37 — then reveals that as a 20-year-old, he dropped out of college after suffering bouts of depression that made him feel the same way, but gradually he worked his way through them. Wambach says it's his way of showing that everyone has problems.

After the show, Wambach explains that Berkson also told him if he could harm himself, then of course, he wouldn't want to because he wouldn't be in the same situation. "We both stopped, looked at each other and started laughing," Wambach recalls. "Here's a body that won't allow him to do anything, but it saves him from himself."

And yet, Berkson says he sometimes still feels that way and believes it's important to address it in their show. "I don't think of depression as being private," he says. "There's nothing about me that's private."

Berkson's father, Denis, says those disclosures hurt.

"To hear my son still has those thoughts was terribly sad for me," he says. "Part of me wanted to yell and scream. But the more I thought about it, the more I realize that everybody's life is their own."

That's where Wambach's friendship helps.

"In my situation, it's hard to figure out what's genuine and what's not," Berkson says. "I know Tim's genuine. ... He helps me see the good in things. Sometimes it's as simple as making me laugh when I'm in sick or in pain."

There's a different reward for Wambach.

"What I get out of the friendship ... is helping Mike see things he wouldn't necessarily see or do things he wouldn't necessarily do," he says. "And the show took an idea that we had and turned into something that's opening people's eyes."

They've dubbed themselves two men and a wheelchair, but their show is really about the journey of a disabled kid with enormous smarts who grows up — and the friend who has helped him navigate along the way.

Still, Berkson says Wambach can only do so much to make life easier.

"I've come to terms with the big stuff that I'll never be able to do but I have yet to come to terms with the daily everyday things I can't do," he says. "When I wake up in the morning, I know it's going to be somewhat difficult. I know I'm going to get from point A to point B, but what unforeseen obstacles are going to arise?"

Berkson's preferred retreat from frustration is the movies — at least one a day at home ("Pulp Fiction" is a favorite) and at least one a week at the theater, often with Wambach at his side. Once, while recovering from spinal surgery, Berkson left the hospital on a gurney and his father and uncle rolled him down Michigan Avenue, potholes and all, so he wouldn't miss a movie he wanted to see.

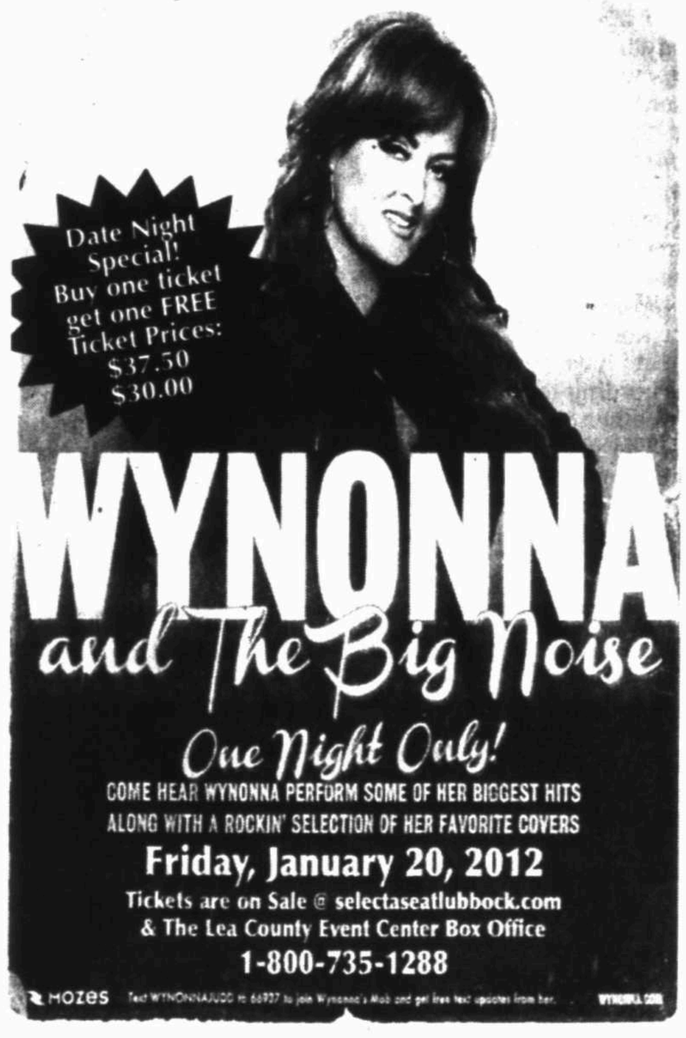
"It's escapism," Berkson explains. "It also gives me a common ground to do something with people and to talk about something with people that has nothing to do with my disability." He knows some folks like films they can identify with, but he's the opposite. "I want movies to make me forget how I'm feeling," he says.

Near the show's end, Berkson introduces what he calls a movie he dreams about at night.

The lights fade, the strains of k.d. lang singing "Hallelujah" fill the theater and a young man in a wheelchair appears, his hands splayed, his body stiff. It seems to be Berkson, until something unexpected happens:

He rises, walks to the center of the stage, and embraces his girlfriend. It's David Berkson, Mike's identical twin.

David says he first thought this scene sounded too sentimental for his brother but they decided the show should have a serious message that disabled people "want the same thing everybody else wants. We all have the same hopes and fears."

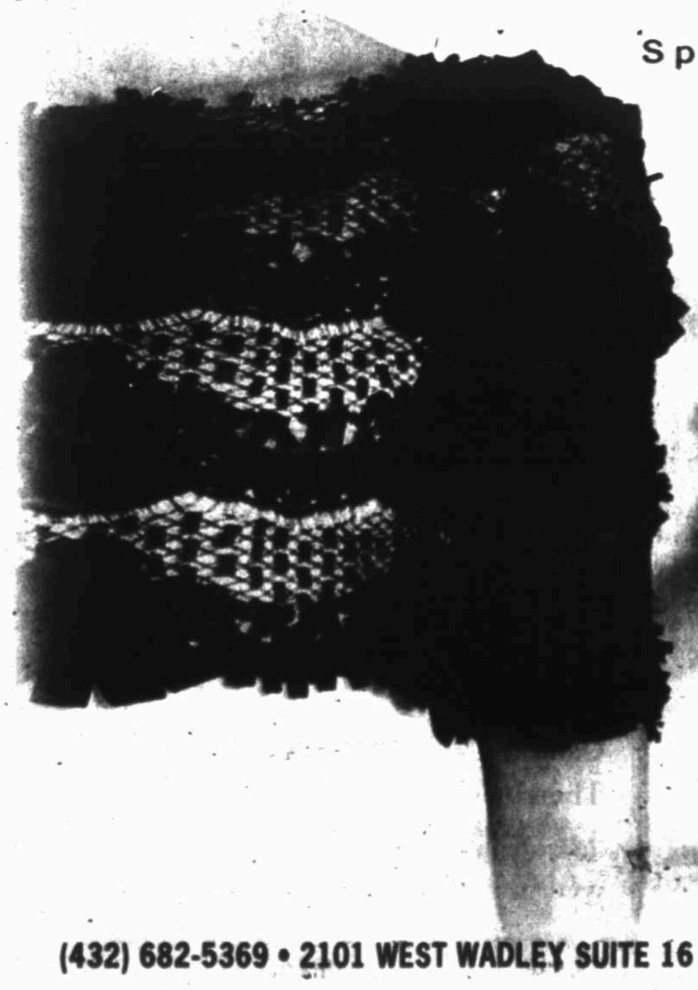


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Apple juice made in America? Think again

By Christina Rexrode
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Which food revelation was more shocking this week?

Did it blow you away that low levels of a fungicide that isn't approved in the U.S. were discovered in some orange juice sold here? Yawn. Or was it the news that Brazil, where the fungicide-laced juice originated, produces a good portion of the orange pulpy stuff we drink? Gasp!

While the former may have sent prices for orange juice for delivery in March down 5.3 percent earlier this week, the latter came as a bombshell to some "Buy American" supporters. But, that's not the only surprise lurking in government data about where the food we eat comes from.

Overall, America's insatiable desire to chomp on overseas food has been growing. About 16.8 percent of the food that we eat is imported from other countries, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, up from 11.3 percent two decades ago. Here are some other facts:

■ Not all juices are treated the same. About 99 percent of the grapefruit juice we drink is produced on American soil, while about a quarter of the orange juice is imported; more than 40 percent of that is from Brazil.

■ About half of the fresh fruit we eat comes from elsewhere. That's more than double the amount in 1975.

■ Some 86 percent of the shrimp, salmon, tilapia and other fish and shellfish we eat comes from other countries. That's up from about 56 percent in 1990.

Better communication (thank you, Internet) and transportation (thank you, faster planes) play a role in all the food importing. And in many cases, it's just become much cheaper to pay for shipping food from distant countries, where wages are often lower and expensive environmental rules often laxer than in the U.S.

Our expanding population — and bellies — also has made feeding people cheaply more important. The U.S. has about 309 million residents, as of the 2010 U.S. Census. In 1990, that number was about 249 million.

There's also a shift in our food psychology. New Americans — those who have immigrated from Latin America and other countries — want the foods that they enjoyed back home. Not to mention that Americans in general have come to expect that they should be able to buy blueberries, spinach and other things even when they're not in season in the U.S.

"This is about the expectation that we're going to have raspberries when it's snowing in Ithaca," said Marion Nestle, a food studies professor at New York University.

Of course, the U.S. government still has high standards when it comes to dining on vittles that were created elsewhere.

For instance, while 85 percent of the apple juice we drink is imported, only about 7 percent of the apples we eat are. Andy Jerardo, an economist at the USDA, said that's because the juice often comes from China, which produces apples that are inferior for snacking but good for drinking.

And, we still get the majority of American dinner staples like wine, red meat and veggies from within the U.S. The U.S. is more inclined to import foods that can be easily stored and won't spoil quickly. For example, 44 percent of the dry peas and lentils Americans consume are imported.

Also, we're much less likely to import foods that we already grow a lot of here. Indeed, only about 1 percent of the sweet potatoes we eat — which grow plentifully in states like California and North Carolina — come from outside the nation's borders. And, basically all of our cranberries are from U.S. places like Massachusetts and Oregon.

But stuff like fruit and fish can be a little trickier to gauge.

The USDA's Kristy Plattner said the percentage of imported fruit has grown because we're eating more tropical fruits. That's a result of two things: More Americans have ties to Latino cultures, and as a nation, we're becoming more adventurous eaters.

HYDE

From 1A

watching them learn how the court system works.

"I think it's quite an honor that they would want to name a scholarship in his honor," she said. "He worked with the teen court and thought it was a good program. Several of his students went on to law school."

Speaking about the teen court program, she said it provides an opportunity for students to be attorneys and to look at both sides of an issue.

"It's a great benefit to the city and county. It's a way of giving kids a second chance that they wouldn't have without teen court," she said. "A lot of times, all they need is that second chance to turn things around and make it straight."

Karen Nicholson, current secretary of the teen court board, said that when Beck emailed others asking how the organization could honor Hyde, she thought the scholarship would be a wonderful idea.

"I can't think of a better way to honor him than having a scholarship from teen court. He was so important to the judiciary system here in Midland," Nicholson said.

While dispersing scholarships is not new to teen court, Nicholson said the board wants to award Hyde's scholarship to the most outstanding graduating high school senior who has been a teen court volunteer.

"I think it will only grow through the years," she said. "It's just such a wonderful way not just to honor him but to keep his legacy going forward."

Nicholson said she knew Hyde outside of the teen court atmosphere. She served as a potential juror in his 238th District Court.

"What a wonderful judge he was," she said. "He explained everything so well, was so calm, thoughtful and compassionate in his demeanor, and when he worked with teen court, the same kind of things came across. He was just a good person who loved the law and had a nice combination of compassion and intellect you don't often find in people."

Donations can be sent to Midland Teen Court, and they should be designated for the Hyde memorial scholarship fund. The organization is a nonprofit, 501 C-3 agency, and all donations are tax deductible, Beck added.

"Mainly, we know that many people have already given to the charities the family designated, but we think it's a wonderful way to give back to someone who gave so much to us. We thought it would be a good way to honor him," she said.

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SHOW

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said was a huge help.

Besides the auction, the other big attraction Saturday was the Pee-Wee Goat Show where young children parade their goats around for judges, such as County Commissioner for Precinct 4 Randy Prude.

Prude has been judging the goat show for more than a decade and said his favorite part was talking to the children about their family, pets and livestock.

"The biggest joy, though, is handing children a blue ribbon," the commissioner said.

Paige and Raylee LeNoir, 5-year-old twins, were visibly excited as they stood by their 9-month old goats, "Chewy" and "Dirafe." The pair are second-year veterans, and their experience was obvious when compared to some of the other children competing for the first time. Regardless of the auction's outcome, the younger children simply were excited to show off their goats and receive the blue ribbon.

Sever said the event was once again a success and noted how much fun the participants and their families had during the four-day-long event. But he stressed its importance.

"Our economy is integrated," Sever explained. "If we lose the ability and know-how to take care of animals, that is the day we begin to starve."

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Youngsters get a chance to go in the ring with a goat Saturday before the Midland County Livestock Show.

Tim Fischer/ Reporter-Telegram

BALLOTS

From 1A

bond that would rebuild water lines and update the city's wastewater and water treatment plants, Duncan said. If the ballot measure passes, the proposal would leave about $800,000 annually for the Big Spring Economic Development Corp. (BSDC) to continue its operations, he said.

There have been people who oppose the use of EDC funds for water infrastructure. But according to Duncan's research, the BSDC has used an average of $800,000 during the past five years for its successful incentives and its operations.

If the EDC tax is not used for water repairs, Duncan said the council must either raise property taxes or increase water rates. Property taxes already are at a rate of more than 90 cents per $100 valuation, which Duncan described as too high. Water rates were increased in 2011 to pay for the increased charges coming from the Colorado River Municipal Water District as it completes its water infrastructure projects.

"My position is that we can't double the water rates two months ago and now come back and ask for another $8," Duncan said.

He said the wastewater and water treatment plants already have failed to meet state standards, and if a major restructuring doesn't take place, the conditions will continue to worsen.

With water lines, the city had about 80 open holes last week where it was repairing water main breaks, he said.

"The city water lines are crumbling throughout the streets," Duncan said.

If passed, the EDC tax money would not cover all of the water improvements. The city already has dedicated some money to the projects. Duncan said officials also will seek grants for the infrastructure and would decrease the portion taken from the EDC tax if grants are received.

"If we don't do something quick, that problem is just going to grow and grow," he said.

Last week, the council voted on first reading to place the item on the ballot and will give the proposal final approval through a second vote in February.

Stanton

Last week, Stanton's City Council voted unanimously to have voters consider in May utilizing one-fourth of 1 percent of its sales tax revenue to fund street repair and maintenance. The proposal is a renewal of a tax first passed in 2004, City Manager Michael Adams said.

"That's kind of been a lifesaver for us in some ways," he said. "It's really just now getting cranked real good, and we're starting to see the benefits of that."

He described Stanton as a small town that serves as a bedroom community to Midland and Big Spring. He said the sparse number of homes and businesses means property taxes can't cover all of the road repairs unless taxes are raised to a level the council and many residents see as too high.

During the past five years, Adams said the tax has brought in about $45,000 on average for the streets.

"It does not pay for all of it," he said. "It just gives us a little bit of something to work with."

The proposal in May will leave the city's one-half percent economic development sales tax untouched, Adams said.

With those revenues, Adams said the board that oversees the tax attracted a new hotel for along Interstate 20, which the city saw as a real victory.

Mayor Justin Branch said the proposal is just an extension of what is already in place, so he thinks residents will continue to support it.

Midland

In 1999, voters in Midland agreed to use a 4B quarter-cent sales tax to finance bonds for the Scharbauer Sports Complex. Revenue from the sales tax also is used for upgrades to the complex, such as the new video board and control room improvements that the City Council approved last week.

Midland also has a 4A sales tax for the Midland Development Corp.

The MDC already has invested some of its funds in water infrastructure. In 2011, it agreed to provide up to $6 million to finance water lines along the north side of Highway 191. The addition should allow for business growth in that area and ensure water supplies are available for the airport in the long-term.

The city also has proposed a partnership with the MDC for utility extensions near Garfield Street and Interstate 20.

Mayor Wes Perry said the city has gone to the MDC only with requests for utility infrastructure when it believes the addition of water lines also would help with economic development.

"I do think there will be some discussions in the future about what we do," he said.

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LIZARD

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exists in such small numbers, representatives said its habitat in West Texas and eastern New Mexico needs to be protected.

Representatives said the service is not targeting any specific industry in its endangered species considerations; the service is examining 111 species throughout Texas for possible inclusion on the list.

The city's letter says if the lizard were added to the list, it could impact negatively Midland's ability to provide water to its residents for the next 30 to 40 years. The T Bar Ranch property in Winkler County — which the city is in the process of developing — is the only additional groundwater source the city currently owns to support its future needs, the letter says.

"If the (lizard) is listed as an endangered species, this would greatly increase the cost of developing the T Bar Ranch water field and potentially eliminate access to the field," the letter states. "The development of this water field will be dramatically curtailed and possibly eliminated if the (lizard) is listed."

Aside from T Bar Ranch, the listing of the lizard could pose problems or create higher costs for bringing water to Midland from the Colorado River Municipal Water District or the Paul Davis Well Fields.

That was the case for the CRMWD when it constructed O.H. Ivie Reservoir while accommodating for the Concho water snake. Executive Director John Grant said previously the district spent an estimated additional $3 million to account for the snake and its habitats while developing the reservoir.

In relation to the lizard, the city also argued the consideration of the reptile is flawed because it ignores local information.

During the lizard's consideration, the state submitted a draft Texas Conservation Plan that would work to "implement conservation measures for this species by removing threats to its survival and protecting its habitat," according to the letter.

The Fish and Wildlife Service did not take into account the state's conservation plan during its most recent comment period, the letter states, which violates the rules laid out in the Endangered Species Act.

During the peer review process, the city's letter states, one review of the proposal to add the lizard was in favor of its addition as an endangered species because Texas was not taking action to protect the lizard. If the state's conservation plan had been noted, such a conclusion would not have been made.

"The FWS has also failed to address the most current data regarding both the success of conservation agreements in New Mexico and the (lizard) population in Texas," the city's letter reads. "There has not been any credible information brought forward to sustain any theory that the (lizard's) population is declining."

Mayor Wes Perry said the city also is interested in the threats posed to the area's oil and gas industry by the lizard's listing. He added that, for the city, water and the ability to build pipelines is the imperative issue.

"We're going to fight for our water," he said.

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NORTH CAROLINA

Air Jordan shoe collection heisted from home

CHARLOTTE — A Charlotte, N.C., man said 30 pairs of Nike Air Jordan sneakers still in their boxes he's been collecting since middle school have been heisted.

WCNC-TV reported that 22-year-old Bryant Toala told police someone broke into a home Monday night and took the shoes he said could be worth more than $10,000. The burglars came in through a bedroom window and made off with the boxes Toala said were hidden.

He said a collection of baseball hats that matched the shoes also was taken.

BOSTON

Wahlberg says he wants to meet reputed mob boss

Mark Wahlberg said he's considering a jailhouse meeting with James "Whitey" Bulger, but victim's relatives are criticizing the actor's interest in the reputed former mob boss.

Bulger has reached out to Wahlberg, the actor told Boston's WAAF-FM radio Friday, and he speculated Bulger wants to give him rights to his story.

"He wants me to come down and visit him. Maybe he'll give me the exclusive rights to tell his story, 'cause he knows, you know, we can do it better than anybody else," Wahlberg said.

Wahlberg grew up in South Boston, also Bulger's home when he ran a local gang in the '70s, '80s and '90s while working as an FBI informant. Bulger, 82, is accused of participating in 19 murders before fleeing in 1995, allegedly after his FBI handler tipped him that an indictment was coming. He was caught in California last year after 16 years on the run.

Wahlberg said his "heart goes out" to loved ones of Bulger's victims, but the story has tremendous potential.

Patricia Donahue, whose husband, Michael Donahue, was allegedly killed by Bulger during a hit on another man, said Saturday that's there nothing she can do to stop someone from making a movie. But, she said she prays the filmmakers don't make Bulger a hero and "will portray him as he really is, the murderer that he is."

CALIFORNIA

Lopez, Anthony promote new project

PASADENA — Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony were together again on Saturday — at least to promote their new project.

The stars, who announced last summer they were ending their marriage after seven years, appeared on a stage Saturday to talk briefly about a new music series they are doing together. "Q'Viva! The Chosen" premieres Jan. 28 on Univision.

Anthony reached down to offer his hand and help Lopez climb three stairs to the stage, and later admired the four sparkling rings on her left hand. They sat side by side on director's chairs.

'Handicap This!': 2 men, a wheelchair, friendship

By Sharon Cohen
Associated Press



Charles Rex Arbogast/AP

Mike Berkson, right, reacts as his aide Tim Wambach taps him on the head with a new toothbrush after Berkson's dental appointment in Glenview, Ill. Wambach and Berkson have teamed up to create a stage show titled "Handicap This!" to dispel myths about cerebral palsy and disabilities, encouraging others to overcome obstacles.

SKOKIE, Ill. — In the hushed darkness of a crowded theater, the spotlight finds a young man in a wheelchair at center stage, his hands clenched, his head tilted, his motionless body leaning to one side. His first words are a declaration, uttered with a sense of urgency.

"I have," he says, "cerebral palsy."

A second man bounds out stage left, introduces himself and adds: "... And I don't."

So begins a one-of-a-kind reality show starring Mike Berkson, a sharp-witted, movie-obsessed 22-year-old college student, and Tim Wambach, his aide, champion and sidekick on and off over the last decade. They're on stage this night to celebrate their friendship, reminisce about shared experiences (the good, bad and unforgettable) and offer theatergoers what they call life lessons about perseverance.

It's familiar territory for Berkson, who has learned (with Wambach's help) to find laughs from the awkward stares of strangers, cope with a body where he can control just a single finger and fend off those darkest of days when he wants to end it all.

It's a story heavy on unvarnished truths and light on political correctness ("gimp" is in, "challenged" is out).

It's a story designed to motivate, educate and inspire.

But most of all, it's a buddy story.

They bonded about 10 years ago in a suburban Chicago food court mall when Tim Wambach, recently hired to help a young Mike as his aide in elementary school, took him on their first solo adventure.

Mike wanted to eat at Taco Bell. Fine, thought Wambach, not realizing that feeding a crumbling-gooey concoction to a 12-year-old who can't use his arms or hands wouldn't be easy. Soon, there were tortilla bits on Mike's torso, lettuce in his lap, cheese in places where there shouldn't be cheese. Wambach was horrified.

Mike broke the ice. "There's no need to cry over spilled Taco Bell," he assured his exasperated helper. "It was quick-witted, boom, out of the box," Wambach recalls. "I was hooked." (The scene, substituting yellow Post-It Notes as food, is replicated in their show.)

It was the start of an enduring friendship that has transformed Wambach from aide to unofficial member of the Berkson family. "We think of Tim as our lot-older brother," says David Berkson, Mike's identical twin, who is able-bodied.

Mike, born two minutes after David, was briefly deprived of oxygen and diagnosed with cerebral palsy, a disorder that affects body movements and coordination. He was not expected to talk, but talk he does — albeit with some difficulty — about everything.

His words sometimes sputter out in a spray, so he jokingly warns the audience: "People in rows A through J: I apologize in advance" and if that's not good enough, he adds with a gleeful grin, 'Duck!'"

Berkson and Wambach say they came up with the idea for their show — "Handicap This!" — to dispel myths about cerebral palsy and disabilities and encourage others to overcome obstacles. But there are personal reasons, too: The show satisfies Wambach's yearning to be a motivational speaker. And it gives a voice to someone who often is ignored.

"People don't think he can necessarily accomplish a lot," Wambach says. "Physically he really can't, but mentally it's overdrive. He's got more between his ears than anyone I know. He really enjoys proving people wrong."

Berkson compares himself to a blind person whose other senses become sharper. "My mental state is not better or stronger, but it just fires a little quicker or goes a little faster than the average person," he says. Or as he tells the audience: "My body is in a wheelchair, my mind is not."

That's clear from the get-go in their 80-minute show.

"Within the first 60 seconds, you see Mike as Mike and not in a wheelchair," Wambach says, and the audience — about 650 people this night — "immediately knows Mike is intelligent and funny."

Berkson insists he can mine laughs from the most painful situations and he has plenty of material, having endured about 12 surgeries, including having two 18-inch rods implanted in his spine so his organs won't be crushed.

As part of the show, Berkson offers a Top 9 tongue-in-cheek list of advantages of living with cerebral palsy. Among them: Never wear out a pair of shoes. Always have a place to sit. And one that seems funny, but is uncomfortably true — lower expectations.

Sometimes, though, there are those rare people who see him for what he is. One eighth-grade history teacher, for instance, helped Berkson by rigging a light at the top of a pole, attaching it to the back of his wheelchair and installing a button on the arm rest. Berkson was able to answer questions in class by using his left index finger — the only one he can control — to press down and turn on the light.

This night, Berkson demonstrates, concentrating intently, knowing that maneuvering his finger into the proper position is a monumental achievement.

Watching in a front row is Denis Berkson, his teary-eyed father. "I'm pulling for him," he says "I'm rooting for him. I don't want him to be disappointed."

He isn't. When Berkson turns on the light, the audience erupts in applause

On stage, Mike Berkson looks triumphant. Tim Wambach beams.

Those are happy memories to savor. The story of their 10-year friendship also has a raw side — for both men.

That moment is recreated as they recall the anguishing day in Berkson's freshman year when he told Wambach that his total dependence on others — he needs help eating, dressing, even scratching his head — made him so depressed, he wanted to commit suicide.

"I'm so sick of it, I want to kill myself, but I can't," he says in the scene.

Wambach — now 37 — then reveals that as a 20-year-old, he dropped out of college after suffering bouts of depression that made him feel the same way, but gradually he worked his way through them. Wambach says it's his way of showing that everyone has problems.

After the show, Wambach explains that Berkson also told him if he could harm himself, then of course, he wouldn't want to because he wouldn't be in the same situation. "We both stopped, looked at each other and started laughing," Wambach recalls. "Here's a body that won't allow him to do anything, but it saves him from himself."

And yet, Berkson says he sometimes still feels that way and believes it's important to address it in their show. "I don't think of depression as being private," he says. "There's nothing about me that's private."

Berkson's father, Denis, says those disclosures hurt.

"To hear my son still has those thoughts was terribly sad for me," he says. "Part of me wanted to yell and scream. But the more I thought about it, the more I realize that everybody's life is their own."

That's where Wambach's friendship helps.

"In my situation, it's hard to figure out what's genuine and what's not," Berkson says. "I know Tim's genuine. ... He helps me see the good in things. Sometimes it's as simple as making me laugh when I'm in sick or in pain."

There's a different reward for Wambach.

"What I get out of the friendship ... is helping Mike see things he wouldn't necessarily see or do things he wouldn't necessarily do," he says. "And the show took an idea that we had and turned into something that's opening people's eyes."

They've dubbed themselves two men and a wheelchair, but their show is really about the journey of a disabled kid with enormous smarts who grows up — and the friend who has helped him navigate along the way.

Still, Berkson says Wambach can only do so much to make life easier.

"I've come to terms with the big stuff that I'll never be able to do but I have yet to come to terms with the daily everyday things I can't do," he says. "When I wake up in the morning, I know it's going to be somewhat difficult. I know I'm going to get from point A to point B, but what unforeseen obstacles are going to arise?"

Berkson's preferred retreat from frustration is the movies — at least one a day at home ("Pulp Fiction" is a favorite) and at least one a week at the theater, often with Wambach at his side. Once, while recovering from spinal surgery, Berkson left the hospital on a gurney and his father and uncle rolled him down Michigan Avenue, potholes and all, so he wouldn't miss a movie he wanted to see.

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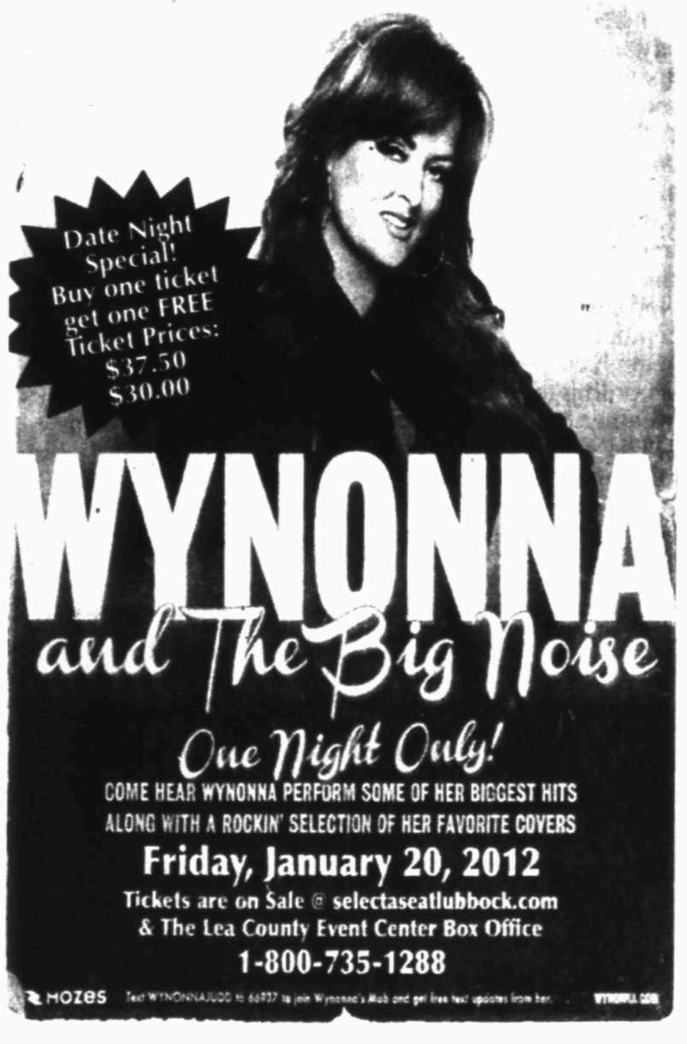
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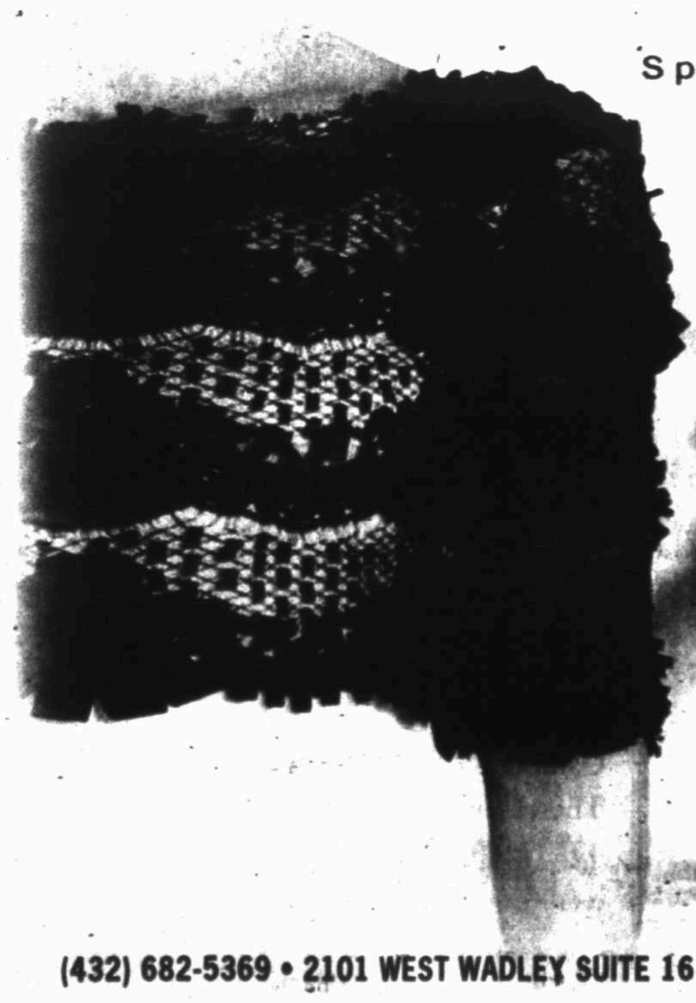
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Winter hats are displayed on a sales rack Wednesday in New York. Stores are supposed to be in the throes of clearing out cold weather items like coats and wool sweaters to make room for spring receipts. Instead, unusually mild temperatures across a broad swath of the country has left them with mounds of winter merchandise they are trying to get rid of at rock bottom prices, a move that's taking a toll on profits.

Balmy winter brings economic surprises

By Jonathan Fahey
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Out of a relatively balmy winter have sprung some economic surprises. People have more cash in their pockets because they aren't turning up the thermostat. Airlines don't have to de-ice planes or battle blizzards. And shoppers are finding great deals on coats and boots.

But there also are disappointments. Merchants are stuck with unsold shovels and snow blowers. Drugstores say customers aren't buying cold medicine or getting as many flu shots.

The weather has been so mild that at some hardware outlets, rakes are flying off the shelf, and grass seed is outselling ice-melting salt.

"I haven't seen this mix of sales since I can remember," said David Ziegler, whose family owns nine Ace Hardware stores in the northwest Chicago area. "They're buying rakes just because it's warmer and people are not holed up."

This winter has been remarkably tame, especially in regions accustomed to a three-month tussle with freezing temperatures, snow, sleet and ice. In the Northeast, only four Decembers in the last 117 years have been warmer, according to the National Weather Service.

The weather feels especially gentle after two straight seasons of bitter cold and heavy snow. And it will take much more than Friday's relatively moderate snowstorm in the Midwest and Northeast to change that.

For Rocco A. Guadagna, it's been a lazy winter. He owns a lawn care and snow-removal company in Buffalo, N.Y. Because he charges an upfront fee for an entire season of plowing, he's getting paid even though he's hardly had to do any work.

Last year, his plows went out 42 times, more than usual. This year, he went out Friday for just the second time. But he doesn't think customers mind paying for something they barely use.

"Ninety percent, when they pay me, they say 'I hope I never see you,'" he said.

He's not the only one saving money. The weather and low natural gas prices have combined to push down home heating costs for the 51 percent of American households that use gas.

A typical bill this winter will be $700, a 3 percent drop from last year and the fourth straight year of declines, according to Mark Wolfe, executive director of the National Energy Assistance Director's Association.

Jim Cusick, a state employee in St. Paul, has been able to run his radiators less and catch up on an out-of-control home heating bill aggravated by the big, drafty old house where he lives with five of his six kids.

Friends: Fla. bomb plot suspect was radical, loner

By Tamara Lush and Nebi Qena
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The Kosovo-born American citizen accused of plotting bomb attacks around Tampa was a loner who had grown increasingly radical in his Muslim faith and publicly railed against Jews and Christians in videos he posted on the Internet, according to relatives and friends.

Sami Osmakac's life in the U.S. began about a dozen years ago, when he was 13 and his family immigrated to the U.S., according to a video he posted on YouTube. Those who know Osmakac said he mostly kept to himself as a high schooler who loved rap music and rapped about bombs and killing in a song he made with a friend. As he grew older, they said he grew increasingly confrontational: One Tampa-area activist said Osmakac physically threatened him, and Osmakac was jailed on charges that he head-butted a Christian preacher as the two argued over religion outside a Lady Gaga concert.

Osmakac, 25, is now jailed on a federal charge of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction and could face life in prison if convicted. U.S. authorities say he planned to use a car bomb, assault rifle and other explosives in an Islamist-inspired attack on various locations around Tampa, including a sheriff's office.

His family in Florida has said the charges are untrue.

Family members told the AP that Osmakac was born in the village of Lubizde in Kosovo, a tiny hamlet of scattered houses near the Cursed Mountains, a row of snowcapped peaks that divide Kosovo from Albania. The area is home to many adherents to Sufism, a mystical Islamic order whose members often pray over the tombs of revered saints. The Osmakacs are followers of a Sufi sect that has its own shrine just outside the village. Kosovo's tiny Roman Catholic minority also resides in the area, as the village next to Lubizde, Dedaj, is comprised entirely of Roman Catholic ethnic Albanians.

Osmakac spent his early years in a home shared among his father and two uncles, but difficult living conditions and simmering ethnic intolerance sent the family searching for prosperity elsewhere. Osmakac's family, like many who fled, brought their traditional trade of baking to what are now Croatia and Bosnia, where they have remained since Yugoslavia's break-up after a series of ethnic wars in the 1990s. Osmakac's family was in Bosnia during the bloodiest of all those wars, which left more than 100,000 dead, and eventually fled to Germany and then the U.S.

As a child, Osmakac was "a quiet and fun boy," said his aunt, Time Osmankaj. She said his family regularly sent money home to relatives trying to eke out a living as the wars left those who remained extremely poor.

Osmankaj said the family returned to Kosovo, which declared its independence from Serbia in 2008, for visits during the summer months. But in recent years they noticed a change in Sami, who now grew a beard, donned religious garments, and was frequently accompanied by two devout Muslims from Albania and two from Bosnia. He also began to shun his relatives during his trips to Kosovo.

His aunt said she learned of his last visit in October 2011 through neighbors and that she did not meet with him. Authorities in Kosovo have said he used those visits to meet with Islamic radicals there.

Islam came to Kosovo with the Ottoman conquest of the Balkans in the 15th century, but it had not grown political until more recently. For instance, hundreds of Muslims have taken to the streets to protest a ban imposed by Kosovo authorities on wearing headscarves in schools. Protesters also have demanded that new mosques be built to accommodate a growing number of faithful after a Roman Catholic cathedral was built last year in the center of the capital, Pristina.

The increase in religious tensions has raised concerns that U.S. soldiers serving as part of a NATO-led peacekeeping force could be targeted in attacks.

Avni Osmakac told WTVT-TV in Tampa that his brother had tried to travel to Saudi Arabia last year so he could study Islam, but that he had problems with his visa and never got farther than Turkey. Sami Osmakac wanted to become an imam and teach Islam in the Middle East, his brother said.

Osmakac's family had settled in Pinellas Park, Fla., where his father opened a bakery and bought a home. There, Osmakac attended at least two high schools and was mostly a loner, classmate Alan Stokling wrote in an email to the AP.

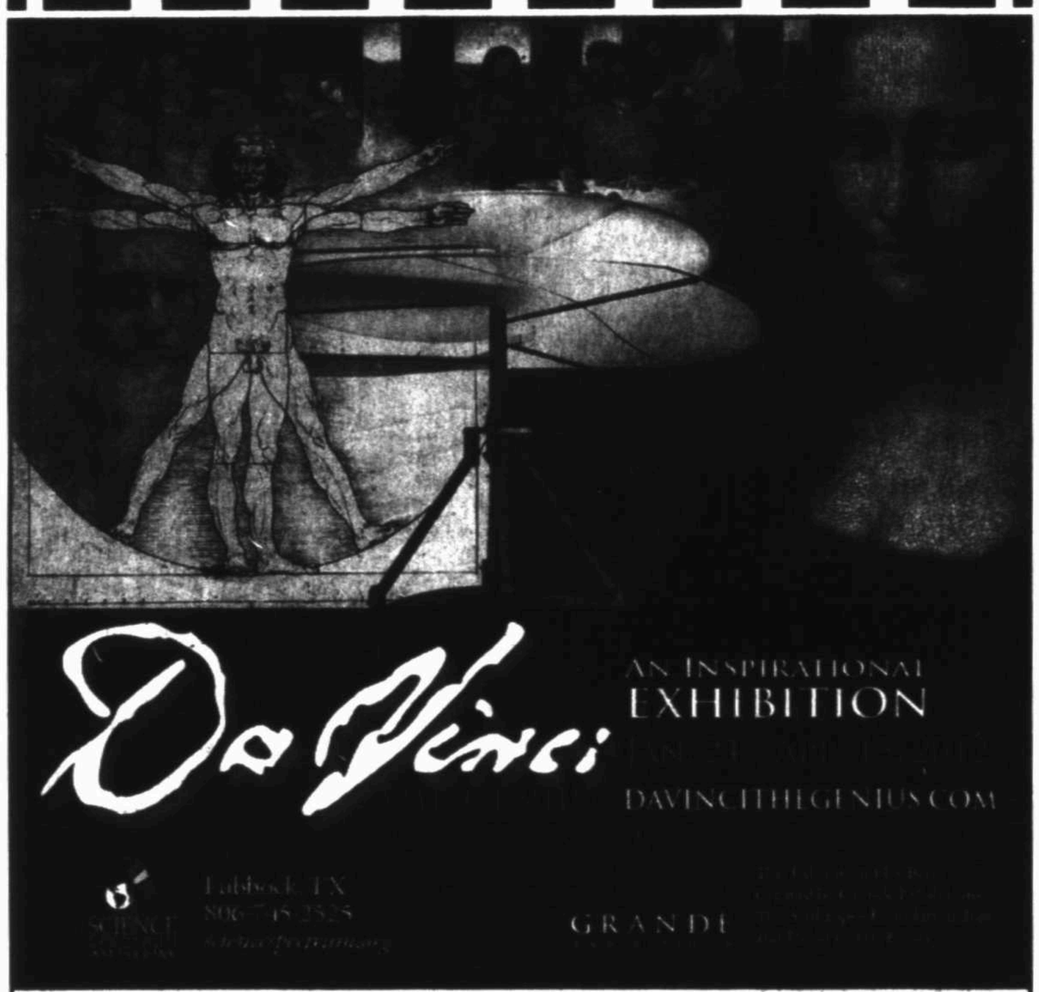
"We were just the 'ghosts' at Lakewood High School," he wrote. "He was one of those government rebel types. ... All of our conversations consisted of him talking about how stupid everybody at the school was. Not just the students, but the teachers, the people who financed institutions like it."

Stokling said the two did have something in common: a love of rap music. Stokling said Osmakac had a friend with a studio setup in his room and asked Stokling if he wanted to make a song together. Osmakac recorded his part — he was alone while recording — and Stokling recorded his section.

The next day, Osmakac gave Stokling the CD.

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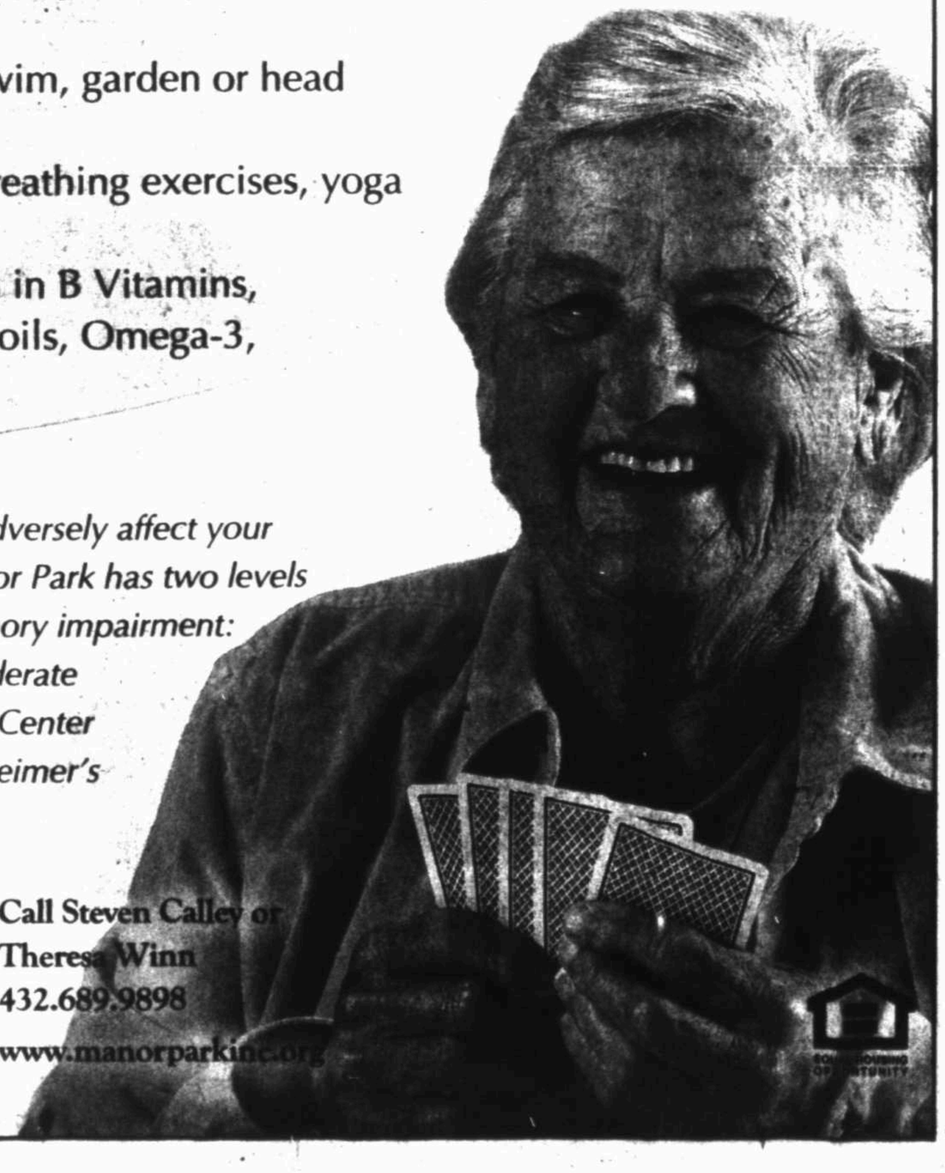


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Man arrested for playing too much cowbell

OSHKOSH — Demonstrators calling for the recall of Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker learned there really is such a thing as too much cowbell.

Oshkosh police arrested a 26-year-old Appleton man on Thursday after he kept playing a cowbell and shaking it in an officer's face when he and other protesters were told to be quiet.

The Oshkosh Northwestern reported that when the officer tried to take the cowbell, the man pushed the officer. A 25-year-old Appleton woman then hit the officer in the back with her picket sign while the man was being handcuffed.

Both were taken to the Winnebago County Jail. Police will recommend that the man be charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest and the woman be charged with disorderly conduct and battery to an officer.

CALIFORNIA

ABC ditches 'Work It' sitcom

PASADENA — ABC's "Work It" is off duty.

The network said Saturday that the sitcom about two men who dress as women to look for work is off the schedule after only two episodes aired. The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation had protested the series, saying it mocked the transgender community.

"Work It" attracted little interest from viewers. The Nielsen company said the second episode on Tuesday was seen by less than five million people.

GLAAD's Herndon Graddick said Saturday that it was an outdated show. But, he said it started a dialogue about discrimination faced by transgender people.

MASSACHUSETTS

Up to 30 dolphins beach on Cape Cod, 10 to 12 dead

SCUSSET BEACH — An animal welfare organization said up to 30 dolphins have been found stranded on five Cape Cod beaches, and only 11 were able to be released.

Kerry Branon, of the International Fund for Animal Welfare, said the common dolphins were found in Dennis, Brewster, Orleans, Eastham and Wellfleet on Saturday. She said of the 28 to 30 dolphins found, 10 to 12 have died and eight were inaccessible to rescuers.

Branon told the Associated Press the surviving dolphins were given blood tests and evaluated to determine their health, then some were tagged and released at Scusset Beach.

The cause of the beaching could not immediately be determined.

LAS VEGAS

Miss Wisconsin wins Miss America

A 23-year-old beauty queen from Kenosha, Wis., has won the Miss America pageant in Las Vegas.

Laura Kaeppeler won the pageant Saturday night after strutting in a white bikini and black beaded evening gown, singing opera and answering a question about whether beauty queens should declare their politics by saying Miss America represents everyone.

"Miss America represents everyone, so I think the message to political candidates is that they represent everyone, as well," Kaeppeler said. "And so in these economic times, we need to be looking forward to what America needs, and I think Miss America needs to represent all."

Miss Oklahoma Betty Thompson came in second, while Miss New York Kaitlyn Monte placed third.

Kaeppeler wins a $50,000 scholarship and gets the title for one year. Her platform during the competition was supporting and mentoring children of incarcerated parents.

Kaeppeler was chosen as the winner by a panel of seven judges during a live telecast on ABC. The event was the culmination of a week of preliminary competitions and months of preparations.

Police arrest suspect in homeless killings

By Christopher Weber
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Investigators are "extremely confident" a man in their custody is responsible for all four recent killings of homeless men in Orange County, Anaheim Police Chief John Welter said Saturday, bringing an apparent end to a month of worry and fear among the homeless and those who help care for them in these famously sunny and well-to-do suburbs of Los Angeles.

Investigators have tied the killings to Itzcoatl Ocampo, 23, of Yorba Linda, who was detained Friday night after a fourth homeless man was found slain in the parking lot of a fast-food restaurant, Welter said.

Witnesses and bystanders at the crime scene chased Ocampo on foot, and he was captured by a police officer who was part of a perimeter set up in response to dozens of 911 calls and other reports.

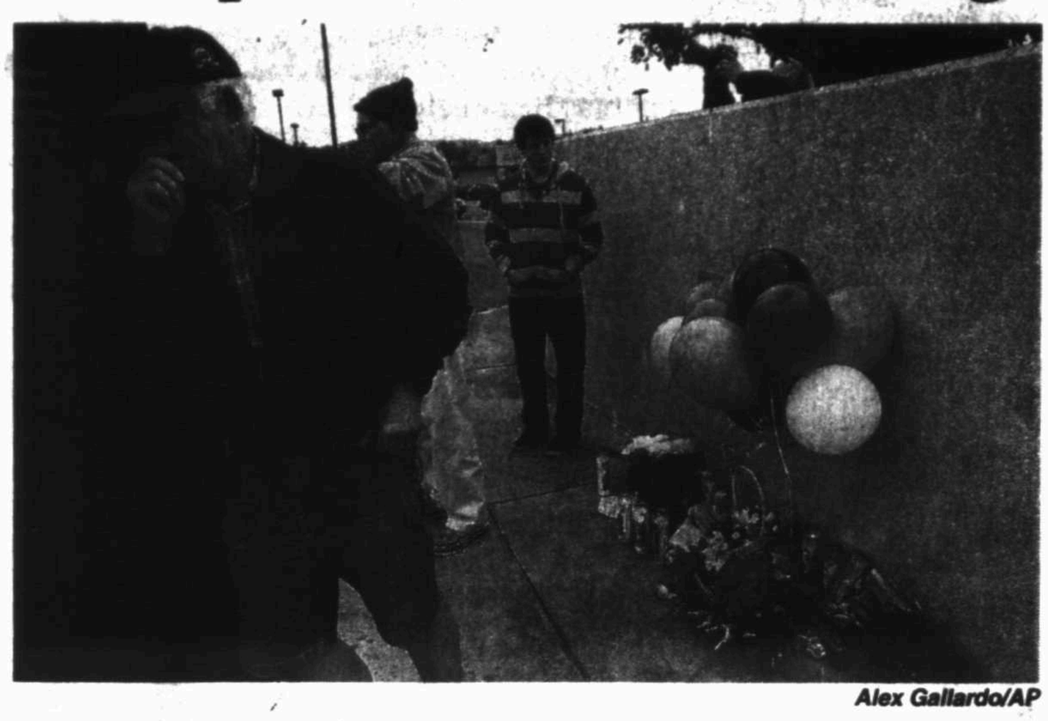
Three other homeless men have been found stabbed to death in north Orange County since mid-December, and a task force had been looking for the single suspect they believed was responsible for all three.

"We are extremely confident that we have the man that is responsible for the murders of all four homeless men in Orange County," Welter said. "We plan to request from the district attorney that he be charged with four counts of murder."

Neither Welter nor any of the other police chiefs, FBI agents or political officials who spoke at the news conference would give any information on the evidence against Ocampo, or any suspected motive.

Ocampo is being held without bail at the Anaheim jail, and will be transferred to Orange County Jail and appear in court next week, Welter said.

Ocampo could not immediately be reached for comment. A phone number listed in his name rang without an answer, and no one answered the door at two addresses listed in his name.



Alex Gallardo/AP

Larry Pinson, of Yorba Linda, weeps Saturday after finding out the name of the homeless man killed Friday night outside a fast-food restaurant in Anaheim, Calif. Police arrested a suspect in connection with the death. The death follows reports of the earlier stabbing deaths of three homeless men in north Orange County since Dec. 21. Police suspect all four were victims of a serial killer.

Also Saturday, mourners wept at the scene of death of the latest stabbing victim, who was described by friends as a Vietnam War veteran in his 60s named John. They left flowers and signs, one of which read "We love you, John."

The victim was found between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday in the parking lot of a Carl's Jr. that is surrounded by banks and other businesses at the wide, busy intersection of La Palma Avenue and Imperial Highway in Anaheim, police said.

A candlelight vigil for the man and the other victims was planned for Saturday evening.

Marilyn Holland, an Anaheim resident who befriended the victim and regularly brought him oatmeal raisin cookies, said he was uncharacteristically nervous since police warned him to stay vigilant in the days after the killings began.

"He told me he thought he was being followed," Holland said. "I told him after pay day I was going to get him a cellphone, so he could call 911 if anything happened. Normally he would refuse help but he was willing to accept the phone because he was scared." Holland was paid Friday but didn't get the chance to get the phone to her friend.

Several witnesses reported an assault in progress, and officers arrived to find the homeless man dead near a trash bin in the restaurant parking lot. Witnesses followed a man who ran from the lot and led police to him, Anaheim police Sgt. Bob Dunn said.

"We were having dinner in the area and saw about 40 police cars scream into the parking lot. I ran over and hugged my friend, screaming, 'Please tell me it's not John!' But it was," Holland said, fighting back tears.

Police set up a large containment area at the crime scene in a search for the killer and scoured nearby neighborhoods, including a mobile home park, Dunn said.

A police bloodhound traced the scent from Ocampo's belongings back to the scene where the attack occurred, about 10 miles northeast of the Disneyland Resort, authorities said.

Virtually everyone who spoke at the Saturday news conference thanked what Placentia police Chief R.A. Hicks called the "brave citizens" who chased the suspect and made sure he was arrested.

A task force of law enforcement officers from Anaheim, Placentia, Brea, the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the FBI had been formed to investigate the killings of the three other homeless men.

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Dance Director - Misti Tytanic (not pictured)

2nd Row:Left--Stephanie Rey, Ayleen Bayen, Chloe Adams, Jordan Robbins, Karina Lopez, Sara Sanchez, Roxanna Nieto, Vivian Ramirez,Logann Moore,Briana Orona, Briana Kelly, Kelsey Edens, Kasey Terrazas, and Danielle Tavarez

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GOP roundup

Rick Santorum

Santorum's quest to emerge as the chief alternative to Mitt Romney received a boost Saturday from a group of evangelical leaders and social conservatives who voted to back his candidacy in a last-ditch effort to stop the GOP front-runner's march to the nomination.

About three-quarters of some 150 pastors and Christian conservative political organizers meeting in Texas sided with Santorum over a home-state favorite, Gov. Rick Perry, and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich — an outcome that illustrated continuing divisions within the ranks of conservatives who make up the base of the GOP.

Ron Paul

The only trail where you might catch Ron Paul this weekend is the biking one in Lake Jackson.

While the other Republican presidential candidates were campaigning in South Carolina, the Texas congressman whose recent momentum is arguably second only to front-runner Mitt Romney's is home taking a break, just as his often belittled candidacy has never been taken more seriously.

Paul's supporters say they don't begrudge the 76-year-old for stepping out of the spotlight after he really seized it.

But Paul's retreat to Lake Jackson, where the former obstetrician likely is still to be spotted cycling down Oyster Creek Drive, may feed skepticism about whether he is really playing to win the nomination or just getting exposure for libertarian ideas.

Newt Gingrich

Presidential hopeful Newt Gingrich faced tough questions Saturday about his past statements on race and class, making a rare appearance by a Republican primary candidate before a black church — an audience unlikely to vote in South Carolina's Jan. 21 contest.

Standing behind the lectern at Jones Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, Gingrich was peppered with questions about his assertion that poor children lack work ethic and his criticism of President Barack Obama as a "food-stamp president."

Gingrich may get credit for spending nearly an hour fielding critical questions from a largely unsupportive crowd. But the event is unlikely to help him win many votes in South Carolina's Jan. 21 primary, a contest Gingrich himself has said will be make-or-break for his campaign.

Blacks made up just 2 percent of those who voted in South Carolina's 2008 Republican primary, according to exit polls.

Romney rivals seek SC theme, champion to stop him

By Charles Babington and Thomas Beaumont
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — With a week left to halt Mitt Romney from sweeping to a third straight victory, his GOP rivals are struggling in South Carolina for a theme, momentum and most crucially, one strong challenger to consolidate conservatives' misgivings about the front-runner.

The dynamics that lifted Romney to wins in Iowa and New Hampshire seem to be working for him here, even though South Carolina is often described as too evangelical and culturally southern for his background.

In some ways, the former Massachusetts governor is lucky, benefitting from a fractured opposition that has divided the anti-Romney vote for months. In other ways he is benefiting from shrewd and well-organized supporters. He uses TV ads to shore up his weaknesses and to batter the rivals he sees as most threatening.

In Iowa, the target was former House speaker Newt Gingrich, who plummeted under the barrage. In South Carolina, it's former Sen. Rick Santorum, a longtime champion of home-schooling, anti-abortion efforts and other social conservative causes.

Santorum nearly won the Iowa caucus, and some consider him the best bet for unifying the anti-Romney vote.

But a private group that supports Romney is pounding Santorum in South Carolina with TV ads and mailings. So is Rep. Ron Paul, the libertarian-leaning candidate who helped attack Gingrich in Iowa.

Paul's ads are especially harsh. They vilify Santorum for pushing pork-barrel projects as a Pennsylvania senator, and they portray him as an insincere conservative.

A group of social conservative leaders meeting in Texas voted Saturday to recommend Santorum as the Romney alternative. But a portion of them preferred Gingrich, who denied Santorum a two-thirds majority on their first head-to-head ballot, said Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council.

Perkins said the group's actions did not constitute an endorsement, adding that some participants will remain Gingrich supporters. He declined to say how he voted.

"Santorum was the preferred candidate by a significant majority," former presidential candidate Gary Bauer told the Associated Press by telephone from Texas. "They were all looking for the best Reagan conservative," he said. "It came down to things like, who do you most trust."

The Texas vote is good news for Santorum. But it's unclear how much impact it will have in South Carolina's primary on Saturday.

The state is known for campaign surprises, and there's still time for twists and turns. Undercurrents of anti-Romney sentiment, perhaps fueled by his Mormonism, could be stronger than they seem.

But on the surface, at least, Romney is well-positioned with a week to go. If he wins South Carolina, only a seismic change in the campaign will keep him from becoming the nominee.

The next primary, on Jan. 31, is in Florida, a sprawling and expensive state where Romney's superior money and organization could essentially put the matter to rest, kicking off the general election against President Barack Obama.

"Romney is in good shape now, but the race is tightening," said LaDonna Ryggs, Spartanburg County GOP chairwoman.

There is little evidence that a barrage of ads depicting Romney as a heartless corporate raider is having much effect. He is airing a counter-ad defending his record at Bain Capital, which sometimes created jobs, and sometimes reduced them, when it restructured dozens of companies in the 1980s and '90s.

"That's what his job was, and he did it well," said Carleen Coffey, 51, who defended Romney even as she attended an event for Gov. Rick Perry in Charleston.

The anti-Romney ad, aired by a group supporting Gingrich, has generated much comment in political and media circles. Many conservative leaders have condemned it, and Gingrich later back-pedaled, questioning the accuracy of the anti-Romney documentary film behind it.

For ordinary South Carolina Republicans, however, the ad risks being lost in an avalanche of TV commercials, which many voters say they ignore.

Romney's campaign events run like clockwork, while his opponents often suffer glitches and modest crowds. Gingrich, in particular, has left people scratching their heads.

He spoke at a home-ownership rally Thursday in Columbia that appeared to be dominated by Democratic speakers and attendees. Gingrich got a big introduction at a GOP barbecue Friday in Duncan, but he inexplicably didn't show up for many minutes. Santorum jumped into the void, working the room and getting valuable one-on-one time with voters.

Then on Saturday, Gingrich's scheduled telephone conference with voters never took place. The dial-in number was invalid.

Perry has faded. Once seen having a good chance to beat Romney in South Carolina, the drawling Texan is drawing small crowds at cafes and restaurants. Saturday morning in Mount Pleasant, about half the people at Page's Okra Grill didn't bother to stop eating or talking while Perry spoke in a corner.

The TV attack ads in South Carolina skip Perry. It's a sign of his perceived insignificance, although he could benefit if the others slice each other up.

Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman is getting even less attention.

Some people think Santorum is rising, but the attack ads might slow him. Santorum's boyish looks have always boosted his image as a principled crusader for unborn children and other causes. But the ads being aired by Paul's campaign and the pro-Romney group depict him as a conniving, old-fashioned politician who grabbed federal money for his state whenever possible.

"Some people are going to be swayed," said Alexia Newman, a South Carolina GOP activist and Santorum supporter. "If you know about his records, you know the ads are false," she said. But that requires Santorum to break through the noise and clutter of political commercials flooding the airwaves.

The pro-Romney PAC, Restore Our Future, is running $1 million in ads in the state this week, and more than $800,000 next week. Not all of them target Santorum, however. Santorum's campaign and a PAC that backs him are running pro-Santorum ads.

No single issue is dominating the primary. That makes it harder for any one Romney opponent to catch fire. Religion and the military play bigger roles here than in Iowa, and especially New Hampshire. Romney has worked hard to address both.

He has built several events around military service, starting with his Veterans' Day trip to South Carolina last November. He has been campaigning lately with Sen. John McCain, the 2008 presidential nominee and Vietnam War hero.

As for religion, Romney has tried to portray himself as a moral and faithful man, without going into details of Mormonism. On Friday, a woman in Hilton Head asked him, "Do you believe in the divine saving grace of Jesus Christ?"

"Yes, I do," Romney replied, adding: "Our nation was founded on the principle...of religious tolerance and liberty in this land, and so we welcome people of other faiths."

Romney's campaign has produced a Web ad in which an anti-abortion activist endorses him. Romney supported abortion rights as Massachusetts governor.

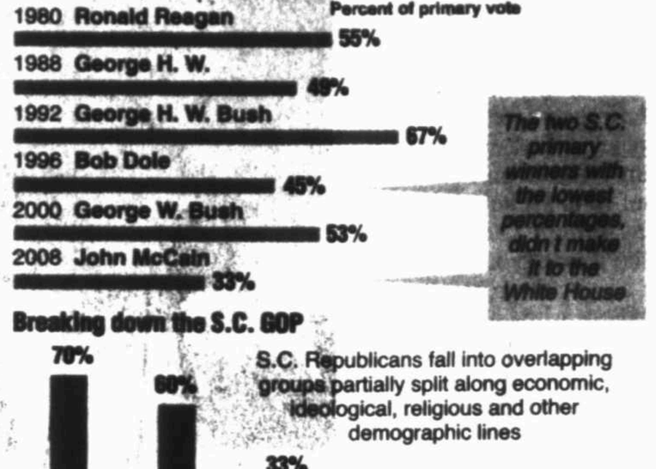
Romney's main worries might involve currents he can't see. South Carolina has a reputation for dirty campaign tricks, although many Republicans here say it's mostly a thing of the past.

Whatever the case, an anonymous group has sent a text message purporting to be a Romney campaign item. But callers hear Romney being criticized on abortion.

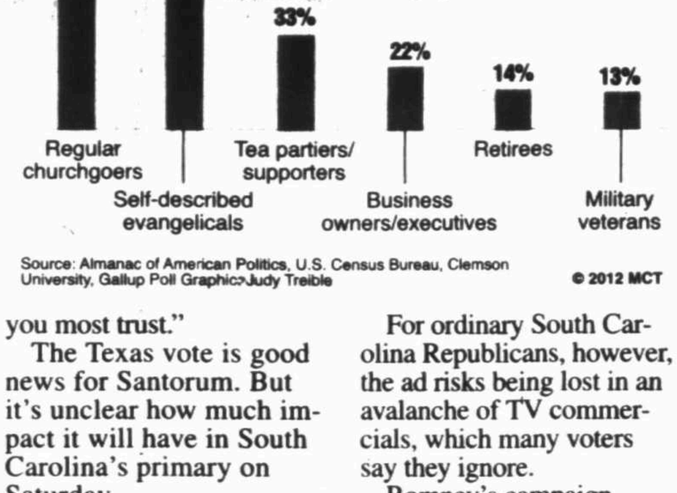
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ELECTION 2012

South Carolina Republicans have picked their party's eventual nominee in every contested primary since the first one in 1980.



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Project developers will pour water into volcano to make power

By Jeff Barnard
Associated Press

Geothermal energy developers plan to pump 24 million gallons of water into the side of a dormant volcano in Central Oregon this summer to demonstrate new technology they hope will give a boost to a green energy sector that has yet to live up to its promise.

They hope the water comes back to the surface fast enough and hot enough to create cheap, clean electricity that isn't dependent on sunny skies or stiff breezes — without shaking the earth and rattling the nerves of nearby residents.

Renewable energy has been held back by cheap natural gas, weak demand for power and waning political concern over global warming. Efforts to use the earth's heat to generate power, known as geothermal energy, have been further hampered by technical problems and worries that tapping it can cause earthquakes.

Even so, the federal government, Google and other investors are interested enough to bet $43 million on the Oregon project. They are helping AltaRock Energy Inc. of Seattle and Davenport Newberry Holdings LLC of Stamford, Conn., demonstrate whether the next level in geothermal power development can work on the flanks of Newberrry Volcano, located about 20 miles south of Bend, Ore.

"We know the heat is there," said Susan Petty, president of AltaRock. "The big issue is can we circulate enough water through the system to make it economic."

The heat in the earth's crust has been used to generate power for more than a century. Engineers gather hot water or steam that bubbles near the surface and use it to spin a turbine that creates electricity. Most of those areas have been exploited. The new frontier is places with hot rocks, but no cracks in the rocks or water to deliver the steam.

To tap that heat — and grow geothermal energy from a tiny niche into an important source of green energy — engineers are working on a new technology called Enhanced Geothermal Systems.

"To build geothermal in a big way beyond where it is now requires new technology, and that is where EGS comes in," said Steve Hickman, a research geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, Calif.

Wells are drilled deep into the rock and water is pumped in, creating tiny fractures in the rock, a process known as hydroshearing.

Cold water is pumped down production wells into the reservoir, and the steam is drawn out.

Hydroshearing is similar to the process known as hydraulic fracturing, used to free natural gas from shale formations. But fracking uses chemical-laden fluids and creates huge fractures. Pumping fracking wastewater deep underground for disposal likely led to recent earthquakes in Arkansas and Ohio.

Fears persist that cracking rock deep underground through hydroshearing can also lead to damaging quakes. EGS has other problems. It is hard to create a reservoir big enough to run a commercial power plant.

Progress has been slow. Two small plants are online in France and Germany. A third in downtown Basel, Switzerland, was shut down over earthquake complaints. A project in Australia has had drilling problems.

A new international protocol is coming out at the end of this month that urges EGS developers to keep projects out of urban areas, the so-called "sanity test," said Ernie Majer, a seismologist with the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. It also urges developers to be upfront with local residents so they know exactly what is going on.

AltaRock hopes to demonstrate a new technology for creating bigger reservoirs that is based on the plastic polymers used to make biodegradable cups.

It worked in existing geothermal fields. Newberry will show if it works in a brand new EGS field, and in a different kind of geology, volcanic rock, said Colin Williams, a USGS geophysicist also in Menlo Park.

The U.S. Department of Energy has given the project $21.5 million in stimulus funds. That has been matched by private investors, among them Google with $6.3 million.

Majer said the danger of a major quake at Newbery is very low. The area is a kind of seismic dead zone, with no significant faults. It is far enough from population centers to make property damage unlikely. And the layers of volcanic ash built up over millennia dampen any shaking.

But the Department of Energy will be keeping a close eye on the project, and any significant quakes would shut it down at least temporarily, he said. The agency is also monitoring EGS projects at existing geothermal fields in California, Nevada and Idaho.

"That's the $64,000 question," Majer said. "What's the biggest earthquake we can have from induced seismicity that the public can worry about."

Geologists believe Newberry Volcano was once one of the tallest peaks in the Cascades, reaching an elevation of 10,000 feet and a diameter of 20 miles. It blew its top before the last Ice Age, leaving a caldera studded with towering lava flows, two lakes, and 400 cinder cones, some 400 feet tall.

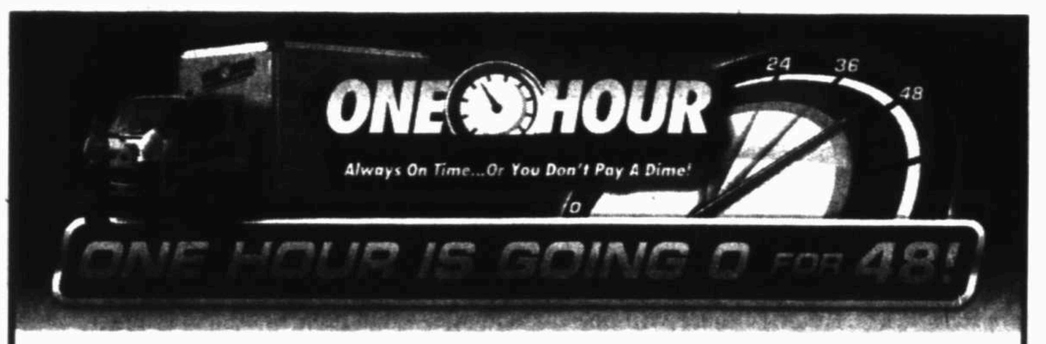
Although the volcano has not erupted in 1,300 years, hot rocks close to the surface drew exploratory wells in the 1980s.

Over 21 days, AltaRock will pour 800 gallons of water per minute into the 10,600-foot test well, already drilled, for a total of 24 million gallons.



AP file photo

Newbery Crater project drilling manager Fred Wilson stands near a drilling rig at the Newberry Crater geothermal project on May 16, 2008, as he describes the work near LaPine, Ore. Geothermal energy developers plan to pump 24 million gallons of water into the side of the dormant Central Oregon volcano this summer to demonstrate new technology they hope will give a boost to a green energy sector that has yet to live up to its promise.



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Opinion

Why US competitiveness has run aground

■ East Coast shipping yards could take a huge hit, because it takes too long to be brought up to speed.



GEORGE WILL
Washington Post Writers Group

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Thanks to globalization, and to containerized shipping that began in 1956 and makes globalization work, commodities swiftly move vast distances around the planet. Wal-Mart alone imports 400,000 containers a year. Trade flows can, however, be deflected or even defeated by a distance of just 5 feet. Herewith a story of the high costs of a few feet and of too many years required for our nation's increasingly sluggish public processes to *move*.

This city's port, the East Coast's fourth busiest (1.38 million shipping containers a year), is 45 feet deep. But in two years, the Panama Canal will open a larger set of locks capable of handling ships 50 percent wider and with deeper drafts than today's "Panamax" ships — the largest that can currently transit the canal.

The first container ship reached Charleston in 1966, carrying 600 containers. Today the port receives ships carrying more than 9,000. By 2014 there will be 1,200 "post-Panamax" ships — marvels of naval architecture, floating mountains — built for commerce after the canal widening. They will carry up to 18,000 containers. The widening, says Jim Newsome, CEO of the South Carolina State Ports Authority, will be "the biggest game-changer in the history of containerization."

Charleston could be out of the game, with huge anti-competitive consequences for the burgeoning manufacturing and exporting industries of the Southeast — BMW, Michelin, General Electric (turbines) and others in South Carolina alone. By 2014, two-thirds of the world's container capacity will be carried by ships bigger than the unwidened canal could handle. Some things are moving rapidly.

There are four southeastern ports along 400 miles of Atlantic coast — Wilmington, N.C., Charleston, Savannah and Jacksonville — but none is 50 feet deep. The Army Corps of Engineers, which must do the dredging, says, on the basis of preliminary studies of other harbors, that the harbor in Charleston "would probably be the cheapest South Atlantic harbor to deepen to 50 feet."

Determining the feasibility of such projects typically takes five to eight years even if expedited (10 years or longer if not). Perhaps Congress could require globalization to pause while America studies things. Or perhaps post-Panamax vessels will be willing to loiter offshore a decade or so.

The federal government would pay $120 million, South Carolina $180 million. The $300 million — a sum equal to a rounding error on the General Motors bailout — would be quickly recouped as the deepened port delivered more than $100 million in net benefits annually. Today, 70 percent of imports from Asia arrive at West Coast ports and are distributed inland by truck and rail. But shipping is the cheapest transportation per mile and will become cheaper with post-Panamax ships, including those coming here.

Newsome said the study for deepening Savannah's harbor was made in 1999. It is 2012 and studies for the environmental impact statement are not finished. When they are, the project will take five years to construct. "But before that," he said laconically, "they're going to be sued by groups concerned about the environmental impact." A Newsome axiom — that institutions become risk averse as they get challenged — is increasingly pertinent as America changes from a nation that celebrated getting things done to a nation that celebrates people and groups who prevent things from getting done.

Newsome said that because of labor costs — in constructing and crewing ships — America has essentially no deep-sea shipping industry. This is a facet of the de-industrialization of the nation. But, the nation is currently enjoying a renewed export boom, which accelerates the need for deep harbors.

The huge project of widening the Panama Canal began in 2006; it will be completed in eight years. Newsome, who is unstinting in his praise of the Army Corps, knows it must comply with ever-thickening layers of laws. But even if we stipulate that all these laws are wonderful, we also should stipulate that surely things would move faster if the nation faced an emergency. Such as economic enfeeblement.

The Empire State Building was built in 14 months during the Depression, the Pentagon in 16 in wartime. The aircraft carrier Yorktown, which earned 11 battle stars in the Pacific and now is anchored here, was built in less than 17 months, back when America was *serious* about moving forward. Is it necessary to take eight years — just two years less than it took to *build* the Panama Canal with yellow fever and without computers — to deepen this harbor 5 feet?

OUR VIEW

Evans hits home with economic message

Having former Commerce Secretary Don Evans speak on the state of the economy makes us realize how fortunate we are to have such leaders in our midst to provide the insight on what impacts our lives each and every day.

Evans' astute observations at the Chamber of Commerce and Midland Development Corp conference this past week drilled home some important points, and as leaders in the energy field, we have a responsibility to be a leader for the national interests on the energy front.

Evans told his listeners: "The world needs to solve the biggest problem in the world, which is poverty. You can't solve poverty without growing the global economy at its full potential, and you can't grow the global economy to its full potential without clean, affordable, reliable sources of energy."

That is a strategic fact America seems to have forgotten. Our economy is only as good as our energy plan, and we don't currently have a plan. In fact we seem to have a divide and destroy mentality when it comes to energy matters.

On one side, we have those who want to move away from fossil fuel production to greener energy formats such as wind and solar generated power. But, the real answer is melding all forms of energy into our power structure so that we can be an energy independent nation with control of our own destiny.

Evans pointed out that there is absolutely nothing wrong with the ability of the American economy to be the strongest in the world. We must, however, produce energy that's affordable in an environmentally responsible way.

Evans also noted Midland and the Permian Basin play a part, thus cast in a global leadership position. Because it is our livelihood, we should have a say in national decisions that pertain to energy issues. Our voice should be loud and strong, and we should push continually to have a national energy policy that promotes energy self-sufficiency for all Americans, including the forms of energy that allows the marketplace to choose where each type of energy will serve the needs of the nation best.

"We have a resilient economy and a system of democratic capitalism that will adjust and make the system force the leadership to adjust and get on track, focused on growth," Evans said.

We are thankful to Evans for once again confirming that this area of the world still has a vital role to play in our nation's economy.

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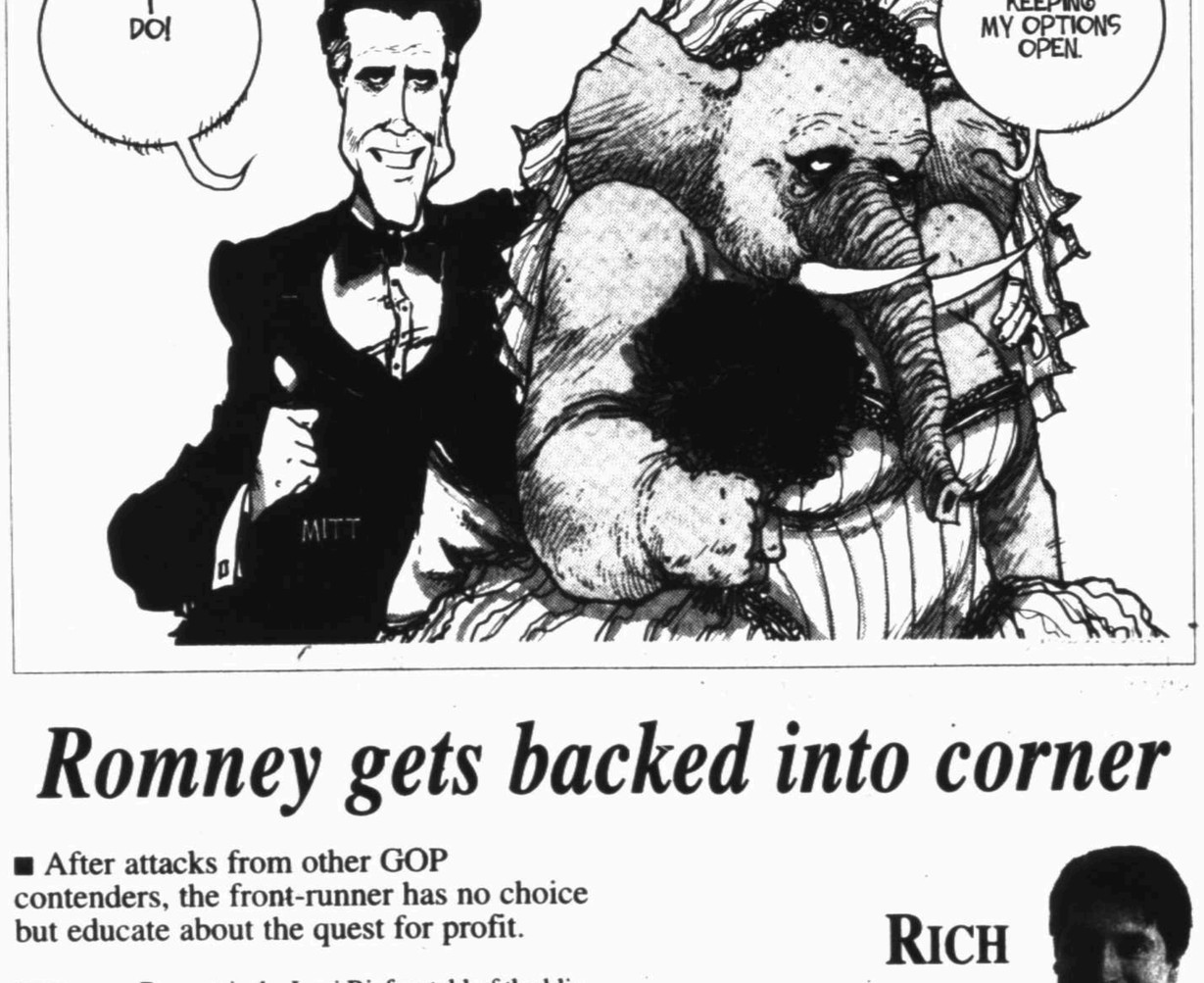
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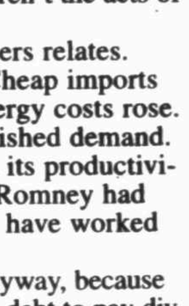
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Romney gets backed into corner

■ After attacks from other GOP contenders, the front-runner has no choice but educate about the quest for profit.



RICH LOWRY
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Barry Bennett is the Leni Riefenstahl of the blistering attack documentary. The political operative's half-hour anti-Bain Capital film, endorsed by the increasingly unhinged Newt Gingrich and aired by his super PAC, is anti-market agitprop worthy of Michael Moore. If the Academy gave an award for tendentiousness, Bennett would be a sure-fire nominee.

Yet, his production is at times affecting and effective. Put aside its dishonesties and over-the-top insinuations about the Mitt Romney-run private equity firm. (It raised seed money from Latin America!) The film captures a conflict of visions. From below, from the workers at Bain-acquired firms that went bust, the vision is about family, community and security. From above, it is about efficiency and profit.

Defenders of Bain and Romney himself use the famous phrase of the great economist Joseph Schumpeter, "creative destruction," to describe the firm's work. The former employees interviewed by Bennett are a reminder that, for all the glories of the first half of that formulation, the second half can be hell. But, what's the alternative to this Schumpeterian churn?

One worker laments: "I just wish they'd left us alone." In a free economy, though, no one leaves you alone. Competitors, domestic and foreign, are all around. The way things always have been done is a formula, sooner or later, for obsolescence.

The Wall Street Journal did an analysis of Bain's record during Romney's tenure from 1984 to 1999. It found that of 77 businesses Bain invested in, 22 percent eventually filed for bankruptcy reorganization or shut down. That seems high, except Bain's investments "focused on smaller and sometimes troubled companies that Bain hoped to fix or build." This wasn't so much "vulture capitalism," in the words of the always subtle Rick Perry, as "turnaround capitalism."

Gingrich, speaking with the purity of someone whose own business model depended on being a peculiarly well-compensated historian, has fastened on a Reuters article about Bain's handling of a Kansas City, Mo., steel mill. According to Reuters, Bain took on the mill despite "obvious" risks, including out-of-date equipment and formidable competition.

After Bain's $8 million takeover, the mill announced plans for a $98 million modernization. It merged with another operation "to form one of the largest mini-mill steel producers in the U.S." Bain re-invested another $16.5 million. When an industry competitor tried to buy the new steel company, Bain declined. These weren't the acts of a scavenger picking at a carcass.

Still, it didn't end well, as Reuters relates. Management performed poorly. Cheap imports from Asia drove down prices. Energy costs rose. The financial crisis in Asia diminished demand. A unionized workforce hampered its productivity. Are we to believe that if Mitt Romney had simply been a nicer guy, it would have worked out differently?

Bain made money on the deal anyway, because the doomed steel company took on debt to pay dividends. But, Bain clearly didn't want to bankrupt its own enterprise. It did want to get a return as soon as possible. Otherwise, why bother taking on such a tenuous proposition? This thinking certainly doesn't shock the conscience of all the institutional investors in private equity — the public pension plans, the charities, the university endowments — who get on board expecting precisely such returns.

Firms like Bain revived an American business world that in the late 1970s and early 1980s had grown "sloppy," "complacent" and "lazy," in the words of Bain executives who spoke to New York magazine. Their rise disrupted the old corporate culture and drove a productivity revolution. They serve the same purpose today. This doesn't justify every sharp practice or the motives involved. Through the wonders of the invisible hand, though, the restless quest for profit is the source of our wealth and dynamism.

That may not be a comfortable or simple case to make in a political campaign. Mitt Romney, portrayed as a cross between Gordon Gekko and Snidely Whiplash, now has no choice but to make it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't let the media tell you who won

If ever there was any doubt about liberal bias in the media, let me illustrate it from a different angle.

No matter what type of season the Dallas Cowboys or Houston Texans are having, check out the coverage of their games against East Coast teams, especially New York. In print, AP (American "Pravda") is the worst. In the days leading up to a game, the "coasties" will tell you how bad the Texas team is going to fare by quoting statistics dating all the way back to when mastodons roamed the earth. Game days are worse as the anxiety mounts. If a Texas team loses, it is because they were supposed to. If they win, something is wrong — rules need to be changed, interpreted differently or done away with altogether. And during the course of it all, the TV "prattlemeisters" reassure you they are "going to break it all down for you." The insinuation here is that we of the great unwashed are too stupid to figure things out for ourselves.

All this also is being played out in the months leading up to the election, which hopefully will give us a president more competent than to think there are 57 states or that you can spend yourself rich. Depending on which channel you watch, the election is all but decided. You know, like when Dewey defeated Truman. Oh wait, that did not happen despite what the East Coast headline read. It is similar to what I figured out about instructors as I went through college on the way to earning my degrees — for every Ph.D. there is an equal and opposite Ph.D.

So before Election Day, do your own research and ignore the late-night comedians; they are paid to act stupid, though in most cases it is not an act. Then go to the polls, cast your ballot, and wait for the result. My only advice is don't re-elect anybody and drive safely going home. The life you save could be a Republican.

Drew Matthews



Lone Star Sanctuary is a no-kill facility

After reading Sherri Vines' letter concerning Midland SPCA, I was compelled to write a letter of my own. All animal rescue organizations are not equal.

My husband is the executive director at Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals, a no-kill animal sanctuary. I am the secretary/treasurer of the organization. At the beginning of 2011, Lone Star changed its name from Lone Star SPCA to Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals for two reasons — one is that many SPCAs are kill facilities, and the other was to differentiate us from Midland SPCA. (Many people did not know that we were separate organizations.)

Lone Star's priority is life — it always has been. When we are able to accept an animal into the sanctuary, we make a lifetime commitment to that animal. If for some reason the animal is not adopted, we love and care for it, and the sanctuary is its forever home. We have a wonderful staff of caregivers and a fabulous group of volunteers, for which we are thankful. To animal rescuers, we would offer the following advice: Before leaving any animal at a shelter (or even a boarding facility), investigate that facility. Ask everyone you know what they know about it — your friends, veterinarians, even the facility's staff and volunteers. Although no facility will get a perfect report card, you can make an informed decision about where you want to place the animal.

Lone Star prides itself on honesty and integrity — we say what we mean and we mean what we say. We are a no-kill animal sanctuary. We accept animals as we have room for them — we do not pick and choose what some consider "highly adoptable" animals, and we do not give up on them and take them to animal control to be "dealt with." We love every resident, and our goal is to find a forever home for every one of them. We believe what Mahatma Ghandi said, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

Barbara French

Adoptable animals not euthanized at SPCA

This letter is in regard to allegations made in a recent letter to the editor, stating the Midland SPCA had euthanized adoptable animals.

I am not trying to start an argument with anyone who has complaints against the Midland SPCA nor do I see myself as the SPCA's defender. But, as a business owner who sponsors the daily photos of adoptable pets from that facility, it is necessary for me to ascertain the truth of the allegations.

I spoke to the director of the Midland SPCA for more than an hour, questioning her specifically about each of the allegations made.

The director told me about the dog that was brought in by the letter writer. She stated the dog had attacked some of the other animals, ripping off one dog's ear, lacerating another's throat and inflicting injuries on others. There was concern about the safety of the employees, as well. This animal was indeed euthanized. In my humble opinion, a dog with aggressive, violent behavior is not adoptable.

She told me some animals with severe distemper had been euthanized. Their vet confirmed the cases and confirmed the dogs were beyond medical assistance. The cause of the spread of distemper was traced back to a massive mouse infestation, which tracked the disease throughout the facility. A pest control company has been hired and has put measures in place to control the mice. The infestation was severe enough to have caused damage to cabinets (the bottoms were eaten out) and to other furnishings and fixtures.

The director also told me of her experience and qualifications to hold the position for which she has been hired. I personally am satisfied she is qualified to work as the director of the Midland SPCA.

The key question — which I asked her directly — was, "Are adoptable animals euthanized at the Midland SPCA?" The answer was an emphatic, "No, adoptable animals are not euthanized."

Our company will continue to support the Midland SPCA, and we encourage everyone to support the animal shelter of their choice. They need and will appreciate your help.

Denise L. Brown

Judge Hyde made you proud to be a Midlander

When Judge Van Culp decided to retire, John Hyde expressed interest in running for the bench as a Republican. The governor decided to appoint John Hyde to serve until the general election. At the same time, Assistant District Attorney Ralph Petty decided to run for the bench as a Democrat. John Hyde called Ralph Petty and told Ralph he was going to refuse the appointment because John felt it would give him an unfair advantage in the general election. Ralph Petty responded that even if the appointment gave John an advantage in the general election, John had to take the appointment because the court had important work to do, and it could not wait until the election. Of course, Judge Hyde took the appointment, won the general election and served with distinction as a judge for the rest of his life.

I had nothing to do with this conversation between Judge Hyde and Mr. Petty. I did not even know it happened until several months after it occurred. But somehow, just the fact that this conversation did occur always made me proud to be both a lawyer and a Midlander.

That is the kind of person Judge Hyde was — the kind of person with whom even the most tenuous of connections made you feel better about yourself. That is the true definition of greatness.

Paul K. Williams

Some teachers still inspire greatness in our children

The fate of public education is dismal, until one is reminded of the many dedicated teachers in the MISD system. In Tuesday's Reporter-Telegram, an article outlining the recently released sex education standards for public educators was praised by a pediatrics professor and member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, who said, "the data points that trying to cover this stuff when kids have already formulated their own opinions and biases ... is too late." In other words, the public education system, with the help of Planned Parenthood and the Gay Lesbian, and Straight Education Network, wishes to beat parents to the punch in discussing certain sensitive matters, such as sexual orientation, abortion and HIV prevention. Furthermore, the teaching of abstinence is not even mentioned in the new "standards" as a core concept, topic or key indicator.

In contrast, a poignant and insightful article was published on the same day by one of MISD's finest, Mark LaCroix, Geography Department chair at Midland Freshman High School. LaCroix courageously reminds us that as parents we ultimately are responsible for the amount of violent and sexual content our kids are exposed to in video games and movies.

Imagine that. Parental authority over that of the system. The sad truth is, it is the obvious lack of parental guidance that thrusts this responsibility into the laps of the "experts" and we are left with a liberal guideline for "age-appropriate" discussions that are recommended to start even before second grade.

How grateful we should be there still are excellent teachers like LaCroix who remain dedicated to their profession in spite of the ridiculous mandates/recommendations that come down from a national level.

I believe it is only because of the many good teachers like him that our public schools still stand a chance. Thank you, Mr. LaCroix, and the many teachers at MISD who inspire greatness in our kids.

Allison Eyler

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GUEST VIEW

Romney is the clear GOP choice

■ Only he can mount a credible challenge to Obama.

San Antonio Express-News

Last week, Republicans began the process of selecting their nominee to challenge President Barack Obama in the November general election. The Texas primary, originally scheduled for Super Tuesday on March 6, might have been a pivotal contest.

The legal wrangling over Texas redistricting has pushed the primary back to April 3, a date so late in the schedule it is unlikely to play a role in determining the nominee. But, that doesn't mean Texas Republicans won't play a role in the selection process with campaign donations, by volunteering to work for candidates in other states, and with other expressions of support.

That is why the Express-News Editorial Board is taking the unusual step of endorsing a GOP presidential candidate now — three months before the Texas primary — while it still matters. For Republicans who want to nominate a viable candidate who can present a credible conservative alternative to President Obama, the clear choice is former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.

A series of alternative candidates have risen to the top of the Republican field, including Gov. Rick Perry. None of them have been able to withstand public scrutiny and the media spotlight as confidently as Romney.

Romney, almost to a fault, is data-driven and speaks knowledgably about the issues facing the nation. In the long series of GOP presidential debates that have exposed the weaknesses of other candidates, he has delivered steady and solid performances. About the economy and how to revive it, Romney has a pro-growth plan that is solidly conservative.

Romney's sureness is the result of years of preparation through education, in the private sector and in politics. With a joint degree from Harvard's business and law schools, Romney had a successful career in the management consulting and investment fields. In 2002, he took over an Olympic Winter Games organization in crisis and made the games an international success.

Critics on the right deride Romney for his actions as governor of Massachusetts, especially his role in passing a reform measure that guarantees a minimum level of health insurance for all residents. In this era of gridlock on Capitol Hill, his willingness to reach across a partisan divide and work successfully with a legislative body controlled by the opposite party should be viewed as a positive, not a negative.

Romney has his flaws. His willingness to pander to nativists on immigration is troubling.

Other GOP candidates hold more appeal for social conservatives. But, they are too extreme or carry too much ethical baggage to unite the Republican Party and attract enough independent voters to mount a serious challenge to President Obama.

Only Romney can do that. In 2012, he is the best candidate to lead the Republican Party.

Not hard to see why Romney should expect the Gore treatment

■ It may not be fair, but taking everything into account, the comparison is likely.



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Following Mitt Romney on the campaign trail is a painful yet familiar experience.

Painful, because of all the wince-inducing moments when you realize that, for all of Romney's efforts to imitate human attributes, there remain glitches in the matrix that reveal him to be different from the rest of us.

In the past week alone, he claimed to take pleasure in firing people, expressed his phony fears about getting a "pink slip" from the job that swelled his wealth to nearly a quarter-billion dollars, and asserted implausibly that he worked an "entry-level" job after Harvard Business School.

Romney further alleged that "I never thought I'd get involved in politics" — even though he has been in politics for two decades. And, he claimed he didn't seek re-election as Massachusetts governor because "that would be about me" — as if running for president, which he did instead, was a gesture of sacrifice and altruism.

Romney, the conservative columnist Jonah Goldberg argued last week, has an "authentic inauthenticity problem."

And, that is precisely why Romney's struggle is so familiar. He is the political reincarnation of Al Gore, whose campaign I covered with an equal amount of cringing a dozen years ago.

To see Romney, in his Gap jeans, laughing awkwardly at his own jokes and making patently disingenuous claims, brings back all those bad memories of 2000: "Love Story." Inventing the Internet. Earth tones. Three-button suits. The alpha male in cowboy boots. The iced-tea defense. The Buddhist temple. The sighing during the debate.

It's familiar, as well, to Michael Feldman, a longtime Gore aide who watched his boss get undone by the inauthentic label. "When an impression like that hardens, you're communicating into a stiff wind," he told me. "These caricatures can form impressions that are really hard to turn around."

If anything, Romney's problem is greater than Gore's because it is rooted in his frequent repositioning on issues such as abortion, gay marriage and health care. In substance, Romney's troubles may turn out to be closer to John Kerry's: As my colleague Greg Sargent has written, the undermining of Romney's business acumen by the attacks on his work at Bain Capital is similar to the undoing of Kerry's record as a Vietnam War hero by the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth.

Romney, with his multiple homes, also shares certain rich-guy vulnerabilities with Kerry. Newt Gingrich, in his scorched-earth assault on the GOP front-runner in South Carolina, used an image of Kerry windsurfing in an ad last week that closed with a supposed insult: "Just like John Kerry, he speaks French, too."

But in temperament and style, Romney is closest to Gore, another politician's son from Harvard with pedantic tendencies who, in public, never quite seems comfortable.

The media tend to assign each candidate a character flaw as a form of shorthand (John McCain was volatile, George W. Bush was dopey, Barack Obama is all-talk). Ominously, Romney's descriptions are the same applied to Gore 12 years ago: assuming "personas," going through "makeovers," attempting "regular-guy" traits, exhibiting "robotic" behavior and issuing new versions, such as "Romney 3.0."

For Romney, the problem now becomes that reporters, and opponents, are perpetually on the lookout for new examples to add to his dossier of awkwardness. "It's a self-perpetuating cycle," explained Chris Lehane, who tried with limited success to help Gore defy his "wooden" image. "You're trying so hard to think through what you're going to say that you get mental handcuffs every time you speak. You're so nervous about the archetype that you fall into the archetype."

In Romney's case, there already is abundant support for the archetype: his belief that "corporations are people," his talk about hunting "small varmints," the story about driving with the family dog in a kennel strapped atop the Romneys' car, his attempted $10,000 bet with Rick Perry, his singing "Who Let the Dogs Out?" his pretending to be pinched on the behind by a waitress, his bizarre jokes about Hooters and Hollandaise sauce, and his tendency to ask debate moderators for protection from his opponents.

None of those is, by itself, disqualifying — and, as in Gore's case, not all the examples are fair. But combined with Romney's frequent fluctuations on the issues, his awkwardness has left an impression that he is a phony and not to be trusted. Romney isn't necessarily doomed — Gore, after all, received more votes than the other guy — but this much seems clear: Throughout the next 10 months, Romney's every move will get the Gore treatment.

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TUESDAY — Mostly sunny — high 55 — low 27

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect partly cloudy skies today with a high around 70 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 42 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 72, a low around 38 and southwest winds between 10 and 25 mph.

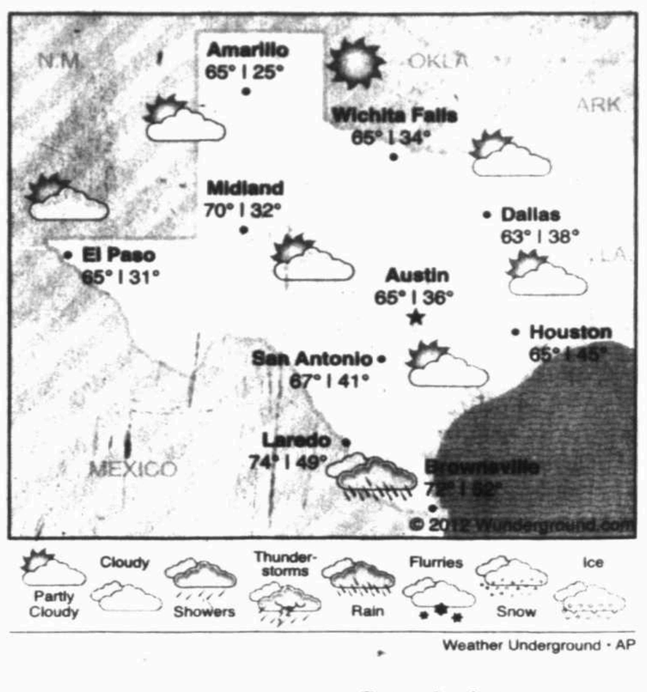
Tuesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 55 and a low around 27.

The high on Saturday reached 64 while the low dropped to 24. The record high for Jan. 14 is 79 set in 1953. The record low is 13 set in 1982.

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A strong high pressure system will move into the eastern half of the United States today, providing tranquil weather and plenty of sunshine from Maine to Florida. A cold day is in store for the Northeast though, as a northerly breeze flows into New England. It will be chilly across eastern parts of the Southeast, but milder air will begin to move into the Mississippi Valley and the Tennessee Valley from the southwest.

In the Plains and the Midwest, a southerly flow will bring mild air, replacing the frigid air previously in place.



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Precipitation

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Saturday	0.00 in.
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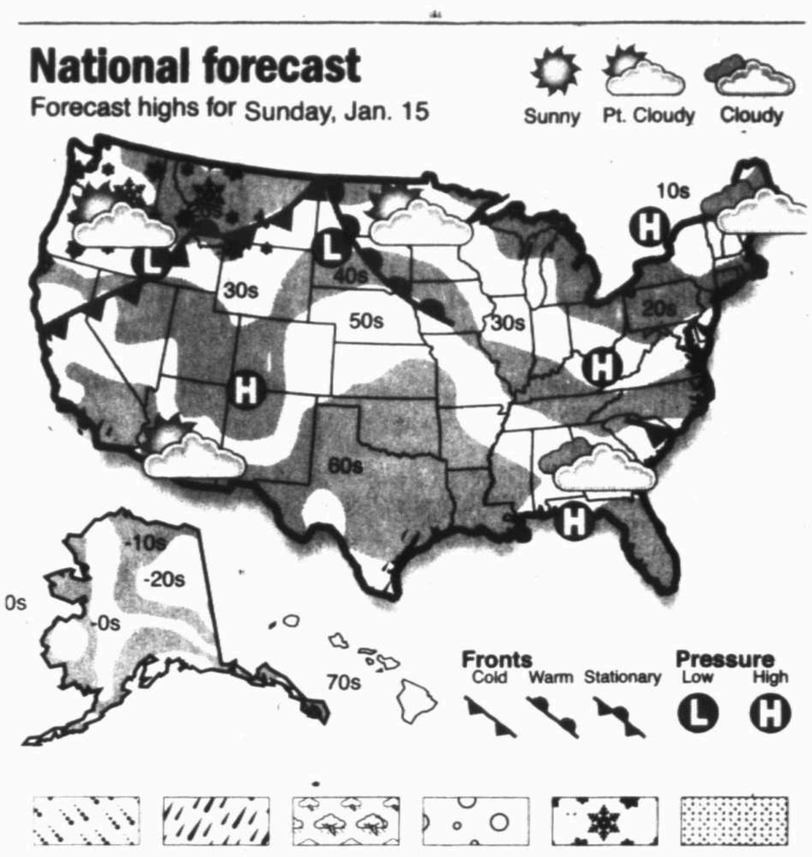
Saturday's temperatures

High	64
Low	24
Normal high	57
Normal low	30

Sunrise ... 7:50 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:07 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, Jan. 15



LETTERS

From 11A

Court action should mean secession

All Texas voters, especially those who want their votes to have a national effect will be, and should be, distressed over the threat of the U.S. Supreme Court to order any delay (especially as late as June) in the holding of the Texas primaries. Our county maps, and district rules by numbers, are the rightful business of our state election officials and the Texas Legislature. In accordance with the U.S. Constitution, when and how we Texans vote is not a matter to be placed under federal order.

We appreciate the message in the Reporter-Telegram's editorial of Jan. 11 and would add only our contention. If the U.S. Supreme Court ordersTexans not to vote until June, and in accordance with congressional district lines dictated from Washington, then freedom-loving Texans should commence action for secession of Texas from Washington, D.C., and its prescribed union.

Evetts Haley Jr.

Paper erred with curse word in headline

A curse word on the front page of the newspaper is inappropriate anywhere, but especially on the front page of a Sunday paper, and on Christmas Day.

In the 20-plus years I have been living in Midland, I don't remember any other time such a word has been used.

Some of us have taught our children and are helping teach our grandchildren those kind of words are wrong.

I know a lot of the people in the world use this kind of language, but there are many to whom this kind of language is offensive.

Here's hoping there are other readers of this paper who will write and protest.

To whomever decided on the front page of Sunday's paper, shame on you.

Davida DeLozier

Who should take credit for gas prices?

A few months back everyone was all worked up about gas prices. I was confused as to whose fault it was for the high prices.

Many said it was President Obama's fault for the high prices, and several others had other opinions. I have no idea who to blame.

I would like to ask whose fault it is now for the low prices? Gas prices today in the Albuquerque, N.M., area are now about $2.75 to about $2.90. I have been out of town. so I certainly couldn't state what the prices are in Midland now or last month. Linda and I have been traveling the country from Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada and California. Gas prices vary but most place have been $2.75 to $3.50, depending on the location.

I saw gas for $2.589 a gallon in Albuquerque during the last week in December. I have a question. Who takes credit for this? Certainly nothing President Obama has done would reflect anything good. I am just wondering who should take the credit? We all know who is to blame.

Dennis Wallace

Lizard headline was inappropriate

Christmas morning. Words such as peace, love, family and celebration fill one's vocabulary as the day arrives. The newspaper was brought in and the large headline of the day THAT DAMN LIZARD was completely inappropriate. Couldn't it have been anywhere but the front page? What was the editor thinking? I have cancelled my subscription. There must be something better to read.

Vickie Bucy



Women can have it all — but not at the same time

■ Capable female candidates who can live up to America's lofty expectations must be brought forward to provide hope for 'Madame President.'



MARIA ANGLIN
San Antonio Express News

It was a bit tough to watch the only woman with her sights set on 2012 presidential bid call off the campaign.

That it was Michelle Bachmann wasn't the tough part.

A lot of Americans never wanted Bachmann anywhere near the hot seat, and in her farewell speech she made it clear that, in Iowa, she got the big hint. She started out as a sharper, more principled alternative to sassypants Sarah Palin but, after a while, her evangelical. tea party-fueled momentum veered toward the fringe and lost its steam. Even so, her campaign operated at an admirable level — she was poised, even a tad glamorous despite all the wild-eyed photos, and she didn't point and laugh during Rick Perry's "Oops!" moment — but the kooky or awkward, politically (or worse, factually) incorrect remarks were just too frequent. In the end, she was out of her element.

But, she was the only woman. And, between us girls, that's what stings.

There are those of us who remember our more progressive teachers urging us to pay close attention to the Walter Mondale-Geraldine Ferraro ticket back in 1984. We watched this big turning point in our nation's history with the geeked-up wonder found only in nerdy teenagers who haven't had their hearts broken by the political process but, nonetheless, can't wait to vote. And, we waited for the tide of female presidential candidates our teachers told us to watch for, those brilliant, whip-smart women who were ready to change the world. It would only be a matter of time; women, after all, already had led their nations in other parts of the world.

Well. We've aged, voted, watched debates, read memoirs and had our hearts broken by rakish politicians and the best system of government on the planet so many times since 1984, but except for that short-lived Geena Davis drama, we're still waiting for that Madame President.

Let's be clear: A vote shouldn't be driven solely by the gender of a candidate any more than it should be determined by a candidate's hair. But where are they, the women of substance who don't have to rely on fringe politics or on cracking wise about pit bulls with lipstick, women capable of leading a nation? Specifically, are America's expectations about what women candidates should be — or what the president is — making it impossible for women candidates to even get on the right track?

First lady Michelle Obama once remarked that in past decades, when young women in America were told we really could have it all, a crucial piece of information was left out: We couldn't have it all at the same time. Women are learning that unless the impossible superwoman mind-set changes, disappointment is inevitable. There is a time for shoring up an education and preparation, there is a time for career-building, there is a time for cradling babies and there is a time for setting up a strong foundation of values for the family — not always in that order, and not always for every woman. It's really about the choices they make.

It's time for the nation's kingmakers to choose solid, capable women candidates, nurture them and set them on the path to greater things.

I know they're out there. It's not just geeked-up hope.

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Desecration of dead is as old as war itself

By Allen G. Breed and Julie Watson
Associated Press

Since before Achilles dragged Hector's body around the walls of Troy, warriors have been desecrating the corpses of their vanquished enemies, whether to send a message or exact revenge.

And for just as long, they have known in their hearts it was wrong.

The video that surfaced this week of four Marines apparently urinating on three Taliban corpses has stirred outrage in the U.S. and beyond, but also focused attention on the brutalizing effects of war on those sent to wage it.

Reserve Marine Lt. Col. Paul Hackett, who teaches the law of war to Marines before they are sent off to Afghanistan, made it clear Friday that he was not condoning the Marines' actions. But, he warned against judging them too harshly, saying: "When you ask young men to go kill people for a living, it takes a whole lot of effort to rein that in."

In the long history of war, the episode pales in comparison to other battlefield atrocities. But, one difference this time was that, in the Internet age, it was captured on camera and instantly shared with the rest of the world.

"This outrage is so interesting to me because it almost tops that" of other, more ghastly war crimes, said psychologist Eric Zillmer, a Drexel University professor and co-editor of the book "Military Psychology: Clinical and Operational Applications." "Because of the technology, the video, you actually see it. Most of the other war crimes, you heard about, you read about."

The Geneva Conventions forbid the desecration of the dead, and officials in the U.S. and abroad have called for swift punishment for the four Marines, identified as members of the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, which fought in the Afghan province of Helmand for seven months before returning to Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The prohibition against desecrating the battlefield dead is almost as old as war itself.

In Homer's "Iliad," the epic poem about the Trojan War, which may have occurred in the 12th century B.C., Achilles kills Hector and refuses to allow for a proper burial. He relents after Zeus sends word that Achilles "tempts the wrath of heaven too far" with his desire to "vent his mad vengeance on the sacred dead."

In the 7th century, Abu Bakr, father-in-law of the prophet Muhammad and Islam's first caliph, issued 10 rules to his people for their guidance on the battlefield. Among them: "You must not mutilate dead bodies."

In 1907, the Hague Convention said that after every engagement, the combatants should take steps to protect the dead against "pillage." The first Geneva Convention in 1949 addressed preventing the dead from "being despoiled."

The history of war is replete with stories of atrocities committed to send a message. In the 15th century, Prince Vlad III of Wallachia struck fear in his Turkish enemies — and earned his gruesome nickname, Vlad the Impaler — by littering the battlefield with the impaled corpses of the vanquished.

Over the centuries, fingers, scalps and other body parts have been taken as battlefield trophies.

Nevertheless, Zillmer said the desecration of a dead foe is "taboo across cultures."

"It doesn't need to be explained to be inappropriate," he said. "Anybody who looks at it says it's disgusting."

But, like Hackett, he said it can be difficult for soldiers, particularly members of a tightknit group, to go on killing missions and then just "switch off." And he said the inhibitions against such misconduct tend to fall away as the number of participants increases, a phenomenon he calls "diffusion of responsibility."

Soldiers long have understood that savagery begets savagery — or at least breeds indifference.

In his World War II memoir "With the Old Breed," E.B. Sledge wrote of seeing the bloated, blackened corpse of a fellow Marine on the Pacific island of Peleliu, his head and hands cut off, his severed penis stuffed in his mouth.

"My emotions solidified into rage and a hatred for the Japanese beyond anything I ever had experienced," he wrote. "From that moment on I never felt the least pity or compassion for them no matter what the circumstances. My comrades would field-strip their packs and pockets for souvenirs and take gold teeth, but I never saw a Marine commit the kind of barbaric mutilation the Japanese committed if they had access to our dead."

Urinating on the dead is not exactly a new idea.

In the same book, Sledge wrote with disgust about a young Marine officer on Okinawa: "If he could, that 'gentleman by the act of Congress' would locate a Japanese corpse, stand over it, and urinate in its mouth. It was the most repulsive thing I ever saw an American do in the war. I was ashamed that he was a Marine officer."

On the very day the video from Afghanistan emerged, Sgt. Sanick Dela Cruz took the stand in a courtroom at Camp Pendleton in California and testified that he urinated on the skull of a dead Iraqi in 2005. Dela Cruz made the admission during the court-martial of a Marine charged in the killings of 24 Iraqis in the town of Haditha.

Dela Cruz said he was overcome with grief over a comrade killed by a roadside bomb. "The emotion took over, sir," he told a military defense attorney.

Marty Brenner, an anger management specialist in Beverly Hills, Calif., who treats combat veterans and civilians, said the acts depicted in the video — and the Marines' recording of it — demonstrate rage.

"They have no other way of expressing their anger at these people," Brenner said, "so what they're doing is urinating on them to show, 'I'm better. I want the world to see you guys are crap and that's what you deserve.'"

In Jacksonville, N.C., the home of Camp Lejeune, some people resented criticism of the Marines over the video, and some expressed fear the footage would make their job harder.

"It demolished me to see that," said Arthur Wade, a Vietnam veteran who retired in 1989. "If one of those men being urinated on was your father, would you want to help the United States?"

But Maynard Sinclair, a Marine veteran of Vietnam and the peacekeeping mission in Beirut, said the outrage shows the public's naiveti about war.

"I did a hell of a lot worse in Vietnam than urinate on some dead bodies," he said. "We cut left ears off and wore them around our necks to show we were warriors, and we knew how to get revenge."

Gary Solis, a former Marine Corps prosecutor and judge who teaches law of war at Georgetown University, said the Internet has added a dimension that soldiers in the past did not have to deal with: "In Vietnam, when you screwed up, no one back home heard about it."



Mark Humphrey/AP

Boxing great Muhammad Ali, with his wife, Lonnie, right, waves to friends attending a celebration for his 70th birthday at the Muhammad Ali Center on Saturday in Louisville, Ky. Ali turns 70 Tuesday.

Muhammad Ali cheered at 70th birthday bash in Ky.

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Muhammad Ali soaked in familiar cheers and chants along with a rendition of "Happy Birthday" on Saturday night as friends and admirers celebrated the boxing champ's coming 70th birthday at a party in his Kentucky hometown.

As partygoers mingled in a lobby of the Muhammad Ali Center before the party, Ali walked to a second-floor balcony overlooking them. The crowd immediately began to clap, then broke into chants of "Ali! Ali!" followed by singing as Ali watched for about two minutes.

The three-time world heavyweight champion, who is battling Parkinson's disease, leaned against a rail and raised his right hand to wave to the crowd. Ali was flanked by his wife, Lonnie, and his sister-in-law. After the brief appearance, Ali went to his party.

Former heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis said his boyhood idol is "still the greatest."

"I feel so proud and honored that we're able to show our feelings and show our support for him," Lewis said.

Lewis said Ali's strength and influence extended far beyond the boxing ring in his humanitarian efforts.

"What he's done outside the ring — just the bravery, the poise, the feeling, the sacrifice," Lewis said "He's truly a great man."

The guest list numbered 350 for the private party, which doubled as a $1,000-per-person fundraiser for the Ali Center, the 6-year-old cultural and education complex designed to be a legacy to his social activism. The six-story center also retraces Ali's career, including his epic bouts against Joe Frazier, George Foreman and Sonny Liston.

Guests paid tribute to Ali beforehand.

"The reason I loved him is because of his confidence," University of Kentucky men's basketball coach John Calipari said. "He would talk and then back it up. He had great courage and who had more fun than him?"

The guest list also included Ali's trainer Angelo Dundee and three American hikers who were imprisoned in Iran. Ali, perhaps the most prominent U.S. Muslim, lobbied for their release.



ACROSS THE NATION

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MASSACHUSSETS

Out of room, man gives up 94 hamsters

LAWRENCE — A Massachusetts man has turned over 94 hamsters to a local animal shelter, telling officials he was running out of room in his apartment.

The director of the shelter said the rodents were well cared for and will make nice pets.

Shelter director Mike Keiley told the Eagle-Tribune the hamsters' owner, whom he didn't identify, stopped by this month and said he had a lot of hamsters to surrender.

A Lawrence animal control officer said the man was "overwhelmed" when officials came to get the hamsters Friday, and initially wanted to keep a few. But she said he changed his mind.

OREGON

Bunny burglars return animals to farmer

PORTLAND — Portland police said more than a dozen rabbits reported stolen the night before a rabbit-cooking class have been returned by bunny advocates who had been caring for them.

Members of the volunteer group Rabbit Advocates said they're trying to buy the bunnies so they can live as pets.

Police said 18 rabbits belonging to farmer Levi Cole disappeared on Jan. 7. Cole said the theft occurred the night before he taught a class on raising, slaughtering and cooking rabbits.

Cole is an instructor for the Portland Meat Collective. He believes the theft was politically motivated. Police have no suspects.

Rabbit Advocates board member Erin Ford said the bunnies were dumped anonymously at the home of a volunteer.

Casino plans sprout in US as states seek revenue

By David B. Caruso
Associated Press



AP photo

This artists rendering provided by the Genting Group shows a $4 billion convention center and casino planned for the Aqueduct Racetrack in the Queens borough of New York City. The Malaysian company's plan for the outskirts of New York City could be the biggest shot fired yet in a tourism arms race that has seen a growing number of eastern states embrace gambling as a way to lure visitors and drum up revenue.

NEW YORK — A Malaysian company's plan to build a $4 billion convention center and big-time casino on the outskirts of New York City could be the biggest shot fired yet in a tourism arms race that has seen a growing number of Eastern states embrace gambling as a way to lure visitors and drum up revenue.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced last week that he would work with the Genting Group, one of the world's largest and most successful gambling companies, to transform the storied, but sleepy, Aqueduct horse track into a megaplex that eventually would include the nation's largest convention center, 3,000 hotel rooms, and a major expansion of a casino that began operating at the site in October.

The proposal came less than two months after once-puritanical Massachusetts passed a law allowing up to three resort casinos, plus a slot machine parlor, at locations around the state.

Ohio is poised to see its first commercial casinos open this year, after voters approved up to four gambling halls in 2009. Maryland's first casino opened last year, with more on the way. Pennsylvania's first casinos opened in 2006, and already the state is threatening to surpass Atlantic City as the nation's second-largest gambling market.

And in Florida, lawmakers are hotly debating a whopper of a bill that would allow up to three multibillion-dollar casinos, plus additional slot machines at dog and horse tracks. Genting appears confident the law will pass. It has already spent around $450 million to acquire waterfront property in Miami, where it wants to build a $3.8 billion complex that would include a casino, dozens of restaurants and a shopping mall.

States have embraced casinos, after years of trepidation about their societal costs, for two simple reasons: a promise of a rich new revenue source, plus the possibility of stimulating tourism.

"They are faced with tough decisions. They are in recession and we pay taxes far over and above normal taxes," said Frank Fahrenkopf, president of the American Gaming Association.

Last week alone, Genting's new gambling parlor at Aqueduct, now limited to 4,500 video slot machines and another 500 electronic table games, made nearly $13 million — putting the "racino" on pace to make $676 million per year, with 44 percent of that take going to a state education fund.

And that total is nothing compared to the $1.4 to $2 billion per year Genting predicts it would bring in at the huge complex it is planning in Miami.

Some experts, however, have questioned whether revenue bonanzas that large are realistic, and say states should be cautious about giving up too much to lure these projects. Competition for a limited pool of gambling and tourism dollars already is fierce, and recent years haven't been kind to casinos.

Nevada's larger casinos lost $4 billion in 2011, according to a report released this month by the state's Gaming Control Board, as the state continued to feel the effects of the global economic slump.

As gambling options have increased in the East, revenue has slid substantially at the pair of Indian tribe-owned casinos in Connecticut and declined by a dramatic 30 percent in Atlantic City, which has lost customers in droves to the new casinos in nearby Philadelphia, according to David Schwartz, director of the Center for Gaming Research at the University of Nevada Las Vegas.

That trend could deepen with the introduction of big-time gambling in New York and Massachusetts, and in the end result in a situation where few people need to travel to gamble.

And that could mean that the tourism promise of the casinos largely goes unfulfilled, as the gambling tables and slot machines are played predominantly by locals taking revenue from other parts of the economy, rather than out-of-state visitors bringing in new dollars, said the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, a Washington D.C. research group that advocates for progressive tax codes.

"Gambling may simply shift money from one tax to another, limiting the net gain to the state," it said. "Consumers spend more money on gambling activities, they will spend less money on other items, such as recreation and even basic needs."

Gambling resorts, most notably Las Vegas, have responded to tougher competition by trying to make themselves into destinations for visitors of all stripes, offering concerts, theater, museums, zoos, restaurants and other attractions.

Genting appears to be planning a variation on that model for New York.

The company and the project's champion, Cuomo, have heralded it first and foremost for the planned convention center, which they have boasted will be the nation's largest.

Genting has insisted it will go ahead with construction of the center even if the state doesn't pass the constitutional amendment needed to fully legalize the type of casino it wishes to operate at the site, with table games run by human dealers rather than the electronic machines.

"I can't be clearer about this: This project, this convention center, is in no way predicated on the legalization of table gambling in New York," said Stefan Friedman, a publicist for the company. "We think there is a real opportunity here."

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Scotland gains enthusiasm for independence

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press



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A display of kilts are seen for sale outside a Scottish memorabilia shop in Edinburgh, Scotland, on Friday This week, Scottish authorities announced they will hold a referendum on independence in 2014, firing the starting pistol on a contest that could end in the breakup of Britain.

STIRLING, Scotland — In this green swath of Scotland, you can stay at the King Robert Hotel, eat at Bruce's Bistro and drink in the William Wallace pub — all named for leaders who fought the English here 700 years ago.

For centuries Scotland was an independent kingdom, warding off English invaders in a series of bloody battles, but in 1707 the two united in a single country — Great Britain — that shares a monarch, a currency, and a London-based government.

Now a more peaceful, modern movement thinks its goal of regaining Scotland's independence is finally in sight.

This week Scottish authorities announced they will hold a referendum on independence in 2014, firing the starting pistol on a contest that could end with the breakup of Britain.

Many people around here can't wait.

"This is a wonderful time, an exciting time," said Gillian Leathley-Gibb, who runs a gift shop selling scarves, shawls and all things tartan in Stirling, a sturdy little city dominated by a castle that was repeatedly fought over by Scottish and English armies. "We went into a marriage with them over the border. Now it's time for a divorce."

Scotland's history has been entwined with that of its more populous southern neighbor for millennia, with Scots often bridling at London's central role in their affairs.

Scots like to see themselves as independent, strong-willed underdogs who fought for centuries against English oppression, and as passionate Celts pitted against stiff-necked Anglo-Saxon neighbors.

Though the two countries have shared a government for more than 300 years — and the last two British prime ministers, Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, were Scots — centuries-old tales of English brutality and Scottish resistance still have strong emotional resonance. Every Scottish schoolchild learns about Bannockburn, a couple of miles from Stirling, where Scottish King Robert the Bruce defeated an invading English army in 1314, winning Scotland its temporary independence.

Scots gained significant autonomy in 1997 following a vote to set up an Edinburgh-based legislature with substantial powers.

Last year, the separatist Scottish National Party won a majority in the assembly, with the promise of a referendum on full independence at an unspecified date.

This week British Prime Minister David Cameron raised the stakes, declaring that only the British government in London had the power to grant a legally binding vote.

He said he was willing to do so, as long as the ballot met certain conditions, including a simple yes-or-no question and an early voting date to end the uncertainty over the country's future.

Scotland's First Minister, Alex Salmond, responded by saying Scotland would make its own decisions, accusing Cameron of trying to "trample over Scotland with his size 10 boots." And he set a date for the referendum: the fall of 2014.

He made clear that London's interference would not be tolerated, promising "a referendum organized in Scotland, built in Scotland for the Scottish people, discussed with civic Scotland and brought to the people in 2014 for a historic decision on the future of this nation."

It's a decision many in Stirling, 30 miles west of Edinburgh, are eager to take.

"I'd have a brick wall across the border," said resident Janice Black. "They make all the rules down in London and haven't got a clue what goes on up here."

Black works at one of Stirling's main attractions — a 220-foot Victorian Gothic tower perched high on a crag that honors William "Braveheart" Wallace, a warrior who routed the invading English at the Battle of Stirling Bridge in 1297.

Wallace's other, even better-known, memorial is the 1995 Mel Gibson film "Braveheart," a testament to the Scottish spirit that told the story in heroic Hollywood style.

Even after its union with England in 1707, Scotland retained distinct educational, religious and legal systems, and a vibrant intellectual culture that produced Enlightenment thinkers including economist Adam Smith and philosopher David Hume.

For most of that time, said University of Edinburgh history professor Tom Devine, "Scotland has had a kind of dual identity — a mix of Scottishness and Britishness," and there was little demand for independence.

The modern independence movement took off after the 1980s, a decade of industrial decline for which many Scots blamed the London-based government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

The campaign owes much of its political success to Scottish National Party leader Salmond, a canny 57-year-old who likes soccer and horse racing and paints himself as a genial Scottish everyman.

Under him, the party has promoted a brand of "aspirational nationalism" open to Scots of all races and creeds, arguing that an independent Scotland's resourcefulness and North Sea oil revenues will create a dynamic economy and a cozy social safety net.

Despite Salmond's popularity, it seems most Scots do not, yet, want outright independence. Opinion polls since the 1990s have found support for it hovering at between 30 and 35 percent.

Knowing this, Scottish authorities want to put on the ballot a third choice — known as maximum devolution or "devo max" — which would stop short of full independence but give Scotland autonomy in all areas except foreign affairs and defense.

The British government favors a straight "in or out" question, because it thinks the pro-independence side would lose.

Many observers believe that given the choice Scottish voters would opt for greater autonomy, not independence.

"The Scots are not daft, and traditionally they have also been fairly cautious," said Devine.

But, the history professor added, this is unknown territory.

No part of Britain has ever held a secession referendum — John Curtice, professor of politics at Scotland's Strathclyde University, calls it a "constitutional hornet's nest."

The other volatile variable is Europe's staggering economy, which may give some Scottish voters cold feet about leaving Britain and striking out on their own.

AROUNDTHEGLOBE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CAIRO

Egypt's ElBaradei ends presidential bid

Egypt's reform leader Mohamed ElBaradei withdrew from the presidential race Saturday, saying a fair election is impossible under the military's grip nearly a year after Hosni Mubarak's ouster. Many fear that the ruling generals will push through a candidate of their own to preserve their power.

The Nobel Peace laureate's pullout is a slap to the military and the credibility of its plans for Egypt's transition. He was seen as the most pro-revolution of the candidates and the strongest advocate of deep change in a country long under autocratic rule. His participation, therefore, gave a degree of legitimacy to the election process.

RIO DE JANEIRO

Big prizes, barriers in luxury market

Brazil has long been dismissed as the land of skimpy bikinis and rubber flip flops. But with its galloping economy and hordes of newly minted millionaires, the South American giant is the fashion and luxury industry's newest darling.

Fashion insiders from Brazil and beyond descended on Rio de Janeiro for the city's five-day winter 2012 displays.

Prada and Bottega Veneta opened boutiques here over the past months, and a host of other top-tier labels are expected to open shop throughout the year. Consumption of luxury goods by Brazil's booming middle and wealthier classes is growing, despite an economic crisis that weighs on demand in Europe and the United States.

NIGERIA

Labor says no agreement to end fuel strike

ABUJA — Nigeria's government and labor unions failed Saturday night to end a paralyzing nationwide strike over high gasoline costs, potentially sparking an oil production shutdown in a nation vital to U.S. oil supplies.

It was not immediately clear early Sunday whether a major oil workers' union had gone ahead with its threat to have its members walk off their jobs starting at midnight in an effort to halt oil production.

Nigeria, which produces 2.4 milion barrels of oil a day, is the fifth-largest oil exporter to the United States.

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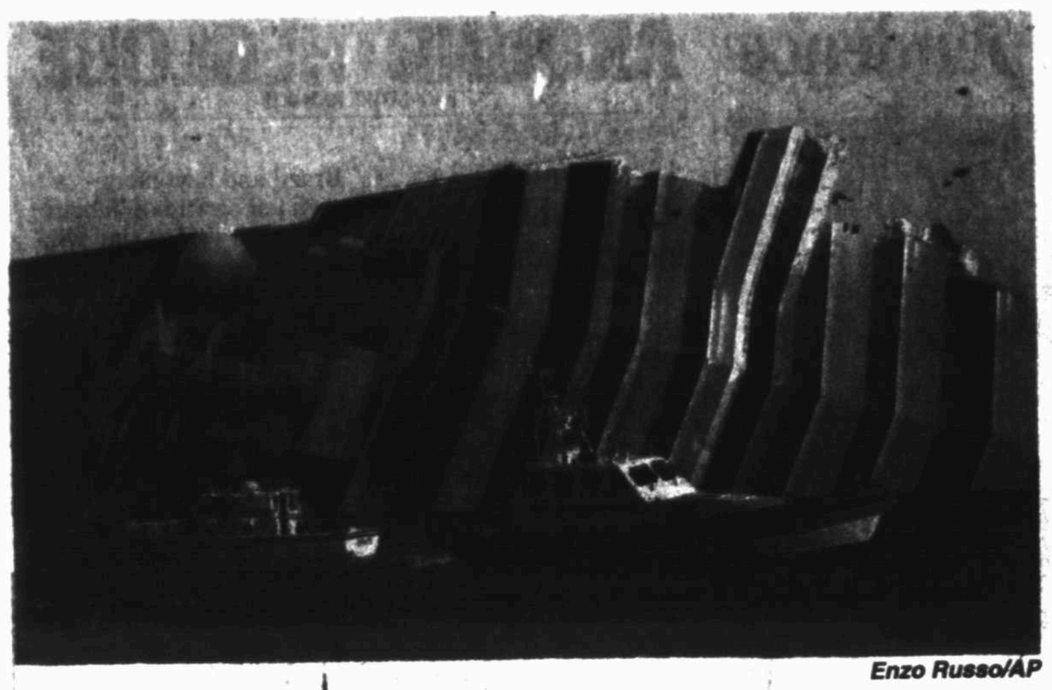
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The luxury cruise ship Costa Concordia leans on its side Saturday after running aground off the tiny Tuscan island of Giglio, Italy. The luxury cruise ship ran aground off the coast of Tuscany, sending water pouring in through a 160-foot gash in the hull and forcing the evacuation of some 4,200 people from the listing vessel early Saturday, the Italian coast guard said.

Italian media: Captain in cruise ship running aground case detained

By Frances D'Emilio
Associated Press

ROME — The captain of a cruise liner that ran aground with some 4,000 passengers on board has been detained while he is investigated on allegations of manslaughter and abandoning his ship, Italian media reported Saturday.

Three bodies were recovered from the sea after the Costa Concordia ran aground near the coast of Tuscany late Friday, ripping a hole in its hull and forcing thousands to escape in a chaotic, terrifying evacuation. Some 40 people still are unaccounted for.

Experts have questioned how Francesco Schettino, the 52-year-old captain with 11 years working for the ship's owner, could hit so close to the island of Giglio given Italy's well mapped sea lanes.

The chief prosecutor in the Tuscan city of Grosseto, Francesco Verusio, was quoted by the ANSA news agency as telling reporters that the captain "very ineptly got close to Giglio."

"The ship struck a reef that got stuck inside the left side, making it (the ship) lean over and take on a lot of water in the space of two, three minutes," he said.

Schettino was at the command, and it was "he who ordered the route, that's what it appears to us. It was a deliberate" choice to follow that route, ANSA quote him as saying.

It quoted Schettino's lawyer, Bruno Leporatti as saying his client understands why he was being detained but that "as his defender, I'd like to say that several hundred people owed their life to the expertise that the commander of the Costa Concordia showed during the emergency."

ANSA quoted Francesco Schettino's sister, Giulia, as saying her brother called their mother, 80-year-old Rosa, at five in the morning, saying "Mamma, there has been a tragedy. But stay calm. I tried to save the passengers. But for a while, I won't be able to phone you."

Schettino hails from Meta di Sorrento, in the Naples area where many of Italy's ferry and cruise boat captains are from. Giulia Schettino was quoted by ANSA as saying that he also asked to speak to his brother, Salvatore, who also is a sailor, to tell him what happened.

ANSA reported Schettino was taken to Grosseto's jail, to be held until next week, when a judge will decide whether he should be released or formally put under arrest. The courthouse was closed late Saturday and couldn't be reached.

In Italy, suspects can be held without charge for a few days for investigation. A judge must either validate the jailing, putting the suspect under arrest, or declare him free to go.

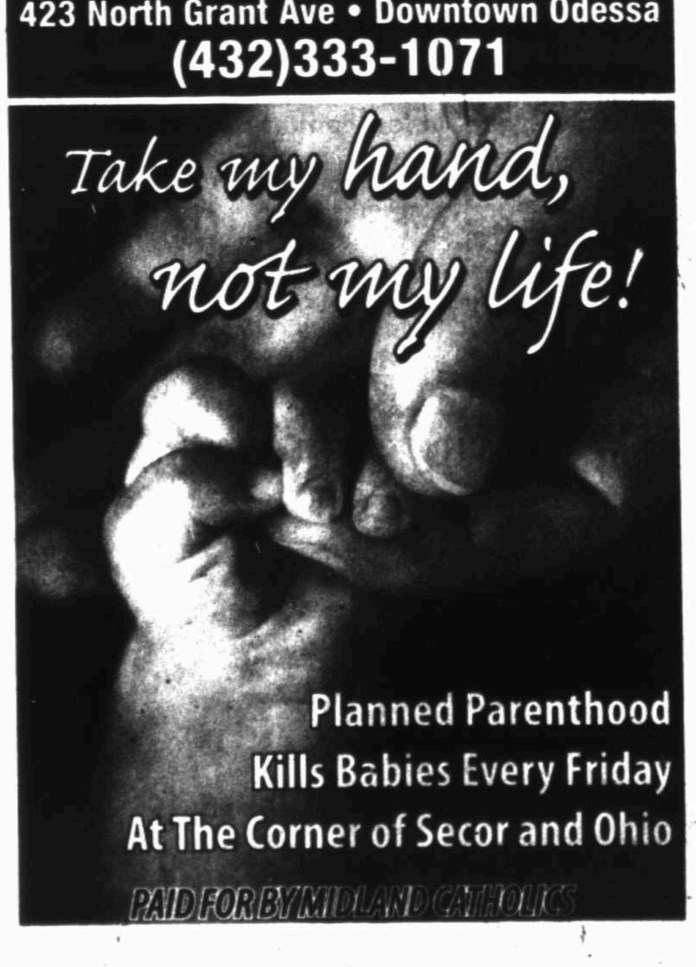
Bomb kills dozens in Iraq

Associated Press

ZUBAIR, Iraq — A bomb tore through a procession of Shiite pilgrims heading toward a largely Sunni town in southern Iraq on Saturday, killing at least 53 people in the latest sign of a power struggle between rival Muslim sects that has escalated since the American military withdrawal.

Fears of more bloodshed have risen in recent weeks, with the U.S. no longer enjoying the leverage it once had to encourage the two sides to work together to rein in extremists. Most of the latest attacks appear to be aimed at Iraq's majority Shiites.


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Local & State

Texas rabies fight a victim of its own success

By Don Finley
San Antonio Express-News

ZAPATA — The first of three twin-engine Beechcraft King Air planes rises slowly from an airstrip surrounded by brush and a couple of Mexican eagles soaring low in search of prey.

The planes are loaded with a smelly payload of thousands of plastic packets that resemble fast-food ketchups, smeared with fish oil and dried fish crumbles — a recipe concocted to attract hungry coyotes and gray foxes.

Inside each packet is a dose of oral rabies vaccine, which has virtually eliminated once deadly outbreaks in both species during the past 17 years.

This year's month-long bait drop might well be the last large operation of the Texas Oral Rabies Vaccination Project — a victim of budget cuts and its own remarkable success.

Next year, the program is expected to shrink to a narrow band along much of the Texas-Mexico border in an effort to keep rabies from again jumping the Rio Grande.

The program began in 1995 as a desperate experiment. The most serious outbreak of dog rabies in the United States in decades had moved within 40 miles of San Antonio, killing two people in its path — including a 14-year-old boy — as it swept northward from Mexico, spread by infected coyotes.

Hundreds of animals, including pets and livestock, were infected and died. Some 2,000 people received post-exposure shots. A separate outbreak of rabies in foxes that began in West Texas already had reached the San Antonio area.

Since then, millions of baits have been dropped over Texas. By 2004, the federal government declared the canine strain eliminated from the state. Although the last rabid fox was found in Wink, near the New Mexico state line in May 2009, health officials want to make sure it, too, is gone before declaring victory.

"It's very rewarding," said Dr. Ernest Oertli, a veterinarian who heads the program for the Texas Department of State Health Services. "I'm sure it's what was felt with polio and pox, when you can say —

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San Antonio Express-News

Ernest Oertli, head of the Texas Department of State Health Services Oral Rabies Vaccination program, opens a bag of bait as they prepare to drop over South Texas near Zapata on Jan. 4. The plastic pouches hold the vaccinations and are covered with fish oil to attract coyotes.



Young in Midland

Photos by James Cannon/Reporter-Telegram

ABOVE: Midlanders line dance to country western music before the Bleu Edmondson band starts Thursday night at Rockin' Rodeo. The dance floor was sporadic most of the night until the evening's lone line dancing tune drew throngs of people to the wooden dancing square. **CENTER:** Haley Lewis and Jake Henderson, both 19, dance to Texas country western music before Bleu Edmondson took stage Thursday. **BOTTOM:** The evening culminated Thursday at Rockin' Rodeo with headline act Bleu Edmondson, of New Braunfels, playing classics and originals to a packed house.

Midlanders find 'home' in Texas country



MEREDITH MORIAK
Staff Writer

Since moving to Midland, I've been surprised by a lot of things: how expensive rent, gas and Sonic prices are; weather that brings record-breaking heat and snowfall in the same year; and the incredibly friendly people.

But most of all, I've been impressed that the best acts in Texas country come through the area on a regular basis and play great shows for a bargain price.

Stoney LaRue, Casey Donahew Band, Aaron Watson, Randy Rogers Band, Pat Green, Eli Young Band and Josh Abbot Band are a few of the bigger-known acts that have rolled through town during the past few months to play at Rockin' Rodeo, Dos Amigos Cantina and Graham Central Station.

Having previously lived near Fort Worth and Oklahoma City, I wasn't necessarily deprived of good country music. But, I've had the opportunity to see more shows than ever since moving to Midland in June.

I absolutely have to agree with a statement 22-year-old Andrew Barrientos made Thursday night at Rockin' Rodeo.

"What's Texas country? It's just home," Barrientos said waiting for the Bleu Edmondson concert to start.

That same laid-back feeling is exactly what Edmondson — a well-known country artist from New Braunfels — believes makes concerts so enjoyable for the performers and the fans.

"Fans just have to say 'Alright, tonight we're going to forget about life for a couple hours and just have a good time,'" Edmondson said, adding the crowd doesn't have to be big, just honest and willing to embrace whatever happens. "Ultimately, we're just a soundtrack to a good night."

Angela Cox, 24, enjoys how local concerts provide fans the opportunity to talk with musicians after their shows.

"These same acts will play in Austin and Dallas, but being here, it's like a small mom-and-pop place where you can actually meet the musicians and say, 'Hey,'" Cox said.

Heath Herrington, area supervisor for Rockin' Rodeo, said there isn't a difficult science behind running a successful venue for concerts and dancing.

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Editor's note

A new generation is making Midland home. Many come because of the oil boom and economy, some because of the city's family-friendly reputation and others because they returned home after time spent elsewhere.

For those young in Midland, we offer this series. We will look at what it means to be part of the younger generation and its experience living in Midland — the parenting issues, the entertainment options, the quality-of-life trends and other factors that come with being part of the new breed in a traditional West Texas town.

Bringing you these stories, profiles and commentaries are the staff writers all in their 20s and early 30s. They know what you are going through. We hope you enjoy the series.

Stewart Doreen
Editor

TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real-life columnist



Looking forward to the do-nothing days of retirement

■ Leisure days ahead could mean never getting a day off.

I guess growing old has some good points, but I keep thinking that getting older isn't all that it's cracked up to be.

To be sure, there are grandkids in the mix. That makes getting older a little easier to deal with. You also might have time and money to do some of the things you always wanted to do.

But here's the rub: It seems to me that life is upside-down. You need the money and time off when you are young so you can do all the things you want when you are healthy. When you get old, you may have more money, but you probably aren't going to climb that mountain after 50 or 60 years.

I will say this, raising kids is for the young at heart. Being a grandparent is for the old at heart. The wife and I keep grandkids every so often, and we are often older after the experience than before. You need to be young to keep up with kids. You need to be able to run 24/7. That's a different battery than the one we own.

When you get older, your body starts to rebel. You can't see as well. You can't play basketball all afternoon. Heck, you get tired just walking from one store to another in the mall. It's pretty frustrating.

Someone once told me, "After you reach the age of 50, it's just patch, patch, patch."

And you can tell it from your conversations with your friends. "Hey, Hal, how

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Voter ID law opponents worry it will deter elderly, minorities

By Elaine Alaya
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Voting rights advocates are worried about Mary Donovan.

Though she recently mailed in a voter-registration application, she has yet to get a state-issued photo identification card. She's 65 and retired, and she doesn't own a car.

If Texas' new voter ID law goes into effect — it's now at the Justice Department, flagged for potential federal voting-rights violations — Donovan will need the small laminated card to cast a ballot.

She's not worried about it.

The San Antonio native who recently moved back from Ohio plans to get a ride to a Texas Department of Public Safety office, wait in line and get the free card, which will be valid indefinitely.

As easy as that sounds, Democratic Party officials and other opponents, such as the nonpartisan Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, say the

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Obituaries



Bush Jordan

The train has left for a new and better station. Bush and his famous train whistle went to be with the Lord on Thursday, Jan., 12, 2012.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate the life of Bush Jordan from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, 2012 at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers, Lubbock. Services will be at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012, at First Baptist Church, Lubbock. Burial will follow in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

He was born James B. Jordan on June 25, 1929 to the late A.W. and Bonnie (Belt) Jordan in Lubbock. Bush graduated from New Deal High School in 1947. He met the love of his life Donna Ramsdell and they married on Aug. 15, 1950 in Lubbock. Bush farmed at Wolfforth and Floydada and in 1965 he moved to Pampa to work for Continental Oil Company. Bush was an avid golfer and this led him into the golf car business until his retirement with E-Z-Go Golf Cars in 1998.

In his early years, Bush loved to ride motorcycles and play softball. As an avid sports enthusiast he loved the Red Raiders and was a die-hard Dallas Cowboy and Texas Rangers fan.

Bush loved music, singing and entertaining. In his early days, he led singing for church gatherings all across West Texas and the Panhandle. He loved bluegrass and old country music, and when health would permit he never missed the Meadow Musical, Abernathy Jamboree or Higginbotham.

Along with his parents, Bush was preceded in death by his wife, Donna in 1996; a sister, Mildred Curington of Lubbock; two brothers, Charley Jordan of Ropesville and John Jordan of Lubbock along with four other sisters and two other brothers.

Those left to cherish his memories are his two sons, Randy Jordan and his wife Mickey, Hank Jordan and wife Regina all of Lubbock, Texas and a daughter, Retha Hahn and husband Bobby Wayne of Port Lavaca, Texas; two grandsons, Todd Jordan and wife Tasha and Josh Jordan and wife Stephanie; two great grandsons, Tristan Jordan and Creed Jordan; one great granddaughter, Tylee Jordan all of Lubbock; a special niece, Foy Ruth Wilson and husband Harvey of Lubbock and a special nephew, Archie Jordan and wife Jessica of Midland, Texas and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friends.

In lieu of flowers the family would suggest memorials to the South Plains Food Bank, 4610 Locust Ave., Lubbock, Texas 79404.

To send your condolences and view life tribute visit www.memorialdesigners.net.

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



Cynthia Ann Ortiz Ramirez

Cynthia was born April 28, 1962 in Lamesa, TX to parents Guadalupe Ortiz Sr. and Otila Galindo Ortiz. She was the oldest of 5 children, followed by Guadalupe Oritz Jr. (Linda), Sandra K. Ortiz Phillips (Dane), Jessie J. Ortiz (Jessica) and Michael Ortiz (Stephanie). At the age of 15 Cindy battled and overcame Lymphoma Cancer, and in 1980 graduated from Lamesa High School. She moved to Midland, TX to attend Midland College and met her future husband, Ramon Ramirez, Jr., whom she married June 1st, 1981. Cynthia became a housewife and gave birth to 5 children: Amber Janel Ramirez-Hoffman, Ramon Ramirez III, Raul Jesus Ramirez, Ricardo Domingo Ramirez, and Ashley Jade Ramirez. Cynthia also considered her niece, Amanda Felicia Ortiz Hinojos as an adopted daughter. In 1993 Cynthia returned to Midland Community College and graduated in 1995 with an Associates Degree in Political Science. Cynthia was deeply involved in community organizations including: an active member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, LULAC, Member of the Board of Directors at NHS, Habitat for Humanity, and the North East YMCA. Cynthia spent her life volunteering and serving others. Her community achievement awards include a Community Involvement Award from LULAC, a Dorothy Richardson Award for Humanitarian Involvement and a Lifetime Membership of the DeZavala PTA. Cynthia was also deeply involved in informal neighborhood affairs, such as coaching YMCA basketball with her husband, coaching Flag Football at the Boys and Girls Club in Hobbs New Mexico, coaching Little League Baseball in Brownfield, and Midland TX. At DeZavala Elementary she was busy tutoring and reading to children, and helping in school activities and gatherings. Her most famous achievement was helping to raise funding for a school fence and sidewalk, but her most appreciated actions were chauffeuring neighborhood children back and forth to school in bad weather and sheepherding neighborhood children to the local soup kitchen for lunches during the summer breaks. Cynthia was recognized as the neighborhood mom by children of all ages and could be depended upon for a ride to the movie theater or a good scolding when needed. In Oct of 1998, Cynthia was involved in a near fatal car accident. Although she was forced to slow down, she never gave up. Hampered by physical and mental handicaps, she never stopped helping the neighborhoods' less fortunate and could always be depended upon for a meal and a few dollars. Cynthia was small in stature but had a huge heart and a feisty attitude. Although she might have given you grief she never met a stranger. In early Jan of 2012, it was discovered that after 35 years the Cancer had returned and she fought a brief and valiant fight before passing on Thursday evening, Jan 12th, 2012, surrounded by family and friends. Her daughter Ashley Jade, her grandfather Jessie Galindo and most recently her grandmother Sophie Galindo preceded Cynthia in death. She is survived by her husband of 30+ years Ramon Ramirez Jr.; her parents Lupe and Tillie Ortiz; her 4 siblings Lupe Jr., Sandra, Jessie and Michael; her 5 children Amanda, Amber, Lil-Ray, Raul and Rico; her grandchildren Magali, Yandel and Namir and her 8 honorary grandchildren including Max, Isabel, Amaya, Janae, Daelyn, Ramiro II; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and grandnieces and grandnephews. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Cancer Prevention or to the Hospice of Midland, TX. Visitation will be held today from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. A Rosary will be held on Monday, January 16th at 7:00 pm at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home and Chapel. Funeral mass will take place Tuesday, January 17th at 1:00 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral services are under the direction of Heavenly Gate Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: heavenly gate@suddenlinkmail.com

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Joan LaVon Woolsey

Joan LaVon Woolsey left this world to be with her Heavenly Father on December 10, 2011 in Midland. Von was born December 31, 1937 to James Raleigh and Mamie Pink Woolsey in Hobbs, New Mexico. The family moved to Midland in 1951 where Von graduated from Midland High and attended Odessa Junior College.

Although she loved tennis, her greatest love was softball and she was a member of the Midland Rambler Women's Softball Team, who won the Texas State Amateur Softball Association Tournament for three consecutive years in 1959, '60, and '61. She was a member of the All-Tournament Team in 1961. Von furthered her career in women's softball by becoming an ASA Umpire and officiating in the 1992 Texas State Amateur Softball Association games. She also coached girls softball teams in Midland and Odessa.

Von owned and operated the Pink Poodle Grooming Salon in Midland for almost 30 years, giving loving care to the pets and their families. She always said that "a lick of the hand or face by a faithful dog was like laying a hand on your heart".

She was preceded in death by her parents and leaves behind her extended family, sisters, Jan Woolsey and Donna Dement of Lubbock, TX; Dixie Weaver and husband, Max of Yucca Valley, CA; special friends, Debbie Norton and family of Midland, TX and cousins of the Brown, Brooks, and Roberts families.



O. D. Cooks III

O. D. Cooks III, was born to Joyce Barrett Cooks, and O.D. Cooks, Jr., Sept 4, 1967, in Midland.

He had been a Midland resident all of his life. He worked at Manor Park for the past 19 years.

He went to be with the Lord on Jan. 11, 2012.

He leaves to cherish his memory his mother Joyce Cooks, his father O.D. Cooks Jr., step father, three sisters, one brother, many other relatives and friends.

The family will receive friends and relatives at the Thomas Chapel Monday from 1-5 pm for visitation.

Services are under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

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Rhonda L. Seckinger

Rhonda L. Seckinger, 62, wife of Norman Seckinger, of Seabrook, SC, died on Monday, January 9, 2012, at her residence. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at Fairview Cemetery in Midland.

Rhonda was born January 13, 1949, in Andrews, TX. She is the daughter of the late Ford Y. Cook and Margie L. Friday Cook. She was a member of the Shell Point Baptist Church, where she taught Vacation Bible School. She was an Awana's Learning Tools instructor. Rhonda was founder and head coach of Island All Stars Special Needs Cheerleading Squad.

Survivors are her husband, Norman Seckinger of Seabrook, SC; two sons, Casey L. Cook (Kristy) of Midland and Scott Baldwin (Pam) of Beaufort, SC; three stepdaughters, Jessica Seckinger of Long Beach, CA, Ashley A. Megrelis of Agen, France, and Rebecca Seckinger of Denver, CO; one brother, Jerry M. Cook (Sheila) of Midland; one half-brother, Darrell Patton of San Angelo; nephews, Nicholas Cook of Deer Park, TX and Jerry M. Cook, II of Midland; nieces, Misty Nguyen of Midland, Michelle Knott and Amy Patton, both of Canyon, TX, and Stephanie Desormeaux of West Point, NY; seven granddaughters and six grandsons.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to Shell Point Baptist Church, 871 Parris Island Gateway, Beaufort, SC 29906, or American Cancer Society, 11 Mallett Way, Suite 301, Bluffton, SC 29910, in Rhonda Seckinger's memory.

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

Sara Lee Vardy

Sara Lee Vardy, 87, of Midland, passed away Sunday, January 8, 2012, at the Hospice House of Odessa.

Sara was born July 27, 1924 in Rankin, Texas to Sarah (Stevens) and W.E. Stephenson. She married Charles T. Vardy August 13, 1951 in Hobbs, New Mexico. They were married 49 years. He preceded Sara in death November 14, 2000. She moved to Midland from Kirkland, NM in October 2006. Sara retired as a budget analyst from the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs in New Mexico on December 28, 1984.

Survivors include cousins, Evelyn Jo Kirk of Midland, Betty Sue Darby of Kilgore, Ollie Dee Tarr of Abilene and Norreen Gentry of Middleburg, KY; sister-in-law, Willie Grace Rankin of Midland; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Billy Stephenson.

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

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Wilkie Lee Miller

Wilkie Lee Miller, of Midland Texas, left us on Wednesday, January 11. 2012. He was born In Minden, West Virginia on the 18th of October 1932 to Merril and Dulcie Miller.

Wilkie spent his childhood in West Virginia exploring the creeks, hollers, and hills of that beautiful state. During childhood Wilkie overcame polio and because of asthma, left West Virginia for the dry southwest. He attended the University of New Mexico where he received a degree in Industrial Arts. It was in Albuquerque that he met his life's love, the beautiful Mary Frances "Fran" Hale. Wilkie and Fran were married January 25, 1956 and shared nearly 56 years.

Wilkie and Fran moved to Farmington, NM where he began a lifelong career in municipal finance as Assistant Finance Director. After Farmington, Wilkie served as Finance Director for the cities of Thornton, CO, Westminster, CO. Brighton, CO, and Page, AZ. During his career he enjoyed involvement in the financing end of new housing developments, utility systems, and recreational facilities. He was an active member of state and national municipal organizations and served as President of the Arizona League of Cities.

Wilkie had a great love of the outdoors and particularly enjoyed adventures with his children and grandchildren. There were many trips to go tubing, ice-skating, camping, backpacking, skiing, hiking, fishing, and waterskiing. He was the father who always volunteered to take youth groups and scout troops all over the beautiful Colorado mountains. Wilkie was a lifelong student of economics and finance. He was an avid fan of the Denver Broncos. After retirement, Wilkie and Fran enjoyed traveling on their own, with Midland College, and especially with the Primetimers of First Presbyterian Church. Wilkie was an ordained elder of the Presbyterian Church and volunteered in many of the ministries and missions of the churches he attended over the years.

Wilkie is preceded in death by his parents Merril and Dulcie and his stepmother Eva.

Wilkie is survived by his beloved wife Fran, his daughter Rebecca Anne Nichols0n and her husband Jim of Midland, Texas, and his daughter Martha Evelyn Mathews and her husband Jim of Minden, NV. He is also survived by his four grandchildren; Audrey Nicholson of Norfolk, VA, David Mathews of Portland, OR, Cade Nicholson of San Marcos, TX, and Steven Mathews of Reno, NV. He entrusts to our care the dogs Rufus and Rocky.

A celebration of Wilkie's life will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. Midland, TX on Tuesday, January 17th at 2pm. The Rev. Dr. Steve Schorr will officiate, assisted by Rev. Mary Beth Anton and Rev. Dr. Tom Lobaugh. Honorary pallbearers are his four beloved grandchildren; Audrey, Dave, Cade, and Steve.

Memorials can be made to 1St Presbyterian Church of Midland, Hospice of Midland, PO Box 2621, Midland, TX, 79702 or the charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home, Midland, TX. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

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Catherine L. Kutsavage

Catherine Laura Lipski Kutsavage, 89, of Midland,

Foundation says Broncos ex-owner has died

Associated Press

DENVER — Former Denver Broncos owner Edgar F. Kaiser Jr., who oversaw the trade that brought Hall of Fame quarterback John Elway to Denver, has died, according to a charitable foundation Kaiser established.

The Kaiser Foundation of Vancouver, British Columbia, said in a press release that Kaiser died Wednesday. The cause of death wasn't immediately known, and calls to the foundation were not returned Saturday.

The Vancouver Sun reported Kaiser was in Toronto when he died.

Kaiser was a businessman and philanthropist who lived in Vancouver. The Kaiser Foundation advocates on substance-abuse issues.

He owned the Broncos when the team obtained Elway in a trade with Baltimore.

"He was responsible for executing the trade that made me a Bronco, and I am forever grateful for everything he did for me," Elway said in a statement released by the team in Foxborough, Mass., ahead of a Saturday playoff game against the New England Patriots.

"My thoughts are with the entire Kaiser family and his friends as they mourn their loss," said Elway, now the team's executive vice president for football operations.

Kaiser sold his 60.8 percent share of the Broncos to the current owner, Pat Bowlen, in 1984. Later, he lost a court battle over the right to buy back a stake in the team.

"On behalf of the Denver Broncos, I extend our sincere condolences to the family of Edgar Kaiser," Bowlen said in a statement released by the team."I have enormous appreciation for the opportunity Edgar gave me to become owner of this great franchise in 1984. Our deepest sympathies go out to Edgar's family during this difficult time."

Kaiser had served as CEO of Kaiser Resources Ltd. and as chairman and CEO of the Bank of British Columbia.

British Columbia Premier Christy Clark offered condolences to Kaiser's family.

"In British Columbia we knew Edgar as a financier and executive in the resource sector, but many more both here at home and around the globe were encouraged and inspired by his compassion and generosity," Clark said.

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TX (formerly of The Woodlands, TX) met her Savior in the early hours of December 27th, 2011. She was born on March 4th, 1922 in New Haven, CT to Wanda Lipski Sarnoski and Anthony Lipski.

Catherine is preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Frank A. Kutsavage. She is survived by her dauthers and son-in-law, Wanda and Ty Maxey of Midland, TX; son and daughter-in-law, Douglas and Gunda Kutsavage of Berlin, Germany; grandsons, Kyle Maxey of Austin TX; Sean Maxey of St. Petersburg, FL; and a brother, Matthew Lipski of Wethersfield, CT.

Sincere appreciation goes to the staff of Interim Hospice of Midland, TX and Odessa Home Hospice for their loving kindness shown to Catherine.

Private services were held on January 4th, 2012 and arranged by Klein Funeral Home in Tomball, TX followed by internment at Klein Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made to Odessa Home Hospice in Catherine's name.



Leonard J. Hobbs

Leonard J. Hobbs, 83, of Midland, passed away January, 12, 2012, after a brief, but determined, fight with cancer. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Midland. He retired from Phillips Petroleum after 40 years of loyal service. He was also a 40-year mason, most recently a member of Midland Masonic Lodge #623. He also served as Worthy Patron in Eastern Star Norman Reed Chapter 1010 and Goldsmith Chapter 854.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Joyce Hobbs, of Midland; son, Leonard J. Hobbs, Jr., of Dallas; daughter, Celia Burkheimer and husband, Rex, of Fort Worth; sister, Margaret Donihoo, of Philadelphia, PA.; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents, Earl J. Hobbs and Selma Martin; brother, Casper "Douglas" Hobbs; sisters, Imogene Alexander and Wilma Peterson.

Visitation will be held at noon, Monday, January 16, 2012, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. The visitation will precede the funeral service, which will start at 1:00 p.m., in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Condolences may be placed at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Mary Alice Carney

Mary Alice Carney, of Midland, died at home at age 73, on Monday, January 10, 2012, after a long battle with cancer.

She is survived by her son, Brian and his wife, Melissa of Midland, Texas, and her daughter, Cara Arthur and her husband, Travis of Austin, Texas, and by her grandchildren, Blake and Madeline Carney.

Pallbearers will be: Bert Johnson, Dr. Frank Kasman, Joseph Marro, J.D. Luckie, Billy Munn, and Don Tomlin.

The Carney's are grateful for their thoughtful friends and neighbors and the compassionate, professional help of caregivers: Pat McCalister, Stephanie Lister, Syretta Evans, Shirley Barnes, Idia Herrera and Hospice of Midland; Dr. Raphael Pollock, Dr. Don Baumann, and their staffs at The University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Dr. David Watkins, Rachell Diaz RN; and the staff of Allison Cancer Center.

A wake was held Friday, January 13, 2012, from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., at St. Ann's Catholic Church. A funeral mass was held Saturday, January 14th, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 W. Texas Avenue, Midland 79701.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be directed to The University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center, (P. O. Box 4486 Houston, Texas 77210-4486) or The Hope House of Midland (P. O. Box 1323 Midland, TX 79702).

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Death Notices

Adrian Castillo

Adrian Castillo, age 21, of Midland, Texas, died Friday, January 13, 2012, in a fatal car accident on South Hwy 385 in Odessa, TX.

He is survived by his mother: Corina (Castillo) Lujan of Midland; daughter: Kyrsten Castillo of Oklahoma; maternal grandmother: Adela Castillo of Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico; sister: Elena Lujan of Midland, and two brothers: Hian Jazeo Lujan and Aldo Lujan, both of Midland.

Services at a later date in Ojinaga, Mexico and interment at Jardines del Eden in Ojinaga, Chihuahua, MX.

Arrangements are entrusted Acres West Funeral Chapel of Odessa and Funeraria de Valles of Ojinaga.

Andrea Leach Priest

Andrea Leach Priest, 73, of Midland, passed away January 11, 2012, in Midland.

Survivors include her son, Andrew John Priest (Janis); her daughter, Amy Priest Youngblood (Thomas); her brother, William A. Leach (Carol); and her grandchildren, Andrew, Corbin, and Dalton Priest, and Jack, Sam and Luke Youngblood.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, January 16, 2012, in Sunset Ridge Church of Christ in San Antonio.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Charles Edward Alsobrook

OZONA: Charles Edward Alsobrook, 62 died Friday, January 13, 2012 in San Angelo.

Funeral service will be at 3:00 P.M. Monday, January 16, 2012 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements by Pfeddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Casiana Alsobrook of Ozona; two daughters, Bernice Fierro of Ozona and Pat Rinal of Midland; two sons, James Fierro of Garland and Chon Fierro of Ozona; four sisters, Carolyn Hinton of Midland, Ann Alsobrook of Sweetwater, Tresia Gunther of Coleman and Reba Sexton of Midland. One brother Gerald Alsobrook of California.

Jerry Don Young

Don Young, 67, of Odessa, passed away January 13, 2012 at Sienna Care Center in Odessa.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lewis Young, and his loving wife, Cindy.

Jerry is survived by his mother, Mildred Young of Odessa, sister of Mannford Oklahoma, twin brother of Odessa, nieces and nephews.

Graveside services , are scheduled for 2:00 PM, Monday, January 16, 2012 at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Home Hospice or Hospice House, 516 W. Texas St. Odessa, Texas 79761.

Funeral arrangements are directed by Sunset Funeral Home.

Keda Pinkerton Cross

Keda Pinkerton Cross, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, January 14, 2012. Services pending with Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

Mary Nell (Orren) Brubaker Heaton

Mary Nell Orren Brubaker Heaton, 89, passed away Friday, December 16, 2011, in Austin, Texas.

She is survived by two daughters, Valrie Pool and Lisa Heaton; cousin, JoAnn Scott; and many nieces and nephews; and grandchild, Lara Pool.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, December 19, 2011 at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

Peter Bowen

Peter Bowen, 73, of Midland, passed away Wednesday, January 11, 2012.

His services are pending at this time.

Survivors include sons, Christopher Bowen, Geoffrey Bowen, and Andrew Bowen.

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

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Republican-led effort will suppress voter participation, especially among the poor, elderly and ethnic minorities.

Critics call it a modern-day poll tax, referring to fees charged in Southern states and used to keep African-Americans, Mexican-Americans and others from voting. They say it targets already marginalized citizens.

The Justice Department, which blocked a similar law in South Carolina late last month and has asked Texas for additional information, has intervened in states that have a history of voting rights violations. A decision is expected soon.

The Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University School of Law said 3.2 million voters could be affected by new voter ID laws that take effect this year.

Using Brennan data, the SVREP said 600,000 eligible voters in Texas won't be able to produce a state ID card.

The center found that the root of the ID problem is the lack of "underlying documentation," such as a birth certificate. Some people don't have one, don't know where to get a replacement or can't afford to pay for one.

Opponents point to another budget-related concern: potential DPS office closings.

"In Texas, we expect 40 to 80 DPS offices will be closed," said SVREP vice president Lydia Camarillo. "Forty are planned to be closed and another 30 to 40 are likely to be closed."

In rural communities, where poor people don't have access to personal or public transportation, getting to a DPS office could be burdensome, she said.

Via email, DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said, "The Legislature approved additional resources for DPS, which will allow the department to hire an additional 266 field staff and build six large driver's license offices in major metropolitan areas. Over the years, DPS was forced to close some part-time offices because of a variety of issues, including equipment shortages, building safety and (Americans with Disabilities Act) concerns. Some of these offices may reopen."

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> — LYDIA CAMRILLO
> Southwest Voter Registration Education Project president

"In September 2012, when the six new large offices open," he said, "the overall capacity of the department to issue driver's licenses and other forms of identification will increase."

Camarillo said Texas' voter ID law also ignores a redundancy in identification security in the federal Help Americans Vote Act, which called for various forms of accepted identification at the polls, including a photo ID card or copy of a current utility bill.

"We're basically saying 600,000, more or less, will have their rights violated as a result of one reason or another because they can't produce documents. We're talking about American citizens who have the right to vote."

Donovan, who until recently attended a senior nutrition center at Christ the King Catholic Church and now attends one at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, is not deterred.

Nor were others at the two centers, many of whom didn't know about the new law. Several said that if an ID card is required at the polls, they'll be able to pull it out of their wallets.

Many of the men proudly produced valid driver's licenses, as did some of the women. Some said they carry ID cards, but rarely need them. They use ATM cards, which don't require proof of identification, rather than cashing checks.

Seventy-year-old Hortencia Alonzo said an ID card was easy to get, though she hasn't had much use for it, except to vote.

Marian Stanko, executive director of the Republican Party of Bexar County, said fraud is the core of the voter ID law. She scoffed at the argument that voters don't have photo ID cards.

"I'm an election judge, and 88 percent of voters present their IDs without even being asked for it," she said.

"There are no documented cases of fraud," said Choco Meza, chairwoman of the Bexar County Democratic Party. "If they had, they would have made it part of the court record," referring to the Justice Department's case.

"It's a head game," she said. "We're selecting who will participate.

Election officials do not have the right to decide who the voters are. The voters are the ones who have the right to decide who their officials are."

In the 2008 primary elections, 275,016 of Bexar County's 871,916 registered voters cast ballots, said county elections administrator Jacquelyn Callanen. Today, more than 857,640 voters are registered to vote in 622 precincts countywide.

If the Justice Department clears the new ID law, the county will need to gear up for the changes it will spur.

Callanen said new forms must be produced. "There's also an education learning curve for citizens and election officials," she said.

But if an eligible voter doesn't have a state ID, they won't be turned away at the polls.

"They can vote provisionally," she said. "Then we give them a map to find our location. They'll have a remedy period, six days to come to our office to show us their photo ID, so we can count their vote."

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Home Repairs	15 families	$ 11,715.32
Miscellaneous	57 families	$ 63,614.36
Transportation	30 families	$ 25,176.04
TOTAL		**$1,246,479.27**

Large Food Boxes were given to 2,407 families (4,911 individuals) Estimated value of food.....$152,129.67

Clothing (3 complete outfits, 1 pair of shoes and coat/jacket, per person) Given to 90 people at an estimated cost of $100/person.
Estimated value of clothing.....$9,000.00

Furniture, Appliances and Household Items given to 90 families (Estimated value of a bed is $60 and a sofa is $50).
Estimated value of furniture.....$9,900.00

THANKSGIVING
320 families received the complete fixings for Thanksgiving dinner, plus food for the entire week.
Estimated value of donated food.....$57,600.00

CHRISTMAS
320 families received the complete fixings for Christmas dinner, plus food for the entire week.
Estimated value of donated food.....$57,960.00
726 children received new toys and were given new clothes and shoes. Estimated cost of clothing and shoes was $175 per child. Toys: over $45,000.
Estimated value of clothing and toys.....$132,050.00

FOOD FOR PRESIDIO.....$12,000.00

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Thanks to the generosity of a very caring couple, gift cards to WalMart were purchased that were given to needy families to help with food, clothing and household needs through the holiday season.
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WILLIAMSON

From 1B

did that colonoscopy go last Thursday?"

Hal answers, "Oh, it went fine, but the day before was a nightmare."

Most of you probably didn't catch that last line, but if you are a senior, you will know what I'm talking about. And the rest of you will find out in due time.

As I get closer to retirement, I keep asking some of my retired friends what to expect. I have one friend who said he doesn't like retirement at all. He said, "I never get a day off."

Well, that's not what I envision at all. I dreamed about retirement the other day, and the wife asked me, "What are you going to do today?"

I replied, "Absolutely nothing."

She said, "You did that yesterday."

And I, of course, replied, "Well, I'm not finished."

The wife is retiring at the end of this school year, and she is concerned that she won't be relevant any longer. I'm only concerned that the wife's relevancy will somehow keep me from "doing nothing."

But, those are the things that challenge us in our old age. Everyone is different. The wife is challenged by what she can find to do in her retirement, and I'm consumed by what I can get out of in my retirement.

But, don't get down on me. I'm not retiring just yet. It seems I still have too much work to do. I once joked that I would retire if I could ever work through this pile of stuff on my desk. But there is probably more truth in that than what meets the eye.

Besides, I can't retire until I find a place I can meet the guys for coffee in the morning. I need some new friends that excel in doing nothing. Also, I need to work on some great stories to share at these "do nothing" gatherings.

I also need to learn to whine more about how awful it is to be growing old. I'm not there yet, but I'm beginning to see their point. Those of you old enough to remember Studebakers know what we are talking about.

If you don't remember 45 RPM records, you need to take notes because you will wake up one morning with aches and pains that you never had before and you will know that you are growing old. Then it's patch, patch, patch.

Thought for the Week: Drive through this world with a purpose. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

MORIAK

From 1B

"The truth is, it's all about making sure everyone has a good time," he said. "The prices have to be reasonable, and the beer has to be cold. You promote big and just make it a great atmosphere."

Having worked for Graham Brothers Entertainment — Rockin' Rodeo's parent company — in New Mexico, Dallas and Kansas, Herrington and general manager Devin Dick said they're amazed by how loyal West Texans are to Texas musicians.

"In every other place but this one, we have to bring in a $20,000 act to get people out and excited," Herrington said about the venue's promise for live music every Thursday night. "But here, we bring in someone who costs $500, and the crowd just turns out."

That loyalty is what makes Midland's Rockin' Rodeo the highest grossing and net profit club in the company, Herrington said.

"People around here love music and love having a good time," Herrington said. "They will come out every week and hear live music, regardless of who it is."

For 19-year-old Thomas Navarrete, few things in life are better than dancing, and he's sure to be found at Rockin' Rodeo at least once a week whirling and twirling different women around the dance floor.

"It's a good old time," Navarrete said. "Everyone's out here to have fun, and I meet new people and learn new moves from watching others dance."

While alcohol certainly flows through venues on concert nights, Navarrete's dancing partner, Savannah Morales, 19, said it's definitely possible to have fun without drinking.

"Obviously, if we keep coming back, it's a good time," Navarrete said.

Though he has to drive more than an hour from Knott, 29-year-old T.J. Walluk said Rockin' Rodeo is one of the few places to dance and attend concerts in the area.

Bonnie Harris, 24, of Kermit, finds the drive worthwhile when there's a good band playing.

"Going to concerts is one of the few things to do in town, so luckily there are a lot of them," Harris said.

Having lived in West Virginia for awhile, Harris learned quickly that "Texas country is different than what you'll find anywhere else."

The genre is one that's hard to define, Edmondson said.

"We're not anything like our counterparts, and Texas music — while it's rooted in the same thing — is all about diversity," Edmondson said.

That diversity is exactly what I love about Texas country music. No two songs are the same, but they all have a common thread I can identify with.

The opportunity to attend inexpensive concerts every week is something the young people in Midland should be proud of and indulge in.

You don't have to own boots, and you don't have to know the words. As Edmondson said, you just need to leave your expectations at home and have an open mind.

After all, there's something unique and wonderful about listening to a live band singing about the great things in your state — like having your hair blown back by the Lubbock wind and eatin' Coopers down in Llano.

"If you don't know much about dancing and Texas country, you should just come out and be friendly to others. You'll figure it out," Navarrete said.

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

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Upcoming concert: Kevin Fowler on Jan. 27

RABIES

From 1B

even within this one geographical area — that public health is making a difference."

Throughout the next month, planes and helicopters will drop 1.8 million baits over South and West Texas, with most of the baits reserved for West Texas and the foxes.

After that, the state plans to bait a protective barrier along the border each winter.

In the past legislative session, lawmakers cut the program's $4 million, two-year budget by $1 million. That will permit a barrier zone of baiting for the next two years, although it won't cover the entire border as hoped. After that, with the rabies strains eliminated from Texas and human cases rare, other uses might be found for those funds.

The budget also includes some federal funds, but the U.S. Department of Agriculture's wildlife rabies program — which also has had to defend its $18 million annual budget from cuts — mostly is focused on a strain of raccoon rabies along the densely populated Eastern Seaboard.

That program, launched in the wake of Texas' success, is baiting a band that stretches from Maine to Alabama.

"There is a difference between the Texas project and the raccoons," said Dennis Slate, national coordinator for the USDA's National Rabies Management Program. "In Texas, we still have to worry about re-emergence from Mexico. Whereas with raccoon rabies, as currently envisioned, you could theoretically eliminate it because you could back it up to the Atlantic Ocean."

In the 1990s, state health officials turned to an oral rabies vaccine called V-RG that still was considered experimental in the United States, but had been used in Europe to eliminate rabies in foxes. Canada also had an oral rabies program in foxes using different vaccines.

They spent a few frantic months testing the vaccine in coyotes to the USDA's satisfaction and working with the Georgia-based manufacturer for enough doses. In February 1995, using planes leased from Canada's program and launched from Pleasanton, the baiting began.

With dog and fox rabies apparently gone, health officials had hoped to turn their attention next to skunk rabies — the third strain found here in four-legged Texas animals. Bats are host to a fourth strain, but no vaccine strategy exists yet for them.

Through October, more than 500 cases of skunk rabies were reported in Texas in 2011, and skunks managed to infect a number of dogs, cats, cows and horses.

Skunks often tangle with household pets when people leave food outdoors. And as for livestock, Oertli said, "almost every time you have a pasture, a skunk will come waddling across and the horse will stick his nose down, get bitten on the end of the nose. Almost every time."

And while you'd think people could smell skunks coming, they occasionally bite a person, too — most recently a Burnet man working under his car.

With canine rabies gone and budgets tight, health officials briefly considered eliminating much of the South Texas zone next year and putting some of that money to use in tackling skunk rabies. Then they were reminded why the zone is there. Mexico reported two rabid-dogs near Laredo in the state of Nuevo Leon in recent months — one infected with the canine strain, the other with fox rabies.

A very small number of human rabies cases occur in the United States each year. Most are infected by bats, but a few are exposed in other countries where rabies is endemic.

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Legislators must fix the budget-balancing gimmicks

■ Good stewards don't use money meant for certain projects to be withheld for the sake of spending too much elsewhere.



MICHAEL QUINN SULLIVAN
Texans for Fiscal Responsibility

As a boy, cleaning my room usually meant pushing toys under the bed and shoving clothes into drawers. On cursory inspection, the room was clean, but should my mother dare to open the closet door ... serious injury to life and limb was not out of the question.

I remember once trying to move my bed so I could shove more clutter under it, only to find in doing so I exposed rubble from previous such exercises in "cleaning." Let's just say I don't recall my parents being overly amused.

In the same way, taxpayers shouldn't be amused by the tricks and gimmicks legislators employ to keep up appearances that state's fiscal house is in order.

A top priority for the next Legislature must be to correct the creative accounting and get rid of the gimmicks so the state can have an honest budget — or at least so Texans can have an honest budget debate.

It is absolutely true that the lion's share of the biennial budget balancing act was accomplished through reductions in spending. Yet, it is also undeniably true the Legislature balanced the budget with no small number of tricks that will demand a reckoning.

A recent story in the Dallas Morning News recounts how a portion of the money from red-light cameras is supposed to go to the state, and then to fund emergency trauma care. While cities are remitting the cash generated by the cameras, the money isn't flowing to the trauma centers from the state.

Why? The Legislature is using the funds — some $46 million — to help keep the books in the black.

In fact, the Associated Press reports $4 billion in taxes and fees earmarked for funding specific projects were withheld by the Legislature. And, that doesn't include the spending gimmicks, such as the purposeful under-funding of Medicaid (budgeting for 18 months instead of 24).

While such actions might make the books balance, it is a practice that crosses well past the borders of honesty.

If the Legislature is going to assess a tax or a fee for a specific purpose, then those dollars should be used only for the specified purposes.

Those revenues shouldn't sit in a slush fund protecting legislators — and the public — from a clear discussion about spending priorities. Either use the money as intended or don't collect it.

Of course, there is nothing new about this practice. For years, we've watched federal lawmakers rob the Social Security trust fund the way a child might sneak cookies from a cabinet, replacing the dollars with an IOU and a smile. State legislators have for years used constitutionally dedicated gas-tax money to fund projects and programs with only a passing relationship to the maintenance and construction of roads and bridges.

When it is suggested we must stop the diversions, the push back is always the same: "But then we'd have to get the money somewhere else!" Perhaps so. Or, perhaps, with a clear view of all the spending and revenues, the people of Texas and their legislators would start prioritizing projects and consider previously unsought efficiencies in services.

It is cliché to note the cleansing power of sunlight in government, but it is cliché only because it is also true. We need to true up the state budget so the people can see precisely what the politicians are doing.

Legislators are our employees, hired by the people to execute the affairs of the state. They are not rulers, lieges nor lords; the money and power they wield are ours and only delegated to them.

As such, we expect them to be good stewards, accurately describing to us — as their employers — the finances of the state.

Using budget gimmicks might get them through a session, even an election, but such things do not serve well the long-term interests of the people of Texas.

Rather than rearrange the furniture, Texans deserve the opportunity to see a clean fiscal house. That will begin with an honest budget, one free from smoke, mirrors, gimmicks and tricks.

A rookie takes the field in race for Hutchison's Senate seat

■ Craig James talks about his campaign and the money he took as a player at SMU.



KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

It was football and politics together Thursday at Austin's historic Driskill Hotel. Add a plate of chocolate chip cookies, and I'd have been humming "My Favorite Things."

At the invitation of ex-grid great Craig James, other journalists and I were on hand for his formal entry into the race for the GOP nomination to replace retiring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

It's James' first foray into politics, and he performed, understandably, like a rookie. He's a late entry into a GOP field featuring Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert and ex-Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz. James said his campaign will be based on three things.

"God is god. Family is family. And the Constitution is the Constitution," he told us.

Hard to argue with that (though each statement could be the starting point for interesting discussions).

James also touted his business experience and noted he's been married 29 years and raised four children.

"I was not just a father. I was a dad," he said. "I was at the kitchen table at night at 6 o'clock with my kids, and I knew where they were coming from."

Good for him. But is there a sadder commentary on the state of our union than when one of the first things a candidate tells you is that he showed up for dinner every night? James offered it as part of his "Real Street" approach. Part of being from Real Street "comes from the fact that I was actually at the dinner table," he said.

He told us he likes the U.S. Constitution: "All of it, not just part of it." He singled out the Second Amendment for particular praise.

"I've got guns. I grew up a hunter. I've got a pistol and shotgun between my mattresses," James said.

In addition to God being God, family being family and the Constitution being the Constitution, James said "right is right and wrong is wrong, and it's never right to do wrong."

The Q-and-A kicked off with questions about James' acceptance of money from boosters when he played at SMU, which eventually got the NCAA's death penalty for paying players.

"It was an insignificant amount that I had when I was at SMU," he said. "It was wrong. And, you know, I was 18, 19 years old. I'd come from an apartment. How many of us wouldn't like a makeover, a redo, when you're 18, 19 years old?"

What's an "insignificant amount"? He's not saying, other than defining it as "never life-changing" and that he enjoyed the $2.99 all-you-can-eat offer at a Dallas Mexican restaurant while he was at SMU.

"I said in my book that if someone came up and shook my hand and there were a $20 bill in it, I didn't have the maturity at the time to turn it away," James said.

Right is right. Wrong is wrong. Did he know that was wrong? "Not really. I think in that era, in that culture, you just can't know what all is going on." Yes, sometimes the line between right and wrong is not as bright as we'd like it to be.

There also was some talk about issues, mostly regarding illegal immigration. "They need to go back," he said of the estimated 12 million people in this country illegally. "They have got to pay the price for coming here illegally."

Fair enough — many people believe that. But, James also believes it's "one of those deals to where it's not practical." Then he said President Barack Obama has not led on the topic. And, James wants a border wall and fence and drones and more boots on the ground.

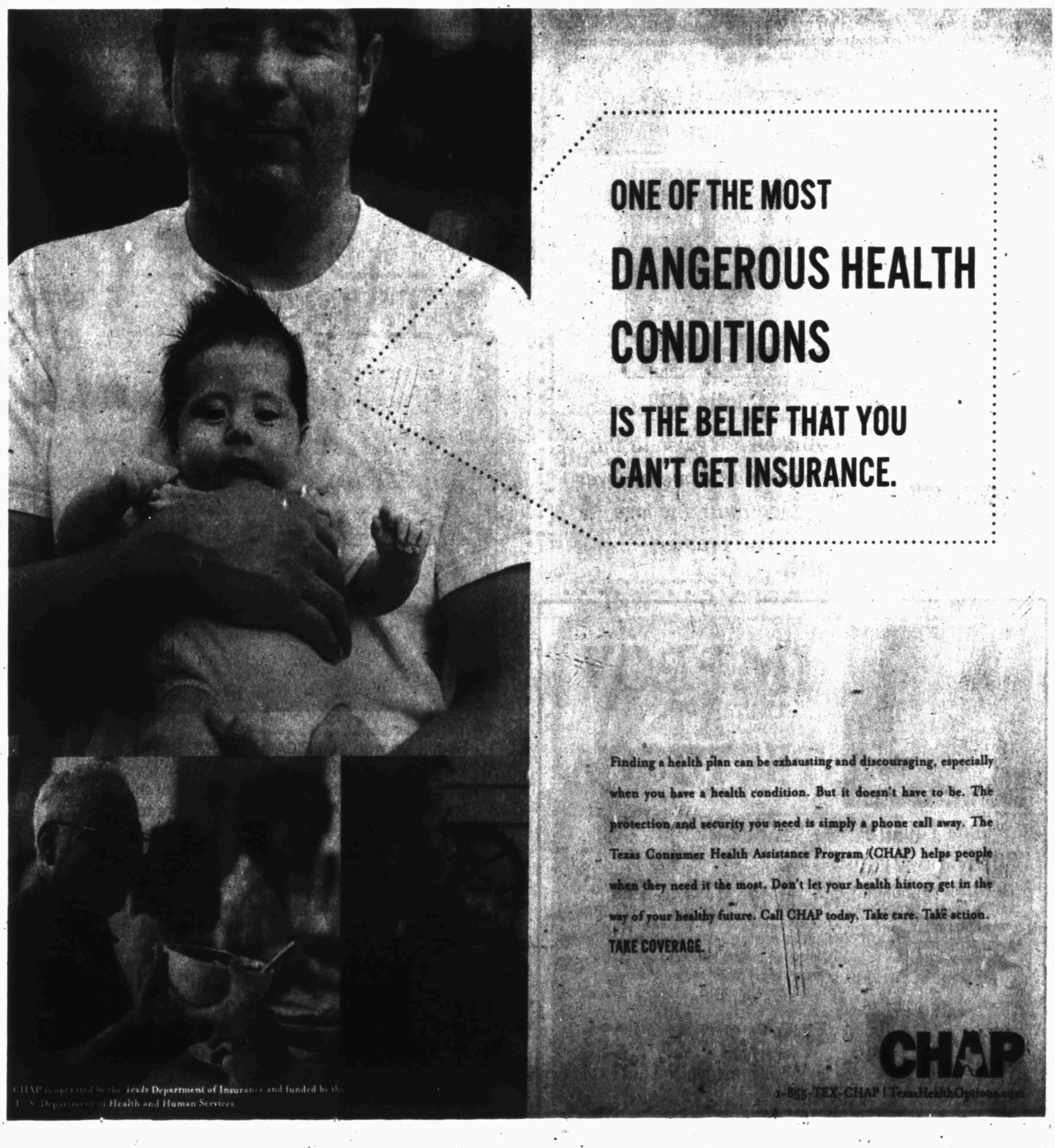
But, does he want to deport all those here illegally? The answer sounded like a yes, sort of. So round them up and ship them home?

"Yeah, but the question was is that a practical deal. ... We're not going to be able to put enough buses together to send them back. We're not going to be able to find them. But, we have to start to pinch and squeeze down to find who they are and get them out of here," he said, sort of explaining his position.

Earlier, James, who played in the NFL for the New England Patriots, recalled the challenge of going from the field to the broadcast booth.

"I looked like an absolute amateur when I first started out. I had to go to Target to buy the how-to-type book," he said.

Anybody know if Target has a how-to-run-for-Senate book?



FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Dokembai O. Barnes, 19, of Odessa, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Joey A. Conde, 26, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Craig S. Ellis, 50, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of theft.

Everardo Hernandez, 33, of Temple, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of assault.

Dillon J. Isaacks, 17, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Benito H. Jurado Jr., 34, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Christina B. Lopez, 31, of Perkina, Okla., was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of credit card abuse of the elderly.

Paul Munoz III, 40, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of theft.

Dagoberto Ruiz, 47, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of parole.

Justin M. Williams, 27, of Odessa, was arrested Friday by U.S. marshals on a charge of being a fugitive from justice.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Crews excavate bones of possible ex-slaves

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Crews of scientists with wooden spoons and small metal picks dig carefully around bones embedded in a dry lake bed, excavating what is believed to be the remains of freed slaves and their children buried in a long-forgotten cemetery.

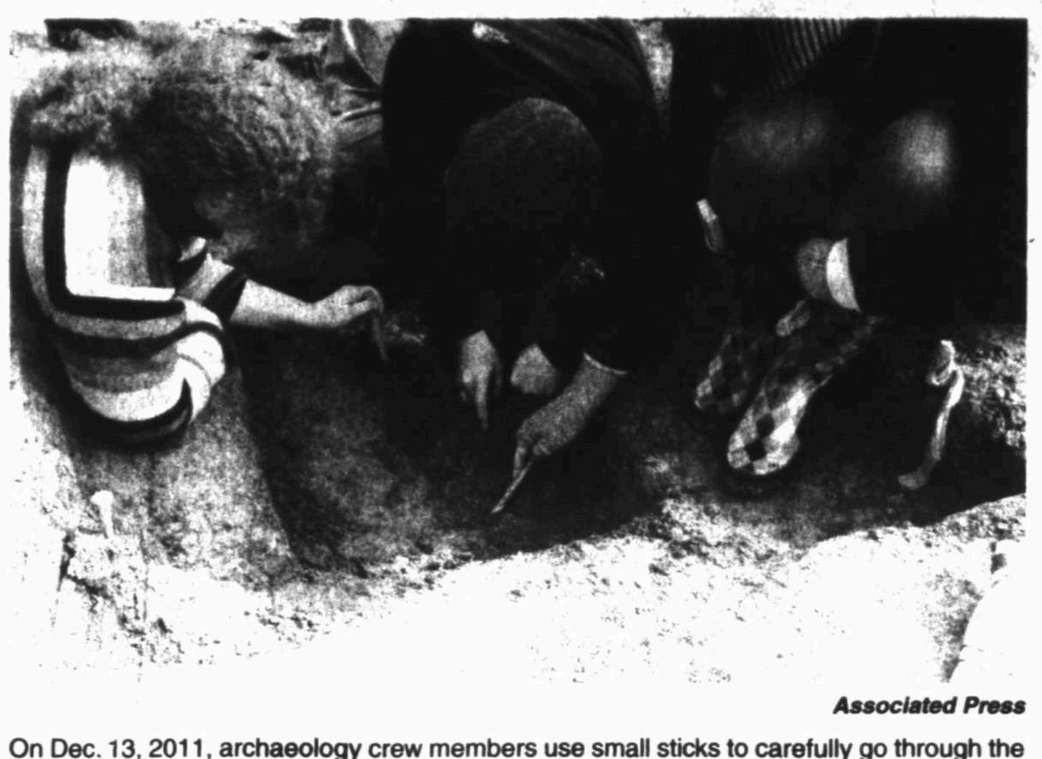
More than two dozen graves were exposed this summer in a section of a reservoir that dried up in the severe Texas drought. Officials later organized a thorough excavation effort and were recently embroiled in a brief legal battle over where to rebury the bones.

With the legal issues resolved and the excavation effort two weeks from completion, the unidentified skeletal remains then will be moved to a cemetery in Navarro County where other black families have been laid to rest.

"I'm pleased that we're able to finally move them to a place of dignity and honor," said Bruce McManus, chairman of the county's historical commission.

A memorial marker will be placed at the new burial site about 80 miles southeast of Fort Worth, but identifying the newly discovered remains likely will not happen. Crews have found no nameplates on the wooden coffins that have deteriorated, and no headstones were in the cemetery on land that became Richland-Chambers Lake in the 1980s. No DNA testing is planned.

"I have talked to people who say they don't know where their grandmother is buried," McManus said. "I've done a lot of research, and I have a good idea of who could be buried there, but I don't know for sure."



Associated Press

On Dec. 13, 2011, archaeology crew members use small sticks to carefully go through the dirt in the recently discovered grave sites at Richland-Chambers Lake in Texas. Archaeology crews have excavated what is believed to be the remains of freed slaves and their children buried in a long-forgotten cemetery recently exposed in the severe drought.

An anthropologist will examine the remains after their removal, painstaking work that takes about a day for each grave, said Nick Trierweiler, program director for cultural resources at Ecological Communications Corp., an Austin company hired to excavate the cemetery.

Trierweiler said an anthropologist is measuring the bones — a process that can usually determine gender and race — but that may not be possible with the babies' remains because they were not as developed. Most remains found so far are those of infants, including one who was 6 to 9 months old.

"It's really a heartbreaking thought to know that all of these babies died on the Texas frontier, although we have no way of knowing if they died at the same time," Trierweiler said.

Crews have found few personal items with the remains, including a few buttons and some beaded jewelry.

Recently scientists found an 1853 silver quarter in one grave and an 1860s coin that was pierced. McManus said his research shows that some slaves wore coins around their necks and sometimes placed them on their children's necks as charms to fight off evil and as a precaution for health concerns.

"We were excited to find the coins, but it doesn't mean they were placed in the graves in those years," Trierweiler said. "People will often place tokens of remembrance in coffins — things of value and things that were important to them."

The cemetery doesn't just contain children's graves. Scientists recently unearthed the remains of a woman, believed to be between 40 and 50 years old when she died, he said. Another skull found in the area in 2009 when waters receded during another dry spell was that of an adult black male.

Because many nails remain on the dried-up surface — too many for the 25 coffins that have since rotted — McManus believes the cemetery was larger but that other adult remains have washed away. The area of Richland-Chambers Lake is on property formerly owned by a slave owner, and several black families worked in the cotton fields there, McManus said, adding that he believes the cemetery dates to the mid- to late-1800s.

The Tarrant Regional Water District, which owns the land, has said thorough surveys were done before the land was flooded in the 1980s and several other cemeteries were moved. It's unclear why this particular cemetery was missed.

The district initially planned to bury the remains in a perpetual-care cemetery as required by state law, so it chose Resthaven Memorial, which happened to be a predominately white cemetery. But, now the remains will be moved to Corsicana's Woodland Cemetery, after the City Council voted last month to make part of it a perpetual-care cemetery — on the heels of the Navarro County Historical Commission's lawsuit in state district court to stop the water district's plans.

2 teens arrested in death, robbery of woman

Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI — Police have arrested two 15-year-old boys in connection with the robbery and fatal stabbing of a Corpus Christi woman, and prosecutors indicate they could be charged as adults.

Police found the 88-year-old woman early Friday morning after neighbors reported hearing sounds from her apartment. The woman, whose name has not been released, later died at a local hospital.

Later Friday morning, an officer on patrol spotted two teens walking, one of whom matched the description of someone seen fleeing the woman's apartment. They were detained on a curfew violation and had items believed to have been taken from the woman's home.

Nueces County District Attorney Mark Skurka said at a news conference that he plans to try to charge the boys as adults, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported.

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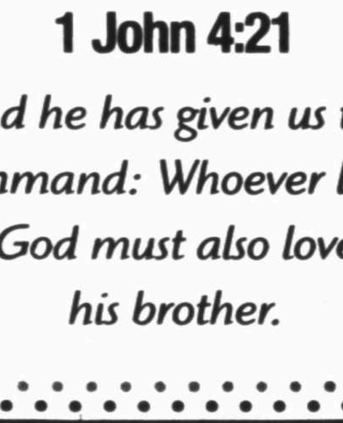
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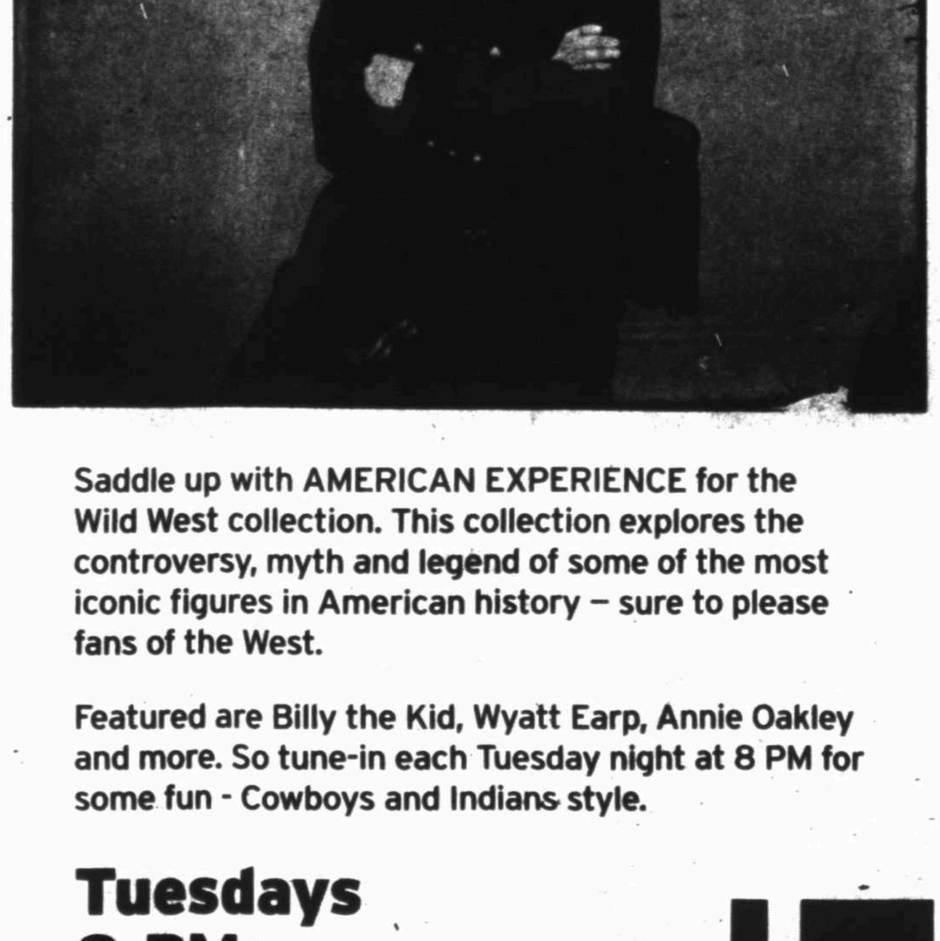
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Effort to ban plastic shopping bags hasn't caught on everywhere

By Anna M. Tinsley
McClatchy Newspapers

FORT WORTH — There's a new tumbleweed in town.

The old-fashioned tumbleweeds that long exemplified empty, desolate places have been replaced by a new symbol of blight: urban tumbleweeds — lightweight plastic bags that get snagged in trees and bushes, pile up in streets, clog drainage systems and endanger wildlife.

A growing number of world leaders consider the bags an environmental hazard and are taking action to eliminate them.

Seattle, Portland, Ore., and several California cities are among the latest cities to ban the bags, following more than two dozen others that paved the way since 2007.

Austin is poised to vote to become the biggest Texas city with a ban. Brownsville enacted the state's first ban in 2011.

"We got along without plastic bags for a very long time," Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell has said, adding that he realizes that many people like the bags and properly use them. "I can actually remember a time in my lifetime when we didn't have plastic bags at all.

"It can be done."

North Texas cities aren't jumping on the bandwagon. But several, including Fort Worth, say they are monitoring what other cities do and won't rule out taking action later.

Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price wishes that such a ban weren't needed at all.

"Texas used to have the 'Don't Mess With Texas' campaign," said Price, who has seen plastic bags, foam containers and other trash littering various parts of the city. "Everybody has to take a little responsibility for their community.

"We can't regulate everything."

Plastic bags, traditionally made from polyethylene, have been provided in grocery and convenience stores and restaurants worldwide for several decades. They began edging out paper bags in popularity soon after being introduced.

Annually, an estimated 500 billion to 1 trillion such bags are used worldwide.

Some environmentalists say that, despite recycling efforts, millions of bags end up in the environment, where they take decades or centuries to decompose.

But, supporters argue that the bags are useful, can be reused, offer shoppers more convenience, take up less space in landfills than their paper counterparts and provide countless manufacturing jobs.

In 2007, San Francisco was the first U.S. city to ban plastic bags, and it has been followed by several other cities in California, as well as Edmonds, Wash., Westport, Conn., Portland and Seattle. Several Texas cities, including South Padre Island and Fort Stockton, followed Brownsville's lead, and more may soon follow.

The United Nations Environment Program called for a worldwide ban on plastic bags in 2009, and more than nine countries have done so, including South Africa, Somalia, Bangladesh, France and China. Shoppers in nations including Denmark, Germany, Israel and Ireland must pay taxes on the bags or pay for the bags themselves.

Some say removing the bags from grocery stores will keep the bags out of the environment, where they become litter and where animals can mistake them for food.

Many of the bags may take 1,000 years to decompose on land and 450 years in water, according to the California-based Earth Resource Foundation, which has launched a campaign against them.

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> — LEE LEFFINGWELL
> Mayor of Austin

Opponents say plastic bag bans will make shopping less convenient and give consumers fewer choices.

Those in the industry say they encourage the reuse of bags and provide recycling opportunities such as bag collection containers at many grocery stores. They say the bags are convenient and more sanitary than cloth bags, which are rarely washed and can carry bacteria. And they say the facilities that make them, including some in North Texas, employ hundreds nationwide.

The Texas Retailers Association has come out against Austin's proposed ban, calling it "an oppressive and unnecessary burden on consumers."

The American Chemistry Council also opposes the Austin proposal.

It will "jeopardize Texas manufacturing jobs, eliminate consumer choice and threaten the plastic bag recycling infrastructure," said Shari Jackson, director of the Progressive Bag Affiliates of the Washington, D.C.-based council.

The Austin proposal would require customers to pay a quarter per disposable bag starting in 2013. By 2016, those bags — paper and plastic alike — would be banned and Austin stores could offer only reusable bags, likely made of fabric or thick paper and with handles, according to a draft of the proposal. It would be one of the broadest and most stringent bag bans in Texas. Officials are expected to discuss it and possibly vote in the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, some residents in Galveston have started a petition drive and Facebook effort to put a bag ban before city leaders. And in San Marcos, a student group at Texas State University has asked city officials to consider putting a proposed ban on the November ballot.

An informal Fort Worth Star-Telegram survey of about a dozen North Texas cities — including Burleson, Colleyville, Dallas, Euless, Grapevine, Keller and North Richland Hills — found that while bag bans aren't on the table, several cities are monitoring what others do.

Arlington leaders considered banning the bags in 2008 but never voted on the idea.

"Since the original discussion on the topic, there has been no additional follow-up or effort," said Trey Yelverton, deputy city manager. "Feedback from the first effort was that we were not ready to pursue it."

Fort Worth staffers also researched the issue in 2008 but didn't go much further, even though the research showed that bags and other litter are a problem.

"We may ask staff to look at what we can do, looking at all kinds of things, and littering in general," Price said. "Do we try to help everyone raise their awareness of what needs to be done and get better at not littering?

"In Fort Worth, people care and do a lot. But we can all do a lot more."

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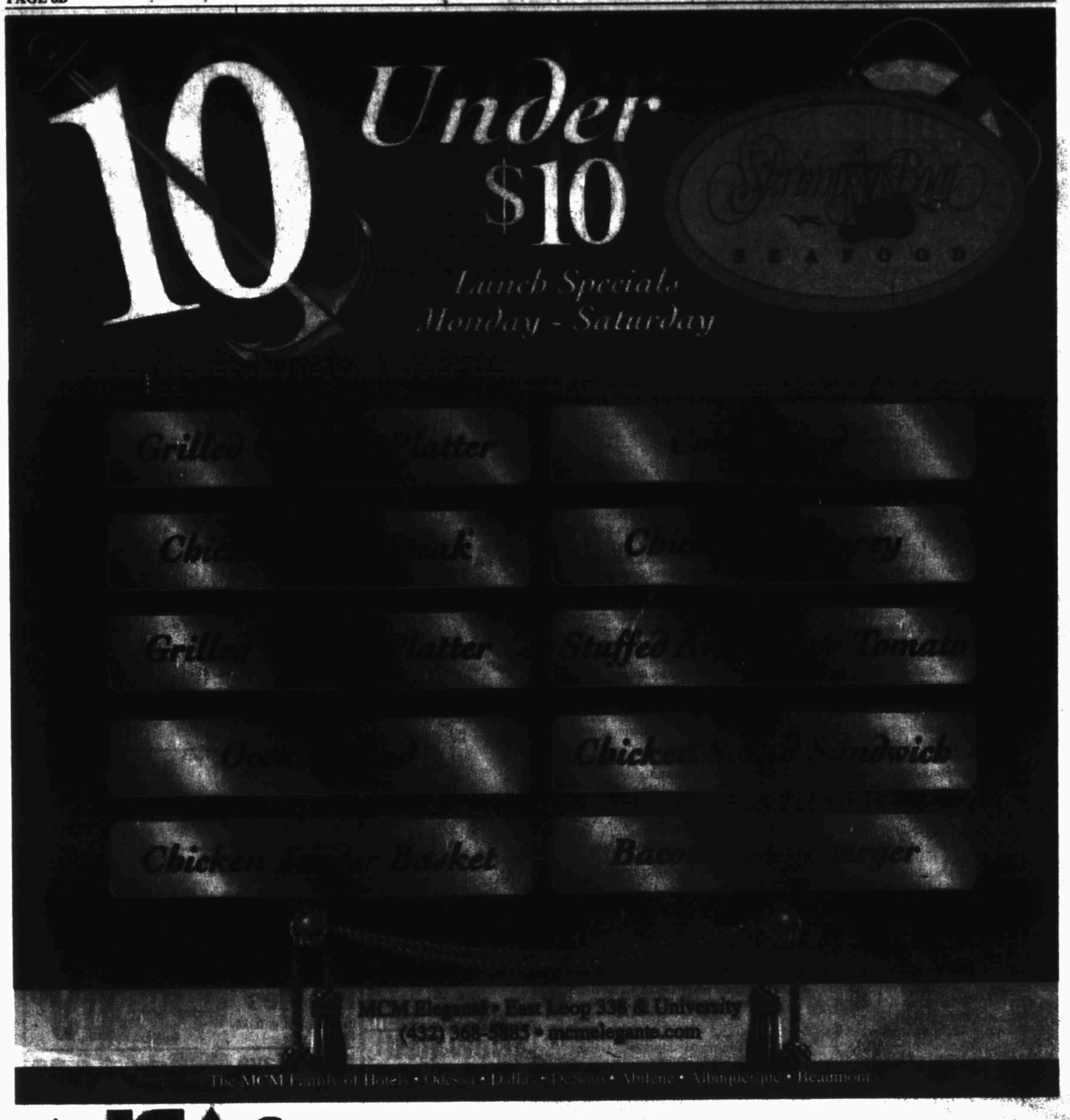
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Baylor forward Cory Jefferson dunks against Oklahoma State in the second half Saturday in Waco. Baylor won, 106-65.

No. 5 Baylor remains unbeaten

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

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WACO — There was a barrage of 3-pointers, alley-oop passes for highlight dunks, a huge rebounding advantage and all those assists for No. 4 Baylor.

And finally a breather for the Bears, who remained undefeated with a 106-65 victory over Oklahoma State on Saturday.

"That's just the depth we have. We have a lot of confidence in each other. We know how to play with each other," Perry Jones III said. "It's just having guys on the floor that you're comfortable with, and everybody's comfortable with everybody. So that's a plus for us."

Jones, the preseason Big 12 player of the year, had 19 points on 8-of-12 shooting with 12 rebounds. Freshman Quincy Miller had a season-high 21 points and newcomer Pierre Jackson scored 18 points with five of Baylor's season-high 15 3-pointers.

Baylor (17-0, 4-0) extended its school-record winning streak to 17 games in advance of a big test Monday night at No. 10 Kansas. The Bears went into Saturday as one of three undefeated teams in major college basketball, along with No. 1 Syracuse and No. 15 Murray State

"They played great. We played bad. There you go," said Cowboys coach Travis Ford, who answered only one question in his postgame news conference that lasted less than 30 seconds. "They played really, really, really well. Really, really, really well."

It would certainly be hard to argue with him.

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Road block



Tony Gutierrez/AP

Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton, right, is sacked by Houston Texans defensive tackle Earl Mitchell, left, during the fourth quarter on Jan. 7 in Houston. The Texans take on the Ravens today.

Texans look to stop Ravens' home winning streak

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press

Houston at Baltimore

- **What:** AFC divisonal round of the NFL Playoffs
- **When:** Noon today
- **Where:** M&T Bank Stadium, Baltimore
- **Radio:** KCRS 550 AM
- **TV:** CBS

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Ravens were perfect at home during the regular season and a .500 team on the road, which explains why they were so desperate to host at least one playoff game this month.

There are many theories as to why the Ravens are so much better at home. Familiarity with their surroundings? Check. The noise generated by their 71,000 supportive fans? Absolutely. The Sportexe synthetic turf at M&T Bank Stadium?

Say what?

According to Houston Texans coach Gary Kubiak, whose team faces Baltimore today in the second round of the AFC playoffs, the Ravens will have the advantage of playing before a boisterous home crowd and on a field that's seemingly custom-made for Pro Bowl running back Ray Rice.

"First off, the noise obviously is tough. But they get even better on that turf," Kubiak said. "To me, they get even quicker coming off the edges and setting the edges and what they do, so that makes them even more difficult. I think Ray, as great a player as he is, he even gets a step better on that turf running the ball."

Kubiak speaks from experience. He watched Rice run for 101 yards in October, helping Baltimore roll to a 29-14 home win over the Texans.

But while Rice has proven to be effective at home or on the road, on grass or on artificial turf, the Ravens (12-4) are unquestionably more dominant in Baltimore. And that is one big reason why the Ravens believe this playoff run will be more successful than the three that preceded it.

Baltimore is the only NFL team to reach the playoffs in each of the last four seasons. In the previous three, however, the Ravens advanced as a wild-card and did not get to play at home. They won a game in each postseason appearance, but on every occasion the strain of repeatedly playing on the road proved too difficult to overcome.

Now, coming off a bye and playing in a venue where they went 8-0 during the regular season, the AFC North champions are confident that home-field advantage will be a big factor in their bid to defeat the Texans (11-6) and earn a berth in the conference title game.

"I don't care who you are, I don't care how good you are, it's hard to win on the road," Baltimore middle linebacker Ray Lewis said. "For us to work as hard as we did, get 12 wins, do the things we were supposed to do, and now get this home playoff game, we have positioned ourselves to be in the right place. Now we have to go finish it."

This will be the Ravens' first home playoff game since 2006 and the first for Rice, now in his fourth NFL season.

"I'd like to say, first off, it's a dream come true," Rice said. "I played every playoff game that there was since I've been a rookie, and they've all been on the road. It's very tough. Playing on the road is tough, no matter how you want to slice that. Trust me, it's a lot different than playing at home. So, a home playoff game definitely plays big on our behalf."

The Texans know the positives of playing at home after dismissing Cincinnati 31-10 last week at Reliant Stadium. Today, rookie quarterback T.J. Yates must try to

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Elise Amendola/AP

Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow, center, is sacked by New England Patriots defensive tackle Gerard Warren, left, and outside linebacker Rob Ninkovich (50) during the second half Saturday in Foxborough, Mass.

Patriots rout Broncos

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

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FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady silenced Tebowmania with a record-shattering performance.

Brady threw six touchdown passes, five in the first half, putting the New England Patriots into the AFC championship game after roughing up Tim Tebow and the Denver Broncos 45-10 Saturday night.

The Patriots (14-3), winners of nine straight games, will host either Baltimore or Houston next Sunday for a spot in the Super Bowl. Saturday night's romp snapped a three-game postseason losing streak, two of those at Gillette Stadium, and lifted the Patriots to the verge of their fifth Super Bowl appearance in 11 seasons. They've won three of those.

"We came in and started fast and it was a big win for us," said Brady, who even got off a 48-yard punt on third down.

From the first snap, this was a mismatch. The Patriots were not going to make the same mistakes the Steelers made against this team.

A nation transfixed by Tebow's play, if not his principles, tuned in Saturday to see if he had more heroics in store for Brady and company. He had nothing left as the Patriots made this must-see TV only for those who live in New England.

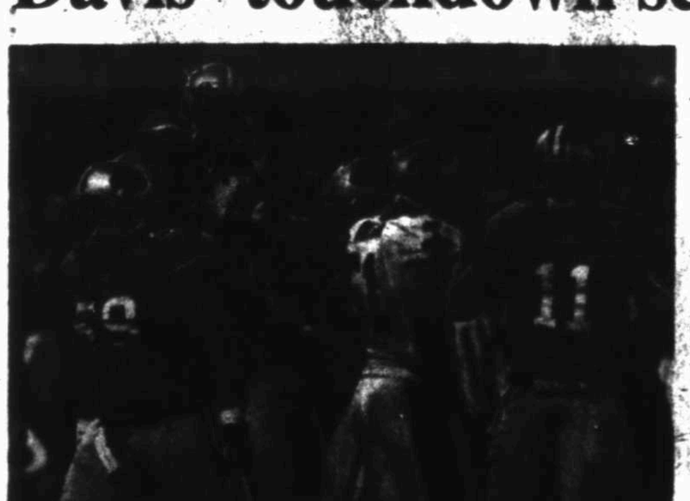
With New England up 42-7, the fans began their derisive Teeee-bow chants. On the next play, the Broncos quarterback was sacked for an 11-yard loss — one of five sacks for New England's 31st-ranked defense.

"We went out and played very hard and good things happened," defensive tackle Vince Wilford said. "A great team win."

And so ended one of the season's most exciting story lines — one that began when Denver was 1-4 and made Tebow a starter. The one-time third-stringer promptly won six in a row and seven of eight, with a string of

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Davis' touchdown sends 49ers into NFC Championship game



Marcio Jose Sanchez/AP

The San Francisco 49ers celebrate after scoring the game-winning touchdown against the New Orleans Saints in the fourth quarter Saturday in San Francisco.

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press

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SAN FRANCISCO — What a way to celebrate the 30-year anniversary of "The Catch."

Joe Montana to Dwight Clark then.

Alex Smith to Vernon Davis now.

Smith completed a 14-yard touchdown pass to Davis with 9 seconds left just after Drew Brees had put the high-powered Saints ahead, and resurgent San Francisco capitalized on five New Orleans turnovers for a thrilling 36-32 playoff victory Saturday.

"This is big for us," Davis said. "It's history. It's legendary."

Smith ran for a 28-yard TD with 2:11 left and threw another scoring pass to Davis in the first quarter. Coach Jim Harbaugh's NFC West champions (14-3) proved that a hard-hitting, stingy defense can still win in the modern, wide-open NFL by holding off one of league's most dynamic offenses.

Brees completed a 66-yard touchdown pass to Jimmy Graham with 1:37 left and the Saints seemed poised to rally from a 17-point deficit when Smith and Davis delivered once more.

San Francisco triumphed in its first playoff game in nine years and will move on to face the New York Giants or defending champion Green Bay Packers, who play today. A win by the Giants would give the 49ers the home field.

Brees came up big down the stretch just as he did throughout a record-setting season, also hitting Darren Sproles for a 44-yard TD with 4:02 remaining — one of Sproles' 15 catches for 119 yards.

The 49ers also showed that defense can still dominate in the days of big passers like Brees.

With Donte Whitner bringing the bruising hits and Dashon Goldson, Patrick Willis and their defensive mates pressuring Brees and forcing turnovers from every angle, surprising San Francisco is a win away from returning to the Super Bowl for the first time since capturing the

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Sunday Morning Line

JONATHAN HULL
Sports Writer



Random musings from a befuddled mind as I fill in for Len Hayward who has been inhaling an insane level of ethanol fumes for the past week:

■ Color me shocked. When I saw an update Friday evening showing Abilene Cooper had just upset the Midland High girls basketball team, I was convinced it was a typo.

It was hard for me to fathom Cooper ending Midland High's district winning streak at 23 games. I figured if anyone was going to end that streak this season it would be Odessa Permian on Tuesday.

But sure enough, Cooper pulled off what many, including myself, considered impossible. Midland High did play most of the second half with top scorer and team leader Krystal Valdez sidelined with an ankle injury, but it's an impressive win for Abilene Cooper nonetheless.

Last season Cooper won just three games. The Lady Cougars have now nearly quadrupled that win total this season, and MHS coach Ron Berry declared them a "serious threat in the second half of District 3-5A play."

Valdez's injury couldn't have come at a worse time for MHS. The Lady Dawgs face Odessa Permian in what is likely the district championship game on Tuesday. Valdez is the best player in 3-5A and MHS will have a tough time replacing her scoring punch if she's not available or even if she's not at 100 percent.

■ Count me among the few who isn't an Alabama fan and found the BCS Championship entertaining. I personally don't mind a defensive standoff in a football game. But that's not the popular opinion around these parts.

This is Big 12 country, and there's a love for offensive shootouts. But it happens with teams like Texas Tech, Baylor and Oklahoma State that seem to put 30 points on the board just by walking onto the field.

There's a place for both styles. I thoroughly enjoyed the Alamo Bowl when Baylor and Washington racked up an insane amount of yards and points. I also liked watching West Virginia score 70 in the Orange Bowl. But after seeing all those impressive offensive showings, I found the BCS Championship a welcome change.

Of course the real conversation to come out around here from Alabama's 21-0 win was how well Oklahoma State would have fared against the Crimson Tide or LSU. I personally believe the BCS got the best two teams in the championship game. But the results of this season did only spur more conversation about a playoff system in college football.

I'm for a small playoff at the FBS, or Division I-A, level. I don't want to see a long drawn out 16-team to 32-team bracket, though. I would be satisfied with the "And-1" format which is essentially a four-team playoff. That will of course just lead to a new debate about which four teams should be in the mix.

The debates and controversy will never end no matter how many teams are allowed into a playoff system. College basketball expanded to 68 teams for March Madness last season and feathers still get ruffled about the last few teams that earn a bid, but at least it clears up some of the "BC-mess."

The best part of the BCS discussion right now is talking about changes is no longer futile. Changes to the system are coming as soon as 2013. A playoff system that once seemed like it would never happen appears to be on the horizon for college football.

■ Is there an NFL coach with more guts than Jim Harbaugh? The playcalling by the San Francisco 49ers head coach was both gutsy and proficient in Saturday's playoff win against New Orleans. In particular, the student-body left call late in the fourth quarter that allowed quarterback Alex Smith too keep the ball on a designed sweep and find the end zone really sticks out.

Harbaugh has done something incredible this season — he's made Alex Smith start to look like he was actually worth taking with the No. 1 overall pick in the 2005 draft.

■ I've heard a lot of excitement from my fellow Texas Rangers fans since they had All-Star first baseman Prince Fielder in town for a preliminary meeting Friday. Fielder would be a nice response by the Rangers to the Los Angeles Angels landing Albert Pujols, but I would hate to see Texas overpay for the rotund slugger.

Fielder, who might be the world's largest vegetarian, would likely top 50 home runs easily were he to regularly play in Rangers Ballpark, and I would by no means hate his addition. My apprehension with the move has more to do with money and need.

Even without Fielder, the Rangers have a team capable of returning to the World Series for a third straight year as long as the Yu Darvish and Neftali Feliz into-the starting-rotation experiments work out. Bringing in Fielder could also indicate the eventual departure of Josh Hamilton. I see that as too much of a sacrifice.

■ And finally, I can't wait until the end of the NFL season. I personally need a several month break from the national media, namely ESPN, bludgeoning me to death with Tim Tebow news.

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On the air today

WHAT'S ON TV

GOLF

European PGA Tour, Joburg Open, final round (same-day tape), 8 a.m., TGC

PGA Tour, Sony Open, final round, 6 p.m., TGC

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Indiana at Ohio St., 3:30 p.m., CBS

Washington St. at Washington, 6 p.m., FSS

UCLA at Southern Cal, 8 p.m., FSS

MOTORSPORTS

Dakar Rally, final stage (delayed tape), 12:30 a.m, NBCSP

NBA

Phoenix at San Antonio, 8 p.m., ESPN

NFL

AFC Divisional Playoffs, Houston at Baltimore, Noon, CBS

NFC Divisional Playoffs, N.Y. Giants at Green Bay, 3:30 p.m., Fox

NHL

N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 6 p.m., NBCSP

PREP BASKETBALL

Brewster (N.H.) vs. Tilton School (N.H.), 3 p.m., ESPN

TENNIS

Australian Open, first round 5:30 p.m., ESPN2

Australian Open, first round, 2 a.m., ESPN2

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Kansas at Missouri, 11:30 a.m., FSS

Temple at Dayton, 1 p.m., ESPN2

Baylor at Texas, 1:30 p.m., FSS

Auburn at Arkansas, 1:30 p.m. FSS Plus

Ohio St. at Michigan St., 3 p.m., ESPN2

California at Utah, 3:30 p.m., FSS

MISD swim teams have productive meet

From staff reports

ANDREWS — Allan Ward and Haley Allen made sure there would be some gold returning to Midland from the Andrews Invitational swim meet on Saturday after each won their respective 1-meter diving events at Mustang Natatorium.

Ward, a sophomore at Lee, won the boys diving with a high score of 400.30, while Allen, a freshman at Midland Christian, took the girls diving with a mark of 359.60. Allen's dive also set both the meet and pool records.

Both the Midland High and Lee girls had productive days in Andrews. Midland High was led by sophomores Taylor Martin and Jordin Newman, who each medaled in three events. Martin was third in the 200 freestyle and third in the 1-meter diving, while Newman won silver in the 100 butterfly and bronze in the 50 free style.

Both were a part of the MHS 400-freestyle relay team that also won silver. Sophomore Emma Jensen and senior Amber Jennings were the other two members.

Lee had three girls medal, including two sophomores in the 500 freestyle. Haleigh Cooper took second in 500 freestyle, while Melody Davis was just behind her in third. Keely Martin was the other Lady Rebel to medal, taking third in the 100 breaststroke.

The only other Midland ISD male athlete to medal other than Ward was Midland High junior Taylor McKay, who finished two spots behind Ward in the 1-meter diving in third.

HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 62, ARLINGTON GRACE PREP 38

ARLINGTON — Midland Christian bounced back from a tough one-point loss in district play Friday to rout Arlington Grace Prep on Saturday.

The Lady Mustangs got 19 points from sophomore point guard Morgan Ashton, who also had 10 steals, and 18 points, nine rebounds and five steals from Whitney Rogers to improve to 3-2 in TAPPS 1-4A play and 18-6 overall.

Midland Christian hosts a non-district game against Midland Classical at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at McGraw Special Events Center.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 62, ARLINGTON GRACE PREP 38
MCS (18-6, 3-2 in TAPPS 1-4A) — Morgan Ashton 19, Bethany Roach 4, Kim Vanneman 5, Whitney Rogers 18, Lindzey Roach 4, Tori Watson 2, Maranda Galindo 6, Emma Thompson 4
Grace Prep (2-3 in district) — McCellums 19, Connor 6, Parker 8, Fritz 5

MCS	20	10	15	17—62
Grace Prep	8	4	19	7—38

Free throws — MCS 9-19, AGP 5-15. 3-point goals — MCS 1 (Vanneman), AGP 3 (McCellums, Parker, Fritz). Total fouls — MCS 14, AGP 15. Fouled out — None.
Next: Midland Classical at Midland Christian, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Boys

ARLINGTON GRACE PREP 99, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 41

ARLINGTON — Midland Christian was no match for the No. 3 team in the country as Arlington Grace Prep made quick work of the Mustangs for a TAPPS 1-4A victory.

Grace Prep is loaded with Division I college talent, including junior Jordan Mickey who led Grace Prep with 22 points. Senior Zach Gormley came off the bench to sink six 3-pointers for all of his 18 points. Pat Birt also scored in double figures off the bench with 12.

Grace Prep routed MCS despite getting just six points from its most notable player Isaiah Austin, who is considered one of the top seniors in the country and a Baylor commit.

Midland Christian was led by David Parkhurst, who had 10 points. The Mustangs return home to host a non-district game against Midland Classical at 6 p.m. Tuesday at McGraw Special Events Center.

ARLINGTON GRACE PREP 99, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 41
MCS (13-8, 2-3 in TAPPS 1-4A) — Zach Gilbert 8, Davin Stricklin 4, Mason McClendon 4, Jacob Longbotham 6, Matt Counts 1, David Parkhurst 10, Colton Chalker 4, Tofi Dynsaen 4
Grace Prep (15-2, 5-0) — Emmanuel Mudiay 6, Jelon Hornbeak 8, Jordan Mickey 22, Will Mims 8, Micah Thornton 7, Zach Gormley 18, Pat Birt 12, Micah Seaborn 5, Isaiah Austin 6, Eric Wood 7

MCS	13	11	9	8—41
Grace Prep	22	34	23	20—99

Free throws — MCS 9-19, AGP 9-16. 3-point goals — MCS 0, AGP 13 (Gormley 6, Mims 2, Hornbeak, Thornton, Birt, Seahorn, Wood). Total fouls — MCS 17, AGP 20. Fouled out — None.
Next: Midland Classical at Midland Christian, 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Friday's late box
GRADY 66, BORDEN COUNTY 50
Grady (18-3, 6-1 in District 8-A, Division II) — Brett Glaze 9, Zeke Clay 24, Branson Richards 22, Michael Jimarez 9, Taylor Polson 4, E.J. Rodriguez 8, Ivan Sanjuan 2
Borden County (3-3 in district) — Smith 3, Schaefer 16, Tetchik 13, Richey 15, Rosales 4

Grady	12	18	20	16—66
Borden County	13	15	11	11—50

Free throws — Grady 1-1, BC 10-17. 3-point goals — Grady 9 (Glaze, Clay 4, Richards 4); BC 6 (Smith, Tetchik 3, Richey 2). Total fouls — Grady 14, BC 8. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — Grady, Coach.
Next: Grady at Wellman-Union, 8 p.m. Tuesday.

HSSOCCERROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

LADY DAWGS FINISH NOLAN SHOWCASE WINLESS

FORT WORTH — Midland High capped its trip to the Nolan Showcase with a 3-0 loss to Flower Mound Marcus on Saturday. Marcus is currently ranked 34th in the nation.

The loss drops the Lady Bulldogs to 0-3-1 for the season, although coach Joe Horn believes the team will grow from the experience it gained in Fort Worth.

UTPBROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

UTPB WOMEN PUT ON 3-POINT SHOOTING DISPLAY

FORT SMITH, Ark. — Lauren Unger and Jessi Cowden combined to hit 13 of the team's 15 three-pointers as The University of Texas of the Permian Basin picked up a 77-74 road victory over Arkansas-Fort Smith.

Unger drained seven from downtown while Cowden was nearly just as good with six from behind the arch as they put in 21 and 20 points, respectively. Both were the go-to players in the first half as they combined for 26 of the team's 39 points with all their baskets coming from the three-point variety. UTPB would take a 39-30 halftime advantage

The Falcons improved to 11-5 overall and 2-1 in Heartland Conference play and will host league-leading Newman at 7:30 Thursday night in the Falcon Dome.

SHARP-SHOOTING LIONS DOWN FALCONS

FORT SMITH, Ark. — Arkansas-Fort Smith shot 56.1 percent from the field and dominated the inside as the Lions scored 42 points in the paint en route to a 91-78 win over The University of Texas of the Permian Basin men's basketball team.

UTPB had four players score in double-figures with Louis Crane leading the way with 18 points, hitting a career-high six three-pointers while dishing our four assists.The Lions countered with a 21-point performance from Jake Toupal, while Kelson Stewart and Djordje Stojanovic added 17 and 16 respectively.

The Falcons remain winless in Heartland Conference play and fell to 6-10 overall and 0-4 in league play. They will return home to host Newman at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Falcon Dome.

Keflezighi, Flanagan win Olympic marathon trials

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Meb Keflezighi remembered to wear his nasal strip this time, then made some history at the U.S. Olympic marathon trials.

The Eritrea-born Keflezighi won Saturday's race in a personal-best time of 2 hours, 9 minutes and 8 seconds to qualify for his third games. At 36, Keflezighi is the oldest winner of the trial and the first man to win the event and the New York marathon (2009) in his career.

A spectator handed Keflezighi an American flag in the final mile on Saturday, and he waved it and pumped his fist to the cheering crowd as he approached the finish line.

"It was just a magical moment," Keflezighi said.

The top American men's and women's distance runners competed in Houston for three Marathon spots on each team that will represent the U.S. at the Summer Games.

Shalane Flanagan won the women's competition in an event-record time of 2:25.38. Running in only her second career marathon, the 30-year-old Flanagan shaved more than three minutes off her previous personal best, set in her runner-up finish in New York in 2010.

"That's encouraging," said Flanagan, a bronze medalist in the 10,000 meters in Beijing. "I knew I was capable of something like this, and I believe I'm capable of something even faster."

Keflezighi, the silver medalist in the Athens marathon in 2004, was the only man entered Saturday who ran in the New York City Marathon in November. He finished sixth with a personal-best time (2:09.13), then developed an infection in his left foot, the result of leaving a nasal strip in his shoe, part of his pre-race ritual.

Jacks can't hold on to early lead against Tornado

From staff reports

FRISCO — The Odessa Jackalopes struck first, but couldn't find the net nearly as often as the Texas Tornado in a 5-2 loss at Dr Pepper Arena on Saturday.

Alex Ostrowski scored an unassisted goal with 11:27 left to play in the opening period. But Texas responded with two goals in the final five minutes of the first for a 2-1 lead.

Taylor Herndon scored less than two minutes into the second period, giving Texas a 3-1 lead. Odessa cut the lead back to 3-2 when Lawrence Cornellier was set up by Willie Faust for a power-play goal with 11:08 to play. But the Tornado scored two more goals in the second to put the game out of reach.

The Jacks embark on a three-day road trip to Santa Ana, N.M. to play the New Mexico Mustangs beginning Friday.

Ryan: Texas talks with Fielder 'very preliminary'.

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Texas Rangers president Nolan Ryan publicly acknowledged Saturday that the AL champions have had talks with free agent slugger Prince Fielder.

Ryan described the discussions as "very preliminary."

Rangers officials, including Ryan, had an initial session Friday with Fielder and his agent Scott Boras.

"We met (with Fielder and Boras) to try to get a true feel for where they are at this point in time in his free agency to try to see if we thought there might be something there that works for the Texas Rangers," Ryan said. "It was very preliminary, and it's very early in any type of negotiation process to even say if there's anything that's going to come of that or not."

Ryan, who didn't elaborate further, was responding during a question-and-answer session with fans at the team's annual winter FanFest.

The meeting with Fielder, the 27-year-old first baseman, came at the same time Texas is in the closing stages of their 30-day negotiating window with Japanese pitcher Yu Darvish.

It was unclear if the Rangers would be willing or able to sign both players to contracts.

The Rangers last month bid a record $51.7 million under the posting system just to win the right to negotiate with the 25-year-old Darvish. Their negotiating period ends Wednesday at 4 p.m. CST. The Rangers pay the posting fee only if they sign the 6-foot-5 pitcher.

Ryan, the Hall of Fame pitcher, on Saturday reiterated his optimism that the Rangers will get Darvish signed. Ryan has said he was impressed by his first meeting with Darvish, who visited Texas last week before returning home to Japan.

Fielder made $15.55 million last season with Milwaukee, including a $50,000 bonus for starting the All-Star game.

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Free Agent List
NEW YORK — The 83 free agents who have signed, with name, position, former club if different, and contract. The Contract Information was obtained by The Associated Press from player and management sources, or players with minor league contracts, letter agreements for major league contracts are in parentheses.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE (1) — Signed Endy Chavez, of, Texas, to a $1.8 million, one-year contract.
BOSTON (3) — Announced David Ortiz, dh, has accepted salary arbitration; signed Kelly Shoppach, c, Tampa Bay, to a $1.36 million, one-year contract; signed Nick Punto, inf, St. Louis, to a $9 million, two-year contract.
CLEVELAND (2) — Re-signed Grady Sizemore, cf, to a $6 million, one-year contract; signed Jose Lopez, 3b, Miami, to a minor league contract.
DETROIT (3) — Signed Gerald Laird, c, St. Louis, to a $1 million, one-year contract; re-signed Ramon Santiago, ss, to a $4.2 million, two-year contract; signed Octavio Dotel, rhp, St. Louis, to a $3.5 million, one-year contract.
KANSAS CITY (3) — Re-signed Bruce Chen, lhp, to a $9 million, two-year contract; signed Jonathan Broxton, rhp, Los Angeles Dodgers, to a $4 million, one-year contract; signed Yunesky Betancourt, ss, Milwaukee, to a $2 million, one-year contract.
LOS ANGELES (3) — Signed Albert Pujols, 1b, St. Louis, to a $240 million, 10-year contract; signed C.J. Wilson, lhp, Texas, to a $77.5 million, five-year contract; signed La'Troy Hawkins, rhp, Milwaukee, to a $3 million, one-year contract.
MINNESOTA (5) — Signed Jamey Carroll, of, Los Angeles Dodgers, to a $6.5 million, two-year contract; signed Ryan Doumit, c, Pittsburgh, to a $3 million, one-year contract; re-signed Matt Capps, rhp, to a $4.75 million, one-year contract; signed Josh Willingham, of, Oakland, to a $21 million, three-year contract; signed Jason Marquis, rhp, Arizona, to a $3 million, one-year contract.
NEW YORK (1) — Re-signed Freddy Garcia, rhp, to a $4 million, one-year contract.
OAKLAND (1) — Re-signed Coco Crisp, of, to a $14 million, two-year contract.
SEATTLE (1) — Signed George Sherrill, lhp, Atlanta, to a $1.1 million, one-year contract.
TAMPA BAY (2) — Signed Jose Molina, c, Toronto, to a $1.8 million, one-year contract; signed Fernando Rodney, rhp, Los Angeles Angels, to a $2 million, one-year contract.
TEXAS (1) — Signed Joe Nathan, rhp, Minnesota, to a $14.5 million, two-year contract.
TORONTO (2) — Announced Kelly Johnson, 2b, has accepted salary arbitration; signed Darren Oliver, lhp, Texas, to a $4 million, one-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA (7) — Re-signed John McDonald, inf, to a $3 million, two-year contract; re-signed Henry Blanco, c, to a $1.5 million, one-year contract; re-signed Willie Bloomquist, inf, to a $3.8 million, two-year contract; re-signed Aaron Hill, 2b, to an $11 million, two-year contract; re-signed Lyle Overbay, 1b, to a $1 million, one-year contract; signed Takashi Saito, rhp, Milwaukee, to a $1.75 million, one-year contract; signed Jason Kubel, of, Minnesota, to a $15.5 million, two-year contract.
ATLANTA (1) — Re-signed Jack Wilson, ss-2b, to a $1 million, two-year contract.
CHICAGO (4) — Signed David DeJesus, of, Oakland, to a $10 million, two-year contract; re-signed Reed Johnson, of, to a $1.15 million, one-year contract; signed Paul Maholm, lhp, Pittsburgh, to a $4.75 million, one-year contract; re-signed Kerry Wood, rhp, to a $3 million, one-year contract.
CINCINNATI (1) — Signed Andrew Brackman, rhp, New York Yankees, to a $500,000, one-year contract.
COLORADO (3) — Signed Jeremy Hernandez, c, Cincinnati, to a $6.4 million, two-year contract; signed Michael Cuddyer, of, Minnesota, to a $31.5 million, three-year contract; signed Casey Blake, 3b, Los Angeles Dodgers, to a $2 million, one-year contract.
LOS ANGELES (8) — Re-signed Juan Rivera, of, to a $4.5 million, one-year contract; signed Adam Kennedy, 2b, Seattle, to an $800,000, one-year contract; signed Chris Capuano, lhp, New York Mets, to a $10 million, two-year contract; signed Jerry Hairston Jr., inf, of, Milwaukee, to a $5 million, two-year contract; signed Aaron Herang, rhp, San Diego, to a $12 million, two-year contract; signed Josh Bard, c, Seattle, to a minor league contract ($775,000); signed John Grabow, lhp, Chicago Cubs, to a minor league contract ($800,000); re-signed Mike MacDougal, rhp, to a $1 million, one-year contract.
MIAMI (4) — Signed Chad Durbin, rhp, San Diego, to a $2.7 million, three-year contract; signed Jose Reyes, ss, New York Mets, to a $106 million, six-year contract; signed Mark Buehrle, lhp, Chicago White Sox, to a $58 million, four-year contract; re-signed Greg Dobbs, 3b, to a $3 million, two-year contract.
MILWAUKEE (4) — Announced Francisco Rodriguez, rhp, has accepted salary arbitration; signed Alex Gonzalez, ss, Atlanta, to a $4.25 million, one-year contract; signed Aramis Ramirez, 3b, Chicago Cubs, to a $36 million, three-year contract; signed Cesar Izturis, ss, Baltimore, to a minor league contract ($875,000).
NEW YORK (5) — Signed Jon Rauch, rhp, Toronto, to a $3.5 million, one-year contract; signed Frank Francisco, rhp, Toronto, to a $12 million, two-year contract; re-signed Chad Gaudin, rhp, to a $2.5 million, one-year contract; signed Donnie Murphy, inf, Cincinnati, to an $850,000, one-year contract; re-signed Jimmy Rollins, ss, to a $33 million, three-year contract.
PITTSBURGH (4) — Signed Rod Barajas, c; Los Angeles Dodgers, to a $4 million, one-year contract; signed Clint Barmes, ss, Houston, to a $10.5 million, two-year contract; signed Nate McLouth, of, Atlanta, to a $1.75 million, one-year contract; signed Erik Bedard, rhp, Boston, to a $4.5 million, one-year contract.
ST. LOUIS (3) — Re-signed Rafael Furcal, ss, to a $14 million, two-year contract; signed J.C. Romero, lhp, Colorado, to a $750,000, one-year contract; signed Carlos Beltran, of, San Francisco, to a $26 million, two-year contract.
SAN DIEGO (1) — Signed Mark Kotsay, of, Milwaukee, to a $1.25 million, one-year contract.
WASHINGTON (3) — Re-signed Chien-Ming Wang, rhp, to a $4 million, one-year contract; signed Jason Michaels, of, Houston, to a minor league contract ($800,000); signed Mark DeRosa, 1b, San Francisco, to a $800,000, one-year contract.

JAPAN PACIFIC LEAGUE

SOFTBANK HAWKS (1) — Signed OF Wily Mo Pena, of, Seattle to a $4.05 million, two-year contract.

Remaining Free Agents List
NEW YORK — The 83 remaining free agents:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE (1) — Vladimir Guerrero, dh
BOSTON (6) — J.D. Drew, of; Conor Jackson, 1b; Trever Miller, lhp; Jason Varitek, c; Tim Wakefield, rhp; Dan Wheeler, rhp.
CHICAGO (3) — Ramon Castro, c; Juan Pierre, of; Orlando Vazquez, ss.
CLEVELAND (2) — Chad Durbin, rhp; Kosuke Fukudome, of.
DETROIT (5) — Wilson Betemit, 3b; Carlos Guillen, ss; Magglio Ordonez, of; Brad Penny, rhp; Jose Zumaya, rhp.
KANSAS CITY (2) — Jeff Francis, lhp; Jason Kendall, c.
LOS ANGELES (3) — Russell Branyan, 3b; Joel Pineiro, rhp; Horacio Ramirez, lhp.
NEW YORK (7) — Luis Ayala, rhp; Eric Chavez, 3b; Bartolo Colon, rhp; Andruw Jones, of; Damaso Marte, lhp; Sergio Mitre, rhp; Jorge Posada, dh.
OAKLAND (2) — Rich Harden, rhp; Hideki Matsui, of.
SEATTLE (1) — Jamey Wright, rhp.
TAMPA BAY (3) — Juan Cruz, rhp; Johnny Damon, of; Casey Kotchman, 1b.
TEXAS (3) — Mike Gonzalez, lhp; Matt Treanor, c; Brandon Webb, rhp.
TORONTO (1) — Shawn Camp, rhp.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA (2) — Zach Duke, lhp; Xavier Nady, of.
ATLANTA (1) — Scott Linebrink, rhp.
CHICAGO (3) — Rodrigo Lopez, rhp; Ramon Ortiz, rhp; Carlos Pena, 1b.
CINCINNATI (2) — Francisco Cordero, rhp; Edgar Renteria, ss.
COLORADO (3) — Aaron Cook, rhp; Mark Ellis, 2b; Kevin Millwood, rhp.
LOS ANGELES (4) — Jon Garland, rhp; Hiroki Kuroda, rhp; Aaron Miles, 2b; Vicente Padilla, rhp.
MIAMI (1) — Jorge Vazquez, rhp.
MILWAUKEE (2) — Craig Counsell, 2b; Prince Fielder, 1b.
NEW YORK (3) — Willie Harris, of; Jason Isringhausen, rhp; Chris Young, of.
PHILADELPHIA (5) — Ross Gload, of; Raul Ibanez, of; Brad Lidge, rhp; Ryan Madson, rhp; Rod Barajas, c.
PITTSBURGH (3) — Derrek Lee 1b; Ryan Ludwick, of; Chris Snyder, c.
ST. LOUIS (5) — Edwin Jackson, rhp; Corey Patterson, of; Arthur Rhodes, lhp.
SAN DIEGO (2) — Brad Hawpe, of; Chad Qualls, rhp.
SAN FRANCISCO (4) — Pat Burrell, of; Orlando Cabrera, ss; Guillermo Mota, rhp; Cody Ross, of.
WASHINGTON (6) — Rick Ankiel, of; Todd Coffey, rhp; Alex Cora, inf; Jonny Gomes, of; Livan Hernandez, rhp; Ivan Rodriguez, c.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	3	1	.750	—
New York	2	5	.500	3
Boston	4	7	.364	4 1/2
Toronto	3	7	.300	5
New Jersey	3	10	.231	6 1/2
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	8	3	.727	—
Atlanta	9	4	.692	—
Miami	8	4	.667	1/2
Charlotte	3	10	.231	6
Washington*	1	11	.083	7 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	12	2	.857	—
Indiana	9	3	.750	2
Cleveland	5	6	.455	5 1/2
Milwaukee	4	7	.364	6 1/2
Detroit	3	9	.250	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	8	4	.667	—
Dallas	8	5	.615	1/2
Memphis	5	6	.455	2 1/2
Houston	5	7	.417	3
New Orleans	3	9	.250	5
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	11	2	.846	—
Denver	8	4	.667	2 1/2
Utah	7	4	.636	3
Portland	7	5	.583	3 1/2
Minnesota	4	8	.333	6 1/2
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	9	4	.692	—
L.A. Clippers	5	3	.625	1 1/2
Phoenix	4	7	.364	4
Sacramento	4	9	.308	5
Golden State	3	8	.273	5

Saturday's Scores
Atlanta 93, Minnesota 91
Charlotte 112, Golden State 100
Indiana 107, Portland 85
Philadelphia 103, Washington 90
Chicago 77, Toronto 64
Houston 107, Portland 105, OT
Oklahoma City 104, New York 92
Memphis 108, New Orleans 99
Utah 107, New Jersey 94
Dallas 99, Sacramento 80
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games
Golden State at Detroit, 5 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at San Antonio, 8 p.m.

Monday's Games
Chicago at Memphis, Noon
Orlando at New York, Noon
Cleveland at Charlotte, 1 p.m.
Houston at Washington, 1 p.m.
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Portland at New Orleans, 2 p.m.
New Jersey at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Boston, 7 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY'S BOXES
MAVERICKS 99, KINGS 60
SACRAMENTO (60): Salmons 3-7 2-2 8, Hickson 1-8 1-2 3, Cousins 4-14 3-4 11, Evans 1-8 1-3 3, Thornton 4-14 5-5 14, Garcia 0-3 0-0 0, Greene 3-10 0-0 6, Fredette 1-8 0-0 3, Thompson 1-2 0 2, Thomas 1-6 0-2 2. Totals 22-86 11-19 60.
DALLAS (99): Marion 5-9 0-0 10, Nowitzki 6-14 2-2 14, Haywood 1-3 0-0 2, Kidd 2-2 0-0 5, West 3-8 0-0 7, Dalembert 3-7 2-4 8, Terry 6-13 3-3 21, Mahinmi 1-3 5-5 7, Carter 6-8 1-2 16, Beaubois 3-5 0-1 6. Wright 1-6 2-4 4. 19-1-4 3-4 5, Cardinal 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 37-81 18-25 99.
Sacramento 11 12 22 15 — 60
Dallas 27 25 20 27 — 99
3-Point Goals—Sacramento 2-21 (Fredette 1-4, Thornton 1-7, Thomas 0-2, Greene 0-2, Salmons 0-3, Garcia 0-3), Dallas 7-16 (Carter 3-3, Terry 2-4, Kidd 1-1, Odom 1-2, Cardinal 0-1, Beaubois 0-1, Nowitzki 0-2, West 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 53 (Cousins 10), Dallas 66 (Marion 8). Assists—Sacramento 10 (Salmons, Evans 3), Dallas 19 (Kidd 5). Total Fouls—Sacramento 21, Dallas 16. Technicals—Thompson, Sacramento bench 2 A—20,313 (19,200).

ROCKETS 107, TRAIL BLAZERS 105, OT
PORTLAND (105): Wallace 4-12 2-4 10, Aldridge 7-21 8-10 22, Thomas 2-5 0-0 4, Felton 6-12 1-2 13, Matthews 2-8 0-0 5, Batum 9-15 5-6 29, Crawford 3-12 3-3 11, C.Smith 4-5 3-6 11, N.Smith 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-90 22-31 105.
HOUSTON (107): Parsons 2-6 0-0 4, Scola 3-7 0-0 6, Dalembert 2-5 2-2 6, Lowry 13-26 4-5 33, Martin 8-22 12-13 28, Budinger 7-16 2-2 18, Patterson 1-3 0-0 2, Dragic 0-2 3-4 3, Hill 3-6 1-2 7. Totals 39-93 24-28 107
Portland 21 32 23 21 8 — 105
Houston 27 31 26 13 10 — 107
3-Point Goals—Portland 2-23 (Batum 0-7, Crawford 2-6, Matthews 1-4, Wallace 0-5, Felton 0-45, Houston 5-18 (Lowry 3-5, Budinger 2-5, Martin 0-6). Fouled Out—Dalembert. Rebounds—Portland 54 (Aldridge 10), Houston 66 (Dalembert 12). Assists—Portland 18 (Aldridge, Felton 5), Houston 20 (Lowry 9). Total Fouls—Portland 25, Houston 30. A—11,876 (18,043).

GRIZZLIES 108, HORNETS 99
NEW ORLEANS (99): Summers 0-5 1-2 1, Kaman 3-8 1-2 7, Okafor 3-5 0-0 6, Jack 8-14 6-6 22, Belinelli 2-4 4-4 10, Smith 7-18 1-2 15, Aminu 1-5 3-3 5; Vasquez 5-10 3-4 14, Ayon 3-5 3-3 9, T.Johnson 1-1 3-5 5, Landry 0-1 0-0 0, C.Johnson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 35-75 25-31 99.
MEMPHIS (108): Gay 9-19 3-4 23, Speights 4-8 4-4 12, Gasol 6-13 8-12 20, Conley 5-12 6-7 17, Allen 2-7 8-8 12, Davis 1-4 0-0 2, Cunningham 2-4 0-1 4, Mayo 3-8 1-1 9, Sitton 2-3 0-0 5. Pondexter 3-8 3-4 9. Totals 35-78 33-41 108.
New Orleans 24 23 28 24 — 99
Memphis 27 29 22 30 — 108
3-Point Goals—New Orleans 4-10 (Belinelli 2-3, Jack 1-3, Vasquez 1-2, C.Johnson 0-1, Smith 0-2), Memphis 5-10 (Mayo 2-3, Gay 2-3, Conley 1-2, Pondexter 0-1, Davis 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 49 (Smith 10), Memphis 48 (Gasol 11). Assists—New Orleans 19 (Vasquez 6), Memphis 18 (Conley 7). Total Fouls—New Orleans 30, Memphis 19. Technicals—Vasquez, New Orleans defensive three second, Memphis defensive three second, A—14,983 (18,119).

THUNDER 104, KNICKS 92
NEW YORK (92): Walker 1-6 1-2 3, Stoudemire 7-19 0-0 14, Chandler 3-3 9-9 15, Fields 0-2 0-0 0, Shumpert 3-10 0-0 6, Fields 1-7 1-2 3, Harrellson 5-10 0-0 12, Jeffries 0-4 1-2 1, Douglas 5-10 4-4 14, Balkman 4-6 3-3 11, Novak 0-0 0-0 0, Lin 1-1 1-2 3, Jordan 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 34-83 19-23 92.
OKLAHOMA CITY (104): Durant 10-17 7-7 28, Ibaka 2-4 0-0 4, Perkins 2-4 5-6 9, Westbrook 6-12 7-8 21, Sefolosha 0-2 2-2 2, Jackson 0-4 0-0 0, Collison 1-1 0-0 2, Harden 8-12 5-5 24, Mohammed 2-6 0-0 4, Cook 2-8 0-0 5, Aldrich 1-2 3-4 5, Ivey 0-1 0-2 0, Hayward 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 34-71 29-34 104.
New York 22 25 18 27 — 92
Oklahoma City 32 30 22 12 — 104
3-Point Goals—New York 5-19 (Bibby 2-4, Harrellson 2-5, Balkman 1-1, Fields 0-1, Shumpert 0-3, Douglas 0-3, Walker 0-4), Oklahoma City 7-18 (Harden 3-5, Westbrook 2-3, Durant 1-2, Cook 1-5, Sefolosha 0-1, Jackson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 52 (Chandler, Walker 7), Oklahoma City 43 (Westbrook 8). Assists—New York 18 (Bibby, Walker, Stoudemire, Shumpert 3), Oklahoma City 18 (Westbrook 8). Total Fouls—New York 23, Oklahoma City 22. Technicals—Stoudemire, New York defensive three second. A—18,203 (18,203).

BULLS 77, RAPTORS 64
TORONTO (64): R.Butler 0-3 0-0 0, Davis 1-3 0-2 2, A.Johnson 3-11 0-2 6, Calderon 1-6 0-0 2, DeRozan 7-15 0-0 15, Magloire 1-5 0-0 2, Bargnani 2-7 0-0 5, J.Johnson 6-11 0-0 12, Forbes 2-6 0-0 5, Kleiza 2-6 1-2 5. Totals 30-86 1-7 64.
CHICAGO (77): Deng 7-16 0-3 14, Boozer 8-15 1-1 17, Noah 2-5 0-0 4, Rose 7-20 2-2 18, Brewer 1-5 0-0 2, Gibson 4-9 3-4 11, Asik 0-0 0-0 0, Watson 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 31-79 6-10 77.
Toronto 14 23 15 12 — 64
Chicago 23 14 19 21 — 77
3-Point Goals—Toronto 3-10 (DeRozan 1-1, Barbosa 1-2, Forbes 1-2, R.Butler 0-1, Kleiza 0-1, J.Johnson 0-1, Calderon 0-2), Chicago 4-15 (Lucas 2-4, Rose 2-6, Deng 0-2, Korver 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 57 (A.Johnson 13), Chicago 56 (Boozer 13). Assists—Toronto 17 (Calderon 8), Chicago 19 (Rose 11). Total Fouls—Toronto 15, Chicago 7. A—21,962 (20,917).

PACERS 97, CELTICS 83
BOSTON (83): Pierce 5-12 9-10 21, Garnett 10-19 1-2 21, O'Neal 0-4 3-4 3, Rondo 3-9 0-0 6, Allen 3-9 0-0 7, Bass 5-12 0-0 10, Pietrus 1-6 1-2 4, Bradley 0-1 0-0 0, Sternsma 0-0 0-0 0. Moore 3-7 0-0 7. Johnson 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 32-83 14-18 83.
INDIANA (97): Granger 8-19 4-4 21, West 4-8 0-0 8, Hibbert 5-15 1-2 11, Collison 6-11 4-4 17, George 5-11 6-6 17, Hansbrough 1-8 4-4 6, Hill 2-5 2-2 8. Stephenson 1-3 0-0 2, Price 1-6 1-1 3, Jamison 1-2 0-0 2, Amundson 0-4 0-0 0. Pendergraph 1-2 0-0 2. Price 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-94 22-23 97
Boston 24 24 19 16 — 83
Indiana 29 27 26 15 — 97
3-Point Goals—Boston 5-15 (Pierce 2-4, Moore 1-3, Allen 1-3, Pietrus 1-5), Indiana 5-16 (Hill 2-3, Collison 1-3, George 1-3, Granger 1-6, Stephenson 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 52 (O'Neal 13), Indiana 60 (Hibbert 9). Assists—Boston 20 (Rondo 9), Indiana 14 (Collison 4). Total Fouls—Boston 24, Indiana 18. Technicals—Rondo, defensive three second. A—14,203 (18,165).

BOBCATS 112, WIZARDS 100
GOLDEN STATE (100): D.Wright 3-6 5-6 11, Lee 11-16 2-3 24, Biedrins 4-4 0-0 8, Jenkins 2-8 1-1 5, Ellis 9-20 5-6 18, Udoh 0-2 3-4 3, Robinson 4-10 2-2 12, Rush 1-4 4-6 7, C.Wright 0-0 1-2 1, Thompson 2-8 0-0 4, McGuire 1-2 2-2 4, Benson 1-2 0-2 2. Totals 35-84 25-32 100.
CHARLOTTE (112): Henderson 9-17 8-8 28, Thomas 2-6 1-2 5, Mullens 7-15 5-6 20, Augustin 5-14 7-7 19, Diaw 3-9 2-2 8, Diener 2-4 2-2 6, Higgins 1-3 0-0 2, Biyombo 1-1 3-4 5, D.Brown 3-7 0-0 6. Totals 38-76 29-36 112.
Golden State 28 21 27 24 — 100
Charlotte 35 28 27 22 — 112
3-Point Goals—Golden State 5-20 (Robinson 2-5, Rush 1-2, D.Wright 1-4, Ellis 1-4, Thompson 0-5), Charlotte 7-13 (Augustin 3-4, Walker 2-4, Diaw 1-1, Mullens 1-1, Henderson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 53 (Lee 16), Charlotte 50 (Mullens 7). Assists—Golden State 18 (Ellis 6), Charlotte 27 (Augustin 7). Total Fouls—Golden State 31, Charlotte 25. Technicals—Lee. A—16,122 (19,077).

HAWKS 93, TIMBERWOLVES 91
MINNESOTA (91): W.Johnson 2-8 0-0 4, Love 12-26 8-6 30, Milicic 0-2 0-0 0, Rubio 7-15 2-2 18, Robinson 1-4 1-1 3, Randolph 2-5 1-2 5, Ellington 6-9 0-0 13, Tolliver 2-4 0-0 5, D.Williams 1-4 0-0 2, Pekovic 3-4 1-1 7. Totals 36-85 11-12 91.
ATLANTA (93): M.Williams 3-6 2-2 8, Smith 4-13 0-3 8, Pachulia 3-3 0-0 6, Teague 7-15 5-6 20, Johnson 9-20 6-7 25, Lochmon 1-4 8-8 10, Radmanovic 1-6 1-1 4, Pargo 0-2 0-0 0, Green 4-6 0-0 10, Collins 1-3 0-0 2, Sloan 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-78 22-27 93.
Minnesota 29 18 22 22 — 91
Atlanta 18 24 21 30 — 93
3-Point Goals—Minnesota 4-21 (Rubio 2-3, Tolliver 1-3, Ellington 1-4, D.Williams 0-1, Ridnour 0-3, W.Johnson 0-3, Love 0-4), Atlanta 7-21 (J.Johnson 3-6, Green 2-3, Teague 1-3, Radmanovic 1-5, Smith 0-1, M.Williams 0-1, Pargo 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 43 (Love 13), Atlanta 56 (Johnson 11). Assists—Minnesota 22 (Rubio 12), Atlanta 21 (Teague 10). Total Fouls—Minnesota 21, Atlanta 14. Technicals—Minnesota defensive three second, Smith. A—13,135 (18,729).

76ERS 103, WIZARDS 90
PHILADELPHIA (103): Brand 5-10 2-2 12, Iguodala 9-16 4-6 23, Hawes 2-4 0-0 4, Holiday 5-7 3-3 13, Meeks 1-5 2-2 5, Young 6-13 6-6 18, Turner 1-4 0-0 2, Battie 5-6 0-0 10. Totals 37-86 23-27 103.
WASHINGTON (90): Singleton 0-2 0-0 0, Booker 3-10 0-0 6, McGee 11-13 1-4 23, Wall 6-14 7-7 19, N.Young 1-3 2-2 4, Lewis 1-10 0-0 2, Crawford 7-16 2-2 18, Maxiell 1-2 0-0 2, Nick 3-8 1-3 0-0 2, Seraphin 0-1 0-2 0, Vesely 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-88 11-17 90
Philadelphia 28 29 25 26 — 103
Washington 26 14 20 30 — 90
3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 6-16 (Williams 4-6, Meeks 1-4, Iguodala 1-5, Turner 0-1), Washington 3-14 (N.Young 2-7, Crawford 1-3, Mason 0-1, Lewis 0-1, Singleton 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 47 (Iguodala 11), Washington 62 (McGee 18). Assists—Philadelphia 20 (Iguodala 5), Washington 19 (Wall 9). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 16, Washington 18. A—13,996 (20,278).

JAZZ 107, NETS 94
NEW JERSEY (94): Brooks 3-6 4-6 11, Humphries 8-11 2-3 18, Okur 4-9 1-1 9, D.Williams 3-15 9-10 16, Morrow 4-10 2-3 12, Farmar 5-11 6-10 13, Shi.Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Petro 1-2 2-2 4, Terrence Williams 2-6 0-0 5. Totals 32-74 21-27 94.
UTAH (107): Hayward 3-5 2-2 10, Millsap 6-13 6-6 18, Jefferson 9-16 2-2 20, Harris 1-3 0-0 2, Bell 5-6 1-1 12, Miles 6-8 5-5 17, Watt 2-3 0-0 4, Fesenko 0-0 0-0 0, Evans 2-6 0-0 4, Kanter 3-6 1-2 7, Burks 3-6 0-1 6, Tinsley 0-0 1-2 1, Evans 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 42-81 20-26 107
New Jersey 20 20 27 27 — 94
Utah 30 27 30 20 — 107
3-Point Goals—New Jersey 9-27 (Farmar 3-7, Gaines 2-2, Morrow 2-6, Brooks 1-3, D.Williams 1-4, Stevenson 0-2, Okur 0-3), Utah 3-8 (Hayward 2-2, Bell 1-1, Millsap 0-1, Watt 0-1, Harris 0-1, Miles 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Jersey 57 (Humphries 10), Utah 56 (Millsap 12). Assists—New Jersey 21 (D.Williams 5), Utah 27 (Millsap, Miles 6). Total Fouls—New Jersey 20, Utah 26. A—19,557 (19,911)

NHL

First Period—1, Colorado, Jones 9 (Stastny), 10:25.
Second Period—None
Third Period—2, Dallas, Fiddler 6 (Dvorak, Nystrom), 5:26. 3, Colorado, Stastny 12 (Johnson, O'Reilly), 10:35 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Colorado: 7-12-4—23
Dallas: 1-8-13—22
Goalies—Colorado, Giguere. Dallas, Lehtonen. A—15,838 (18,532) T—2:23

BLUES 3, WILD 2, SO

Minnesota	1	1	0	— 2
St. Louis	0	2	0	0 — 3

St. Louis won shootout 1-0
First Period—1, Minnesota, McIntyre 1 (Cullen, Powe), 13:13.
Second Period—2, St. Louis, Perron 3 (Stewart, Shattenkirk), 8:04. 3, St. Louis, Backes 1 (Oduya, Berglund), 10:39 (pp). 4, Minnesota, Spurgeon 3 (Brodzkai, Wellman), 16:32 (pp).
Third Period—None.
Overtime—None.
Shootout—Minnesota 0 (Cullen NG, Heatley NG, Setoguchi NG), St. Louis 1 (Langenbrunner NG, Backes G, Oshie NG).
Shots on Goal—Minnesota 4-17-7-3—31
St. Louis 17-11-14-7—49
Goalies—Minnesota, Harding. St. Louis, Halak. A—19,150 (19,150). T—2:52.

SENATORS 3, CANADIENS 2

Ottawa	0	2	0	1 — 3
Montreal	0	0	2	0 — 2

Ottawa won shootout 1-0
First Period—None.
Second Period—None.
Third Period—1, Montreal, Plekanec 9, 42 (sh). 2, Ottawa, Turris 2 (Gonchar, Foligno), 5:57. 3, Ottawa, Spezza 19 (Karlsson, Kuba), 13:42 (pp). 4, Montreal, Pacioretty 13 (Desharnais, Campoli), 19:21.
Overtime—None.
Shootout—Ottawa 1 (Michalek NG, Spezza NG, Alfredsson G), Montreal 0 (Eller NG, Kaberle NG, Pacioretty NG).
Shots on Goal—Ottawa 7-6-12-0—25
Montreal 9-12-11-3—35
Goalies—Ottawa, Anderson. Montreal, Price. A—21,273 (21,273). T—2:42

RANGERS 3, MAPLE LEAFS 0

N.Y. Rangers	0	2	1	— 3
Toronto	0	0	0	— 0

First Period—None.
Second Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, Rupp 4 (Stepan, Wolski), 3:35. 2, N.Y. Rangers, Boyle 3 (Prust, McDonagh), 16:28.
Third Period—3, N.Y. Rangers, Stepan 10 (Hagelin, Biron), 6:01.
Shots on Goal—N.Y. Rangers 8-14-8—30.
Toronto 5-7-8—20.
Goalies—N.Y. Rangers, Biron. Toronto, Gustavsson. A—19,617 (18,819). T—2:24.

ISLANDERS 4, SABRES 2

Buffalo	0	2	0	— 2
N.Y. Islanders	1	2	1	— 4

First Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Moulson 21 (Tavares, Hamonic), 13:10.
Second Period—2, Buffalo, Kaleta 3 (Weber), 14:48. 3, N.Y. Islanders, Okposo 11 (Moulson, Staios), 16:16. 4, Buffalo, Roy 9 (Gerbe), 16:58.
Third Period—5, N.Y. Islanders, Grabner 12 (Parenteau, Streit), 16:57. 6 N.Y. Islanders, Grabner 13 (Tavares, Parenteau), 19:30 (en).
Missed Penalty Shot—Vanek, Buf, 18:36 third.
Shots on Goal—Buffalo 9-6-10—25. N.Y. Islanders 14-13-13—40
Goalies—Buffalo, Enroth. N.Y. Islanders, Nabokov. A—13,848 (16,234). T—2:16

HURRICANES 4, BRUINS 2

Boston	0	1	1	— 2
Carolina	0	1	3	— 4

First Period—None.
Second Period—1, Boston, Bergeron 12 (J.Boychuk), 6:13. 2, Carolina, Dwyer 5 (Bra.Sutter), 10:30.
Third Period—3, Boston, Lucic 16 (Krejci), 1:21. 4, Carolina, Faulk 4 (Brent), 13:58. 5, Carolina, Harrison 7, 18:30. 6, Carolina, E.Staal 11, 18:58 (en).
Shots on Goal—Boston 11-12-12—35
Carolina 9-13-11—33
Goalies—Boston, Thomas. Carolina, Ward. A—18,680 (18,680). T—2:19

SHARKS 2, BLUE JACKETS 1

San Jose	0	1	1	— 2
Columbus	0	0	1	— 1

First Period—None.
Second Period—1, San Jose, Clowe 9 (Couture, Burish), 14:59 (pp).
Third Period—2, Columbus, Nash 16 (Nikitin, Vermette), 6:53. 3, San Jose, Marleau 17 (Pavelski, Boyle), 17:03.
Shots on Goal—San Jose, Greiss. Columbus, Sanford. A—16,582 (18,144). T—2:19

DEVILS 2, JETS 1

New Jersey	0	0	2	— 2
Winnipeg	1	0	0	— 1

First Period—1, Winnipeg, Ladd 15 (Oduya), 18:31.
Second Period—None.
Third Period—2, New Jersey, Foster 2 (Zubrus), 9:45. 3, New Jersey, Elias 16 (Larsen, Sykora), 12:43.
Shots on Goal—New Jersey 7-9-8—24.
Winnipeg 6-6-11—23.
Goalies—New Jersey, Brodeur. Winnipeg, Pavelec. A—15,004 (15,015). T—2:24.

RED WINGS 3, BLACKHAWKS 2, OT

Chicago	0	1	1	0	— 2
Detroit	2	0	0	1	— 3

First Period—1, Detroit, Holmstrom 7 (White, Datsyuk), 12:56 (pp). 2, Detroit, Bertuzzi 7 (Datsyuk, White), 16:10.
Second Period—3, Chicago, Shaw 3 (Leddy), 14:54.
Third Period—4, Chicago, J.Toews 23 (Hossa, Keith), 19:08.
Overtime—5, Detroit, Bertuzzi 8 (V.Filppula, Lidstrom), 4:21.
Shots on Goal—Chicago 4-7-16-0—27.
Detroit 21-8-5-9—43.
Goalies—Chicago, Crawford. Detroit, Howard. A—20,066 (20,066). T—2:27.

Winter Sports

Biathlon World Cup results
Saturday
At Koenigssee, Germany
Men
1. Frank Rommel, Germany, 1 minute, 42.94 seconds.
2. Alexander Kroeckel, Germany, 1:43.76.
3. Matthias Guggenberger, Austria, 1:49.86.
4. Matthew Antoine, United States, 1:53.88.
5. Alexander Tretiakov, Russia, 1:44.01.
6. Martins Dukurs, Latvia, 1:44.08.
7. Adam Pengilly, Britain, 1:44.26.
7. Tomass Dukurs, Latvia, 1:44.26.
9. Alexander Kroeckel, Germany, 1:44.42.
10. Sergei Chudinov, Russia, 1:44.40.
Also
17. John Daly, United States, 1:45.24.
25. Kyle Tress, United

Mavs rout Kings for fifth straight win

Associated Press

DALLAS — Jason Terry scored 21 points, Vince Carter added 16, and the Dallas Mavericks stretched their winning streak to five games with a 99-60 rout of the Sacramento Kings on Saturday night.

Dirk Nowitzki contributed 14 points in a little over 20 minutes for the reigning NBA champs (8-5), who've won six in a row at home after a 0-2 start.

Both teams were playing their fourth game in five nights, but the Mavericks were fresher after resting their starters throughout the fourth quarter of Friday night's 102-76 victory over Milwaukee.

Marcus Thornton scored 14 points for the Kings (4-9), who've dropped four of five, including Friday night's 103-89 defeat at Houston. Sacramento was making the fourth stop of a five-city road trip and struggled from the opening tip.

The Kings went 22 for 86 from the field (25.6 percent) against a Mavericks team that allowed the fewest points in franchise history.

Dallas' previous low was 65 points against Minnesota on Feb. 27, 2007.

The Mavericks were again able to sit their key players in the final quarter in anticipation of a four-game road trip over six days that begins Monday night against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Dallas put the game away early, finishing the first quarter with a 15-1 run fueled by Terry's eight points for a 27-11 lead.

The Mavericks came out with energy on the defensive end, limiting the Kings to 4-for-25 first-quarter shooting.

Dallas went on an 11-2 spurt early in the second quarter capped by Nowitzki's 14-foot bank shot with 7:39 left until halftime to push the advantage to 38-15.

The Mavericks were in command at intermission, 52-23.

The 23-point half was the lowest in Kings franchise history. The previous low was 25 points against the Boston Celtics on Feb. 26, 1957, when the Kings were based in Rochester, N.Y. and known as the Royals.

Dallas also set a defensive record, allowing the fewest points in any half in franchise history, surpassing a 24-point half by Vancouver on March 13, 1999.

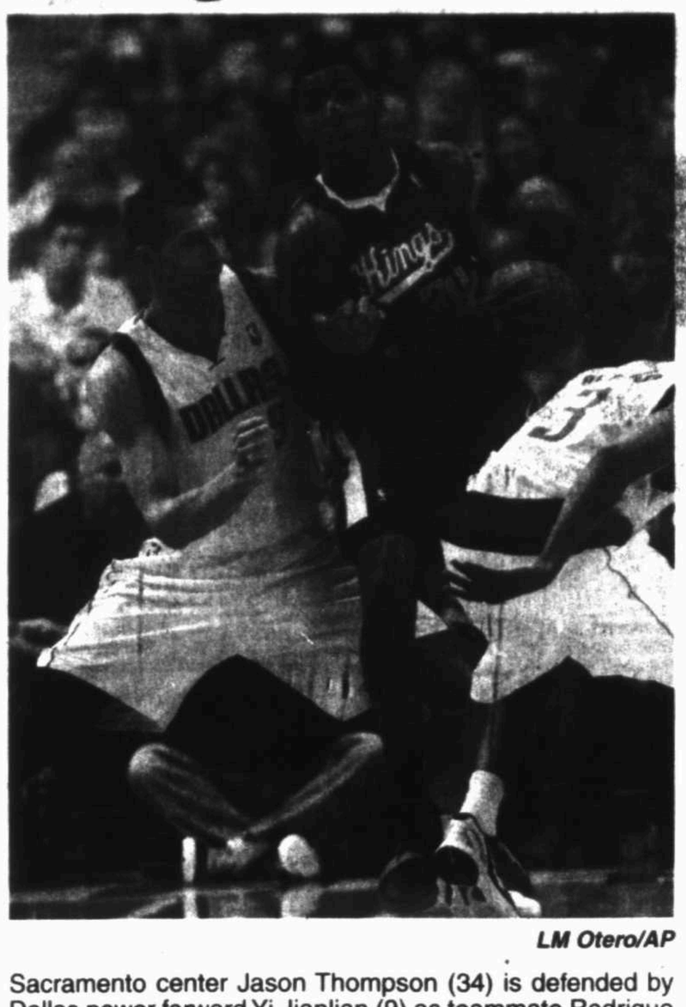
The first-half defensive dominance meant the Mavericks had allowed 54 points during a span of four quarters.

Sacramento's offense was a little more efficient in the third quarter, narrowing the deficit to as few as 21 points.

But Dallas carried a 72-45 lead into the fourth quarter and went with subs the rest of the way.

Tyreke Evans, who entered the night as the Kings' top scorer with an average of 18.8 points, finished with three points on 1-for-8 shooting.

Mavericks	99
Kings	60



LM Otero/AP

Sacramento center Jason Thompson (34) is defended by Dallas power forward Yi Jianlian (9) as teammate Rodrigue Beaubois (3) looks on during the second half Saturday in Dallas. The Mavericks won 99-60.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ROCKETS 107, TRAIL BLAZERS 105, OT

HOUSTON — Kyle Lowry scored a season-high 33 points, Kevin Martin hit four free throws in the final seconds of overtime and Houston beat Portland.

Portland lost its third straight game.

LaMarcus Aldridge's basket with 23 seconds left in regulation sent the game into overtime tie at 97.

Martin, who finished with 28 points, scored Houston's final six points in overtime with a layup and four free throws over the final 32 seconds of the extra period.

Nicolas Batum had a season-high 29 points to lead Portland. Aldridge had 22 points and 10 rebounds.

HAWKS 93, TIMBERWOLVES 91

ATLANTA — Joe Johnson scored 25 points, Ivan Johnson hit the clinching free throws with 4.6 seconds remaining and the Atlanta Hawks rallied from 18 points down to beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 93-91 on Saturday night.

Kevin Love missed a potential game-tying jump shot at the buzzer, but finished with 30 points and 13 rebounds for Minnesota, which was trying to win consecutive road games for the first time since last Feb. 7-8 at New Orleans and Houston.

PACERS 97, CELTICS 83

BOSTON — Danny Granger scored 21 points and Indiana handed Boston its fourth straight loss.

Paul George and Darren Collison each scored 17 points and Roy Hibbert added 11 points and nine rebounds for the Pacers (9-3), who won their third straight. The Pacers improved to 5-0 at home, with four wins by double digits.

BULLS 77, RAPTORS 64

CHICAGO — Derrick Rose had 18 points and 11 assists, leading Chicago over Toronto.

Rose keyed a seven-point burst to open the fourth period, assisting on three straight field goals. John Lucas III hit a 3-pointer and Taj Gibson scored twice, opening up an 11-point lead for Chicago.

THUNDER 104, KNICKS 92

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kevin Durant scored 28 points, James Harden added 24 off the bench and Oklahoma City raced past New York for its sixth straight win.

Russell Westbrook was on his way to his sixth career triple-double with 21 points, eight rebounds and eight assists before coach Scott Brooks pulled his All-Stars with Oklahoma City leading by 30 points and nearly 3 minutes left in the third quarter.

BOBCATS 112, WARRIORS 100

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Rookie Kemba Walker made the most of his first NBA start, scoring a career-high 23 points to lift Charlotte over Golden State.

With the Bobcats mired in a six-game losing streak, coach Paul Silas benched veteran Boris Diaw, saying he wanted to see a different look with a smaller lineup. Diaw, who had started a franchise-record 235 straight games, had scored just three points in the last two games and had drawn criticism from Silas.

GRIZZLIES 108, HORNETS 99

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Rudy Gay scored 23 points, Marc Gasol added 20 points and 11 rebounds and Memphis beat New Orleans.

Mike Conley had 17 points and seven assists, while Marreese Speights and Tony Allen finished with 12 points apiece.

Jarrett Jack led New Orleans with 23 points, while Jason Smith had 15, including 10 in the fourth quarter as the Hornets cut into the lead. Greivis Vasquez scored 14 points and handed out six assists. Marco Belinelli contributed 10 points.

NHLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AVALANCHE 2, STARS 1

DALLAS — Paul Stastny scored the tiebreaking goal on a power play at 10:35 of the third period to lift Colorado past Dallas.

Stastny deflected teammate Erik Johnson's shot past goalie Kari Lehtonen 13 seconds after Dallas' Steve Ott went to the penalty box for hooking.

RED WINGS 3, BLACKHAWKS 2

DETROIT — Todd Bertuzzi scored his second goal of the game at 4:21 in overtime, lifting the Detroit Red Wings to a 3-2 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Saturday.

Detroit has won 14 straight at home to match a franchise record set in 1965.

DEVILS 2, JETS 1

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Kurtis Foster and Patrik Elias scored in a 2:58 span midway through the third period to help New Jersey beat Winnipeg.

Foster tied it at 9:45, and Elias gave the Devils the lead at 12:43 with his 16th goal of the season.

RANGERS 3, MAPLE LEAFS 0

TORONTO — New York backup Martin Biron made 20 saves, and the Rangers bounced back from a streak-busting loss to beat Toronto.

After a lackluster 3-0 home loss to Ottawa on Thursday that broke a five-game winning streak, the NHL-leading Rangers (28-10-4) got goals from grinders Mike Rupp, Brian Boyle and Derek Stepan and earned their 11th victory in 13 games.

HURRICANES 4, BRUINS 2

RALEIGH, N.C. — Jay Harrison scored the winning goal with 1:30 remaining for Carolina, which rallied to beat Boston.

Justin Faulk, Eric Staal and Patrick Dwyer also scored, and Cam Ward made 33 saves for the Hurricanes, who have won all three meetings between these teams this season. Carolina, which didn't have a power-play opportunity, is 5-1-1 in its last seven home games.

PREDATORS 4, FLYERS 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Pekka Rinne made 36 saves, and Nick Spaling scored the winning goal as Nashville topped Philadelphia.

Martin Erat, Sergei Kostitsyn and Mike Fisher also scored for Nashville, which won its fourth straight.

ISLANDERS 4, SABRES 2

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Evgeni Nabokov earned his 300th NHL win after Michael Grabner scored the go-ahead goal with three minutes left, and the New York Islanders beat Buffalo.

Grabner's 12th goal of the season, scored on a rebound in front in goalie Jhonas Enroth at 16:57, gave the Islanders (16-20-6) their fourth win in five home games. The 36-year-old Nabokov made 23 saves to become the 26th NHL goalie with 300 wins.

SHARKS 2, BLUE JACKETS 1

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Patrick Marleau scored off a rebound with 2:57 left to lead San Jose over Columbus and extend the Sharks' point streak to eight games.

Ryan Clowe also had a goal for the Sharks, 6-0-2 in their last eight. Thomas Greiss had 25 saves to beat the Blue Jackets for the second time in his only two starts since Dec. 3. He also defeated Columbus by the same score in San Jose on Jan. 5.

SENATORS 3, CANADIENS 2, SO

MONTREAL — Daniel Alfredsson scored on Ottawa's third shootout attempt and the Senators extended their winning streak to four with a win over Montreal.

BLUES 3, WILD 2, SO

ST. LOUIS — Kevin Shattenkirk scored the only goal in the shootout, and St. Louis' Jaroslav Halak made three saves in the tiebreaker as the Blues beat Minnesota.

Paterno speaks for 1st time since firing

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Former Penn State coach Joe Paterno says he "didn't know which way to go" after an assistant coach came to him in 2002 saying he had seen retired defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky sexually abusing a boy.

In his first public comments since being fired two months ago, Paterno told the Washington Post that assistant Mike McQueary "didn't want to get specific" about details in his 2002 allegation involving Sandusky, who he claimed was showering with a boy in the Penn State football facility.



Paterno

The Post reported Saturday that Paterno was hesitant to make follow-up calls because he didn't want to be seen as trying to exert influence for or against Sandusky.

"I didn't know which way to go and rather than get in there and make a mistake ...," he told the Post before trailing off.

A day after he heard McQueary's allegation, Paterno reported it to his superiors. Before McQueary visited him, Paterno said he had "no inkling" Sandusky might be a child molester.

Sandusky was criminally charged on Nov. 5, and faces dozens of counts. Paterno was ousted four days later after 46 years as head coach.

Paterno, 85, also is fighting lung cancer diagnosed days after his dismissal. He was readmitted to the hospital Friday for observation for what his family called a minor complication from treatments. He has been undergoing chemotherapy and radiation.

His condition improved Saturday morning, the Post reported. Messages left by the Associated Press for family representatives were not immediately returned.

The Post portrayed Paterno as frail from the cancer treatments and wearing a wig. Also recovering from a broken pelvis, Paterno spoke Thursday from a wheelchair at kitchen table.

He said he was initially reluctant to speak because "I wanted everybody to settle down," but the Post reported Paterno was so eager to defend his record that he insisted on continuing the interview from his bedside Friday morning, though ill.

Paterno, who testified before a grand jury investigating Sandusky, is not a target of the criminal probe.

But his firing came as criticism mounted on Paterno and other Penn State leaders that the 2002 allegation should have been reported to authorities outside of Penn State.

The 67-year-old Sandusky is charged with sexually abusing 10 boys over a 15-year period. He remains out on $250,000 bail while awaiting trial.

If Sandusky is guilty, "I'm sick about it," Paterno said.

Paterno said he wished he knew how allegations against Sandusky didn't come to light until this year. "I don't know the answer to that," he said. "It's hard."

In recent weeks, Paterno's dismissal itself has come under question from many former players and alumni wondering about the motivations of trustees.

Others are roiled by a perceived lack of communication by trustees and President Rodney Erickson during a period when the school has promised to be more open and transparent. Many alumni who attended town hall meetings in Pittsburgh, suburban Philadelphia and New York this week questioned why Paterno, after 61 years of service to the school, wasn't afforded due process before his dismissal.



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Serena looking to win another Australian Open

By Caroline Cheese
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Serena Williams knows better than most what it takes to win a Grand Slam title.

The 13-time Grand Slam champion approaches the Australian Open beginning Monday still troubled by a sprained left ankle that needs regular ice treatment. It means she has played two competitive matches — at the Brisbane International — since losing the U.S. Open final in September.

"Two is plenty for me, for sure," she said with a knowing smile on Saturday.

In 2007, Williams won the third of her five Australian Open titles after a similar leadup. She missed the end of the previous season following the U.S. Open and managed three matches at the start of the year before heading to Melbourne.

Her overall fitness was under severe scrutiny as she toiled early on, but she went on to beat Maria Sharapova in the final.

Williams, who has twice won the Australian Open without playing any warmup tournaments, doesn't plan on letting injuries stop her contending this time around.

"I really tested my moving today for the first time (since Brisbane) so I feel a lot better with it," she said. "I'll kind of know more tonight, you know, because today is the first day I really like really, really, really pushed it.

"But overall I feel really good."

Williams isn't the only one of the expected title contenders in Melbourne to be managing an injury, even though the season has just started.

Defending champion Kim Clijsters retired in the semifinals of the Brisbane tournament with muscle spasms in her left hip. Before that, she hadn't played since August because of an abdominal injury.

Saying she was fully recovered from the hip problem, Clijsters said injuries were inevitable with the type of game which she and Williams play.

"I think we're both very strong girls," she said. "The way we move and play, every shot that we hit is with our full body. That puts a lot of pressure on certain body parts.

"So I'm not going to sit here and say, 'look, tennis is a perfectly healthy sport when you do it on a top level,' because it's not. The movements are not always that natural."

Top-seeded Caroline Wozniacki isn't renowned for a game based on power, but she too is dealing with an injury.

As she tries to win a first Grand Slam title, the Danish player is hoping her left wrist injury will have recovered in time for her opening match.

"It makes you a bit scared," said Wozniacki, who was injured in a semifinal loss at the Sydney International. "I had some pain, but it's going away. I'm confident that on Monday it will be 100 percent ready."

Williams dismissed the idea of using a hyperbaric chamber to hasten her recovery because she is "extremely claustrophobic."

She hopes the prospect of adding to her Grand Slam haul will be good enough as she prepares for her first Australian Open since 2010.

"When I stepped out on Rod Laver Arena for the first time, I just love that court," she said. "I love the way it feels and the way I move on it and the way, I don't know, I just hit on that court. It's an indescribable feeling.

"It kind of pumped me up more just to be like, OK, I'm definitely going to get through this injury."



Mark Baker/AP

Serena Williams prepares to make a backhand return during practice for the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia on Thursday.

SHOW COURT SCHEDULE

Australian Open Show Court Schedules
Monday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Play begins at on all courts at 6 p.m. today

Rod Laver Arena

Victoria Azarenka (3), Belarus, vs. Heather Watson, Britain

Bernard Tomic, Australia, vs. Fernando Verdasco (22), Spain

Kim Clijsters (11), Belgium, vs. Maria Joao Koehler, Portugal

Night Session (2 a.m. Monday)

Alexander Kudryavtsev, Russia, vs. Roger Federer (3), Switzerland

Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, vs. Anastasia Rodionova, Australia

Hisense Arena

Adrian Mannarino, France, vs. Juan Martin del Potro (11), Argentina

Ksenia Pervak, Kazakhstan, vs. Li Na (5), China

Francesca Schiavone (10), Italy, vs. Laura Pous-Tio, Spain

Alex Kuznetsov, United States, vs. Rafael Nadal (2), Spain

Margaret Court Arena

Casey Dellacqua, Spain, vs. Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia

Tomas Berdych (7), Czech Republic, vs. Albert Ramos, Spain

Alexandr Dolgopolov (13), Ukraine, vs. Greg Jones, Australia

Laura Robson, Britain, vs. Jelena Jankovic (13), Serbia

Night Session (2 a.m. Monday)

Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, vs. David Nalbandian, Argentina

Show Court 2

Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, vs. Agnieszka Radwanska (8), Poland

Stanislas Wawrinka (21), Switzerland, vs. Benoit Paire, France

Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, vs. Benjamin Becker, Germany

Ashleigh Barty, Australia, vs. Anna Tatishvili, Georgia

Show Court 3

Varvara Lepchenko, United States, vs. Daniela Hantuchova (20), Slovakia

Mardy Fish (8), United States, vs. Gilles Muller, Luxembourg

Aravane Rezai, France, vs. Peng Shuai (16), China

John Isner (16), United States, vs. Benjamin Mitchell, Australia

AUSTRALIAN OPEN DRAW

Australian Open Draw
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Jan. 16-29
w-wild card, q-qualifier
Men

Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, vs. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy

Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, vs. q-Matteo Viola, Italy

w-Tatsuma Ito, Japan, vs. Potito Starace, Italy

Nicolas Mahut, France, vs. Radek Stepanek (29), Czech Republic

Milos Raonic (23), Canada, vs. Filippo Volandri, Italy

Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, vs. Philipp Petzschner, Germany

Cedrik-Marcel Stebe, Germany, vs. w-Lleyton Hewitt, Australia

Robin Haase, Netherlands, vs. Andy Roddick (15), United States

Janko Tipsarevic (9), Serbia, vs. Dmitry Tursunov, Russia

q-Jurgen Zopp, Estonia, vs. w-James Duckworth, Australia

Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, vs. q-Andrey Golubev, Kazakhstan

Andreas Seppi, Italy, vs. Richard Gasquet (17), France

Juan Ignacio Chela (27), Argentina, vs. Michael Russell, United States

Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, vs. Pablo Andujar, Spain

Matthias Bachinger, Germany, vs. Ryan Sweeting, United States

Rui Machado, Portugal, vs. David Ferrer (5), Spain

Andy Murray (4), Britain, vs. Ryan Harrison, United States

Xavier Malisse, Belgium, vs. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France

Michael Llodra, France, vs. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia

Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, vs. Alex Bogomolov Jr. (32), Russia

Viktor Troicki (19), Serbia, vs. Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain

Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, vs. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan

Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, vs. Dudi Sela, Israel

w-Marinko Matosevic, Australia, vs. Gael Monfils (14), France

Gilles Simon (12), France, vs. q-Danai Udomchoke, Thailand

Julien Benneteau, France, vs. Karol Beck, Slovakia

Joao Souza, Brazil, vs. Matthew Ebden, Australia

Stephane Robert, France, vs. Kei Nishikori (24), Japan

Marcel Granollers (26), Spain, vs. w-Jesse Levine, United States

Frederico Gil, Portugal, vs. Ivan Dodig, Croatia

q-Roberto Bautista-Agut, Spain, vs. Ricardo Mello, Brazil

Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, vs. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (6), France

Mardy Fish (8), United States, vs. Gilles Muller, Luxembourg

Alejandro Falla, Colombia, vs. Fabio Fognini, Italy

Albert Montanes, Spain, vs. Pere Riba, Spain

Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, vs. Juan Monaco (25), Argentina

Florian Mayer (20), Germany, vs. Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan

q-Florent Serra, France, vs. Steve Darcis, Belgium

q-James Ward, Britain, vs. Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia

Adrian Mannarino, France, vs. Juan Martin del Potro (11), Argentina

Alexandr Dolgopolov (13), Ukraine, vs. w-Greg Jones, Australia

Tobias Kamke, Germany, vs. Victor Hanescu, Romania

w-Kenny de Schepper, France, vs. Sam Querrey, United States

Bernard Tomic, Australia, vs. Fernando Verdasco (22), Spain

Jurgen Melzer (31), Austria, vs. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia

Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, vs. q-Jesse Huta Galung, Netherlands

Eric Prodon, France, vs. Andreas Beck, Germany

q-Alexander Kudryavtsev, Russia, vs. Roger Federer (3), Switzerland

Tomas Berdych (7), Czech Republic, vs. Albert Ramos, Spain

Olivier Rochus, Belgium, vs. q-Bjorn Phau, Germany

Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, vs. q-Illya Marchenko, Ukraine

q-Frederik Nielsen, Denmark, vs. Kevin Anderson (30), South Africa

Stanislas Wawrinka (21), Switzerland, vs. Benoit Paire, France

Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, vs. Benjamin Becker, Germany

Jeremy Chardy, France, vs. Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria

Lukasz Kubot, Poland, vs. Nicolas Almagro (10), Spain

John Isner (16), United States, vs. w-Benjamin Mitchell, Australia

Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, vs. David Nalbandian, Argentina

Flavio Cipolla, Italy, vs. Nikolay Davydenko, Russia

Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, vs. Feliciano Lopez (18), Spain

Ivan Ljubicic (28), Croatia, vs. q-Lukas Lacko, Slovakia

q-Peter Gojowczyk, Germany, vs. Donald Young, United States

Tommy Haas, Germany, vs. q-Denis Kudla, United States

q-Alex Kuznetsov, United States, vs. Rafael Nadal (2), Spain

Women

Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, vs. Anastasia Rodionova, Australia

w-Ashleigh Barty, Australia, vs. Anna Tatishvili, Georgia

Pauline Parmentier, France, vs. Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia

Alize Cornet, France, vs. Monica Niculescu (31), Romania

Lucie Safarova (24), Czech Republic, vs. Christina Mchale, United States

q-Irina Pavlovic, France, vs. Marina Erakovic, New Zealand

w-Chang Kai-chen, Taiwan, vs. Petra Martic, Croatia

q-Laura Robson, Britain, vs. Jelena Jankovic (13), Serbia

Kim Clijsters (11), Belgium, vs. q-Maria Joao Koehler, Portugal

Stephanie Foretz Gacon, France, vs. Elena Baltacha, Britain

Arantxa Rus, Netherlands, vs. Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine

q-Vlavara Lepchenko, United States, vs. Daniela Hantuchova (20), Slovakia

Anabel Medina Garrigues (26), Spain, vs. Eva Birnerova, Czech Republic

Patricia Mayr-Achleitner, Austria, vs. Olga Govortsova, Belarus

Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, vs. w-Olivia Rogowska, Australia

Ksenia Pervak, Kazakhstan, vs. Li Na (5), China

Victoria Azarenka (3), Belarus, vs. Heather Watson, Britain

w-Casey Dellacqua, Australia, vs. Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia

Anjie Keothavong, Britain, vs. Mona Barthel, Germany

Ayumi Morita, Japan, vs. Petra Cetkovska (32), Czech Republic

Flavia Pennetta (19), Italy, vs. q-Nina Bratchikova, Russia

Alberta Brianti, Italy, vs. Irina Falconi, United States

Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, vs. Mathilde Johansson, France

w-Aravane Rezai, France, vs. Peng Shuai (16), China

Francesca Schiavone (10), Italy, vs. Laura Pous-Tio, Spain

Anastasiya Yakimova, Belarus, vs. Romina Oprandi, Italy

Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, vs. Eleni Daniilidou, Greece

Polona Hercog, Slovenia, vs. Julia Goerges (22), Germany

Yanina Wickmayer (28), Belgium, vs. Galina Voskoboeva, Kazakhstan

Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, vs. Sania Mirza, India

q-Paula Ormaechea, Argentina, vs. Simona Halep, Romania

Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, vs. Agnieszka Radwanska (8), Poland

Vera Zvonareva (7), Russia, vs. Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania

Evgeniya Rodina, Russia, vs. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic

Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, vs. Tamarine Tanasugarn, Thailand

Johanna Larsson, Sweden, vs. Kaia Kanepi (25), Estonia

Dominika Cibulkova (17), Slovakia, vs. Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia

Rebecca Marino, Canada, vs. Greta Arn, Hungary

Iryna Bremond, France, vs. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic

Tamira Paszek, Austria, vs. Serena Williams (12), United States

Sabine Lisicki (14), Germany, vs. q-Stefanie Voegele, Switzerland

Shahar Peer, Israel, vs. w-Isabella Holland, Australia

Sloane Stephens, United States, vs. Silvia Soler-Espinosa, Spain

Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, vs. Svetlana Kuznetsova (18), Russia

Angelique Kerber (30), Germany, vs. w-Bojana Bobusic, Australia

Stephanie Dubois, Canada, vs. Elena Vesnina, Russia

Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, vs. q-Jamie Hampton, United States

Gisela Dulko, Argentina, vs. Maria Sharapova (4), Russia

Sam Stosur (6), Australia, vs. Sorana Cirstea, Romania

q-Alison Riske, United States vs. Urszula Radwanska, Poland

q-Valeria Savinykh, Russia vs. Sara Errani, Italy

q-Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, vs. Nadia Petrova (29), Russia

Roberta Vinci (23), Italy, vs. Alexandra Cadantu, Romania

w-Madison Keys, United States, vs. Zheng Jie, China

Jelena Dokic, Australia, vs. Anna Chakvetadze, Russia

Virginie Razzano, France, vs. Manon Bartoli (9), France

Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (15), Russia, vs. Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic

Kateryna Bondarenko, Ukraine, vs. Vania King, United States

Kristina Barrois, Germany, vs. Michaella Krajicek, Netherlands

Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, vs. Ana Ivanovic (21), Serbia

Maria Kirilenko (27), Russia, vs. Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia

w-Zhang Shuai, China, vs. Aleksandra Wozniak, Canada

Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, vs. Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain

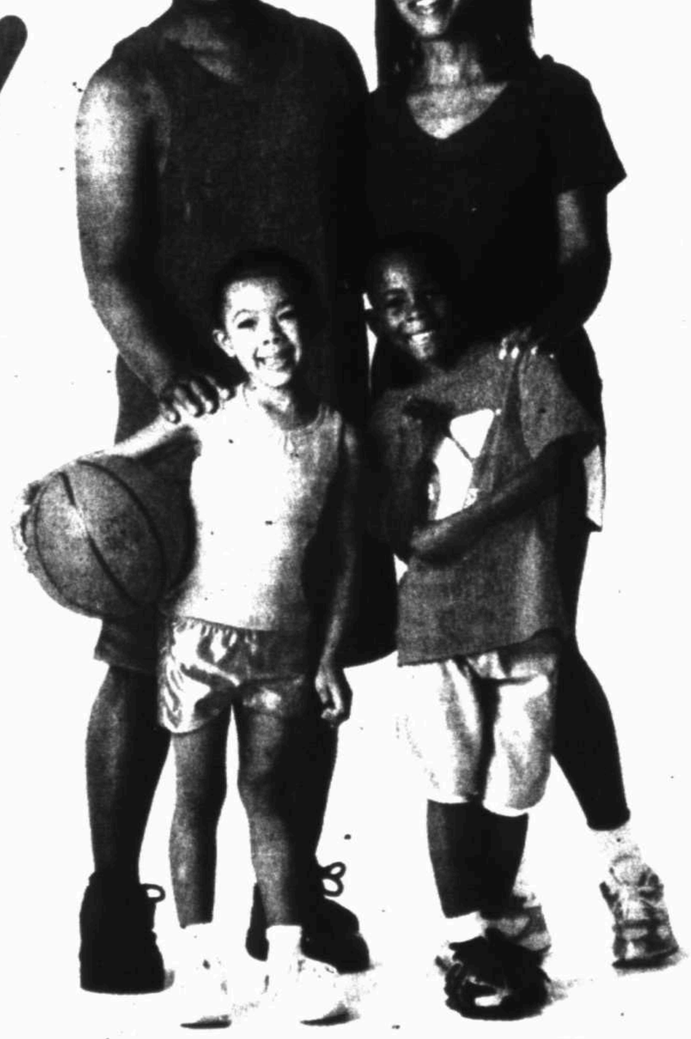
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PATRIOTS
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stunning comebacks. That surge ended with a 41-23 home loss to New England, and the Broncos dropped their next two, backing into the AFC West title.

But they rebounded nicely in their first playoff game since the 2005 season with the longest overtime touchdown in playoff history, an 80-yard catch and run by Demaryius Thomas against the Pittsburgh Steelers. Like everyone else on the Broncos' offense, Thomas was invisible against the Patriots.

Denver couldn't cover or tackle All-Pro tight end Rob Gronkowski, who tied a postseason mark with three touchdown catches, all in the opening half. Brady toyed with the Broncos (9-9), throwing more TD passes than Tebow had completions (three) in the first 30 minutes.

"We were playing complementary football, and it was awesome," Gronkowski said.

Brady's sixth TD was to his other tight end, Aaron Hernandez, as the quarterback tied Steve Young and Daryle Lamonica for the most in a postseason game.

PATRIOTS 45, BRONCOS 10

Denver	0	7	3	0—10
New England	14	21	7	3—45

First Quarter

NE—Welker 7 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 13:09

NE—Gronkowski 10 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 6:42

Second Quarter

Den—McGahee 5 run (Prater kick), 14:54

NE—Gronkowski 12 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 7:42

NE—Branch 61 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 1:57

NE—Gronkowski 19 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), :05

Third Quarter

NE—Hernandez 17 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 11:46

Den—FG Prater 41, 2:14

Fourth Quarter

NE—FG Gostkowski 20, 12:39

A—68,756

	Den	NE
First downs	15	31
Total Net Yards	252	509
Rushes-yards	40-144	30-146
Passing	108	363
Comp-Att-Int	9-26-0	26-34-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-28	0-0
Punts	7-38.9	3-42.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-55	2-20
Time of Possession	33:23	26:37

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Denver, McGahee 17-76, Ball 13-44, Tebow 5-13, Johnson 4-10, Royal 1-1. New England, Hernandez 5-61, Green-Ellis 13-28, Woodhead 4-25, Ridley 4-21, Brady 3-8, Polite 1-3.

PASSING—Denver, Tebow 9-26-0-136. New England, Brady 26-34-1-363.

RECEIVING—Denver, D.Thomas 6-93, Royal 2-25, Willis 1-18. New England, Gronkowski 10-145, Welker 6-55, Hernandez 4-55, Branch 3-85, Edelman 1-11, Green-Ellis 1-8, Ridley 1-4.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

49ERS
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proud franchise's fifth championship after the 1994 season.

Brees, whose team was coming off consecutive 600-yard games, completed 40 of 63 passes for 462 yards and four touchdowns and was sacked three times. He also threw two interceptions, his first in the postseason in five years, and New Orleans (14-4) fell short again in its quest to get back to the Super Bowl after winning it all two years ago. The Saints are still searching for the first postseason road victory in franchise history after falling to 0-5.

How far these 49ers have come since that 24-3 trouncing they took back in August at the Superdome in the teams' exhibition opener. Now, Harbaugh's "Who's got it better than us? Nobody!" group is drawing comparisons to the good ol' days of Montana, Jerry Rice, Ronnie Lott and Steve Young. And of course, Dwight Clark, who came through with "The Catch" to beat Dallas in the NFC title game on Jan. 10, 1982.

49ERS 36, SAINTS 32

New Orleans	0	14	0	18—32
San Francisco	14	3	3	16—36

First Quarter

SF—V.Davis 49 pass from Ale.Smith (Akers kick), 2:08

SF—Crabtree 4 pass from Ale.Smith (Akers kick), :41

Second Quarter

SF—FG Akers 25, 14:12

NO—Graham 14 pass from Brees (Kasay kick), 9:32

NO—Colston 25 pass from Brees (Kasay kick), 4:09

Third Quarter

SF—FG Akers 41, 10:36

Fourth Quarter

NO—FG Kasay 48, 13:08

SF—FG Akers 37, 7:36

NO—Sproles 44 pass from Brees (Kasay kick), 4:02

SF—Ale.Smith 28 run (run failed), 2:11

NO—Graham 66 pass from Brees (Sproles pass from Brees), 1:37

SF—V.Davis 14 pass from Ale.Smith (Akers kick), :09

A—69,732

	NO	SF
First downs	26	17
Total Net Yards	472	407
Rushes-yards	14-37	22-143
Passing	435	264
Comp-Att-Int	40-63-2	24-42-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-27	4-35
Punts	5-45.4	8-49.5
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	3-1
Penalties-Yards	0-0	3-33
Time of Possession	31:20	28:40

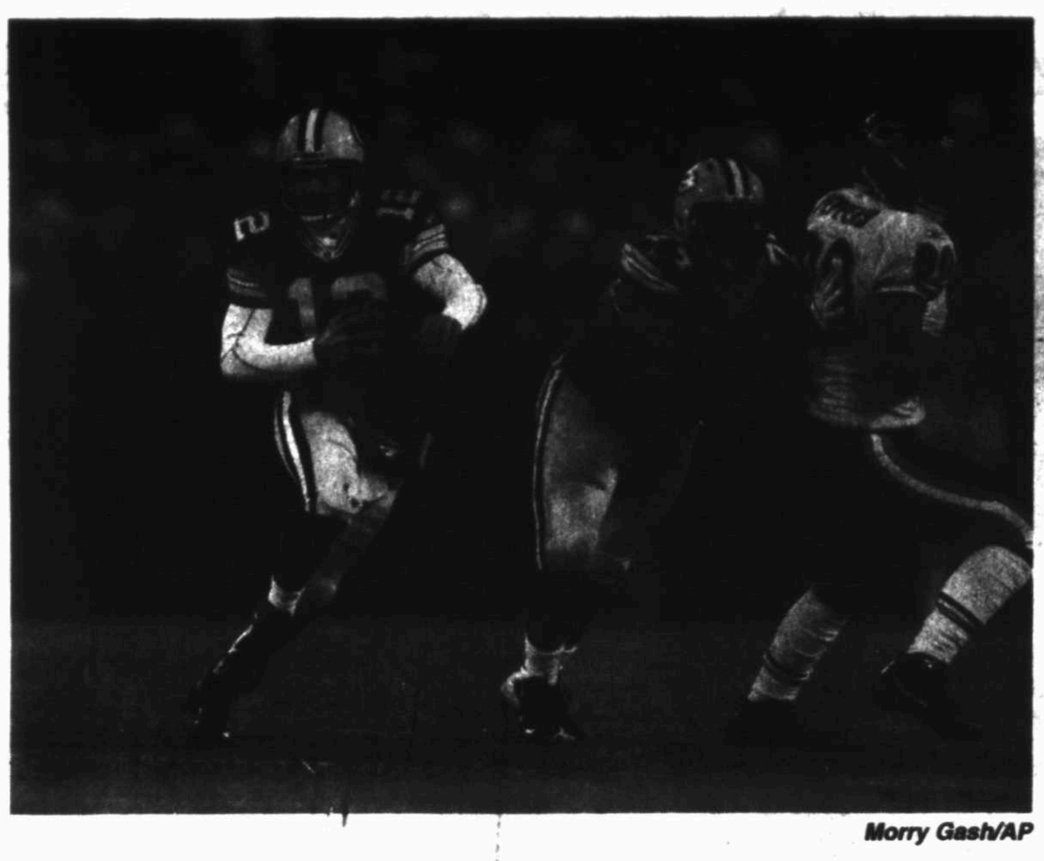
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New Orleans, Ivory 9-23, P.Thomas 1-6, Brees 1-5, Sproles 3-3. San Francisco, Gore 13-89, Ale.Smith 1-28, Hunter 8-23, Ginn Jr. 1-3, Dixon 1-0.

PASSING—New Orleans, Brees 40-63-2-462. San Francisco, Ale.Smith 24-42-0-299.

RECEIVING—New Orleans, Sproles 15-119, Colston 9-136, Graham 5-103, Henderson 4-49, Meacham 3-18, Arrington 1-14, Higgins 1-10, Collins 1-8, P.Thomas 1-5. San Francisco, V.Davis 7-180, Gore 7-38, Crabtree 4-25, K.Williams 2-12, Miller 1-16, Hunter 1-13, Ginn Jr. 1-11, Paelle 1-4.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None



Morry Gash/AP

Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers scrambles during a Dec. 25 game against the Chicago Bears in Green Bay, Wis. The Packers play the Giants today at Lambeau Field.

Giants-Packers a formula for offensive fireworks

By Chris Jenkins
Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Going into today's NFC divisional playoff game against the New York Giants, Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers are best known for all the fireworks they've produced on offense.

That's a good thing for the Super Bowl champions, because they've been remarkably vulnerable on defense.

All season, the Packers have been giving up yards in big chunks and bailing themselves out by forcing turnovers. And while the Giants might hope to slow the game down by establishing the run and keeping Rodgers on the sideline, the last meeting between the two teams — a 38-35 victory by the Packers on a last-second field goal Dec. 4 — could mean today is shaping up as another fast-paced game that comes down to the last possession.

With Eli Manning and the offense on a role, the Giants like their chances this time around.

"I think if we get into a shootout like we did last time, I think we will be OK," wide receiver Victor Cruz said. "But it will have to come down to who has the last touch."

Meanwhile, the Packers' defense is looking to hit the reset button in the playoffs.

"This is a fresh start for us to right all our wrongs," defensive lineman Ryan Pickett said. "We're excited about it. It's the same group that did it last year, the same team, so we know it's there to do it. You just have to do it. Time is running out. This is one-and-done, so we have to get it done."

Manning can draw on the Giants' victory in a frigid NFC championship game at Lambeau Field four years ago, but he doesn't think that experience is relevant.

"It's a new year, a new team, new players going against a new team," Manning said. "It's just a matter of guys executing, guys knowing the game plan, going in there, looking forward to the opportunity that's ahead of us, getting excited about it and have the attitude that we're going to go in there and play great football."

They'll likely have their chances.

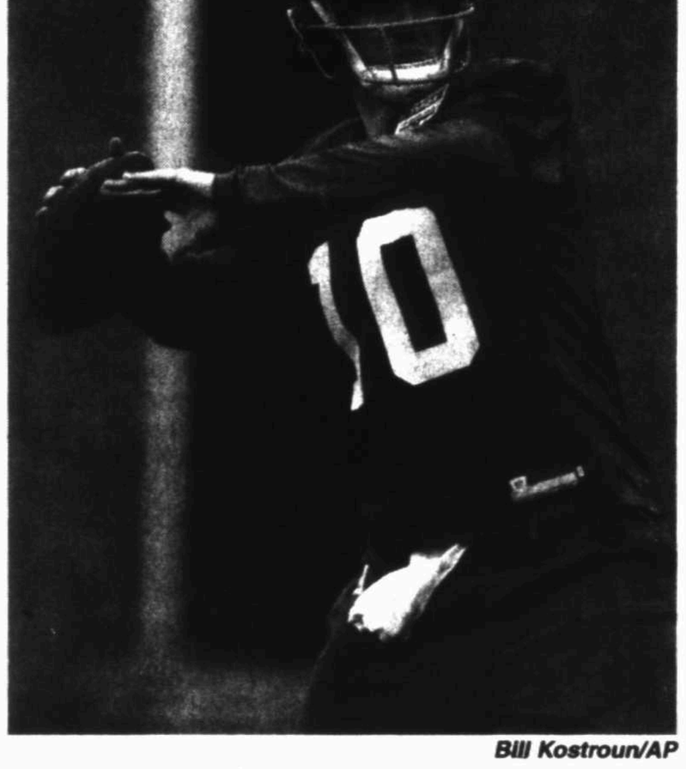
Green Bay's defense gave up more yards than any other team this season, an average of 411.6 per game. Packers coaches and players shrug off that statistic, pointing out that their ball-hawking defense has been able to come up with enough turnovers and stops in critical situations to help the team go 15-1.

What's more troubling than the yards is the number of big plays. According to STATS LLC, the Packers gave up 80 plays of 20-plus yards this season — third-most in the league this season, and 26 more big plays than they gave up last season.

The Packers have been better in the second half of the season, giving up 25 big plays in the past eight games, according to STATS.

They're certain to be tested by Manning, a talented group of wide receivers and a running game that finally seems to be playing up to its potential.

"One thing about Eli, he's having I think his best year," Packers defensive coordinator Dom Capers said. "The guy's been very accurate throwing the deep ball."



Bill Kostroun/AP

New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning throws a pass Friday during practice in East Rutherford, N.J.

N.Y. Giants at Green Bay

- **What:** NFC divisional round of the NFL Playoffs
- **When:** 3:30 p.m. today
- **Where:** Lambeau Field, Green Bay, Wisc.
- **TV:** Fox

STREAK
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communicate with his offense while virtually every fan in the house is screaming 'Defense!' or something far more obscene.

"They were pretty loud when we were there earlier in the year, so one can only imagine it will be just as loud if not louder," Houston offensive coordinator Rick Dennison said. "Our guys just have to focus on the snap count. We can't have any pre-snap penalties."

For the Texans to be successful on offense, two things have to happen: They can't jump offside and need to get their running game going so Yates isn't pressed into an obvious passing situation on third down.

"The crowd really gets behind them," offensive tackle Duane Brown said. "We played them in the regular season, and I'm sure it's going to be multiplied times 10, 20 now that it's the playoffs. We just have to stay poised, communicate as much as possible and be on the same page up front. And just stay on track and stay ahead of the chains. Once you get into those third-and-long situations, that's when they can pin their ears back and really try to get after you."

Beating the Ravens on the road in the postseason is not as difficult a task as it might seem. Baltimore lost in 2006 to the Indianapolis Colts and also fell at home against Tennessee in 2004. The only time the Ravens won a home playoff game was in 2000, when they launched their run to a Super Bowl victory with a 21-3 bashing of Denver.

Winning at home is a lot easier when you've got a host of talented players on the roster.

"Whether you play at home or on the road, you want to put a good team out there that plays good football," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "That's part of it. And the other part of it is our fans. Our fans are fantastic. It's very loud. Our fans are very passionate. You don't see very many opposing colors in our stadium, ever. That's something that we appreciate as an organization and as players and coaches."

TODAY'S PLAYOFF CAPSULES

HOUSTON (11-6) AT BALTIMORE (12-4)

Noon today, CBS

OPENING LINE — Ravens by 7½

RECORD VS. SPREAD — Houston 12-5; Baltimore 8-7-1

SERIES RECORD — Ravens lead 5-0

LAST MEETING — Ravens beat Texans 29-14, Oct. 19, 2011

LAST WEEK — Texans beat Bengals 31-10; Ravens had bye

TEXANS OFFENSE — OVERALL (13), RUSH (2), PASS (18)

TEXANS DEFENSE — OVERALL (2), RUSH (4), PASS (3)

RAVENS OFFENSE — OVERALL (15), RUSH (10), PASS (19)

RAVENS DEFENSE — OVERALL (3), RUSH (2), PASS (4)

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Baltimore making fourth playoff appearance in four years; Texans in postseason for first time. ... Ravens and Texans only defenses to rank in top 4 in every major category, including points allowed (Baltimore third at 16.6 ppg, Houston fourth at 17.4). ... Ravens FB Vonta Leach and S Bernard Pollard played last season in Houston. ... In October meeting, Ravens scored final 16 points and got five FGs from Billy Cundiff. ... Houston's Arian Foster ran for 153 yards against Cincinnati last week. Record for RB in first two playoff games is 278, set by Duane Thomas of Dallas in 1970. ... Foster has run for at least 100 yards in last three games but had only 49 against Ravens in October. ... Texans WR Andre Johnson had five catches for 90 yards and touchdown last week. He did not face Baltimore in October because of hamstring injury. ... Houston's T.J. Yates became first rookie QB drafted in fifth round or later to win postseason game. ... Ravens 8-0 at home for first time and are 73-23 at home since the start of 2000,season, but haven't won home playoff game since Dec. 31, 2000, beating Denver before going on to win only Super Bowl. ... Baltimore QB Joe Flacco 3-0 vs. Houston in career, going 57 for 89 with four TDs and one INT. ... Ravens seeking to advance to third AFC title game, second under coach John Harbaugh. ... Baltimore 9-6 in postseason. ... Ravens expect to have WR Anquan Boldin back after he missed two games with knee injury. Boldin had eight catches for 132 yards against Houston in October. ... Ravens RB Ray Rice was only NFL player with more than 2,000 yards from scrimmage (1,364 rushing, 704 receiving) and set franchise record with 15 TDs. ... Baltimore LB Ray Lewis, in 16th season, led team with 95 tackles and will be playing 16th playoff game. He is lone remaining member of 2000 Super Bowl champs. ... Ravens S Ed Reed has seven INTs in nine playoff games.

NEW YORK GIANTS (10-7) AT GREEN BAY (15-1)

3:30 today, Fox

OPENING LINE — Packers by 9

RECORD VS. SPREAD — New York 9-8; Green Bay 11-5

SERIES RECORD — Packers lead 31-23-2

LAST MEETING — Packers beat Giants 38-35, Dec. 4, 2011

LAST WEEK — Giants beat Falcons 24-2; Packers had bye

GIANTS OFFENSE — OVERALL (8), RUSH (32), PASS (9)

GIANTS DEFENSE — OVERALL (27), RUSH (19), PASS (29)

PACKERS OFFENSE — OVERALL (3), RUSH (27), PASS (3)

PACKERS DEFENSE — OVERALL (32), RUSH (14), PASS (32)

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Giants and Packers meet for seventh time in postseason. First five meetings were for NFL Championship. ... Last playoff meeting between two teams was NFC championship game in January 2008, when Giants K Lawrence Tynes hit game-winning 47-yard FG in overtime. ... Packers beat Giants 38-35 on Dec. 4. ... Giants playing in 31st postseason, most in NFL history. ... Coach Tom Coughlin has led Giants to five postseason appearances, tied with Bill Parcells for most in team history. ... QB Eli Manning has 11 postseason touchdown passes, most in team history. He had franchise-record 4,933 yards passing and eight 300-yard games in regular season. ... Since start of 2005, including playoffs, RB Brandon Jacobs has 59 rushing TDs, tied for fourth-most in NFL. ... RB Ahmad Bradshaw one of seven NFL players with 1,800-plus yards rushing (1,894) and 80-plus receptions (81) since start of 2010 season. ... WR Hakeem Nicks had six catches for 115 yards and two touchdowns in Giants' wild card win last week. ... WR Victor Cruz had team-record 1,536 yards receiving in regular season, 193 more than previous mark (Amani Toomer, 1,343). ... DE Jason Pierre-Paul fourth in NFL during regular season with 16 1/2 sacks. Joined Lawrence Taylor and Michael Strahan as only Giants with 16-plus sacks in a season. ... In past 23 games, including playoffs, DE Osi Umenyiora has 20 1/2 sacks and 11 forced fumbles. ... Packers have won 13 NFL championships, most all-time. ... Packers won franchise-record 15 games, becoming sixth team in NFL history with 15 wins. ... Packers scored 560 points, most in franchise history and second-most all-time. ... Aaron Rodgers had 122.5 quarterback rating, best single-season mark in NFL history. Rodgers had franchise record 4,643 yards passing and 45 touchdowns. He is only quarterback in NFL history to pass for 4,000-plus yards and have six or fewer interceptions. ... In postseason, Rodgers has completed 67.8 percent of passes for 1,517 yards with 13 touchdowns and three interceptions. ... WR Jordy Nelson had career-highs in catches (68), yards (1,263) and touchdowns (15). ... In seven career playoff games, WR Greg Jennings has five TDs and three 100-yard games. ... WR Donald Driver has 46 postseason catches and needs two to pass Antonio Freeman (47) for most in team history. ... Rookie WR Randall Cobb led NFC and was second in NFL with kick return average of 27.7 yards. ... Since joining Packers in 2006, CB Charles Woodson has 37 interceptions and nine interceptions returned for TDs. CB Tramon Williams had three interceptions in last year's playoffs, including 70-yarder for touchdown.

NFL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

NFL Playoff Glance
Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 7

Houston 31, Cincinnati 10
New Orleans 45, Detroit 28

Sunday, Jan. 8

New York Giants 24, Atlanta 2
Denver 29, Pittsburgh 23, OT

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday's Scores

San Francisco 36, New Orleans 32
New England 45, Denver 10

Today's Games

Houston at Baltimore, Noon
N.Y. Giants at Green Bay, 3:30 p.m.

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 22

San Francisco vs. N.Y Giants-Green Bay winner, TBA
Houston-Baltimore winner at New England, TBA

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 29
At Honolulu

NFC vs. AFC, 7 p.m.

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 5
At Indianapolis

NFC vs. AFC, 5:20 p.m.



BAYLOR

From 1C

The Bears scored their most points ever in a Big 12 game that didn't go to overtime. It was their most 3-pointers in a game since making 15 against Prairie View on Dec. 13, 2008, but still five short of the school record set in 1995.

Baylor, coming off a 75-73 victory at Kansas State that was its third two-point win in five games, had a 48-25 rebounding advantage along with 25 assists against Oklahoma State. The Bears shot 53 percent overall (36 of 68) and 52 percent on 3-pointers (15 of 29) and were well in control by halftime despite a slow start.

Keiton Page and Markel Brown each had 15 points for the youthful Cowboys (9-8, 2-2), whose primary eight-man rotation includes five freshmen and only one senior.

"There are not a lot of games where you have everybody play and everybody contributes," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "Everybody that played gave something to the team, did something for the team that made us better. As a coach, that's when you're happiest, when you players are all happy."

Six Bears made 3-pointers, nine scored and 10 had a rebound.

Quincy Acy had 15 points, six rebounds and two blocked shots, swatting one away with so much force midway through the second half that the ball wound up landing on the Oklahoma State bench.

"Just relieving some anger," Acy said. "I had like six turnovers, it was just all bad."



Tony Gutierrez/AP

Baylor guard Deuce Bello (14) dunks over Oklahoma State's Michael Cobbins in the second half Saturday in Waco.

A couple of minutes later, Acy made a 3-pointer and walked away holding up three fingers toward his teammates.

The Bears already had eight 3-pointers by halftime, when they led 46-31. Jones then started the second half with a short baseline jumper.

Jones put the Bears up 61-41 with 13:52 left when he made a layup after an alley-oop pass from Miller as he just missed.

But everything worked out perfectly on a high-light play in the first half. Jackson moved around a defender near the free throw line, but instead of taking the open shot threw an alley-oop pass to Jones for a monster dunk and a 33-23 lead.

Ford quickly called a timeout and was on the court almost before the play was done.

The Cowboys have dominated the series, including a 22-7 advantage since 1998. But Baylor has won the last six meetings in the Ferrell Center, including Saturday.

Things were going so good for Baylor that Jackson made a 3-pointer late in the first half after the ball rolled around the rim a few times. When the ball finally dropped through the hoop for a 41-27 lead, the 5-foot-10 Jackson did a pirouette-like move near halfcourt.

Brady Heslip then stole the ball from Cezar Guerrero, who was still facedown on the court when Acy slammed the ball home.

Jackson made another 3-pointer from the top of the key in the final minute of the first half.

Texas A&M gets 1st Big 12 win over Tech

By Brent Zwerneman
San Antonio Express-News

COLLEGE STATION — It looked like old times in Reed Arena on Saturday, with Billy Gillispie roaming the sideline and the visiting team taking a whipping.

Only this time Gillispie, the coach who made basketball a social event in Aggieland, was part of the gang absorbing the beating in Texas A&M's 67-54 thumping of his first Texas Tech team.

"There are a lot of great people here and I have a lot of great relationships with players," an emotional Gillispie said of his return to A&M, where he led the Aggies to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament in 2007. "I'm just disappointed that all of those people who know what we can do, didn't see us compete better."

The Aggies (10-6, 1-3) had doubled up the Red Raiders (7-9, 0-4) by halftime at 34-17, and led by 25 early in the second half of the blowout.

"We dug ourselves a hole and tried fighting back in the end," said Tech's Jaye Crockett, who scored a game-high 19 points. "We just can't do that."

Gillispie won 31 Big 12 games from 2005-07 at

Aggies	67
Red Raiders	54

A&M, and on Saturday Billy Kennedy won his first Big 12 game as A&M's coach. Both teams had started 0-3 in Big 12 play. Kennedy said the sweetness of Saturday's victory had nothing to do with the return of Gillispie, who split A&M for Kentucky following the '07 season.

"Billy helped get the practice facility built here because of the job he did, and I'm thankful for that," Kennedy said. "But it wouldn't have mattered if we would have played A&M Consolidated. … I'm just glad we won."

The Aggies did so by playing their typically rugged defense, in holding the Red Raiders' starters to a combined 14 points.

"We didn't get hardly anything from those guys," said Gillispie, whose team tallied two points midway through the first half. "If you're going to win on the road, you have to do better than that."

Meanwhile an A&M bench player, Naji Hibbert, tied for the team high with 12 points in 19 minutes, after playing a combined eight minutes in the three previous Big 12 games.

COLLEGEBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

TEXAS
NO. 9 MISSOURI 84, TEXAS 73

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Phil Pressey had 18 points, including seven straight to get No. 9 Missouri out of trouble in the second half of an 84-73 victory over Texas on Saturday.

TEXAS-ARLINGTON 91, LAMAR 82

BEAUMONT — LaMarcus Reed scored 25 points and Texas-Arlington beat Lamar 91-82 on Saturday.

NORTH TEXAS 68, LOUISIANA-MONROE 55

MONROE, La. — Roger Franklin scored 16 points and had a career-high 15 rebounds to help North Texas defeat Louisiana-Monroe 68-55 on Saturday.

TEXAS STATE 82, MCNEESE STATE 73

SAN MARCOS — Vonn Jones and Reid Koenen scored 15 points each as Texas State snapped a three-game losing streak by defeating McNeese State 82-73 on Saturday.

SAM HOUSTON STATE 75, NICHOLLS STATE 65

THIBODAUX, La. — Demarcus Gatlin led all scorers with 21 points and helped lead Sam Houston State to a 75-65 win over Nicholls State Saturday in a Southland Conference game.

TEXAS SOUTHERN 61, GRAMBLING STATE 57

GAMBLING, La. — Omar Strong scored 12 points and Texas Southern used a 7-0 run in the game's final 1:36 to rally for a 61-57 win over Grambling State on Saturday night.

UTSA 59, STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 52

NACOGDOCHES — Jeromie Hill scored 16 points and UTSA hit 7 of 13 3-point attempts en route to a 59-52 victory over Stephen F. Austin on Saturday.

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA 67, TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI 55

HAMMOND, La. — DeShawn Patterson scored 14 points and Roosevelt Johnson tallied a double-double, leading Southeastern Louisiana to a 67-55 win over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Saturday night.

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M 72, JACKSON STATE 66

JACKSON, Miss. — Louis Munks scored 25 points to lead Prairie View A&M to a 72-66 victory over Jackson State in Southwestern Athletic Conference play Saturday night.

RICE 50, TULANE 49

NEW ORLEANS — Connor Frizzelle knocked down a 3-pointer at the buzzer to lift Rice to a 50-49 win over Tulane on Saturday night.

BIG 12
OKLAHOMA 82, NO. 18 KANSAS ST. 73

NORMAN, Okla. — Andrew Fitzgerald scored 21 points to lead four Oklahoma players in double figures and the Sooners got their first Big 12 win under coach Lon Kruger, an 82-73 victory over No. 18 Kansas State on Saturday.

NO. 10 KANSAS 82, IOWA STATE 73

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Tyshawn Taylor scored 22 of his career-high 28 points after halftime, and No. 10 Kansas used a game-changing second-half run to knock off Iowa State 82-73 on Saturday.

TOP 25
FLORIDA STATE 90, NO. 3 NORTH CAROLINA 87

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Deividas Dulkys scored a career-high 32 points and Michael Snaer added 17 as Florida State stunned No. 3 North Carolina 90-57 on Saturday, handing the Tar Heels their worst loss under coach Roy Williams.

NO. 1 SYRACUSE 78, PROVIDENCE 55

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Dion Waiters had 12 points, seven coming during a decisive first-half run, Scoop Jardine added 10 points and nine assists, as Syracuse beat undermanned Providence.

NO. 2 KENTUCKY 65, TENNESSEE 62

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Darius Miller made two free throws and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist added another in the final 20 seconds to help Kentucky hold off Tennessee.

NORTHWESTERN 81, NO. 6 MICHIGAN ST. 74

EVANSTON, Ill. — John Shurna scored 22 points to help Northwestern end Michigan State's win streak at 15.

NO. 22 SAN DIEGO ST. 69, NO. 12 UNLV 67

SAN DIEGO — Jamaal Franklin made an off-balance layup with three-tenths of a second left to give San Diego State over UNLV in a thrilling Mountain West Conference opener.

IOWA 75, NO. 13 MICHIGAN 59

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Matt Gatens scored 19 points and Iowa used balanced offense and stout defense to beat Michigan.

NO. 14 LOUISVILLE 76, DEPAUL 59

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Russ Smith scored 25 points, Chris Smith added 20 and Louisville beat DePaul despite not having leading scorer Kyle Kuric.

NO. 15 MURRAY ST. 82, TENNESSEE TECH 74

MURRAY, Ky. — Donte Poole scored a career-high 28 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead unbeaten Murray State over Tennessee Tech.

NO. 17 CONNECTICUT 67, NOTRE DAME 53

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Shabazz Napier scored 16 points, and freshman Andre Drummond had 10 points and 13 rebounds to help UConn snap Notre Dame's 29-game home winning streak.

NO. 19 FLORIDA 79, SOUTH CAROLINA 65

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Kenny Boynton scored 15 points and hit four of No. 19 Florida's 12 3-pointers in a victory over South Carolina.

NO. 20 MISSISSIPPI STATE 56, ALABAMA 52

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Arnett Moultrie had 25 points and 13 rebounds, and Mississippi State rallied in the final minutes to beat Alabama.

NO. 21 GONZAGA 62, LOYOLA MARYMOUNT 58

LOS ANGELES. — Elias Harris scored 19 points and Gary Bell added 16 to help Gonzaga beat Loyola Marymount.

NO. 25 MARQUETTE 62, PITTSBURGH 57

MILWAUKEE — Darius Johnson-Odom scored 18 points and Jae Crowder added 15 to help Marquette send Pittsburgh to its sixth straight loss.

The Panthers (11-7, 0-5) remain the only winless team in the Big East, while the Golden Eagles (14-4, 3-2) won their second straight in the conference.

Ashton Gibbs led Pittsburgh with a career-high 29 points and Nasir Robinson added 10. Gibbs hit a 3-pointer from the corner with 54.1 seconds remaining to trim Marquette's lead to 60-57.

Crowder missed a 3-point attempt, but Davante Gardner grabbed the rebound and was fouled with 18.1 seconds left. He hit both free throws for the final margin.

Women

TEXAS
KANSAS STATE 62, TEXAS TECH 61

LUBBOCK — Jalana Childs scored 23 points to lead Kansas State to a 62-61 win Saturday over No. 10 Texas Tech, handing the Lady Raiders their second loss in a row.

NO. 12 TEXAS A&M 59, IOWA STATE 33

AMES, Iowa — Adaora Elonu scored 14 points and No. 12 Texas A&M kept Iowa State winless in the Big 12 with a 59-33 victory on Saturday night

TOP 25
NO. 2 NOTRE DAME 76, CINCINNATI 50

CINCINNATI (AP) — Natalie Novosel scored 21 points Saturday, and point guard Skylar Diggins steadied Notre Dame's balanced offense with 11 assists, leading the second-ranked Fighting Irish to a 76-50 victory over Cincinnati.

NO. 3 CONNECTICUT 72, VILLANOVA 49

VILLANOVA, Pa. (AP) — Tiffany Hayes scored 14 of her 22 points in the second half to lead Connecticut.

NO. 4 STANFORD 80, COLORADO 54

BOULDER, Colo. — Joslyn Tinkle matched her career high with 20 points to lead Stanford to its 12th straight win.

NO. 8 RUTGERS 71, NO. 16 LOUISVILLE 68, OT

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Erica Wheeler scored 23 points, including an off-balance 3-pointer with the shot clock running out in overtime to lift Rutgers.

NO. 14 WISC-GREEN BAY 68, DETROIT 59

DETROIT — Adrian Ritchie scored 20 points to lead Wisconsin-Green Bay to its school-record 35th straight regular season victory.

Lydia Bauer added 16 points and Julie Wojta finished with 15 points and eight rebounds for the Phoenix (15-0, 5-0 Horizon League). Sarah Eichler had 13 points.

NO. 21 DEPAUL 86, PITTSBURGH 83

CHICAGO — Anna Martin scored 29 points, including two free throws with 19.7 seconds left, and DePaul held off a late rally by Pittsburgh.

SAINT MARY'S 66, NO. 23 GONZAGA 63

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Alex Carbonel scored 18 points and Saint Mary's made four free throws in the last 25 seconds and end Gonzaga's West Coast Conference winning streak at 34 games.

COLLEGEBASKETBALLSCORES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

How Top 25 Fared
Saturday

1. Syracuse (19-0) beat Providence 78-55. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Monday.
2. Kentucky (17-1) beat Tennessee 65-62. Next: vs. Arkansas, Tuesday.
3. North Carolina (15-3) lost to Florida State 90-57. Next: at Virginia Tech, Thursday.
4. Baylor (17-0) beat Oklahoma State 108-65. Next: at No. 10 Kansas, Monday.
5. Ohio State (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 Indiana, today.
6. Michigan State (15-3) lost to Northwestern 81-74. Next: at No. 13 Michigan, Tuesday.
7. Indiana (15-2) did not play. Next: at No. 5 Ohio State, today.
8. Duke (14-2) did not play. Next: at Clemson, today.
9. Missouri (16-1) beat Texas 84-73. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Monday.
10. Kansas (14-3) beat Iowa State 82-73. Next: vs. No. 4 Baylor, Monday.
11. Georgetown (13-3) did not play. Next: at St. John's, today.
12. UNLV (16-3) lost to No. 22 San Diego State 69-67. Next: vs. TCU, Wednesday.
13. Michigan (14-4) lost to Iowa 75-59. Next: vs. No. 6 Michigan State, Tuesday.
14. Louisville (14-4) beat DePaul 76-59. Next: at No. 25 Marquette, Monday.
15. Murray State (18-0) beat Tennessee Tech 82-74. Next: at Morehead State, Wednesday.
16. Virginia (14-2) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Thursday.
17. UConn (14-3) beat Notre Dame 67-53. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Wednesday.
18. Kansas State (12-4) lost to Oklahoma 82-73. Next: vs. Texas, Wednesday.
19. Florida (14-4) beat South Carolina 79-65. Next: vs. LSU, Saturday.
20. Mississippi State (15-3) beat Alabama 56-52. Next: at Mississippi, Wednesday.
21. Gonzaga (14-3) beat Loyola Marymount 82-58. Next: vs. San Francisco, Thursday.
22. San Diego State (15-2) beat No. 12 UNLV 69-67. Next: at New Mexico, Wednesday.
23. Creighton (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Illinois, today.
24. Seton Hall (15-3) did not play. Next: at Villanova, Wednesday.
25. Marquette (14-4) beat Pittsburgh 62-57. Next: vs. No. 14 Louisville, Monday.

MAJOR SCORES
SOUTHWEST

Baylor 108, Oklahoma St. 65
Oklahoma 82, Kansas St. 73
Southern U. 69, Ark.-Pine Bluff 68
Texas A&M 67, Texas Tech 54
Texas St. 82, McNeese St. 73
Texas-Arlington 91, Lamar 82
UTSA 59, Stephen F. Austin 52

FAR WEST

Air Force 76, Boise St. 59
Arizona St. 76, Oregon St. 66
BYU 95, Santa Clara 79
Gonzaga 82, Loyola Marymount 58
Long Beach St. 76, Pacific 66
Montana St. 74, N. Arizona 72
N. Colorado 71, E. Washington 70
New Mexico 72, Wyoming 62
Oregon 68, Arizona St. 67
San Diego St. 69, UNLV 67
San Francisco 75, Pepperdine 63
Stanford 84, Colorado 64

MIDWEST

Akron 68, Ohio 63
Cincinnati 82, Villanova 78
Dayton 79, La Salle 75
E. Michigan 51, Ball St. 48
Green Bay 57, Wright St. 56
Ill.-Chicago 58, Loyola of Chicago 51
Iowa 75, Michigan 59
Kansas 82, Iowa St. 73
Kent St. 92, Bowling Green 87
Marquette 62, Pittsburgh 57
Miami (Ohio) 52, Buffalo 51
Milwaukee 84, Detroit 74
Missouri 84, Texas 73
N. Dakota St. 82, South Dakota 59
N. Illinois 74, Cent. Michigan 66
Northwestern 81, Michigan St. 74
Oakland 96, IPFW 86
Oral Roberts 81, IUPUI 71
S. Dakota St. 85, UMKC 58
S. Utah 65, W. Illinois 55
SE Missouri 80, E. Illinois 73
UConn 67, Notre Dame 53
W. Michigan 74, Toledo 52
Xavier 77, St. Bonaventura 64

SOUTH

Alabama St. 53, Alabama A&M 50
Auburn 69, Mississippi 68, 2OT
Bethune-Cookman 82, SC State 76
Campbell 74, Gardner-Webb 68
Cent. Arkansas 77, Northwestern St. 73
Coastal Carolina 81, Presbyterian 63
Coll. of Charleston 63, Elon 44
Coppin St. 83, Hampton 66
Davidson 83, Appalachian St. 79
Drexel 79, UNC Wilmington 57
ETSU 72, Jacksonville 58
Florida 79, South Carolina 65
Florida Gulf Coast 84, Lipscomb 80, OT
Florida St. 90, North Carolina 57
Furman 58, W. Carolina 55
George Mason 89, James Madison 83
Georgia St. 57, Towson 42
Kentucky 65, Tennessee 62
Louisville 76, DePaul 59
MVSU 85, Alcorn St. 66
Marshall 65, UCF 64
Md.-Eastern Shore 83, Delaware St. 60, OT
Middle Tennessee 67, FAU 54
Mississippi St. 56, Alabama 52
Morehead St. 57, E. Kentucky 54
Murray St. 82, Tennessee Tech 74
NC A&T 70, Howard 65
NC State 76, Wake Forest 40
Norfolk St. 90, Morgan St. 89, 2OT
North Texas 68, Louisiana-Monroe 55
Old Dominion 69, Hofstra 61
Prairie View 72, Jackson St. 66
Richmond 76, Temple 69
SC-Upstate 69, North Florida 62
Saint Louis 68, Charlotte 57
Sam Houston St. 75, Nicholls St. 65
Samford 61, Chattanooga 20
Savannah St. 69, Florida A&M 58
Southern Miss. 59, UAB 55
Texas Southern 61, Grambling St. 57
Tulsa 75, East Carolina 67
UNC Asheville 85, High Point 79
UNC Greensboro 97, The Citadel 66
Vanderbilt 77, Georgia 66
Winthrop 84, Liberty 61, OT
Wofford 88, Georgia Southern 63

EAST

Hartford 63, Binghamton 41
Harvard 71, Dartmouth 63
Longwood 67, Duquesne 78, Rhode Island 71
Harvard 69, George Washington 48
LIU 106, Monmouth (NJ) 86
Lehigh 78, Colgate 56
Manhattan 72, Siena 53
Mount St. Mary's 64, Bryant 60
NJIT 95, Cotteskill 57
New Hampshire 72, Vermont 65
Northeastern 64, William & Mary 50
Penn 64, Cornell 52
Princeton 62, Columbia 58
Robert Morris 70, Sacred Heart 67
St. Francis (NY) 62, Fairleigh Dickinson 51
St. Francis (Pa.) 74, Quinnipiac 71
Syracuse 78, Providence 55
UMass 71, Saint Joseph's 62
VCU 68, Delaware 59
Wagner 67, CCSU 58
West Virginia 84, Rutgers 80
Yale 68, Brown 64 •

TEXAS BOXES
TEXAS A&M 67, TEXAS TECH 54

TEXAS TECH (7-9): Minnis 1-4 5-5 7, Nurse 0-3 0-0 0, Willis 0-2 0-0 0, Lewandowski 1-3 0-1 2, Tolbert 1-5 3-5 5, Wagner 0-1 0-0 0, Adams 2-4 1-2 7, Crockett 6-14 6-9 19, Lammert 2-4 5-6 10, Nash 1-2 2-4 4. Totals 14-42 22-32 54.

TEXAS A&M (10-6): Davis 0-1 1-2 1, Harris 5-8 1-2 11, Loiseau 2-5 0-1 4, Middleton 5-9 2-4 12, E. Turner 3-8 5-6 12, Hibbert 4-7 1-2 12, McDonald 0-0 0-0 0, Green 0-3 2-2 2, Alexander 1-1 0-0 3, Kinsley 0-0 0-0 0, R. Turner 2-4 6-8 10, Jahns 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-46 18-27 67.

Halftime—Texas A&M 34-17. 3-Point Goals—Texas Tech 4-11 (Adams 2-3, Lammert 1-2, Crockett 1-3, Nurse 0-1, Willis 0-2), Texas A&M 5-16 (Hibbert 3-5, Alexander 1-1, E. Turner 1-4, Harris 0-1, Green 0-2, Middleton 0-3). Fouled Out—Alexander, Loiseau, Minnis. Rebounds—Texas Tech 36 (Tolbert 9), Texas A&M 28 (R. Turner 6). Assists—Texas Tech 6 (Minnis 3), Texas A&M 12 (Harris 7). Total Fouls—Texas Tech 25, Texas A&M 29. A—7,083.

No. 4 BAYLOR 108, OKLAHOMA ST. 65

OKLAHOMA ST. (9-9): Nash 2-12 5-7 9, Cobbins 2-3 2-2 6, Jurek 2-2 1-3 5, B. Williams 4-7 1-2 10, Page 3-11 7-8 15, Guerrero 3-8 2-2 8, Sourcek 0-1 0-0 0, Brown 5-10 3-5 15. Totals 21-54 18-24 65.

BAYLOR (17-0): Jones III 6-12 2-4 19, Acy 3-9 8-8 15, Miller 6-10 0-6 21, Heslip 3-9 0-0 9, Walton 0-1 0-0 0, Franklin 2-4 0-0 6, Neubert 0-0 0-0 0, Ellis 0-0 0-0 0, Bello 1-1 2-2 4, Jefferson 4-5 0-1 8, Jones 3-5 0-0 6, Jackson 6-12 1-2 18. Totals 36-68 19-23 108.

Halftime—Baylor 46-31. 3-Point Goals—Oklahoma St. 5-19 (Brown 2-5, Page 2-8, B. Williams 1-2, Nash 0-2, Guerrero 0-2), Baylor 15-29 (Jackson 5-9, Miller 3-5, Heslip 3-7, Franklin 2-4, Acy 1-2, Jones III 1-2). Fouled Out—Walton. Rebounds—Oklahoma St. 25 (Jurek 7), Baylor 48 (Jones III 12). Assists—Oklahoma St. 9 (Guerrero, Nash, Sourcek 2), Baylor 25 (Jackson 8). Total Fouls—Oklahoma St. 21, Baylor 21. Technicals—Guerrero, Walton. A—9,584.

No. 9 MISSOURI 84, TEXAS 73

TEXAS (13-6): Boston 16-18 9-9 34, McClellan 2-8 1-2 5, Rabalais 3-11 0-0 12, Chapman 3-4 0-1 8, Lewis 1-10 0-0 2, Holmes 5-6 0-0 10, Gibbs 0-0 0-0 0, Wangmene 1-3 1-3 3, Bond 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 27-59 10-14 73.

MISSOURI (19-1): P. Pressey 5-12 5-6 18, Riddle 10-12 1-2 21, Clemmon 5-11 4-4 18, English 4-8 5-7 14, Dixon 1-1 1-2 4, M. Pressey 2-6 0-0 5, Moore 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 29-54 16-21 84.

Halftime—Missouri 43-30. 3-Point Goals—Texas 9-16 (Brown 6-7, Kabongo 2-2, McClellan 1-4, Lewis 0-3), Missouri 10-21 (Clemmon 4-9, P.Pressey 3-7, M. Pressey 1-1, English 1-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Texas 36 (Holmes 7), Missouri 26 (Dennon 11). Assists—Texas 16 (Kabongo 10), Missouri 20 (P.Pressey 10). Total Fouls—Texas 20, Missouri 13. A—NA.

Women

How Top 25 Fared
Saturday

1. Baylor (16-0) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Texas Tech, Wednesday.
2. Notre Dame (17-1) beat Cincinnati 76-50. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Tuesday.
3. UConn (14-2) beat Villanova 72-49. Next: vs. No. 22 North Carolina, Monday.
4. Stanford (15-1) beat Colorado 80-54. Next: vs. Washington State, Thursday.
5. Maryland (16-1) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Monday.
6. Tennessee (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 25 Vanderbilt, today.
7. Duke (13-2) did not play. Next: at Virginia Tech, today.
8. Rutgers (15-2) beat No. 16 Louisville 71-68, OT. Next: at St. John's, Tuesday.
9. Kentucky (15-2) did not play. Next: at No. 24 South Carolina, today.
10. Texas Tech (14-2) lost to Kansas State 62-61. Next: vs. No. 1 Baylor, Wednesday.
11. Ohio State (16-1) did not play. Next: at Michigan State, today.
12. Texas A&M (11-4) beat Iowa State 59-33. Next: vs. Missouri, Wednesday.
13. Miami (14-3) did not play. Next: at Florida State, today.
14. Green Bay (15-0) beat Detroit 68-59. Next: vs. Youngstown State, Thursday.
15. Nebraska (15-1) did not play. Next: at No. 11 Ohio State, Thursday.
16. Louisville (14-4) lost to No. 8 Rutgers 71-68, OT. Next: vs. Providence, Wednesday.
17. Purdue (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa, today.
18. Georgetown (13-4) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, today.
19. Georgia (14-3) did not play. Next: at Mississippi State, today.
20. Delaware (13-1) did not play. Next: at Northeastern, today.
21. DePaul (14-3) beat Pittsburgh 86-83. Next: at South Florida, Tuesday.
22. North Carolina (12-4) did not play. Next: at No. 3 UConn, Monday.
23. Gonzaga (15-3) lost to Saint Mary's (Cal.) 66-63. Next: at Santa Clara, Thursday.
24. South Carolina (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Kentucky, today.
25. Vanderbilt (14-2) did not play. Next: at No. 6 Tennessee, today.

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TEXAS BOXES
KANSAS ST. 62, No. 10 TEXAS TECH 61

KANSAS ST. (13-3): Childs 10-18 3-5 23, B.Brown 2-4 0-0 4, Chambers 4-9 4-4 15, Dickey 8-11 1-1 17, White 1-5 1-2 3, Conn 0-0 0-0 0, Wittman 0-0 0-0 0, Ostermann 0-0 0-0 0, Chisholm 0-0 0-0 0, Woods 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-47 9-12 62.

TEXAS TECH (14-2): Mann 8-14 1-4 18, Baker 1-2 1-2 4, Hyde 4-8 2-5 10, Morris 3-12 2-2 10, Smalls 3-8 3-4 9, Brown 1-6 0-0 2, Barncastle 2-2 0-0 6, Bokenkamp 0-0 0-0 0, Nobles 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 23-54 9-17 61.

Halftime—Kansas St. 37-27. 3-Point Goals—Kansas St. 3-11 (Childs 3-7, White 0-2, Dickey 0-2), Texas Tech 6-13 (Barncastle 2-2, Morris 2-5, Mallard 1-1, Baker 1-1, Brown 0-1, Smalls 0-1, Hyde 0-2). Fouled Out—Dickey. Rebounds—Kansas St. 28 (Chambers 10), Texas Tech 29 (Mallard 8). Assists—Kansas St. 14 (B. Brown, White 5), Texas Tech 14 (Smalls 6). Total Fouls—Kansas St. 14, Texas Tech 11. A—6,313.

No. 12 TEXAS A&M 59, IOWA ST. 33

TEXAS A&M (11-4): Bone 3-8 0-0 6, Carter 3-14 0-0 6, Standish 1-3 0-0 3, White 4-14 0-0 9, Elonu 6-13 2-2 14, Windham 0-0 0-0, Scott 0-1 0-0 0, Collins 4-5 0-0 12, Prather 1-2 0-0 3, Gilbert 2-2 2-2 6, Assanian 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-62 4-4 59.

IOWA ST. (9-6): Moody 3-11 1-2 7, Mansfield 1-4 0-0 2, Williamson 3-7 0-0 8, Pagnotta 4-9 2-3 10, Prins 1-6 0-0 2, Harris 0-3 0-0 0, Christofferson 1-4 0-1 3, Cole 0-0 0-0 0, Ellis 0-0 0-0 0, Zimmerman 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 13-45 3-6 33.

Halftime—Texas A&M 35-15. 3-Point Goals—Texas A&M 7-21 (Collins 4-5, Prather 1-2, Standish 1-3, White 1-3, Carter 0-6), Iowa St. 4-17 (Williamson 3-7, Christofferson 1-1, Zimmerman 0-1, Prins 0-1, Mansfield 0-2, Moody 0-2, Harris 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Texas A&M 40 (Elonu 9), Iowa St. 39 (Pagnotta 8). Assists—Texas A&M 15 (Carter 4), Iowa St. 8 (Moody 4). Total Fouls—Texas A&M 17, Iowa St. 8. A—11,668.

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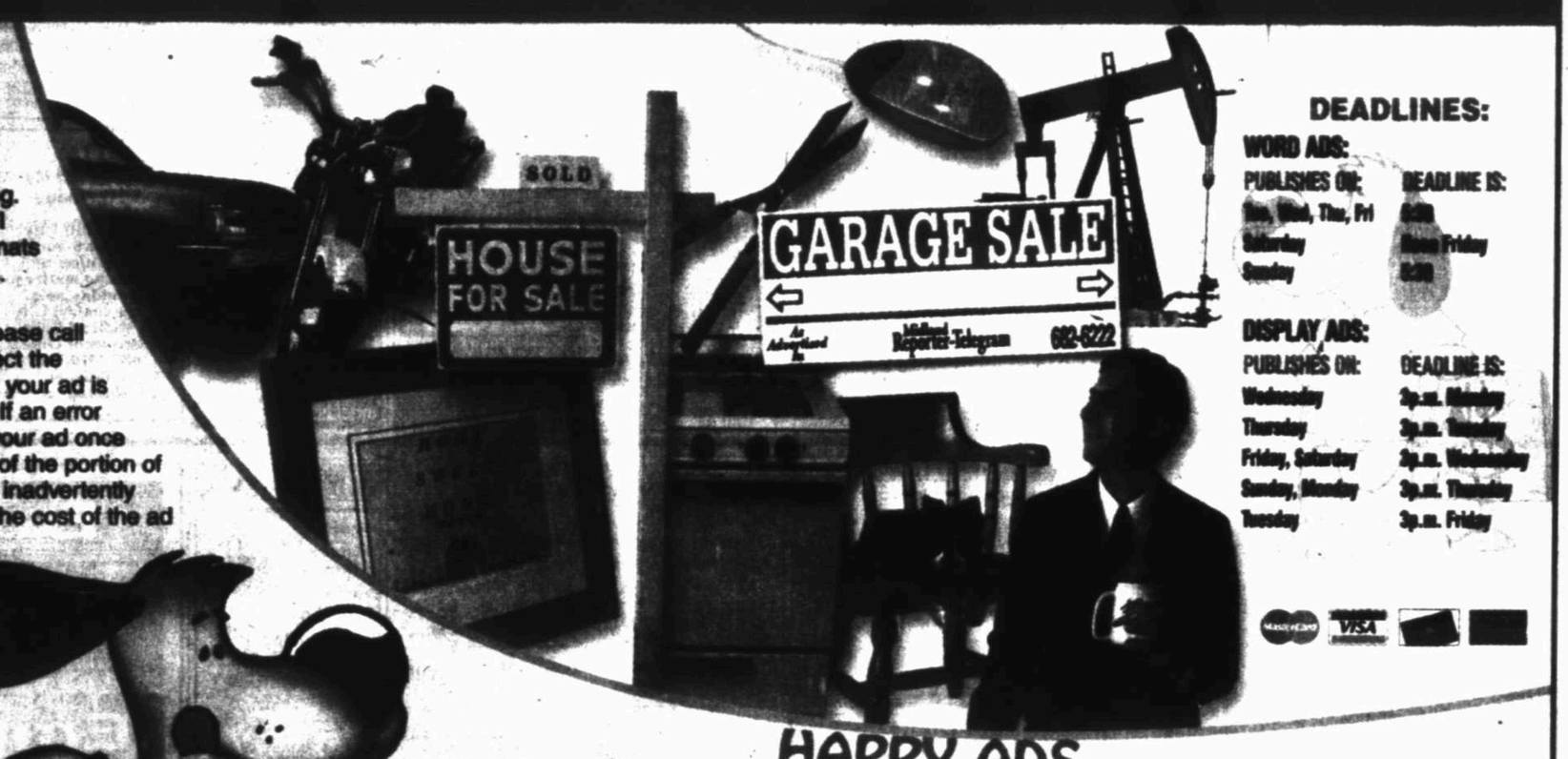
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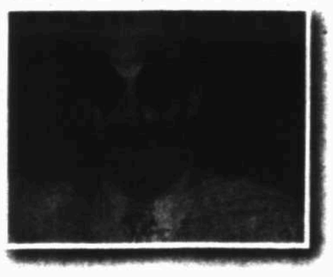


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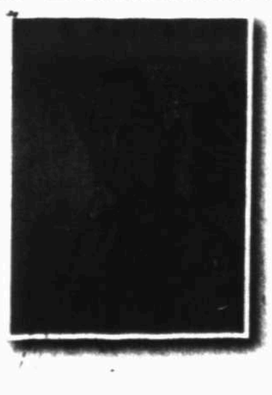
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#880 Shawnna A Zachary
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Misc. and household goods.

At Homeport 3806 and 3810 W. Loop 250 N., Midland, Texas will be sold as a closed bid at 11:30 AM on 02/23/12.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Midland County Hospital District is requesting proposals for an **INTERACTIVE PATIENT TELEVISION SYSTEM** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Monday, January 16, 2012.**

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 p.m. (noon), Tuesday, February 7, 2012.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP #1050-011512 Enclosed".**

Under no circumstances will faxed or emailed proposals from respondents be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected until February 6, 2013.

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

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FOUND: CHIHUAHUA Mix. Call to identify. 432-889-8876.

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REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

Midland Independent School District will receive sealed bids for the **Teaching Supply, Bid No. 2-0022.** Bids are to be addressed to Britt Hayes, Director of Financial Services, 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 701, Midland, Texas 79701. **Bids will be received at the above address until 8:30 a.m. CST, thursday, January 19, 2012**, at which time they will be publicly opened. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (432) 689-5896 or by going to www.midlandisd.net/financial services/procurement services/bid advertisements.

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JOINT NOTICE OF SALE

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COUNTY OF MIDLAND §

DATED the 9th day of January, A.D. 2012, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Midland County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 9th day of January, A.D. 2012, seized, levied upon, and will on the 7th day of February, A.D. 2012, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Midland, between the hours of 10:00 o clock A.M. and 4:00 o clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

All of the following properties being located in Midland County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Volume and Page reference (V___/P___) or document number of the Deed Records, Midland County, Texas. The approximate property addresses reflected herein are the addresses on the tax records and may or may not be completely accurate.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

PROP #	CAUSE #	STYLE	PROP DESCRIPTION, ADDRESS, ACCT #
1	TX10830	Midland Central Appraisal District v Jose Mora, Jr. et al	Lot 11, Block 120, West End Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1875, Page 283). 2002 West Washington Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701-6920. R000052513
2	TX11388	Midland Central Appraisal District v Evelyn Dorsey et al	Lot 14, Block 36, Greenwood Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 201, Page 393). 705 South Lincoln Street, Midland, Texas 79701-7554. R000023707
3	TX11620	Midland Central Appraisal District v James C. Pendley, Jr.	1.0 Acre out of Abstract 592 of the T.R. Spencer Survey, Block 38, T-2-S, Midland County, Texas (Instrument 2011-3521). 4605 South FM 1213, Midland, Texas 79706-7137. R000000929
4	TX11621	Midland Central Appraisal District v Jarvis Ingram et al	Lot 5, Block 38, Greenwood Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2026, Page 172). 708 South Clay Street, Midland, Texas 79701-7634. R000023730
5	TX11740	Midland Central Appraisal District v Antonio Ambrosio et al	All of Lot 2 and the East 5 feet of Lot 3, Block 1, Section 2, Andrews Park Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1093, Page 506). 4322 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas 79703-4862. R000009484
6	TX11891	Midland Central Appraisal District v Donna White et al	Lot L, Block 46, Original Townsite, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 79, Page 601). 110 N Marshall, Midland, Texas 79701-4915. R000035256
7	TX11984	Midland Central Appraisal District v Levi Johnson et al	West 50 feet of Lot 3, Block 42, Greenwood Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 344, Page 545). 2300 East California Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701-1230. R000023781
8	TX12105	Midland Central Appraisal District v John Youngblood et al	Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 24, West End Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1429, Page 226). 1500 West Missouri Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701-6513. R000051846
9	TX12128	Midland Central Appraisal District v Cirilo Alcantar et al	Lot 6, Block 14 College Heights Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1109, Page 368 of the Deed Records and Divorce Cause No. FM49776). 2211 Holloway Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701-6802. R000013972
10	TX12163	Midland Central Appraisal District v Ruben Benavides et al	Tract 14 SAVE AND EXCEPT the South 50 feet thereof, Parker Acres Subdivision, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2127, Page 517). 2610 E. Golf Course Road, Midland, Texas 79706-4340. R000036269
11	TX12208	Midland Central Appraisal District v Terrance L. Evans et al	Lot 14, Block 12, Casa Loma Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 1700, Page 119). 1205 Century Drive, Midland, Texas 79703-6914. R000013184
12	TX12324	Midland Central Appraisal District v Eudelia Hernandez AKA Eudelia Avila et al	Lot 6, Block 60, West End Addition to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (Volume 2617, Page 812). 1611 West Washington Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701-7080. R000052148
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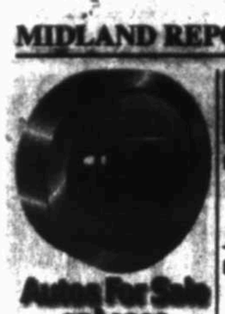
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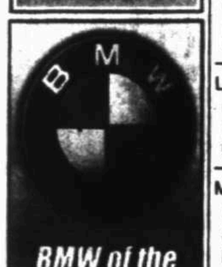
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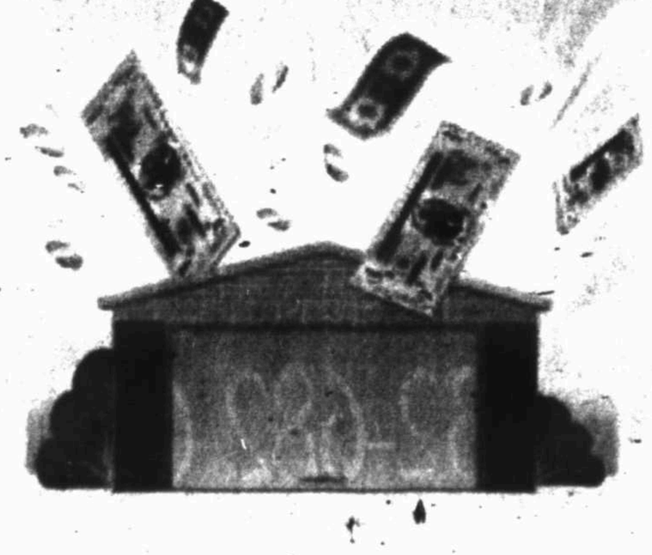
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Email resume with salary history to kaye@eeronline.com or fax (432/687-0458).

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Qualifications:
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Attn: Team Resources
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FAX: 432-683-6394
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CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

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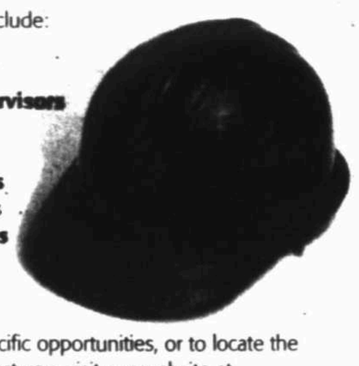
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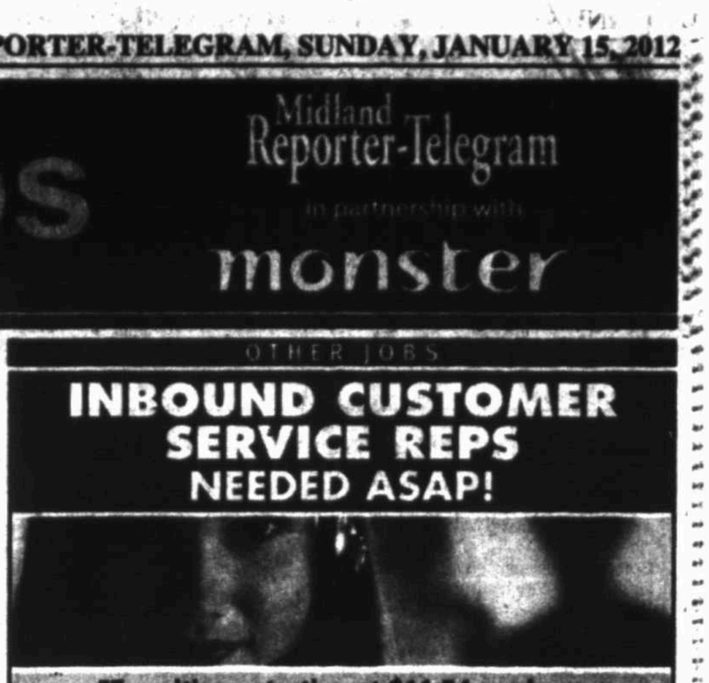
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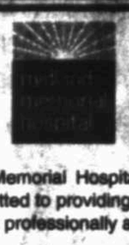
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By PATRICIA RIVERA
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Webcam interviews put candidates in the spotlight – and on the hot seat.

If you've been invited to a webcam job interview, view it as if you'd been asked to host a TV newscast.

At least that is how job interview guru and author Paul J. Bailo sees the challenge.

"You have to prepare for it as though you were a news anchor, producer, cameraman and more, all in one," Bailo says. You must purchase the right equipment, prepare the set and develop a storyline about you and why you should be invited to a face-to-face interview.

Webcam interviews add more stress to an already stressful situation, but it's a process that is becoming more widely used. Bailo offers some do's and don'ts to help you look more polished on camera:

• Do invest in the right equipment. The webcam on your laptop isn't going to cut it. You need a standalone camera and a good microphone. Bailo and others recommend the Blue Snowball microphone. A Logitech webcam is also popular for interviews.

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• Don't use a cluttered portion of your house or office. Select or create a spartan room. Clean up any visible clutter. You might even want to consider purchasing a backdrop.

• Don't act nervous. Contain your nerves. That includes eliminating the ugly "ums" and "ahs" that pop up when you least expect them.

• Do practice. Ask a friend or family member to work with you. Tape yourself if possible, so that you're aware of your general demeanor. You should look at the camera and speak clearly, but not too loudly.

• Do dress the part. Take care to project a polished, professional appearance, even for webcam interviews.

• Don't forget to eliminate distractions before the call. Ask family members or housemates to remain quiet.

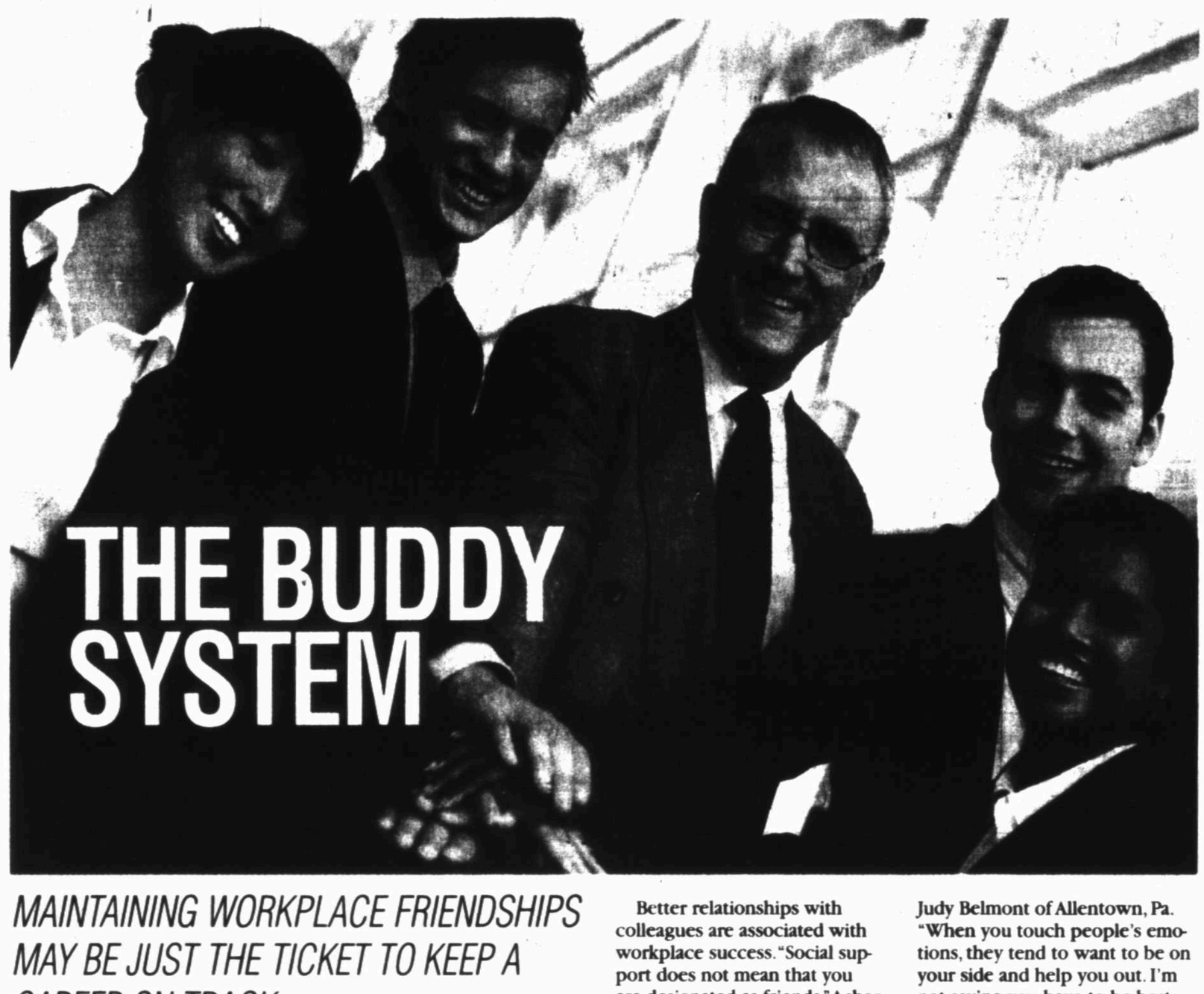
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• Do control your environment. Put pets in another room or with a friend during the interview. Turn off phones, alarms and audible distractions.

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THE BUDDY SYSTEM

MAINTAINING WORKPLACE FRIENDSHIPS MAY BE JUST THE TICKET TO KEEP A CAREER ON TRACK

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
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Lynsie Lassig left a well-paying job she loved after a workplace friendship went sour.

And boy, did it ever. The ex-friend "made me feel like I could confide in her and really trust her," Lassig says, but ended up using personal information told in confidence as grist for office gossip and taunts. A supervisor told Lassig to ignore the behavior, which grew so hostile that she quit.

Lassig, a medical billing specialist in Sandy, Utah, is satisfied with her new job. However, the effects of the workplace mishap linger. "I no longer trust people I work with on a personal level, and I certainly won't spend time with them outside of work," she says. "I don't discuss my personal life at work on any more than a superficial level. I refuse to be friends with co-workers on Facebook.

"Work is every man for himself, and I am looking out for myself from now on."

Perhaps Lassig was smart to establish boundaries at her new job, but it's possible that she overcorrected.

Employees who are least willing to develop workplace relationships also seem to be the least likely to be promoted, according to Shawn Achor, author of "The Happiness Advantage: The Seven Principles of Positive Psychology That Fuel Success and Performance at Work" (Crown Business, 2010).

Building on research for the book, Achor divided employees he studied according to the extent to which they developed work relationships and provided support to colleagues. Just 5 percent of the bottom quartile – the relationship avoiders – were extremely engaged in their work, and just 7 percent had been promoted in the past year. About 40 percent of employees in the other quartiles received promotions, Achor reported in a July blog post on the Harvard Business Review website.

Better relationships with colleagues are associated with workplace success. "Social support does not mean that you are designated as friends," Achor clarifies. "It means that you can rely on the person, you share resources, you work interdependently to accomplish mutual goals.

"Social support is about the quality of the relationship, not the nature of the relationship."

Gestures of social support that Achor asked subjects about include helping people at work when they fall behind; fostering conviviality by bringing in food or arranging a coffee break or birthday party; and inviting coworkers to connect outside of work for "socially appropriate" lunches or drinks.

"What is appropriate for peers can be different from what is appropriate with your manager," Achor says, "but both can be high-quality relationships based upon knowledge of each other and shared goals."

Giving off warm fuzzies instead of cold pricklies at work can contribute to career success and advancement because "people tend to like you more if they feel close to you and liked by you," agrees psychotherapist and workplace wellness trainer Judy Belmont of Allentown, Pa. "When you touch people's emotions, they tend to want to be on your side and help you out. I'm not saying you have to be best buddies with someone. Just be empathetic and accessible, rather than cold and distant."

Poor relationships at work cost U.S. companies billions annually, Achor says. "I know of countless workers who stay at companies when they are getting better offers elsewhere just because they value and like the people they work with. I've also seen people leave well-paying jobs just to have the opportunity to find people they actually like working with."

That's what Lassig did. Achor hopes his findings "give isolators good reason to rethink their reluctance to reach out."

Lassig, who feels she was targeted in the first place because she is "soft-hearted," says she is reaching out but not testing boundaries. "I have been able to open up to people more at my current job, but I am careful about how much personal information I share with them, and I am cautious of who I associate with. If someone seems like trouble, I stay far away."

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"That position has already been filled. You were not one of those selected to be interviewed." That's the bad news a jobseeker doesn't want to hear when he follows up on a résumé he sent or an interview he completed. So what is a jobseeker to do when he gets bad news?

• Don't argue. Avoid asking, "Why didn't I get the job?" You are not likely to get a specific answer, anyway. If you argue, you will turn off this employer for good. Instead, try to make the person your ally.

• Thank the person for something – if nothing else than considering you for a job. That will help turn a negative into a positive.

• Ask about future openings. "Will I be considered for future openings?" "How long will you be keeping my résumé?"

• Ask about other openings. "Are there any other jobs with your company that I might be better suited for?"

• Ask for leads. "Could you suggest some other company that may be interested in someone with my qualifications?" I have seen disappointed applicants use this tactic and turn it into a job.

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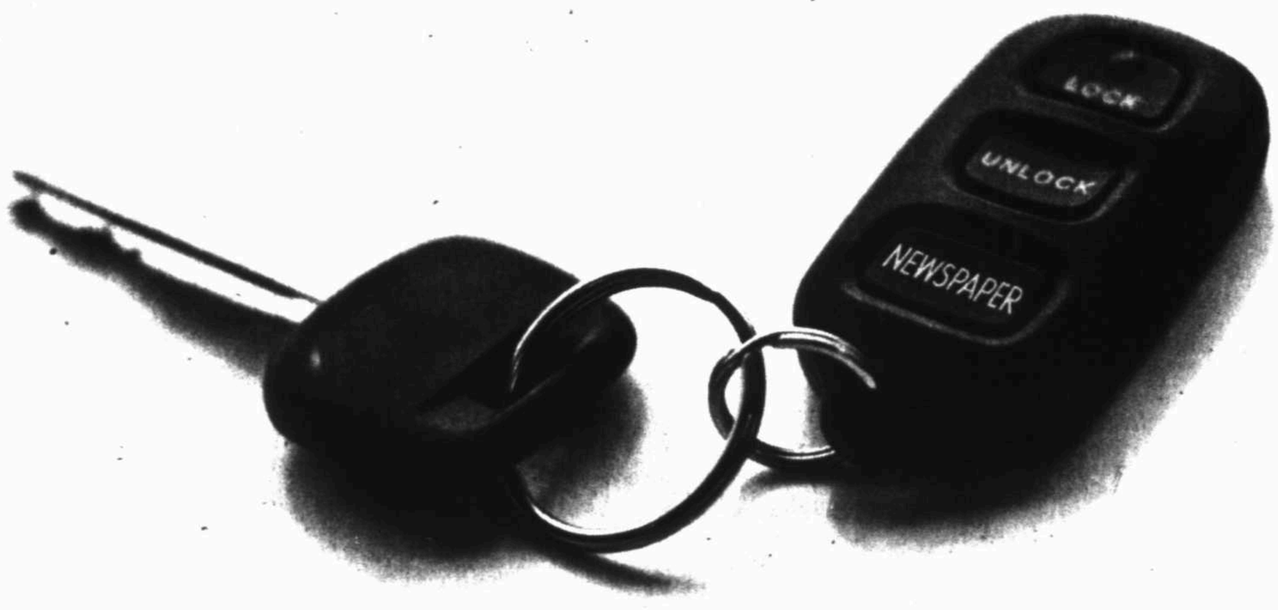
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If your New Year's resolution is to find a beautiful new home for your family, your timing is perfect! Located in Grassland Estates West, 2013 Brentwood Drive has everything you could want in a home and more! Built in 2006, the 4,207 (MCAD) square foot home has four bedrooms, three full baths, one half bath, three living areas, two dining areas, and a three car garage. The home is located in a cul-de sac; which eliminates unnecessary traffic and it is in close proximity to shopping and dining. Schools for this area include Scharbauer Elementary, Abell Jr. High and Lee High School.

Constructed of beautiful reddish brick named Dogan Mill, you will notice the same brick also outlines the sidewalks and landscaped flowerbeds. Decorative lanterns hang on brick pillars and the covered porch provides an area for seating. Once inside, you will see gorgeous tile flooring that continues throughout the house. Tall ceilings, arched doorways, Plantation shutters on the windows, crown moulding and modern decorative lighting add to the elegance of this home.

To the right of the entry is the formal dining area. Imagine next year, you could be entertaining guests during the holidays in this very room! Look to the left and find the command center of the home, your very own home office. A wall of built-ins, including a desk, will keep everything organized and neat.

Straight ahead is the den where your family will come together on cold winter nights to enjoy the cozy fireplace. Surrounded by built-ins, you can also enjoy the view of the backyard out the wall of windows. An oversized covered porch will be perfect for outdoor entertaining and the yard is big enough for kids to enjoy! You could even add a pool here someday.

A hallway by the office leads to two large bedrooms that are connected by a Jack and Jill bathroom. Each has their own dressing area with cabinets and sink, which can be closed off from the bathroom. All the bedrooms in this house have plush carpeting, ceiling fans and walk-in closets. The house has an abundance of bonus closets providing wonderful storage space! Down the hall, French doors open to a game room where you can watch the latest game or enjoy relaxing with your family.

The kitchen for this home is extraordinary! Open and spacious, you will be amazed at all the room you have not only for decorating accents, but kitchen accessories! Beautiful stained cabinets, stainless appliances, granite countertops, tumbled stone backsplash, corner pantry and a skylight overhead combine to make this an enjoyable area for cooking, as well as, entertaining. Pull up a barstool and visit with those in the kitchen or move to the informal dining area nearby. Down the hall, you will find an oversized laundry room with granite countertops, a sink, hanging space and cabinets.

The sequestered master bedroom features tall ceilings and a place to unwind at the end of a long day. Enjoy the jetted tub, His and Hers vanities and a wrap around closet with a built-in dresser, as well as, additional shelves and bonus hanging areas.

Down the hall from the formal dining area is another sequestered bedroom with a full bathroom. In the hallway, enjoy a built-in hutch for collectibles.

Additional amenities to this home include: Automatic garage door opener, sprinkler system, Plantation shutters, skylights, jetted tub, sequestered master and in-law plan. Follow through with your New Year's resolution to find your new home! Listed at $549,900, you may obtain more information by contacting Bill Lanier, Broker Associate (432) 682-1144 or Charmaine Baker, Buyer's Agent (432) 889-7001.



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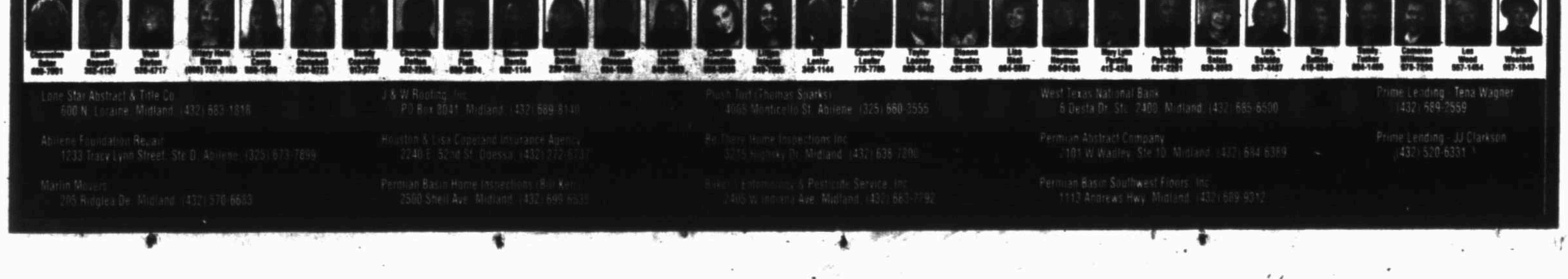
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QUESTION: Which is more important to the sale, the appearance of the inside or the outside of a home?

ANSWER: It takes a goodlooking outside to bring the prospect in, but it is the condition and appeal of the inside that will make or break the sale. Here are a few tips:

Aim for that simple and uncluttered look. Most people are attracted to a home that is furnished as opposed to a vacant one, but one full of clutter will be a bigger turnoff than empty rooms. Clutter to a buyer means one thing - lack of living space. If the interior is too cramped with furniture, think about storing the less attractive or worn pieces. Leave the best to show, but just enough to look livable.



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End-of-the-Year Tax Tips

While the year is quickly coming to a close, you can still take some important steps to save on your 2011 tax return.

According to Jessica James, CPA and author of "Justice for None," many of the deductions associated with the economic stimulus package will disappear in 2012, so you must take advantage of them by December 31. Now is also a good time to implement some strategies for maximizing your 2012 tax return. Following are James' tips for both 2011 and 2012 savings:

• **Contribute to retirement accounts.** If you haven't already put money into your traditional or ROTH IRA account for 2011, you've got until April 17 to do it. If you have a Keogh or SEP (Simplified Employee Pension Individual Retirement Arrangement for businesses), and you get a filing extension to Oct. 15, you've got until then to make your 2011 deposits. The maximum IRA contribution for 2011 is $5,000 or $6,000 if you're 50 or older by the end of the year. For self-employed people, the maximum for SEPs and Keoghs for 2011 is $49,000.

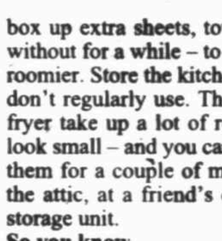
• **Reconsider the home-office deduction.** In the past, many avoided claiming a home-office deduction because it was seen as an IRS red flag. But the requirements and forms have been clarified so you can now avoid the mistakes that might lead to an audit. The rules have also been expanded so if you didn't qualify for a home-office deduction in the past, you may now. If you use a home office exclusively for business, even if you don't meet your clients there, you're eligible. For instance, a handyman who works mostly at other people's houses can claim the deduction if he does his paperwork at his home office.

• **Maximize your Flexible Spending Account (FSA).** The Health Care Act will limit the maximum you can put into these pre-tax medical expense accounts in 2013, so 2012 is the last year to use an FSA to pay for large medical expenses not covered by your health insurance with pre-tax dollars.

• **Consider selling investments in 2012.** The Tax Relief Act maintains the tax rate cap on capital gains and dividends at 15 percent through 2012. In 2013, the cap for capital gains will increase to 20 percent and for dividends, 39.6 percent. The Health Care Act also created a 3.8 percent Medicare tax on investment income, effective in 2013. Given those scheduled increases, plan to take advantage of the rates next year.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Make your home stand out without breaking the bank

Springtime is right around the corner … and that's usually when we see a higher number of buyers start their home search. How can you, as a seller, make your home stand out among other homes on the market without spending a king's ransom?

Here are some tips for getting started.

It must be the water

As in past years, kitchens and bathrooms remain a smart bet to upgrade. But those are expensive projects, right? Not necessarily. In fact, in terms of getting your money back, you'd do well to forego high-end ventures in favor of less-costly projects. For example, quick-fixes in the kitchen like re-facing or re-painting cabinets, adding new hardware to your drawers and cabinets and reducing clutter can improve and modernize a kitchen's look for an agreeable sum. In the bathroom, simply updating the medicine cabinet, vanity and the light fixtures will make a huge difference.

On the outside

One of the best ways to make your home more appealing to buyers' eyes is to give the property a high degree of curb appeal. This can be done easily and on a relatively low budget. It seems obvious, but it's so often overlooked that I must say it: A nicely mowed and edged lawn makes a huge difference. So does trimming trees and bushes, which gives the yard and surrounding structures a cleaner look. Planting colorful flowers in beds is also an easy and inexpensive way to make your home more attractive. Many experts say yellow flowers are particularly effective, but an influx of any bright colors in the yard should increase the visual appeal of your house.

I'm drowning in stuff

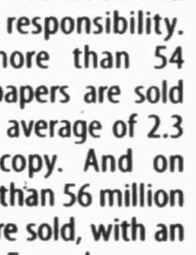
Here's a fact: People have stuff – clothes, shoes, furniture, books, pictures, kitchen gadgets, sports equipment, etc. … you know what kind of stuff I mean. That "stuff" often presents the most challenging part of getting an occupied house to a marketable state. Minimizing clutter, organizing storage areas, de-personalizing and downsizing are key elements to increasing appeal. Take a look in your bedroom and hallway closets. Most buyers favor large, spacious closets. Pack away your winter clothing and box up extra sheets, towels – whatever you can do without for a while – to make your linen closets look roomier. Store the kitchen gadgets and hardware you don't regularly use. The ice cream maker and deep fryer take up a lot of room and make your kitchen look small – and you can almost certainly do without them for a couple of months. Put all these items in the attic, at a friend's or relative's house or rent a storage unit.

So you know

Get an inspection – just like most buyers will. It'll give you a good idea of what your house needs so you can avoid unpleasant surprises when the buyer's inspector comes through. In some cases you could, and even should, provide the inspection report and corresponding proof of repairs to potential buyers – even though they should still get their own inspection. Make sure any agreements you signed with your inspector allow for this type of sharing. Texas has laws about disclosure that require you to either fix what you know is wrong or disclose the fault to any potential buyer prior to the outset of negotiations. If you have questions about the state's disclosure laws, you can talk to a REALTOR®.

Talk to an expert

If you're selling your home this spring, make sure it stands out against the other homes in your area. There are low-cost, effective changes you can make that increase your chances for a successful and timely sale. Visit with a REALTOR® for more advice.



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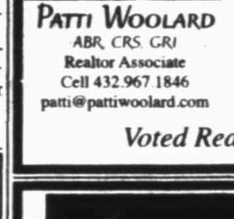
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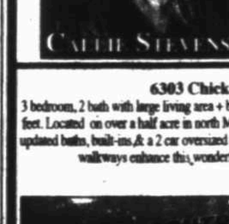


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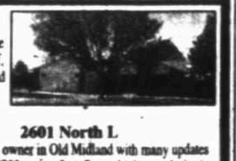
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Town house 3/2, bonus room, oversize rooms, open kitchen, 2 car garage, Greathouse/Abell schools..... **$174,000 JOANE**

Odessa 3/2, 2 car carport, workshop/storage, 1,332 sq ft, formal dining area, recent roof..... **$139,000 BETTY**

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Stanton 3/2 mobile home on 5 acres, roping arena, 2 water wells, fenced, barn, fencing offers..... **$125,000 JULIA**

Starter Home 3/1.5, fresh paint and texture throughout, fireplace, 2 car garage..... **$95,000 TINA**

2 Homes a 2/1 , 1,290 sq ft, 1/1, 1,125 sq ft, 2 car garage, and single car carport..... **$140,000 DENE**

Craigslist-New Listing 4/3, extra spacious living, dining, & bedrooms, lots of new..... **$249,950 RANDY**

COMMERCIAL

Industrial Warehouse 7 offices, kitchen, conference room, w/rail for 440 and 3 phase electrical..... **$495,000 TINA**

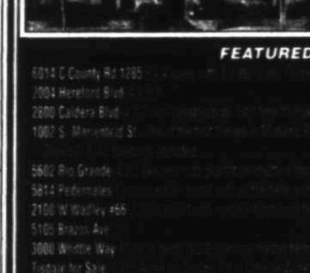
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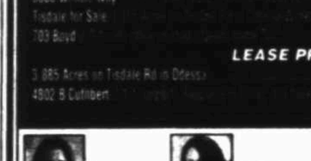
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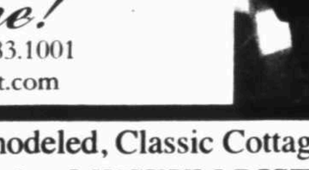
5602 Rio Grande 4/2/2 like new with plantation shutters throughout. $239,900

FEATURED LISTINGS

6212 C County Rd 1120	$493,000
2004 Hereford Blvd	$215,000
2600 Cedarwood	SOLD $168,500
1907 S Brentwood Dr	$215,000
	$780,000
5602 Rio Grande	$239,900
5413 Patterson	SOLD $218,000
2100 W Wadley #68	SOLD $185,000
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Average square footage of finished area of a newly constructed home in 2011. FYI: The average lot size was 20,614 square feet

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QUESTION:

Our lender has sent us a note - a good one, surprisingly! They say our escrow account is too big, so they're reducing our monthly mortgage payment plus they sent us a check for $165. How is this possible?

ANSWER:

If you purchased with less than 20 percent down you are required to put money into an "escrow" or trust account maintained by the lender. Part of your monthly payment goes to the escrow account, and that money is used to cover your property taxes and mortgage insurance costs.

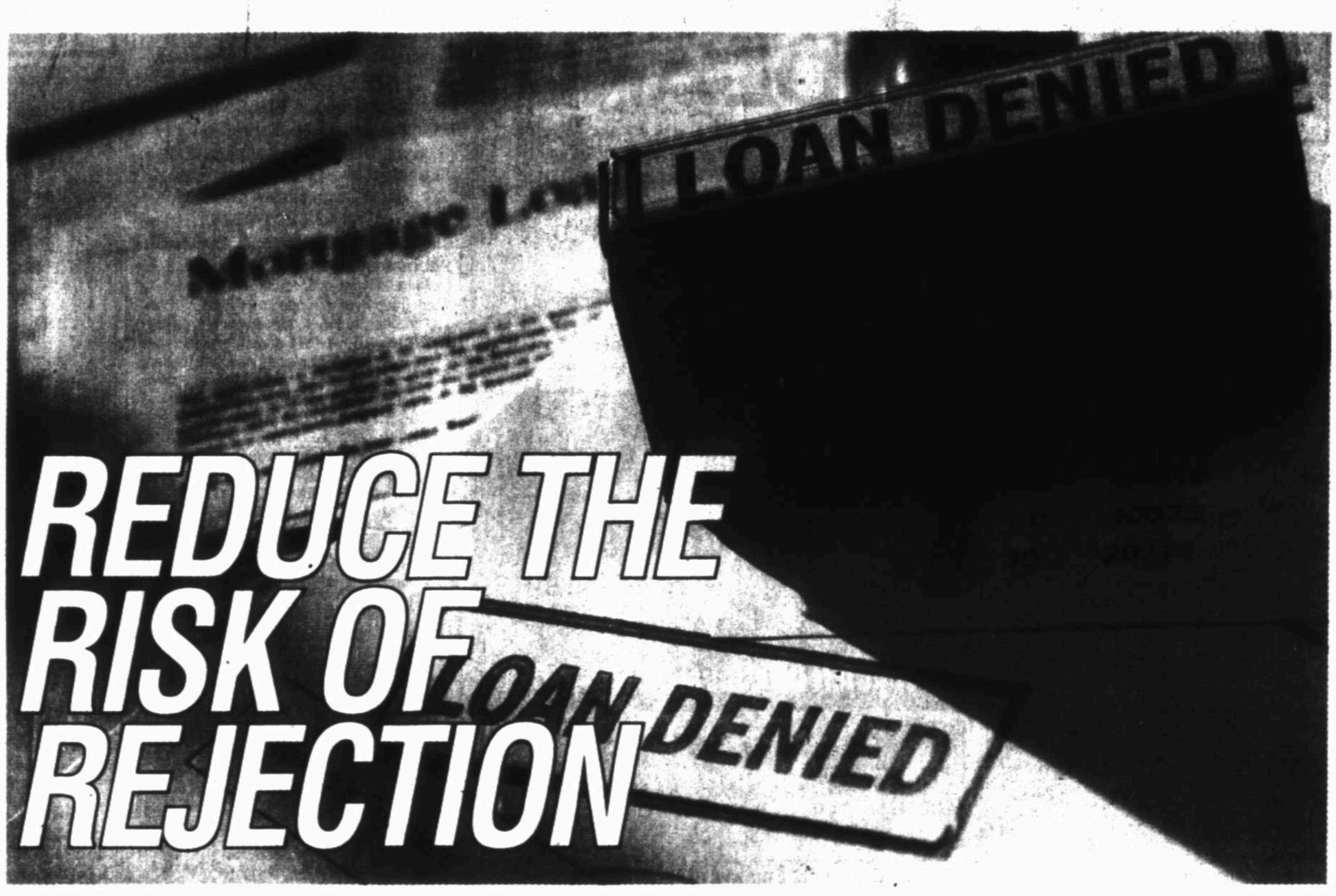
Escrow payments are adjusted annually, and generally a lender can maintain an account with a balance that equals as much as 14 monthly payments at some point during the year. Because property taxes and insurance costs have gone down in most markets as a result of declining home values, it follows that the lender should be collecting less for escrow. In this case the lender made an adjustment and sent a check for the overage, steps that were both proper and appropriate.

Two points on this, though:

First, imagine that property values in your market once again rise. You should then expect property taxes and insurance costs to increase, and as a result you will receive a letter from your lender requiring either higher monthly payments for the coming year or a lump-sum payment to cover the new cost.

Second, the money held in borrower escrow accounts produces no interest for homeowners. If you buy with less than 20 percent down you may want to consider directly paying your property taxes and insurance. This sounds attractive in theory, but you're likely better off with monthly payments to the lender despite the lack of interest. Why? Property taxes and insurance bills together can easily total thousands of dollars. Unpaid property taxes can lead to foreclosure even if you are current on the mortgage - and unpaid insurance bills are a violation of the mortgage agreement and potentially another cause of foreclosure.

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YOU CAN'T ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU WANT – INCLUDING A MORTGAGE. HERE'S HOW TO BEST STRENGTHEN YOUR POSITION FOR OBTAINING A LOAN

By MARILYN KENNEDY MELIA
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Rejection hurts.

But the pain is magnified when rejection is unexpected or proves costly.

According to a recent survey by the National Association of Realtors, 15 percent of buyers are being rejected for a mortgage after they've submitted a purchase contract on a particular home.

That means they have paid good money to formally apply for a loan, which typically involves a fee of several hundred dollars for an appraisal on the home the borrower wants to purchase.

Sometimes, rejection even happens at the eleventh hour, upending moving plans. "I have seen [lending firms] decide not to wire the money when everyone is sitting at the closing table," observes Paul Logan, president of the Pennsylvania Association of Mortgage Brokers.

To be sure, in this ultra-conservative, post-credit-collapse era, some homebuyers do everything right, only to find out that a lender decides it would be wrong to give them a loan. Here, a look at ways to reduce the risk of a rejection blindsiding your homebuying plans:

Pre-approval is Conditional

While to a layman's ear the terms "qualified" and "conventional" both convey eligibility, in the mortgage-lending business there's a stark difference: When someone is "pre-qualified," it means that chances are pretty good they can get a loan of a certain size, but when they're "pre-approved" it looks more certain.

When a real estate is working with a buyer, the agent should make sure the buyer has a reliable pre-approval for a certain loan amount so that they know to look at homes in a particular price range, asserts John Sullivan, past president of the National Association of Exclusive Buyers Agents.

Although most lenders will pre-approve a customer for free, they should give the process scrutiny, running customers information through an underwriting program and probably verifying data by asking for pay stubs and other documents, adds Neil Caron, vice president of Freedom Mortgage in Mount Laurel, N.J.

Still, a pre-approval is a snapshot of the borrower as he embarks on home shopping. Sometimes, borrowers trip up their chances for a loan by making changes in their financial life, by adding big charges to their credit cards, for instance, or taking out another loan, such as for a new car.

Sugarcoating Can Go Sour

Borrowers want to look good to a lender, but polishing the facts so that the truth is fuzzy doesn't benefit anyone.

Be precise about all the numbers, lenders advise. And, remember that an approval is really stronger when the lender does at least a cursory verification of your credit, income and other factors.

Knowing that borrowers are often sensitive about bearing their financial souls, Jack Guttentag, who runs the website www.mtgprofessor.com, has developed a free pre-qualification tool. "It's designed to let you see where you stand," he says. "And it will offer [links] that give information on remedying your weaknesses."

Agents Should Spot Trouble

Financing also can fall through because of the property, not the borrower.

"Say, for instance, the appraisal finds there is chipped paint," says David McIlvaine, a broker with Keller Williams in Ellicott City, Md.

"When a buyer is getting an FHA loan, or even some conventional loans, they won't be approved until that's fixed." Experienced agents should spot such trouble before a borrower submits his formal loan application, McIlvaine says.

Will Sellers Share the Pain?

No matter how careful a buyer and his agent may be, rejection can still come unexpectedly.

So can buyers minimize the hurt of rejection by having sellers pick up the costs? "You can ask," says Sullivan. "But I don't think a good seller's agent would advise [the seller] to agree to it."

McIlvaine adds that he has rarely seen the request, "but buyers who've been rejected before may decide that it's worth a try."

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THE HOUSING MARKET

INDEXING THE IMPROVEMENT

You think all housing markets are in the tank? Think again.

The number of housing markets showing measurable improvement nearly doubled in January with the addition of 40 new metro areas to the National Association of Home Builders/First American Improving Markets Index.

The index identifies metropolitan areas that have shown improvement from their respective low points in housing permits, employment and house prices for at least six consecutive months.

The IMI now boasts 76 improving markets, up from 41 in December, with 31 states and the District of Columbia represented by at least one entry.

The five metro areas that dropped from the NAHB/First American Improving Markets Index in January were Anchorage, Alaska; Fort Wayne, Ind.; Canton, Ohio; Scranton, Pa.; and Charleston, W. Va. A full list of all 76 metropolitan areas currently on the IMI is available at: www.nahb.org/imi.

The additions to the IMI followed news from the National Association

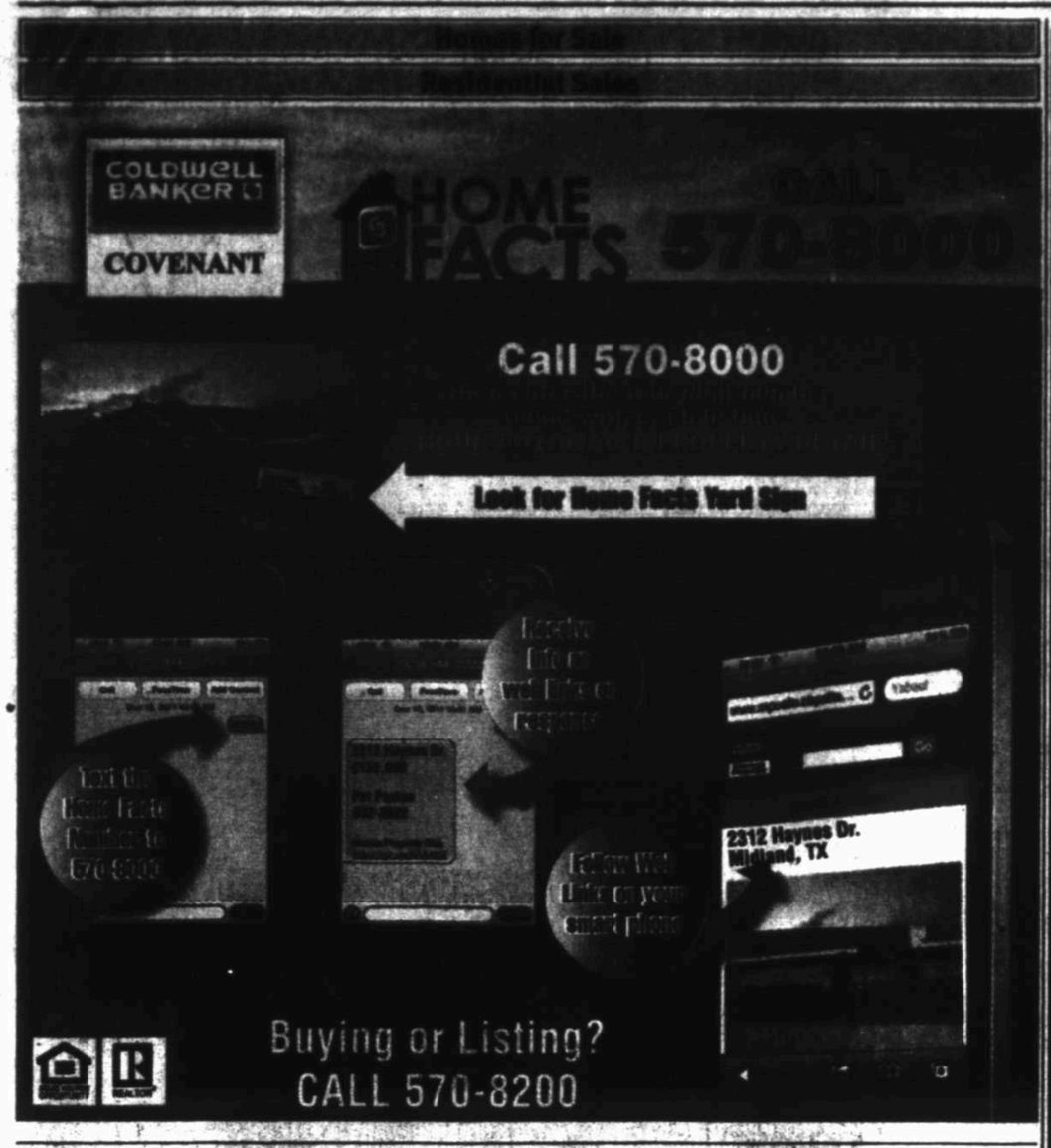


of Realtors at the end of December that showed pending home sales had reached their highest level in 19 months.

The NAR's Pending Home Sales Index, a forward-looking indicator based on contract signings, increased 7.3 percent to 100.1 in November (the most recent month for which data is available) from an upwardly revised 93.3 in October and is 5.9 percent above November 2010 when it stood at 94.5. The October upward revision resulted in a 10.4 percent monthly gain. The last time the index was higher was in April 2010 when it reached 111.5 as buyers rushed to beat the deadline for the federal housing tax credit. The index, which measures housing contract activity, is based on signed real estate contracts for existing single-family homes, condos and co-ops. A signed contract is not counted as a sale until the transaction closes. The data reflects contracts but not closings.

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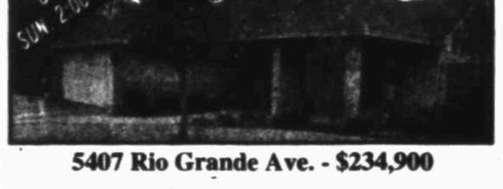
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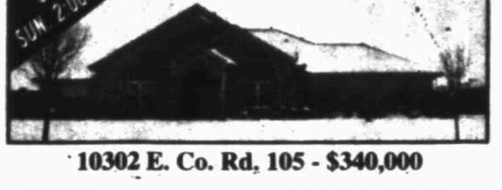
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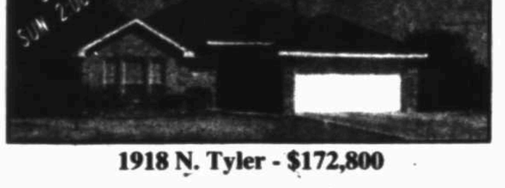
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5004 Monticello Ct.-Super clean & fresh with large master, 3 car garage $274,900
1407 Daventry-Lovely home w/many upgrades include paint, tile, wood floors, lighting & more $274,500
2304 Humble-Lovely "Old Midland" 4/2/2, updated, spacious home across from Fasken Park. A Must see! $257,500
5407 Rio Grande Ave-3/2, gorgeous new listing. Light & bright. Won't last! $234,900
2516 Gulf-Fabulous four in Fannin w/2LA/4bd w/sep. master. 2-large walk-in closets. This fantastic home demands your immediate attention! $217,000
2411 Shandon Ave.-3bd/2bth in Fannin Terrace. New! New! New! Truly a showplace! $205,000
2604 N. Garfield-Updated 2BR townhome $196,000
3306 Edgemont Dr ..... U/C IN 1 DAY...$189,500
510 Parkwood-Gorgeous 3BR, 2BA remodel, newer paint, tile, granite, crown molding, workshop, extra covered parking, 2 garage ..... U/C IN 1 DAY...$125,000

Two Bedrooms

2604 N. Garfield-Move in ready townhome, new paint, carpet, updated kitchen $196,000

Three Bedrooms

6516 Gladiola-3/3 new construction with RV garage & workshop $459,000
808 Cameron-Custom One Owner Saddle Club Townhome ..... SOLD...$410,000
3005 Cardinal-Location...Location...3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath on 3+ acres. Enjoy the convenience of cuntry living in the city ..... U/C...$325,000
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1010 W. Dengar-2 living, 2 dining & large shop $230,000
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1801 Western-Tile floors, great drive-up, good plan, nicely maintained $192,500
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5300 Austin-Great home built in 2007 with 16x24 shop $182,500
4010 St. Andrews-Fantastic 3BR, 2BA, formal/study ..... U/C...$179,900
1010 N. Tyler-Gorgeous Designer Home...Must See! $172,000
510 Parkwood-Gorgeous 3BR, 2BA remodel, newer paint, tile, granite, crown molding, workshop, extra covered parking, 2 garage. Hurry! ..... U/C IN 1 DAY...$125,000
2608 Holloway-3/1, well kept! Garage/workshop $120,000
3305 W. Lovelace Ave.-Clean, well maintained 3br, 2ba, spacious Living/dining, garage ..... SOLD...$114,900

Three Bedrooms

1001 S. Weatherford-3bd, 2ba $87,000
4403 Harlowe Dr.-3 bed/1 bath ..... SOLD...$49,900

Four Bedrooms

1206 Breckenridge-Woodruff construction with every update imaginable - great plan, beautiful decor, all the bells & whistles $459,500
6003 E. Co. Rd. 102-Reata Ranch 4BR 3 1/2BA, 2LA's, 3 garage on 2.5 acres, 30x30 workshop, 10x30 tackroom and 12x30 stalls. Hurry! ..... U/C...$419,000
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2912 Purple Sage Tr-Well maintained home $200,000
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2903 Golf Course-True bargain, approx. 2895 sqft, super $200,000
2604 N. Garfield-2BR, 2BA townhome, loads of new & fresh $196,000

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New Construction

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2703 Parton Way-Beautiful new construction by Bernal Homes. 4/3/3 ..... U/C...$329,500
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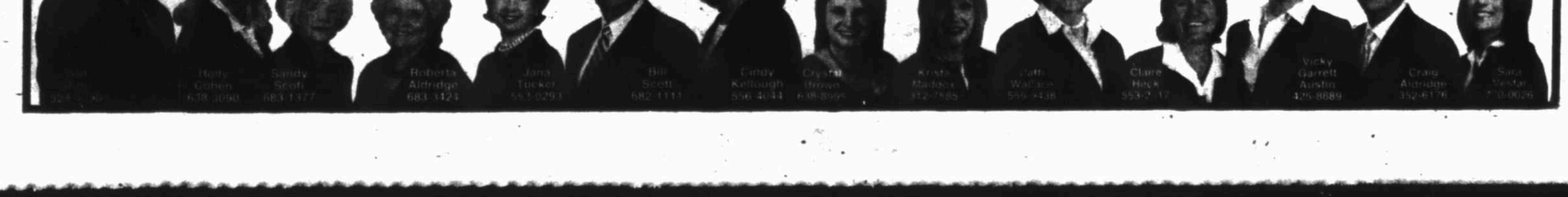
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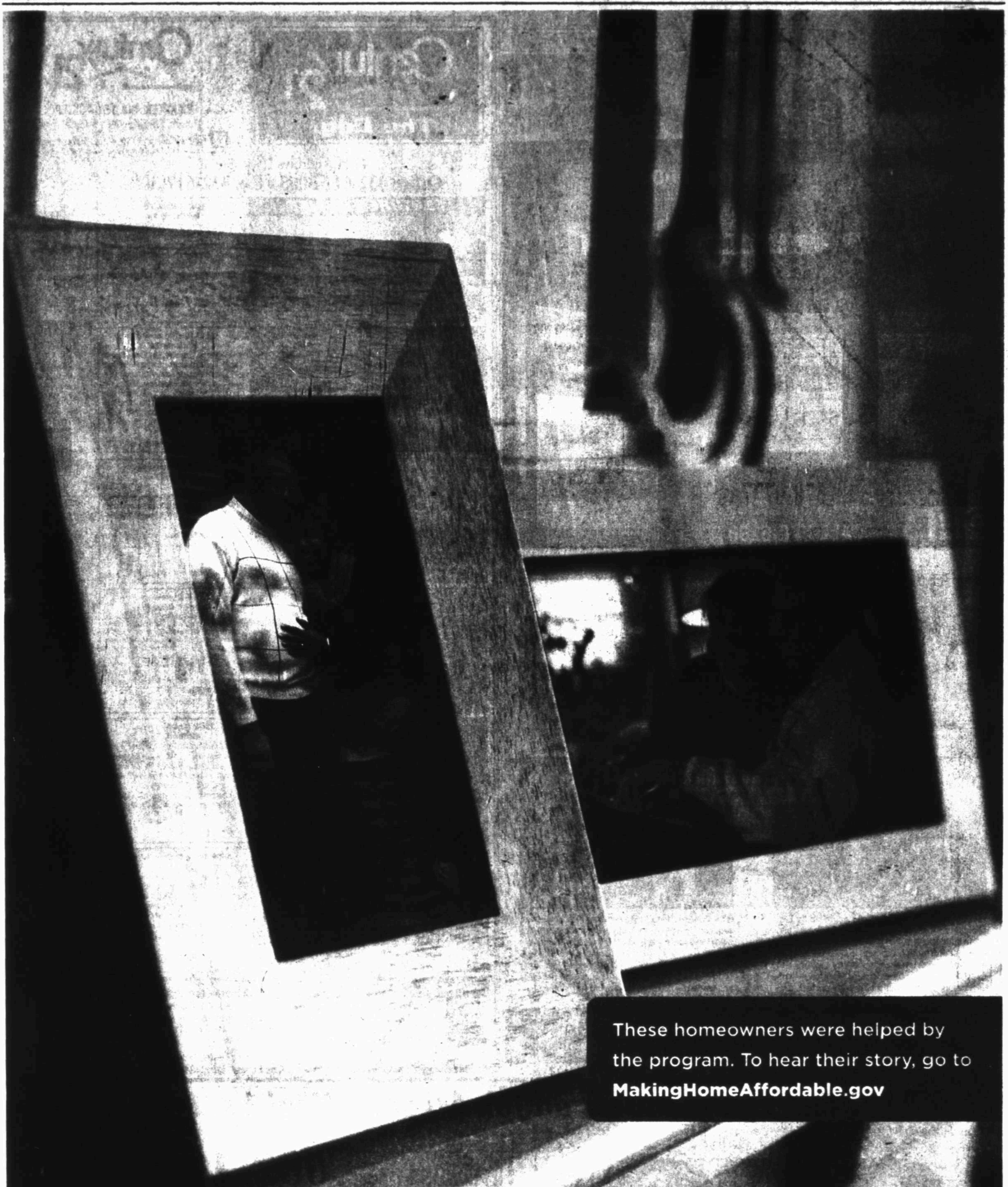
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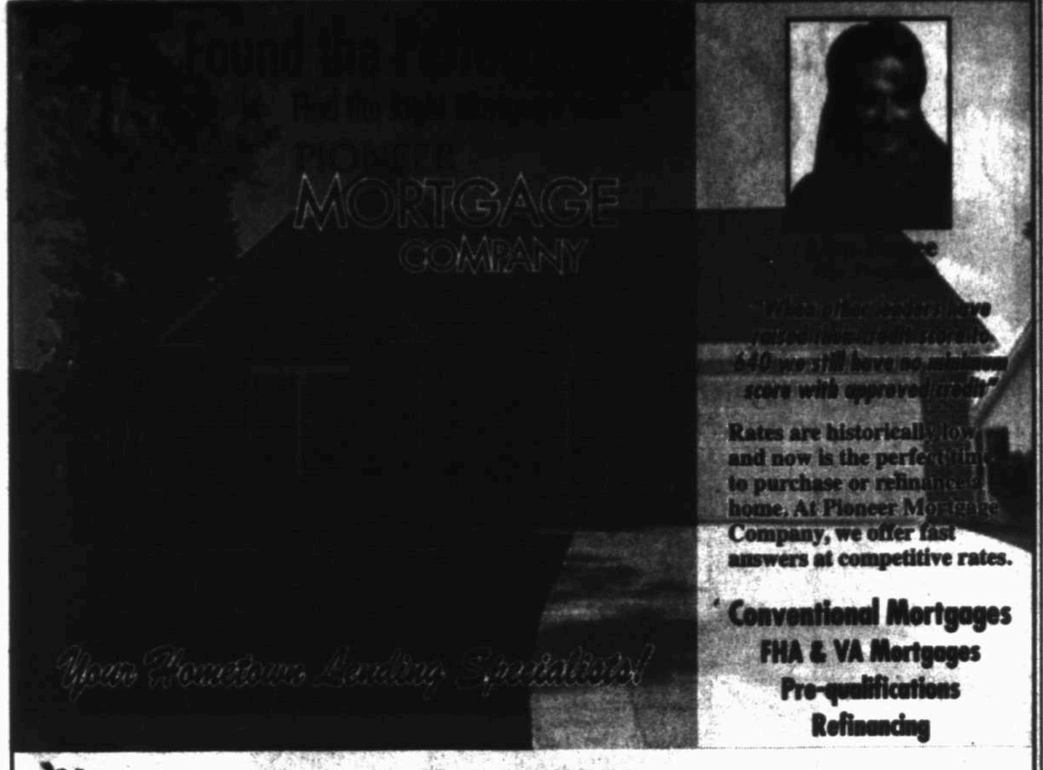
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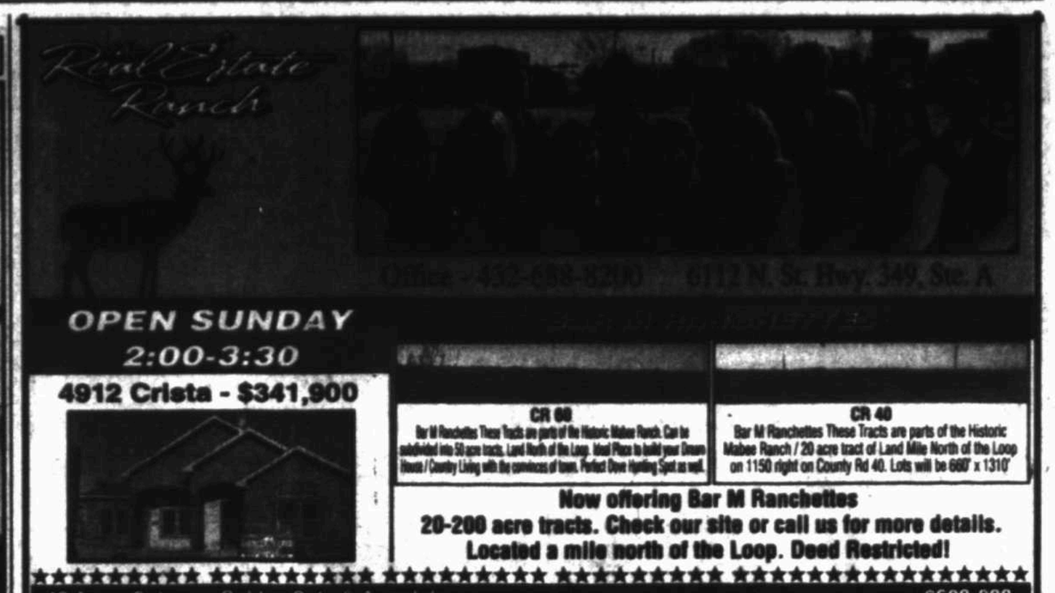
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5813 Highland Blvd.-Stunning! Pool!	REDUCED $499,000
4123 Radcliff-4/3 & pool in Trinity West	$389,900
15348-N. Hollyhock, Gardendale, Tx-3/3, shop, 2.2AC	$375,000
3595 WCR 145-3-3, updated on 4.8 Acres	$350,000
1403 Castleford-Updated, granite, tile, appliance, paint	$339,000
5700 ECR 96-Greenwood 3/2 on 1.5 Acres	$298,000
7600 ECR 110-Wow 5BR, 4 1/2BA, 2.39AC	REDUCED $279,900
4101 Valley Dr.-4bd, 3ba, nice neighborhood	$274,900
1708 Cloverdale-3bd, 2ba, 2 acres, great for pope yard	$250,000
2510 W. Front-Commercial/Industrial	REDUCED $249,900
2507 Bellechasse-4BR, 3BA, 2FP, pool	REDUCED $237,500
5104 Brighton-3bd, 2ba, 2 dining, Saddle Club South	$224,500
3003 SCR 1067-New Constr. Greenwood, 4/2/2, 1AC lot	$215,000
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2211 Seaboard-3bdrm. workshop	U/C $194,500
1406 W. Texas-Lease or For Sale	$182,500
3502 Imperial-4BR, 3LV, 2CR GR	U/C $179,900
1222 WCR 52-3 bd, 2ba, 4.264 Acres	$169,000
3108 Michigan-Well maintained 3 bed/2.5 bath, 1814 sqft	REDUCED $143,500
1413 E. 12th St., Odessa-3bd, 2ba	$115,000
1706 E. Oak-3bd, 2ba, many updates	$79,000
2001 Bryant St.-2bd, 2ba, water well	$65,000

2 BEDROOMS

2001 Bryant St.-2bd, 2ba, water well	$65,000

3 BEDROOMS

15348 N. Hollyhock, Gardendale, Tx-3/3, shop, 2.2AC	$375,000
1708 Cloverdale-3bd, 2ba, 2 acres, great for pope yard	$250,000
1508 Bedford-3/3.5	$243,500
6900 SCR 1270-3/2	$229,900
5104 Brighton-3bd, 2ba, 2 dining, Saddle Club South	$224,500
2211 Seaboard-3bdrm. workshop	U/C $194,500
1221 WCR 52-3 bd, 2ba, 4.264 Acres	$169,000
3108 Michigan-3 bed/2.5 bath, 2LA, 1 gar, 1814 sqft	$143,500
1413 E. 12th St., Odessa-3bd, 2ba	$115,000
5000 ECR 59-Updated 3/2, Greenwood schools, 44 acres	$99,900
1706 E. Oak-3bd, 2ba, many updates	$79,000

4 BEDROOMS

8001 Edinburgh-4BR, 3 1/2BA, 2LV, barn, 2.5 acres	$575,000
5005 MicaVista- Amazing Home Highly desired neighborhood	
4 BR, 2.5 BA	$518,900

4 BEDROOMS

5813 Highland Blvd.-Stunning! Pool!	$499,000
4212 Timbergien-4/3.5, Mockingbird Heights	$465,000
4123 Radcliff-4/3 & pool in Trinity West	$389,900
7600 ECR 110-Wow 5BR, 4 1/2BA, 2.39 Acres	$279,900
5609 Crowley Blvd.-4/2	$279,900
4101 Valley Dr.-4bd, 3ba, nice neighborhood	$274,900
2507 Bellechasse-4BR, 3BA, 2FP, pool	REDUCED $237,500
3003 SCR 1067-New Constr. Greenwood, 4/2/2, 1AC lot	$215,000
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3502 Imperial-4BR, 3LV, 2CR GR	U/C $179,900
214 Ridgiea-4bd, 2ba, 2 liv., near duck pond	$148,500

5+ BEDROOMS

5813 Highland-Pool! 5-4 2 1/2, 4 car	STUNNING $499,000
4212 Timbergien	$465,000
7600 ECR 110-5 BR, 4½ Bath, Office. Barn 2.39 acres	$279,900

COUNTRY HOMES

4810 NCR 1147-Spectacular home on 13 acres	$507,000
15348 N. Hollyhock, Gardendale, Tx-3/3, shop, 2.2AC	$375,000
5700 ECR 96-Greenwood 3/2 on 1.5 Acres	$298,000
7600 ECR 110-Wow 5BR, 4 1/2BA, 2.39 Acres, REDUCED	$279,900
6900 SCR 1270-3/2, waterwell, 6.061 Acres	$229,900
3003 SCR 1067-New Constr. Greenwood, 4/2/2, 1AC lot	$215,000
3004 SCR 1067-New Constr. Greenwood, 4/2/2, 1AC lot	$215,000
12210 WCR 52-3 bd, 2ba, 4.264 Acres	$169,000
5000 ECR 59-Totally updated 3 bed, 2 bath, Greenwood schools	$99,900

LAND

3312 Andrews Hwy.-Great location, .841 Acres	$300,000
4301-4000 E. CR 63-11 Lots	Call Ernesto For Sizes & Prices
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4308 N. CR 1149-2.91 Acres	$93,120
3812 Tumbleweed-1.8333 Acres, Great location	$85,000
4801 CR 1147-12 Acres	$68,000
4801 CR 1147 -8.5 Acres	$65,000

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1002 I-20 Service Rd.-5.71 Acres	$999,000
4216 Mannien Dr-Lot, 0.97 Acres Approx Off Wadley	$350,000
4301 Mannie Dr-Lot, 0.92 Acres Approx Off Wadley	$340,000
4208 Mannien Dr-Lot, 0.78 Acs Approx Off Wadley	$280,000
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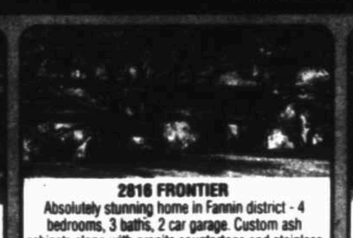
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4804 ILLINOIS
3 bedrooms, 1 and a half baths in Wilshire park. 2 living areas. 1 car garage. Recent paint, carpet and tile. $127,500. Call Carol.

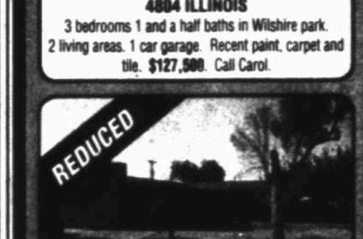


2816 FRONTIER
Absolutely stunning home in Fannin district - 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car garage. Custom ash cabinets along with granite countertops and stainless appliances in kitchen. Oak wood floors and Saltillo tile. $259,900. Please call Kerri at 553-7443.



REDUCED 11100 SQFT SHOP

2307 METZ
Absolutely fabulous 4 bedroom/2.5 Bath home in Goddard Heights. Very nicely updated. 1100 Sq ft two story insulated shop with 2 car garage door. Roomy storage shed. $255,000. Call Kerri.



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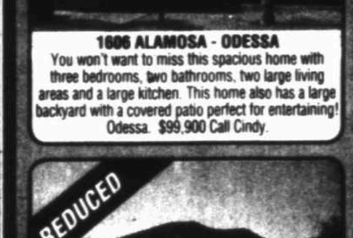
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3 bedroom 2 bath 2 car garage built in 2006. What a find for $140,000. Please call Carol

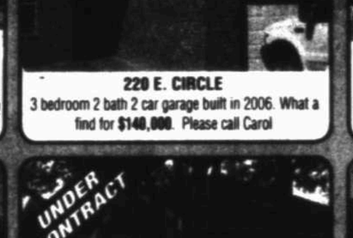


2317 CO. RD. 1140
Beautiful country home on 1.47 acres. LOTS O' SPACE!! Spacious bedrooms with good closet space. Gorgeous updated bathrooms with separate tub and shower. Beautiful kitchen with island. The home has been well taken care of in many things to list. GO SHOW. $178,500 Call Pres.



REDUCED

1519 WASHITA
Stunning custom built home with four bedrooms, three full baths and a three car garage. Tile throughout the entire house. $249,900. Please call Cindy.



UNDER CONTRACT

6404 CARNATION
Incredible home on 2 acres - granite kitchen - 2 gameroons plus indoor pool with living area around pool - spectacular master suite with separate office - large family room with office plus living room - this is truly spectacular - dont miss it. $499,500. Please call James.



UNDER CONTRACT

4110 HARLOWE
Nice 3 bedroom 2 bath 2 living home in Permain Estates. $90,500. Call Carol



UNDER CONTRACT

5206 OAK VALLEY DR.
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3313 STANDLIND AVE.
Cul-de-sac location on beautiful tree lined street in mo mo terrace. Tons of space and storage. 2 Living areas with wood burning fireplace. 2 living area, big kitchen with lots of cabinets, 4 large bedrooms with lots of closet space. 1 full size bathrooms and a large guest room. $92,000. Owner Agent. Call Cindy at 413-8494.



NEW LISTING

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3307 Feldspar-NEW-Spectacular 4 bedroom home with gourmet kitchen, spacious bedrooms, beautifully arched doorways, incredible bath ins and soaring, stacked ceilings with crown molding! The master suite is spacious and has a separate shower and large tub, walk-in closet, and dual sinks! The gourmet kitchen has granite countertops, stainless appliances, island, and breakfast bar! $360,000

3306 Rhodolite-Fabulous 4 bed/2.5 bath home in Crestgate w/miles of spectacular tile, walls of windows, soaring stacked ceilings w/crown moulding, custom lighting and granite countertops w/stone backsplash! Gourmet kitchen w/pantry, breakfast bar, and double ovens! Incredible spa master suite w/stacked ceilings, walk-in closet, & spa shower & jetted tub! $290,000

4909 Woodhollow-Love 4 bedroom w/gourmet kitchen, granite counters and walls of bright windows! The open floor plan makes this home perfect for entertaining! The kitchen features a breakfast bar, walk-in pantry, double oven, and beautiful wood cabinets! The dining features a large wall of windows, soaring stacked ceilings, crown molding, and walls of bright windows! The kitchen is open and inviting and features a large built-in, chest cabinet, breakfast bar and adjacent dining area! The gourmet kitchen opens to the family room with a fireplace and built-ins! The master bedroom is spacious and has an adjacent sitting area and the master bath has a private entry, double vanity, shower & jetted tub and walk-in closet! $294,900

5401 Dora Roberts Ct.-4BD/2BA home on a quiet cul-de-sac! This home features fabulous updates, walls of windows, soaring stacked ceilings w/crown moulding, custom lighting and granite countertops w/stone backsplash! Gourmet kitchen w/pantry, breakfast bar, and double ovens! Incredible spa master suite w/stacked ceilings, walk-in closet, & spa shower & jetted tub! $290,000

3105 Biela-Spacious 4 bedroom on a quiet cul-de-sac! This home features fabulous updates, walls of windows, soaring stacked ceilings, gleaming hardwood floors and towering brick fireplace! The kitchen has granite countertops, breakfast bar, island, beautiful backsplash, and dark stained cabinets! The master bathroom is newly updated, with a beautiful jetted tub and walk-in closet! $290,000

3203 CR C 2200-4 bedroom/2 bath/2 car garage home in Diamond! Wall to wall carpet throughout! The open living area is a cozy entertainers dream! The kitchen is open and inviting and features a large built-in, chest cabinet, breakfast bar and adjacent dining area! The gourmet kitchen opens to the family room with a fireplace and built-ins! The master bedroom is spacious and has an adjacent sitting area and the master bath has a private entry, double vanity, shower & jetted tub and walk-in closet! $294,900

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5001 Wellborne-Darling 4 bedroom in Coronado Estates located on a quiet cul-de-sac! Gleaming hardwood floors, miles of tile, crown moulding, incredible built-ins and soaring ceilings are some of the fabulous features this home has to offer! $254,900

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1909 "F" St.-Darling 3 bed/2 bath home on a corner lot! Custom building, bright windows & brick fireplace! Entrance to this a lovely courtyard! Spacious master bed w/bright windows, access to the courtyard & a private bath! Guest bedrooms are large and share a jack-and-jill bath! This wonderful home is complete with a lovely backyard & 2 car garage! $245,500

2405 Sycamore-NEW-Adorable 3 bed/2 bath with 2 living areas! This den has a towering brick fireplace and direct access into the kitchen! The kitchen features a breakfast bar, island, and adjacent dining area! The master bedroom is spacious and has an adjacent sitting area! The master bath has a private entry, double vanity, shower & jetted tub! Guest bedrooms are large and share a jack-and-jill bath! Plenty of closets for storage! Large backyard and back landscaping! Must see! $160,000

4+ BEDROOMS

4804 Inglewood-Spectacular estate on the links in Green Tree Country Club! Located on a double lot, this immaculate home has 6 bedrooms, 7 full baths, 2 half baths, library, study, grandroom, gameroom, and dazzling pool! ..... U/C ... $1,350,000

4804 Tradewood-Fabulous 5 bed/4.5 home in Green Tree w/towering golf course views, gleaming hardwood floors, balcony, hobby room, and walls of bright windows! Grand staircase and balcony overlook the cozy den w/towering brick fireplace! ..... U/C ... $425,000

3307 Feldspar-Spectacular 4 bedroom home with gourmet kitchen, spacious bedrooms, beautifully arched doorways, incredible bath-ins and soaring, stacked ceilings with crown molding! The master suite is spacious and has a separate shower and large tub, walk-in closet, and dual sinks! The gourmet kitchen has granite countertops, stainless appliances, island, and breakfast bar! $360,000

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2 & 3 BEDROOMS

5401 Dora Roberts Ct.-The immaculate 3 bed/2.5 bath home is located on a cul-de-sac in Holiday Hill Village! Among its' fabulous features are soaring ceilings, crown moulding, and walls of bright windows! The kitchen is open and inviting and features a large built-in, chest 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! $244,900

2902 Penrose Ridge-Fabulous 3 bed/2 bath with gleaming hardwood floors, walls of bright windows, and crown moulding! Large living & separate dining! Gourmet kitchen w/pantry and granite counters! The master bedroom is spacious and has an adjacent sitting area! The master bath has a private entry and double vanity! ..... U/C ... $225,000

4911 Dellwood-Fabulous 3 bed/2 bath home has soaring stacked ceilings, crown moulding, & gleaming hardwood floors throughout! The kitchen is open and inviting and features a large built-in, chest cabinet, breakfast bar and adjacent dining area! The spacious master bedroom has a private entry and double vanity! The master bath has a jetted tub and walk-in closet! $174,900

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3413 Wedgewood-Fabulous, two-bedroom/2 bath/2 bath townhouse in Trinity Estates! Updates throughout! Bright interior with AC, garage, and water heater! This living area has a beautiful ceiling, and the fireplace is the perfect focal point! $74,900

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3410 Bluebill Ln-5 Bedroom + Study, 4.5 Bath, M.B., Lary One of Kind Design! Outdoor Kitchen, Swimming Pool & Workshop on 4 Acres of fenced and Improved Property! 5,600+ sqft, 3 Car Garage, Christmas Storage Closet, & So Much More!!! Call Norma for more details ..... Estate Home! $1,050,000

2013 Glenheywood-4 Bedroom, 4.5 Bath, 4 Car Garage. Million Dollar Designer has Customized this home! Faux treatments throughout, hand adzaped hardwood flooring. An Oasis in backyard with Spa Pool w/special jets & hot tub. Too much to mention. Please Call for more info! ..... Sold! $595,000

6915 Evergreen- 4 Bedroom, 4.5 Bath, 3 Living Areas, Rare Split Level! New Carpet & Paint! 29x30 Workshop. 1.7 Acres in Llano Estacado! ..... New Price! $539,000

4200 E Co Rd 91-4 Bedrooms, 3.5 Bath. Another Gorgeous Triple M Home! 2.3 Acres in Bomtu Estates. Granite throughout, Hand Scraped Hardwood Floors, Plantation Shutters, Stainless Appliances. & So Much More!!! ..... New Construction! $515,000

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3225 Wertenberg, Odessa-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Car Garage. Another Magnificent Rosas New Home in Castleridge Estates! Granite, tumbled marble, stainless appliances, crown molding, plantation shutters, & much more! ..... New Listing! $374,900

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1600 Peshlik-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Another Beauty from Summit Homes! Stainless appliances, miles of tile, loaded w/granite! Landscaping package included. In 349 Ranch Estates ..... New Construction! $247,900

1804 Shellie-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath in 349 Ranch Estates! On 0.343 Acres, Sep. Master. Miles & Miles of Tile! Huge Open Concept! ..... New Listing! $215,000

4425 Stonecrop-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath in Fairmont Park! Sequestered master, new granite countertops in master bath, newer roof, all new stainless appliances, newly refinished cabinetry, New pad at back yard ..... Sold! $206,000

2005 Douglas-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath. RARE Find in OLD Midland, Completely Reapvated! New Flooring, Interior & Exterior Paint, New Cabinets, Granite Countertops, Tumbled Marble Backsplash, Fixtures, Stainless Appliances, Vanities, Too Much To Mention! ..... Sold! $206,000

3708 Golf-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. Recent roof & exterior paint, Great curb appeal! Updated flooring, Kitchen & breakfast area open to living room. ..... New Price! $189,900

1110 S Dewberry-4 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath. Many Updates, recent kitchen cabinetry, dishwasher, carpet, lighting, ceramic tile, furnace ..... New Listing! $184,900

2 & 3 BEDROOMS

800 Palomino-3 Huge Bedrooms, 2 Bath, 4 Living Areas!!! Gorgeous gated community in Saddle Club! Totally no maintenance home, Sequestered master w/Luxurious European shower! Fantastic entertaining home! ..... New Price! $499,900

10140 N Dale Wade - 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 3 Car Garage. Country Sophisticationin 2.8 Acres in Gardendale! Immaculate Condition! Updated Fixtures! ..... Sale Pending! $399,000

41 Lafayette-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Half Baths, 2 Living, 2 Story Townhome! Plantation shutters, Wet bar, Spacious Rooms! Inground Pool w/Spa! Barkman Square Fountain ..... New Price! $217,900

64 Linda Ct-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living + Study, & Sunroom. Sequestered master, recent paint & carpet. Mature landscaping w/water well for yard ..... Open Today! ..New Listing! $194,900

1010 Lanham-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living Areas, Nicely Updated! New cabinets & countertops, newer appliances! Laminate wood flooring & tile throughout most of home! $1,500 carpet allowance ..... Open Today! ..New Listing! $184,900

3405 W Golf Course-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living, 2 Dining. Historic Midland Home! Incredible Location! Basement, Workshop, Storage Sheds! ..... Open Today! ..New Price! $179,900

3800 Permian Ct-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Corner Lot. So many updates!!! Granite throughout, tile backsplash, stainless appliances, hardwood flooring, new fixtures! Too To Much To List! ..... ★★★★Under Contract Less Than 1 Week! $169,900

1805 Ward-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living Areas in Fannin District! Open Concept, Large workshop w/electricity! ..... New Listing! $169,900

1308 Wilmer St-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. Front Courtyard Entry w/extra concrete parking! Master bath has garden tub, spacious open living area. Great Price Point!!! ..... New Price! $144,900

610 W. Holiday-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Quant Charming Cottage! Hardwood flooring, recent paint & texture w/tch touring! Approx 1,800 sqft, plush carpeting & oversized bedrooms! $2,000 Buyer Incentive ..... New Price! $144,900

1309 W. Michigan Ave. -2 Bedroom, 1 Bath. Totally restore! Fresh paint throughout, new cabinets in kitchen, stainless appliances including refrigerator! ..... New Price! $119,900

1700 N Garfield-3 Bedroom, 1 Bath Cottage. Large Living Area, Circle Drive, 1,852 sqft. ..... New Price! $119,900

3011 Imperial-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living, 2 Dining, 2 Car Garage. Super functional plan! ..... Sold! $115,000

4913 Worcester-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. 1,331 sqft. Some Interior Updating! ..... FHA Ready! $114,900

1304 Westhaven, Odessa-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, just under 1,700sqft! Located w/lots & hardwood flooring. Island kitchen w/custom cabinets, ornate moldings, gas cooktop! Loaded w/upgrades! Seller will pay buyers closing costs!!! ..... ★★★★Under Contract Less Than 1 Week! $99,000

5308 E. Loop 250 N-3 Bedroom, 1 Bath. Great Potential!! 2.5 Acres! Call Chris for Additional Info! Loop Frontage Property ..... New Listing! $74,900

COMMERCIAL/LOTS

3901 S Co Rd 1180-Excellent Opportunity for Residential or Commercial Development! 115+/- Acres. Mature pecan orchard, business office/warehouse, workshop, barn, living quarters, 13 water wells & much more! Call David for more details ..... New Listing! $1,295,000

1991 N. Big Spring-2 Lots, High Traffic, Highly Profitable Business Opportunity! Call Chris for more info ..... New Listing! $1,200,000

629 Elliot, Odessa-Phenomenal Investment Opportunity Here! ENTIRE block of land. Church & Warehouses included! ..... New Price! $449,900

6901 Hwy 158-Great Multiple Use Commercial Property! Total 7,800 sqft, 2 Bathrooms, three 12' overhead doors. Currently used as a feed store. Call Sabrina for more info! ..... New Listing! $375,000

1902 W Illinois-5 Offices, Board Room, Kitchen, 2 Baths, Updated Interior, Parking! Call Chris for more details ..... New Listing! $325,000

911 S Main - Great Opportunity! Lots is fenced, zoned LR-3. Lots of possibilities here! Will OWNER FINANCE!!! ..... Lot! $32,000

2306 City View Rd-Nice size country lot! 1.80 Acres, no known utilities. Great for mobile home! ..... Sale Pending! $9,500

LOOKING IN AUSTIN AREA?

4301 Heatchfield Kite-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Ba in Falconhead! Awesome plan, granite + $25,000 buyer decorating allowance! WOW! ..... New Price! $425,000

11912 Cascade Caverns Trail-Super REO 5 Bedrooms & over 4000sqft in Shady Hollow Area ..... ★★★★Under Contract in 10 Days with 4 Offers! $392,100

130 Dove Loop-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in gated Meadowlakes with access to lake L&V ..... New Price! $179,900

6214 Norwood-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath off Westgate Blvd in Austin! Bank Owned REO! ..... ★★★★Under Contract in 5 Days! $128,000

1750 Loop 1606-Bank Owned 14 Acres in Dripping Springs with easy access to 290 ..... ★★★★Under Contract! $79,000

404 Emerald Way-Fabulous Cul-de-sac Lot in Horseshoe Bay West! Ready to Build On! Call 512-796-4348 ..... New Price! $79,900


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NEW & REDUCED

7401 Briarwood-NEW-Large country estate on 14.15 Acres! Zone changed from ae to o-1. Lush grounds w/mature trees. Current use of property is mid cities church offices. Pool/hot tub. Tennis courts & circle drive. Main home is 6389 ft. (180 ft basement) 2 guest apartments (1 attached, 1 det. 1050 Ft. 2 Bedrm ea.) 2 Garage, 4 car carport, boat & golf cart gar. Workshop w/ gar. 4 Drive-in horse stalls opens to pens. ..... U/C ...$1,400,000

2507 Keswick-NEW-Absolutely fabulous 3 bed/2.5 Bath/2 gar. On corner lot! Large living area w/beamed ceiling, tile, stone fireplace (2 sides w/gas logs) spacious den w/ba that overlooks patio & yard. Seq. Master w/state floors, jetted tub, dual sinks & walk-in closets. Formal dining w/hardwood floors, open kitchen w/recent cabinets. ct, stainless & 2 ovens. Recent windows, hvac (’09). Circle drive w/mature trees ..... U/C ...$260,000

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4+ BEDROOMS

5307 Greathouse-New in greathouse! 4 Bed/3 ba/1 living /2 dining + 3 car gar! (4th bed is larger & opens to patio, it could be media/game room) spacious living w/fireplace & crown molding. Gourmet kitchen is open to living area & has granite island, skylight, stainless appliances, 2 ovens, gas cooktop & stone backsplash. Sequestered master suite w/vaulted bath ceiling, jetted tub, 2 vanities & wrap around closet. $330,000

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2907 Durant-Beautiful 4 bed/3.5 Bath home in kimberlea! Formal living/dining w/neutral paint, crown molding, Big window w/park like view. Den boasts wall of windows, fireplace, wood floors & built-ins. Spacious kitchen w/lots of cabinets! ..... U/C ...$240,000

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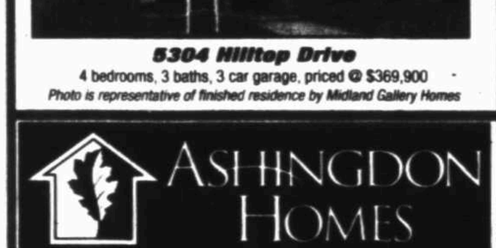
2805 Haynes-Wonderful 3 bed/2 bath/2 garage home in wonderful neighborhood! Recent paint throughout. Formal living/dining w/wall of windows. open living has brick fireplace & built-ins. Spacious kitchen w/walk-in pantry, recent appliances & tile .Seq. Master w/large closets, dual sinks and lots of storage. Bedrooms are spacious & offer great closet space. Park like yard w/covered patio & sprinkler front & back ..... U/C ...$194,900

3207 Epperson-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 ..... U/C ...$164,500

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NEW CONSTRUCTION

Gallery Homes



5304 Hilltop Drive
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $369,900
Photo is representative of finished residence by Midland Gallery Homes

Ashingdon Homes



5001 Coquina Court
4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $289,000

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5903 Llano Court
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $285,000

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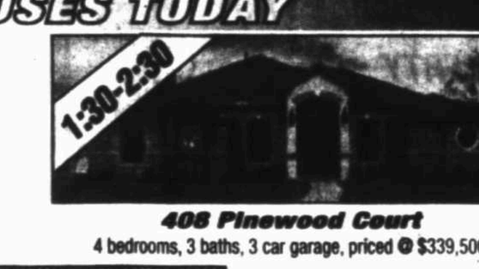
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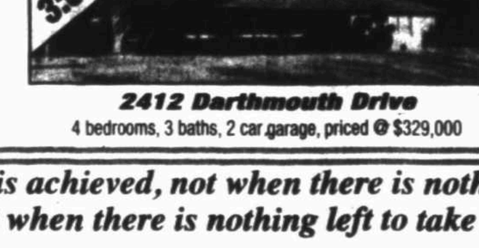
OPEN HOUSES TODAY



403 Pinewood Court
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $327,500



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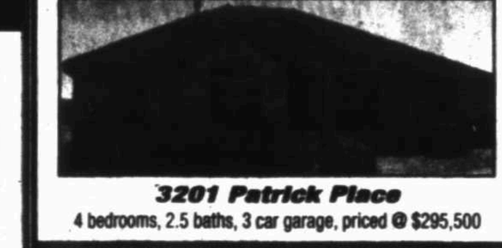
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Saenz Signature Homes



3201 Patrick Place
4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $295,500

Carrasco Homes



6600 Los Conchos Lane
4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $669,000

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

1411 Kentucky	3 Bdrm/1 Ba/1.Car Garage	Under Contract
5214 Lavaca Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
1159 Register Rd	Colorado City/Lake View/2 Bdrm/2 Ba/Workshop	$85,000
510 E. 8th St	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$163,000
5005 Kermit Ave	Odessa/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$165,000
3307 Camarie Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
240 Main St	Garden City/4 Bdrm/3 Ba	$275,000
5311 Castle Pine Rd	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
2412 Dartmouth Dr	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$329,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

400 E. Pecan Ave	Midland Gallery Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage	Under Contract
6910 Los Conchos	Morse Properties/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
3103 Chelsea Pl	Veatch Construction/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
3107 Chelsea Pl	Veatch Construction/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
5713 Carmel Ct	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
4008 Yearwood	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
4001 Yearwood	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
4704 Yearwood	Veatch Construction/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5015 Llano Ct	Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5702 Los Patios	Dozier Custom Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	$276,900
5711 Los Patios	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Gagage	Under Contract
3001 Baybridge Ct	Hansen Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5908 Oak Creek	Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
4009 Yearwood	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
5001 Coquina	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
5514 Carmel Ct	Veatch Construction/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
3201 Patrick Pl	Saenz Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$295,500
5802 Oak Creek	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage	$299,500
5713 Los Patios	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
5007 Galeway	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	SOLD
5314 Mathis St	Brannon Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
307 Skywood	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
3121 Patrick Pl	Hansen Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$324,900
403 Pinewood	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$327,500
5317 Hilltop Dr	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
408 Pinewood	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	$339,500
5304 Hilltop Dr	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
6500 Los Conchos	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$660,900
4317 Wood Dr	Crystal Homes/3 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

Luna Rosa Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
14819 N. Chinaberry	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/0.914 Acres	$112,000
4751 E. Bufforcap Dr	Gardendale/2 Bdrm/2 Ba/0.755 Acres	$110,000
5017 E. Goldenrod	2 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage/1 Acre	$125,000
7901 E. Goldenrod	4 Bed/3 Ba/3 Car Garage/Gardendale/17.886 Acres	$230,000
1805 S. Co. Rd. 1138	Greenwood, 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage	$309,000
9634 E. Marigold Dr	3 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage/Gardendale/9.86 Acres	Under Contract

RESIDENTIAL HOME SITES

700 S. Lincoln Ave	0.101 Acres	$3,500

SUBURBAN HOME SITES

Luna Rosa Estates	W. Co. Rd. 30/1.5-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary
7409 N. Co. Rd. 1297	1.82 Acres	$39,000
7502 N. Co. Rd. 1297	1.822 Acres with born	$60,000
6400 Mockingbird Lane	Los Conchos Estates/0.934 Acres	$65,000
County Rd. 318	76.53 Acres	$110,000
3905 Tumbleweed Trail	2.5 Acres/Horse Barn	$125,000

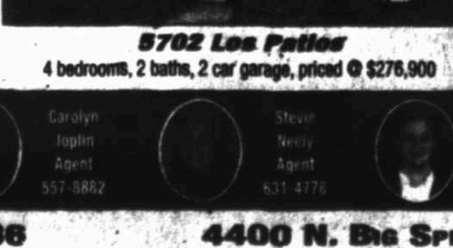
COMMERCIAL

2000 Rankin Hwy	0.7 Acres/LR2 Zoning	$925,000

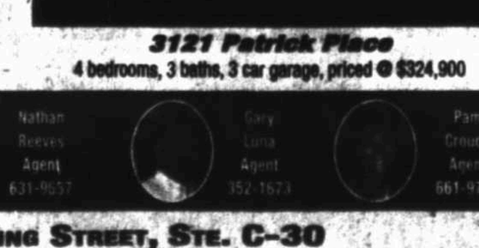
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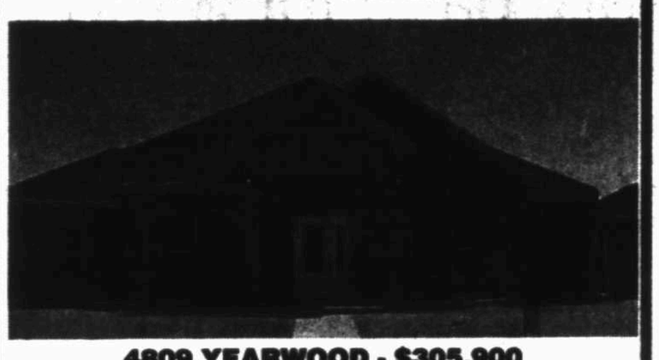
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4809 YEARWOOD - $305,900
3 bdrms, 2 1/2 ba, formal dining, 2 car gar.
Shown by Clemmie Sorge

OPEN 1:30-2:30



3004 NORTHTOWN PLACE - $234,900
4 bedroom, 2 bath with super nice 16x20 workshop and great storage throughout!
Shown by Angie McKay

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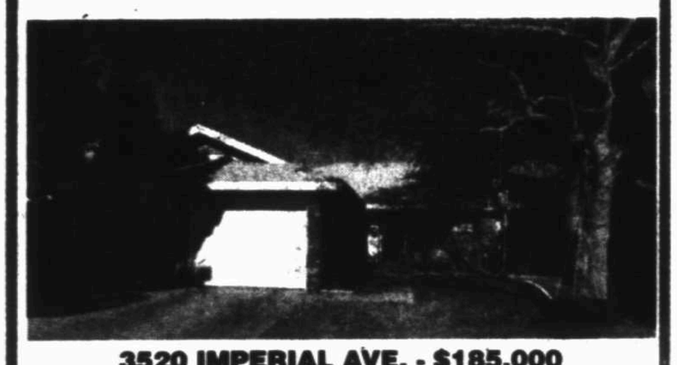
3407 STANOLIND AVE. - $197,000
Price reduced. 3-2-2 plus dazzling pool & spa.
Shown by Kay Bivens

OPEN 1:30-2:30



6516 FERN - $600,000
Ultimate house for entertaining!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 1:30-2:30



3520 IMPERIAL AVE. - $185,000
Spacious 4 bedroom home in established neighborhood!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

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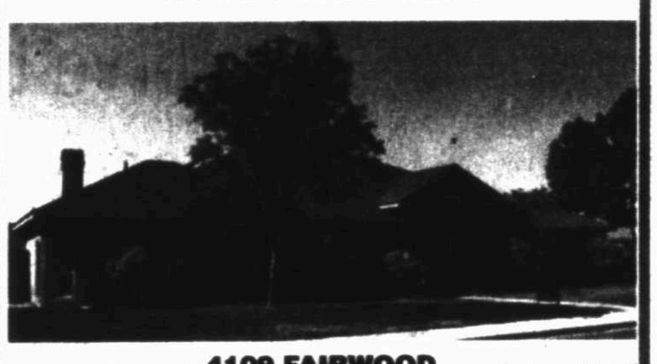
5008 RUSTIC TRAIL - $320,000
Beautiful home in Greentree North, hardwood floors, granite countertops.
Shown by Gina Reyes

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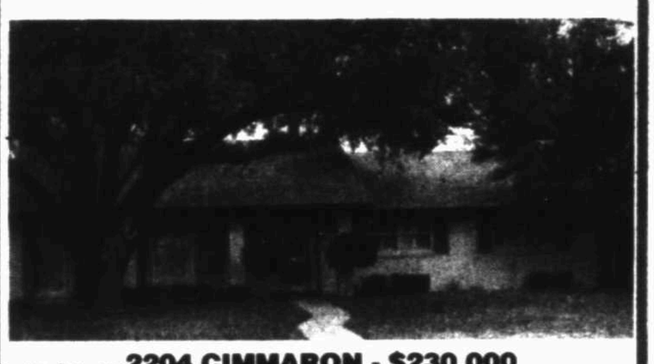
5102 CASTLEFORD - $225,000
3/2 with large seq. master, formal dining, great location!
Shown by Donna Omar

OPEN 2:00-3:00



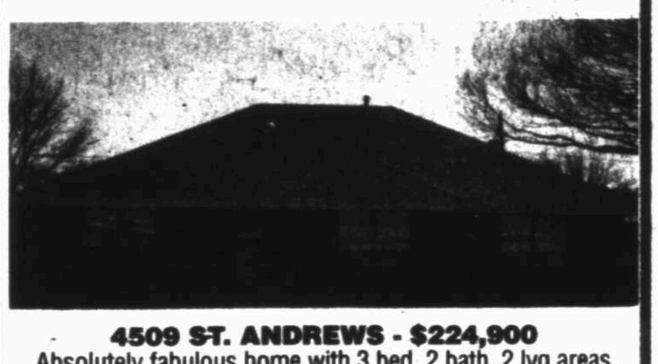
4109 FAIRWOOD
It's a beautiful 5 bedroom home in Mockingbird Heights.
Shown by Michelle Lesikar

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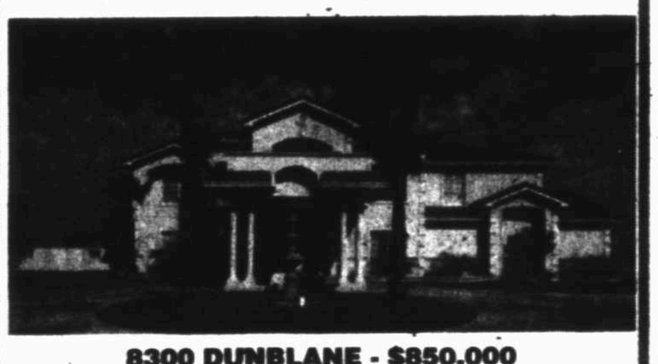
2204 CIMMARON - $230,000
Beautiful views.
Shown by Betty Hicks

OPEN 3:00-4:00



4509 ST. ANDREWS - $224,900
Absolutely fabulous home with 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 lvg areas, and 2 dining.
Shown by Angie McKay

OPEN 3:30-4:30



8300 DUNBLANE - $850,000
Incredible Mediterranean Style home on 2.5+ acres!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 3:30-4:30



5400 LA JOLLA - $279,900
Lovely 3 bdrm with office!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

ASK THE EXPERTS:

Q: I have deteriorating duct work in my attic...because it's not that visible, do I need to disclose it to a buyer looking at my house?

A: YES!!! In Texas, as in many other states, it's your obligation as a seller, to disclose any and all known problems regarding your dwelling, to a buyer who is considering purchasing your home....

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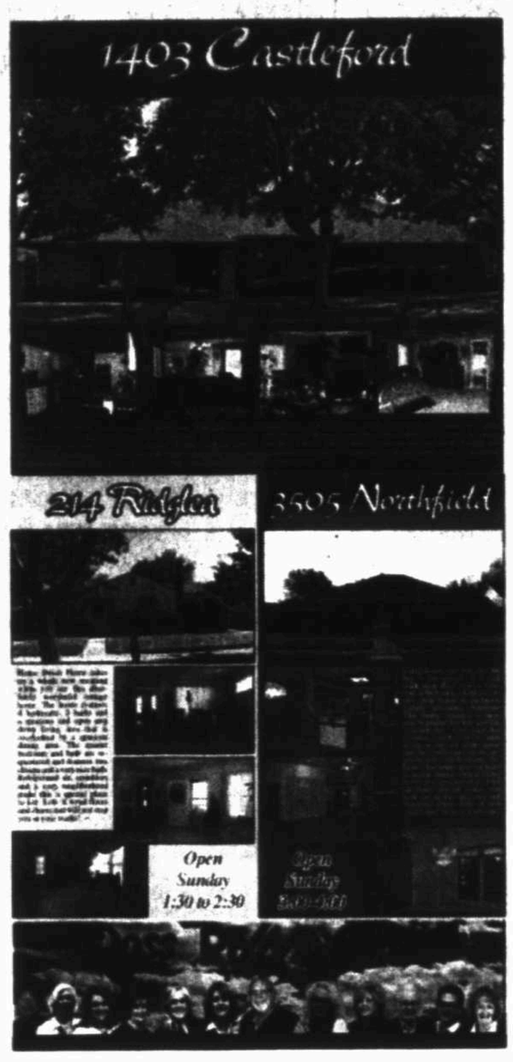


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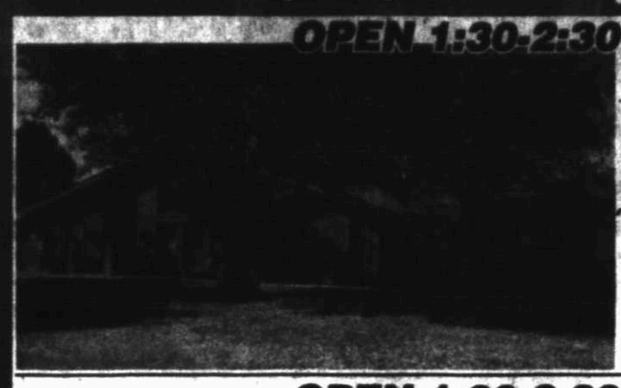
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2208 Sinclair	UNDER CONTRACT OPTIONED	MLS #88691	$295,000
4009 Lehigh Drive		MLS #87120	$263,900
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4905 RUSTIC TRAIL...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #87549	$879,900
5901 RIDLAND DR...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88753	$895,000
6300 HOMESTEAD...Peggy Spence 618-5047	MLS #88768	$879,900
6516 FERN...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #87967	$600,000
7005 CALEN CT...Amy Barnett 352-6714	MLS #87540	$579,900
1209 CASTLE ROCK CT...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757	MLS #81489	$530,000
4105 BAYBROOK CIRCLE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88686	SALE PENDING
7000 ALMEY CT...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #88716	SALE PENDING
2900 JADEWOOD...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #88567	SALE PENDING
4109 FAIRWOOD DR...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633	MLS #87362	$449,000
4901 OAKWOOD CT...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #88751	$410,000
3811 TUMBLEWEED...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88372	SOLD
6321 PRAIRIE RIDGE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88677	$399,900
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3610 KNIFFEN RD...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #88198	$344,900
4806 CHERRYWOOD...Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #88267	$339,000
3106 GULF AVE...Cheryl Parrish 618-5014	MLS #88761	$336,900
5206 OAK VALLEY DR...Peggy Spence 664-3011	MLS #88302	SALE PENDING
5811 GRASSLAND BLVD...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #86967	SALE PENDING
5907 OAK CREEK...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88250	SALE PENDING
4506 GREEN TREE BLVD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #87225	SALE PENDING
10104 E. CO. RD. 103...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #86409	$325,900
5504 RIDGEMONT...Kim Merrill 664-4702	MLS #88207	$325,000
5008 RUSTIC TR...Gina Reyes 618-5061	MLS #88750	$320,000
2201 PRINCETON AVE...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #87778	SALE PENDING
2219 SOUTHAMPTON LANE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88657	$300,000
4802 YEARWOOD DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88597	$300,000
4824 TIMBER LN...Deborah Stewart 934-3881	MLS #88739	$228,500
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5412 BASSWOOD CIRCLE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88678	$275,000
4125 FOX HOLLOW CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88680	SALE PENDING
5001 CASTLEFORD...Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #86647	$260,000
1216 CO. RD 1120...Mark Philliber 618-5071	MLS #86976	$259,500
2402 CULPEPPER DR...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #87946	$254,900
2817 CALDERA BLVD...Deborah Stewart 934-3881	MLS #88336	$249,900
3004 NORTHTOWN PL...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #88659	$234,900
5904 PEDERNALES...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88245	SALE PENDING
4107 GODFREY ST...Perkins Brasher 349-3421	MLS #88058	$234,000
2825 MAXWELL DR...Danny Norwood 413-2764	MLS #87061	$229,900
3212 FRONTIER DR...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #88575	$224,900
5108 E. CO. RD. 59...Ashely St John 352-6254	MLS #88672	$189,900
2411 NEELY...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88644	SALE PENDING
3520 IMPERIAL AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88252	$185,000
3621 SINCLAIR...Jennifer Martin 349-2632	MLS #88410	SALE PENDING
1204 KANSAS AVE...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88461	$172,000
4605 CRENSHAW...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #88702	SALE PENDING
3917 ANETTA DR...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88132	SALE PENDING

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1703 I STREET...Karen Mason 349-3550	MLS #86369	$499,000
804 CANONERO...Larry Hatfield 684-0369	MLS #87724	$450,000
2902 MARIE DR...Samantha McCrary 634-8370	MLS #88587	$327,500
4625 ROSEWOOD DR...Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #88746	$309,900
509 W. 83RD ST., ODESSA...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #88413	$275,000
4509 ST. ANDREWS...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #88741	$224,900
5400 LA JOLLA COVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88683	$279,900
5705 CARMEL CT...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #88466	SALE PENDING
5609 CARMEL CT...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #88464	SALE PENDING
1801 WASHITA...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #87070	SALE PENDING
2911 CALDERA BLVD...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #88272	$269,900
5105 BRIGHTON PLACE...Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #88634	$269,900
4807 PINE MEADOW DR...Tracy Farrow 413-4412	MLS #88733	$265,000
1611 WALL ST...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #88128	$264,900
1301 MISSOURI AVE...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #87699	$260,000
1101 S. CO. RD. 1129...Joyce Brickey 352-4127	MLS #87706	SALE PENDING
5102 CASTLEFORD...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #88722	$225,000
4309 TUMBLEWEED...Josie Alvarez 618-5013	MLS #87679	$224,900
4509 ST. ANDREWS DR...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #88741	$224,900
5707 RIO GRANDE AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88199	SALE PENDING
1603 WASHITA...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #87138	SALE PENDING
4308 KNIFFEN...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #86828	$214,900
3407 STANOLIND AVE...Kay Bivens 618-5018	MLS #88428	$205,000
5325 SE CO. RD. 1800, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87329	SALE PENDING
2222 CIMMARON...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #87445	SALE PENDING
3200 LOUISIANA DR...Mark Philliber 618-5017	MLS #88565	$197,500
2301 REGAL PL...Lavonne Johnson 618-5002	MLS #88755	SALE PENDING
3208 FRONTIER...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #88351	SALE PENDING
3231 SHANDON AVE...Karen Mason 349-3550	MLS #86637	SALE PENDING
4904 SUNDOWN CIRCLE...Kim Rhyne 528-4646	MLS #88583	SALE PENDING
801 SHELL AVE...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #88737	$174,900
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3316 WEDGEWOOD ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88414	SALE PENDING
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702 SHELL...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #88579	SALE PENDING
1703 W. CO. RD. 134...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88399	$135,000
1400 BAIRD STREET...Josie Rendon 889-8394	MLS #88631	$135,000
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12309 CO. RD. 129...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #86979	$130,000
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705 LANHAM ST...Pamela Messer 349-3075	MLS #88588	$115,000
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4304 CRESTWOOD AVE...Martha Manulik 618-5037	MLS #87309	SOLD
3319 PINEMONT DR...Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #88590	SALE PENDING
5206 RIC...Joyce Brickey 352-4127	MLS #86910	SALE PENDING
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3314 W. CO. RD. 185...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88559	$370,000
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10510 E. CO. RD. 109...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #88487	$354,900
2101 SCR 1087...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #86406	$350,900
10104 E. CO. RD. 103...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #86409	$325,900
3187 C 2150 STANTON...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #88177	15 Acres/$319,500
1216 S. CO. RD. 1129...Mark Philliber 618-5071	MLS #86976	$259,500
4113 CO. RD. 1185...Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #88697	$254,900
1101 S. CO. RD. 1129...Joyce Brickey 352-4127	MLS #87706	SALE PENDING
5325 CO. RD. 1800, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87329	SALE PENDING
5108 E. CO. RD. 59...Ashely St John 352-6254	MLS #88672	$189,900
3409 W. CO. RD. 181...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #88101	SALE PENDING
2800 S. CO. RD. 1069...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #88400	SALE PENDING
10300 CO. RD. 85...Pam Messer 349-3075	MLS #87074	$159,900
6502 W. FM 846 KNOTT...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #88060	SALE PENDING
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3203 CO. RD. 1068...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88654	$130,000
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SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	3+ Acre Lots/Lots $75,000/EA.	
FM 2632, BROWNWOOD LAKE...Caleb Matott 349-3330	$44,000	

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2208 WESTSIDE DR., STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #87159	$415,000
7900 CO. RD. 110, GREENWOOD...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #87829	$389,900
9177 CEVALIA DR., ODESSA, TX...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #84152	$369,900
3187 C 2150, STANTON...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #88177	$319,500
509 W. 83RD ST., ODESSA...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #88413	$275,000
9301 CEVALLIA, ODESSA, TX...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #84955	SALE PENDING
1218 LA PAZ, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #84584	SALE PENDING
4613 VALLEYBROOK LN., ODESSA, TX...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #87546	SALE PENDING
5325 SE CO. RD. 1800, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #87329	SALE PENDING
401 DEALY, BIG SPRING...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #88040	$179,000
14030 LARIAT TR., GARDENDALE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #88684	$165,000
712 BURLESON, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #84740	SALE PENDING
2651 SE CO. RD. 4001, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #84610	$159,900
710 BURLESON, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #84741	$154,000
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6502 W. FM 846 KNOTT...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #88060	SALE PENDING
15398 GARDENDALE RD., GARDENDALE...Ashley St. John 352-6254	MLS #88178	$139,900
504 BROADWAY, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #88271	$135,000
2431 CO. RD. 1050, STANTON, TX...Kay Bivens 618-5018	MLS #88653	$132,000
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6707 FM 307...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #87671	$90,000
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S. FM 1788...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #82050	94.4 Acres/$944,400
HIGHWAY 191...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #87988	$437,500
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ELKINS RD...Caleb Matott 349-3330	MLS #82558	20 Acres/$132,526
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SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	$70,000	
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Midland used book store faces e-reader trends



Almost as interesting as the stories found in the pages on Miz B's Used Books' floor are those that walk through the store's doors each day.

"What do I want to read today?" 87-year-old Genevieve Kaiser asks storeowner Sherry Dummer, 69, when she enters.

Kaiser has been visiting the store every other week since her retirement in 1987. She brought an assortment of paperback books to the store hoping to sell them on her first visit, but elected to trade them in for new reads.

"I read the whole next winter," she remembered. Since then, Kaiser has been coming to the store with her husband of almost 70 years, Carl, 90, seeking Dummer's advice on what to read next.

A half million books can be found at Miz B's, stacked up to the ceiling in a maze of shelves. The old storefront at 2505 W. Ohio Ave. used to be home to an elegant dress shop, and stacks of novels now are tucked away in former offices, storage rooms

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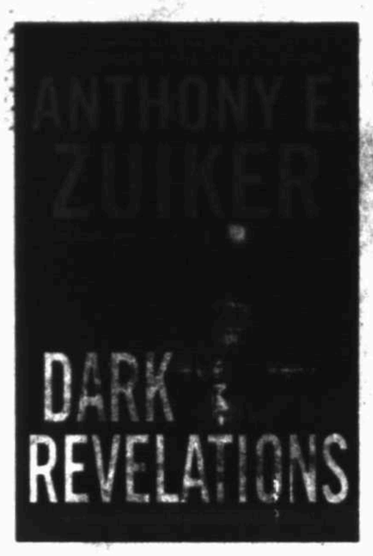
> "For the moment, we're surviving. ... We're just kind of doing what we've always done. It's been a fun ride.
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> — Sherry Dummer
> owner, Miz B's Used Books

Sherry Dummer, left in top photo, talks to customers Genevieve and Carl Kaiser on Wednesday at Miz B's Used Book Store. ABOVE RIGHT: Carl Kaiser looks for novels to replace the ones he recently read. ABOVE: Dummer, owner of Miz B's Used Book Store since 1981, said the growing popularity of e-books and gadgets like the Nook and Kindle has had an effect on her business.

Story by Sara Higgins · Photos by Cindeka Mealy

BOOK REVIEWS

from the Associated Press



"Dark Revelations" (Dutton), by Anthony E. Zuiker with Duane Swierczynski

Steve Dark, rogue agent and hunter of serial killers, is back with another mission — to stop an elusive murderer in "Dark Revelations," the final installment in Anthony E. Zuiker's Level 26 trilogy.

In "Dark Origins," the first book in the series, Dark worked for the Special Circumstances Division, an elite section within the FBI responsible for hunting down the world's worst killers. In "Dark Revelations," he now is estranged from that unit and has been recruited by Global Alliance, a multinational organization aimed at stopping Labyrinth, a calculating killer with unlimited means and a political agenda.

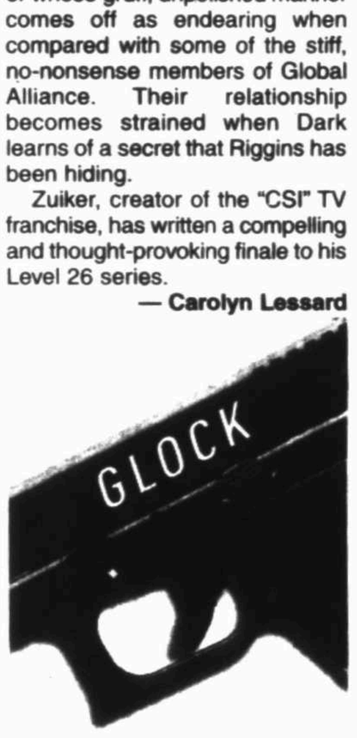
Labyrinth delivers a timepiece and a riddle to tip off authorities about his next victim. Those victims are high-profile targets: corrupt officials, greedy big business executives and religious leaders. He communicates by social media to minister to a worldwide audience that gains support for his cause.

With a new cast of characters, including Damian Blair, the leader of Global Alliance, and his international all-star team, Irish tech wizard Deckland O'Brian, German munitions expert Hans Roeding and French linguist Natasha Garcon, Dark travels the world following clues and trying to anticipate Labyrinth's next move.

Agent Tom Riggins, Dark's former FBI boss and mentor, steps in to lend a hand. Riggins is a boozer whose gruff, unpolished manner comes off as endearing when compared with some of the stiff, no-nonsense members of Global Alliance. Their relationship becomes strained when Dark learns of a secret that Riggins has been hiding.

Zuiker, creator of the "CSI" TV franchise, has written a compelling and thought-provoking finale to his Level 26 series.

— Carolyn Lessard



"Glock: The Rise of America's Gun" (Crown), by Paul M. Barrett

An exploration of the ubiquitous firearm, "Glock: The Rise of America's Gun" works best as a corporate history of its creator and the money machine spawned by his invention. The book fires its only blank when it unconvincingly loads cultural and social messages into the story of Glock's success.

Austrian businessman Gaston Glock didn't know anything about handguns when he decided, in 1980, to compete for a contract to manufacture a new sidearm for the Austrian army. He had been making car radiators and running a metal shop that produced field knives and bayonets for the army.

Ignorance was on his side. As author Paul M. Barrett explains, the 50-year-old Glock came to the competition without the history — or the baggage — of major firearms manufacturers. It was all new to him. He also made a point to ask firearms specialists what they wanted in a new pistol.

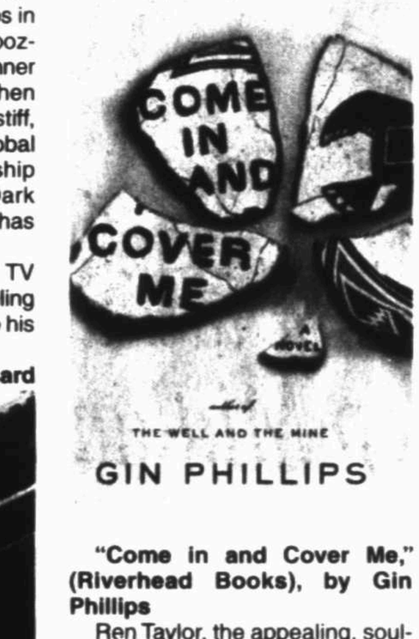
The first handgun to bear Glock's name was lighter, thanks to its nearly all-plastic assembly, and it had far fewer moving parts than the competition. It still managed to accommodate a larger magazine and, significantly, provided a safety mechanism that reduced the possibility of an accidental discharge. By using a computerized manufacturing process, Glock could churn out his high-quality 9mm product relatively cheaply.

Selling the Austrian army was the easy part. Getting the pistol in the hands of Americans, the big time in terms of the firearms market, was beyond Glock the inventor. He lucked into hiring people who understood that winning over law enforcement agencies would open the door to massive sales. Even moviemakers got on board, helping turn the simple black pistol into the fearsome ugly duckling of action movies.

Barrett, a journalist for Bloomberg Businessweek, provides an eye-opening look at such matters as Glock's practice of buying old handguns from police departments that "Glock up" and then reselling them on the market. Less enlightening are his descriptions of his forays into Glock culture and his analysis of the role of Glock in the handgun debate. His conclusion — that Glock "is not a particular villain within the fraternity of firearms. Nor is it a hero" — sounds like a way to avoid an argument.

Powered by an incredible fortune, the Glock story makes one think: Money doesn't kill people — people kill people.

— Douglass K. Daniel



"Come in and Cover Me," (Riverhead Books), by Gin Phillips

Ren Taylor, the appealing, soul-searching character at the heart of this novel, is an archaeologist of some renown in the canyons of the New Mexico desert.

She has uncovered an extraordinary set of exotic ceramic pottery of a 12th-century artist of the Mimbres, a long-vanished tribe of Native Americans; now she wants to flesh out the artist's puzzling story. With the help of a colleague and would-be lover, Silas Cooper, she begins to do so.

But she will need something more to show the way — ghostly visitations by the prehistoric artist herself, named Lynay, as well as by an older Mimbres woman, Non.

For Ren, these encounters with the dead have a precedent. Her brother Scott, who died at 17 in a car accident when she was 12, has been making playful, song-filled visits with her for years.

With a sure hand, the book's author, Gin Phillips, weaves this strand of the supernatural through a compelling modern story of love and loss.

"Come in and Cover Me" is Phillips' second novel. Her first, "The Well and the Mine," was set in a Depression-era town in her native Alabama. Published in 2008, it had an introduction by Alabama author and actress Fannie Flagg and made Phillips a new writer of promise.

Relocating her fictional terrain to the sweeping vistas of the Southwest, Phillips has mined scholarly archaeological research to bring historical texture to her latest novel and give life to the intriguing Mimbres people and culture.

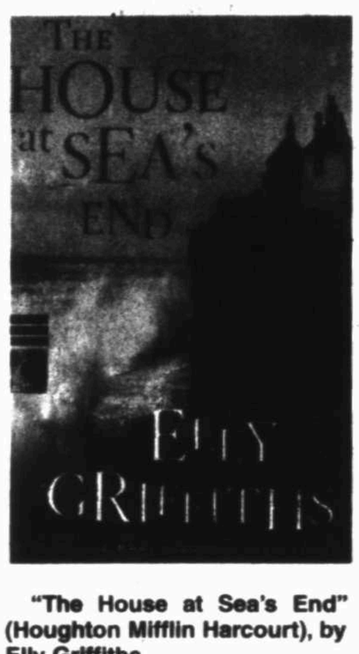
Set in 2009, when Ren is 37 and enamored of the slightly older Silas, the story ranges far beyond the dust of an archaeological dig with its tedious scrapings, screenings and brushings. Amid the canyon outcroppings, romance is in the air. When Ren and Silas first meet at a remote site, their sleeping quarters — a bunkhouse with two bedrooms and a shared bath — opens the door to intimacy.

The story also moves back and forth in time, as Ren's memories, both touching and wrenching, reflect on her once-happy family and how it was shattered by her brother's death.

Silas, too, recalls memorable events from his youth, some of them hair-raising, that have shaped him into a self-reliant man. But it is the emotionally scarred and at times mystical Ren who drives the narrative.

She is not just searching for answers to the puzzling life story of the prehistoric artist whose hands shaped lovely bowls. There's the puzzle of her own life as well.

— Kendal Wendal Weaver



"The House at Sea's End" (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt), by Elly Griffiths

Dr. Ruth Galloway, forensic archaeologist and single mother, has enough drama in her life. At least the discovery of six skeletons buried along Britain's Norfolk coastline present her with a professional challenge for a change.

But being part of the investigation — the bodies appear to have been bound and then shot execution-style — puts her in constant contact with Detective Chief Inspector Harry Nelson. The tensions that appear during a murder probe are more strained than usual because of the secret they share: The married dad is the father of the unmarried Galloway's infant daughter.

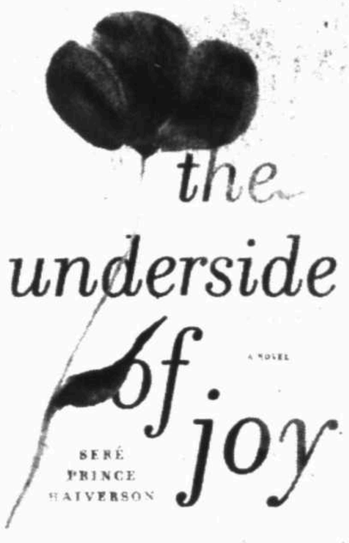
In Elly Griffiths' page-turning mystery, "The House at Sea's End," erosion is at the heart of more than one problem. The sea uncovers the remains and, at the same time, threatens a historic home. Mourning a deep personal loss and facing an uncertain future with Nelson threaten to wear down Galloway. Meanwhile, an unexpected visit from an old friend with ties to Galloway's past and possibly her future may not be a blessing.

Guessing whether Galloway's secret will be exposed is as much a part of the game for readers as figuring out who put the shovel to that sandy grave. Griffiths handles the juggling act well, providing a cozy murder mystery amid a domestic drama that doesn't paint Galloway as a saint or Nelson as a sinner.

Griffiths' Galloway is a likable and alluring character in part because she's not an unrealistic pillar of strength and perfection. She's professional and intelligent, as one would expect of a professor with the University of North Norfolk's forensic archaeology department, and a little touchy when she's not given her due. (That's Dr. Galloway, mind you.)

Flawed yet sharply drawn characters like Ruth Galloway offer so much more than the stoic, seamless, practically peerless protagonists who command the pages of too many mysteries and thrillers. Griffiths allows her creation to stumble a bit, and there's no guarantee she'll puzzle out the crime or smooth out her personal life.

— Douglass K. Daniel



"The Underside of Joy" (Dutton), by Sere Prince Halverson

If joy was a pool, there was a time when Ella Beene "did backflips in the deep end of happiness." And then suddenly, too soon, it was as if she hit her head on the diving board and everything came to a crashing end.

Ella's second husband drowns, leaving her with two small stepchildren and a nearly bankrupt business. She had no idea their financial situation was so dire. Worse, her husband had given her no hint his first wife, who had abandoned the family years earlier, had been seeking custody of their children.

Sere Prince Halverson's debut novel looks at the underside of joy — the secrets couples keep to protect each other and themselves.

Her main character, Ella, is fleeing from the wreckage of a first marriage destroyed by the quiet agony of infertility when she sees her future husband, Joe, struggling with an infant and a toddler. She offers a hand, he accepts, and after a whirlwind courtship, she's moved into his home and taken over as mother to his children. She's happy not to ask too many questions. His first wife is gone. The business is his business. End of story.

Looking back, Ella reflects, "The most genuine happiness" cannot be "so blind."

Halverson has created in Ella a character who is naive and strong, believable in her grief, and realistically shattered when she does the right thing, only to have it cost her more. There is a heart-stopping, mind-altering pain that comes with losing someone suddenly and a slow return to sanity afterward. Halverson captures this perfectly as Ella struggles to keep herself, the family business and her family together.

She also offers a sharp look at relationships among women as Ella struggles to find some common ground with Paige, Joe's first wife. Both are jealous and resentful — Ella envies Paige's beauty, only to find Paige resents the seemingly greater love Joe bore her. And yet, the women are pulled together. "The Underside of Joy" covers the transforming experiences of most of our lives — marriage, parenthood and death — with maturity, understanding and grace.

— M.L. Johnson

E-books could fire up reading revolution

By Dwight Silverman
Houston Chronicle

The past year saw the mainstreaming of e-books and the beginnings of a badly needed modernization of the book publishing industry.

The book business clearly is being transformed. Electronic copies of books now outsell print editions at Amazon.com, where the price of e-readers is well under $100. Apps for reading electronic books, magazines and newspapers are on almost every smartphone, tablet and computer platform available. Millions of e-readers and tablets were sold over the most recent holiday season.

The book business is not changing fast enough, though. Most of the changes still involve readers paying a publisher for one book, written by an author. Digital formats can enable more creative and reader-friendly innovations.

Here are five things I'd like to see book publishers and retailers do that would really kick off a reading revolution.

■ Let me subscribe to my favorite authors. I'd be willing to pay an annual fee to make sure I don't miss anything from my favorite prolific writers. For example, I'm a big fan of crime fiction author Michael Connelly, who has started selling short stories in e-book format, along with his frequent novels. I'd love to subscribe to his work, so anything he writes automatically shows up in my Kindle's library.

And why not extend this to other forms of writing? An author subscription could include magazine essays or blog posts by authors as well.

■ Keep books updated for one price. Similar to subscribing to authors, I'd like to subscribe to books that are regularly updated. This would be particularly useful for non-fiction books that are technical, based on news events or tied to changing circumstances.

An example: Walter Isaacson recently said he may add more material to his authorized biography about Steve Jobs, who died just before the work was finished. I paid for that work; why should I have to pay again for an updated version? Let me pay one price and get updates as they're available electronically.

■ Buy a print copy, get an electronic copy, too. In a rare fit of innovation, Hollywood now sells DVDs and Blu-ray movies that allow you to also download a copy for viewing on a computer. Let's extend that idea to books. When I buy a print copy of, say, Stephen King's 11/22/63, also dispatch an e-book version to my Kindle library. That way I can relax in my recliner at home with the hardback but keep reading the story on my iPhone while waiting in line at the grocery store. I'm paying to read the book — in a customer-centric world, the format in which I'm reading it shouldn't matter.

■ Give more of my money to authors. Book publishers made most of the money when books were all paper, and they still do now that books are available digitally. Yes, in many cases, the cost of e-books is somewhat less than the paper versions, thanks largely to pressure from Amazon.com. But publishers are fighting this, and in some cases, the price of an e-book is about the same as the printed version. That's patently absurd, but you know what? If that's going to happen, I don't mind if the excess cash goes to the person who actually wrote the book.

Increasingly, authors are taking matters into their own hands and publishing books themselves. And Amazon has gone into the publishing business, giving authors a better deal than traditional publishers would. Hopefully, this will pressure traditional publishers into cutting more equitable deals with the folks who craft the content.

■ Indie bookstores should sell e-books. Independent bookstore owners often complain about the erosion of the retail book business at the hands of online sellers like Amazon. But the smarter ones are getting with the program and selling e-books themselves. Houston's Murder by the Book, a store that specializes in mystery and crime fiction, has partnered with Google to offer electronic versions of some of the titles you find in the store. This is smart — I want to be able to walk into any small bookstore, find a book I might want to read in that inviting atmosphere, then use my smart-phone to buy an electronic copy from the store owner.

BOOKSTORE

From 1E

and dressing rooms. The store expanded to include the space from a former beauty shop next door after it moved to its current location 21 years ago.

Miz B's is the only bookstore of its kind left in Midland, as establishments like Paperback Shack and Book Rack closed their doors when bigger chains like Barnes & Noble came to town and the owners aged.

"For the moment, we're surviving," Drummer said.

The inception of online book sales did not deter the store, as Dummer's customers could get the same books offered on websites like Amazon by visiting her store. That all changed, she said, with the introduction of e-readers like the Amazon Kindle, which allow customers to download reading material instantly upon purchase. Dummer has seen a 12 percent decrease in sales over the past two years, and about a 30 percent decrease from about eight years ago.

Both the Barnes & Noble Booksellers' Nook, which was introduced in 2009, and Amazon Kindle, introduced in 2007, posted record sales for the 2011 holiday season.

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>
> —Joyce Silverman
> community relations manager, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Midland

A company release from Amazon stated its customers purchased more than 1 million Kindle devices per week during the month of December 2011, and the gifting of Kindle books went up 175 percent between the most recent Black Friday and Christmas Day compared to those times in 2010. Nook devices posted a 70 percent increase in 2011 over the year before from sales over a nine-week holiday period ending Dec. 31, and there was a 113 percent increase in the sale of digital content. Barnes & Noble announced earlier this month it is exploring the possibility of separating the Nook digital business in an effort to help it grow and expand.

"It's been incredible watching the rapid acceptance, the popularity, the buzz and use of e-readers," said Andi Sporkin, vice president of communications of the Association of American Publishers, the national trade association of the U.S. book publishing industry. The "explosion" of e-readers has become another way for publishers to engage readers, she said, and has helped overall U.S. publishing revenues to grow. Generations both young and old have continued to be active readers in both digital and print formats, as suggested by consistent annual gains in revenue for both adult fiction and juvenile categories. The growing prevalence of e-books have broken down the boundaries of time to bring book selection directly to the readers' fingers.

Paperbacks and hardbacks still sell at Midland's Barnes & Noble Booksellers, and some of those same customers also have Nook e-readers, according to Joyce Silverman, community relations manager for the store.

"It seems a reader is a reader," she said. "They may use the Nook as a convenience, but they still like to have the smell and feel and scent of the book."

It was 31 years ago Dummer took over Miz B's after working there part time under the store's original owner, Geraldine Boynton, and not a lot has changed since.

Dummer still loves reading, and finishes about a book per day depending on the flow of customers. She spends her days behind the store's counter, flipping through pages in between helping customers find the right section or catching up on life with those who have become friends over the years.

Next to her open book sits a large, weathered Rolodex containing contact information for clients who have traded in their books over the years. Though Dummer keeps a computer on the counter, she holds the inventory of the store in her memory. And a reminder to potential customers: cash or check only.

"We're not modern," Dummer admitted matter-of-factly.

Even among an aging clientele and diminishing sales figures, Dummer said she'll stick to her current business plan and wait to see what happens to the musty old bookstore she's always considered home.

"We're just kind of doing what we've always done," she said. "It's been a fun ride."

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Apps can help with New Year's resolutions

By Dale Roe
Cox Newspapers

AUSTIN — Never mind auld acquaintances being forgot — it's right about this time that the holiday hangover finally clears and we stumble to implement (and remember) our resolutions for the new year.

The following mobile applications might help you with your resolution of choice (unless, of course, you've resolved to use your smartphone less).

Get fit

Runkeeper. The RunKeeper mobile app helps you track fitness activities including running and cycling. Features include GPS and manual activity tracking, audio cues for interval training and workout sharing via Facebook and Twitter (including neat maps of your workout routes). In addition, your data syncs to your free account at Runkeeper.com, where you can include more detailed information. (Free; Android, iOS)

Lose It.

This Swiss Army knife fitness app lets you record and track both diet and exercise. A huge database of food items allows you to log stats including calories, fat, protein and carbohydrates and make sure that your intake matches your daily goal (you can manually enter information or scan barcodes to include food items the database has missed and add repeat meals with a single click).

The app's exercise functions make it easy to input different types of activities, duration and calories burned. Optional Twitter and Facebook sharing lets you brag to friends or get encouragement. Like Runkeeper, stats can be uploaded to the Web at LoseIt.com. (Free; Android, iOS)

GymPact.

Here's a new motivational idea for gym rats: In addition to rewarding you for fitness accomplishments, this app, born out of a Harvard behavioral economics class, punishes you for failure.

You set the number of days you want to hit the gym and a real-life sum you're willing to pay if you fall short. Check in at the gym with an iPhone app (the app includes more than 40,000 locations and it's easy to add your own). If you meet your goal, you get paid out of the cash pool collected from those who didn't; if you skip, you pay. (Free for iOS; coming soon to Android)

Kick the habit

Smoke Out. This app won't single-handedly cause you to quit smoking, but it can help if you need some affirmation. Besides tracking how long you've been smoke free, Smoke Out tells you how much money you've saved (and estimates how much time you've added to your life) by quitting.

Milestones and stats can be blasted out to Twitter followers for moral support. (99 cents; iOS)

Get it together

Evernote. This all-in-one productivity app lets you create and save notes, pictures and voice memos and sync them across your phone, computer and the Web so that they're always available to you. A premium subscription ($5 per month, or $45 for a full year) gives you more cloud storage space, offline access, priority support, collaborative tools and other bonuses, but there's no charge for the basic app and its functions. (Free; Android, iOS)

Stash some cash

Expenditure. Find out where all your green is going with this app. Categorically track repeating and one-time-only deposits and expenses, attach notes and photos, and find out what you spend the most on and exactly how much you've got left. There's lots of detailed information here, delivered in an attractive, easy to use interface. And it converts currency, too. ($1.99; iOS)

FAMILY MATTERS



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Wife, husband disagree on value of table manners

DEAR FAMILY: My husband and I have been fighting over this for months now so he agreed I would write you and we would do what you say. I believe it is very important children learn and practice good table manners. My parents always made sure we practiced good table manners. My husband says that's just because we were girls and our sons don't need to do that. It shows in his gaps in table manners — he mostly does OK out but at home eats with his elbows on the table and sometimes talks with his mouth full of food. Our boys think that's funny and so they do it too. I remind him he's doing it sometimes when we are out and it just makes him mad. His parents never taught their children table manners I think because they still eat on trays in front of the TV.

I don't think 9 and 7 year olds are too young to be educated and required to practice table manners. It's not a gender thing. Because he doesn't agree with me I wind up looking like the "Manners Nazi" and a major nag. Who is right? — MRS. MANNERS

DEAR MANNERS: Your husband is not going to like my opinion (and it is only an opinion). I completely agree with you it is essential children be taught at an early age about appropriate manners in general and table manners specifically. I believe it is one of a parent's responsibilities to prepare their children to function appropriately in society. One aspect of that process involves following societal accepted manner norms. Your husband and boys can say, "Who cares?" The simple answer is many other people do care and good manners serve to show respect for others. For example, one aspect of good manners is it means you most likely will get invited back to any given activity.

I would encourage you to schedule a time to discuss this again with your husband. While his family has different rules than your family has concerning table etiquette, there still should be room for discussion. Rather than using the right vs. wrong frame, you might try using the advantages vs. disadvantages frame. For example, if we make the effort to teach our boys good manners then they may go anywhere and be accepted as appropriate. While this may not seem that important right now, when they enter their teenage years and try to fit in, good manners typically will be one of the entry barriers for the desirable peer groups. It may not matter in the overall scheme of things, but it certainly does not hurt. The value of table manners most likely will increase in time for them as they move on to young adulthood and more serious relationships.

I believe in the old adage, "What we practice, we become." That is why we practice good table manners at all times (especially starting at home) so we will automatically exhibit appropriate manners when we are out. We have evolved into a culture that does not communicate — we watch TV while eating, text at the table and answer cell phones during meals — and I think that is partly because we have forgotten the value of talking and sharing as a family at the dinner table. The research is very clear about all the advantages of shared family meals. I believe a component of that value is the parents are teaching their children how to communicate in a happy, relaxed setting (as opposed to dealing with an active problem).

An old therapy adage states, "You cannot not communicate," so when we do not teach our children good manners by word and example, we are communicating to them manners have no value. I believe manners are of great value as they teach respect for the rules of a civilized society and of others — and that is only my opinion. Good luck on the discussion.

Busy retired man gets no respect from working wife

DEAR ABBY



Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I retired two years ago at age 50 after working for 30 years. My wife and I are financially secure and I'm enjoying every day of my retirement. However, my wife — who is younger — won't be eligible to retire from her job for another five years. She is becoming more and more abrasive toward me. I suspect it's because she's jealous of my retirement status.

She constantly accuses me of being lazy. Abby, I don't sit around all day. In addition to doing the yard work, house upkeep and repair and maintaining our cars, I do all the grocery shopping, help with the laundry, dishes, general cleanup and take care of our pets. Despite all this, my wife still bemoans my sleeping late in the morning (9 a.m.) and not going to a regular job like she does.

I'm still young enough to get another job. Should I go back to work until she retires? — SHOULD BE HAPPY IN TAMPA

DEAR SHOULD BE HAPPY: That's not a bad idea, but don't start looking until your wife has told you plainly why she has become "abrasive."

Wouldn't it be interesting if all she wanted was for you to have a cup of coffee with her in the morning? It would be a shame if you went back to work only to realize something else was causing her change in attitude. You deserve to know what's going on because you do not appear to be lazy — quite the contrary.

DEAR ABBY: I'm an adult woman, working full time for my parents as their store manager. I do a lot of office work for my dad, who hates computer work. He has an eBay business on the side, which I manage for him.

My problem is, eBay shows me what Dad has shopped for every time I log on. Some of the items are of a personal, intimate nature, and I'm not comfortable knowing about them. I'm glad my parents have a healthy marriage, but it's WAY too much information for me. As a family, we don't communicate well, so I don't know how to handle this. My husband had no suggestions, so I turn to you. — REALLY DON'T WANT TO KNOW

DEAR REALLY DON'T: Try this: Send your father an email telling him you feel some of the items he is buying online are not things a daughter should be seeing. Include as an attachment your letter to me. That should do the trick.

DEAR ABBY: My grandmother recently bought me a plane ticket to go visit her. In the airport on the way back home, the flight was overbooked and I agreed to be bumped to another flight in exchange for a free ticket to be used or given to someone else within a year.

My mother says the free ticket belongs to my grandmother because she paid for it. I say I should use it for myself because it is compensation for the lost time and trouble of switching flights. What do you think? — MINNESOTA TRAVELER

DEAR TRAVELER: Your mother has a point. Offer the ticket to your grandmother. If you're lucky, she'll tell you to keep and enjoy it. If she doesn't, at least you'll know you did the right thing. (When you give in the true spirit of giving, it will come back to you — or so it implies in Ecclesiastes.)

DEAR ABBY: I sneeze a lot at work. I don't know if it's the dust or what. When I do, someone always says "bless you" afterward. I don't care to be blessed, but I think people would be insulted if I told them it isn't necessary. Should I tell them not to? — ALREADY BLESSED IN IOWA

DEAR ALREADY BLESSED: If you prefer that nobody say "bless you," you should say so. But do it BEFORE your next sneezing attack so your co-workers will be forewarned. I'm sure they'll abide by your wishes — unless they just say it out of habit. And then it's a knee-jerk reaction, not a blessing.

Everyone should do their part to keep Midland clean

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Alex Rose is a volunteer for AARP Community Service.

We all know about Keep Midland Beautiful and their effort to clean up our city. We do appreciate their efforts, but that does not seem to be enough. We must do more.

I am constantly appalled by the trash I see coming and going to the mall, to the stores and along Loop 250. I have some thoughts that might help and I am sure you have some ideas also. First, wouldn't it be great if grocery stores and restaurants would eliminate all plastic bags? This may not be possible, but some trend toward this goal would be helpful.

Secondly, each family in Midland should take a clean sweep around their own abode by picking up the trash in the front and back, in the alley and the streets around where they live. Get the family involved on a weekly or daily basis. Let this become a part of the routine of the family.

Thirdly, involve every school in Midland — elementary and secondary — and appoint committees to sweep the campus for trash on a daily or weekly basis. This can be a training in reaching out to the community and doing a service for others. Third-graders and up can participate in this activity.

All churches also can enlist members to clean sweep the church grounds, taking turns, and getting the job done. Becoming aware of the surroundings and taking pride in keeping things clean helps the church as well as the community.

Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops earn badges and they can do their part. Those of you who own a vacant lot could hire a troop to clean up your lot and give them a donation for doing this outreach service. Both you and the troop end up being a winner.

Homeowners who live in a subdivision where there is a homeowners association could appoint a rotated committee to meet on a Saturday morning once or twice a month and clean the area. This would be a great way for neighbors to meet neighbors and take pride in the area in which they live.

Every business in town could offer some incentive to their employees for helping to keep the streets and alleys near their building free of trash. The reward does not have to be large, but recognition is important.

Through Keep Midland Beautiful many businesses have adopted areas where they pick up the trash. Perhaps this effort needs to be renewed. Sometimes we start off with a bang and then slow down as the year goes on and perhaps don't do the job we said we would do. Take a look at your area and see what could be done to improve your efforts.

Those who like to walk our streets or in our parks might take a bag with them and pick up the trash along the way. The bending over is great exercise and again both you and the surroundings benefit.

We need to do better than what we did in 2011. We have well-educated people in our community and I know I am not alone in wanting Midland to be the cleanest city in Texas. How about doing your part in making this come true?





WEDDINGS



Davidson-Yenzer

Meghan Danae Davidson and Joseph Clay Yenzer were united in marriage Sunday, July 3, 2011 at six o'clock in the evening, at the Yacht Club Ballroom in Horseshoe Bay, Texas. The double ring ceremony was performed by Dr. John D. Gerlach, Senior Pastor of Crestview Baptist Church in Midland, Texas. Music for the occasion was provided by Quartetto Lirico string ensemble of Austin, Texas and pianist Mrs. Barbara Bend of Marble Falls, Texas. Vocals were provided by Meredith Dianne Hill, cousin of the bride, and Craig Elliott, friend of the couple, who sang "Never Alone". Following the ceremony, guests were entertained at a reception hosted by the bride's parents at the Horseshoe Bay Resort Marriott Ballroom with dinner, dancing and entertainment provided by Sauce the Band of Austin, Texas.

A bridal breakfast, given by Mrs. Rachel Etheredge, Mrs. Sue Courts, Mrs. Morgan Clardy, Mrs. Kelly Blackburn, and Mrs. Victoria Courts, was held on Saturday morning in the Cypress Room at the Horseshoe Bay Resort Marriott. On the eve on the wedding, a rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at Spicewood Vineyards with dinner catered by Sullivan Street Caterers.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dan Davidson of Midland, Texas. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. Eugene Kirksey, the late Ms. Jo Mahler Davidson and the late Mr. W.R. "Bud" Davidson, all of San Angelo.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Craig Yenzer of Midland, Texas. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Yenzer of Crescent, Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gaddis of Amarillo.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, Meghan wore a romantic gown of ivory satin. The crumb catcher neckline and fit to flare silhouette was accented with knife pleats. The back bodice has buttons down the zipper while the chapel length train flowed with alternating pleats and pick-ups and fingertip length veil which complete the look of this beautiful creation. The gown is designed by Pronovias of Barcelona Spain for LuLu's Bridal Boutique of Dallas, Texas. She carried a bouquet of cymbidium orchids, mini calla lilies, roses, dahlias, mini hydrangeas, monkey tail and hypericum berries. The bride wore the traditional something old (grandmother's ring), something new (pearl necklace given by her parents, pearl earrings given by her Aunt Kristi Kirksey), something borrowed (Bible from her great-grandmother and carried by her mother and sister on their wedding days, and handkerchief from groom's grandmother), and something blue (garter).

Serving as matron of honor was Myndi Davidson Easter of Austin, Texas, sister of the bride. The bride's other attendants were Amy Claire Hughes of Irving, Texas; Leslie Catherine Powell and Jenna Elizabeth Hutt, both of McKinney, Texas; Meredith Dianne Hill of Lubbock, Texas, cousin of the bride; Brooke LaDawn Baker of Los Angeles, California; Kara Elizabeth Stringer of San Antonio, Texas; and Heather Handley Ede of Austin, Texas.

Serving in the house party were Kendall Love Owens of Houston, Texas; Blair Irving Carpenter of Midland, Texas; Malloree Delayne Hill of Greeley, Colorado, cousin of the bride; and Amy Dufford Yenzer of Midland, Texas, sister-in-law of the groom.

Phillip Tyler Yenzer of Midland, Texas, brother of the groom, served as the best man. Other attendants included Gregory Jared Hughes of Irving, Texas; Thomas Craig Elliott of Lubbock, Texas; Tyler Michael Timmons, John Wesley Wilson, Kevin Douglas Newton, the late 2nd Lieutenant Patrick Trevor Wayland, and Andrew Raymond Webb, all of Midland, Texas.

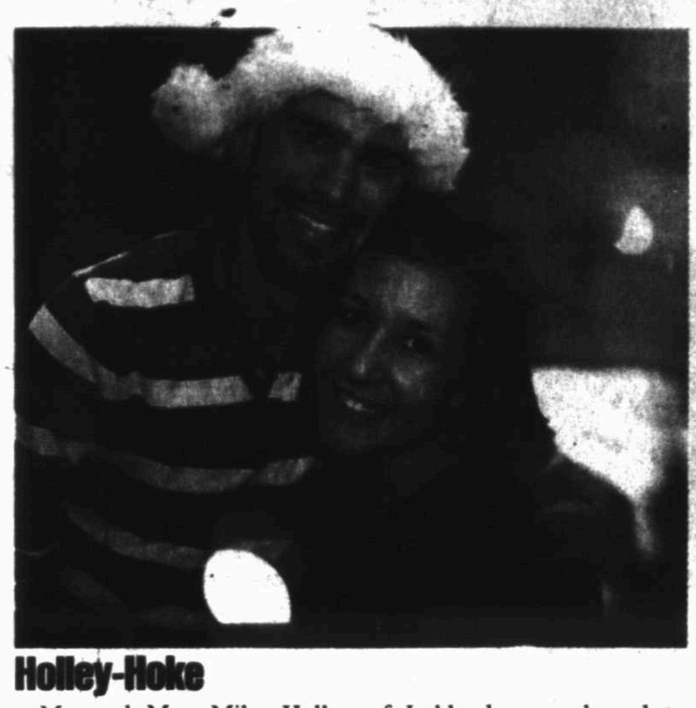
Ushers were Michael Josiah Zant of Lubbock, Texas; Justin Grant Heinrich of Houston, Texas; Russell Alan Brown of Virginia Beach, Virginia; and cousins of the groom, Wade Alexander Goode of Midland, Texas and Jared Mitchel Gaddis of Amarillo, Texas.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. She received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing and a minor in Spanish from Texas Tech University in 2009, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She is currently employed with Kinder Morgan Production Company and is a member of the Junior League of Midland.

The groom is a 2005 graduate of Midland High School. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics from Texas Tech University in 2009, where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Order fraternity. Clay is employed with Midland ISD as an algebra teacher and football/basketball coach at Midland Freshman High School and is a member of the Texas High School Coaches Association.

Following a honeymoon in the Bahamas, the couple resides in Midland, Texas.

ENGAGEMENTS

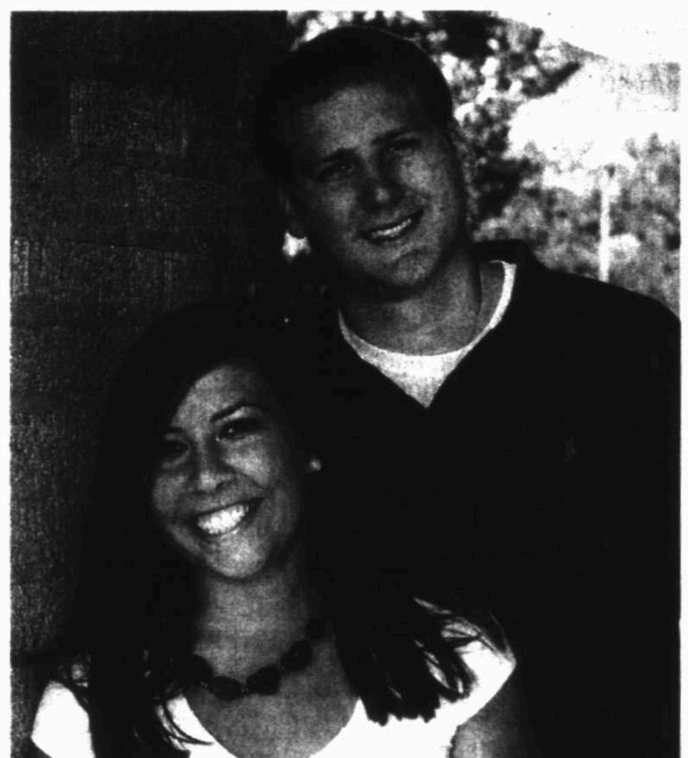


Holley-Hoke

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Holley of Lubbock, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Diann Holley to Mr. Micah Benjamin Hoke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hoke of Midland.

Both Micah and Cynthia are currently employed with the Indiana Avenue Baptist Church college ministry in Lubbock.

The wedding will be held on May 12, 2012, in Lubbock, Texas.



Reker - Edwards

Kelli Reker of Midland is pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of Emily Suzann, daughter of her and the late Kevin Reker to Andrew Kelton Edwards, son of Kelly and Kristi Edwards of Midland.

Emily's maternal grandmother is Ann Ferguson of Possum Kingdom Lake and paternal grandparents are Richard and Susie Reker of Midland. A 2007 graduate of Lee High School, Emily earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Texas Tech University in 2010 and is currently a Spanish teacher at Goddard Junior High School.

Kelton's grandparents are T.H. and Vernell Russom and Geraldine Edwards, all of Midland. A 2006 graduate of Lee High School, Kelton earned a BBA in Finance from Texas Tech University in 2010 and is currently employed as a Credit Analyst at First Capital Bank of Midland.

The couple plans a wedding on February 18th at St. Ann's Catholic Church of Midland and a Jamaican honeymoon.



Sanchez-Timmons

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sanchez are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Christen Nicole Sanchez to Tyler Michael Timmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Timmons of Midland. The couple met at Texas Tech University in 2009 and were engaged November 3, 2011.

Christen graduated from Texas Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree and a minor in Spanish, where she was a member of the Chi Omega sorority. Her fiancé graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Petroleum Engineering from Texas Tech, where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Order. Christen is a Special Education teacher at Midland Freshman High School and Tyler is currently employed with Crown Quest Petroleum. A June wedding is being planned.

ANNIVERSARIES



Horne 35th Anniversary

Bill and Debbie Horne just celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary with an amazing three-week Island Trip. Every year gets better and we look forward to 50+ years together. We are so blessed!

Dominguez 50th Anniversary



Mo and Adel Dominguez celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, on January 7, 2012. They met at the swimming pool in Fort Stockton, Texas, and married 7 weeks later at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Fort Stockton, TX, on January 7, 1962.

Mo and Adel have two children, seven grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter, daughter, Deneen Lara, of Midland, TX, and her four boys, Andrew Deven, Mario Doneven, Christian Dylen, and Joseph Deen, all of Midland; son, Dondi and his wife, Kimberly Dominguez of Midland; grandchildren, Andrew Dominguez of Midland; Elisabeth and her husband, Lance Cross of Corpus Christi, TX; Melissa and her husband, Bryant Royer of Las Vegas, NV; and great-granddaughter, Madisson Royer.

May Mo and Adel have many more happy years together.

Engagement, wedding, anniversary or quincenera announcements may be submitted to weddings@mrt.com For more information, call 682-6222.

Crafting books to keep you up at night creating

By Jennifer Forker
Associated Press

If your creative side requires an occasional boost — and whose doesn't? — turn to a book. It's a tactile thing: The heft in our hands feels good. Books, websites, blogs: They all provide inspiration for no-holds-barred creativity.

Here's a baker's dozen of recent sewing, knitting and crafting books that might help unleash the power of your creativity in the new year.

Sewing

Today's authors lift sewing out of its old-fashioned and practical past, transforming it into a hip creative outlet. Projects are clever; fabrics are trendy. Yet some of the basics remain:

In "Sewing in a Straight Line" (Potter Craft), author Brett Bara shows the new sewer how to make basic skirts, tops and home furnishings with boutique flair. Bara is emphatic that anyone can sew.

More couture: "The BurdaStyle Sewing Handbook" (Potter Craft) by Nora Abousteit with Alison Kelly sits at the other end of the sewing spectrum, providing inspiration for clothing designers and experienced sewers. BurdaStyle is a website for the fashion-oriented — both sewers and enthusiasts.

The book provides patterns for five projects — a coat, skirt, blouse, dress and purse — and images and instructions for how to make each in three different ways. It includes some elementary instructions for newcomers, such as how to use a pattern, and offers brief bios of its contributing, young-adult designers.

Two books filled with home-design projects: "Sew Up a Home Makeover," by Lexie Barnes, boasts its projects are so simple, no patterns are needed, while "Fabric-by-Fabric One-Yard Wonders," by Rebecca Yaker and Patricia Hoskins, comes bulging with them. Both books are published by Storey Publishing.

Knitting

Some books are incredibly enticing for the hobbyists at whom they're aimed but also for the rest of us. "The Fleece & Fiber Sourcebook" (Storey Publishing), by Deborah Robson and Carol Ekarius, clearly serves the serious fiber artist with loads of information about 200 fiber-producing animals, from the usual suspects (sheep and alpaca) to the extraordinary (vicuna and musk oxen), and even dog, horse and rabbit.

It's a heavy 4-pounder, ideal for coffee tables as well as workrooms.

"You won't find patterns in this book," the authors say in their preface, "but we hope you will learn a great deal about the wool and hair fibers that have clothed and served us for generation upon generation."

Because some knitters cannot get enough sock patterns, new all-about-socks books fill store shelves each year. "The Knitter's Book of Socks" (Potter Craft), by Clara Parkes, is a beauty, and promises to teach knitters how to create socks that endure years of punishing wear.

Crafting

"Microcrafts" (Quirk Books), by Margaret McGuire and friends, introduces the reader to tiny treasures, from books and charms to palm-size "monster babies" and tiny terrariums. It's for fun and giggles.

"Jewelry Upcycled!" (Potter Craft), by Sherri Haab and her daughter, Michelle Haab, turns ordinary objects made from metal, plastic, paper and glass into wearable art. The idea is to use what you already have on hand.

"Trash-to-Treasure Papermaking" (Storey Publishing), by Arnold E. Grummer, is a comprehensive look at papermaking, with lots of helpful photographs. The techniques range from easy to advanced.

Remember cute kid quotes with DIY subway art

By Holly Ramer
Associated Press

I admit it: I'm one of those annoying people who posts cute things my kid says on Facebook. It's the closest thing I have to a scrapbook these days, and I know I'm not alone.

But, those posts that might have you rolling your eyes can be transformed into thoughtful gifts for your friends and family. Keep an eye out for amusing things other people post about their children, copy them down and turn them into trendy "subway art" — graphic prints or canvases that would be perfect for a playroom or child's bedroom.

Subway art has been popular among DIY enthusiasts, with many drawing inspiration from copies of vintage signs featuring New York subway stops that were sold by Pottery Barn and other retailers a few years ago. Those featured blocky white lettering on black backgrounds, but crafters have come up with endless variations for both color and content.

Once you have your cute quote, this project can be approached in several ways, but each variation starts with laying out the design.

Materials:

- computer, word processing software, printer
- cardstock or photo paper (for printed version)
- alphabet stickers or vinyl cut-outs created using a digital cutting machine
- spray paint
- clear protective sealer (optional)

Instructions:

1. Use word processing software or Photoshop to create a solid-colored rectangle the size of your canvas or finished print, then create a text box on top of it and add your quote. Consider adding the child's name and date, as well. Choose a simple, bold font and type in all capital letters, justifying the text so it lines up evenly along both the left and right margins. Play around with the font size and line spacing until everything fits in a pleasing arrangement.

2. For the simplest version, just print your design onto card stock or glossy photo paper and stick it in a frame.

3. For a painted canvas version, use the design you created in step 1 as a reference. Use alphabet stickers that are the same size as the font you used in your design and adhere them to a blank canvas. It may help to draw guidelines in pencil on the canvas to help with spacing. If you want your lettering to be a color other than white, paint the canvas first, then adhere the letters.

If you have a machine that can cut vinyl designs, such as the Silhouette digital cutter, you can use the machine's software to create your design, and then you can transfer the entire design to the canvas without having to place each individual letter. In either case, rub the edge of a credit card or other firm surface over the letters to make sure there are no air bubbles and that the letters are stuck well.



Jacques Brinon/AP

American chef Marc Grossman poses with cookies inside his restaurant Bob's Kitchen, October 2011 in Paris. French chefs have been opening fine restaurants stateside for eons, but up until about a decade ago, the opposite would have been almost unthinkable.

American chefs boost French fine dining

By Jenny Barchfield
Associated Press

PARIS — Paris, once regarded as the gastronomical center of the world, is looking to a cadre of young chefs from a country derided for its love of processed cheese — gasp, the United States — to help raise the bar.

French chefs have been opening fine restaurants stateside for years, but up until about a decade ago, the opposite would have been almost unthinkable. Now, bright young things from New York, Chicago and Seattle are behind some of the City of Light's most-hyped, hardest-to-get-into establishments.

Chefs such as Spring's Daniel Rose, or Braden Perkins and Laura Adrian, the pair behind the Hidden Kitchen and the new Verjus, are bringing a fresh energy to Paris' somewhat rigid fine dining scene and infusing it with American eclecticism.

"Food in France has taken a lot of hits over the years ... and they were pretty slow to acknowledge that it was going downhill," said pastry chef-turned-writer David Lebovitz, one of a handful of American food bloggers who cover the Paris food scene.

"I think we're now on the cusp of a real renaissance here" — thanks in part, he said, to this nouvelle crop of American-born or trained restaurateurs.

It used to be that French-American culinary exchanges followed the model established by Julia Child in the era when: Americans came to France to study and then went home to impart their wisdom, or simply to cook. Child attended Paris' renowned Cordon Bleu culinary school in the 1940s, then returned to the U.S. to educate her compatriots on the art of French cuisine.

The new generation of American chefs here has dispensed with the going home part.

Rose, the 30-something behind Spring — Paris' hardest-to-come-by table, according to Le Figaro newspaper — moved here as a 19-year-old college student primarily, he says, out of laziness.

"I wanted to finish university in a place where I thought it would be really easy. And I thought, 'the American University of Paris — English is my first language, it's not everyone else's, I probably have a pretty good chance,'" said Rose. He said he went to cooking school for largely the same reason.

After a series of apprenticeships with top French chefs, he opened the first incarnation of Spring, a 16-seat restaurant where the centerpiece was an open kitchen where Rose held court as he prepared the food — single-handedly at first.

"Everybody in the world loves a French restaurant and my project was to try to discover what was essential about a French restaurant.... And by paring it down to the essence, I was feeding (my clients) French food that they hadn't seen in a long time," said Rose in an interview in Spring's new 28-seat location, near the Louvre Museum. "It was a novelty. I was the American who opened the restaurant that all the French people wanted to open."

Rose has the reputation of being the French-est of Paris' American chefs, and the menu at Spring is unapologetically Gallic: There's no Franco-American fusion, none of the catering to special dietary needs that's become almost de rigueur in the U.S. — just a constantly changing medley of French classics made from top-notch, in-season products.

Taking the opposite tack is Marc Grossman, a New York filmmaker-turned-restaurateur who has set about Americanizing the way the French eat. In the land of the cote de boeuf, foie gras and escargot, Grossman founded two vegetarian eateries, Bob's Juice Bar and Bob's Kitchen.

"I think people are always looking for something different and in carnivorous Paris I guess you could say we're exotic," said Grossman, whose ever-changing menu of smoothies, meat-free burgers, and grain-packed muffins were the stuff of a minor culinary revolution when he first opened, in 2006. "From the beginning, the response has been enthusiastic, and our customers have been unusually regular."

Seattle natives Perkins and Adrian represent the middle path between Rose's unyielding Frenchness and Grossman's healthy California-style offerings.

At their new postage stamp-sized wine bar and just-opened upstairs restaurant, Verjus, the pair serves up amuse-bouches that chart an ideal course between French sophistication and American heartiness. The wine bar menu includes buttermilk fried chicken, roasted clams and s'mores made with high-end French chocolate.

Perkins and Adrian shot to culinary fame here in 2007, when they opened the Hidden Kitchen, the now-closed supper club the pair held twice a week in their central Paris pad. Though underground restaurants are not unheard-of elsewhere, the Hidden Kitchen was a novelty here, and even the French press lavished them with praise: Le Figaro's review called it "quite chic and clearly successful — it's fully booked for months."

The Anglo-Saxon influence is often palpable at top restaurants here, even when the chefs themselves are not Americans. Gregory Marchand, the Frenchman behind the aptly named Frenchie restaurant, cut his teeth in New York and London, where he worked for telegenic chef Jamie Oliver, before returning to France. Known for its market cooking, Frenchie competes with Spring for the top spot among Paris' contemporary tables.

Iowa-born, Paris-based food blogger Meg Zimbeck said she sees French chefs' newfound appreciation for America as part of a generational shift.

"There's a fear among the older generation that they're not getting as much credit as they are due," said Zimbeck, the founding editor of Paris by Mouth, a restaurant review website.

"The younger French chefs, they couldn't care less about that. They're traveling, they're bringing back new ingredients. They have shorter attention spans and they're not afraid of change," even if that change hails from the country long mocked as the birthplace of Velveeta and other processed cheese products.

Still, writer Lebovitz warns that Paris remains a challenging destination for young American cooks with big dreams.

"Paris has this huge mystique, it's like a magnet," said Lebovitz, "but a lot of times people come here with starry eyes and have absolutely no idea of what they're in for."

Lebovitz, a pastry chef by training who spent 12 years at Alice Water's iconic Berkeley, Calif., eatery Chez Panisse and moved to Paris seven years ago, says reality can be jarring. He described a recent surreal but pedestrian quest for plain white sugar: After searches in several local grocery stores turned up nothing, he resorted to crushing sugar cubes to finish his dessert recipe. "It's inexplicable, but these kind of things happen all the time in Paris," Lebovitz added with a resigned smile.

Chinese New Year: Long beans for long life

By Alison Ladman
Associated Press

Eating long beans to symbolize a long life is a hallmark of Chinese New Year.

These beans can be found in well-stocked grocers and most Asian markets. They often go by other names, including asparagus beans, yard-long beans and snake beans. But whatever you call them, they basically look like really long green beans.

Since this new year is the year of the dragon, more specifically the water dragon, we decided to serve our longevity dish with the dragon of the sea — lobster. If lobster isn't available (or in the budget), shrimp is another good choice. Buy the smallest, sweetest shrimp you can find.

Dragon Beans

Start to finish: 20 minutes
Servings: 8

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1/4 teaspoon Sichuan peppercorns, crushed
1/2 teaspoon Chinese five-spice powder
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 1/2 pounds Chinese long beans
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup oyster sauce
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil
Splash of Sriracha sauce
7 ounces cooked lobster meat, chopped
1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds

In a wok or large, deep skillet over medium-high, heat the vegetable oil. Add the peppercorns, five-spice powder and garlic. Heat, stirring constantly, for 30 seconds.

Add the beans and toss to coat. Add the water, oyster sauce, and soy sauce and cover. Allow the beans to steam for 5 minutes, or until just tender. Add the sesame oil, Sriracha, lobster meat and sesame seeds. Toss together and cook until just heated through. Serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 430 calories; 45 calories from fat (13 percent of total calories); 5 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 20 mg cholesterol; 55 g carbohydrate; 26 g protein; 10 g fiber; 530 mg sodium.

Winter demands comfort of mac and cheese

By Alison Ladman
Associated Press

In this grown up version of macaroni and cheese we take a trip to Italy. Sort of.

Inspired by the Italian sub popular in the Northeast, we sauteed up salami, garlic peppers, sun-dried tomatoes and onion. Our cheese sauce is creamy and sharp with a mixture of fontina and picante provolone. If you can't find picante provolone, just use the sharpest provolone you can find.

And while we used orecchiette pasta, any shape will do. If you prefer your macaroni and cheese baked, spoon the finished recipe into a casserole dish and top with Parmesan cheese before placing under the broiler for a minute or two. Garlic peppers are a sort of pickled red pepper. If you can't find them, substitute roasted red peppers and add a minced clove of garlic and a tablespoon of red wine vinegar.

Italian Macaroni and Cheese

Start to finish: 40 minutes
Servings: 8

1 pound orecchiette pasta
5 ounces dry salami, diced (about 1 cup)
1/2 cup chopped oil packed sun-dried tomatoes
1/2 cup garlic peppers, diced
1 medium yellow onion, diced
2 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 1/2 cups milk
1 cup shredded fontina cheese
1 cup shredded picante provolone cheese
1/2 cup shredded fresh basil
Salt and black pepper, to taste

Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook according to package directions. Drain and set aside.

Meanwhile, in a large saucepan over medium-high, saute the salami until crisped and browned, about 5 minutes. Add the sun-dried tomatoes, garlic peppers and onion. Continue to cook until the onion is very tender, about 5 to 6 minutes. Add the butter and stir until melted. Add the flour and stir to coat well.

While stirring continuously, pour in the milk. Bring the mixture to a boil, continuing to stir. Cook for 5 minutes. Turn off the heat and stir in the fontina and provolone, one at a time, to ensure even melting. Stir in the basil and the cooked pasta. Season with salt and black pepper.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 480 calories; 170 calories from fat (36 percent of total calories); 19 g fat (10 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 55 mg cholesterol; 53 g carbohydrate; 23 g protein; 3 g fiber; 820 mg sodium.

Ghee: What it is and how to use it

Editor's note: Off the Beaten Aisle is a weekly column by AP Food Editor J.M. Hirsch that also appears at FoodNetwork.com. It explores lesser known but widely available ingredients.

By J.M. Hirsch
AP Food Editor

Why not just use butter?

Fair question, especially since ghee is going to be more trouble to find (it's hidden in your grocer's international or natural foods aisles) and you'll pay way more for it ($5 or more for a 7 1/2-ounce jar).

Despite that, it's an easy answer — because ghee is a rich indulgence that is so totally worth the effort and expense.

Ghee is a form of clarified butter. Which means it is butter that was heated until the milk solids separated from the liquid. Then it was heated some more, until the liquid evaporated and the solids began to brown.

The result is a thick yellow-brown paste with a nutty and intensely — Are you ready? — buttery flavor. But it's true. This is butter on steroids.

And yes, it's easy to make your own. And no, most of us won't.

Ghee originated in India, where the heat spoils conventional butter. Clarifying it prolongs its unrefrigerated life from a couple weeks to many months.

When to use it? Given the price, not every day. But this is the stuff to reach for when you want to be seriously slapped around by buttery goodness.

As in making the very best popcorn. Ever. Here's why: Not only is the flavor of ghee richer than standard butter, it also has no water. Butter is 15 percent water; that water makes popcorn soggy. Use ghee and you get rich flavor, not wet kernels.

For more ideas for using ghee, check out the Off the Beaten Aisle column over on Food Network: http://bit.ly/Ide6Le

Ravioli With Fried Sage, Asparagus and Walnuts



The asparagus and walnuts pair perfectly with the sage and ghee in this recipe, but don't hesitate to mix it up. Almonds and cauliflower florets would be great, as would lightly chopped pistachios and baby bella mushrooms. The pinch of red pepper flakes doesn't add much heat; it just helps heighten the other flavors. But if you like your dinner with punch, up your pinch.

Start to finish: 20 minutes
Servings: 4

10-ounce package fresh cheese ravioli
3 tablespoons ghee
Pinch red pepper flakes
5 large fresh sage leaves (left whole)
1 bunch asparagus, bottoms trimmed, cut into 2-inch lengths
1/3 cup toasted walnuts, lightly chopped
Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil. Add the ravioli and cook according to package directions, then drain and set aside.

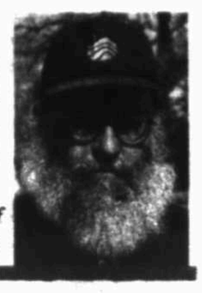
Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium-high heat, melt the ghee. Add the red pepper flakes and sage leaves, then fry until the sage is crisp.

Remove the sage from the pan and set aside. Return the pan to the heat and add the asparagus. Saute until just tender, 4 to 5 minutes.

Add the walnuts, toss well, then add the drained ravioli and toss again. Crumble the fried sage leaves into the dish, then season with salt and pepper.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 414 calories; 212 calories from fat (51 percent of total calories); 24 g fat (11 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 71 mg cholesterol; 37 g carbohydrate; 13 g protein; 5 g fiber; 431 mg sodium.

BURR WILLIAMS



Burr Williams is executive director of Sibley Nature Center.

Master Naturalist program begins in February

Do you like to take photographs? Do you like to go hiking in parks, along ranch roads or even in wild country far from a town? The Llano Estacado Master Naturalists might just be the thing for you. This year the program will be a little different; instead of going on eight field trips to the eight major habitats of the Llano Estacado and surrounding area, we will investigate just three locations. Before each trip we will review what the group already has photographed, examine google maps and satellite images of the location and select specific locations to thoroughly examine. We also will create a Facebook page for the class and before each trip post photos from the upcoming trip location as little lessons. We also will meet after each trip and review what was discovered.

Our first meeting for the 2012 class will be Feb. 25. The morning will be orientation for the new members, and in the afternoon, members of previous classes will join us for review of the organisms we might find on our first trip. We will be investigating header canyons in the Stockton Plateau on March 31. If you would like to see some of what we already found, go to www.sibleynaturecenter.org, click on habitats on the home page, select breaks and canyons on the index. On that page, scroll down to the photoessays in the "Seasons of the Stockton Plateau" collection.

Later in the year we plan on visiting the Mescalero Dunes west of Tatum, N.M., along the far western escarpment of the Llano Estacado. We also may join a Biobliz event at the ranch near Matador owned by Dr. David Hillis of University of Texas, but the planning is in an early stage. During the summer, guest speakers will give presentations.

Cost of the 11-month course is $75, which covers the state curriculum and a year's membership to the Sibley Nature Center. To be state certified, you must attend 40 hours of training and eight hours of advanced training. You also must complete 40 hours of volunteer service, but we allow folks who have not completed that much time to be associate members and join us when they can.

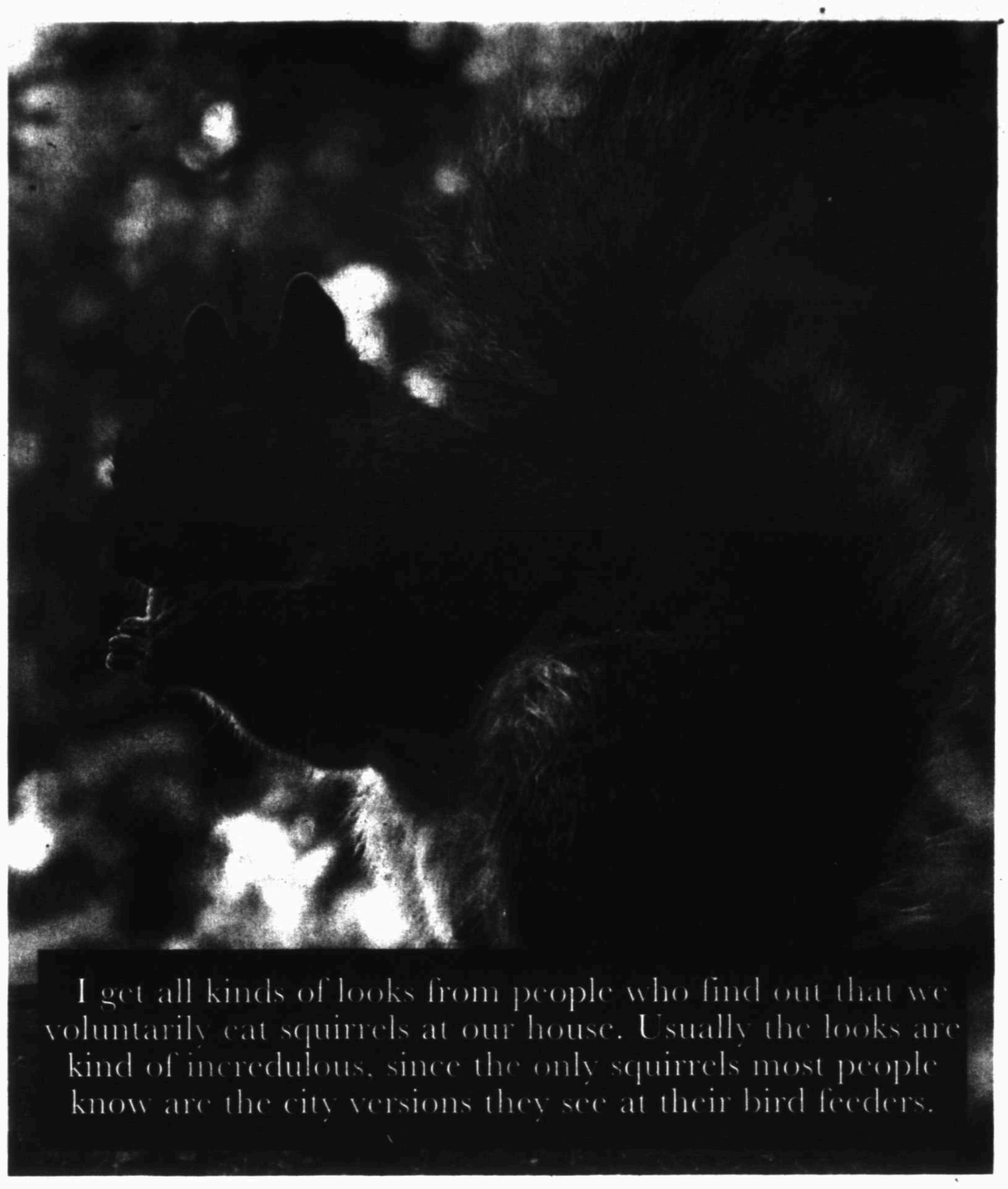
The Sibley Nature Center, thanks to the Llano Estacado chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists, has amassed a photo collection of more than 50,000 images. Volunteers and staff presently are collating these photos to be loaded on to large touch screen monitors in the Llano Estacado room, as well as creating information pages describing local observations of each organism's behavior and natural history.

With modern technology, there is no reason we should not be able to maintain a database of our local flora and fauna. We hope to inspire landowners and residents of the smaller towns of the region also to actively go out and photograph their surroundings in detail. The Sibley Nature Center already receives thousands of requests for information each year (via drop-in visitors, email, facebook page and phone calls), and often receives referrals from other agencies in the region (NRCS, TPWD, Texas AG extension, and so on). The photo collection is an invaluable tool for us as we provide this service. Eventually we hope to put out the information as smartphone apps that can be accessed in the field.

We feel the project is important, and is one that can grow in the future. We won't ever know all there is known about the area. We will discover things new to science (as we already have with new behaviors of arthropods, range extensions of plants and birds and introductions of possible new aggressively invasive species.) As a class member, you will get to visit private property that few get to see, and meet some fine West Texans and Eastern New Mexicans!

If you are a photographer, you will meet folks who shoot 3D, infrared, underwater, microscopic and supermacro photographs. If you are a landowner, you will learn more about the organisms of your land. We even have college professors taking the class, as well as professional biologists. If you are a newcomer to West Texas, don't worry — nobody knows everything about our landscape and fresh eyes often see what no other eyes see. The class is great for retired folks, too. One of our most accomplished naturalists is only 18 (and he has been with us for 3 years), so young folks are welcome to join in as well, providing they have an enthusiastic interest in the out of doors and photography.

If you would like to join us, please email me at bwilliams@sibleynaturecenter.org.



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Squirrel meal with black-eyed peas is New Year's family tradition

MIKE LEGGETT

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AUSTIN — Rana and I had our annual New Year's Day meal last week: black-eyed peas, cabbage, cornbread and smothered squirrel.

Most people in the South — and though Texas isn't technically in the South, we're placing it there for these purposes — know the legends or myths or whatever we call the reasons black-eyed peas and cabbage are important on the first day of a new year.

The peas are for luck and the cabbage, because it's green, is for money. I've always been lucky, but some cash couldn't hurt so, when in Texas ...

Squirrels are my addition. They're on the menu because I like them, and they remind me of cool Indian summer days when I was a kid and my dad would take me and my brothers squirrel hunting on the first Saturday of October.

Squirrel season in East Texas always opens on Oct. 1, but we usually had to wait for Saturday morning. Sundays were for church.

I really didn't get to skip school for squirrels the way I sometimes did for deer season Nov. 15. Occasionally, I would be sick and not go to school on the first day, and could maybe wrangle a squirrel hunt in the afternoon.

Whenever we returned with squirrels, Mother would brown them in a cast-iron skillet and move them to her old pressure cooker. She'd throw in some onions and finish a roux in the skillet that would then be poured over the squirrels and onions.

Twenty minutes later we'd have smothered squirrel and gravy to go on mashed potatoes, maybe dried black-eyed peas or canned purple hulls, cornbread and some fall onions.

It was heaven and my favorite meal of the year. It's still my favorite and, thank the Lord, I've been able to convince my wife and kids it's the ultimate wild game meal. Ducks, deer, elk, quail and doves may be food for the gods, but squirrels, those are strictly for me and mine.

With six kids in the parsonage where we lived, squirrels never got a chance to be frozen and put up. They all were cooked and eaten. That meant there was almost always a year between these meals.

When there were extras, Mother would use them to make either stew (mulligan) with just onions and potatoes thrown in, or she'd do fabulous squirrel and dumplings if the squirrels were old and tough and needed more time.

Come to think of it, those dumplings made with squirrels were the only thing better than Mother's chicken and dumplings. She always made hers kind of soupy so you ate them out of a bowl, over cornbread. Sweet tea goes without saying.

I get all kinds of looks from people who find out that we voluntarily eat squirrels at our house. Usually the looks are kind of incredulous, since the only squirrels most people know are the city versions they see at their bird feeders.

There are a few people I know, or have known, who quietly build up a nice mess of squirrels inside the city limits by potting one here and there with a pellet rifle. It's usually people who grew up eating them and don't have access to squirrel woods any more. The world never misses the squirrels because they fill the vacuum quickly.

Most people, though, think only in terms of rodents. "Limb rats," they'll say. And I'll agree, but tasty limb rats with no parasites, very low cholesterol and virtually no fat. They're practically diet food.

My mother, who passed away just a few weeks ago, ate the brains when I was a kid. I've never been able to go there, but that's OK. A brace of legs is the best thing I'll eat this year.

Texture like chicken. Tastes like squirrel.

I got a chance this fall to take my twin grandchildren, Connie and Ben, squirrel hunting, and I've saved a few squirrels for them to eat, just to keep the tradition alive.

In today's world, that's about all we have left.

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Bonny Kelani, left, reacts as a car approaches while she is being walked by Cheryl Conway on a sidewalk Jan. 6, in Aurora, Colo. Conway officially adopted the Labrador retriever last August after the dog was found stranded and injured on a freeway. Bonny Kelani is still afraid of traffic, Conway said. ABOVE: Conway works with Labrador retriever, Bonny Kelani.

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Experts say swerving can be worse than hitting animal on road

By Sue Manning
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Do you brake for cats, dogs, squirrels, skunks and possums? How about horses, cows, elk, moose, or deer?

Fight the urge to swerve as you brake if you don't have time to check traffic first, said Julie Startup, a Washington State trooper and spokeswoman in the agency's Seattle and Bellevue area.

"If you are able to make a safe lane change, by all means do it," said California Highway Patrol Officer Tamara McCormack, a spokeswoman in the Los Angeles office. But swerving without looking could result in an accident.

The size of the animal matters. If it's shorter than your car's hood and you don't have time to check other lanes, go through it, Startup said. If the animal is taller than the hood, avoid it if you can, knowing it still might be better to hit the animal.

"These crashes happen so fast, often times drivers don't have the option of making a decision about what to do," said Russ Rader, spokesman for the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, "but the best thing, unfortunately, in most cases is to hit the animal and try to avoid swerving or doing something that could cause you to lose control and hit somebody else or an object or go off the road and roll over."

Most human injuries from animal collisions occur not when animals are hit but by the crash that follows. And most fatalities could be prevented by using seatbelts in cars and helmets on motorcycles, Rader said.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recorded 173 fatal crashes and 12,000 injury crashes involving animals in 2009, the latest year statistics are available, said spokesman Jose Alberto Ucles.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety estimates there are more than 1.5 million crashes involving deer each year, resulting in more than $1 billion in vehicle damage annually.

Very few dogs, cats or other small animals are included in national studies about animal strikes because they are not reported to police or insurance companies, Rader said. But using data from several agencies, including NHTSA, the institute did a comprehensive study in 2004 that found 77 percent of reported animal crashes involved deer, 10 percent involved cattle, 6 percent horses and 6 percent dogs. "We even had one case that was a bear," he said.

If your own dog gets out of the car or house, "do anything you can to keep it from moving in the direction of traffic," said Cheryl Conway, a spokeswoman for the Aurora Animal Shelter in Colorado.

"Do not chase it," she warned. "Try calling and running in the opposite direction, like you are playing."

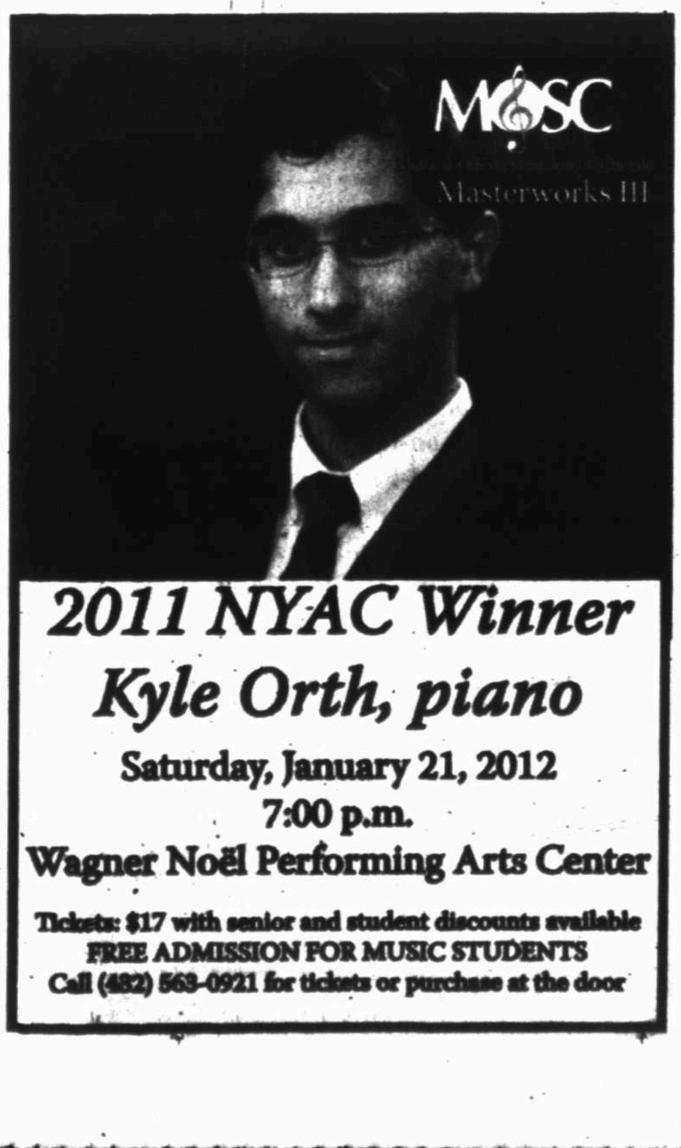
One of Conway's three Labrador retrievers is Bonny Kelani, who was 7 months old when someone threw her off a freeway overpass in Aurora.

Foster families cared for her through thousands of dollars in surgeries and weeks in rehab. Conway's family was Bonny Kelani's fourth foster stop in July. They officially adopted her in August.

Bonny Kelani is still afraid of traffic, Conway said. The first time Conway tried to take her for a walk next to a street "she panicked. Like a colt on a rope, she reared back and almost flipped over." The family has tried sitting with her on the porch and in the yard but when she gets close to the road, she still tries to get away.

Bonny Kelani owes her life to the good Samaritan who took her to the hospital, but experts recommend letting authorities handle animals hurt in crashes. "If they are injured, they will lash out and bite anything without realizing what they are doing," Conway said.

If you hit an animal and your car will make it, get off the road and call 911. And if you do try to help a dog or cat, cover it first with a blanket or towel so it can't hurt you.



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WORK HARD AND JUST DO IT!

By Rebecca Bell

Christy Garza lives by the motto that "everything is possible through dedication and hard work." She says, "The brain can learn anything you put in front of it. We just have to allow ourselves to do it."

Garza, a Kansas City, Missouri, native, has found her brain to be a sponge of information since she dropped out of high school at the age of 17 in 1980. "I needed to work, and I had no parental guidance about finishing high school," she explains. "My parents didn't graduate from high school, and they didn't see the importance of obtaining a high school diploma. About the only positive thing that came out of my decision to drop out was that I moved to Midland with my sister."

During the Midland oil boom of the early '80s, life was good for Garza. She obtained a job at Midland Oil Scouts typing oil reports. However, by the mid 1980s, the oil boom became a "bust," and Garza was one of many who found themselves unemployed from what they thought would be lucrative careers in the petroleum industry.

Even though things were tough financially for Garza during the late 1980s, she did manage to meet and fall in love with her husband Paul, who is an optician at Optics Unique in Midland. The couple married in 1987 and soon started their family consisting of a girl and two boys—Shannon, Christopher and Bryan.

Garza states, "For a while I had several 'odd jobs.' I worked at Long John Silvers and worked at a bakery, but I realized that if I really wanted to have a career and help make ends meet for our family, I would need to go back to school. I also wanted my children to value education and knew that I needed to be a role model for them. I couldn't expect them to stay in school and get a high school diploma if I didn't have one."

So, in 1990, the wife and mother of three small children enrolled in GED classes at Midland College (MC). She excelled in her studies, and after receiving her GED diploma, she decided to begin taking classes at MC toward an Associate degree in office systems technology. Little did she know when she received her degree in 1994 that soon she would be back at MC—this time as an employee.

MC Vice President of Information Technology and Facilities Dennis Sever was one of Garza's instructors and is now her supervisor. He says, "As I recall, Christy was an excellent student. As an adult with children at home, she was serious and diligent. She sat near the front and in the center of class. She was certainly a top performer as a student and is now a top performer as an employee."

Since October of 2000, Garza has been employed in the MC information technology department coordinating and managing the college's video conferencing network. Garza recalls, "When I started working at MC, we had one conferencing server and four video conference units. Within the last eleven years, we have completely upgraded the video network infrastructure to accommodate Internet protocol and ensure better stability. We have added two additional servers and nine additional video conferencing units."



Christy Garza in her MC office

Through MC's video conferencing network, classes are transmitted to remote locations in outlying areas. Garza keeps the system running daily and sees to it that connectivity happens as scheduled.

Mr. Sever notes, "Christy's role at MC is pretty difficult. For years, she has carried the responsibility of our video conference system with minimal part-time and, only recently, some full-time help. Her job is essentially 65 hours per week of technical responsibility for ensuring that classes are transmitted from Midland to locations like Panther Creek, Coleman, Big Lake, Rankin, Iraan and Fort Stockton."

As part of the Office Systems Technology Associate Degree program, Garza took several computer science and information technology electives. She says, "I enjoyed the required courses in the office systems curriculum like word processing and business English, but information technology was the direction that most interested me. I really like working with technology. It comes to me naturally."

So, in 1994, when she graduated from MC, Garza chose to look for jobs that were technology-related. She soon was hired as a computer lab instructor at Crockett Elementary School, and it wasn't long thereafter that she became a telecommunications specialist and eventually promoted to network assistant for the Midland Independent School District.

Garza explains, "I love problem-solving. When one piece of equipment isn't communicating with another, I enjoy troubleshooting to make the two components work with each other."

Garza states that while she has an aptitude with operating technology, she also has an affinity toward interacting with people. "I'm definitely a 'people person,'" Garza says. "I think that is why I enjoy being in an educational environment. I like the interaction with staff and students. I knew from the moment I started working at Crockett Elementary School that a school setting is where I belong."

In her free time, Garza enjoys cooking, baking, bowling, walking and spending time with her three granddaughters, Ariel, Zoey and Sadie.

After she was hired at MC, Garza decided to go back to school once again and obtain a baccalaureate degree, which she did in 2006 from Lubbock Christian University (LCU). The LCU degree in organizational management, combined with Garza's dedication and work ethic, enabled her to earn a promotion to her current position as video conferencing service manager.

Garza says, "I took a non-traditional route to education and a career. I wouldn't advise that my children do the same thing I did; however, it helped mold me into the person I am today." She is extremely proud of the fact that her daughter and two sons currently are attending college. Shannon, age 29, has just 9 hours left to finish MC's health information technology program; Christopher, age 24, is attending MC and majoring in energy technology; Bryan, age 23, is a pre-med student at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Garza explains, "It was difficult being a mom and full-time student." She credits her husband Paul for helping her along the way. She says, "The brain is a remarkable organ, and we don't know what we are capable of doing until we try. Anything is possible. You just have to make up your mind to do it and then work hard to get it done!"

A little bit of West Texas in Austin

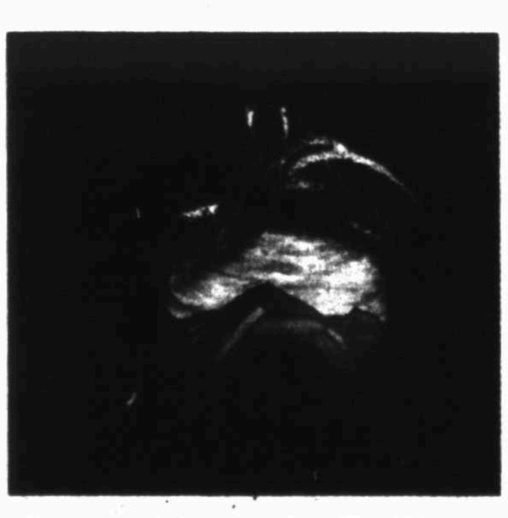
For the second year in a row Representative Tom Craddick asked Midland College art student Bonnie Johnson to paint the House District 82 ornament for the Lone Star Celebration Christmas Tree in the Texas House of Representatives Chamber at the State Capitol in Austin. Craddick asked Johnson to create the ornament in a way that showcases the unique character of the district that includes Crane, Dawson, Martin, Midland and Upton counties. The ornament, entitled "Sunsets and Cactus," illustrates the natural beauty of House District 82 and West Texas, including the colorful sunsets and cacti for which the region is known.



Bonnie Johnson

"I was delighted to do it," stated Johnson. I am honored that Representative Craddick considered calling me again to paint something representing the wonderful West Texas region."

"Bonnie did a fantastic job capturing the colors that illuminate our West Texas skyline, and I am proud that a Midland College art student's ornament will be on display for all visitors to the Texas Capitol to see," Craddick said. "With 150 House Districts throughout the state, an artistic rendition of the unique characteristics that make up each district is an excellent way to demonstrate our state and area's pride. I commend Bonnie for the time and effort she put into highlighting the best aspects of our West Texas area."



"Sunsets and Cactus" painted by MC art student Bonnie Johnson

Since 2009, members of the Texas House have had the opportunity to create a tangible symbol of the state's invincible spirit through the district ornament project. Speaker Joe Straus (San Antonio) and his wife Julie invite each House member to provide a decorated ornament for the Lone Star Celebration Christmas Tree in the Chamber of the Texas House of Representatives. The Texas-sized tree was displayed from December 2, 2011, through January 6, 2012.

Bridge

Tuesdays, January 31-March 27
1:00-3:00 p.m. or 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Cost = $45

All it takes is the ability to count to 13! The game of Bridge generates excitement through shrewd thinking and creativity. It is also a highly social experience, offering a combination of meeting new friends and competition. Previous exposure to the game is not required—just a desire to learn it. Participants will learn how to evaluate hands, bid, keep score and more. Call (432) 685-4518 to register and obtain more information.

MC Workforce Continuing Education offers accelerated courses designed to improve career skills

Real estate program begins January 23
Mondays-Thursdays, 6:00-9:45 p.m.
Educational courses required by the Texas Real Estate Commission to sit for the real estate salesperson exam.

Math Skills for the Technical Trades
reviews common on-the-job calculations
January 24-February 9
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Designed to help improve math skills by reviewing fractions, decimals, percentages, plane figures, measurements, and graphs.

Both of these courses meet at the convenient location of the Midland College Advanced Technology Center, 3200 W. Cuthbert. To register or obtain more information, call (432) 681-6326 or visit www.midland.edu/workforce

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Basin Business



FARE DISCLOSURES

NAMES *in the news*

Concho Resources Inc. has expanded the size of its Board of Directors from eight to nine directors and appointed GARY A. MERRIMAN to fill the newly-created vacancy. He will serve on the company's Compensation Committee and Reserves Committee.

Merriman began his career at Conoco Inc. in 1976 and held various engineering and supervisory positions of increasing responsibility throughout his career at Conoco, including as a production superintendent in West Texas, President of Conoco Indonesia Inc. and General Manager of Conoco's Rockies business unit. He ultimately retired in 2002 as the President of Exploration and Production, Americas, where he was responsible for Conoco's operation in the U.S. and South America. Previously he served as a director of KCS Energy from April 2005 to July 2006 and a director of Petrohawk Energy from July 2006 to August 2011.

Averitt Express, a full-service transportation and logistics provider that serves the Midland area, has been named Walmart's Regional LTL Carrier of the Year.

Cookeville, Tenn.-based Averitt was recognized by Walmart for demonstrating excellence or significant improvement in meeting core business objectives, including small parcel, less-than-truckload) LTL and intermodal. This is the second time in three years Averitt has been recognized by Walmart, receiving the Rising Star Carrier of the Year award in 2008.

Averitt is one of several regional LTL carriers that provide transportation from thousands of vendors to Walmart's distribution centers. Often, these shipments are held to strict must arrive by date standards, and Averitt has proven to be successful at meeting those requirements.

DENTON - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 6 Administrator Tony Russell officially welcomed Tony Robinson as the new FEMA Region 6 Deputy Regional Administrator.

"Deputy Regional Administrators play a very important part within the agency," said Russell. "Tony Robinson brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to this position, and will work very closely with our state and local partners to serve the people of the five Region 6 states - Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas."

Robinson has been with FEMA since 1987. He has served as the FEMA Region 6 Recovery Division Director for the past seven years, where he was responsible for the administration of recovery programs in the five regional states. He has also provided leadership and oversight during federally declared disasters such as hurricanes Andrew, Katrina, Rita, Ike and Gustav. He fills the position which was vacated by Gary Jones upon his retirement in December 2011. Jones served as FEMA Region 6 Deputy Regional Administrator for 17 years.

DOT to require more disclosure for airlines

■ Full implementation of rules still up in the air.

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Although it may mean you won't be seeing any more $39 getaway fares, new rules being implemented by the Department of Transportation will mean you'll know the true cost of any airline ticket from the moment you look up a flight.

The Department of Transportation is implementing this month disclosure rules that will require airlines to advertise prices that include all of the extra fees that typically get added in after a buyer clicks the purchase button.

On Jan. 24, airlines will have to begin including all baggage fees when a ticket is booked online. Currently airlines are required through their websites to alert customers that baggage fees exist. But, officials say, since they're not being charged online, many passengers still are surprised at the extra cost when checking in at the airport.

Starting Jan. 26, any fares advertised by airlines also will have to have taken into account the extra taxes and fees typically added in at the end of a sale. For airlines that center their marketing strategies on low-cost fares and getaway deals, it will mean the advertised price may go up by as much as 10 percent or more.

"It requires them to include all taxes and fees in advertised fares," said Bill Mosley, spokesman for the Department of Transportation.

Passengers also will be permitted, beginning Jan. 26, to change their reservation within 24 hours of booking the flight. If a passenger accidentally clicks the wrong day, then, or learns the morning after they've booked a flight that their family reunion was moved up a week, they'll have the ability to change their flight plans at no charge.

Some -- such as Southwest Airlines -- already allow for this, though most charge $100 or more for the tweaking of a ticket.

Mosley said the intent of the rules is to make the process of booking flights more transparent and to make it easier for passengers to compare prices between different airlines.

Area travel agents say while they typically quote the whole price of an airline ticket to passengers, the disclosure rules will be helpful for those purchasing flights on their own.

"When we quote airfare anyway, we quote it in total with taxes," said C.W. Porter with Amera Travel Network.

Airlines aren't as happy as consumers about the change.

Southwest, Spirit and Allegiant airlines even went to the U.S. Court of Appeals looking for a stay on the full-disclosure in advertising rule.

Some airlines argue the taxes on tickets are being imposed by the government so it's unfair for airlines to have to include them in an advertised price, especially since retailers don't have to include taxes in their advertised prices.

Others say the 24-hour change will have a negative impact on their profits.

For consumers, travel agents say, the change is a victory.

Because, though it may mean those discounted fares aren't advertised at such deep discounts anymore, it also will negate the surprise charges that often come with flying.

In Midland, the fluctuation in advertised ticket prices that already occurs hasn't done much to deter passengers.

In December of 2011, the most recent numbers available, 3.2 percent more passengers flew out of Midland International Airport than did in December of 2010, according to statistics provided by Justine Ruff, deputy director of Airports.

The number of individuals flying into Midland International also increased. There were 2.7 percent more deplanements in December of 2011 than took place in December of 2010.

Whether the change in prices advertised will make a difference in passenger totals going forward, travel agents said, remains to be seen.

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BUSINESS SCENE

Clarion now known as Grand Texan Hotel and Convention Center

Under new ownership and sporting a new name is the former Clarion Hotel at 4300 W. Wall Street.

Now known as the **GRAND TEXAN HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER**, the property, which began life as a Holiday Inn, is now under private ownership and no longer part of Choice Hotels.

The entire facility will be undergoing complete renovations, from the rooms to the restaurant and bar. Each room will be completely redone, with half the property's 250 guest rooms open while the other 125 are renovated.

When done, the Grand Texan will also have a new restaurant and bar. Even the convention center, separate from the hotel, is undergoing renovations.

The work, expected to incorporate the Texas red, white and blue theme, is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

MELLA McEWEN
Reporter-Telegram oil editor



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Just opened at 1000 N. Midkiff Suite 5B, facing Cuthbert, is **ASTONISH HAIR AND NAIL SALON**.

Owner Jodi Swanner said she has had her license for 23 years and, after having worked in the haircare industry both full-time and part-time during that time, "I wanted my own shop." Her oldest daughter, she said, came up with the salon's name.

Swanner and fellow stylists Sylvia Winn, Andrea Almodoza and Kristi Owens offer complete hair care for men, women and children - cuts, color, permanents, highlights and extensions. Nailcare - manicures and pedicures - is also available, as is facial waxing. A makeup artist is also available.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Appointments are available and walk-ins are welcome.

Appointments can be made or more information is available by calling 689-3206.

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How much credit card debt am I liable for?/**2F**

Internet deals sometimes lead to frustration/**2F**

DAVE SAYS

How much credit card debt am I liable for?



DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,

I have old credit card debt that goes back a few years. The account has been sold and re-sold to several collection companies. The limit on the card was $300, but with late charges and fees I now owe $1,500. Am I liable for the extra $1,200?

Monica

Dear Monica,

You agreed to their terms, which included the right to charge fees and penalties. Legally, they can do this. The honorable thing would be to send the company you contracted with a check for the full amount.

However, that company no longer owns the debt, and they won't get the money. They sold the debt. The present holder is just hoping to get something out of it. They buy debt in volume, dirt cheap, and whatever they can collect from any creditor is profit.

The current collection company would probably be thrilled to settle for a lot less than face value. Make them an offer, but start really low. You can probably meet them somewhere in the middle and settle this for around $500.

Do not give them any money until you have in your hand – on paper, in writing – a statement showing the amount for which they will settle, and do not give them electronic access to your bank account, either.

Once you have this in hand, send them a cashier's check or money order, and keep a copy of that payment and the letter for the rest of your natural life!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

Your plan has been a real blessing to us. Last week, my mother-in-law told my husband they haven't paid their property taxes yet. Three thousand dollars is due. I love my in-laws, but they're big spenders. They've got plenty of money and love to take lots of trips. We make good money, too, and could help them out, but we're afraid this may be just the tip of the iceberg. What's your advice on handling this?

Kelly

Dear Kelly,

This is a really touchy situation. First of all, you shouldn't do anything. Your husband needs to handle this, because he's their son. Even if you make kind, polite suggestions, they'll assume you're the one withholding from them. You don't want to be labeled as the evil daughter-in-law!

I understand your position and agree you don't want to enable their bad habits. Giving a drunk a drink is never a good idea. But this is family we're talking about. You should try to find a way to help them if you can. If that help includes money, make certain you know exactly where it goes. When you give someone $3,000 (the amount needed for the taxes) you earn the right to have a say in what's happening.

Maybe your husband could go have coffee with them and just talk about things. He could explain how you guys are getting out of debt, and living on a budget to get control of your money. He could tell them how it's been a fabulous thing for your marriage and your finances, and that he'd love to show them how you're doing it.

I've got a feeling mom and dad didn't raise their son to have dessert first and then eat his vegetables, but that's exactly what they are doing. They need to pay their property taxes before they go running off on a bunch of fancy trips.

From what you said, they've got the money to take care of what needs to be done and have some fun. But if they don't correct their course, they're liable to have their financial dignity stripped away.

—Dave

BUILDING PERMITS

Building Permits January 3-January 6

1404 E. Nobles Avenue	Residential Addition	$29,000
1006 Godfrey Street	New Residence	$175,200
5804 Oak Creek Drive	New Residence	$205,840
5803 Pedernales Drive	New Residence	$141,040
5805 Pedernales Drive	New Residence	$149,600
4714 Yearwood Drive	New Residence	$200,400
4602 Island Drive	Residence-Detached	$9,000
722 W. Kansas Avenue	Residential Alteration	$36,500
4400 W. Illinois Avenue	Sign	$4,000
1401 Rankin Highway	Residential Alteration	$1,200
4905 Leisure Drive	Residential Alteration	$7,200
2002 E. Pine Avenue	MH-Single Lot	$7,000
719 N. Lincoln Street	MH-Single Lot	$24,000
600 N. Marienfeld St	Commercial Alteration	$265,000
1404 E. Nobles Avenue	Residential Addition	$21,600
600 Dimaggio Court	New Residence	$205,440
1010 Mays Drive	New Residence	$140,880
3409 Park Lane	Residential Addition	$41,000
5716 Deauville Blvd	New Commercial	$5,000,000
2800 Caldera Blvd	Residence-Detached	$3,000
4214 Andrews Highway	Commercial Alteration	$34,000

Source: City of Midland

THE ECONOMIST

Rising Middle East tension may not seriously impact US oil imports



RAY PERRYMAN

The Perryman Group

Tensions are once again rising in the Middle East, with the latest salvo centered on Iran and the Strait of Hormuz. Efforts to stop Iranian nuclear weapons development have led to a variety of sanctions by the United Nations as well as the United States and other countries. Most recently, President Obama approved sanctions on financial institutions which deal with Iran's central bank, making it much more difficult for Iran to trade with other nations. Although the most likely outcome at this time appears to be something far less than a full-fledged war, there is certainly valid reason for concern.

Iran's economic difficulties are severe, with the Iranian rial rapidly losing-value and reaching an historic low against the dollar. In fact, there is some thought that a conflict with the United States is in the interest of the ruling regime in Iran in that it would shore up their eroding power base; by uniting the populace against a common enemy and feeding into anti-Western thinking, those in power may feel they can solidify their tenure in the wake of the Arab Spring.

Military and security experts are quick to point out that the U.S. military forces dwarf Iran's. However, the potential for minor skirmishes escalating into regional conflict cannot be ignored. Iran has a sufficient cadre of missiles, submarines and fast boats to cause significant damage. Because that damage could be centered on key oil supplies and transportation routes, the economic implications would be compounded.

The threat grabbing headlines in recent days involves Iran closing the Strait of Hormuz, a narrow body of water between Iran and Oman which links the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea. The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) calls the Strait "the world's most important oil transit chokepoint." On an average day in 2011, 14 loaded crude oil tankers carrying nearly 17 million barrels passed through the Strait, the vast majority of them bound for Asian markets including Japan, India, South Korea, and China. These totals were up over the 15.5-16 million barrel per day levels of 2009-2010. To put that figure in perspective, the EIA states that about 35 percent of all seaborne traded oil and almost 20 percent of all oil traded worldwide passed through the Strait.

Needless to say, if Iran were able to slow or stop this traffic, the price of crude oil would soar and economies around the world would suffer. Even if the Iranian threat were only strong enough to cause insurance premiums for tankers to rise, there could be price impacts. If crews refused to sail due to fear of attack, supplies could also be stopped. These are frightening thoughts, particularly given the apparent fragility of the economic recovery in most industrialized nations.

So how vulnerable are we? About a million barrels of oil coming into the United States do come through the Strait each day, but we rely far more on sources such as Canada and Mexico. While a jump in oil prices would cause harm, at least we would still have access to our most important sources of imports. In addition, Iran will suffer more than anyone if the Strait is closed, both in terms of its inability to export oil and to import other goods and services (of course, if sanctions have already effectively stopped crude sales, this situation changes). Well over half of Iran's government budget stems from crude sales, which is a huge incentive to keep the Strait open. For Texas, the fact that we are a producer of oil helps mitigate the damage, with increased activity in the energy sector offsetting some of the losse s in other areas.

There are also various options which could be pursued including pipelines now underutilized. If Iran temporarily disrupted shipments, the power and might of a number of nations, including not only the United States and other Western nations but also China (which gets about 11 percent of its oil from Iran) would be brought into play to get things moving again.

Any oil supply disruption could lead to a crude price spike, challenging already shaky economies around the globe. Even the threat that Iran might try at some point to close the Strait of Hormuz was enough to cause oil prices to jump by more than 4 percent in one day. (Interestingly, prices are back down a little as we go to press and futures prices are not much different; these patterns indicate that the folks spending more time analyzing this situation than almost anyone — the oil traders — are betting that things will resolve without a crisis.)

As the events play themselves out in the coming weeks, we can count on the market to give us a daily assessment of risk that, if anything, will likely overstate the threat of supply interruptions.

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TRISH POWELL

Better Business Bureau

Internet deals sometimes lead to frustration

I'll admit it; I get suckered in by those online deal sites. I get the daily email and check the sites before trying a new restaurant or even sometimes before going to see a movie at my favorite theater. And, every so often, I have to separate myself from the computer when I see that oh-so-amazing deal on that place I've never heard of that's only available for five more hours!

As great as some of the bargains are, Better Business Bureau recommends consumers research the deals before buying. Some have complained to BBB that they were unable to redeem their coupons due to fine-print restrictions or because the company had gone out of business. Sometimes the deals are not as great as first believed or the quality of the service leaves much to be desired.

Most of the time, however, consumers lose money by buying coupons they never redeem.

Some of the more popular online deal sites offer refunds for service not provided or other protections for consumers, but as more sites pop up seemingly overnight, you might have trouble keeping up with the terms and conditions for each coupon.

If you simply can't pass up an online bargain, BBB recommends taking the following precautions:

■ Read the fine print. Know the refund policies of the site you're buying from and read the details of each coupon before you purchase it.

■ Get to know the company. If you're buying a coupon for a company you haven't dealt with previously, do a little research. Call the company to ensure it's still in business and check the BBB Business Review online to make sure it's reputable.

■ Be ready to pass on a good deal. If you can't find any information on the company in the required time frame or you're unsure you will be able to redeem a coupon, don't buy it. There will be other deals in the future.

■ Buy what you know. Only buy coupons for places you regularly visit or places you've considered going. This increases the chances you'll actually use the coupon you've paid for.

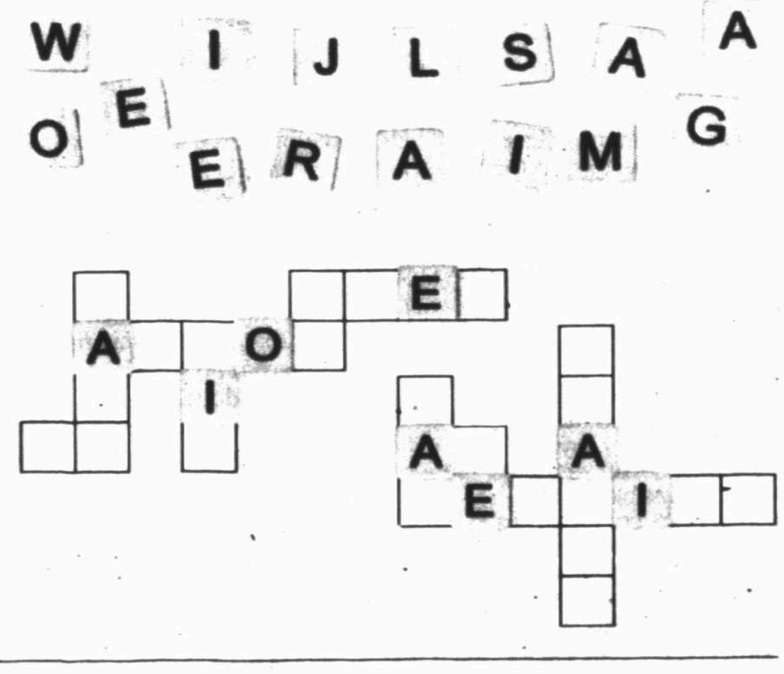
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Store credit card? No thanks, I'll go with debit

By Candice Choi and Sarah Skidmore
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A store credit card isn't the only way to get exclusive perks.

Although not widely publicized, two major retailers offer store-branded debit cards that draw directly from customers' checking accounts. The cards from Nordstrom and Target are still a rarity among retailers and haven't yet hit the radars of most shoppers.

But they also reflect the growing preference for debit cards that consumers have shown in recent years, notes Marshall Cohen, a retail industry analyst with NPD Group. And at a time when consumers are searching for ways to keep debt in check, he said store debit cards could soon find a wider audience.

"If this is successful, everyone else will follow suit," Cohen said.

Here's how store debit cards work.

Shoppers who sign up for the cards — which can only be used in the retailer's stores and online — get the same perks as on the company's in-house credit cards. At Target, customers get 5 percent off all purchases made with their debit cards. Nordstrom debit card holders earn two rewards points for every dollar spent; shoppers receive a $20 store voucher that's good for one year after they accumulate 2,000 points.

To apply, customers fill out a form and supply a voided check or routing number for a designated checking account.

But store debit cards don't tap directly into checking accounts in the same way as traditional debit cards.

Instead, the cards simply trigger the type of transactions that are used for online or recurring payments, such as mortgage or utility bills.

These transactions take longer to clear, meaning purchases aren't reflected in accounts right away; Nordstrom and Target both say transactions should appear within about two or three days.

Target declined to comment on how applications for its debit cards have been stacking up in comparison to its store credit cards. But Nordstrom spokesman Colin Johnson said there's been an uptick in demand for the company's debit card in recent months, even though the card has been available since 2005. Without providing details, he said a significant portion of new card applications are for debit cards rather than credit cards.

"Customers like having the flexibility and option to take part in the rewards program without taking on another credit card," Johnson said.

The shift underscores the growing popularity of debit cards in the marketplace. In 2009, consumers charged more to their debit cards than to their credit cards for the first time, according to Visa. The growth of debit card use reflects a movement away from cash and checks. But in an uncertain economy, consumers also see debit cards as a way to manage money and keep debt under control.

The preference for debit has since grown more pronounced; Visa says customers charged $1.137 trillion to their debit cards in the 12 months ending Sept. 30, compared with $867 billion on credit cards.

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SUNDAY MORNING — JANUARY 15, 2012

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		Truth...	House	Paid	This Week		B. Church	Paid	Paid
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	Wen Hair	Paid	Tomorr.	In Touch Ministries		Key David	Can't Sl	Paid	Wild Ltd.	Hollywd.	Live Life	On Spot
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	C'nsumer	Consumer	Cornerstone		Fox News Sunday		Odessa	FaithAve	F.Hardin	C'nsumer	C'nsumer	C'nsumer
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 (N)		Meet the Press		Edition	Garrett	First Baptist Church	
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	Vacinos	Agenda	Muchachitas		Al punto		Republica deportiva			
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Homes	Homeown.	Faith	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	Methodis	CARS.TV	The NFL Today	
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:00) To Walk Wi...		★★ Stymied Chris Potter.		★★ Father Hood.		(:35)	The Wild Thornberrys...		(:05)	Movie	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:00) ★ Invictus		(:15) ★ Yogi Bear ('10, Ani)		(:40) Making		★★ The A-team ('10, Act) Liam Neeson.		★ Arthur			
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	The Pee-Wee Herman			★★ The Eagle Channing Tatum.			★ The Enemy Line Perry.		(:45) Crimes		
HBO3	304	70	16	102		Movie	★★ Death Defying Acts		(:15) ★★★ Unstoppable				★★★ A Fish Called Wanda John Cleese.				
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	★★ Screwed Bill Murray.		(:45) ★★ Slicker Punch Emily Browning.				(:35) ★★★ Cape Fear Robert De Niro.				Movie	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		Movie	(:50) ★★★ Megamind ('10, Ani) Will Ferrell.			★★ Bad Boys II ('03, Act) Will Smith, Martin Lawrence.			★ Cyrus				
PLEX			96			(5:00) ★★ The Goonies		(:40) ★★ K-9 ('89, Com) James Belushi.				★★★ Switching Channels		(:15) ★ The Real M...			
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:15) ★ Danny Dec...		Inside the NFL		Sports		★★ Flawless ('07, Cri) Demi Moore.			★ Tabloid ('10, Doc) Kent Gedo...		
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:45) ★ Life With M...		(:20) ★★ Frank McClusky, C.I.		(:45) ★★ The Deceivers Pierce Brosnan.					★ Vanishing On 7th Street		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	★★★ A Perfect Murder Michael Douglas.				The Sopranos		Sopranos "Kaisha"		The Sopranos		Beyond Scared Stra.	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Mad Men		Mad Men		Hell on Wh "Timshel"		★★★ The Magnificent Seven ('60, West) Yul Brynner.					
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Jones Gospel (N)		Lift Voice	Mt. Obama	MLK/Alpha	★★★ King Paul Winfield.		
BRAVO	65	63		41		(5:00) ★★★ Mulan ('98, Ani) Ming-Na.				★★ Meet the Parents Ben Stiller.				Inside Actors Studio		It's a Brad World	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	(5:30) CNN Sun	Sanjay	CNN Sunday		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Man, Woman, Wild		Flying Wild Alaska		Rush "Lovestruck"		Sons of Guns	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Octonaut	Mickey M.	M.Mouse	Jake	Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	Shake Up	A.N.T.	Austin	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(5:30) Prime	MatchUp	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sunday NFL Countdown (L)					
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	SportsCenter		ProFILE	MatchUp	E:60		OLines	Report (N)	SportsCenter			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★ Coraline ('09, Fant) Dakota Fanning.				★ Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium				★★ Bewitched ('05, Com) Nicole Kidman.			
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						News HQ	Housecall	America's News HQ		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Mex.Easy	5 Fix	Rachel Ray's...		Dinners	Meals (N)	Hungry	Big Bite	Paula	Chef	Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Game	Huddle	Horse	OceanR.	HallFame	Basketb.
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★★ 15 Minutes ('01, Act) Robert De Niro.						★★ Armored ('09, Act) Matt Dillon.				★★ Eagle Eye Shia LaBeouf.	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	★ Honeymoon for One Nicollette Sheridan.				★ Taste of Romance	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Holmes	Pro Grade	Home	Income	Property Brothers		Disaster	Disaster	Crashers	Crashers	HouseH	House
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Modern Marvels		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Truckers "Fire on Ice"		Ice Road Truckers	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		The Hour of Power		J.Osteen	Paid	Dance Moms		24 Hour Catwalk		★ Cries in the Dark	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball	Business	Up With Chris Hayes				Weekends With Alex	Witt			Bitter Pill	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Barny'd	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	T.U.F.F.	Penguins
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Xtr. 4x4	Horsep.	Trucks!	Muscle..
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Ghost Hunters		Face Off		★ Children of the Corn David Anders.			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	SaveBell	Saved Bell	Friends	Friends	★★ Must Love Dogs Diane Lane.				★★ Runaway Bride Julia Roberts.			
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Meet Me In...		★★★ The Secret Garden				★★★★ Our Vines Have Tender Grapes		★ Follow the Fleet			
TELE	20	8	10	20		Paid	Paid	Sheldon	Willa	Pearlie	Wimzie's	Paid	Paid	Paid	Camara	Enfoque	Deportivo
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		★★★★ We Were Soldiers Mel Gibson.			
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Nanny	The Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Hot In	Hot In	Hot In	Hot In	Makeover: Home		Makeover: Home	
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		★★★ Juno ('07, Com) Ellen Page.				★★★ Sex and the City			
VERSUS	38	39				Outdoors	MartinC.	Outdoors	Outdoor	Hot Shots	RealHunt	Quest (N)	Alaska	Fishing	Hunter	Bass Pros	Bill Dance
WGN	19	18				Paid	Facts	Key David	Beyond	★★ Species ('95, Sci-Fi) Ben Kingsley.				★★ Species II ('98, Hor) Michael Madsen.			

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid		Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	The Bachelor				News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NFL Football AFC Divisional Houston Texans vs. Baltimore Ravens (L)								NCAA Basketball Indiana vs. Ohio State (L)		News	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Made in Hollywood		★★★ Alien Resurrection				★★ Radio ('03, Dra) Ed Harris.				Troubadour, TX	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Hispanic	Hometime	★★★ Sin City ('05, Cri) Mickey Rourke.				NFL Sun		NFL Football NFC Divisional N.Y. Giants vs Green Bay (L)			
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Laurie	Enarson	Alewine	T.Scrivner	Light of the Southwest				Bible	Super.	Calls •	Denis O
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Storm	Storm	TBA	Ticket to the Tour					Improv-Ice Starring Styx		Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Idea/Act	Contrary	Sew It All	Sewing	Knitting	F&Porter	Sewing	Quilts	Lawrence Welk		Nature	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	MFL Fútbol Monarcas Morelia vs Pumas (L)				Como dice el dicho		F. Diez	Noticiero	MFL Fútbol Toluca vs. America (L)			
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		★ Once Upon a Crime John Candy.				Paid	Business	AmAthlete	Insider	Access Hollywood		Stargate Universe	
FLIX	340	65		165		(11:45) ★★ Return to Oz			(:35)	★★★★ Bloody Sunday				★ Fade to Black Danny Huston.		(:15) ★★ Speak	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(11:00) ★★ Arthur		Bill Maher		★ Marmaduke Owen Wilson.				Paradise Lost "Purgatory"		★ Torque	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(11:45) Love Crimes		★★★ Gladiator ('00, Epic) Russell Crowe.						(:45) ★ Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps			
HBO3	304	70	16	102		★★★ Broadcast News William Hurt.				(:15) ★★ My Big Fat Greek Wedding				★★ Lost in Translation		Movie	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(11:45) ★ My Soul to Take				★★ Cradle 2 the Grave		(:15) ★★★ Underworld Kate Beckinsale.				(:20) ★ Little Fockers	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		Movie	★ Cedar Rapids Ed Helms.					★★ Waterworld ('95, Act) Kevin Costner.		(:15) ★★ Green Zone ('10, Act) Yigal Naor.			
PLEX			96			(11:15) ★ The Real M...		(:05) ★★★★ The Goonies Sean Astin.				★★★ Masterminds		(:45) ★ The Prince & the Surfer			
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(:15) ★ The Joneses David Duchovny.						(:55) WarHorse (:15) ★ The Company Men		★★★★ Red ('10, Act) Bruce Willis.			
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(:15) ★ Multiple Sarcasms Timothy Hutton.						★★ Irresistible Sam Neill.		(:45) ★ Hurt ('09, Dra) Melora Walters.		Movie	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Beyond Scared Stra.		Beyond Scared Stra.		Beyond Scared Stra.		Ship War	Ship War	C.Mind "No Way Out"		Criminal Minds	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	★★★ McLintock! ('63, West) Maureen O'Hara, John Wayne.								★★ The Cowboys ('72, West) Bruce Dern, John Wayne.			
BET	58	26		40		(10:30) ★★★ King The story of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., from his work as a preacher to his assassination.										★ The Rosa Parks Story	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Salon Takeover		Salon Takeover		Tabatha Takes Over		Beverly "Uninvited"		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		The Next List		Your Money		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Sons of Guns		Ready, Aim, Sold		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Shake Up	Shake Up	Jessie	Austin	Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	A.N.T.	SoRandom	Shake Up
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	PBA Bowling			30 for 30			H.S. Basketball (L)			Strongm.	Strongm.	Strongm.
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Character (N)		NCAA Basketball Temple vs. Dayton (L)				NCAA Basketball Ohio St./Mich. St. (L)				Fitness	ITF Tennis
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★ Hocus Pocus ('93, Com) Bette Midler.				★★★ Mrs. Doubtfire ('93, Com) Sally Field, Robin Williams.						★★★ Matilda	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(11:00) News HQ		Fox News		Justice Judge Jeanine		America's News HQ				Fox News	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Rest. "Sullivan's Grill"		Restaurant		Rest. "Wildcat Cafe"		Rest. "Mad Cactus"		The Big Waste		Diners	Diners
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	(11:30) NCAA Basketb.	Kan./Mo. (L)	NCAA Basketball Baylor vs. Texas (L)						NCAA Basketball Cal./Utah (L)		Xterra Adventures	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(10:30) ★ Eagle Eye		★★★ Enemy of the State ('98, Act) Gene Hackman, Will Smith.				★ The Company Men				★ Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(11:00) ★ Taste of R...		★ Accidentally in Love Jennie Garth.				★★★ Personally Yours Valerie Bertinelli.				★ Honeymoon for...	
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	Ice Road Truckers		Ice-Road Truckers		Truckers "Meltdown"		Ice Road Truckers		Cajun	Cajun	Restore	Restore
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(11:00) ★ Cries in th...		★ Bringing Ashley Home				★ Mom at Sixteen ('05, Dra) Mercedes Ruehl.				★ Walking the Halls	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Candy Heiress		Meet the Press		The Smoke Clears		Blind Justice				Caught on Camera	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	iCarly	Big Time	Victori.	iCarly	Big Time	Big Time	iCarly	iCarly	Victori.	Victori.	Sponge	Sponge
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Jail	(:35) Jail	(:05) ★★ Alien vs. Predator Sanaa Lathan.				(:10) ★★ Kill Bill Vol. 1 ('03, Act) Uma Thurman.				Movie	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★★ The Messengers Dylan McDermott.				★ Dark Water Jennifer Connelly.				★ An American Werewolf in London			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Movie	★★ Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous									★ Failure to Launch	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(11:00) ★ Follow the...		★★★ To Sir, With Love Sidney Poitier.				★★★ Just Friends Ryan Reynolds.				(:15) ★ It Should H...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		★★ Sahara ('05, Act) Matthew McConaughey.						★ Rome Adventure Troy Donahue.				Camara	Confes.
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Untold Stories		Untold Stories		Untold Stories		★ Blood Diamond (2006, Drama)				Untold "Under Siege"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Movie	★★★ American Gangster ('07, Cri) Denzel Washington.					Untold Stories		Untold Stories			
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Ext. Makeover: Home		Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		★★★ Shooter ('06, Act) Mark Wahlberg.			
USA	26	30	42	27	49	(10:00) ★ Sex & the ...		★★ Funny People ('09, Com/Dra) Seth Rogen, Adam Sandler.				MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH
VERSUS	38	39				FLW Outdoors		Game On!	Racing	TrDwUnd	The Ride	SVU "Savant"				Law&O.:SVU "Retro"	
WGN	19	18				★★ Species III ('04, Hor) Amelia Cooke.				★ Species: The Awakening		Olympic Trials				Racer TV	NHL Live!
												Home Videos				Christine	Christine

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos		Once Upon a Time "True North" (N)		H Wives "Who Can Say What's True?" (N)		Pan Am "Diplomatic Relations" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Ugly Betty	(:35) Sports	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Boss "Diamond Resorts" (SPI (N)		Good Wife "Bitcoin for Dummies" (N)		CSI: Miami "Stiff"		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Heartland "Growing Pains"		★★★ Escape From New York ('81, Sci-Fi) Lee Van Cleef, Ernest Borgnine, Kurt Russell.				King of Queens	'Til Death	Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	House of Payne	House of Payne
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(9:30) NFL Football	The OT (L)	TheSim-psons (N)	Napoleo-nDyn. (N)	Family Guy (N)	Napoleo-nDyn. (N)	Three Wide Life	Tx Roa-dhouse	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Consum-er Corner	Consum-er Corner
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Doorways to Wisdom		Marvin Wilson	Dr. R.Booker	Light of the Southwest				Alan Lee	Jack Van Impe	For the Heart of the City	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	2012 Golden Globe Arrival's Special (L)		The 69th Annual Golden Globe Awards Coverage of the 69th annual Golden Globe Awards. (L)						TBA	News-West 9	Cowboys Post	Red Raider
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Masterpiece Classic "Downton Abbey, Series II"		Downton Abbey, Series II		Masterp. "Downton Abbey, Series II" (N)		Masterpiece Mystery! "Sherlock: A Study in Pink"			Bluegrass Under	Austin City Limits "Arcade Fire"	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La Vida es Mejor Cantando		El Gran Show de Los		Peques		Sal y pimienta		13 Miedos	Noticiero Univision	Ellas son la alegria del hogar	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Without a Trace		Cold Case		The Closer		Law & Order		30 Rock	Sunny	Aggies	Office
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:15) ★★ Speak		★★ A Woman Under the Influence Peter Falk.				★ The Sailor Who Fell From Grace With t...				Movie	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:30) ★ Torque		★★★ The A-Team ('10, Act) Liam Neeson.				Boys (N)	Boys (N)	★★ Arthur ('11, Com)		Russell Brand.	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Bill Maher		★★★ The Eagle Channing Tatum.				★★★★ The Town ('10, Act) Ben Affleck.			(:10) ★ Gladiator		
HBO3	304	70	16	102		(6:45) ★★ Set It Off		Jada Pinkett Smith.		★★★ Unstoppable		(:45) Makin	★	★★ Conviction Hilary Swank.		Movie	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:20) ★ Little Fockers		★★ The Hand That Rocks the Cradle				★★ Sucker Punch			(:50) ★ Sexy Assassins (Adult)		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★★★ Deliver Us From Eva				★ Cedar Rapids Ed Helms.				★ Sex Wives Slind...	(:50) ★★★★ 12 Monkeys		
PLEX			96			(:15) ★★★ Switching Channels				★★★★ The Goonies Sean Astin.				★★★ K-9 James Belushi.		Movie	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Shame. "Summertime"	(:55) Lies	Califor.		Shameless ★		House Lie	Califor.	Shameless		House Lie	Califor.
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:30) ★ Dragon Fig...		★★★ The Hurt Locker Jeremy Renner.				(:15) ★★ Knowing ('09, Sci-Fi) Nicolas Cage.				Movie	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Criminal Minds		Criminal "Damaged"		Criminal "Limelight"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal "Damaged"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	★★★ Unforgiven ('92, West) Gene Hackman, Clint Eastwood.						Hell on Wheels (N)		Hell on Wheels		Breaking Bad	
BET	58	26		40		Movie ★ Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years						The Game		Together	Together	BET Inspiration	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Atlanta "New Tricks"		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atl. (N)		Chef Robl& & Co. (N)		Watch (N)	Housewives Atlanta	Watch	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Diabetes	Wall Street	Baghdad	Millions	Bio. "J.W. Marriott"		Bill Gates The World		Ultimate Fighting		American Greed	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns		Sons of Guns	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	Phineas (N)	Austin (N)	★ Frenemies Bella Thorne.			(:10) Shake	(:35) Austin	Shake Up	Shake Up	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		NFL PrimeTime (L)		NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns vs. San Antonio Spurs (L)				SportsCenter			
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(5:30) ITF Tennis Australian Open First Round Site: Melbourne Park -- Melbourne, Australia (L)											
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:30) ★ Monsters, ...		(:05) ★★ Bedtime Stories Adam Sandler.				★★ Bedtime Stories Adam Sandler.				Paid	Paid
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	Fox Report Weekend		Huckabee		Stossel		Geraldo at Large		Huckabee		Stossel	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Rachael vs. Guy		Cupcake Wars (N)		Rachael vs. Guy (N)		Iron Chef USA (N)		Chopped		Rachael vs. Guy	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	NCAA Basketball Wash St./Wash. (L)				NCAA Basketball UCLA vs. USC (L)				Game365	Spotlight	WPT Poker	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(6:00) ★ Transformer...		★★★ Zombieland Woody Harrelson.				★★★ Zombieland Woody Harrelso.				★★ Armored	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(6:00) ★ Honeymoon...		★ Taste of Romance ('11, Fam) Teri Polo.				★★★ Personally Yours Valerie Bertinelli.				G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	HouseH	House	Holmes on Homes		Holmes Inspect (N)		HouseH	House (N)	HouseH	House	Holmes Inspection	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Restore	Restore	Ax Men "Ax is Back"		Ax Men (N)		Cajun (N)	Cajun (N)	Only in America		Ax Men "Ax is Back"	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Rent ★ Walking the...		★ The Boy She Met Online Jewnecka Paul.				★ Sanding in Suburbia ('11, Dra) Liv Vassey.				★ The Boy She Me...	
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MIDLAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALLIANCE

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City of Midland Housing Assistance Programs

Since inception of the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in 1974, the City of Midland has devoted a portion of it's annual CBDG grant for housing programs. Currently, the City offers three housing programs for needy families.

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The homebuyer assistance program (HAP) is available to help on the purchase of an affordable home in Midland. Homes must have been built since 1978 and meet decent, safe and sanitary standards but can be located anywhere in the city. Up to $5,000 of HAP assistance can be provided as a deferred, forgivable loan for down payment and closing costs,but some of the assistance can be a grant.

PRIMARY QUALIFICATIONS OF HAP

Meet low income requirements
Be a first time homebuyer
Qualify for a mortgage to purchase the home
Be a Midland resident
U.S. citizen or legal resident
Complete homebuyer training
Invest a minimum of $1,000 towards the home
Have satisfied prior government obligations
Home must be qualified and pass inspection

Low Income Guidelines

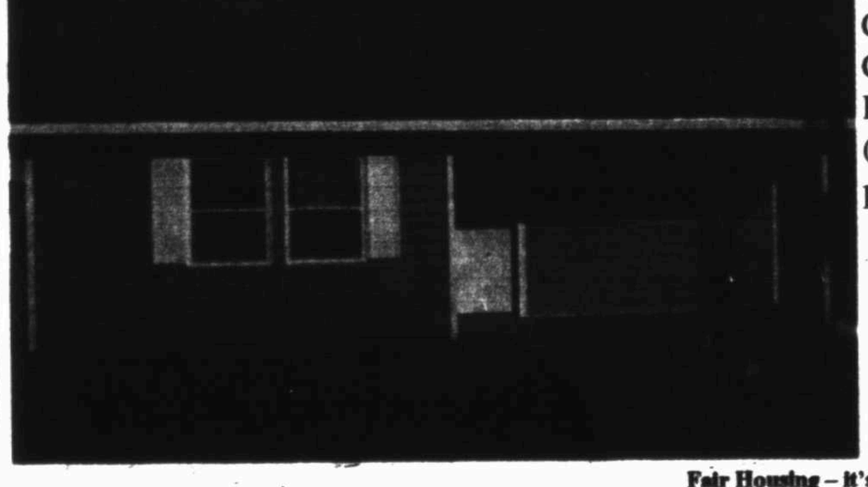
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Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
1	$37,000
2	$42,250
3	$47,550
4	$52,800
5	$57,050
6	$61,250
7	$65,500
8	$69,700

required to occupy and maintain the home, obtain homeowner's insurance and keep property taxes current. They must also comply with environmental codes. The City will assist the applicant with the reconstruction process including contractor selection. The Office also performs the loan servicing (collecting monthly payments).

MINOR REPAIR PROGRAM

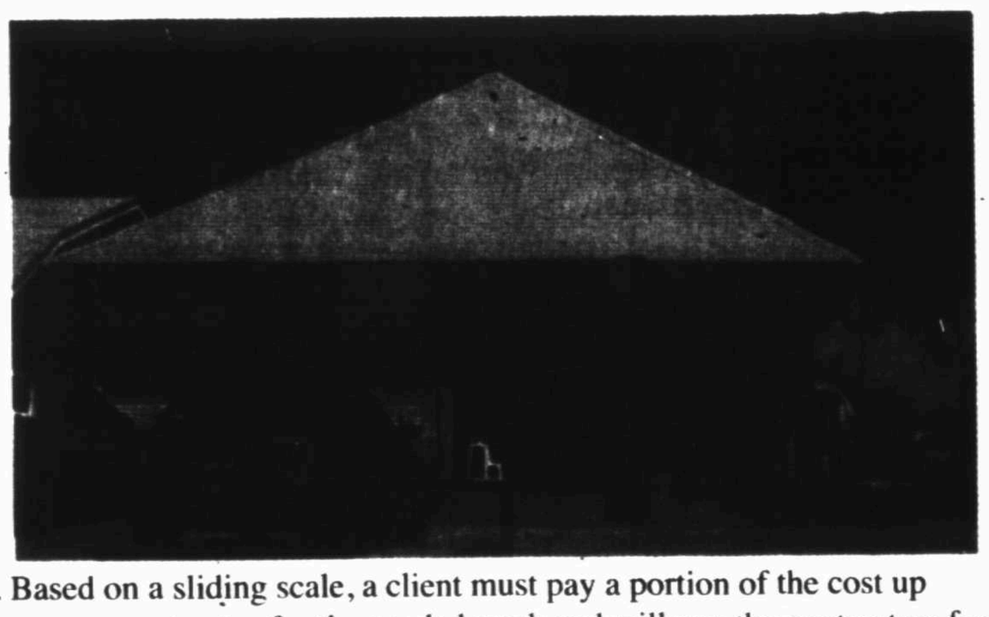
Low-income homeowners living in CDBG areas of the City are eligible for limited grant assistance for major plumbing, electrical, heating, and roofing repairs. Based on a sliding scale, a client must pay a portion of the cost up front ($50 minimum). The City will help procure a contractor for the needed work and will pay the contractors for the completed repairs.



HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION LOANS

The City provides affordable, low interest loans for reconstruction projects. Reconstruction means demolishing an existing substandard dwelling and building a modest new home suitable for the occupants (see before and after photos). To qualify, one must be a homeowner of two or more years, be an outright owner of the property, be low income, be credit worthy and live in a CDBG Selected Target Area. Elderly or disabled homeowners or those in emergency situations who reside in low income areas of the city may also qualify.

The loan is a combination monthly payable portion and deferred forgivable portion. Interest rates are determined on a sliding scale based on income. Existing mortgage balance will hinder or end loan consideration. A mortgage lien will be filed for the amount of the combined loan. An assisted homeowner is



For more information on the three programs, call the Community Development Office at 685-7472. The Community Development Office is located in City Hall, 300 N. Loraine. The City's web site (www.midlandtexas.gov) includes information on the programs.

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Oil Report

Your guide to the Permian Basin oil & gas industry

CO2 school



Despite unconventional plays, Permian Basin relies on CO2

■ PPDC, APTA's CO2 School expands to include developments in residual oil zones

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Despite the growing activity in developing unconventional resource plays like the Wolfberry and Bone Springs, enhanced oil recovery remains vital to the Permian Basin.

"Carbon dioxide (CO2) continues to be the biggest subject," said Hoxie Smith, director of Midland College's Petroleum Professional Development Center. "Even with our unconventional resources, we have so much oil that can only be produced with CO2."

The center, along with the Applied Petroleum Technology Academy, will be presenting its CO2 School January 23-26 at the PPDC building, 105 W. Illinois.

While previous CO2 Schools have drawn international participants - from Brazil, England and China, Smith said - the 14 registered so far are U.S.-based, with some from California and Kansas. Most, he said, are local employees of operators active in the Permian Basin, like Apache Corp., Chevron and Kinder Morgan. Those employees, he said, are increasingly younger, newer workers being assigned to work on local CO2 floods.

"We get a lot of interest not only from regional producers but all different parts of the world," Smith observed.

Midlander Steve Melzer of Melzer Consulting, who will teach the school alongside Bob Kiker and Robert Trentham of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, said he expects 20 to 25 to participate in the school. "I expect a diverse group, not only from the CO2 community but from CO2 sources." Like Smith, he said he has noticed a shift in the demographic of those attending the school from those with longer time spent in the industry to younger workers with just one or two years experience.

As in past schools, Smith said CO2 flooding from A to Z will be covered, with the first day offering an overview, from a history of CO2 floods to CO2 sources. The second day will discuss evaluating a candidate for CO2 flooding while the third day will focus on facilities and includes a field trip to a CO2 flood project. Smith said previous trips have been to Whiting Petroleum's North Ward Estes field, Kinder Morgan's SACROC Unit and Hess' Seminole San Andres Unit. The fourth day will focus on CO2 production, the business of CO2 and other wrap-up topics.

Melzer said information has been added on residual oil zones and the concept of producing from these ROZs using

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THE DETAILS:

C02 SCHOOL
Instructors: Steve Melzer, Robert Kiker, Robert Trentham, Hoxie Smith
When: Jan. 23-26, Mon-Thu, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Where: Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Top Hand staked career on achieving success in Permian Basin oil fields

■ Tim Leach says he's emotionally, strategically committed to Midland.

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Third time was apparently the charm for Tim Leach and Concho Resources.

Leach was part of a management team that formed Concho Resources after leaving Parker & Parsley, now Pioneer Natural Resources, in 1997. The first incarnation of the company was sold to Devon Energy in 2001, the second incarnation to Chesapeake Energy in 2004. Leach and Concho's management team took the third - and still existing - incarnation of Concho public in August 2007, growing the company into one of the most active operators in the Permian Basin. Concho this year expects to average 35 operated rigs, all in the West Texas and Southeastern New Mexico portions of the Permian Basin.

That success, said Ben Shepperd, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, is why Leach is receiving the association's Top Hand Award at a dinner Thursday, January 19.

"The PBPA is proud and honored to be able to recognize Tim in this way," Shepperd said. "It is our highest honor and he is a most deserving recipient. The best example of his deserving the award is his growth of Concho into a successful independent and keeping the company based in Midland. So many successful corporations will move their headquarters to Houston or Dallas or Oklahoma City. Tim has chosen to give back to this community, and that's what this award is about."

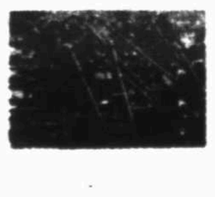
Leach said the award is a huge honor, but he is daunted by the prospect of accepting the award in front of his peers.

"I think it's a recognition by peers of people who stay devoted to the Permian Basin and have success here," he said. "That's why it's so special to me. I've staked my career on being successful in the Permian Basin.

Indeed, he came to Midland in 1982, just after receiving an engineering degree from Texas A&M University. "This was my first job," he recalled, "and the only thing I knew for sure was I

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Courses

C02 School
Instructors: Steve Melzer, Robert Kiker, Robert Trentham, Hoxie Smith
January 23-26, Mon-Thu, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$1,895; Out of State, $1,920
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Well Control School
Instructor: Larry Chapman
January 23-26, Mon-Wed, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thu, 8 a.m. - Noon
$700; Out of State, $725
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Fundamentals of Directional Drilling
Instructor: Mark Bland
January 30-February 1, Mon-Wed, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
$1,295; Out of State, $1,320
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

PETRA Training Class - Working with Horizontal Wells
Instructor: Paul Jones
February 2, Thu, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$400; Out of State, $425
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

PHDWIN
Instructor: Celia Payne
February 7-8, Tue-Wed, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
$625; Out of State, $650
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Introduction to Coiled Tubing
Instructor: Jeff Harris
February 9, Thu, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
$280; Out of State, $305
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

PETRA
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
February 16-17, Thu-Fri, 8 a.m. - 5p.m.; Enrollment is closed - please contact us if you would like to be on the waiting list
March 22-23, Thu-Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$625; Out of State, $650
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Well Service and Pressure Control
Instructor: Mike Cure
February 16, Thu, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$280; Out of State, $305
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Natural Fractures in Hydrocarbon Reservoirs
Instructors: John Lorenz and Scott Cooper
February 22-23, Wed-Thu, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$765; Out of State, $790
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Pooling and Unitization in Texas
Instructor; Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
February 23, Thu, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
$300; Out of State, $325
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Operating Agreements and Other Agreements Among Production Owners - Developing the Prospect After the Test Well
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
February 24, Fri, , 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
$300; Out of State, $325
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Polymer Flooding and Gel Treatments
Instructor: Randy Seright
February 28, Tue, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

MEETINGS

SEPM hosts Colorado School of Mines professor

The Permian Basin section, SEPM (Society for Sedimentary Geology), will meet Tuesday, January 17 at Midland Center beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Stephen A. Sonnenberg, Department of Geology and Geological Engineering, Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado, will present "The Niobrara Petroleum System: A Major Tight Resource Play in the Rocky Mountain Region."

The public is welcome. Additional information may be found at www.pbs-sepm.org/1_talks.htm under 'Talks.' Reservations can be made by calling 683-1573 or e-mail at wtgs@wtgs.org.

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Wolfberry to be topic at SIPES meeting

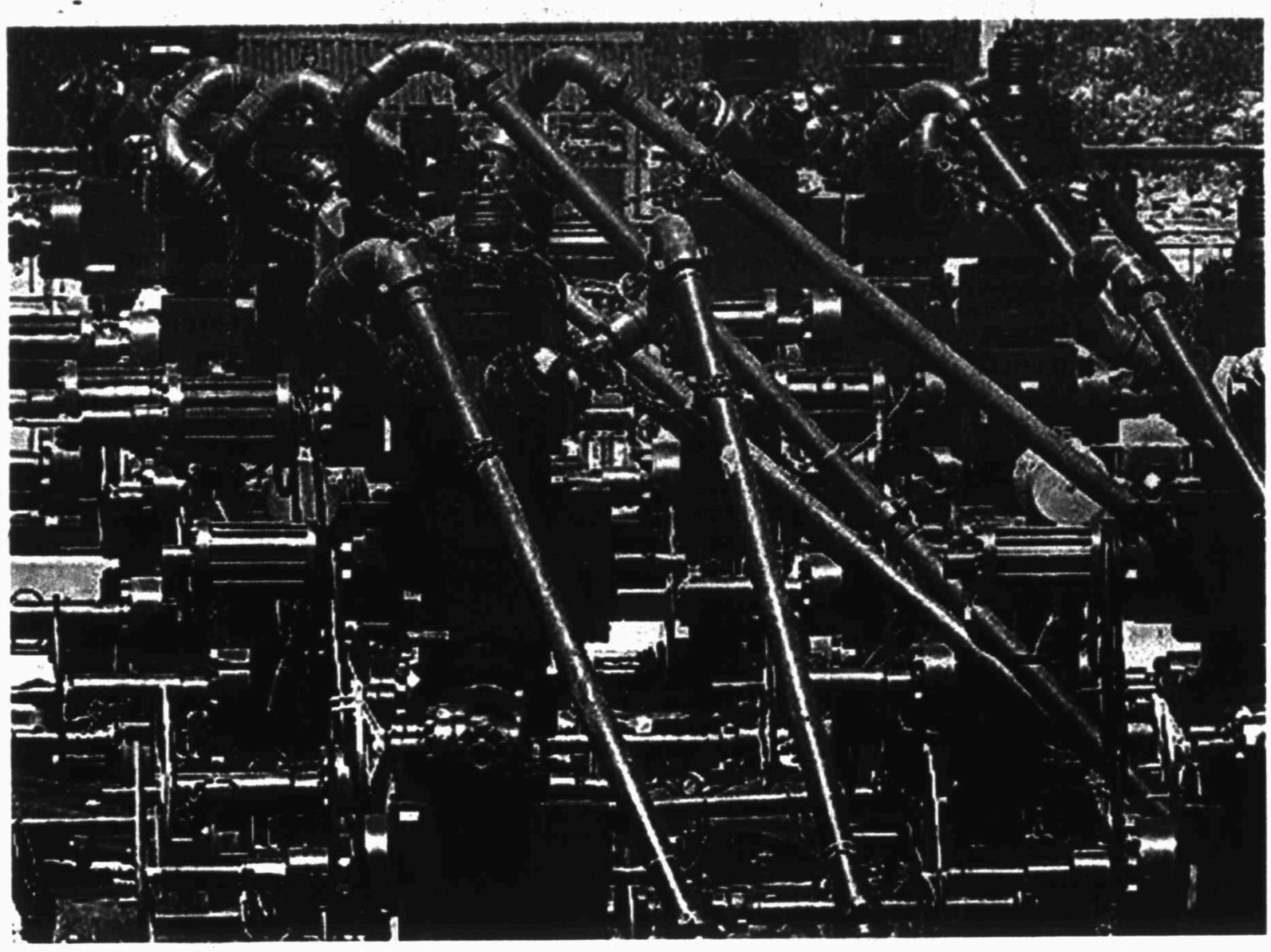
Jim Henry, chief executive officer of Henry Resources, will address the Midland chapter of the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists Wednesday, January 18 at Midland Country Club beginning at 11:15 a.m.

Henry's topic will be "The Wolfberry: How It Started."

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These rows of pumps are used in the hydraulic fracturing process.

Nanotechnolgy removes organics from produced water at up to 200 gpm

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

After 15 years of development and with research help from Rice University, a Houston company is ready to offer its produced-water reclamation procedure to the oilfield for treating produced water.

Molecular Filtration Inc. president Felipe Lembcke said, "Our technology is going to be the first in the world to clean water — I'm talking about removing all organic presence from the water," without the use of chemicals, ultraviolet light, electro-deposition or other processes that change the constitution of the water itself. Lembcke said they classify organics as crude oil and every "single element of organics including bacteria and viruses."

"Nobody can do what we can do in one single pass in removing all the organics and leaving brine water," he added. While the process does not remove salt, that is not an issue, Lembcke stated. "In fact, the heavier the water, the better for them because it floats the oil."

The proprietary system basically filters water at the molecular level, Lembcke explained, without the use of chemicals that would deionize the water. "We're producing the same water except without bacteria and organics," he said. By capturing the organics, particularly oil solids, these substances can be collected and sold, adding to the producer's revenue stream. The substances are not damaged by a chemical process.

Rice's Dr. Andrew Barron, at the school's Smalley Institute for Nanoscale Science and Technology, which contributed significantly to the research, compared the process to passing the water through a T shirt with large pores. "This would separate the organics from the water." He explained that the use of nanotechnology in those large pores would perform the separation as if they were the tiny pores used in reverse osmosis, but would allow higher flow rates because the pores are much larger.

Lembcke noted the filter membranes are made out of a special oxide that use nanotechnology to reject any organic material that passes through them. He stated that the output water quality is the same regardless of the quality of the feed water.

The company currently has three standard units, with flow rates of 50, 100 and 200 gallons per minute. Lembcke said these rates translate to approximately one, two and four barrels per minute. The units can be parked on a well site.

By requiring only one pass for the water through the units, Lembcke said the process is more cost-effective than disposal. "Our costs are shockingly low," he said. He feels this would eliminate the need for transporting water to disposal sites, which would reduce dust and wear on oilfield roads. Plus, by collecting the organic matter, the process would not only cost lest, it would create a new revenue stream for producers.

Reflecting on the culmination of 15 years of research and development, Lembcke said, "It was a very long trip. It started when I was at Washington University in 1998" working on a degree in chemical engineering. "Finally, we were able to achieve our goal. Our goal - the science of Molecular Filtration Inc. -- is the science of the small particles and the large molecules. For years, we worked to achieve one specific goal."

While educated in the United States, Lembcke was born in Peru, the offspring of a German father and a Peruvian mother.

The company is planning a well site demonstration later this month in the Eagle Ford Shale near San Antonio. "We want to show the world what we have accomplished," he said.

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Endangered Species Act endangers America's economy

BARRY RUSSELL



President and CEO of the Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA)

In 2011, the Obama administration strove to walk a careful line between adhering to its anti-oil and natural gas development activists and advocating for job creation and economic growth. However, the truth is the environmental movement has much more of a chokehold on the administration than appears at first glance. Case in point: the radical environmental hijack of the Endangered Species Act.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) was passed in 1973 with the noble intention of protecting the habitats of animals whose very existence was critically endangered. After a species is petitioned to be listed as endangered by interest groups, the Department of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service (NOAA) will make a species proposal and, after a comment period, determine the appropriate listing. If deemed endangered, all activity on the land that may threaten the species' habitat must stop immediately.

Since its passage, the Endangered Species Act has been used as a weapon by anti-development environmentalists to try to shut down entire sectors of industry. Most famously, environmentalists crippled the northwestern timber industry in the 1990s through their success petition of the northern spotted owl. Huge swaths of land were barred from industrial usage, costing many jobs and bruising the region's economy.

In recent years, these well-organized, anti-development environmentalists have turned their attention to the oil and natural gas industry, pinpointing the southwest for their stomping ground to eliminate development. This time, the species they are wielding is the dunes sagebrush lizard.

It should come as no surprise that this spotted lizard's habitat is the resource-rich Permian Basin, a region in Texas and New Mexico where oil and natural gas development has sparked thousands of jobs and brought prosperity never before seen by these small desert towns. If successful, this listing would stop this economic revitalization right in its tracks, as the oil and natural gas industry would be stymied from developing in the region for the foreseeable future.

In December of 2010, the FWS bent to pressure and proposed a rule to list the dunes sagebrush lizard as endangered, with the decision set at Dec.14, 2011. Throughout the past 12 months, the Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) met with legislators and regulators to educate them on the disastrous effects and underlying motives involved in this action. Due to these and other groups' diligent efforts, the FWS announced last month it would extend the determination to allow for further public comment and evaluation.

Catastrophe has been averted — for now. In June, the final determination on the dunes sagebrush lizard will be made. IPAA certainly hopes the FWS will not halt oil and natural gas development in the Permian Basin, a blanket action that inevitably would curtail the job creation that has transformed the economy of the region.

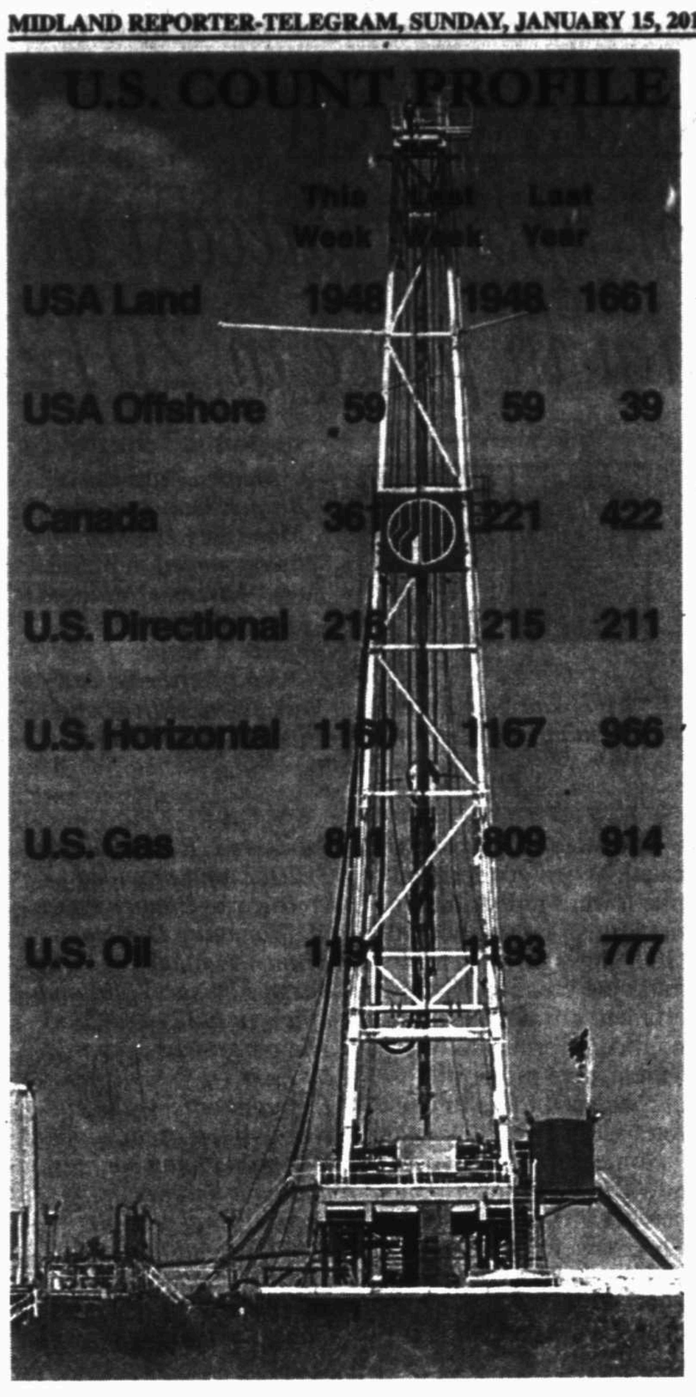
Whatever the outcome, the case of the dunes sagebrush lizard demonstrates the need for a broader reform of the Endangered Species Act. Under the current law, economic concerns, including the potential for job creation, are not given full consideration in the listing process. They are only considered after industry activity has been halted — after the damage is done. In other words, the needs of American people are minimized. In these troubling economic times, when people are struggling to find jobs and support their families, this is particularly careless. Including economic factors for full consideration would ensure the determination process is prudential.

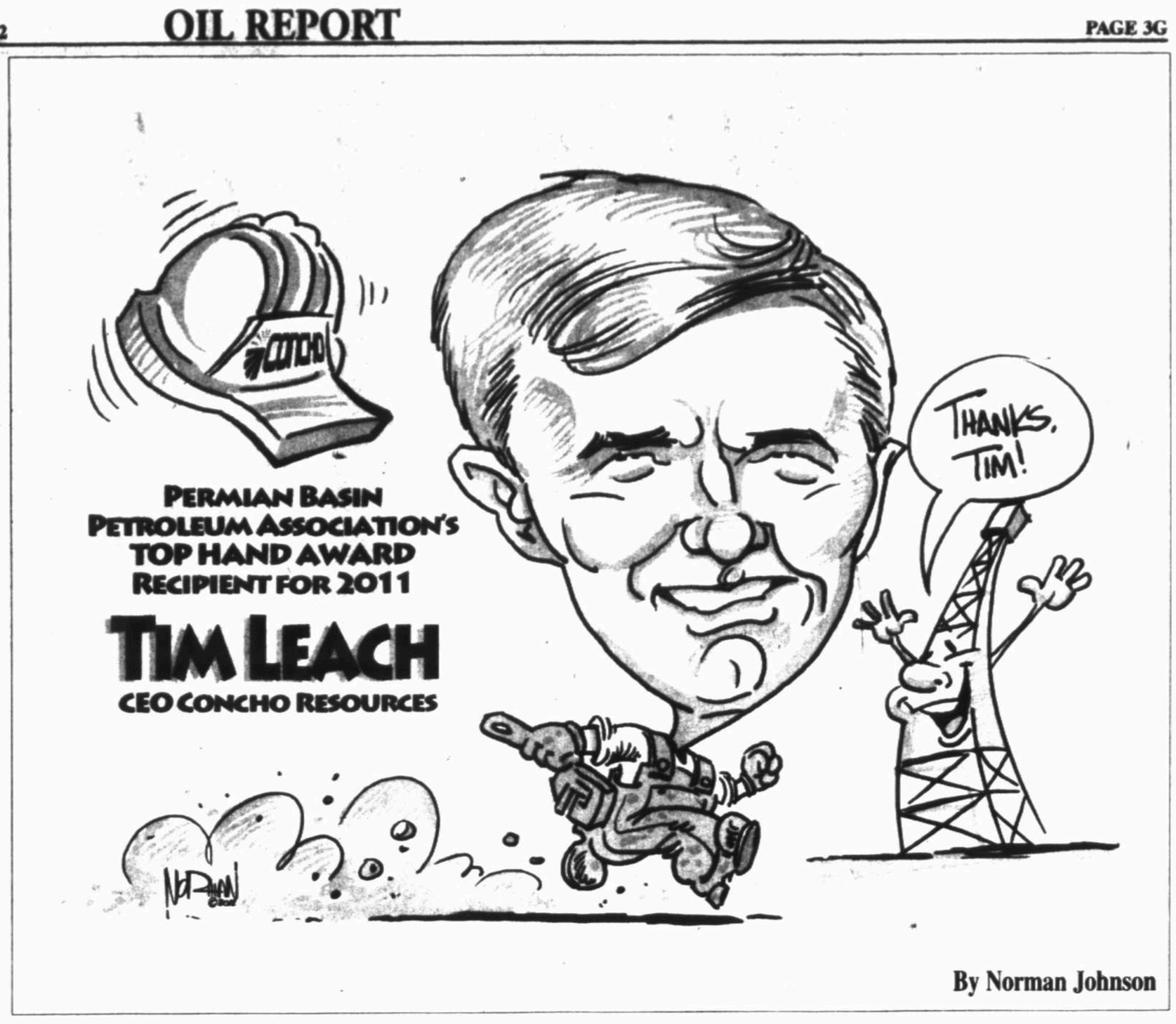
A recovery plan to increase the number of endangered species is crucial, but once again, FWS only administers this plan after development has been halted. If companies were given a workable plan in a timely manner, it would eliminate uncertainty and benefit all parties involved. Businesses would not only be able to make rational choices about the future, they could enact policies that protect wildlife and improve the species count — without sacrificing jobs and investment.

Additionally, if a species is in need of protection, a recovery plan must be in place before development is halted. This eliminates an unnecessary level of uncertainty, as businesses can make rational choices about the future.

As we head into 2012, the oil and natural gas industry, led by America's independent producers, is transforming our nation's economy, region by region, as it develops the energy that secures America's future and creates much-needed jobs for Americans. However, the Endangered Species Act, as it currently stands in the grip of radical environmentalists, threatens this economic progress. The Endangered Species Act can and must be reformed in simple ways in order to protect both America's wildlife and the American people's pursuit of happiness.

Barry Russell is president and CEO of the Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA), the national trade association representing oil and natural gas producers that drill 95 percent of the nation's oil and natural gas wells.





By Norman Johnson

SCHOOL

From 1G

CO2.

"I call it a revolution," he said. "The first revolution is unconventional resources like the Wolfberry, horizontal drilling and fracturing technology. The second revolution is just around the corner, residual oil zones and it may take awhile to develop that."

By the end of the year, he said, the Permian Basin should see 12 active projects injecting CO2 into ROZs, perhaps 13, with a couple more slated for next year.

One limitation, he said, is the availability of CO2, something that has been a concern for a couple of years. Now, he said, everyone in the business understands there is an acute shortage.

"People who have sources of CO2 have gotten the idea that enhanced recovery is a big market and they're populating our course," he said.

The second limitation, Melzer said, is the people to carry out the projects, who are focused on drilling new wells in the Wolfberry and Bone Spring.

"I like to tell people we've viewed the industry as a sunset industry for a long time, but there's enough work here for at least two more generations," Melzer said.

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Top Hand

From 1G

wanted to learn how to run a business." As the son of an engineer with Shell Oil, he grew up in the business, acknowledging that the real attraction was, as it is today, the high-paying jobs.

He had worked in the Permian Basin during summers to pay for college and hoped to find a business willing to hire him and let him earn his business degree. He found that business in Midland National Bank, which paid for him to earn his master's degree in business adminstration from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. "I'd just gotten married and this was before we had kids, and I knew if I didn't do it then, I wouldn't have the energy later," he said with a laugh.

The bank, now part of Wells Fargo, was "a fun place to work" because he met people involved in the industry. The job also came just as the oil and gas industry entered an excruciatingly painful downturn. The silver lining in that cloud, Leach said, was that he got to see a lot of problems and solve a lot of problems he wouldn't have otherwise encountered. He left the bank in 1989 to join Parker & Parsley, now Pioneer Natural Resources, leaving when the company moved its headquarters to Dallas.

He remains committed to Midland. Not only emotionally, he said, but being in Midland is a great business strategy. "We have over 600 employees now, and having 600 people in the middle of the action gives you a big advantage," he explained.

The secret to his success has not only been being in the right place at the right time and doing what he said he would do, but Leach said he has surrounded himself with good people, whether it was at the bank, at Parker & Parsley or at Concho.

"Over 30 years, I feel I've met some of the greatest people in the world, who have been in Midland or come through Midland," he said.

He also remains committed to the industry, noting that Concho is drilling formations that were known but weren't believed to yield oil or natural gas. "All this new stuff in the Permian Basin, the plays, the technology, it's never boring," he said. "It's great to be in an industry where you finish your career still learning, and there are still things to learn as when when you began your career."

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Onshore oil, gas lease revenue up 20 percent, yet lags 2008 levels

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) -- The Interior Department credits a new policy it has implemented for a 20 percent increase in revenue from selling access to drill on federal land.

The department says federal oil and gas lease sales brought in $256 million 2011, up from $213 million in 2010. The federal government splits the revenue with states.

Annual revenue from federal oil and gas lease sales is still way down in Rocky Mountain states compared to four years ago, however. Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico are among the top oil and gas states, yet nowhere near as much federal land is being leased for oil and gas in those states compared to 2008.

The new Interior policy aims to give environmental groups less reason to file protests against oil and gas leases.

Oil executives meet with Alaska governor on pipeline

By Becky Bohrer
Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska — Shipping to Asia-Pacific markets may be the best way to commercialize the natural gas at Alaska's prodigious North Slope, the chief executive of ConocoPhillips said after meeting the state's governor last Thursday.

To do that, the company would like to build a pipeline from the North Slope to a liquefied natural gas plant in the middle part of the state to prepare the gas for export, ConocoPhillips CEO Jim Mulva told reporters in Anchorage.

Alaskans have long hoped for a gas line as a way to create jobs, provide more reliable energy and shore up revenues as oil production declines.

Mulva spoke after a closed reception with business and political leaders featuring him and the CEOs of the North Slope's other major players, Rex Tillerson of Exxon Mobil Corp. and Bob Dudley of BP.

The reception followed a two-hour meeting between the chief executives and Parnell that focused on ways to advance a natural gas pipeline.

Parnell said in October he wants the companies to unite behind a project that would allow for liquefied natural gas to be shipped overseas, if the market for gas has truly shifted from the Lower 48. Such a project would have to come about under the framework of the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act, which gave TransCanada Corp. an exclusive state license to build the pipeline and up to $500 million in reimbursable costs.

The Canadian company has been working with Exxon Mobil to advance a pipeline project. TransCanada has focused attention on a longer line into Canada that would deliver gas to North American markets, but it also has proposed a smaller line that would allow for liquefied natural gas exports out of Alaska.

A rival project, a joint effort of BP and ConocoPhillips that also would have gone through Canada, folded last year.

In the meantime, the boom in shale gas production elsewhere in the U.S. has made building a pipeline into Canada less attractive, Dudley and Mulva said.

Dudley told reporters in Anchorage he thinks it would be possible for the companies to come together under terms of AGIA. He said there would have to be adjustments to tailor it to a liquefied natural gas option, if that's the route that's ultimately chosen.

An Exxon Mobil spokesman said the parties are in early talks, with both pipeline options under consideration.

TransCanada recently began talks with BP, Exxon Mobil and ConocoPhillips about the liquefied natural gas option, said Tony Palmer, the company's vice president for major projects development.

Palmer said TransCanada will proceed with making a filing to federal regulators for the Canada option later this year, in keeping with the terms of AGIA. The company would need state approval if it changed course and went with the liquefied natural gas option, he said.

Parnell said no firm commitments were made in Thursday's meeting, but at least the companies are talking. He called it a "significant start."

The governor also said he urged the executives to resolve a long-running dispute over gas leases, considered key to the prospects of a line. The state has reached an agreement with Exxon Mobil, but other interest-owners — including BP and ConocoPhillips — haven't announced whether they'll sign off on the deal.



Dan Joling/AP

Alaska Gov. Sean Parnell speaks to reporters Jan. 5 in Anchorage, Alaska. Parnell met with chief executive officers of three major oil companies operating in Alaska — Bob Dudley of BP, James Mulva of ConocoPhillips and Rex Tillerson of ExxonMobil — to discuss commercialization of Alaska North Slope natural gas.

Reliance, Apollo weigh purchase of El Paso unit

By Bloomberg News Service

Reliance Industries Ltd. and Apollo Global Management LLC are among companies in talks to buy El Paso Corp.'s oil and gas exploration and production unit, said people with knowledge of the matter.

Kinder Morgan Inc., which has agreed to acquire all of El Paso later this year, may decide this month whether to continue the sale talks or to focus instead on sales of parts of the unit in separate pieces, said the people, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Analysts at BNP Paribas SA estimated in November the business's value at about $8.1 billion.

Kinder Morgan Chief Executive Officer Richard Kinder is under pressure to raise cash from a sale of the production unit to help finance the $21 billion purchase of El Paso, a deal struck in October that would create the largest U.S. natural-gas pipeline network. He aims to find a buyer for the unit by the time he's ready to close the larger transaction, scheduled for some time in the second quarter of this year.

Buying the El Paso division would give Reliance, India's largest company by market value, a U.S. operating business after committing billions in the past two years on exploration and production joint ventures with U.S. companies. The Mumbai-based company has yet to decide whether to make a bid for the unit, one person with knowledge of the matter said.

"Reliance is looking into the future," said Deven Choksey, managing director at Mumbai-based brokerage K.R. Choksey Shares & Securities Pvt. "U.S. shale gas assets may be the best place where it can deploy its large cash pile."

Atlas Venture

Reliance, which had $11.6 billion of cash as of Sept. 30, agreed to form a $1.7 billion venture in April with Atlas Energy Inc. to develop gas fields in Pennsylvania. On Jan. 10, Reliance wrote to Atlas's directors that it was surprised at not being apprised of the negotiations that led to Chevron Corp.'s $3.6 billion offer for the company. Atlas shareholders approved Chevron's takeover bid Feb. 16.

Charles Zehren, a spokesman for Apollo, and Larry Pierce, a spokesman for Kinder Morgan, declined to comment. Tushar Pania, a spokesman for Reliance Industries, said the company doesn't comment on speculation.

Private-equity firms such as Apollo have been hunting for deals in the oil and gas industry. KKR & Co. agreed to the biggest-ever buyout of an oil and gas producer in November, with a $7.2 billion deal for Samson Investment Co.

The biggest buyout firms, including Apollo, KKR, and Blackstone Group LP, have been seeking to raise dedicated funds to invest in acquisitions of natural resources companies.

Spin Off

El Paso, which gets most of its revenue from pipelines, had been planning to spin off the exploration and production unit to shareholders before Kinder Morgan's takeover offer. The company owned drilling rights to 46,000 acres in Louisiana's Haynesville Shale at the end of 2010, according to a regulatory filing, and 500,000 acres in the Eagle Ford Shale, Permian Basin and other fields in Texas. It also has 605,000 acres in the Raton Basin coal-bed methane field in New Mexico and Colorado.

U.S. shale assets have the potential to more than double the world's gas reserves according to the U.S. Energy Information Agency. In the past decade, the country's gas output jumped 11 percent, outpacing a 3.2 percent rise in consumption during the same period.

MID-WEEK WTI POSTED PRICES



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DIST. #7C

Coke	0
Concho	0
Crockett	7
Irion	12
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	0
Reagan	20
Runnels	1
Schleicher	2
Sutton	1
Terrell	0
Tom Green	1
Upton	29

DIST. #8

Andrews	43
Brewster	0
Crane	3
Culberson	5
Ector	17
Glasscock	29
Howard	17
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	1
Loving	11
Martin	45
Midland	34
Mitchell	2
Pecos	4
Presidio	0
Reeves	39
Sterling	2
Ward	17
Winkler	3

DIST. #8A

Bailey	0
Borden	7
Cochran	3
Cottle	0
Crosby	3
Dawson	4
Dickens	0
Floyd	0
Gaines	6
Garza	0
Hale	0
Hockley	2
Kent	1
King	0
Lamb	1
Lubbock	0
Lynn	3
Motley	0
Scurry	3
Terry	5
Yoakum	5

TEXAS TOTAL 388

NEW MEXICO

Chaves	3
Eddy	45
Lea	18
Roosevelt	0

N.M. TOTAL 66

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SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current Natural Gas Prices *Price per MMBtu*	First of the Month Price	Closing Prices 1/11/12	Same Period One Year Ago
New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) future price:	$3.084	$2.774	$4.399
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub:	$3.040	$2.810	$4.400
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains:	$3.050	$2.810	$4.410
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin:	$3.070	$2.805	$4.355
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin:	$3.080	$2.819	$4.305
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent:	$3.015	$2.775	$4.433
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast:	$3.063	$2.783	$4.413

WILDCATS

Texas RRCD 7C

Schleicher County

Highmount Expl. & Prod. TX LLC
Mayer Edwin S JR 27 #12
Wildcat-D; GC & SF RR Co.; A-1835, Blk EF, Sec 27; 2000 FSL 780 FWL of lse; 2000 FSL 780 FWL of survey; 22 miles SW of Eldorado; obj: 8750; permit #710897; API #413-32741

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

Bulldog Oper. Co.
Sage #1
Wildcat-D; UL; A-U371, Blk 12, Sec 15; 973 FSL 973 FEL of lse; 973 FSL 973 FEL of survey; 19.2 miles W of Andrews; obj: 10800; permit #722380; API #003-43362

Culberson County

Cimarex Energy Co.
Exterminator 42 State #1H
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co./Cooksey, J M; A-5120, Blk 60, T2S, Sec 42; 475 FNL 1980 FEL of lse; 475 FNL 1980 FEL of survey; 27.9 miles SW of Orla; obj: 11200; permit #730109; API #109-32455

Glasscock County

Nadel & Gussman Permian, LLC
Bearkat 20 #2
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co./Calder, W F; A-781, Blk 32, T4S, Sec 20; 1980 FSL 660 FEL of lse; 1980 FSL 660 FEL of survey; 8.5 miles E of Garden City; obj: 10500; permit #717613; API #173-34276

Howard County

Big Star Oil & Gas, LLC
Ray #3
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co./Thixton, J F; A-1635, Blk 33, T2N, Sec 46; 1650 FSL 660 FWL of lse; 1650 FSL 660 FWL of survey; 7 miles NW of Big Spring; obj: 12000; permit #719388; API #227-36699

Big Star Oil & Gas, LLC
Smith #2
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co.; A-334, Blk 33, T2N, Sec 33; 660 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 660 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 9 miles NW of Big Spring; obj: 12000; permit #720321; API #227-36708

Reeves County

Thompson, J. Cleo
Weinert State 34 #1
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co./Lewis, T B; A-2280, Blk 51, T7S, Sec 34; 664 FSL 1980 FWL of lse; 1980 FNL 1980 FWL of survey; 14.4 miles S of Pecos; obj: 13500; permit #729844; API #389-33129

Eagle Oil & Gas Co.
Monroe 39 'A' #2R
Wildcat-D; H & GN RR Co./Bomar, T H; A-1307, Blk 5, Sec 28; 61 FSL 1737 FEL off lse; 61 FSL 1737 FEL of survey; 7.5 miles S of Pecos; obj: 11500; permit #729361; API #389-33111

Texas RRCD 8A

Borden County

Primexx Oper. Corp.
Dennis #1102
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co.; A-160, Blk 31, T6N, Sec 11; 467 FSL 990 FWL of lse; 467 FSL 990 FWL of survey; 11.6 miles NW of Gail; obj: 9200; permit #728792; API #033-32184

Gaines County

Dyad Pet. Co.
Reimer #1
Wildcat-D; WT RR Co.; A-198, Blk G, Sec 287; 1748 FEL 1229 FSL of lse; 1748 FEL 1229 FSL of survey; 6 miles W of Seminole; obj: 9000; permit #717811; API #165-37427

Lynn County

Spiral Energy Corp.
Bessire #3
Wildcat-D; EL & RR RR Co./Vaughn, T S; A-1545, Blk 8, Sec 36; 467 FSL 467 FEL of lse; 467 FSL 467 FEL of survey; 2 miles N of O'Donnell; obj: 12000; permit #730104; API #305-30518

Yoakum County

E R Oper. Co.
Googins 249 #33
Wildcat-D; Gibson, J H; A-149, Blk D, Sec 249; 467 FWL 467 FSL of lse; 2173 FEL 1787 FSL of survey; 6.5 miles NW of Plains; obj: 6500; permit #729675; API #501-35902

New Mexico

Eddy County

OXY USA Inc.
Comanche PW Fed #1
Wildcat; T22S, R23E, Sec 19; 330 FNL 660 FWL; 20 miles NW of White City; Rot 3100 Yeso; API #30-015-39674

Lea County

Cimarex Energy Co of CO
Cascade 29 Fed #1
Wildcat; T25S, R33E, Sec 29; 330 FNL 350 FEL; 11 miles SW of Ochoa; Rot 14509 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40346

RMR Oper. LLC
Madera 19 Fed #3
Wildcat; T26S, R35E, Sec 19; 330 FNL 2260 FWL; 13 miles SW of Jal; Rot 13790 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40340

ENERGY WATCH

Reasons for upbeat forecast in 2011 remain in place in 2012



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A year ago, we predicted 4 percent real GDP growth in 2011 and a 14,500 Dow by year-end. We were too optimistic.

Real GDP grew just 1.2 percent annualized during the first three quarters of 2011. This will climb to about 1.75 percent if the consensus forecast is right about Q4. The Dow finished the year at 12,218, well off its high for the year of 12,928.

This isn't the first time we have missed a forecast, and it won't be the last. And the good news is that our optimism actually paid off. Back in September, when the stock market had corrected by about 16 percent and conventional wisdom had completely bought into the idea of a double-dip recession, we held to our convictions. We begged investors to hold the line and maintain positions in stocks.

It worked. The economy avoided recession and accelerated, while the stock market had one of its best Octobers ever. Those who hung in there did no worse than money market funds. Yes, already over-valued gold was up 10 percent for the year, while municipal and Treasury bonds had nice returns, but holding a diversified stock portfolio, especially of dividend paying stocks, did not hurt anyone.

So here we go again. For 2012, we are forecasting 3 percent real GDP growth and an 18 percent rise in broad stock market prices. We expect the Dow Jones Industrial Average to rise to 14,500, with the S&P 500 targeted for 1475.

All the reasons for our optimism are still in place. The Fed is accommodative. Government spending has peaked and is declining as a share of GDP. And the most important driver of growth — technology and productivity (Schumpeter's creative destruction) — is robust and relevant.

We do not believe deleveraging is holding back the economy. The private sector is still paying down debt, but doing so more slowly than before. As a result, purchasing power can grow faster than income, not slower.

We do not worry about consumer confidence. We do not subscribe to the view that the U.S. is on the cusp of a collapse in the dollar and hyper-inflation. We don't believe that there is a fundamental weakness in the economy.

The story isn't complicated. When government tilts toward redistribution, the growth rate of potential GDP slows down. This hurts job creation. Big government always hurts economic performance. We should have more fully accounted for this in our forecast last year.

Some will ask: Then how can you forecast 3 percent growth in 2012? The answer is relatively simple. 1) The Fed is even more accommodative today than it was last year. 2) Government spending will be basically flat in 2012 for the third consecutive year. 3) Technology continues to advance. These developments mean the tailwinds are stronger at the same time the headwinds are diminishing.

That's enough reason for us to maintain our optimism for the year ahead. Let's try it again in 2012.

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International players jump at U.S. shale

Foreign energy firms see shale as sure bet

By Simone Sebastian
Houston Chronicle

Energy companies are funneling billions of dollars into the booming business of U.S. shale drilling. They are investing Euros, Yuan and Krone, too.

Chinese corporation Sinopec and French company Total this week became the latest in a string of foreign firms to announce big bets on the resurgence of United States fossil fuel production.

International energy companies are signing billion-dollar deals with U.S. firms to reap the financial benefits of their oil fields and siphon knowledge from their experience in extracting petroleum from dense shale rock to carry the skills overseas.

In return, they are pony-ing up the funds to get more wells drilled, so the oil and natural gas bounty trapped deep below can get to market quickly.

"The big motivation for (U.S. companies) wanting to find a partner is finding someone with big pockets," said Scott Hanold, energy research analyst for RBC Capital Markets. "They are just money men at the end of the day."

Total signed its second shale compact with Oklahoma-based natural gas producer Chesapeake Energy last week to secure acres in Ohio's burgeoning Utica Shale. The French energy giant got 25 percent interest in a 619,000-acre joint venture with Chesapeake and Houston-based EnerVest. In exchange, it forked over $700 million cash along with a promise to fund 60 percent, or about $1.63 billion, of the group's drilling and well completion costs in the Utica.

The companies plan to have 25 rigs operating by 2014.

China's Sinopec International Petroleum Exploration & Production Corporation muscled its way into U.S. shale with a $2.2 billion investment into oil field owned by Oklahoma-based energy company Devon, announced Tuesday.

The Chinese corporation gains one-third interest in Devon's 1.2 million acres in the Utica Shale, the Michigan Basin, the Mississippian in Oklahoma, the Tuscaloosa Marine Shale in Louisiana, and the Niobrara in Wyoming.

Sinopec will pay $900 million cash when the deal closes, expected in 2012's first quarter, and cover 70 percent of Devon's drilling costs, about $1.6 billion.

Total and Sinopec follow other international energy powerhouses who have crossed the Atlantic recently, including Norway's Statoil.

"It's a continuation of a very fevered process of large international companies with cash coming into North America," Hanold said.

Including Total's deal, overseas-based companies spent about $33 billion buying into U.S. shale through acquisitions or joint ventures last year, according to data from research firm IHS.

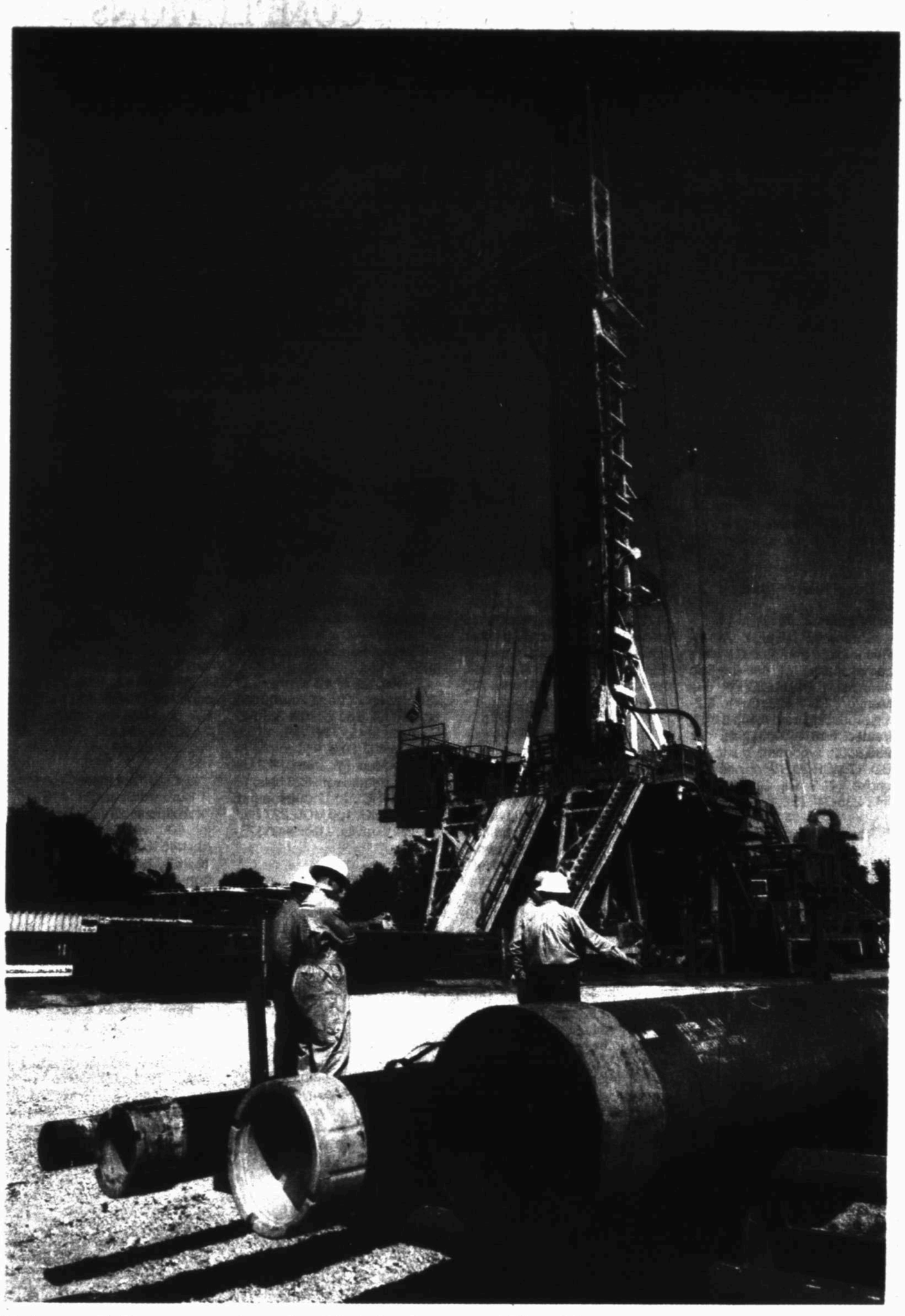
That's more than double the amount they shelled out in 2010, about $15.8 billion. In 2009, they spent just $3.6 billion.

For the international energy behemoths, North America's rapidly expanding shale fields can be viewed as a sure and easy bet, requiring big bucks, but little work, said John Parry, principal analyst for IHS.

The oil and natural gas has been located and the pipelines and infrastructure are in often place. For example, 13 wells had already been drilled in Chesapeake's Utica Shale acres, "with very promising results," when Total signed on, the French company noted in its news release.

"The exploration phase, that risk, is largely removed. You don't have to go out and find this gas. You already know it is there," Parry said. "They can come on and start drilling right away because everything is in place."

The deal is a win-win, he said. Partnerships can help U.S. companies spread the risk of drilling for oil and natural gas, which, with fluctuating commodity prices, isn't always an economical business.



STW Resources plans pilot project to process produced water

From Staff Reports

MIDLAND -- STW Resources Holding Corp., a water reclamation services company, will commission its first oilfield-producted water processing pilot in the Permian Basin.

The company will deploy a specialized mobile unit, designed and built using patented and proprietary technologies, to process up to 500 barrels per day for up to 10 days per site. STW Resources anticipates that it will perform at least five pilot projects of varius duration for different oil companies within a 30-day period.

The company's pilot equipment is engineered and operated by Bob Johnson & Associates, one of STW's engineering partners. BJJA specializes in water processing facilities and has been involved in the design and engineering of over 7,000 systems worldwide.

Pilots represent the final phase required to procure water reclamation contracts from oil and gas customers. STW Resources is in various stages of contract negotiatinos with several operators for fixed and/or mobile systems to process and reclaim volumes of water ranging from 5,000 to 60,000 barrels per day. Revenues from these projects can range from 25 cents per barrel to $1-plus per barrel, depending on water chemistry and partnering economics. Several oil and gas lease operators with production throughout the Permian Basin have expressed an interest to participate in STW Resources' pilot programs that will allow the company to demonstrate the effectiveness of its technologies. Some of the proposed pilots (beginning in the first quarter of this year) are with operators identified by Platt Rankings as in the top 75 global energy companies.

The technology cleans produced and/or "brackish" water - water that has more salinity than fresh water, but not as much as sea water - from underground aquifers to operator's various specifications required in the drilling and fracturing operations of oil and gas wells. This technology is capable of removing sulfates, hydrocarbons, iron, magnesium, hydrogen sulfide and any other contaminants. Further removal of chlorides, from brackish water, results in potable water suitable for human consumption. This water, previously not utilized, is being introduced into the ecosystem by the company; the processed water will be re-used by the operator for their drilling and/or fracturing operations.

"The deployment of the pilot technology puts the company in a position to demonstrate in the field that we can clean any type of water," commented Stanley Weiner, chief executive officer of STW Resources. "We believe the pilots will show the effectiveness of our technology and establish STW as a leading water services company in the Permian Basin, a region with one of the highest concentrations of wells in the United States. Many oil companies are looking for a company that can reclaim their water at an economical cost, and we believe we will demonstrate this capability. Future systems can be centrally located to developmental oil and gas fields, reducing the transportation cost of water from other sources. Processing the water will help preserve our dwindling fresh water resources while reducing dependence on foreign oil sources."

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Crockett County

Approach Operating LLC
University "42-12" #5
Holt Ranch (Consolidated); 660 fsl, 660 fwl, Sec 12, Blk 42, ULS, 16 n Ozona; TD 8,050; Comp 7-5-11; producing from 7,688-7,869, treated with 1,342 bbls. fluid, 92 tons CO2, 84,717# sand; flow 558 MCF, 4 BW on 14/64 inch choke, FTP 800 psi; API #42-105-41284

Irion County

Three Rivers Operating Co. LLC
Mayse "3068" #8
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,990 fel, 2,080 fsl, Sec 3068, Blk 28, Abst. 925, H&TC RR, 9 nw Mertzon; TD 7,033; Comp 9-2-11; producing from 4,103-6,785, treated with 381,444 bals. gel, 484,107# proppant; pump 45 BO, 17 MCF, 80 BW on one-inch choke, 41.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34767

Three Rivers Operating Co. LLC
Farmar "44" #5
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Recomplete from G.B.C. (Wolfcamp); 1,980 fwl, 660 fnl, Sec 44, Abst. 1061, H&TC RR, 6 w Mertzon; TD 7,425; Comp 8-2-11; producing from 4,148-5,133, treated with 99,000 gals. gel, 286,900# proppant; pump 11 BO, 17 MCF, 70 B W on one-inch choke, 41.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34145

Tom Green County

Banner Operating LLC
Funk "38" #3
Funk (San Andres); 1,650 fsl, 990 fel, Sec 38, Blk 5, Abst. 7190, H&TC RR, 23 nw San Angelo; TD 1,450; Comp 4-16-11; producing from 1,068-1,132, treated with 2,250 gals. 15 percent HCL; pump 20 BO, 3 BW on open choke, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-451-32697

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

COG Operating LLC
Bilter-Lowe Clearfork Unit #38
Fullerton; 253 fel, 2,840 fsl, Sec 11, Blk A-32, Abst. 2027, PSL, 15.8 nw Andrews; TD 7,290; Comp 9-14-11; producing from 6,217-7,149, treated with 124,818 gals. gel, 75,000# sand; pump 46 BO, 16 MCF, 146 BW, 34.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43075

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
University "7-34" #6
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,100 fsl, 2,280 fwl, Sec 34, Blk 7, ULS, 18 ne Andrews; TD 11,445; Comp 9-29-11; producing from 8,432-11,318, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pum 124 BO, 25 MCF, 292 BW, 42.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42917

Apache Corp.
Bakke Unit #155
Bakke (Wolfcamp); ;1,320 fsl, 2,551 fel, Sec 17, Blk A-44, Abst. 2052, PSL, 2.8 s Andrews; TD 9,516; Comp 7-21-11; producing from 8,567-9,478, treated with 29,000 gals. 15 percent NeFeBXBXHCL; pump 10 BO, 20 MCF, 386 BW, 40.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42092

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
M A Thornberry Cons. I #50
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,870 fnl, 40 fwl, Sec 3, Blk A-42, Abst. 2207, PSL, 9 sw Andrews; TD 4,862; Comp 10-16-11; producing from 4,531-4,762, treated with 48 bbls, 15 percent NeFe, 2,299 bbls. fluid, 208,500# proppant; pump 67 BO, 37 MCF, 198 BW on one-inch choke, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43316

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Munger & Nix-Snow #24
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,766 fnl, 1,991 fel, Sec 1, Blk A-41, Abst. 1993, PSL, 12 sw Andrews; TD 4,825; Comp 9-29-11; producing from 4,379-4,650, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent acid, 2,178 bbls. fluid, 206,623# proppant; pump 40 BO, 27 MCF, 159 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43184

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Thornberry -B- #14
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 1,700 fsl, 2,445 fel, Sec 2, Blk A-42, Abst. 1626, PSL, 8 sw Andrews; TD 4,710; Comp 7-7-11; producing from 4,276-4,534, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent acid, 2,089 bbls. fluid, 207,107# proppant; pump 15 BO, 21 MCF, 58 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42783

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Parker -D- #6
Fuhrman-Mascho; 910 fsl, 500 fwl, Sec 21, Blk A-41, Abst. 1655, PSL, sw Andrews; TD 4,752; Comp 10-8-11; producing from 4,388-4,648, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent acid, 1,949 bbls. fluid, 209,049# proppant; pump 4 BO, 6 MCF, 42 BW on one-inch choke, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43247

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Bush-Rasmussen #23
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 150 fnl, 220 fel, Sec 3, Blk A-47, Abst. 1551, PSL, 12 sw Andrews; TD 4,866; Comp 10-16-11; producing from 4,506-4,726, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFe acid, 2,219 bbls. fluid, 203,850# proppant; pum 90 BO, 35 MCF, 113 BW on one-inch choke, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42944

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
M.A. Thornberry Cons. II #46
Fuhrman-Mascho; 270 fwl, 210 fsl, Sec 3, Blk A-42, Abst. 2207, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,845; Comp 10-13-11; producing from 4,465-4,745, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFe acid, 2,070 bbls. fluid, 201,742# proppant; pump 45 BO, 66 MCF, 158 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43329

Texland Petroleum LP
Twilight #5
Dempsey Creek (San Andres); 1,935 fnl, 1,653 fwl, Sec 8, Blk A-31, Abst. 567, PSL, 25 nw Andrews; TD 4,819; Comp 10-10-11; producing from 4,524-4,718, treated with 1,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 389 bbls. crosslink gel, 52,000# sand; pump 18 BO, 3 MCF, 35 BW, 33 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43198

Texland Petroleum LP
Logsdon -C- #56
Fullerton (San Andres); 614 fnl, 1,229 fel, Sec 1, Blk A-37, Abst. 1976, PSI, 20 nw Andrews; TD 4,750; Comp 9-15-11; producing from 4,483-4,664, treated with 2,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, sand; pump 15 BO, 1 MCF, 162 BW, 33 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42809

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Munger-Nix -B- #9
Fuhrman-Mascho; 570 fwl, 2,560 fnl, Sec 18, Blk A-47, Abst. 1997, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,950; Comp 7-14-11; producing from 4,483-4,664, treated with 2,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, sand; pump 15 BO, 1 MCF, 162 BW, 33 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42809

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Munger-Nix -B- #9
Fuhrman-Mascho; 570 fwl, 2,560 fnl, Sec 18, Blk A-47, Abst. 1997, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,950; Comp 7-14-11; producing from 4,578-4,814, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent acid, 2,028 bbls. fluid, 190,481# proppant; pump 40 BO, 14 MCF, 75 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42974

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Munger Nix #161
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 1,350 fnl, 451 fwl, Sec 19, Blk A-47, Abst. 1998, PSL, 11nw Andrews; TD 4,855; Comp 10-5-11; producing from 4,523-4,721, treated with 16 bbls. 15 percent acid, 1,879 bbls. fluid. 206,229# proppant; pum p24 BO, 9 MCF, 187 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43097

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
C.C. Sentry #5
Fuhrman-Mascho; 230 fnl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 11, Blk A-41, Abst. 860, PSL, 13 sw Andrews; TD 4,755; Comp 9-24-11; producing from 4,480-4,678, treated with 33 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,127 bbls. fluid, 220,256# proppant; pump 81 BO, 49 MCF, 78 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43239

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Lockhart #20
Fuhrman-Mascho; 380 fsl, 2,020 fel, Sec 11, Blk A-41, Abst. 860, PSL, 13 sw Andrews; TD 4,805; Comp 10-11-11; producing from 4,432-4,682, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent acid, 2,066 bbls. fluid, 201,725# proppant; pump 18 BO, 18 MCF, 110 Bw, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43311

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Argo #28
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,220 fnl, 2,150 fel, Sec 10, Blk A-41, Abst. 1616, PSL, 13 sw Andrews; TD 4,876; Comp 9-11-11; producing from 4,421-4,672, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,324 bbls. fluid, 208,097# proppant; pump 121 BO, 92 MCF, 81 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43166

Glasscock County

Element Petroleum Operating LLC
Fowler "22 A" #3
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 22, Blk 35, T-2-S, Abst. 1145, T&P RR, 11 se Stanton; TD 10,370; Comp 8-5-11; producing from 7,216-10,136, treated with 620 bbls. 15 percent HCL, 612,000# sand; pump 85 BO, 100 MCF, 227 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34112

Howard County

Sheridan Production Company LLC
Howard -W. Glasscock G-S Unit #203
Howard Glasscock; 2,235 fnl, 1,060 fel, Sec 15, Blk 33, T-2-S, Abst. 1555, T&P RR, 15.4 n Garden City; TD 2,700; Comp 6-10-11; producing from 2,151-2,493, treated with 3,466 gals. 15 percent NeFeHCL; pump 8 BO, 723 BW, 33.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-227-36576

Martin County

Berry Oil Corp.
Peters "3" #9
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fwl, 853 fsl, Sec 3, Blk 36, T-1-S, Abst. 196, T&P RR, 3 se Stanton; TD 11,061; Comp 8-13-11; producing from 8,760-10,860, fracture stimulated; pump 78 BO, 42 MCF, 202 BW on 12/64 inch choke, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36735

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Dossett "2" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 660 fel, Sec 2, Blk 35, T-1-S, Abst. 1074, T&P RR, 6.2 ne Stanton; TD 9,881; Comp 6-22-11; producing from 6,966-9,752, fracture stimulated; pump 19 BO, 2 MCF, 58 BW, 45 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-36695

Midland County

Berry Oil Company
Douglass "36" #9
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fnl, 1,980 fe', Sec 36, Blk 39, T-4-S, Abst. 1174, T&P RR, 7.9 se Midkiff; TD 11,875; Comp 8-23-11; producing from 9,750-11,648, fracture stimulated; flow 50 BO, 420 BW on open choke, FTP 50 psi, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-36844

Fasken Oil & Ranch Ltd.
Fee "AV" #1718
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,300 fsl, 2,400 fel, Sec 17, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 249, T&P RR, 5 nw Midland; TD 11,195; Comp 10-10-11; producing from 8,381-11,026, treated with 1,551,808 gals. crosslink fluid/acid, 801,530# sand; pump 71 BO, 58 MCF, 295 BW, 40.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-36733

Windsor Permian LLC
Barron McLane #1410
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Directional; 2,523 fsl, 1,477 fel, Sec 14, Blk 40, T-1-S, ABst. 1388, T&P RR, 5.5 sw Midland; TD 11,150 MD; Comp 8-6-11; producing from 8,270-11,036 MD, treated with 22,040 bbls. fluid, 15 percent NeFeHCL, 1,100,000# sand; pump 340 BO, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-37301

Pecos County

Olsen Energy Inc.
L.H. Millar et al #39
Wentz (Clearfork); 2,300 fnl, 800 fel, Sec 43, Blk 11, Abst. 549, H&GN RR, 4 s Girvin; TD 3,192; Comp 5-16-11; producing from 2,863-2,979, treated with 8,000 gals. 15 percent NeFe; pump 18 BO, 2 MCF, 2 BW, 32.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-371-38791

Reeves County

J. Cleo Thompson
Webster "17" #1
Wolfbone (Trend Area); 2,080 fnl, 1,980 fel, Sec 17, Blk 51, T-7-S, Abst. 739, T&P RR, 11.3 n Pecos; TD 12,460; Comp 5-12-11; producing from 10,279-12,154, treated with 23,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 951,406# proppant; flow 172 BO, 408 MCF, 322 BW on 14/64 inch choke, FTP 1,500 psi, 44 Oil Gravity; API #42-389-32759

J. Cleo Thompson
Buzzard State "21" #1R
Wolfbone (Trend Area); 665 fnl, 600 fwl, Sec 21, Blk C-7, Abst. 4533, PSL, 6 nw Pecos; TD 12,462; Comp 3-4-11; producing from 8,050-12,335, treated with 50,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 1,931,550# proppant; flow 64 BO, 35 MCF, 297 BW on 14/64 inch choke, FTP 2,503 psi, 45 Oil Gravity; API #42-389-32738

J. Cleo Thompson
Perry State "264" #3
Wolfbone (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 660 fwl, Sec 264, Blk 13, Abst. 2420, H&GN RR, 10.2 s Pecos; TD 12,468; Comp 12-24-10; producing from 10,176-12,121, treated with 18,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 896,000# sand; pump 195 BO, 317 MCF, 579 BW, 47 Oil Gravity; API #42-389-32621

J. Cleo Thompson
Polo Grounds "150" #2
Wolfbone (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 1,320 fel, Sec 150, Blk 13, Abst. 2516, H&GN RR, 14 n Pecos; TD 12,430; Comp 3-7-11; producing from 10,825-12,121, treated with 23,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 963,834# proppant; pump 69 BO, 130 MCF, 600 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-389-32699

Sterling County

Bright & Co.
Ateca "72" #2
Triple C (Mississippian)-Plugback from Triple C "Ellenburger); 1,896 fnl, 1,812 fel, Sec 72, Blk 17, Abst. 868, SP RR, 15.3 nw Sterling City; TD 8,104; Comp 4-10-11; producing from 8,014-8,030; pump 8 BO, 200 BW, 50 Oil Gravity; API #42-431-33276

Winkler County

Walsh & Watts Inc.
Howe #27
Kermit; 660 fsl, 400 fel, Sec 12, Blk 26, Abst. 571, PSL, 2.5 nw Kermit; TD 3,329; Comp 6-2-11; producing from 2,650-2,969, treated with 40,000# sand in gel water; pump 8 BO, 5 MCF, 60 BW, 35 Oil Gravity; API #42-495-33369

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Crosby County

Sheridan Production Company LLC
Ridge Upper Clearfork Unit #3065
Hobple (Clearfork); 1,930 fsl, 2,640 fel, Sec 1071, Abst. 345, EL&RR, 10.3 ne Slaton; TD 4,657; Comp 11-1-11; producing from 4,123-4,303, treated with 62,000# sand; pump 1 BO, 2 MCF, 1 BW, 24.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-107-31338

Gaines County

Breck Operating Corp.
Clopton #8
Harris (San Andres); 990 fnl, 1,050 fel, Sec 20, Blk A-23, Abst.2030, PSL, 10 sw Seminole; TD 5,100; Comp 7-29-11; producing from 4,539-4,940, treated with 2,918 gals. 15 percent NeFe acid, 66,000 gals. fluid, 129,938# proppant; pump 54 BO, 1 MCF, 85 BW, 31 Oil Gravity; API #42-165-37407

Noble Energy Inc.
Robertson "A" #5
Newsom (Yates)-Plugback from Robertson North (San Andres); 2,186 fnl, 619 fwl, Sec 16, Blk A-21, Abst. 642, PSL, 8.7 sw Seminole; TD 4,820; Comp 7-26-11; producing from 2,942-3,015, treated with 30,954 gals. gel, 1,165 Mcf CO2, 174,685# sand; flow 140 MCF, 11 BW on 16/64 inch choke, FTP 178 psi; API #42-165-35336

New Mexico

New Well Completions

Chaves County

Mack Energy Corp.
Mickey Fed Com #1
Cedar Point; T15S, R30E, Sec 27; 1830 FNL 460 FEL; EL 4081 GL; TD 13031; PBTD 12750; Spud 10-3-10; Comp 1-15-11; production is through treated perfs: 9843-12704; Treat: 53,500 gals acid, 15,000 gals slick water wtr, 84,500 gals B Frac 20, 260,288# white sd 30/50, 39,344# Super LC 20/40; IP: 1-19-11 Pump 24 hrs 137 BO, 300 BW, 210 MCF, GOR 1532, Gty 43.3; API# 30-005-29143

Eddy County

COG Oper. LLC
Firecracker State #7
Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 14; 1090 FSL 1125 FEL; EL 3634 GR; TD 5411; PBTD 5364; Spud 7-30-11; Comp 8-29-11; production is through treated perfs: 3690-3940; Treat: Acdz w/13,500 gals acid, Frac w/492,151 gals gel, 562,112# 16/30 brown, 98,890# 16/30 Siberprop sd; IP: 10-9-11 Pump 24 hrs 121 BO, 599 BW, 254 MCF, GOR 2099, Gty 40.1; API #30-015-38264

Apache Corp.
D State #52
Artesia; T17S, R28E, Sec 35; 1780 FSL 330 FWL; EL 3678 GR; TD 4613; PBTD 4570; Spud 4-28-11; Comp 6-30-11; production is through treated perfs: 4000-4400; Treat: 3500 gals 15% Hcl, 132888 gals VK2000 w/201500# sd, 3822 gals gel; IP: 7-2-11 Pump 24 hrs 34 BO, 320 BW, 47 MCF, GOR 941, Gty 40; API #30-015-38468

BOPCO, LP
James Ranch Unit #129
SE Quahada Ridge; T22S, R30E, Sec 36; 630 FNL 330 FEL; EL 3324 GL; TD 12,580; PBTD N/A; Spud 2-27-11; Comp 5-13-11; production is through perfs: 8077-12521; IP: 5-26-11 Pump 24 hrs 707 BO, 1851 BW, 504 MCF; API #30-015-38288

OXY USA Inc.
Fed 29 #10
West Sand Dunes; T23S, R31E, Sec 29; 330 FSL 1879 FWL; EL 3353.3 GL; TD 8258; PBTD 8170; Spud 2-27-11; Comp 8-5-11; production is through treated perfs: 6328-8130; Treat: 35960 gals trt wtr + 102539 gals 7.5% NEFE + 228429 wtr frac GR 21 + 135023 gals Delta Frac 200R-26 w/235585# sd; IP: 8-21-11 Pump 24 hrs 60 BO, 260 BW, 50 BO, Gty 38; API #30-015-38230

Lea County

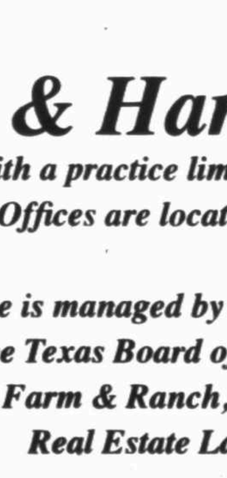
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New Mexico R NCT-4 #3
Vacuum; T18S, R35E, Sec 7; 990 FNL 2225 FWL; EL 3977 GR; TD 6350; PBTD 6237; Spud 7-19-11; Comp 8-20-11; production is through treated perfs: 5726-5730; Treat: 3500 gals 15% NEFE, Frac w/57237 Gals YF 130 ST; IP: 11-7-11 Pump 24 hrs 83 BO, 76 BW, 14 MCF, GOR 520; API #30-025-40060

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Spyglass 17 Fed #2
Tonto; T19S, R33E, Sec 17; 660 FNL 330 FWL; EL 3652 GL; TD 14414; PBTD 14370; Spud 8-2-11; Comp 10-5-11; production is through treated perfs: 9859-9971; Treat: Frac w/20,000 gals 15% Hcl & 400,000 gals slick-water & 300,000 gals 20# linear & 1,060,000 gals 20# XL, 1,633,500# 20/40 sd & 362,500 SB Excel sd; IP: 10-15-11 Pump 24 hrs 505 BO, 761 BW, 404 MCF, GOR 800, Gty 36; API #30-025-40185

Read & Stevens Inc.
Lucy Fed #2
Lea; T20S, R34E, Sec 14; 1980 FSL 330 FWL; EL 3648 GL; TD 3960; PBTD 3810; Spud 2-14-11; Comp 3-17-11; production is through treated perfs: 3662-3666; Treat: 1200 gals NEFE, flush w/22 bbls 2% Hcl wtr; IP: 3-29-11 Pump 24 hrs 61 BO, 171 BW, 0 MCF; API #30-025-40055

Apache Corp.
East Blinebry Drinkard Unit #122
North Eunice; T21S, R37E, Sec 1; 225 FSL 330 FWL; EL 3474 GL; TD 7204; PBTD 7147; Spud 9-5-10; Comp 10-7-10; production is through treated perfs: 5769-6126; Treat: 14000 gals 15% Hcl, 12,113 gals 2% KCl, 147,644 gals SS-25, 266,383# sd, 11,375 gals linear gel; IP: 10-11-10 Pump 24 hrs 37 BO, 285 BW, 94 MCF, GOR 2541, Gty 37.5; API #30-025-39848

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Crockett County

Approach Oper. LLC
Baker #105
Holt Ranch (Consolidated)-D; Runnels CSL; A-2830, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 660 FWL 3300 FSL of lse; 6645 FSL 1980 FEL of survey; 13 miles N of Ozona; obj: 9000; permit #730221; API #105-41371

Approach Oper. LLC
University 45-21 #12X
Holt Ranch (Consolidated)-D; University Lands; A-N/A, Blk 45, Sec 21; 1980 FNL 710 FWL of lse; 1980 FNL 710 FWL of survey; 15 miles NW of Ozona; obj: 9000; permit #730304; API #105-41377

Irion County

EOG Res., Inc.
University 40 #1313H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-D; UL; A-N/A, Blk 40, Sec 13; 7751 FSL 3500 FWL of lse; 2315 FSL 1778 FEL of survey; 25.9 miles SW of Mertzon; obj: 6600; permit #724139; API #235-34856

FIML Nat. Res., LLC
Pecan A #1945F
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; Heller, P; A-160, Blk N/A, Sec 1945; 1751 FNL 1950 FWL of lse; 1751 FNL 678 FWL of survey; 26 miles NW of Mertzon; obj: 9500; permit #730033; API #235-34937

EOG Res., Inc.
University 43 #0905H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-D; University Land; A-N/A, Blk 43, Sec 9; 7427 FSL 2258 FWL of lse; 2100 FSL 2258 FWL of survey; 4.5 miles W of Barnhart; obj: 6750; permit #729986; API #235-34930

Reagan County

Endeavor Energy Res. L.P.
Ricker 'B' Enron #3
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Red House (Strawn)-D; GC & SF RR Co.; A-181, Blk O, Sec 5; 467 FSL 1980 FWL of lse; 467 FSL 1980 FWL of survey; 13.4 miles S of St. Lawrence; obj: 12000; permit #730059; API #383-37596

Prime Oper. Co.
Lucy Lindsey #7
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; Herrin, M; A-201, Blk N/A, Sec 3; 467 FSL 1400 FWL of lse; 467 FSL 1400 FWL of survey; 6.8 miles NE of Texon; obj: 12000; permit #730124; API #383-37599

Laredo Pet. - Dallas, Inc.
Bitter End #139P
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Roble Grande (Strawn/Woodford)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-579, Blk 2, Sec 139; 760 FSL 760 FEL of lse; 760 FSL 760 FEL of survey; 25 miles NE of Big Lake; obj: 10500; permit #730279; API #383-37601

Schleicher County

Highmount Expl. & Prod. TX LLC
University 57 12 #1
Holt Ranch (Consolidated)-D; UL; A-U92, Blk 57, Sec 12; 530 FSL 330 FEL of lse; 530 FSL 330 FEL of survey; 19 miles NW of Eldorado; obj: 8000; permit #730070; API #413-32804

Upton County

COG Oper. LLC
TXL T '27' #9
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Davis (Pennsylvanian)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-499, Blk 41, T5S, Sec 27; 467 FNL 467 FEL of lse; 467 FNL 467 FEL of survey; 25 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 12000; permit #730101; API #461-37803

Midenergy Oper., LLC
Viney 131 NW #1
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; CCSD & RGNG RR Co.; A-76, Blk D, Sec 131; 660 FNL 660 FWL of lse; 660 FNL 660 FWL of survey; 22 miles SE of Rankin; obj: 11000; permit #730046; API #461-37804

COG Oper. LLC
Christine #1
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Davis (Pennsylvanian)-D; GC & SF RR Co.; A-221, Blk 1, Sec 1; 472 FNL 2638 FEL of lse; 472 FNL 2638 FEL of survey; 15 miles N of Rankin; obj: 12000; permit #724061; API #461-37649

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Andrews County

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Munger Nix B #8
Fuhrman-Mascho-D; PSL/Munger, L S & Nix, E C; A-1997, Blk A47, Sec 18; 547 FSL 215 FWL of lse; 215 FWL 2116 FNL of survey; 10 miles SW of Andrews; obj: 4900; permit #730005; API #003-43772

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Thornberry 7N #17
Fuhrman-Mascho-D; PSL/Thornberry, M A; A-2210, Blk A42, Sec 7; 68 FSL 879 FEL fo lse; 1250 FNL 1763 FWL of survey; 14 miles SW of Andrews; obj: 4900; permit #730004; API #003-43770

Crane County

Burlington Res. O&G Co-Midland
Waddell, W.N., Et Al #1088
Sand Hills (Tubb)-Recompletion; PSL/Waddell, W N & Co.; A-1245, Blk B21, Sec 13; 1620 FNL 15680 FWL of lse; 1620 FNL 160 FEL of survey; 18 miles NW of Crane; obj: 6200; permit #730106; API #103-30781

Burlington Res. O&G Co-Midland
Waddell, W.N., Et Al #1930
Sand Hills (McKnight)-Recompletion; PSL/Waddell, W N & Co.; A-1205, Blk B21, Sec 23; 3530 FSL 17720 FWL of lse; 1750 FNL 1800 FWL of survey; 18 miles NW of Crane; obj: 6104; permit #729942; API #103-35254

Culberson County

Finley Res., Inc.
Falcon 27 #3
Ford, West (4100)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-2651, Blk 58, T1S, Sec 27; 1790 FEL 342.6 FNL of lse; 1790 FEL 2310 FSL of survey; 10 miles W of Orla; obj: 5000; permit #729585; API #109-32449

COG Oper. LLC
Augustus 10 #1H
Ford, West (Wolfcamp)-D; T & P RR Co./Hollebeke, P V; A-5557, Blk 59, T1S, Sec 10; 470 FEL 470 FNL of lse; 470 FNL 470 FEL of survey; 58 miles N of Kent; obj: 14550; permit #723928; API #109-32436

COG Oper. LLC
Deets 6 #1H
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-D; T & P RR Co./Brown, W E; A-4771, Blk 59, T1S, Sec 6; 470 FSL 470 FEL of lse; 470 FSL 470 FEL of survey; 62 miles N of Kent; obj: 8000; permit #730115; API #109-32456

Ector County

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Parker Minerals 11 #19
Goldsmith & Goldsmith (San Andres)-Recompletion; T & P RR Co.; A-386, Blk 45, T2S, Sec 11; 2310 FWL 1650 FNL of lse; 2310 FWL 1650 FNL of survey; 11 miles SW of Goldsmith; obj: 9000; permit #728044; API #135-39525

RSP Permian, LLC
Headlee #3404
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McEntire #3
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Glasscock County

Laredo Pet., Inc.
Moore 25 #6H
Garden City, S. (Wolfcamp)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-253, Blk 34, T4S, Sec 25; 467 FSL 1130 FWL of lse; 467 FSL 1130 FWL of survey; 3.7 miles S of Garden City; obj: 11000; permit #730114; API #173-34668

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Calverley 4 #5H
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FIML Nat. Res., LLC
Terry A SWD #4WD
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Howard County

Endeavor Energy Res. L.P.
Guitar '7-6A' #1
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Big Spring (Mississippian)-D; Bauer & Cockrell; A-556, Blk A, Sec 7; 467 FWL 467 FNL of lse; 467 FNL 855 FEL of survey; 5.7 miles W of Big Spring; obj: 12000; permit #730183; API #227-36854

Loving County

Energen Res. Corp.
Steelhead State 33-72 #1
Two Georges (Bone Spring)-D; H & TC RR Co.; A-N/A, Blk 33, Sec 72; 567 FNWL 200 FNEL of lse; 567 FNWL 200 FNEL of survey; 4.2 miles SE of Mentone; obj: 11500; permit #729994; API#301-31673

Petrohawk Oper. Co.
Abernathy 57-T1-14 #1H
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Chaparral Energy, LLC
E.O. Schawe #23
Tunstill&(Cherry Canyon -F-)-D; T & P RR Co./Schawe, E O; A-1316, Blk 56, T1, Sec 48; 810 FSL 1800 FWL of lse; 810 FSL 1800 FWL of survey; 5.7 miles NE of Orla; obj: 5220; permit #730404; API #301-31677

Martin County

Energen Res. Corp.
Jones-Holton #33
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Energen Res. Corp.
Jones-Holton #34
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Occidental Permian LTD.
South Curtis Ranch #1510
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Midland County

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Welch 'C' #4
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Betty Sue (Strawn)-D; Heard, L F; A-930, Blk N/A, Sec 102; 715 FSL 1990 FEL of lse; 715 FSL 1990 FEL of survey; 7 miles SE of Midland; obj: 11650; permit #721660; API #329-37502

RSP Permian, LLC
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Linn Oper., Inc.
Nobles #32B
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Scharbauer Ranch (Atoka)-D; T & P RR Co./Quinn, C; A-819, Blk 40, T1S, Sec 32; 4613 FSL 6694 FEL of lse; 710 FNL 1350 FEL of survey; 8.5 miles W of Midland; obj: 12000; permit #729979; API #329-37814

Mitchell County

Williams, Clayton Energy, Inc.
McCabe, V T #30
Jameson, N. (Strawn 6050)-Recompletion; H & TC RR Co.; A-1040, Blk 1A, Sec 225; 3983.6 FSL 2653.9 FEL of lse; 1300 FNL 15 FEL of survey; 4 miles N of Silver; obj: 7400; permit #729987; API #335-31688

Pecos County

XTO Energy Inc.
La Escalera #1402B
La Escalera (Bone Spring)-Re-Enter; GC & SF RR Co./Simpson, J A; A-6426, Blk B, Sec 14; 66585 FWL 12751 FNL of lse; 1980 FEL 1980 FNL of survey; 20 miles SW of Fort Stockton; obj: 14750; permit #728531; API #371-30211

Jeter Drlg. Prod.
Holladay State 'A' 1 #1
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Kinder Morgan Prod. Co. LLC
Yates Field Unit #275E33
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Reeves County

Eagle Oil & Gas Co.
Dale Evans 196 #1
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-D; H & GN RR Co./Sparks, I; A-5203, Blk 13, Sec 196; 2097 FNL 2142 FEL of lse; 2097 FNL 2142 FEL of survey; 9.6 miles SW of Pecos; obj: 12000; permit #728586; API #389-33104

Sterling County

Chesapeake Oper., Inc.
Spade Ranch #S250HR
Spade (Miss)-D; SP RR Co./Willis, D B; A-783, Blk 18, Sec 50; 10453 FNL 4942 FSL of lse; 401 FEL 2396 FSL of survey; 22.7 miles SW of Colorado City; obj: 9000; permit #730422; API #431-33342

Ward County

Cimarex Energy Co.
Bobcat 34-17S #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-D; TC RR Co. Survey; A-N/A, Blk 34, Sec 175; 200 FSWL 660 FNWL of lse; 200 FSWL 660 FNWL of survey; 7.5 miles NE of Barstow; obj: 11300; permit #729965; API #475-35956

Energen Res. Corp.
Steelhead State 33-72 #2
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Scott (Cherry Canyon)-D; H & TC RR Co.; A-255, Blk 34, Sec 155; 330 FEL 330 FSL of lse; 330 FNEL 2530 FSEL of survey; 9.2 miles E of Pecos; obj: 6500; permit #730121; API #475-35960

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Borden County

SM Energy Co.
Rachel #503
Mesquite Creek (Miss.) & Rock Canyon (Ellenburger)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-259, Blk 31, T5N, Sec 5; 667 FSL 1280 FEL of lse; 367 FWL 667 FSL of survey; 6.4 miles NW of Gail; obj: 10200; permit #730376; API# 033-32187

Cochran County

Tema Oil & Gas Co.
Reed Wright 'B' #47
Levelland-D; Brewster CSL/Labor 24 League 97; A-82, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 1320 FWL 440 FSL of lse; 1320 FWL 440 FSL of survey; 9 miles S of Morton; obj: 5250; permit #728276; API #079-33267

Crosby County

Sheridan Prod. Co., LLC
Ridge Upper Clearfork Unit #7260
Hoople (Clear Fork)-D; EL & RR RR. Co.; A-345, Blk N/A, Sec 1071; 150 FEL 4286 FNL of lse; 995 FSL 150 FEL of survey; 10.7 miles NE of Slaton; obj: 5000; permit #730118; API #107-31482

Dawson County

Barrett Brothers Oil & Gas, Inc.
Canon 28 #212
Jo-Mill (Spraberry)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-27, Blk 33, T5N, Sec 21; 2300 FSWL 4523 FNWL of lse; 2300 FSWL 760 FSEL of survey; 14.3 miles E of Lamesa; obj: 6800; permit #730084; API #115-33472

Gaines County

Hess Corp.
Seminole San Andres Unit #3528R
Seminole (San Andres)-D; WT RR Co./Love, S L; A-1199, Blk G, Sec 218; 14972 FNL 8582 FEL of lse; 868 FSL 1978 FWL of survey; 4 miles NW of Seminole; obj: 6670; permit #725129; API #165-37479

Gungoll, Carl E Expl. LLC
Eye of the Tiger 495 #1
Wasson-D; CCSD & RGNG RR Co.; A-65, Blk G, Sec 495; 330 FSL 330 FWL of lse; 2310 FSL 990 FEL of survey; 8 miles SW of Denver City; obj: 5400; permit #730343; API #165-37523

Garza County

Palmer Oil Properties
I.N. McCrary #16
Post (Glorieta)-D; GH & H RR Co./Lindsey, J H; A-1230, Blk 5, Sec 98; 1685 FSL 1155 FWL of lse; 635 FNL 1155 FWL of survey; 11 miles E of Post; obj: 3200; permit #729871; API #169-34069

Yoakum County

Texland Pet., L.P.
Lackey #5H
Ownby, West (San Andres)-D; Gibson, J H; A-350, Blk D, Sec 435; 1268 FSL 260 FEL of lse; 1268 FSL 260 FEL of survey; 8 miles E of Plains; obj: 7071; permit #727212; API #501-35882

New Mexico

Eddy County

OXY USA WTP LP
Roo 22 State #2
Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 22; 1218 FSL 1654 FWL; 11 miles W of Loco Hills; Rot 5212 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-39651

COG Oper. LLC
Dodd Fed Unit #613
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 14; 1201 FNL 2478 FWL; 4 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4590 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39667

OXY USA WTP LP
Roo 22 State #6
Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 22; 1774 FNL 1466 FWL; 11 miles W of Loco Hills; Rot 5208 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-39652

COG Oper. LLC
Dodd Fed Unit #614
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 14; 2103 FNL 1967 FEL; 4 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4550 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39668

OXY USA WTP LP
Roo 22 State #7
Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 22; 380 FNL 472 FWL; 11 miles W of Loco Hills; Rot 5200 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-39653

COG Oper. LLC
Dodd Fed Unit #605
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 15; 1760 FNL 1650 FEL; 5 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4550 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39665

COG Oper. LLC
MYOX 20 State #1
North Hay Hollow; T25S, R28E, Sec 20; 330 FSL 330 FWL; 7 miles S of Malaga; Rot 11516 Bone Spring; API #30-015-39672

EOG Res. Inc.
Elk Wallow 11 St #7
East Pierce Crossing; T25S, R29E, Sec 11; 190 FNL 1220 FWL; 8 miles SW of Malaga; Rot 12336 Bone Spring; API #30-015-39655

EOG Res. Inc.
Elk Wallow 11 St #9
East Pierce Crossing; T25S, R29E, Sec 11; 435 FSL 1220 FEL; 8 miles SW of Malaga; Rot 12223 Bone Spring; API #30-015-39648

Lea County

Apache Corp
Lockhart B 13A #14
Blinebry; T21S, R37E, Sec 13; 980 FNL 660 FEL; 3 miles NE of Eunice; Rot 7300 Tubb/Abo; API #30-025-40345

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
Berry 16 St #1
South Berry; T21S, R34E, Sec 16; 330 FSL 2095 FEL; 12 miles SW of Oil Center; Rot 15421 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40342

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
Triste Draw 36 State #4
Triste Draw; T23S, R32E, Sec 36; 330 FNL 2280 FWL; 12 miles NW of Ochoa; Rot 15597 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40343

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
Tres Equis State #4
West Triple X; T24S, R33E, Sec 6; 330 FNL 660 FEL; 10 miles NW of Ochoa; Rot 15669 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40341

Mack Energy Corp.
Brook Fed #4
West Maljamar; T17S, R32E, Sec 30; 750 FNL 1120 FEL; 3 miles SW of Maljamar; Rot 7016 Yeso; API# 30-025-40339

Devon Energy Prod. Co. LP
Tin Cup 35 State Com #1
Airstrip; T18S, R34E, Sec 36; 690 FNL 990 FWL; 9.5 miles W of Arkansas Jct; Rot 16722 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40347

Statoil makes large oil discovery in Barents Sea

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Norway's Statoil said Monday it has discovered a large oil reserve in the Barents Sea, its second major oil find in the Arctic region in less than a year.

The state-controlled oil company said a well drilled in the Havis prospect in the Barents Sea proved both oil and gas at an estimated volume of between 200 million and 300 million barrels of recoverable oil equivalents.

Last April, Statoil said it had discovered between 150 million-250 million recoverable barrels of oil equivalents in the nearby Skrugard prospect.

The company has received a huge boost to its reserves in the past year. In August, it announced the biggest find in the Norwegian continental shelf in 30 years with a massive discovery of 500 million to 1.2 billion barrels of oil in the North Sea.

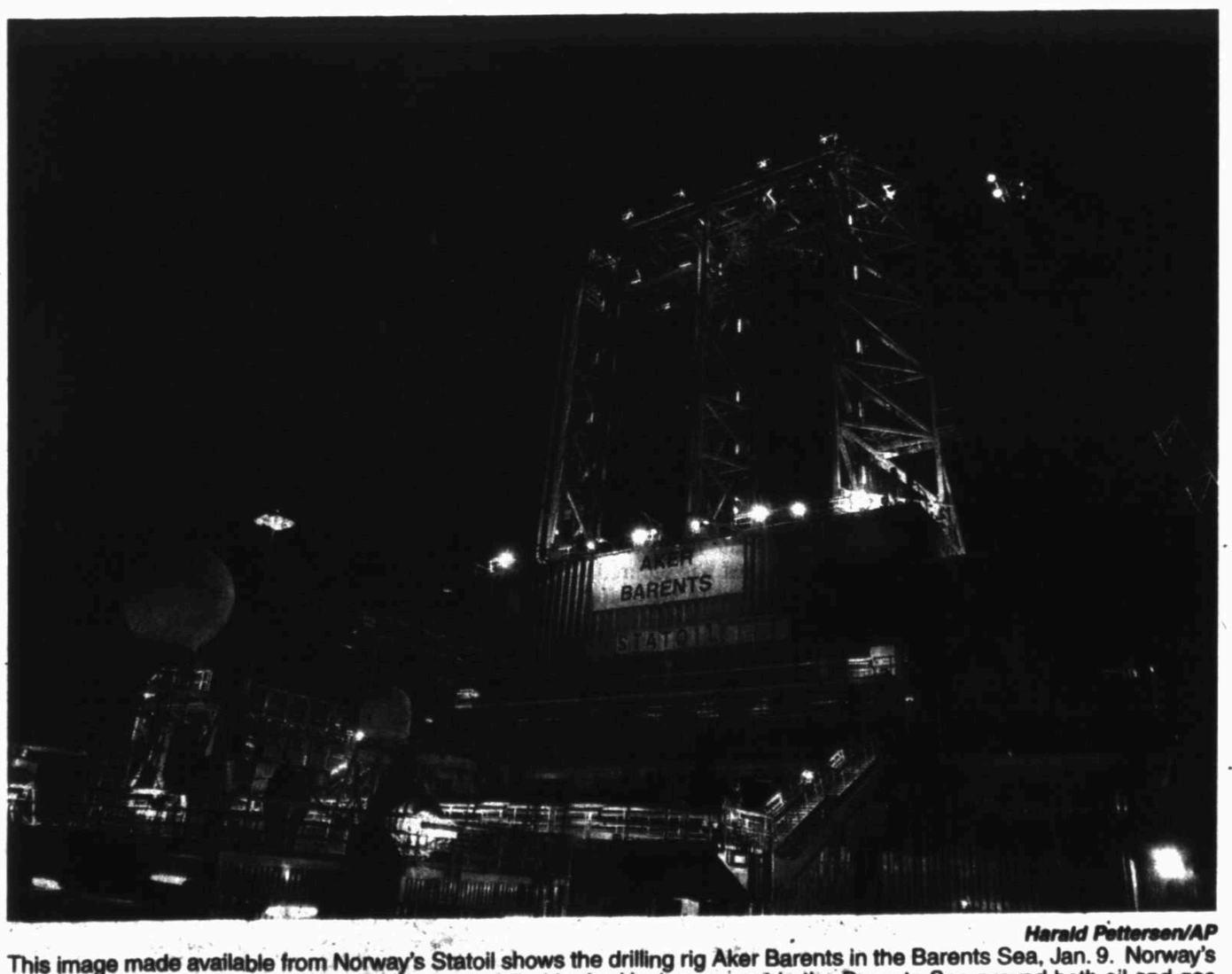
The company's shares rose by 1.2 percent to 157.3 Norwegian kroner ($26.0) in early trading Monday.

"Havis is our second high impact oil discovery in the Barents Sea in nine months," Statoil CEO Helge Lund said. "The discovery's volume and reservoir properties make it Skrugard's twin. Skrugard and Havis open up a new petroleum province in the North."

Statoil has been exploring in the Barents Sea for more than 30 years and said the find proves that persistence and long-term thinking bear fruit.

"We are about to realize the Barents Sea as a core area on the Norwegian continental shelf," said Erik Strand Tellefsen, Statoil's vice president for the Skrugard development.

Statoil ASA is the operator of Havis and Skrugard, with an ownership share of 50 percent. The license partners are Eni Norge AS with 30 percent and Petoro AS with 20 percent.

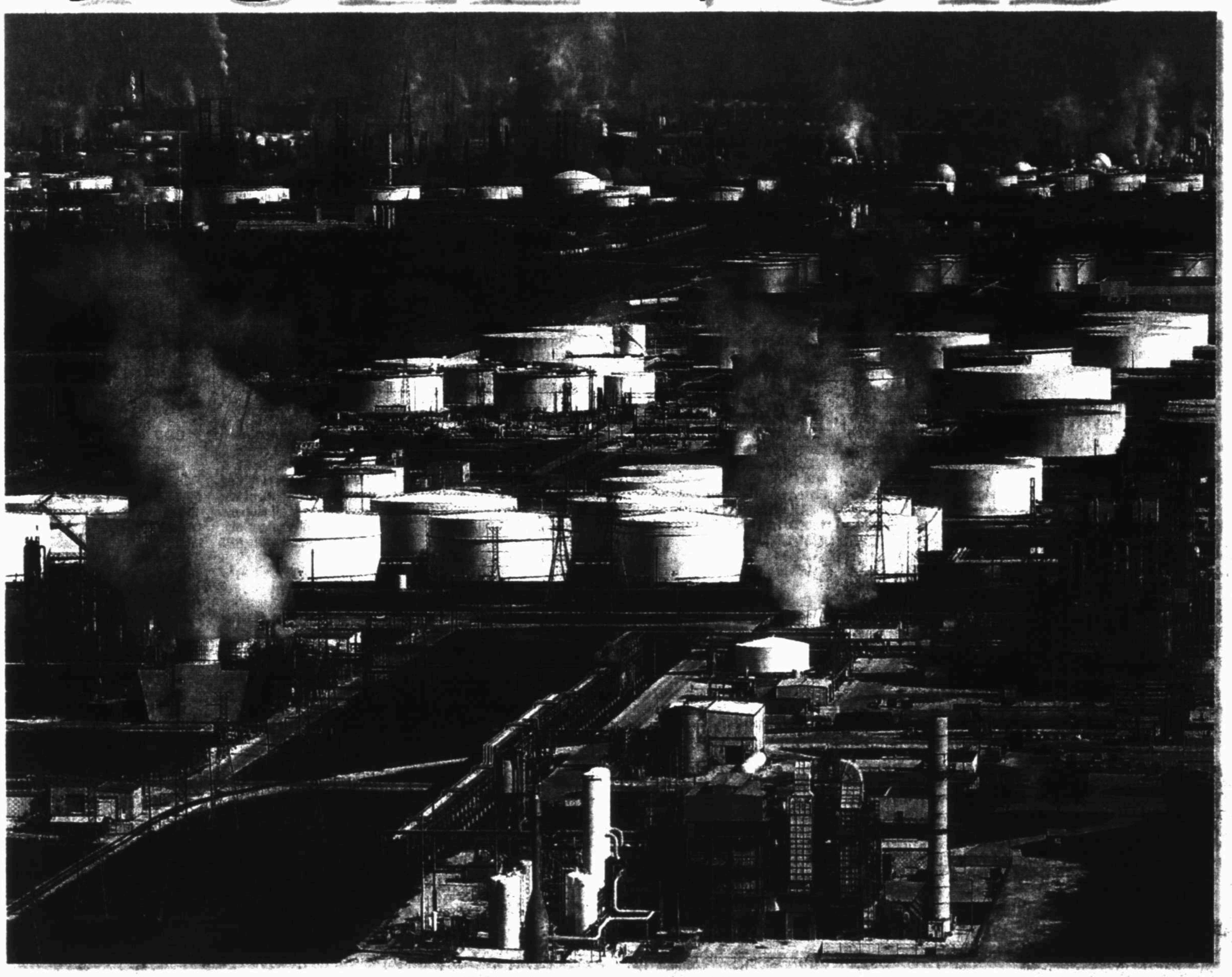


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This image made available from Norway's Statoil shows the drilling rig Aker Barents in the Barents Sea, Jan. 9. Norway's state-controlled oil company Statoil said a well drilled in the Havis prospect in the Barents Sea proved both oil and gas at an estimated volume of between 200 million and 300 million barrels of recoverable oil equivalents.

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FUEL VOID



Gulf Coast working to fill fuel void in Northeast

By Simone Sebastian
Houston Chronicle

Northeastern states are slated to lose half of their regional capacity for fuel production by midyear as financial woes push refineries there to idle, a trend likely to increase the region's dependency on Gulf Coast supply.

A Houston-to-New York pipeline is making major expansions to accommodate growing demand to transport gasoline and other fuels up north from the Gulf Coast to fill the potential supply void.

The Gulf already supplies about half of the Northeast's demand for petroleum products, said Mindi Farber-Deanda, head of the liquid fuels market team for the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

But the shutdown of production at two major Pennsylvania refineries last year and potential closure of a third could put the region in a precarious position and stress supplies of gasoline, jet fuel and heating oil, the agency concluded in a new report.

"It's marginal, but it matters," Farber-Deanda said of the drop in the Northeast's local fuel production. "Before, you could get a certain percentage of supply from local refineries. Now you get it from Europe and the Gulf."

The report noted that Northeastern states could experience "spot shortages with price hikes" for gasoline and other fuels as refineries discontinue operations.

Sunoco announced last month that it will idle operation of its 335,000 barrel-per-day refinery in Marcus Hook, Pa., part of the company's plan to pull out of the refining business altogether. If Sunoco doesn't find a buyer for its 178,000-barrel-per-day Philadelphia refinery by July, it will go off line, too, the company has said.

ConocoPhillips announced a similar move in September, taking its 185,000-barrel-per-day Trainer, Pa., refinery off line to prepare it for sale.

Pressure points

A combination of the sagging economy and improved fuel efficiency in vehicles and equipment has caused demand for some fuels to plateau. Meanwhile, competition from larger and more efficient refineries on the Gulf Coast and imports from Europe put pressure on local fuel producers, said Bill Day, a spokesman for San Antonio-based refiner Valero.

"They found it very difficult to compete," he said. "If there was demand for product there, those refineries wouldn't close down."

Valero pulled out of the Northeast in 2010, when it sold its Delaware City, Del., and Paulsboro, N.J., refineries.

The struggling European economy has left refiners on the continent with plenty of gasoline to ship overseas.

Cleaner heating oil

A bigger concern for the Northeast is heating oil.

Demand for ultra-low-sulfur heating oil is expected to rise next fall, when regulations taking effect in New York will require use of the cleaner fuel in boilers that warm buildings. A limited number of refineries are equipped to produce it.

"Heating oil concerns are probably the greatest," said Terry Higgins, executive director of refining for consulting company Hart Energy. "A cold snap, with a strong surge on heating oil needs, could be a strain on the system."

Room to grow

The Gulf Coast is replete with refineries that are expanding or have room to increase production, he said. Motiva Enterprises, a joint venture of Shell and Saudi Aramco, is nearing the end of a massive expansion of its Port Arthur refinery to increase production of ultra-low sulfur fuel and other petroleum products.

In 2010, Gulf Coast area refiners produced a net 3.4 million barrels per day of ultralow-sulfur distillate fuel oil, a category that includes the clean heating oil, according to Energy Information Administration data. That's up from just 23,000 barrels per day in 2005.

Colonial Pipeline, a major thoroughfare for shipping fuels from Gulf Coast refineries to East Coast markets, has seen growing demand from refiners to ship larger amounts of its products north, spokesman Steve Baker said.

The 5,500-mile pipeline transports heating oil, as well as gasoline, diesel fuel and other petroleum products.

Last year, Colonial added 120,000 barrels per day of carrying capacity to its system. By mid-2012, it will have expanded the flow of distillates – including heating oil, jet fuel and diesel – by another 55,000 barrels per day. In December, the company announced it would expand its gasoline transport capacity by another 100,000 barrels per day.

In total, the expansions will increase the system's capacity by about 8 percent, Baker said.

"We have seen a rising demand throughout the year" for fuel transport between the Gulf Coast and the Northeast, Baker said. "These are big capital investments. It's a significant increase."

Enterprise says Appalachia-to-Texas pipeline is a go

By Ronnie Crocker
Houston Chronicle

A pipeline project that could eventually transport up to 190,000 barrels of ethane daily from Appalachian shale fields to the Texas Gulf Coast has secured enough customers to move forward, Enterprise Products Partners announced.

The Houston company, which revealed two months ago that it had lined up its first long-term contract to use the pipeline, now says it has enough in place to make the project financially feasible. The 1,230-mile line is expected to begin pumping in early 2014, taking advantage of increased production of natural gas liquids and their lower price relative to oil-based alternatives.

"The willingness of shippers to commit to a term of at least 15 years reflects the long-term potential of shale development in the Appalachian region and provides us with the assurance necessary to build the midstream infrastructure that will facilitate further development of this important domestic resource," Enterprise president and CEO Michael Creel said in a statement.

In November, Enterprise announced it had signed up Oklahoma City-based Chesapeake Energy Corp. for the pipeline. A company spokesman declined to identify any of the newly signed customers or detail how much ethane they committed to purchase.

However, energy analyst Darren Horowitz of Raymond James & Associates said it appears the project will begin operations with four to six customers committed to a combined capacity of 75,000 barrels a day. At that rate, he said, Enterprise could realize a 10 to 12 percent return on a project he estimated to cost $1.2 billion to $1.3 billion. The company didn't disclose the cost.

Should industry demand continue to grow as forecast into 2013, Enterprise could see additional return, Horowitz said.

In recent years, the Marcellus and Utica shale plays in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia have become a major hub for production of natural gas liquids. One of these, ethane, a liquid form of natural gas, is feedstock for ethelyne, which in turn is a base material for many plastic products.

Horowitz said demand for ethane reached 1 million barrels a day in December, one of the highest rates in a decade.

To complete the Appalachia-to-Texas project, Enterprise plans to build 595 miles of pipeline from Washington County, Pa., to Cape Girardeau, Mo., then connect to an existing 580-mile pipeline to Beaumont.

The latter is one of two parallel pipelines that move refined products from Beaumont northward, but Enterprise spokesman Rick Rainey said the other, larger line is sufficient to meet demand.

Enterprise also plans to build a 55-mile connector pipeline to Mont Belvieu, where it has a storage complex, and other lines to petrochemical plants along the Gulf Coast.

Rainey said the project is expected to generate about 4,000 construction jobs and broader economic benefits for the petrochemical and pipeline industries and the communities that depend on them.

BEST OF 2012 in the limelight



CLASSICAL

In 2011 most Permian Basin classical musicians appeared to be in a state of almost giddy excitement about the prospect of the Wagner-Noel Performing Arts Center finally opening by the end of the year. That this summer's brush fires got within a few feet of the center — thus reminding us about the best laid plans of mice and men — was only a temporary cause for holding breath. By the end of the year the center had opened.

INSIDE
■One Night Stands/3H

But we started once again in the familiar surroundings of the Mid-Cities Church with a Masterworks concert Gary Lewis described as moving from "the ridiculous to the sublime," thus reversing Napoleon's famous comment on his shambolic retreat from Moscow. Herold's Overture to "Zampa" was indeed confectionary, but it just whetted our appetite for Mozart's Oboe Concerto. Peter Cooper had a perfect light touch for contrasting the beautiful, anguish-filled sounds of the second movement with the jaunty, playful antics of the third.

Lewis's interpretation of Beethoven's Eroica Symphony was complex and yet complete — offering various angles of repose for the composer's "hero." A cheery, almost improvisational mood imbued the surprisingly short third movement, while the finale was majestic, passionate and riveting.

Those last words also fit Kyle Orth's spectacular performance of Liszt's "Totentanz" in the National Young Artist's Finals run by the MOSC. A grand piano seemed almost too imposing for Orth's slight, almost frail figure as I talked to him afterward. But a few minutes earlier his interpretation was scintillating as his hands flew up and down the keyboard as if possessed by the ghost of the Hungarian master. Chords crashed, contrasting with lightning but smooth runs, and Orth compelled us into the sheer virtuosic joy of the piece. The end provoked not only loud applause, but a guttural roar from the audience.

Here was artistic catharsis at its best.

And Orth will be back to perform with the full symphony in the Wagn-

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THEATER

One theater — the Permian Playhouse — bloomed and then sputtered. Another — MCT — continued with its usual winning ways, although it stumbled quite badly at the end. The Globe Theatre tried and tried, but eventually had to face reality, and its longtime director resigned, ostensibly due to a lack of money — and audiences. As is often the way, teenage productions provided some of the highlights of the year.

The first production at Midland Community Theatre was "Oklahoma." It was one of the best shows I have seen at the Davis Theatre in several years. Seamless production values, some finely crafted performances and a host of newcomers made this production a joy to behold. Early in the year MCT's management kindly allowed the now homeless Maverick Players to use their facility for "Crosswords," a play that explored an elderly couple who lead paralytically boring lives. Gene Houk was fine here, sinking his teeth into a meatier role than normal with his unshaven face and tousled hair. Charlyne Dodge was especially funny as a kind of geriatric geisha girl in one scene.

In February two shows lit up Permian stages. First, MISD produced "Annie Get Your Gun" — a musical that was beautiful to look at, excellently directed and perfectly cast in the leading role. Shannon Murphy portrayed Annie Oakley as an enthusiastic tomboy who eventually shows she is a passionate woman who yearns for love as much as she does fame. In the same month the Kaleidoscope Company — the Permian Playhouse's youth wing — presented "Seussical." Caleb Williams was lugubrious, cool and sardonic as the Cat in the Hat, slyly making fun of even the saddest moments in the play.

As Spring appeared we enjoyed "The Nerd" at Midland Community Theatre. Justin Tate epitomized the 1980s nerd — from broken glasses (taped in the middle) to ill-fitting clothes, and on to a tenacious enthusiasm for annoying people. Ashley Tate's wonderfully manic look as she carefully got a hammer out of her purse to fulfill her fetish for destroying things was also memorable. "The Nerd" was directed by Beau Dameron, and he showed he is brilliantly adept at directing that most difficult of comedic forms — farce.

March also offered Trinity School's version of "My Fair Lady." Sam Glins-

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MIDLAND MARQUEE

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. EXHIBIT: Art in the Park, four selected sculptures: "Rolling Keel" by Kurt Dyrhaug of Beaumont, "Higher Reaching" by John Frost of Irving, "Mata Hambre" by Tommy Gregory of San Antonio, and "Untitled" by Kyle Olson of Seguin. Windlands Park, 1001 West Dengar, during park hours. Free.

Arts Council of Midland is now accepting applications from visual artists for our 29th Annual Celebration of the Arts, to be held May 18-20, 2012. Celebration of the Arts is a three-day arts festival featuring the best in visual and performing artists from throughout Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado and beyond. Interested artists may submit an application with three images on CD for this juried show. Postmark deadline for entries is February 15, 2012. For a prospectus, 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: "A Secret Passion: Vintage Costume Jewelry from the Linda Smetak Collection, through Jan. 15. EXHIBIT: Paintings by Rene Alvarado, through Jan. 29, 2012. 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 Ave., 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.

The Maverick Players: COMEDY/DRAMA: "Steel Magnolias" 2 p.m. Mabee Theatre Two at Midland community Theatre. Call 522-5225 for more information.

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 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: Kent Ulberg: A Retrospective on display in Southwing Gallery, through Jan. 15. EXHIBIT: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection on view all year, Hogan Gallery. EXHIBIT: The Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Pick up a walking guide with descriptions of all sculptures. 1705 West Missouri Ave., 683-2882. Gallery Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. No cost.

Odessa College LRC: 201 West University. Call 432-335-6640 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: Museum hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403. Admission charged.

Scarborough-Linebery House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 South Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Sibley Nature Center: Center for learning about the flora, fauna, and natural and human history of the Southern Llano Estacado, 1307 East Wadley. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Volunteers keep the center open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Call 684-6827 for information on art and photography classes.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery: EXHIBIT: Freshman/Sophomore Art Exhibition through January 15. 4901 East University, Odessa. Regular hours are Monday- Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 2-5 p.m. Call 432-552-2806. Free and open to the public.

White-Pool House Museum: National Register of Historical Places. Texas Historical Landmark Texas Archaeological Landmark. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 East Murphy St., Odessa, 432-333-4072. Free.

MONDAY

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 Ave. 682-5785. Regular hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

Midland Arts Association: EXHIBIT: Works of Barbara Noll, artist for the month of January, Community National Bank lobby, 401 West Texas Ave. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

Midland County Public Library: Circulating art prints: hundreds of art prints are available for circulation. 301 West Missouri Ave. For more information call Diana at 688-4334.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: An exhibit honoring World War II veterans is now in place, in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 West Missouri. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2-5 p.m. Call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland Palette Club: EXHIBIT: Works of Diane Browne, artist for the month of January, Chase Bank lobby, 2301 West Wall. Monday-Friday, banking hours.

TUESDAY

Blakemore Planetarium: Permanent exhibits are open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with admission charged. Closed Sunday and Monday. A Sky Show is playing every Tuesday through Friday at 4:15 p.m. and Friday evenings at 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. with two shows on Saturdays at 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. with admission charged. 1705 West Missouri Ave. For more information call 683-2882.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBIT: A World of Masks: From the Collection of Jim Collett. This exhibition, on view through Jan. 31, 2012, will look at masks from a variety of cultures and countries. Also featured will be masks created by students of Bowie Fine Arts Academy. There will be an activity area to make your own mask and create a play based on the masks you made. Permanent exhibits include "My Town", "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound". Regular museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1705 West Missouri Ave., 683-2882. Admission charged.

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

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

ClayDesta Center Presents: CONCERT: Midland Odessa Symphony Sack Lunch Concert, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., 6 Desta Drive, ClayDesta Atrium. For more information call 688-3000. Free to the public.

George W. Bush Childhood Home: EVENT: Laura Bush Literacy Program, a reading event for children K-6th grades. Selection of books include "Snow" and each child will receive a copy of the book to call their own. Refreshments will be served. 4:30-5:30 at 1412 West Ohio Ave. For more information call 685-1112. Free but call to reserve a space as space is limited.

Midland Palette Club: WORKSHOP: William Hagerman teaches a three day workshop in oils, through Jan. 21, Please call for reservations and to make your deposit. 907 West Wadley. For more information call 352-8297.

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FRIDAY

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Midland Odessa Symphony & Chorale: MASTERWORKS III: "Coming to America" with Kyle Orth, 2011 NYAC Winner, Piano. Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. 7 p.m. Southeast corner of FM 1788 & Hwy 191. For more information call 563-0921 or visit www.mosc.org.

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.

IN THE LIMELIGHT

By Graham Dixon

The Planets

The British do not tend to inhabit the top rank of composers, but one of them produced a great masterwork — "The Planets." The Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale used the Wagner-Noel auditorium to good effect in its ascetic, ethereal presentation of Holst's famous suite. First, the orchestra was massive — as envisioned by the composer. Second, a multimedia presentation of actual photos of the planets, together with computer animations, took us on a visual journey that was as compelling as the music. Music and image complemented one another, providing juxtaposition and harmony.

"The Planets" starts with that prescient vision — "Mars, The Bringer of War." It was actually completed before the outbreak of World War I, but in those insistent, irresistible chords we can glimpse the horrors of mechanized mass slaughter. The moment at which the whole orchestra came to a massive crescendo was positively frightening, as if an artillery barrage had just opened up. The visuals here featured actual footage taken by Viking Explorers, and those bright orange rocks easily could be transposed to rivers of blood.

The most interesting movement was "Venus, The Bringer of Peace." In reality, that beautiful planet that we see shining every evening is a veritable hell — 800 degree temperatures, clouds of sulfuric acid, a greenhouse effect gone wild. But when Holst wrote "The Planets" we had no hint of this reality — so as Gary Lewis led the orchestra through this movement's fragile, delicate tones we were presented with searing images of this violent environment. Beware beautiful distant appearances, for the close-up may be so very different.

After each movement Lewis stopped and introduced the next work, reading from a rather esoteric script that was as fascinating as it was often obtuse. Thus we were introduced to a new word — Saturnian — and that Jupiter has at least 64 moons. Lewis described apparent minutiae that would be revealed in a splendid beauty on the screen as we traveled through the hypnotic valleys, mountains and plains of worlds hundreds of millions of miles away.

Jupiter and Saturn were particularly impressive, especially with the visualizations of the surprisingly vulnerable-looking Voyager spacecraft that bounced from one planet to another in an ever widening arc of exploration. How small and fragile Earth and human beings are, but how wonderful that our minds have sought the truth in such a manner.

"The Planets" ends with Neptune — Pluto had yet to be discovered in the early 1900s. The most distant planet known was given the most mystical of music, ending with those unexpected, lovely soprano and alto voices from offstage. Holst wrote "The Planets" just a few years after the Wright brothers first flew, and surely could not have imagined that by the end of the 20th century space probes not much bigger than the first plane would be traveling billions of miles and sending back images. Neptune features one of the first 'fade-outs' in music, and the sound of those heavenly voices dissipating into silence was matched with an image of the Voyager spacecraft's last encounter with the planet, before gently turning away and proceeding on a journey that will take it near to one of our nearest neighbors about 40,000 years from now.

If science enables us to understand our universe — we no longer see the stars as campfires in the sky, nor ourselves as the center of the universe — it is the arts that make life worth living and give meaning to our eternal curiosity. The MOSC gave us an unforgettable journey of sound and image showing how closely allied art and science may be. Music, the most abstract and mathematical of art forms, is a fitting partner for the wondrous discoveries of science.

It was apt that the concert came so close to the birthday of professor Steven Hawking, a man who embodies how human beings can transcend their physical frailties in the most spectacular fashion. None of us attending the concert will see the planets in person, but through the creative skill of science we can visit them virtually, just as Hawking has liberated his mind and explores the universe with his precise imagination, conquering a paralyzing physical disease that should have killed him decades ago.

Next up for the MOSC comes the exhilarating young pianist Kyle Orth, who performs Liszt's "Totentatz" on Jan. 21st at the Wagner-Noel. For tickets call 563-0921.

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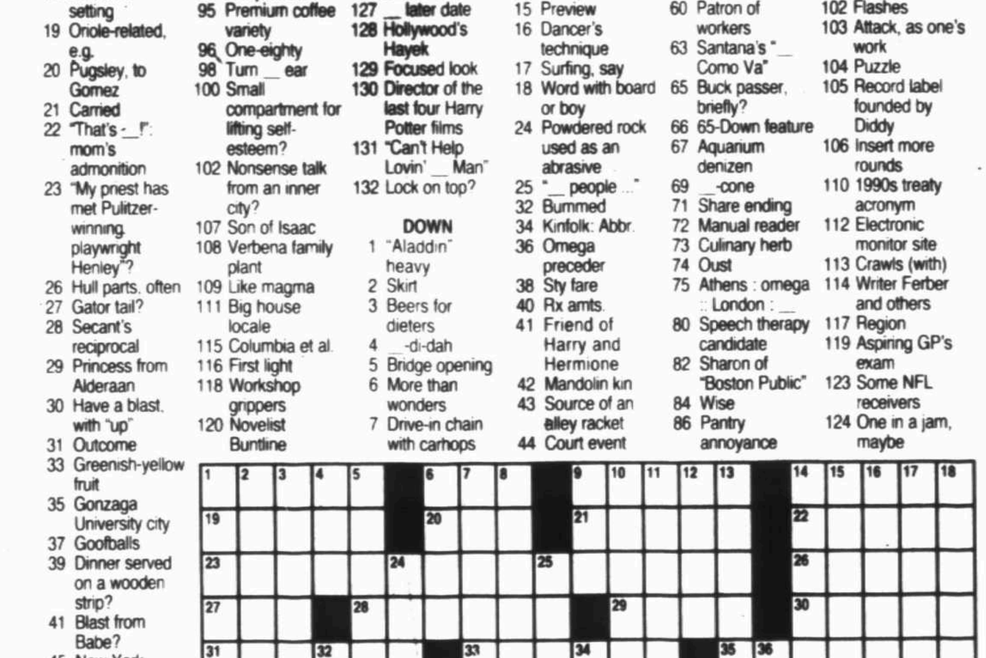
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"STOUT AND THIN" By PETER A. COLLINS

ACROSS
1 Super-through dessert
6 "It's just __ said ..."
9 Rita site
14 Shooter's setting
19 Oncle-related, e.g.
20 Pugsley, to Gomez
21 Carried
22 "That's __!": mom's admonition
23 "My priest has met Pulitzer-winning playwright Henley?"
26 Hull parts, often
27 Gator tail?
28 Secant's reciprocal
29 Princess from Alderaan
30 Have a blast, with 'up'
31 Outcome
33 Greenish-yellow fruit
35 Gonzaga University city
37 Goofballs
39 Dinner served on a wooden strip?
41 Blast from Babe?
45 New York Harbor's __ Island
46 Suffix with Carmel
47 Edible green pod
48 She walked Asta
50 Graceful woman
52 Made a jumper, maybe
56 Tide during the moon's first quarter
57 Star in Virgo
59 Member of the tam
61 Polynesian drink
62 Protect, as during a gym routine
64 Relieved remark
68 Neat time
70 Bill's "excellent adventure" partner
71 Compliment to a young genius?
75 Etron of "High School Musical"
76 What Nixon and Kennedy have in common?
77 Insect with eyespots on its wings
78 Black, to Balzac
79 Pitching stats
81 Sushi fish
83 Risky meeting
85 Lobster meat source
88 Bits of progress
90 Uses a Kindle
94 Key with three sharps: Abbr.
95 Premium coffee variety
96 One-eighty
98 Turn __ ear
100 Small compartment for lifting self-esteem?
102 Nonsense talk from an inner city?
107 Son of Isaac
108 Verbena family plant
109 Like magma
111 Big house locale
115 Columbia et al.
116 First light
118 Workshop grippers
120 Novelist Buntline
121 Pola of the silents
122 Reason for foggy coop windows?
125 Caused to submit
126 Guadalajara-to-Puerto Vallarta dirección
127 __ later date
128 Hollywood's Hayek
129 Focused look
130 Director of the last four Harry Potter films
131 "Can't Help Lovin' __ Man"
132 Lock on top?

DOWN
1 "Aladdin" heavy
2 Skirt
3 Beers for dieters
4 __-di-dah
5 Bridge opening
6 More than wonders
7 Drive-in chain with carhops
8 Complicit
9 Crunched muscles
10 Southeastern pine
11 Shipbuilding dowel
12 No voter
13 Go over and over
14 Deceptions
15 Preview
16 Dancer's technique
17 Surfing, say
18 Word with board or boy
24 Powdered rock used as an abrasive
25 "__ people ..."
32 Bummed
34 Kinfolk: Abbr.
36 Omega preceder
38 Sty fare
40 Rx amts.
41 Friend of Harry and Hermione
42 Mandolin kin
43 Source of an alley racket
44 Court event
49 When the Sugar Plum Fairy appears in "The Nutcracker"
51 Fan setting
53 1815 battle site
54 Even once
55 Senior, to Junior
58 Guy who's high in a loft?
60 Patron of workers
63 Santana's "__ Como Va"
65 Buck passer, briefly?
66 65-Down feature
67 Aquarium denizen
69 __-cone
71 Share ending
72 Manual reader
73 Culinary herb
74 Oust
75 Athens : omega :: London : __
80 Speech therapy candidate
82 Sharon of "Boston Public"
84 Wise
86 Pantry annoyance
87 Nursery cry
89 Save for later
91 '60s Batman portrayer
92 Set off
93 Satirist Mort
97 Over there, old-style
99 Retrieve
101 McCartney, notably
102 Flashes
103 Attack, as one's work
104 Puzzle
105 Record label founded by Diddy
106 Insert more rounds
110 1990s treaty acronym
112 Electronic monitor site
113 Crawls (with)
114 Writer Ferber and others
117 Region
119 Aspiring GP's exam
123 Some NFL receivers
124 One in a jam, maybe



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Long live the knave

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ 8 7 5
♡ A J 8
◇ Q 6 3 2
♣ K Q J

WEST
♠ J 6
♡ 10 7 3
◇ A K J 10 4
♣ A 8 5

EAST
♠ Q 9
♡ Q 6 5 4
◇ 9 8
♣ 7 6 4 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 10 4 3 2
♡ K 9 2
◇ 7 5
♣ 10 9

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: King of ◇

The game of bridge has adopted colorful expressions from many sports, particularly boxing. One of the most colorful of them is the uppercut. This deal is a perfect example.

Four spades is an easy contract to reach. With a minimum opening bid and a balanced hand, North's rebid is simple to find. South has an easy rebid and four spades is a fair contract which will make if the defense gets careless.

West has a little problem on defense. It is obvious to him that he can expect little in the way of help from East. When East signals for a diamond continuation, there is a ray of light, and West was quick to pounce on it.

After cashing a second diamond winner, West cashed the ace of clubs, in case declarer started with a singleton, then reverted to the jack of diamonds. The spotlight moved to East after declarer called for a low diamond from dummy.

The key to the winning defense was West cashing the ace of clubs before reverting to a diamond. Obviously, declarer was going to ruff a diamond and equally clear was that the defense had no other plain-suit winner. West wanted partner to ruff a diamond, and the queen of trumps was of no use to East other than to discomfort declarer.

East rose to the occasion by uppercutting with her majesty. Declarer overruffed, but West's knave of trumps was promoted to the setting trick.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012:
This year you could be more keyed in to your career and public image than you have been in a while. Others often don't understand your motives, as you keep a lot close to the chest. It is clear that you have unusual leadership qualities. LIBRA understands much more than you think.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ As a proactive sign, you often assume the lead. Stop for the day. If you're confused by someone's message, ask questions. Tonight: Continue today's theme.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Don't let a misunderstanding become anything more. All quarreling is about creating distance. Tonight: Time to relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Your creativity opens up. Should a disagreement occur, pull out of the immediate, give up being right or wrong, and let go. Tonight: Let your hair down.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Stay close to home and honor how you feel. Don't let a talk take on connotations that really aren't there. Tonight: Anchor in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Honestly understand where others are coming from. Don't jump the gun trying to resolve a problem. Tonight: Hanging out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ There is no reason to put up with a disagreeable situation. Your creativity blooms if you let go and relax. Tonight: Live for the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You have it in your power to put the kibosh on any problem that comes your way. Tonight: Act as if there is no tomorrow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Taking a day just for yourself isn't a sin. Everyone needs his or her private time. Think positively, and look toward resolution. Tonight: Do your thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Friends surround you. There is no reason for you to be upset or angry. Just talk through a misunderstanding. Tonight: Going to the wee hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ The way you handle a confusing if not difficult matter demonstrates your innate instincts. Tonight: Enjoying the people you are with.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Listen to the whisperings around you. Your ability to get past an insecurity emerges. Someone shares his or her good feelings. Tonight: Choose a new spot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ A partner chooses to be much closer and more open after you ride through a misunderstanding. Tonight: Go with a loved one's choice.

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BORN TODAY
Jazz drummer Gene Krupa (1909), actress, dancer Charo (1951), actress Margaret O'Brien (1937)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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Photos by Graham Dixon

ONE-NIGHT STANDS

By Graham Dixon

One-night stands in the Permian Basin in 2011 ranged from young African singers to octogenarian performers, from a Rat Pack Tribute to Nat King Cole's brother, from a gravelly Scottish saxophonist to an even more craggy Willie Nelson. There were also those extended one-nighters that turn into several days — the Tall City Blues Fest, the West Texas Jazz Collaboration and the enigmatic Rock the Desert.

Our tour of these shows starts with Dances from the Islands – a decidedly eccentric but joyful show that appears at the Yucca Theatre every winter. It explores the hypnotic, irresistible dances of the Pacific, with treats like the Maori war dance, the Haka, thrown in for good measure. Later in February the members of the African Children's Choir were simply spectacular at Trinity Presbyterian Church. The oldest member of this group is 11, but they produced an evening of entertainment well beyond their years.

Circus Gatti strolled into town in March. Their show is rather varied. On the low end came Shetland ponies that went round and round in circles for several minutes. Audiences spoilt by CGI, the Internet and video games require a little more excitement. The acrobats occupied a middle space. They exhibited great courage and skill simply hanging from ropes and sheets 50 feet up, but anyone who has seen shows like the Cirque de Soleil knows what the very best can do. These were not it. At the high end — both literally and metaphorically — came the Meza Trapeze Troupe. These included a young man who did a headstand on the rope — breathtaking.

Jazz one-night stands in 2011 included the Honeydrops, featuring Lech Wierzynski on trumpet/guitar, with John Cocuzzi on piano. The contrast between Cocuzzi's intense, shy virtuosity and the brash, exhilarating genius of Wierzynski was fascinating. The Glenn Miller Orchestra swung by in February as well, offering well-honed performances of Swing classics while bravely ignoring lighting malfunctions that pitched them into total darkness at one point and blinding light the next. In the Fall, Jim Galloway's gorgeous little saxophone graced the Noel Art Museum in Odessa with its unique sounds.

The Jazz Collaboration featured all our normal favorites, minus Mr. Cocuzzi, who was on tour in Europe with the Honeydrops. Bucky Pizzarelli — now a sprightly 85 years old — once again hypnotized with his consummate guitar solos. Rossano Sportiello quietly dissected Chopin's Revolutionary Etude in a piece that showed just what technical mastery and a fluid imagination can produce. Then Harry Allen's elegant, smooth work showed he is developing a distinctive sound that moves beyond most tenor saxes.

Late in the year the Rat Pack Tribute featured a spot-on Sammy Davis Jr. and a woefully off Frank Sinatra, while Eddie Cole showed he could have made it all on his own, without the help of the name of his long-departed but still omnipresent brother.

There were several one-nighters at the Ector Theatre, and I attended two of them. Vince King was his customarily talented and tireless self in his tribute to Elvis, while the Legacy of the Temptations was nostalgic, if a trifle canned.

Summer festivals included the Tall City Blues Fest and the 12th Rock the Desert. The Tall City Blues Festival was an ambitious undertaking, with complete days of music on two outdoor stages, performances on a "chamber acoustic jam stage," together with a whole separate educational program that included offerings like the intriguing "Deconstructing SRV Licks." The $40 admission appeared to have dampened audience numbers on the two nights I attended, which was a shame as Smokin' Joe Kubek was fiery, belying his Wavy Gravy look. James Boogaloo Bolden headlined on Saturday. Bolden often looked like he was going to explode as he reached splittingly high notes on his trumpet, and the lead guitar resembled SRV, but didn't quite sound like him.

While there were a few first date hiccups, the Tall City Blues Festival knew what it wanted to be and produced the goods.

By contrast, Rock the Desert, a venerable festival with many thousands in attendance, is in a constant state of change. A timeless paradox imbues Christian rock music. How can the sensual, earthy atmosphere that almost inevitably emerges when rock-'n'roll is played well fit within a Christian message? The headlining Skillet members delightfully over-the-top with their pyrotechnics, ELO-like use of string instruments and even a touch of Kraftwerk at one point.

The ambivalent ambiance of this festival was encapsulated in the moment that lead singer John Cooper announced that "my greatest hero is Jesus" after one heavy metal song, and before another that wouldn't have seemed out of place in an ACDC set. At Rock the Desert it was as if some Spirit in the Sky — the name of this year's festival — was offering up a decidedly complex and ambiguous view of faith. Yes, a modern spiritual message was there, and its purity ran deepest in the generous, loving undercurrent of musicians and festival-goers alike. I can't remember being among a happier, friendlier crowd of people. But a far older spirituality dwelled in those thousands of watts of amplified sound; in the lights, heat and sweat of a myriad bodies moving as one to a primal beat.

And so to Willie Nelson. In May he played at least 29 songs in a 92-minute non-stop set. This was the day after his 78th birthday. Watching Willie play from a few feet away is an intense experience. He resembles an animated statue — the deep lines and crevasses on his face speak of a life well-lived, of existence taken to the hilt. Nelson is his own Picture of Dorian Gray. Nothing is hidden. He still peers at the neck hand on his guitar, even though he surely left the need to check his chord fingering decades ago. Mere habit? Perhaps. Or maybe he is mining deep into the somber, bluesy tone that lurks underneath many seemingly happy songs. The dark, almost black eyes concentrate on his faithful old Martin guitar before lifting upward to look at who-know's-what somewhere above the audience.

We can only hope for many more years in the company of this regular visitor to our stages. More years for that face to become even more expressive and poignant, for that voice to pierce us with its gravelly melancholy.

An eclectic 2011 of one night stands. With the opening of the Wagner-Noel we can look forward to an even greater variety of talent in 2012.

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THEATER

From 1H

mann took on the role of English gentleman Henry Higgins with gusto, particularly memorable when singing "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face" to a rather small flower. He managed to be moving without descending into sentimentality. As Eliza Doolitle, Reagan Kruse negotiated her transformation from cockney flowergirl to believable simulacrum of an English lady superbly. Her volcanic anger at being left in a no-man's-land between economic classes was spot on.

In April the Pickwick Players explored a world in which "innocence is lost, knowledge gained, nothing will ever be the same" in "The Magical World of the Brothers Grimm." It was another hypnotic, vaguely foreboding and yet fascinating offering from this youth company. Bill Williams allowed his young charges to wander through a mysterious world in which the simplicities of childhood were replaced by the far more ambiguous morality of adults.

Ambiguity was the main theme of the Globe Theatre's "Macbeth." Anthony Ridley was a rascally, sonorous Porter, but the production suffered from an inability to reach the soaring language and emotional depths demanded in the leading roles. In the end it was ironic that — like Macbeth — Ridley seemed to face too many problems beyond his control. A director, like a tyrant, can only do so much.

McCalaren Comedy Competition winners nearly always result in interesting, if flawed productions. "There's No Justice — Just Court Costs," presented by MCT in May, was no exception to this rule. Carl Moore had to replace the leading character at three days notice, and so spent much of the opening night's performance with a script in his hand. With his customary skill, Moore treated the script as if it was a court document being held by his lawyer-character. His customary energy and stage presence held the evening afloat when the writing became precarious.

"Hairspray" played at the Yucca Theatre in May, and it was a rollicking, camp and nostalgic throwback to 1962, when interracial dancing was frowned upon and bubblegum strengthened the mouth muscles. Midland Community Theatre offered another winner with this colorful show full of the wit of John Waters, fine direction from Tim Jebsen and the great enthusiasm and skill of many local actors.

The Permian Playhouse produced "The Music Man" in July. Dale Jenkins tackled the verbal assault course of numbers like "(Ya Got) Trouble" with ease and brought a creepy determination to his wooing. Overall this production was both funny and polished. The Pickwicks returned with "Fame," a show that explored the poignant dreams of extremely talented teenagers who will need as much luck as talent to make it in the brutally competitive world of performing arts. The high point of this production was the argument between the two teachers — Meg Jones and Reagan Kruse — as to whether creative artists are a species apart, not subject to the same rules as others. Both actresses made me forget they are in fact several decades younger than their characters.

Autumn brought "The Dinner Party" to MCT. Not one of Neil Simon's best comedies, but still funny enough. Andy Salcedo played the wealthy playboy Alex Bouville brilliantly. The character is rude, obnoxious and arrogant, but likable in a roguish way. Stephanie Rivas brought a vibrant energy to the production in the second half — she accentuated Simon's bitter one-liners, witty humor and devilish verbal gymnastics.

The Permian Playhouse continued their season with "The 39 Steps"— which was finely acted and often sophisticated with its wry take on stage conventions — followed by "The Hobbit." The latter did not mention the name JRR Tolkien anywhere in the program, and used music from the LOTR movies without apparent copyright concerns.

Midland Community Theatre brought us two great productions in October, with a deliciously funny "And Then There Were None," with sparkling performances from Beau Dameron and Jena Tumlin, together with the surreal "Charlie Cox Runs With Scissors," in which Phil Tytanic played Death with consummate ease, as if it were the easiest task in the world.

Then we move to the final MCT production of 2011 — "The Sound of Music." It featured some bright spots, particularly among the children and in John Briggs as the always enthusiastic Max, but suffered from glaring problems in the lead roles. The Captain and Maria were profoundly, inexplicably miscast.

As in "Narnia" a few years ago, every facet of this show — particularly the directing — seemed weary.

It is impossible to cover every play in a yearly roundup, but these were some of the highlights — both good and not-so-good. The Permian Basin theater community is alive and well. We should all look forward to the house lights darkening and the stage lights brightening to reveal new landscapes of the mind in 2012.

CLASSICAL

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er-Noel on Jan 21.

Like Mark Twain, reports of the death of classical music have been greatly exaggerated, but it is true it must regularly attract new audiences. The Houston Grand Opera's "Opera To Go," which came through town in February, fits the bill for this important role. "The Princess and the Pea" was a delightful show of dragons, cowardly princes, heroic princesses and possessive queens. Large puppets were manipulated skillfully by the artists as they sung, and numerous young people were introduced to classical music.

A different type of story-telling occurred with Midland Festival Ballet's show at the MHS Auditorium in March. Lauren Curry's "Dispensation" was particularly striking — the dancers lay on the stage as if dead, came to life but were then constricted by their links to others.

The Live On Stage Series consistently brings eclectic, exciting performers, and it excelled with the Quarterto Gelato in April. This is a quartet comprised of violin, cello, oboe and accordion. Their show included oboist Colin Maier — who moonlights as an acrobat for Cirque de Soleil — doing the splits while playing his instrument. Quite a sight.

Violinist John Madura is an oddity. He is both brilliant and modest. In the MOSC's May Masterworks concert he strode onto the stage with a jaunty step and a little impish smile that soon turned into studied concentration. Madura stood quietly, apparently absorbed into the music long before the violin had touched his chin or his bow the strings. His interpretation of the Brahms Violin Concerto showed he can fully reveal the violin's ability to express the inexpressible, to explore heights of joy and depths of sadness. Madura reminds me of the causal virtuosi to be found in many an Irish pub; he is brilliant but inclusive.

As a swan-song for its concerts in the Mid-Cities Church, in September the symphony presented a program including the Elgar's Nimrod, from the timeless Enigma Variations. This masterworks presentation continued with the Brahms Symphony No. 1, with an interpretation that was both transcendent and brutal, in the best possible way.

The last Pops concert at the CAF — a tribute to Doris Day — was a little disjointed. Carrie Tillis was presenting a new show, and many symphony musicians seemed strangely disembodied — as if they were already playing in the Wagner-Noel, but were being compelled for one last time to compete with the smell of plane oil.

And so to the first MOSC concert at that sparkling new center. Ironically, it was the Chorale — enthusiastic, talented amateurs who often linger in the shadows of the symphony professionals — who first graced its stage. The familiar beauties of Bach and Mozart were as ethereally affirming as ever, and while the soloists did not quite fill the space as their professional colleagues might have done, a charm radiated in their sections. Their voices were delicate and almost fragile in the Benedictus.

Later in the month we enjoyed the first Masterworks concert in the Wagner Noel. It was the sheer acoustic clarity and loveliness of the auditorium that were overwhelming in works ranging from the overture to Fidelio to Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5. An instrumental solo could be heard as if you were only a few feet away, while lush layers of sound cascaded when the whole orchestra was playing. In December, the Christmas Pops revealed the same qualities, especially in Amy Huzjak's cello solo of "Silent Night."

Two productions of "The Nutcracker" ended the Permian Basin classical music year. The Midland Festival Ballet's delightful show was full of children, fairly traditional interpretations and a costume malfunction. The Moscow Ballet's interpretation was sumptuous, with an unforgettably lovely snow scene.

Inevitably, the Wagner Noel Center will become the fulcrum for classical music in the Permian Basin, but there will be fond memories of old flames — WWII planes, church pews and stages not-quite-designed-for-music.

May they enjoy respite as a gorgeous new mistress deservedly takes center-stage.

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Reviews of recent CDs

LITTLE WILLIES
"For the Good Times"



Norah Jones has never hid her affection for country music. Her Grammy-winning 2002 debut album "Come Away With Me" — which has sold 23 million units worldwide — featured a compelling cover of Hank Williams' "Cold Cold Heart." She's also been nominated for Grammys for duets with Dolly Parton and Willie Nelson — the latter of whom inspired the name for the long-running country band Jones has been performing in for about 10 years.

The Little Willies' second album, "For The Good Times" — a Kris Kristofferson composition made into a country standard by Ray Price — once again puts a loose-yet-sophisticated spin on several classics.

"For The Good Times" lacks the freewheeling fun of the Little Willies' 2006 self-titled debut. Still, the imaginative updates on songs by Johnny Cash, Lefty Frizzell, Loretta Lynn and Parton reach beyond careful reverence or tongue-in-cheek country posturing, translating classic tunes in a way that shows off Jones' sly phrasing and the musical talents of her band mates.

— Michael McCall
Associated Press

3ballMTY
"Inténtalo"



Atop the Billboard Regional Mexican album chart, hovering above releases by the banda singer Jenni Rivera, the ranchera pioneer Vicente Fernendez, the Tejano band Siggno, and even a crossover "MTV Unplugged" album by the long-time genre heroes Los Tigres del Norte, sits "Inténtalo" by 3ballMTY, an album like none of the others.

Regional Mexican music tends to innovate in slow waves, or at least, isn't so quick to phase out its elders or its traditional modes. By those measurements, the leaps forward on "Inténtalo" feel huge, ostentatious and potentially extremely disruptive. 3ballMTY is a trio from Monterrey — Erick Rincon, Sheeqo Beat and DJ Otto — who specialize in a sound called tribal guarachero.

In August 2010, the release of a free EP by 3ballMTY, the sound's leading light, was a stunning aerobic workout of fusion, bridging traditional Mexican cumbias with electro and African-influenced dance music. It was electric and also comprehensible.

And of course, there was dancing to go with it. Soon after, the globe-trotting DJ and music historian DJ Rupture wrote about the scene, covering teenage parties in Monterrey attended by thousands. Before long, a fashion followed — skinny jeans and extremely pointy cowboy boots, which showed off dance crews of young men outfitted extravagantly, working routines choreographed exclusively to tribal guarachero.

Since then, 3ballMTY has sped toward the Mexican mainstream. Its debut album "Intentalo" is slicker and larger than its previous releases, centering the group's frenetic tracks, often with the addition of vocalists, like America Sierra on "Besos al Aire" or Milkman on "Tipsy."

But the music is as nimble as ever, and as fleet, with chilling drums, winding samples, a robust sense of history and a keen urge to destroy and update it.

— Jon Carmanica
N.Y. Times

SAGAL'S LAMENT



'Sons of Anarchy' CD gives Katey Sagal music outlet

By John Carucci
Associated Press



New CD
What: "Songs of Anarchy"
Who: various artists
Release Date: Nov. 29, 2011
Label: Columbia
List Price: $18.98

NEW YORK —

Somebody get Katey Sagal a record deal — no, really. Although she's happy with her day job on the successful F/X series "Sons of Anarchy," in her heart, she's a singer — and she gets a chance to show it as part of a new collection of songs from the show's first four seasons.

"I love being an actor, but there's something about playing music that's a gift," the 57-year-old Sagal admits.

In the past, Sagal recorded on Elektra and Casablanca Records. But times have changed in the music business for her, and she paid to record her last album. Sagal yearns to record again in a more traditional manner.

"I'm still old school. I have to go in the studio with a producer."

"Music From Sons of Anarchy: Season 1-4" features three songs by Sagal, and it represents a return to her main love. Though Sagal gained her fame as an actress, her first big break in show business was in music.

Sagal sang with everyone from Gene Simmons to Bob Dylan to Etta James. She toured as a backup vocalist with Bette Midler. She was enjoying moderate success when a friend persuaded her to go for an acting job. By that time Sagal, the daughter of director Boris Sagal and who had acted briefly in her teens on television, was in her late 20s.

"I didn't realize until someone said that I should audition for a play, and I did, and I got it, and all of a sudden I was an actor," Sagal says.

Sagal's success began with her role as the tartish Peg Bundy in the sitcom "Married With Children," which ran from 1987 to 1997. Another series, "Eight Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter," and her role as the voice of Leela in Matt Groening's animated series "Futurama" sealed her fate as sitcom royalty. But she has never stopped playing music.

With a few solo records to her credit, Sagal says she would like to break out and sign a major record deal. But for now, playing music whenever she can quells her desire. Because she's always had a band, she welcomed the opportunity to add her distinct voice on cover tunes that were appropriate for specific scenes in the show. Sagal covers standards like "Son of a Preacher Man" and "Bird on a Wire" with soulful edge that works well with the content of the show.

On "Sons of Anarchy," Sagal plays the tough-willed Gemma Teller Morrow. Sagal calls her character "an intense survivor with admirable qualities."

Created by her husband, Kurt Sutter, the television drama tells the tale of a group of bikers in Northern California. They've been married for seven years, and doing the show for more than half that time.

"There've been some growing pains with it," Sagal says of being married to her boss. "The only pitfall I say is it becoming all-compassing. .... It's both of our jobs. We talk about it a lot. He does everything on that show. He writes it. He edits it. He directs it."

But it's not business in the household.

"The good news is we have these three kids at home, and they definitely pull focus because at some point you can't talk about your work," Sagal said.

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January

15 **Samuel Zachary, Allstars, Tucker Binkley, Ann Russell** @ Music City Mall
15 **Graham Lindsey, Stevie Tombstone** @ New Blue Max
16 **Float Face Down, Adaliah, The Oppressor, I, Apparatus, Victor Shores, I Am Divine** @ Pine Box
17 **Viva La Fox, Joe Buck Yourself and I** @ New Blue Max
18 **Joe Nichols** @ Dos Amigos
18 **Pentimento, Light Years** @ Pine Box
18 **Waco and Julie** @ Lone Star Bar
18 **Bobby Champion** @ The Detour
19 **Kyle Bennett Band** @ Rockin Rodeo
20 **Nitelife, Chiquasta Hines** @ Music City Mall
20 **Easton Corbin** @ Dos Amigos
20 **Cory Yeager** @ Cigar Frog's
20 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Buffalo Wild Wings (Odessa)
20 **The Road Kings** @ The Detour
20 **The Rankin Twins** @ Lone Star Bar
20-21 **Black Eye Shiner** @ Hot Shots
21 **End Ocean, First Dead Witness, The Movement, Only the Dead** @ Dos Amigos
21 **Klause, Shackled to the Grave, Redeemed Chaos, Murder of Ravens** @ Fast Freddy's
21 **Grupo Sello** @ Gritos
21 **Justin Langston. Mike Leonard, Chiquasta Hines, Lois Stone** @ Music City Mall
21 **Bill Irvin** @ Cigar Frog's
21 **Xerxes, Code Orange Kids, Black Lantern, Calloused, Fourarms** @ Pine Box
21-22 **Kevin Ochs** @ Flash's Cantina
22 **Goodtimers, Technical Jazz, Chiquasta Hines, Pat Keefer** @ Music City Mall
23 **As Hell Retreats, Watchers, King Conquer, Gideon** @ Pine Box
25 **Bobby Champion** @ The Detour
26 **Brandon Rhyder** @ Rockin Rodeo
27 **Alberto Madrid** @ Cigar Frog's
27 **Kevin Fowler** @ Graham's
27 **Mil Rubio, Ashley Smith** @ Music City Mall
27 **Cory Yeager Band** @ Detour
27-28 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Your Place
28 **Xtremo** @ Gritos
28 **Waco and Julie** @ Lone Star Bar
28 **Molly Gene One Whoaman Band, Reverend Deadeye** @ New Blue Max
28 **Cleto Cordero** @ Cigar Frog's
28-29 **GloveBox** @ Flash's Cantina
29 **Allstars, Justin Langston, Ashley Smith, Lois Stone** @ Music City Mall
30 **Tommy Jean Jerry Band, Technical Jazz, Pat Keefer, Tucker Binkley** @ Music City Mall
30 **Darasuum** @ Pine Box

February

2 **Bart Crow Band** @ Rockin Rodeo
3 **Chad Johnson** @ Lone Star Bar
3-4 **Blue Midnight** @ Riley's
4 **Battle of the Bands** @ Dos Amigos
9 **Venia, The Beautiful Ones, Bent Life** @ Pine Box
9 **Gary P. Nunn** @ Pine Box
10 **Loudfinger** @ New Blue Max
10 **Jerry Nelson** @ The Detour
10-11 **GloveBox** @ Hot Shots
10-11 **Black Listed** @ Riley's
11 **David Marez** @ Gritos
11 **Trout Fishing in America** @ Yucca Theatre
11-12 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Flash's Cantina
12 **West Texas Winds** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
14 **Suicide Silence** @ Dos Amigos
14 **Rich O'Toole** @ Yucca Theater
15 **Future Ghosts, To Speak of Wolves, Write This Down, Phinehas** @ Pine Box
17 **Shane Rogers** @ The Detour
17-18 **Blue Midnight** @ Riley's
21 **Alaska String Band** @ First Baptist Church
23 **Fred Andrews and Honeybrowne** @ Rockin' Rodeo
24 **Run Home Jack** @ The Detour
24-25 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Your Place
24-25 **Loudfinger** @ Hot Shots
25 **Starship featuring Mickey Thomas** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
25 **Brian Keane** @ Lone Star Bar
26 **Man Overboard, Handguns, Seahaven, Candy Hearts** @ Pine Box
26 **Permian Basin String Quartet** @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center (2 p.m.)

LUBBOCK

January

16 **Supersuckers, Reverend Horton Heat** @ Wreckers

February

11 **Uncle Lucius** @ Blue Light
16 **Brad Paisley, The Band Perry, Scotty McCreery** @ United Spirit Arena
18 **MercyMe, Tenth Avenue North, Lecrae, Hawk Nelson, Disciple, Sidewalk Prophets, Rend Collective Experience** @ United Spirit Arena

NEW MEXICO

January

20 **Dwight Yoakam** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

February

10 **Great White, Slaughter** @ IOMG

DALLAS-FORT WORTH

January

19 **Tedeschi Trucks Band, the BoDeans** @ House of Blues
20 **Tool** @ Verizon Theatre at Grand Prairie
21 **The Civil Wars, The Staves** @ House of Blues

