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Library discussion to continue Monday

Judge says many options still considered in possible facility changes

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

COMMISSIONERS' COURT:
■ 9 a.m. Monday, 500 North Loraine Street, Auxiliary Courtroom

Midland residents take pride in their library.

That's the sentiment Midland County officials overwhelmingly understood during the past two weeks as they continued discussing with residents decisions that could have a major impact on the future location or locations of the library.

"Obviously there's emotion," said County Judge Mike Bradford, addressing comments he's received about the library. "It's pride-driven emotion that I think is wonderful because pride in your community generally results in positive things happening."

County commissioners will hold a public hearing and discussion during their 9 a.m. meeting Monday concerning the future of the Midland County Public Library.

Luis Sanchez, commissioner for Precinct 3, requested the items be placed on the agenda because he said he wants to hear from the people they represent.

"I want people to tell us what to do with their tax dollars," Sanchez said. "This belongs to the community, not the commissioners' court."

Library moves?

The topic became contentions following the June 27 meeting of the commissioners' court. After an executive session that day, commissioners voted in a 4-1 decision to place the downtown library building up for auction.

The court agreed not to accept bids less than $3 million and, if it sells the property, to move the library elsewhere. Jimmy Smith, commissioner for Precinct 1 who is handling the real estate dealings, said he is working to move

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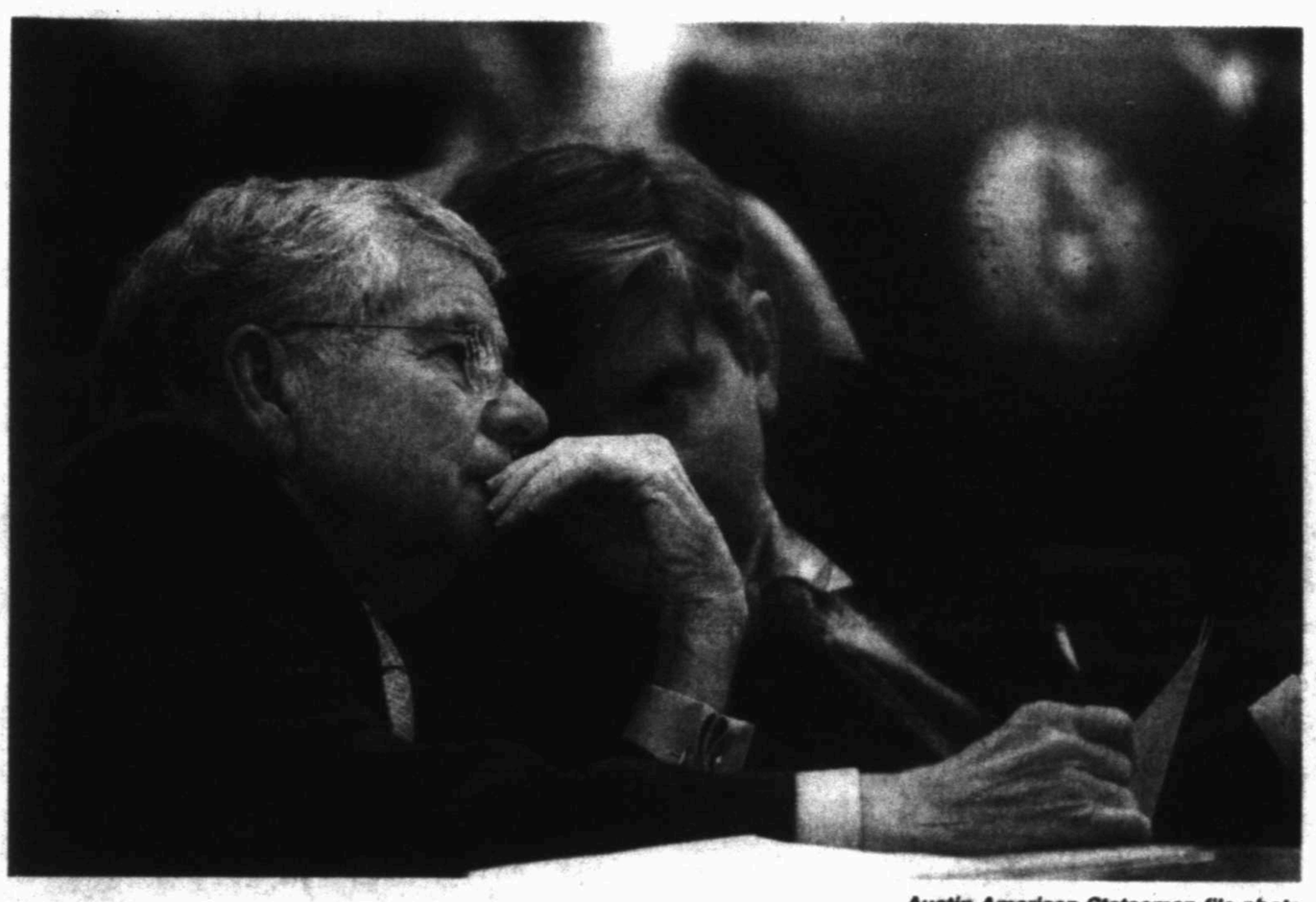

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Rep. Tom Craddick talks with Rep. Tan Parker, right, during a speech by Rep. David Simpson (not shown) at the Capitol in Austin in late June.

Budget leaves many wanting more funding

■ Lawmakers say they followed citizen mandate to balance it without raising taxes.

Although they heard the protests, phone calls and petitions not to cut, lawmakers said the citizen mandate to trim budgets rather than raising taxes was loudest of all.

In a year when the Legislature was working to balance the budget amid what was estimated at times to be as much as a $27 billion deficit when accounting for growth, lawmakers did just that.

The approved legislation cuts spending by $15 billion and levies $4 billion statewide in cuts to public schools. Community colleges, universities, jails and others also suffered casualties as did hospitals that will deal with about a 10 percent cut in Medicaid reimbursements.

"Whenever you're cutting spending, not everybody's happy. We had to cut the budget because of the economy," said Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland. "I heard from a lot of people who were saying, 'Don't raise taxes, make cuts.'"

Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, agreed and said while he heard from people who wanted more public school or medical funding, he also was told by constituents not to vote for more taxes.

"People are very dedicated to their public schools and dedicated to

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MRT file photo

State Sen. Kel Seliger talks to constituents about taxes, the economy and illegal immigration during the last of his 26 town hall meetings in October at Midland College.

Craddick not ready to slow down after 40 years

AUSTIN — As lawmakers around him flip open laptops while simultaneously browsing on their iPads, Rep. Tom Craddick carefully pours over a paper printout of the day's calendars.

Before hitting the floor each morning, the House's longest serving member grabs research his staff has put together so he'll know what each proposed bill will do, who spoke about it in committee and whether different conservative groups support it.

It may be a more traditional way of sifting through the information. But, he said it works.

"If you try to read everything here, you're dead," he said, gesturing toward the floor.

Having been elected to the House from Midland in 1968 at the age of 25, Craddick has no intention of slowing as he looks toward his 43rd year of service. Days after the special session ended, the now 67-year-old already was talking about re-filing his legislation to ban texting while driving.

"Some people play golf," Craddick said, pausing as he finished his lunch during one of the last days of the regular 82nd legislative session. "I'm in politics."

Craddick said he knew he wanted to go into politics by the time he was in high school. A Catholic, Craddick said he was intrigued by John F. Kennedy's run for president and his interest in the field grew from there.

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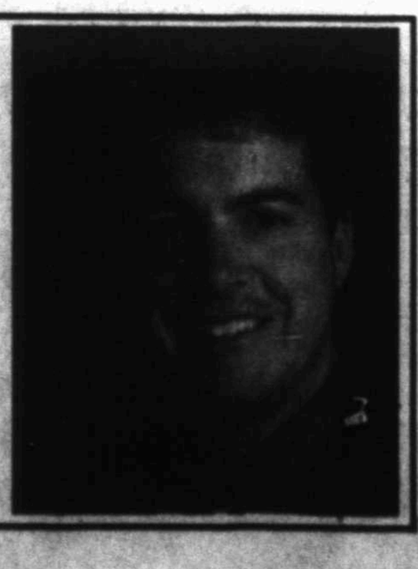

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It's happening ... *this week*

Today

■ West Texas BMX hosts state qualifier race at Reyes-Mashburn Park, Fairgrounds Road and Cuthbert Avenue. For more info find "West Texas BMX" on Facebook or call 556-1607 and ask for Butch.

■ Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts, 7:45 p.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Admission: Free.

Tuesday

■ Porter's Farm Market, 4-7 p.m., 5401 S. County Road 1140. Web: www.portercommunityfarm.com

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's.

Wednesday

■ Porter's Farm Market, 8 a.m.-noon, 5401 S. County Road 1140. Web: www.portercommunityfarm.com

Saturday

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

■ Children's storytime, "The Ice Cream King," 10:30 a.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers

Saturday and Sunday

■ Sandhills Quarter Horse Show, Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

■ Cactus & Crude MS Bike Tour. Ride up to 75 miles per day - Saturday (Midland to Big Spring) and Sunday (Big Spring to Post)

Meetings Schedule

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

City Council
10 a.m. Tuesday
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

Water Wise program kicks off Tuesday

Two water wise educational programs have been scheduled to assist homeowners deal with the current drought and to improve their irrigation management practices.

The first program will be held Tuesday at the Sibley Nature Center. Registration will begin at 5:45 p.m. with the program starting at 6 p.m. Featured speakers for the program will be Dotty Woodson, Texas AgriLife Extension Service — water resource specialist, David Chalmers, Texas AgriLife Extension Service — turfgrass specialist, and Burr Williams, executive director of the Sibley Nature Center.

ENJOYING THE PARADE

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Faye Daily, 101, helps lead the Fourth of July parade around Manor Park on July 1.

The second program will take place July 13 at the Commemorative Air Force museum.

A registration fee of $15 will be charged for each program. To reserve a spot, persons may pre-register at either the Midland or Ector County Extension Offices. The Midland County Office number is 686-4700. The Ector County Office number is 498-4071. For more information, contact Michael Clawson at m-clawson@tamu.edu or Zan Matthies at z-matthies@tamu.edu.

Community Calendar

■ Permian Basin Republican Assembly is to meet 7 p.m. Thursday at Midland Memorial West Campus - classroom 1.

Stephen Pena, retired special agent Department of Homeland Security, will speak on enforcement of immigration law.

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home is planning a free reading event for kindergartners through sixth-graders 4:30-5:30 p.m. July 21.

Children will be read a selection of books including "Summer Switch" and will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served.

To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

■ Applications for hunting permits at O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Area will be accepted between July 15 and Aug.15.

Only applications that are mailed in will be considered. For more information and application packs, call 432-267-6341 or write CRMWD, attn.: public hunting, PO Box 869, Big Spring 79721.

A drawing for the permits is planned for 1 p.m. Sept. 16 at reservoir field office.

■ Midland Need to Read is planning tutor training 6:30-9 p.m. July 19 and July 21 at 1709 W. Wall St.

For more information, or to register to attend, call Patti Groce or Cris Shaw at 682-9693.

■ The South Texas Chapter of The ALS Association is sponsoring the Permian Basin Walk to Defeat ALS and 5K Run, "Because You Can," Aug. 13 at Crestview Baptist Church.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. The three-mile walk/run (and 1K Fun Run for kids) is to begin at 9 a.m. All funds raised will be donated to The ALS Association.

A kick-off party is planned for Aug. 12 at Citibank Ballpark. A picnic is planned for 6 p.m., followed by the RockHounds game at 7:05 p.m.

For more information, call Crestview Baptist Church at 681-8200 or visit http://web.alsa.org/Permian-Basin.

Registration forms are available at Run This Way.

City tax rates. budget totals from 2006

City tax rates
2006: 64.20
2007: 58.70
2008: 53.86
2009: 48.59
2010: 47.29
2011: 46.75
Note: The preliminary 2012 rate has been set at 46.75.

General Fund adopted budget
2006: $59,708,338
2007: $63,127,602
2008: $69,127,602
2009: $79,684,162
2010: $75,510,593
2011: $75,722,337
Note: The preliminary 2012 general fund budget has been set at $82,766,058

All Funds Adopted Budget
2006: $127,987,847
2007: $139,874,374
2008: $150,715,396
2009: $167,374,477
2010: $165,159,499
2011: $169,643,530
Note: The preliminary 2012 adopted budget has been set at $181,276,956

Block captains' appreciation party

The Midland Police Department is gearing up for the annual National Night Out with an appreciation party and training for block captains.

The event will take place from 6-8 p.m. July 21 at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The event will help raise awareness about the upcoming National Night Out event scheduled for Aug. 2. Information will be provided to help residents host a successful block party.

For more information or to register, call the Midland Police Department at 685-7582.

Know a soldier coming home?

Military families can call 689-8698 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their soldier is flying into our airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

Midlander to be on 'Let's Make a Deal'

Midlander Kristen Klaczyk will be appearing on the game show "Let's Make a Deal" on Tuesday, according to a spokesman for the show.

"Let's Make a Deal" airs 2 p.m. on television station KOSA.

Today in history

Today is Sunday, July 10, the 191st day of 2011. There are 174 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson personally delivered the Treaty of Versailles to the Senate, and urged its ratification. (However, the Senate rejected it.)

In 1940, during World War II, the Battle of Britain began as Nazi forces began attacking southern England by air. (The Royal Air Force ultimately was victorious.)

One year ago: Robotic submarines removed a leaking cap from a gushing oil well in the Gulf of Mexico, sending crude flowing freely into the sea until BP installed a new seal that stopped the oil days later.

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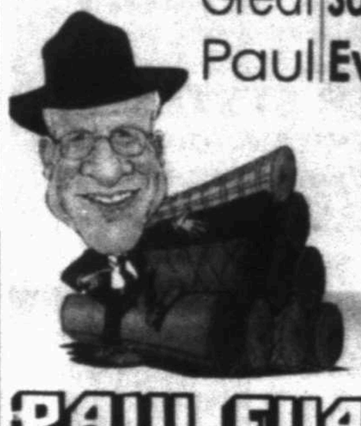
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The B, C, and Ds of the Permian Basin

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It wasn't pretty, but the Texas Legislature finally concluded its work. Taxpayers are safe for another 18 months.

Unfortunately, it was a reactive legislative session, when 101 Republicans in the Texas House should have been on offense, putting the conservative agenda on the fast-track. They accomplished the bare fiscal minimum but did little to control future government growth or implement long-term reforms. This is reflected on the 2011 Fiscal Responsibility Index, with legislators averaging a paltry 61 percent.

The Fiscal Responsibility Index rates lawmakers on their votes. In the House, more than 40 votes were used this year; 21 in the Senate. It focuses on the size and cost of government, providing voters with a measure of which lawmakers are working to protect Texas' taxpayers. While some ratings focus on personalities or process, the ratings on the Fiscal Responsibility Index rest solely on public policy outcomes.

Individual legislator ratings are reported as "A+," "A," "B+" and so on to "D" and finally "F." Based on their 2011 rating, more than 60 legislators this year earned either the "Taxpayer Champion" or "Taxpayer Advocate" award.

Despite the region's conservative reputation, the Permian Basin's are a representational mixed-bag. On the one hand is the state's longest-serving House member, Tom Craddick, R-Midland, who earned a high B+ and will be awarded the "Taxpayer Advocate Award."

On the other hand, serving in the state senate is Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, who earned a high D.

Caught in between is state Rep. Tryon Lewis, R-Odessa, who earned a passing C+ rating.

The average score for a Republican House member was a respectable B. Craddick out-performed his caucus, while Lewis under-performed. (We endorsed both men in 2010.)

The differences between a C+ and being a taxpayer advocate are significant. For example, during the regular session Craddick was far more reliable in protecting the state's rainy day fund from abuse than Lewis, who twice sided with Democrats in looking for ways to tap it. (In the special session, Lewis correctly voted to protect the fund.)

Lewis was also among a handful of legislators to oppose a couple meaningful property rights protections championed by the conservative movement.

The GOP average in the Senate was a disappointing "C," meaning Seliger (whom we have never endorsed) under-performed his Republican colleagues with his D-rating.

Seliger voted against several timely conservative budget reforms, like suspending longevity-pay increases in state agencies or cutting the pay of the highest paid (more than $200,000) state employees. He also voted to "speed up" the taxes businesses pay (and cannot afford) under the state's Gross Margins Tax.

Worst, though, was the overall performance of the "leadership" in the legislature. They may have responded to the state's fiscal crisis by not raising taxes — but they didn't do much to make long-term reforms to government growth.

Perhaps the principle reason is too few in legislative leadership are strong and disciplined fiscal conservatives. That is the only explanation for why — when holding a super-majority — there was no significant reform of the business tax, no reform of the property tax system, no strengthening of the state spending limit, and no improvement to government transparency or accountability.

Legislation was filed to do these things and more, but the leadership failed to act.

In both bodies of the legislature, the House and the Senate, the committee chairmen rule supreme. Especially in the House, they control the calendar — what does and doesn't move, what gets a hearing and what dies without a floor fight.

House committee chairmen averaged only a 63.3 on the Index. The House's Republican committee chairmen averaged a 76.7, greatly under-performing their caucus' rating (82.5). In the Senate, committee chairs averaged a 62.5; Republican chairs in that chamber averaged a 70.3, also underperforming their caucus with an average (73.2).

The lackluster performance by the committee chairs, coupled with their unwillingness to pass substantive reforms, stands in stark contrast to the sheer number of right-thinking legislators who tried to promote proactive fiscal policies.

Over the next 18 months, as we unpack the effects of this legislative session on our families, businesses and the state, it's important that voters arm themselves with facts and demand that lawmakers account for their performance. Taxpayers simply cannot afford many more legislative sessions that squander as many opportunities for reform as this one.

Leaders Perry, Dewhurst and Straus walk off as winners

By Patricia Kilday Hart
Houston Chronicle

AUSTIN — They got their bumper sticker message.

While public school teachers, higher education officials, physicians' organizations and advocates for the poor may deem the 82nd Texas Legislature a disaster, the state's top three leaders walk away from the 170-day marathon as clear winners. They achieved a sales pitch for their next campaigns that easily can be read and understood at the average traffic stop: a balanced budget, no new taxes.

Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus no doubt will put that succinct message to use in writing the next chapter of their political careers.

For Perry, the message elevates his potential stature in the 2012 presidential race as the standard-bearer of the right wing of the Republican Party.

For Dewhurst, it will prove invaluable if he chooses, as expected, to seek the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. And while Straus simply hopes to hang on to his current post, that message may help fend off tea party insurgents who tried to topple him at the beginning of the session.

Political analysts, however, cautioned that the conservative agenda of the legislative session also could carry limitations for all three, for different reasons.

For Perry, "if you look at what he was trying to do, which was to impress Republican primary votes, in that sense, he succeeded masterfully," said Bill Miller, an Austin lobbyist and political consultant. "He said 'keep your hands off the money,' and he was able to enforce it."

That unapologetically conservative ideology may not suit a general election electorate, however.

For that reason, Democratic campaign consultant James Aldrete said Perry tipped his hand with regard to his presidential ambitions: "It's pretty obvious he is playing for a number two spot rather than number one."

Championing right-wing causes, such as "sanctuary cities" legislation, is an appropriate job for a vice-presidential nominee, because the presidential nominee has to have wider appeal to get elected, Aldrete said.

Perry appears to have written off the Hispanic voters, Aldrete said. While Perry has triumphed before conservative groups, he was off his game in a speech to the National Association of Latino Elected-Appointed Officials convention in San Antonio as the Legislature was debating the sanctuary cities legislation, he said.

Many Hispanics oppose the measure, contending it will lead to racial profiling by law enforcement.

"Usually, if you are going to an unwelcoming group, you either give an olive branch or challenge them in some way," Aldrete said. Instead, Perry's speech, "basically ignored the elephant in the room. That was a very extended, long, awkward moment for a guy who has been getting rave reviews when he is talking to his base vote."

Dewhurst's mixed bag

Southern Methodist University political science professor Cal Jillson said Perry's electoral success so far, without significant minority support, can be attributed to the Texas Republican Party's strength.

"If he thinks about running nationally, a 2012 presidential election is going to be a three-point election," a narrower margin than Perry has experienced, Jillson said. "If you've alienated the Hispanic vote, that can be a problem."

In contrast to Perry, Dewhurst emerged from the session with a more mixed scorecard.

Many Austin insiders express doubt about Dewhurst's ability to handle tough primary opponents like Ted Cruz, former solicitor general of Texas, and Tom Leppert, the former Dallas mayor. Their skepticism springs from Dewhurst waffling on using the rainy day fund and an airport "anti-groping" bill.

Yet, by election time, voters will be more focused on results than style, experts say.

Disagreement on Straus

As House speaker, Straus' easiest task is winning re-election to his House seat in San Antonio. He will face a much more challenging task in holding on to the speaker's office.

The session began with a challenge from tea party conservatives who doubted Straus' commitment to the conservative cause. From Patrick's point of view, the special session ended with Straus reigniting a conservative base against him when the House failed to pass two issues important to those voters — sanctuary cities and anti-groping legislation, despite having a 101-49 Republican super-majority.

Other political observers were not so sure. Straus may have weathered the biggest storm of his political career, especially if the 2012 electorate is more moderate.

A presidential year will draw younger and more minority voters who care less about tea party issues, and more about the sharp cuts the Legislature passed, particularly in education, many analysts say. Dewhurst, Straus and the other 180 members of the Legislature could face the wrath of activist education groups upset with cuts to public school funding.

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Redistricting yields few changes for Midland

■ West Texas loses one House representative.

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Having passed four redistricting maps through the regular and special sessions, lawmakers now will wait to see if the lines are shifted in court.

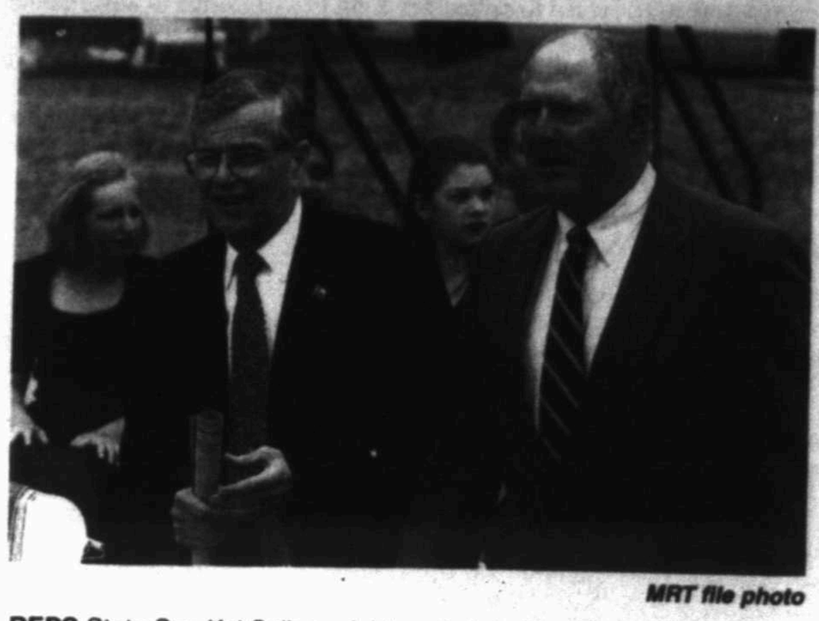
Whatever changes — if any — occur now, Midland may not be affected. Under the maps passed, Midland was moved into a new State Board of Education district but otherwise will remain in the same districts as this previous session.

Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, chairman of the redistricting committee, said they worked to draw and pass maps that were fair and legal. Dozens of la - suits already have been filed, but Seliger said he believes the committee did its job.

"Is it perfect? Well, the jury's out on that literally and figuratively," Seliger said.

Midland was shifted into the State Board of Education's District 15. Previously it had been part of District 1, which stretches south to Zapata County and West to El Paso. Ector County was moved from District 15 to District 1.

Carlos "Charlie" Garza, a Republican who represents District 1, strongly opposed the shift saying it removed part of the conservative base that elected him. Seliger said he explained to Garza the committee's reasoning and eventual vote in making the change and reiterated they worked to pass maps that were legal and fair. District 15 presently is represented by Bob Craig, of Lubbock.



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REPS State Sen.Kel Seliger, right, and state Rep. Tom Craddick enter the grounds for the George W. Bush Childhood home. After redistricting, both Seliger and Craddick still represent Midland County residents.

Midland-Odessa's Senate district

Seliger's District 31 sustained some changes, but it still includes Midland, Ector and Howard counties and his home of Potter County.

Crane County was removed from the southern portion of Seliger's district and Winkler and Loving counties added, according to the approved Senate map. In the northern portion of his district, Seliger added Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Hall, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Wheeler, Gray and Carson counties, according to the Senate map.

Seliger said the areas that were added to his district share many of the same issues as those he previously represented. He said he will work to get to know each area in the coming months.

"I'll be visiting all the counties," he said. "I'm looking forward to that and looking forward to working with those folks."

Because West Texas did not grow at the same rate as other parts of the state, Seliger said they knew West Texas senators would have to represent more people in the coming sessions.

Area House districts

House District 82, which is represented by Tom Craddick, was unchanged. He will continue to represent Midland, Martin, Dawson, Upton and Crane counties, according to the map approved.

Rep. Tryon Lewis, who serves District 81, will continue to represent Ector, Andrews and Winkler counties. Ward County also was added to his district.

Lewis said the industry in Ward County is like that of Andrews and Ector counties. "It's very similar folks and just wonderful," he said.

When the House redistricting process started, Craddick's district was changed and other shifts were made north of Midland that left West Texas with three fewer seats.

Rep. Jim Landtroop, R-Plainview, said the area representatives worked together to propose amendments to the map and the final product allowed for the elimination of just one seat. The spot lost was held by Rep. Warren Chisum, who has announced he is running for the Railroad Commission.

And while Landtroop's district was restored, it represents little of what it looked like during the previous session. He said the shift was "bittersweet" because he lost many of his supporters, but overall the map was a win for West Texas. Landtroop spent last week driving to the new counties in the Plainview district.

"This new district is largely agriculture and oil and gas so that fits really well," he said.

Conaway's congressional district

A congressional map was passed during the special session after one failed to make it through during the regular session.

"It's the responsibility of the Legislature to do it. That's why I wanted to get that done," Seliger said. "There was a lot of discussion, debate and dissent. Exactly what I expected."

Congressional District 11, which includes Midland and is represented by U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, was reduced from 36 counties to 27 full counties and a portion of two others.

Conaway still will represent Andrews, Midland, Martin and Ector counties, according to the map. He also picked up Eastland, Hood, Palo Pinto and Callahan counties and parts of Stephens and Erath counties.

Scurry, Schleicher, Sutton, Gillespie, Burnet and Lampasas, Loving, Winkler, Ward, Crane and Upton counties were among those removed from his district, according to the map approved.

Despite population growth at greater rates in other parts of the state, Conaway's district was forced to shrink because of the four seats added statewide.

The distribution of those seats and some of the shifts made on other maps are what's being challenged by groups that argue they're unfair to minorities or political interests.

Seliger said he and others simply will wait to see what the courts decide.

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public school funding," Seliger said. "At the same time, I haven't had anyone who's said we ought to raise taxes, either."

Allocations for the coming biennium are based, in part, on revenue projections, meaning if the economy is more sluggish than expected, additional funding decreases could be passed down before the Legislature convenes again in 2013.

For now, lawmakers and area leaders said they're working to deal with the budgets allocated without causing an interruption to services whether dealing with students or patients.

"Everybody tried to be very, very fair with the amount of money we had to make it go as far as possible," said Rep. Tryon Lewis, R-Odessa.

Education cuts

Final numbers have not been provided to public schools, community colleges or universities. Most expected a decrease in funding, and with estimates they anticipate will be close to the final numbers, they are moving forward with plans to cut spending.

"We're basically now reviewing our situation," said William Fannin, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

He said UTPB is anticipating a reduction of about $3 million during each of the next two years, which is an about 15.8 percent cut in state funding.

Knowing state funds would be less, Fannin said they've had a hiring freeze for the past several months and now are reviewing those positions to determine which to fill for the foreseeable future.

Class sections with lower enrollments likely will be eliminated and other sections of those courses will be forced to increase. Fannin said they also may see a decrease in special programs such as those through the John Ben Shepperd Leadership Institute or the CEED building.

"We're trying to make the cuts in those areas that are least harmful to our students to keep programs, but it will be tighter," he said. "We can't expand sections; classes are going to get slightly larger."

With a 16 percent increase in enrollment, Fannin said they're also serving more students with less. To cut costs this summer, they've closed campus on Fridays, including the library and student center that previously were kept open longer hours in the summer.

"We have had a significant cut back in our utilities spending over the last few months," he said. "That's a good hunk of change that then gets to be put back into classes."

At Midland College, President Steve Thomas said they expect an about 20 percent cut in funding including an approximate $570,000 reduction in contact hour funding from the state.

When considering decreases to insurance and retirement benefits for employees, as well as the 7 percent cut already sustained this biennium, the college expects about $3.1 million less in funding during each of the next two years, said Rick Bender, vice president of administrative services.

"The message is that the state either by choice or because of economic conditions no longer sees that they can pay for or support higher education at the level they have traditionally supported us, which means that local taxpayers and students will have to make up that difference," Thomas said.

Midland College's board voted to sunset its veterinary tech and pilot programs as part of saving measures. Tuition and fees also have been raised for the coming year, though Thomas said he's hesitant to do that again.

"It does require us to be very careful about how we spend our money," he said. "We'll continue internal reviews. It's likely that we'll have to close other programs."

Odessa College, which in the initial House bill received zero funding, sustained the about 20 percent cut that Midland College anticipates, said media specialist Becki Murphy Wilson.

At Midland Independent School District, officials started moving ahead with budget plans before the close of the session.

Superintendent Ryder Warren said they were planning for up to a $12 million reduction in funding for the coming school year. Under the Senate proposal agreed to, MISD likely will lose closer to $7.5 million in the coming year and more than $15 million in total.

However, because funding is based on revenue projections, David Garcia, assistant superintendent for financial services, had said they worry more reductions will come if the economy doesn't produce as predicted.

Measures to save this year included eliminating at least 80 positions through retirements and resignations, which saved about $4 million. No teachers or staff members were let go, which Warren said was the primary focus in addressing the budget because officials want to keep cuts as far from the classroom as possible.

West and Bunche early childhood centers were closed; various programs aimed at teacher training were eliminated and brought in-house, and several administrative positions were rearranged.

Depending on what budgets look like next year, additional measures may need to be taken, Warren said previously.

Health care

Between various reductions, Midland Memorial Hospital anticipates Medicaid reimbursements to be down by about 10 percent. Such a decrease will leave them about $1.7 million short, not including any added costs because of increased patient totals, said Russell Meyers, president and CEO of Midland Memorial Hospital.

"It's a meaningful negative," Meyers said. "It's not devastating."

Already, the hospital was reimbursed for Medicaid patients at a rate of about 60 percent of the cost.

Meyers said officials now are going through the budget process, but they are hopeful of making up the deficit through reduced supply spending and additional revenue, among other things. At this point, he said they're hopeful they won't have to reduce personnel to cover the shortfall.

"We're still looking for what it's going to take to cover that," he said.

He said there were measures passed to standardize the allocation system so reimbursements are consistent across the state, which is needed.

"It's an appropriate motivation to want people to be treated equally," he said. "It would be better if there were enough money in the system."

Like the school district, Meyers said he's watching for additional cuts. The budget bill passed leaves Medicaid reimbursements about $4 billion short of the expected case load in the state.

Enough money to make up that difference remains in the rainy day fund, which is why Craddick said removing more from the account for current allocations wasn't a viable option. About $3.1 billion already was drawn out to cover the shortfall in the current biennium.

"Everybody talks about the rainy day fund, but if you look at the rainy day fund (and) what we've already spent with health and human services, there's not a big rainy day fund," Craddick said. "It's been spent."

Alan Hale, executive director at Manor Park, said he also won't be surprised if funding decreases are made in the Medicaid reimbursement rates during the biennium.

But, he said they were grateful reimbursement rates for nursing home patients were not reduced during this budget as once projected.

"We have no cuts at all," he said. "Of course, I'm thankful that Manor Park can continue to have a Medicaid program."

The program was decreased in its rate by 4 percent during the current biennium, but Hale said that won't be enough to force them or any others to close or stop accepting Medicaid patients.

Manor Park spends about $30 a day more on Medicaid patients than is provided by the state. In the long-term, Hale said the Medicaid system as presently designed is not sustainable, which is something industry leaders will assess in the coming months.

"Every one of us in the not-for-profit business respect that the Medicaid system is not sustainable in its present form," he said. "We don't want to go through in two years what we did this time, fearing for lives and jobs."

Mental health care

Mental health funding emerged as one of the winners from the legislative session, advocates said.

"I don't see people losing their services; that's what we were concerned about — people who were being served not having anything. We don't see that happening," said Larry Carroll, executive director at the Permian Basin Community Centers.

Initially, Carroll said rehabilitative services were expected to see a reduction up to 10 percent in Medicaid reimbursements. That did not happen and, with the exception of the decrease already implemented, rates in that sector were left alone.

Intellectual development disabilities services were slashed by about 27 percent, Carroll said. What that will mean is many clients now will be enrolled in the Texas Home Living Program, which provides a lower level of service than those individuals received previously. Carroll said they're just starting to work with families on the transition and have yet to hear feedback on its impact.

Early Childhood Intervention Services sustained an about 17 percent cut, Carroll said, which they're hoping to make up, in part, by relying more heavily on Medicaid reimbursements.

Funding for mental health deputies, who work through Midland County and help divert patients from jail to treatment when needed, was cut. However, Midland County commissioners agreed earlier this year to fund the program.

Sheriff Gary Painter had worried steep mental health funding cuts would mean an immediate surge in the jail population but said that shouldn't be the case.

"We're going to have some issues, but it will be nowhere as severe as we anticipated," he said.

Probation and detention

As the state continues working to decrease its population at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, county jails and probation departments are likely to see increased caseloads despite lower state budgets.

Jed Davenport, director of the Community Supervision and Corrections Department for the Midland Judicial District, said they anticipate an 11.56 percent reduction in state funding to the county's probation programs when final numbers are released.

When cuts are coupled with increased costs, Davenport said the system statewide will be down by about $32 million.

"We have already made adjustments and we will be able to keep our services in tact," he said.

One bill passed gives judges the option to release offenders early from probation if they've completed certain steps such as earning a GED.

Davenport said typically early termination of probation is not favored in Midland, but he could see it as an option for low-risk offenders. He said the motive of such measures is to help reduce probation loads as the state makes it more difficult to place offenders in its prison system.

"You're not going to be able to send people to prison, so let's work on reducing caseloads," Davenport said. "That's what's behind those bills."

Painter said there's also a bigger emphasis on keeping those arrested in county facilities rather than sentencing them to the state system.

"Our population will increase to a degree," he said. "It's just going to happen. We're going to have to find solutions."

Plus, Painter said without intervention programs that address the addiction issues the majority of inmates have, they likely are to continue cycling through the system.

The Jail Commission also is going to start charging counties when they perform inspections on detention centers, Painter said. In Midland, Painter said that's something they'll be able to absorb. It's in smaller counties that Painter said there's concern the costs will make a great impact.

"The Legislature is pushing more things down on the county," he said.

Reasoning behind the cuts

Lawmakers said school funding and health care were the top priorities in funding.

Some question why business development and "pet projects" were able to receive money when teachers were being laid off.

"There's money set aside for a race track in Austin, taxpayer money being used to film commercials for big corporations, I think all of that should go," said Rep. Jim Landtroop, R-Plainview. "In my opinion, those don't belong in the state budget ever really, but especially at a time when we're cutting schools and nursing homes and health care."

Seliger said he would have supported taking more out of the economic stabilization fund, but he was glad schools were a focus.

"Public school funding is an absolute priority," Seliger said. "It's going to continue to be at least 40 percent of the budget."

Lewis said he understands arguments to cut business incentives during years when schools are having to lay off teachers. But, he said the only way to build the budget up is through economic growth, which occurs by adding companies.

"We'll be fine as long as our business base is fine," Lewis said. "To get major businesses, major plants, major technology to move to Texas, it's a competitive workplace, and you've got to have some incentive packages here and there to make that happen."

However it was done, Craddick said the request from Midland residents was to reduce Texas' budget.

"People want us to cut spending," he said. "They want us to live within our means."

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Planned Parenthood target of Legislature, staff says

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While some describe it as a victory for Texans and others an utter defeat, Planned Parenthood emerged from the legislative session as the target of several measures.

Part of a bill passed during the special session works to essentially defund the family planning program over the next two years that is heavily used by Planned Parenthood.

In Midland, the move will leave hundreds looking for a new place to go for things like pap smears and sexually transmitted disease screenings, said Carla Holeva, vice president of community affairs for the area Planned Parenthood.

Those who support the move say it will help keep state funding out of organizations with ties to abortion services. No state or federal funding goes toward abortions at Planned Parenthood Choice, which is legally separated from Planned Parenthood, but state funding can go toward health services at Planned Parenthood, Holeva said. Holeva is an employee of both Planned Parenthood and Planned Parenthood Choice.

During the next biennium, family planning services were provided $38 million in state funding, down from the nearly $100 million the program received during the previous biennium.

Another measure that already has been challenged would work to prevent family planning clinics that associate with abortion providers from receiving money through a Medicaid waiver linked with the Women's Health Care program.

"We know good and well a lot of this cutting was aimed," Holeva said. "When you start playing politics, it's the women in Texas who are going to get hit."

Proponents of the bills say such measures will help to rid the state of abortion services Planned Parenthood affiliates provide. Members of Midland-Odessa Catholics for Life sent email blasts throughout the last weeks of the session urging locals to call those in Austin and voice their opinion that the agency needed to lose its state support.

Planned Parenthood is not the only provider of services through the state's family planning fund. Texas Tech Health Sciences also provides such services in Midland-Odessa as do other agencies around the state.

Planned Parenthood is one of the largest providers. In Midland, the fund previously has helped about 1,000 clients annually, Holeva said.

"It only pays for pap smears, breast exams, birth control and STD testing and treatment for men and women," Holeva said. "If you are a low-income individual and have been relying on this assistance, we're either going to have to find another source of assistance or you'll have to pay."

Those who favor the cuts said they'd prefer women be treated through organizations not linked to abortion.

The funding does require a co-pay by women, but it is aimed at catching people who don't have insurance and still need services.

"The only thing we're going to see when we start cutting into programs like this is an increase in unintended pregnancies," Holeva said.

Another bill passed works to decrease abortions by requiring women who are seeking such a procedure to be shown a sonogram.

The law, as signed by Perry, requires doctors to perform sonograms at least 24 hours before an abortion is performed and also to give the woman an opportunity to see the sonogram and to hear the heartbeat. Additionally, doctors must describe the sonogram and ensure the woman understands the existence of internal organs, legs and arms, according to the law.

Mike Banschbach, a member of Midland-Odessa Catholics for Life, said as the bill was being considered, it should reduce the number of abortions in the state. If a woman knows the fetus she is aborting already has developed into a person, he'd said she will be much less likely to go through with her decision.

"Basically, it's a proven fact that once women see a sonogram and realizes this is not just a blob of tissue, it's fingers and toes, it's a living human, their propensity to abort goes way down," he said when the law was considered.

Holeva said in Midland, Planned Parenthood Choice already does perform sonograms on any woman who seeks an abortion so the law will not change their operations. She said they prefer to let doctors and patients make those decisions, but sonograms already are performed.

"Again, we're allowing politics to dictate medical care," she said.

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After two years at Texas Tech University, Craddick considered dropping out to vie for the West Texas House seat. But, after hearing another was going to run he returned to school.

He announced his candidacy as a Republican after graduating with a master's degree from Texas Tech. His father warned him at the time that Texas was run by Democrats and he likely couldn't win.

His career has been marked by several historic events, political victories and plenty of criticism. In 1975, he was the first Republican appointed to chair a committee in 100 years. In 2003, he was elected the first Republican House speaker since 1871 — a position he held until 2009 when he withdrew from the race after current Speaker Joe Straus emerged with enough votes to win.

Amid it all, Craddick said he continues returning to Austin because it's enjoyable.

"I enjoy the camaraderie and getting things passed and helping people with their problems," Craddick said.

While the lawmaking process is concrete, Craddick said each session takes on its own life based on the issues and members serving.

During the 82nd legislative session that concluded last month, Craddick served on the Energy Resources and State Affairs committees. Both committees met during the same time slot so Craddick would split his time, spending the first portion of meetings in State Affairs where votes take place early and the later portion in Energy Resources.

Not known for filing an inordinate number of bills, Craddick said he typically works for legislation that's been requested by someone in the district, pertains to an issue that's of importance there or is related to the oil and gas industry. When it comes to the oil industry, part of his work also includes speaking against measures those in his district see as harmful.

"Unfortunately for the energy industry, a lot of people don't know a lot about it," he said.

During one of the last days of the regular session, Craddick was moving around the floor working to add any of his legislation that had died onto other bills as amendments.

Texting while driving still was up in the air on this day. Craddick looked across the room toward another lawmaker and made a typing motion with his hands to jokingly remind the man Craddick hoped to amend a bill with the texting ban.

"We're going to go real fast," he said about the last few days.

Back in his oversized chair that evening, Craddick again looked through his printout and also picked up the phone periodically to discuss legislation.

Craddick said the atmosphere has changed in recent decades as constituents have become more involved.

Years ago, he would update Midlanders on legislation when he was back in the district, but people rarely visited and didn't even call all that often.

Now, he said, they're busy all the time.

"There's a lot more bills, a lot more people have interest in those bills," he said.

Tan Parker, R-Flower Mound, has shared a desk with Craddick on the floor during the past two sessions and said learning from Craddick has been one of the highlights for him. There are those who don't agree with all of Craddick's moves, but Parker said he's respected.

"He's tremendously respected. Everybody on the floor comes to Tom for direction, for leadership, Democrats and Republicans alike," Parker said. "They just recognize what a great member he is."

When he first entered the House, Craddick said he assumed he'd run for something else. The secretary of state's position always was one that appealed to him — though he now says he didn't even know what the job entailed at the time — and he also pondered a few runs for Senate.

Ultimately, he decided he liked the job he had. Plus, he said his wife Nadine didn't want to move their kids to Washington. Being in Austin afforded Craddick the ability to be on the House floor during the day and back in Midland for a school play at night if his schedule necessitated it.

"It's worked out real well for us," he said.

After 40 years in the same Midland house, he and Nadine are building a home on the northern edge of town, constructing it on a property that was among the several one of Craddick's companies owned and has sold there.

"Nadine's building a house," he said, smiling slightly. "I'm just moving in."

In Austin, he rents a space near his children and grandchildren, and whenever he stays in town for the weekends, he takes time to swim with the 5-year-old grandson he describes as a water lover.

After losing the speakership in 2009, Craddick returned to the floor seat he'd held before that. His seniority means he also has first pick on parking and had the ability to resume a spot in his previous office. Located just off a main hallway on the first floor, his office is the largest of all the members.

Those who opposed Craddick in his fourth run for speaker criticized his leadership style and the partisan friction they say it caused.

Whatever people's opinion of him, Craddick's is a face that's become emblematic at the Capitol. Walking through the halls he's stopped several times by fellow lawmakers, greeted by guards and nodded to by Austin staffers.

"He is very effective," said Rep. Tryon Lewis, R-Odessa. "It's not all just because he's been there so long. ... It's just his personal characteristics, his ability to focus and be a problem-solver."

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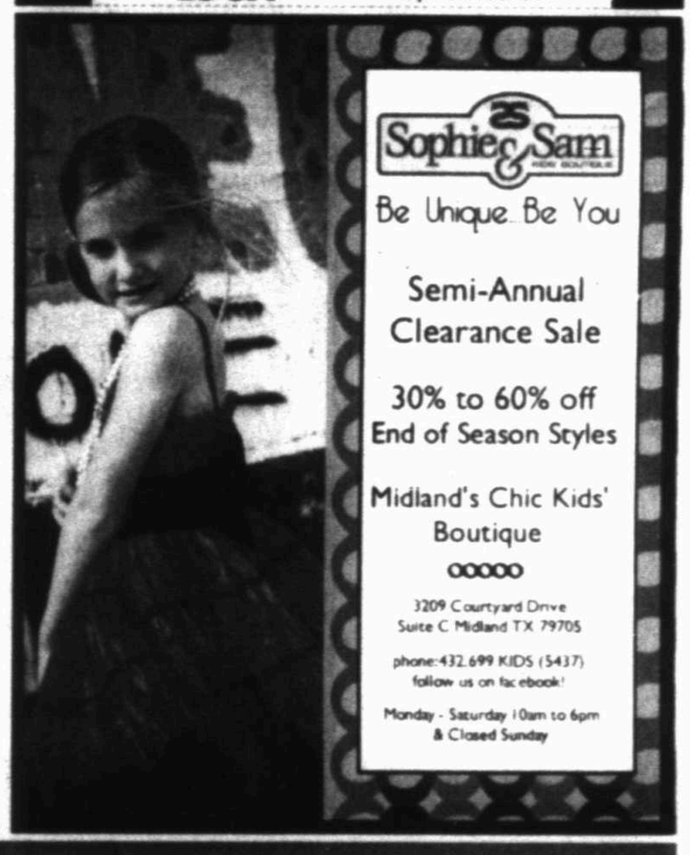

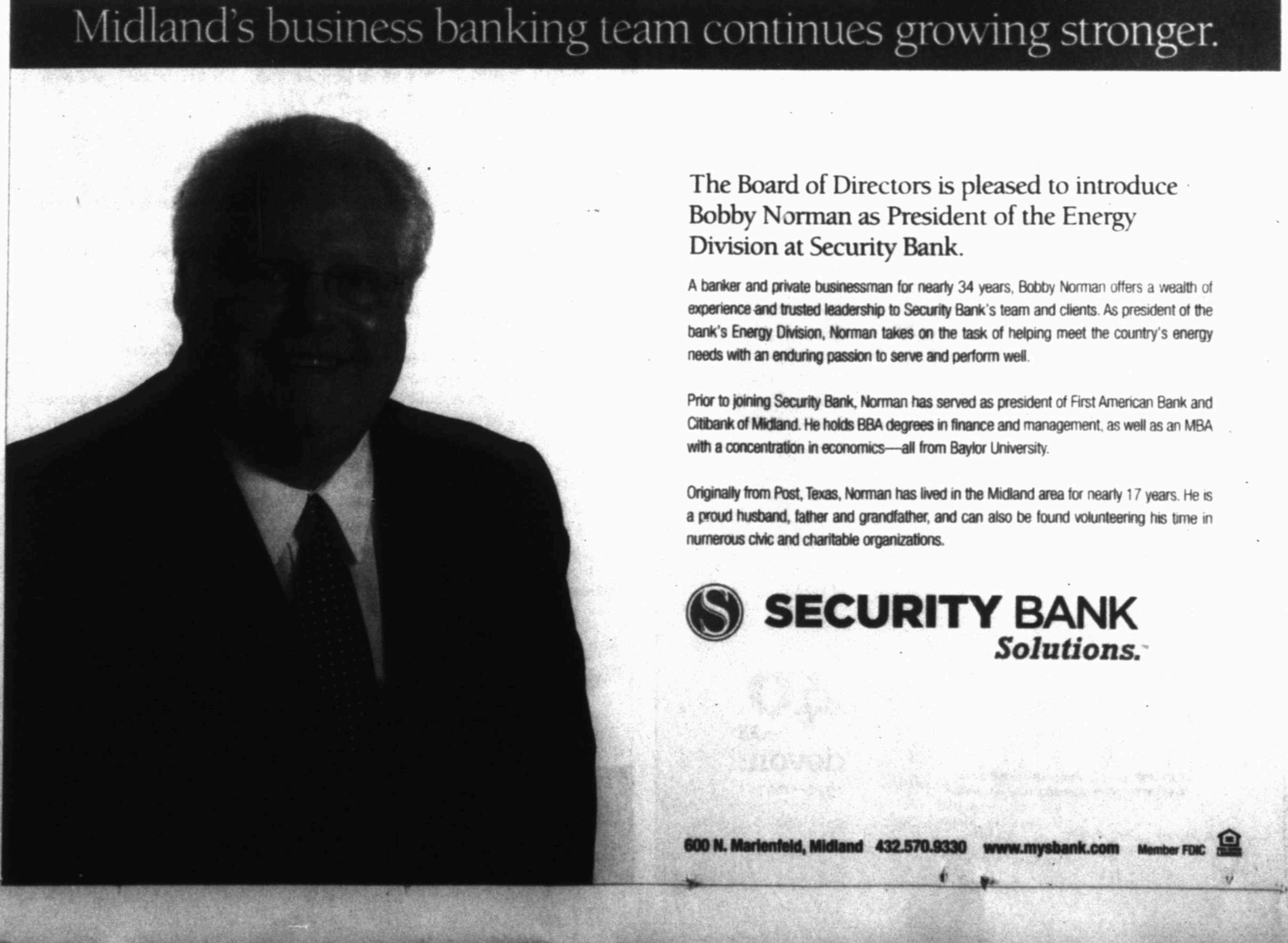

A look back at 2011 session's notable bills

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From sexting among teens to texting while driving to carrying guns on campus, lawmakers passed — and failed to pass — a host of bills that garnered attention throughout the session.

Below is a look at some bills that grabbed the spotlight locally and statewide:

Texting while driving:

Drivers still will legally be permitted to text during road trips after Gov. Rick Perry vetoed Rep. Tom Craddick's measure that would have banned such activity.

Perry called the bill "a government effort to micromanage the behavior of adults," and said texting while driving would be better thwarted by education efforts.

Craddick said there were some amendments added to the bill in its final form that didn't help its chances, but he's already looking to bring it back in 2013. Craddick said he knew the measure would be a tough one to pass. He said he felt it was an important one to pursue because of the devastating impact of texting while driving on Texas families, including the family of 17-year-old Alex Brown, who was killed in a texting-related accident.

"If we're going to do it, it needs to be a statewide bill," he said.

Without any state laws, at least one City Council member said he will pursue a city ordinance to keep texting out of the driver's seat.

"I'll push it now," said Scott Dufford, at-large councilman. "I may not have any support, but that's something that I'm definitely going to pursue."

Dufford said he would want drivers ticketed for texting while behind the wheel. Several other cities already have addressed the issue, and Dufford said because the state didn't, Midland may have to.

"I'm pretty disgusted with seeing people not paying attention while they're driving," he said. "It's about as dangerous as it gets."

Speeding:

Sunset will no longer mean slower speeds in Texas starting Sept. 1.

A bill passed into law will eliminate nighttime speeds on state highways. Previously, drivers were required to decelerate to 65 mph when it became dark rather than continuing at the 70 mph daytime limit.

The Texas Transportation Commission also will have the ability to raise some speed limits on Texas Highways from 70 mph to 75 mph.

Sexting:

Judges will have the option starting Sept. 1 of charging teens with a lesser offense if caught sexting.

Senate Bill 407, which was sponsored in the House by Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, and Rep. Tom Craddick, allows teenagers to be charged with a Class C through A misdemeanor for sexting. Previously, teens have been subject to the same felony charge as adults who are in possession of or trafficking child pornography.

Craddick pushed for the measure after hearing of a 17-year-old Andrews teen who was caught sexting with another minor.

Under the law, judges can require teens to complete an educational program, which Craddick said should help address the issue without automatically tarnishing a teen's record the way the previous felony charge did.

Sex offender registration shift:

A Senate bill passed will give judges the ability to exempt certain people from registering as sex offenders if they were consensually involved with someone near their own age.

If the defendant in a case was not more than four years older than the alleged victim and the victim was at least 15 then the rule applies. The sexual relationship has to have been consensual.

The provision is meant to prevent older teens or people in their early 20s from being labeled as a sex offender because of a relationship they had with a teen near their own age.

Midland County water:

The Midland County Utility District will be able to continue its track toward bringing a water source to county residents after lawmakers approved a bill regarding the entity.

Having been in the works for several years now, the district, if created, would build pipelines and provide water to Midland County residents in exchange for a fee.

Voters would have to approve its final creation and give it the ability to levy a tax, but getting the bill through the Legislature was first major hurdle, its leaders said.

As proposed, the district would encompass about 54,050 acres and an estimated 17,000 residents, according to engineers working on the project. Total costs for infrastructure are preliminary but were estimated at about $54 million, according to those working on the district.

Sanctuary cities:

For all the talk it garnered, particularly in the special session, no legislation was passed regarding cities deemed sanctuaries for undocumented residents.

"It would've helped," Craddick said. "I voted for it a few times."

The bill, if passed, would have allowed officers to check a person's citizenship status if already detained by law enforcement and prevented cities from adopting policies that prohibit the enforcement of immigration laws.

Sheriff Gary Painter said in Midland County it wouldn't have made a difference because people who are booked into the Midland County Detention Center already have their citizenship verified.

What may impact immigration regulation but wasn't discussed at nearly the level of other initiatives is a measure added to a finance bill that will change Department of Public Safety requirements.

DPS now will be required to check identification to ensure those receiving a driver's license are in the country legally.

A 2008 law prevented licenses from being issued to those without citizenship, but it also allowed for a special license for those here temporarily.

"There are some people who think from a work-related aspect that if you can't get a driver's license, they won't be able to drive to get to work or drive to deliver things," Craddick said. "It's going to be able to take care of the problem that people are asking about."

Radioactive waste:

Two bills passed by Sen. Kel Seliger and Rep. Tryon Lewis will put a system in place to allow the Waste Control Specialists site in Andrews County to accept low-level radioactive waste when it's completed.

"It's very important that that gets online and that this low-level waste gets moved up there where it's safe and professionally handled," Lewis said. "There's a lot of jobs in that facility. It should be good for the state, too."

Laws set up guidelines for the commission that will rule on what waste is sent there, and they also set up a system for considering waste from states outside the already approved compact that contains just Texas and Vermont.

TSA guidelines:

A bill meant to prohibit Transportation Security Administration officials from becoming what lawmakers described as "too friendly," was not passed.

Seliger said the measure that would have essentially tasked the state with ticketing federal law enforcement officers if they didn't follow state rules had its challenges. But, he said just considering it should send a message.

"Can a person be punished under state law for performing a lawful function? The answer to the question is no, but the importance of the bill is it serves that agency on notice that their standard of performance is going to have to be very high and is going to have to be very heavily scrutinized," he said.

Craddick said Midlanders were in support of the bill. He said he thinks threatening to pass such legislation would have cut off flights in Texas were unfounded.

"People you're talking to are very disappointed with the way it's being done," he said, of TSA screening.

Guns on campus:

Students and education leaders locally said they were glad to see a bill mandating the right of students to carry guns on campus did not pass.

Several members of Midland College's Student Government Association said earlier this year that while they understood the reasoning behind the bill, its passage would make them feel unsafe.

The proposal would have allowed those with a concealed handgun license to carry it while on a college campus. Licenses only are given to those who are 21 and older, which some students said should've prevented issues.

Others argued that those who would misuse handguns likely will carry without a law allowing it.

However, the majority of students interviewed locally said they would prefer handguns to stay out of their peers' backpacks.

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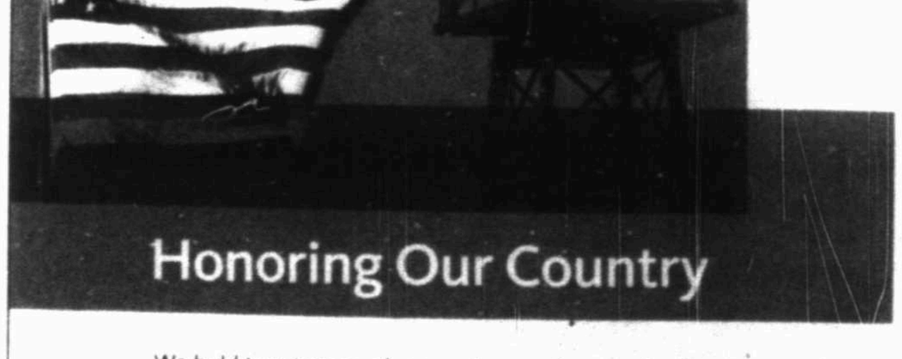
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forward with scheduling the auction, but it likely won't take place until August.

Neither he nor his company is drawing commission on the county real estate deals.

In a separate 4-1 vote on June 27, commissioners decided to place an offer of more than $1.8 million on the former Mervyns building located off Loop 250. Smith said they are expecting to hear next week whether the bid has been accepted.

If the county were to obtain the building, it would have a 120-day evaluation period that would give county officials the ability to assess the building and decide against the purchase if the auction on the downtown building yields no acceptable buyers, Bradford said.

The county judge stressed the votes in June were two distinct decisions. But, he added the Mervyns offer was made with the library in mind and if the building is obtained, at least some portion of the library would move there.

The auction of the downtown building is in response to interest from private parties in purchasing the property, Bradford said. The court has not voted on a move of the library, although that will be required if the downtown facility sells.

Sanchez said he voted against the measures because he doesn't want Midland's south side to be left without a library. If the main library moves to north Midland, that would deprive those in the south of easy access to the library and its resources, he said.

"The intention to my knowledge is to move it," Sanchez said about the library. "No alternative was given. I said, 'I can't go with this because there's no alternative. We haven't decided where we're going to put another branch. That's something we need to do first."

Circulation

The possibility of having the larger library facility moved to north Midland came up because more users come from that area of town, Smith said.

With more than 3,300 active borrowers, the 79705 zip code contains the most library users in Midland. Residents living in the 79707 zip code comes in second with 3,079 active borrowers being logged between May 2010 and this past May, according to statistics provided by Library Director John Trischitti.

Residents from those two zip codes rented nearly 160,000 items between May 2010 and May, the latest statistics available. Those in the 79703 and 79706 zip codes rented more than 71,000 items in total.

Midland residents living in the 79701 zip code, which includes the downtown library, came in third, reporting 2,678 active borrowers and 48,977 items checked out during that one-year period.

At the same time, the Centennial Branch library accounted for about 30 percent of overall circulation despite being in a space that's a fraction of the size of the downtown library.

If the main library were located in the Mervyns building, it would be accessible to a greater number of people, Smith said following the vote.

Commissioners have been discussing changes at the library since a report was provided by consultants a year ago on the system.

Bradford said whatever decisions are made about facilities will be done to address the low usage rate the county continues to report.

In recent years, Midland County's circulation per capita, or its number of items checked out per person in the county, was 2.53. The average for areas of Midland's size is closer to 4.37, according to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Options

Knowing some changes will be made if either of the votes taken in June lead to a property changing hands, several residents have called commissioners and commented at the library about what they'd like to see.

Hugh "Andy" Shaffer, chairman of the Library Advisory Board, said if there is rationale for locating a main branch in north Midland, he would consider supporting the idea. But, he said as a board member, he was disappointed decisions were made without consulting the board.

"I guess I'm a little disappointed that the commission has created an advisory board and went ahead with this proposal to move it without ever talking to the advisory board they set up to advise them on things like this," Shaffer said.

Louisa Valencia, former president of the Friends of the Library Board and now an adviser, said she was disappointed. She said the Friends have put a lot of work and donations into helping ensure the downtown library is a nice place with programs to offer, and she doesn't see any need to relocate.

Randy Prude, commissioner for Precinct 4, said one option he suggested to the Friends is they revive their effort to build a south-side library branch.

Valencia was part of a group that pushed for a south branch in 2005. At that time, the Friends board purchased land near the Family Dollar store on South Rankin Highway and was working with Rep. Tom Craddick to obtain state grants to build a facility.

Craddick said there are funds available but that nothing was ever done, in part, because the county didn't want to support the operations costs of another branch.

Valencia said the Friends would have covered the first year's expenses but wanted the county to take over the operating budget from there.

If a main branch moves to North Midland, Prude said he suggested to the Friends they again start looking at a branch on their southern property, which is currently for sale but still is owned by the group.

Bradford said having a library presence downtown still is part of the discussion, even if the library sells during auction.

The county expects to announce soon whether a judge ruled its deed on the former courthouse will allow the facility to be used for something other than a courthouse and jail. If other options are permissible, portions of the library could move there, Bradford said, and the Mervyns building used instead of the Centennial Branch Library.

"There's still a lot of ideas to be exchanged," he said.

The Midland County Historical Society approached commissioners in June about considering placement of the Midland County Historical Museum and the library's genealogy and petroleum special sections at the former courthouse.

Pat McDaniel, from the historical society, said they don't have a stake in where the library ends up eventually, but they are concerned about the future of two downtown buildings.

Bradford said whatever use is agreed upon for the former courthouse, commissioners have not discussed tearing it down.

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NEW YORK

Army amputee thrown from roller coaster dies

DARIEN — A U.S. Army veteran who lost both legs in Iraq and had been trying to rebuild his life was killed after he was thrown from a roller coaster at an upstate New York amusement park.

Teams of inspectors on Saturday were examining the Ride of Steel coaster at the Darien Lake Theme Park Resort, about 30 miles east of Buffalo.

Sgt. James Thomas Hackemer, 29, was ejected from the 208-foot-tall ride early Friday evening after climbing aboard during a family outing.

It wasn't immediately clear whether attendants at the theme park had given any thought to barring Hackemer from the ride because of his missing limbs.

ALASKA

Inebriate service van taken on drunken joyride

ANCHORAGE — Anchorage police said a city van used to pick up drunken people was taken on a joyride by a man suspected of drunken driving.

The Anchorage Daily News reported that 35-year-old Donny H. Weston was arrested late Thursday after police said he got into a Community Service Patrol van parked with the keys in the engine. Police said social workers were attending inebriated people when Weston got into the van.

Police said Weston drove the van for a short distance, including driving against traffic, and he eventually crashed the van into a bus and ditched it.

Police said the inebriated men in the back of the van didn't notice the joyride.

SAN FRANCISCO

Man celebrates 'Odd Day'

Ron Gordon would like you to take a moment or three to think about what an odd day Saturday was.

Why? Because 7/9/11 is one of only six dates this century that features three consecutive odd numbers. Next up, 9/11/13.

Gordon, a retired teacher from Redwood City, Calif., has set up a website to celebrate "Odd Day," and offers some ways to celebrate. Do odds 'n ends, root for the odds-on-favorite or watch the "Odd Couple."

Gordon has been fascinated with curious dates since 30 years ago when he noticed the upcoming date 9/9/81 while writing a check. That, Gordon saw, was a Square Root Day — one in which the day and the month are the same number and, when multiplied, yield the year as it's expressed in one or two digits.

It led Gordon to begin thinking about Odd Days, which he has continued to do through the years.

OHIO

States scramble to find death-penalty drugs

COLUMBUS — States not only are having an increasingly difficult time getting the injectable drugs to carry out death sentences, they're also paying as much as 10 times more for the chemicals as in years past.

Ohio only has 40 grams of pentobarbital, enough for seven executions scheduled through February, meaning a likely scramble to find enough for the four scheduled beyond that.

Texas, with the country's busiest death chamber, says it has enough for eight more executions but won't comment on supplies past September. It used the drug Thursday night for the execution of Mexican national Humberto Leal for the 1994 rape-slaying of a 16-year-old girl in San Antonio, despite White House pleas for a Supreme Court stay.

No free pass for Medicare recipients in debt talks

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A debt-busting deal on the scale that President Barack Obama and House Speaker John Boehner are seeking all but guarantees that people on Medicare would feel at least some of the pain.

Low-income people on Medicaid wouldn't escape totally, either. If a deal ultimately leads to overhauling taxes, workers and their families could be on the hook also, facing potential limits on the tax-free status of job-based health insurance.

Health care is a main ingredient on both the spending and tax sides of the elusive agreement that Obama and Boehner, R-Ohio, are trying to reach.

The president has scheduled a meeting today with congressional leaders to keep pushing for a compromise that would reduce future deficits in exchange for lifting the $14.3 trillion cap on the national debt. Action is needed so the government can keep paying its bills beyond Aug. 2.

No decisions have been made. With Congress politically polarized and skittish about next year's elections, it's unclear whether there's any combination of Democratic and Republican votes to pass major deficit reduction that cuts benefit programs and raises revenue.

"This is a Rubik's cube that we haven't quite worked out yet," Boehner said.

But many of the health care options that negotiators are considering have been available for months. Proposals have come from the Obama administration, congressional advisers and bipartisan groups, such as Obama's debt commission.

For Medicare, possibilities include higher premiums for upper-income retirees and new copayments and deductibles that affect all but the poor. For example, seniors do not currently face a copayment for home care. That might change if there's a deal.

"It's difficult to imagine a $4 trillion-plus budget package that doesn't include significant measures affecting beneficiaries," said economist Robert Reischauer, one of two public trustees who help oversee Medicare and Social Security finances.

Obama's health care law already cut about $500 billion from projected payments to providers, and some experts say there's not much fat left there.

"It might mean more individual responsibility or a restriction of choices," said Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., a member of a small bipartisan group that has been dealing with spending and taxes. An across-the-board increase in monthly premiums seems unlikely, Warner noted.

Still, the bigger a deficit-reduction deal, the more likely it is that older people will take a hit.

"We are particularly concerned that a broader deal could include cuts to Social Security benefits and higher costs for people in Medicare," said David Certner, AARP's legislative director.

Although Social Security previously had been considered untouchable, one measure under discussion would bring in close to $200 billion through a tweak that reduces benefits and increases the amount collected from payroll taxes.

A major proposal that would affect Medicare beneficiaries calls for changing the current cost-sharing rules, a hodgepodge of varying copayments and deductibles.

Older people would have to shoulder more of the expense of routine care. Under one version of the proposal, all but the poor would have to pay at least $550 of their annual medical bills.

The idea is to make people think twice before they schedule that test or exam that probably doesn't add a whole lot of information to what a doctor already knows.

But they would get a new benefit from the change. For the first time, Medicare would have an annual limit on out-of-pocket spending, protection against a catastrophic illness.

Further cuts to providers, including drug companies, hospitals, home health agencies and nursing homes also are possible. One proposal calls for seeking billions in rebates from drug companies for medications used by 9 million people covered under both Medicare and Medicaid.

Advocates for the poor are concerned about possible cuts to Medicaid, a federal-state partnership that covers low-income children and parents, the disabled and many nursing home residents.

The administration has proposed replacing an assortment of formulas for the federal share of the program with a single rate for each state. Officials say that could save $50 billion to $100 billion over 10 years, much of it from reduced administrative costs.

Governors are highly suspicious. They see a cut lurking behind the technicalities. Most of the governors believe the rate talk is budget-speak for dramatic cuts, said Washington state Gov. Christine Gregoire, a Democrat who heads the National Governors Association.

Still to be fleshed out is how a debt deal would affect the tax deductibility of job-based health care for workers and their families. The details might be left for Congress to work out later.

So far, Democratic lawmakers don't see much that they can support from the information dribbling out of the budget negotiations.

The explosion in federal debt was caused by the recession, the George W. Bush-era tax cuts, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, not by seniors or low-income Medicaid recipients, said Rep. Xavier Becerra, D-Calif.

"I would not vote for something like that," Becerra said of what he's heard so far. "At this stage, unless we learn otherwise, House Democrats are pretty clear we should not balance the deficit on the backs of seniors, Medicare, Social Security and Medicaid."

US push for Middle East peace talks foundering

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration's efforts to relaunch stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace talks this summer are going nowhere, and a U.N. confrontation could further set back prospects for a negotiated settlement.

Despite attempts to get the parties back to the table based on parameters that President Barack Obama outlined, U.S. and other officials say neither side appears willing to commit to new discussions.

Senior officials from the international group of Mideast peacemakers — the U.S., the U.N., the European Union and Russia — planned to meet Monday in Washington. The goal is to revive the process by increasing pressure on the two sides to return to talks.

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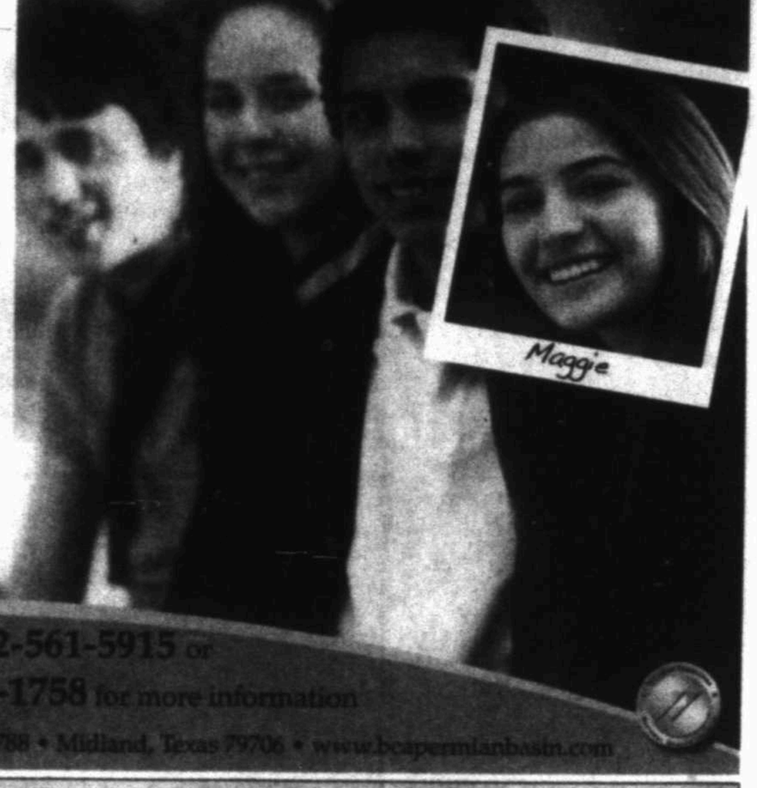

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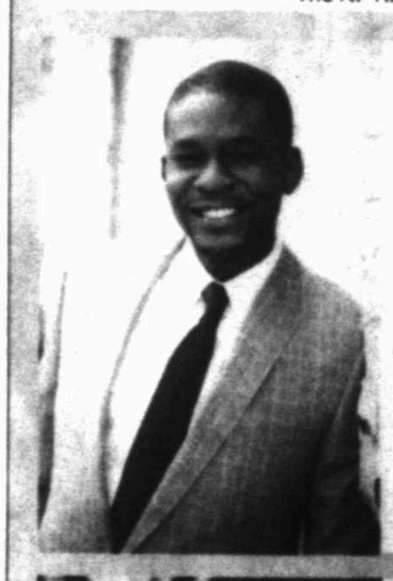

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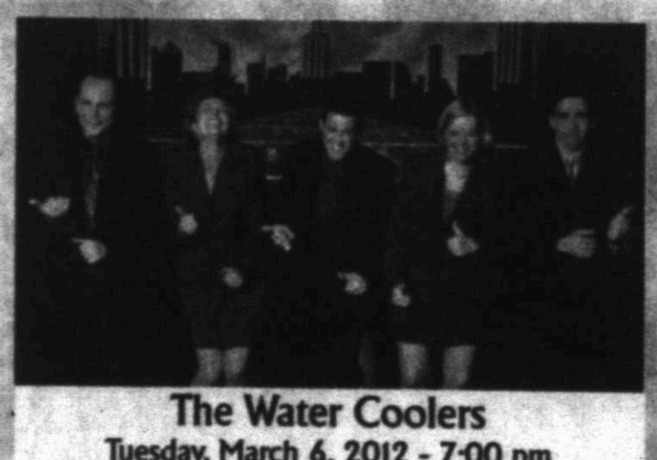

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Grace

Anthony trial a showcase for Nancy Grace

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nancy Grace may now be the most polarizing host in cable television news — and that's saying something.

The former prosecutor took up the cause of 2-year-old Caylee Anthony when the child went missing and spent hour after hour on the case as mother Casey was charged with her daughter's murder. Grace harbored nothing but disdain for "tot mom," as she called Anthony. With Grace in the lead studio chair, coverage of Anthony's acquittal on Tuesday brought HLN the largest audience in its 29-year-history.

Grace's audience of nearly 3 million people that night also was a personal high. She brings the same in-your-face opinionated approach to legal news that several Fox News Channel and MSNBC personalities bring to politics, and viewers strongly endorsed it. Yet her assertion that the Anthony jury was "kooky" and post-verdict statement that "the devil is dancing tonight" seemed over the top even by Grace standards, offering fresh material for both those who cheer her advocacy and others who find her overbearing.

One of the jurors in the Anthony case, Elizabeth Ford, told ABC News the 51-year-old Grace was not fit for television.

"I think a lot of things she says fuel the fire and they're based on nothing," Ford said. "I'm obviously against making decisions based on just speculation and opinion."

Anger over Casey Anthony verdict pours out online

By Kyle Hightower and Matt Sedensky
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — For nearly two months, the murder trial of Casey Anthony was a living entity. It breathed daily across national television airwaves, then was reinforced nightly on cable TV programs that dissected every word uttered in the courtroom and fueled speculation on her fate.

When Anthony was acquitted of murder in the death of her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee, hundreds of thousands of people captivated by the case — and certain of her guilt — poured their rage into postings on Facebook and the micro-blogging site Twitter. Those and other social media sites provided a platform and a large audience for a decibel level of vitriol seldom seen before.

The threats, both veiled and blatant, were disturbing enough to make the judge hold off on releasing jurors' names, and to make it all the more likely Anthony will be secretly whisked away upon her release next week.

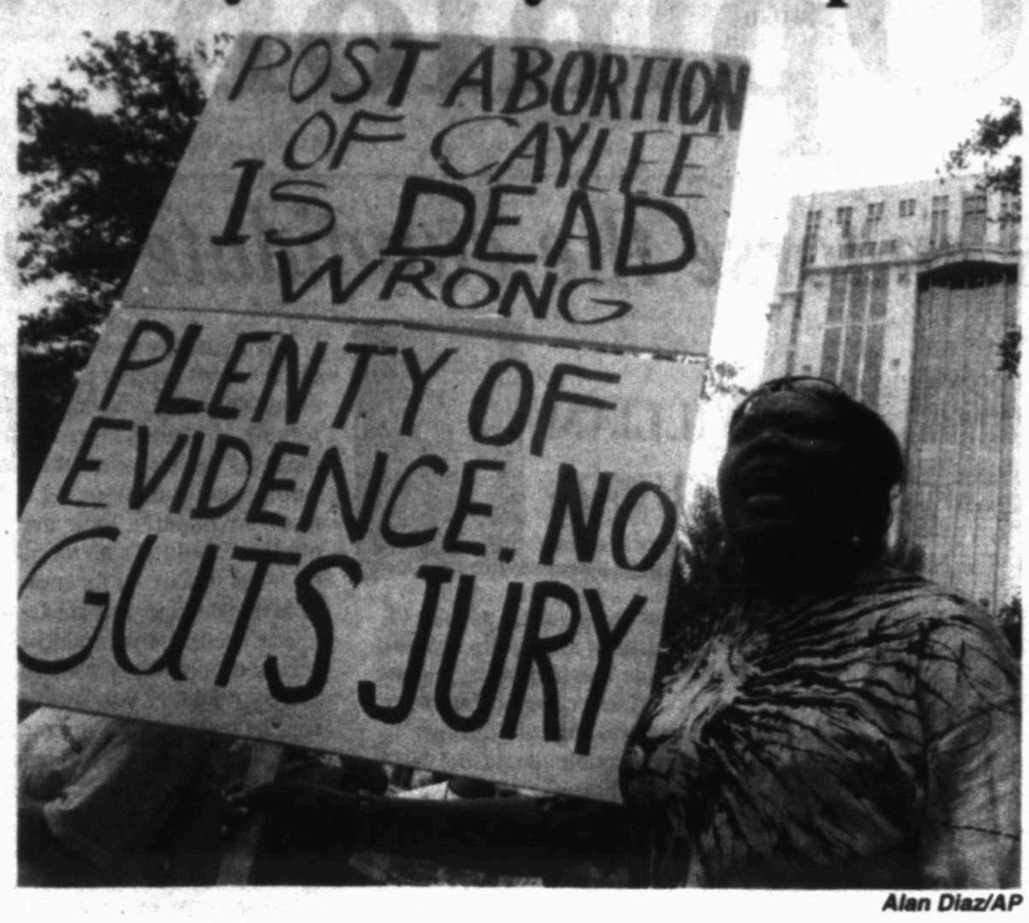
Postings continued to fill one "I hate Casey Anthony" Facebook page on Saturday morning, with nearly 39,000 people having "liked" the page. In reaction to Anthony's July 17 announced release date, one person wrote, "... maybe she won't even make it out of jail alive." Someone else added a picture of Anthony manipulated to give her horns and included a backdrop of flames.

Dr. Phyllis Chesler, a psychologist who authored "Mothers on Trial," said the case connected with people by the millions because it taps primitive instincts rejecting the thought of a mother ever doing anything to harm her child.

"Once a mother is merely accused, she stands convicted, because the instinct is to blame the mother," she said. "She's an outlaw even though she was found innocent."

Richard Laermer, a public relations consultant who has written a book on short-lived celebrity notoriety, said the case filled a void for some viewers.

"People in down times spend their waking hours looking for bright, bushy-tailed distractions," he said. "Casey and her poor daughter's sick and sad saga will fit the bill for now."



Alan Diaz/AP

CASEY ANTHONY ACQUITTAL REACTION Flora Reece protests outside the Orange County Courthouse On Thursday in Orlando, Fla.

Even those who weren't as enraged said they found a sort of electronic catharsis in boiling down their emotions to 140 characters and posting them in anonymity on Twitter.

Wendy Thompson squealed when she got a text message that the verdict was in, but later was in disbelief as she heard the words "not guilty."

Thompson, who lives just outside Detroit, read one tweet asking, "Soo is it like too early to ask Casey Anthony out on a date? Maybe?" and replied the young man should bring condoms.

"I would never say that to someone's face, but I can say that behind my screen," she said.

Anthony was sentenced to four years for lying to police but is close to completing that term because of time served and good behavior.

"Sucks for her," Jillian Barrieu wrote on Facebook in response. "If I was her id (sic) rather stay safely in jail..."

Barrieu, of East Hartford, Conn., said she felt comfortable sharing her outrage with others online.

"It was a convenient place to vent where I knew people would mostly feel the same way as I do," she told the Associated Press on Friday in an interview conducted through Facebook messaging.

There are occasional voices of those who offer the view that prosecutors didn't prove their case. "She's not guilty it's already been proven get over it...stop wishing someone to be dead" one man wrote on one of the anti-Anthony pages. But those items are few and almost immediately met with ridicule.

On Yahoo!, Casey Anthony was a top search the week of her acquittal. The case was also fueling the popularity of those closely associated with it. Searches were up 1,000 percent for cable host Nancy Grace, who made almost nightly pronouncements insisting that "Tot Mom," her nickname for Anthony, was guilty.

By Friday morning, nearly 2.6 million people indicated on Facebook that they would keep their porch lights on in honor of Caylee. "Caylee, I know you see this, I know you are hearing the prayers. This is for remembering you," the organizers wrote on the page.

Also by Friday, more than 700,000 people had signed an online petition at Change.org calling for a federal "Caylee's Law" making it a felony to not report a missing child in a timely manner.

The strong reaction has left its mark on the courtroom.

During a hearing Thursday, several media groups including the Associated Press asked the judge to release the names of jurors in the Anthony trial. Judge Belvin Perry said he normally doesn't have an issue with releasing names, but he was mulling a delay to allow the anger — some of it pointed at the jury — to dissipate.

"You realize there are folks out there who want to do crazy things, like fillet people open, pour salt on them, and feed their legs to the piranhas," Perry said.

He said he doesn't want public reaction to translate into harm for people who "don't have a choice about serving on a jury."

Sandy Lisella of Hartland, Conn., said in a Facebook messaging conversation that while many posts she's seen have simply been rants, others "are more substantial and thought-provoking, trying to make sense of how our legal system could conclude these results."

"The way the story unfolded was unfathomable to the masses. It was like watching a sick movie!" Lisella said. "Social media, in a roundabout way, allows everyone to get involved in the causes that strike a chord in us."

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Teachers endorse the candidate who keeps on giving

■ Not surprisingly, the National Education Association is providing Obama with its endorsement.

WILLIAM MURCHISON
Creators Syndicate

A problem as big and many-faceted as the problem of the public schools couldn't possibly be the fault just of teachers — or even of teacher unions. The National Education Association, even so, makes clear why teachers have lost so much of the devotion and respect they used to command from Americans. Namely, because unions such as the NEA put their politics over the principles one might hope they hold.

Out of Chicago, where the NEA just rose from its annual convention, comes notification — I didn't say news — that the country's biggest teacher union is endorsing for president — come on, guess! — Barack Obama. As was its right: free speech and all that. Figuring all Republican presidential candidates incapable of saying anything remotely interesting to a teachers union, the NEA, 3.2 million members strong, went ahead and endorsed.

The pro-Obama margin, 72 percent, wasn't as large as the 80 percent Obama racked up three years ago. Anyway, it reminds onlookers that a major portion of the country's education leadership remains devoted to the noble ideals of more money from taxpayers and less competition from newer, fresher methods of doing things.

To maintain these noble ideals, the NEA is saying in effect, we need a specific kind of politician, the kind most likely to give us more money. The union's president, Dennis Van Roekel, summed up thus: "The last two years of state legislatures and the midterm elections were eye-openers, demonstrating what can happen when education legislation and decisions are left in the hand of politicians who do not support public schools." Yeah, exactly — such politicians as the voters freely elect could decide the present condition of the public schools indicates the urgent need for reproaches and remedies.

Saying baldly that unspecified "politicians" don't support public schools is exquisitely silly: like saying an untouched serving of Mom's homemade apple pie means someone wants the old bat to give up baking and start shopping at Wal-Mart. If that's the brand of logic they're teaching in public schools, it's no wonder the cry goes up — as it does — for more accountability to taxpayers and, not least, students.

The premise that underlies the public school monopoly is, look, give us the tax money (whether you want to or not), and we, the teachers and principals, will turn your little savages into Shakespeare-quoting masters and mistresses of differential calculus and, if you really want it, Mandarin Chinese. It's a trade-off in other words. Taxpayers cough up; teachers deliver. Happens all the time in the free marketplace.

Except that marketplace principles don't obtain in that which the NEA is pleased to call "public education." The "public" part means we talk here about a government service. The "government" part means the employees of this service work to elect a set of politicians who generally see things their way, rarely resisting a call to spend more money, shorten the working day, and, most urgent of all, stifle the competition.

We're back to where we came in: the NEA's early endorsement of Obama to allow more time for campaigning, fundraising and the like. Republican ideas for making the schools a little better — poof and piffle! The teachers know how those ideas are sure to turn out: advantaging taxpayers over teachers. Thus the possibility of improving evaluation processes for classroom teachers gives way, as does the prospect of getting more return on money that goes for salaries, programs and administrative cost. As for the idea of reforming the public school concept from top to bottom — with vouchers and charter schools, say — that's where a good union needs powerful friends in high places, who can say that we're not going there, now or ever.

As for 2012, we'll just see. At this critical stage, count on the president to know who is helping him and likewise who isn't. What unions want from Democrats — rights, privileges and protection from the rigors of the marketplace they generally get. And they keep right on getting, provided they elect enough Democrats.

OUR VIEW

Addressing costs of Culver Center is needed

We look forward Monday to the meeting where a report on the Barbara Culver Juvenile Justice Center will be presented by consultants with Carl R. Griffith & Associates Inc. during a meeting of the Midland County Commissioners' Court.

Much discussion already has taken place on how to best proceed with the center. We agree Culver Center needs modifications in its structure and its facility use. But we also are mindful that we need to tread lightly in this area because we maintain the handling of our troubled youth is a key responsibility of our community.

Just the straight facts, however, say some kind of change is warranted. For instance, the center's budget tops more than $1.6 million, yet the center's youth population averages fewer than 10 per day. With those numbers, there is little doubt why commissioners have been discussing this issue for more than a year now.

County Judge Mike Bradford has said, "Simple finance tells you that you don't operate a 44-bed facility if you've got four to seven kids a day on average."

We agree with Bradford's assessment, but the trick here is to get it right. We hope Monday's meeting will shed light on how we proceed. We hope whatever course is decided upon, we don't lose sight of what will be best for our youth. We really don't want to farm out our youth to other jurisdictions if it can be avoided. We think there may be ample ways to cut this budget without doing a disservice to the city's youth.

Several options have been discussed, including closing the facility. We would think that would be a drastic measure, but it is an option if there are alternative solutions available that could serve the public and the youth.

Other possibilities range from not making any changes to eliminating female services at the center to privatizing operations to shutting down parts of the building. Other options may come to light Monday.

The youth at the Culver Center are being held for all forms of crimes, including burglary, sexual assault and drug use. It is hoped the center will keep many of these youth from ending up back in detention.

We agree every angle should be explored to bring down costs, but let's not lose sight of our ultimate goal when it comes to dealing with our youth in trouble. We need to keep a firm hand with our young people who might be redirected to a better way of living their lives.

We must be mindful of costs, but we also must remain responsive to the lives of our youth.

Age of Twitter could help pierce the Washington fog

■ Debates limited to arguments 140 characters or less sure would be different.

BOB FRANKEN
Hearst Newspapers

That "Hail to the Tweet" meet at the White House this past week opens a lot of possibilities, even though President Obama didn't have to comply with Twitter's rule that limits thought spurts to 140 characters.

That requirement applied to his online questioners but the president responded verbally and talked as long he wanted, which is really unfair when you consider that TV news has long adhered to micro word limits. We call them "sound bites."

Even worse, Obama made no news whatsoever, choosing instead to do the real governing the old-fashioned way ... in secret. We get only hints about what really goes on behind closed doors in the negotiations over, say, the debt ceiling. Witness the pabulum we got when the two sides emerged from the most recent session Thursday to give us a few of the aforementioned sound bites.

Obama called the discussions "very constructive," adding: "People were frank."

And from House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, it was: "We had a conversation. It was productive."

Not the kind of stuff that will cause anyone information overload.

Typically, these boilerplate comments don't even begin to suggest all the intricate deal making or the complex legislation that these people are hatching. It's often unclear whether even they understand the details or how such a labyrinthine plan fits together.

Perhaps the time has come to take the incomprehensible and simplify it. We could achieve that by imposing the 140 character limit on arguments by all the characters in Washington. Debates in Congress would no longer go on and on, press conferences would pick up some zip, the TV networks would only have to interrupt prime time programming for a couple of minutes to accommodate speeches from the White House. Think of all the free time that everyone would suddenly have available for more commercials.

It's not such a radical idea, considering some present and former members of the House have so famously had experience with Twitter.

In the Senate, of course, it will mean being dragged kicking and screaming into modern times, but maybe it really is the moment to replace the filibuster with more economic and efficient ways of communication. With apologies to Broadway, maybe this is the dawning of the Age of Twitter.

If a deal is reached on deficit reduction and the debt ceiling, we could hold the debate with dispatch in the Twitspatch. The deal that's taking shape appears to include draconian cuts to social programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security accompanied by a smattering of tax loophole closings, which are shaping up to be the only tax increases when the president caves.

"@BarackObama: Remember that 'balanced deal' I talked about? We didn't get it but it's the best we could do."

"@MitchMcConnell: (Can you believe he has a twitter address? Well he does). Yes, there are job-killing tax hikes, which I promised wouldn't be on the table, but it's the best we could do."

"@JohnBoehner: Whatever Mitch said."

"@NancyPelosi: "No way!"

"@MicheleBachmann: No way!!"

Other candidates fighting Bachmann for the Republican nomination also could weigh in. Imagine:

"@MittRomney: I support this deal now, but I'll soon be opposed to it."

"@Timpawlenty: Huh? What?"

"@Newtgingrich: (Well, he tried to do this, but he was way over the word limit and still going. Something about space travel and Kenyan colonialism.)

See how streamlined this can be? Truth is, it's not much different than what we've been seeing and hearing. It presupposes, of course that a deal is reached. If not, come Aug. 2, we might see a tweet like this:

"@BarackObama: I am raising the debt ceiling myself because the 14th Amendment to the Constitution says I can."

The alternative probably would be:

"@TimFGeithner: There is nothing more I can do. For the first time in history, the United States is going into default."

GUEST EDITORIAL

San Antonio Express News

Aging pipelines too often ignored

A Hearst Newspapers investigation, which recently found the pipeline industry funded two-thirds of pipeline safety studies, should alarm Texans, whose state is home to more pipelines than any other state.

The findings, reported by investigative journalist Eric Nalder, shine a light on the agency's practices, which help shape industry safety rules and inspection procedures for the 2.3 million miles of pipeline that carries natural gas and hazardous liquids.

The findings show the agency's standard operating procedure is questionable at best and irresponsible at worst.

The Hearst report found the Pipeline and Hazardous Material Administration required half of the funding for its pipeline safety research to come from outside sources — often inspiring pipeline industry operators or organizations they control, to help foot the cost of studies. Nalder reported half the studies received funding from five industry trade organizations, three with lobbying arms.

A massive gas explosion in Bruno, Calif., less than a year ago that killed eight people and demolished three dozen homes prompted an earlier investigation into the pipeline industry by the San Francisco Chronicle. The newspaper found that in Texas alone, more than 25,000 of the 46,000 miles of transmission pipe were installed in 1970 or earlier, some dating to the Great Depression. The explosion in Bruno was later revealed to be caused by a defective seam weld that ruptured — a hazard associated with aging pipelines.

But aging pipelines were the topic of only five of the 174 studies conducted by the agency in the past decade despite recent explosions that beg inspectors to consider pipeline age. A February explosion that killed five in Allentown, Pa., involved a pipeline installed in 1928.

Nalder also found the pipeline industry and its trade organizations helped shape and manage several dozen of the safety studies.

Some argue the industry involvement in the safety research is good because pipeline operators and trade organizations contribute their expertise to these studies. Yet, a growing and dangerous problem is being entirely overlooked.

Moreover, the industry's role in safety studies meant to set industry guidelines and regulations means the industry not only has guided research but also played a part in its review. According to the Hearst report, an Internet panel tasked with reviewing the federal agency studies is made up of previous and current industry operators who in the past five years have never given a study a low grade.

Aging pipelines sitting beneath Texas cities are accidents waiting to happen. Ray LaHood, U.S. transportation secretary, whose department oversees the pipeline agency, was briefed on the investigation's findings and promised to repeal the outside funding requirement, according to the story.

If money talks, we can hope money coming from non-industry players will lend a voice of reason and force the pipeline industry to confront the dangerous realities of an aging pipeline system.

DOONESBURY — By Garry Trudeau

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OUR POLICY ON LETTERS

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Craddick came through for Midland

Midland County has a proud history with the oil and gas industry, and our economy is dependent on this sector staying strong. It's important to our communities that misguided proposals or regulations that threaten oil and gas jobs are nipped in the bud.

We are proud of the fact that West Texas oil fields produce one-fifth of the nation's total petroleum and natural gas output. Thanks to new technologies in the industry, we can expect to see an increase in production across the Permian Basin.

That's definitely good news to the thousands employed by the industry and to the coffers of our local economy. Plus, it's no secret the health of the oil and gas industry is vital to the whole state of Texas.

Our state leaders in Austin also understand this. Several pieces of legislation were introduced this session that dealt with oil and gas issues. Some were helpful, and some were not. Through it all, we could count on the support and hard work of our own state representative, Tom Craddick, to make sure the best possible results were obtained.

Craddick clearly understands the needs of our community and, I for one, am glad to have him championing our causes in Austin.

Ernest Angelo Jr.

What will this boom time bring?

No too long ago a new dude rode into town. His name was Wolfberry. With him he brought some cousins called Boneberry and soon, perhaps Atokaberry. All together they brought joyous hopes for the oil and gas prospectors. As they grew in success, so did the numbers of businesses, rigs, roughnecks and all the support personnel and people who are the signs of another "boom."

Midland has had five booms since 1960, followed by busts, including that bust of the 1960s when 1,500 VA and FHA homes were repossessed. The booms usually are accompanied by euphoric projections that lead to ill-advised decisions and profligacies. For instance, it took about 15 years to shed the "edifice" complex of coliseum building downtown. But not long after that the twin 60-story skyscrapers of the First National Bank graced the newspapers with the Midland County Public Library nestled at their feet. The towers never were built, as the bust came over us like a tsunami. Then came some busts. Other idle towers stood around as monuments to profligacy and poor judgment.

This time, in heady anticipation of perhaps the biggest boom of all, the memories and lessons of the past are dissolving into thin air. This time, drunk with $100 oil and the "build it and they will come" attitude of some Midlanders, there are stirrings that are worrisome. Whatever reasons are bandied about for the ultimate destiny of the public library, plug in this bit of information. The library occupies land between the "superblock" and the large undeveloped half block to the east.

The time has come, the walrus said, to talk of many things, the schemes and dreams of this and that and lessons still unlearned.

Bill Heck

July 4 celebration lacks desired patriotism

With tears in my eyes, I listened to "America the Beautiful," with my little hand across my heart, as I watched soldiers weep beside me when the American flag waved her heart across the sky. The fireworks around her were amazing! The music about what we have all fought for was incredible! I wanted that memory for my 5-year-old son, but it was not that kind of event in Odessa (Monday night) at the Fandango. I wanted him to see soldiers and hear our country's songs, instead of the music we now are subjected to.

However, I decided to make my family reluctantly travel from Midland to Odessa to honor our country. We were bombarded with drunken folks desperate to get to the beer line, and no chance to ever make the snow cone stand. Yes, that's what we worried about. The fireworks began — no one even knew. There was a person yelling out raffle ticket winners. No proud-to-be-an-American tribute; just raffle winners. Yes, some of us come out for just fireworks, yet most of us come out for something a little bit more. Peace, unity, patriotism did not happen the night I decided to travel to Odessa for the Fandango.

When we finally arrived home to Midland my teenage son expressed to me, "Mom we should have stayed home and watched the RockHounds. The game and fireworks were more American than what we just saw."

So, in conclusion, I failed to show my children that one moment of the year where you honestly break down and cry that you are thanking God for our soldiers, and that you're proud to be an American. What are we doing?

June Huebner

An open invite for MCS expansion proponents

Well over a year ago, the Culver Street debate started. In the ensuing passage of time, there have been many pro and con letters — both praising and lambasting the virtues of its validity — and several editorials about us old folks just letting it go, it's over, we lost, so quit complaining.

Now one more "Our View" extolling how great it is. Obviously we know what this newspaper, MCS and the City Council care about. It is just the old folks who like to gripe.

I dare say none of you do-gooders or city councilmen or people of means live anywhere near our neighborhood, so how would you know the frustrations we contend with during the school year — the traffic, the noise, the trash, the inconsiderate actions of good neighbors down the street.

I invite any of you to come spend a day in our home during the school season and enjoy some of the frustrations just old folks are required to contend with. Just like the Blue Ridge Apartments fiasco, this is another measure of government out of control. Amazing what money and votes will buy.

Ken Wyrick

Issues with moving the public library

I am very concerned about the proposal to move the Midland County Public Library to the old Mervyns building, and agree with each of the other opinions expressed in the newspaper.

The county commissioners should not have the right to make the decision to move the library without consent of the taxpayers and voters of Midland County. The proposal to move the library does not sound financially feasible or a friendly decision to those who use the library. Thank you, Mr. Sanchez, for your vote against this proposal.

Do the commissioners not realize the main street that would lead to the new location, the old Mervyns building, is Midkiff Road, a street that already is congested with heavy traffic because it is the main route that goes to Midland Park Mall?

Because my Midland County taxes continue to increase yearly, I do not think this is the time for Midland County to take on additional spending of this magnitude that is not needed and does not seem to have the support of the users of the library.

For years, the city of Midland and the Reporter-Telegram have advocated revitalization of downtown Midland, and it has not been very successful even though we now have brick streets, a new water fountain that is coated with green algae, condominiums and vendors on the street at lunch to provide meals for those who wish to sit at Centennial Plaza and eat lunch.

Did Midland County not agree with the city of Midland's direction for revitalization?

Moving the county library is nonsense without further study and consent of the voters, who will be asked to provide the funding for another wish-list item that seems to be endless for the city of Midland or Midland County.

Janice Courtney

Don't base views on Internet rumors

In December 2008, approximately $2.4 trillion of the $4.3 trillion in "Intragovernmental Holdings" is held in the Old-Age and Survivors and Disability Insurance [OASDI] Trust Fund. This $2.4 trillion is the "non-negotiable-marketable government IOUs. What you are hearing from some politicians or the Internet rumor mill these days is simple dead wrong. The Social Security system is in need of another overhaul (similar to the one it got in 1983 under Reagan). The fund is hardly "going broke."

President Johnson moved the pile of money that Social Security had accumulated from its inception to the general fund, and then various legislatures have been dipping into it and leaving IOUs. In 2002 the U.S. Treasury had evidence of $1.7 trillion in Treasury Bonds that made up the fund. Between 2002 and 2010 the debt to Social Security has grown to almost $2.5 trillion. The Treasury Department reports 40 percent of our national debt is IOUs to Social Security.

Give Us Liberty website is circulating a picture on the Internet of people sitting in a Social Security office and states the location is Austin. The message is "no wonder Social Security is broke."

I am also a member of the Realist Party. What does a realist believe in politically? Well, first of all, we believe in the truth and not Internet rumors. We believe in the Constitution. Example: Obama is the seventh president with at least one foreign-born parent. Herbert Hoover had a Canadian-born mother. Woodrow Wilson's mother was English, Chester Arthur and James Buchanan both had Irish fathers. Thomas Jefferson's mother was born in England, and Andrew Jackson's parents were born in Ireland. Why would it matter if Obama's father was born in Kenya? If it were a legal issue, what about the other presidents?

We believe each person has an opinion and that's all right. Realists just hope you base your views on facts and truths and not the Internet rumors.

Jannell Junker

People need to realize importance of water

I live in the Polo Park and Plantation Hills area. Every morning I walk about a mile and a half around that area. On July 4-6, I counted more than 50 residents who were violating their water privileges. Those dates are on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. None of those houses have their own wells.

My neighbor and I, who try to abide by the law, are wondering when the city is going to start giving out tickets. It is disheartening to see all the wasted water in the streets.

The residents of Midland do not seem to get the urgency of our situation. I grew up in the Panhandle of Texas in a town where the water was pumped out for irrigating crops, and now that town has only enough water for personal consumption. It would be a tragedy for that to happen here in Midland.

I have driven around Midland in the large estate areas and have seen people pumping from their own wells and watering large areas of grass. This is a desert area. When are people going to realize they need to preserve the underground water supply. I guess the wealthy think they can just do as they please. One of these days all of the residents are going to pay for the sins of their neighbors. At that time, water will become more important than oil and gas. Mark my word.

John Loftin

We don't need more city government

Well, there they go again — another city budget increase. Does anyone in city hall know we are in a recession? Now is the time to reduce government, not increase it.

I would like to propose some efficiencies for a change. Starting with reducing personal use of city vehicles. I walk daily in my neighborhood of about one-third square mile past three city vehicles parked at residences — a new warehouse truck, a heavy-duty cherry-picker truck and a sedan. If my area is typical of the 30 square miles or so of the city, there may be as many as 250 city vehicles being used privately. Has anyone looked at the cost of this?

In recent news are the horror stories of exorbitant salaries and pensions in governments at all levels. On TV we watch the rapidly increasing national debt. Who, if anyone, knows what this situation may be in Midland? Let's hear from someone, perhaps our Reporter -Telegram, what city salaries and pensions are and what our children and grandchildren are facing in unfunded city liabilities in their future.

Sure, everyone would like a bigger pay check. This year my Social Security check is smaller, and I must accept that. Personally, I know of unemployed, employable, people who would be delighted to have one of those "low-paying" city jobs. If any city employee wants a "high-paying oil industry" job, they are going to try to get it anyway, and most are easily replaced, usually at lower pay. At the residence of one of the above-mentioned city vehicles, I always see at least two other recent vintage vehicles. That employee can't be hurting too much.

John Snider

A Republican assembly is being organized

For two years people have said to me they want to do something about what's happening in our country, but don't know what to do. I'm a part of a new organization — the Permian Basin Republican Assembly — that has been formed to train and help any interested citizen know "what to do." Do you want to run for office? We will help. Do you want to hold all our representatives accountable in a respectful and positive way for what they do on our behalf? We will help.

Do you want to learn more about things like immigration, sustainable development or maybe local budgets or property tax? We will help. Find something that fits your time, your personality and your interests.

Begin your education about what's going on in our area by joining us 7 p.m. July 14 at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus, Classroom 1. Stephen Pena — a retired special agent with Department of Homeland Security, who for 26 years enforced U.S. immigration laws — will speak on "Interior Enforcement of U.S. Immigration Law."

Learn more about immigration problems faced in Midland — things like human smuggling and trafficking, immigration and benefit fraud, work-site enforcement, criminal aliens, bulk currency smuggling, child pornography and child enticement.

Join us, become more informed and learn "what to do."

Joyce Petrich

Let government hear your voice about library

Are we, the citizens of Midland, now considered illiterate? If not, why move our main library, the bastion of literacy and subsequently civilization, from the middle of our city?

Agreed, commerce is moving northwest — but there also is a vibrant building boom south of town near the interstate.

So, the majority of library patrons are from one area — zone 05. Why?

A greater percentage of educated people live there, have cars, can go to the library regardless of location. Many work in town, so are near the main library and have a branch nearby.

What happens to the citizens of the south and east sides of town? Do they walk, catch a bus, or get a ride from friend and/or neighbor when they need information acquired at a library? And how about students in those areas? They are being deprived of access to badly needed information necessary for their intellectual growth and development, from books, periodicals, computers, etc.

Another thing that bothers me: Why has the city spent $9 million of taxpayer money in downtown development if the county is moving a vital asset out of downtown? Are our two governing bodies communicating? Or are they cooperating, and is there some secret scheme brewing? We have the right to know. I would urge all concerned citizens to make their feelings known — write, call, email your representatives and especially this paper. Commissioners and council members are elected by the people to enact the will of the people, but you need to let them hear your voices. Now is the time to act!

Pat Schneider

Midland Christian taking over neighborhood

Recently the Reporter-Telegram published an editorial stating the City Council made the right decision concerning the expansion of Midland Christian School. The neighbors opposed to the expansion were made to appear self-centered and out-of-line concerning their opposition at the Planning and Zoning Commission June hearing and then the following City Council meeting.

Midland Christian School owns more than 10 homes on Northrup, the street that runs parallel to Culver on the other side of the school. The school is now in the process of moving several of those homes to make room for parking lots. For those of us who live in the neighborhood, it is not a stretch of the imagination to see that MCS would like to own all the property on Culver and Northrup between Golf Course Road and Neely. We are voicing our concerns because we understand this new building is not the end of the expansion. Many of us have lived in our homes for decades, and MCS is like a cancer eating up the homes we have worked hard to own and enjoy.

At a recent event held at the football field across the street, an attendee parked in front of my driveway blocking the ability to get in and out. When confronted, I was told if I didn't want people parking in front of my house, I shouldn't be living across the street from a school. Those of us who live in the neighborhood were here long before the school built the stadium, and we should not have to feel threatened by the continual expansion of the school.

Linda Griffin

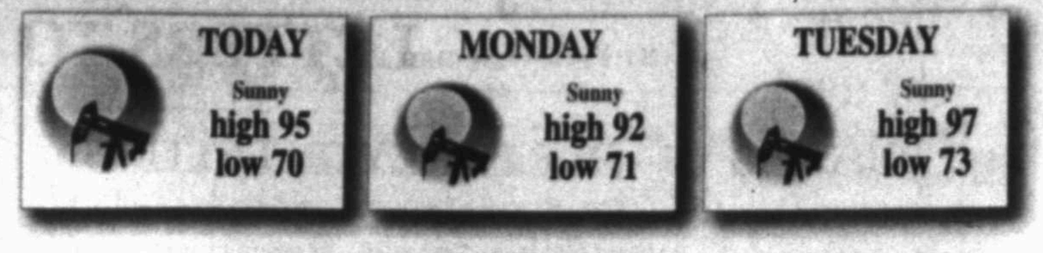
Sometimes it's hard not to give up

Three years ago I received a no-insurance ticket. I paid the ticket but that was only the beginning. I still had to pay a $260 surcharge for the next three years. This was to be my third and final year of paying this surcharge fee; however I was unable to pay the payment when it was due in April.

As a result, and unbeknownst to me, my driver's license was suspended. On June 16 I received a citation for expired vehicle registration and driving while license invalid — a grand total of $485 in fines. The following week on my way to work, before I could get the money to pay my surcharge, I received another citation for driving while license invalid. That came to a lovely $595. In all, I have racked up $995 in fines over this suspended license and all because I couldn't afford a surcharge fee to begin with. And now, I get to pay an additional surcharge fee for each citation for the next three years. Great! I am a single mom of three daughters. I don't get any government assistance and scarcely a dime of child support. I already have two jobs and work six days, or 60 hours, a week, however you want to look at it.

At least the Municipal Court judge considered my efforts and circumstances and lowered the cost of each citation. Judge Johnson at Precinct No. 3 was merciless. Well, he did offer payment arrangements of $85 every two weeks until my fine is paid. Seriously? If I can't afford a monthly surcharge of $35, how in the world am I going to pay $85 every two weeks? What is wrong with Texas and these exorbitant fines that drag out for years? I understand the citations I received but what had me in tears was knowing I have three more years of a potential vicious cycle. Three years of additional surcharge fees is excessive. What more can I do to make more money? I'm already stretched thin. How I'll make it through this time is beyond what I can even imagine at this point. Whoever said, "Life has a way of getting you down," certainly wasn't joking. It's no wonder some people give up altogether. I can't win for losing.

Sabrina Sanchez



LOCAL FORECAST

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 95 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 70 and southeast winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Monday, look for sunny skies with a high around 92, a low around 71 and south winds around between 5 and 15 mph.

Tuesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 97 and a low around 73.

The high on Saturday reached 101 while the low dropped to 72. The record high for July 9 is 104 set in 2004. The record low is 56 set in 1979.

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High pressure will promote dry and mostly sunny weather across the Northeast on Sunday. While the humidity level will remain fairly comfortable, temperatures will still be very warm across the southern mid-Atlantic. Meanwhile, highs will be in the upper 70s and lower 80s across much of New England.

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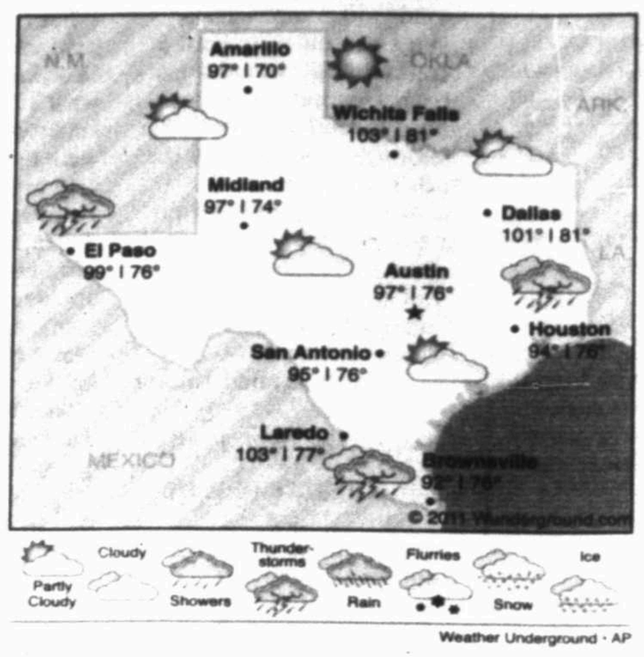

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Total for month	.0.00 in.
Total for year	.0.16 in.
Normal total (year to date)	.6.30 in.

Saturday's temperatures

High	101
Low	72
Normal high	94
Normal low	69

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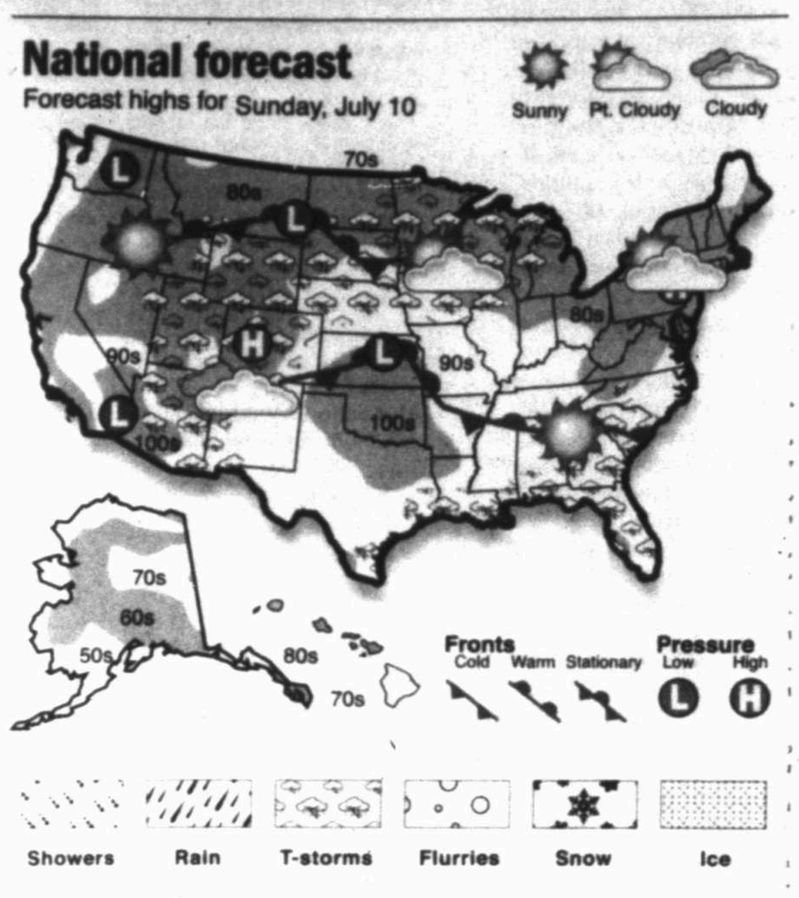
Sunset ... 8:58 p.m.



OPPOSING VIEWS ON MARCO RUBIO

CAL THOMAS

Tribune Media Services

Rubio: Ready for political primetime

■ Rubio acts beyond his years and quickly climbs charts as a Republican to watch.

At first he didn't want to do any national media, preferring to focus on Florida issues. He didn't make his maiden speech on the Senate floor until June 14, five months after being sworn-in.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., so gifted at age 40, combines passion for his conservative ideas with a humility that could easily spill over into arrogance, if he didn't have a strong sense of self. On the morning of our first meeting, I arrive early. He arrives before his staff and goes around turning on lights with no sense that such action is below his pay grade. In a town full of hubris and self-absorption, Rubio appears not to have yet caught the disease. Perhaps he will turn out to be the Hispanic version of Jimmy Stewart's movie character, "Mr. Smith."

That doesn't mean Rubio can't attack President Obama, but when he does, it is the president's policies he goes after, not the man.

Of the president's harsh verbal assault on Republicans during his news conference last month, Rubio says, "I was taken aback by some of the rhetoric the president used, which I think is more appropriate for some left-wing strong man than for the president of the United States." Rubio singled out the president's "class warfare language." He called Obama's proposal to raise taxes on the wealthy, corporate jets and big oil companies "disingenuous and counterproductive" because the amount of money raised would do little to solve the debt problem and would actually "scare job creators away."

Rubio suggests Americans who got married, worked hard, went to college, got a degree and are providing for their families feel cheated because they find their homes in many cases worthless, they've lost the job they worked hard to get and can't find work in their field, or if they do, they work twice as hard to pay their taxes at jobs that pay them half as much.

"We need to be focused on what we can do to create an economy that creates jobs. And the way you do that ... is not by going around threatening to raise taxes on people who have the money to create jobs."

Rubio said Obama's policies "are really bad for our country. Barack Obama's re-election is not more important than America's future." Not a bad sound bite for a political TV commercial.

I ask him whether he thinks he and his colleagues, as they approach the Aug. 2 deadline for raising the debt ceiling, will be able to stand against familiar attacks from Democrats that Republicans want to end Social Security and Medicare and evict grandma from her assisted-living center. "I will," he promises. He "hopes" his Republican colleagues will, as well. He says the chances of their standing firm will be improved, if they make their case for reform before the attack ads take hold.

AP Photo

Marco Rubio

Rubio says he's for "saving these very important programs," but they won't be saved if nothing is done.

What does he think of the Republican presidential field so far? "I think it's underrated. ... I think we're going to have a good nominee. ... The question for the American people in November 2012 is: are we going to extend Barack Obama's contract for another four years? If the election were today, you would say every meaningful measure of life in America is worse than in January 2009."

Rubio is aware this sounds Reaganesque as in, "Are you better off than you were four years ago?"

What about the vice presidency? Does he see himself as a possible running mate? "I don't think I'll be asked. I doubt very seriously you are going to see me on that ticket."

Maybe not, but if Rubio's stock continues to rise, he might not have to think about being asked in 2012. In four or eight more years, he might well be the Republican presidential nominee asking someone to run with him.

RUBEN NAVARRETTE

Washington Post Writers Group

For Latinos, Rubio looks like a falling star

■ The Florida senator will not make Republicans an attractive option for Hispanics as much as GOP leaders once expected.

Poor Marco Rubio. Florida's junior senator could have been a contender. Instead, he's become a caricature.

In parts of the Hispanic community, Rubio is thought of as just another ambitious politician who is willing to sell out Latinos to curry favor with Anglo colleagues. That's what you hear from Internet chatter, letters to the editor, Latino listserves, and comments on Spanish-language media.

Just seven months after taking office, the Republicans' great Latino hope has squandered the one thing that made him unique, interesting and valuable to his party: the potential that he could help mend fences with disaffected Latino voters alienated by the GOP's simplistic and mean-spirited approach to the immigration issue.

In a recent poll by Latino Decisions and ImpreMedia, immigration was the No. 1 issue for Latino voters, topping jobs and the economy by more than 15 points. More than half of the respondents said they know someone who is undocumented. This issue hits close to home.

Over the last few years, Republicans have dug themselves into a hole with Latino voters, and Rubio was supposed to help pull them out. It's one reason that Beltway pundits continue to speculate whether he could wind up as the GOP's vice presidential nominee in 2012 and whether this alone would be enough to convince Latinos to give Republicans a fair hearing.

This is what Rubio was supposed to bring to the party. Otherwise, what good is he to his colleagues if he can only deliver votes — for instance, from tea-partiers — that would probably go to Republicans anyway?

Former Florida Republican Party chairman Al Cardenas believes that Rubio could do the GOP a lot of good in 2012. Now head of the American Conservative Union, Cardenas recently told Politico that putting Rubio on the presidential ticket would "almost guarantee" a Republican victory.

Cardenas needs to get out more — out of Florida and, better yet, out to the Southwest.

Rubio is becoming persona non grata among Latinos outside of the Cuban-American community, which represents only 3 percent of the Latino population in the United States. Specifically, he is becoming intensely disliked by many naturalized Mexicans and Mexican-Americans, who make up as much as 67 percent of the U.S. Latino population. Those voters could impact the electoral outcome in battleground states such as Colorado and New Mexico, and in vote-rich states such as Texas and California.

And all this has happened because, since arriving in Washington, Rubio has followed his party's pitiful example of dealing with the immigration issue in a clumsy, reactionary and unimaginative way.

A few months ago, The Miami Herald reported that conservative activists in Florida — including members of the tea party — were pushing Rubio to take a hard line on immigration. They complained that the issue wasn't even listed on his website and that Rubio hadn't cosponsored any legislation to beef up immigration enforcement.

So Rubio joined the feel-good but do-nothing effort in Congress — led by Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas — to make it mandatory for businesses to participate in the "E-Verify" program, which is supposed to tell them whether a Social Security number is authentic. He even became a co-sponsor of the companion bill proposed by Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa. Republicans hope that Rubio's support will dull the accusation that the legislation is anti-Latino because the measure could discourage employers from hiring Latinos who are assumed to be in the country illegally.

Rubio also supports the Arizona immigration law, which directs local and state law enforcement to enforce federal immigration statutes. And, he told the television network Telemundo, he opposes the recently reintroduced DREAM Act, which would give legal status to illegal immigrants who go to college or enlist in the military, because he considers it "part of some broader effort to grant blanket amnesty."

This self-proclaimed "son of exiles" has it all wrong. It's fine to be tough on immigration, but you don't have to be predictable and shallow. When that happens, people assume you're not really thinking through this issue but simply following the herd and pandering to the special interests controlling your party.

As a Latino conservative, Rubio was bound to struggle with the immigration issue. Had he been too lenient on illegal immigrants, fellow conservatives would have accused him of leading with his heart. Now that he's gone in the other direction, fellow Latinos will accuse him of not having one.

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Obama's challenge: A debt deal and jobs, too

By Ben Feller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Immersed in an intense struggle to cut the national debt, President Barack Obama faces a dilemma that will stay with him even if he succeeds in striking a grand deal with Congress: convincing Americans that the entire effort will do anything to create desperately needed jobs.

Obama ties deficit reduction to jobs, on the basis that trying to balance the nation's books will promote economic stability and give businesses more confidence to hire. But that's a tough sell to the millions of Americans out of work right now. And the communications problem just got harder.

The latest snapshot of the economy, out Friday, was a body blow that showed employers added a meager 18,000 jobs in June. The leaders of the country, meanwhile, are consumed with negotiating a major debt-reduction deal built upon cutting spending and raising taxes. It is not directly aimed at boosting jobs.

Obama's challenge is to link all this in meaningful terms and to get faster results. At stake are the country's economic recovery and his re-election chances.

The debt is the urgent problem for Obama and a divided Congress because they have no choice. Reaching a deal has become the key to winning Republican support for raising the nation's debt limit, a politically noxious vote that Congress must take by Aug. 2 to keep the nation from risking default for the first time ever.

"There's no question that this is a complex, almost impenetrable issue," said David Axelrod, a longtime Obama adviser and now a senior strategist to the president's re-election campaign.

Flat jobs data signal weakest recovery in decades

By Paul Wiseman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The job market is defying history.

A dismal June employment report shows employers are adding nowhere near as many jobs as they normally do this long after a recession has ended.

Unemployment has climbed for three straight months and is now at 9.2 percent. There's no precedent, in data going back to 1948, for such a high rate two years into what economists say is a recovery.

The economy added just 18,000 jobs in June. That's a fraction of the 90,000 jobs economists had expected and a sliver of the 300,000 jobs needed each month to shrink unemployment significantly.

The excruciatingly slow growth is confounding economists, spooking consumers and dismaying job seekers. Friday's report forced analysts to re-examine their assumption the economy would strengthen in the second half of 2011.

They had expected improvement in June after a bleak jobs report for May. They figured that hiring in May had been artificially weakened by temporary factors — a run-up in gasoline prices to $4 a gallon and factory disruptions caused by Japan's earthquake and nuclear crisis.

But the June numbers were even worse than May's, even though gasoline prices are falling and factories revving up again.

"This is a remarkable, across-the-board backslide," says economist Heidi Shierholz of the Economic Policy Institute.

Sometimes disappointing economic reports look better on closer inspection. This one gets uglier.

Workers' hourly pay fell in June. They worked fewer hours. And 16.2 percent of those who wanted to work were either unemployed, forced to settle for part-time jobs or had given up looking for work. That figure was up from 15.8 percent in May.

Analysis

Among the frustrated is Cris Cohen, who was laid off in April from a job as a contractor for Cisco Systems in Raleigh, N.C. He's been searching for work since then, futilely combing job listings, reaching out to friends and setting up a website with a resume and a blog.

"In the past when I've left jobs or been laid off, I've just contacted connections I have had, and that's led to opportunities," says Cohen, who has a wife and a 9-year-old son. "Now it's just seems much more dry.... There's just always that anxious feeling, that nausea."

One problem is that after slashing jobs during the Great Recession, employers are still reluctant to replace them. They've learned to squeeze more work and revenue out of reduced staffs. Productivity and corporate profits have soared. But companies don't want to add workers until they're confident that consumers are spending enough to support higher sales.

Other factors are restraining hiring, too. More sophisticated software lets managers scrutinize changes in their businesses minute-by-minute. They can postpone hiring until they're certain they need more workers.

Employers have good reason to wait, says economist Ken Mayland at ClearView Economics. A political standoff over the federal debt limit threatens to send the U.S. government into default next month. That would send interest rates soaring and might tip the economy back into recession.

Even if President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans agree to raise the borrowing limit, the deal will likely require deep cuts in government spending and possibly tax increases. Combined, those steps could slow the economy further.

The economy has already lost 493,000 government jobs since the recession ended, most of them eliminated by cash-short cities and counties. Now it faces the prospect of big cuts by the federal government, too.

Heightening the uncertainty are Europe's debt crisis and the possibility that China's efforts to tame inflation will slow its booming economy. Both factors could destabilize financial markets and reduce U.S. exports, one of the economy's few strengths.

"Why would an employer hire now?" Mayland says. "It's hunker down and wait and see."

The Federal Reserve already has lowered short-term interest rates to near zero. And last month, it ended a Treasury bond-purchase program that was intended to strengthen the economy.

Congress, pointing to high budget deficits, won't consider spending taxpayer money to jolt the economy with new government programs.

"We have painted ourselves into a corner," Mayland says. "When you're at zero interest rates and running a $1.5 trillion deficit, you don't really have many policy options."

Many analysts say the economy mainly needs time to recover from an implosion of the real estate market and a devastating financial crisis.

Normally, housing and construction would fuel a recovery. Lower interest rates would draw homebuyers into the market. Increased demand would encourage builders to hire construction workers and put up new houses.

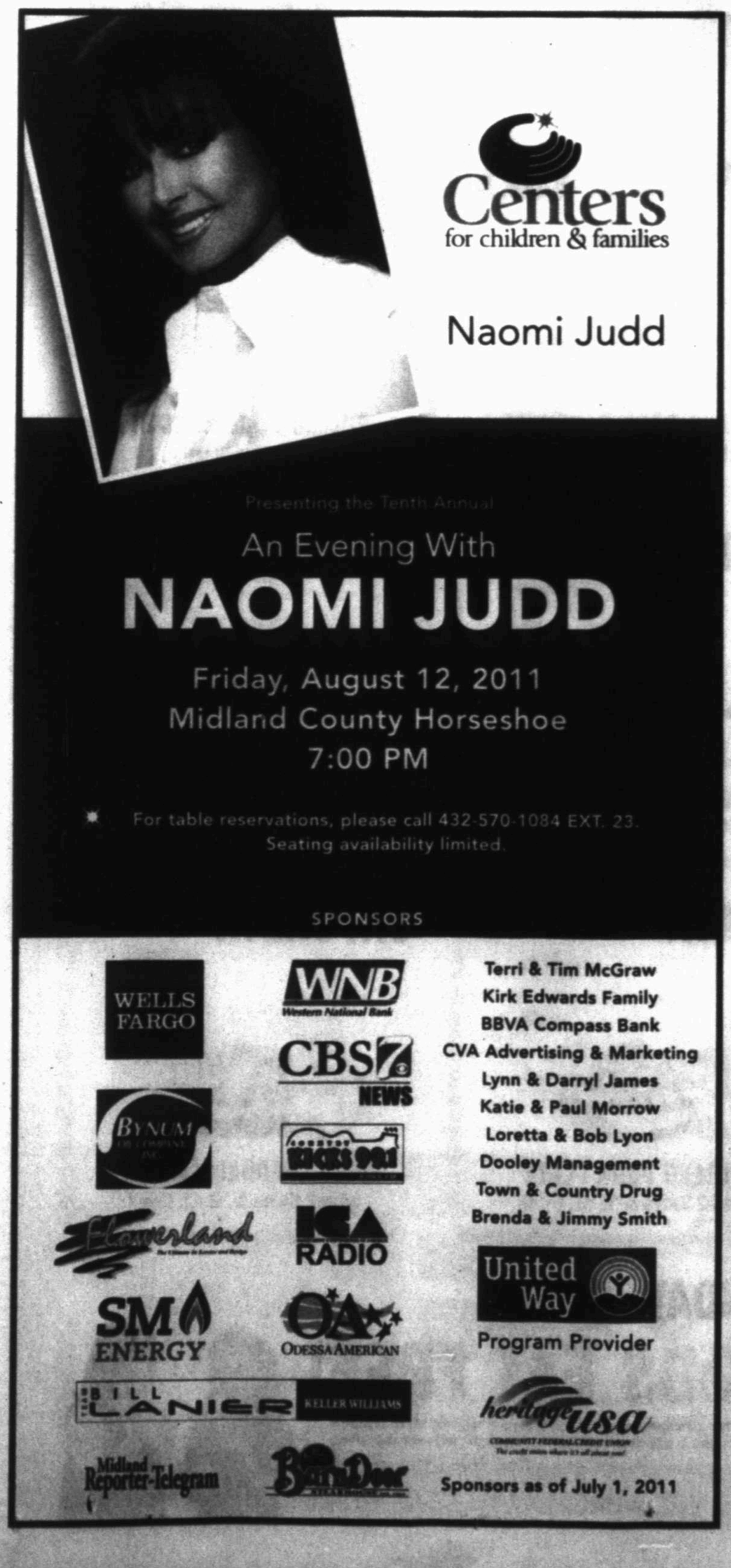
Not so this time. Home prices are continuing to fall as banks dump foreclosed homes on the market. People's home equity has shrunk.

The tepid recovery is taking a toll on consumers, whose spending accounts for 70 percent of economic activity. The Conference Board business group said last week that its consumer confidence index fell to 58.5 in June. A healthy reading is 90. At this point after the previous three recessions, the index averaged 87.

The low reading suggests consumers will be wary about spending. That could leave businesses even more cautious about hiring.

Businesses are nervous about the economic outlook now that the Fed and Congress seem to have ended their efforts to stimulate growth, says David Rosenberg, chief economist at Gluskin Sheff + Associates.

"The policy cupboard is pretty bare, and we can see what the emperor looks like disrobed," Rosenberg says. "It's not a pretty picture."



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AFGHANISTAN

Panetta: US within reach of defeating al-Qaida

KABUL — Al-Qaida's defeat is "within reach," U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said Saturday during his first visit to Afghanistan as Pentagon chief. He said eliminating as few as 10 of the group's top figures could cripple its ability to strike the West.

Panetta's assessment could stoke the debate in Washington over how soon to pull the U.S. military from the land where Osama bin Laden's network launched the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, against the United States.

SOUTH SUDAN

Residents celebrate birth with flag raising

JUBA — South Sudan celebrated its first day as an independent nation Saturday, raising its flag before tens of thousands of cheering citizens elated to reach the end of a 50-year struggle.

U.S. President Barack Obama called the day a new dawn after the darkness of war, while visiting dignitaries offered both congratulations and prodding for South Sudan and its former ruler, Sudan, to avoid a return to conflict over serious and unresolved disagreements.

MALAYSIA

Police fire tear gas at protest, arrest 1,667

KUALA LUMPUR — At least 20,000 Malaysians defied government warnings by marching for electoral reforms Saturday, as police fired tear gas and detained more than 1,600 in the country's biggest political rally in four years.

UK's News of the World bids farewell to readers

By Cassandra Vinograd
Associated Press

LONDON — Britain's best-selling Sunday tabloid, the News of the World, signed off with a simple front page message: "THANK YOU & GOODBYE," leaving the media establishment here reeling from the expanding phone-hacking scandal that brought down the muckraking newspaper after 168 years.

Journalists crafted the newspaper's own obituary before sending the tabloid's final edition to the printing presses Saturday night, apologizing for letting its readers down but stopping short of acknowledging recent allegations that staff paid police for information.

"We praised high standards, we demanded high standards but, as we are now only too painfully aware, for a period of a few years up to 2006 some who worked for us, or in our name, fell shamefully short of those standards," reads a message posted on the tabloid's website. "Quite simply, we lost our way. Phones were hacked, and for that this newspaper is truly sorry."

Rupert Murdoch, whose media empire owns the paper, will arrive in London today on a scheduled visit, a person familiar with his itinerary told the Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter.

Buying the News of the World in 1969 gave Australian-born Murdoch his first foothold in Britain's media. He went on to snap up several other titles, gaining almost unparalleled influence in British politics through the far reaching power of his papers' headlines.

Now he is facing a maelstrom of criticism and outrage over the sequence of events set off by allegations the paper's journalists paid police for information and hacked into the voicemails of young murder victims and the grieving families of dead soldiers.

The recent revelations culminated in the decision to close the paper and put 200 journalists out of work — but the move failed to stem broader questions about corruption at the newspaper and press regulation in the U.K.

The sordid affair has played out at breakneck pace in the media and prompted soul-searching at the highest levels of officialdom. Prime Minister David Cameron has called for a new press regulation system and pledged a public inquiry into what went wrong; the head of Murdoch's U.K. newspaper operations has alluded that more revelations are yet to come.

As the News of the World's final issue went to press, Assistant Police Commissioner John Yates expressed his "extreme regret" that he did not act to reopen police inquiries into phone hacking two years ago. In an interview with the Sunday Telegraph, he said "it's clear I could have done more."

But Murdoch has opted to remain largely silent amid the fallout, issuing one official statement describing the allegations as "deplorable and unacceptable."

He spoke briefly to reporters in Sun Valley, Idaho, on Saturday, where he is attending a media conference, to back the leadership of his U.K. news operations.

The final edition of the tabloid hits newsstands today, and the newspaper's front and back pages are covered with a collage of images of past exclusives and scoops.

The front page bears an epitaph, "the world's greatest newspaper 1843 - 2011" and a smaller headline with the words: "After 168 years, we finally say a sad but very proud farewell to our 7.5m loyal readers."

Throughout the day, journalists at the tabloid expressed their sadness and pride in working for an iconic news brand.

Video of the newsroom showed desk-bound journalists tapping away at keyboards beneath television screens broadcasting images and pictures of their task, and plight.

Small clues gave the tone of the London newsroom away — from a commemorative T-shirt bearing a "Goodbye, cruel News of the World, I'm leaving you today" worn by one staffer.

The paper's editor, Colin Myler, offered words of encouragement and sympathy to his staff on a "very difficult day."

The scandal exploded after it was reported that the News of the World had hacked the mobile phone of 13-year-old murder victim Milly Dowler in 2002 while her family and police were desperately searching for her. News of the World operatives reportedly deleted some messages from the phone's voicemail, giving the girl's parents false hope that she was still alive.

That ignited public outrage far beyond any previous reaction to press intrusion into the lives of politicians and celebrities, which the paper has acknowledged and for which it has paid compensation to some prominent victims, including actress Sienna Miller.

Revelations that journalists paid police for information added fuel to the fire, prompting calls for a boycott and causing dozens of companies to pull their advertising from the paper amid fears they would be tainted by association.

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Fort Hood suspect's defense has few options

By Angela K. Brown
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — More than two dozen soldiers have testified about the day they were shot in a crowded Fort Hood building in November 2009. Some told of looking the gunman in the eye as he fired. A Senate investigation has announced its findings about the suspect: before the rampage, the Army psychiatrist had become an Islamic extremist and a "ticking time bomb."

Now the defense team for Maj. Nidal Hasan, who is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder, faces what seems like an impossible task of preventing a conviction and potential death sentence in one of the highest profile cases in military history.

Hasan, 40, who remains jailed and was paralyzed after police shot him that day, could go to trial later this year at Fort Hood, the Texas Army post about 125 miles south of Fort Worth.

On Wednesday, Fort Hood's commander ordered Hasan to stand trial after reviewing documents from last fall's evidentiary hearing.

For the defense lawyers, "there are huge challenges in this case — challenges that may not be present in other capital cases," said Richard Stevens, a military defense attorney who is not involved in the case.

John Galligan, the lead defense attorney, has said little about the strategies he is considering for the trial. But experts in military law say his choices are limited: hope that Hasan's mental state would prompt a jury to opt for a life sentence, or watch for legal errors or complications that could cause a conviction or death sentence to be overturned.

Galligan is clearly mindful of the reversible-error prospect, and can be expected to challenge every legal decision in the trial that could be used for an appeal. Galligan said 80 percent of the military's death sentences have been commuted to life in prison without parole since the military reinstated the death penalty in 1984.

No military convict has been executed since 1961 because of the lengthy appeals process.

"The reversal rate and length of time since an execution show that the military's death penalty system isn't working and shouldn't be used," Galligan told The Associated Press. "The Army here is more interested in getting a capital case and getting a death sentence and moving on, even if it sits there for 20 years."

Eight death sentences have been commuted since 1984 because of procedural or evidentiary errors in trial.

The president must approve any execution in the military court system.

In 2008 President George W. Bush signed an execution order for a former Army cook convicted

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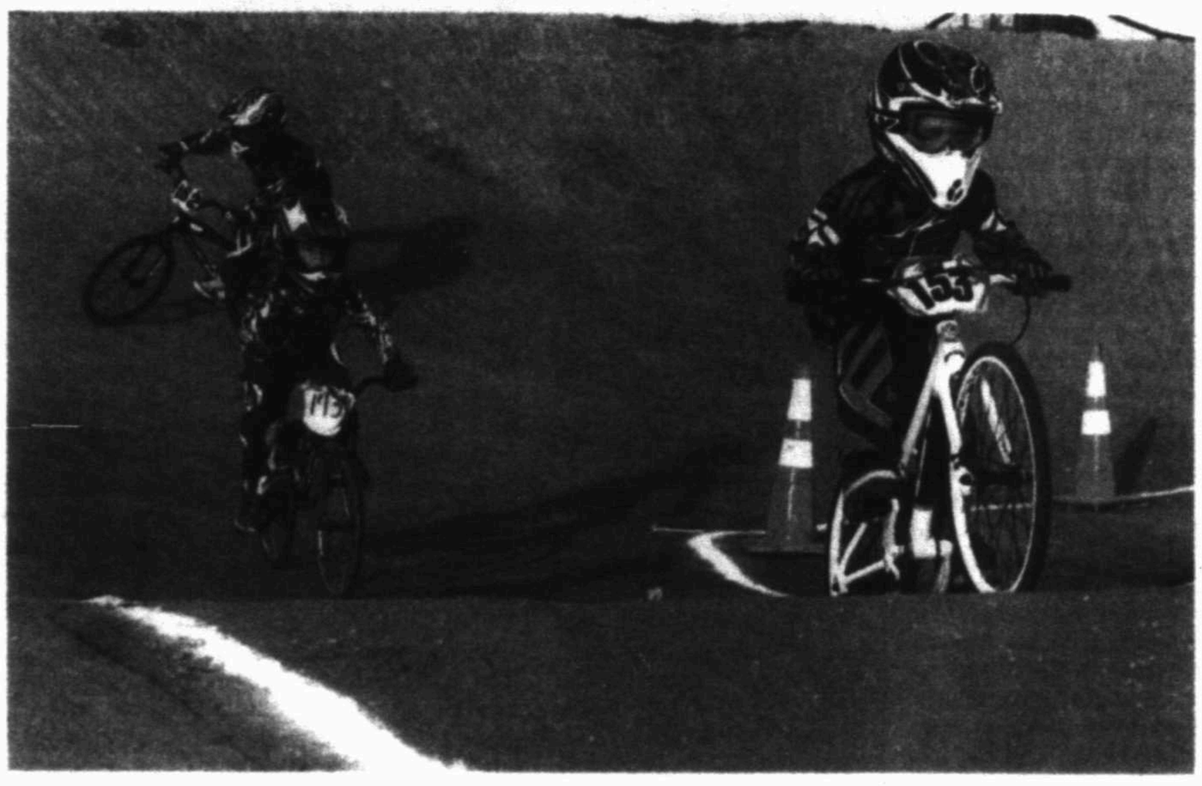
Young racers



Racers descend on Midland for BMX competition

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

Bicycles whined as spokes and chains turned furiously. Cheers filled the air. The announcer breathlessly tried to keep pace with the youths vying for first place.

Dirt flew off tires as racers turned tight, high corners. In the end, a whistle and position will determine whether they move forward.

BMX bicycle racers descended on Midland this weekend, competing on the Texas circuit to earn points for nationals.

The mostly young riders racing Friday had scarcely been biking for a year.

Yet many were naturals, and they had bragging rights to prove it, like 7-year-old Ike Weaver and 14-year-old Liam McGrath.

Both have won major championships despite being relatively new to the sport. Weaver finished

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TOP: Keegan Connally from Midland looks up the track Friday as he and others race at the West Texas BMX at Reyes-Mashburn-Nelms Park in Midland. **ABOVE:** Chrystofer Davis from Midland jumps one of the last obstacles Friday as the sun begins to set as he and others race at the West Texas BMX.

Photos by Tim Fischer ❖ Reporter-Telegram

Grandmother of slain Greenwood teen reflects

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

The grandmother of the slain Greenwood teen spoke out, almost a week after the shooting, saying the truth will eventually come to light and how pleased she was with everyone at Midland Memorial Hospital.

William Eric Stirman, 18, died Monday afternoon, about 36 hours after his father, William Earl Stirman, 43, allegedly shot him in the forehead.

Rosemary C. Rose, maternal grandmother of William Eric Stirman, issued a statement to the Reporter-Telegram saying: "The truth will come out for the public as time goes on. I, on the other hand, as his maternal grandmother, have to deal with reality."

There has been a slow trickle of details surrounding the July 2 shooting released by the Sheriff's Office throughout the week. The latest was the murder affidavit against William Earl Stirman released Wednesday that documented the argument leading up to the shooting. The reports also allege the elder Stirman, during the course of the argument, unlocked his gun safe and retrieved the .22 caliber pistol that eventually killed his son.

Sheriff Gary Painter told the Reporter-Telegram the slain teen's father was cooperating with the investigation.

Rose's statement also described how difficult the ordeal has been on her, and the teen's mother, Megan Rose.

"I had to watch my daughter lay by her son all of those hours in order to give a stranger the gift of life," she wrote in the email to the Reporter-Telegram on Friday. "Friends and family were a circle of prayer around his bed."

She confirmed during the follow-up interview that her grandson was an organ donor and that his organs helped someone else in need.

She ended her letter by thanking the MMH staff.

"There are no words to describe how wonderful the MMH nurses, staff, doctors and anyone (else) that came close to our family and friends treated us," the

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Real savings happen when dealing with European exchange rates

TERRY WILLIAMSON
Columnist

Traveling abroad is a great experience. It gives you a chance to see places that you only read about and dream of while coping with life in rainless West Texas.

Now, taking a trip overseas may not be a big deal to a lot of you, but for the wife and me, taking a trip out of the country is a bit like turning two country bumpkins loose on the world.

We had the good fortune to take a cruise around the British Isles this summer with a short side trip to Paris. I'm sure Scotland, Ireland and England were all waiting for us. They probably knew about my wife's penchant for saving money, which I have previously chronicled in this space.

They try to trick you into spending money — and they're good at it. Well, maybe not that good because my wife is pretty gullible about such matters, but good enough to get us to shed a few pounds — English pounds that is. I wish shedding food pounds was as easy.

First, you get to spend a lot of American dollars for a few English pounds that are good throughout the entire United Kingdom area. They give you this money that looks like something out of a monopoly game. It's easy to think this is just play money with a picture of the queen on it. It's just play money. Whoopee, have a good time.

What is easy to forget is the fact that the exchange rate to buy English pounds is close to 2-to-1. That means if you buy something in Scotland for 8 pounds, that's actually close to $16.

I saw this Scottish golf cap that I wanted and it was around 39 pounds. That's almost $80.

A simple fish and chips lunch for two with a soda could run you about 16 pounds. That's close to $30 American. Thanks, but no thanks. I'll stick to Taco Tuesday at Rosa's.

While I wanted to experience some of the local fare like "bangers and mash" (sausage and mashed potatoes), Irish style or Scottish haggis, a dish of unmentionable types of minced meat and oatmeal cooked in a sheep's bladder, I couldn't pull the trigger with the stomach or the money exchange rate, knowing that there was plenty of safe food that had already been paid for back on our ship.

My wife had this crazy idea that she would buy our grandchildren some Scottish kilts. Well, the full regalia for one was about 500 pounds. Do the math on that price tag — four grandkids at about $4,000 U.S. We

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Obituaries

Edward John Matchus

Edward John Matchus, 86, of Midland, TX passed away peacefully, Wednesday, June 29, 2011, in Austin, TX with family at his side.

Loving husband, son, brother, cousin, beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend, Ed was born August 10, 1924, in Chicago, IL to John Anthony and Anna Alice Bendick Matchus. Ed was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Walter C. Matchus.

The eldest of three brothers, Ed grew up in Chicago. After living briefly in Washington, D.C., his family returned to the Lithuanian neighborhood in Chicago. Family was always important to Ed, starting early in Chicago with many aunts, uncles, and cousins in the neighborhood, and later with his own family. Ed continued to enjoy strong family ties. As a child growing up during the Great Depression, Ed remembered well the lessons learned during that time, which he shared with his own family. Ed graduated from Fenger High School where he participated in ROTC, then enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps in 1943.

While Ed rarely shared his wartime experiences, he was the embodiment of the Marine Corps' core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment throughout his life. He was a veteran of the 2nd Marine Division's amphibious assault on Tarawa Atoll in WWII. He was an Expert Rifleman and was qualified with the Browning Automatic Rifle. And this sharpshooter could still hit the bull's eye at age 85!

After the Battle of Tarawa, Ed attended Penn State through ROTC, where, after the war ended, he received an honorable discharge, and the Good Conduct Medal, in 1946. After one year at Penn State, he transferred to Princeton University. He originally planned to be a pediatrician but, after one geology course, he found his true calling. He graduated in 1948 with a degree in Geology. While at Princeton, he was a member of the 8-man crew and wrestling teams. He also worked part-time as a bartender.

After graduating from Princeton, Ed's Aunt Lucy introduced him to one of her nursing classmates, Bea Klute, in Chicago and love was soon in the air- or rather on the telephone! He and Bea married in Farmington, NM on June 25, 1949, and together, they went exploring for oil and gas, up and down the Rocky Mountains. This was the start of many adventures together. In the early years, there were tent camps while mapping. Their first home was a floorless tent in Desolation Canyon, Ouray, Utah. They would move 11 times before settling in Midland; among the places they lived were Laramie, WY; Cutbank, MT; Green River, WY; Roswell, NM; Aspermont and Abilene, TX; and finally, in 1957, Midland.

Ed's family joined St Ann's in September, 1957. All five of their children attended and graduated from St. Ann's School. Ed served as president of the school board for a time, while the children were in school. He was a long time family fair supporter and helped for years at Tom's and Jan's sausage booth at the fair.

After 32 years, Ed retired as Special Projects Geologist from UNOCAL in 1981. A UNOCAL project he often talked about was his evaluation of water sources for the waterflood at the Caprock-Queen field. After retirement he became an independent geologist. With this change, his friends "encouraged" him to drop the white shirt, tie and suit "uniform" for the more casual attire of an independent geologist.

Ed was a preeminent Permian Basin stratigrapher and contributed much to understanding the Permian Basin. He, with his friend and colleague, Ted Jones, co-chaired the committee which compiled the East-West Cross Section (WTGS publication 84-79) which remains the Permian Basin standard. For years, many evenings and weekends (before computers) were spent compiling the data. (And his children thought he just liked to color between the lines!). For service to the West Texas Geological Society, Ed was elected an Honorary Life Member and received the Distinguished Service Award. Ed was also a lifelong member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

A lifelong learner, Ed loved his conversations with friends, family, and others about a wide variety of topics. He truly enjoyed freely exchanging ideas whether it was over dinner with a son-in-law, good friends at JoJo's in the afternoons, long drives with family, fireside chats in the Gila Wilderness, or any gathering of geologists.

Ed loved his family and spending time with them. He shared his love of the outdoors, especially fishing, with family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends. There wasn't anything he couldn't do. He was a creative and resourceful mechanic, carpenter, and cook when necessary. He was a collector of rocks and polished some of his collection. When he decided to build a cabin, he read books on the subject and built his cabin in a remote portion of New Mexico. He never cut down a tree to build his cabin and carefully placed the cabin among the trees. As an equal opportunity builder, all his children helped build the cabin. Supplies had to be hauled in and out down to the last nail. Values learned during the Great Depression served him well - frugalality, wisdom, recycling - and he used materials from the old Scharbauer hotel and the Hilton such as old plywood concrete forms. Many family stories and adventures relate to wonderful times at the cabin - a granddaughter's wedding, flash floods, forest fires, unexpectedly heavy snow falls, Thanksgiving dinners with boiled turkey, hunting apache tears, honing wood chopping skills, filling feeders for hummingbirds and squirrels, watching the hummers dive and chase around the feeders, and seeing his dog, Sally chase chipmunks. It became common practice to wish each other 'uneventful trips' to minimize the number of the adventures. The family continues to enjoy Ed's mountain cabin, The Hummer, in New Mexico.

Ed is survived by his wife, Beatrice Irene Matchus; brother, John Matchus and his wife, Jean, of Utica, IL; son, Edward John Matchus, Jr. "E.J." and his wife, Cherry; daughter, Edith Ann Stanton, both of Midland, TX; daughter, Nancy Katherine Matchus and husband, Daniel Patrick Fallwell of Austin, TX; daughter, Sarah Louise Adamson and her husband, Frazier "Danny"; son, Thomas Anthony Matchus and his wife, Jan, both of Midland, TX. He is survived by 10 grandchildren: Holly (Matchus) Hamm and her husband, Blake of Houston, TX; Chesly (Matchus) Herd and her husband, John Tevis "J.T." of Midland, TX; Lindsey (Matchus) Slater of Alpine, TX; Emily Jo (Matchus) Hood and her husband, Richard of Boulder, CO; and John Tanner Matchus of Silver City, NM; Karl William Stanton; Sean Anthony Matchus; Seth Andrew Matchus; Samuel Aaron Matchus; Simon Alexander Matchus. He is survived by 6 great-grandchildren: Jakob Hamm, Austin Herd, Callie Herd, Carrie Herd, Drue Slater and Naomi Slater. He leaves an aunt, numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends to remember the wonder of Ed.

Friends and family are cordially invited to gather Sunday, July 10, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy, Midland, to celebrate Ed's life. Memorial services will be held Monday, July 11, 11:00 a.m., at St. Ann's Church, 1906 W. Texas, Midland, with reception immediately following in the St. Ann's parlor.

If desired, contributions may be made to the West Texas Geological Society Foundation, P. O. Box 1595, Midland, TX 79702; the Midland Energy Library; St. Ann's School; the American Cancer Society; or the charity of your choice.

Condolences can be made online at: www.ellisfunerals.com.

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

Patrick Eugene Ogden

Patrick Eugene Ogden, 49, passed away on Thursday, July 7, 2011.

He was born September 25, 1961 to Billy Charles Ogden and Patricia Ogden in Cisco, Texas. Patrick was raised in Andrews, Texas. Upon graduation from High School, he attended Texas Tech University and Angelo State University, where he met his wife, Roxanne Ogden. They were married on October 9, 1982, in San Angelo, Texas.

He received his Texas Board of Irrigators license in 1982, and began his love of landscaping and irrigation. He worked at Odessa Country Club until he decided to begin his own business, Ogden Sprinkler Systems, in 1995. He remained self employed until November 2009, and was employed with Bill Williams Tire Center, until his passing.

He was a member of Fairmont Park church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his dad; Bill Ogden.

Patrick is survived by his wife, Roxanne Harrell Ogden, of Midland, Texas, sons, Ryan Blake Ogden, Charles Lane Ogden, and Corby Jackson Ogden, all of Midland. His Mother, Patricia Ogden, of Bonham, Texas, sisters, Sheila/Rene Fernandez of Bonham, Texas and Teresa/Don Hart, of Odessa, Texas; mother and father-in-law, Jack & Ginger Harrell, sister-in-law Jo Lynn Harrell, brother-in-law, Dale Harrell; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Patrick's greatest interests were his son's activities, watching Nascar and the love of the lake, where the family enjoyed boating, wake boarding and family time. One of the things he was most proud of was his remodeling of the lake house and his home in Midland. He attended many of his son's golf tournaments, football games, and many-many baseball games.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the medical Fund of Patrick Ogden, at Heritage USA, Teachers Credit Union, 2001 N. Big Spring St.

Pallbearers will be: Jerry Dugan, Buck Rogers, Billy Williams, Billy Perkins, Rene Fernandez, and Dale Harrell.

Family will receive friends at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home between 6pm and 8pm on Sunday, July 10, 2011.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 AM, Monday, July 11, 2011, at Fairmont Park Church of Christ, where Scott Sheppard will be performing services.

The family is thankful and blessed to many family members and who have made this tragedy bearable.

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

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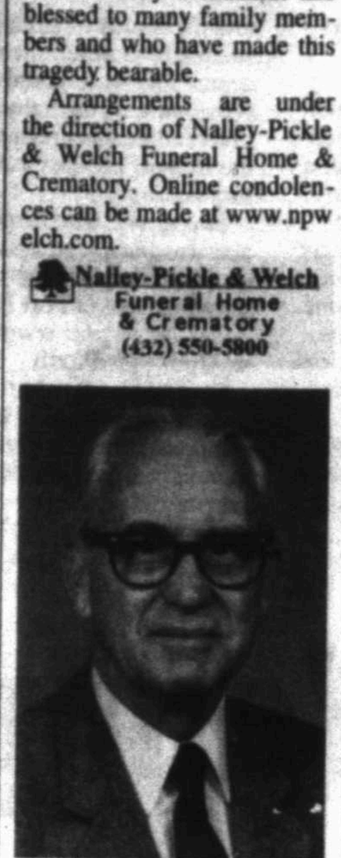


Warren D. Barton

Sept. 28, 1918 - July 8, 2011

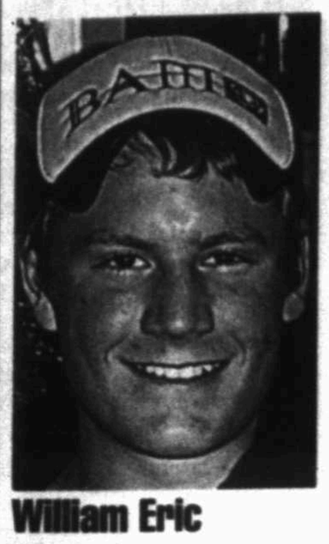
Mr. Warren D. Barton, age 92, of Waco, completed his earthly journey on July 8, 2011 in Waco, Texas after a lengthy illness. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 12th at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit in Waco with Father John Wells officiating and burial to follow in the White Rock Cemetery in Ross, Texas. Visitation will be from 6:00 -2:00 pm on Monday, July 11th at Connally/Compton Funeral Directors.

Warren was born on September 28, 1918 in Freeport, Texas to Anna Jean and Samuel Richard Barton. Warren was educated in Marlin, Texas public schools. He entered Texas A & M at age sixteen. At Texas A & M he was an outstanding student and graduated in 1939. He earned his Law Degree from the University of Texas Law School and earned a Master's Degree from Harvard University. He was an oil and gas attorney in Midland, Texas for over thirty years and a member of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity. Warren served in the Army during World War II as 1st Lieutenant. He crashed an airplane on the runway which ended his Army career. He was a member of Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit. Warren was Past Worshipful Master of Herring Lodge 1224 from June 1999-June 2000 where he received an endowed membership as well as the Golden Trowel Award. He was also a member of George R. Scott Sojourners, York Rite, and Scottish Rite. His hobby included a rare collection of old coins, paper money and stamps.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 27 years, Margaret V. Barton of Waco; daughter, Cynthia Ann Bondeson of San Antonio; Randy and his wife, Fran, of Houston; two grandchildren, Rebecca Springer and her husband, Paul, of Atlanta, GA; and Barton Bolfrass and wife, Sarah, of Austin and four great grandchildren.

Memorials may be given to the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit.

Condolences may be offered at Connally-Compton.com.



William Eric Stirman

The world became a brighter place on June 17, 1993, when William Eric Stirman was born. He was called early, by our Lord and Savior, on July 3, 2011.

Many of the people who knew Eric can bear witness to the love his heart had. One big bear hug from Eric and you felt as though your world would soon be okay, like you meant something. Few people have that power. Eric had a passion for nature, hunting, and spending time with family and friends.

A lifelong memory of two of his closest friends is of him, "...having the biggest heart, his love extended to an ant covered hummingbird that had fallen from it's nest. Eric nursed it back to health and released it into the world, spreading his love and passion. We can see this beautiful bird and think, maybe, just maybe, this is the one that holds Eric's love. So smile and look to the hummingbirds."

Eric had a very special bond with his mother, that not many people could ever have in a lifetime. He had a major passion for spending as much time with his family and friends as he could. He could not get enough of life.

Eric is survived by many family and friends that cared for him deeply, among those are his mother, Megan Rose of Midland and his big sister, Heather.

A private memorial services will be held in Eric's honor.

Eric will be dearly missed by his loving family and friends.

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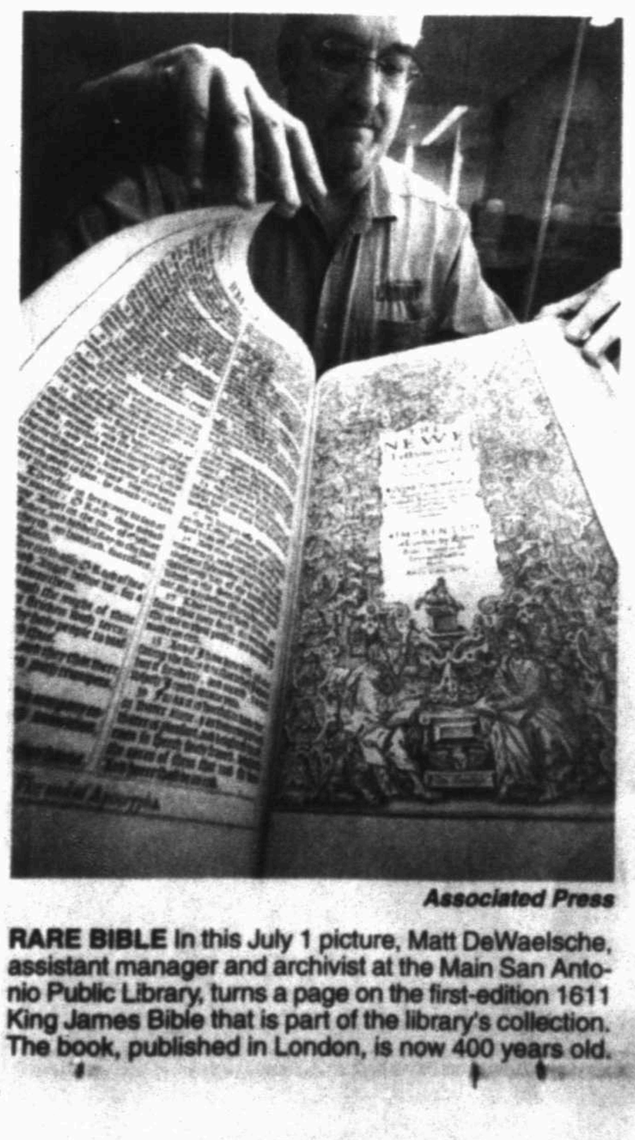

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RARE BIBLE In this July 1 picture, Matt DeWaelsche, assistant manager and archivist at the Main San Antonio Public Library, turns a page on the first-edition 1611 King James Bible that is part of the library's collection. The book, published in London, is now 400 years old.

By Scott Huddleston
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — To people wandering by, the big book in a display case on the Central Library's sixth floor might look like just an old, heavy volume of forgotten prose about who knows what.

But to Frank Faulkner, manager of the library's Texana/Genealogy Department, the 1611 first-edition King James Bible may be the most valuable item in the San Antonio Public Library's collection of literature, artwork and artifacts.

The Bible is on display, for the first time since it was added to the collection in 1945, through Aug. 26, along with other original bound volumes from the 1600s that deal with faith, morality, culture and art.

English translations of the Bible date to the 1500s, with partial or hand-written forms dating even earlier. But the King James version, starting with the first printing in 1611, popularized the Bible for the English-speaking world and heavily impacted Western theology and culture, Faulkner said.

"In some ways, it set the tone for the Protestant church," he said.

Some today still consider the King James version to be the true word of God, Faulkner said. More than 250 idioms, such as "an eye for an eye," "forbidden fruit" and "feet of clay" are rooted in the King James version.

The 1611 Bible at the library is believed to be one of fewer than 200 in existence and one of fewer than 50 of the "He" variant of the first-year edition. In the Book of Ruth, early printings in 1611 stated, "He went into the citie."

The type was later corrected to "She," referring to Ruth. Similar "He" variant volumes have sold for about $100,000 to $400,000.

Amid the German bombing blitzes in England during World War II, a rare book dealer in London sold the Bible in 1942 to San Antonio book dealer Frank Rosengren.

"They wanted to make sure it got out of England so it wasn't destroyed," said Matt DeWaelsche, assistant manager at the library's Texana department.

The library purchased the Bible in 1945 with funds from a bequest by lawyer Harry Hertzberg. The Bible lacks a cover page and back page but is in great condition for its age, Faulkner said. It has its original cover, though the cover's cardboard inserts were replaced in the early 1940s. Its pages are about 12 by 17 inches.

Among the other antique books on display, Faulkner said, he's impressed with "The Hierarchy of the Blessed Angels," by English author Thomas Heywood.

It's a lengthy didactic poem from 1635 that attempts to describe characteristics and powers of angels, drawing on folklore, the Old Testament and other resources.

Once the display ends, the 1611 Bible and other items will be returned to storage in a temperature- and humidity-controlled vault, DeWaelsche said.

For the Bible's 500th anniversary, the library will likely put it back on display in 100 years, he said.

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first in last year's nationals for his age and skill rating. McGrath is the standing Texas champion for his respective category.

Although they got into the sport differently, both said they were attracted by the adrenaline rush and excitement.

"The speed is what I like most," Weaver said after coolly winning first in the opening races Friday night at the Reyes-Mashburn-Nelms Park.

Weaver's mother, Melody, said she felt her son needed to be able to compete individually. Weaver plays many of the traditional team sports, she said, but he needed to learn to stand on his own.

Melody Weaver is very supportive of Ike Weaver and her older son, 10-year old Jax Weaver's, ambition and love for the sport. Despite living in Snyder and being unable to make practice in Midland often, she decided to build her children their own mini-course on their property.

Even though most of the kids racing Friday were new to the sport, some had already experienced tragedy and disappointment.

On the first race of the 2010 nationals, on the very first hill, McGrath fell. He shattered his arm in multiple locations, putting his riding future in jeopardy. But it didn't keep him from getting back on his bike.

This competition was his first back from a separate injury. He was nursing a broken thumb while competing Friday.

Regardless, the young riders were all smiles, itching to get back in the starting gates to hit the course one more time.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Diego Chavez from Odessa comes out of a turn Friday night in the lead as he and others race at the West Texas BMX at Reyes-Mashburn-Nelms Park in Midland.

Midland's BMX future

The BMX culture in Midland is relatively new. The racers' home at the Reyes-Mashburn-Nelms Park hasn't even existed for two years.

But the love of the sport has spread.

"We've got about 70 to 80 kids that are dedicated to riding," said Butch Tacker, track operator and the man responsible for organizing the sport in Midland.

The more determined riders who travel are "killing" the competition at championships, Tacker said.

He added that it helps that their course is national caliber.

Tacker, a 35-year-old veteran of the sport, still rides but said he's focused on passing the sport off to the next generation. He has much to be happy about already: two national champions in less than two years.

Since BMX racing officially has become an Olympic sport — first appearing in the 2008 Beijing games and set to take place in 2012 London games — he's hoping for a bright future for the kids.

> "There is no reason the next Olympic champion can't come from Midland."
>
> — CLAYTON HOOPER
> Butch Tacker
> Track operator

"There is no reason the next Olympic champion can't come from Midland," he said as he gazed at the more than 1,100 foot course that curves and winds over multiple rolling hills.

But focusing on the immediate, he said this competition is just one step in the direction toward the championships.

Friday and Saturday were single point races, while the main event Sunday was a double-point state qualifier.

Tacker's group is also philanthropic, dedicating the proceeds of Saturday evening's race to charity. The "Race for Life" benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The highlight of the three-day race will be today's Pro-Am competition, attracting riders from throughout the region. Today's races will kick off at 9 a.m. at the Reyes-Mashburn-Nelms Park, near the intersection of Cuthbert Avenue and North Fairgrounds Road. There is no cost for spectators.

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

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Omar Aranda, 40, of Odessa, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Pamela A. Brown, 31, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of failure to appear.

Nickey R. Grimes, 51, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Lucas J. Humphrey, 32, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of evading arrest in a motor vehicle.

Rudy F. Mireles, 34, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Justin T. Miller, 21, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of indecency with a child.

Edward L. Roland Jr., 25, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Rudolph E. Walker, 24, of Midland, was arrested Friday by 441st Judicial District Court officials on a charge of tampering with evidence.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office.

FORT HOOD

From 1B

of several rapes and murders in the 1980s, but a federal judge has stayed that order to allow for a new round of appeals in federal court. Despite what could be a lengthy process, many affected by the Fort Hood rampage believe death is the only appropriate punishment if Hasan is convicted in the worst mass shooting on a U.S. military installation.

"People will want to hear the other side during the court-martial, but what could he possibly say in his defense?" said Staff Sgt. Jeannette Juroff, who was working in a nearby building that day and helped wounded soldiers.

Galligan initially said he was considering an insanity defense, but then backed off after a mental evaluation of Hasan last year by a three-member military mental health panel.

Galligan has refused to disclose the panel's finding, but indications are that the evaluation would not support a contention that Hasan suffered from a severe mental illness that prevented him from knowing, during the rampage, that his alleged actions were wrong — the legal definition of insanity.

Several military law experts said they doubt Hasan will plead innocent by reason of insanity.

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grandmother and 60-year Midland resident wrote. "The most important thing is the respect and love they gave Eric and his mother."

She declined to comment about the specifics relating to the investigation or charges against her ex-son-in-law.

The elder Stirman awaits trial on a $1 million bond for a first-degree felony charge of murder. The original charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was upgraded to murder after his son died Monday afternoon at MMH.

If he is convicted of the first-degree felony, he could spend between five and 99 years in prison.

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

WILLIAMSON

From 1B

did find just the kilts for 50 pounds each. We couldn't even pull the trigger on that one. It was proving to be really hard to save money in this part of the world — even for the wife.

And then there is the problem of crossing borders. When we were in France, we had to use euros, another bad exchange for the U.S. dollar. It also looks like play money, but without Queen Elizabeth on it. English pounds don't work here, so you have to make sure you keep your currency separated properly.

It gets even more confusing in the British Isles. As I said before, British pounds are used universally in the United Kingdom. The dope that I am, I didn't realize that Ireland is not a member of the United Kingdom. One day we were in Belfast, which is in Northern Ireland. We spent our British pounds without a problem there because it is a member of the U.K.

However, the next day in Dublin, the capital of Ireland proper, merchants would have nothing to do with the British pound, and in many cases, they wanted you out of their store. They took euros only and had no sympathy for those bearing pounds.

I'm glad I couldn't find anything I could afford in Ireland because I might have set off an international incident. We learned the news from those who did find something to buy. They only had British pounds and sore ears.

It was a great vacation. It rained every day with the temperature between 50 and 70 degrees and we didn't buy much. The wife actually learned to save some money.

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Home Repairs	10 families	$ 7,813.66
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Miscellaneous	18 families	$ 4,743.38
TOTAL		**$ 563,899.28**

This does not include the countless pieces of furniture, clothing, appliances and boxes of food that have been given to those in need.

We are especially pleased with the assistance we are extending to the families of the victims of the grassfires that have plagued our town this spring and summer. These families, who are referred to us by the American Red Cross are given the "run of the store," taking virtually anything that they need to set up housekeeping. We are extremely grateful to all of you who have brought us furniture, appliances, clothing and household items to help them, and we thank the American Red Cross for allowing us to partner with them.

Rent continues to be the area of Midland where the poor are in greatest need. With the latest "boom" in Midland housing has again become scarce which has caused rents to again increase. It is hard to find a two-bedroom apartment in Midland for less than $900 per month, and many go much higher. These increases are devastating to those people in Midland who have not seen their incomes increase to match those salaries offered in the oil industry. Restaurant workers, clerical workers, laborers, and workers in retail are severely impacted by the increases in rent. Also hurt severely are the elderly living on Social Security and the disabled. While their rents and the cost of living continues to skyrocket, their incomes do not.

Our unusually hot summer is leading to increases in electric bills. We are receiving more and more calls each day from people who cannot pay their bills. At risk are victims of strokes, COPD, and other medical conditions and the elderly who cannot tolerate the heat.

We wish that we could help every person who calls our helpline with a legitimate need, but we are still thankful that we have been able to do as much as we have. We thank all of you whose donations to Helping Hands, whether it be cash or items to sell in our thrift store, have made this help possible. God bless you for all that you do for the poor of Midland through Helping Hands!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Arts and entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basic July 10-16

TODAY

Outdoor concerts

This summer's lineup for the 24th season of the Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts at the Museum of the Southwest includes some new acts and others who have performed in this venue before.

This summer's season features: Weatherstone (Classic rock 'n' roll), today; Barlow Bros. & Friends (Texas swing), July 17; Brown Sneakers (R&B), July 24; Jazz Bird (smooth jazz), July 31 and The Shades (rock 'n' roll), Aug. 7.

The performances are from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. at 1705 W. Missouri Ave. No admission is charged. Those attending are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs.

MONDAY

Summer Art Camp

ODESSA — Summer Art Camp incorporates art appreciation, art history and a studio art experience in two classes per day at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd.

Classes begin at 9:15 a.m. and go through noon (excluding the teen class). Monday through Friday for the weeks specified below.

Classes include: Monday through Friday, elementary classes for ages 6-12, $80, painting, art to wear and fashion design; July 18-22, art for students with visual challenges, ages 6-8, 9-12 and 13-17, $80, multi-sensory art; and July 18-22, teen class for ages 13-17, art to wear, $50.

Advance registration is required. A limited number of scholarships are available based on financial need through the Neely Hunter Palmer Scholarship Fund and the Noël Memorial Fund given by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rodman.

For more information, call 550-9696, ext. 10.

Music program offers summer camps

ODESSA — UTPB's Music Program is offering a selection of short music camps on campus for young musicians going into grades 9 through 12 to help them improve their performance in area competitions next year.

Monday through Friday is Woodwinds Week with a chamber music focus. These students will study with professional performers, the West Texas Winds of the Midland Odessa Symphony & Chorale.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

OPENING NIGHT Mummers mugs are ready to be filled as patrons line up at the bar to get their drink of choice for opening night of the 63rd annual Summer Mummers, Ribaldry at the Rodeo.

Technique and small group instruction will be emphasized. In addition to a live performance by this quintet, students will perform for their parents and friends in a concert on the last day.

July 18-22 is Strings Week, also with a chamber music focus. The Permian Basin String Quartet will help these young orchestra members improve their technique within small groups.

They will be treated to three live performances and will give a concert on the last day for their parents and friends.

Each of these camps costs $285 and lunch is provided.

Aug.1-3 is All-Region Voice Camp. This camp will provide choir students a head start to learning the music for the All-Region contests. Music and lunch are not included in this three-day camp, which costs $75.

For more information about the summer music camps, call Yvonne Drinkard at 432-552-3286 or email her at drinkard_y@utpb.edu or music@utpb.edu.

TUESDAY

Summer program

Casa de Amigos is offering a summer program where students learn art principles, styles and techniques while using various types of art media.

The program, designed for youth first through 12th grade, is from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Casa de Amigos, 1101 East Garden Lane.

For more information, call Paul or Tracie at 682-9701.

Movie

The Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West, is showing "Ratatouville" for 6 years old and up from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 28. The showing is part of the museum's Movie Camp.

Cost is $3 per child. Free popcorn and lemonade are included in the admission. For more information call 683-4403.

FRIDAY

Outdoor concerts

ODESSA — The Hot Summer Nights Series continues Friday with The Shades at Noel Heritage Plaza Park, 5th and Lincoln, downtown.

The weekly concert run from 8 to 10 p.m. and are free and open to the public. Those attending are asked to bring their own seating.

Remaining concerts Eddie Irving and the Classic Swing Band, July 22; E-Flat Porch Band, July 29; and Andean Style, Aug. 5.

Summer Mummers

The 63rd season of Summer Mummers is on stage at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St., downtown.

This year's production is "Ribaldry at the Rodeo" or "Hoping for an 8 Second Ride" by David & Jennifer Odom. The annual event is a fundraiser for Midland Community Theatre.

Tickets, priced at $20 for the pit, $15 for the house, or $10 for the balcony (no popcorn is allowed to be thrown from the balcony), may be purchased at www.summermummers.com or by calling the MCT box office, 570-4111, Monday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

There is an additional service fee for all non-member ticket purchases.

Performance dates are every Friday and Saturday through Sept. 3. Curtain is at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Open Mic

An open mic event is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday at the Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave., and from 7-11 p.m. at the Ground Floor, 203 W. Wall St.

Open mic events feature poets sharing their work or their favorite works.

For more information, call 683-4433.

Fort Stockton police search for suspect

From staff reports

The Fort Stockton Police Department is asking West Texas residents to be on the lookout for a 40-year-old man wanted for murder. Officers are looking for Luis Bustamante Orona, of Fort Stockton, who allegedly stabbed a man to death at a local business around 5:30 a.m. Saturday.

Orona

Orona was last seen wearing a collared polo shirt with orange, white and green stripes and blue jeans. He could be driving a 2010 Gray Dodge pickup bearing Texas license plate number AY6-5612. Orona has family in Pecos. He is a hispanic male about 6 foot tall, with balding brown hair, brown eyes and weighs approximately 300 pounds.

Authorities urge anyone who sees Orona or has any information of his location to contact the Fort Stockton police at 432-336-4600. Orona is considered to be armed and dangerous and should not be approached. Victim information will not be disclosed until family members have been notified.

Family awarded $1 million

Associated Press

BURLESON — The family of a Burleson man killed in a 2008 car wreck has been awarded $1 million in a lawsuit against a country club whose workers were accused of selling too much alcohol to a man convicted for causing the accident.

Lance Shetler died after his car collided with a vehicle dryven by Mark Charles Pierce, a former Weatherford High School football star. Pierce, whose blood-alcohol level was nearly double the legal limit three hours later, is serving a 15-year prison sentence.

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Straight from your lawmakers: Session wrap-ups

■ Legislators use post-session updates to tell their constituents what went well and what didn't.

KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

They're gone, and I kind of miss them. But there is some lingering entertainment value to be had in Texas lawmakers' post-session analyses of the wonderfulness they accomplished on our behalf.

Truly, we are blessed to be represented by folks of such high accomplishment and of such high regard for themselves.

"For approximately 170 days, I have been working to help pass principled, conservative legislation to ensure that Texas continues to prosper," freshman Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, wrote in his "End-of-Session Capitol Update" that includes some self-praise for his support of the "Woman's Right to Know Act/sanctity-of-life sonogram requirement (Sonogram Bill) and the affirmation of a citizen's right to store a firearm in their private vehicle in their employer's parking lot."

"These are just a handful of the important bills passed this session to ensure the essential protection of individual citizens, private businesses and taxpayer dollars," Birdwell (or someone on his staff) wrote.

Democrats, predictably, didn't quite have the fond session memories that Republicans did.

"Senator Wendy Davis Says Legislature, Held Hostage By Extreme Special Interest Groups, Fails to Fully Fund Public Education," said the headline on a post-special session commentary by Davis, D-Fort Worth.

It was Davis' filibuster at the end of the regular session that caused the special session. Colleague Sen. Glen Hegar, R-Katy, used his post-regular session wrap-up to make sure folks remembered Davis' effort, noting that "while the 82nd Legislature accomplished much and was a success for taxpayers and Texas families, lawmakers failed to pass key legislation related to the budget in the waning hours of the (regular) session due to a parliamentary procedure by Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth."

Other than that, he said, a good session was had by all. But, by golly, we couldn't have done it without the little people, said Hegar, who "credited the electorate, who spoke with their votes last November, in keeping legislators focused on fiscal restraint."

Hegar also wants you to know he filed 80 Senate bills and sponsored 42 House bills, "passing all but three, earning him the distinction of passing a total of 82 bills ... the second best bill-passing record of any senator during the 82nd session." But who's counting?

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, that's who. "Senator Zaffirini Passes 79 Bills During 2011 Session," said the headline on her post-regular session wrap-up. And recently there was this from her office: "Senator Zaffirini Casts 47,550th Consecutive Vote."

"Sen. Zaffirini's legendary work ethic also is reflected in her 100 percent perfect attendance in the Texas Senate since 1987," the statement said, noting, however, that she was among the Democratic senators who skipped town in 2003 to stall GOP redistricting efforts.

Sen. Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen, had to struggle to find something positive to tout to constituents. His post-session analysis noted that the budget woes and "the current political environment set the theme from the start, and it was not pretty."

> "Life is a process. The Legislature is the same way. You win some, you lose some.
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> — SEN. JUAN HINOJOSA
> D-McAllen

Hinojosa, however, was able to point to some bright spots. He was able to do this because of Vietnam.

"Like I said before, this was an extremely difficult session, but I learned as a Marine in Vietnam to be flexible, to take every day as it comes. Life is a process. The Legislature is the same way. you win some, you lose some," Hinojosa said in the statement. "But at the end of the day, you do your best and get the job done."

Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, wrapped it up with this, which was included in his Watson Wire release (FYI, paid for by his political money, not state funds): "Well, we finally, mercifully, ended the 82nd Texas Legislative Session."

To keep his chin up in the session's closing days, Watson ran a Twitter-based effort to come up with an appropriate theme song or lyric for this year's lawmaking. Some of the better suggestions:

"It's My (Tea) Party and I'll Cry if I Want To." "The Gropes of Wrath." "I Heard It Through the Grope Line." "You Can't Always Get What You Want." "Runnin' On Empty."

And my favorite nominated lyric, from Talking Heads: "We're on a road to nowhere." And when we get there, you will see news releases from legislators telling us why it's a good place to be.

Officer killed when fleeing vehicle hits him

Associated Press

BEAUMONT — A Texas man has been charged with capital murder after intentionally driving his fleeing sport utility vehicle into the patrol car of an officer, who was struck and killed, police said.

Bond was set at $250,000 Saturday for John Wesley Nero, 30, of Beaumont, KFDM-TV reported. He remained in a hospital in serious condition for injuries he sustained in the Friday night crash.

Beaumont Police Chief Frank Coffin said Officer Bryan Mitchell Hebert, 36, had stopped his patrol car about 10:45 p.m. Friday and was retrieving road spikes from his trunk to try to stop the fleeing SUV when the vehicle struck the patrol car head-on, pushing it into the officer.

Hebert, who served 10 years with the department, was pronounced dead at a Beaumont hospital.

Police said officers were pursuing Nero because he had been involved in a domestic disturbance Friday evening and assaulted his mother and grandmother. According to an affidavit, Nero allegedly told his mother that he would kill everyone if police were called.

Coffin said the two women told officers they caught Nero looking at what they believed to be child pornography and that he became enraged and struck them both when they confronted him about it.

Texas GOP's political suppression should not stand

■ Whether talking about redistricting or voter ID legislation, representatives didn't do Hispanics any favors.

VICTOR LANDA
San Antonio Express-News

Seven Latinos are running for a seat in the Virginia General Assembly. In Little Rock, Ark., state officials are working to create that state's first Latino majority district. In Connecticut, the city of Hartford has been identified as the place that has the most potential to elect the first Latino to the state Senate.

In Texas?

That's another story. We'll review the details quickly, for the sake of context. Texas' population growth over the past 10 years was large enough to add four new congressional districts.

The vast majority of that growth was registered in the Latino community, statistically enough for three of the four new districts to be Latino-majority. Those are the basic facts, aside from politics and rhetorical excuses.

The reality is that Latinos have been granted one congressional district, the 35th, that runs from south Austin down to San Antonio.

The expectation is that Latinos in Texas should feel gratitude for this sliver of a district. The reasoning is that the spoils of politics go to the victors and because Republicans hold serve in Austin, the spoils of redistricting are theirs. The Democrats, in their time, did the same, so the GOP feels vindicated and a tad self-righteous.

While they were at it, the state Republicans adopted voter ID, where people have to provide a picture ID when they vote in order to prove they are who they say they are. This is supposed to prevent voter fraud. Opponents say the law suppresses the voting rights of minorities, young voters and the elderly because people in these groups are less likely to carry an official picture ID. But there are exceptions to the rule: student ID's are not approved for the purpose of voting, but concealed handgun licenses are. And folks more than 70 years of age are exempt from having to prove their identity when they vote.

Curiously, gun owners and people over 70 are more likely to vote for a Republican candidate. More spoils for the taking.

This could well be another case of political business-as-usual in Texas, were it not for the Texas GOP's stubborn blindness, or blatant cynicism, take your pick.

What Virginia, Connecticut and Arkansas politicians know is that the future of the political landscape includes Latinos. In Texas, it's a present reality. You'd think they'd be using their political serve to make room for the political trend and ensure their staying power.

They talk a big game, they insist that Latinos are conservative, that Latinos have risen to positions of power on their watch; Gov. Rick Perry paints a picture of hard-working Latinos who are responsible for the state's economic strength.

And all the while, they shortchange Latino congressional districts and pass laws that target Latino voting rights. All this couched in rhetoric of "Democrats do it, too," as if that makes it OK.

This game of theirs, though, goes beyond party politics. This is about voter suppression and basic civil rights, and as such, it should not stand.

CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON REALIGNING COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICTS

According to the 2010 Census data, the City's Council Member Districts are not of sufficiently equal population and must be redrawn in order to comply with the "one-person, one-vote" principle established by the U.S. Constitution.

The Midland City Council is considering new boundaries for its Council Member Districts and wants to hear from you. Tell us what you think about the preliminary Council Member District Plan at the public hearing described below:

PUBLIC HEARING ON REDISTRICTING PROPOSALS

7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 26, 2011
Midland City Council Chambers
Midland City Hall (1st Floor)
300 North Loraine, Midland, Texas

The preliminary plan for the Council Member Districts will be available at the hearing and is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Midland City Attorney's Office, 3rd Floor, Midland City Hall, Monday through Friday from now until the date of the public hearing. Preliminary plans and other information concerning making comments about the City's redistricting process are available on the City's website at www.midlandtexas.gov. You may also call Keith Stretcher, City Attorney, or Linda Ochoa, Executive Legal Assistant at (432) 685-7253 if you have any questions.

CIUDAD DE MIDLAND, TEXAS

AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA REFERENTE A REALINEACIÓN LOS DISTRITOS DE LOS MIEMBROS DEL CONSEJO

Conforme la información emitida por el Censo del 2010, los distritos de los miembros del Consejo de la Ciudad no son suficientemente equitativos en cuanto a su población, por lo cual deberán ser nuevamente configurados de acuerdo al principio "una persona – un voto", establecido por la Constitución de los Estados Unidos.

El Consejo de la Ciudad de Midland está considerando nuevos límites para los distritos de los miembros del Consejo y desea escuchar su opinión. Díganos que piensa sobre el plan preliminar para el distrito de los miembros del Consejo durante la audiencia pública descrita a continuación:

AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA REFERENTE A LAS PROPUESTAS DE REDISTRIBUCIÓN

7:00 p.m.
Martes, 26 Julio 2011
Midland City Council Chambers
Midland City Hall (1st Floor)
300 North Loraine, Midland, Texas

El plan preliminar para los distritos de los miembros del Consejo estará disponible durante la audiencia para ser inspeccionado por el público, y también durante horas hábiles en Midland City Attorney's Office, 3rd Floor, Midland City Hall, de Lunes a Viernes a partir de hoy hasta la fecha de la audiencia pública. Los planes preliminares y toda información referente a la manera de presentar comentarios tocante al proceso de redistribución de la Ciudad están disponibles en el sitio web de la Ciudad en www.midlandtexas.gov. De igual forma, si tiene alguna pregunta, puede llamar al Keith Stretcher, City Attorney, o Linda Ochoa, Executive Legal Assistant en (432) 685-7253.

BASIN ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

FORT STOCKTON

Ranchers want predator control board

Several county residents involved in agriculture would like to see the Pecos County Commissioners Court appoint members to a committee that would have command and oversight responsibilities regarding predator control.

According to the proposal presented to the Court at a special session Tuesday morning, the Court would appoint one member from each of the commissioner precincts.

A fifth member would be appointed to act as chairman and oversee the helicopter program and the use of county funds.

The sixth member, who would not be able to vote, would be the district director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services.

According to the proposal, the committee would be charged with coming up with guidelines for the use of helicopters in predator control and "oversee equitable use of the monies from the various agencies."

For more information, visit www.fortstockton-pioneer.com

ALPINE

Council focuses on water issues

The new Alpine mayor pro tem, Ward 1 Councilwoman Angie Bermudez, got her first chance to run a City Council meeting Tuesday night in Mayor Jerry Johnson's absence, one that dealt with a couple of major water issues.

Some disagreement among council members arose when the council got to Item 11 on the agenda. It sought to rescind a unanimous decision made on March 15, when the council voted to "voluntarily join the Brewster County Groundwater Conservation District and comply with all BCGCD rules ... including registering all city owned and leased wells [and] providing all data requested by the BCGCD, including all pumping data from Brewster County wells."

Ward 4 Councilman Julian Gonzales, who placed Item 11 on the agenda, tried to explain that he wanted the March vote rescinded because incomplete information had been provided to council members and that they really didn't understand what they were voting on.

Drought, fires send bears looking for food

The recent fires and extended drought have taken a toll on all walks of life, but one species that has received recent attention is the black bear.

Black bears have existed in the Trans-Pecos for eons, but their numbers have ebbed and flowed since the 1800s. Bears were thought to be extirpated from the Trans-Pecos by the 1950s, but they made an impressive comeback in the early 1990s as they recolonized portions of the Big Bend from adjacent populations in northern Mexico.

Starting in June, a number of black bear sightings have been reported in the Alpine-Marathon-Fort Davis area, including sightings of bears in and around towns and residences.

Unlike many of the other resident wildlife species, black bears have the capacity to move tremendous distances in response to environmental catastrophes.

Big Bend Ranch Rodeo is just a few weeks away

The 2011 Big Bend Ranch Rodeo is just around the corner — Aug. 12 and 13 — and the event is looking to be bigger and better than ever.

Ranch teams from near and far will travel to the SALE Arena at Sul Ross State University to compete in two days of nonstop action.

In collaboration with the Ranch Rodeo and Texas AgriLife Extension Service, a SHOT (Stock Horse of Texas) Clinic will be held. Clinicians will be Kim Lindsey, Jimbo Humphreys and Teryn Lee Muench.

All ages are welcome, but youths under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Fee is $50 for members, $75 for non-members, and a negative Coggins is required.

For more information, visit www.alpinecvalanche.com

BIG SPRING

Campaign contribution probe wrapping up

Law enforcement officials involved in the ongoing investigation into alleged illegal campaign contributions accepted by a trio of Big Spring City Council members say the cases could go to the district attorney in as little as two weeks.

Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan, along with newly elected District 1 Councilman Marcus Fernandez and District 3 Councilman Glen Carrigan, are currently under investigation by the Texas Rangers for allegations they each accepted campaign contributions from a pair of corporations, Quad A Inc. and Hydro Dynamics.

District to absorb state shortfall

When considering their next budget, Big Spring Independent School District officials can at least say that things could be worse.

BSISD, like other Texas school districts, will have to cope with a significant loss of revenue, thanks to the state Legislature's decision to slash $4 billion in aid to schools over the next two years.

For more information, visit www.bigspringherald.com

ODESSA

Man arrested in nightclub robbery

A 20-year-old Odessa man was charged with aggravated robbery Thursday on accusations he and two boys younger than 17 robbed a man of his wallet and iPhone in April outside of a gentlemen's club.

Jimmy Lara Jr., 510 W. Clifford St., was being held at the Ector County Detention Center awaiting bond Thursday.

According to the arrest warrant affidavit, a 23-year-old man was leaving Jaguar's Gold Club, 6824 Cargo Road, at about 4 a.m. April 16 when Lara and two juvenile males allegedly attacked him.

The affidavit stated a beer bottle was used, and the man was hit in the head, chipping some teeth.

Along with the wallet and phone, the assault also caused the man to lose one of his teeth, the affidavit stated, and he had to go to the hospital.

NEW MEXICO

Kermit man dies in one-vehicle crash

LEA COUNTY — A Kermit man died in a one-vehicle accident just after 4 a.m. Wednesday about 15 miles of Jal, N.M., in Lea County, a New Mexico State Police press release stated.

A 2009 Nissan, driven by 51-year-old Kermit resident Mary Broaddus, was traveling south on New Mexico State Road 18 when it reached a slight curve to the left, the release stated.

For more information, visit www.oaoa.com.

NEW MEXICO

Military plane crashes after pilot ejects

ROSWELL — A military fighter plane crashed Wednesday in southern New Mexico after the pilot ejected safely, Air Force officials said.

The QF-4 Phantom from Holloman Air Force Base crashed in grasslands southwest of Roswell near the community of Hope. The crash sparked a fire that burned 28 acres before it was contained.

The pilot was in good condition, according to a statement from Col. David Krumm, commander of the 49th Wing.

Base officials confirmed there was no live ammunition aboard the plane.

The aircraft was assigned to and operated by Detachment 1, 82nd Aerial Target Squadron.

The QF-4 is used as a target for weapons testing. It can be flown by remote control or with a pilot.

NEW MEXICO

Police chief leaving for Texas post

CARLSBAD — Carlsbad's police chief is leaving after a year on the job. Police Chief Tom Whitten has accepted a job in Harlingen.

Whitten told the Carlsbad Current Argus he applied for the Texas job some time ago and is looking for forward to new challenges.

But the chief adds he enjoyed his time in New Mexico and will miss the men and women of the Carlsbad Police Department.

There has been no word yet on who is going to fill in as Carlsbad chief of police.

NEW MEXICO

Leadership looking at renewable energy

MESCALERO — Mescalero Apache tribal leaders say now is the time to focus on renewable energy.

Tribal officials say they hope to cut down on energy consumption and develop economic opportunities based on the increasing demand for alternative energy.

Apache tribe vice president Sandra Platero tells the Alamogordo Daily News that renewable energy gives the tribe an opportunity to diversify business enterprises and honor traditional values.

Mescalero leadership says it hopes to build off of an initiative to retool the tribe's sawmill for power generation.

The tribe says it is putting together a 10-year master plan for renewable energy.

Information from: Alamogordo Daily News, http://www.alamogordonews.com.

Hearing for murder suspect deferred

Associated Press

FARMINGTON, N.M. — A preliminary hearing for a teenager accused of killing a Farmington doctor with a pool cue has been deferred.

The attorney for 17-year-old John Mayes asked the court Friday for a continuance because he says the defense hasn't received all the police reports in the case.

A new hearing hasn't been scheduled yet.

The Farmington Daily Times says the preliminary hearing would determine whether probable cause exists to bind the case over to district court.

It's also the next step for the state to pursue prosecuting Mayes as an adult.

Mayes was arrested on suspicion of bludgeoning Dr. James Nordstrom and hiding the victim's body in a woodpile at Nordstrom's secluded Farmington-area home on June 9.

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A soldier's grieving family waits for word from president

SCOTT STROUD
San Antonio Express-News

Spc. Armando Galvan Aguilar Jr. gave his life for his country.

But because he also took it — dying by his own hand with a gunshot wound to the head on a hot August night nearly a year ago — his country hasn't grieved for him as it has for others.

President Barack Obama took a step toward changing that this week.

From now on, the families of suicide victims who die in a combat zone will receive condolence letters from the president.

But the change might not go far enough to help families of people like Aguilar, since the soldier, known to his family as "Mondo," killed himself more than a year after returning home.

Aguilar's father, Armando Aguilar Sr., was stung several months ago when he learned that suicide victims were treated differently.

He'd been wondering why he and his wife hadn't received the kind of acknowledgement from the White House that his family received after his father, a Korean War veteran, died in 1995.

Aguilar Sr. had to work on the day an Army casualty officer came to visit their home in Blessing, but told his wife, Amelia Aguilar, to ask why no letter had come.

When she relayed the reason, he said, "I was heartbroken. I mean, here was my son serving the country, and he tells me that."

Aguilar Sr. connects his son's suicide to injuries suffered while searching for hidden bombs during a 15-month tour in Iraq. He'd been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, and his father believes he had traumatic brain injury as well.

For privacy reasons, the Army won't discuss his case.

But the unprecedented stress of two wars and multiple deployments has caused a spike in the number of suicides among service members.

The Pentagon has struggled with the problem, and the president vowed in his statement to make sure those with unseen injuries "receive the care they need."

But when a soldier takes his own life, his family's grief is compounded by unanswerable questions: Why? Could we have done more to help him? What changed him?

Mondo never talked about his war experiences, but his father believes a lot of soldiers struggle to process things they see and do. And while he knows his son came back a different man, he's never wavered about one thing.

"He's our hero," he said.

I read Obama's statement over the telephone.

"This issue is emotional, painful and complicated," the president wrote, "but these Americans served our nation bravely. They didn't die because they were weak."

Aguilar Sr. was moved.

"That makes me so happy," he said. "They're going to recognize our son."

But that's apparently not the case. According to the White House Media Affairs Office, the policy change won't be retroactive and will only apply to service members who commit suicide "while deployed in a combat zone."

That fine-print exception excludes three out of four of the 953 suicides recorded by the Army since 2003. It also means a well-intended policy change didn't go far enough.

Obama needs to match the eloquence of his words with a broader definition of whom they affect.

In doing so, he'd bring a small measure of comfort to a grieving family in South Texas — and to a father whose words echo the president's when he describes the son he'll never stop being proud of.

"I know my son wasn't weak," he said. "He would do what he would have to do. He wasn't weak."

Express-News Military Writer Sig Christenson contributed to this article.

Romanian citizen sentenced in fraud case

AUSTIN — Authorities say Andrei Daniel Avram made more than $150,000 selling cars and other merchandise online over six months last year.

One problem for his customers: Avram never delivered.

In March, the 27-year-old Romanian citizen living in Austin pleaded guilty to five counts of conspiracy, fraud and forgery.

Prosecutors dropped 28 other counts.

On Friday, Avram was sentenced to four years and nine months in prison and was ordered to pay $150,105 in restitution to 51 victims.

Authorities said Avram asked buyers he usually found through Craigslist and eBay to wire money, which he would pick up in cash from H-E-B supermarkets across Texas. Using phony passports with different assumed names, Avram wired the money in batches of less than $3,000 to Romania and Bulgaria.

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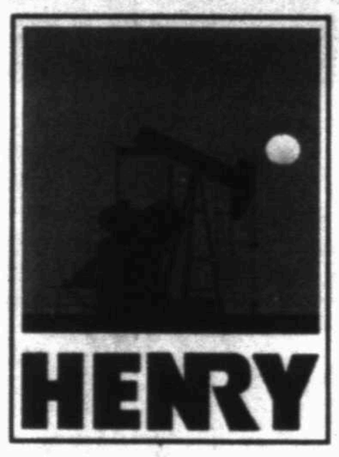

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Drought forces pumping to meet Pecos water needs

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico water managers said Friday they are hopeful that summer rains will alleviate the pains of a persistent drought, but until then, they're scrambling to meet demands across the state.

Along the Pecos River in eastern New Mexico, the Interstate Stream Commission is being forced for the first time to pump groundwater to augment the river's flow to meet a settlement with farmers in the Carlsbad Irrigation District.

On the lower Rio Grande, farmers have been negotiating with irrigation officials in New Mexico and Texas in the hopes of getting additional water to extend what has been the shortest irrigation season on record.

In northern New Mexico, the city of Las Vegas has only enough water for the next 57 days.

"It's really pretty bad," said State Engineer John D'Antonio, New Mexico's top water official. "There are pockets around the state that are really hurting and unless the monsoons get here, there's not going to be any relief."

Forecasters were predicting the rains would start widespread around the state Sunday, but D'Antonio wasn't holding his breath that the moisture would keep lake shorelines from expanding or river sandbars from growing.

Nearly every corner of New Mexico has been affected by drought this year and in nearly half of the state, the conditions are so bad that they've been classified as exceptional — the worst level of drought.

Last fall was dry and winter storms brought little more than freezing temperatures, thanks to a La Nina weather pattern that repelled moisture from much of the state.

Spring offered little help, leaving many areas with just a fraction of their normal precipitation. In fact, some areas haven't seen significant rainfall since last year.

"When we've had this bad of a La Nina year, the odds favor an average to better-than-average monsoon season, but those are just odds," D'Antonio said. "It has nothing to do with the current hydrologic conditions."

Despite the grim situation, New Mexico's water managers said they are not concerned about meeting water delivery obligations to Texas on either the Pecos River or the Rio Grande.

New Mexico has been able to build up credits on both rivers, but those credits stand to be eaten up without new water flowing into the system.

The other problem is meeting the needs of New Mexico's irrigators.

The Interstate Stream Commission has been pumping groundwater to meet the needs of Carlsbad irrigators since March, when it became clear there would not be enough water in the Pecos River by May to deliver the required 50,000 acre-feet to farmers. That requirement goes up to 90,000 acre-feet by September.

An acre-foot is about 326,000 gallons, enough to meet the annual water needs of one to two U.S. households.

The state had spent about $100 million to acquire water rights and develop pumping capacity to meet the settlement's terms. This is the first year pumping has been required, said commission director Estevan Lopez.

Tests yield more clues about NM brine well cavern

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The results are in from the latest battery of high-tech tests, but scientists still cannot rule out the possibility that a cavern formed by a brine well operation near a busy Carlsbad intersection might one day collapse.

What they do know is that the ground beneath the area is a messy conglomeration of cavities, fractured rock and brine soaked earth. A report released recently by the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division spells out the findings from a series of electric resistivity tests that were done this spring.

"The data is confirming our original concerns," said Jim Griswold, a hydrologist with the state agency.

While no one can say whether the site will ever collapse, state and local officials have been trying to find out exactly what they're dealing with so they can determine how to protect a nearby roadway, a neighboring church, a feed store, a mobile home park and an irrigation canal that serves farmers throughout the lower Pecos River Valley.

The resistivity tests were designed to give officials a better idea of how big the void was under the old brine well facility. The tests, which use electrical current, showed a cavity below the well pad but it was not as clearly defined as geologists had expected.

Instead, differences in the current indicate there are fractured areas below the surface that are being kept buoyant by the brine, which is mined for use in oil and natural gas development.

"We thought that the brine cavity would really pop up on our charts as a big blue blob that was very distinctive. In hindsight, no. It's popping up, but so are some other things," said George Veni, executive director of the National Cave and Karst Research Institute based in Carlsbad. Veni and hydrologist Lewis Land of the New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources prepared the latest report.

The charts show a rainbow of colors, with blue representing the areas of low resistivity.

Despite the overwhelming swaths of blue, Veni stressed that people shouldn't be alarmed.

"My main point is that if people look at our charts, they don't get the wrong impression that the whole area is about to become a huge crater," he said. "My gut feeling and from what I understand of the area tells me that most of those zones probably don't have any significant risk of any significant subsidence. I can't promise that of course, but based on what I'm seeing, it's not likely."

Still, Griswold said "it's not good" and officials need to do more tests to determine the best option for stabilizing the area.

The brine well that was once operated by I&W Trucking first came to the attention of state regulators after two other brine wells collapsed in remote areas north of Carlsbad during a four-month span in 2008.

The collapses prompted the state Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department to issue a moratorium on new brine wells and initiate a review of all existing brine well operations.

Associated Press

SINKING CARLSBAD In this undated photo provided by the National Cave and Karst Research Institute, hydrologist Lewis Land examines readings on a resistivity meter along the southern side of an irrigation canal in Carlsbad, N.M.

The state determined the I&W well was a threat because it was similar to the two collapsed wells. They were all about the same age, drilled to similar depths and produced between 6 million and 8 million barrels of brine from salt layers deep underground.

The Oil Conservation Division spent more than a half-million dollars on an early warning system consisting of tilt meters and pressure sensors that monitor the site for any changes that would indicate the start of a collapse.

It has spent another $200,000 for the latest round of resistivity tests.

The city of Carlsbad also stepped in with about $1.7 million of its own money for monitoring and additional surveys to gauge the size of the void.

Until the next round of tests, officials said the monitoring equipment will continue recording data and the sign that warns approaching traffic of a possible sinkhole ahead will remain in place as will the no trespassing signs bordering the property.

"I think we've made some progress. We're getting a better idea of the size and shape of it, but do we have an absolute answer? No. I wish we did," Veni said.

Numerous suggestions for dealing with the site have been made over the last two years, including filling it with concrete or even excess salt from the federal government's nuclear waste repository outside of Carlsbad.

"That's simple to say but you don't want to go randomly poking holes into this cavity and accidentally trigger a collapse," Veni said. "You want to know what you're doing and do it well and do it as safely as possible."

The research being done at the site has been invaluable, since this marks the first time scientists have been able to study a potential sink hole before it collapses.

State officials are also monitoring more closely eight existing brine well operations in the state and are currently reviewing a permit application for a new operation near Carlsbad. They said demand for brine is expected to increase as oil and gas development picks up in southeastern New Mexico.

"What I'm hoping that people will do is look to New Mexico and say, 'OK, what did these guys do.' Hopefully, they'll be able to say we got it right," Veni said. "But even if we got something wrong, in hindsight the fact is that it's still a learning experience for someone moving forward."

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Sports

Locals in the pros

Look at Page 5C for the Midland connection to pro baseball

US trying to stave off early elimination vs Brazil

Marcio Jose Sanchez/AP

LIVING ON THE EDGE United States' Alex Morgan, center, tries to kick the ball out of the hands of Sweden goalkeeper Hedvig Lindahl during a Group C match Wednesday at the Women's World Cup in Wolfsburg, Germany.

By Nancy Armour
Associated Press

DRESDEN — The U.S. is the No. 1 team in the world, a two-time World Cup champion and three-time Olympic gold medalist.

However, the only number that matters right now is zero. As in, the number of World Cups the current team has won.

"I take it personally that I haven't won one," Abby Wambach said Saturday, "and I'll be heartbroken if we walk away without one."

The Americans better get it in gear then. After losing a group stage match for the first time at the World Cup, they must play old foe Brazil in the quarterfinals today. It's a matchup most had penciled in for next weekend's final. Lose, and not only will the Americans be going empty-handed again, it will be their earliest exit at the World Cup, a tournament they last won in 1999.

The Game

- What: Women's World Cup match between the United States and Brazil
- When: 10:30 a.m. today
- Where: Dresden, Germany
- TV: ESPN

The United States is the only team that's made the semifinals at each of the previous five World Cups.

"We have the confidence and the faith in each other as a team. We believe that if we do this together, we can beat anybody," Wambach said. "We have our hands full. But I still believe, in the end, we have the best chance of winning."

History would seem to back that up. Go back more than a decade, to the Algarve Cup in the spring of 2001, to find the last time the United States lost back-to-back games. It's been more than four years just since the Americans failed to win consecutive games.

Yet the U.S. has been uncharacteristically inconsistent of late, losing four games since November alone. Granted, Hope Solo started only one of those losses, and not even Iker Casillas would have stood much of a chance against Lisa Dahlkvist's penalty or Nilla Fischer's deflected free kick in the 2-1 loss to Sweden on Wednesday night.

But the Americans don't do losses.

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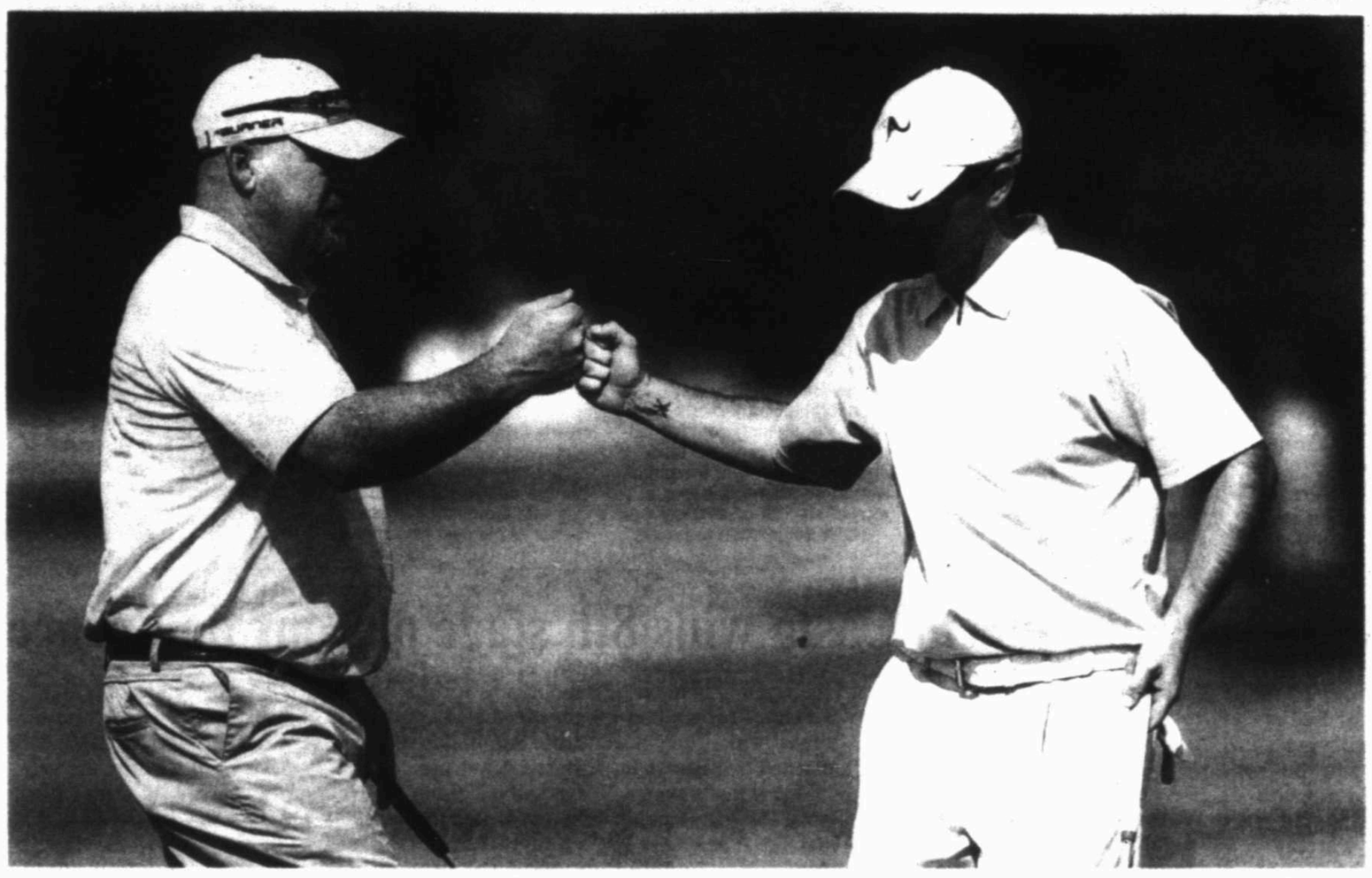
Low scores all around



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Kelly Grunewald, left, and K.T. Livingston fist bump after finishing the first hole Saturday during the second round of the Jamboree at Green Tree Country Club. Grunewald, partnered with Mark Terry, take a 3-stroke lead heading into today's final round.

Grunewald-Terry take lead into Jamboree's final round

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

The pairing of Kelly Grunewald and Mark Terry was one that the rest of the Jamboree field was watching to see what the team was capable of doing.

After Saturday's second round of the annual partnership tournament at Green Tree Country Club, the rest of the Jamboree field knows how good they are and everyone else is chasing them.

The duo carded a second straight 63 on Saturday, which was 9-under par in Saturday's course rotation of the East and North courses, and are at 126 for the tournament and hold a slim two-stroke advantage over the nearest team.

"We can make it up, but those are two really good players in front of us," said K.T. Livingston, who is paired with his father Ken and are tied for second after shooting a second-round 65 and at 128 for the tournament.

The low numbers from Grunewald and Terry were just one of a bunch of red numbers that were posted on the scoreboard at the Jamboree during Saturday's second round. No teams shot even par, with everybody under par and birdies were plentiful.

Grunewald and Terry are two strokes ahead of the Livingstons, and the Lubbock-area tandem of J.D. Dickerson and Shawn Reeves. Four teams, including defending champs Bubba Bailey and David Bolen are at 129, three strokes out of the lead. Also tied for fourth are the teams of Jason Lindgren-Thomas Kulcak, Robert House-Jay McHugh and Johnny Kidd-Rocky Hutson.

"It's just the strength of this field, because you can't get complacent with all the great players that are behind us," Terry said. "Actually, I feel like we need to go as good as we did (Saturday) on Sunday to have a chance."

Grunewald and Terry, meanwhile, had a day where they carded one bogey but were able to make up for it later in the round.

Grunewald said the bogey was "all my fault" as he had a good drive but could not convert on the birdie opportunity as Terry hit a shot out of bounds. But it was one of the few hiccups the duo had on another day where they put themselves in position to win their first Jamboree title.

Now, Grunewald, a former touring pro who now lives in Midland, and Terry, a former club professional at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, are on top of one of the stoutest fields in West Texas.

"Depending on the wind and other stuff, I think we are going to have to shoot 7-under again at least to win," said Grunewald, who has been battling a sore back all weekend. "I think if we shoot 8-under again, we can win by one or two. But if we shoot 6-under tomorrow,

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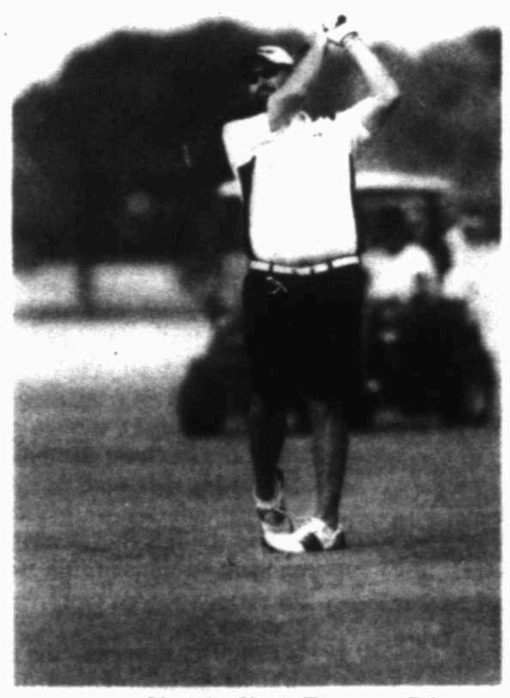

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

JUST GETTING STARTED Mark Terry takes his approach shot from the first fairway Saturday during the second round of the Jamboree at Green Tree Country Club.

Three Bulldogs named to TSWA All-State team

Staff Reports

The accolades continue to come in for former Midland High third baseman Shane Sawyer who was named to the Texas Sports Writers Association All-State First team Saturday.

Sawyer has competed in two All-Star games since the end of the Bulldogs' postseason run and was named to the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association Class 5A third team.

Sawyer

Second baseman Matt Reyes, who helped Team Texas become the first team to win the Heartland Classic tournament with a perfect record, joined Sawyer on the all-state team as a second-team selection.

Outfielder Blair Beck was named honorable mention.

The trio helped the Bulldogs

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Funeral set for man who fell at Rangers game

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — When a fan fell out of the club level of seats at Rangers Ballpark while trying to catch a foul ball last July, the team immediately assessed the railings around the stadium.

Since all the railings exceeded international and local building codes, and the only other accident like that had been during the ballpark's first game in 1994, it was determined that everything was adequate. Though there were already signs cautioning fans against leaning or sitting on the rails, the team made sure such signs were in every section.

In the wake of an eerily similar fall a year and a day later, this one fatal, the Rangers are again facing questions about safety at the stadium and evaluating what they can do.

Stone

Funeral services will be held Monday for Shannon Stone, a Brownwood firefighter who died less than an hour after he tumbled headfirst over a rail out of the seats in left field during a game Thursday night. He fell about 20 feet onto concrete behind the outfield wall.

The Rangers have already been in contact with city officials, as well as ballpark contractors and architects, about how to ensure safety for fans attending games played in the American League champion's stadium.

"More meetings will be taking place early in the week," team spokesman John Blake said Saturday. "The safety of Rangers fans is our top priority and we will be doing a thorough review to address this in a timely manner."

The protective railing in left field where Stone fell is at least 33 inches high.

Arlington building officials inspected the stadium Friday in the wake of Stone's fatal fall and again

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Bryans win first point for US against Spain

Eric Gay/AP

TAKING A POINT United States' Mike Bryan, left, and doubles partner Bob Bryan celebrate after beating Spain's Fernando Verdasco and Marcel Granollers 6-7, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 Saturday at the Davis Cup quarterfinals in Austin.

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Bryan brothers have given the Americans a fighting chance against Spain.

It will be up to Mardy Fish and Andy Roddick — who lost their first-round singles matches — to keep them alive in the Davis Cup.

Twins Bob and Mike Bryan, the top-ranked doubles team in the world, earned the United States its first point of the Davis Cup quarterfinal against Spain on Saturday with a 6-7 (7), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 doubles victory over Marcel Granollers and Fernando Verdasco.

Spain leads 2-1 and needs to win just one of Sunday's two singles matches to clinch the best-of-five series. The Spaniards are chasing their third Davis Cup championship in four years.

Spain's David Ferrer will play Fish in Sunday's first match and could wrap things up with a victory. If Fish wins, the quarterfinal will come down to Roddick's match against Feliciano Lopez.

"I like our chances," Mike Bryan said. "If it comes down to Andy, there's no better guy to have in that position than Andy in his hometown."

After the disappointment of the singles losses Friday night, the U.S. sent the Bryan brothers onto the court fully confident of earning a point.

Fresh off their Wimbledon doubles championship, the Bryans have been rock solid in Davis Cup, entering Saturday's match with a 17-2 record. Granollers was a Saturday sub for Lopez, who had played a four-hour singles match the night before. Granollers and Verdasco had never played doubles together.

"It would have taken something pretty wild for those guys to have lost," U.S. captain Jim Courier said.

After an early stumble that saw them drop the first set, the chest-bumping Bryans delivered the boost their countrymen needed.

"We were pretty jacked up. We came out hyped," Mike Bryan said. "It feels good to do our job. We're on the scoreboard now."

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Sunday Morning Line

LEN HAYWARD
Sports Editor

This and that as I'm wondering if the Jamboree after parties might be good for Art Mann Presents:

■ At first glance, the fact that Kelly Grunewald is playing in this weekend's Jamboree looks like he's a ringer. And to some extent he might be with his extensive experience as a touring professional. But like many touring professionals, the grind just became too much.

Grunewald is a native of Grand Prairie and has been a touring professional for most of the last decade, including playing six of the last seven years on the Nationwide Tour.

But Grunewald said trying to make it in professional golf can take its toll, and he decided he wanted to move somewhere else for something different.

Through his friendship with native Midlander Bobby Gee, Grunewald moved to Midland and regained his amateur status within the last year. It's a move that had some shaking their heads in the Jamboree field, but for Grunewald playing in this weekend's event is simply fun.

"Bobby and I are pretty much best friends, and we used to travel together on the mini-tours for about six to seven years," Grunewald said. "I told him I was tired of it ... the stress and other stuff. I told him I wanted something new and different."

So, through Gee's contacts in the area's oil industry, Grunewald was able to find a job and moved to Midland. He became a member of Green Tree and is loving every minute of playing golf for fun. Grunewald played the Nationwide Tour's event in the Permian Basin nine times, and he said it was through that tournament that he met a ton of people in Midland that helped bring him here.

"I like it here," Grunewald said. "I like the people, I like the town and I wasn't happy with where I was living for the most part. It was time for a change, and it was a good fit for me."

Grunewald's presence makes the Jamboree field that much tougher, and even if he might be considered a ringer, it's cool to have a guy like that playing around here and settling here in our fair city.

■ Caught up with former Midland High and Midland College golfer Lane Branum at this weekend's Jamboree.

Branum is chasing professional mini-tours in the Carolinas, and is finding out that it's a tough world to make it in the pro game.

But he's ready for the challenge and is preparing for PGA Tour Q-School later this year as he's living in Charlotte, N.C. Good luck Lane, and hope to see you here in October in Midland at the Nationwide event.

■ It seems there will be another "Coach Russell" patrolling baseball fields in West Texas next spring. An email from Midland High head coach Barry Russell said that his son and Midland High grad Jason has been hired as the new baseball coach and quarterbacks coach at Lamesa High School.

Jason, an Angelo State grad, had been coaching in Menard. Now both MISD baseball coaches have sons coaching in the profession as Lee head coach Hector Limon's son coaches in Plainview.

I guess the apples don't fall too far from the tree.

■ Man those were some crazy pants worn by the Green Tree golf staff this weekend. Can't wait to see what today brings.

■ Apparently it was reunion week at the Jamboree as three of the five members of Lee's 2005 state qualifying golf team were in the field as K.T. Livingston, Bobby Whiteside and Brian Scherer were all playing. Sterling Mitchell, who also played on that team but did not play in the state tournament, was also playing this weekend. Recent ACU and Lee grad Tyler Shepperd was also playing.

■ Is it me or does the Tour de France not have the same luster without Lance Armstrong?

■ Really Ohio State, you're vacating your 12 wins from last year? But will you give up the money made by going to the Sugar Bowl? That's the bigger question.

■ The Midland Women's City Golf Tournament is less than two weeks away and the tournament still has some slots available. The tournament has a long tradition that dates back more than 40 years, and this year's staff is working hard to keep trying to bring in players to the event.

■ And finally, get well soon Jared. We'll be thinking and praying for you.

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On the air today

WHAT'S ON TV

AUTO RACING

Formula One, British Grand Prix (same-day tape), 11 a.m., Fox

IRL, IndyLights, 11 a.m., Versus

IRL, IndyCar, Honda Indy Toronto, 1 p.m., Versus

NHRA, Route 66 Nationals (same-day tape), 8 p.m., ESPN2

CYCLING

Tour de France, stage 9, Issoire to Saint-Flour, France, 7 a.m., Versus

GOLF

European PGA Tour, Scottish Open, final round, at Inverness, Scotland, 7:30 a.m., TGC

PGA Tour, John Deere Classic, final round, 2 p.m., CBS

USGA, U.S. Women's Open Championship, final round, 2 p.m., NBC

Champions Tour, First Tee Open, final round, 6 p.m., TGC

MLB

Houston at Florida, Noon, FSS Plus

Atlanta at Philadelphia, 12:30 p.m., TBS

Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m., WGN

Oakland at Texas, 2 p.m., FSS

N.Y. Mets at San Francisco, 7 p.m., ESPN

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

All-Star Futures Game, 5 p.m., ESPN2

MOTORSPORTS

FIM World Superbike, (same-day tape), 1 p.m., Speed

AMA Pro Racing, (same-day tape), 11 p.m., Speed

SOCCER

FIFA, Women's World Cup, quarterfinal, Sweden vs. Australia, at Augsburg, Germany, 5:30 a.m., ESPN

FIFA, Women's World Cup, quarterfinal, Brazil vs. United States, at Dresden, Germany, 10 a.m., ESPN

MLS, Seattle at Portland, 3 p.m., ESPN

Travelers complete series sweep of 'Hounds

Staff Reports

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The Arkansas Travelers shut out the Midland RockHounds for the second consecutive game behind an impressive three-hit performance from starting pitcher Garrett Richards, who improved to 10-1 on the season.

Richards only fanned one RockHound batter and that was leadoff hitter Matt Sulentic to start the game.

Yet the right-hander didn't allow any extra-base hits in six innings of work and retired the last six batters he faced.

By the time Loek Van Mil replaced Richards to start the seventh inning, the game was well in hand with the Travelers up 6-0 thanks to five runs combined in the third and fourth innings.

Luis Jimenez busted a 1-0 game open in the third when he smacked a line-drive single to left that scored two runs in the third.

Clay Fuller and Orlando Mercado added to the Traveler lead in the next inning with RBI singles to right that made the score 5-0 and ended the night for RockHound starter Polin Trinidad.

Fuller later crossed the plate himself on a sacrifice fly by Jon Townsend that made it 6-0 in the bottom of the fourth.

Trinidad finished the night with just three innings of work and gave up six runs, all earned, on seven hits.

The win gave Arkansas the series sweep as they outscored Midland 12-0 in the final two games after winning by one run in the series opener.

Midland begins the second half of its six-game road trip today against Springfield.

TRAVELERS 7, ROCKHOUNDS 0

Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Sulentic dh	4	0	1	0
Timmons 2b	4	0	1	0
Heether lf	3	0	0	0
Spina 1b	4	0	0	0
Parker 3b	4	0	2	0
Barfield rf	3	0	0	0
Peterson cf	4	0	1	0
Canham c	3	0	0	0
Ladendorf ss	3	0	0	0
Totals	32	0	5	0

Midland	000	000	000	—0
Arkansas	012	300	01x	—7

DP — Midland 2. LOB — Midland 7, Arkansas 7. 2B — Pettit (4), Castillo (10), Jimenez (28). SB — Timmons (1), Rosario (5). SF — Townsend.

Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Trinidad L, 2-4	3.0	7	6	6	2	4
Bateman	3.0	1	0	0	0	2
Ortiz	1.0	2	0	0	0	0
Carignan	1.0	3	1	1	1	1

Arkansas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Richards W, 10-1	6.0	3	0	0	1	1
Van Mil	2.0	1	0	0	0	3
Piazza	1.0	1	0	0	1	0

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Travelers 5
RockHounds 0

TL Standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Arkansas	11	4	.733	—
Tulsa	8	7	.533	3
NW Arkansas	8	7	.533	3
Springfield	5	10	.333	6

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-San Antonio	10	5	.667	—
Frisco	8	7	.533	2
Corpus Christi	8	7	.533	2
Midland	6	9	.400	4

x-clinched first half

Saturday's Scores
Tulsa 5, Corpus Christi 4, 10 innings
Frisco 5, Springfield 3
San Antonio 10, NW Arkansas 2
Arkansas 7, Midland 0

Today's Games
Frisco at Arkansas, 6 p.m.
NW Arkansas at Corpus Christi, 6:05 p.m.
Tulsa at San Antonio, 6:05 p.m.
Midland at Springfield, 6:07 p.m.

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advance to the Class 5A Regional Semifinals for the first time in five years before bowing out to Hurst L.D. Bell.

FIRST TEAM

Pitchers : Brandon Bergen, Brazoswood, sr.; John Curtiss, Southlake Carroll, sr.; Gandy Stubblefield, Lufkin, sr.

Catcher: (tie) Wayne Taylor, Houston Memorial, sr. and Hunter Lockwood, L.D. Bell, sr.

First baseman: J.R. Hinsley, Clemente, sr.

Second baseman: Braden Blackwell, Lubbock Coronado, sr.

Shortstop: Kevin Cornelius, Weatherford, sr.

Third baseman: Shane Sawyer, Midland, sr.

Outfielders: Josh Bell, Dallas Jesuit, sr.; Courtney Hawkins, CC Carroll, jr.; Khristian C. Camacho, CC King, sr.

DH: Cody Moon, SA Reagan, sr.

Player of the Year: Bergen, Brazoswood.

Coach of the Year: Bobby Williams, Brazoswood

SECOND TEAM

Pitchers: Andrew Godail, The Woodlands, sr.; Evan Rutter, Klein, sr. (tie) Jamie Bittle, FW Paschal, sr. and Mario Maldonado, Laredo Alexander, sr.

Catcher: Cole Lankford, Houston Lamar, sr.

First baseman: Blake Bass, Lubbock Coronado, sr.

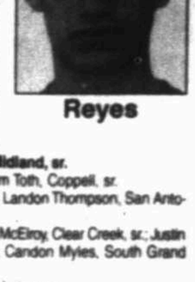
Second baseman: Matt Reyes, Midland, sr.

Shortstop: Adam Toth, Coppell, sr.

Third baseman: Landon Thompson, San Antonio O'Connor, sr.

Outfielders: C.J. McElroy, Clear Creek, sr.; Justin White, Memorial, jr.; Candon Myles, South Grand Prairie, sr.

DH: Jeff Stovall, Irving, sr.



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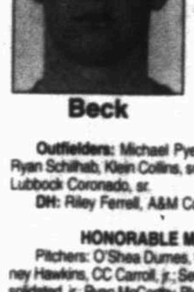

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THIRD TEAM

Pitchers: Cory Gessler, Klein Collins, jr.; Bryan Brickhouse, The Woodlands, sr.; Jesus H. Ortiz, Laredo United, sr.

Catcher: Jeremy Montalbano, Seven Lakes, jr.

First baseman: Lanren Artis, Amarillo, sr.

Second baseman: Max Hogan, Belton, jr.

Shortstop: Chris McFarland, Lufkin, sr.

Third baseman: Dustin Beasley, Round Rock Stony Point, jr.

Outfielders: Michael Pyeatt, Brazoswood, sr.; Ryan Schibsh, Klein Collins, sr.; Christian Simmons, Lubbock Coronado, sr.

DH: Riley Ferrell, A&M Consolidated, jr.

HONORABLE MENTION

Pitchers: O'Shea Dumas, CC Carroll, jr.; Courtney Hawkins, CC Carroll, jr.; Seth Hobert, A&M Consolidated, jr.; Ryan McCarthy, Plano, sr.; Matt McClain, SA Reagan, sr.; Daniel Mangden, Houston Westside, sr.; Ford Moore, A&M Consolidated, jr.; Jose Rendon, Eagle Pass Winn, jr.; Jacob Rhome, Denton Guyer, sr.; Tim Serna, Weslaco, sr.; Jordan Stephens, Alvin, sr.; Chris Lanham, Houston Lamar, jr.; Jacob Rhame, Denton Guyer, sr.

Catchers: Robert Baldwin, Austin Westlake, sr.; Ben Bradley, FW Paschal, jr.; Skyler Ewing, Arlington, sr.; Braden Mattson, SA Clark, sr.; Mitchell Nau, Klein, sr.; Patrick Quintanilla, Southlake Carroll, sr.; Elliot Richoux, The Woodlands, sr.

First Basemen: Kyle Bailey, Southlake Carroll, sr. Andrew Brown, A&M Consolidated, sr.; O'Shea Dumas, CC Carroll, jr.; Chris Morales, Clear Creek, sr.

Second Basemen: Eric Garza, SA MacArthur, soph.; Michael Guerrero, Georgetown, sr.; Blake Stoehr, Oak Ridge, sr.

Shortstops: Andrew Arteaga, Edinburg, sr.; Aaron Burciaga, Weslaco, sr.; Layne Covey, Colleyville Heritage, jr.; Paxton DeLaGarza, Lubbock Coronado, jr.; Ralph Garza, New Braunfels, jr.; C.J. Hinojosa, Klein Collins, jr.; Landon Merka, The Woodlands, sr. Trey Rodriguez, CC Carroll, jr.; Kendall Stacks, Seven Lakes, sr.; Trevor Story, Irving, sr.; Conner Tayld, Kempner, jr.; Corey Toups, College Park, sr.; Trey Williams, Alvin, sr.

Third Basemen: Keaton Bohrmann, SA Johnson, jr.; Josh Cruz, CC Carroll, jr.; Ryan McCarthy, Plano, sr.

Outfielders: Blair Beck, Midland, sr.; Andrew Godail, The Woodlands, sr., Devonte Lacy, Grand Prairie, jr.; Jacob Martinez, Abilene Cooper, sr.; Mike Norris, Beaumont West Brook, jr.; Beau Rathjen Houston Memorial, jr., Michael Reed, Leander, sr

SATURDAY'S LITTLE LEAGUE ROUNDUP

12-YEAR-OLDS NORTHERN 22, PECOS 5

LUBBOCK — The Northern 12-year-old All-Stars continued their strong start to the Little League Sectional tournament with a convincing 22-5 win against Pecos in their second game of the tournament at Maxey Park on Saturday.

Jaxon Hallmark starred for Northern, striking out four batters in 1 2/3 innings of work and going 4-for-4 at the plate with three home runs and a total of six RBI on the day.

Hallmark pitched the most innings along with John Wuthrich who went 1 2/3 innings as well and fanned two.

At the plate, Hallmark had nearly half of the eight home runs Northern hit as a team.

Ty Coleman and Gunner Blevins both went 3-for-4 on the day with Coleman launching a homer of his own and Blevins chipping in with two RBI.

Northern will play the winner of Fabens and Lubbock Southwest Monday with a chance to advance to the championship series being played Wednesday and Thursday.

Associated Press

Rui Alberto Costa wins 8th stage of Tour de France

By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press

SUPER-BESSE, France — Portuguese rider Rui Alberto Costa won the eighth stage of the Tour de France after withstanding a late attack from Philippe Gilbert in the final climb on Saturday, while Thor Hushovd kept the overall leader's yellow jersey.

Costa waved his hands in delight and punched the air as he crossed the line in 4 hours, 36 minutes, 46 seconds to clinch the first Tour stage win of his career.

"I knew I could get in the breakaway today. The team put me in the best position," Costa said. "I was lucky that I managed to hold on until the end. I'm very happy with this win.

"I attacked on my own at the end. I saw that my legs were good and that I could hold it alone. When it got to two kilometers (1.2 miles) from the end, I really worked hard and managed to reach my objective."

Costa paid tribute to Spanish cyclist Xavier Tondo, who died in May in a freak accident after he was crushed between his car and a garage door.

"I want to dedicate this win to all the people who believed in me and supported me," Costa said. To my family, my teammates, to Xavier Tondo."

The race entered the mountains for the first time in the 117-mile trek from Aigurande to Super-Besse, featuring a sharp category-2 climb up Col de la Croix and a final climb of 1 mile.

Gilbert of Belgium made up a huge amount of time before crossing 12 seconds adrift, with Australian cyclist Cadel Evans finishing 15 seconds behind Costa in third place.

"I needed a few more hundred meters," Gilbert said. "The stage was very fast, there was a favorable wind. The last climb was very hard; I had to sit back down near the end of the line.

"The last 200 meters were very long, but I'll take a second place on the Tour de France any day."

Hushovd is still one second ahead of Evans and has been wearing the yellow jersey since his Garmin-Cervelo team won last Sunday's time trial. Hushovd, not a renowned climber, was certain he was going to lose the yellow jersey before the stage.

"Maybe I was a bit pessimistic," he said. "I didn't think I could do it. Another day in yellow, it's a miracle."

Alexandre Vinokourov closed to within 15 seconds of Costa in the last mile, but the Kazakh rider ran out of steam as he had no teammates to help him when riding for several punishing miles on his own.

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Spain caught the Americans by surprise by winning the first set. The Spaniards even considered the possibility of a huge upset to clinch an insurmountable 3-0 lead.

"I thought we were able to win the match," Verdasco said. "Today I think we played great. We had chances."

But after dropping the first set in a tiebreaker, the Bryans broke serve in the first game of the second to get the home crowd roaring with chants of "U-S-A!"

History will not be with the Americans on Sunday.

The U.S. is 1-36 in Davis Cup play when falling behind 0-2. The only time the U.S. rallied to win from 0-2 down was 1934 against Australia in London.

Fish and Ferrer have met seven times with Fish winning four times, but none has come in Davis Cup play. Ferrer was part of Spain's Davis Cup-winning teams in 2008 and 2009 and is considered the leader of a squad missing world No. 2 Rafael Nadal.

"They still have the crowd, the court, everything," Spain captain Albert Costa said. "But we are only one point away."

Roddick has beaten Lopez seven times in eight career meetings, but Lopez beat Roddick two weeks ago on the grass at Wimbledon. Roddick, who lobbied to get the Davis Cup to Austin, dropped a three-set loss to Ferrer on Friday night in a crushing defeat in front of his hometown fans.

Courier certainly isn't ready to hand Spain a victory.

"I didn't go to college so history is not my thing," Courier said. "History means nothing out here. The only thing that matters are the two guys hitting balls. There are no books or stories to tell what will happen tomorrow."

In other Davis Cup play Saturday, France secured a spot in the semifinals when Michael Llodra and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga swept the doubles in straight sets to give their team an unassailable 3-0 lead over Germany in Stuttgart. France will play either Spain or the United States. France lost to Serbia in last year's final.

Argentina wrapped up a 5-0 victory over Kazakhstan with Juan Ignacio Chela and Juan Monaco winning their singles matches in Buenos Aires. Chela defeated Evgeny Korolev 2-6, 6-2, 6-0, and Monaco won over Mikhail Kukushkin 6-4, 6-1.

Argentina will face either Sweden or Serbia in the semifinals. Argentina has never won the Davis Cup and has finished second three times: 1981, 2006 and 2008.

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Matsui lf	3	1	1	0	Hamilton lf	5	1	4	3				
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Texas					010	040	002	—	7				

Two outs when winning run scored.
E—J.Weeks (4), Torrealba (7). LOB—Oakland 5, Texas 6. 2B—C.Jackson (10), Kinsler (21), J.Hamilton 2 (15), Torrealba (15). HR—Crisp (4), Willingham (11), J.Hamilton (11), A.Beltre (18). CS—Matsui (1). SF—Andrus.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
McCarthy	6	9	5	5	0	4
Devine	1	2	0	0	0	0
Balfour	1	0	0	0	0	1
A.Bailey L,0-2	2-3	2	2	2	0	1
Texas						
C.Lewis	6	5	5	4	3	9
Tom.Hunter	1-3	1	1	1	1	0
D.Oliver W,2-5	1-2-3	1	0	0	0	1

T—2:43. A—34,066 (49,170).

WHITE SOX 4, TWINS 3

Minnesota							Chicago						
	ab	r	h	bi				ab	r	h	bi		
Revere cf	3	0	0	1	Pierre lf	3	2	1	0				
ACasill 2b	3	0	2	2	AlRmrz ss	4	1	3	2				
Morgan 1b	4	0	0	0	Konerko 1b	2	0	0	0				
Cuddyr rf	3	0	0	0	Vizquel pr-3b	0	0	0	0				
Thome dh	4	0	0	0	A.Dunn dh	4	0	0	0				
Valenci 3b	4	0	1	0	Quentin rf	4	0	1	1				
J.Hughs 1b	3	1	1	0	Rios cf	4	0	0	0				
Nishiok ss	3	1	1	0	RCastro c	2	0	1	0				
Repko lf	2	1	1	0	Przyns c	1	0	0	0				
					Bckhm 2b	4	0	1	0				
					Morel 3b	3	0	0	0				
					Teahen 1b	1	0	1	0				
Totals	29	3	4	3	Totals	32	4	8	4				
Minnesota					002	000	010	—	3				
Chicago					100	001	01*	—	4				

Two outs when winning run scored.
E—Morel (7). LOB—Minnesota 3, Chicago 8. 2B—A.Casilla (14), R.Castro (3), Pierzynski (15), Beckham (10). HR—A.Ramirez (9), S.—Revere, Repko. A.Ramirez. SF—A.Casilla, Konerko.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
Duensing	7	5	2	2	1	2
Perkins	1-2-3	0	1	1	1	1
Nathan	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Mijares L,0-1	2-3	1	1	1	0	1
Al.Burnett	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chicago						
Buehrle	8	4	3	0	1	8
J.Crain W,5-2	1	0	0	0	0	1
Al.Burnett pitched to 1 batter in the 9th.						
HBP—by Perkins (Pierre). PB—R.Castro.						
T—2:36. A—30,055. (40,615).						

YANKEES 5, RAYS 4

Tampa Bay							New York						
	ab	r	h	bi				ab	r	h	bi		
Damon dh	4	1	1	0	Jeter ss	5	2	2	2				
Zobrist rf	2	b	3	1	Gindrs rf	4	0	1	0				
Longori 3b	4	0	0	0	Teixeir 1b	4	0	1	0				
Kotchm 1b	3	0	1	0	Cano 2b	4	0	1	0				
B.Upton cf	3	1	1	2	Martin c	2	0	1	1				
Joyce rf	1	0	0	0	Posada dh	3	0	0	0				
SRdrgz 2b-ss	4	0	0	0	ArJons rf	3	1	0	0				
Jaso c	3	0	0	0	ENunez 3b	4	1	1	0				
Shppch ph-c	2	0	0	0	Gardnr lf	4	0	1	0				
Brignc ss	3	0	0	0									
Ruggin ph-rf	1	0	0	0									
Totals	31	4	5	4	Totals	29	5	10	5				
Tampa Bay					010	200	010	—	4				
New York					002	020	01x	—	5				

DP—Tampa Bay 3. LOB—Tampa Bay 5, New York 9. 2B—Longoria (18), B.Upton (15), Joyce (12), Jeter (13). 3B—Zobrist 2 (10), B.Upton (21). HR—Jeter (3), B.Gardner (3). S—B.Gardner 2, Brignac, Gardner. SF—Cano.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Price	5	4	4	4	3	7
Howell	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Hughes	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
J.Peralta L,2-4	1-1-3	2	1	1	0	1
New York						
A.Burnett	5	2-3	3	3	3	5
Logan	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Wade	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Robertson W,2-0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ma.Rivera S,22-26	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Price (Cano).
T—3:09. A—48,103 (50,291).

BLUE JAYS 5, INDIANS 4, 10 INNINGS

Toronto							Cleveland						
	ab	r	h	bi				ab	r	h	bi		
Escor ss	4	0	1	0	Brantly lf	4	0	1	0				
E.Thms rf	4	2	1	0	ACarrer ss	4	0	0	0				
J.Pnngtn rf	0	0	0	0	Hafner dh	4	0	0	0				
Bautist 3b	4	2	2	2	Kearns rf-dh	0	1	1	0				
Lind 1b	5	0	1	0	CSantn c	4	0	2	2				
A.Hill 2b	5	0	0	0	DOrtiz 2b	3	1	1	0				
Encrnc dh	4	0	0	0	T.Buck lf	4	1	1	1				
McCoy pr-dh	1	0	0	0	LaPort 1b	3	0	0	0				
McGeh c	4	0	1	0	Cnsprc 3b	4	0	0	0				
JMolin c	4	0	2	1	Hannhn 3b	4	0	0	0				
RDavis cf	4	0	0	0									
Totals	40	5	10	4	Totals	34	4	5	4				
Toronto					101	110	000	1	—	5			
Cleveland					010	200	001	0	—	4			

E—T.Buck (1), LOB—Toronto 9, Cleveland 7. 2B—E.Thames (6), A.Hill (9), T.Buck (10). HR—Bautista 2 (31), G.Sizemore (9). SB—McCoy (3). SF—Arencibia.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Morrow	8	3	1	3	1	8
Rauch W,3-3	1	1	0	0	0	1
Camp S,1-2	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cleveland						
Tomlin	4	4	3	3	2	3
J.Smith						
R.Perez						
Mastrnnn						
Perez L,2-4	2	1	1	1	0	2

HBP—by Tomlin (E.Thames). WP—Morrow.

T—2:59. A—27,981. (43,441).

RED SOX 4, ORIOLES 0

Baltimore							Boston						
	ab	r	h	bi				ab	r	h	bi		
Hardy ss	4	0	1	0	Ellsury cf	4	2	3	0				
Markks rf	3	0	0	0	Pedroia 2b	4	0	1	0				
Adjons cf	3	0	0	0	AdGnzlz 1b	3	1	1	0				
Guerrr dh	4	0	0	0	Youkils 3b	4	1	2	2				
Wggntn 1b	4	0	0	0	DOrtiz dh	3	0	0	0				
Lroche 1b	1	0	1	0	Reddck lf	4	0	2	0				
McRynl 3b	3	0	0	0	Stitnch c	4	0	0	0				
Reynld lf	3	0	0	0	JDrew rf	3	0	0	0				
Andino 2b	3	0	0	0	Scutaro ss	4	0	0	0				
Totals	30	0	4	0	Totals	33	4	10	4				
Baltimore					000	000	000	—	0				
Boston					000	030	10x	—	4				

E—D.Lee (5). DP—Baltimore 2, Boston 1. LOB—Baltimore 6, Boston 8. 2B—Ellsbury (26), Pedroia (18), Youkilis 3 (26), Reddick (5). 3B—Ellsbury (2). SB—Markakis (6). CS—Ad.Jones (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Bergesn	5	5	3	3	3	3
Berken	1	0	0	0	0	1
Matusz	1	1	0	0	0	1
Gregg	1	4	1	1	0	0
Boston						
Lackey W,6-6	6	2-3	3	0	0	1
D.Bard	1	1-3	0	0	0	1
Papelbn	1	0	0	0	0	2

HBP—by Lackey (Markakis, D.Lee). WP—Lackey 2, Bard—Simon.

T—2:48. A—38,205 (37,493).

ROYALS 13, TIGERS 6

Detroit							Kansas City						
	ab	r	h	bi				ab	r	h	bi		
Dirks lf	4	1	1	0	Gldz 2b	5	2	2	1				
RSantg ss	5	1	1	1	McCarr cf	4	2	2	2				
Boesch rf	5	0	3	2	AGordn lf	4	1	2	3				
Mcknr 1b	5	0	1	1	Butler dh	5	2	3	2				
VMrtnz dh	4	0	1	1	Hosmer 1b	5	0	0	0				
Kelly 3b	4	1	1	0	Franor rf	4	1	0	0				
Avila c	4	0	1	0	Maier rf	1	0	0	0				
Raburn 2b	3	2	2	0	Betemit 3b	4	2	1	0				
C.Wells cf	4	0	1	0	Treanor c	2	1	1	1				
					AEscor ss	3	0	1	3				
Totals	38	6	12	5	Totals	38	13	13	13				
Detroit					002	400	000	—	6				
Kansas City					136	013	00x	—	13				

E—R.Santiago (2), Raburn (9), A.Escobar (8). DP—Kansas City 1. LOB—Detroit 8, Kansas City 6. 2B—V.Martinez (22), Avila (18), Raburn 2 (14), 3B—A.Escobar (4). HR—A.Gordon (11), SB—Getz (16), Treanor (2), A.Escobar (14). SF—Treanor.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Furbush L,1-3	2-2-3	9	9	4	2	2
Alb.Wht	2	2-3	2	2	2	1
Perry	1	2-3	1	2	0	1
Dtr. xtras		1	0	0	0	0
Kansas City						
Hochevar	3	2-3	3	9	6	3
G.Holland W,3-1	2	1-3	2	0	0	2
Teaford S,1-1	1		1	0	0	2

HBP—by Furbush (A.Gordon). WP—Perry, G.Holland.

T—3:24. A—25,941 (37,903).

ANGELS 9, MARINERS 3

Seattle							Los Angeles						
	ab	r	h	bi				ab	r	h	bi		
ISuzuki rf	5	1	2	0	Mizturs 3b	4	2	1	1				
Ryan ss	5	1	1	0	Trnero rf	4	1	2	1				
Ackley 2b	5	1	2	1	Abreu dh	4	0	0	0				
Olivo c	5	0	2	2	V Wells lf	5	0	2	1				
AKndy 1b	4	0	0	0	HKndrc 2b	4	0	1	0				
Smoak dh	4	0	0	0	Aybar ss	4	0	0	0				
Seager 3b	4	0	0	0	Trumbo 1b	4	2	2	1				
Halmn rf	4	0	2	0	Conger c	3	1	1	0				
Gtrrz cf	4	0	2	0	Trout cf	3	1	1	1				
Totals	40	3	12	3	Totals	36	9	12	9				
Seattle					000	120	000	—	3				
Los Angeles					004	000	11x	—	9				

E—Pineda (1), Aybar (6). LOB—Seattle 11, Los Angeles 7. 2B—Ackley (2), Olivo (9), M.Izturis (28). HR—Trumbo 2 (11), Trumbo (16). SB—Halman (5).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
Pineda L,8-6	5	6	7	7	2	2
Gray	2	3	1	1	1	0
Kay	1	3	1	1	0	0
Los Angeles						
Pineiro W,5-3	7	10	3	3	1	
Takahsh	1	2	0	0	0	1
Cassevah	1	0	0	0	0	0

WP—Ray.

T—2:44. A—44,111 (45,389).

NL Boxes

MARLINS 6, ASTROS 1

Houston							Florida						
	ab	r	h	bi				ab	r	h	bi		
Bourn cf	3	0	1	0	Bonifac 3b	3	1	2	1				
Kppngr 2b	4	0	0	0	Infante 2b	2	1	1	0				
Wallac 1b	4	0	0	0	GSnchz 1b	2	1	1	1				
Ca.Lee lf	4	0	1	0	HRmrz ss	3	1	0	2				
Wallac rf	3	0	1	0	Mornsr rf	4	0	1	0				
Quntnll 3b	4	0	0	0	Wise pr-lf	0	0	0	0				
Castro c	3	0	0	0	Stanton rf	4	0	0	0				
Barmes ss	2	0	1	0	Gamm cf	3	0	0	0				
WLopez p	2	0	0	0	Cishek p	0	0	0	0				
Qualls p	0	0	0	0	Nolasco p	2	0	0	0				
DeRfnr p	0	0	0	0									
AnRdrg p	0	0	0	0									
Bumgrn p	0	0	0	0									
Myers p	1	0	1	0									
AngSnc ss	2	0	0	0									
Totals	32	1	7	1	Totals	31	6	7	6				
Houston					000	000	100	—	1				
Florida					110	040	00x	—	6				

E—Barmes (4). DP—Houston 1, Florida 2. LOB—Houston 5, Florida 6. 2B—Ca.Lee (24), Bogusevic (1), Myers (1), Mornson (16). 3B—Mornson. HR—J.Buck (10). SB—Bonifacio (13).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Myers L,3-9	4-1-3	4	6	5	4	4
WLopez	1-2-3	1	0	0	0	2
Del.Rosario		2	0	0	0	0
A.J. Rodrguez		0	0	0	0	0
Florida						
Nolasco W,6-5	6	4	1	1	2	4
HBP—by Myers (G.Sanchez). WP—Nolasco.						

T—2:29. A—29,402. (38,560).

BRAVES 4, PHILLIES 1, 11 INNINGS

Atlanta							Philadelphia						
	ab	r	h	bi				ab	r	h	bi		
Schafer cf	4	1	1	0	Rollins ss	4	0	0	0				
AKndrz ss	5	1	1	1	Mayrry rf	4	0	1	0				
McCann c	4	0	1	0	Utley 2b	4	0	0	0				
Freem 1b	5	0	1	0	Howard 1b	5	0	1	0				
Uggla 2b	5	0	1	0	Ibanez lf	5	0	1	0				
Heyward rf	3	0	0	0	Ruiz c	4	0	0	0				
Hinske ph	1	0	0	0	DBrwn rf	4	0	0	0				
McLoth lf	4	0	0	0	Wgnstr 3b	4	0	1	0				
Hanson p	2	0	0	0	Lee p	2	0	0	0				
Durbin ph	1	0	0	0	BFrncs ph	1	0	0	0				
Venters p	0	0	0	0	Bastrd p	0	0	0	0				
OFlhrty p	0	0	0	0	Perez p	0	0	0	0				
Gearrin p	0	0	0	0	Mrmnt ph	1	0	0	0				
Henske ph	0	0	0	0	Stutes p	0	0	0	0				
WRmrz p	0	0	0	0									
Kimrel p	0	0	0	0									
Totals	37	4	5	4	Totals	39	1	6	1				
Atlanta					000	010	000	03	—	4			
Philadelphia					001	000	000	00	—	1			

E—D.Lee (1). LOB—Atlanta 4, Philadelphia 7. 2B—Mayberry (6). HR—McCann (15), Uggla (15). CI Lee (1). SB—Schafer (6).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Atlanta						
Hanson	4	4	1	1	2	6
Venters	1	0	0	0	0	2
OFlaherty	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sherrill W,2-1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kimbrel S,28-33	1	0	0	0	0	1
Philadelphia						
D.Lee	8	5	1	1	0	9
Bastardo	1	0	0	0	0	2
J.Perez	1	0	0	0	0	2
Stutes L,3-1	1	1	0	0	0	1

T—3:15. A—45,637. (43,651).

DODGERS 1, PADRES 0

San Diego							Los Angeles						
	ab	r	h	bi				ab	r	h	bi		
Venale rf	3	0	0	0	Gwynn lf	3	0	0	0				
Denorfi lf	3	0	1	0	Loney 1b	3	0	1	0				
OHudsn 2b	4	0	1	0	Ethier rf	3	0	0	0				
Headly 3b	2	0	0	0	Kemp cf	3	0	0	0				
Denorfi ss	3	0	1	0	Uribe 3b	3	0	0	0				
Ludwck lf	3	0	0	0	Miles 2b	3	0	1	0				
Maybin cf	3	0	0	0	Rizzo 1b	3	0	0	0				
Rzzo 1b	3	0	0	0	RJhnsn c	3	0	0	0				
Hundly c	3	0	0	0	Cllspn p	2	0	0	0				
Stauffr p	0	0	0	0	Blngsly p	0	0	0	0				
Totals	30	0	3	0	Totals	28	1	5	1				
San Diego					000	000	000	—	0				
Los Angeles					000	000	01x	—	1				

E—Uribe (2). DP—Los Angeles 2. LOB—San Diego 11, Los Angeles 7. 2B—Bartlett (14), Maybin (11). SB—Venale (15). S—Latos, Carroll.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Diego						
Latos L,5-10	7-1-3	5	1	1	2	6
Spence	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Los Angeles						
Blthngsly W,8-7	8	4	3	0	5	4
Guerra S,3-3	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Guerra (Rizzo). Re.Johnson).

T—2:36. A—38,529 (56,000).

MLB

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Boston	54	35	.607	—	—	9-1	W-5	27-17	27-18
New York	52	35	.598	1	—	7-3	W-1	28-18	23-16
Tampa Bay	49	40	.551	5	4	5-5	L-1	21-21	28-19
Toronto	47	41	.534	7	6	4-6	W-2	19-22	25-25
Baltimore	36	51	.414	17	16	3-7	L-6	22-22	14-29

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cleveland	47	41	.534	—	—	6-4	L-2	27-17	20-24
Detroit	48	43	.527	1/2	0	5-5	L-1	27-19	21-24
Chicago	44	47	.484	4 1/2	2	5-5	W-1	21-24	23-23
Minnesota	40	48	.455	7	5	4-6	W-1	20-19	20-29
Kansas City	37	53	.411	11	16 1/2	4-6	W-1	24-26	13-27

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	50	41	.549	—	—	7-3	W-6	30-18	20-23
Los Angeles	48	42	.533	1 1/2	1	8-2	W-2	24-22	24-20
Seattle	43	48	.473	6	10	4-6	L-3	23-22	20-26
Oakland	39	52	.429	11	15	3-7	L-3	23-21	16-31

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	56	34	.622	—	—	6-4	L-1	33-15	23-19
Atlanta	54	37	.593	2 1/2	—	8-2	W-1	28-18	26-19
New York	48	44	.511	10	7 1/2	5-5	L-1	19-22	27-22
Washington	45	46	.495	11 1/2	9	5-5	L-3	27-18	18-28
Florida	42	48	.467	14	11 1/2	7-3	W-4	21-28	21-20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Milwaukee	48	43	.527	—	—	6-4	L-1	32-14	16-29
St. Louis	48	43	.527	—	—	6-4	W-1	24-21	24-22
Pittsburgh	46	43	.517	1	7	6-4	L-1	22-22	24-21
Cincinnati	45	46	.495	3	9	4-6	W-1	23-21	22-25
Chicago	37	54	.407	11	17	4-6	W-3	19-28	17-26
Houston	30	61	.330	18	24	2-8	L-3	14-33	16-28

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
San Francisco	51	40	.560	—	—	5-5	W-1	27-16	24-24
Arizona	49	42	.538	2	.5	5-5	L-1	23-19	26-23
Colorado	43	47	.478	7 1/2	10 1/2	6-4	W-2	22-21	21-25
Los Angeles	40	51	.440	11	14	4-6	W-3	22-27	18-24
San Diego	40	51	.440	11	14	4-6	L-4	19-27	21-24

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Saturday's Scores

N.Y. Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 4
Chicago White Sox 4, Minnesota 3
Toronto 5, Cleveland 4, 10 innings
Boston 4, Baltimore 0
Kansas City 13, Detroit 6
Texas 7, Oakland 6
Seattle at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games

Tampa Bay (Shields 8-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 12-4), 12:05 p.m.
Toronto (Cecil 1-4) at Cleveland (C.Carrasco 8-5), 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Arrieta 0-0) at Boston (Weiland 2-0), 12:35 p.m.
Detroit (Verlander 11-4) at Kansas City (Francis 3-9), 1:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Swarzak 1-2) at Chicago White Sox (Peavy 4-2), 1:10 p.m.
Oakland (Cahill 8-6) at Texas (M.Harrison 6-7), 2:05 p.m.
Seattle (F.Hernandez 6-7) at L.A. Angels (Haren 9-5), 2:35 p.m.

Monday's Games

Tampa Bay at Toronto, 6:07 p.m.
Baltimore at Cleveland, 6:10 p.m.
Detroit at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, 7:15 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.
Texas at L.A. Angels, 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Saturday's Scores

Atlanta 4, Philadelphia 1, 11 innings
L.A. Dodgers 1, San Diego 0
Chicago Cubs 6, Pittsburgh 3
Colorado 2, Washington 1
Cincinnati 8, Milwaukee 4, 10 innings
Florida 6, Houston 1
St. Louis 7, Arizona 6
San Francisco 3, N.Y. Mets 1

Today's Games

Houston (W.Rodriguez 6-5) at Florida (Volstad 4-8), 12:10 p.m.
Atlanta (D.Lowe 5-6) at Philadelphia (Hamels 10-4), 12:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (R.Ortiz 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Maholm 5-9), 12:35 p.m.
Colorado (Chacin 8-6) at Washington (Zimmermann 5-7), 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Wilhs 0-0) at Milwaukee (Wolf 6-6), 1:10 p.m.
Arizona (Duke 2-3) at St. Louis (J.Garcia 8-3), 1:15 p.m.
San Diego (Stauffer 5-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Lilly 5-3), 3:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 5-7) at San Francisco (Cain 7-5), 7:05 p.m.

Monday's Games

Houston at Florida, 6:10 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.
Colorado at Washington, 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.
Arizona at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at San Francisco, 9:15 p.m.

Late Boxes

ANGELS 4, MARINERS 3

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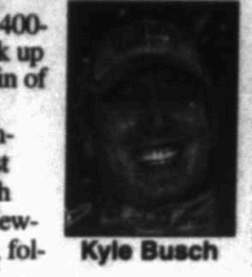
Ryan ss	3	0

Kyle Busch wins inaugural Cup race at Kentucky

By Will Graves
Associated Press

SPARTA, Ky. — Kyle Busch won the inaugural Sprint Cup race at Kentucky Speedway on Saturday night, pulling away from Jimmie Johnson on a restart with three laps to go to collect his 99th NASCAR series victory.

Busch won the Trucks race here on Thursday night and had little trouble finding his way to Victory Lane for the second time in three days at the 1.5-mile oval. He started from the pole and dominated long stretches of the 400-mile race to pick up his third Cup win of the season.


Kyle Busch

David Reutimman slipped past Johnson to finish second. Ryan Newman was fourth, followed by Carl Edwards and Matt Kenseth.

The first visit by NASCAR's top series provided few fireworks on the track, but plenty off it as traffic issues caused major problems for the crowd of over 100,000.

Those who made it inside watched Busch move into the points lead as the season reached its halfway point. Busch leads Edwards by four points heading into next week's race at New Hampshire with about two months to go before the Chase for the championship begins.

Kevin Harvick began the night with the points lead, but slipped to third in the standings after finishing 16th.

Busch rolled to a win in the Trucks race Thursday despite starting from the back. He was forced to do the same Friday and ended up third in the Nationwide race.

Busch wound up on the pole in Kentucky after rain washed out qualifying, and he didn't let the advantage go to waste as he moved within one victory of becoming the third driver in NASCAR history to collect 100 wins across the sport's top three series. The 26-year-old has 22 career Cup wins, 48 in the Nationwide Series and 29 in Trucks.

AUTO RACING ROUNDUP

POWER TAKES POLE POSITION AT INDY TORONTO: At Toronto, Will Power will defend his title at the Honda Indy Toronto from the pole position.

Power posted a lap of 59.577 seconds on the 1.75-mile road course at Exhibition Place.

Scott Dixon will start second after turning a lap of 59.665 and Dario Franchitti is in the third position, clocking 59.900 in qualifying Saturday afternoon.

WEBBER EDGES OUT VETTEL TO SECURE BRITISH GP POLE: At Silverstone, England, Red Bull driver Mark Webber edged out teammate Sebastian Vettel in qualifying for the second time this season to secure pole position Saturday for the British Grand Prix.

Webber, who won the Silverstone race last season, posted the fastest lap of 1 minute, 32.670 seconds, about one-third of a second faster than Vettel.

ANDERSON CLAIMS 1ST NO. 1 SPOT OF SEASON: At Joliet, Ill., defending Pro Stock champion Greg Anderson captured his first No. 1 qualifying position of the season Saturday at the Route 66 NHRA Nationals, ending a drought of 43 races without a top spot that dates to 2009.

Anderson earned his fifth No. 1 at Route 66 Raceway and the 74th of his career with a run of 6.586 seconds at 209.14 mph in a Pontiac GXP. He will face Ronnie Humphrey in the first round of eliminations as he tries to claim his first win at the Chicago track, the only one on the circuit where the four-time champ has not won.

Associated Press

Mediator sets NFL meeting on July 19

By Jon Krawczynski
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The federal magistrate judge who is mediating the labor dispute between NFL owners and players has scheduled another session for July 19 in Minneapolis.

Judge Arthur J. Boylan set the meeting on Saturday, just before starting his vacation. But he also made clear that both sides should continue their own sessions in the interim as they work toward a new collective bargaining agreement.

The principals in the fight over how to split up over $9 billion in revenue met all week in New York, but still have not reached a new deal as the lockout has dragged on for more than four months.

The urgency, it appears is starting to heat up. Several teams have already canceled their traditional out-of-town portions of training camp and the Hall of Fame game between Chicago and St. Louis is less than a month away.

Boylan ordered both sides to continue mediation without him "in an effort to define and narrow the differences between their respective settlement positions." He also ordered attorneys from both sides to be ready to meet with him on the evening of July 18 "for an in-person agenda- setting session" that presumably would set the stage for meaningful, fruitful talks the following day.

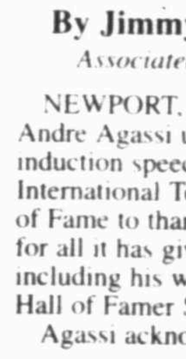
After putting in two days in New York this week, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFL Players' Association chief DeMaurice Smith announced that they were taking the weekend off. They plan to resume negotiations on Monday in what will be the first mediation sessions with owners and players present that does not include Boylan.

Agassi thanks tennis for life, wife at Hall

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

NEWPORT, R.I. — Andre Agassi used his induction speech at the International Tennis Hall of Fame to thank the sport for all it has given him — including his wife, fellow Hall of Famer Steffi Graf.

Agassi acknowledged there were times he resented the sport, which his father pushed him into as a small child. But the 41-year-old, eight-time Grand Slam champion said Saturday it was all part of the journey that brought him to the Newport shrine. Agassi was No. 1 in the world for 101 straight weeks before dropping to No. 141. Only then did he really appreciate the sport.


Agassi

Also inducted was Fern "Peachy" Kellmeyer, who fought for women's athletic scholarships while in college and was one of the trailblazers in women's professional tennis.

JAMBOREE SCORES AND TEE TIMES

Green Tree Country Club
Saturday's Scores
Note: Course designation in parentheses
Championship Flight (East-North)
1 Kelly Grunewald-Mark Terry 63-63—126; 2. (tie) K.T. Livingston-Ken Livingston 63-65—128; Shawn Reeves-J.D. Dickerson 64-64—128; 4. (tie) Bubba Bailey-David Bolen 63-66—129; Jason Lindgren-Thomas Kulcak 64-65—129; Robert House-Jay McHugh 65-64—129; Johnny Kidd-Rocky Hutson 66-63—129; 8. Bobby Gee-Shawn Savage 66-65—131; 9 John Ironside-Brett Lusain 65-67—132; Darrell Pender-Chance Finley 67-65—132; 11. (tie) Steve Whiteside-Bobby Whiteside 66-67—133; J.B Luttrell-Bryan Word 68-65—133; 13. John Pelletier-John McLeod 67-67—134; 14. (tie) Cody King-Michael Pruitt 66-69—135; Scott Rundell-Ross Tyler 68-67—135; Shane Workman-Mike Maes 69-66—135; 17. (tie) Rick Gasser-Rick Houston 66-70—136; Kelly Cox-Will Christensen 69-67—136; Daniel Campbell-Tyler Sheppard 71-65—136; 20. Dr Mike Connally-Jason Berry 69-68—137; 21 Jim Nash-Scott Chapman 69-70—139; DQ — Gary Johnson-Trey Womack 70-DQ

President's Flight (East-North)
Andrew Bell-Les Littlejohn 66-68—134; 2 (tie) Larry Hook-Ken Burnham 65-72—137; Pete Scherer-Brian Scherer 70-67—137; 4. Michael Cowley-Tim Kohn 68-70—138; 5. John Castillo-Randy Cothren 69-70—139; 6 (tie) Ian Smith-Tom Kingsley 67-74—141; Troy Martin-Jr. Ryan Havens 77-64—141; 8. Chris Resnick-Nathan Foreman 71-71—142; 9 (tie) Brian Gray-Clay Whitehead 72-71—143; Chris Jauz-Lance Wood 72-71—143; Bob Beck-Doug Noah 72-71—143; 12 Skeet Mitchell-Sterling Mitchell 70-76—146; 13 Kevin Riggs-JJ King 76-75—151; 14 Jon King-Dillon King 75-82—157

First Flight (North-West)
(tie) Andy Price-Jayson Lester 68-68—136; Vince Harvey-Mike Wallace 70-66—136; 3. Scott Petersen-Bennett Robb 70-70—140; 4 (tie) Danny Lasser-Casey Miller 68-75—141; John Mcffett-Tim Green 68-73—141; Dave Pendleway-Jim Harrison 69-72—141; Steve Pierrons-Michael Ledford 70-71—141; Nathan Pender-David Pender 73-69—142; 9 Will Reinert-Mike Bodemann 73-70—143; 10. Toby Shahan-Boyd Schaneman 73-72—145; 11 Mike Abbott-Steve Bodemann 72-74—146; 12. Steve Corson-Donny Winslow 70-77—147; 13 (tie) Jay Isaacs-Mike Lawter 76-74—150; Mark Rice-Jeff Frazier 75-75—150

Second Flight (North-West)
Wayne A Youngs-Tim Peden 69-74—143; 2 (tie) Tony Farley-Terry Lee 73-71—144; Ken Krawetz-Terry Fuller 75-70—145; 4 Steve Hibbison-Paul Treadwell 74-72—146; 5 Jeff Gotcher-Roger Alexander 73-74—147; 6 (tie) Jim Hightower-Pat Moore Jr 80-81—161; Glenn Winters-Mark Semmelbeck 81-80—161; 7 Morris Vannoy-Damon Cumba 83-80—163; 8 Tommy Hill-Mark Bondy 83-82—165; 9 William L Smith-Ed Runyan 82-85—167; 10 Dwane Barnes-Les Preece 83-86—169; 11 Michael Hall-Aaron Erdweurn 93-79—172; 12 Danny McNeese-Carl Davis 80-93—173; 13 Van Harris-Rick Armstrong 90-87—177; 14 Mike O'Brien-Steve Goree 88-92—180

Today's Tee Times
Championship Flight (North-West)
1:12 p.m. Jim Nash-Scott Chapman
1:20 p.m. Rick Gasser-Rick Houston; Dr Mike Connally-Jason Berry
1:28 p.m. Daniel Campbell-Tyler Sheppard; Kelly Cox-Will Christensen
1:36 p.m. Cody King-Michael Pruitt; Scott Rundell-Ross Tyler
1:44 p.m. John Pelletier-John McLeod; Shane Workman-Mike Maes
1:52 p.m. JB Luttrell-Bryan Word; Steve Whiteside-Bobby Whiteside
2 p.m. Daniel Pender-Chance Finley; John Ironside-Brett Lusain
2:08 p.m. Bubba Bailey-David Bolen; Bobby Gee-Shawn Savage
2:16 p.m. Jason Lindgren-Thomas Kulcak; Johnny Kidd-Rocky Hutson
2:24 p.m. K.T. Livingston-Ken Livingston; Robert House-Jay McHugh
2:32 p.m. Kelly Grunewald-Mark Terry; Shawn Reeves-J.D. Dickerson

President's Flight (North-West)
12:16 p.m. Don King-Dillon King; Chris Jauz-Lance Wood
12:24 p.m. Skeet Mitchell-Sterling Mitchell; Kevin Riggs-JJ King
12:32 p.m. Bob Beck-Doug Noah; Chris Resnick-Nathan Foreman
12:40 p.m. Brian Gray-Clay Whitehead; Sam Smith-Tom Kingsley
12:48 p.m. Troy Martin-Jr. Ryan Havens; John Castillo-Randy Cothren
12:56 p.m. Michael Cowley-Tim Kohn; Larry Hook-Ken Burnham
1:04 p.m. Pete Scherer-Brian Scherer; Andrew Bell-Les Littlejohn

First Flight (West-East)
12:16 p.m. Jay Isaacs-Mike Lawter; Mark Rice-Jeff Frazier
12:24 p.m. Steve Corson-Donny Winslow; Mike Abbott-Steve Bodemann
12:32 p.m. Toby Shahan-Boyd Schaneman; Will Reinert-Mike Bodemann
12:40 p.m. Dan Pender-David Pender; Danny Lasser-Casey Miller
12:48 p.m. John Mcffett-Tim Green; Dave Hinckley-Jim Harrison
12:56 p.m. Steve Pierrons-Michael Ledford; Scott Petersen-Bennett Robb
1:04 p.m. Andy Price-Jayson Lester; Doyce Haney-Mike Wallace

Second Flight (West-East)
1:12 p.m. Kevin Widner-Steve Widner; Pete Hudder-Dennis Carter
1:20 p.m. Mike Evans-Bill Scott; Darrell McDonald-Dan Wallraven
1:28 p.m. TJ Greenwood-Frank Morrison; Mark Warner-Dan Bodemann
1:36 p.m. Gene Shumate-Tim Hodgens; Kelly Cooke-Eric Boyt
1:44 p.m. Randy Greer-Brian Knighten; Jeff Gotcher-Roger Alexander
1:52 p.m. Steve Hibbison-Paul Treadwell; Tony Farley-Terry Loyd
2 p.m. Ken Krawetz-Terry Fuller; Wayne A Youngs-Tim Peden

Third Flight (East-North)
1:04 p.m. Randy Randolph-Rusty Welch; Carson Watt-Steve Boudreau
1:12 p.m. Richard Hatchett-Chris Hatchett; Ken Burgess-Cary Billingsley
1:20 p.m. Alan Williams-Rob Barber; Keith Conner-Jeff Gasch
1:28 p.m. Keith Moore-Tommy Richardson; Sean Salois-Don Robinson
1:36 p.m. Gary Jones-Greg Gray; Tommy Foret Jr-Tommy Fioretti III
1:44 p.m. Derek Robinson-Jimmy Bryant; Ron Amnesty-Mark Pruitt
1:52 p.m. Gary Pfannenstiel-Jeff Leary; Gilbert Abila-Blake Arthur
2 p.m. John Reinert-Eric Clutter; Devan Adams-Mike Elphick

Fourth Flight (North-West)
8:24 a.m. Stephen Hillard-Brian Lucas; Johnny Slaughter-Trevor Patton
8:32 a.m. Mark Compton-Hayden Tresner; John Wright-Larry Phillips
8:40 a.m. Andrew Ray-Brad Cochran; Mike Harrison-Nick Harrison
8:48 a.m. Steve Pitts-Zach Pitts; Boyd Finch-Jerrell Pressly
8:56 a.m. Joey Fields-Glen Elliott; Mark Coats-Burt Fuller
9:04 a.m. Rick Yadon-Earl Michie; Nick Mashas-James Haest
9:12 a.m. Ron Harpe-David Essex; Randy Pittman-Brad Turner

Fifth Flight (West-East)
8:26 a.m. DV Edwards-Greg Pearson; Bob Webber-Dr. Daniel Nelson
8:34 a.m. Gary Peckham-Kelly Leonard; Alan Neas-Joe Neal
8:42 a.m. Andy Mullen-Tim Allen; Tony Wilks-Kevin Kelly
8:50 a.m. Fritz Philipps-Pat Worrell; Dale Connally-Chris Connally
8:58 a.m. David Chapple-Kerry Miller; Marsello Barriga-Gus Munoz
9:06 a.m. Rod Roberts-Randy Prince; Todd Hardaway-Joe Wanta
9:14 a.m. Gary Gray-Bobby Laughry; Dr James Gilbert-Jeff Gilbert

Sixth Flight (East-West)
7:30 a.m. Steve Guthrie-Ramon Reyes; Macon McDonald-Tom McIlvain
7:38 a.m. Tony Reeves-Kenny Pulliam; Scott Mitchell-Brandon Martin
7:46 a.m. Gary Gray-Paul Edwards; Paul Jay Mike Sackett
7:54 a.m. Bill Haggerty-Robert Booth; Kevin Leary-Devin Pfeffer
8:02 a.m. Orien Albright III-Michael Deaver; Pat Veach-Harvin Broughton
8:10 a.m. Rolly Hughes-Dane Lucas; Dub House-Kyle Womack
8:18 a.m. Pat Leary-John Morrow; Vince Carlisle-Bobby Adkins

Seventh Flight (East-North)
8:26 a.m. Greg Wilkes-John Nava; Buster Dickey-Matt Dickey
8:34 a.m. Vince Hancock-Jim McGowan; David Reines-Pete Ortez
8:42 a.m. Byron Courts-John Scharbauer; Jeff Bussell-Joe Niederhofer
8:50 a.m. John Qualls-Steve Killingsworth; Butch Wilks-Kevin Dixon
8:58 a.m. Gary Macuiz-Terry Wooster; Bill Reinert-James Garrett
9:06 a.m. Phillip Lawson-Brad Miller; Les Opperman-Ken Dixon
9:14 a.m. Kinney Riley-Terry Newman; Mike Smith-Tyson Cornwell

Eighth Flight (East-North)
7:30 a.m. Gary Walker-Miles Walker; Erich Hardaway-Clark White
7:38 a.m. Dale Wesley-Mike Tisdale; Terry Ives-Tommy Clark
7:46 a.m. Hal Brockett-Doug Duff; Dennis Snyder-Ernest Hernandez
7:54 a.m. Kerry Blair-Steve Fuller; Ronnie Williams-Greg Benton

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

ANOTHER LOW SCORE Jason Lindgren putts his ball on the green at hole No.3 Saturday during the second round of the Jamboree at Green Tree Country Club.

JAMBOREE

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it's going to be tight because somebody will make a charge."

Players were again greeted with some nifty pin placements that left a few competitors scratching their heads, but there were still plenty of birdies and even a few eagles carded on Saturday.

"There were some good pins, but you still hand 8-and 9-under rounds," Dickerson said.

No matter where the pins will be placed today, all the contending teams in the championship flight know that they have to make birdies — and a bunch of them — to have a shot to hold on to the lead or make a charge today.

"This course is short for most of us players, and it's a low number golf course," said Kidd, who teamed with partner Hutson to shoot a 63 and are tied for fourth at 129 for the tournament. "You've got to make birdies, because making pars ... it feels like bogies out there. It all comes down to making putts."

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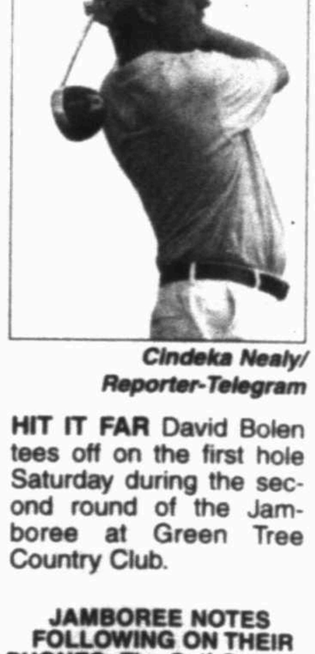
Cindeka Nealy/ Reporter-Telegram

HIT IT FAR David Bolen tees off on the first hole Saturday during the second round of the Jamboree at Green Tree Country Club.

JAMBOREE NOTES FOLLOWING ON THEIR PHONES: The Golf Gamebook application that is available to golfers for their iPhones has been a big hit this weekend at the Jamboree as golfers are constantly keeping up with their competitors through the online service.

"It's nice to know how other people have been playing," said Johnny Kidd.

GOOD DAY: Kidd and partner Rocky Hutson were able to tie the low round of the day with a 9-under 63 on Green Tree and in the process put themselves back in contention heading into today's final round. The two shot 66 in Friday's first round and are at 129 for the tournament.

"We came out today and wanted to shoot (5-under on the front and 5-under on the back) and get to 15," said Kidd, who played at Odessa Permian. "We are at 14-under, so we are still in it."

DEFENDING CHAMPS FALL BACK: For any other team a 6-under 66 might be a round to be happy with, but Dr. defending Jamboree champions Bubba Bailey and David Bolen it's a round that has put them back in the rest of the pack.

The Lubbock duo shot a 63 on Friday, and are now at 129 for the tournament, three strokes behind leaders Kelly Grunewald and Mark Terry and tied for fourth.

BETTER DAYS: A number of players improved on their first round scores, with one of the biggest improvements coming from Daniel Campbell and Tyler Shepperd. The two shot an even par 71 on Friday but came back to shoot a 65 on Saturday, six strokes better.

MORE FUN PIN PLACEMENTS: The Green Tree staff again had golfers talking about some tough pin placements on Saturday as a number of pins were in spots that even regular Green Tree golfers hadn't seen before. And golfers are expecting some interesting ones today.

"They had some brutal pin placements today ... they were pretty goofy," Grunewald said. "They will probably tuck them again (today), and they are not going to make them easy."

TODAY'S COURSE ROTATION: The Championship Flight will tee off between 1:12 and 2:32 p.m. today, and will play on the North and West courses.

Japan, France through to semis in Women's WCup

By Raf Casert
Associated Press

WOLFSBURG, Germany — However shocking the elimination of two-time defending champion Germany, the Women's World Cup took heart that the two most creative teams of Saturday's quarterfinals advanced.

Japan absorbed relentless but dull German pressure for 108 minutes before hitting back with an exquisite counter to stun a host nation fully expecting a hat trick of titles. The 1-0 victory gave Japan its first ever World Cup semifinal spot.

France also had all the moves against England yet needed an 88th minute equalizer for 1-1 and then saw England crumble under pressure when its last two players failed to hit the target to give the penalty shootout away 4-3.

Hulking over their Japanese opponents, Germany was supposed to send the ball high and hope to continue its display of fine heading at the World Cup. And even if the ball sometimes fell kindly to Japan even German coach Silvia Neid had to admit the opponent had skills they didn't.

In midfield, Japan had Homare Sawa who combines leadership with vision, speed and endurance and the hosts could only watch in awe.

"I take my hat off to her," said Neid. "It is her fifth World Cup and she still plays so well."

Sawa set up substitute Karina Maruyama with a deep pass in extra time and the substitute outran the German defense and put Japan through with a drive from a tight angle to make the difference.

In Germany's first loss in the tournament in a dozen years, Japan absorbed relentless pressure during regulation time and hit back when it counted.

It set Japan up for a semifinal Wednesday in Frankfurt against the winner of the clash between Sweden and Australia on Sunday.

QUARTERFINALS
Saturday's Scores
At Leverkusen, Germany
England 1, France 1 (France wins 4-3 on penalty kicks)
At Wolfsburg, Germany
Japan 1, Germany 0, OT
Sunday, July 10
At Augsburg, Germany
Sweden vs. Australia, 6 a.m.
At Dresden, Germany
Brazil vs. United States, 10:30 a.m.

SEMIFINALS
Wednesday, July 13
At Moenchengladbach, Germany
Losers vs. Brazil-United States winner, 11 a.m.
At Frankfurt
Japan vs. Sweden-Australia winner, 1:45 p.m.

THIRD PLACE
Saturday, July 16
At Sinsheim, Germany
Semifinal losers, 10:30 a.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, July 17
At Frankfurt
Semifinal winners, 1:45 p.m.

Almost a tradition now, the Japanese players united behind a Japanese banner saying, "To our friends around the world — Thank you for your support," recognizing the global aid in the wake of the deadly Japanese earthquake and tsunami in March.

"In times of distress we think of the problems in the disaster regions and the images of these people gave us strength," said Japan coach Norio Sasaki.

Like Japan, France advanced to the semifinals for the first time.

The French also left it late. Elise Bussaglia scoring with two minutes remaining to pull level at 1-1 after Jill Scott had put England ahead in the 59th minute.

"I thought I was at the wrong movie, to have a match with so many chances but we couldn't score," said France coach Bruno Bini. "It could have been 3-0. We didn't get our reward until the very end."

With neither side able to score in extra-time, England captain Faye White missed the decisive penalty kick to leave her side with that familiar feeling.

"England get knocked out on penalties. How boring is that?" asked England coach Hope Powell.

France will play the winner of Sunday's clash between the United States or Brazil in Moenchengladbach on Wednesday.

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They usually go years without a single one — like the two year-plus unbeaten streak they had before being stunned by Mexico in regional qualifying.

"It doesn't matter if the U.S. has had some bad results in the last six months," said Marta, Brazil's dazzling playmaker. "It's Brazil-U.S., a big game. It's special."

Just like it's men's team, Brazil's roster is loaded with spectacular players. Marta, the FIFA player of the year five times running, is so gifted with the ball it looks as if she's got it on a string, creating goals out of thin air. Cristiane has scored twice so far, once on a penalty kick. Brazil's unique 3-5-2 formation presents all kinds of challenges.

For all their star power, the Brazilians have never won the title at a major tournament. They lost to the Americans in the last two Olympic finals, and were runners-up to Germany at the 2007 World Cup.

Their track record against the Americans is less than impressive. The U.S. is 23-2-2 all-time against Brazil, with only one loss since January 1998. All but four of those matches since 1998 were shutouts, and Brazil managed a grand total of eight goals.

"Those defeats don't matter," Brazil coach Kleiton Lima said through a translator. "They rise up with this experience. They are much better in this moment."

Much has been made about the teams' last meeting at the World Cup. Brazil's 4-0 rout in the semifinals was the worst defeat in U.S. history and led to a melt-down worthy of a soap opera. Goalkeeper Hope Solo blasted then-coach Greg Ryan's decision to bench her against Brazil despite three straight shutouts, and Ryan responded by kicking Solo off the team. Less than a month later, Ryan was essentially fired.

Hamilton's HR gives Texas win over Oakland

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Josh Hamilton hit a game-ending, two-run homer to give Texas a 7-6 victory over Oakland on Saturday night and extend the Rangers' winning streak to six games.

Hamilton connected on a 2-0 pitch with two outs in the ninth off A's closer Andrew Bailey (0-2), a 435-foot shot into the second deck of seats in right field. It was Hamilton's fourth hit of the game, and his 11th homer of the season.

The winning homer comes during an emotional stretch for Hamilton, who two nights earlier tossed a ball into the stands toward a Brownwood firefighter who tumbled over the rail and fell about 20 feet to concrete below. The man died less than an hour after the fall.

Flags remained at half-staff and players on both teams again wore black ribbons two nights after Shannon Stone's fatal fall during the opener of the four-game series, when he was at the game with his 6-year-old son. Stone's funeral is Monday.

Elvis Andrus reached on an infield single right before the homer by Hamilton, who knew as soon as he hit the ball that it was gone.

Hamilton took a couple of steps, put his head down and started the trot that ended with him being mobbed at home plate by his teammates.

Andrus had hit what appeared to be a game-ending grounder, but second baseman Jemile Weeks' soft throw was a bit late and wide to first baseman Conor Jackson. When Jackson reached out to try to catch the ball, the speedy Andrus collided with him and both players went to the ground.

The only other six-game winning streak for the AL West-leading Rangers came when they opened this season 6-0.

A day after Stone's fall, Hamilton chose to play Friday night instead of taking the day off Rangers manager Ron Washington offered the reigning AL MVP.

He went 1 for 5, and in the sixth inning fouled off a ball that hit a fan in the head. The fan, who wasn't paying attention, needed stitches to close the cut but was OK.

Tony Gutierrez/AP

BIG GUNS Texas' Josh Hamilton acknowledges cheers from fans by pumping his fist as he walks off the field after hitting a game-winning two-run home run Saturday in the ninth inning of a game against the Oakland Athletics in Arlington.

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determined that everything was up to code. City building requirements are that guardrails must be at least 26 inches high.

"We're going to look into anything that we can do to make our stadium safer for our fans," team president Nolan Ryan said. "We will do a study on that, and we don't know what, if there is anything, that we can do. But we certainly are open to anything that we can do."

Stone's funeral will be held at First United Methodist in Brownwood, a town about 150 miles from Arlington. The 39-year-old Stone had been a firefighter there for 18 years.

Visitation is scheduled Sunday night at Davis Morris Funeral Home in Brownwood.

Stone was at Thursday night's game with his 6-year-old son, Cooper.

During the second inning, All-Star outfielder Josh Hamilton heard someone call out to him for a ball. He turned to see Stone and his son in the first row of seats, then responded to the pair with a nod. The boy's favorite player is the reigning AL MVP.

A few pitches later, Oakland's Conor Jackson hit a foul ball that ricocheted into left field. Hamilton scooped up the ball and tossed it their way.

When Shannon Stone reached out and caught the ball, he slipped over the rail and fell as his son watched and a nearby fan unsuccessfully tried to grab the man.

Fire officials said Stone, who witnesses said was conscious after the fall, "went into full arrest" in the ambulance and was pronounced dead at the hospital. Authorities said Friday that he died from blunt force trauma to the head caused by a fall from a height.

Stone fell through a gap of several feet between the first row of seats and the 14-foot-high outfield wall that has a video scoreboard on it.

That electronic board was installed before the 2009 season, replacing a hand-operated scoreboard that had been there since the stadium had opened.

As part of those changes, a deck-like covering that had been over the gap was removed. That covering, in part, protected workers operating the old scoreboard from falling objects such as baseballs and items dropped from the stands.

3rd round of US Women's Open suspended by weather

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — For months now, the battered country of Japan has been looking for a lift.

By using her blossoming golf game as a tool for charity, 21-year-old Mika Miyazato could turn the U.S. Women's Open into the feel-good story her country seeks — and back it with some cold, hard cash.

Miyazato shot 67 to grab the lead at 5-under-par 137 at the halfway point at the Broadmoor on Saturday, where rain once again stopped play early and brought up the prospect of a grueling, 36-hole Sunday.

She had a one-shot lead over Ai Miyazato — who is not related but is from the same city, Okinawa. When the Miyazatos return to the course, they will play in the final group together, each wearing red and white pins they created to raise awareness for the thousands of victims in a country ravaged by an earthquake, tsunami and the resulting nuclear catastrophe.

The pins have Japanese characters that translate to "Never Give Up Japan."

For Mika, it goes beyond mere symbols, though. She is donating all her winnings from the 2011 majors to the Red Cross for the recovery cause in her home country. That has already totaled more than $100,000 thanks to top-10 finishes at the first two majors. First place at the U.S. Open is worth around $600,000.

"Winning majors is what I strive for," she said. "And to donate all of my earnings from the majors, I hope to give positive things to the people who are around the disaster area."

What a way to make a name for herself — even though Mika has spent most of her young career being confused with Ai Miyazato. Ai has six LPGA Tour victories to none for Mika and she has spent a longer time on the radar as the best hope to become the next golf superstar in a country that loves the game.

Mark J. Terrill/AP

TRYING TO BEAT THE RAIN Mika Miyazato reacts on the eighth hole as she finishes the delayed second round of the Women's U.S. Open at the Broadmoor Golf Club on Saturday, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Jeter homers for 3,000th hit, first Yank to do it

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

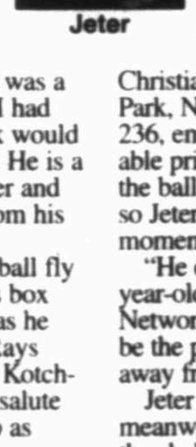
NEW YORK — Mobbed by his pinstriped pals after the ball sailed into the left-field seats, showered by ovations from his fans, Derek Jeter stood alone — the first New York Yankees player to reach 3,000 hits.

His first home run at Yankee Stadium this year, too.

A fitting crown for the captain.

With a swift swing of his shiny black bat, Jeter jolted himself into historic company, hitting a solo home run off Tampa Bay ace David Price in the third inning Saturday in what turned into a 5-4 Yankee win. He became the 28th major leaguer to hit the milestone and joined former teammate Wade Boggs as the only players to do it with a home run.

"Congratulations, first of all, to Derek Jeter on joining the 3,000 hit club. It is an exclusive honor, achieved by only a select group, that not many people can call their own. It is a monumental achievement," Boggs said in a statement. "I had the opportunity to play with Derek when he was a rookie in 1996, and I had no doubts that Derek would reach this milestone. He is a very consistent player and he never deviated from his game."



Jeter

Jeter watched the ball fly as he left the batter's box and gave a big clap as he rounded first base. Rays first baseman Casey Kotchman was the first to salute Jeter, doffing his cap as Jeter passed by.

By then, all of Jeter's teammates were already celebrating in the dugout, raising their arms almost in unison. A special time for No. 2 — his second hit of the game, and right at 2 p.m.

The ball, one of the specially marked ones put in play for the occasion, disappeared into a cluster of fans a few rows beyond the wall. Christian Lopez of Highland Park, N.Y., sitting in Section 236, emerged with the valuable prize. He gladly gave the ball back to the Yankees so Jeter can have the momento.

"He earned it," the 23-year-old Lopez told the YES Network. "I'm not going to be the person to take that away from him."

Jeter 3K merchandise, meanwhile, began flying off the shelves at the souvenir stands. Hats, pins, shirts and more, all commemorating No. 3,000, hadn't gone on sale until it occurred.

True to his nature of staying focused on the game, Jeter briskly rounded the bases. But there was no way this moment was going to pass without plenty of fanfare.

Good buddy Jorge Posada greeted Jeter with a bear-hug after he touched home plate. Mariano Rivera and the rest of the Yankees were right behind, swallowing up Jeter before he could reach the dugout. The bullpen gate swung open, too, as New York's relievers came pouring in.

The 37-year-old Jeter, still in the midst of a most difficult season, waved to the crowd several times, then clenched his fist and pointed up to the box where his dad and steady girlfriend, actress Minka Kelly, were sitting. His dad was in attendance on this sunny afternoon — his mom and sister were absent, attending a christening.

SCORES

U.S. Women's Open Scores
Saturday
The Broadmoor, East Course
Colorado Springs, Colo.
Purse: $3.25 million
Yardage: 7,047; Par 71
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a-amateur

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Leaderboard at time of suspended play

	SCORE	THRU
1. Mika Miyazato	-5	DNS
2. A. Miyazato	4	DNS
3. I.K. Kim	3	DNS
4. Ryann O'Toole	1	DNS
4. Stacy Lewis	1	DNS
6. Paula Creamer	E	DNS
6. Angela Stanford	E	DNS
6. Lizette Salas	E	DNS
6. Sun Young Yoo	E	DNS
6. Wendy Ward	E	DNS
6. Eun-Hee Ji	E	DNS
12. So Yeon Ryu	+1	DNS
12. Cristie Kerr	+1	DNS
12. Karrie Webb	+1	DNS
15. Meena Lee	+2	3
15. Amy Yang	+2	DNS
15. Mariajo Uribe	+2	DNS
15. Hee Young Park	+2	DNS
15. Inbee Park	+2	DNS
15. Teresa Lu	+2	DNS
15. Leta Lindley	+2	DNS

SATURDAY'S MLB ROUNDUP

American League

WHITE SOX 4, TWINS 3: At Chicago, Alexei Ramirez hit a game-ending RBI single with two out in the ninth inning, sending Chicago to its first win over the Twins in seven meetings this season.

The White Sox also ended a nine-game losing streak to Minnesota dating to last season.

RED SOX 4, ORIOLES 0: At Boston, John Lackey rebounded from the worst start of his Red Sox career with 6 2-3 shutout innings and Boston extended its winning streak to five games with a 4-0 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Saturday night.

Lackey, booed last Monday as he left the mound after allowing seven runs in 2 1-3 innings, got a standing ovation as he strode to the dugout with runners at first and second in the seventh. Daniel Bard then retired Nolan Reimold on an inning-ending popup.

ROYALS 13, TIGERS 6: At Kansas City, Mo., Alex Gordon belted a three-run homer and the Kansas City Royals roughed up Charlie Furbush, then weathered Luke Hochevar's struggles in a 13-6 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Saturday night.

Alcides Escobar drove in three runs and scored three times for the Royals, who led 9-2 after three innings. Melky Cabrera and Billy Butler had two RBIs apiece.

BLUE JAYS 5, INDIANS 4: At Cleveland, Jose Bautista led off the 10th inning with his second homer of the game, lifting the Blue Jays to the victory.

National League

MARLINS 6, ASTROS 1: At Miami, Ricky Nolasco tossed a seven-hitter for his sixth career complete game, Logan Morrison hit a bases-loaded triple in Florida's four-run fifth inning and the Marlins beat the Houston Astros.

DODGERS 1, PADRES 0: At Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Dodgers got their first hit with two outs in the ninth inning and still beat the San Diego Padres 1-0 when Dioner Navarro singled in Juan Uribe for the unlikely victory.

BRAVES 4, PHILLIES 1, 11 INNINGS: At Philadelphia, Alex Gonzalez hit the go-ahead RBI single and Brian McCann added a two-run homer in the 11th to lift the Atlanta Braves over the Philadelphia Phillies.

CUBS 6, PIRATES 3: At Pittsburgh, Ryan Dempster won for the first time in five starts despite arguing with manager Mike Quade after he was lifted after five innings, and the Chicago Cubs beat the Pittsburgh Pirates.

ROCKIES 2, NATIONALS 1: At Washington, Ubaldo Jimenez allowed one run in eight innings and Todd Helton homered, doubled and drove in both runs as the Colorado Rockies beat the Washington Nationals.

REDS 8, BREWERS 4, 10 INNINGS: At Milwaukee, Jay Bruce hit a solo homer to start the 10th inning and Cincinnati exploded for five runs to beat the Milwaukee Brewers after the Reds met before the game to clear the air following more than a week of frustration.

CARDINALS 7, DIAMONDBACKS 6: At St. Louis, Albert Pujols tied it in the eighth inning with his first home run since returning the disabled list and rookie pinch-hitter Tony Cruz hit a game-ending RBI double in the ninth, capping the St. Louis Cardinals' comeback from a four-run deficit in a victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

GIANTS 3, METS 1: At San Francisco, Tim Lincecum labored through six innings to win for the second time in his past eight starts and Pablo Sandoval had two hits to extend his hitting streak to 20 games as the San Francisco Giants beat the New York Mets.

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MIDLAND PRO BASEBALL CONNECTION

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

Through Friday, July 9
Pitchers
Chris Withrow (Midland Christian), RHP, Chatanooga Lookouts (L.A. Dodgers Double-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
14	75.2	3-5	0	66	40	34	35	73	4.04

Jim Henderson (Midland College), RHP
Huntsville Stars (Milwaukee Brewers Double-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
14	16.0	3-0	5	9	2	2	4	19	1.13

Nashville Sounds (Milwaukee Brewers Triple-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
12	20.2	2-1	0	18	18	19	17	21	8.27

Logan Bawcom (Greenwood, Midland College), RHP, Great Lakes Loons (L.A. Dodgers Single-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
31	45.1	4-1	14	33	18	14	16	56	2.78

Conrad Flynn (Lee High School), RHP, Missoula Osprey (Arizona Diamondbacks Rookie)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
5	15.2	2-0	0	13	7	7	6	20	4.0

Brandon Williamson (Lee High School, Midland College), RHP, Helena Brewers (Milwaukee Brewers Rookie)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
3	14.0	1-1	0	16	10	10	2	11	6.43

Position Players
Laynce Nix (Midland High), OF, Washington Nationals

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
208	30	58	11	1	12	33	13	2	.279

Jayson Nix (Midland High), 3B, Toronto Blue Jays

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
136	15	23	5	1	4	16	12	4	.169

Tim Smith (Midland College), OF, Northwest Arkansas Naturals (Kansas City Royals Double-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
201	33	59	10	2	8	39	14	8	.294

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

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
65	8	21	3	1	0	4	2	4	.323

Rebel Ridling (Midland College), 1B, Tennessee Smokies (Chicago Cubs Double-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
271	51	81	12	0	13	49	21	3	.299

Cole White (Midland High), OF
West Virginia Power (Pittsburgh Pirates Single-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
59	7	18	5	1	2	10	6	1	.305

Bradenton Marauders (Pittsburgh Pirates Advanced-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
63	8	13	5	0	1	3	5	1	.206

SATURDAY'S GOLF ROUNDUP

PGA

JOHN DEERE CLASSIC: At Silvis, Ill., Steve Stricker assumed a familiar spot atop the John Deere Classic leaderboard, shooting an 8-under 63 to go up by two strokes after three rounds.

Stricker knocked in a 75-foot birdie putt on the first hole and went on to post his best round of the year while closing in on his third straight victory in the tournament.

He's at 20-under 193 following a par on save on 18, where he twice hit into bunkers before drilling a 15-foot putt.

Champions

FIRST TEE OPEN: At Pebble Beach, Calif., Jay Haas shot a 7 under 65 to take a two-stroke lead over three other players after two rounds of the First Tee Open.

Haas, who owns 14 Champions Tour titles but is winless since 2009, had seven birdies, including three of the four par-5s, and played bogey free to get to 11-under 133.

That was in stark contrast to his opening round, when Haas birdied six of the first nine holes to take an early lead before falling back with a pair of bogeys on the back nine.

PGA European

SCOTTISH OPEN: At Inverness, Scotland, the Scottish Open was reduced to a three-round event after torrential rain overnight and throughout Saturday flooded the Castle Stuart links course at Inverness, wiping out the entire third day's play.

The leaderboard remained unchanged, leaving 2010 U.S. Open champion Graeme McDowell in a three-way share of the lead at 11 under with Scottish pair Peter Whiteford and Scott Jamieson. All three finished their second rounds in dry, still conditions early Friday.

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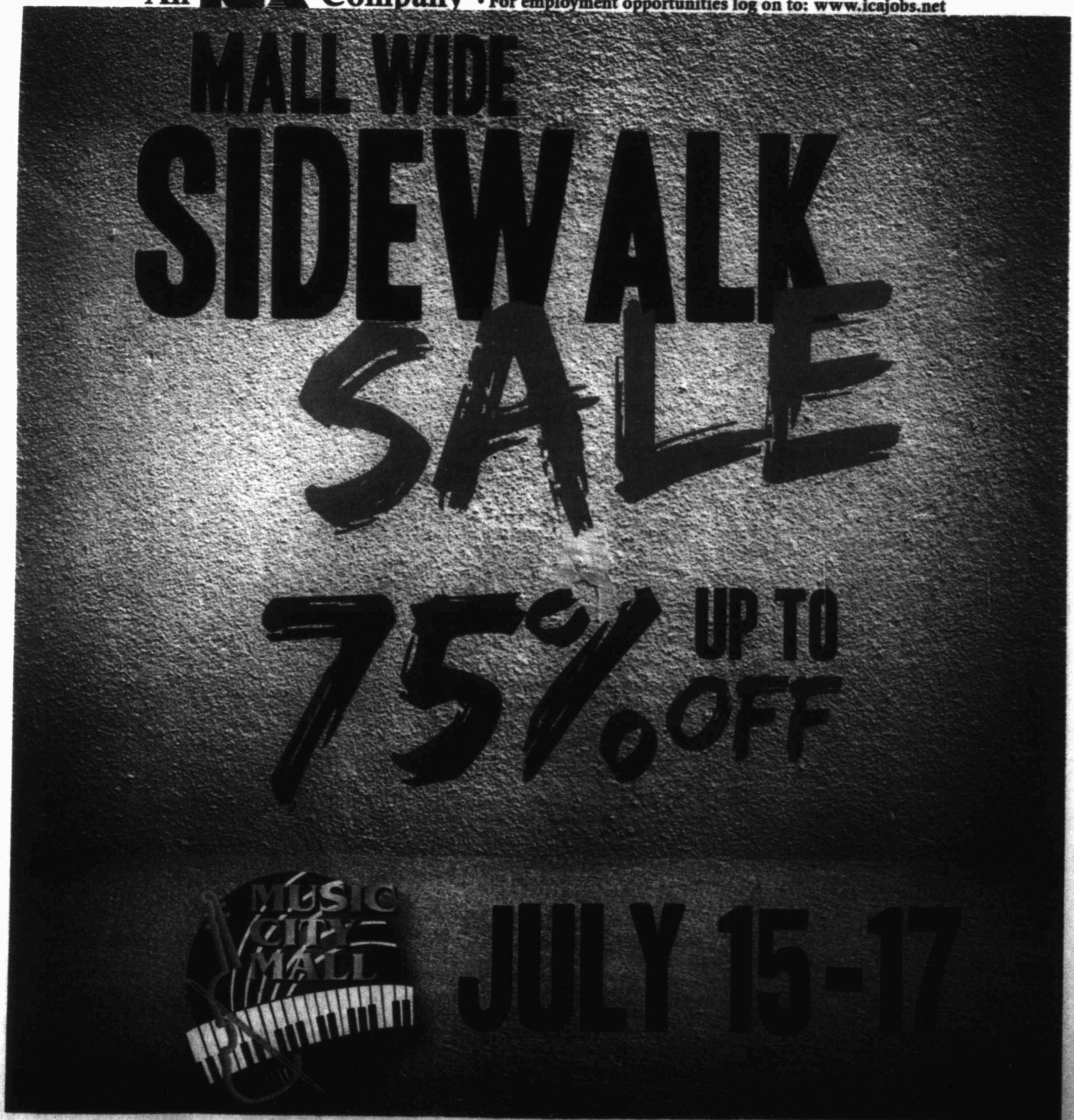

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Any County of the State of Texas Greetings:

WHEREAS, at the MARCH, 2009 Term of the COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO.2 of Midland County, Texas on April 15th, 2009, in a certain cause styled CACH, LLC vs. EDWARD MARTINEZ and numbered CC14081; on the Civil Docket of said Court, CACH, LLC recovered a Judgment against EDWARD MARTINEZ for $3,006.72; Attorney's fees in the amount of $992.22; and Judgment shall bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum from the date of Judgment until paid.

Now THEREFORE, you are hereby commanded that of the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of the said EDWARD MARTINEZ, you cause to be made the said sum of the above amount of dollars, the amount actually due and unpaid upon said Judgment, with interest thereon as described above and the further sum of $368.00 as costs of suit together with your legal fees, and commissions for collecting the same, and the officer executing this writ shall execute the same according to law and the mandates hereof.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, and have you this writ showing how you have executed the same together with said moneys collected as herein directed, before the above Court at the Courthouse thereof in Midland, Texas, within 90 days from the date of the issuance of this writ.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in Midland, Texas, on June 3rd, 2011

(seal)

ROSS BUSH, DISTRICT CLERK
MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS
By: /s/
LOIS STEWART, Deputy

Legal & Public Notices

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Midland County Hospital District is requesting proposals for an **Orthopedic Small Bone Power System** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after Monday, July 11, 2011

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 p.m. (noon), Tuesday, August 2, 2011.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP #1036-071111 Enclosed"**.

Under no circumstances will faxed or emailed proposals from respondents be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected until August 2, 2012

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive formalities.

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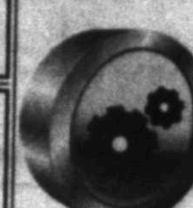

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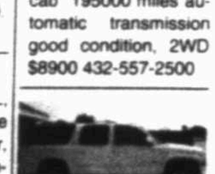

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INVITATION to BID

Midland County Hospital District is requesting bids for **Data Center HVAC Improvements** at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after Monday, July 11, 2011.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Monday, July 25, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the Facilities Services Conference Room of Midland Memorial Hospital – Main Campus.

A Performance Bond and Payment Bond in an amount of 100 percent (100%) of the contract price will be required by the Owner.

All bids must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 p.m. (noon), Tuesday, August 2, 2011**.

All bids must be sealed and labeled "**BID #1035-071111 Enclosed**".

Under no circumstances will faxed or emailed bids from bidders be accepted.

All bids must be price protected until December 2, 2011.

All bids will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the bids in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Bids shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
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Midland County Hospital District is requesting bids for **Air Handler Replacements** at Midland Memorial Hospital.

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A Performance Bond and Payment Bond in an amount of 100 percent (100%) of the contract price will be required by the Owner.

All bids must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 p.m. (noon), Tuesday, August 16, 2011.**

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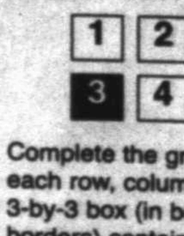

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ON THE JOB

MIND YOUR MANNERS

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
CTW FEATURES

If women can break through the glass ceiling, then surely they can open doors for themselves. Same goes for donning coats and pulling out chairs at restaurants.

That's why gender-neutral etiquette is the norm these days in work settings. Even among those who decry the demise of chivalry, "there is kind of a distinct separation in business because women today want to be equal," says certified etiquette consultant Patricia O'Brien of Manners, Please in Skokie, Ill.

For example, while it used to be expected that a man would let a woman go ahead of him when entering or exiting an elevator, in an office building "there's no hard and fast rule," she says.

But there is a gender-neutral rule regarding elevators, adds O'Brien: "Always wait until people exit before getting on."

A man and woman on their first date might have a tough time figuring out whether and how chivalrous behavior is appropriate. But men and women who work together should set that concern aside and practice mannerly conventions based on mutual respect as opposed to gender.

Some gender-neutral etiquette rules for business settings:

Men don't necessarily open doors for women; people open doors for people. "As a woman, if someone opens a door for you, you shouldn't protest this act of politeness, but offer your thanks," says Marjorie Brody, president and chief executive officer of Brody Professional Development, Jenkintown, Pa.

Shake hands with everyone the same way, regardless of sex, using a "one-hand, straight-up-and-down handshake," Brody says. Bone-crushingly firm handshakes are just rude.

Women should always stand when introduced, as men do, in a one-on-one encounter or in a group. Introduce people in business based on rank, not gender, stating the higher-ranking person's name first. A client outranks even the CEO.

The host of a business lunch (the one who extended the invitation) pays for the meal regardless of sex.

Nothing belongs on the dining table except food and eating utensils. "That means no cell phones," Brody says. Wait until the plates have been cleared away and coffee is served before bringing up business and pulling out papers and electronics.

Don't cut up meat all at once. Cut it one piece at a time.

If you excuse yourself from the table and are returning, place your napkin to the left side of your plate, not in your chair. You don't want to transfer food from your soiled napkin to the chair and then onto the seat of your slacks, Brody says.

If someone proposes a toast in your honor, "stay seated and don't drink the toast to yourself," Brody says. After the toast, offer some remarks in return.

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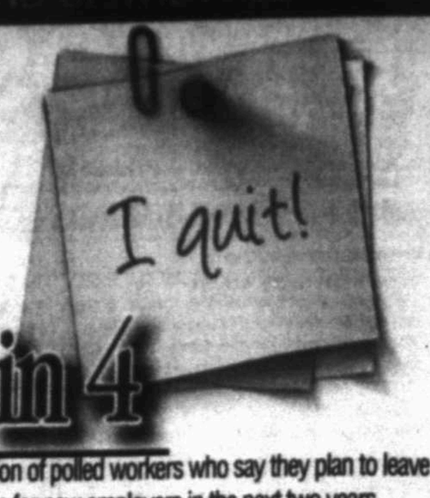

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HIDE AND SEEK

FOR EVERY POSTED OPENING, THESE EXPERTS ADVISE, THERE'S A 'HIDDEN MARKET' JOB SEEKERS SHOULD TARGET.

By MELANIE WANZEK
CTW FEATURES

Part of the problem job seekers face isn't that the jobs aren't available – it's that they can't see them.

Employers fill between 50 percent to 80 percent of jobs through something known as the "hidden job market," according to career expert Donald Asher, author of "Cracking The Hidden Job Market: How to Find Opportunity in Any Economy" (Ten Speed Press, 2010).

"The hidden job market is all of the jobs that are invisible to a jobseeker," Asher says. "The person who gets the job often gets it without actually responding to a posted opening."

The truth is, jobs become available every day. Yet many go unadvertised simply because the employer lacks the capacity and energy to sort through hundreds of resumes. Even if positions are posted, in order to get noticed a jobseeker must be perfect.

"And let's face it, most people are not," Asher says. "That means the hidden job market is more important than ever, though, because you don't have to be perfect."

According to David Perry, co-author of "Guerrilla Marketing for Job Hunters 3.0" (Wiley, 2011), people miss out on opportunities because many are found in places where people aren't accustomed to seeing them. He says companies create most jobs in three ways: company growth, attrition (when someone leaves or is transferred), or if the employer wants to replace someone without telling others. Even in tough economies and hiring freezes, jobs that open up in one of these ways can mean the company will hire a replacement. But they might first interview internal candidates and ask coworkers for referrals.

"In all three cases, the job remains hidden to the outside world for weeks, if not months," Perry says.

As a result, job seekers need to reach a hiring manager at this crucial moment: once the hiring need is apparent, but before that need is made public.

The biggest mistake people make is to jump in without a plan, Perry says. He recommends job seekers first clearly define the position they are looking for and make a list of the top 10 to 20 of their ideal employers. Then they need to invest time in each of them to be able to communicate why hiring them makes financial sense – to be able to a explain to a hiring manager, for example, the tangible benefit they will bring to the company.

Asher says the plan of attack then boils down to one focus: talking to real people.

One approach he recommends is for job seekers to submit résumés to companies even when they don't have an opening posted. Then follow up by finding the direct e-mail of someone strategic.

"Just write to them and tell them you would love to work for their organization, and be specific about what type of position you're looking for," he says.

Though the failure rate is high, Asher points out that the failure rate of blindly submitting resumes online is high, too. "Yes, people will ignore you," he says. "But if you get ignored 15 of 16 times, who cares if the 16th time someone responds with helpful information?"

He also recommends job seekers reach out to everyone they know, whether they are former colleagues, classmates, attend the same church or know the jobseeker from a variety of formal and informal ways.

"Ask them, Who do you know that would know anything about… and fill in the blank with what you're interested in, like 'internships with the United Nations,'" Asher says. He claims that "Statistically, one-half percent to four percent of people will know someone who knows something about your question."

It may seem daunting to initiate conversations with so many people, but the extra effort pays off the moment a new lead appears that hasn't been posted.

"You need to talk to the right people at the right time and gain leads," he says. "Then the competition is much smaller – maybe eight people, rather than 500 other people."

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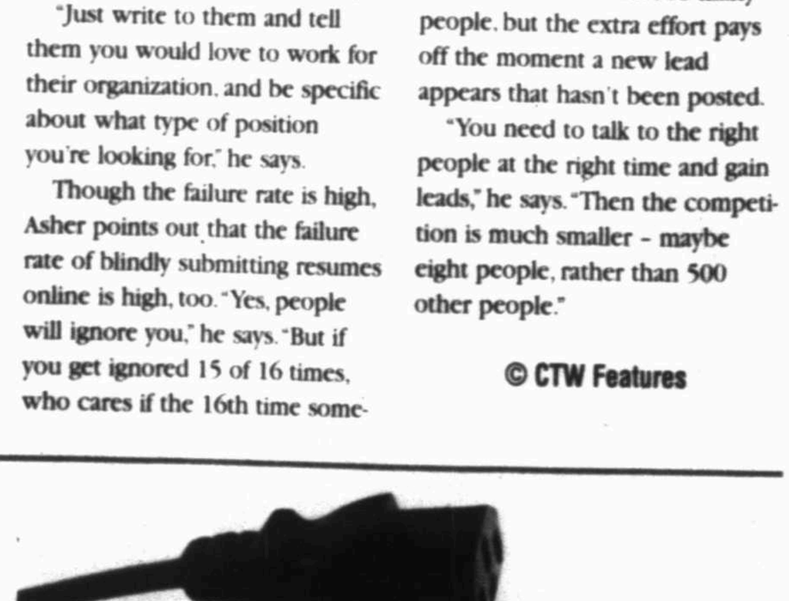
TRAVEL TIP

POWER MOVE

What is black, has a tail, travels with its owner and tends to get left behind? It's not a treasured pet but a laptop power cord. And though power cords are replaceable, leaving one behind can be a major inconvenience to on-the-go businesspeople.

A power cord can't find its way home but if you label it with your name and cell phone number, you could be reunited with it before you even notice it is missing. "If you leave it in a coffee shop, you might get a phone call before you get out of the parking lot," says certified professional organizer Diane Albright, All Bright Ideas, Allentown, Pa. And if you leave it in an airport lounge, you may get a call before you board the plane.

Making sure your power cord and adapter has a tag on it, so to speak, also prevents you from grabbing a co-worker's or family member's incompatible cord by mistake. – *D.K.*



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New Mexico Junior College PT

New Mexico Junior College is seeking applicants for the position of P-T SEE Sign Language Interpreter. This position reports to the Dean of Enrollment Management. Duties and responsibilities shall be, but are not limited to, the following: facilitate communication between hearing and deaf / hard of hearing individuals by interpreting lectures, discussions, announcements, conservations, meetings, events and other spoken word situations by using the Signed Exact English manual sign system. Please go to the NMJC website at www.nmjc.edu to view position descriptions and qualifications. Salary is based on experience and qualifications.

Application Deadline: Open until filled.

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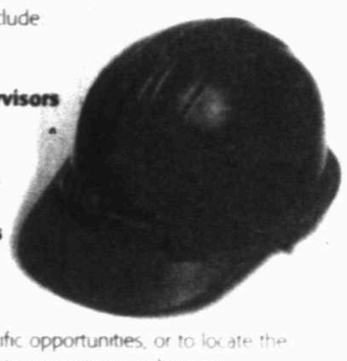

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Minimum of 1 year experience working on diesel engines is required, Detroit Diesel, MTU, or Allison Transmission experience beneficial.

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Must possess the ability to diagnose and perform standard mechanical, electrical, and maintenance repairs of all types of standby and prime power generators in a variety of environments. Qualified technician must have the ability to work responsibly with little supervision and communicate with customers effectively.
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In this role, you will maintain production databases, forecast future production, perform economic evaluations, and assist with reporting for both operated and non-operated development programs. You will also assist reservoir engineers with annual corporate processes such as long-range plans and reserves reporting.

To qualify, you must have 2+ years of experience as an Engineering Technician in the Upstream oil and gas industry and a high school diploma/GED, along with Microsoft Office and Access proficiency. A Bachelor's degree in Engineering, 5+ years of experience and proficiency with OFM, PEEP, and Wellview are ideal. The ability to handle large data sets, a general understanding of SEC reserves terminology and guidelines, and familiarity with drilling, completion and production data types and terminology are desirable. Req # 00BZA.

RESERVOIR ENGINEER

Key responsibilities include evaluating well performance of fracture stimulated horizontal wells, forecasting future production, and evaluating partner operated new drill proposals. You will also collaborate with completion engineers to optimize future well completions and with other reservoir engineers and geoscientists to high-grade drilling inventory and optimize well spacing.

For consideration, you must possess a Bachelor's degree in engineering, a willingness to travel (<15%) and have 6+ years of engineering experience with an upstream oil and gas company. Ideally you will also have experience with unconventional reservoirs and 10+ years direct experience as a Reservoir and/or Petroleum Engineer. A variety of additional experience is helpful and detailed online. Req # 00C05.

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All applicants must have a valid Texas Driver's License, proof of auto liability insurance coverage, and will be subject to a criminal history background check. For additional information and qualifications for all positions, see our electronic application and current job listing available at www.pbmhmr.com. For questions, contact the Human Resources Department at 432-570-3322.

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Traditional Undergraduate Faculty Associate — Requisition No. 83694

Contact Dr. Cynthia O'Neal at Cynthia.oneal@ttuhsc.edu for inquiries regarding the Traditional Undergraduate positions and Dr. Melinda Mitchell at Melinda.mitchell@ttuhsc.edu for inquiries regarding the Non-Traditional Undergraduate positions.

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Elias Rodriquez
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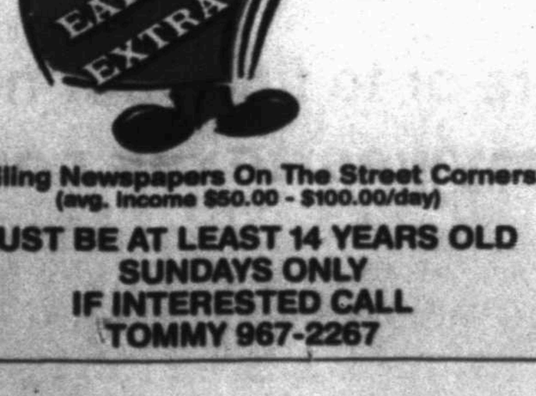

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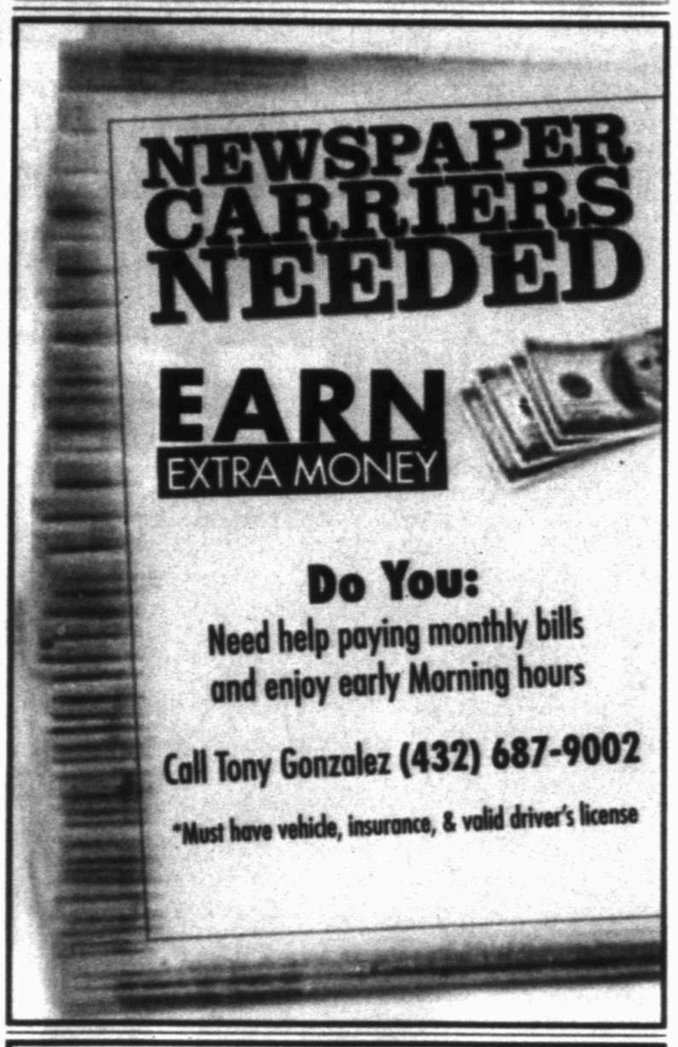

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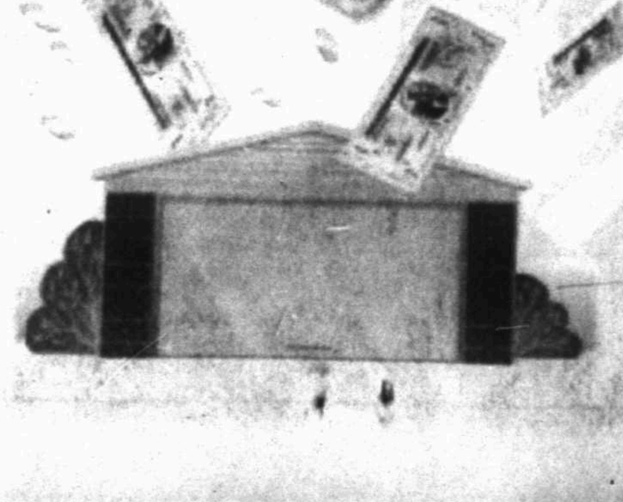

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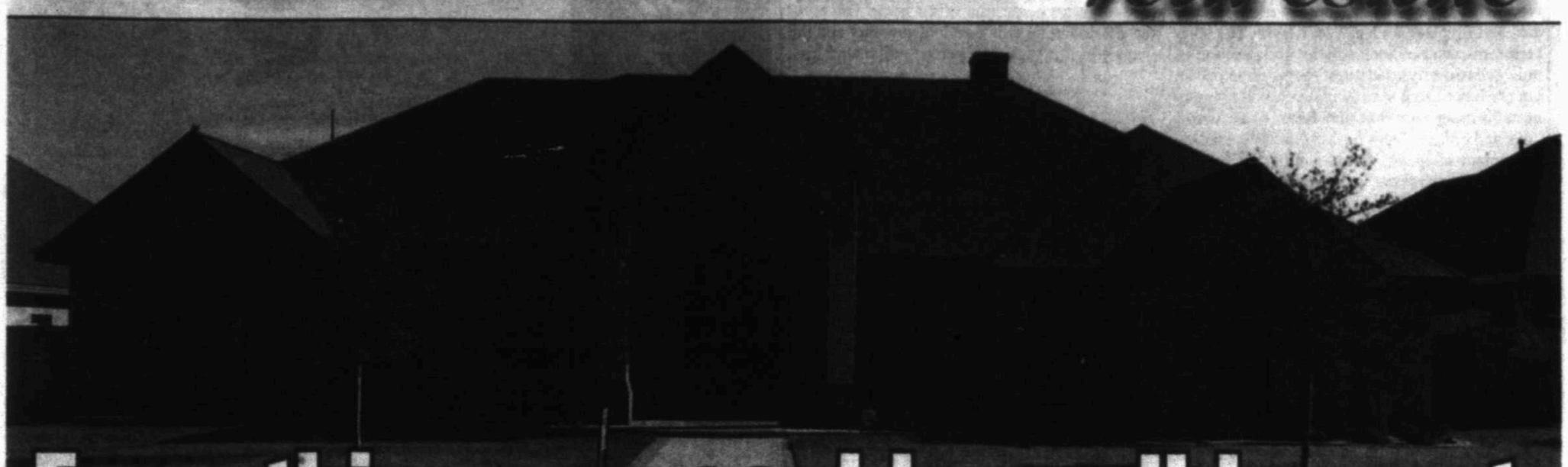
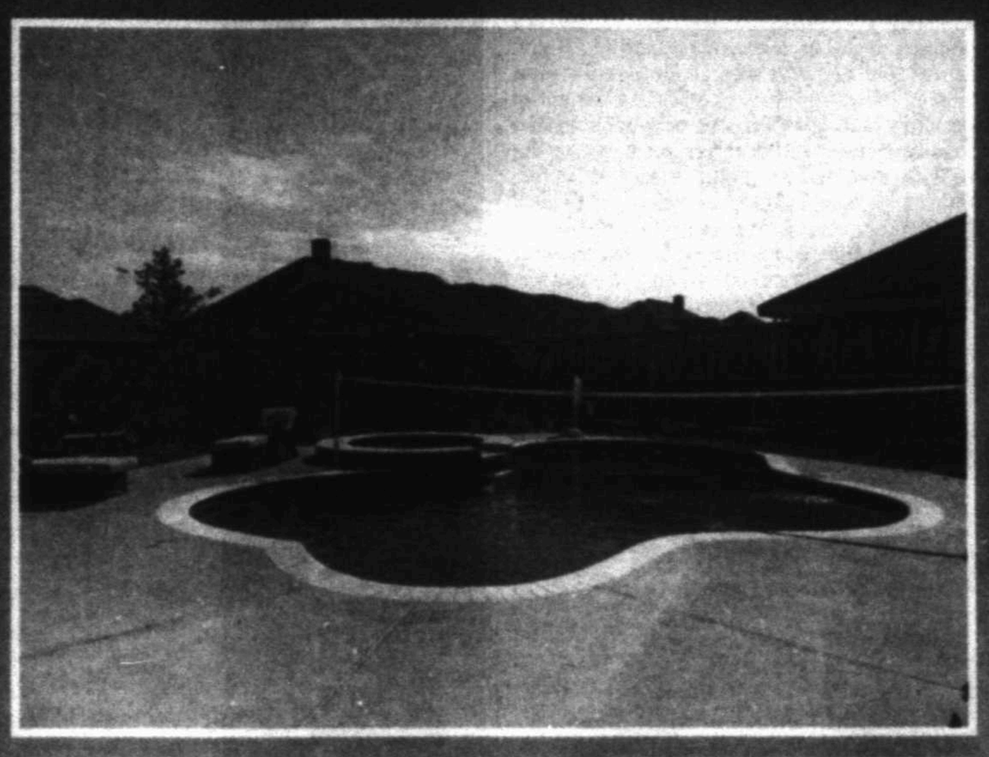


Everything you could possibly want

Everything you could possibly want in a home is waiting for you at 6316 Hopewood in Grasslands West. This 4,422 square foot home was built in 2010, only 9 months ago. The entire is open with natural light pouring from all directions, including 2 skylights. There are so many custom upgrades that make this home unique it's difficult to choose a place to start. This home features four bedrooms, each bedroom has its own bath. There is an additional half bath for guests. The Living area, dining area and kitchen are open and flow perfectly into the outdoor living area for entertaining. There is also a four car garage. Schools for this area include Scharbauer Elementary, Abel Jr. High and Lee High School. The home is nicely landscaped and the trees will provide future shading.



Walking up to the home you are greeted by the most beautiful custom 11 foot Durango doors. Through the doors into the open foyer you are welcomed by a feeling of openness. The foyer boasts twelve foot ceilings, a wrought iron chandelier and a beautiful 20 inch tile floor. Directly to the right off of the entry is a study featuring a large window, custom scraped wood floor and crown molding. Continuing to the right down the hallway you will find two of the four bedrooms. Each bedroom features designer-look carpeting, large closets, three inch plantation shutters, and crown molding. Both of these bedrooms feature fabulous bathrooms that include granite counters, framed mirrors and one boasts a frameless shower door.

As you walk back to the living area, you are welcomed by two lovely columns that grace the entrance. Directly across from you is a wall of windows looking out to the backyard paradise. The living area also features twelve foot ceilings, custom built-ins, a gorgeous lime-stone fireplace and hand scraped wood floors. This room is waiting for you and your family to fill it with love and laughter!

Sequestered off of the rear right corner of the living room is the first of two master suites. This eighteen by twenty foot room is large and open with lots of natural light and its own entrance by the covered patio. The master bath is luxurious with features a huge tub, a separate shower with frameless door and two separate sinks with granite. The mirrors in the master bath are four inch framed mirrors and this bath also features one of the home's two skylights.

As you leave the master bedroom and walk across the living area you are greeted by an open archway into the kitchen. Can you say entertainer's dream? Everything is a custom upgrade in this kitchen! Lovely Maple cabinetry, double oven, huge pantry and built in microwave. It is difficult not to fall in love with this kitchen. The skylight enhances the beauty and the counter space is unending. The hand stained island is covered in granite with a cook top in the middle, a vegetable sink with disposal at one end and seating at the other end. Beautiful and functional!

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As you leave this bedroom you realize you've come full circle. The dining area, featuring a wrought iron chandelier, is to your right and the kitchen is to your left. Through the kitchen and out the door next to the breakfast area is the wonderful covered patio featuring an outdoor kitchen, enough room for lounge chairs and patio dining. The swimming pool is lovely and features a hot tub. There is wonderful landscaping and a privacy fence.

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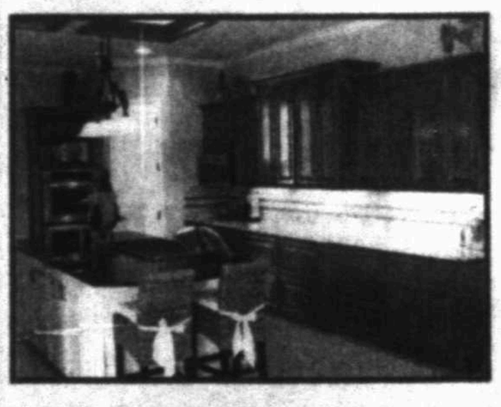

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High Priority Items on Your Want List

When you consider the space you get when buying a new house, there are many ways to look at what is available and what is affordable. The size of your family and the hobbies and interest of each contribute to the dilemma. If you are a couple with no children, you may want a really wonderful large master bedroom with a sitting area and fireplace for a private retreat. The other bedrooms can be much smaller and function as only occasionally used guest rooms or an office. On the other hand, several children will not only need sleeping room but play room. The mix of boys and girls and ages further complicate the arrangement of space. Some families will prefer very small bedrooms with larger closets and a separate area for group play. While other families will have kids that love to spend many hours in their own room, reading, playing, studying, all in their own individual space. When children share a room separate closets help define space. If football, soccer, basketball, and outdoor activities are priority, then a large yard is high in the list. Sit down with your Realtor and discuss the high priority items on your want list. The perfect home has yet to be found, but if you have a majority of the wishes come true in the home you pick, the whole family will function smoother and the items you don't consider perfect will matter less.

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Beckett & Pine

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Home won't sell? Check these things

If your property has been sitting on the market for a while, don't blame buyers. Re-evaluate your strategy. Take a look at what you're offering and see how you can make your home more attractive and increase your chances of a sale.

Is it overpriced?

Overpriced properties discourage potential buyers, who may not even view the property if they think it's worth much less than the asking price. This doesn't mean that you should under price your home, but you should put some thought into pricing your home to sell. If you suspect your house isn't selling because you've asked too much, ask your REALTOR® to conduct a new market analysis and decide whether to lower the price. Properties priced too high sit on the market, and buyers often assume there's something wrong with them. If your listing has become shopworn, look at reducing the price or offering incentives. These strategies may help pique buyer interest. If you think your home is appropriately priced and everything else seems to be in order, it could be that the market has changed since your initial listing. It's important to understand the state of the current housing market and to stay on top of what's happening in your neck of the woods, which is where a REALTOR® can be so effective.

Is it accessible?

Most sellers opt for a lockbox to make it easy for buyer's agents to access your home. Without one, agents representing buyers are forced to work around your schedule, setting an appointment to gain access and view your home. That may prove too much of an obstacle for potential buyers. Additionally, imposing restrictions on the times the home is available for showings can dissuade traffic. Your house probably isn't the only one a potential buyer is going to view. If your house can only be toured after 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, you're reducing the number of potential buyers.

Does it need repairs?

You say it's a "fixer-upper." Well, those typically sell for substantially less than other properties. Maybe you've already accounted for your home's condition in the price, and it's still not selling. You may want to look at making major cosmetic repairs or review ways to improve serious maintenance problems. You might also entice buyers with a cosmetic allowance. A cosmetic allowance is money allocated by the seller to the buyer to offset the costs of repairs. If you already offer a cosmetic allowance but buyers still aren't biting, you may want to consider fixing major problems and removing the allowance.

Is it your neighbor's fault?

Nearby homes and neighborhoods can significantly affect the value of your property. If you believe the condition of your neighbor's property is stifling your opportunity for a sale, it's time to address the situation. It's important to open the lines of communication and look for a win-win solution. The sooner you do this, the better your chance of success. Voice your concerns to the property owner and see if you can resolve the problem. If the condition of the neighbor's property is affecting the entire neighborhood, get everyone to work together to find a solution. If feelings get hurt and the problem escalates to name calling or worse, you may need to bring in a neutral party, such as a friend or community arbitration board.

Many factors may affect the sale of your home, including price, condition and location. If your property is shopworn and potential buyers are just not coming around, sit down with your REALTOR® and discuss measures that may boost your chance of a sale.

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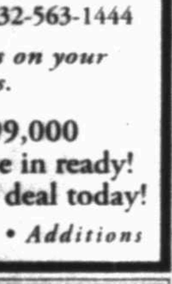

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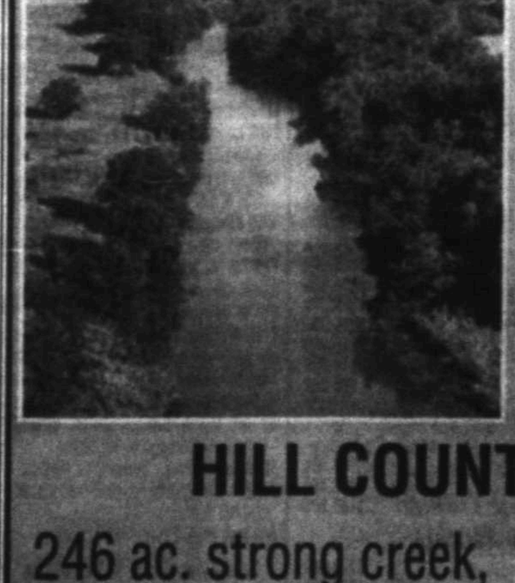

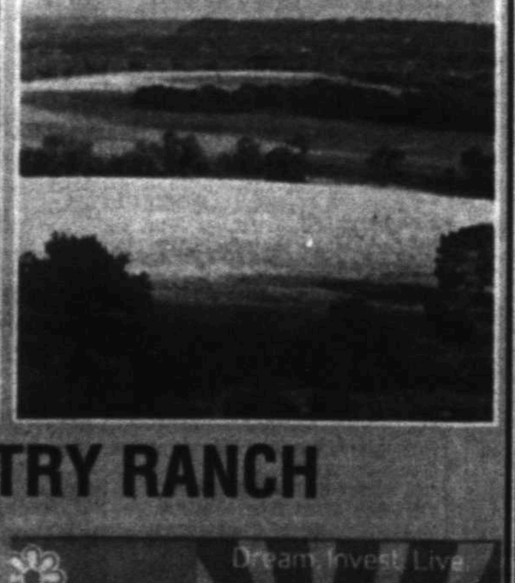

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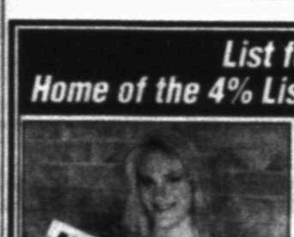

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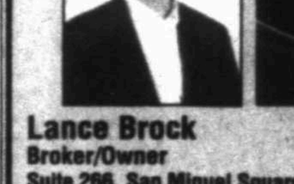

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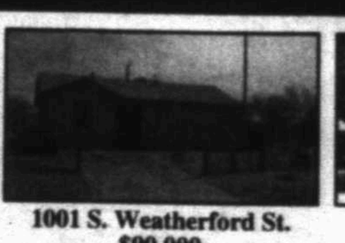
1001 S. Weatherford St. $90,000

1702 Castleford $206,000

Featured Listings

New and Reduced Listings

200 Bayberry Parkway-Fabulous home on 2 acres, Best Workshop in Midland! $1,100,000
6316 Haywood-Awesome 4/4 5/4 w/pool and outdoor kit. Too much to list! $699,900
1603 Seaboard-Well maintained 6 bedroom in Old Midland $487,000
3103 Shell-MeMar 4BR w/study $399,900
1104 ECR 129-3/2.5/3 on 1.22 acres $346,000
404 Springwood Ct.-3BR, 2\1.2BA in Meadowland Estates. HOA $269,900
5513 San Saba-Fabulous Payne re-sale, 3 or 4BR $269,000
5100 Castleford Rd.-Gorgeous 4 BR/2.5 BA, tile, hardwoods, 3 garage U/C $262,500
#1 Marchelle Ct.-3/4 BR, 2BA, 1/2 LA, 960 SF workshop w/office & 1/2BA REDUCED $229,900
2600 Lockheed-Traditional beauty, large bedrooms, 2LA, 2DA, corner lot REDUCED $224,900
1702 Castleford-Gorgeous in Polo, 3BR, 2BA, 2LA, formal dining $206,000
2903 W. Golf Course-Large 3 BR/2.5 ba Townhouse $206,000
3800 Fairhaven Ct.-3/2 + pool $199,000
2609 Ward St.-Fabulous 3BD/2BA home in Fannin area. Great floor plan, nice updates $189,900
4302 Fenscliff-Move-In Ready! $177,500
3210 Frontier Dr.-3/2/2 beautiful, quiet area REDUCED $155,000
2100 W. Wadley #30-2BR, 2BA in Chandelle $105,000
3805 Thomason Dr.-Foreclosed 4BR, recent updates $63,900
33829 Haynes-3 Bedroom Duplex For Rent $2,000 A MONTH

Two Bedrooms

4411 Fairgate-Lots of new and fresh U/C $115,000
2100 W. Wadley #30-2BR, 2BA in Chandelle $105,000
205 S. Baird-1 Bd home with some updating & lg. barn with garage door $54,000

Three Bedrooms

1104 ECR 129-Fabulous! 3/2.5/3 on 1.22 acres $346,000
5804 Monticello-Great plan, squeaky clean, spacious rooms, 3 car garage $270,000
5513 San Saba-Fabulous Payne re-sale, w/bonus room! $269,000
2000 Indiana-3BR, 3 living, Southern charmer, hardwoods, lovely $239,900
2200 W. Golf Course-Lots of new, custom vanities $229,000
2229 Western-Lovely & spacious open plan, low maintenance SOLD $229,000
#1 Marchelle Ct.-3/4 BR, 2BA, 1/2 LA, 960 SF workshop w/office & 1/2BA. Remodeled! $229,000
404 Springwood Ct.-3BR, 2\1.2BA in Meadowland Estates. HOA $269,900
4305 Arroyo-3/2.5/2 with updated kitchen & oversized bedrooms, lg. backyard w/mature trees $224,900
2905 Douglas-3BR, 2BA, pool, updated baths $219,900
1411 Lenham-Super 3 large BR plus study, updated master bath, open living/kitchen, workshop! $215,000
1702 Castleford-Gorgeous in Polo, 3BR, 2BA, 2LA, formal dining, 2 garage $206,000
2903 W. Golf Course-Texas Sized Townhouse $206,000
2500 Kenwick-Updated & very cute in quiet Plantation Hills $199,900
3800 Fairhaven Ct.-3/2 + pool $199,000
5101 San Antonio-New listing - Tree shaded 3/2 in Northgate. $4,000 Buyer Incentive $192,500
2609 Ward St.-Fabulous in Fannin Elem/Midland Christian area. Great open floor plan $189,900

Three Bedrooms

1700 Huntington-3BD/2BA in Fannin $179,000
3522 Imperial-Super floor plan 3bd/2ba/2 gar - great location! $179,000
4302 Fenscliff-Wonderful updating/"Great shop, beautiful landscape! $177,500
2905 Douglas-3BD/2BA, lots of space, lg yard, nice location $169,000
2201 Hughes-Totally updated in quiet neighborhood, 3/2 $164,900
3214 W. Golf Course-Immaculate home with 2 living areas & $3,000 buyer incentive! SOLD $159,500
3210 Frontier Dr.-3/2/2 beautiful, quiet area $155,000
3702 Fairhaven-Quiet cul-de-sac $149,000
3227 Dogan-3/2 w/workshop in Fannin SOLD $147,500
3605 W. Storey-Cute & updated. Great patio with fireplace U/C $144,900
4316 Erie Dr.-Totally redone! A must see! U/C $129,700
3907 Tanner Dr.-3 BR/1.5 Beautiful! U/C $114,900
3706 Pueblo-Wonderful country living, 3/2 SOLD $107,900
1306 Dowden-Gorgeous kitchen, 2 liv, 3BR, 2BA and only $99,000
1001 S. Weatherford St.-Adorable Cottage REDUCED $90,000
4310 Pasadena-3BR foreclosure, double garage U/C $85,900

Four Bedrooms

6316 Haywood-Awesome 4/4 5/4 w/pool and outdoor kit. Too much to list! $699,900
205 Club Dr.-Open & spacious plan, architects' fair, large yd, lap pool & spa, Old Midland landmark U/C $599,000
907 Woodland Park-Builders home 4/3 1/2/2LA, home theatre, W/D U/C $499,900
2103 Shell-Graz-4BR on beautiful cul-de-sac $380,000
2229 Patrick-Beautiful new construction now complete $369,900
5100 Castleford Rd.-4BR/2.5 BA, Tile, Hardwood, 3 Garage U/C $262,500
2901 N. I. St.-Spacious 4BD in Old Midland! $234,900
40 Cambridge Ct.-Spacious 4BR, 3BA, 2 living areas, formal dining U/C $229,900
2600 Lockheed-Traditional beauty, large bedrooms, 2LA, 2DA, corner lot $224,900
1411 Lenham St.-Wonderful home w/spacious open floor plan, updated bath in master bdrm $215,000
2902 Mariana Ave.-More house for the money! U/C $74,900
3805 Thomason Dr.-Several updates, lots of life! $63,900

Five or More Bedrooms

200 Bayberry Parkway-Grand 6 BR Home, gourmet kitchen, attached guest suite can also become fantastic game room! $1,100,000
1903 Seaboard-Well maintained 6 bedroom in Old Midland $487,000
4107 Lehigh-Fabulous kitchen, perfect pool, home office, great master & master bath $449,500

Town Houses and Patio Homes

3230 Patrick-4BR, 3BA, 3GA, new construction $290,000
2200 W. Golf Course-Sparkling pool, 2 fireplaces $229,000
4411 Fairgate-Convenient Location U/C $115,000
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2121 W. Florida Ave.-Terrific location retail/industrial, 3 offices, a showroom, 3BA, 2/3 storage rooms, 2 warehouse areas...Call Bill Scott $399,000
3105 Bankhead Hwy.-Former Import Wizard Lube/Qu. Lic area, 32,000 sq. ft. + bldg. Call Bill Scott SOLD..$325,000
18 Desta Dr.-Raw land for office in Claydesta Plaza, 2.878 acres SOLD..$325,000
4910 N. Midkiff-Beautiful custom office building in Stone Oak Plaza w/small warehouse area. Call Cindy Kellough or Bill Scott $229,000
3009 Karnell Hwy., Odessa, Tx.-Approx. 4,650 sq. ft. office building, Call Bill Scott $180,000
2410 N. Big Spring-Former Sonic location, very high traffic and some equipment remains. Call Bill Scott U/C..$175,000
Andrews Hwy.-2.0 acre tract of land just East of Loop 250, zoned retail, Call Bill Scott $125,000

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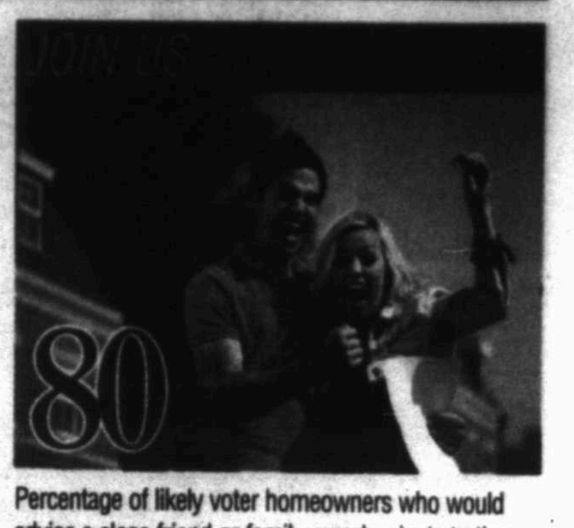

Percentage of likely voter homeowners who would advise a close friend or family member just starting out to buy a home.

Source: National Association of Home Builders survey of 2,000 likely 2012 voters

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QUESTION:

Wouldn't the real estate market improve if appraisals did not include short sales and foreclosures?

ANSWER:

The marketplace would not improve at all. Instead appraisals would be unavailable and lending would stop.

Legislation in several states has been proposed that would require appraisers to ignore short sales and foreclosures when valuing properties. In Maryland, for example, proposed legislation says that "in appraising a residential property, the licensed real estate appraiser or certified real estate appraiser shall use comparable sales only for an arms-length transaction in which the buyer and seller are not related in any way and are not entering into the transaction under duress or unusual circumstances, such as a foreclosure sale or short sale."

Were such legislation to pass several things would happen. First, no appraisals would be made. Second, without appraisals no mortgages would be originated. Third, without appraisals or financing few homes would be sold and values would sink further.

Why would there be no appraisals?

"If these bills were enacted into law," says the Appraisal Institute, "appraisers would be put in the difficult position of having to choose which law to violate. Appraisers are required to adhere to comply with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice in federally related transactions. The standard mandates that appraisers 'must analyze such comparables sales as are available.' Further, the standard cannot be voided by a state or local government.

"Not following USPAP could subject the appraiser to having action taken against their license. Therefore, appraisers would have to make the decision to commit a USPAP violation – which in the case of federally related transactions would be a violation of state law – or to violate the law prohibiting the consideration of distressed sales as comparables."

Lenders could not make loans even if foreclosure-free appraisals were somehow available because they would be financing property on the basis of an inflated valuation – a sure road to more risk and losses.

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DESPITE THE SURPLUS OF HOUSING STOCK, MANY WOULD-BE BUYERS ARE STAYING IN THE RENTAL ARENA. HERE'S A LOOK AT WHY THEY'RE STAYING PUT

By MARILYN KENNEDY MELIA
CTW FEATURES

This recession is getting really old.

No one could agree more with this sentiment than the young, observes Peter Francese, a demographic analyst who writes for the New Hampshire Association of Realtors.

Some 18 million "Generation Y" (aged 18 to 34) folks are living with parents or family, estimates Francese. They are itching to get on with a traditional rite of passage – getting their own place – but have been stymied by high unemployment, Francese explains.

Expect to see more young people toting boxes out of their family home, say Brad Hunter, chief economist at MetroStudy a housing data firm.

He predicts that the number of people setting up new households will rebound to about 900,000 this year from a severely anemic recession rate of about 400,000.

During the early part of the last decade, some young adults skipped or barely passed through the rental stage, moving right on to homebuying, Francese remembers. "But very, very few are doing that today," he adds, because the financial requirement of buying are too strict, and Gen Y now wants the ability to quickly relocate for job opportunities.

Rental-related businesses are as eager to brush off the recession doldrums and get moving as all those young adults are. Here, a look at the financial barriers that Gen Y must hurdle, and how landlords are tailoring offerings to entice young adults once they're "rent-ready":

PAY PICTURE

Even when they secure a job, landlords like to see a secure paycheck – and many Gen Y members work temp jobs, says Francese.

Besides a steady pay stream, rental companies look for monthly salary that is at least 2.5 times greater than monthly rent, says Debi Wherry, senior vice president of Fogelman Management Group, a Memphis apartment firm.

David Vivero, CEO of the online firm RentJuice, offers another way to compute income requirements: "Whatever the monthly rent it, multiply that by 30 for the amount you need in annual salary. If the rent is $1,000, then you'll need to make $30,000 in gross annual income." In pricey New York, however, the formula is closer to 40 times monthly rent for target income, he adds.

Before moving in, up-front fees are required. "You usually pay an distractive fee, which is non-refundable, and a small security deposit," says Wherry.

Additionally, many companies run credit checks that also incorporate income history and are specifically geared to the rental business, says Wherry.

WIDE MARKET

Not all landlords and rental companies run intensive checks, notes Alissa Green, editor of the website MyFirstApartment.com. Moreover, "the majority of roommates with open rooms don't run checks, especially when someone is taking over from another renter," she adds.

How do hopeful renters find the right opportunity? Where they spend their time: Facebook, answers Vivero. His firm has introduced a "Lease Locator" application allowing brokers and landlords to have offerings pop up when people enter a rent search inside Facebook.

COMMUNAL LIVING

Apartment building activity is up and the designs are catering to new tastes. "This is the Starbucks generation," says Jerry Davis, a senior vice president at Denver-based developer UDR Inc. "They socialize in large groups and are not looking to entertain in their own [apartment]."

As a result, many new complexes offer small units of 700 square feet or so, but lots of common areas, like outdoor kitchens and dining areas, pools, gyms, and media and game rooms.

The smaller units are more affordable, and the common spaces should also foster greater ties with neighbors, says Davis. "When renters make friends [in their complex] they tend to stay much longer," he concludes.

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GREEN

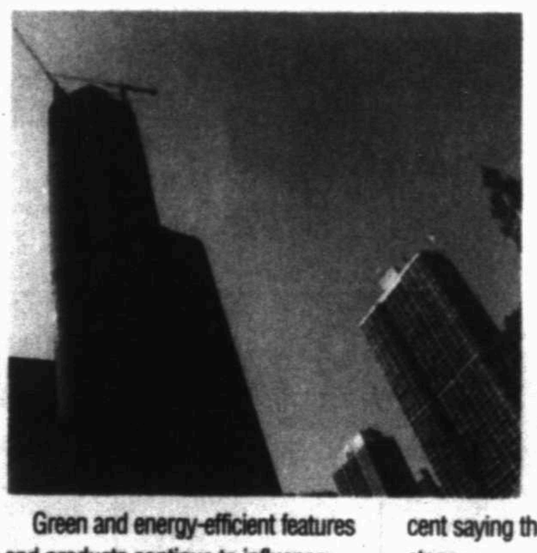
LEED-ING THE WAY

Chicago tops the nation in green building projects

It makes sense the city dyes its river on St. Paddy's Day – Chicago is green city.

The U.S. Green Building Council recently noted that the Emerald, er, Windy City has the highest number of square feet of LEED-certified green building projects nationally with 71 million square feet.

That 71 million is made up of 736 LEED projects that are either already certified or currently in process of certification in Chicago. Of those, 122 are certified or registered using LEED for Existing Buildings: Operations & Maintenance, which addresses whole-building cleaning and maintenance issues, recycling programs, exterior maintenance programs and system upgrades. Nationally, the amount of square feet of space certified under LEED for Existing Buildings: Operations & Maintenance grew by 72 percent from 2009 to 2010. (Currently, more than 18 percent of all LEED projects nationally fall under the LEED for Existing Buildings rating system.)



Green and energy-efficient features and products continue to influence consumer demand, especially in real estate.

According to a National Association of Realtors survey toward the end of 2010, 13 percent of the national Multiple Listing Services had live searchable fields for green home features. Another 11 percent said they were in the process of implementing these fields, with an additional 13 percent saying they were in the planning stages.

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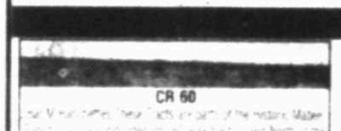

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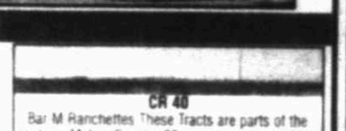

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Betty Terrell 296-1925

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3220 APPERSON - $182,500
Just Reduced!!! Beautiful remodel in this large home! New kitchen, paint, and flooring in the last year. Roof in the last 3 years.
Shown by: Cameron Willmann, 978-4298

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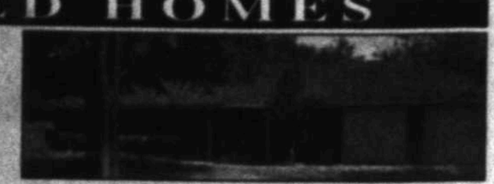
3208 SOUTHRIDGE CT. - $237,500, 3BD/2BA, #2414



2505 FRONTIER AVE. - $105,000, 4BD/2BA, #4874

HOMES AVAILABLE

4 BEDROOM

1916 FRINGEWOOD DR	#2234	UNDER CONTRACT
1802 N. 1 ST	#2364	$285,000
2405 DARTMOUTH DR	#1994	$254,000
1831 DUKES DR	#1294	UNDER CONTRACT
3003 GODDARD PLACE	#2544	UNDER CONTRACT
1421 AINSLEE ST	#0754	$234,900
4617 BISHOPS CASTLE DR	#2424	UNDER CONTRACT
2300 SINCLAIR AVE		SOLD
2505 FRONTIER AVE	$4874	$189,900
4900 KING RICHARDS ROW		UNDER CONTRACT
3608 SHANDON AVE	#1234	UNDER CONTRACT
2905 CALDERA BLVD		SOLD

3 BEDROOM

39 LAFAYETTE PL		SOLD
3206 SOUTHRIDGE CT	#2414	$237,500
3202 ELMA DR		SOLD
2106 S. CO. RD. 1085	#1184	$205,000
3904 WILLINGHAM DR	#1224	UNDER CONTRACT
2607 CALDERA DR		SOLD
3220 APPERSON DR	#1364	$182,500
3605 IMPERIAL AVE	#1414	$174,500
1004 ALPINE ST	#2394	UNDER CONTRACT
5011 JOY DR	#2944	UNDER CONTRACT
2521 SHELL AVE		UNDER CONTRACT
3201 REO DR		SOLD
4301 THORNBERRY		SOLD
4511 CIMMARON		SOLD
3225 FANNIN		SOLD
4314 COUNTRY CLUB DR		SOLD
109 McDONALD ST	#2844	$139,900
4405 LEDDY DR	#0364	$137,900
204 DEWBERRY DR	#2984	$124,900

3 BEDROOM

4719 PRINCETON AVE	#1534	$121,000
705 AINSLEE ST	#1504	$112,500
3308 ROOSEVELT AVE	#1844	SOLD
1105 E. NEW YORK	#2104	$94,900
5003 E. CO. RD. 71		SOLD
6004 E. CO. RD. 85	#4294	$86,500
904 N. ST. PETER STANTON, TX	#1054	UNDER CONTRACT
2519 NOEL AVE	#4094	UNDER CONTRACT

1 & 2 BEDROOM

2108 FREEPORT LN		SOLD
4307 AMISTAD DR		SOLD
303 W. ESTES AVE	#2534	$79,900
4700 BOULDER UNIT #206	#1264	$55,000
600 LIDDON #52	#2364	$52,000
4700 BOULDER UNIT		SOLD
4700 BOULDER UNIT #1108	#4024	$43,900
4700 BOULDER UNIT #304	#2024	$29,900
4700 BOULDER UNIT #605	#1824	$65,000
4700 BOULDER UNIT #508	#1514	$43,900

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ODESSA

2540 PALO VERDE DR	#4754	$1,200,000
1681 S. LONESTAR DR	#1884	$450,000
6921 PINECREST		SOLD
1010 TOBOSA AVE	#4774	UNDER CONTRACT
1434 E. 35TH ST	#2804	$150,000
3801 RAINROW DR		SOLD
1001 E 46TH ST	#4714	UNDER CONTRACT
15356 HOLLYHOCK AVE		UNDER CONTRACT

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603 FITCH AVE. ODESSA, TX	#4204	$18,000

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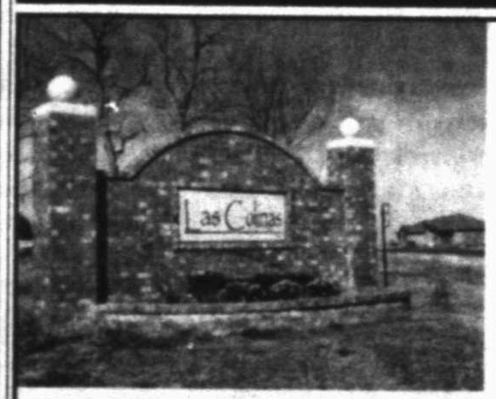

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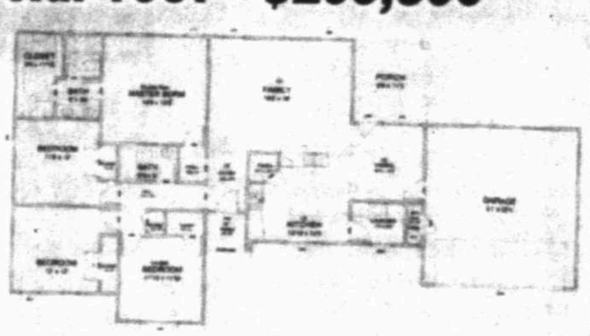
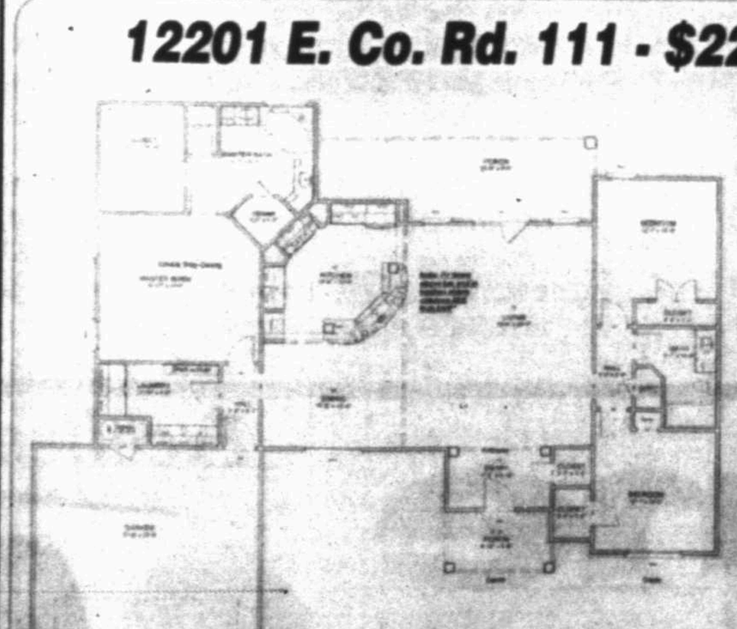


12201 E. Co. Rd. 111 - $228,900



This home is being built to sell! 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. 10' ceilings throughout main living areas. Tile in the living room, granite countertops throughout the home, great arched entryway with columns, walk-in closets, sequestered master bedroom with separate vanities. Aprox. 2079 sqft. All on a one acre lot with front yard sprinkler system and 6' privacy fence included in the price of the home.

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Call Sarah Ivey 432-238-8392

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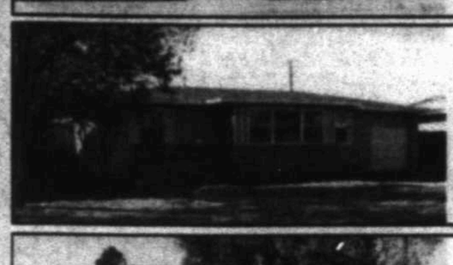

3200 Kessler Ave., Midland, Tx.
Neat three bedroom, one bath home with central heat and air. Wood, tile and carpet floors and recent updates in the kitchen and bath. Features a large backyard, wood fence and storage building. 1,071 square feet-information is from the FHA Appraisal and is deemed reliable but not guaranteed.
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1501 Ventura Ave., Midland, Tx.
Wood floors galore! Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with nice, open floor plan in living area and kitchen area. Numerous updates to the kitchen and bathrooms. Recently installed wood floors throughout the house, except in bathrooms. Extra large back yard. Must see to appreciate.
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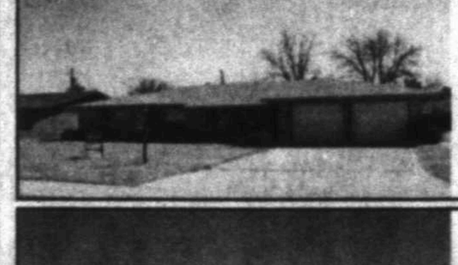

4617 Pasadena Dr., Midland, Tx.
Charming Ranch home with enclosed patio that has built-in BBQ pits with rotisserie. Great for entertaining. Open floor plan, Must see!
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4006 Thomason, Midland, Tx.
This cozy home has so much potential! Live in this perfect 2bd/2bth home, great for the first time buyer. Nice open floor plan and driveway. Enjoy the large back yard-perfect for entertaining friends/family. This wonderful property is located just a short distance from schools, shopping and very near highways. 1,540 square feet-information is from FHA Appr and is deemed reliable but not guaranteed.
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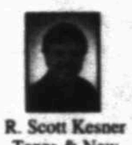

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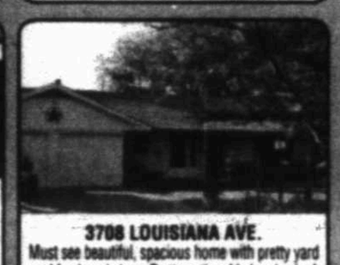
3313 STANOLIND AVE.
Cul-de-sac location on beautiful tree lined street in ma mar terrace. Tons os space and storage. 2 Living areas one with wood burning fireplace, 2 dining areas, big kitchen with lots of cabinets, 4 large bedrooms with lots of closet space, 3 full size bathrooms and a large patio room. $279,900. Owner Agent. Call Cindy at 413-0404.

6404 CARNATION
Incredible home on 2 acres - granite kitchen - 2 gamerooms plus indoor pool with living area around pool - sequestered master suite with separate office - large family room with office plus living room - This is truly spectacular - dont miss it. $409,900
Please call Kerri.



3708 LOUISIANA AVE.
Must see beautiful, spacious home with pretty yard and fresh and clean. Pretty patio added on back of house. Nice and clean and ready for new owners. Lots of nice touches. Fresh paint inside and out. Call Carol 432-528-1632. $155,000.

NEW LISTING
5209 LAVACA
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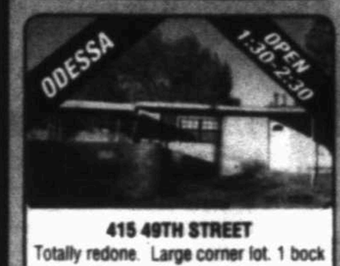

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415 49TH STREET
Totally redone. Large corner lot. 1 bock from Sherwood Block. 3 bedrooms 1 bath, 1 living area. $85,000.
Please call Deborah at 553-0056.

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3 bedroom 2 bath 1 car garage with new roof, exterior paint, new hvac system. Updated electrical, and new overhead door on garage. All the pieces are there to begin life in your new home. Affordable and good place to live. $82,900 Please call Carol 432-528-1632.

1216 W. CO. RD. 125
Looking for quiet, country living - come take a look at this one. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with 2 living areas with fireplaces. Sequestered mother, large inside utility room/workshop. This one if perfect for a handyman since it does need some repairs that seller is willing to make a allowance for. $94,000. Call Shanae.

GARDENDALE
5805 MARIGOLD DR.
This a very large property with about 12000 square feet in 2 metal buildings, a 2 bedroom apartment at the back of the property and 5 acres in mature pecan trees, a well on a windmill and a well on a pump for the house. Sold AS IS. Call Carol at 699-0008. $310,000

4505 NEELY COURT
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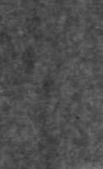

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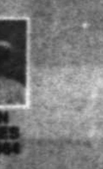

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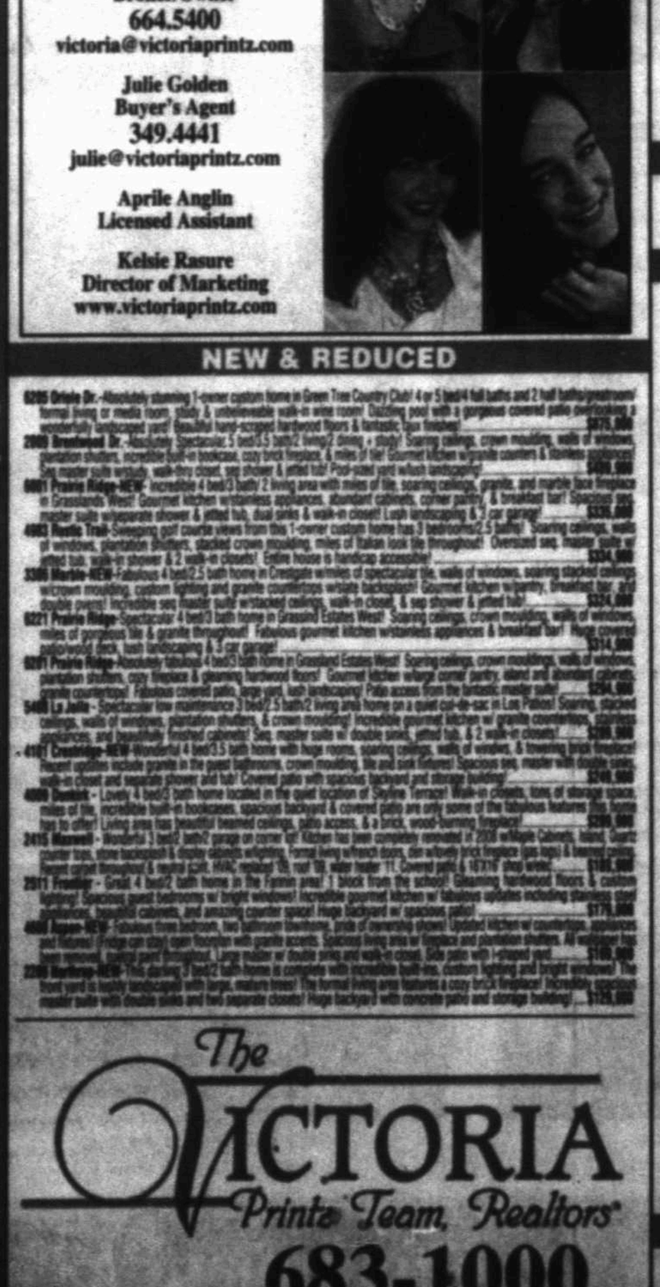

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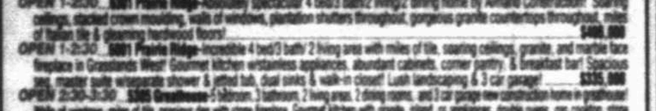

4+ BEDROOMS

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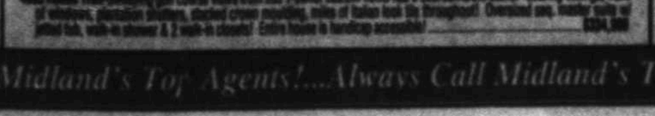

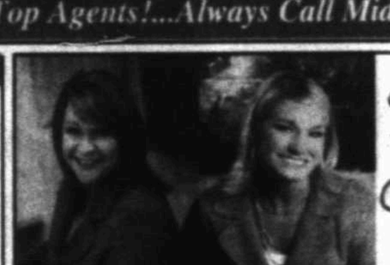

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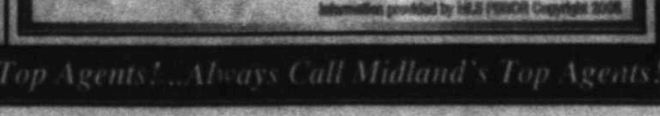

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Victoria Printz
Midland's Top Agent 13 Consecutive Years
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Victoria- $274,708,432 (1,497 closings)
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Jeaneen Pruitt - currently #4 in 2011
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FEATURED HOME

5709 E. Co. Rd. 97 - $309,900
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in Greenwood! Pool! Workshop!

FEATURED HOME

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3410 Bluebird Ln.
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4+ BEDROOMS

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2913 Glidewood-4 Bedroom, 4.5 Bath, 4 Car Garage, Million Dollar Designer has Customized this home! Faux treatments throughout, hand scraped hardwood flooring. Air Oasis in backyard with Spa Pool w/special jets & hot tub. Too much to mention. Please Call for more info! *OPEN TODAY!* ..... New Price! $808,000

4016 E. Co. Rd. 91-4 Bedroom, 4 Bath, 2 Living, 2 Dining + Study, 3 Car Garage. Absolutely Stunning Triple M New Construction! Custom features, Italian arches, stainless, granite & so much more! 2,714 sqft on 2.3 Acres in Florida Estates! ..... Sold! $474,900

5308 Prairie Ridge-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath. Brand New McPherson Beauty! Builder has Sold out, but is pre-selling in New Phase Grassland. Please Call! ..... Sale Pending! $474,900

1505 Seaboard-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, approximately 3,600 sqft in OLD Midland! 2 Living, 2 Dining, Updated Kitchen w/granite! ..... New Listing! $449,000

5320 Prairie Ridge-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath. Brand New McPherson Construction! Builder has Sold out, but is pre-selling in New Phase Grassland. Please Call! ..... Sale Pending! $399,990

5709 E. Co. Rd. 97-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 1.5 Acres in Greenwood! So Many Wonderful Upgrades!! Workshop & Carport equipped to park RV. In-ground Pool! ..... New Price! $398,500

2905 Chelsea PI-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath. Gorgeous New Bernal Construction! Fully Loaded! Iron Front Door. Rock Fireplace, & Much More!! ..... New Listing! $392,000

3109 Patrick Pl-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 3 Car Garage. Gorgeous New AGA Construction! Fully LOADED w/granite, stainless, arches! Fully landscaped! ..... New Listing! $374,900

2910 Caldera-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 3 Car Garage. Gorgeous New AGA Home! 18' Ceilings, Italian Arches, Granite & Much More! ..... New Listing! $364,900

2910 Metz Dr-4 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath. 2600+ sqft immaculate Home with so many updates! In-ground swimming pool & hot tub! ..... New Listing! $359,700

1415 E. Co. Rd. 145-4 Bedroom, 4 Bath, 2 Car Garage, 3 Carport. Wood Deck, Workshop, 3.3 Acres! Over $20,000 Under Appraised Value!!! ..... Other Pending! $339,900

1800 Wasbita-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath on 3 Bedroom + Study! Brand NEW Construction in 349 Ranch Estates! ..... Sale Pending! $199,250

3621 Sinclair-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage. RARE OPPORTUNITY! Totally Renovated from Top to Bottom! Loaded w/brand new kitchen, granite countertops, tumbled marble backsplash, ... ★★★★Under Contract in Less Than 1 Week! $179,000

3519 Imperial-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Many Recent Updates! HUGE Game Room! New Roof! 2,100+ sqft! Under $70/sqft! ..... Offers Please! $149,000

4525 Lindy-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living, 2 Story Home! 2,000 sqft. Great Value! Approximately $63.95 sqft!! ..... Sale Pending! $123,000

2909 Michigan-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage, 2,288sqft. Need a project? A Lot of House for the Money! ..... ★★★★Under Contract in 1 Day! $89,000

3 BEDROOMS

4221 Timberglen - 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath in Coveted Mockingbird Heights! Stone accents, stone fireplace, slate backsplash, Stainless Kitchen Aid appliances. Frig stays w/home. Expect to be IMPRESSED! ..... New Listing! $499,900

1313 E Co Rd 128 - 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath. Appox 2.5 Acres. Quiet cul-de-sac in Ridgeheights Annex! 2 Workshops. 60x60 Shop is Heated & Cooled! Extensive updates, new low-e windows, ... New Listing! $389,000

7601 E Co Rd 128G - Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car OVERSIZED Garage! Plus Workshop on 5+ Acres! 2007 Resale Better Than New! ..... Sold! $315,000

7295 Harvard - 3 Bedroom + Study, 2.5 Bath. Classic, Updated & Luxurious Old Midland! HUGE in-ground Pool! ..... New Listing! $379,900

11 Winchester Ct - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath. Totally Updated Beautiful Low Maintenance Home! Recent roof & fresh paint, walls of windows, very open floor plan! ..... New Listing! $375,000

5206 Rio Grande - Bedroom, 2 Bath + Car Garage in Northgate! Great Open Floor Plan! HUGE Kitchen! Tile & Laminate Flooring! Best Deal in Town!!! ..... ★★★★Under Contract in 1 Day!! $132,000

1215 S. Dewberry - Bedroom, 2 Bath + Car Garage. Updated to the MAX! Kitchen & Baths Updated with Designer Tile! All Appliances Pass! ..... ★★★★Under Contract in 48 Hours! $120,500

4601 Crockett - Bedroom, 2 Bath. 2 Car Garage. Large Corner Lot! Great Starter Home! ..... New Price! $115,000

1015 W Normandy Pecos - Bedroom, 2.5 Bath. HUGE Corner Lot! Workshop! ..... New Price! $115,000

3109 Barkley - Bedroom, 2 Bath. Super Clean! Move in Ready! Beautiful flooring throughout, soft colors, updated baths! *OPEN TODAY!* ..... New Price! $112,500

4617 Storey - Bedroom, 1 Bath. 2 Car Garage. Cute & Quaint Cottage! Sec Master. Recent Updated Kitchen & Bath! ..... New Price! $106,900

3715 Monty - Bedroom, 1 Bath. 1 Carport. Storage Shed and Recent Siding and Mechanicals! ..... Sold! $81,000

5308 E Loop 250 N - Bedroom, 1 Bath. Great Potential! 2.5 Acres! Call Chris for Additional Info! Loop Frontage Property ..... New Listing! $79,500

FOR LEASE

117 S Glenwood-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath. 1,480sqft. Pets Allowed. 6-12 Month Lease. Call Chris for more details! ..... For Lease! $1,700

1709 E Wall-3 Bedroom, 1 Bath. 1,008sqft. Pets Allowed. 12 Month Lease. Call Chris for more details ..... For Lease! $600

COMMERCIAL/LOTS

109 E Cemetery Rd - Fort Daws ATM Autoparts & Repair. 4,300 sq. ft. Call Chris for details! Opportunity Knocks! ..... New Price! $950,000

E Hwy 80 - Great 24 Hour Traffic Location. Will accommodate car lot, storage units, etc. WILL OWNER CARRY OR LEASE ..... Sold! $40,000

911 S Main - Great Opportunity. Lot is fenced, zoned for 3 units or possibly here! Will OWNER FINANCE!!! ..... Sold! $32,500

1106 Cowden - Residential Lot in Glendale Subdivision. 0.18 Acres ..... Lot! $9,000

LOOKING IN AUSTIN AREA?

6506 Williamson Creek - Bank Owned in Oak Hill ..... Coming Soon!

14606 Echo Bluff - Bank Owned in Gulf Pointe in Travis County (Tx - Austin) ..... Coming Soon!

565 E 5th St - Unit 801 - Bank Owned ..... Coming Soon!

7006 Westallan Trail #3 - Bank Owned - Bring Agent with you. Property is not Gated. Call 512-796-4340. ..... ★★★★Sold in 48 Hours! $260,000

7911 Limestone Trail - Bank Owned - Bring Agent with you. Property is not Gated. Call 512-796-4340. ..... Sold! $274,900

112 Spruce Dr - Bank Owned - Bring Agent with you. Property is not Gated. Call 512-796-4340. ..... New Price! $178,500

6705 Panda Road - Bank Owned - Bring Agent with you. Property is not Gated. Call 512-796-4340. ..... New Price! $118,900

404 Emerald Way - Bank Owned - Bring Agent with you. Property is not Gated. Call 512-796-4340. ..... New Price! $349,900

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4801 W C-Rd 1147-Spectacular home on 37+ acres $675,000

5005 MiraVista- Amazing the new home 4BR, 2.5BA $518,900

3505 W. Co. Rd. 145-3/2, updated on 4.8 Acres $350,000

3104 Stanolind - Beautiful 4 BR Mo Mar $319,900

7600 E C-Rd 110-Wow SBR, 4 1/2BA, 2.39 Acres REDUCED $299,900

2510 W. Front-Commercial/Industrial REDUCED $260,000

2600 Whitney-Wow huge reduction awesome pool & outdoor kitchen $259,900

4105 Godfrey-4bd, 3ba, great neighborhood $235,000

2519 Neely-Must see, 4/2/2, 2 CH GR $219,500

2110 School Dr.-5/3, Kermit, TX $200,000

12008 Co. Rd. 56-3/2, 2.5 Acres $197,000

4907 Sherwood Dr-3bd, 2ba $184,900

3901 S. Co. Rd. 1140 ..... U/C..$175,500

3109 Antigua Ave.-Well maintained 3 bed/2.5 bath, 1814 sqft $159,900

3320 Baumann-Loads of updates versatile floor plane $154,900

9021 Lamar Ave.-3/2, Odessa, TX ..... U/C..$125,000

3104 Ohio-3/2, 1 CH GR ..... REDUCED..$109,000

2200 S C-Rd 1128-4/3, 2+ Acres ..... FOR LEASE..$3,250

2 BEDROOMS

2200 N H St.-2/2 ..... SOLD..$199,900

3 BEDROOMS

3505 W Co. Rd. 145-Huge rooms, pool, barn, 4.8 Acres $350,000

203 ECR 130-3/2/2, pool, barn, 6 AC, Ridge Hts $254,000

1508 Bedford-3/2.5 ..... $249,000

6900-6 County Rd 1270-3/2 ..... $229,900

3109 Haynes Ave-3/3/2 CR GR, low maint. & sunroom $224,900

4004 Angelina-Updated plus workshop ..... U/C..$215,000

16 Bristol 3/2/2LV, 2 CR GR, A+ curb appeal ..... U/C..$200,000

1812 Ranger-3/2, like brand new, low maint ..... SOLD..$207,500

12008 WCR 56-3/2/2, 2 liv., stable, 2.5 AC, 3 CP ..... U/C..$197,000

4907 Sherwood Dr.-3 bed/2 bath, 2 garage in Greenhill Terrace $184,900

3901 S. Co. Rd. 1140 ..... U/C..$175,500

3108 Michigan Ave.-3 bed/2.5 bath, 2LA, 1 garage, 1814 sqft $159,900

3320 Baumann- tons of updates versatile floorplan 2 living, 3bd or 4 bd 1 living ..... REDUCED..$154,900

2909 B Haynes-Stunning low maint $152,900

9021 Lamar Ave.-3/2, Odessa, TX ..... U/C..$125,000

1611 Pueblo-3/2/2, 2 shops ..... SOLD..$119,900

3104 Ohio-3/2/1 CR GR + sunroom ..... REDUCED..$109,000

1611 E Golf Course-3/2 ..... REDUCED..$108,500

4+ BEDROOMS

12206 E C-Rd 101-5/4/3, GISD, shop, pool ..... SOLD..$589,900

5005 MiraVista- Amazing Home Highly desired neighborhood 4 BR, 2.5 BA $518,900

4212 Timberglen-4/2.5, Mockingbird Heights $475,000

5705 Ridgemont-5/4, Huge study & hobby ..... U/C..$399,900

12200 E C-Rd 1034/3/2, GISD, 4AC, Prod. ..... SOLD..$394,900

3804 Wedgewood-4BR, 3 1/2BA, 2 LV, 4CR GR ..... SOLD..$349,900

5202 Pine Castle Rd-4 bed, 3 bath, formal dining, 3 garage, ens. master bed w/HUGE bathroom $339,900

4+ BEDROOMS

3104 Stanolind- Lush mature landscaping, huge rooms, huge kitchen $319,900

2104 Bradford Court-4/2 ..... SOLD..$318,000

1400 Tripp-4/3, country at it's best ..... U/C..$308,900

7600 E C-Rd 110-Wow SBR, 4 1/2BA, 2.39 Acres $299,900

4013 Tumbleweed Tr.-4/3 ..... SOLD..$297,000

2600 Whitney-4/3, see to believe/pool $259,900

5606 FM 307-62.5/2, 4AC, barn, GISD ..... U/C..$259,900

2816 Northtown-4/3 1/2 bath, w/pool ..... SOLD..$259,000

4105 Godfrey-4bd, 3ba, great neighborhood $235,000

2519 Neely-Must see, 4/2/2, 2 CH GR $219,500

13 Metz Court-4/2.5/3, 3 liv., 3,300 sq. ft. ..... U/C..$210,000

12303 E County Rd 111-GISD, 4/2/2, New constr, 1AC ..... U/C..$209,900

12305 E County Rd 111-GISD, New constr, 4/2/2, 1AC $209,900

2110 School Dr.-5/3, 1 Acre, Kermit, TX $200,000

3320 Baumann- tons of updates versatile floorplan 2 living, 3bd or 4 bd 1 living ..... REDUCED..$154,900

5+ BEDROOMS

7600 E Co 110-5 BR, 4½ Bath, Office, Barn 2.39 acres $314,000

COUNTRY HOMES

4801 W C-Rd 1147-Spectacular home on 37+ acres $675,000

12206 E C-Rd 101-GISD, 5/4/3, pool, shop ..... SOLD..$589,900

12200 E C-Rd 102-GISD, 4/3/2, Pool, 4AC ..... SOLD..$394,900

3505 W. Co. Rd. 145-3/3, pool, barn, stable, 4.8 Acres $350,000

1400 Tripp-4/3 ..... U/C..$299,900

7600 E C-Rd 110-Wow SBR, 4 1/2BA, 2.39 Acres REDUCED $299,900

5606 FM 307-GISD, 4/2/2, barn, 4AC ..... U/C..$259,000

203 E. C-Rd 130-3/2/2, pool, barn, 6AC, Ridge Hts $258,000

6900 S. C-Rd 1270-3/2, waterwell, 6.081 Acres $229,900

12303 E County Rd 111-GISD, 4/2/2, New constr, 1AC ..... U/C..$209,900

12305 E County Rd 111-GISD, New constr, 4/2/2, 1AC $209,900

12008 W. C-Rd 56-3/2/2, 2 liv, stable, 2.5AC, 3CP ..... U/C..$197,000

2200 S C-Rd 1128-4/3, 2+ Acres ..... FOR LEASE..$3,250

LAND

2505 Mockingbird -5.5 Acres Approx $550,000

5506 Whitman Dr.-5.5 Acres Approx $385,000

2204 N C-Rd 1040-80 Acres Approx $200,000

5109 Aliysheba Ln.-1.2 Acres Approx $82,500

Cynthia-11.44 Acres $80,000

3903-5 SCR 1140-9.7 Acres Approx $58,560

COMMERCIAL

2900 Front ..... U/C..$415,000

4216 Mamies Circle-Lot, 0.97 Acres Approx $359,000

4301 Mamie Circle-Lot, 0.92 Acres Approx $340,000

4208 Mamies Circle-Lot, 0.78 Acs Approx $289,000

2510 W. Front-Commercial/Industrial REDUCED $260,000

500 W. Jim Sharp, Kermit $126,000

RENTAL

2200 S C-Rd 1128-Greenwood 4/3, 2+ Acres $3,250

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NEW CONSTRUCTION

GALLERY HOMES

5304 Hilltop Drive
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $369,900
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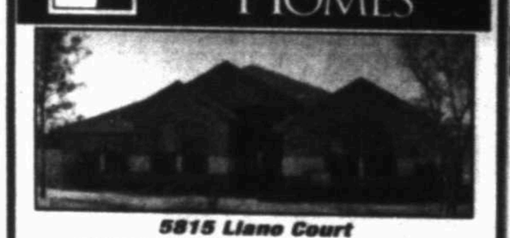
ASHINGDON HOMES



5815 Llano Court
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $275,000
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5903 Llano Court
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4903 Crista Lane
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6500 Los Conchos Lane
4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $695,000

5600 Los Patios
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $274,900

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NEW CONSTRUCTION

VEATCH CONSTRUCTION

5600 Los Patios
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $274,900

Saenz Signature Homes

3205 Patrick Place
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $268,800

Carrasco Homes

6500 Los Conchos Lane
4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $695,000

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL

1501 Thistle Rd ..... 1 Bdrm/1 Ba/1 Car Garage/Odessa $80,000

409 Idlewilde Dr ..... 2 Bdrm/2 Ba $94,500

4505 Anetta Dr ..... 3 Bdrm/1 Full Ba/1 Half Ba $114,900

1404 Ventner ..... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage $168,500

1404 Texas Ave ..... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/ 2 Dining Areas $169,900

10901 E Co. Rd. 108 ..... Greenwood/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage $199,900

6606 Waurika ..... 3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ..... Under Contract

5105 Mathis Dr ..... REDUCED/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage $299,000

5707 Los Patios ..... 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/ 2 Car Garage $309,900

2205 S. Co. Rd. 1126 ..... Greenwood/3 Acres/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $425,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

1208 E. Robles ..... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/1 Car Garage $124,800

5001 Gateway Ct ..... Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage ..... SOLD

5310 Wimberley Spring ..... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage ..... Under Contract

4710 Yearwood ..... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... Under Contract

3105 Patrick Pl ..... Hanson Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD

3109 Chelsea Pl ..... Veatch Construction/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage $225,500

4708 Yearwood ..... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage $265,000

4801 Yearwood ..... Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage $271,500

5600 Los Patios ..... Veatch Construction/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $274,900

3112 Patrick ..... Veatch Construction/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $274,900

5815 Llano Ct ..... Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage $275,000

3001 Baybridge Ct ..... Hanson Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage $284,500

5903 Llano Ct ..... Texas Classic Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD

5713 Los Patios ..... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... Under Contract

4711 Yearwood ..... Crystal Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage $298,000

5314 Mathis Dr ..... Branson Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $300,000

307 Skywood ..... Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage $315,000

309 Skywood ..... Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage ..... Under Contract

5901 Llano Ct ..... Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD

6013 Clarewood Dr ..... Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... Under Contract

5317 Greathouse ..... Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/ Study/ 3 Car Garage ..... Under Contract

5315 Greathouse ..... A&E Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/Study/3 Car Garage ..... Under Contract

5313 Greathouse ..... Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/Study/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD

4905 Crista Ln ..... Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $308,000

5309 Mathis St ..... Dominion Exclusive Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba ..... SOLD

5304 Hilltop Dr ..... Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $389,900

4308 Wood Dr ..... Crystal Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage/ Under Contract

6400 Los Conchos ..... Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... SOLD

6600 Los Conchos ..... Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage $695,000

4313 Wood Dr ..... Crystal Homes/3 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... Under Contract

4317 Wood Dr ..... Crystal Homes/3 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage ..... Under Contract

SUBURBAN/ACREAGE

Lone Rose Estates ..... Gardendale/New Homes ..... Call Gary

14019 E. Chinaberry ..... Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba/0.814 Acres $112,000

14557 E. Bluestem ..... Gardendale/2 Bdrm/2 Ba/4.48 Acres $132,000

3600 S. Co. Rd. 1107 ..... 4 Bdrm/3 Ba/2 Car Garage/2.41 Acres $235,000

7613 N. Co. Rd. 1297 ..... 3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/2 Car Garage $236,000

2205 S. Co. Rd. 1126 - Greenwood/3 Acres/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage $425,000

12044 Goldenrod Dr ..... Gardendale/20 Acres/Horse Farm $595,000

RESIDENTIAL HOME SITES

1600 Pueblo Dr ..... 0.304 Acres $22,900

DUNBAR HOME SITES

Lone Rose Estates ..... W. Co. Rd. 3001.5-2 Acre Lots ..... Call Gary

6400 Mockingbird Lane ..... Los Conchos Estates/0.934 Acres $62,500

3911 Tumbleweed Trail ..... 2.5 Acres/Hay Barn ..... SOLD

County Rd. 310 ..... 70.55 Acres $110,000

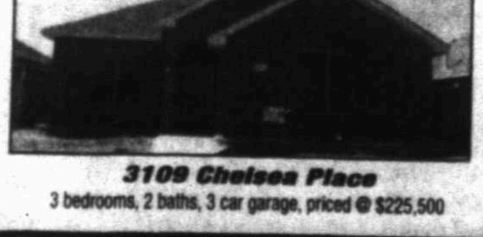
3905 Tumbleweed Trail ..... 2.5 Acres/Horse Barn $125,000

Farmer County ..... 600 Acre Farm $520,000

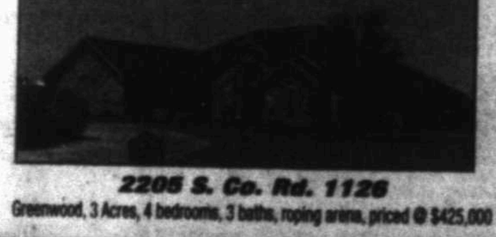
COMMERCIAL

2600 Rankin Hwy ..... 5.7 Acres/LI/2 Zoning $995,000

FEATURED HOMES



3109 Chelsea Place
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $225,500



2206 S. Co. Rd. 1126
Greenwood, 3 Acres, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, roping arena, priced @ $425,000

1404 Ventner
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, priced @ $168,500

409 Idlewilde Drive
2 bedrooms, 2 baths, priced @ $94,500

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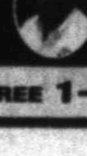

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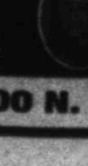

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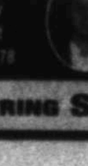

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$154,900
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Shown by Ashley & John

OPEN 1:00-2:00

1304 MCDONALD
$164,900
4 bed w/great closet space!
Shown by Mona Lopez

OPEN 1:00-2:00

1820 S. HIGHWAY 137, GREENWOOD
$549,000
Fantastic home on 13 acres, 4 bd, 2ba, stocked pond.
Shown by Michelle Kidd

OPEN 1:00-2:30

24 LAKES DRIVE
$549,900
Rare listing in beautiful Saddle Club Lakes.
Shown by Mark Philliber

OPEN 1:30-2:30

4810 W. CHERRYWOOD CT.
$329,000
Spectacular 3BR + study + gameroom, 2 story.
Shown by Dona Satterfield

OPEN 1:30-2:30

804 BOYD
$185,000
Updated from top to bottom!
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3513 IMPERIAL
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Pristine! Well cared for & loved 4 bedroom home!
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OPEN 1:30-2:30

6100 ORIOLE
$225,000
Nicely updated & a huge lot!
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OPEN 1:30-2:30

#7 CAMBRIDGE
$220,000
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OPEN 1:30-2:30

5613 CROWLEY BLVD.
$299,900
4 bed/3 bath/2 living/ wood floors in Grassland!
Shown by Teri Vestal

OPEN 1:00-3:00

1701 S. CO. RD. 1085
$220,000
3 bdrms, formal dining, lots of tile & granite!
Shown by Clemmie Sorge

OPEN 1:00-3:00

2101 S. CO. RD. 1087
$360,900
4-3-3, new construction, 4 acres, near Greenwood.
Shown by Clemmie Sorge

OPEN 1:00-3:00

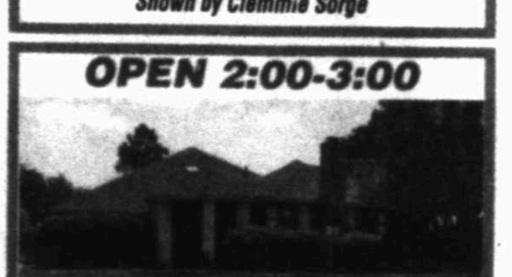
10200 E. CO. RD. 103
$335,900
New construction in Greenwood, 4-2 1/2-3, 1 acre.
Shown by Clemmie Sorge

OPEN 1:00-3:00

1700 E. 21ST, ODESSA
$186,000
3/3, 3 living area, inside pool, 5 car garage.
Shown by Gloria Lott

OPEN 2:00-3:00

10902 E. CO. RD. 106, GREENWOOD
$174,900
Great updated 3 bdrm, 2 bath home on almost 1/2 acre.
Shown by Michelle Leslkar

OPEN 2:00-3:00

5016 BLUEBIRD BRANCH CT.
$330,000
Fabulous 4BR, 3BA, low-maint., completely updated!
Shown by Deborah Stewart

OPEN 2:30-3:30

4720 ROSEWOOD
$285,000
4 bed w/fresh paint & pool!
Shown by Mona Lopez

OPEN 2:30-3:30

4501 ROSEWOOD
$299,900
Immaculate 4 bed w/granite kitchen.
Shown by Ashley St John

OPEN 2:00-4:00

4402 TANFORAN
$495,000
Shady, spacious, serene, 5 bed, 2 acres.
Shown by Ruth Young

OPEN 2:30-4:00

802 HARVARD
$254,900
Beautiful 3BR, 2.5BA across from the Duck Pond.
Shown by Melissa Williams

OPEN 3:30-4:30

3316 WEDGWOOD
$199,900
2 Story Townhome!
Shown by DeLaura Gammage

OPEN 3:30-4:30

4801 BROOKDALE
$135,000
Nice floorplan! Great price!
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OPEN 3:30-4:30

2100 WADLEY #K-13
$142,000
Updated to the max!
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OPEN 3:30-4:30

3804 CRESTRIDGE
$285,000
4 bedroom/3.5 bath on quiet cul-de-sac!
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OPEN 3:30-5:00

6202 S. CO. RD. 1182
$239,900
Financing available, 10.5 acres, 4BR, 2BA!
Shown by Dona Satterfield

"Meet Our Agents"

Elisia Flatt
Broker Associate
557-7159

- Lived in D/FW area for 24 years
- Attended Abilene Christian University for 2 years where I met my husband
- Graduated from University of Texas at Arlington with a BBA in Marketing
- Went back to ACU for graduate work and teaching certificate
- Married Tim in 1993 and came to Midland to have and raise a family
- Taught at Abell Junior High 1994-95
- Blessed with 5 children and the ability to stay home with them for 12 years
- Earned real estate license in December 2006
- Recognized as "Multi-Million Dollar Producer" in 2007, 2008, 2010
- Earned broker's license in January 2011

As a Realtor, God has provided me the opportunity to serve others. An even bigger blessing is that I enjoy it! I understand that buying a house is about much more than just the price you pay for a piece of land or a building. Selecting a property to become your home, a place where your memories will be made, is what it is really about. Additionally, selling the house you've called home is much more than signing papers and receiving a check. For those reasons, assisting you in achieving your real estate goals in a way that is enjoyable to you and brings glory to God is my goal.

I am so appreciative for the clients whose paths have crossed mine and for the experience I've been blessed to share with each of them. I hope to be able to help you in fulfilling your real estate needs and share with you in this very exciting time of your life.

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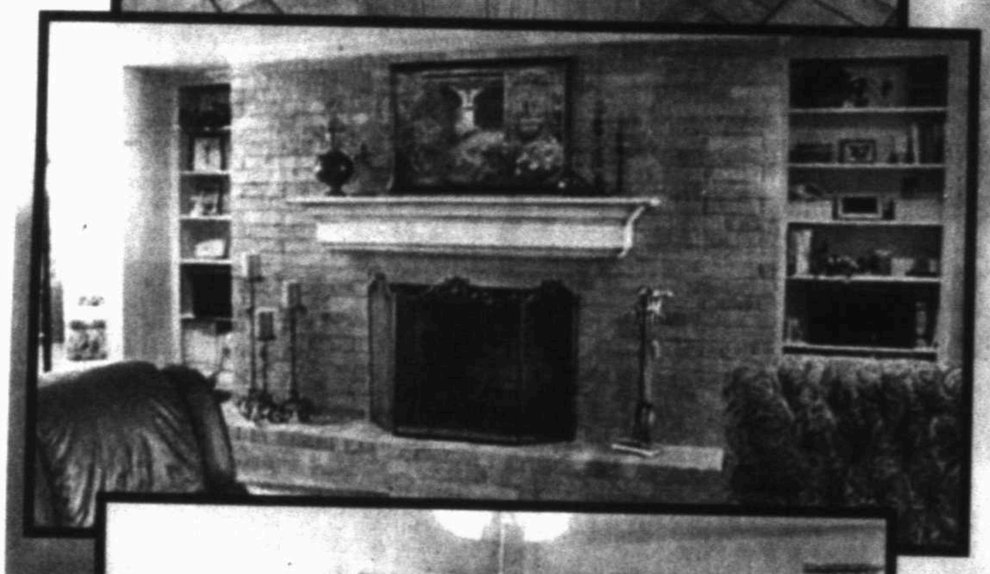
Pristine Condition 4402 Tanforan



4402 Tanforan is in pristine condition in a quiet neighborhood. This five bedroom, four bathroom home sits on two acres with an additional two acres available for purchase. The property is zoned for animals with-in the city limits and there are two water wells. No water restrictions on this home!

The beautifully updated kitchen is always bright with a HUGE skylight. The kitchen also features a large butcher block topped island with wine cooler and lots of storage. Under counter lighting makes baking a snap in the baking center. The tile backsplash and tile flooring are easy to care for.

Living room boasts wood flooring and a wonderfully inviting fireplace. Storage is not a problem in this home because there are built-ins and closets throughout the entire home. All bedrooms have two closets each. One bedroom could be used as a game or multipurpose room. The master bath has been remodeled to include 27 drawers, overhead storage and two closets.

The south facing lot keeps the patio cool. Relax on the large wooded deck and enjoy the yard shaded by over fifty trees. The hybrid grass is watered by the installed sprinkler system. The flagpole stays with the home.

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- **Remodeled Kitchen/Breakfast Room Area**
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- **Installed Outdoor Siding**
- **Installed Auto Sprinkler System Front & Backyard**
- **Installed Vinyl Windows**
- **Installed Flag Stone Front Porch & Walkway**
- **Master Bathroom Remodeled**
- **New Fixtures: December 2010**
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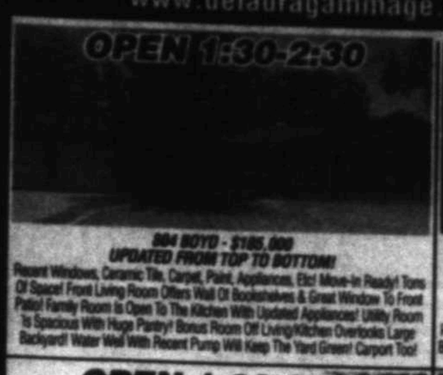

OPEN 1:30-2:30

804 BOYD - $165,000
UPDATED FROM TOP TO BOTTOM!
Recent Windows, Ceramic Tile, Carpet, Paint, Appliances, Etc! Move-In Ready! Tons Of Space! Front Living Room Offers Wall Of Bookcases & Great Window To Front Family Room & Open To The Kitchen With Updated Appliances! Utility Room Is Spacious With Huge Pantry! Bonus Room Off Living/Kitchen Overlooks Large Backyard! Water Well With Recent Pump Will Keep The Yard Green! Carport Too!

OPEN 1:30-2:30

3013 IMPERIAL - $179,000
PRISTINE! WELL CARED FOR & LOVED 4 BEDROOM HOME!
Living Room w/Fireplace & View Into Cozy Dining! Living Is Open & Beautiful With Seattle Tile Floors, Big Windows & Sliding Glass Door To Gorgeously Landscaped Yard! Covered Patio! Stone Pathways! Fountain! Pool Workshop/Storage Building! Nice Kitchen With Double Ovens! Spacious Bedrooms! Great Closet Storage Thru-Out! Pride Of Ownership Shows Here!

OPEN 1:30-2:30

6100 ORIOLE - $225,000
NICELY UPDATED & A HUGE LOT!
4 Bedrooms/2 baths! Formal dining with columns is open to large living room with skylights & fireplace! Kitchen is updated & open to breakfast nook with bay window! Breakfast bar! Spacious bedrooms & roomy closets! Plantation shutters thru-out! High ceilings! Tons of tile! Open patio to huge yard! Swing set stays & still room for trampoline, a pool & a dog run! Tons of records!

OPEN 1:30-2:30

47 CAMBRIDGE - $220,000
4 BEDROOMS PLUS A POOL!
Formal living/dining rooms have nice windows looking at the front courtyard! Family room has vaulted beamed ceiling with fireplace & big windows looking out at the pool! Kitchen has breakfast bar & nook! Utility room is spacious & has a half bath, convenient for backyard/pool access too! Extra yard south of the pool and another yard north of the garage! Cul-de-sac location!

OPEN 3:30-4:30

2100 WADLEY #K-13 - $147,000
UPDATED TO THE MAX!
Awesome Chandelier Condo with Seattle tile floors! Stucco fireplace in great den! Downstairs, sequestered master suite is spacious & bright with windows to the patio! Two gigantic bedrooms upstairs with huge closets share a Jack & Jill bath! Move-in ready with decorator colors! Open patio is perfect for grilling! Assigned, covered parking spaces in back & convenient parking in front! Close to pool - perfect for summer!

OPEN 3:30-4:30

3804 CRESTRIDGE - $285,000
4 BEDROOM/3.5 BATH ON QUIET CUL-DE-SAC!
Tons of space! Awesome location! 4 Bedrooms! 3.5 Baths! Huge living room w/ vaulted ceilings, fireplace, walls of windows & big wet bar! Kitchen has breakfast nook! Formal dining! Sep master suite w/large closet & roomy bath! In-law plan w/private bath! Jack & Jill bath between other 2 bedrooms! Half bath too! Plantation shutters! 2 Car rear entry garage! Low-maintenance backyard! Metal roof! Quiet cul-de-sac!

OPEN 3:30-4:30

3316 WEDGWOOD - $190,000
2 STORY TOWNHOME!
3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 living & 2 dining areas, 2 car garage! Landscaped, low maintenance! Carpeting & hardwood floors! High ceilings! Master bedroom has dual sinks, separate tub!

OPEN 3:30-4:30

4001 BROOKDALE - $135,000
NICE FLOORPLAN! GREAT PRICE!
Fantastic 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with a 2 car garage! A treasure in this price range! Wood flooring! Spacious living room with fireplace! Dining area is open to the kitchen and living room! Kitchen is updated with tile countertops! Covered patio! Sprinkler system! Great area! Close to schools!

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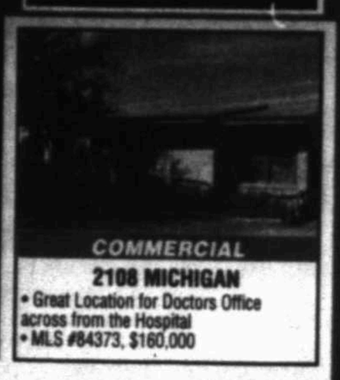
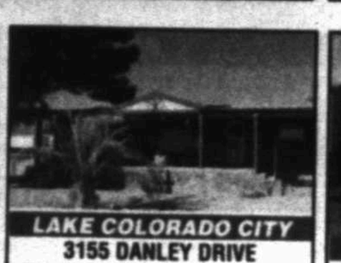
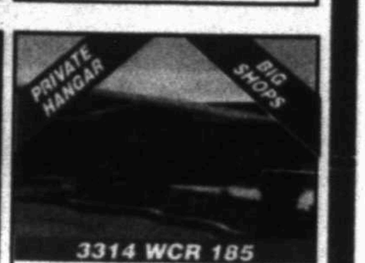


COMMERCIAL
2108 MICHIGAN
• Great Location for Doctors Office across from the Hospital
• MLS #84373, $160,000

RENTAL
4528 FAIRGATE
Nice clean 2 bedroom, 2 bath town home 1 living, 1 dining, Approx. 1600 Sq Ft per MCAD, 1 car garage and 1 car carport, $1400 a month
with $1400 Deposit and 1 year LEASE



LAKE COLORADO CITY
3155 DANLEY DRIVE
• Fabulous lake home
• 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, Metal roof
• Log siding provides extra insulation
• MLS# 85245, $90,000



3314 WCR 185
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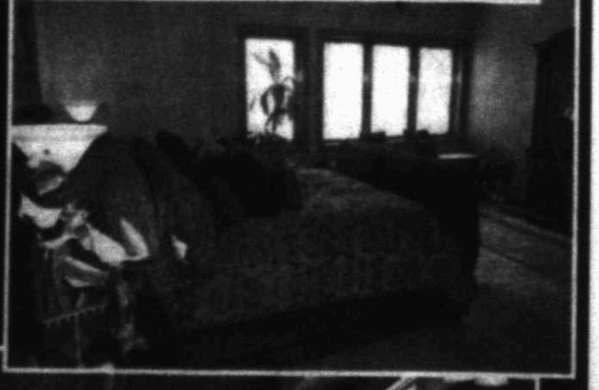

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4500 BREEZEWAY...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #66861	$427,500
4824 SPRING MEADOW LANE...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #65103	*SALE PENDING*
1403 COMMUNITY LN...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #66620	*SALE PENDING*
3314 W CD RD 185...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #65880	$395,000
5001 CRISTA LN...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #66575	*SALE PENDING*
5207 OAK VALLEY...Jane Wolf 684-6040	MLS #66526	*SALE PENDING*
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2628 MARIANA AVE...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #66786	$90,000
4414 PARKDALE...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #66472	$62,900
1205 ILLINOIS AVE...Brooks Smith 618-5035	MLS #66599	*SALE PENDING*

LOOKING FOR THREE BEDROOMS?

10861 E GOLDENROD...Caleb Mallott 349-3330	MLS #76977	$450,000
7101 CD RD...Caleb Mallott 349-3330	MLS #66790	$430,000
3301 EBBETS...Jennifer Johnson 770-3883	MLS #66132	*SALE PENDING*
2708 SAVOY...Michael Hamilton 638-3819	MLS #66124	$343,900
4810 W CHERRYWOOD...Caleb Mallott 349-3330	MLS #66715	$329,000
5100 HWY 80...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #66757	$325,000
6100 I-20 SERVICE RD...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #66738	$325,000
5311 BELLA PLACE...Stacy Gonzalez 413-7061	MLS #66668	$309,900
1105 CASTLEFORD RD...Sandra Jarma 557-1585	MLS #66401	$299,900
305 SKYWOOD CIRCLE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #66770	*SALE PENDING*
5312 WIDENER STRIP...Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #66715	*SALE PENDING*
5709 CARMEL CT...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #65811	$285,900
5504 LOS PATIOS...Sue Little 661-5338	MLS #66521	$283,900
3117 PATRICK...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #66109	$279,900
231 COUNTY RD 300, GARDEN CITY...Lisa Jansa 618-5074	MLS #66428	*SALE PENDING*
1900 WINDRIFT...Larry Hatfield 349-4788	MLS #66540	$269,900
6601 S CD RD 1278...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #66310	*SALE PENDING*
7205 N FM 1788...Caleb Mallott 349-3330	MLS #66392	*SALE PENDING*
5010 BLUEBIRD BRANCH CRT...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #66092	*SALE PENDING*
5492 CYPRESS COURT...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS# 64724	$261,500
4708 ROSEWOOD...Betty Hicks 553-8194	MLS #66629	$259,900
802 HARVARD AVE...Melissa Williams 684-6040	MLS #66492	$254,900
4308 KNIFFEN...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #66828	$250,000
5403 LOS PATIOS...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #66733	*SALE PENDING*
2211 HUMBLE AVE...Danny Norwood 413-2764	MLS #66642	$238,000
3310 WEDGEWOOD...Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #66185	*SALE PENDING*
1701 CD. RD. 1085...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #66531	$220,000
12215 W CD. RD. 54...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #66115	$208,000
1410 NAVAJO TRAIL...Josie Rendon 689-8394	MLS #66584	*SALE PENDING*
3316 WEDGEWOOD ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #66365	$199,900
2909 COUNTRY CLUB DR...Brian Sales 853-5100	MLS #66796	$199,900
3404 SAGEMONT...Gina Reyes 553-6381	MLS #66617	$199,900
5215 CANADIAN AVE...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #66364	*SALE PENDING*
3610 CRESTMONT...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #66324	*SALE PENDING*
3311 OAKMONT...Donna Omar 349-1458	MLS #66722	*SALE PENDING*
3231 SHANDON AVE...Karen Mason 349-3550	MLS #66637	*SALE PENDING*

MIDLAND'S BEST 2 BEDROOM & 1 BEDROOM HOMES

3607 WEDGEWOOD...Sandy Hanson 618-5017	MLS #66555	*SOLD*
4900 ANDREWS HWY...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #65114	$175,000
4902 ANDREWS HWY...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #65113	$175,000
1100 HUMBLE...Deborah Stewart 934-3881	MLS #64192	$159,900
2105 WESTWIND...Karen Foster 559-4086	MLS #66449	$135,000
5206 RIC...Joyce Brickey 352-4127		$100,000
4606 CD. RD. 1135...Pamela Messer 349-3075	MLS #66166	$99,000
118 SIX SHOOTER GULCH, FT. DAVIS...Ruth Young 682-7884...MLS #65938		$95,500
600 DEVONIAN...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #66427	$92,000
1404 MICHIGAN AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #64847	*SALE PENDING*
1102-1104 CARRIZO...Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #65901	$57,000
111 SIX SHOOTER GULCH, FT. DAVIS...Ruth Young 682-7884...MLS #66013		$49,500

MIDLAND'S LARGEST SELECTION OF COUNTRY PROPERTY

9009 E. HWY. 80...Amy Brasher 352-6714	MLS #65159	$1,200,000
2702 CD. RD. 130...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #66536	$525,000
10861 E. GOLDENROD DR...Caleb Mallott 349-3330	MLS #76977	$450,000
7101 W. CD. RD. 44...Caleb Mallott 349-3330	MLS #66790	$430,000
3314 W. CD. RD. 185...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #65880	$395,000
2101 SCR 1089...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #66406	$360,900
10510 E. CD. RD. 109...Maria Mallory 352-4021	MLS #66256	$360,000
2101 S. CD. RD. 1087...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #66406	$309,900
5136 E. MARIGOLD, GARDENDALE...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818	MLS #65743	$345,000
10104 E. CD. RD. 103...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #66409	$337,900
10200 E. CD. RD. 103...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #66407	$335,900
4109 S. FM 818...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #66516	$325,000
6601 S. CD. RD. 1278...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #64040	$279,900
231 COUNTY RD 300, GARDEN CITY...Lisa Jansa 618-5074...MLS# 66691		$275,000
2012 S. CD. RD. 1068...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #65542	*SALE PENDING*
6292 S. CD. RD. 1182...Dona Satterfield 889-6241	MLS #65815	$239,900
10906 E. CD. RD. 104...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #66864	$224,000
1791 CD. RD. 1085...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #66531	$220,000
10512 CD. RD. 103...Sandy Hanson 638-3819	MLS #66218	*SALE PENDING*
9400 W CD. RD. 170...Mark Phillbier 618-5071	MLS #66133	$215,000
10807 E. CD. RD. 104...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #66254	$299,900
12215 W. CD. RD. 54...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782	MLS #66115	$208,000
2204 N. CD. RD. 1040...Caleb Mallott 349-3330	MLS #66883	$200,000
4300 N. CD. RD. 1125...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #65949	$180,000
10902 CD. RD. 106...Michelle Leskar 230-3633	MLS #66791	$174,900
1210 CD. RD. 1082...Lydia Scudder 853-2200	MLS #66506	$141,900
5905 E. CD. RD. 57...Amy Barnett 352-6714	MLS #65535	*SALE PENDING*
6009 E. CD. RD. 84...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #65319	*SALE PENDING*
5003 CD. RD. 1136...Chad Tabor 288-7025	MLS #66405	*SALE PENDING*
4606 CD. RD. 1135...Pamela Messer 349-3075	MLS #66166	$99,000
6009 E. CD. RD. 85...Caleb Mallott 349-3330	MLS #66282	$95,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Caleb Mallott 349-3330	8 Lots Left...3.5 Acre Lots/$95,000	
118 SIX SHOOTER GULCH, FT. DAVIS...Ruth Young 682-7884...MLS #65938		$95,500
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	3+ Acre Lots/Lots $70,000/EA.	
111 SIX SHOOTER GULCH, FT. DAVIS...Ruth Young 682-7884...MLS #66013		$49,500

OUT OF TOWN, ANDREWS & ODESSA LISTINGS

6953 SLEEPY HOLLOW, ODESSA, TX...Brooks Smith 528-2980...MLS #65104		$1,495,000
4500 FM 2401...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #65130	$302,910
231 COUNTY RD 300, GARDEN CITY...Lisa Jansa 618-5074...MLS# 66691		$275,000
2173 CD. RD. 83625...Angie McKay 599-0272	MLS #66844	$265,000
5618 W. 32ND ST...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #66891	$265,000
1416 FRENCH...Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #63858	$225,000
5300 SE COUNTY RD...ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448...MLS #66640		$200,000
2264 SE CD. RD. 3601, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448...MLS #63600		$195,000
3811 LARKSPUR, GARDENDALE, TX...Mark Phillbier 618-5071...MLS #65677		$194,900
1700 E. 21ST., ODESSA, TX...Gloria Valdez Farmer 563-2732...MLS #63237		$180,000
1103 GOLF COURSE RD., ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448...MLS #64166		$179,000
1425 SANDALWOOD...Janice Murrell 349-7242	MLS #63855	$178,900
4455 SE CR 1000, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker. 266-1448...MLS #63011		$175,900
712 BURLESON, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253...MLS #64740		$164,900
3825 37TH ST...Lydia Scudder 853-2200...MLS #66779		$159,900
710 BURLESON, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253...MLS #64741		$154,900
709 GRAY ST., STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253...MLS #63594		*SALE PENDING*
1103 ST. PETER, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253...MLS #64426		*SALE PENDING*
811 NW 7TH ST., ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448...MLS #66641		*SALE PENDING*
100 E. FORRESTER, McCAMEY, TX...Danny Norwood 618-5012...MLS #66278		$124,900
1712 CRESCENT DR., ODESSA, TX...Lydia Scudder 853-2200...MLS #65659		*SALE PENDING*
319 E. 50TH, ODESSA, TX...Danny Norwood 618-5012...MLS #62555		$108,900
600 SHEPHARDS WAY, ANDREWS, TX...Danny Norwood 618-5012		*SALE PENDING*
4224 REDBUD...Terrie Reed 528-8238	MLS #65556	$99,000
10810 E. AUBURN...Danny Norwood 618-5012	MLS #63506	*SALE PENDING*
518 CD. RD., SWEETWATER TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253...MLS #64576		$97,000
3155 DANLEY DR....Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #65245	$90,000
601 NE-AVE. G, ANDREWS, TX...Danny Norwood 618-5012...MLS #63832		$89,900
502 4TH ST., STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253...MLS #65438		$82,000
409 ST. PAUL...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #66218	$76,000
2101 LOVE OAK LANE, BROWNWOOD, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253...MLS #64003		$70,000
601 NE-AVE. G, ANDREWS, TX...Danny Norwood 618-5012...MLS #63832		$54,900
606 AVE. F., ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448	MLS #62418	$50,000
401 ST. JOSEPH...Michelle Kidd 894-1253	MLS #63043	$46,000
Trailer House #10, CR 112 PECOS, TX...Pettis Trailer 38-301...FOR LEASE @ $2,000 SF holding...$3,000...67/MONTH		

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

3900 S. CD. RD. 1285...Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #74663	$1,325,000
6009 E. HWY. 80...Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #65159	$1,200,000
2101 E. 8th St. ODESSA...Yetto Butcher/Kim Isbell 362-4040...MLS# 63591...2 Pass YOT Self business and property for sale		$900,000
11911 CD. RD. 125...Ahley St. John 352-6254	MLS #66474	$850,000
FAUDREE RD...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #65131	$751,000
FAUDREE RD...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #65133	$685,687
2112 E. I-20 SERVICE ROAD...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #74975	$570,000
1909 W. WALL ST...Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #65906	$497,500
1009 N. BIG SPRING...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #65135	$425,000
4321 ILLINOIS AVE...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #65263	$335,000
	MLS #63490	$319,950
4500 FM 2401...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #65130	$302,910
1000 FRONT ST...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #66585	$299,900
1011 WALL ST...Ruth Young 682-7884	MLS #64123	$294,900
610 ANDREWS HWY...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #63489	$283,500
10229 E. HWY. 80, ODESSA, TX...Brooks Smith 528-2980...MLS #63493		$283,500
4301 W. ILLINOIS...Mark Phillbier 618-5071	MLS #66388	$249,900
0 AIR PARK RD...Amy Barnett 352-6714	MLS #79796	$240,000
2003 ANDREWS HWY, ODESSA, TX...Brooks Smith 528-2980...MLS #66616		$200,000
4900 N. MIDKUFF...Koran Foster 559-4086	MLS #65039	$230,000
1000 N. CD. RD. W., ODESSA, TX...Brooks Smith 528-2980...MLS #63958		$230,000
4211 S. CD. RD. 1300...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880	MLS #66622	$225,000
4315-4319 W. ILLINOIS...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019	MLS #70904	$199,000
FAUDREE RD...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #65132	$184,529
412 N. TERRELL...Koran Foster 559-4086	MLS #62897	$169,500
2108 MICHIGAN AVE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #64373	$169,000
1630 OLIVER...Perkins Brasher 349-3421	MLS #65470	$160,000
1626 OLIVER...Perkins Brasher 349-3421	MLS #65468	$160,000
408 WAKEFIELD...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #64320	$155,000
808 E. BROADWAY...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448...MLS# 79703		$140,000
3406 E. HWY. 80...Joyce Brickey 352-4127	MLS #66001	$140,000
1102-04 CARRIZO ST...Martha Manulik 618-5049	MLS #65901	$57,000
Trailer House #10, CR 112 PECOS, TX...Pettis Trailer 38-301...FOR LEASE @ $2,000 SF holding...$3,000...67/MONTH		

LANDS AND LOTS

CD. RD. 1120 S...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #78101	$12,500/ACRE
3900 S. CD. RD. 1285...Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714	MLS #74663	$1,325,000
S. FM 1788...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #62050/96.8 Acres/$968,000	
FAUDREE RD...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #65131	$751,000
FAUDREE RD...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #65133	$685,687
10700 CD. RD. 129...Brooks Smith 618-5035	MLS #66600	$622,500
7101 W. CD. RD. 44...Caleb Mallott 349-3330	MLS #66790...3.56 Acres/$430,000	
0 FM 1213...Caleb Mallott 349-3330	MLS #64018	$375,000
0 W. CD. RD. 150...Caleb Mallott 349-3330	MLS #65092	$260,000
0 AIR PARK RD...Amy Barnett 352-6714	MLS #79796	$240,000
2003 ANDREWS HWY...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #66616	$200,000
4301 MOCKINGBIRD LN...Amy Barnett 352-6714	MLS #63954	$199,900
FAUDREE RD...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #65132	$184,529
4300 N. CD. RD. 1125...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #65949	$180,000
ELKINS RD...Caleb Mallott 349-3330	MLS #62558...29 Acres/$132,926	
6000 BOATLER...Donna Duke 638-4903	MLS #63350	$131,000
I-20W...Caleb Mallott 349-3330	MLS #65410...2 Acres/$100,000	
I-20 W...Jennifer Martin 520-0060	MLS #75866	$100,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Caleb Mallott 349-3330	8 Lots Left...3.5 Acre Lots/$95,000	
7200 W. CD. RD. 44, SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Caleb Mallott 349-3330...MLS #66618		$90,000
7210 W. CD. RD. 44, SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Caleb Mallott 349-3330...MLS #66619		$90,000
3011 GOLF COURSE RD...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #64363	$74,250
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy Hanson 638-3819		$70,000
2011 EVANS LN...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #64364	$67,500
3400 E. HWY. 80...Joyce Brickey 352-4127		$65,000
2010 EVANS LN...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #64360	$62,750
2011 N. CD. RD. 1150...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #64358	$61,250
2121 EVANS LN...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #64362	$60,250
2121 EVANS LN...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #64367	$59,750
2121 EVANS LN...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #64365	$56,250
2111 EVANS LN...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #64366	$56,000
2100 EVANS LN...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #64361	$55,250
3021 E. GOLF COURSE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #64355	$51,000
4455-E. CD. RD. 1080, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448...MLS #64151		$50,000
2000 EVANS LN...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #64357	$50,000
3011 E. GOLF COURSE...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819	MLS #64356	$50,000
E. CD. RD. 1083...Lisa Jansa 661-3389	MLS #62191...2.97 Acres/$49,000	
3200 S. CD. RD. 1080...Jennifer Martin 349-0632	MLS #65964	$30,000
I-20 & WAREHOUSE RD...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #62417...$30,000/PER ACRE	
100 CD. RD. OAKRIDGE DEVELOPMENT...Sandy J. Hanson 638-3819		
Land & Lots $30,250 - $81,250...1.59 to 3.25 acres		$25,000 An Acre
10020 E. CD. RD. 109...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880		$20,000
917 OHIO AVE., BIG SPRING, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253...MLS #62945		$12,000
0 ELM AVE...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #62962	*SALE PENDING*
900 ST. BENEDICT, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253...MLS #63942		$1,700
900 ST. THERESA, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253...MLS #63943		$1,700

FARMS AND RANCHES

CR 150-Vineyard! 23 Acres...Caleb Mallott 349-3330	MLS #65592	$260,000
2204 N. CD. RD. 1040...Caleb Mallott 349-3330	MLS #66883	80 Acres/$200,000
4500 FM 2401...Brooks Smith 528-2980	MLS #65130	$302,910
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY...Caleb Mallott 349-3330...Silver Cloud Ranch/Excellent Hunting		7,011 Acres/$5000/Acre
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY...Caleb Mallott 349-3330...Big Cat Ranch/Finest Ranch in Texas		19,330 Acres/$780/Acre
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY...Caleb Mallott 349-3330...Madera Canyon Ranch/The Best of Texas		9,401 Acres/$975/Acre
10861 E. GOLDENROD DR...Caleb Mallott 349-3330	MLS #576077A	$400,000
LYNN COUNTY...Brooks Smith 528-2980...1300 Beautiful acres...70 acres of lake. Rare Find!!	MLS #61458	$1,000,000
7110 W. CD. RD. 46...Caleb Mallott 349-3330		3.5 Acres/$125,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Caleb Mallott 349-3330	6 Lots Left	3.5 Acre Lots/$95,000
UPTON COUNTY-Crisp I, Ranch - 27,535+/- Acres, 6 water wells, 2 sets of working pens, Great hunting		$396/ACRE
UPTON COUNTY-Owner has decided to split up a big ranch. 3 Sections of land and will be great hunting ranches. Access off of Co. Rd. 1402		1920 ACRES/$425/ACRE
PECOS COUNTY-321 Acres, rural water line, 2 dirt tanks, 1 windmill, great hunting, covered in Coastal grass		$1,300/ACRE
MITCHELL COUNTY-Westbrook, 650 Acres. Call Caleb Mallott 349-3330		$500/ACRE
WHEELER COUNTY-Huge Price Reduction! 6745.5 Acres, 500 irrigated, 5000 cu ft house w/metal roof, 640 acres is game fenced, 10 water wells, 4 working pens, shop		$2,000 ACRE
TOM GREEN COUNTY-320

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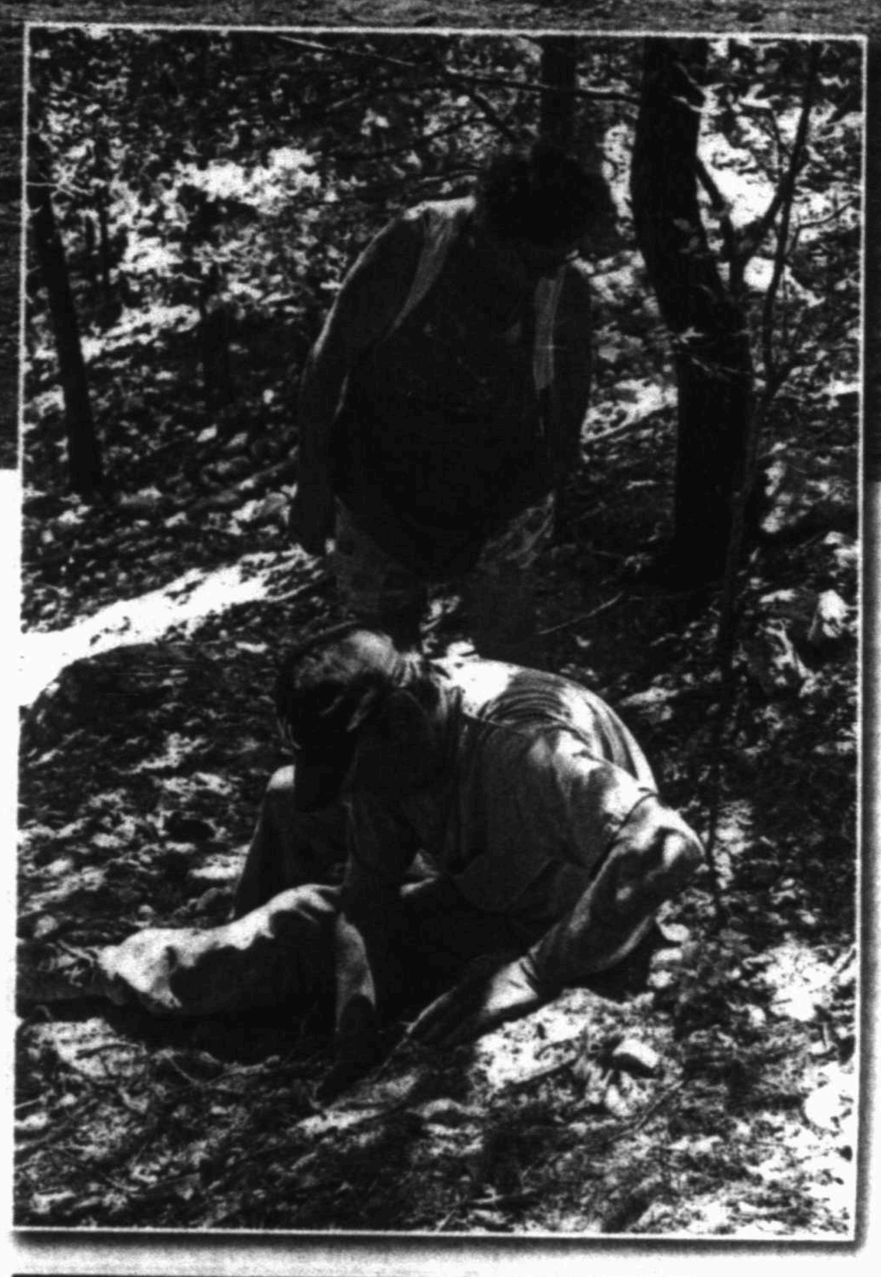

Crystal, diamond mines encourage visitors to get their hands dirty

By Kay Crites
Reporter-Telegram

INSIDE
Thermal waters continue to draw crowds to Hot Springs

Kristen Gum, host of the now-cancelled "Treasure Hunt" show on the Travel Channel, made searching for diamonds at Crater of Diamonds State Park in Arkansas look like so much fun my husband, Bob, and I agreed we'd have to try it. We agreed it definitely was different from our usual vacations, where we searched for hidden gems in antique stores and outlet malls. We took a few years to actually make it happen, but in late May, we loaded up the pickup and headed east.

Bob had researched and discovered Arkansas also is known for its quartz crystal mines. Why not? Forget the fact the most athletic thing I've done lately is to climb on my soap box.

Our first stop was Mount Ida — crystal country. We made the mistake of starting with the most-advertised, most clearly-marked crystal mine, assuming that meant it was the best, and you know what they say about assuming. After two hours of hot, back-breaking work, we had nothing to show and left discouraged.

I believe I've made it clear I'm not an athletic person. So, it won't be a surprise I was ready to call it quits and find air conditioning and room service. Bob, however, doesn't believe in quitting. He stopped in Mount Ida at a crystal shop and asked for references. We were directed north, to Gee and Dee Crystals, for the opportunity to dig at Brewster Mountain Mine.

Brewster Mountain Mine has been owned by "Gee" (G.W. or George William) and "Dee" (Dolores) Johnson since 1997. G.W. explained the mine is a commercial mine, and evidence of that fact covers a number of large tables in their front yard. The crystals are displayed to draw traffic off the road that runs beside their house. G.W. told of a lady who stopped one day when she saw the large crystals in the yard. She asked how he managed to hand carve all those angles and shapes. He explained those weren't his work. They came out of the ground that way, and then he showed her a crystal still waiting to be cleaned. He carefully washed the dirt off to reveal the crystal underneath, only to have the lady ask, "Well, why'd you put the dirt on them to begin with?"

G.W. has owned a number of mines over the years and started digging in 1959, while he was still in school. "I'd go up into the mountains by myself and dig for two days. I'd find a big pocket and drag two and a half bushels of crystals back. Then after school, I'd wash the crystals off and sell them for $100. That was good money."

For G.W., this was the start of his love affair with mining. Although he graduated in 1963 from Nashville Diesel Auto-Diesel College and worked at a truck stop, on weekends he still headed into the hills to dig for

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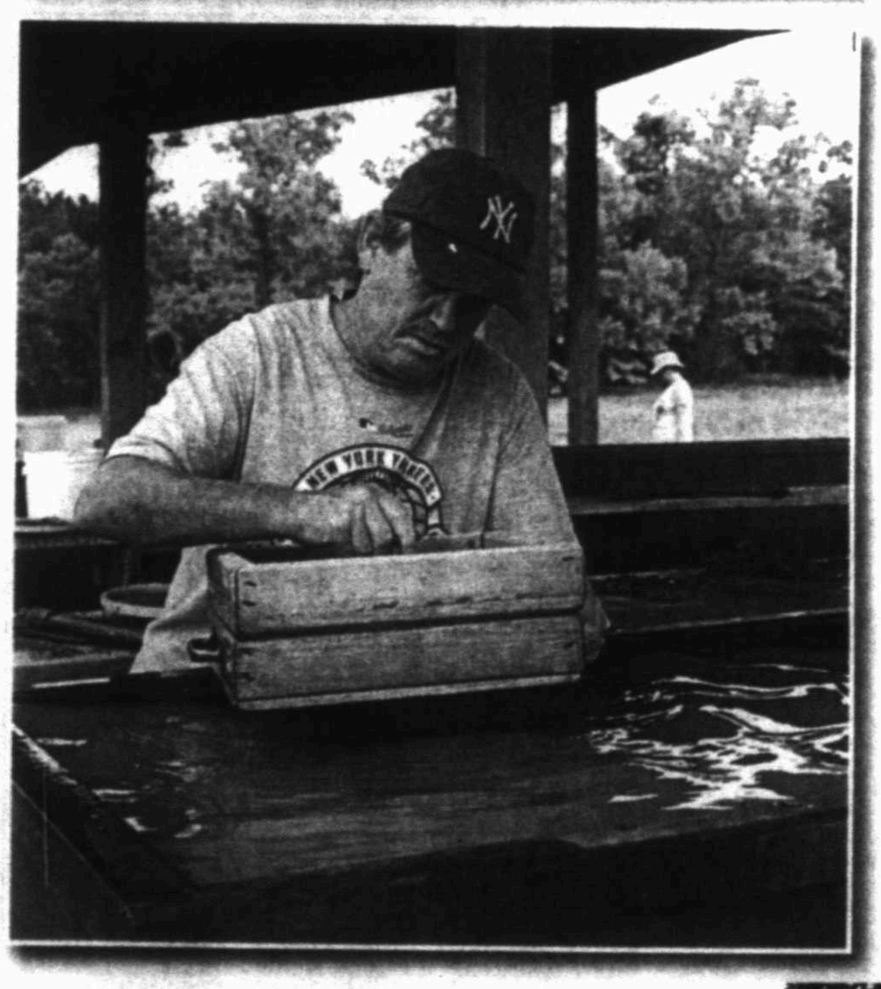

DIG IT UP, SOAK IT IN Visitors to Crater of Diamonds State Park in Arkansas, above, dig for diamonds. ABOVE RIGHT: Dee Johnson, of Brewster's Mountain Mine, helps Bob Crites look for diamonds. RIGHT: Crites rinses a box in water to see if he found any diamonds. BELOW RIGHT: Quapaw Bathhouse is one of two bathhouses still functioning in Hot Springs, Ark. BELOW LEFT: A stream flows through the Garvan Woodland Gardens in Hot Springs, Ark.

Photos courtesy of Kay Crites

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crystals. In 1974 he bought a bulldozer and began mining full time.

The Johnsons originally closed the mine to the public when they first purchased it, but re-opened it in 2000. Dee Johnson was at the mine with several other families when we arrived. She said the area being searched was her "private searching place" — shaded, with a cool breeze coming off a lake below. When she heard we never had searched for crystals before, Dee generously showed us the best way to dig, while calling out periodically to check on how the other families were faring. Occasionally, a shovel was needed, but the tools we used most were the three-pronged cultivators out of our garden, and digging was easy. There was an instant camaraderie with the others searching for crystals, and everyone played show and tell with their latest finds.

Almost instantly we began finding large, beautiful crystals and clusters. In the few minutes it took me to return to the truck for drinks, Bob unearthed a cluster of crystals three to four inches long. Another family dug up a perfectly clear, beautifully-formed crystal about three and one-half inches long and two inches in diameter. Crystals similar to these were selling for over $100 in the crystal shops in Mount Ida.

When we were done we headed for Murfreesboro, home of Crater of Diamonds State Park, arriving a leisurely 45 minutes later. The park has a rich history, no pun intended.

For years, locals wondered about the unusual green dirt about two miles south of the small farming community of Murfreesboro. Geologists examined the soil in the late 1800s and found it to be similar to diamond-bearing volcanic material elsewhere in the world, but they failed to uncover any diamonds at that time.

Early in the 20th century, a local farmer named John Wesley Huddleston purchased land near Murfreesboro, which included part of this volcanic material. In August 1906, he discovered the first diamonds on his property. Known as Arkansas's "Diamond King," Huddleston soon sold his land to a commercial mining company for $36,000. A diamond rush developed as soon as word of the find got out.

The land passed through a series of owners, who tried to both mine and open the land up to visitors for a fee. In 1972 the state of Arkansas bought the land for a state park for $750,000.

A few of the famous diamonds found at the mine include the Uncle Sam, a white diamond found in 1924 weighing 40.23 carats; Amarillo Starlight, a white diamond found in 1975 weighing 16.37 carats; and the Star of Arkansas, a white diamond found in 1956 weighing 15.33 carats.

The Strawn-Wagner Diamond, found in 1990, is the most perfect diamond the American Gem Society (AGS) ever certified in its laboratory. Graded the perfect grade of O/O/O (Ideal cut/D-color/Flawless), or Triple Zero, it is the highest grade a diamond can achieve.

There are three methods of searching for diamonds. You can walk along the furrows and look for diamonds laying on the surface. According to information at the park, this works best after a rain. You also can sift through the dry dirt. The diamonds have a slightly oily surface, and the clay soil will not stick to them. However, the heavy clay soil forms large, hard clumps that are difficult to break apart. The third method consists of taking a bucket of soil to the sluice and using a series of screens to wash away the clay and collect the small stones, one of which might be a diamond.

This is the method Bob and I chose. While we had shovels and tools in our truck, we opted to rent the Ultimate Diamond Hunter kit from the park for $12 (with a $60 deposit). On the day we visited, five diamonds were found, ranging in size from 3 to 73 points. This is an extremely high average, as only around 600 diamonds are found each year. I regret to say Bob and I were not one of the five who successfully found diamonds, but we did find some possibilities — giving us the excitement of taking them to the identification desk where we learned the truth. We had found four beautiful samples of quartz, while enjoying one of America's most unique state parks.

Just a tip, this activity will not interest most small children for very long. It's hard, tedious work, and the children we observed (up to about 10 or 11 years of age) were soon bored. There is a water park adjacent to the diamond field. While it's an additional fee, it might be worth it to take a break, cool off, give the children a change of pace and then return to the diamond field, as your admission fee is good all day.

THAT'S HOT
A steam cabinet at the Fordyce Bathhouse, left, now is part of a national museum in Hot Springs, Ark. BELOW: A statue sits in the Garvan Woodland Gardens in Hot Springs, Ark.

Photos courtesy of Kay Crites

Thermal waters draw crowds to Hot Springs

By Kay Crites
Reporter-Telegram

Water. That's what attracts people to Hot Springs, Ark. Located near Lake Ouachita, Lake Hamilton and Lake Catherine, water and outdoor sports abound, but that's not the water that makes Hot Springs special. It's the thermal waters bubbling to the surface that set this city apart from all others.

For hundreds of years, Hot Springs has been known for the springs that prompted the government to establish the first federally-protected area in the nation's history. Congress passed a law in 1832, protecting the hot springs and making it the oldest national park in the National Park System, predating Yellowstone National Park by 40 years.

Hot Springs National Park features amazing 143-degree thermal water that begins heating a mile below the earth's surface before making its way upward through a fault. People have used these springs for more than 200 years to treat illnesses and to relax. Both rich and poor were drawn to the springs, and a town built up around the springs to accommodate visitors.

By 1921 Hot Springs had developed into a popular resort destination featuring gambling, the healing thermal water spas and horse racing. Bathhouse Row, a line of oppulent, regal bathhouses that still occupy the east side of Central Avenue in the Hot Springs Historic District, hosted celebrities and working men, alike — although staterooms were available for more wealthy, while the working man settled for locker rooms filled with individual cubicles for changing. Some of the more famous who came to Hot Springs for the restoring waters included Bat Masterson, Cy Young, Carrie Nation, President John F. Kennedy, Billy Sunday, President Herbert Hoover, Helen Keller, Babe Ruth, Jack Dempsey and even Frank and Jesse James.

The bathhouses still gracing Central Avenue include the Superior Bathhouse, built in 1916 in Classical Revival style; the Hale Bathhouse, originally built in 1892 and modified in 1914 and 1938 into a Spanish-Revival décor; Maurice Bathhouse, built in 1912 and remodeled in 1915 with an eclectic mixture of Italian and Spanish Revaissance Revival; the Fordyce Bathhouse, built in 1915 in a Renaissance Revival décor with Spanish and Italianate elements; Quapaw Bathhouse, built in 1922 to include a large Moorish-style dome; Ozark Bathhouse, built in 1922 in a Spanish Revival Style; Buckstaff Bathhouse, a Neoclassical Revival building constructed in 1912, and the Lamar Bathhouse, built in 1923 in the California Modern Style.

Today, only the Buckstaff and Quapaw continue to operate as spas, allowing visitors to enjoy massages and bathing in the thermal waters, while enjoying the beautiful setting of the historic buildings.

The Fordyce — the largest and most ornate structure on Bathhouse Row — has been converted into a historically-furnished museum, providing visitors with a glimpse into the spas in their prime. Visitors are welcome to tour the bathhouse's three floors, including massage rooms, changing rooms and staterooms, bathing rooms and the parlor, where guests gathered under stained glass ceilings to visit, write letters or read. There is no charge to tour the Fordyce Bathhouse.

In the early 1900s, people sipped at almost every seep in Hot Springs National Park. That's not recommended today, so specific fountains have been created where visitors may collect water or just take a sip. While known for its thermal waters, there are places where the water is cool when it reaches the surface, and drinking fountains also can be found for the cool water springs. While the National Park Service does not authenticate the healing qualities of the hot springs, it does certify that the water — hot or cool — is safe to drink from any of the provided fountains.

Other activities abound in Hot Springs, including antique shops, museums, hiking, horseback riding, a former fire tower converted to an observation platform and a combination theme park and water park, but one of the more peaceful and beautiful attractions is just outside of town.

The University of Arkansas's 210-acre botanical garden, Garvan Woodland Gardens, is ranked as one of the 10 best in North America. Waterfalls, cascades and hundreds of thousands of colorful plantings in a sculpted landscape make for a breath-taking exploration over nearly three miles of recreational trails. The paths are handicapped accessible, and golf cart tours are available for an additional fee.

Plants include more than 2,000 azaleas of 160 varieties, 128 species of ornamental native shrubs and wildflowers, more than 300 varieties of flowering perennials and groundcovers, 65 different varieties of Asian maple and one of North America's only known mature, blooming specimen of the Emmenopterys henrii, a rare tree from Burma and southern China.

The garden also features a sanctuary with more than 100 species of birds, including the pileated woodpecker, great blue heron, wild turkey and great horned owl. It is also a wintering site for the bald eagle. Native animals inhabiting the gardens include gray and red squirrels, raccoons, opossums, coyotes, armadillos, red foxes and a resident heard of white-tailed deer.

Garvan Woodland Gardens also includes a 1.5 acre children's adventure garden. A must-see at the Gardens is the stunning, six-story-high wood and glass Anthony Chapel.

The Gardens are located at 540 Arkridge Road and are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., except for Thanksgiving day, Christmas day, New Year's day and the entire month of January. Admission is $9 for adults, $8 for seniors, $4 for children ages 6 to 12, and children age 5 and under are free. A Hot Springs vacation guide picked up at an Arkansas Welcome Center provided several discount coupons for activities in Hot Springs, including the Gardens.

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European vacation: Visit three German cities on a budget

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of travel stories from Reporter-Telegram intern Stuart Gill. A student at Texas Tech, Gill spent three weeks traveling Europe on a college student's budget.

STUART GILL
Reporter-Telegram intern

It's summertime and, for many people, that means time to go on vacation. Not sure where to go?

A growing number of people have been answering that question with a trip to Europe. I know what you're probably thinking, "Well, that's great for those people, but I can't afford that." But what if you could? I am a full-time college student and, working part-time, it took me less than a year to save the money I needed for a three-week trip abroad.

If I can do it, why can't you? And to help, I'll give you a few tips to save a lot of money and some ideas for less expensive things to do once you get to your destination and I'll point out which more costly activities are worth the price.

One way to save a big chunk of money is simple, but highly effective — commit to the trip. The sooner you plan ahead and make reservations, the more money you'll save. A key example of this is paying for airfare. Tickets will be at the lowest price about six months before the departure date. If you commit to the trip way ahead of time, you can save hundreds on your plane ticket.

So, have I talked you into it yet? Good. Now, where to go on your Euro-adventure? Germany could be your answer. It is a big country, with a lot of sites and cities to see.

Berlin - The capital city. Berlin is full of history, from the rise of the Prussian monarchy through Frederick the Great to Hitler and the reign of the Third Reich to the Berlin Wall and the rise and fall of communism in Germany. Berlin was at the center of all of these events and the city shows it in everything from its architecure to the museums and memorials throughout the city. Walking tours (ranging from no cost to about $15) or bike tours ($20-$45) are a great way to see Berlin. These types of tours are an excellent way to learn about any city you plan to visit.

One site that is well worth the money is Museum Island — given its name because of the three massive museums and the Berlin Cathedral, one of the biggest cathedrals in Berlin, that reside on an island in the middle of the Spree river. Admission for a combination ticket for all three museums is about $25 per person and children 18 and under get in free.

Along with those museums, there are dozens of great historic sites and memorials to visit. Everything from remnants of the Berlin Wall (which costs nothing to see) to memorials from the Nazi regime can be found within the city. The Memorial for the Murdered Jews during World War II is one of the most unique memorials in Berlin (also free). Berlin is a must-see, especially for anyone who considers themselves a history buff.

Munich - Another popular city to visit in Germany. Munich is located in the Bavaria region of Central Europe and in the southeastern part of Germany. Some of the most delicious dark beers and savory sausage call this city home. Munich is smaller than Berlin, but still has some very interesting things to do.

One particular museum falls flawlessly into the category of interesting. The

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Mother questions sending daughters back to grandmother's house

FAMILY MATTERS

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DEAR FAMILY: Our 9- and 7-year-old daughters don't want to stay at their grandmother's house for two weeks like they have the last three summers. The 9-year-old told me they didn't want to go because Meme was "mean to them." When I asked her to tell me more she described what I know from my experience growing up to be true. My mother was and still is a perfectionist. She never wanted anything to be out of place and would yell at me if I left anything out. One of her hated rules was "take out one thing to play with and when you're through, put it up and get another." I was hoping she would be better with her granddaughters, but apparently she's not.

My mother always has been very social and self-centered so it broke my heart even more when my daughter said she often left them with the maid or babysitters while she went to do something with her friends. According to them they didn't get to go swimming very many times at her house because Meme didn't want them to track water in, or she didn't have time to watch them.

As far as I'm concerned they don't have to go, but my husband (since he didn't grow up with her) is more willing to send them. We both would like some time with just the two of us, but I don't want to put my daughters through another miserable experience. The weird thing is my mother thinks she's just a wonderful grandmother and has called several times to schedule the girls' visit. I keep putting her off, but I need to do something. Any ideas would be appreciated. — STUCK MOM

DEAR STUCK: I am sorry your mom is a perfectionist. That is most often a form of an obsessive-compulsive disorder and it can be changed. You might look it up online and see what you think. It is not just the person being "mean" because the children are not performing according to some predetermined rules in your mother's head; rather it is her reacting with agitation when a rule is violated. To me, people who live in that world live in their own prison within their minds and then make life miserable for the people who love them. For example, there certainly is nothing inappropriate about her wanting the girls to pick up after themselves, but it ruins the experience when the girls know if they forget she may yell at them. With this disorder it often is a question of degrees and how the person handles a rigidly defined rule that is violated.

For that aspect of the potential visit I would suggest teaching the girls about how Meme is, that there is nothing wrong with what they are doing, Meme should not ever yell at them and if they can try to forgive her and overlook it that would be a really nice thing to do. I know this is in essence allowing your mother's dysfunctional behavior to continue unchallenged, but I would not be too optimistic about two little girls altering your mother's brain functioning. You could on the other hand ask your mom to loosen her rules for their visit if she can. You would just have to see how that works. My main point is we validate your daughters' experiences and then they can maintain a workable perspective and valid reality. These situations are usually delicate to weave through.

In terms of your mother's social and personal focus, that is her choice. Once again, not much you can change since she has behaved like this your entire life. I consider it a major loss when a parent selects other things over an appropriate involvement in her or his child's life. While it may appear to be the child's loss, it is really the parent's. You might consider reducing the time the girls spend there to one week and asking your mother to look at her schedule and identify a week she can devote virtually all her time to doing things with and for the girls. Perhaps she will allow a little child to teach her the meaning of being a true grandmother.

HOME Chicago blogger Gina Crosley-Corcoran holds her two-month-old daughter Jolene on July 3, while sons Jonas, 4, left, and Jules, 3, look on in Lombard, Ill.

Paul Beaty/AP

Study marks dramatic rise in mothers choosing home births

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — One mother chose home birth because it was cheaper than going to a hospital. Another gave birth at home because she has multiple sclerosis and feared unnecessary medical intervention. And some choose home births after cesarean sections with their first babies.

Whatever their motivation, all are among a striking trend: Home births increased 20 percent from 2004 to 2008, accounting for 28,357 of 4.2 million U.S. births, according to a study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released in May.

White women led the drive, with 1 in 98 having babies at home in 2008, compared to 1 in 357 black women and 1 in 500 Hispanic women.

Sherry Hopkins, a Las Vegas midwife, said the women whose home births she's attended include a pediatrician, an emergency room doctor and nurses. "We're definitely seeing well-educated and well-informed people who want to give birth at home," she said.

Robbie Davis-Floyd, a medical anthropologist at the University of Texas at Austin and researcher on global trends in childbirth, obstetrics and midwifery, said "at first, in the 1970s, it was largely a hippie, countercultural thing to give birth outside of the hospital. Over the years, as the formerly 'lay' midwives have become far more sophisticated, so has their clientele."

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, which certifies OB-GYNs, warns home births can be unsafe, especially if the mother has high-risk conditions, if a birth attendant is inadequately trained and if there's no nearby hospital in case of emergency. Some doctors also question whether a "feminist machoism" is at play in wanting to give birth at home.

But home birthers say they want to be free of drugs, fetal monitors, IVs and pressure to hurry their labor at the behest of doctors and hospitals. They prefer to labor in tubs of water or on hands and knees, walk around their living rooms or take comfort in their own beds, surrounded by loved ones as they listen to music or hypnosis recordings with the support of midwives and doulas. Some even go without midwives and rely on husbands or other non-professionals for support.

Julie Jacobs, 38, of Baltimore, who has multiple sclerosis, said she "chose midwives and hypnosis because I wanted to surround myself with people who would support me as a birthing mother, rather than view me as an MS patient who would be a liability in need of interventions at every turn."

Her first two children were born in a freestanding birth center operated by midwives. After the center closed, her third child was born at home in 2007. "If I had been in a hospital I probably would have had C-sections for all three," she said. "With the first, I would have been terrified to try a home birth. After the second one I was like, hey, I can't necessarily walk in a straight line, but I can do this."

Some home birthers cite concerns over cesarean sections. The U.S. rate of C-sections in hospitals hovers around 32 percent, soaring up to 60 percent in some areas. In some cases, there's a "too posh to push" mentality of scheduled inductions for convenience sake (Victoria Beckham had three).

Gina Crosley-Corcoran, a Chicago blogger and pre-law student, had a C-section with her first baby and chronicled nightmarish pressure from nurses and doctors to abandon a vaginal birth with her second. She followed up with a third child born at home in April.

In Portland, Ore., acupuncturist Becca Seitz gave birth to both her children at home, the first time in 2007 because she and her husband were without insurance.

"It was never on my radar, until we couldn't afford otherwise," she said. "I'm granola, but not that granola. It cost us $3,300, as opposed to over $10,000 in a hospital."

Her midwife was prepared with the drug Pitocin, oxygen and other medical equipment.

Dr. Joel Evans, the rare board-certified OB-GYN who supports home birth, said the medical establishment has become "resistant to change, resistant to dialogue, resistant to flexibility."

"Women are now looking for alternatives where they can be treated as individuals, as opposed to being forced to comply with protocols, which however well meaning, have the impact of both medicalizing childbirth and increasing stress and anxiety around delivery," said Evans, founder and director of the Center for Women's Health in Stamford, Conn., and an assistant clinical professor at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York.

By some accounts, in 1900, 95 percent of U.S. births took place at home. That slipped to half by 1938 and less than 1 percent by 1955.

Today, most midwife-attended births take place in hospitals in the U.S., and many midwives are licensed nurses. But there are also close to 1,700 midwives who practice outside of hospitals, said Davis-Floyd. In 27 states, so-called "lay" midwives who lack nurses' training but are licensed and certified as professional midwives can attend births legally.

Maximize efficiency while facing high gas prices

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Alex Rose is a volunteer for AARP Community Service.

I expect almost everyone — myself included — has the itch to go places, especially if they have a little time off this summer. Prices at the pump, however, have been shocking. Granted, in the last few weeks the price of gas has gone down somewhat, but it still is not what it used to be.

The best gas-saving idea I have to is to get a bicycle and take off. This is a great for travel around the block or to a nearby store, but hardly practical for a family and a trip to the mountains or to a lake.

Another gas saver is the motorcycle, but again, that vehicle limits you to one or two passengers. It's not as cheap as a bicycle, but not as expensive as a car.

If you are in the market for a new car and shop wisely, you probably will end up with a car that gets good gas mileage. This was not the case with my car that I bought more for the looks than the economy. I need all the help I can get.

AARP has come up with some tips for saving on gas and I am putting these tips into practice.

■ First, help your car lose weight. Empty all the unnecessary clutter from the trunk and the back seat. Remove luggage or bicycle racks you no longer use. Perhaps the savings on gas will be minimal, but every penny counts.

■ Second, keep your speed down. Your best efficiency is driving at 40 or 50 miles an hour. Roger Clark, a fuel economy engineer at General Motors, said for every 10 miles an hour above those speeds, drivers lose four miles a gallon.

■ Get organized and do all your errands in the same direction at the same time. This is one tip I have mastered and you can do the same. All it takes is a little planning which starts with a "To Do" list for the day.

■ Another good idea is to avoid idling. In 2009, Phil Reed, the senior consumer advice editor at the car guide Edmunds.com found in tests drivers who cut idling to no more than one minute typically can make their gas last 10 percent longer. One rule, even if you are in a crawling line is if you are parked safely, shut it down. You will save money.

■ Carpooling is a wonderful way to cut costs. Some incentives even will pay you for carpooling. The nonprofit Clean Air out of Georgia pays drivers $3 a day — up to $100 within a 90-day period — to carpool. Las Vegas has a program that lets drivers earn $5 to $50 in gift cards by logging their carpooling time. I am not aware of any such program in our area.

■ Go easy on the air conditioning. Do not turn it off if you are baking, but consider turning it on low. The AC compressor is a huge drag on gasoline efficiency. If you are driving around town at less than top speeds lower the windows, or at least set the air conditioner to low.

It also pays to know where you can fill up your tank and get good quality gas at the lowest price possible. I hope some of these ideas will help all of us save a money this summer.

DEAR ABBY

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Mom teaches kids to work toward goals

DEAR ABBY: When my children were young, I was a single parent. I always put my children first. We didn't have a lot of money, but we got by. If they asked for something we couldn't afford, we would discuss it. I'd show them the budget and the bills, and we'd find a way to get what they wanted.

They gave up snacks for six months so I could set that money aside to buy them bikes. We also decided we could go to Disney World — if we didn't have cable for two years. If they wanted something, the answer was always yes, but I let them know we needed to figure out how to manage it. They learned to budget and save for things they wanted. I believe if you work toward a goal, you can achieve it.

My new husband disagrees with me. We attended a parenting class together and they agreed with him. This doesn't sit well with me. I feel just saying "no" is showing them we have the control, but teaches them nothing. Am I wrong? — ALREADY AT ODDS IN

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WEDDINGS

Schilling - Hafley

Holly Michelle Schilling and Glen Murray Hafley were united in marriage at 5 p.m. Saturday, June 25, 2011, at Tenroc Ranch in Salado, Texas.

A special long-time friend of the family officiated. The creek side ceremony, under the centuries old oak and pecan trees of the Hill Country, echoed with the music of classical guitarist Terry Muska of San Antonio. Following the ceremony, the bride's parents hosted a dinner and dance, catered by Johnny's Steaks of Salado, at the Sirena event center located on the ranch. Before the dance the couple was presented with a long-time German family tradition, "The Grand March". Richard and Sonya Schilling, uncle and aunt of the bride, of Amarillo, Texas, lead the march with family and friends in honor of the new couple. The guests then enjoyed the classic country sound of the "Jeremy Steding Band" of Austin, Texas. On the eve of the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a dinner in Salado.

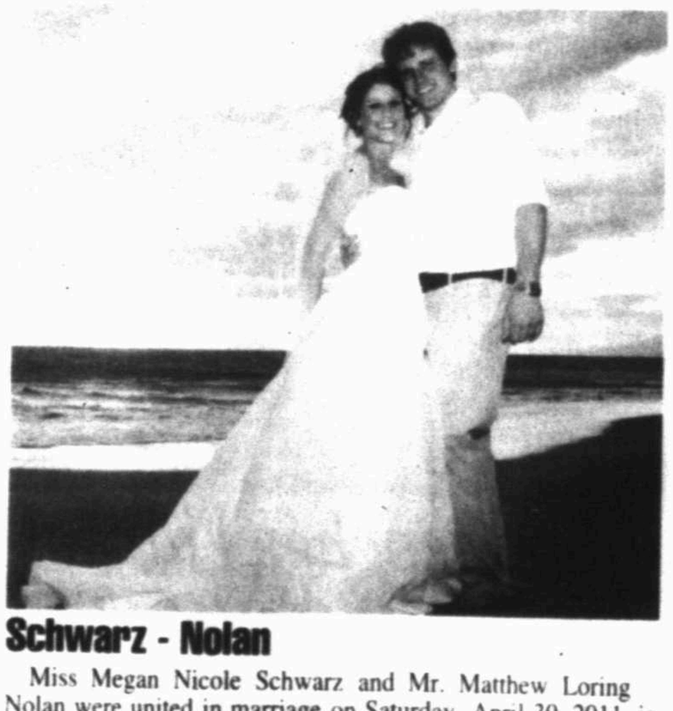
The bride is the daughter of Shelly and Phillip Robertson of Midland, Texas, and Dennis Schilling of Hereford, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Shirlene Scoggins of Midland and the late Robert Holland Scoggins, Leona Schilling of Hereford and the late Edward and Junell Schilling. The groom is the son of Jerry and Amy Hafley of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Serving the bride as maid of honor was Brionne Yosten of Stillwater, Oklahoma. Bridesmaids were Pam McNutt of Hereford; Joy Lawrence, sister of the groom, of Round Rock, Texas; Kari Schilling and Karli Schilling, cousins of the bride, both of Canyon, Texas; and Katie Walch, cousin of the bride, of Fredericksburg, Texas. The flower girl was Carolyn Fuller, cousin of the bride and daughter of Dean and Kelly Fuller of Phoenix, Arizona. The house party attendants were niece of the groom, Madison Hafley, daughter of Lee and Christie Hafley of Rockdale, Texas; Ashley Saltiore of Decatour, Texas; Rachel Rose of Burnet, Texas; and Heather Wilson of Marble Falls, Texas. Margaret Cessnun, aunt and godmother of the bride, served as lector during the ceremony as well as Christie Hafley of Rockdale.

Brad Eckert of Wichita Falls served as best man. Trenton Hafley, son of the groom, served as junior best man. Groomsmen were J.T. Boland of Woodson, Texas; Lee Hafley, brother of the groom, of Rockdale; Jason Jentsch of Wichita Falls; Chad Schilling and Blake Schilling, brothers of the bride, both of Hereford. Ring bearer was Ethan Lacey, cousin of the bride and son of Dr. Stuart and Krystal Lacey of Phoenix. Serving the couple as ushers were Mark Leishner of Elgine, Texas; Jordan Hafley, nephew of the groom and son of Lee and Christie Hafley of Rockdale; and Ryan Lacey, cousin of the bride and son of Dr. and Krystal Lacey of Phoenix.

Holly is a 2001 graduate of Hereford High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in exercise sports science from Texas Tech University in 2006. She is currently employed by the Consolidated Independent School District in Burnet, Texas, as a coach and teacher. Glen is a 1993 graduate of Wichita Falls High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in kinesiology from Midwestern State University. He is also employed by the CISD in Burnet.

After taking a northern Caribbean cruise the couple will make their home in Bertram, Texas.



Schwarz - Nolan

Miss Megan Nicole Schwarz and Mr. Matthew Loring Nolan were united in marriage on Saturday, April 30, 2011, in a 5:30 pm sunset ceremony on the Poolenalena Beach on the Island of Maui, Hawaii.

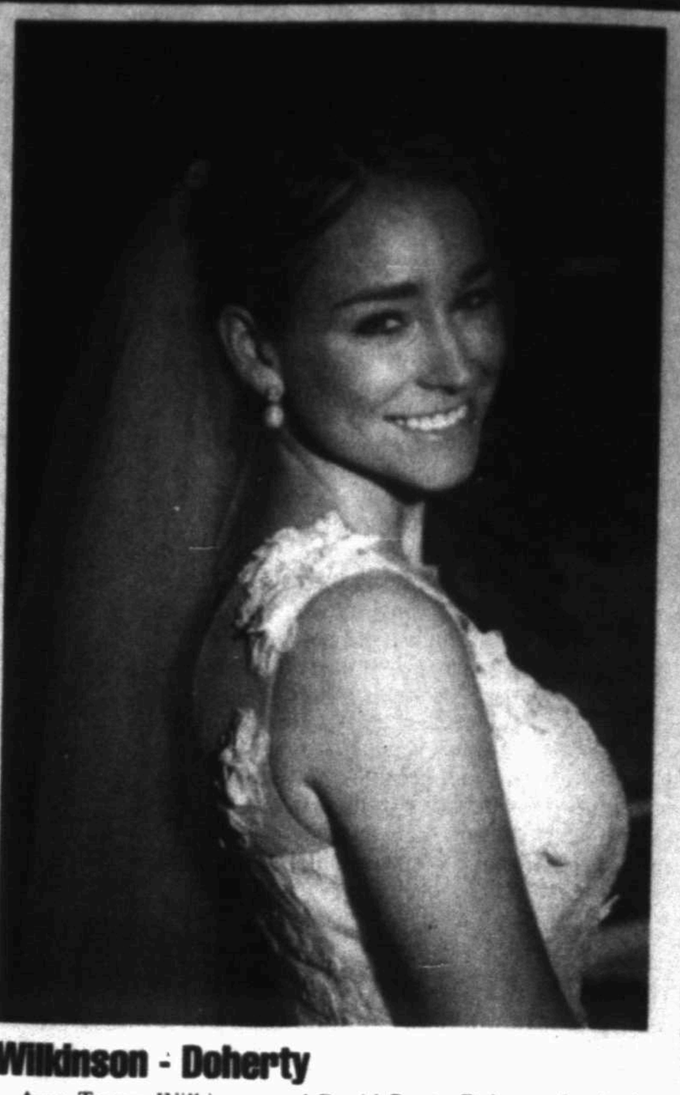
The bride is the daughter of Ms. Natalie Whitten Schwarz of Midland and Mr. William Schwarz of Midland. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Whitten of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Schwarz of Kerrville.

The groom is the son of Ms. Tammy McKay Nolan of Midland and Mr. Larry Nolan of San Antonio. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McKay of Kansas City, Kansas and Mr. William Nolan of Midland and the late Geneva Nolan.

Megan is a 2006 graduate of Midland Lee High School and a 2010 graduate of Texas State University where she graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in photography.

Matt is a 2005 graduate of Midland Lee High School and a 2010 graduate of Texas A&M where he received a bachelor's degree in visual science.

Megan and Matt are both employed with the Hill Country Bakery Company in San Antonio where they now reside.



Wilkinson - Doherty

Amy Teresa Wilkinson and David Booty Doherty, Jr., both of Houston, were united in marriage on Saturday, July 9, 2011 at 7 o'clock in the evening at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of Midland, TX. The Reverend John Wedgewood-Greenhow officiated the ceremony. The Divisi Strings, soloist Adam Bieiamowicz and organist Bert Bostic provided music for the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benjamin Wilkinson, Jr. of Midland. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Durkin formerly of Fort Worth and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benjamin Wilkinson, Sr. formerly of Midland. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Booty Doherty of Houston. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Benedict Michalka, formerly of Sour Lake, Texas and the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pace Doherty, Jr. formerly of Houston.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore her mother's wedding dress and veil, which she redesigned with the assistance of Nicolas Villalba of Dallas. The dress was ivory silk organza and silk satin banded by re-embroidery alencon lace.

The bride's sisters, Katherine Wilkinson Barbolla of Fort Worth and Virginia Wilkinson Allen of Houston, served as matrons of honor. The bridesmaids were Gabriella Kristina de Araujo, Lindsey Anne King and Lori Annette Tiernan of New York, Kelley Christine Beal and Alex Julia Goldstone of Houston, Courtney Lee Beese of Palm Beach, Emily Kay Prieto of Denver, Whitney Blonkvist Gripp and Cameron Rahim Salehi of Midland, Leigh Ann Barbolla of Fort Worth, Aurie Ashton Horn of Richmond, Virginia, Parthenia Haskell Kiersted of New York, Mallory Sealy Moorman of San Antonio, Lindsay Manford Renken and Leanne Leslie Reeves of Houston served as members of the house party. Claire Leigh Craddick of Austin and Landon Elizabeth Nichols of Dallas were the flower girls.

The groom's brothers, Lawrence Pace Doherty and Nathan Robert Starke both of Dallas served as best men. Serving as groomsmen were Ryan Friedman Atlas of Baltimore, Eli Scott Bauman and Louis Price Manford, Jr. of New York, John Tindall Burkhead of Dallas, Christopher Elkins Joseph of Austin, Colby Reed Therriault of Portland, Maine, James David Bonham, Jr., Charles Douglas Craig and Samuel Shelburne Veselka of Houston. The ushers were Craig Patrick Barbolla of Fort Worth, Kevin Michael Blonkvist, Jr. of Midland, Cody Edward Allen and George Michael O'Leary III of Houston. The ring bearer was Thomas Russell Craddick III of Austin.

A reception followed the ceremony at Midland Country Club where family and friends enjoyed an evening of dinner and dancing to music performed by Brent Boyd and the Bulletproof Brass Band. The Events Company of Houston designed the flowers and the arrangements. Cakes by Doris provided the wedding cakes. On the eve of the wedding, the parents of the groom hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Petroleum Club of Midland.

The bride graduated from St. Paul's Boarding School in Concord, New Hampshire and from the University of Richmond where she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She received her master's degree in education from the University of St. Thomas in Houston. Amy is currently employed at the Presbyterian School in Houston.

The groom graduated from St. Johns School in Houston and from the University of Richmond where he was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order fraternity. David is currently a medical school student at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston.

Following a honeymoon in Europe, the couple will reside in Houston.

Oestmann - Nichols

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Oestmann of Midland are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Nan, to Derek Craig Nichols, son of Lonnie and Tonya Nichols of Blanchard, Oklahoma.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Oestmann of Midland, and Frances Craig-Pain of Houston, TX and the late John Craig. The groom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Weeks of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Marie Nichols of Rogers, Arkansas.

Derek is a 2007 graduate of Bridge Creek High School in Blanchard, and a 2011 graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma with a bachelor's degree in finance. He is currently employed as an engineering analyst with Vintage Exploration in Houston.

Elizabeth is a 2007 graduate of Midland Christian High School and a 2011 graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor's degree in interior architecture.

Elizabeth and Derek will be married at the Sand Plum Event Center, Guthrie Oklahoma, at 4:02 in the afternoon of July 16, 2011. After a wedding trip to St. Lucia, the couple will reside in Houston.

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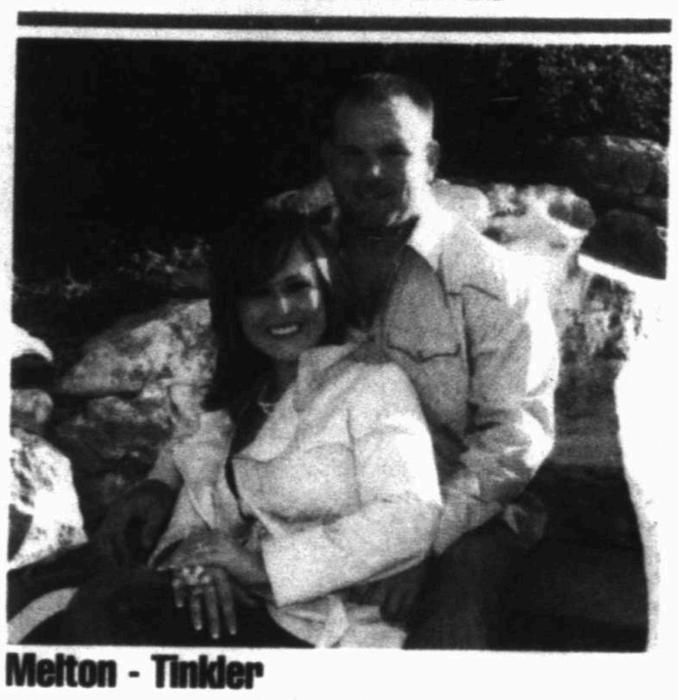

Melton - Tinkler

Tommy and Laurie Melton of Odessa would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristina Melton of Odessa to W. E. Tinkler of Midland.

The bride elect is a 2003 graduate of Permian High School and a 2005 graduate of South Plains College and a 2007 graduate of University of Texas in Arlington. She is employed as a fifth grade math teacher at Big Spring ISD. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clois Snell of Coahoma.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike McBride and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tinkler. He is a 2001 graduate of Wink High School and a 2004 graduate of Western Texas College. He is employed by Chesepeake Midstream Partners in Midland.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows July 23, 2011 at the Odessa Country Club with the Reverend Ronnie Newton officiating.

Hayes - Morris

Bill and Kim Morris of Midland, Texas are announcing the engagement of their son, Kevin Mitchell Morris to Stephanie Ann Hayes. Stephanie is the daughter of Charles and Linda Hayes of Troy, Illinois.

Stephanie is a graduate of Civic Memorial High School, Bethalto, Illinois and graduated from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville with a Bachelor's of Science degree in sociology. Kevin graduated from Lee High School in 2000 and Texas Tech University in 2004 with degrees in both electrical engineering and computer science. He graduated from the Air Force Institute of Technology in Dayton, Ohio with a master's degree in electrical engineering. He is currently a captain in the United States Air Force and is stationed at Fort Meade in Maryland.

Kevin and Stephanie are planning to be married July 28, 2011 at the Scott Air Force Base Chapel in O'Fallon, Illinois.

Tail feathers are ruffled when fishing and fashion collide

By Katie Zezima
N.Y. Times News Service

CAPE NEDDICK, Maine — The most enthusiastic customers at the Eldredge Brothers Fly Shop of late are not looking to buy fly fishing reels or snag stripers. They are here to make a fashion statement.

In an improbable collision of cutting-edge chic and a hobby that requires drab waders, fly fishing shops around the country are suddenly inundated with stylish women looking to get in on the latest trend: long, colorful feathers that are bonded or clipped into hair.

Demand for the feathers, before now exclusively the domain of fly fishermen who use them to tie flies, has created a shortage, forcing up the price and causing fly shops and hairdressers to compete for the elusive plumes.

"I've been out for probably a month," said Bill Thompson, owner of North Country Angler in North Conway, N.H. "There is that worry that next year fishermen won't have materials they'll need."

The circumstances are especially strange because a proudly stodgy and tradition-bound industry content to hide from the world beyond the river is competing in this niche marketplace with a fad that may not last as long as a trout's spawning season.

"For someone to use them as a fashion statement is just sacrilegious," said Bob Brown, 65, a fly fisherman who lives in an RV currently parked in Kennebunk, Maine.

He said he has been tying flies for 50 years and this is the first time he has heard of a feather shortage.

"They've been genetically bred for fly tying and that's what they should be used for," Brown said.

Fly fishing feathers — which individually are called hackles and as a group called saddles — are harvested from roosters painstakingly bred to grow supple feathers. It takes more than a year for a rooster to grow feathers long and pliable enough for use by fly fishermen. Since no one could have predicted the fashion trend, there are not enough to go around.

The feathers, anglers said, are used to help the flies that mimic bugs that sit atop the water, which are called dry flies, as well as wet flies, which sink below the surface and are supposed to look like bait fish.

Dry flies typically use brown and neutral feathers, which women prefer for a more natural look, while flies that sink often use feathers in colors like yellow and electric blue, which deliver more pop as a hair accessory. Some feathers come in solid colors, while others have patterns of contrasting colors.

The qualities that make the feathers so attractive to anglers — pliability and durability — are also what appeal to hairdressers. The feathers can be washed, blow dried, curled and flat ironed, and typically stay in the hair for a few months.

"They're just like hair and they don't fade," said Sheryl Miller, artistic director at Fringe Hair Art in Kennebunkport, Maine, where three feathers cost $25.

At the Eldredge Brothers Fly Shop on Saturday morning, Tom Cormier said, "Feather call," from behind the counter as he hung up the telephone. Another disappointed feather-seeker was on the other end.

The store is keeping and will eventually sell one saddle, a large mane of about 300 white, velvety-soft feathers that Jim Bernstein, the store manager, said sold for about $120 last year.

"I found out this is worth $1,000," Bernstein said, adding no fly fisherman would pay that much. "It would be nice if you had blond hair. It has that subtle barring on it."

Bernstein has no problem selling to hair-extension seekers; he even teaches them how to dye the feathers. Todd Lanning, manager of South Fork Outfitters in Swan Valley, Idaho, thinks the trend is good for fly fishing.

"It's business. We're happy to sell whatever feathers we can to whomever," said Lanning. Plus, he likes the look.

"I think it's kind of cool," Lanning said. "I think it's kind of sexy to be honest with you, for lack of a better word."

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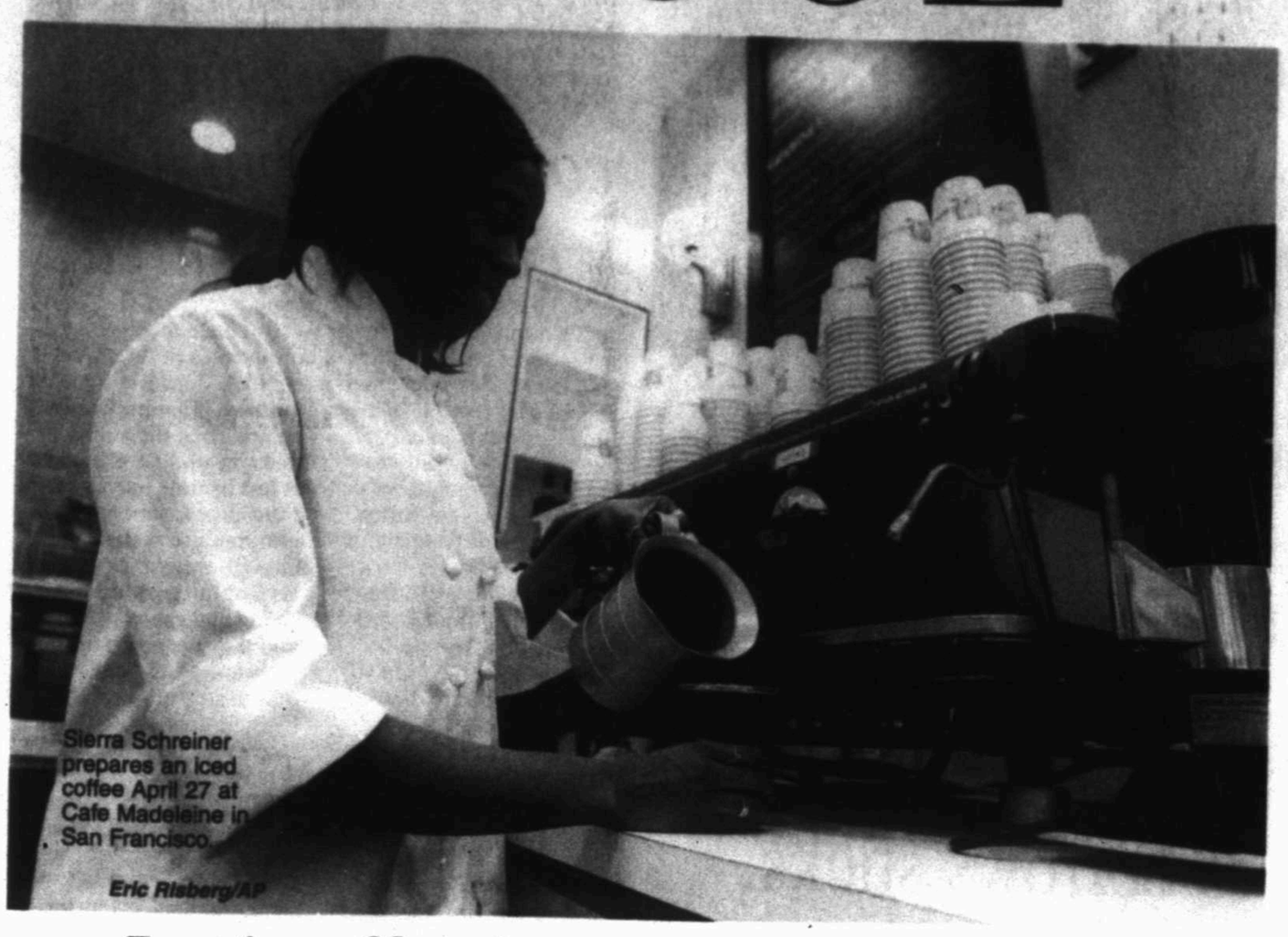

Sierra Schreiner prepares an iced coffee April 27 at Cafe Madeleine in San Francisco.

Eric Risberg/AP

Iced coffee has become hot trend

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press

It wasn't too long ago a cup of cold coffee wasn't worth beans. But these days iced coffee is one hot brew.

"Iced coffee has completely evolved in the past decade," said Buffy Maguire, who with her husband runs two Java Beach Cafes in San Francisco and is opening a third.

Last year, the restaurant industry served up 500 million orders of iced, frozen or what are categorized as "slushie" coffee drinks, says Bonnie Riggs, restaurant industry analyst for NPD Group, a major market research firm.

That compares with 400 million in 2006, an impressive performance considering there's been an intervening recession which typically nips at discretionary items like specialty coffee drinks.

Iced coffee drinks on today's menus involve more than just pouring regular coffee over rocks. The beans used are premium, just as with hot coffee, and there are special preparations taken to bring out the best of the flavor.

At Java Beach, coffee is steeped overnight or sometimes longer using a coarse grain and cold water, no heat. "What that process does is there's virtually no acidic quality to the coffee. It just brings out this really caramel-y, chocolate element of the coffee that's really divine," she said.

Who's selling iced coffee?

Just about everyone, from big-timers like Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks and McDonald's to most local shops, like Java Beach. Even 7-Eleven now offers an iced coffee beverage in two flavors.

A few fun facts: Nearly 60 percent of iced coffee is consumed at breakfast, 20 percent is treated as a snack, 13 percent of sales are for lunch and 4 percent for dinner. Consumption is heaviest in the Northeast and the frosty java is more popular with women than men.

Iced coffee is a caloric chameleon. It can be as Spartan as black coffee on the rocks or as hedonistic as a syrup-flavored, whipped cream-infused dessert-in-a-cup. And in case you were wondering, a cold cuppa joe still packs a jolt of caffeine.

Coffee Bananas Foster Smoothie

Source: Alison Ladman
Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 2

1 1/2 cups strong brewed coffee, chilled
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons dark brown sugar
2 small ripe bananas
6-ounce cup vanilla yogurt
1/2 cup fat-free half-and-half
1 cup ice cubes

In a blender, combine all ingredients. Blend until smooth and frothy.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 267 calories; 12 calories from fat (4 percent of total calories); 1 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 6 mg cholesterol; 59 g carbohydrate; 6 g protein; 3 g fiber; 111 mg sodium.

Parlor Coffee Float

Source: Alison Ladman
Start to finish: 10 minutes
Servings: 2

1 1/2 cups strong brewed coffee, chilled
1/4 cup chocolate syrup
1/4 cup half-and-half
1 cup chocolate or coffee ice cream
Whipped cream, to serve
Maraschino cherries (optional)

In a blender, combine the coffee, chocolate syrup, half-and-half and 1/2 of the ice cream. Blend until smooth and frothy. Pour into 2 tall glasses and top with a scoop of the remaining ice cream. Top with whipped cream and a cherry, if desired.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 301 calories; 112 calories from fat (37 percent of total calories); 12 g fat (8 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 35 mg cholesterol; 43 g carbohydrate; 4 g protein; 4 g fiber; 107 mg sodium.

Nightcap Iced Coffee

This very adult iced coffee even sports a spiced sugar coating on the rim of the glass.

Source: Alison Ladman
Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 1

2 tablespoons turbinado sugar
Pinch of nutmeg
Pinch of cardamom
1 ounce Godiva milk chocolate liqueur
1 ounce Navan vanilla cognac
1 ounce Kahlua Especial
2 ounces espresso, chilled
1 ounce sweetened condensed milk

To prepare the spiced sugar, in a small bowl mix together the turbinado sugar, nutmeg and cardamom. Place on small plate. Lightly moisten the rim of a double old fashioned glass (or other large tumbler), then invert the glass onto the plate so that the sugar sticks to the rim. Fill the glass with ice.

In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine the Godiva, cognac, Kahlua, espresso and sweetened condensed milk. Shake for 1 minute. Strain over the ice in the glass.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 365 calories; 22 calories from fat (6 percent of total calories); 2 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 7 mg cholesterol; 43 g carbohydrate; 2 g protein; 0 g fiber; 45 mg sodium.

Americans tune in to real Italian food

By Michele Kayal
Associated Press

If you're lucky, you've never known a world without olive oil or a time when Parmesan cheese only came in green cans.

But there was such a world. Once stigmatized as the cuisine of "garlic eaters," Italian food and its ingredients were almost impossible to find in America 40 years ago.

"Certain foods were so associated with lower class people that it was a way of keeping those people and their food in their place," said John Mariani, author of "How Italian Food Conquered the World."

But as increased travel and waves of new immigrants coaxed Americans to be more adventurous, Italian food found its way onto American tables — and into their hearts. During the 1960s and 70s, retailers began marketing "healthy" Italian ingredients, such as olive oil. And during the 1980s, big name chefs like Wolfgang Puck adapted and enhanced foods like pizza, giving them culinary credibility and pushing them into the mainstream.

Today, dozens of oils, vinegars and other essentials vie for shelf space in supermarkets, and everything from pizza to pasta proliferates are on mainstream menus from Denny's to the Cheesecake Factory.

"Italian food appeals to such a broad spectrum," said Jonathan Waxman of the New York restaurant Barbuto. "It appeals to kids, snobby people, rustic diners. It appeals to big groups, or an elegant dinner. It goes the full gamut."

Like other chefs who came up in the 1980s, Waxman made his name applying his classical French training to American ingredients. But he never forgot the "old school" Italian dishes he knew as a child in San Francisco, the cioppino and veal scaloppini. At Barbuto, and in his new book "Italian, My Way," Waxman adapts the simplicity, seasonality and most of all, the spontaneity of Italian dishes to American sensibilities. Overripe tomatoes are studded with garlic and roasted for a simple sauce, and fresh asparagus is shaved and dressed with lemon and hazelnuts.

The next frontier, say Waxman and Mariani, is to have Americans distinguish between the foods of Italy's different regions. "The most important thing about Italy is that it's not one cuisine, and now we're discovering all the different regions," Waxman said. "It's like America. It's the difference between what you get in Maine versus Louisiana."

Already, Mariani says, restaurants are beginning to open in places like New York and San Francisco and even Boulder, Colo., that specialize in the cuisines of Rome or Venice or places that few people have heard of, such as Friuli, in the country's northeastern corner. Like Puck and food activist Alice Waters before them, they are educating as well as feeding.

And many Americans already love Italy's quintessential regional dish: pasta.

"There's something about this long, squiggly, chewy comfort food that we all love," said Domenica Marchetti, whose new book "The Glorious Pasta of Italy" offers recipes from Rome to Abruzzo to Sicily. "Wherever you go in Italy, the pasta is an expression of that place and the local ingredients."

In the northern region of Emilia-Romagna, for instance, Marchetti says you'll find lots of freshly made egg noodles, lasagna and tortellini. In Apulia and Calabria, on the Adriatic Sea, you'll get heartier pastas of buckwheat and whole grains. Up north, a Bolognese will have lots of ground meat, but almost no tomato. But in Abruzzo, you'll find a silky sauce bursting with tomatoes that were merely flavored by meat.

Just like Americans' appreciation of Italian food in general, the country's love of pasta also has become more adventurous, delving into dishes like pumpkin ravioli and squid-ink pasta. But while Marchetti and others applaud the development, the simple, comforting food of Italy always will be with us.

"There's also something to be said for a nice dish of spaghetti and meatballs," she said.

Food companies take veggie cue from sneaky trend

By Jessica Mintz
Associated Press

It looks like Kraft Macaroni & Cheese, and Kraft says it tastes just like the original. But a new ingredient is lurking inside this version of the American family dinner staple — cauliflower.

Don't tell the kids!

Kraft Foods Inc. is the latest large food manufacturer to try hiding additional veggies in packaged foods, an effort to ride a renewed interest in healthy eating to fatter profits. It's a slowly growing trend, and it's one that is dividing food industry experts.

In June, Wal-Mart and Target stores started stocking Kraft Macaroni & Cheese Dinner Veggie Pasta across the country, alongside boxes of the traditional recipe and other alternative versions, including organic and whole grain. Every neon-orange cup serving of the new recipe packs a half-serving of cauliflower.

Kraft joins brands such as ConAgra Foods Inc.'s Chef Boyardee, which includes enough tomato in some of its canned pasta to claim half a cup of vegetables per serving, and Unilever's Ragu pasta sauces, which says it has two servings of veggies for every half cup of sauce.

In the Kraft product, the company freeze-dries cauliflower and pulverizes it into a powder, then uses that powder to replace some of the flour in the pasta.

"We know moms are always looking to please their kids and wanting to not make meals a big ordeal, insofar as being able to get them to eat their food," said Alberto Huerta, who oversees the Kraft Macaroni & Cheese brand at Kraft. "Mom is looking for ways to sneak veggies into her kids' diet."

In Canada, the cauliflower-based pasta has been available since last March. It immediately became one of the faster-selling versions of the dish, Huerta said. It also drew new Kraft Dinner consumers, boosting overall revenue growth for the entire product line.

Kraft's move is a variation on a theme espoused by several recent — and highly successful — cookbooks. Missy Chase Lapine is the author of the "Sneaky Chef" series of cookbooks, in which she promotes a system of color coded, pureed fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables that can be mixed into foods such as macaroni and cheese (yams or cauliflower), spaghetti (carrots and sweet potato) and brownies (baby spinach and blueberries).

"The ideal, of course, is you steam up some local, organic, freshly picked cauliflower, and your child eats it outright with a little mist of olive oil, happily," Lapine said.

But like Kraft, Lapine takes a practical approach. "Food is only healthy if you can get someone to eat it," she said.

Harry Balzer, who tracks Americans' eating patterns for The NPD Group, a market research firm, says parents are making genuine attempts to get healthier foods into their kids. Fruits now make up 6 percent of kids' diets, the largest share since he started tracking kids' consumption 30 years ago. Meantime, cookies, cake, pre-sweetened cereal, candy and carbonated soft drinks are at their lowest level, in terms of their share of kids' diets.

But vegetables, which peaked as a percentage of kids' diets in 1984, remain a sticking point. They're a hassle for parents to buy and keep fresh, they're not generally seen as snack foods the way fruits are, and they're rarely served alone as a main dish. That means if someone is cooking at home, vegetables are added work. And when they are available, many kids simply aren't biting, the analyst said.

And while parents may have good intentions to buy healthier options, a higher vegetable content doesn't top the list of criteria.

"I don't think there's a food company in America that doesn't have on its radar the health and wellness of Americans, as a market," Balzer said. "They think it's a driving force in our behavior. I know it's not. I know the driving force of our behavior is taste buds."

For Phil Lempert, another food industry analyst, half a serving of cauliflower in the new Kraft Macaroni & Cheese is better than nothing if Americans are willing to serve it.

That approach draws skepticism from Marion Nestle, a professor at New York University's department of nutrition, food studies and public health. Nutrients are lost when vegetables are freeze-dried, Nestle says, and people also are losing the benefit of greater volume of less calorie-dense food in a meal.

"Oh, what will they think of next," Nestle said. "What a silly idea."

Jae C. Hong/AP

POUND Fitness instructor Cristina Peerenboom uses drumsticks while teaching a fitness class called "Pound: Rockout Workout" May 20 at Crunch Fitness in West Hollywood, Calif. Drumstick-smashing is the latest rage to hit the Hollywood exercise circuit, offering a workout similar to Pilates or boot camp, but without the serenity of a yoga studio or the bark of a drill instructor.

Trendy fitness class borrows sticks, moves from rock drummer

By Shaya Tayee Mohajer
Associated Press

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Move over, pole dancing, kettlebells and Zumba. Drumstick-smashing is the latest rage to hit the Hollywood exercise circuit, offering a workout similar to Pilates or boot camp, but without the serenity of a yoga studio or the bark of a drill instructor. The high-energy group fitness class called Pound was devised by Cristi Peerenboom, 28, and Karsten Cabezas, 26, who found it as a fun and aerobic alternative to the usual gym routine.

Using weighted drumsticks — one set is provided in the class — students smack the ground repeat the fast-paced soundtrack of up-beat rock tunes. Once participants are pairing, Peerenboom.com inflicts their finger and makes occasional lewd jokes.

The two fit, bubbly instructors say they came up with the idea last year at a party attended by rock royalty in the Hollywood Hills. Matt Sorum, the former drummer for Guns N' Roses, had just wrapped up a set on the drums at the rowdy party when the women approached the kit. Both had played drums in the admittedly nerdy setting of school bands and both had been athletes most of their lives. That night, the two worlds collided.

"We were drumming without a drum stool to accompany the kit and we were squatting over it and realized that the movement of the arms was acting to throw the entire body off and in order to counteract that, we were having to squeeze ... our core muscles," Peerenboom said.

From there, Peerenboom's background as a dancer and choreographer helped piece together a sequence of drumming movements that take the body through a broad range of motion.

A typical progression could have drummers standing with legs spread, before moving their torsos in a wide arc, bending to pound the ground next to one foot, standing to smack the sticks together overhead to the beat and then bending to pummel the ground next to the other foot, pivoting back and forth.

Another move focuses on abs and back muscles, with pounders sitting on the ground with legs raised, leaning back to form their bodies in a V-shape. They drum the floor alongside their bodies in a move similar to a core Pilates exercise, which requires people to hold the position while swatting their hands up and down 100 times.

American College of Sports Medicine spokesman Mike Bracko applauded the Pound fitness model, saying "anytime you add music, especially if it's up-tempo music, people just have a tendency to go with the beat of the music" and work harder than they might without it.

"Bilateral movements like drumming, with left hand up while right hand is down, in a boat or a lunge position would certainly challenge the core muscles," he added.

The class is slated to roll out to nine Equinox gyms across Southern California this summer and to New York and other locations nationwide in the next year.

After holding classes at a few private studios in January, Pound classes started up at Crunch Fitness in West Hollywood in March. The gym's new offerings are frequently rolled out to members interested in keeping up with the latest trends in exercise.

Every few months, the chain updates or replaces yesteryear's fitness fads, from the spandex-wearing aerobics of Olivia Newton John to kickboxing classes, with fresh offerings like Afro-Brazilian dance, striptease classes and Skatergie, a workout that mimics movements in ice skating. Dozens of people filled the Pound class to capacity recently.

With the pounding of the drumsticks, "you're literally hearing if you're doing the workout correctly," said Potenza.

But no musical skill is required to break a sweat with drum rolls and fills.

"Something we worried about in the beginning was 'are people who don't have any musical ability going to be able to do this?' But I think if you can clap your hands you can do Pound," said Potenza.

The instructors warn people who take their class that although the 45-minute class will zoom by, they can expect to feel it the next day.

Cindy Hemming was sore for two days after her first class, but now the athletic 55-year-old is hooked.

Though she runs marathons, swims and dances to stay fit, Hemming takes the Pound class three days a week.

After a recent class, still breathing heavily and sweating through her clothes, Hemming smiled broadly and said, "it goes by so fast and it works absolutely everything."

Dr. Stephen Ponder

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Diabetes can be controlled, but never completely cured

Chronic diseases tend to be progressive in how they begin and endure over time. Diabetes is a classic example. From here on I'll refer only to the most common form — type 2 diabetes — which accounts for 90 percent of all diagnosed cases.

We know many different genes, either alone or in combination with each other, can lay the foundation for the future development of diabetes. So, to say diabetes is inherited or genetic is true. But the person who inherits or possesses these unfortunate gene combinations is not necessarily doomed to develop the disease. Other things must happen first.

Obesity is the best known spark to light the fuse diabetes genes represent. The fact two out of three Americans are obese or overweight lays a wonderful foundation for diabetes genes to flourish. Rather than being a biochemically inert mass, human body fat is a highly active metabolic tissue. A long list of toxic metabolic substances is created and released from excess human body fat, especially the fat that tends to accumulate around the midsection. We call this central body fat.

The metabolic toxins released from central fat act to damage very sensitive systems in our bodies designed to produce and release important hormones that allow our bodies to extract the energy from food. The hormone insulin is the most well known. Many of the genes that allow diabetes to occur do so by damaging or impairing the body's ability to produce insulin which comes from the pancreas.

Gaining excess weight early in life adds a greater burden to a body possessing diabetes genes that might otherwise have lain dormant until adulthood. This, in part, explains the sudden increase in type 2 diabetes in children over the past 25 years.

But once the diagnosis of diabetes occurs, what's next? As I said, it's progressive. That means more and more of the ability to make insulin permanently is lost as time moves forward. I hear stories of people who lose weight through weight loss surgery or through healthier eating and exercise and are told they are cured of their diabetes. Many may be told to stop all medicines by their doctor, or simply stop everything themselves.

While I'm very happy to hear these stories, I always try to add a word of caution. The progressive nature of diabetes means a large amount of the body's ability to produce insulin has been lost forever. Most diabetics have lost more than half of their internal ability to make insulin by the time they're diagnosed. After that, the ongoing loss averages about 4 percent per year. Often this is not dependent on how well you manage your diabetes. It just happens.

So while a sudden major weight loss event might result in a huge improvement in blood sugar control with less medicine, this does not mean diabetes has been banished forever. There is no internal reset button that replenishes the pancreas back to its original factory condition. The risk of diabetes forever remains lurking around the corner. A lifetime of vigilance is required to prevent it from re-occurring and detect it when it does come back.

In classic horror movies, victims often make the fatal mistake of not realizing the evil doer is not dead after only one shot. This allows the killer to seemingly resurrect himself and attempt another heinous act. Diabetes is a lot like those villains. It can be locked up securely and controlled, but maybe never really put away for good. Your fate rests squarely in your own hands.

Study ties nighttime, violent TV to children's sleep problems

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — If your preschooler can't sleep, turn off the violence and nighttime TV.

That's the message in a new study that found sleep problems are more common in 3- to 5-year-olds who watch television after 7 p.m. Watching shows with violence — including kids' cartoons — also was tied to sleeping difficulties.

Watching nonviolent shows during the day didn't seem to have any connection with sleep problems in the 617 youngsters studied.

The study builds on previous research linking media use with kids' sleep problems, and also bolsters arguments for limiting children's screen time.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends no screen time for children up to age 2, and no more than 2 hours daily for older children. It also urges pediatricians to ask parents at every checkup how much their children watch television, including whether kids have TVs in their bedrooms, which the academy discourages.

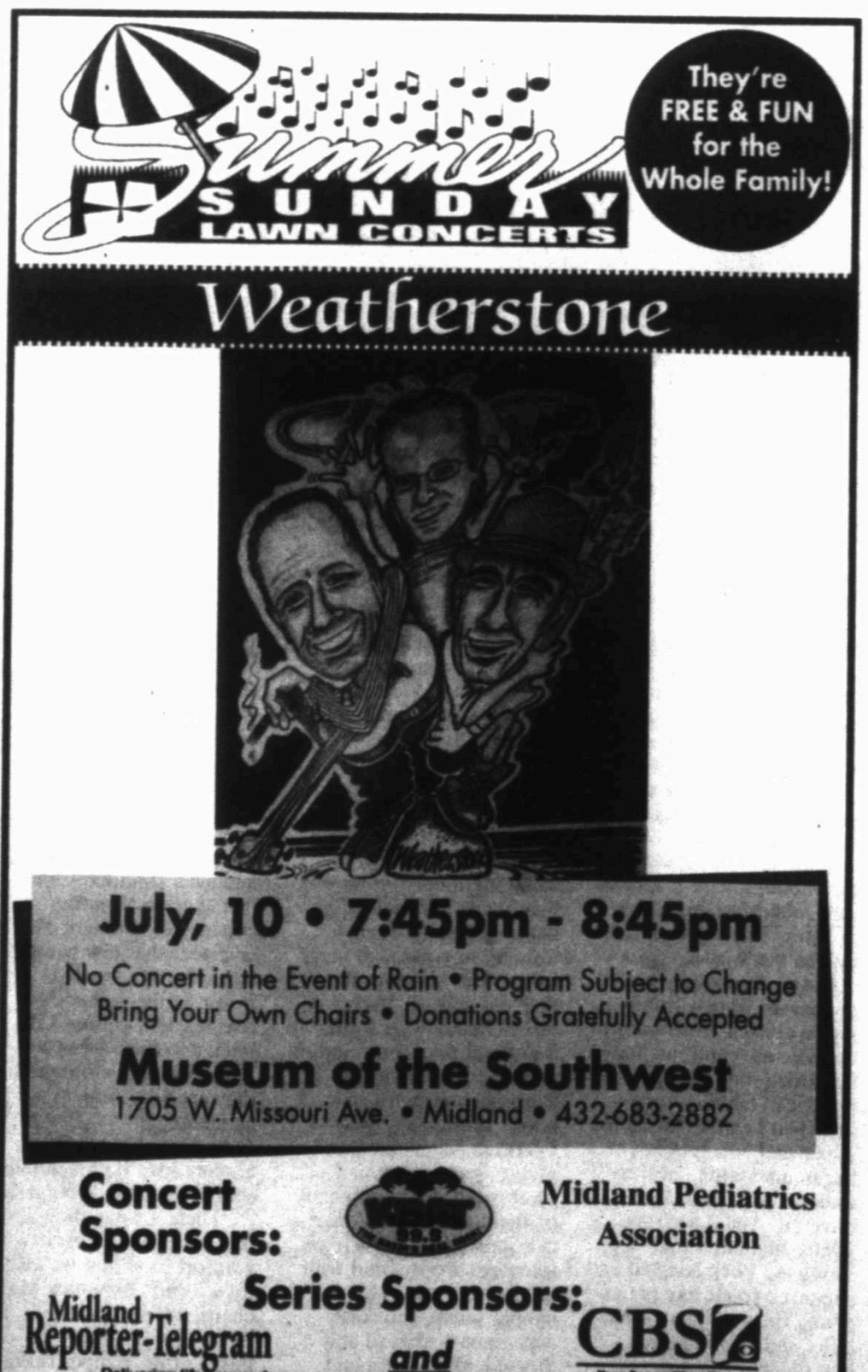
Previous studies have found at least one in four U.S. preschoolers have TVs in their bedrooms, and many families mistakenly believe watching TV will help their kids sleep, said Dr. Michelle Garrison, lead author and a scientist at Seattle Children's Hospital Research Institute.

The government-funded study was released online recently by the journal Pediatrics.

Overall, about 112 kids studied — nearly one in five — had one or more frequent sleep problems most days of the week. These included difficulty falling asleep, awakening repeatedly at night, nightmares, or daytime sleepiness.

Kids who watched the most nighttime or violent TV had the most sleep trouble. TV was the main source of screen time rather than computers or video games.

The study relied on parents' reports of kids' sleep difficulties and TV habits, and wasn't rigorous enough to tell whether TV caused sleep problems. It could be poor sleepers might be more likely to watch TV; or family factors such as lax parenting could have been involved.



Epic drought grinding away at wildlife across Texas

MIKE LEGGETT

Mike Leggett writes for the Austin American-Statesman.

AUSTIN — An epic Texas drought that's leaving ponds dry and cracked and forcing cattle owners to market thousands of animals they can't feed is grinding away at increasingly fragile wildlife populations.

Songbirds, denied the seeds and grains and insects that sustain them, are forced to rely on food provided by people. Rabbits, squirrels and other small mammals can't feed spring young, and that's having an ultimate effect on populations of predators such as foxes, bobcats and coyotes.

White-tailed deer, Texas' signature animal, are hurting too, just when spring fawns are at their most vulnerable. Does instinctively know the fawns are a drag on their bodies, and they will abandon their young to keep themselves alive.

"The fawns are not doing real good right now," said Dale Schmidt, a Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist in Llano. "I'm getting quite a few calls on fawns down, and it's probably not over yet." People are finding fawns either abandoned by their mothers or just struggling to survive on very sparse habitat, and they're calling biologists hoping to get some help.

No help is coming, except from the sky.

The lack of natural food due to the drought is forcing more animals into road right-of-ways, urban green zones and backyards. There's increasing contact between humans and animals, raising the risk of diseases such as rabies.

Trey Carpenter, TPWD biologist in Burnet County, is hearing from worried people, as well. "The deer are eating their emergency foods now, the stuff they normally would be eating in the fall and winter, but they don't have anything else to eat," he said.

Dry fall and winter forbs — weeds and grasses that grow in the summer — help keep deer going until spring but the lack of rain has retarded their growth substantially. Wildlife is forced to turn to less nutritional leftovers even earlier due to a lack of new green growth.

Deer need spring green plant matter to help them absorb calcium, which in turn helps them grow larger and denser antlers. Without the green and without spring protein sources from native plants, antler growth likely will be affected.

TPWD's district leader at Possum Kingdom, Kevin Mote, says the bony fingers of drought have begun to affect his area as well. "Lakes are extremely low and river flows are low on both the Brazos and Colorado," Mote said. "I have heard talk this last week of ranchers around my hometown (May) beginning to haul water for livestock."

Mote said the worst long-term effects of the drought will manifest themselves in degraded habitat. "We are seeing some woody vegetation mortality — live oak, Spanish oak. If you add high browsing pressure to drought stress, you end up with long-term habitat degradation," he said.

Oak trees in Central Texas are important to wildlife populations because they generate acorn crops that provide important carbohydrates for deer, turkeys and other birds, and wild hogs. Without that acorn crop, which looks questionable so far, all the animals that depend on the nuts will be forced onto less palatable, less desirable food sources. Deer will turn to cactus, cedar and woody brush that doesn't do much but keep them alive. And barely.

Schmidt sees more problems than just dead and dying deer. "I'm seeing quite a number of foxes and skunks during the day, out feeding and moving around," Schmidt said. "That's not good."

When nocturnal animals are out in daylight, it means they are having to range farther and feed longer just to survive. It also means disease issues could be just around the corner. Foxes and skunks are known rabies carriers and already this spring there have been numerous calls about infected animals. More stress will just mean more disease problems, Schmidt says.

"In far West Texas things are drying up in a hurry," said Ruben Cantu, TPWD's regional director of wildlife in San Angelo. "Many browse plants have not even begun to green up. What we have is standing vegetation from last year. There's virtually zero annual forb production in the Trans-Pecos."

Mule deer and pronghorn populations went into 2011 struggling to hang on, and the lingering drought is just making life more difficult.

But deer are just the most visible victims of the lack of rainfall. At my feeders here in Burnet County, painted buntings, lesser goldfinches and white-winged doves basically are waiting in a welfare line. There's really nothing else for them to eat if they miss a day at our feeders.

Hummingbirds are struggling, too. In the past two weeks they've doubled the amount of nectar they're sucking out of our feeders, partly because native plants have shut down and partly because the first wave of fledglings have begun to show up.

And the water in our baths is the only water many of our birds are getting. Pretty much all the tanks around us are completely dry and have been for several weeks. Some springs are trickling, but many have shut down. River flows continue to drop.

Drought, fires send black bears searching for food

The recent fires and extended drought have taken a toll on all walks of life, but one species that has received recent attention is the black bear.

Though black bears have occurred in the Trans-Pecos for centuries, their numbers have ebbed and flowed since the 1800s. Bears were thought to be absent from the Trans-Pecos area by the 1950s, but made an impressive comeback in the early 1990s as they re-colonized portions of the Big Bend from adjacent populations in northern Mexico.

Starting in June, a flurry of black bears sightings were reported in the Alpine-Marathon-Fort Davis area, including sightings of bears in and around towns and residences. Unlike many of the other resident wildlife species, black bears have the capacity to move tremendous distances in response to environmental catastrophes. The increased black bear activity almost certainly is a response to the extensive habitat loss from wildfires in Mexico and Texas, coupled with the extended drought and extreme heat.

Researchers with the Borderlands Research Institute are interested in this increase in black bear activity in an attempt to better understand their movements and recolonization strategies.

As a precaution, always keep potential food sources (pet food) indoors and ensure all trash is secure in dumpsters. Like any wildlife species, black bears can be dangerous if provoked.

Please report all black bear sightings to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at (432) 837-2051 or 1-800-792-1112.

Source: Louis A. Harveson, director of Borderlands Research Institute, Sul Ross State University

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Plant distribution captures imaginations of field biologists

How do isolated populations of plants become distributed across the landscape? Midland county's two Aeolian (wind deposited) habitats contain 130 species of plants. There are only four salinas in Midland, and the loess on the north and east sides of each are adorned (in wetter years) with species of plants adapted to the high pH of the soils. These salt lakes are scattered across southeastern Midland county; the closest together are more than five miles apart.

Shinoak and sandsage are plants found only in very sandy soils. In Midland County, the species are found only along the north sides of the draws at specific locations. The nearest shinoak population is 20 miles north. The three shinoak areas have differing populations of other species of plants. The northernmost population is the only one to have western wallflower, while the southwestern most is the only one to have bullnettle.

There are only two locations in the county for several species of plants that prefer rocky limestone bedrock. One of these locations is artificial — several species appeared within 15 years at the location after a channel was dug through the outcropping of limestone. The locations are more 20 miles apart.

Wind is the obvious answer to the question of how plants are spread to specific sites that meet their needs. That probably is true for the species with seeds as small as dust particles, but it's not true for the shinoak, bullnettle and others with large seeds. Shinoak and bullnettle seeds are eaten by animals, but the seed is not passed through the digestive system as a whole in a condition to germinate.

Bullnettle seeds have a seedpod with barbs, so it could travel in the hair of an animal, but strangely enough, it only lives at one location in Midland county, in the dunes around Monahans and north of the dunes near Jal, N.M. (Sanddunes extend all the way to Fort Sumner west of the Llano Estacado.) This limited range indicates it rarely travels in the fur of an animal. (The barbs on the leaves and seeds of the bullnettle plants exude a liquid that causes blisters or welts to form on the skin of humans.) Bullnettle also grows along the

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GERMANY

From 2E

Duestche Museum has a huge collection of scientific and technological artifacts, everything from ancient rafts to intricate models of cruise liners, and from gliders in the tradition and time of the Wright Brothers to modern aeronautics and even a few pieces from an oil pumpjack, a site so common in West Texas. If it has moving parts or any scientific or technological impact, it can all be found under this roof. If you, or someone travelling with you likes to know how things work or likes to build things — I mean anything — they will love this museum. Admission for adults (16 and over) is about $12 and for children under 16 the cost is $5.

Another popular thing to do in Munich is tour Neuschwanstein Castle. The castle, nestled in the forest-covered mountains near Munich, might look a little familiar because the Disney trademark castle is based on Neuschwanstein. To take a tour of the castle is a little out of the way and expensive because it is about a two hour drive outside Munich, but most tours include the cost of travel, lunch and at least a discounted price for admission tickets. The entire tour lasts around eight to 10 hours, so it's not a bad deal for an all day outing (a $80-$80 mid price tour). In addition to the old buildings, there are also some newer structures to gawk at in Munich.

For sports fans, Allianz Arena definitely is worth a good gawking. The arena is home to the Byron Munchen soccer team and is a World Cup size soccer arena, that means it's big enough to hold the thousands of fans that come out for a World Cup game. Touring the arena can give some real insight into how significant soccer is in European culture — and the rest of the world — just by being able to see what goes into making an appropriately sized, professional soccer arena. Guided tours of the arena are around $15 per person and, like everywhere else, children get discounted tickets. Be sure to check on times for English-speaking tours because the arena only runs about two of them a day.

Finally, if you are interested in drinking some of the most famous beer in Germany and eating some good local food, Hofbrauhaus is the place to go. The local brewery as old as the city itself has a menu of good, hearty food and with more than 400 years of beer brewing experience, Hofbrauhaus is an excellent place to get a delicious taste of the culture. However, that taste may cost a little more than your average cafe dinner. Expect to spend no less than $20 per person.

Heidelberg - a smaller city on the west side of Germany. This city is an excellent place to visit if you are looking to see a smaller, less crowded city in Germany. The white sandstone buildings and the red tile roofs coupled with the tall buildings and narrow streets create a timelessness found only in the most quaint and pleasant European villages.

The remains of Heidelberg Castle are the city's major tourist attraction and only add to the old-time atmosphere. Admission into the castle is about $8 per adult and less for kids and a guided tour is about half of that. The partial ruins of the castle, found on the side of a hill within the city, also contain a medium-size park and garden that are excellent places to relax, watch the river's lazy flow through the city and enjoy some cooler, more mild weather than you would be getting in West Texas.

Summertime is vacation time, and maybe that dream vacation to Europe is more affordable than you thought. What if Germany isn't where you want to go? Well, you're in luck. Next week look for more tips on how to keep a little more money in your wallet if you choose Paris or Prague for your vacation destination.

ABBY

From 3E

NEW JERSEY

DEAR AT ODDS: No I disagree with your husband and the person teaching the parenting class. If your children are respectful, happy, willing and ready to work hard and sacrifice to achieve their goals, then you are a successful parent. If your household was harmonious until your husband entered it, you don't need a parenting class — you need family therapy.

DEAR ABBY: Eight months ago, I became involved with "Ted," who was separated from his wife, "Erica." I fell head-over-heels for him, but in the end, he decided to work things out with his wife.

When Ted told Erica about me, she said she wanted to meet me. I decided I owed it to her, so we met. Believe it or not, we hit it off. Within a couple of weeks we were friends.

The problem, of course, is hanging out with Erica means I also see Ted. I thought I was over him, but recently old feelings have come back and I feel awful thinking about him while being good friends with his wife. I don't want to give up the friendship with her, but being around him is making me sad. What should I do? — DISCONCERTED FRIEND

DEAR DISCONCERTED: You and I both know what you should do. Put the brakes on the relationship with Erica and Ted, and when she asks why, explain it has nothing to do with her but you have some unresolved issues to work out. Then back off until you get your head straight, and possibly become involved with another man. To do otherwise is masochistic.

DEAR ABBY: If someone tells a white lie about something trivial, is it because he/she is lazy and wants to avoid conflict? Should the lie be ignored or should I be concerned about trust? — SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS

DEAR SEARCHING: People tell white lies all the time. Sometimes it's done to avoid conflict, other times it's an attempt to be polite. When someone asks, "How are you?" and you respond, "Fine, thanks" instead of describing your headache or backache, that's a form of white lie. You should worry only if you catch someone in a big, bald-faced act of prevarication. Election years are filled with exaggerations and outright lies, so hang onto your hat.

We live where eastern and western species meet, or possibly where their differences are developed and speciation occurs. Isolated populations of species from much further west and much further east occur at surprising places far removed from where they are common.

WILLIAMS

From 7E

Brazos watershed near Jayton, 100 miles northeast.

The question that begins this essay might not capture everyone's imagination as it does the mind of a field botanist. Here on the Llano Estacado we live in the ecotone between the arid West and the humid East. We live where eastern and western species meet, or possibly where their differences are developed and speciation occurs. Isolated populations of species from much further west and much further east occur at surprising places far removed from where they are common.

Field botanists love to explore property they have not visited before — or where other field botanists have not explored. Very little of the Llano Estacado (and the surrounding areas such as the breaks and canyons or the sand dune country) has been surveyed by academic botanists. Academic botanists focus (in modern times) on matters of microscopic physiology and genetic differences, and rarely maintain long-range studies of populations of plants in specific locales. Taxonomy is an almost forgotten art, except when geneticists do chromosome counts.

Field botanists are usually avocational enthusiasts or xeriscape plant growers, like myself. Over the years I have had the pleasure of meeting others. One, Steve Nelle, works for the NRCS (National Resource Conservation Service) in San Angelo. Another Is Michael Eason, who works for the Ladybird Johnson National Wildflower Center but lives in Alpine.

Others are Steve Lewis who owns Native Ornamentals Nursery in Mertzon and Patty Manning who runs the greenhouse at Sul Ross University in Alpine. Recently I met Russ Kleinmann, a retired surgeon, who has created a fabulous website of the flora of the Gila Wilderness area in southwestern New Mexico. I first met him on Facebook, but he visited the Sibley Nature Center on vacation this spring. Facebook has connected me with other field botanists across the west.

Since modern civilized society puts little value in ensuring people know anything about their home landscape, we field botanists feel like bold explorers, going where few (if any) have gone before. We explore our home ecoregion and find countless wonders!

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Women's Basketball Signs Four to National Letters of Intent

Coming off its first-ever Heartland Conference Tournament Championship and an appearance in the NCAA Division South Central Regional Tournament, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin has signed four players to National Letters of Intent. Head Coach Adam Collins added Tanaqua Ards, Jessica Cowden, Clarissa Davis and Briannah Matthews.

All four newcomers are junior college transfers, two of which were all-conference performers. Ards, a 5-10 post player from Howard College averaged 12.1 points, six rebounds and shot 49 percent from the field in garnering second-team All-Western Junior College Athletic Conference. Before leading the Hawks, she played at South Plains College where she led the conference in scoring with 15.1 points an outing while shooting 57 percent from the floor. "Tanaqua is a scorer. She has scored in bunches on every level and will provide a strong back to the basket presence for us. She has the potential to be one of the top scorers in our league," Collins said.

Joining Ards is Matthews, a 6-0 post from Glendale Community College. There, Matthews garnered second team Arizona Community College Athletic Conference after averaging nearly a double-double in 14.1 points, 9.2 rebounds and 2.2 blocks per game. She also shot 63 percent from the field as was tabbed to the National Junior College Athletic Association DII All-Region first team.

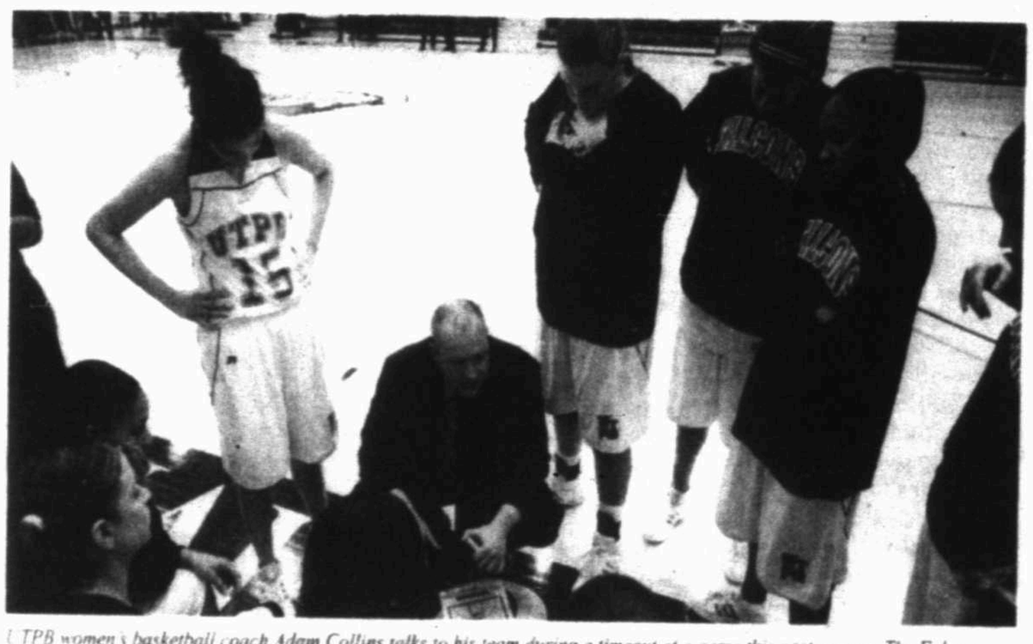
UTPB women's basketball coach Adam Collins talks to his team during a timeout of a game this past season. The Falcons finished the season with a 21-8 record and earned the school's first-ever berth into the NCAA National Tournament in women's basketball.

Photo by Rafael Aguilera

"Briannah has the potential to be a dominant force for us around the rim. She can score as well as being a great rebounder," said Collins.

Collins also added depth with the addition of Cowden and Davis. Cowden, a 5-9 guard comes to UTPB from Midland College where she put in 9.2 points, pulled down 2.7 rebounds a game and hit 64 three-pointers. She was the biggest outside threat as she hit 37 percent from behind the three-point line. "Jessica is a shooter. She comes from one of the most successful junior college programs in the country and her experience in big games will be a big help to us."

Davis, a 6-2 post player from Odessa College put in 5.7 points, 7.1 rebounds a game and averaged one block per game in her final year with the Wranglers. Collins said "she will give us the toughness we need defensively while her best offensive basketball is still ahead of her."

"I am very pleased with this recruiting class. We filled a major need in the post with three young ladies that will all have a major impact next season. We followed that up with a player that has done nothing but win and make three's in junior college which was another area we needed help in. All four girls are coming to us from tremendous junior college coaches and will be ready to step right in. My staff worked hard to evaluate our needs and we filled both of them tremendously with this group," Collins said.

Writer's Workshop Scheduled

How To Write and Sell Your Book

Lynda Curnyn

Have you always dreamed of putting your thoughts down in a story or novel? Do you have a great idea for a story but you just don't know where to begin? Do you need some solid advice on how to approach agents and publishers with your work?

The UT Permian Basin Continuing Education Department is presenting a one-day workshop with published author and editor, Lynda Curnyn. The workshop will be held from 6–9 p.m. Thursday, August 28, 2011. Registration before August 25 is $50, late registration is $65.

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Lynda Curnyn is the author of the novels *Confessions of an Ex-Girlfriend, Engaging Men, Bombshell,* and *Killer Summer.* She has also contributed short stories to various anthologies, including the *USA Today* bestselling anthology, *Girls Night In.*

For information contact UTPB Continuing Education at 432-552-2555 continuinged@utpb.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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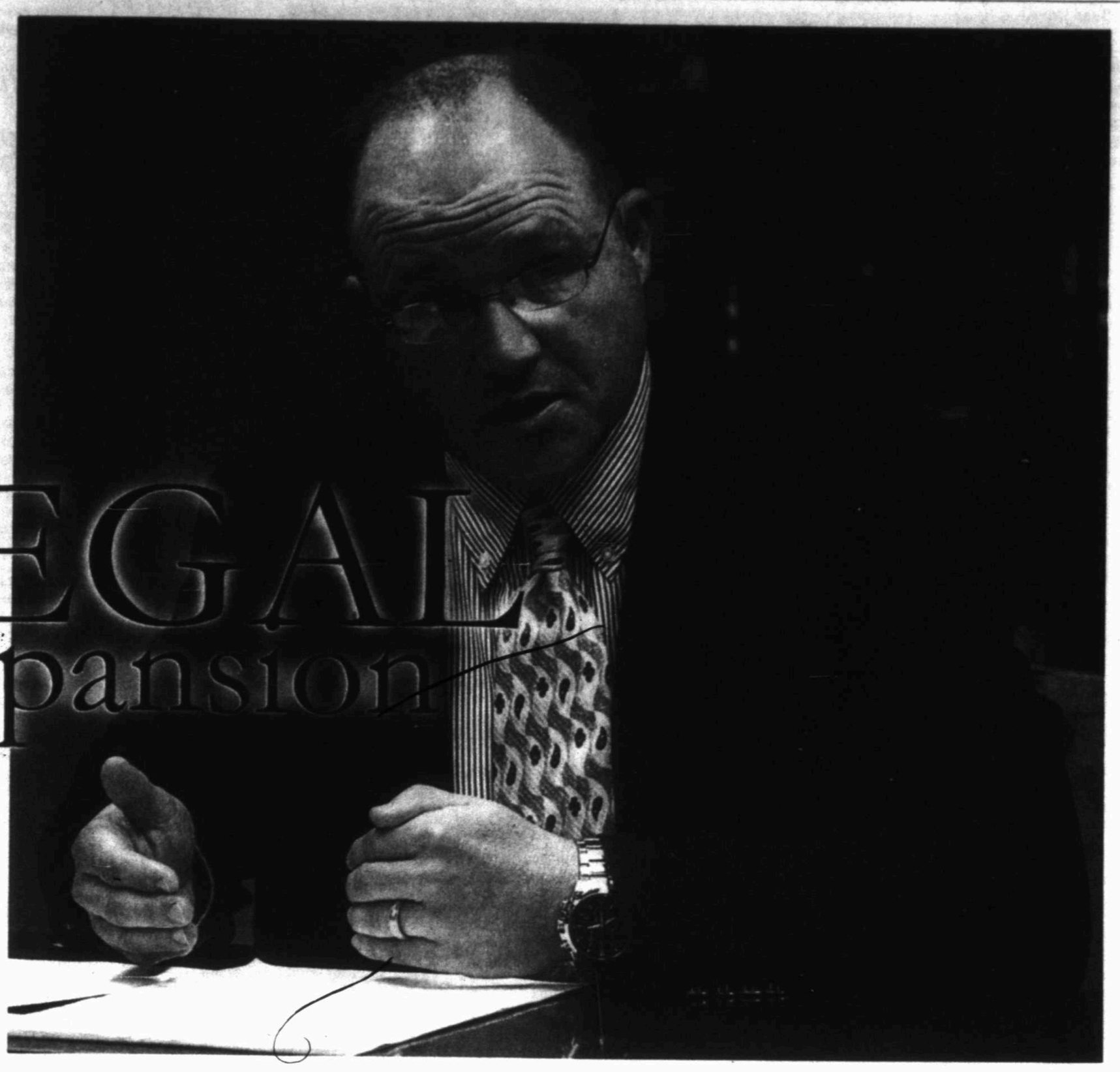

LEGAL expansion

Attorney Chris Aycock, board chairman for Cotton Bledsoe Tighe & Dawson, talks about the expansion of the firm over the past year. Photo by Tim Fischer/Midland Reporter-Telegram

NAMES *in the news*

SCHERTZ, Texas – **JASUN HARMON** has been named the new construction manager out of the Schertz office of D&H/United Pump. He will be responsible for providing professional construction leadership, project management and developing project budgets.

He worked for several years in Lake Charles as a civil-structural/project engineer for a consulting firm specializing in petrochemical facilities. Most recently, he worked for over six years at Tetco as project manager. He has built several new locations for Tetco, including the recently completed Tetco #76, a 3,500 square feet convenience store in Austin. He has also overseen the remodels of numerous Tetco locations, rebranding and reimaging their facilities.

AUSTIN – Midlander **JERRY MORALES** of Gerardo's Casita Grill has been named secretary-treasurer of the Texas Restaurant Association for 2011-2012.

He joins fellow officers LISA PERINI, Perini Ranch Steakhouse in Buffalo Gap, president, SCOTT PLOWMAN, Parkway Grill & Sports Bar in Wichita Falls, president-elect, and BERNAY SHEFFIELD, Zentner's Daughter Steakhouse in San Angelo, vice president, as TRA leaders.

The Permian Basin Restaurant Association, a chapter of the Texas Restaurant Association, has named **KAREN HOPKINS** of Bobby Cox Company as its 2011 Outstanding Restaurateur.

Her first job after high school was an hourly position with Taco Villa in Odessa. At that time the company only had two locations. As the company grew to include the Taco Villa, Rosa's Café and Texas Burger concepts and over 50 locations, her career grew alongside. She has been a franchise trainer, general manager and area supervisor and is currently executive administrative assistant - operations.

To qualify for the Outstanding Restaurateur award, nominees must be a member of the Texas Restaurant Association and active within their local chapter. They must make substantial contributions to their community through civic, fraternal, social, or religious activities. Nominees must promote proper business ethics and display leadership skills, which allow them to attain the proper recognition in the foodservice industry to help build a positive overall industry image. Finally, a nominee must possess an operation that is successful in the eyes of fellow operators, chapter associate members, employees and the community.

Midland hosts IRS Regional Practitioner meeting July 14

DALLAS – The Internal Revenue Service, in partnership with the Texas Society of Enrolled Agents, Texas Chapter of the National Associations of Tax Professionals and Texas Small Business Development Centers, will offer informative sessions at its 2011 Regional Practitioner Meeting from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, 1400 N. FM1788.

Completion of the sessions provides eight Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours to Enrolled Agents and other tax professionals may qualify for the CPE hours depending on the requirements of their organizations. Registration is $50 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. To register, contact Enrique Romero or Steve Dunkley at (432) 552-2455 or online at www.regonline.com/irs2011regionalpractitionermeeting.

Some of the offered topics will include tax law updates, new rules for tax preparers, how to read and respond to IRS correspondence, ethics, foreign-earned income and basis issues.

Cotton Bledsoe Tighe & Dawson, PC expands during oil boom

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

When Cotton Bledsoe Tighe & Dawson, PC was founded in 1974, Robert Bledsoe envisioned creating a small firm of 10 attorneys that would primarily serve local companies.

Nearly 30 years later, the firm has grown well beyond those initial expectations. It now works with businesses throughout the country and boasts a staff of 90, including six attorneys who've been added since March in an effort to keep up with the bustling economy.

"Everyone in the oil and gas business is really busy right now," said Chris Aycock, shareholder and president of the firm's board. "We recognized that we needed more people on board to meet our clients' needs."

Rick Strange, who left the firm in 2005 for a spot on the 11th Court of Appeals, is among the new hires and will be the only one on staff with experience behind the bench. Other new additions have anywhere from two to 25 years of experience, including one attorney who relocated to Midland from Chicago in order to tackle a new type of litigation.

"The economy has been bad in the rest of the country," Aycock said. "People have been searching us out telling us they're interested in coming to Texas and learning a new type of law."

The firm also is hiring two recent law school graduates in the fall that will bring their total attorney roster up to 47, said Michael Hall, operations manager.

Hall started with Cotton Bledsoe Tighe & Dawson at the close of 2010, having made the transition after years as an engineer.

Aycock said it's through the experience of people like Hall and others in the firm that they think they're able to offer a different level of understanding and, in turn, expertise to clients, particularly in the oil and gas field.

"We really have taken a unique approach to how we understand the oil and gas business," he said.

Aycock said 95 percent of what attorneys need to know to succeed in oil and gas law is learned on the job. While universities do teach courses in the subject and a portion of the bar exam covers the topic, to truly be effective takes experience, he said.

Firm leaders try to instill that knowledge by working to keep a balance of experienced attorneys and newer attorneys on staff, Hall said.

Aycock said when oil and gas activity is down, they find they're busier with litigation as companies look back to ensure contracts have been followed and all royalties have been paid.

In times like this year when activity is up, they're constantly busy whether with title work that's necessary before drilling or some other endeavor.

Having been in operation since the 1970s, Aycock said they've certainly weathered their share of booms and busts.

This go around, he said, has been a little different as the firm's founders are saying they're busier than they ever remember.

Because of new technology and high oil prices, Aycock said they expect to continue seeing an increase in clients and legal needs for at least the next few years.

Though not everyone who gets involved in oil and gas law sets out for that field, Aycock said most who stay do so because it's challenging.

Those who succeed in the specialty have to have knowledge in contract law, accounting, geology, water and engineering, Aycock said.

"It's never boring," he said. "Tiring sometimes, but never boring."

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BUSINESS SCENE

Kent begins construction on new store at Illinois, Midland Drive

What were shuttered Exxon and Texaco stations at 4400 W. Illinois Ave., the corner of Illinois and Midland Drive, are making way for a new $2.4 million KENT KWIK convenience store.

"We're in the process of demolishing the old structures," said Bill Kent, president of The Kent Companies. "Construction will take 120 to 140 days, depending on how things proceed."

At between 4,000 and 4,500 square feet, Kent said the new store will be larger than any he's built in Midland in the past.

Outside, there will be a gasoline island with eight fueling stations dispensing Texaco-branded gasolines "so we can fuel 16 cars at a time," he said.

The store itself will include a drive-up window and inside will be a food service area selling breakfast and lunch items and a Mr. Payroll location.

MELLA MCEWEN
Reporter-Telegram oil editor

"It will have two entrances, one facing Midland Drive and one facing Illinois," Kent said.

He will be hiring for the new store, estimating he will need 15 to 20 new employees to staff the new Kent Kwik.

The company opened a new store in Odessa several weeks ago, he noted, and when the new Midland location is completed, he plans to rebuild the store at Highways 1788 and 158 into a truck stop-style location.

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Sporting a new name is CitiFinancial, now known as ONEMAIN FINANCIAL.

Elizabeth Maddox, branch manager of the OneMain Financial office at 4400 N. Midland Drive in the Cornerstone Shopping Center, said the name change will not impact the products and services customers have come to know and appreciate.

To celebrate the new name, the OneMain Financial branch will hold a sweepstakes throughout the month of July. Customers and members of the community may be eligible to win a Blu-ray player. No purchase, credit application or email address will be necessary to enter. Those wishing to enter the drawing for the Blu-ray player can visit the local OneMain Financial branch office.

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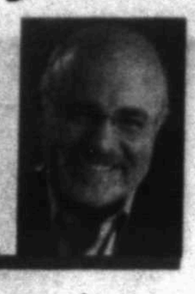

DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,

I just refinanced my home from a 30-year fixed rate to a 15-year fixed rate mortgage. The first payment won't be due until July, but should I go ahead and make a June payment or put that money toward my debt snowball?

Avery

Dear Avery,

If it were me, I'd put that money toward paying off debt. At this point, you don't have a June payment coming due, so anything you paid in would only go toward prepaying the principal. Mortgage interest is charged in arrears, which means backward. Your July payment would pay your June interest. That's why your first payment isn't due until July 1.

I think deep down the heart of your question is whether to pay extra on your mortgage instead of putting money toward your debt snowball. The answer to that question is always no. Get rid of all your debt except the house first, which is Baby Step 2. Then, move on through the rest of the Baby Steps.

Baby Step 3 means fully funding your emergency fund with three to six months of expenses. After that, Baby Step 4 is investing 15 percent of your income into Roth IRAs and other pre-tax retirement plans. Baby Step 5, if you have kids, is college funding, and then you pay off your home early on Baby Step 6.

Once all this is done, you have the final Baby Step, and that's number seven—build wealth and give. That's when the fun really begins!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

What do you think about peer-to-peer lending? I'm thinking about getting in on investing in individual loans as an investment strategy.

Brian

Dear Brian,

Sorry, but as an investment strategy I think this kind of thing is pretty stupid. Most of these kinds of loans are not collateralized, which means they're not checked out. I mean, would you loan someone money without really getting into their business and knowing something about them first?

Right now, there's a social justice aspect to this kind of stuff. But I prefer charitable giving to lending. I mean, if you're going to help someone, then just help them. I know, it's almost a fad, in-vogue kind of thing right now, and everybody's yakking about it. From a human standpoint, it's never a bad thing to help people who are hurting. But as an investment, it makes very little sense, and you have to examine whether you're really helping someone by doing this.

Don't get me wrong, the motivation behind that kind of thing might be noble. I can appreciate that aspect of the process. But since I believe debt is a curse — not a positive thing — it would be hypocritical of me to recommend peer to peer lending.

—Dave

THE ECONOMIST

EPA's new clean air transport rule threatens Texas' economic success

RAY PERRYMAN

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It's no secret that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Texas have had their share of disagreements regarding the best way to promote clean air and secure Texas' energy future. Reasonable people often have legitimate differences about the path toward achieving laudable goals. However, a recently intimated EPA action poses a direct and imminent threat to Texas' economic success. Worse, it's based on hypothetical scenarios that do not reflect actual conditions and on assumptions relating to power supply operations that are simply not feasible. The threat is very real, and the consequences are quite severe.

To be specific, the EPA is currently finalizing a "Clean Air Transport Rule" (CATR) designed to limit the impact of sulfur dioxide (SO_2) and nitrogen oxide (NO_X) emissions across state lines. The rule is intended to require emission reductions from states whose power plants contribute to non-attainment in downwind states. Texas was included in the proposed rule for NO_X during ozone season. However, the EPA's modeling showed no significant impact from Texas SO_2 emissions on other states, so Texas was, appropriately, not included in the proposed year-round rule for SO_2 emissions.

Despite this fact, it now appears likely that the EPA will change course and include Texas in the CATR rule for SO_2 emissions. If this action indeed moves forward, Texas could face enormous disruptions, including electricity rate increases of $1 billion a year, lignite mine closures, a reduction in power production, and substantial ripple effects throughout the entire economy. The result would be the loss of thousands of jobs and decreases in state and local tax revenues, as well as a greatly reduced reserve margin of electric capacity to deal with unforeseen circumstances.

As noted, Texas was not originally included in this process, because SO_2 levels in the state do not materially affect other areas. Thus, this 11th hour change comes without the benefit of any analysis or input from the groups who

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Learn to identify Craigslist scams

With more than 20 billion page views per month, it's not a huge surprise scammers are regularly targeting Craigslist with fraudulent posts in attempt to steal consumers' money. Unfortunately, BBB has seen evidence of many different versions of Craigslist scams, including phony job postings, vehicle sales, rental properties and more.

What typically happens in a Craigslist scam is that a criminal poses as a legitimate business or individual selling a product or service. As a result, the consumer is misled into thinking they are going to make a transaction with someone they can trust. According to the majority of consumers who filed complaints with BBB, the Craigslist seller then requests a wire transfer be made to their account to pay for the item.

Consumers who go through with the wire transfer are then unable to track where their money went. If they are frustrated with the product or service that they paid for, or never receive the product or service they expected, there is often no way to contact the seller to get any money back.

To make sure you don't fall for a scam on Craigslist, consider the following advice:

■ Research the seller before paying. It is important to know who you are doing business with and what type of customer history and reputation they maintain. Any business selling a product on Craigslist should be checked out at bbb.org before you make a purchase from them.

■ Get price comparisons. When purchasing something online, it is important to research the market value of the product or service and get several estimates. Be cautious if the item on Craigslist is offered for a price far below the typical market value.

■ Verify contact information and refund policy. Make sure you have a way to contact the seller if you have additional questions about the item or how you will receive it. Also look for a refund policy or other assurance that will guarantee the item's delivery. It may be wise to deal locally so you can see the item and seller in person.

■ Avoid wire transfers. Never wire funds to anyone that you do not know personally. Over $144 million was lost in fraudulent wire transfers reported in 2010. In addition, wire transfers were the most common method of payment in reported fraud complaints in 2010. If a wire transfer is the only form of payment available, you should reconsider the purchase.

If you suspect you have been a victim of a Craigslist scam, contact your BBB at www.permianbasin.bbb.org so we can help you resolve your dispute.

For consumer information, BBB Business Reviews on charities and businesses, to schedule a guest speaker or to file a complaint, visit Better Business Bureau online at www.bbb.org or call 563-0213.

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The apps that eat your wireless data

By Peter Svensson
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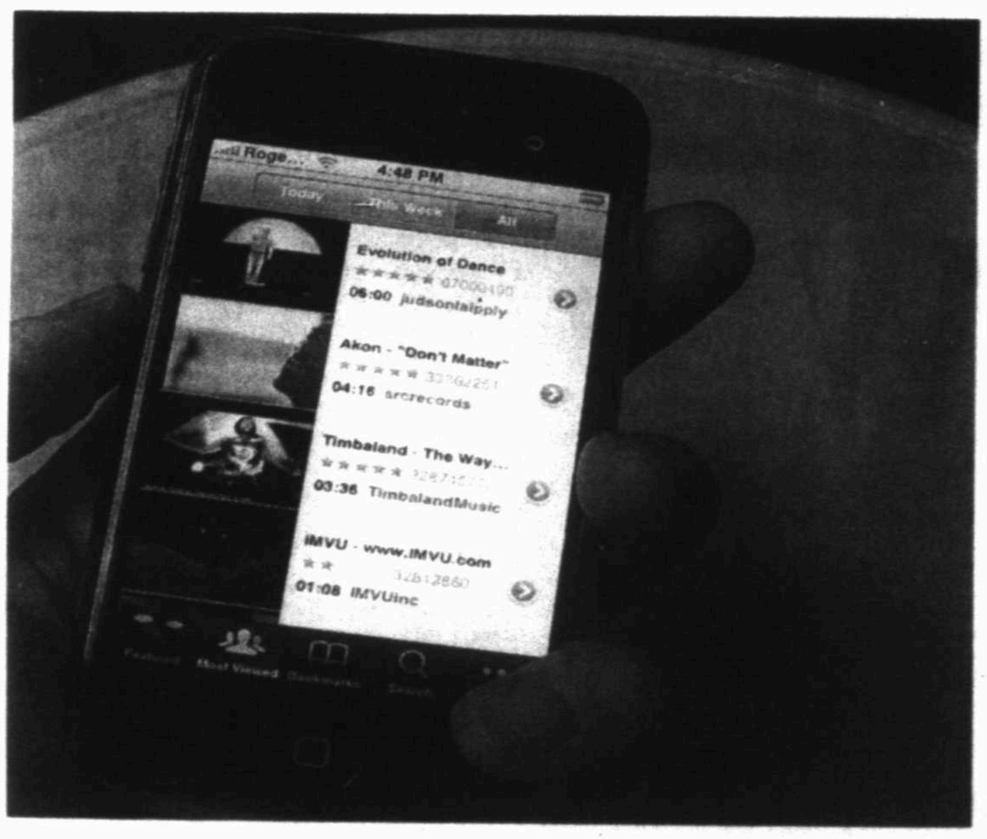

NEW YORK — If you have a cellphone with a monthly limit on how much data you can use, here are some tips on what types of phone use will gobble up your precious megabytes.

■ Streaming video and videoconferencing. The biggest offender. One minute of YouTube-quality video eats up 2 megabytes. If you're on a plan that gives you 200 megabytes per month, you can't even watch Lady Gaga's "Telephone" video once per day. If you're on a 2 gigabyte plan you can, but don't make your iPhone a replacement for a TV. In either case, it's fine to indulge in YouTube and Netflix if you're on Wi-Fi.

■ Streaming audio. The second biggest offender, and potentially more serious. While video is something we need to see to enjoy, Internet radio is more of an accompaniment to other activities, such as jogging or doing dishes. That means some people like to keep it on for hours. Audio consumes about a quarter of the data that video does, but 10 minutes a day will break the bank if you're on a 200 megabyte plan. One hour a day of Pandora consumes nearly a gigabyte, which you can afford if you're on a 2-gigabyte plan and don't use other data-hogging apps.

■ Photos. If you're a real shutterbug, photos can consume significant amounts of data. Sending and viewing photos both count toward your monthly limit. Posting 10 photos per day eats up most of a 200 megabyte plan. If you're on a 2-gigabyte plan, you probably don't have to worry about photos.

■ Maps. Navigation apps consume lots of data when they retrieve map images, up to a megabyte a minute. You're also likely to use them for long periods of time when you're away from Wi-Fi, such as when you're driving. Watch out for these.

■ Web surfing. Web pages vary widely in size, so this will depend quite a bit on whether you like to visit graphically rich sites (lots of data) or spare, text-oriented ones (less data). But roughly speaking, ten pages a day will eat up about half of a 200 megabyte plan. Again, those on 2-gigabyte plans don't need to worry much about surfing.

■ Facebook. Roughly equivalent to Web surfing. Status updates won't take much data, but sending photos and viewing friends' pictures will.

■ Email. Most emails are tiny, in terms of data. Basically, you can send and receive email all you want, as long as they don't have attachments such as photos.

■ Twitter. Like email, these short messages don't use much data, but if you follow a lot of people and click on links, usage adds up.

■ Weather apps. Small, focused apps that report simple but useful things, such as the weather forecast, save data (and time) compared with looking up the same information on a Web page.

Data plans available from major wireless carriers

Associated Press

Verizon Wireless no longer offers unlimited data plans to new smartphone customers. With the change, here are the options available from the major wireless carriers:

VERIZON WIRELESS: The unlimited data plan that is going away costs $30 per month. For that, new smartphone customers will get 2 gigabytes of monthly data usage. They can also pay $50 for 5 gigabytes and $80 for 10 gigabytes. Customers should choose carefully. Those who use more will be charged an additional $10 per gigabyte.

AT&T: Eliminated $30 unlimited data plan for new customers a year ago. Customers can now pay $15 for 200 megabytes of monthly data usage or $25 for 2 gigabytes. There's also a 4-gigabyte plan for $45; with it, laptops can access AT&T's cellular network through their phones using a technique known as tethering. With the cheapest plan, there's a $15 charge for every 200 megabytes over the limit. The charge is $10 per extra gigabyte with the other two plans.

T-MOBILE: Offers four plans with high-speed data. Customers who go over their limits are still able to send and receive data without charge, but speeds will be lower. The limit is 200 megabytes for $10 a month, 2 gigabytes for $20, 5 gigabytes for $30 and 10 gigabytes for $60.

SPRINT: Offers unlimited data use for $30 a month. Some higher-priced calling plans come with data at no extra charge.

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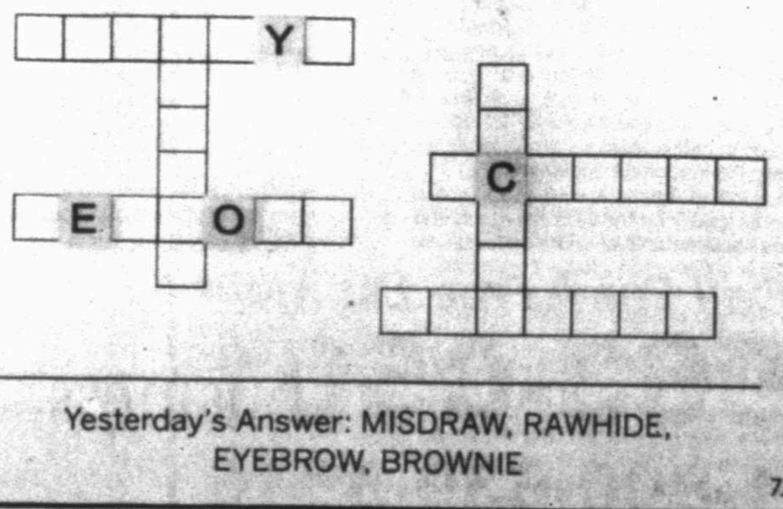

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know the Texas electric industry best. In other words, Texans were not given the opportunity to participate in the legally required public review and comment process.

The emission reductions mandate that the EPA is considering is disproportionately punitive to Texas compared to other states. Texas would be required to make nearly half of the nationwide SO2 reductions required by CATR despite the fact that the downwind states are presently in compliance with mandated standards. Texas' inclusion is based on flawed assumptions. For example, the EPA incorrectly assumes that Texas plants can easily and immediately (by January 2012) switch from local lignite to coal mined and imported from other states. Apart from the technical and pragmatic issues involved, approximately 3,000 Texans are employed directly in the lignite mining sector. The overall impact of this activity includes over $1.3 billion in annual gross product and almost 14,000 permanent jobs. It also provides approximately $71 million per year ($142 million per biennium) in State revenues and is the lifeblood of several small communities.

Over the last 10 years, Texas has worked hard to achieve a 33 percent reduction in SO2 emissions. This rule would require a larger relative decrease from current levels in just six months.

The only practical way for Texas to comply by the 2012 date would be for generators to stop operating the affected units for most of the year, leading to the loss of thousands of jobs, the closing of lignite mines, serious risks to electric reliability, and substantial rate increases. The losses from three plants in East Texas alone would be over $400 million in annual output and more than 3,100 jobs (over and above those at the mines).

Additional repercussions would include diminished property and sales tax revenues, which would negatively impact local governments and schools. Rate hikes would increase the cost of living and working in Texas, and future locations and expansions would be in jeopardy. One of the key things making Texas a juggernaut for economic development and the envy of the world is a competitive wholesale power market that has assured a large and diverse supply of electricity.

Texas should not be part of this rule. It comes at an enormous economic cost and will have no impact on the ability of other states to remain in attainment. They are in compliance now and would only fail to be in the future if they chose to increase their own emissions as hypothesized by the EPA. Mere months before the compliance deadline, the stakes are too high to impose these measures without adequate consideration. Texas has much to lose, and no one else seems to have anything to gain.

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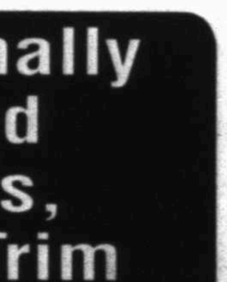

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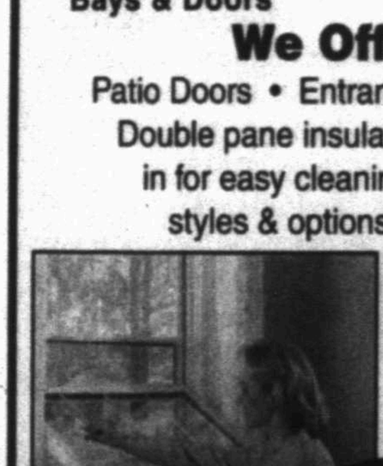

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FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Paid	Paid	Lights	Insider	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	BullRide	Horse	Lokar	Garage
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Smarter	★★ The Rocker ('08, Com) Rainn Wilson.					★★ There's Something About Mary Ben Stiller.				★★★ Superbad	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Lucy	Lucy	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Outdoor	The Block	The Block	Holmes	Holmes Inspection		Decked	Disaster	Crashers	Outdoor	HouseH	House
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Marvels "Water"		How the Earth Was Made				Earth "Asteroids"		Earth "Ring Of Fire"		Last Stand/ 300	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		The Hour of Power		J.Osteen	Paid	W&Grace	W&Grace	★ William & Kate Nico Evers-Swindell.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball	Business	MSNBC News Live								Unfinished	Business
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Parents	Parents	Penguins	Penguins	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	T.U.F.F.	T.U.F.F.	Sponge	Sponge
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	Twilight	Twilight	★★★★ Raiders of the Lost Ark Harrison Ford.				Movie	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Home I.	Home Imp	Home I.	★★★★ The Pursuit of Happyness Will Smith.					★★ Diary of a Mad Black Woman			
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:45) ★★★ Deep In My Heart José Ferrer.				★★ Sky Full of Moon		★★ Fearless Fagan Janet Leigh.				★ Butterfield 8	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Paid	Paid	Sheldon	Willa	Pearlie	Paid	Paid	Paid	Enfoque	Music	Deportivo	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law&O "Baby It's You"		Law&O "Navy Blues"		Memphis Beat		F.&Bash "Big Fish"		Leverage		Falling Skies "Grace"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Nanny	The Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Divorced	Divorced	Divorced	Divorced	Makeover: Home		Makeover: Home	
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Royal Pains		Necessary Rough		In Plain Sight		★ The Break Up	
VERSUS	38	39				Adventure Sports		Cycling Tour de France (L)								IndyCar Auto Racing	
WGN	19	18				8. Winston	Facts	Key David	Beyond	In Heat of Night		In Heat of Night				★★★ Dirty Rotten Scoundrels	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — JULY 10, 2011

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	C	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		101 Ways/ Game		Wipeout "Feed Jill"		News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Masters of Illusion		Edisons	Edisons	PGA Golf John Deere Classic Site: TPC at Deere Run -- Silvis, Ill. (L)						Business	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	★★★ Pilgrim ('00, Thri) Ray Liotta.				★★★ Glory ('89, War) Matthew Broderick.				Smash		Smash	Queens
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(11:00) F1 Auto Racing		Homes	HomeT.	★★★ In Her Shoes ('05, Dra) Cameron Diaz.				Hispanics		C'nsumer	C'nsumer
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	B Cortes	Enarson	Dr.Alewine	T Scrivner	Light of the Southwest				Bible		Super.	Denis O	Bill Cloud
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Outdoors	Paid	Paid	Paid	USGA Golf U.S. Open Site: Broadmoor Golf Course (L)						Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Photo	WondersW	Am. Sews	Sewing	Quilt Arts	F&Porter	Pioneers "Sitcoms"				Antiques	Roadshow
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Republica	Deportiva			Piel de Estrellas				Primer Impacto		Conducta	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		★ Club Fed ('90, Com) Jennifer Delora.				Paid	Business	AmAthlete	Insider	Access Hollywood		FBI Files	
FLIX	340	65		165		(11:40) ★ Spy Hard		(:05) ★★ Necessary Roughness					★★★ Night on Earth Winona Ryder.		(:15) ★ Gangster N...		
HBO	300	68	14	14		Bill Maher	★★ Charlie's Angels II: Full Throttle				Conchrds	Hot Coffee			Watch (5:45) ★ Wall Street: Mo...		
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	(:45) ★★ Rollerball ('02, Act) Chris Klein.				True Blood		Boxing After Dark				
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Movie	★★ Antwone Fisher ('02, Dra) Derek Luke.					★★★ Max ('02, Dra) John Cusack.				★★ Catwoman Halle Berry.	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	★ Night at the Museum: Battl...		(:40) ★★ Mobsters Christian Slater.					★★ Robin Hood ('10, Adv) Russel Crowe.		Movie		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(11:20) ★★★★ The Birds		★★ The Banger Sisters				(:15) ★★ 187 ('97, Dra) Samuel L. Jackson.		(:15) ★ Avatar			
PLEX			96			Rising Stars		(:35) ★★ Look Who's Talking		(:15) ★ Feds				(:40) ★ Hellboy: Blood and Iron			
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(:15) ★ Tenure Luke Wilson.		(:45) ★★ Nobel Son Alan Rickman.				(:35) ★★ Cairo Time		(:05) ★★ Push			
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(:20) ★ The Englishman Who Went Up a H...				Make Believe		(:35) ★ D3: The Mighty Ducks		(:20) ★ Furry Vengea...			
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	★★★★ A Time to Kill ('96, Dra) Matthew McConaughey.						Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal	"Aftermath"
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(10:20) ★★★ Batman				★★★★ Batman Returns ('92, Act) Danny DeVito, Michael Keaton.						★★★ Batman Forever	
BET	58	26		40		★★★ Boomerang Eddie Murphy.				★★ Not Easily Broken ('09, Dra) Morris Chestnut.						★ Madea's Family Reunion	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Millionaire		Flipping Out		Flipping Out		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		Your Money		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	FBI's 10 Most Wanted		10 Most Wanted		Texas Drug Wars		(Almost) Got Away		(Almost) Got Away		(Almost) Got Away	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Shake Up	Shake Up	A.N.T.	Phineas	FishHook	Phineas	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	SoRandom	A.N.T.
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Soccer	World Cup	FIFA Soccer World Cup				MLS Soccer Seattle vs Portland (L)				SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Auto Racing	Northeast Grand Prix			Poker '10 World Series		Poker '10 World Series		Poker '10 World Series		MLB Baseball	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(9:30) ★ Harry Potter & the Ch...		★★★★ Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban						★ Harry Potter & the Goblet...			
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(11:00) News		Fox News		Justice JudgeJeanine		America's News HQ				News	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Rest. "Mainelli's"		Extreme Chef		Diners	Diners	Meat	Candy	Cupcake Wars		O.Food	Food Star
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Spotlight	Ping Pong		Pre-game	MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics vs. Texas Rangers (L)						Rangers	BoysHall
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(11:00) ★★★ Superbad Jonah Hill.				★★★ Pineapple Express ('08, Com) Seth Rogen.						★★ Tropic Thunder	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	★ Backyard Wedding ('10, Dra) Alicia Witt.				★ Elevator Girl ('10, Fam) Lacey Chabert.				★ A Crush on You Brigid Brannagh.			
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	My Place	My Place	Property	Property	Get-Sold	Get-Sold	HouseH	House	For Rent	Unsell.	HouseH	House
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	(11:00) Last Stand/ 300		Prehistoric Monsters Revealed				Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	★ Taken in Broad Daylight Sara Canning.						★★ Like Mother, Like Daughter		★★ The Perfect Child Rebecca Budig.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Bitter Pill		Meet the Press		Rampage Killers		Blind Justice				Caught on Camera	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	iCarly	iCarly	Big Time	Big Time	Victori.	Victori.	Penguins	Penguins	Sponge	Sponge	Big Time	Victori
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	WaysD	(:35) WaysD	(:10) WaysD	(:40) WaysD	(:15) WaysD	(:50) WaysD	(:25) Ways to Die		Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(11:35) ★ Indiana Jones & the Temple of ...				(:10) ★★★★ Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade Harrison Ford.						(:05) ★ Indiana Jo...	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Movie	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves vs. Philadelphia Phillies (L)						Browns	Browns	Browns	★ The Family That...	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(11:00) ★ Butterfield 8		★★ Palm Springs Weekend						★★★ Divorce American Style		★ Casablanca	
TELE	20	8	10	20		★ Momento Critico ('96, Act) Steven Seagal, Halle Berry, Kurt Russell.								★ The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift		Camara	Videos
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Say Yes	Say Yes to	Hoarding		Hoarding		Hoarding		Hoarding		Hoarding	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	★★★★ The General's Daughter John Travolta.								★★★ Murder by Numbers ('02, Thri) Sandra Bullock.		★ Forrest Gump	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Ext. Makeover: Home	(:05) Beaver	(:40) Beaver	(:15) Beaver	(:50) Griffith	(:20) Griffith	(:55) A. Griffith	Show	(:25) Griffith	Sanford	Sanford	
USA	26	30	42	27	49	(11:00) ★★ The Break Up		★★ I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry						Law&O...SVU "Sick"		SVU "Perfect"	
VERSUS	38	39				(11:00) IndyCar Auto Racing	Grand Prix of Trois Rivieres Site: Streets of Trois Rivieres (L)							Cycling Tour de France			
WGN	19	18				Videos	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs vs. Pittsburgh Pirates (L)						(:15) Inning	Videos	Scrubs	Scrubs	Christine	Christine

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	C	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos		Ext. Makeover: Home "Hall Family"		Primetime "Jaycee Guard: In Her Own Words" Pt. 1 of 2 confi'd July 17				KMID News	(:35) Ugly Betty		(:35) Sports
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Big Brother (N)		Undercover Boss "UniFirst"		CSI: Miami "Last Stand"		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Heartland "Coming Together"		★★★ Dirty Rotten Scoundrels ('88, Com) Michael Caine, Steve Martin.				Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	Cheaters		Da Vinci's Inquest	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	American Dad	B Burger "Art Crawl"	The Simpsons	Cleveland Show	Family Guy	American Dad	Three Wide Life	Tx. Roadhouse	Numb3rs "Blackout"		Consumer Corner	Consumer Corner
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Doorways to Wisdom		Dr. R.Booker	Tony Robinson	Light of the Southwest				Alan Lee	Jack Van Impe	For the Heart of the City	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Dateline NBC		America's Got Talent		The top 48 are chosen		The Marriage Ref (N)		News-West 9	Country Reporter	Whacked Out	Bones
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Nova "Ape Genius"		Nature		Masterpiece Mystery! Marple: The Pale Horse" (N)		"Miss Sky Island (N)		Austin City Cashi' Brands Carlie"	"Roxanne	Nature	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Pequeños Gigantes						Sal y Pimienta		Impacto Extra	Noticiero Univision	SOS: Sexo y Otros Secretos	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Without a Trace		Cold Case		The Closer				Comedy.TV		Office	Family G. Aggie	Longhorn
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:15) ★ Gangster N...		★★ Traveller Bill Paxton.				(:45) ★★ The Big Hit Mark Wahlberg.				★★ To Live and Die in L.A.	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(6:45) ★ Wall Street...		Boardwalk Empire		True Blood (N)		Curb (N)	Entour.	(:05) True Blood		(:05) Curb	Bill Maher
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Bill Maher		★ Going the Distance		1stLook		★★ Jennifer's Body				(:45) ★★ Valentine's Day	
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(:15) ★ Charlie St. Cloud		(10, Fam) Zac Efron.		★★ The Box ('09, Myst) Cameron Diaz.						★★★ Domino ('05, Act) Keira Knightley.	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:50) ★ Valentine's Day		(:15) ★ Machete ('10, Act) Danny Trejo.				★★ No Way Out Kevin Costner.				Femme F.	Femme F.
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:15) ★★★★ Avatar Zoe Saldana.				★ Deavis & Butt-Head Do A...		★ Online Crush				(:55) ★★ Trapped	
PLEX			96			★★ Shiloh 2: Shiloh Season		(:40) ★ Revenge of the Nerds I...		(:20) ★★ Look Who's Talking				★ Feds			
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:05) ★★ Push		Dexter "My Bad"		Weeds	The Big C	The Real L Word		Shameless		The Real L Word	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:20) ★ Furry Vengo...		★★ Changing Lanes		(:40) ★★ Wake of Death				(:15) ★ Chicago Overcoat		Movie	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		The Glades (N)		The Glades		Criminal Minds	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) ★ Batman For...		★★★ Batman Begins ('05, Act) Michael Caine, Christian Bale.						★★★ Batman Returns Michael Keaton.			
BET	58	26		40		(4:30) ★ Madea's Fa...		Sunday Best (SP) (N)		Sunday Best (N)		Sunday Best		Sunday Best		BET Inspiration	
BRAVO	65	63		41		The Real Housewives		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ (N)		Watch (N)	Housewives NJ	Wives NJ	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Millions	Wall Street	How I Made Millions		Trash Inc.		Titans		60 Minutes		American Greed	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	News	Story	L. King Special (N)		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom		A Larry King Special		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	(Almost) Got Away		Secret Service		Secrets of Seal Team		Killing Bin Laden		Secrets of Seal Team		Killing Bin Laden	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	SoRandom	SoRandom	(:05) Good	(:35) Shake	SoRandom	A.N.T.	Shake Up	Shake Up	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Baseball Tonight (L)		MLB Baseball New York Mets vs. San Francisco Giants (L)						SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(5:00) MLB Baseball All-Star Futures Game (L)				NHRA Drag Racing Route 66 Nationals Site: Chicagoland Speedway						X-Games	"Moto"
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(4:30) ★ Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire				★★★ Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix						J.Osteen	Ed Young
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	Fox Report Weekend		Huckabee		Stossel		Geraldo at Large		Huckabee		Stossel	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	(5:30) Food Star		Challenge		Food Star (N)		Cookies	Diners	Extreme Chef		Food Network Star	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Sports Championship		WPT Poker		WPT Poker		Streetball Ball Up		UTSAFoot	Gold Age	WPT Poker	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ Tropic Thu...		★★★ Mr. and Mrs. Smith ('05, Act) Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt.						★★★ Mr. and Mrs. Smith Brad Pitt.			
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	★ The Wedding Dress Tyne Daly.		★★★ A Wedding Dress Tyne Daly.				G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	My Yard	HH Vaca	Holmes	Holmes	Holmes Inspection		HouseH	House	HGTV'd	Income	Holmes Inspection	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Truckers "Fire on Ice"		Ice Road Truckers		Ice Road Truckers (N)		Swamp People		Modern Marvels		Ice Road Truckers	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	★ The 19th Wife ('10, Dra) Patricia Wettig.				Drop Dead Diva (N)		Protectr "Spoon" (N)		Protectr "Spoon"		DDDiva "Dream Big"	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Caught on Camera		CaughtCam "Crash"		Predator Raw		Predator Raw		Predator Raw		Predator Raw	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	iCarly	iCarly	Wife Kids	Wife Kids	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	"70s	"70s	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	3 Sheets	3 Sheets	★ Eight Legged Fr...	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) ★ Indiana Jones & the Kingdom of t...				(:10) ★★★★ Sensational Treasure: Book of Secrets				Treasure	Treasure	Treasure	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(5:00) ★ The Family ...		★★ Why Did I Get Married? Tyler Perry.				(:10) ★★ Why Did I Get Married? Tyler Perry.				Movie	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:45) ★ Casablanca		★★★ Mr. Smith Goes to Washington						★★★ Louisiana Purchase		(:15) ★ Don Juan	
TELE	20	8	10	20		★★ Alvin and the Chipmunks Jason Lee.				★ The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon E...				Tinieblas	Camara	★ La Carcel de La...	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Hoarding		Hoarding		Hoarding		Sex, Lies & Power		Hoarding		Sex, Lies & Power	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(5:00) ★★★ Forrest Gump Tom Hanks.				Leverage (N)		Falling Skies (N)		Leverage		Falling Skies "Silent Kill"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	All Family	All Family	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray
USA	26	30	42	27	49	SVU "Deception"		SVU "Influence"		SVU "Appearances"		In Plain Sight (N)		White Collar		Law&O...SVU "Sick"	
VERSUS	38	39				Adventure Sports		Cycling Tour de France		Stage 9 Issoire - Saint-Flour				Poker Heads Up		Cycling Tour de France	
WGN	19	18				Mother	M-Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	News	(:40) Replay	Monk		Monk	

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Entrepreneurial beauty

Translated into English, the Italian word *bellisimo* means *very beautiful, gorgeous, ravishing, stunning.* For 26-year-old Barbara Heredia, it also means the beginning of an entrepreneurial career.

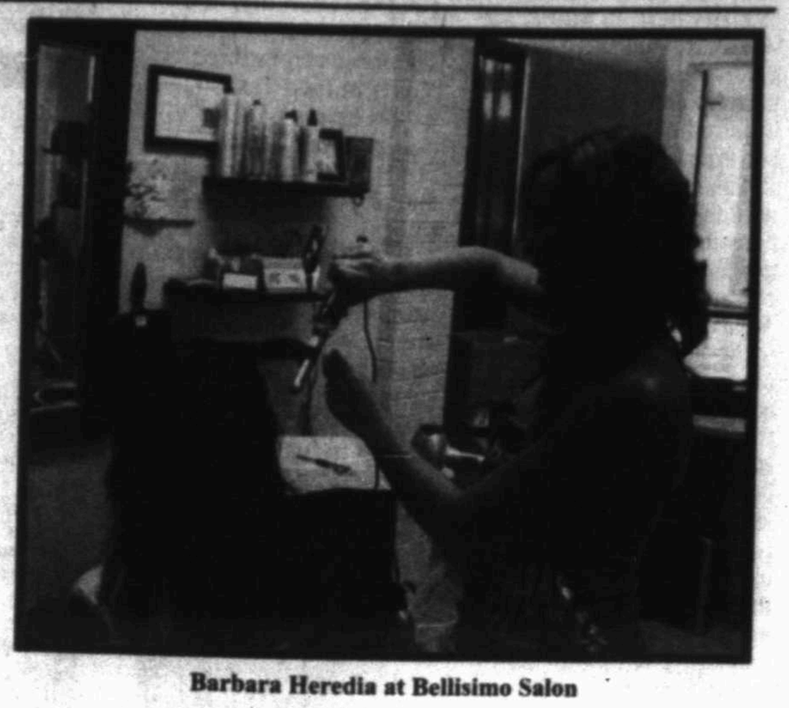
Heredia has been working at Bellisimo Salon in Midland since April 2010 when she completed her cosmetology certificate at Midland College (MC) and obtained her cosmetology operator license. She currently works as an independent operator and leases a station at the full-service salon at Bellisimo, located at 4519 N. Garfield at Garfield Plaza (intersection of Loop 250 and Garfield Street, 432/687-5238). Heredia says, "This is definitely where I want to be. God blesses all of us with a skill, and this is mine."

Heredia's cosmetology license enables her to perform all cosmetology procedures, such as manicures, pedicures and facials. However, she specializes in hair. "I love working with hair!" Heredia exclaims. Her training at MC gave her the skills needed for precision haircuts, all hair styles—long and short, perms and relaxers, hair extensions and hair coloring. She says that working with hair color is her favorite thing to do. She even mixes custom colors, a skill she learned from MC Director of Cosmetology Michael Fields. Heredia says, "Michael Fields and Sylvia Stephens [the two full-time cosmetology faculty members at MC] are so knowledgeable, and they take time to work with students to show us more than just what is needed to pass the state licensure exam." Perhaps that is one reason why after only being in the business for a little over a year, Heredia has built her clientele to the point where she was able to resign from her part-time job working at Wee Care Learning Center and to concentrate solely on being a hair stylist.

At first, Heredia worked on consignment at Bellisimo, but now she is able to rent a station and be a self-employed independent operator. "I recommend working on consignment when you first start as a stylist," she says. "You need to establish clientele, but if you are disciplined and willing to work, it won't take long to get to the point where you can have the freedom to manage your own business. I can set my own hours and work as much or as little as I want. Of course, to make money, I need to work around clients' schedules and be available when it is convenient for them. This is a service industry."

Heredia enjoys the atmosphere at Bellisimo. The seven stylists are all young—24- to 38-years old—but she says the clientele range in age from children to senior citizens. The multi-racial salon is owned by Jennieke Briggs and offers all cosmetology services. There is even a licensed massage therapist working in the salon. Heredia has male and female clients of every ethnicity and works with all hair types. She even does hair extensions, which is something that not all stylists will do because of the length of time it takes.

When she isn't working hard to build her business, Heredia enjoys the life of a newlywed. She and her husband Jacob were married in February, and the two participate as active members of True Lite Christian Fellowship. Barbara sings in the church choir, which is renowned throughout the community for their uplifting praise music. She also is a member of the leadership team for True Lite's new young adult ministry, *Element 26.*



Barbara Heredia at Bellisimo Salon

Heredia's long-range goal is to own a salon some day. For now, she is excited about being a part of the growing Bellisimo Salon. She credits the MC cosmetology program for not only training her in cosmetology skills, but also training her in essential customer service and business skills. Barbara Heredia is definitely on the right track to being one of Midland's many successful women entrepreneurs!

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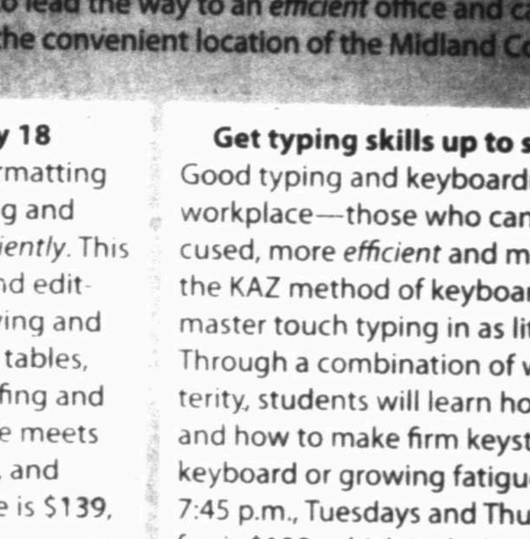
MC student receives national recognition and scholarship

By Karen Lanier

Midland College respiratory care student Brad Adams was honored April 9 at the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society national convention in Seattle, Washington, as one of 25 recipients of the Frank Lanza Memorial Scholarship.

The American Association of Community Colleges and PTK, with the support of Medical Education Technologies, Inc. (METI) and L-3 Communications, Inc., recognized the accomplishments of students who are enrolled in allied health programs offered by regionally accredited community colleges. Each student was awarded $1,000.



Brad Adams

"I learned about the scholarship last fall through the MC respiratory care program. Bob Weidmann, program director, helped me with the application process," Adams said. "I found out I had been selected about two weeks before the convention. With financial help from Midland College through Dr. Richard Jolly, executive vice-president, I was able attend the convention. It was awesome!"

Adams, 36, said he sees the respiratory program as a stepping stone to get to the next level. He graduated from the respiratory care program in May and has applied to the two-year Texas Tech physician's assistant (PA) program that is offered on the MC campus. Adams said that being a PA is his ultimate goal.

So, what did Adams do before he started his medical education at the age of 34? "I was a licensed welder for many years. It was a good living, but I have always been interested in the medical field," he said. Adams also explained that he is in a relationship that includes not only his girlfriend but also her two children. "We are active in CrossRoads Fellowship in Odessa. I also volunteer with Teen Challenge," continued Adams.

While at the PTK convention, recipients had the opportunity to meet METI Chairman Lou Oberndorf. Oberndorf was influential in establishing this scholarship in honor of his friend, Frank Lanza. A panel of independent judges selected the recipients by application based on academic and leadership accomplishments as well as community service.

"Funding provided for these scholarships is critical to helping community college students meet the high cost of completing these rigorous health-related programs," said PTK's Executive Director, Dr. Rod A. Risley, on the PTK website. The honor society, headquartered in Jackson, Mississippi, is the largest honor society in higher education with 1,270 chapters throughout the world. More than 2.5 million students have been inducted since its founding in 1918, with approximately 125,000 students inducted annually.

Most of the 2011 award recipients are enrolled in registered nursing programs and allied health fields. Community colleges educate 63 percent of allied health professionals. According to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics 2010 figures, employment outlook in the health care industry has continued to increase. The largest gains were in ambulatory health care services and in nursing and residential care facilities.

Brad Adams and Whitney Johnson of Angelina College were the only two Texans on the list. For a complete list of the Lanza scholarship winners, go to *www.ptk.org.*

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Also being offered this summer is ***Historical Geology***, which meets from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Mondays through Thursdays. Required lab meets 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. Both of these classes satisfy science requirements for most associate and baccalaureate degrees and will transfer to many four-year universities.

Register NOW! Classes start July 14 and end on August 19. Online registration is available at ***www.midland.edu.*** Walk-in registration is available from 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays at the Scharbauer Student Center on the Midland College campus. For more information regarding MC science courses, contact Dr. Margaret Wade, (432) 685-4615.

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Midland College is dedicated to conserving water and complying with City of Midland water regulations. In an effort to do so, we realize that our beautiful campus consisting of over 200 acres may suffer from current drought conditions. Our main goal is to save the trees which have been planted over the past 39 years, many in honor and in memory of West Texas leaders and loved ones. We are seeking the community's assistance in helping us ensure that we are getting the most from our irrigation efforts. Please report any Midland College campus irrigation concerns to Grounds Superintendent Terry Kirkland, (432) 685-5512, *water@midland.edu.*

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Oil Report

Your guide to the Permian Basin oil & gas industry

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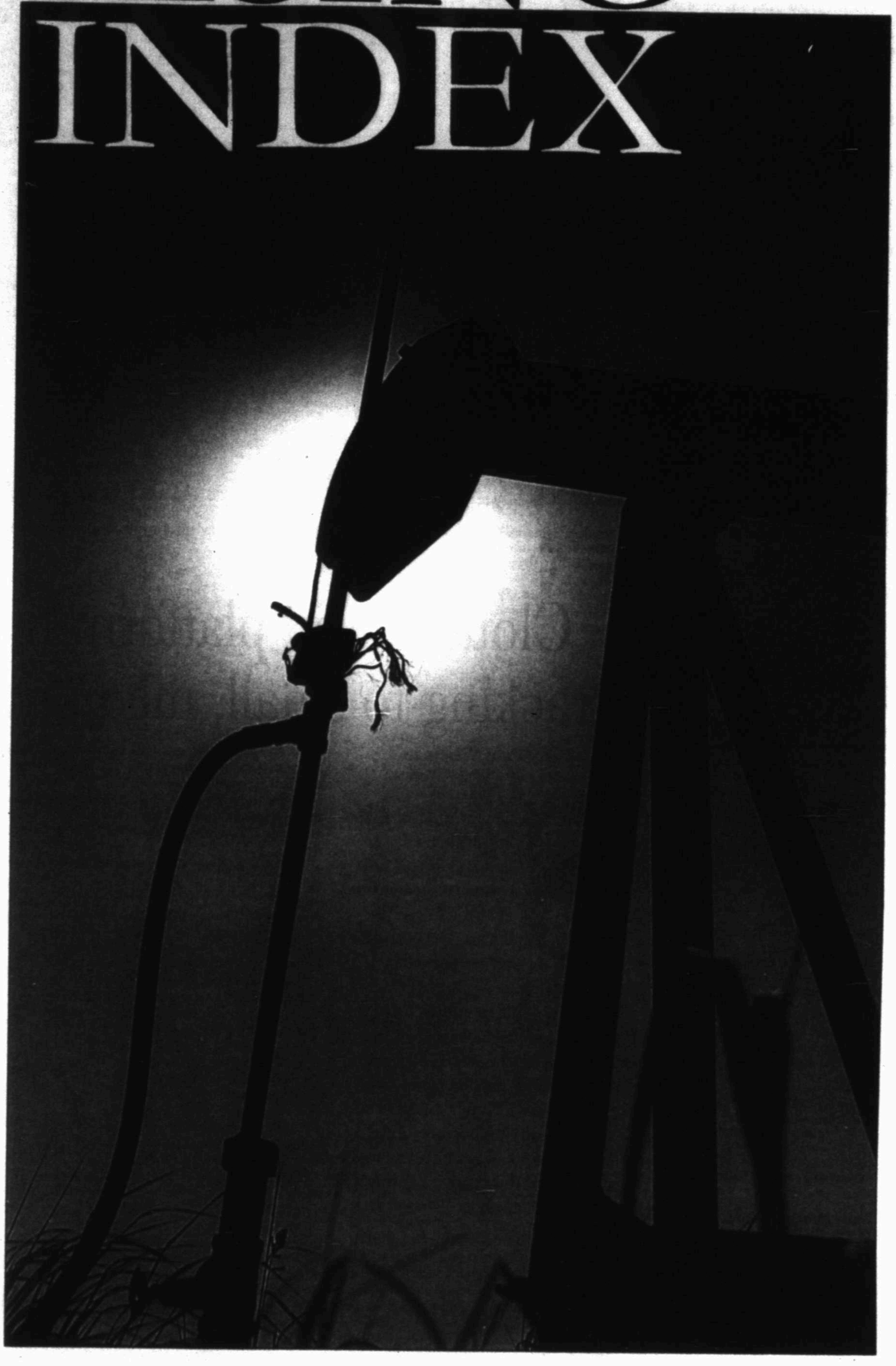
Permian Basin oil and gas activity continues to surge

■ Railroad Commission issues more than 1,100 drilling permits in May, record high.

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor



Permian Basin oil and gas activity continues to climb on the strength of high crude prices.

Amarillo Economist Karr Ingham said the Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index climbed 25 percent in May compared to May 2010, the 18th consecutive monthly increase. During those 18 months, he said, the index has grown over 45 percent and is nearing its peak reached in September 2008.

High oil prices raised the value of the oil produced in the Permian Basin to just under $2.1 billion in May, up 43.1 percent from $1.46 billion last May. Through May of this year, production is valued at $11.01 billion, 33.7 percent higher than the $8.23 billion in the same timeframe of 2010.

Ingham attributes the increase to drilling activity as illustrated by the rig count and the number of drilling permits issued by the Railroad Commission. The May rig count averaged 351 rigs, up 56 percent from 225 in May 2010. For the year, the monthly rig count has averaged 314 rigs, up 53.9 percent from 204 averaged in the first five months of 2010.

For the first time in the life of the index dating back to 1995, Ingham said, the Railroad Commission issued more than 1,000 permits in a single month. The commission issued 1,127 drilling permits in May for the three districts that comprise the Permian Basin - Districts 7C, 8 and 8A - a 74.5 percent jump from 646 issued last May. To date in 2011, the commission has issued 4,492 permits, up 39.5 percent from 3,219 issued in the same period of 2010.

"Activity is virtually exclusively crude oil-driven at this point," said Ingham, noting that only four natural gas completions were reported in May, compared to 260 oil completions. "It's all about the Wolfberry."

The 260 oil completions were down 18.2 percent from 318 last May and the 1,393 oil completions

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Encore Energy Partners acquires Permian Basin properties

From Staff Reports

Encore Energy Partners LP has agreed to acquire an undivided 50 percent interest in producing oil and gas assets in the Permian Basin for a net price of $42.5 million from a private seller.

The other 50 percent interest in the assets will be acquired by Vanguard Natural Resources LLC, the general partner of Encore Energy Partners.

The interests to be acquired have estimated total net proved reserves of 2.74 million barrels of oil equivalent, of which approximately 70 percent are oil and natural gas liquids reserves. The properties involved are 100 percent proved developed. Company officials anticipate net production attributable to the acquisition should be approximately 500 barrels of oil equivalent per day.

Effective date of the acquisition will be May 1 and the company anticipates closing this acquisition on or before Aug.1.

Scott W. Smith, president and chief executive officer, commented, "This acquisition is an excellent MLP type asset and is a great addition to our Permian Basin portfolio. This acquisition was done jointly with Vanguard pursuant to the Business Opportunity Policy in place between the two companies. These assets are expected to generate very stable cash flows and production for the next several years. Upon execution of the purchase and sale agreement for this transaction, we entered into hedges covering a substantial portion of the estimated production from this acquisition for the next several years."

Encore Energy Partners LP is a publicly traded master limited partnership focused on the acquisition, production and development of oil and natural gas properties. The company's assets are primarily producing and non-producing oil and natural gas properties in the Big Horn Basin in Wyoming and Montana, the Williston Basin in North Dakota and Montana, the Permian Basin in West Texas and New Mexico, and the Arkoma Basin in Arkansas and Oklahoma. Vanguard Natural Resources purchased Encore Energy Partners GP LLC and certain limited partners interests in Encore Energy Partners from Denbury Resources on December 31, 2010, giving Vanguard approximately 46 percent of Encore Energy Partners' common units.

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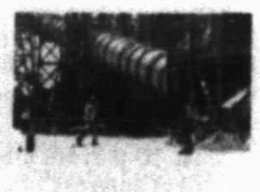

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Courses

ARLEX, Inc. Drilling Fluids I: A Quick Start for Beginning Mud Technologists
Instructor: Gary Gay
July 11-August 5, Mon-Fri, 6-10 p.m. (80 hours)
$2,650; Out of State, $2,675
Midland College Faculty Science Building, 3600 N. Garfield

The Oilfield from Planning to Plugging
Instructor: T.E. Gill
July 12-13, Tue-Wed, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$430; Out of State, $455
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois
This program has been accredited for 15 RL/RPL continuing education credit(s), 15 CPL recertification credit(s), which includes 0 CPL/ESA recertification credit(s) and/or 0 Ethics credit(s), for a total of 15 credit(s).

PetroSkills: Production Operations 1
Instructors: Mr. Alfred R. Jennings, Mr. Carl Thomas Montgomery
July 18-29, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (2 weeks)
$5,930 paid directly to PetroSkills; to register and see additional information for this class, please contact PetroSkills www.petroskills.com
or call (800) 821-5933
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Oilfield Terminology
Instructor: J. T. Lent, Jr.
July 19-20, Tue-Wed, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
$430; Out of State, $455
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An Introduction to Coiled Tubing
Instructor: Jeff Harris
July 21, Thu, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
$195; Out of State, $220
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Integrated Petrography & Geochemistry of Carbonate Rocks and Its Application to Reservoir Studies
Instructors: Drs. Peter A. Scholle and Dana Ulmer-Scholle
July 25-26, Mon-Tue, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$585, if you already have the required text AAPG Memoir 77; Out of State, $610
$633, if you do not have the text AAPG Memoir 77; Out of State, $658
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Oilfield Manager (OFM) - Introduction
Instructor: Celia Payne
July 26-27, Tue-Wed, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
$870; Out of State, $895
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Modern Carbonate Depositional Models and Their Relationship to the Permian Basin
Instructor: Dr. Peter A. Scholle
July 27, Wed, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
$295, if you already have the required text AAPG Memoir 33; Out of State, $320
$355, if you do not have the required text AAPG Memoir 33; Out of State, $380
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Dynamics of the Oil and Gas Industry
Instructor: Dr. Mark Vining
August 1-2, Mon-Tue, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
$375; Out of State, $400
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Well Control School
Instructor: Larry Chapman
August 1-4, 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

Basic Well Log Analysis
Instructor: Dr. George Asquith
August 8-10, Mon-Wed, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
$775; Out of State, $800
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Petroleum Geology for Non-Geologists
Instructor: Paul H. Pausé
August 8-11, Mon-Wed, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thu, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
$965; Out of State, $990
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August classes (not listed above)
C02 School
Exploring for Missed Pay in Old Wells Using DST Data
Land and Leasing
Petra
PHDWin
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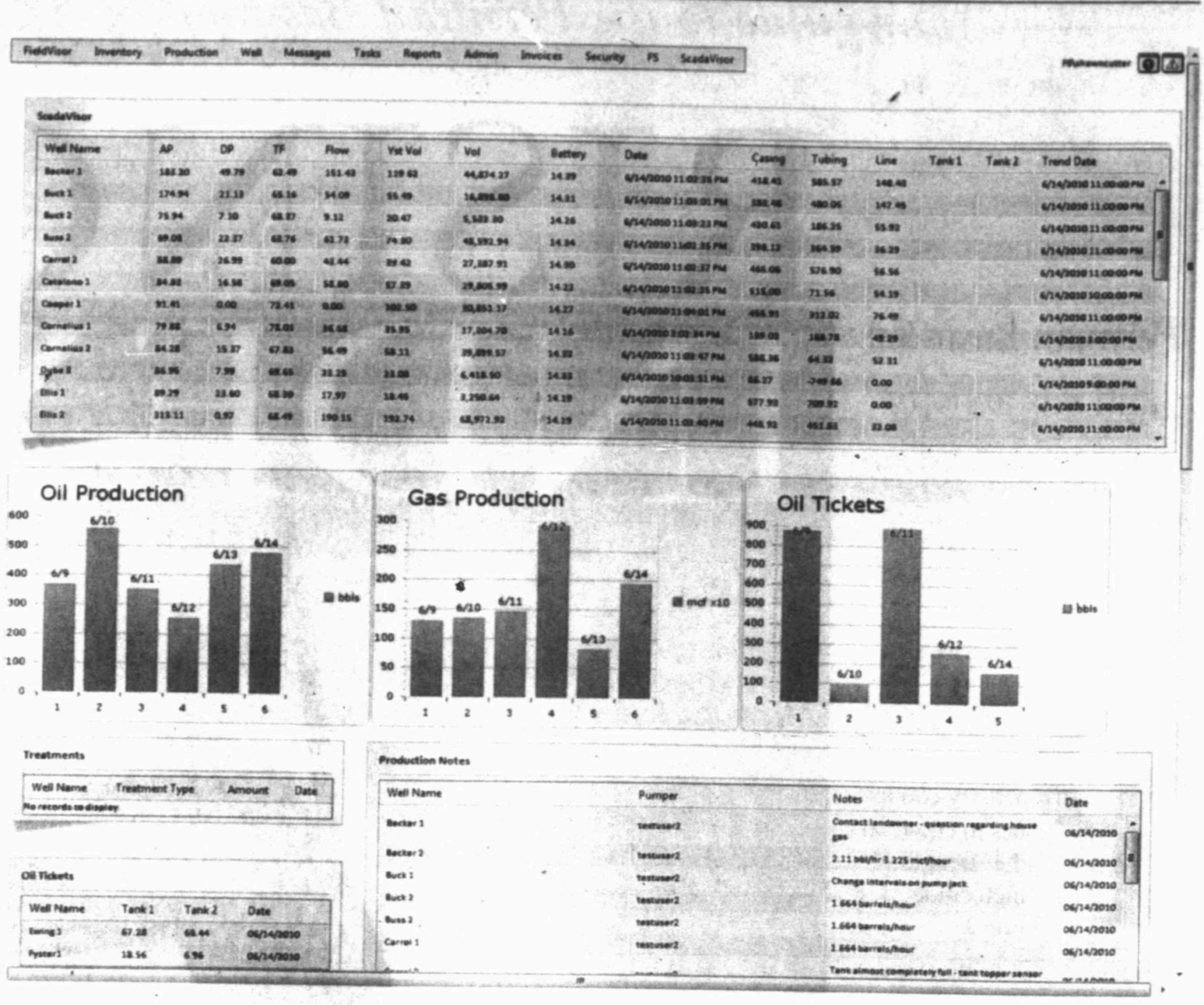

Fielding Systems' FieldVisor and ScadaVisor software is geared for small to medium producers. Its cloud-based application will be released early in July.

Cloud-based platform brings data tracking to small, medium producers

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

Shawn Cutter of Fielding Systems has a unique view of how computer systems can aid oil and gas producers. For five years he worked as an information technology (IT) professional - but he cut his teeth in the oil and gas industry in Ohio. While hydrocarbon production in the Buckeye state does not rival that of Texas, Cutter's experience in the family oil business gave him a close look at smaller producers and their data gathering and tracking needs.

This combination of experience led Cutter to develop two software platforms: FieldVisor to manage inventory, well treatments, work orders and other historical data; and ScadaVisor, which provides real-time and historic production data from artificial lift devices, pump off controllers, tank level sensors and other devices.

Cutter is particularly excited about the fact that in the next few days, possibly as soon as Monday, this program and its data storage will be 100 percent cloud-based.

The software and records were already an off-site proposition for producers, being hosted by Fielding System's computers. This saves disc space for the users and allows for software updates to happen seamlessly and practically invisibly. But it puts the burden on the provider to have plenty of disc space themselves and to make sure they have adequate offsite backup in multiple locations.

The cloud, Cutter says, puts that burden on much broader shoulders - a worldwide enterprise such as Google - allowing software providers like Fielding Systems to concentrate on their software products instead of worrying about their network speed and storage capacity.

Acknowledging that other products exist that track production information, Cutter said the products he saw out there were either geared to very large companies or were out of date. "I really think that, after seeing all the applications out there, whether it's reservoir analysis applications or others, there's a lack of software technology for usability in the oil and gas industry. A lot of the applications don't look like they've changed much in 10 years," he said.

The original idea for the programs was to make them available to his own family's business, which his father still runs. After spending approximately three weeks on the project putting together processes with which he was already familiar, he introduced it to Cutter Oil Company. Over the next few months he added and tweaked features as the needs became apparent.

The company released FieldVisor the public in February of 2010 and followed up with ScadaVisor a few months later, Cutter recalled, to good response. The Florida-based company had a booth at last fall's Permian Basin International Oil Show.

In addition to improving the technology and affordability, making data more readily accessible was important to Cutter. Most existing platforms allow computer access to data any time and anywhere, but FieldVisor and ScadaVisor have mobile applications that are available for the iPhone, Android and other smart phones.

In Ohio, Cutter said many producers are still hand-entering data at the well locations, then leaving it to office personnel to decipher handwriting as data is entered into reporting software. His programs allow data to be input by computer at well sites then uploaded and compiled into reports immediately. By streamlining all this, Cutter believes his software helps producers "do more with less," particularly during bust cycles.

Data flow is not a one-way street. Malfunctioning wells or leaking tanks can be remotely shut off and field personnel can be dispatched as soon as certain pre-set parameters are exceeded.

Monitoring the location of field personnel is also possible. While the first thought might be that this would be useful for making sure everyone is working hard — which indeed part of the equation — it also allows supervisors to note a problem well and to alert the nearest field hand about that problem in order to minimize down time.

By charging users based on the number of active devices tracked, Cutter feels he has made the software affordable to users large and small. Users with only a few wells pay for just a few wells. Larger users, on the other hand, face no fear of overtaxing the system because it is cloud-based. "The amount of storage is not an issue," Cutter explained. "It can handle 20,000 wells or more."

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On the Web:
Fielding Systems' web site is at www.fieldingsystems.com.

Ethanol support may be worst government program since cash for clunkers

ALEX MILLS
President of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers

The U.S. Senate on June 17 voted 73-27 in favor of eliminating the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit (VEETC) and to repeal the import tariff on foreign ethanol.

The strength of the vote surprised most, and it could be viewed as a move by the Congress to revise Congressional spending by cutting some tax provisions enacted by previous Congresses.

Ethanol enjoys the three big economic benefits:

(1) It gets a 45 cent per gallon excise tax credit.

(2) Congress mandates a gallon of gasoline contain at least 10 percent ethanol.

(3) Congress placed a tariff on competing ethanol fuels from foreign countries.

The amendment was offered by Senator Diane Feinstein (D-Ca.) and it was identical to the Ethanol Subsidy and Tariff Repeal Act, which was introduced by Senator Tom Coburn, M.D. (R-Okla.) and Senator Feinstein in May.

"Today's overwhelming vote shows a bipartisan consensus to repeal irresponsible ethanol subsidies and tariffs," Senator Feinstein said. "The 73 votes sent a powerful message that the days of big subsidies for ethanol are coming to a close. We must be serious about addressing the debt and deficit, and this is a good first step."

The ethanol subsidy currently allows companies a tax credit of 45 cents for every gallon of ethanol they blend with gasoline, even though much of that use is mandated by law. If the subsidy is repealed by July 1, as the amendment calls for, it will save approximately $2.7 billion for the remainder of 2011, Feinstein said.

The ethanol tariff is comprised of a 54-cent-per-gallon secondary tariff and a 2.5 percent ad valorem tax. The ethanol tariff makes the United States nation more dependent on foreign oil by increasing the price of imported ethanol.

Feinstein said the ethanol subsidies cost the federal government $6 billion yearly.

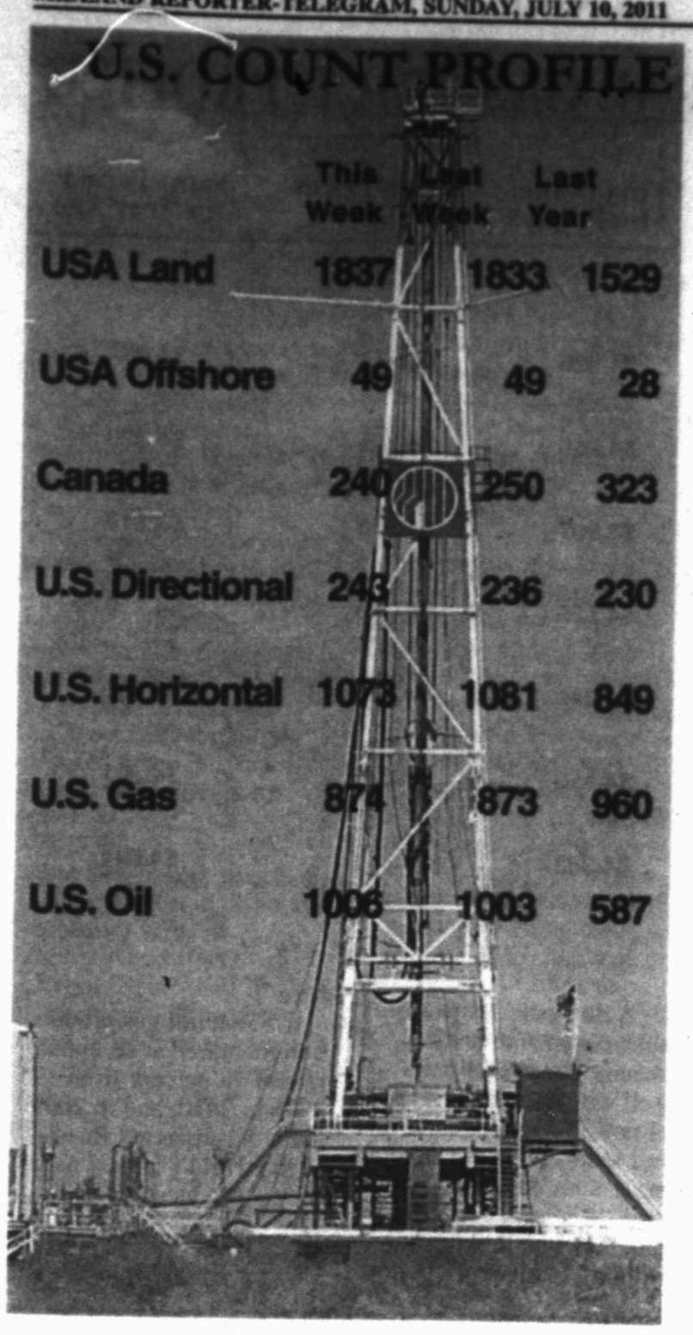
Just a few months ago the Obama administration announced it will implement programs designed to increase the availability of ethanol.

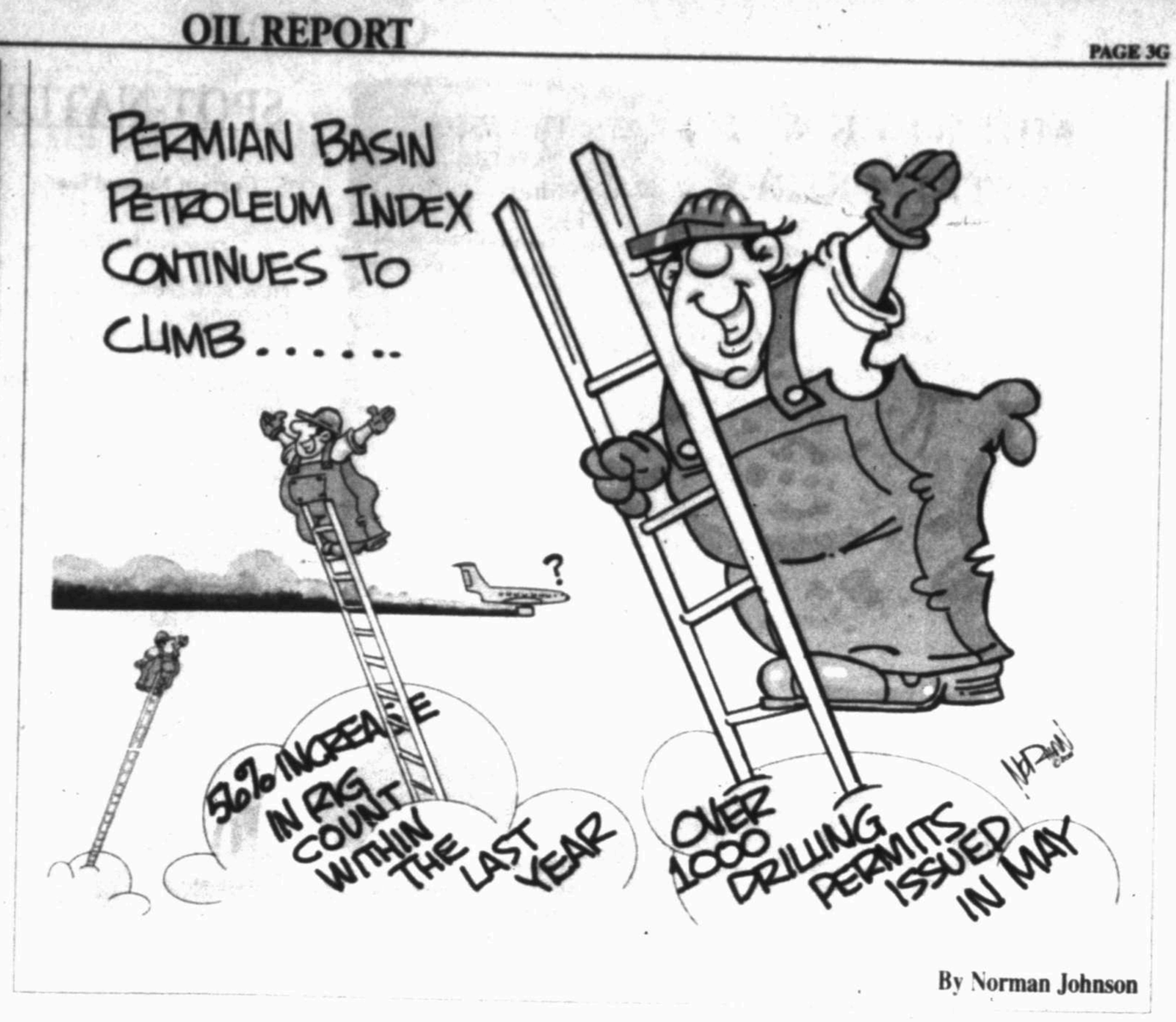
The leaders of the Agriculture Department, Energy Department and the Environmental Protection Agency announced the creation of an interagency group that will be charged with coming up with a plan to encourage the production of more automobiles that can run on high-level ethanol blends and increase the level of high level ethanol blends at gasoline stations.

Obama also wanted more money to go to ethanol refineries to promote the production of more ethanol.

Government's favorable treatment of ethanol may be pound-for-pound the dumbest government mandated program, even surpassing cash for clunkers.

Alex Mills is President of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers. The opinions expressed are solely of the author.





By Norman Johnson

COMPLETIONS

New Mexico

Chaves County

Celero Energy II, LP
Rock Queen Unit #704
Caprock; T13S, R31E, Sec 36; 1309 FNL 2629 FWL; EL 4384 GL; TD 3135; PBTD N/A; Spud 1-15-11; Comp 5-4-11; production is through treated perfs: 3056-70; Treat: 2000 gals 7.5% NEFE acid; IP: WIW; API #30-005-29162

Eddy County

Chevron USA Inc.
Skelly Unit #978
Fren; T17S, R31E, Sec 22; 330 FNL 2310 FEL; EL 3854 GL; TD 6736; PBTD 6675; Spud 6-17-10; Comp 7-20-10; production is through treated perfs: 5016-5098; Treat: Acdz w/11,500 gals 15% acid, Frac w/445,003 gals gel, 556,940# 16/30 Ottawa sd, 108,514# 16/30 Siberprop sd; IP: 7-28-10 Pump 24 hrs 110 BO, 378 BW, 127 MCF, GOR 1155, Gty 37.5; API #30-015-36062

Enervest Oper. LLC
WLH G4S Unit #31
Loco Hills; T18S, R29E, Sec 11; 1309 FSL 1980 FEL; EL 3513 GL; TD 2805; PBTD 2749; Spud 12-27-09; Comp 5-4-10; production is through treated perfs: 2640-2666; Treat: Acdz w/2000 gals 15% Hcl, Frac w/42500# 16/30 sd; IP: 4-12-10 Flow 24 hrs 5 BO, 82 BW, 0 MCF, Gty 36.1; API #30-015-36773

OXY USA Inc.
Goodnight 35 Fed #2
Cedar Canyon; T23S, R29E, Sec 35; 180 FSL 490 FWL; EL 3086 GL; TD 12390; PBTD 12247; Spud 2-11-09; Comp 11-19-09; production is through treated perfs: 8400-10200; Treat: 96436g WF GR11 + 8000g 7.5% Hcl acid + 473584g DF 200-R23 w/915830# sd; IP: 2-9-10 Flow 24 hrs 56 BO, 240 BW, 459 MCF, 46/64" Ch, TP 298, GOR 8196; API #30-015-36373

Chesapeake Oper. Inc.
PLU Pierce Canyon 33 Fed #1
East Pierce Crossing; T24S, R30E, Sec 33; 330 FSL 350 FEL; EL 3300 GL; TD 12620; PBTD 12590; Spud 5-8-10; Comp 7-3-10; production is through perfs: 8385-12575; IP: 7-16-10 Flow 24 hrs 315 BO, 1592 BW, 249 MCF, 37/64" Ch, TP 480; API #30-015-36636

Devon Energy Prod. Co. LP
Cotton Draw Unit #110
East Poker Lake; T24S, R31E, Sec 25; 660 FSL 660 FWL; EL 3509 GL; TD 12,400; PBTD 12,396; Spud 10-2-10; Comp 1-29-11; production is through treated perfs: 8457-12386; Treat: 54701# 100 mesh sd, 133,310# 20/40 white Sd, 401,230# Super LC sd; IP: 1-29-11 Pump 24 hrs 532 BO, 1466 BW, 253 MCF, GOR 475; API #30-015-36406

Lea County

COG Oper. LLC
Leaker CC State #23
West Maljamar; T17S, R32E, Sec 16; 990 FNL 990 FEL; EL 4078 GL; TD 7020; PBTD 6970; Spud 3-20-11; Comp 4-21-11; production is through treated perfs: 5550-5675; Treat: Acdz w/15,847 gals acid, Frac w/490,147 gals gel, 567,316# 20/40 white sd, 119,271# 20/40 Super LC; IP: 4-29-11 Pump 24 hrs 70 BO, 782 BW, 181 MCF, GOR 2586, Gty 37.5; API #30-025-39837

Devon Energy Prod. Co. LP
Cockburn G Fed #5
Mescalero Escarpe; T18S, R33E, Sec 10; 1650 FSL 330 FWL; EL 3957 GL; TD 12249; PBTD 12112; Spud 1-8-11; Comp 5-2-11; production is through treated perfs: 9765-12094; Treat: 6937 gals 7.5% HI, 81618 gals linear gel, 858,307 gals Viking gel, 31567# 100 mesh sd; IP: 5-2-11 Pump 24 hrs 289 BO, 151 BW, 148 MCF; API #30-025-39961

Apache Corp.
J R Phillips #11
Monument; T20S, R36E, Sec 1; 1280 FNL 467 FEL; EL 3574 GL; TD 5816; PBTD 5771; Spud 12-26-10; Comp 4-5-11; production is through treated perfs: 6000 gals 15% Hcl NEFE; IP: 4-11-11 Pump 24 hrs 10 BO, 41 BW, 49 MCF, GOR 4900, Gty 34.3; API #30-025-39891

Breitling Oil and Gas spuds Gaines County well

Breitling Oil and Gas Corporation, an independent exploration and production company based in Irving, has spud the Breitling-Big Tex #1 in Gaines County, Texas. The Breitling-Big Tex #1 is the first of three Big Tex prospect wells to be drilled.

The Breitling-Big Tex #1 is a 9,000-foot vertical well within the established Tex-Pac Field and is targeting Lower Clearfork Dolomite beneath 8,500 feet. Secondary objectives include the San Andres, Yates, Glorieta and Abo formations.

Breitling's 3-Well Breitling-Big Tex Prospect was developed after a 75-square-mile 3D seismic shoot was reprocessed and interpreted in 2010. The quality of the new data set after it was re-imaged using Breitling's proprietary Geo3D technology identified features that were not noticeable when the shoot first occurred. In essence the resultant seismic lines were much more detailed and refined, therefore capturing subsurface images not previously acknowledged.

Breitling expects to recover reserves of 350,000-500,000 BO per well.

Management anticipates the first well will reach total depth in about 29 days. Well completion and testing should begin during the last week of July. Breitling Oil and Gas and its drilling partner SandRidge Energy plan to drill all three wells back-to-back using the same drilling rig.

Breitling Chief Executive Officer Chris Faulkner stated, "We are excited to be working with SandRidge Energy on the Big Tex wells." Faulkner added, "We have great well control within the Tex-Pac field and great 3D seismic over the prospect."

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reported so far this year are down 4.1 percent from 1,452 in 2010. Ingham observed, "The number of crude oil well completions both regionally and statewide appears to be completely disconnected from other trends, and the reason for that are not well-known at this point."

Commodity prices also focused on crude oil, with crude prices averaging $97.67 a barrel in May, up 37.6 percent from $71 in May 2010. For the year, prices have averaged $95.17 a barrel, a 26.2 percent gain from $75.42 in 2010. Natural gas prices averaged $4.24 per Mcf in May, up 3.4 percent from $4.10 in May 2010 but the year-to-date average of $4.05 is down 15.1 percent from $4.77 a year earlier.

"Crude prices," Ingham noted, "have retreated, and may well continue to do so in 2011. That is certainly the expectation of a number of analysts and market watchers and it is my expectation as well. Time will tell how that may play out, and how the regional oil and gas and general economies of the Permian Basin and Midland-Odessa are ultimately affected."

Higher crude prices — and the increased drilling activity they fund — resulted in a 4 percent surge in oil production volumes in May compared to last May and a 6 percent increase in production volumes year-to-date compared to last year.

Weak natural gas prices also impacted Permian Basin production volumes and values, according to Ingham. Natural gas production volumes in May were 7.2 percent below last May's volumes while volumes so far this year are 5.7 percent below the same time last year. The value of Permian Basin natural gas production was $383.6 million, down 4 percent from $399.6 million last May. For the year, values are $2 billion, down 20.3 percent from $2.51 billion in the first five months of 2010.

The Permian Basin's high level of oil and gas activity also continues to fuel employment growth. There were 28,600 Permian Basin residents employed in the industry in May, up 8.3 percent from 26,400 last May.

Ingham observed that the growth is "extraordinary, but characterizes the nature of the industry expansion in the Permian Basin."

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WILDCATS

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Crockett County

ConocoPhillips Co.
University CP 728 #1R
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Exco Res., Inc.
Sugg "8" #15
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Menard County

Paint Rock Oper., LLC
Russell "A" #2
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Howard County

Element Pet. Oper., LLC
McCrary 18 #1
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RKI Expl. & Prod. LLC
CBR 6 #13
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Laredo Petroleum completes Broad Oak Energy acquisition

TULSA — Laredo Petroleum LLC has completed the previously announced acquisition of Broad Oak Energy Inc.

The aggregate consideration paid was approximately $1 billion and consisted of approximately two-thirds newly issued units of Laredo equity and one-third cash. The cash portion of the transaction was funded under Laredo's amended and restated $1 billion bank credit facility led by Wells Fargo Securities LLC, BofA Merrill Lynch and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, as joint lead arrangers. The amended and restated bank credit facility has an initial borrowing base of $650 million, of which $500 million was borrowed and outstanding following the closing of the acquisition.

This acquisition increases Laredo's size and positions it for continued growth in the oil-rich Permian Basin and the liquids-rich Granite Wash play. On a pro forma basis giving effect to the acquisition, Laredo has:

- total proved reserves of 840 Bcfe, consisting of 49 million barrels of crude oil and 547 Bcf of natural gas, as of March 31, 2011;
- average daily combined production of 130 MMcfe for the three months ended March 31, 2011, consisting of 40 percent crude oil and 60 percent natural gas plus associated natural gas liquids;
- a land position consisting of approximately 489,000 gross acres (338,000 net acres); and
- a total of 12 operated drilling rigs running, with eight drilling vertical wells and four drilling horizontal wells. Ten of these rigs are working in the Permian Basin and two in the Granite Wash play located in the Anadarko Basin.

The Broad Oak properties are concentrated on a contiguous land position located in the Permian Basin, primarily in Reagan County. This acreage is immediately south of, and on trend with Laredo's existing Permian Basin properties in Howard and Glasscock counties. The combined acreage position in the Permian Basin consists of approximately 166,000 gross acres (126,000 net acres).

Randy Foutch, Laredo's founder, chairman and chief executive officer, stated, "We welcome the Broad Oak employees to the Laredo team and intend to continue the active development and exploration of the combined company's attractive property base."

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Current Natural Gas Prices *Price per MMBtu*	First of the Month Price	Closing Prices 7/6/11	Same Period One Year Ago
New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) future price:	$4.326	$4.217	$4.687
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub:	$4.260	$4.305	$4.320
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McCulloch	0
Menard	0
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Runnels	0
Schleicher	0
Sutton	1
Terrell	0
Tom Green	0
Upton	34

DIST. #8

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Brewster	1
Crane	5
Culberson	5
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Howard	15
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	3
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Mitchell	2
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Sterling	2
Ward	11
Winkler	2

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Bailey	0
Borden	3
Cochran	1
Cottle	0
Crosby	1
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Gaines	13
Garza	1
Hale	0
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Lynn	0
Motley	0
Scurry	5
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Yoakum	3

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of the Union clean energy plan encouraging.

"Some folks want wind and solar. Others want nuclear, clean coal, and natural gas," Obama said in his call for 80 percent of U.S. energy to come from "clean" sources by 2035. "To meet this goal, we will need them all."

Policy conditions notwithstanding, Browning said recent breakthroughs in drilling technology and U.S. domestic natural gas production have created favorable conditions for flexible energy plants in the country.

"A domestically available, cheap source of cleaner power that pairs well with the cleanest form of power — renewables — just seems to us at GE to make a lot of sense," he said. "It's something that we should be looking at building into energy policy here."

U.S. natural gas production increased at an annual rate of 48 percent from 2006 to 2010, and in 2009 the U.S. surpassed Russia as the world's largest natural gas producer.

Marathon's Detroit refinery project irks some neighbors

DETROIT (AP) — Some people living near Marathon Petroleum's southwest Detroit refinery, which is undergoing a $2.2 billion expansion, accuse the company of making lowball offers to buy their homes to make room for new parking or green space as part of the project.

Marathon is preparing to ramp up work on the project, which has been fully approved, the Detroit Free Press reported. The expansion at the 81-year-old Detroit refinery, which had been delayed by lower crude oil prices, will enable Marathon to process more Canadian oil sands.

Marathon denies the neighbors' claims, saying offers are based on fair market value. It already has bought some homes and businesses in the area.

"We have tried to be more than fair," Marathon spokeswoman Chris Fox said. "We want to be a good neighbor."

Linda Martin, a 61-year-old retiree, said Marathon's offer for her home wasn't enough to make a down payment on another home.

"My husband and I do not want to start house payments again," she said. "We can't afford to just walk away from our home."

The area of southwest Detroit where the refinery is located is a center of heavy industry, with an incinerator and factories nearby. Some residents want to move in part because of air pollution as well as the noise and dangers of heavy trucks on area roadways.

"It's a toxic wasteland," said Adrienne Crawford-Hill, who has lived in the area for decades and is negotiating with Marathon over the sale of her home.

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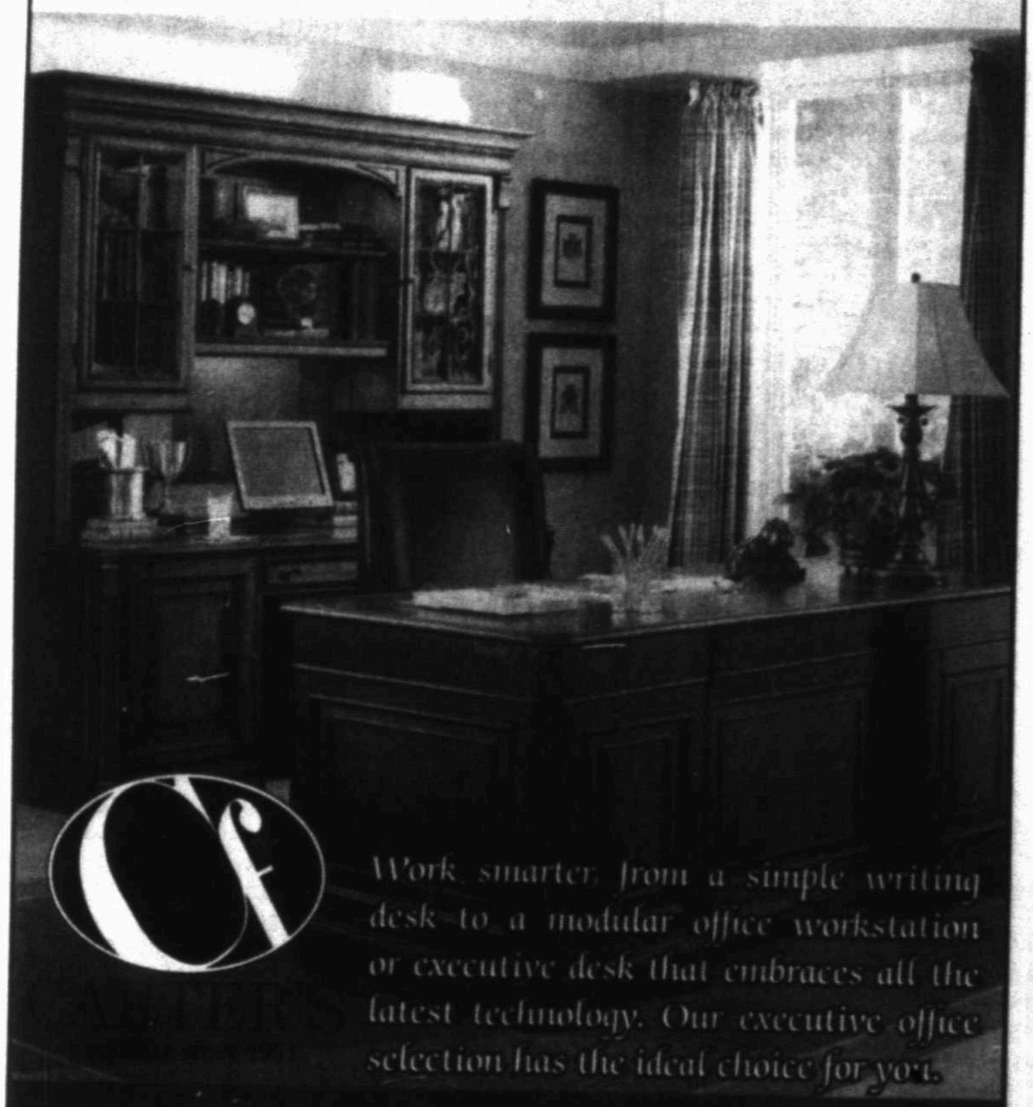
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Shell president optimistic on Arctic

By Dan Joling
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Shell Oil President Marvin Odum has faith that his company can develop vast reserves in the Chukchi Sea off Alaska's northwest coast. But he'd like to get on with exploratory drilling to tap into a resource that could be crucial to meeting the country's energy needs.

"That's an area where working in Alaska has, frankly, been disappointing to us as a company," Odum said in an interview with The Associated Press. "It has taken much longer that we originally thought it would."

Shell Oil Co. spent $2.1 billion on Chukchi leases in 2008 but has yet to drill an exploratory well. The Houston-based subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell PLC has been stymied by an appeal of an Environmental Protection Agency clean air permit, a lawsuit that challenged the legitimacy of the lease sale, and a determination by federal regulators to move slowly in the Arctic after the blowout of BP's well in the Gulf of Mexico.

Shell says it has spent more than $3.5 billion drilling in the Arctic, including the Beaufort Sea off Alaska's north coast. The potential prize is the estimated 26.6 billion barrels of recoverable oil and 130 trillion cubic feet of natural gas in the Alaska outer continental shelf.

That's nearly four times the amount of oil the U.S. consumes in a year, and more than five times the nation's annual gas consumption.

Information the company has accumulated over the last five years, including three-dimensional seismic data, has increased Shell's enthusiasm for Arctic drilling, Odum said.

But drilling is bitterly opposed by some Alaska Native groups who fear a spill — and even exploration itself — will hurt their ability to harvest the bounty of the ocean waters, from whales to walrus and ice seals.

Environmental groups have challenged the legitimacy of the Chukchi sale in court, claiming the former federal Minerals Management Service failed to conduct adequate environmental studies. They question oil companies' ability to safely operate or clean up a spill in the region's notorious harsh region, where waters are frozen or ice-choked most of the year.

Odum said Shell recognizes the challenges and can meet them.

"What we deal with in the Chukchi is the remoteness," he said. "We deal with the fact that we have extreme temperatures, and some of the environmental factors are fairly extreme. But the technology that we have now to do it is absolute."

Exploration wells must be drilled to confirm accumulations of Chukchi oil and gas, he said, but that's just the start of Shell's planned investment. The company must assess the economics and make a development plan to move oil to shore and then roughly 400 miles to the trans-Alaska pipeline system. That underscores what Shell believes is available in the Chukchi.

"With these huge investments, what makes that work is the fact that we think the resources are very, very large, therefore strategically important to the country, and of course to the state of Alaska, and that those will be sufficient to make the economics of this development work," he said.

Shell hopes to drill six exploratory wells in the Chukchi during the short summer open water drilling season and four in the Beaufort over the next two years.

A federal Arctic offshore drilling coordinator would help, Odum said.

"We have a number of different agencies in our government that are tasked with supplying permits to move this kind of process forward. And those are independent agencies. So what we lack in this system is, we lack a coordination, if you will, of agencies that can work together, that can share data, that can do this more efficiently," he said.

He can understand why laypeople compare the Gulf of Mexico and Arctic waters. From an industry expert's perspective, the two are not related because of differences in drilling depth, water depth and pressure in the wells, he said.

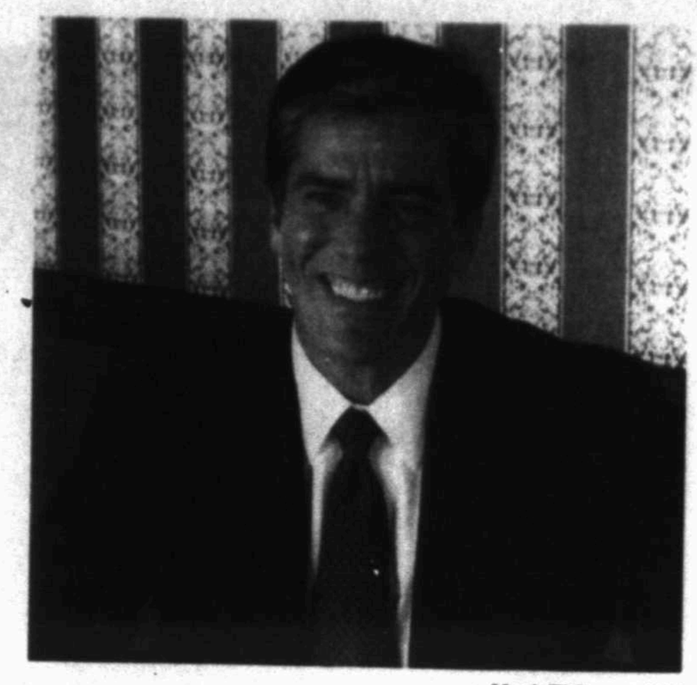
Odum said exploratory drilling should have been allowed this year.

"The system we had set up for 2011 was absolutely prepared, from all environmental protection and exceeding regulatory standards, no matter how you look at it, to do that drilling," he said.

But Shell hopes the disputes will be resolved so it can drill next summer. The air permit appeal may be nearing completion and the company is awaiting a judge's ruling on whether sufficient environmental work has been done, but Interior Secretary Ken Salazar has said he will proceed with caution on any decision to lift the government's Arctic drilling suspension.

The drilling areas are more than 1,000 miles from the nearest Coast Guard base on Kodiak Island, and Shell would operate without the resources available in the gulf if it has to cap a blowout or respond to a spill.

Odum insists the company is prepared. The exploratory drilling plan calls for upward of a dozen vessels accompanying the drilling ship, a second drilling ship to relieve pressure in a blowout well, an oil spill containment system that could cap a blowout, and additional staged resources.



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In this photo taken June 23, Shell Oil Co. President Marvin E. Odum answers questions about company plans for Alaska outer continental shelf petroleum drilling in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas at the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage, Alaska.

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'Freewheeling' with PLSI increases gas production

Higher rate gas wells using traditional plunger lifts for fluid removal typically have to be shut in for much of their operating time to allow the plunger to fall back to the bottom of the tubing. Production Lift Systems, Inc. of Midland, has a "freewheeling" plunger that allows the plunger to fall against the flowrate without shutting in the well.

An internal valve system in the plunger allows gas to flow through it, eliminating the necessity of shutting the well in during the downward trip. The well does have to be shut in for about 10 seconds when the plunger is at the top, to allow the valve to open and for the plunger to start back down. That 10 seconds is much less than the time normally required.

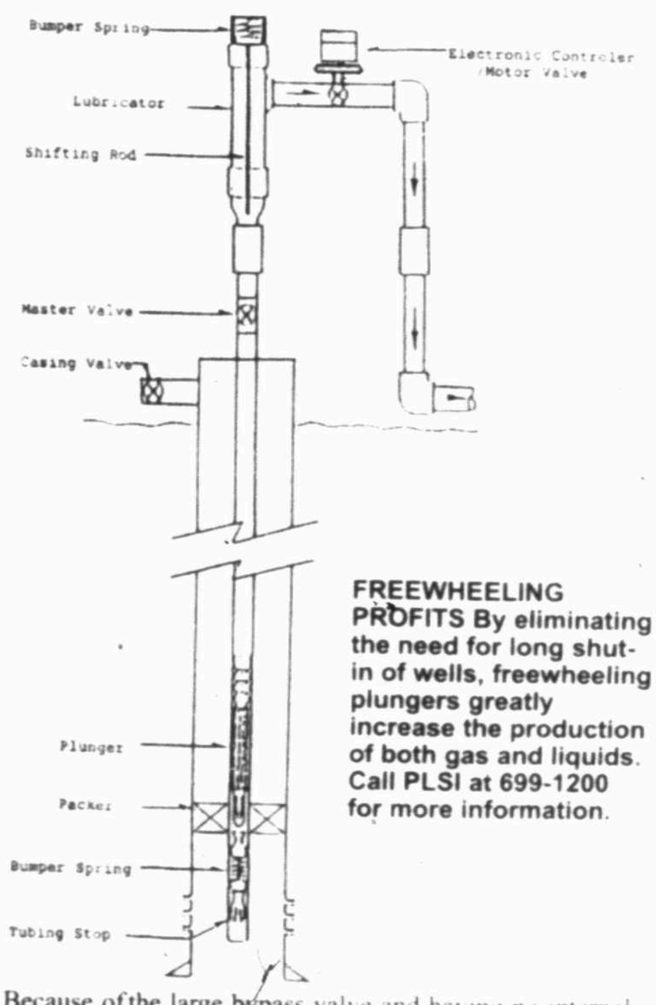
PLSI owner Mike Swihart gave the following example of the increased production for a well near Kermit: with a regular plunger the well was producing 60 Mcf/day of gas and six barrels of fluids.

With the Freewheeling plunger installed the production increased to 300 Mcf/day of gas and 22 barrels of fluids. That's the difference in the well being shut in much of the time the old way and only 10 seconds at a time with freewheeling.

The plunger will run easily in dual wells, under packers and slim hole completions.

During a typical cycle of operation the free plunger is dropped from the lubricator by opening the master valve and is allowed to fall to the bottom. It stops when it hits the bottom hole bumper spring assembly, closing the bypass valve in the plunger. When the valve closes, the flow of gas lifts the plunger up the tubing, carrying any liquid above it to the surface.

Arriving at the top with its liquid load it engages the shifting rod in the lubricator. This opens the bypass valve in the plunger, allowing gas to flow through it. The plunger then falls back to the bottom to repeat the cycle.



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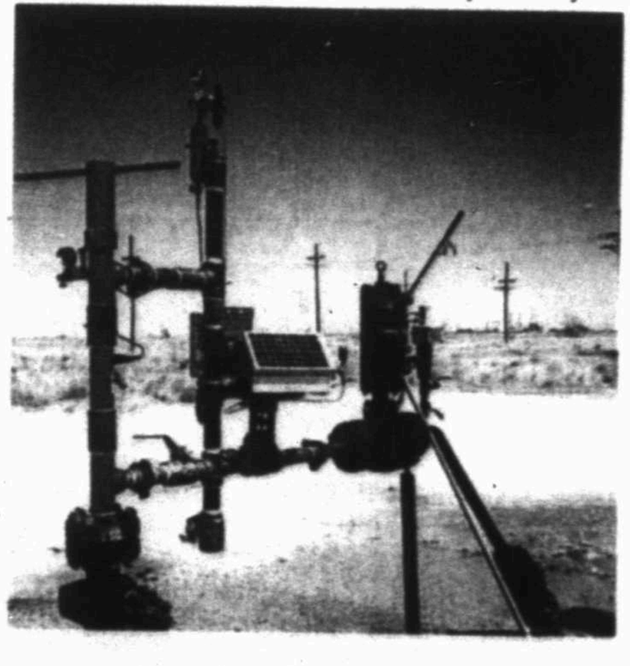

Because of the large bypass valve and having no internal valve shifting rod, it can fall against rates of over 1 million mcf/day. This way all liquids that enter the tubing string along with the flow of gas are lifted to the surface. That keeps them from accumulating on bottom and loading the well up.

The plunger should be checked for wear every two to three months.

In summary, freewheeling plunger installations have eliminated the need to soap or blow wells to atmosphere to unload. Each installation will require some attention to set the flow rate and proper operating pressure. Then only periodic checking is necessary.

Trained personnel should be used to evaluate gas production curves and to analyze surface and subsurface factors to identify the appropriate well candidates. By carefully selecting the wells this method can be very successful in keeping wells automatically unloaded, thus enabling a well to maintain a consistently higher rate of production.

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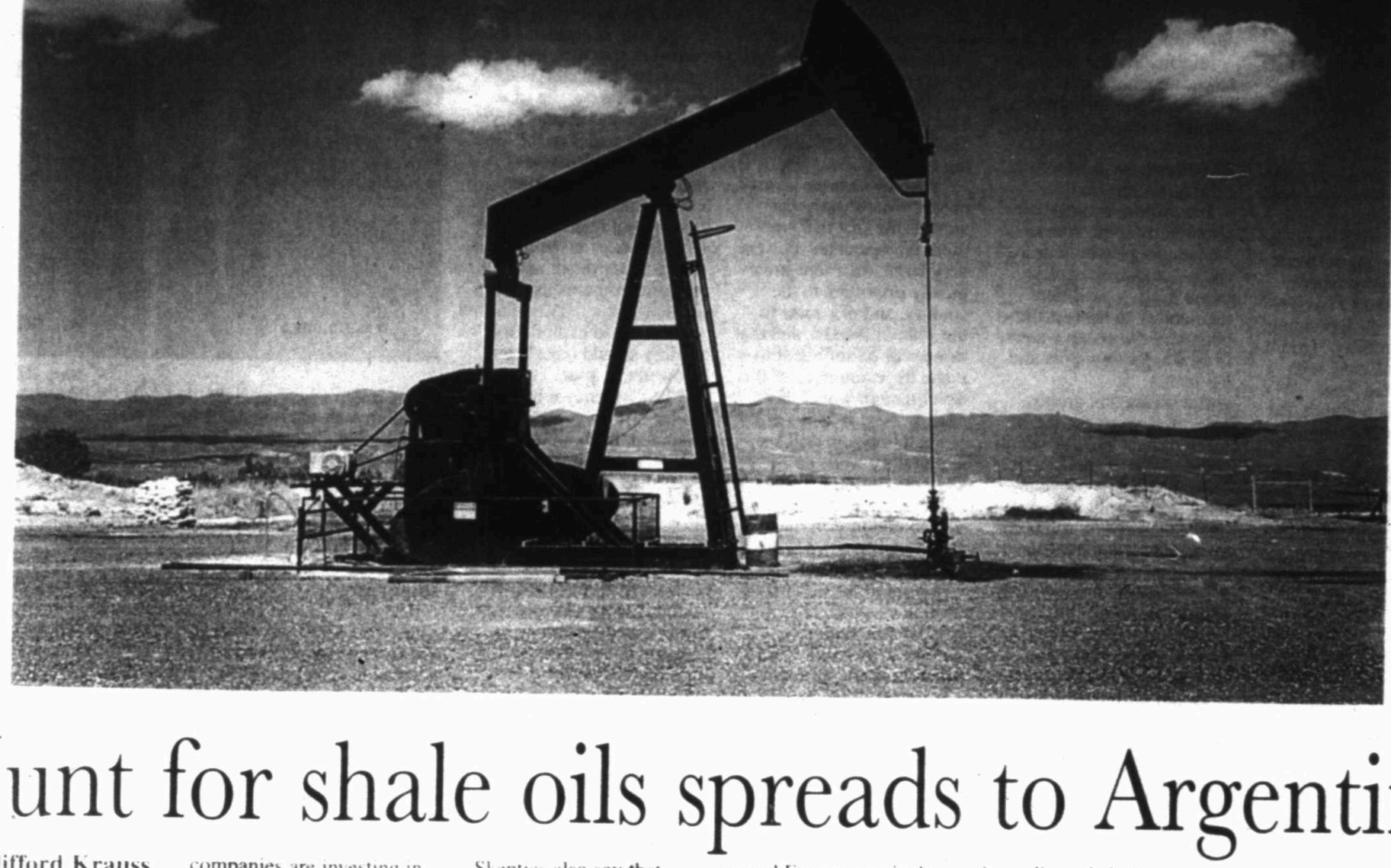


Hunt for shale oils spreads to Argentina

By Clifford Krauss
New York Times News Service

Just east of Argentina's Andean foothills, an oil field called the Vaca Muerta — dead cow, in English — has finally come to life.

In May, the Argentine oil company YPF announced that it had found 150 million barrels of oil in the Patagonian field, and President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner rushed onto national television to praise the discovery as something that could give new impetus to the country's long, stagnant economy.

"The importance of this discovery goes well beyond the volumes," said Sebastian Eskenazi, YPF's chief executive, as he announced the find. "The important thing is that something new is here, gives a new future, new expectations."

Although there are significant hurdles, geologists say that the Vaca Muerta is a harbinger of a possible major expansion of global petroleum supplies over the next two decades as the industry uses advanced techniques to extract oil from shale and other tight rocks.

Exploration of similar shale fields has already begun in Australia, Canada, Poland and France. Indian and Chinese oil companies are investing in pilot projects that, if successful, could make their countries significant oil producers, possibly reshaping energy geopolitics and stemming future price rises. Ukraine and Russia are also thought to have sizable shale fields of oil and gas, as do many North African and Middle Eastern countries.

"The potential is huge, on the order of hundreds of billions of barrels of recoverable reserves," said Michael C. Lynch, president of Strategic Energy and Economic Research, a consulting firm, who is currently preparing a report on global shale oil.

Similar fields in North Dakota and Texas are already beginning to gush oil. The techniques used to extract it include hydraulic fracturing, in which high-pressure fluids are used to break up shale rock to release the oil, and horizontal drilling, which allows drillers to tap thin layers of oil-filled shale that are sandwiched between layers of other rock.

Oil experts caution that geologists have only just begun to study shale fields in much of the world, and thus can only guess at their potential. Little seismic work has been completed, and core samples need to be retrieved from thousands of feet below the surface to judge how much oil or gas can be retrieved.

Skeptics also say that even if oil is found in many of these fields, some may not be recoverable using current technology or may be uneconomical to retrieve, especially if oil prices ease.

Hydraulic fracturing has drawn significant opposition in the U.S. and France because of concerns that the fluids used can pollute groundwater. Also, the process requires vast amounts of water, a problem since many of the fields are in dry regions.

Another barrier to widespread exploitation of oil shale is that few companies have the expertise and experience to do the work. Chinese and Indian oil companies are investing in joint shale ventures in the U.S. and other countries in part so they can learn the new exploration and drilling techniques.

The search for oil in tight rocks began in the U.S. about three years ago, and the potential for oil has been found from Texas to Michigan, California to Ohio. Domestic oil production from shale has grown from a trickle to more than half a million barrels a day since 2009, and could reach 3 million barrels a day by 2020.

Oil companies are speculating that the early successes in the U.S. can be duplicated around the world. Exploration for gas from shale began a couple of years ago in China and around Europe, particularly Poland, and experts say some of those fields have oil potential as well.

"It could potentially be a game changer," said Fadel Gheit, a managing director and senior oil analyst at Oppenheimer & Co. "We are going to see much wider distribution of oil reserves, to the benefit of the whole world. It could rerank countries, in which the very needy might become self-sufficient. Countries like Canada and Australia could potentially become the new Saudi Arabia for energy."

Argentina certainly has high hopes for shale oil from the southern Patagonian province of Neuquen. The 150 million barrels of recoverable shale oil found in the Vaca Muerta represents an increase of 8 percent in Argentina's reserves, and the find was the biggest discovery of oil in the country since the late 1980s.

Oil experts say the Vaca Muerta is probably just a start for Argentina, long a middle-ranked oil producer. Lynch noted that YPF had explored only 100 square miles out of 5,000 square miles in the whole shale deposit, and other oil companies working in the area had not announced any discoveries yet.

Argentina has long struggled to meet its own oil and gas needs, and energy price controls and other economic policies have dissuaded oil companies from making major investments there. That is now changing, with the French oil company Total and the American companies Apache, Exxon Mobil and EOG Resources making major investments in Argentine shale fields.

"Argentina certainly has the chance of becoming a significant oil exporter," said Mark G. Papa, chief executive of EOG, which pioneered oil shale drilling in the U.S. and recently acquired access to 100,000 acres of Argentine shale. "Shale will prove to be an unexpected boost to the world supply of oil, which is very tight right now, and there may be some unusual winners in terms of where some of these resources are located."

So far, nearly all of the oil exploration in the shale fields in Argentina and elsewhere has been pursued with traditional vertical wells. Plans are just beginning for horizontal drilling.

Some experts caution that the fast advance of oil production from shale in the U.S. is no guarantee of similar successes abroad, at least not in the near future.

Aubrey K. McClendon, chief executive of Chesapeake Energy, a major domestic shale oil and gas producer, said that production would be constrained by the small number of companies with shale expertise and limits on access imposed by some countries.

"I am pretty confident that during the next 10 years the best oil volume growth story in the world will be the U.S.," he said in an email. But he added, "I believe there's shale oil and tight sand oil to be found all over the world."

One of the big potential winners is China, which has at least two shale pilot projects exploring for oil and gas. BP and Royal Dutch Shell are already working with the Chinese, and several other international companies are seeking shale opportunities in the country. The Chinese are also working alone on some projects.

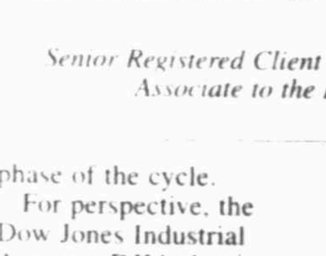
"China will probably be able to grow fast because of the single ownership of the resources," said Bob Fryklund, vice president for global exploration and production analysis at IHS Cera, an energy consultant firm.

Fryklund said it was still early to know how big global oil production from shale would become. But he noted that oil companies had already taken the potential seriously enough to invest billions of dollars in initial exploration projects.

"Tight oil is the new revolution in oil production, and it's not just the U.S.," Fryklund said. "It's worldwide."

ENERGY WATCH

Market bulls showing signs of mid-cycle fatigue



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The stock market continues to trend higher since emerging from its March 2009 lows. But it has recently entered a more sluggish phase. Sharp rises are characteristic of the bull market's initial dynamic phase as investors begin to look beyond the economic recession to better times ahead. The current cycle fits squarely with the typical historical pattern with the S&P 500 increasing in price from the March 2009 low to the April 2011 high. It also experienced only one pullback of significance during the two-year period: 16 percent in the spring to summer 2010 period as the Federal Reserve's quantitative easing part one (QE1) program came to a conclusion.

In addition, the average stock has outperformed the market cap weighted indexes. The Value Line Arithmetic Composite (an index that equally weights each of its 1,700 component stocks) rose more than 200 percent between March 2009 and April 2011. In recent months, however, progress has been more sluggish, and we expect the inertia to continue during the mid-phase of the cycle.

For perspective, the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) has swung in a range as wide as 1,300 points from mid-February to mid-June, yet the index has made no net progress. This is indicative of a fatigued market that's facing more uncertainty, including the Japanese disaster, Chinese growth concern, inflation, U.S. budget and debt worries, rising commodity price, renewed European debt concerns, high U.S. unemployment, the housing debacle, and, of course, the Fed's quantitative easing part two (QE2) end.

The New York Stock Exchange cumulative advance/decline (A/D) line is a measure of whether most stocks are going up or down. This performance measure has shown a few divergences from the more popular stock market indexes. Although the A/D line did hit a new high along with the popular indexes in February, it failed to confirm the indexes' new highs in late April. Instead, it peaked in early April, and a series of lower highs have been measured in the A/D line since that period. While this signifies a negative divergence and deteriorating momentum, it may only represent just one signal of a short to intermediate term top rather than a major top.

Regarding investor sentiment, surveys are showing a more mixed picture. These surveys are contrary indicators, and thus a high degree of bullishness has historically been associated with stock market pullbacks. Measured by the Investors' Intelligence (II) Survey, investor sentiment increased to a high level in April, indicating increased complacency. Specifically, the weekly percentage of bulls rose to an extreme of 57 percent in early April whereas bears fell to just 16 percent. Alternatively, the American Association of Individual Investors (AAII) survey has shown a slightly different picture. The bullish percentage peaked and bearish percentage troughed at extremes last December.

Mutual fund flows also suggest that investors are still cautious. According to the Investment Company Institute (ICI), stock mutual funds experienced a $39 billion of outflows in 2009 and $96 billion of outflows in 2010. However, ICI's estimates through mid-May 2011 indicate there has been only a net $13 billion inflow. This is still historically low, which indicates a lingering hesitancy by individuals to return to equities in big numbers.

Finally, seasonality is working against stocks as the market is in the midst of its historically weak six-month period of the year between May and October. So far, the poor seasonal period has been living up to its reputation.

Psychologically, the greatest impact that QE2's conclusion will have for the stock market depends on how the Fed adjusts monetary policy through the year's second half. We believe stock market expectations are for a slow and deliberate process, which is consistent with public statements from the majority of monetary policymakers, including Chairman Ben Bernanke, who have indicated that they believe it will be quite some time before the Fed backs away from its easy monetary policy. A negative scenario could ensue if the Fed were to abruptly indicate that asset sales and tightening were imminent. We believe the probability of this scenario is low. If it does happen, however, it would be upsetting to equity markets.

Whatever happens, we expect that, later this year, investors will start to anticipate the beginning of interest rate hikes, and historically stocks have behaved sluggishly as investors start to brace for and react to a new cycle of higher interest rates.

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Coke County

Layline Pet. I, LLC
N.E.I.A.B. Unit #1009
I.A.B., NE. (Penn. 5150)-D; I RR. Co./Scarbrough, L. F; A-1815, Blk N/A, Sec 4; 4349 FNLYL 2177 FWLY EL of lse; 1902 FSL 1556 FWL of survey; 9 miles NW of Robert Lee; obj: 5500; permit #713835; API #081-31990

Crockett County

EOG Res., Inc.
University 40 #2102H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-D; University Lands; A-N/A, Blk 40, Sec 21; 15840 FEL 7739 FSL of lse; 400 FWL 2280 FSL of survey; 24.7 miles N of Ozona; obj: 6500; permit #718152; API #105-41296

Irion County

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Rocker B "14-105" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; H & TC RR Co.; A-407, Blk 14, Sec 105; 660 FSL 660 FEL of lse; 660 FSL 660 FEL of survey; 22.5 miles NW of Mertzon; obj: 9300; permit #717412; API #235-34752

EOG Res., Inc.
University 40 A #0402H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-D; UL; A-U9, Blk 40, Sec 4; 467 FNL 1820 FWL of lse; 467 FNL 1820 FWL of survey; 1.2 miles SE of Barnhart; obj: 6500; permit #718166; API #235-34753

EOG Res., Inc.
University 40 #1305H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-D; UL; A-N/A, Blk 40, Sec 13; 2640 FWL 8550 FSL of lse; 2000 FNL 2629 FEL of survey; 3.8 miles SW of Barnhart; obj: 6600; permit #716129; API #235-34732

Reagan County

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Turner "4" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Red House (Strawn)-D; Nevell, D E, Belcher, J; A-21, Blk N/A, Sec 4; 467 FNL 710 FEL of lse; 467 FNL 710 FEL of survey; 16.5 miles NW of Big Lake; obj: 11100; permit #712198; API #383-37231

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
University "10-20" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; University Land; A-N/A, Blk 10, Sec 20; 1980 FSL 1720 FWL of lse; 1980 FSL 1720 FWL of survey; 4.4 miles NW of Big Lake; obj: 10600; permit #716848; API #383-37342

Runnels County

Cedar Oil Co.
Pritchard #7A
Dorman, West (Goen)-Re-Enter; CT RR Co.; A-112, Blk 63, Sec 79; 330 FNL 1669 FEL of lse; 1509 FNL 1669 FEL of survey; 4 miles NW of Winters; obj: 4600; permit #718320; API #399-03591

Schleicher County

Highmount Expl. & Prod. TX LLC
Meador 57 #11
Sawyer (Canyon)&(Strawn, North)-D; GC & SF RR Co.; A-118, Blk D, Sec 57; 600 FSL 2050 FWL of lse; 600 FSL 2050 FWL of survey; 14 miles SW of El Dorado; obj: 8350; permit #712136; API #413-32742

Tradition Res., LLC
Koy Unit "A" #9
Page-D; GH & SA RR Co./Hill, J W Jr.; A-1786, Blk L, Sec 38; 1320 FSL 1320 FEL of lse; 1320 FEL 1320 FSL of survey; 8.7 miles SE of Eldorado; obj: 6000; permit #718240; API #413-32759

Tom Green County

Sun River Oper., Inc.
Stansberry #1
Toe Nail (Strawn)-Recompletion; H & TC RR Co.; A-1268, Blk 25, Sec 55; 1700 FWL 1378 FNL of lse; 1700 FWL 2700 FNL of survey; 24 miles SE of San Angelo; obj: 5450; permit #718022; API #451-32661

Upton County

COG Oper. LLC
Casey Lynn #4102
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; CCSD & RGNG RR Co.; A-31, Blk C, Sec 41; 341 FWL 1056 FNL of lse; 341 FWL 1056 FNL of survey; 13.2 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 11500; permit #715398; API #461-37392

COG Oper. LLC
Neal Ranch "38" A #6
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Davis (Pennsylvanian)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-1387, Blk 41, Sec 38; 774 FSL 812 FEL of lse; 1883 FNL 1883 FWL of survey; 23.2 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 12000; permit #718194; API #461-37477

COG Oper LLC
TXL "33" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-502, Blk 41, T5S, Sec 33; 467 FNL 467 FWL of lse; 467 FNL 467 FWL of survey; 24.3 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 10300; permit #718406; API #461-37482

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Andrews County

W&T Offshore, Inc.
University 6-24 #4
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Breedlove, South (Strawn)-D; UL; A-U167, Blk 8, Sec 24; 1208 FWL 1847 FSL of lse; 1208 FWL 1847 FSL of survey; 19.6 miles NE of Andrews; obj: 12990; permit #717221; A PI #003-42993

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Bush, WH #19
Fuhrman-Mascho-D; PSL/Goolsby, D A; A-1551, Blk A47, Sec 3; 155 FNL 458 FEL of lse; 155 FNL 2190 FWL of survey; 13 miles SW of Andrews; obj: 4900; permit #718365; API #003-43053

W&T Offshore Inc.
Unfversity 6-34 #6
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Block 6 (Mississippian)-D; UL; A-U175, Blk 6, Sec 34; 2173 FNL 467 FWL of lse; 2173 FNL 467 FWL of survey; 18.3 miles NW of Andrews; obj: 12990; permit #718511; API #003-43062

Crane County

Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
Jordan University Unit #650
Jordan-D; UL; A-U97, Blk 35, Sec 8; 330 FSL 1720 FWL of lse; 330 FSL 1720 FWL of survey; 19 miles SW of Odessa; obj: 3950; permit #718151; API #103-35856

Citation Oil & Gas Corp.
Jordan University Unit #652
Jordan-D; University Land; A-N/A, Blk 35, Sec 8; 1541 FSL 330 FWL of lse; 1541 FSL 330 FWL of survey; 19 miles SW of Odessa; obj: 3950; permit #718147; API #103-35859

Culberson County

Petrohawk Oper. Co.
Grisham 54-20 #1H
Ford, West (Wolfcamp)-D; PSL/Grisham, T F; A-5495, Blk 54, Sec 20; 1211 FWL 195 FNL of lse; 1211 FWL 195 FNL of survey; 28 miles NE of Plateau; obj: 12500; permit #718114; API #109-32392

Ector County

Occidental Permian LTD.
South Foster Unit #218W
Foster-D; T & P RR Co.; A-117, Blk 42, T2S, Sec 19; 4644 FNL 3548 FWL of lse; 1996 FNL 1728 FEL of survey; 2.9 miles W of Odessa; obj: 4600; permit #715187; API #135-41071

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Goldsmith Adobe Unit #4408
Goldsmith (Clear Fork)-D; T & P RR Co./Dublin, J R; A-707, Blk 45, T1S, Sec 46; 330 FEL 1008 FSL of lse; 330 FEL 1650 FNL of survey; 18 miles W of Odessa; obj: 6300; permit #718095; API #135-41220

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Goldsmith Adobe Unit #4409
Goldsmith (Clear Fork)-D; T & P RR Co./Dublin, J R; A-707, Blk 45, T1S, Sec 46; 360 FWL 1438 FSL of lse; 1220 FNL 2310 FEL of survey; 18 miles W of Odessa; obj: 6300; permit #718092; API #135-41219

Glasscock County

Apache C orp.
His Blessing 35 #4
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Garden City, NW (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-234, Blk 34, T3S, Sec 35; 660 FNL 660 FWL of lse; 660 FNL 660 FWL of survey; 3.6 miles NW of Garden City; obj: 11000; permit #718057; API #173-34280; API #173-34280

Apache Corp.
Nix 16 #5
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Garden City, S. (Wolfcamp)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-790, Blk 34, T4S, Sec 16; 1980 FSL 1980 FWL of lse; 1980 FSL 1980 FWL of survey; 3.4 miles SW of Garden City; obj: 11000; permit #718150; API #173-34282

Element Pet. Oper., LLC
Cooper 34 #4
Spraberry (Trend Area&(Trend Area Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Brunson, D W; A-932, Blk 35, T2S, Sec 34; 1980 FNL 1980 FWL of lse; 1980 FNL 1980 FWL of survey; 14 miles NW of Garden City; obj: 11000; permit #718130; API #173-34299

Howard County

Crownquest Oper., LLC
Newcomer 41 #1
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Hill Ranch (Miss)-D; Bauer & Cockrell; A-590, Blk A, Sec 41; 467 FSL 467 FEL of lse; 1814 FWL 467 FSL of survey; 3.9 miles SW of Knott; obj: 11800; permit #718126; API #227-36679

Meritage Energy Co., LLC
Guthrie #3021
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Hill Ranch (Miss)-D; T & P RR Co./Cauble, S I; A-1535, Blk 33, T1S, Sec 30; 2130 FNL 467 FWL of lse; 2130 FNL 467 FWL of survey; 2.9 miles W of Elbow; obj: 10600; permit #718259; API #227-36682

Linn Oper., Inc.
Talbot 26 #26D
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Hill Ranch (Miss)-D; T & P RR Co./Woodard, EP; A-1214, Blk 34, T2N, Sec 26; 467 FNL 467 FWL of lse; 467 FNL 467 FWL of survey; 11 miles NW of Big Spring; obj: 11300; permit #718661; API #227-36688

Loving County

Energen Res. Corp.
W.D. Johnson 53-22 #1
Two Georges (Bone Spring)-D; T & P RR Co./Johnson, W D; A-1074, Blk 53, T2, Sec 22; 550 FNL 1100 FWL of lse; 550 FNL 1100 FWL of survey; 9.4 miles NE of Mentone; obj: 11500; permit #718046; API #301-31596

Anadarko Pet. Corp.
Anderson 2 #2H
Sandbar (Bone Spring)-D; PSL/Brookfield, I V; A-985, Blk 29, Sec 2; 400 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 400 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 23 miles NE of Pecos; obj: 16000; permit #718451; API #301-31598

Martin County

Linn Oper., Inc.
Davis 2 #3
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Cedar Flats (Miss)-D; T & P RR Co./Gill, W; A-745, Blk 35, T1N, Sec 2; 660 FEL 708 FSL of lse; 660 FEL 1930 FNL of survey; 8.3 miles E of Lenorah; obj: 12000; permit #715122; API #317-36809

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Roman "22B" #3
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Mon Bak (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./King, S L; A-764, Blk 35, T2N, Sec 22; 485 FNL 467 FWL of lse; 485 FNL 467 FWL of survey; 13.4 miles N of Stanton; obj: 10800; permit #717551; API #317-36902

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Mabee #3
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co./Clark, W T; A-871, Blk 39, T1S, Sec 12; 660 FNL 1980 FEL of lse; 660 FNL 1980 FEL of survey; 5.9 miles NW of Midland; obj: 11180; permit #714336; API #317-36781

Midland County

Windsor Permian LLC
Barron NW 14 #3
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Lowe West (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Aycock, B M; A-1389, Blk 40, T1S, Sec 14; 467 FNL 947 FEL of lse; 467 FNL 947 FEL of survey; 5.5 miles SW of Midland; obj: 11800; permit #714179; API #329-37217

Windsor Permian LLC
Barron NW 14 #4
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Lowe, West (Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Aycock, B M; A-1389, Blk 40, T1S, Sec 14; 480 FNL 480 FWL of lse; 480 FNL 480 FWL of survey; 5.5 miles SW of Midland; obj: 11800; permit #714204; API #329-37219

Mitchell County

Energen Res. Corp.
North Westbrook Unit #1324
Westbrook&(Clearfork, Upper)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-537, Blk 28, T1N, Sec 1; 3598 FNL 1665 FEL of lse; 1679 FNL 1665 FEL of survey; 10 miles NW of Colorado City; obj: 4000; permit #718203; API #335-35545

Energen Res. Corp.
North Westbrook Unit #1916
Westbrook & (Clearfork, Upper)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-537, Blk 28, T1N, Sec 1; 321 FSL 2288 FWL of survey; 10 miles NW of Colorado City; obj: 4000; permit #718205; API #335-35547

Energen Res. Corp.
North Westbrook Unit #1326
Westbrook&(Clear Fork, Upper)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-537, Blk 28, T1N, Sec 1; 5183 FNL 3707 FEL of lse; 1684 FNL 1570 FWL of survey; 10 miles NW of Colorado City; obj: 4000; permit #718204; API #335-35546

Pecos County

Clark, John M., Inc.
Sugar #3
Yates (Smith Sand)-D; Runnels CSL; A-2169, Blk N/A, Sec 3; 3796 FEL 770 FSL of lse; 4124 FWL 770 FSL of survey; 4.6 miles W of Iraan; obj: 800; permit #718220; API #371-38820

Whiting Oil & Gas Corp.
Big Tex South #2701H
Sixty-Nine (Delaware) & Wolfbone (Trend Area)-D; T & STL RR Co.; A-3546, Blk 142, Sec 27; 467 FEL 467 FNL of lse; 467 FEL 467 FNL of survey; 16.1 miles NW of Fort Stockton; obj: 11500; permit #718514; API #371-38821

Reeves County

Jetta Oper. Co., Inc.
Layden A 6-1 #2
Scott (Cherry Canyon)-D; H & GN RR Co.; A-15, Blk 6, Sec 1; 330 FNL 1320 FWL of lse; 330 FNL 6597 FWL of survey; 2.8 miles E of Pecos; obj: 6500; permit #718336; API #389-32879

Ward County

Energen Res. Corp.
Pruett 23 #2
Two Georges (Bone Spring)-D; W & NW RR Co.; A-331, Blk 1, Sec 23; 567 FNWL 467 FNEL of lse; 567 FNWL 467 FNEL of survey; 11.6 miles SE of Mentone; obj: 11500; permit #718048; API #475-35818

Energen Res. Corp.
Cadenhead 25 #1
Two Georges (Bone Spring)-D; W & NW RR Co.; A-332, Blk 1, Sec 25; 467 FNEL 567 FSEL of lse; 467 FNEL 567 FSEL of survey; 11.6 miles SE of Mentone; obj: 11500; permit #718047; API #475-35822

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Crosby County

Sheridan Prod. Co., LLC
Ridge Upper Clearfork Unit #6235
Hoople (Clear Fork)-D; EL & RR RR. Co.; A-345, Blk N/A, Sec 1071; 1853 FEL 3945 FNL of lse; 1335 FSL 1853 FEL of survey; 10.4 miles NE of Slaton; obj: 5000; permit #717593; API #107-31329

Dawson County

Whiting Oil & Gas Corp.
Harris, E. W. Et Al #01
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Field Transfer; Moore CSL/League 267/Labor 20; A-407, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 3400 FEL 3460 FSL of lse; 660 FEL 660 FSL of survey; 12 miles SW of Lamesa; obj: 8350; permit #717747; API #115-00436

Gaines County

Lynx Oper. Co., Inc.
Robertson "E" #1
Robertson, N (San Andres)-D; PSL/Colthorp, Mrs. N; A-1748, Blk A24, Sec 12; 594 FNL 330 FEL of lse; 1917.6 FNL 2323.9 FWL of survey ;9.5 miles SW of Seminole; obj: 5000; permit #717664; API #165-37415

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Alley -A- #17
Tex-Mex, SE (Wichita Albany)-D; PSL/Hawkins, S; A-499, Blk A30, Sec 2; 515 FNWL 2510 FNEL of lse; 515 FNWL 2510 FNEL of survey; 21 miles SW of Seminole; obj: 9000; permit #718137; API #165-37420

Garza County

Strawn Salt Water Disposal Corp.
Clifford Williams #1
Garza East (Glorieta)-D; Aycock, K; A-466, Blk 5, Sec 1; 520 FEL 520 FSL of lse; 800 FWL 800 FNL of survey; 2 miles NE of Post; obj: 4000; permit #717732; API #169-34057

Hockley County

Occidental Permian LTD.
Slaughter Consolidated #409
Sundown (Abo)-Recompletion; Zavalla CSL, League 37, Labor 53; A-N/A, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 3238 FSL 3240 FEL of lse; 337 FSL 582 FEL of survey; 3.5 miles SE of Sundown; obj: 8600; permit #716442; API #219-32531

King County

Schalk Oil Co., Inc.
Warren Unit #2
Tumbleweed, NE (Tannehill)-D; Davidson, J J; A-1149, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 467 FEL 467 FSL of lse; 13.6 miles SW of Guthrie; obj: 4300; permit #718238; API #269-32822

Lubbock County

Texland Pet., L.P.
Annie Johnson #3H
Broadview, West (Clear Fork)-Recompletion; EL & RR RR. Co.; A-349, Blk D5, Sec 31; 467 FSL 660 FEL of lse; 467 FSL 1980.37 FWL of survey; 3 miles SW of Shallowater; obj: 5850; permit #718348; API #303-31554

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan Prod. Co. LLC
Sacroc Unit #35-4A
Kelly-Snyder-D; H & TC RR Co./Martin, T; A-1762, Blk 97, Sec 384; 22822 FNL 6074 FEL of lse; 2042 FNL 740 FEL of survey; 7.2 miles N of Snyder; obj: 7250; permit #718519; API #415-34715

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Terry County

Texland Pet., L.P.
Muldrow #22
Sunflower (San Andres)-D; C & M RR Co./O'Sullivan, E O; A-835, Blk D11, Sec 49; 987 FEL 971 FSL of lse; 987 FEL 971 FSL of survey; 8.8 miles NE of Tokio; obj: 5500; permit #718037; API #445-32291

Yoakum County

Apache Corp.
Roberts Unit #3756
Wasson-D; Gibson, J H/Lynn, J H; A-1816, Blk D, Sec 798; 3965 FSL 4765 FEL of lse; 1320 FNL 540 FWL of survey; 5.2 miles NW of Denver City; obj: 5350; permit #718012; API #501-35787

Apache Corp.
Roberts Unit #3669
Wasson-D; Gibson, J H; A-14, Blk D, Sec 797; 4035 FSL 6024 FEL of lse; 1250 FNL 720 FEL of survey; 5.6 miles NW of Denver City; obj: 5450; permit #718084; API #501-35796

New Mexico

Eddy County

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
Pere Marquette 18 Fed #7
Empire; T17S, R29E, Sec 18; 660 FNL 1750 FWL; 8 miles NE of Loco Hills; Rot 5318 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-39053

Apache Corp.
Empire Abo Unit #403
Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 32; 1175 FSL 1310 FEL; 12 miles SE of Artesia; Rot 6400 Abo; API #30-015-39064

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
Marquette 18 Fed #9
Empire; T17S, R29E, Sec 18; 2030 FNL 330 FWL; 8 miles NE of Loco Hills; Rot 5320 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-39055

Apache Corp.
Empire Abo Unit #404
Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 33; 1445 FNL 1320 FEL; 13 miles SE of Artesia; Rot 6400 Abo; API #30-015-39065

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
Pere Marquette 18 Fed #11
Empire; T17S, R29E, Sec 18; 2060 FNL 1873 FWL; 8 miles NE of Loco Hills; Rot 5300 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-39056

Apache Corp.
Empire Abo Unit #405
Empire; T17S, R28E, Sec 33; 1120 FNL 2500 FEL; 13 miles SE of Artesia; Rot 6400 Abo; API #30-015-39065

Cimarex Energy Co. of CO
Pere Marquette 18 Fed #12
Empire; T17S, R29E, Sec 18; 2306 FNL 529 FWL; 8 miles NE of Loco Hills; Rot 5300 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-39059

COG Oper. LLC
MYOX 28 State Com #2
Red Bluff; T25S, R28E, Sec 28; 330 FSL 330 FWL; 8 miles SW of Malaga; Rot 11245 Bone Spring; API #30-015-39060

Mewbourne Oil Co.
West Draw 5 IA #1
North Seven Rivers; T20S, R25E, Sec 5; 1440 FSL 400 FEL; 8 miles SW of Lakewood; Rot 5715 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-39058

Lea County

ConocoPhillips Co
Aquamarine State #3
West Maljamar; T17S, R32E, Sec 16; 330 FSL 820 FEL; 1.5 miles S of Maljamar; Rot Rot 7200 Yeso; API #30-025-40149

Mack Energy Corp
Pheasant State #1
NE San Simon; T21S, R35E, Sec 34; 1980 FSL 660 FEL; 7 miles SW of Oil Center; Rot 10500 Bone Spring; Re-Entry of Amoco Prod. Co. State DV #1 P&A, Old TD 12800; API #30-025-27999

Apache Corp
V Laughlin #11
SE Monument; T20S, R37E, Sec 9; 330 FNL 2220 FEL; 2.5 miles S of Monument; Rot 7700 Abo; API #30-025-40148

Apache Corp
V Laughlin #9
SE Monument; T20S, R37E, Sec 9; 990 FNL 940 FWL; 2.5 miles S of Monument; Rot 7700 Abo; API #30-025-40147

Petrochemicals: It's not all about Texas anymore

■ Natural gas discoveries mean growth ahead in the Northeast.

By Simone Sebastian
Houston Chronicle

Cheap and abundant natural gas has revitalized the Gulf Coast's petrochemical industry, after demand for its plastic products took a beating in the recession.

But some of the chemical comeback isn't coming back to Texas. Discussions about the industry's growth are increasingly focused a thousand miles northeast, in the booming Marcellus Shale region.

The natural gas cocktail buried in that Appalachian rock is rich in ethane, the raw material used to create the ethylene that produces many types of plastics. While the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas offers the same bounty, some industry analysts say the Northeast holds a strategic advantage in its proximity to manufacturers who mold plastic consumer goods.

"The amount of ethane in a geography where ethylene derivatives are in strong demand lends itself to the integration of a new petrochemical industry there," said William Young, director of ChemSpeak, a consulting firm. "I'm glad to see some geographic diversification. There are advantages to being close to the markets that you're serving."

Historically, the Gulf Coast has been the national hub of ethylene production because of the proximity to oil and gas fields and the established infrastructure that grew up around its port access.

While that dominance won't completely relocate, the shale gas boom is spreading its wealth.

Shell Oil Co., a major ethylene producer, announced recently that its next ethylene plant will locate in the Marcellus region. It will be the company's first U.S. petrochemical complex outside the Gulf Coast.

"The Marcellus is a new player, very rich in ethane," said Kevin Swift, chief economist for the American Chemistry Council. "States are interested in monetizing that value."

Chemical revival

Ethylene is used to manufacture everyday products, from carpeting and tires to diapers and food packaging.

Gulf Coast crackers, the plants that "crack" the ethane molecules found in natural gas into ethylene, have been using more of their capacity this year after cutting operating rates to as low as 70 percent during the recession, said Glenn Giacobbe, a senior consultant for IHS Global.

That growth has been fueled by the recovering economy and the growing natural gas supply. Natural gas production stagnated in Texas from 2000 to 2004, according to data from the federal Energy Information Administration. But over the next five years, production surged 27 percent, reaching 7.6 trillion cubic feet in 2009.

By comparison, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, which cover the majority of the Marcellus Shale formation, produced a combined 538 billion cubic feet of natural gas, according to the energy agency. But production in those states grew more rapidly, 38 percent from 2005 to 2009.

The growing chemical industry is an economic boon for regions that capture a share of it.

In a March report, the American Chemistry Council calculated that a 25 percent increase in domestic ethane production would generate 17,000 jobs in the chemical industry and $16.2 billion in capital investments in new and expanded plants.

The Marcellus appeal

It's still not clear how much of that economic growth will land in Texas.

Shell estimates that its Northeast complex will create about 10,000 construction jobs there and several hundred staffing positions. Ethylene crackers typically take four or five years to build.

Shell hasn't determined the exact location of the new complex.

Dan Carlson, Shell Chemicals general manager of new business development-Americas, said locating the plant in the Marcellus region makes logistical sense, providing easier access to the ethane feedstock and to the regional demand for plastics.

"The economics of bringing feedstock from the Appalachian region to the Gulf Coast to convert into petrochemicals that you take back to the region isn't an efficient supply chain," he said.

Skeptics point to the relative newness of gas production in the region, however, noting that it lacks the Gulf Coast's complex system of facilities and pipelines to produce, store and transport chemicals. But Carlson sees the virgin terrain as a benefit, too.

"We are looking at a clean sheet of paper," he said. "As gas fields are being developed, we have an opportunity to build the right type of supply chain from the outset."

Key to global market

So far, Shell is in the minority. While the Northeast provides proximity to regional manufacturers, the Gulf Coast's ports allow access to global markets.

Exports are a growing share of U.S. plastics production, according to industry experts. Foreign demand is growing faster than domestic demand and America's low-cost natural gas feedstock gives U.S.-made plastics a competitive edge globally.

Asian and European chemical manufacturers rely largely on oil-based raw materials, with prices tied to crude.

As a result, many petrochemical companies are modifying their existing Gulf Coast plants to take better advantage of the natural gas supply in both Texas and the Northeast.

A partnership of oil and gas transporters is preparing a network of pipelines and storage facilities to ship Marcellus ethane to the Gulf Coast. MarkWest Liberty Midstream & Resources and Sunoco Logistics Partners say their system will be able to ship up to 50,000 barrels of ethane a day to the Gulf Coast at its launch, expected by mid-2013.

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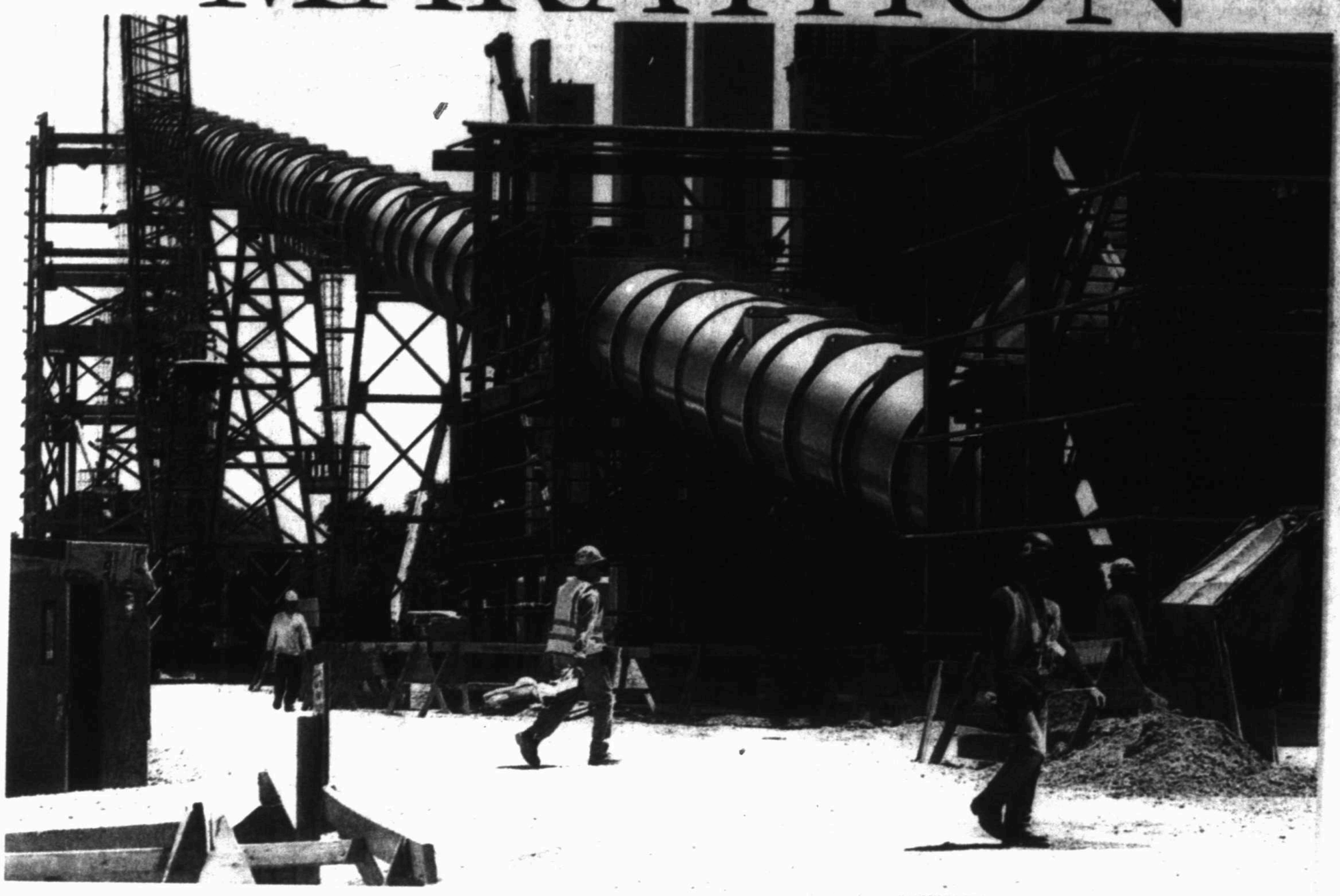

Construction continues on the new coker site for the Detroit Heavy Oil Upgrade Project at the Marathon Refinery in Detroit on June 13 The large pipe at an angle, when finished, will be the coke loading conveyor.

Patricia Beck/Detroit Free Press

A new Marathon is at the starting line

■ It relaunches in Houston after spinning off its refining unit.

By Brett Clanton
Houston Chronicle

After spending the last decade rebuilding Marathon Oil Corp. into one of the nation's largest oil companies, Clarence Cazalot is about to have a new project to keep him busy: tearing the enterprise in two and starting over.

Marathon has completed the spinoff of its large oil refining business as a separate entity in Ohio and relaunches in Houston as a much smaller oil and gas exploration and production company.

The change will be instantaneous to the public, with the local company adopting a new logo and website, and the separated unit having a new name and stock symbol. But the work of remaking Marathon as a leaner, more nimble independent oil and gas company has just begun.

Cazalot, who will remain CEO of the slimmed-down Marathon Oil Corp. but won't head the newly created refining company called Marathon Petroleum Corp., said he is ready for the challenge.

"Look, I wanted this done three years ago, not because I wanted to run a smaller company. Not many people would want to do that," Cazalot told the Chronicle in a recent interview. "But because I was absolutely convinced that this is the right thing for both companies, the right thing for our shareholders, the right thing for our employees."

Marathon first said in July 2008 that it might spin off its downstream division, which includes six oil refineries, to unlock more value from its largely overshadowed upstream oil and gas exploration and production business.

"We were sort of different, and different in a sort of way that investors didn't really like," Cazalot said.

But in early 2009, amid the global financial collapse, management scrapped the proposal. It wasn't until January of this year that the plan re-emerged, and Marathon said it was going forward with the split.

The move heralds a new era for a 125-year-old giant that began as the Ohio Oil Co. and grew to become the fourth-largest U.S. integrated energy company behind Exxon Mobil Corp., Chevron Corp. and ConocoPhillips.

And since the announcement, Marathon has been racing to make sure each company would be ready to stand on its own come 11:59 p.m. June 29, the moment the break became official.

Back in Ohio

That's been an especially big job in Findlay, Ohio, the new headquarters of Marathon Petroleum, which will launch as the nation's fifth-largest refiner and will control a network of pipelines, storage terminals and Speedway brand fuel stations.

Because most of Marathon's corporate functions, such as legal, accounting and information technology, have been in Houston, the new company quickly had to hire more than 100 people, including a new chief financial officer.

The new company is "very excited about our future," incoming CEO Gary Heminger said in an emailed statement.

Cazalot said the split won't affect most of the workers who had been with the old company, including 1,500 in Houston.

The main task in Houston has been to recast Marathon Oil as a more focused and flexible entity, with an emphasis on emerging unconventional oil plays in the U.S.

'Flagship play'

A key part of that effort came early in June when Marathon announced a $3.5 billion deal to double its acreage in the Eagle Ford Shale formation, a fast-emerging oil and gas play in South Texas.

Dave Roberts, Marathon's executive vice president of upstream, said Eagle Ford has become the company's "flagship play," anchoring a U.S. portfolio that includes positions in the Bakken Shale in North Dakota, the Anadarko Woodford Shale in Oklahoma and the Niobrara Shale in Colorado.

The fields are central to Marathon's goal of increasing oil and gas production by 5 percent to 7 percent a year through 2016, and they mark a break from some of the mega-projects it undertook in the past decade, like building a liquefied natural gas facility in Equatorial Guinea and expanding a major oil sands operation in Canada.

"These are assets they can invest in and see a relatively quick return and quick impact on production growth," said Jeff Dietert, managing director of Houston investment bank Simmons & Company International, noting that oil majors typically see production growth of 1 percent to 3 percent a year.

Growing in the U.S.

Cazalot said Marathon will continue to look for ways to expand its presence in the U.S. basins where it is today.

But Marathon officials are quick to say they are not pulling back from international work, noting recent investments in Poland to develop shale gas resources and in the oil fields of northern Iraq's Kurdistan region that will drive growth.

"I think we've got a lot to show the world as a new company," said Gretchen Watkins, regional vice president for international production operations, acknowledging the Eagle Ford acquisition as a "first big step out."

So far, investors seem to like what they hear. Marathon's stock price is up roughly 40 percent this year, while members of its new competitor group, including Apache Corp., Devon Energy and Anadarko Petroleum Corp., are up an average of 5 percent. But the jump, Dietert said, also reflects the fact that investors were giving more value to Marathon Petroleum within the parent company.

THE NEW MARATHONS

MARATHON OIL CORP.

- Headquarters: Houston
- Employees company-wide: 3,200
- Stock symbol: MRO
- CEO: Clarence Cazalot
- Business: Oil and gas exploration and production
- Operations: U.S., Canada, North Sea, Equatorial Guinea, Libya and elsewhere

MARATHON PETROLEUM CORP.

- Headquarters: Findlay, Ohio
- Employees: • 25,000
- Stock symbol: MPC
- CEO: Gary Heminger
- Business: Oil refining, retail fuel stations, pipelines and storage
- Operations: Primarily Midwest, Gulf Coast and Southeast U.S.

General Electric unveils new technology, seeks new policies

By Jeanna Smialek
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — General Electric, a leading producer of gas-turbines and wind power, wants Congress and the Obama administration to pass a clear energy policy that sets green standards while recognizing natural gas' importance as a backbone to alternative energy plants, a leading GE executive said Thursday.

The company, which is headquartered in Fairfield, Conn., recently unveiled plans for a "FlexEfficiency" power plant that uses wind and solar energy but relies on natural gas to ensuring that power needs are met even when wind or sun conditions are poor for energy production.

Paul Browning, president and CEO of GE Thermal Products, headquartered in Schenectady, N.Y., said at a meeting with reporters that the mix will allow for a record 61 percent fuel efficiency — meaning 61 percent of fuel burned is turned into useful energy. That's 15 percentage points better than existing flexible, gas-fired power technology. He said in the past, plants have allowed either efficiency or flexibility, but never both at this level.

But he said it could be hard to attract investors to the technology in the United States, because the country lacks clear-cut laws that encourage clean energy use and allow companies to know whether they can recoup their investment after they buy into the efficient but initially expensive plants.

He said the European 20-20-20 policy, which mandates the use of 20 percent alternative fuels, a 20 percent increase in energy efficiency and a 20 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020, creates a much better environment for the technology.

"That's a very clear thing for a business like mine to plan around," he said. "When you look at the U.S., where is the analog to that?"

"It's hard for companies to make those long-term bets," he said.

Browning also said GE's new technology relies on natural gas, and the company wants to encourage a U.S. policy that recognizes the fuel's importance to the future of alternative-energy plants.

"People want to think that renewables are stand-alone power sources, but the fact is that they aren't," Browning said.

He said GE doesn't want a subsidy for gas, but hopes it will be "included in the mix," and he said he found President Obama's inclusion of natural gas in his State

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FAME

Pickwicks to present energetic, family friendly musical

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

New York City's High School of Performing Arts provides the backdrop for the Pickwick Players's production of the popular stage musical "Fame," opening Friday at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

"We play ourselves in the show," said Lana Sanford, who will be attending Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Ore., in the fall. "Normally, there are specific roles, but we are going by our names rather than our character's name. My character is molded after the character of Carmen. I still have a Spanish flair, and I still have that rebellious side.

"It's a super energetic show, and it definitely fits our age group. Most of us are playing kids our own age so we can relate to them a lot more than shows we've done before. ... I like the relationship aspect of this show. There's so many different relationships, and they are so dynamic. And I think it definitely shows how teenagers really are."

This isn't the first time the Pickwicks have used their own names in a production.

"We did that last year for 'Godspell,' and I think it's kind of a cool thing to do," said Alex Speight, a sophomore at Midland High School in the fall, who is playing the shy yet enthusiastic actress Serena Katz who develops a crush on Nick Piazza. "I think it makes it easier to relate to a little bit. I think it's because they are kind of like us. They are all performers. And that's what we are – performers."

Speight was excited when the Pickwick Director Bill Williams decided on "Fame" for this summer's musical.

"It's a cool story, one of my favorite musicals," said Speight. "I told Bill last year during the spring that I really wanted to do 'Fame.' And then he picked it, and it made me happy."

Stone Fuglaar, a junior at Trinity School this fall, plays the ambitious character known as Nick Piazza, who is serious about acting.

"I would say it's about a group of teenagers going to a fine arts school and

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Lana, Lana Sanford, at top, hugs and flirts with Nathan, Nathan Hobbs, as they compose a song together in MCT's production of Fame. ABOVE Miss Kruse, Reagan Kruse, right, accusses Logan, Logan Pitts, of cheating as Miss Jones, Meg Jones, and Kyle, Kyle McDuffey, listen and try to defend him. LEFT Stone, Stone Fuglaar, gets annoyed with Alex, Alex Speight, after she complains about a scene they are performing.

Photos by Tim Fischer

Fans own the magic of Harry Potter

By Manohla Dargis and A.O. Scott
N.Y. Times News Service

Harry Potter's final battle with Lord Voldemort will hit movie screens Friday, but that young wizard has already scored a decisive victory where it counts: at the box office, on best-seller lists and in the crowded arena of fantasy-driven popular culture. J.K. Rowling, a single mother when she hatched a series of magical boarding-school novels, has ascended to an Oprah-like level of wealth and influence, while Harry, with more than $6 billion in tickets sold globally, has surpassed James Bond as the top-grossing movie-franchise hero.

Like the books, the Harry Potter movies have grown progressively darker and more complex, as the initially stark moral universe of good and evil became increasingly shaded by prickly, often confusing questions of sex and death (including the death in 2002 of Richard Harris, the first Dumbledore, who was replaced by Michael Gambon). The books and movies have fed the imaginations of fans with a richly conceptualized,

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THE ARTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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SUNDAY

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, 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.

Basin PBS: MASTERPICE MYSTERY!: "The Pale Horse" Miss Marple (Julia McKenzie) investigates the brutal murder of an old friend. The case leads her to an inn that houses an odd assortment of staff and guests, including a proprietor (Pauline Collins) who claims to use black magic. 8 p.m. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: AUSTIN CITY LIMITS: Roseanne Cash ("The List") and Brandi Carlile ("Give Up the Ghost"). 10 p.m. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Ellen Noël Art Museum: EXHIBIT: Inside Information: "Works on Paper by Warren Taylor," through July 10. EXHIBIT: Sculpture by Steve Teeters, through July 10. EXHIBIT: "Form and Substance: The Art of George Tobolowsky, through September 11. Regular museum gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 4909 East University, Odessa, 432-550-9696 or noelartmuseum.org.

George W. Bush Childhood Home: HISTORIC HOME: Come tour this unique landmark which was home to two Presidents, two Governors, and a First Lady. Listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and restored to the 1950s period when the Bush family lived in the home, this home is truly a unique landmark in the history of Midland and of the country. You'll see a 1950s restoration with period furnishings, learn a little more about Midland in the 1950s and a great deal more about the Bush family and their impact on Midland and the country. You can also visit our gift shop for interesting souvenirs. Christmas ornaments, gifts, 1950s toys, books, clothing, patriotic items and much more. 1412 West Ohio, 432-685-1112. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged.

Maverick Players: COMEDY "7-10 Split" by Michael G. Wilmot. 2 p.m. at Mabee Theatre II at Midland Community Theatre. Call for reservations at the Maverick Box Office line—432-522-5225—NOT the MCT Box Office. Admission charged. Your 2010 Membership will be honored.

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: Woody Crumbo through August 21, Southwing. EXHIBIT: Exquisite Miniatures by Wes and Rachelle Siegrist, through August 26, Turner-Thomas Gallery. EXHIBIT: Sheldon Harvey: Paintings and 3D carvings, through August 21, Here and Now Gallery. EXHIBIT: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection on view all year, Hogan Gallery. EXHIBIT: The Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Pick up a walking guide with descriptions of all sculptures. 1705 West Missouri, 683-2882. Gallery Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. 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: EXHIBIT: Featuring artist, Mery Godigan Collet. See her series of work, "Extra Virgin Petrus Oil" as she explores the origins of materials with the combination of natural fibers and petroleum-based paints, through September. Museum hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1500 Interstate 20 West, 432-683-4403. Admission charged.

Scarborough-Linebery House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 South Main St., 432-685-7368. 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 432-684-6827 for information on art and photography classes.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery: EXHIBIT: BA/BFA Art Exhibition 2011: an exhibit of recent graduates from UTPB's NASAD accredited art program, through July 10. 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

Basin PBS: AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: Part 3 of 6: Abraham and Mary Lincoln: When the Lincolns arrive in Washington, D.C., in 1861, the president-elect is deemed untested and is mistrusted; Mary, meanwhile, is suspected of being a Confederate sympathizer due to being the daughter of a Southern slave owner. 9 p.m. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org

Casa de Amigos: PROGRAM: "Summer Program" where children learn art principles, styles, and techniques while using various types of art media 12:30-5p.m. for youth first through twelfth grades, at Casa de Amigos, 1101 East Garden Lane. For more information call Paul or Tracie at 432-682-9701.

Ellen Noël Art Museum: SUMMER ART CAMP: Painting: Explore traditional painting in the classroom and garden. Art to Wear: Create customized clothing and designs as you explore the world of fashion design. July 15 for ages 6-12. 9:15 a.m.- noon. 4909 East University, Odessa, 432-550-9696 or noelartmuseum.org. Advance Registration Required with Registration Fee.

The Haley Library and History Center: Permanent collections including paintings, bronzes, firearms and artifacts that exhibit pioneer settlement of the Great Southwest and the cattle industry. 1805 West Indiana. 432-682-5785. Regular hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

Midland Arts Association: EXHIBIT: Works of Don McSparran, artist for the month of July. Community National Bank lobby, 401 West Texas. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday.

Midland Community Symphonic Band: MEETING: Weekly meeting. New members always welcome. 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. For more information call Chuck at 432-694-7153.

Midland County Library: CLASS: "Drums with Johnny Vargas". For 4th-7th grade. 2-3 p.m. Midland County Public Library, 301 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call Diana at 432-688-4334.

Midland County Public Library: Circulating art prints: hundreds of art prints are available for circulation. 301 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call Diana at 432-688-4334.

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 432-682-2931 or 432-688-8947. Free.

Midland Palette Club: EXHIBIT: Works of Susan May, artist for the month of July, 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 Avenue. For more information call 432-683-2882.

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Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBIT: Torn From Home: My Life as a Refugee. Today, more than 30 million people around the world have been displaced due to war and violence, making nearly 10 million children refugees. Through this inspiring, hands-on journey, visitors of all ages can explore what it means to be a refugee, and better understand their hardships and hope for a brighter future, on display through September 12. Permanent exhibits include "My Town", "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound". Regular museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1705 West Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged to non-members.

Midland Palette Club: PAINT TIME: Join us for painting time each Tuesday from 9 a.m.-12 noon during the summer. 907 West Wadley. For more information call 432-352-8297.

The Petroleum Museum: MOVIE CAMP: "Wall-E" for 6 years old and up. $3.00 per child. Free popcorn and lemonade, 1-3:30 p.m. 1500 Interstate 20 West. For more information call 683-4403.

WEDNESDAY

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Midland County Library: CLASS: Comic Illustration Class: For anyone who has picked up a pencil and wanted to learn to draw comics. For ages 14 and up. 6:30 p.m. Midland County Public Library, 301 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call Diana at 688-4334.

FRIDAY

Basin PBS: GREAT PERFORMANCES: A production of Verdi's "Rigoletto" that was filmed in Mantua, Italy, at the times and locations referenced in the libretto. Placido Domingo stars as court jester Rigoletto, whose public ridicule of a nobleman brings with it a high price.. 9 p.m. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

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Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: SUMMER DAY CAMP: Let's "Talk"; Sign Language, tin can phones, semaphore, Morse Code, Braille, animal talk, even Pig Latin! "Talking" was never so fun! Open to children entering the 4th, 5th or 6th grade. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. 1500 Interstate 20 West. For more information call 432-683-4403. Registration and fee required.

Summer Mummers: MELODRAMA: "Ribaldry at the Rodeo or Hoping for an 8 Second Ride" 8 p.m., Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado, 432-570-4111. Admission charged.

SATURDAY

Basin PBS: LAWERENCE WELK: Songs include "The Pennsylvania Polka"; "Serenade of the Bells"; "Andalucia"; "How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria"; "The Sound of Music"; and a medley of "Ain't She Sweet", "Baby Face" and "Five Foot Two". 6 p.m. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: AUSTIN CITY LIMITS: The alternative Southern-rock band Drive-By Truckers showcase selections from the 2008 Brighter Than Creation's Dark album. Then, Americana singer-songwriter Ryan Bingham sings songs from his 2007 CD "Mescalito". 10 p.m. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Basin PBS: WOODSONGS: Americana music artists perform at the Kentucky Theatre.11 p.m. For more information: 432-563-5728 or basinpbs.org.

Permian Basin Poetry Society: MEETING: Poet's share original works and or favorites. 2 p.m. Midland County Library,.301 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call 432-688-4320.

Permian Basin Poetry Society: OPEN MIC: Poetry, Prose and More! 7-11 p.m. The Ground Floor, 203 West Wall, For more information call 432-683-4433.

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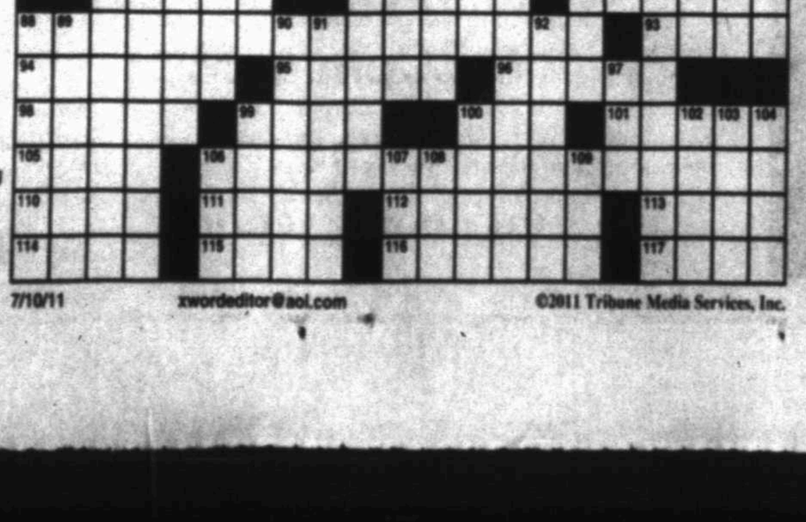
ACROSS

1 "50s on ours," style: e.g.
5 Sean Combs, on stage
11 Things of beauty
15 Ratatouille, e.g.
19 Shot up stairs?
20 Mumbai garments
21 Stratford's river
22 "Reason is the slave of the passions" writer
23 "We'll find out in due course"
26 Ride in show biz
27 2002 hit for Cam'ron
28 "Junebug" Oscar nominee Adams
29 That ... fair?
30 Divine food
31 Ramble on
33 Thumper's pal
35 Near the end
36 One who harnesses the power of mid-chorion's
39 Hotel ad phrase
42 Throws out
44 Senate passings
45 Fancy moldings
46 Sunshine ... old detergent
47 Bug
48 Letter-shaped track
50 Big initials in comedy syndication
53 "Stay alert!"
57 It may be spun
58 "What a klutz I am!"
59 Ricoh competitor
60 Brilliant bunch
61 Applies, as effort
64 Dummkopf
67 Grade of beef
68 Japanese canine
69 Cruise, for one
70 "The Baroque Cycle" sci-fi author Stephenson
71 Linesmen's co-workers
72 Act rashly
79 Disturbing bank letters
80 Far from mega-
81 Crafted, as a tale
82 French wine valley
83 Town in a Carlo Levi title
85 "Had ... and couldn't ..."
87 Subject involving subjects
88 Cry to some players in trading
90 Starling's home
94 Raging
95 Author Ayn et al.
96 Airbus product
98 "Tear as taboo"
99 City near Anaheim
100 You might give him the business
101 Ghana's capital
105 Cut down
106 Often skeptical words of encouragement
110 Downwind
111 Not loose
112 The Ministry of Fear author
113 ... noves
114 Some paparazzi gear, briefly
115 Carry
116 Sunshine cookie
117 Time of reckoning

DOWN

1 "Trouble's a-comin'"
2 Stained-glass piece
3 How some things are noted
4 Swimming and diving, e.g.
5 Penultimate Greek letter
6 1980s '80s New York senator
7 Coming-back words
8 Like a two at sunrise
9 Opus "The Da Vinci Code" sect
10 Pricey handbag, at times
11 Carnaway's Long Island neighbor, in classic fiction
12 Supposing
13 Jump out of one's skin?
14 Show with '70s samurai sketches, briefly
15 Put away, as a dagger
16 Petrify
17 "Love the Way You Lie" rapper Eminem
18 Words of support
24 Driveway option
25 Beans that are a good source of manganese
30 "Wag the Dog" co-screenwriter Hamlisch
32 Wistful sounds
33 Mitz
34 Belt maker's tool
35 Start using Facebook, say
36 Weeping-willow move
37 Songwriter Sands
38 Eat in style
40 Seamus Heaney's homeland
41 Watch for the wealthy
43 Matrix automaker
47 Grissom of NASA
48 Semicircular moldings
49 Concern for Lady Macbeth
51 Pear from Europe
52 Bedframe part
54 Psy- military propaganda, etc.
55 Like Deep Throat
56 Work on seams
57 Like hobnobbers
60 Pitifully small
61 Take home
62 Vintage Jags
63 It was once described as an "odious column of hoited metal"
64 Get wind of
65 Guco of fashion
66 "Ben-Hur" author Wallace
67 Date
69 Director DeMille
70 Richmond-to-D.C. dir.
72 Evangeline ___, who played Kate on "Lost"
73 Target Field team
74 "The Tao of Pooh" author
75 Prove too strong for
76 "Women and Love" author Shere
77 Income sources for some srs
78 Subsequent
80 Acted bullish?
84 Writing credits
85 Like a saucer's symmetry
86 Tie the knot
87 Cruise milieu
88 Nebraska tribe members
89 Apollo 13 astronaut
90 Bad news from home?
91 Skittish
92 Monsoon-affecting phenomenon
97 "I'll pass"
99 U2's lead vocalist
100 RR station posting
102 Niger neighbor
103 Tabula ___
104 Trial fig.
106 Clock std.
107 "How icky!"
108 Break down
109 Where Odessa is: Abbr.



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Made in the End

Both vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ A J 10 6 3
♥ A 8 6 3
♦ J 5
♣ 6 2

WEST
♠ 8 5
♥ K 4
♦ K Q 10 9
♣ A Q 8 4 3

EAST
♠ K Q 9 7 2
♥ 5 2
♦ 6 4 3
♣ J 10 9

SOUTH
♠ 4
♥ Q J 10 9 7
♦ A 8 7 2
♣ K 7 5

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: King of ♦

The secret to some hands is simply to delay the inevitable. West was left twisting in the wind on this deal.

With two minor suits and a hand not strong enough for a reverse, West elected to open in the shorter but higher-ranking minor, to provide for an easy rebid. This probably had no effect on the auction and, with West marked for most of the missing strength, North-South reached a reasonable four-heart game.

The opening lead of the king of diamonds was won in the closed hand with the ace and, in case something good would happen, declarer continued with a spade to the ace and ruffed a spade high.

Next came the queen of hearts, covered by the king and ace, and another spade was ruffed high. Once it was evident that the spades could not be established, declarer drew the remaining trumps, heaving a sigh of relief when the suit broke evenly. Declarer now exited with a diamond.

Left with nothing but minor-suit cards, West cashed the queen of diamonds and continued with the 10. Had declarer ruffed, the defenders would have scored a total of four tricks in the minor suits since only two trumps remained on the table. But declarer had another idea. Instead of ruffing, declarer discarded two clubs from dummy on the diamonds as the defenders completed their book. That left West endplayed. A low club return ran to the king and declarer could ruff a club in dummy.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, July 10, 2011:

This year, you make a big difference wherever you choose to apply your energy. If you are single, a magical quality emanates from you, attracting many. If you are attached, the two of you connect on an even deeper level. Use this year for bonding and creating. **SCORPIO** is always interesting!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Your energy might seem dislocated in some manner. Take some time away from the grind. Take a walk. Tonight: Sigh! Enjoying doing little to nothing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ A friend clearly wants to be helpful. Let him or her assume more responsibility, for now. The situation looks very different when you take a back seat. Try it more often. Tonight: The only answer is yes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Even you need more R and R than you think. Use today just for yourself and/or to complete a couple of projects at home. Tonight: Put your feet up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Your creativity marks your plans. Others are having a lot of fun hanging out with you. Your innate creativity and humor come out. Tonight: Toss yourself into the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Stay close to home. An awkward situation could be developing. Listen to what is being shared with openness and caring. Tonight: Stay close to home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Keep communication flowing, and skip over a difficult moment. Listen to what is being shared between friends and a sibling and/or neighbor. Tonight: Speak clearly with a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Curb insecurity that keeps emerging. You might not understand what is happening behind the scenes. Tonight: Keep it low-key.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Your smile helps you feel better. Make long-distance calls and reach out for a dear friend. Tonight: Living in the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Others seem to do whatever it takes to get your attention. Your instincts guide you with a key partner. Tonight: Go with another person's choice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Be aware of limitations that, to some extent, might be self-imposed. Someone might appreciate some sensitive yet insightful words about this tendency. Tonight: Where the fun is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You are ready for some swift changes, though you might not see them happen as quickly as you would like. Focus on a relaxing project. Tonight: Loving the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Tap into your enormous creative imagination. Not everything is as easy as you would like it to be. Tonight: Make it fun for you.

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BORN TODAY
Folk singer Arlo Guthrie (1947), tennis champ Arthur Ashe (1943), novelist Marcel Proust (1871)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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FANS

From 1H

densely populated world of plucky school kids, giants, dragons, trolls and adult wizards, benign and malevolent, played by the cream of British acting. Meanwhile Harry, Hermione and Ron, as incarnated by Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint, have grown up before our eyes.

"I was on the train when I suddenly had this basic idea of a boy who didn't know who he was," Rowling once said, explaining the genesis of her creation as lightning hit her and then Harry. In the years since, the books and movies along with all the toys, games and even a Harry Potter theme park have helped show us that in today's multiple-platform media landscape, a movie is no longer necessarily an evening's entertainment but, in the case of those who came of age with Harry, that of a lifetime.

Here we look at what has become a hugely profitable corporate brand, a fan-fueled sensation and one of the biggest entertainment stories of the last decade.

DARGIS:

In anticipating the first Harry Potter film, Anne Collins Smith, then an assistant professor at Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania, peered into her crystal ball and gave dark warning.

"It will take a strong individual indeed to say, 'No, that's not what it looked like inside my head,' and set the movie version aside," Smith said. Worse yet, "Those who see the movie before reading the books will never have the chance to make their own vision" to the point that "for many people it will replace their own imaginations."

Many millions of movie tickets, innumerable fan sites, wizard rock bands and conferences later, it's indisputable that for many if not most Harry Potter lovers the movies didn't replace their imaginations but instead enlivened and even fired them up. On deviantart.com, for instance, you can download work from a database of thousands upon thousands of fan-generated images of Harry, his friends and enemies from the photorealistic to the broadly caricatured, including anime-style creations with saucer eyes and heart-shaped faces, and what the Japanese call kawaii or cute, for a kind of Hello Kitty Harry confection. Elsewhere there are dirty-girl Hermiones aplenty and surprisingly, er, friendly Harry and Draco liaisons.

SCOTT:

After the runaway trans-Atlantic success of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" and "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" in the late 1990s, the appearance of each new Harry Potter novel was like the opening of a blockbuster movie, but more festive and less dutiful than such occasions tend to be. At midnight bookstores across the land would be thronged with eager readers with wands and robes, round glasses and temporary lightning-bolt tattoos, and for the next few days, on every bus and park bench, everyone — schoolchildren, grandmothers, young adults with tattoos that were not temporary — would be reading the same thing. And then, as the movie versions started to come out, the scene would be repeated in the multiplexes.

This is not the first time a popular series of books has been turned into a successful series of movies, but the overlap between the literary and cinematic versions of the Potter cycle was unusual and has proven influential. Not every effort to repeat the formula has worked — the "Lemony Snicket" and "Golden Compass" franchises never took wing on screen — but the triumph of the Potter model is reflected in the "Twilight" movies and also in the Swedish and soon-to-arrive U.S. versions of Steig Larsson's "Millennium" trilogy, which tumbled into theaters while their sources were still jumping off the bookstore shelves. In this millennium, we like to take our stories serially and in multimedia packages.

The Harry Potter movies built on the fervid public enthusiasm for the books and fed back into it, to the extent that it is not quite accurate to call the movies adaptations, or to pursue the usual arguments about what is lost and gained when stories make the transition from words on a page to images on a screen. Remarkably large numbers of people were eager to experience the same stories twice (or more), and if some may have had a preference for Potter in prose over Potter in pictures or vice versa, it seems safe to conclude that the majority was happy to have both.

DARGIS:

Before the Harry Potter movies started breaking the first of many records, it was perhaps easier to believe that mass culture is something consumers largely experienced top down, like the big infantilized blobs in "Wall-E," unthinkingly gulping whatever they're fed. Harry Potter fans have made it a lot tougher to sell that old-fashioned idea. They have found an astonishment of ways to express their love (and sometimes profit on that adoration) and also at times challenged the supremacy of Warner Bros., the studio that owns the rights to the movies. From the start, the studio had been fierce about protecting its property (in the case of Harry Potter condoms, you can't blame it), but in the process it also stumbled.

One of its roadblocks was Heather Lawver, a Potterhead who at 14 created The Daily Prophet, a fake (now inactive) online school newspaper about all things Potter. A few years later, Lawver herself became news when, in response to Warner Bros.' ham-fisted and -headed bids to shut down fan websites, some run by children as young as 11 and 12, she helped start a boycott of Potter merchandise (known as PotterWar), a press-relations stroke of genius (she debated a studio spokesman on "Hardball") that threatened to derail the company's strategy of global domination.

"It really got me mad," Lawver said in 2001, months before the release of the first movie, noting another site creator "was afraid these lawyers would come banging down her door and take away all her family's money."

Faced with being cast as a bully on the eve of its latest potential gold mine Warner Bros. backed down as representatives insisted no harm was intended. ("We are not a big, scary corporation," one executive said.) Henry Jenkins of the University of California, an enthusiastic champion of fan power, has framed the fight in near-revolutionary terms, writing on his website that PotterWar "may have been the first successful movement of fans to challenge the rather blanket copyright assertions of the major media producers." Certainly it was a striking moment for plugged-in Potterites, yet it's debatable whether the type of fan triumph that Professor Jenkins and others celebrate is as radical as sometimes suggested. Warner Brothers, after all, still owns the film rights.

SCOTT:

If you asked a roomful of movie critics to name the best Harry Potter movie, the consensus choice would be "Prisoner of Azkaban" (2004), directed by Alfonso Cuaron, whose other critically beloved films include the sexy Mexican road movie "Y Tu Mama Tambien" and the dystopian thriller "Children of Men." "Azkaban" was stamped with Cuaron's style; it was not only thematically more unsettling than the first two movies (both directed by Chris Columbus), but also visually stranger and more artful.

Perhaps for that reason it is generally the least liked movie among hard-core Potterites, which is to say those viewers whose devotion to the characters and the story trumps their interest in the art of cinema for its own sake. Critics have tended to assess each film on its own merits as an individual work, which is perfectly reasonable — it's our job, after all — but also a bit beside the point, just as the demurrals of literary critics who find fault with Rowling's prose style or sense of narrative economy are both right and fundamentally out of touch.

From the start, the appeal of the Potter cycle has been its generous dispensation of narrative pleasure. You might find a particular installment or character or series of incidents especially exciting or vaguely disappointing, but you would not be fully satisfied until the whole thing was complete, until you had plumbed the mystery of Harry Potter's origins and witnessed the resolution of his fate.

SCOTT:

The staggered appearance of novels and films seems, in retrospect, to have been calculated, with almost diabolical brilliance, to maximize the audience. The first cadre of 9-year-olds who read "Sorcerer's Stone" and "Chamber of Secrets" were primed to line up for the film adaptations of those books, as the movies prepared new readers for the fourth book, "Goblet of Fire," and so on. Young people — those born after 1990 — were the vanguard and the core audience, and even if Harry had not also appealed to their parents, grandparents and older siblings, the Potter fan base represents a fairly significant sample of the world's population.

And what has Harry given them? The movies have provided a showcase for the acting. Some great professionals — Alan Rickman, Imelda Staunton, Maggie Smith, David Thewlis and so on and so on — have demonstrated both high seriousness and a fine sense of play, and Ralph Fiennes has proven that it can be done without a nose. And we have watched potential movie stars of the future blossom before our eyes. More generally, and perhaps more profoundly, we have immersed ourselves in a world of grave danger and relentless evil that is make-believe enough not to bleed into our own messy Muggle reality. The adults in the audience have slid back into the breathless, compulsive readerly absorption (and cinematic enthrallment) of childhood, while our children have, with equal breathlessness, leaned forward into the complexity and exhilaration of growing up. We can all feel, under the spell of these stories, as if we were in full possession of our powers.

PICKWICKS

From 1H

striving for success," Fuglaar said.

"All the teenagers who go there to school really want success but find out it's not as easy as it looks," said Kyle McDuffey, an eighth-grader at Midland Classical Academy next year. "And to get there they have to all work together."

The stage musical is based on the 1980 musical film. Conceived and developed by David De Silva, the musical has a book by Jose Fernandez, music by Steve Margoshes and lyrics by Jacques Levy. Not all of the characters are teenagers.

Mag Jones, a freshman in the fall at the University of Oklahoma, plays the dance teacher, Greta Bell.

"I like how passionate my character is about dance," said Jones. "And she really cares about her students."

Reagan Cruse, who is going to Southwestern in the fall, plays the old-fashioned English teacher, Esther Sherman.

"She comes across as strict and a little bit mean, but she's really not," said Cruse. "She cares. These are her children. I have a song that summarizes how she feels about them."

"Fame" offers something for all age groups, Cruse said. "I think adults will definitely get something out of it. Kids will enjoy it because it's fun. It's family friendly, and it's a good story. It's all about change, and it's real interesting because it takes place over four years so a lot happens to the characters in that span of time."

Nathan Hobbs, who is homeschooled, plays Schlomo Metzenbaum, the son of a famous violinist.

"I like that the character is a lot like myself in some respects, but in others he's a lot different, and it challenges me as an actor to play this part," said Hobbs. "Fame is a school that kids audition for. Thousands auditioned to get into this school and only hundreds made it into the school. They are the best, and even then they have to work hard. Scholmo's father is a classical violinist. All the teachers say, 'Hey, you need to play the violin.' And he wants to play rock and punk — more modern types."

In addition to being a "fun show in general" and "easy to relate to," it's also "a really profound show," said Logan Pitts, a junior at Midland High in the fall, who plays hip hop dancer Tyrone Jackson. "An example is my character. On the surface he does appear rebellious but later in the show it's because he's trying to protect himself from his trouble in English.

"And he's a really good dancer who also feels like he doesn't need English in his life that much. That leads to some trouble with his English teacher. There are deeper connections there too as we find out in the second act. That's how it is for all the characters — deeper connections and relationships are discovered after four years at the performing arts high school."

ALL THE DETAILS

"FAME"

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. July 22 and 23

Where: Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

Tickets: $18 adults, $12 children (18 or younger), $15 seniors (65 or older), $10 active military with ID. All ticket requests must be applied to a membership or paid for. Tickets not purchased online may be exchanged or refunded up to two days prior to the date on the tickets. All online sales are final. Ticket holders must be seated before curtain. Sunday at 2 p.m. is the Reach Out and Pay What You Can performance.

Reservations: Call 570-4111 or email boxoffice@mct-midland.org

Info: Please note that curtain is at 7:30 p.m. for evening performances. The box office is open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and an hour before public performances.

Pickwick production crew: Samantha Foster, stage manager; Alice Ly, lights; Olivia Taylor, sound; Holland Hardie and Julie Butler, assistant stage managers; and Savannah Cantwell, Candice Atwater and Paul Dingus, back stage crew.

Adult production crew: Bill Williams, director; Vivian Moss, musical director; and Judith Giebler, choreographer.

Musicians (adults): Vivian Moss, keyboards; Bill DeLavan, bass; Jimmy Olague, drums; and Izaiah Chavez and Johnny Saldivar, electric guitar.

Cast members playing the students at the school: Lana Sanford, Stone Fuglaar, Alex Speight, Nathan Hobbs, Logan Pitts, Landry Edwards, Kyle McDuffey, Shannon Murphy; Eileen Small and Austin Green.

Cast members playing the teachers at the school: Reagan Kruse, Meg Jones, Paul Hernandez and Shelby Collins.

Chorus members: Claire Altany, Bailey Brooks, Toni Burandt, Darian Butler, Krysten Denney, Brittany Jennings, Brooke Lookabaugh, Samantha Shepherd, Patton Small, Michelle Smith and Angela Torres.

Note: All cast members are using their own names rather than the names associated with the roles.

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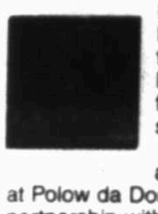
"King of Hearts"



After a lackluster response to 2008's "Lessons In Love" and departure from the label that gave him his start, The Inc., things were looking less than promising for Lloyd and his smooth falsetto.

But he regrouped and found a home at Polow da Don's label Zone 4, a partnership with Interscope Records, and the move seems to be paying off with his new album, "King of Hearts," with guest appearances from Lil Wayne, Andre 3000 to Chris Brown.

Much of the album's production is done by Polow da Don. He engineered the infectious hit single "Lay It Down," which liberally borrows from Patti Labelle's classic ballad, "Love, Need And Want You," and had the likes of R. Kelly and Young Jeezy hopping on the remix.

But while that song is a winner, the rest of "King of Hearts" is decidedly uneven. It's mixed with hit-and-miss songs detailing Lloyd's attempt to pursue love and passion.

— *Jonathan Landrum Jr*
Associated Press

DOLLY PARTON
"Better Day"

Dolly Parton never has hesitated to gamble when following her heart. That's why she's reached such heights in her career, and it's why occasional projects fail, sometimes in monumental fashion. "Better Day" isn't monumental by any means, but it does highlight Parton's periodic desire to make huge social statements.

"Better Day" finds one of music's most dynamic personalities trying to inject some positivity in the world during these dire times. But she tries too hard for uplifting messages and grand musical arrangements. The music piles on choirs and crescendos, and the lyrics fail to platitudes and greeting-card generalities. It comes off as cheesy rather than meaty and substantial.

One of America's most enduring artists can be excused for trying to use her songwriting to raise people up in an era of such tension and tragedy. But unfortunately, "Better Day" lacks the common touch of Parton's best work.

— *Michael McCall*
Associated Press

A list of this week's best-selling hip-hop mixtapes provided by King Underground at 906 S. Garfield St.

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Dj Wis & Charlie Boy — Hustle Music 13

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In this May 17 photo, the band Burlap to Cashmere is shown in Nashville, Tenn. From left are Johnny Philippidis, Todd Caldwelf, Steven Delopoulos, Chris Anderson and Theodore Pagano.

Folk rockers return with second album — 12 years later

By Caitlin R. King
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Guitarist John Philippidis woke up groggy from a months-long coma in a hospital room full of people.

He disregarded doctors urging him to stay in bed and slowly shuffled to the bathroom. As he went to wash his hands, he reflexively looked up in the mirror and saw a closed eye, a head the size of a basketball and his face disfigured beyond what he thought could ever be repaired.

"I started laughing," Philippidis said in a recent interview with the Associated Press.

At the time, he couldn't remember that two ex-Marines and a female accomplice had beaten him to within an inch of his life and left him for dead during a random, road rage incident just miles from his home in the New York borough of Brooklyn.

Doctors took his reaction as a good sign — and it was.

"I just remember that feeling of being reminded right there in that moment that you're alive. Whatever happened to you, you're alive," said Philippidis.

That was 2005.

Today, 33-year-old Philippidis is feeling more alive than ever. His recovery sparked a reunion with award-winning, folk-rock band Burlap to Cashmere, and after a 12-year hiatus, the band is preparing to release its second, self-titled album, due out July 19 on Jive/Essential Records.

Recovery was a slow process, aided in large part by his cousin, Burlap lead singer Steven Delopoulos. Doctors didn't know whether Philippidis would play guitar the same way because of the damage he suffered, and he was nervous to even pick one up.

"Initially I was slow, and I put it down, and didn't look at it again, and said, 'Nuh uh. Not gonna do this.' That was depressing me. It was like, 'Oh my god, oh my god,'" he said.

Philippidis panicked, but his doctor reassured him that it would take time for his brain and nerves to reconnect.

Delopoulos would drive from New Jersey to visit his cousin nearly every weekend. Instead of pushing him back into music before he was ready, they would play the Xbox video game "Halo" and trash talk each other.

"The thing about Johnny is he's really good at guitar, but whenever we play 'Halo,'"

"Oh, he's trash talking right now," interrupted Philippidis, as the two joke around.

Eventually, Delopoulos began testing out a few song ideas in front of Philippidis, and the album track "Orchestrated Love Song" took shape.

"Picked up a guitar, and I think we wrote the opening lick to that song, which was like not complex, but it made me feel like, 'OK, wait, I can still do this. My hands are still moving,'" said Philippidis.

Little by little, Burlap to Cashmere began to reemerge. The band had broken onto the scene in 1998 with its major-label debut, "Anybody Out There?" Met with critical acclaim and multiple Dove Awards, they generated a dedicated following and quickly established themselves as an exceptional live act. However, relentless touring took its toll, and they went on hiatus in 2001.

"Steven and I will always play music together," said Philippidis. "We've been doing it since we were like 8. We're cousins. But this strengthened the fact that we needed to do it soon, because we realized at that point, well, life is fleeting."

Drummer Theodore Pagano heard some of the new songs and got onboard. He was at a crossroad in his own life, going through a divorce and having decided to leave his job in London, designing a 20,000-square-foot concept store for National Geographic that wasn't working out. After Burlap's initial breakup, Pagano quickly established himself as a top name in the interior design world. He designed all the top-floor room sets for Ikea and then did the same thing for Apple stores.

Pagano became an organizational and driving force behind Burlap to Cashmere that eventually scored them another major-label record deal.

"I always thought, if we were to do this again, if we were to make a record now, how would it be modernized?" said Pagano.

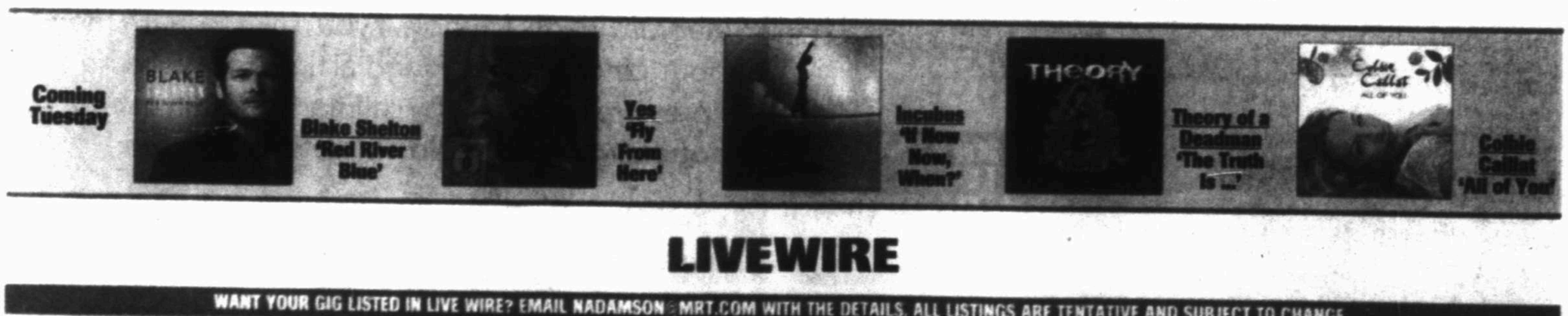
He popped into a studio session during a visit home from London and heard his band mates working on the album track "Live in a Van."

The inspired, 11-track effort marks a departure from the band's first album. The grandiose textures that emphasized style over substance have been replaced with a more stripped-down sound and focused lyrics, reminiscent of Simon & Garfunkel and Cat Stevens. Their blend of Mediterranean rhythms and tightknit harmonies helps them stand out among popular folk-rock acts including Mumford & Sons, Avett Brothers and Fleet Foxes.

These days Philippidis looks like a chiseled rock star, shredding guitar onstage in his skinny jeans, fitted shirt and dark sunglasses. The glasses hide a slightly closed eye, which can be fixed with one last surgery, and there is a C-shaped scar on his buzzed head from a tube doctors inserted to alleviate pressure on the brain. Philippidis has 13 titanium implants in his face. Doctors replaced his facial orbits, his forehead and jaw line. They also had to reconstruct his nose and sinuses.

His two male attackers are in prison, and the female who was with them fled the country. Despite the unprovoked brutality of the situation that nearly cost Philippidis his life, he and the rest of the band refer to it as the "accident."

"I view it as an accident, personally. I think we all do, because you can't really hold on to anything. I'm not really angry. I get to sit here with my cousin and somebody that I grew up with since I'm 11 years old and play music," said Philippidis, flashing that charming grin. "That anybody claps for our music is the biggest reward you can receive. We're just happy to be here."



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10 **Weatherstone** @ Museum of the Southwest
13 **Vince Lujan Project** @ Shack in Back
13 **Cory Yeager** @ Zucchi's
14 **Jeremy Steding** @ Rockin' Rodeo
14 **Such is Life, We Are the Union, I Call Fives, The Story So Far** @ Pine Box
15 **Bobby Champion** @ The Detour
15 **The Restless Natives** @ Cigar Frog's
15 **The Shades** @ Hot Summer Nights
15 **Pat Green** @ Graham Central Station
15 Black Gold Rally featuring **Black Eye Shiner, Talkin' Stick**
15-16 **Reload** @ Riley's
15-16 **Darren Welch Group** @ The Bar
15-16 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Your Place
16 **Tommy Pool** @ Cigar Frog's
16 **Lorrie Morgan** @ W. Texas Horse Ctr.
16 Black Gold Rally featuring **GloveBox, the Barkin Spiders, VooDoo Blue**
17 **Justin Langston** @ Music City Mall
17 **Drowning Pool** @ Dos Amigos
17 **Barlow Brothers & Friends** @ Museum of the Southwest
19 **Curt Brewer, Kentucky Knife Fight, Whiskey Folk Rambler** @ Pine Box
20 **Brian Milson** @ Shack in the Back
20 **No Justice** @ Graham Central Station
21 **Mark McKinney** @ Rockin' Rodeo
22 **Cory Yeager** @ Zucchi's
22 **Monty Branham** @ The Detour
22 **Kyle Bennett** @ Graham Central Station
22 **Gary Gorence Band** @ Cigar Frog's
22 **Eddie Irving & The Classic Swing Band** @ Hot Summer Nights
22-23 **Black July** @ Your Place
23 **Jody Nix & The Texas Cowboys** @ Stardust
22-24 **The Shades** @ Flash's Cantina
22-24 **Tina Baker & 3 Lit Pigz** @ Riley's
23 **Jason Tarleton** @ Cigar Frog's
24 **Brown Sneakers** @ Museum of the Southwest
25 **I Apparatus, Allstair Hennessey** @ Pine Box
27 **Such Gold, Maker** @ Pine Box
28 **Brandon Rhyder** @ Rockin' Rodeo
29 **John Lisi & The Delta Funk** @ Mahogany Lounge
29 **Jeff Strahan** @ Lone Star Bar
29 **E-Flat Porch Band** @ Hot Summer Nights
29 **Jennifer B. & The Groove Kings** @ Cigar Frog's
29 **No Dry County** @ The Detour
29 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Fast Freddy's
29 Tall City Bluesfest featuring **Bernie Pearl, Burt Herrin & The Global Warming Band, Andy Macintyre & The Primal Groove, Billy Hendrix Experiment, Woody Russell, Diddley Squat, Smokin' Joe Kubek w/special guest Bnois King**
29-30 **GloveBox** @ Hot Shots
29-30 **Dingo Sanctuary** @ Riley's
30 The Billy Hendrix Experiment @ MCM Elegante
30 Tall City Bluesfest featuring **e-Flat Porch Band, Gasoline Alley, Jennifer B. & The Groove Kings, Jeff Strahan, John Lisi & The Delta Funk, St. Blues Band, James Hinkle, James Boogaloo Bolden Blues Band, Eddie Turner**
30 **Dizzi LaMar & West Wind** @ The Stardust
30 **Bernie Pearl** @ Cigar Frog's
30 **Gasoline Alley** @ Mahogany Lounge
30 **Andy Macintyre** @ Lone Star Bar
30 **Doug Moreland** @ The Hog Pit
30-31 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Flash's Cantina
31 **Justin Langston** @ Music City Mall
31 **Jazz Bird** @ Museum of the Southwest

LUBBOCK

July

12 **A Loss for Words, Vanna** @ Jake's
14 **Scooter Brown** @ Depot District Oyster Bar
18 **Royal Bangs, Colourmusic, Oh No! Oh My!** @ Jake's

NEW MEXICO

July

19 **Four Tops** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

August

3 **Chicago** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods
14 **Merle Haggard** @ IOMG

DALLAS-FORT WORTH

July

12 **Britney Spears, Nicki Minaj, Jessie and the Toy Boys, Nervo** @ American Airlines Center
14 **Avant, Ginuwine, Silk, H-Town** @ Fair Park
17 **Kid Cudi, Chip Tha Ripper** @ Verizon Theatre