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SEEING A BOND DEVELOP

MISD prepares for 2012 bond initiative

By Meredith Morlak
Staff Writer

Planning, proposing and executing a bond initiative for Midland ISD will be a top priority for district officials and members of the board of trustees in 2012.

Midlanders got a preview of the district's bond business last week when, during the board's regular meeting, Superintendent Ryder Warren discussed progress and told the board why he'd like to take plans in a different direction.

With the board's blessing, Warren decided to strike May 2012 as a potential bond election date and open requests for qualifications from architecture firms to submit bids on a variety of different projects.

As a result of meetings with key community leaders, Warren told the board he's realized the community needs to hear from professionals about potential projects.

"I don't think we can just present (the community) with district numbers generated by administrators," Warren said. "We need to show them we have brought experts into our community that can verify what those numbers are and that, yes, those are the prices associated with going forward."

As the new year approaches and until more information is available — specifically costs and an exact plan -- here are six items Midlanders can expect to see develop over the coming months.

1. A new Midland High could play a big part in a bond.

Board President Jay Isaacs made a point to call the current high school built in the 1920s "embarrassing" and said it's time Midland tries to obtain what is best for students.

Isaacs said he couldn't believe portions of the school's original two-story building were built in the 1920s as Cowden Junior High and called for the community to "get on board with funding something we can truly be proud of and not be anorexic about our tax situation."

After voters turned down a $77.2 million bond in 2000 that would have been used to build a new Midland High in north Midland and renovated Lee High School, a $67.1 million bond passed in 2003 that provided MHS with more than $17 million in renovations and additions.

2. When is the best time to put a bond on the ballot?

"I got really fired up the first semester and in my

Please see **BOND**/4A

MIRACLE ON TYLER STREET

ABOVE: Jessica Sosa takes a picture of her brother, Jaiden Ramirez, 5, with Santa on Saturday evening during the annual Miracle on Tyler Street Christmas Celebration. **LEFT:** Emily Gurterrez, 4, and hundreds of other children received new bikes and presents Saturday night at the fourth annual Miracle on Tyler Street Christmas Celebration. **See 5A for more photos from the event.**

Photos by Tim Fischer Reporter-Telegram

City Council grapples with drilling rules

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

As oil and gas drilling continues to encroach upon the city limits, the Midland City Council is being faced with requests for variances from its drilling ordinance.

Some companies make fairly simple petitions, asking for a variance from required landscaping or fencing so they can better match what's already established around a proposed well site. Recent requests have been related to the distance requirement between drilling activity and already-established structures.

Council members said each situation is considered uniquely but in general, they like to enforce the ordinance because it was specifically crafted to accommodate both surface and mineral owners.

"We're in a difficult situation. The city doesn't want drilling within the city limits but we can't really stop it," said Scott Dufford, city councilman at large. "We've got the ordinance that everybody worked on. This is the way they're going to have access to (minerals), is through the ordinance. We can't deny. All we can do is regulate."

The City Council last week held public hearings for drilling permits being requested in northwest Midland near Briarwood Avenue and Heidelberg Lane, as well as for plots in north Midland near State Highway 349 and Arapahoe Road.

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Parents have transfer option when public schools make unacceptable list

By Meredith Morlak
Staff Writer

Parents and guardians of students at eight Midland ISD campuses will receive a letter in January notifying them of their option to transfer children to another campus because the school was placed on the state's Public Education Grant list.

The 566 schools placed on the Texas Education Agency's PEG list either were rated academically unacceptable in 2009, 2010 or 2011, or had at least 50 percent of students fail a TAKS subject test during that same three-year period.

In Midland ISD, all eight campuses were placed on the list because of academically unacceptable ratings received based on TAKS scores.

The ratings are based on 25 indicators from the state's Academic Excellence Indicator System, and an academically unacceptable designation in one of the 25 areas designates the entire campus as academically unacceptable.

PEG transfers by campus

Crockett	9
Lamar	9
Midland Freshman	6
Milam	13
Travis	104

The district's list includes six campuses that already had been on the list — Lee and Midland high schools, Crockett, Lamar, Milam and Travis elementaries — as well as Midland Freshman High School and DeZavala Elementary based on the 2011 rating of academically unacceptable.

The math portion of the TAKS test was problematic for students at Midland Freshman and science for those at DeZavala.

Even if a school shows improvement and increases its accountability the year after being placed on the list, it remains on the list for three years, beginning one year after the school qualifies. This means a school could see decreased enrollment up to four years after receiving an unacceptable rating.

All parents at PEG-designated campuses have the opportunity to transfer their children to non-PEG campuses for the 2012-13 school year.

However, data provided by the MISD Office of Student Services shows most parents do not transfer their students.

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Truancy court strives to change lives

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

Midland's 12-year-old truancy court system is one of the most innovative in the nation and officials from across the state are noting its success.

Midland Independent School District reports a dropout rate of slightly higher than 10 percent — below the national average — and the truancy court is seeing an extremely low recidivism rate for students. In the wake of Midland's relative success, judges, case workers and others interested in teen truancy are coming to Midland to see what is working.

If a teen is found to be truant -- three or more unexcused absences or tardies in a four-week period, or 10 unexcused absences or tardies in a six-month period -- the justice of the peace can impose a wide variety of restrictions, including revoking a student's driver's license and issuing fines. The school system attempts to intervene first, but as an option of last resort, the student is cited with a Class C

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It's happening

Today

■ Lone Star Brass, 2 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Tickets: Call the Midland-Odessa Symphony office, 563-0921.

Tuesday

■ Classic Movie Club presents "Love in the Afternoon," 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's.

Thursday and Friday

■ Heritage Holiday Starbright Village, 6-11 p.m., McKinney Park, 625 W. Pool Road, Odessa. Visits with Santa scheduled at 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. Call 432-335-4682 or 368-3548 for more information.

Christmas festivals

■ Wonderland Village (through Dec. 31) at Greater Ideal Baptist Church, 411 S. Tyler St. Info: Free.

■ Christmas at the Mansion at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Info: Closed Friday through Monday and Dec. 30-Jan. 2.

Meetings schedule

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

Midland–Odessa Transportation Organization (MOTOR)
5 p.m. Monday
Wright Office Complex, Suite 1, 9601 Wright Drive

Midland-Odessa Urban Transit District Board
Noon Wednesday
Midland–Odessa Transportation Organization (MOTOR) board room
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Police department searches for candidates

The Midland Police Department is looking to fill vacancies for the position of police officer. At 9 a.m. on Jan. 28 potential candidates will be tested with a physical and written examination for the upcoming academy.

All eligible applicants should report to the Midland Police Department located at 601 N. Loraine.

The physical fitness requirements for the position are: 30 sit-ups, 25 push-ups and a 1.5 mile run in 14 minutes, 46 seconds. There also is a written test.

College credit hours are required depending on past years of experience.

Persons wanting to test must bring a valid state identification card or driver's license. Candidates meeting the requirements will first take the fitness test. Those who pass will then take the written test.

For more information, review the requirements at www.midlandtexas.gov before contacting the recruiting division at 685-7141.

A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION

Nine-year-old Liberato Carillo Jr., left, and his brother Carlos, 7, look for a book after picking out toys Wednesday during Operation Elf at Centers for Children and Families.

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Support group meetings

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

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

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

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 432-582-2926.

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

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■ Weight/eating

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

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

— A group for those with eating disorders meets 6 p.m. Mondays at Fellowship Community Church, 5206 N. Midland Drive. For more information, call 296-1067.

■ Military

— American Legion Post No. 19 meets 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month at 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.

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

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

Gas prices in Midland

Cheapest price in Midland: $3.15 (Flying J, Fairgrounds/Cloverdale; Flying J, I-20/SCR 1250)

Most expensive: $3.39 (Fina, Rankin/SCR 135).

Most common prices: $3.21, $3.22

Cheapest prices in West Texas: Lubbock $2.82, Abilene $3.02, San Angelo $3.03, Midland $3.15, Odessa $3.19.

	Midland	Texas
Friday	$3.235	$3.048
Last week	$3.243	$3.064
Last month	$3.343	$3.200
Last year	$2.887	$2.802

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

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Today in history

Today is Sunday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 2011. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Dec. 18, 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect by Secretary of State William H. Seward.

On this date:

In 1892, Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler ordered secret preparations for Nazi Germany to invade the Soviet Union. (Operation Barbarossa was launched in June 1941.)

In 1957, the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first public, full-scale commercial nuclear facility to generate electricity in the United States, went on line.

In 1972, the United States began heavy bombing of North Vietnamese targets during the Vietnam War.

One year ago: The U.S. Senate, in a 65-31 vote, approved repeal of the military's 17-year "don't ask, don't tell" ban on openly gay troops.

Today's birthdays: Rock singer-musician Keith Richards is 68. Movie producer-director Steven Spielberg is 65. Actor Ray Liotta is 56. Comedian Rion White is 55. Actor Brad Pitt is 48. Actress Katie Holmes is 33. Singer Christina Aguilera is 31.

Source: Associated Press

Airport report for November

Enplanements
(people boarding an airplane)
November 2011: 40,096
November 2010: 37,802
Percent difference: 6.1
Year to date: 80,599 (1.5 percent increase from 2010-11)
November 2009 total: 33,094
November 2008: 35,955

Total Passengers
November 2011: 79,707
November 2010: 76,281
Percent difference: 4.5
Year to date: 81,170 (1.2 percent increase from 2010-11)

Fuel Sales
(in gallons)
November 2011: 564,493
November 2010: 524,488
Percent difference: 7.6
Year to date: 1,246,001 (14.9 percent increase from 2010-11)
November 2009: 417,910
November 2008: 400,000

Parking Revenues
November 2011: $180,650
November 2010: $162,911
Percent difference: 10.9
Year to date: $371,041 (11.7 percent increase from 2010-11)
October 2009 total: $143,866
October 2008: $151,232

Source: City of Midland

Midland among best performing cities

The 2011 Milken Institute Best-Performing Cities Index ranks U.S. metropolitan areas by how well they are creating and sustaining jobs and economic growth. The components include job, wage and salary, and technology growth.

2011 Rank	2010 Rank	Metropolitan area
1	19	Logan, Utah-Idaho
2	2	Bismarck, N.D.
3	6	Morgantown, W.Va.
4	4	College Station-Bryan
5	12	Ithaca, N.Y.
6	70	Lebanon, Pa.
7	1	Fargo, N.D.-Minn.
8	9	Iowa City, Iowa
9	15	Longview
10	17	State College, Pa.
11	18	Warner Robins, Ga.
12	14	Waco
13	8	Las Cruces, N.M.
14	20	Charlottesville, Va.
15	55	Dubuque, Iowa
16	48	Great Falls, Mont.
17	53	Elizabethtown, Ky.
18	40	Harrisonburg, Va.
19	36	Auburn-Opelika, Ala.
20	7	Tyler
21	45	Pueblo, Colo.
22	39	Midland
23	3	Jacksonville, N.C.
24	25	Grand Forks, N.D.
25	22	Columbia, Mo.

Source: Milken Institute

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ACROSS THE NATION

FROM WIRE REPORTS

IOWA

13 train cars derail; no injuries reported

CHARLES CITY — Investigators are trying to determine what caused 13 train cars to derail in Iowa.

The Mason City Globe Gazette reported the derailment happened just before 1 p.m. Saturday in Charles City in northeast Iowa. No injuries were reported.

The cars of the Canadian Pacific train were carrying soybeans and scrap metal when they toppled off the tracks at a stretch near state Highway 14. The train was bound for the northeast Iowa town of Marquette.

Railroad spokesman Ed Greenberg said an extensive investigation is being started to determine what caused the derailment. He says the railroad is also conducting "an appropriate response" that includes cleaning up the derailed cars.

SAN FRANCISCO

Salvation Army volunteers set bell-ringing record

After ringing his hand bell to solicit donations for 51 hours without food or sleep, Salvation Army volunteer Marcelino Soriano had reached his limit Saturday.

"My legs are hurting, and I'm feeling a little light-headed," the 44-year-old said, as he rang his bell for the last few times outside a Macy's store in San Francisco's Union Square.

Soriano was among more than a dozen Salvation Army volunteers around the nation who broke the charitable organization's 36-hour record for continuous hand bell ringing.

The contest began Thursday with 24 bell-ringing volunteers. The goal was to raise awareness about the Salvation Army's iconic red kettle donation drive and encourage giving over the holidays, officials with the organization said.

Fifteen volunteers — taking only 10-minute breaks every four hours to go to the bathroom — rang bells past 12 a.m. EST, beating the previous 36-hour record set in 2010 by a Salvation Army captain in Spokane, Wash.

Soriano continued into the late morning hours, but five others — including two from Indianapolis, Ind. — were still going Saturday afternoon. Under the contest rules, volunteers had to stand the whole time while ringing their bell and could not sleep or eat food. Liquids were allowed.

"The toughest thing is trying to stay awake and handling the cold weather," Soriano said. "In the end, it's trying to have a clear mind."

NEW YORK

Remains are missing prostitute, police confirm

OAK BEACH — Bones found in a coastal wetland on New York's Long Island this week are the remains of missing prostitute Shannan Gilbert, investigators confirmed Saturday.

The New Jersey woman disappeared in the spring of 2010 after fleeing from a client's home in Oak Beach, a small community on one of the barrier islands that line Long Island's Atlantic coast.

She was last seen racing into the night toward the marsh where her remains were discovered Tuesday.

Suffolk County Police had announced at the time that they were all but certain they had found Gilbert's body. On Saturday the department said the county's medical examiner confirmed its suspicion.

A cause of death has yet to be determined.

ILLINOIS

Neighbor describes mother shooting child in yard

EMINGTON — A burst of gunfire sent Annelise Fiedler running out of her home to see what the noise was. In the yard next door, she saw 30-year-old Sara McMeen hovering over her baby as if she had dropped her. Fiedler asked McMeen if everything was all right.

"She looked at me and said, 'No, everything is not all right,'" Fiedler told the Associated Press.

Then, Fiedler said, McMeen shot the baby. Fiedler fled for her life.

While authorities in the small Illinois farming community remained tight-lipped Saturday about the details of what they said was a murder-suicide that left five people dead, neighbors described shocking violence that took place outside, in full view of their homes. Some could see two of the children's bodies from their windows.

The dead included McMeen, her 29-year-old live-in boyfriend, Daniel Warren, and her three children, 8-year-old Skyler Lemke, 7-year-old Ian Lemke and 10-month-old Maggie Warren, authorities said.

PETA wants NC opossum drop custom curtailed

By Tom Breen
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — If a national animal rights group gets its way, people in a small mountain town in North Carolina will have to greet the new year without lowering a scrappy marsupial to the ground.

Clay Logan, who owns the Clay's Corner store in the far western tip of the state, has been lowering an opossum in a transparent box to the ground every New Year's for 18 years, in a local homage to the famous ball drop in Times Square.

This year, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has called on the state Wildlife Resources Commission to put a halt to the tradition, saying the activity is both cruel and illegal.

"Ignorance of the law is not a defense, and cruelty to animals is indefensible," PETA Director Delcianna Winders said. "Using a captive opossum as the centerpiece of a raucous party is cruel and illegal."

PETA's letter, sent this week, is being reviewed, according to a commission spokesman, who said no decision has been made yet. The group claims that Logan lacks the necessary permit to have wild animals, and that the annual event fails to meet the legal standard of "humane treatment" of animals.

"Oh yeah, they love me," Logan said of PETA.

Logan disputes the group's characterization of the event, saying the opossums — it's generally a different animal from year to year — are treated well, and that despite the name, nothing is "dropped." Instead, he said, the critter is gently brought to the ground from a height of about 18 feet, although PETA claims it's 40 feet.

"It's a lot of good clean family fun. No alcohol," Logan said. "We advertise it as the only New Year's party you'll remember the next day no matter how much fun you had."

The opossum drop is the centerpiece of the annual event, but it has grown to become what Logan's website calls "the epicenter of the entertainment scene in Brasstown," which has about 250 residents. The program for this year also includes a bull riding competition, a church choir and the traditional cross-dressing beauty competition.

"It fills the place up," Logan said. "On a warm night, it's about 3,000 people. If it's cold, maybe 2,000."

PETA says it said it had also sent a letter to Logan in hopes of persuading him to find an alternative to using a live animal at the event. They want him to emulate Tallapoosa, Ga.'s New Year's Eve Possum Drop.

"The great thing about Tallapoosa is that they don't use a live possum," PETA lawyer Brittany Peet said. "They use a taxidermied possum." And, because it's the same stuffed critter every year, it's become something of a local mascot, Peet said.

The Opossum Drop may be North Carolina's most distinctive New Year's celebration, but the state has plenty of other "drops" planned for that day as well, including a giant acorn, a 30-pound flea made of fabric and wool and a light-up pickle replica in the vegetable-canning hotbed of Mt. Olive.

Pot clubs getting into mainstream holiday spirit

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — At the Apothecarium, a quaintly upscale medical marijuana club in San Francisco's Castro District, the vibe is even jollier than usual this month. To boost holiday spirits, the dispensary is giving a storewide 15 percent discount to patrons who donate to its canned food drive, making year-end contributions to local charities and raffling off a seriously spiked "ganja-bread" house made with a whopping 80 "doses" of pot-infused butter.

"We have a whole bunch of decorations up, holiday music playing. It's pretty festive here right now," said Ryan Hudson, the Apothecarium's executive director. "Why not? We are just like any other business, in that regard."

Maybe it was just a matter of time. Now that using marijuana for medical purposes is legal in 16 states and the District of Columbia, some of the plant's purveyors and advocates are putting a leafy slant on the winter season, a reliable sign of a maturing industry with its own customs, community outreach and commercial pull.

Nowhere is the high-ho-ho-ing of Christmas more evident than in Michigan and the five western states where storefront medical marijuana dispensaries have flourished. Despite the near-constant threat of law enforcement raids, some pot shops are stocking up on pumpkin and peppermint-flavored edibles, serving as toy and winter coat collection points, and extending a dazzlingly creative assortment of holiday specials and gift-giving options to regular members.

The Yerba Buena Collective, a club with six locations in San Jose, Calif., launched its seasonal promotions on Black Friday, when it offered hourly promotions that included up to half off the expensive, smokeless vaporizers pot connoisseurs covet like some consumers prize big screen televisions and up to 30 percent off concentrated cannabis waxes.

The dispensary, which is hosting a toy drive this season, also has put together a prepackaged $100 gift box that comes up with two marijuana strains, hash, four pot-laced treats, a hemp energy drink imported from Amsterdam and the buyers' choice of an herb grinder, a pipe or a lighter-rolling papers combination. On its web site, it advises customers the boxes are designed for "gift ideas, sampling packs, and most importantly SAVINGS!"

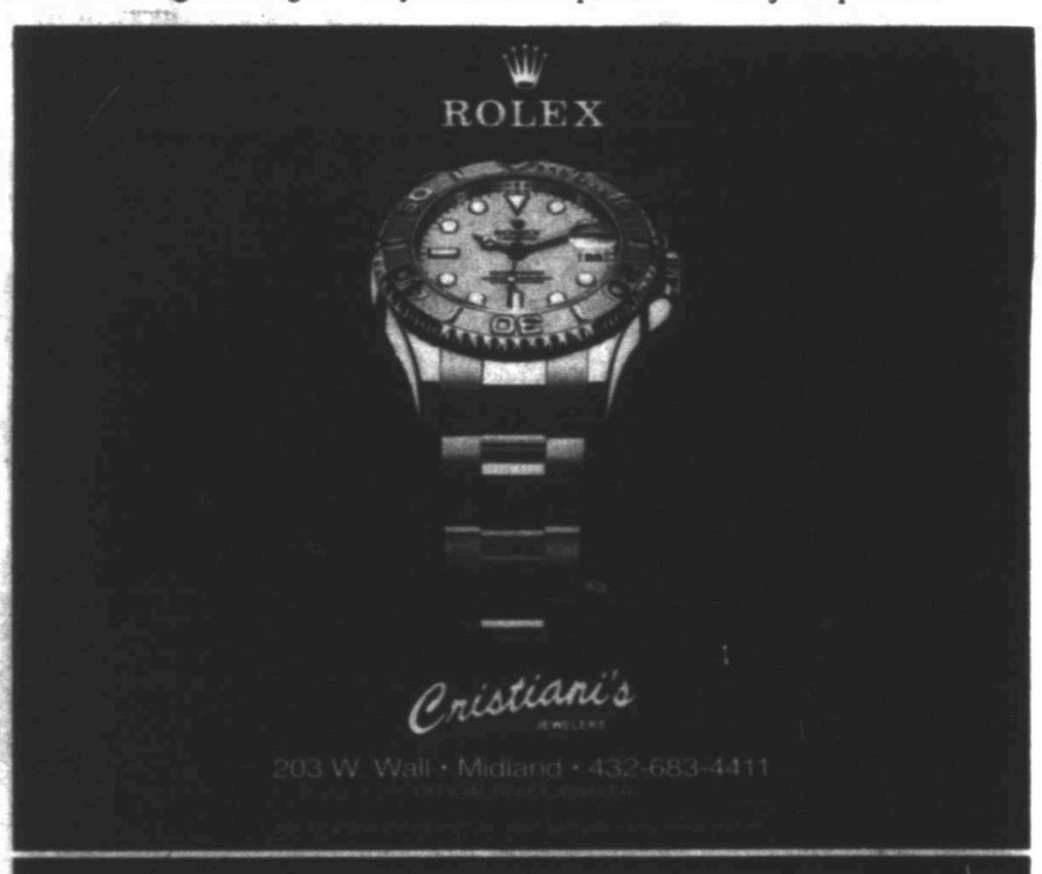
In gratitude for living in a state where marijuana is easy to come by, a Northern California legalization activist with a devoted YouTube following who goes by the stage name Coral Reefer organized a "Smoky Santa" giveaway for her loyal viewers. In exchange for a donation — the amounts she received averaged $13 — 110 people will receive a marijuana-themed holiday gift bag.

Reefer, 23, said she does not use her real last name because she does not want her online social network followers to know who she really is. And she did not want to disclose the bags' contents to avoid ruining the Christmas surprise.

"I feel in California we can get really spoiled with what we have, especially when I get feedback from the rest of the country how they aren't able to partake in cannabis at all," she said. "So many viewers are young people and they feel like there is no friend they can smoke with, no adult they know who smokes and has a regular job, no community they can even talk to."

Adding a charitable dimension to their operations in the face of continued federal raids is another way pot outlets build loyalty and legitimacy.

Kitty Miller, who along with her husband operates a twice-monthly cannabis farmers market in Washington state, was moved by the number of regular customers she saw struggling with illness or finances this year to give a philanthropic angle to their annual fall marijuana-tasting competition. Proceeds from the event, scheduled for Saturday night, will go toward providing Christmas dinner and gifts such as wheelchairs, children's toys and clothing for needy medical marijuana patients.



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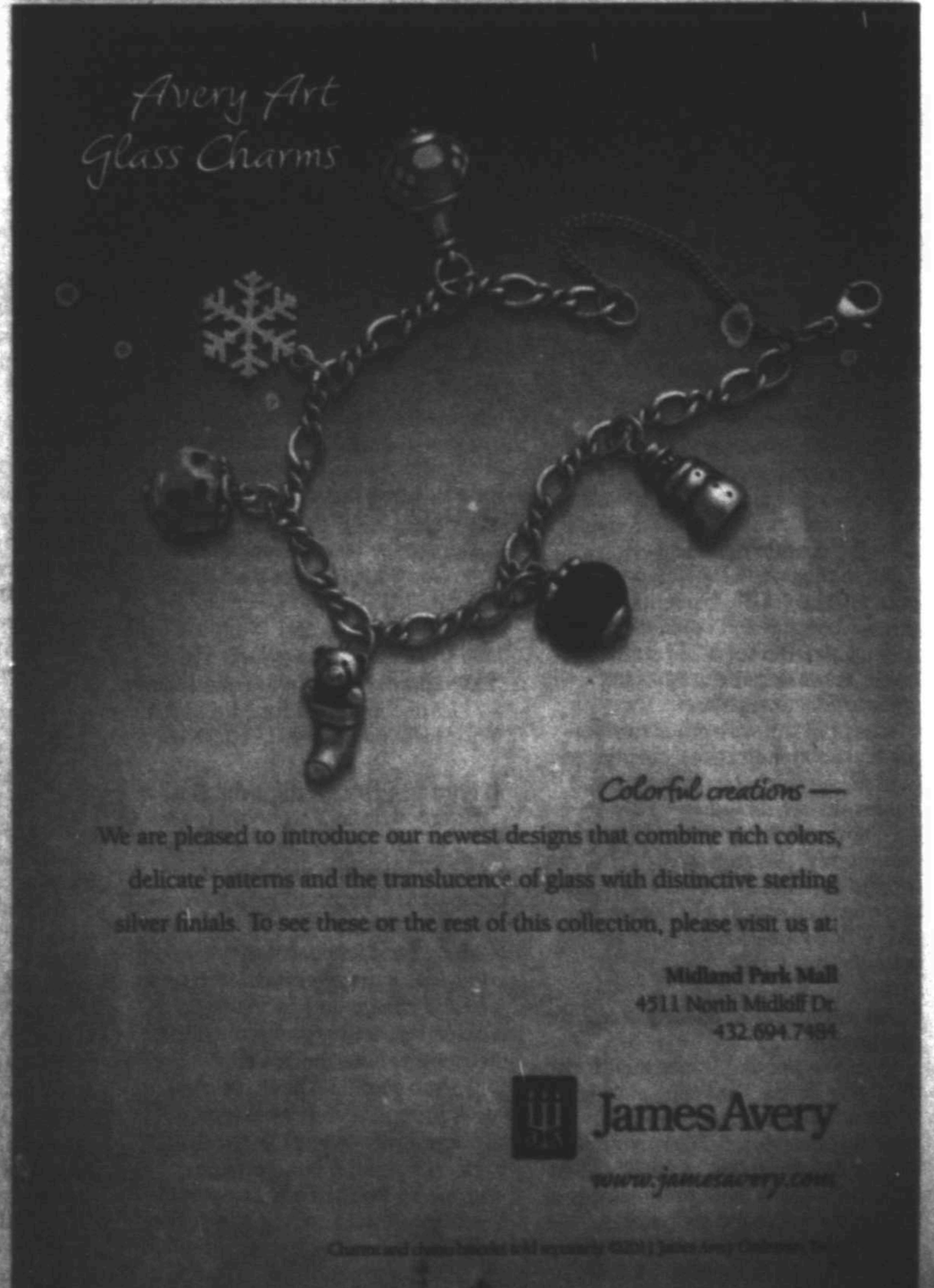

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TRUANCY

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misdemeanor and turned over to the justice of the peace.

"We bend over backward to help these students," James Henry, juvenile case manager, told the Reporter-Telegram. "We can take money from parents who can't afford it or wealthier parents who can write a check to solve their problems, but we really are trying to get these kids in school and a good education."

Precinct 2 Justice of Peace David Cobos hears each complaint filed by MISD on children who violate the law and are older than 12 but younger than 18. After sanctions are given to the teen, case workers take over. They inspect attendance records, conduct in-person interviews with students while they're at school and in some cases, order the truants to wear GPS monitoring bracelets.

"It would be easy just to fine these students and their parents, but what have I accomplished?" Cobos said. "Our goal is not to collect fines. Our ultimate goal is to produce graduates and taxpayers who pay into this system."

Cobos said even if he has ordered multiple fines on students or parents — if they are contributing to their child's delinquency — he will waive everything but the court costs and will work with the students if they produce a GED or diploma.

He said there have been people who were trying to clear their status or make payments for their debts, more than a decade afterward.

"I'm not just going to waive the penalties because time has passed," Cobos said. "I tell them to produce a GED or diploma, or pay the fines. I'm just trying to encourage young people to get an education."

Effects and solutions

High school dropouts negatively affect the community by increasing welfare dependency and increasing the likelihood of a student making poor decisions, such as having an unwanted teen pregnancy or engaging in criminal activity, officials said.

Cobos and Henry said more than 80 percent of the prison population are dropouts.

Juveniles are more likely to commit a crime between 1 and 5 p.m. while they are supposed to be in school. Combined with potential long-term problems of not graduating, the decisions of these youths — such as committing a crime or having unprotected sex — when they are supposed to be in school, greatly increase their chance of failure, the men said.

"Kids get involved with activities because they have the opportunity," Cobos added. "A lot of parents aren't being aggressive enough when it comes to finding out what their children are actually doing."

He gave an example of parents who allow their child to sleep over at a friend's house. He said the parents don't know often the other child's parents or know if their child made it over to the friend's house.

"A lot of the time we are teaching basic parenting skills (to parents of truants)," Cobos said. "I've had young mothers with children in (truancy) court who were themselves there not too many years ago. A lot are also on welfare."

Henry and Cobos both said it was cyclical.

"We attempt to get kids to think about their future," Henry said as he discussed some of the tools and techniques used to alter truants' behavior. "A lot of kids don't have a clue where their life is going. We try to change lives and help kids establish a life map."

He said his department works closely with counselors, teachers, principals and third-party social workers to help change children's lives.

After 12 years, it seems to be working. Besides the school system having a completion rate of 87.6 percent in 2010 — a 2.6 percent increase within three years — the truancy court has almost a 90 percent completion rate and a recidivism rate of slightly lower than 7 percent.

Because of Midland's success, other Texas officials are beginning to take notice.

"A lot of people called us crazy," Cobos said when they began changing the way truant court handles teens. "How about educating teens rather than simple punishment? We need to change lives, not simply collect fines."

After Cobos' court was exposed to national and international media attention over the past decade, lawmakers and judges throughout the state and country are beginning to ask questions themselves.

On Dec. 9 alone, 25 judges and case managers visited his court to review the policies, procedures and statistics.

"Children can fall through the cracks," Henry said. "This isn't just a criminal issue; it's also a social problem and must be addressed as such."

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Midland Independent School District Superintendent Ryder Warren welcomes first year teachers to the district in this Augu. 9, 2010, file photo during the new teacher orientation at the Midland Center. Warren said MISD is looking at a bond proposal to put to voters sometime in 2012.

BOND

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opinion, looking at the needs of our children, I wanted a May 2012 election," Warren told the board.

However, after talking with community groups, Warren said he realized the public will have to be extensively educated and it cannot be accomplished by May.

Though November 2012 is the board's next opportunity to call an election, even that may be too early, Warren said, noting it will coincide with the presidential election.

More than 46,000 Midlanders voted in the 2008 presidential election and only 6,450 voted in the 2007 special election for a $37 million bond, according to the Midland County Election Office.

After talking with other superintendents about elections during presidential election years, Warren said the results are mixed.

"They said it just depends on your community," Warren said. "(The turnout associated with a presidential election) can absolutely help you pass a bond election and can absolutely hurt you."

3. An investment in education and the community.

Both Warren and Isaacs mentioned they may have a hard time getting Midland on board because of the town's conservative nature and history of defeating bonds. In 2002, voters turned down three propositions in a $160 million bond proposal.

However, in the past 12 years, Midlanders have voted to increase the city's sales tax twice and pass more than $270 million in bond elections for MISD, the county, the hospital district and Midland College.

Trustee James E. Fuller has served on the board for 22 years and said Midlanders aren't afraid to invest but won't always do it for young people. The community has "a bad day mentality when it comes to facilities for our young people," he said, noting no one had a problem approving funds for a new jail but won't upgrade the schools.

During the last decade, voters did approve about $100 million during separate MISD bond elections in 2003 and 2007. A $41.8 million Midland College bond was overwhelmingly approved in 2005. Additionally, a $115 million bond for Midland Memorial Hospital passed in 2009.

4. Putting a face on the campaign.

Board members are looking forward and trying to envision the best way to deliver the message of the campaign, which still is in the programming phase.

Many have indicated they hope community members will step up to lead the charge and partner with an outside marketing group to educate the public about the needs.

Warren said he's been meeting in small groups with people identified as community leaders to get feedback on potential bond projects.

"I haven't pulled a big committee together yet because it's a lot easier to get good feedback from a few guys than a room of 50," Warren said.

5. Picking a bond philosophy.

To Warren, there are two ways school districts look at bond philosophies.

The first is to have a bond every 10 to 12 years purely to maintain the upkeep of buildings, and the second is to make periodic, huge investments that can be stretched as long as possible.

As a whole, Warren said "Midland has never been totally supportive of building initiatives. What's been approved is definitely less than what we asked for."

Of the $385 million in bond proposals sought since 1997, more than $143.7 million passed, according to data from the Texas Bond Review Board.

6. Making a comparison.

Midlanders can expect Warren to express his desire to make Tall City students competitive with those from Katy, Plano and Southlake Carroll independent school districts.

Snapshot data from the Texas Education Agency shows that MISD has the lowest locally adopted tax rate out of the four districts at 1.153. Plano's is the next lowest at 1.328 and Katy's is highest at 1.527.

However, the districts vary with enrollment, ranging from 7,723 in Carroll ISD to 58,444 in Katy ISD. A look at the demographics of the school districts show only MISD with a majority of Hispanic and economically disadvantaged students.

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DRILLING

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Drilling permits also were approved for a Bluestem Energy site near Mockingbird Lane and Midkiff Road and for two Callon Petroleum sites near Highway 191 and Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

Nearly all of the permit applications came with requests for variances from the city's ordinance. The ordinance was approved in December 2009 and first applied in 2010 after applications were filed by Pioneer Natural Resources.

Pioneer had requested variances from fencing and landscaping requirements in their first wave of permit applications. The Oil and Gas Advisory Committee recommended, and the permit was subsequently granted.

Variances are given for requirements being waived that won't ever be required in the future. As passed, the ordinance requires all rigs seeking a permit to add fencing and landscaping around the rig unless the company is granted an exception, according to Ron Jenkins, the city's Oil and Gas compliance officer. The ordinance also says there cannot be drilling within 500 feet of residences.

Council members said with the drought, it makes sense not to require landscaping at this point. However, on Tuesday, at least some council members agreed trees and shrubs don't need to be planted now, but they may need to be added later.

"I'm afraid that if water becomes the excuse, water will be the excuse when landscaping should go somewhere," said John James, city councilman for District 3.

James and Dufford agreed if a drilling site is being requested where there's nothing nearby, there likely isn't need for landscaping. If it's being requested near a neighborhood, though, landscaping that matches the area is appropriate, even if it can't be installed until water become more available.

"We want to look at variances in the context of the surrounding area," James said.

Fencing is something for which the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee has been less likely to recommend a variance. Such a variance was requested by Pioneer and others, and the committee said they prefer fencing to be standard both for safety and shielding purposes.

Mayor Wes Perry said landscaping and fencing are more likely to be considered by the council than variances to the distance requirement.

"The 500 feet, when you start talking about that kind of variance, that's a harder road to go down," he said.

Perry said if the owners of a structure that would sit closer than 500 feet to a drilling site don't have issue with the variance, he has no problem granting the request. But if a resident objects to a well closer than 500 feet to their home, that objection is more likely to be honored because it's in line with the ordinance.

Dufford agreed and said if homeowners don't want wells closer than 500 feet to their homes, that desire should be granted.

However, if a drilling site is proposed closer than 500 feet to a business or industrial structure, Dufford said that's fine with him.

"In my mind, I would grant a variance if it's next to a commercial building," he said. "Outside of that, I really don't see us ever granting variances for drilling any closer than that 500 feet next to occupied homes."

Two drilling requests that went through a public hearing Tuesday would require an exception to the 500-feet rule. One would put a site within 465 feet of the Midland Independent School District Bus Barn and another within 448 feet of the Mid-Cities Community Church offices. RSP Permian, which made the request, obtained contracts from both entities in relation to the request.

While MISD signed off on the variance, residents said they're not in favor of it.

James said in instances like that, there's a fine balance that has to be reached and the council still is in discussions about how to accomplish that goal.

"There is a balancing act and we've just got to find it," he said.

Dufford said he anticipates the city eventually will be challenged in court over the variance issue. If a mineral owner wants to drill closer than 500 feet to a home and the city denies it based upon its ordinance, Dufford said the city likely will be sued.

"Somebody will come in and test us and try to take us to the limit," he said. "The courts will ultimately decide."

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TRANSFER

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Only 141 students zoned to attend PBG campuses this year transferred to another district campus.

The majority of transfers — 104 — are from Travis Elementary, where 50 percent or more kids failed to pass the TAKS science test for at least two consecutive years in that three-year period.

Though Travis was rated academically unacceptable in 2009 and 2010, the campus achieved an academically acceptable rating for 2011.

Elise Kail, MISD executive director of accountability, has served on the Travis' school improvement committee and said the school is back on track and many students have returned.

"We have to trust the word of mouth among parents to ensure they know the school is back on track," Kail said.

Other area schools on the list included Andrews High School, all Big Spring ISD schools except Moss Elementary, six from Ector County ISD and Reagan County middle and high schools.

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Rapper Slim Dunkin slain in Atlanta music studio

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Atlanta police said rapper Slim Dunkin was gunned down Friday evening in a city music studio as he was preparing to record a video.

Police Maj. Keith Meadows said the rapper, whose real name is Mario Hamilton, was fatally shot in the chest after getting into an argument with another person.

He was transported to Grady Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Meadows told the Associated Press late Friday that police have not been able to identify the shooter. He said investigators have been interviewing those who were inside the studio. He said as many as 20 people were inside the small office-type building at the time of the shooting, which took place around 5:30 p.m., but they were in different places.

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ABOVE: Adreann Long, 6, and hundreds of other children received new bikes and presents Saturday night at the fourth annual Miracle on Tyler Street Christmas Celebration. **TOP RIGHT:** Families from across the Permain Basin received bikes, presents and food baskets as part of the celebration.

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Lowe's pulling ads from Muslim show sparks protest

Associated Press

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Protesters descended on a Lowe's store in one of the country's largest Arab-American communities on Saturday, calling for a boycott after the home improvement chain pulled its ads from a reality television show about five Muslim families living in Michigan.

About 100 people gathered outside the store in Allen Park, a Detroit suburb adjacent to the city where "All-American Muslim" is filmed. Lowe's said this week that the TLC show had become a "lightning rod" for complaints, following an email campaign by a conservative Christian group.

Protesters including Christian clergy and lawmakers called for unity and held signs that read "Boycott Bigotry" and chanted "God Bless America, shame on Lowe's" during the rally, which was organized by a coalition of Christian, Muslim and civil rights groups.

Rep. Rashida Tlaib, a Detroit Democrat and the first Muslim woman elected to the Michigan Legislature, said it was "disgusting" for Lowe's to stop supporting a show that reflects America — the conservatives, liberals and even "the Kim Kardashians" in the Muslim community, she said.

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There is no simple solution to rid us from foreign oil

Whether talking about renewables or more drilling at home, there is not one solution that alone would create energy independence.

They are both right, and they are both wrong.

As we head into the presidential election next year, Democrats and Republicans are offering voters deceptively simple solutions to America's complicated energy conundrum.

Democrats generally favor reducing oil consumption and allowing renewable fuels to make up the difference, and many Republicans argue we have all the oil we need, if only we would decide to drill for it.

Renewables, of course, aren't yet reliable or economical enough to replace oil in a meaningful way, although developing them should be central to America's energy strategy.

But equally misleading is the idea the U.S. can become independent or even significantly reduce imports by tapping overlooked domestic reserves. The sentiment was voiced at a recent Republican candidate debate by Newt Gingrich, who said "if we were serious, we would open up enough oil fields in the next year that the price of oil worldwide would collapse."

The comment drew wide applause, and why not? After all, we'd like to believe our energy problems are relatively easy to solve — something that can be addressed with our can-do spirit and less government regulation.

But to bring about the sort of price collapse to which Gingrich referred, the U.S. would have to unleash an impossible gusher of newfound domestic production. In fact, we'd have to find more than six domestic oil fields the size of Alaska's Prudhoe Bay in one year, according to calculation by Art Berman, an independent petroleum geologist in Sugar Land. Prudhoe Bay took 11 years to reach full production.

Production sinking

Keep in mind domestic oil production has declined steadily since 1970, despite oil prices rising from the equivalent of $3 a barrel to about $100. Historically, once a production decline begins, the trend doesn't reverse itself, regardlers of price.

Myths like Gingrich's are fueled by the notion that recent strides in technology, such as hydraulic fracturing, enables us to tap reserves that previously were unrecoverable. About five years ago, the U.S. Department of Energy found that about 1.3 trillion barrels of oil remain undeveloped in the U.S. The problem: less than 2 percent actually is recoverable.

It takes energy to make energy, after all. These days, everyone's talking about Canadian oil sands and oil from formations in North Dakota's Bakken shale and the Eagle Ford shale in South Texas. But less than 15 years ago, oil prices weren't high enough and the technology wasn't efficient enough to make extracting the oil economical.

At the moment, U.S. production has increased slightly from shale drilling, but as the economy improves and demand returns, it won't spark the price collapse Gingrich described. We're simply paying more for marginal gain.

In recent years, of course, shale drilling has boosted domestic natural gas production, which sparked a price collapse of more than 35 percent since June. The result: If prices remain at those levels, many shale gas projects will become too expensive to drill. Some already are.

In other words, when prices are high enough, marginal sources will augment our domestic supply, but we won't be able to boost oil production — whether from shale or other sources such as new offshore drilling areas — to replace the 8 million barrels of oil we import daily, and it certainly won't create a global price collapse.

The idea of easy oil, of domestic production as a force of will, is as dangerous as the notion of renewables as a panacea.

In both cases, voters are being misled, deceived about the ugly truth: energy prices are going to rise. If we think green dreams or unfettered drilling alone can save us, we risk waiting until it's too late.

Big message

The message Americans need to hear contains elements of both parties' message. We need to actively conserve and boost energy efficiency, develop renewables and promote domestic production of conventional fuels.

If we adopted policies to encourage that, we wouldn't trigger a global oil price collapse and we wouldn't become energy independent, but we might prevent ourselves from being held hostage by rising prices and dwindling available supply.

Poll: More than half say Obama should lose

By Ken Thomas and Jennifer Agiesta
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A majority of adults say President Barack Obama does not deserve a second term but are evenly divided on whether he will win re-election next year, says a new Associated Press-GfK poll that highlights some of the campaign obstacles he faces.

Although the public would prefer Obama be voted out of office, he fares relatively well in potential matchups with Republicans Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich. Another bit of good news for the Democrat: For the first time since spring, more adults said the economy got better in the past month than said it got worse.

The president's approval rating on unemployment shifted upward — from 40 percent in October to 45 percent in the latest poll — as the jobless rate fell to 8.6 percent last month, its lowest level since March 2009.

But Obama's approval rating on his handling of the economy overall remains stagnant: 39 percent approve and 60 percent disapprove.

Heading into the 2012 campaign, the poll shows the challenges facing Obama as he tries to win a second term among a public that does not support his steering of the economy, the most dominant issue for Americans, or his reforms to health care, one of his signature accomplishments. Yet voters appear to be grappling with whether to replace him with Romney or Gingrich.

For the first time, the poll found that a majority of adults, 52 percent, said Obama should be voted out of office while 43 percent said he deserves a second term. The numbers represent a clear reversal since last May, when 53 percent said Obama should be re-elected while 43 percent said he didn't deserve four more years.

Separately, 49 percent expected Obama to win re-election while 48 percent think he will be voted out of office.

Obama's overall job approval stands at a new low: 44 percent approve while 54 percent disapprove. The president's standing among independents is worse: 38 percent approve while 59 percent disapprove.

Among Democrats, the president holds steady with an approval rating of 78 percent while only 12 percent of Republicans approve of the job he's doing.

"I think he's doing the best he can. The problem is the Congress won't help at all," said Rosario Navarro, a Democrat and a 44-year-old truck driver from Fresno, Calif., who voted for Obama in 2008 and intends to support him again.

Robin Dein, a 54-year-old homemaker from Villanova, Pa., who is an independent, said she supported Republican John McCain in 2008 and has not been impressed with Obama's economic policies. She intends to support Romney if he wins the GOP nomination.

"(Obama) spent the first part of his presidency blaming Bush for everything, not that he was innocent, and now his way of solving anything is by spending more money," Dein said.

Despite the soft level of support, many are uncertain whether a Republican president would be a better choice. Asked whom they would support next November, 47 percent of adults favored Obama compared with 46 percent for Romney, a former Massachusetts governor. Against Gingrich, the president holds a solid advantage, receiving 51 percent compared with 42 percent for the former House speaker.

The potential matchups paint a better picture for the president among independents. Obama receives 45 percent of non-aligned adults compared with 41 percent for Romney. Against Gingrich, Obama holds a wide lead among independents, with 54 percent supporting the president and 31 percent backing the former Georgia congressman.

Another piece of good news for Obama: people generally like him personally. His personal favorability rating held steady at 53 percent, with 46 percent viewing him unfavorably. About three-quarters called him likable.

The economy remains a source of pessimism, though the poll suggests the first positive movement in public opinion on the economy in months. One in five said the economy improved in the last month, double the share saying so in October. Still most expect it to stay the same or get worse.

Despite the high rate of joblessness, the poll found some optimism on the economy. Although 80 percent described the economy as "poor," respondents describing it as "very poor" fell from 43 percent in October to 34 percent in the latest poll, the lowest since May. Twenty percent said the economy got better in the past month while 37 percent said they expected the economy to improve next year.

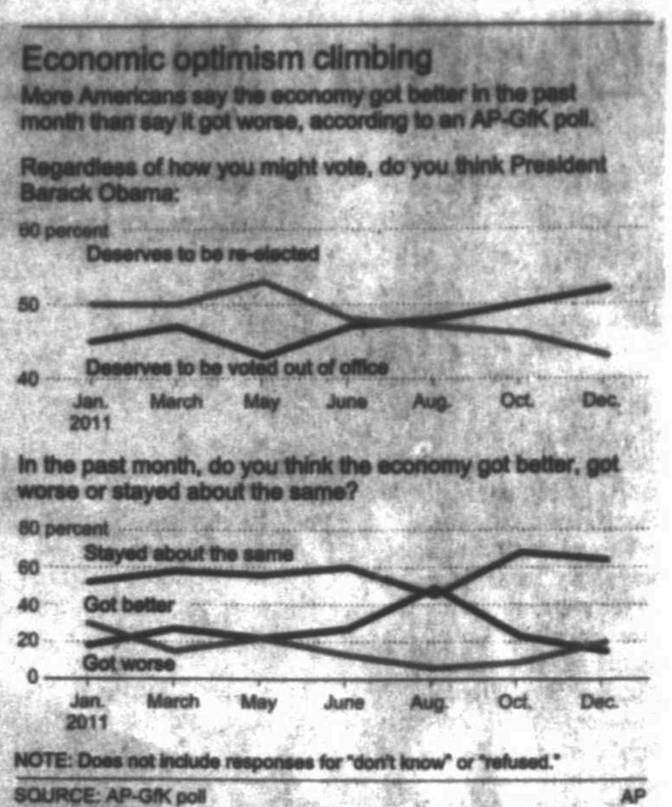
Yet plenty of warning signs remain for Obama. Only 26 percent said the United States is headed in the right direction while 70 percent said it was moving in the wrong direction.

The president won a substantial number of women voters in 2008 yet there does not appear to be a significant tilt toward him among women now. The poll found 44 percent of women say Obama deserves a second term, down from 51 percent in October, while 43 percent of men say the president should be re-elected.

About two-thirds of white voters without college degrees say Obama should be a one-term president, while 33 percent of those voters say he should get another term. Among white voters with a college degree, 57 percent said Obama should be voted out of office.

The poll found unpopularity for last year's health care reform bill, one of Obama's major accomplishments. About half of the respondents oppose the health care law and support for it dipped to 29 percent from 36 percent in June. Just 15 percent said the federal government should have the power to require all Americans to buy health insurance.

Even among Democrats, the health care law has tepid support. Fifty percent of Democrats supported the health care law, compared with 59 percent of Democrats last June.



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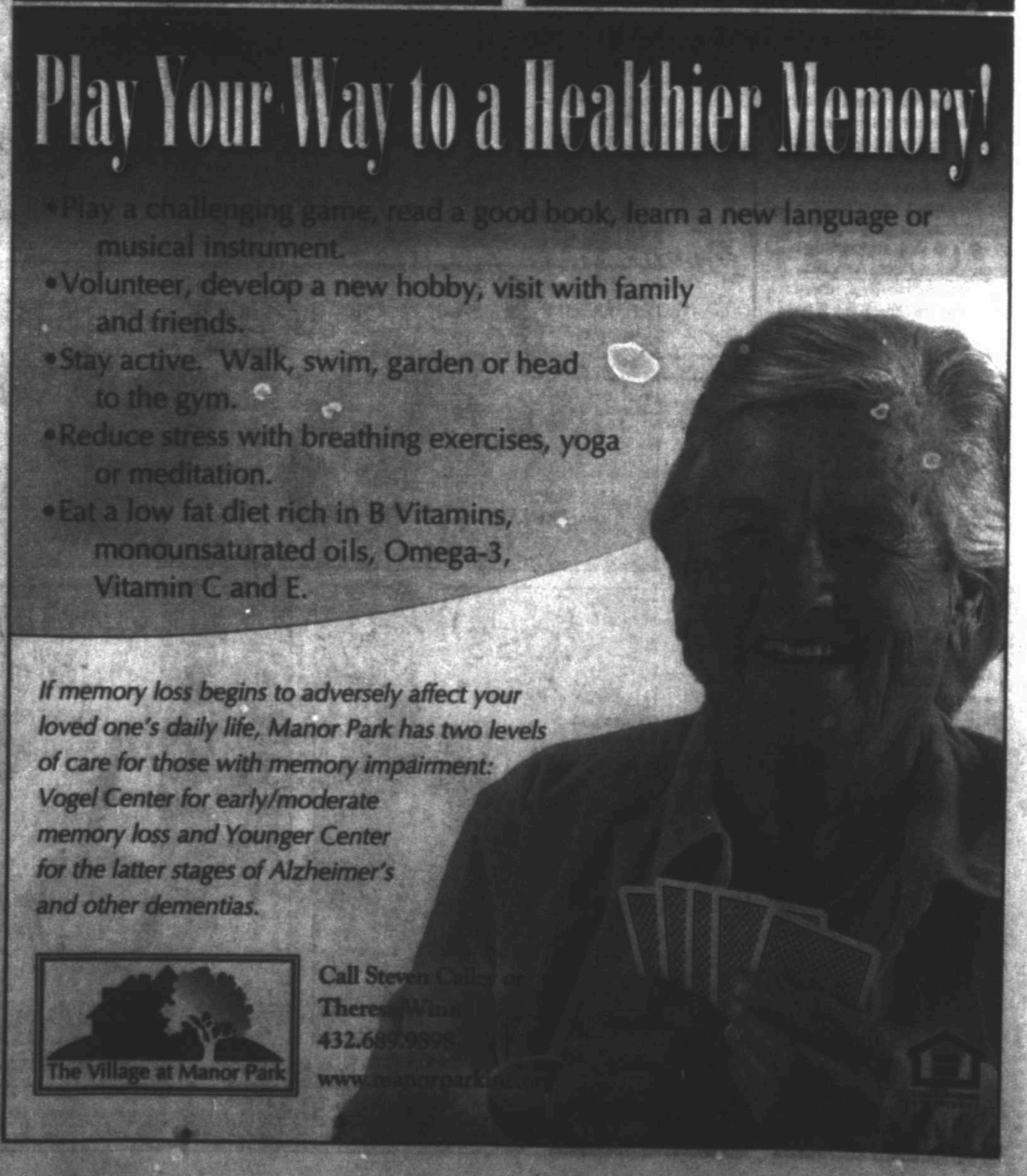

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Election 2012 campaigns are all over Facebook

By Laura Phelps
Medill News Service

WASHINGTON — As more presidential candidates ask us to "like" them on Facebook, some campaign consultants argue that targeted Facebook political advertising will change the coming year's races, from the presidential race to local elections.

This election cycle, campaigns are making much larger staff and financial investments in social media marketing, said Michael Beach, a co-founder of the Republican digital-strategy firm Targeted Victory.

"It's night and day different" from 2008, Beach said in explaining the importance of Facebook now.

Beach estimated that the average campaign spends about 25 percent of its budget on online strategy, and while he thinks the amount will increase as it gets closer to Election Day next November, the percentage will not. The online strategies will be strong supplements to traditional outreach such as get-out-the-vote campaigns and TV spots, but won't replace them, according to Pew Research Center researcher Aaron Smith.

Consultant Josh Koster, a managing partner at Chong and Koster, a progressive digital-media communications firm, said campaign budgets used to be about two things: raising money and spending it on TV.

But this year's budgets reflect today's new media market as more Americans go to the Internet for news. This is the first major election cycle that online strategy is receiving a large media budget for advertising, Koster said.

Facebook supporters as of Dec. 6

- Barack Obama: 24,243,220
- Mitt Romney: 1,207,592
- Ron Paul: 612,210
- Michele Bachmann: 272,405
- Newt Gingrich: 205,351
- Rick Perry: 171,468
- Rick Santorum: 54,171
- Jon Huntsman: 26,949

Source: MCT

Facebook and Google are the two most popular places for big ad buys, he said.

This year, Facebook implemented stronger ZIP code targeting, Koster said, and that's changed the game. ZIP code targeting will become important during persuasion pushes for casual supporters closer to the election.

As of May, 60 percent of all U.S. adults and 76 percent of U.S. adult Internet users are on Facebook, according to the Pew Research Center.

ZIP-code targeting for ads allows even "dog-catcher" races to become visible and contested, Koster said.

Leading up to November 2010's midterm elections, 22 percent of adults online used social networking sites such as Facebook to connect with campaigns or learn about the election, according to Pew.

Facebook remains a key platform for candidates because of the sheer volume of messages they can send. While email campaigns are restricted by the number of emails they can send to supporters before becoming invasive, Facebook lets the candidates reach voters several times a day, Beach said.

"Facebook and social media make it much easier to organize to raise money and to engage supporters because successful campaigns ultimately are about social organizing," said Andrew Rasiej, a co-founder of techPresident, a blog that covers how candidates use Web technology.

"If a political conversation is happening on Facebook, then to be able to donate where the conversation is happening is key," he said.

Directing supporters away from Facebook to make donations on campaign sites leads people to websites they've never heard of that don't surround them with the peer pressure of their friends' engagement. But even Facebook donation apps aren't one-step, so some campaigns prefer to direct them to campaign websites, where they have more control of the content.

Republican or Democrat, candidates are running similar campaigns on Facebook, Beach said, they're just at different phases. Republican Mitt Romney's supporter list of just more than 1.2 million is in the shadows of President Barack Obama's 24.24 million Facebook supporters. But ultimately, he said, campaigns try to copy one another whenever a new tool is proved effective.

Koster said he thought Republicans were slightly more aggressive with online ads in 2010 because they were "playing catch-up," but that it was an even playing field now.

On Facebook, it's not always about the money. Pew's Smith said Facebook users tended to be more engaged. They're more likely to vote, to attend rallies or meetings and to try to convince their friends to vote. Facebook users are five times more likely to consider themselves politically engaged than non-Facebook users are, according to Pew.

That's why applications that allow campaigns to access their supporters' data to automatically publish when supporters RSVP to events or share articles about the candidates will be important tools for campaigns in 2012, Beach said.

"Facebook and social media is like a water cooler discussion on steroids," Rasiej said.

Romney's team launched a new welcome page on Facebook a couple of weeks ago, said the campaign's digital director, Zac Moffatt.

The page isn't a typical "wall" for users to comment on. It links to videos, news, the store and other features. Moffatt said the campaign decided to go where the people were instead of waiting for Facebook users to discover Romney's website.

Moffatt said the president's huge database of names from the last six years, gathered by the Obama campaign and the Democratic National Committee, was both an asset and an anchor to outdated technology.

Tech decisions made in 2008 would be quite different from decisions made about infrastructure now, Moffatt said.

Still, to compare Romney with Obama wouldn't be an apples-to-apples comparison, he said. Romney's online campaign has been building only since April.

Obama, however, has the advantage of powerful analytics that measure how users interact with the campaign's content, Rasiej said.

"The Obama administration has the advantage of the whole being greater than the sum of the parts," he said. "Regardless of which candidate, the Republicans are going to be playing catch-up."

Just because someone is highly engaged on Facebook doesn't mean he doesn't interact with the campaign elsewhere, of course.

"There probably aren't mutually exclusive groups," Smith said. "The people who are engaging on your website are probably engaging also on your Facebook page or YouTube channel."

Moffatt said he fully expected that there would be people who voted for Romney and never visited his website.

"Facebook has the ability to get people to take another action," Moffatt said. "It's about the timeliness of what it is you're trying to do: debates, endorsements, big news help."

Facebook is unique from other social media sites because it's not only the largest, but it also has a more demographically broad user base — a mix of ages, incomes and races — when compared with sites such as LinkedIn and Twitter, Smith said.

Romney's team uses Facebook differently from the way it uses Twitter. The candidate often updates in the first person on Twitter, but Facebook is a place for a larger campaign discussion between staff and supporters, Moffatt said.

"Political campaigns are also realizing that Facebook exists beyond Facebook.com (apps, mobile, etc.) and Facebook can be a component of other political activities as well," Facebook's Andrew Noyes said. "We've witnessed Facebook integration with websites, 'check-ins' at events, mentions in speeches, links on TV ads and more."

With an NBC/Facebook GOP candidate debate approaching Jan. 8, social media has changed stagnant TV debates, Rasiej said. If a candidates makes a gaffe on TV, his or her campaign has to manage it in real time, sometimes before a debate is even over.

"Spin is being created on social media faster than it can be created by spin doctors," he said. "The candidate who doesn't pay attention to social media as they're on TV is blind."

Facebook has created a new page for the 2012 election to curate campaign information: Facebook.com/USPolitics.

Manning's sexual orientation is raised at Wikileaks hearing

Associated Press

FORT MEADE, Md. — The young Army intelligence specialist accused of passing government secrets spent his 24th birthday in court Saturday as his lawyers argued his status as a gay soldier before the repeal of "don't ask, don't tell" played an important role in his actions.

Lawyers for Pfc. Bradley Manning began laying out a defense to show that his struggles as a gay soldier in an environment hostile to homosexuality contributed to mental and emotional problems that should have barred him from having access to sensitive material.

Manning is accused of leaking hundreds of thousands of sensitive items to the anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks, including Iraq and Afghanistan war logs, State Department cables and a military video of a 2007 American helicopter attack in Iraq that killed 11 men, including a Reuters news photographer and his driver.

The Obama administration says the released information has threatened valuable military and diplomatic sources and strained America's relations with other governments. Manning's lawyers counter that much of the information that was classified by the Pentagon posed no risk.

The military is conducting a hearing in a small courtroom on an Army post outside Washington to determine whether prosecutors have enough evidence to bring Manning to trial, where he could face a term of life in prison as a traitor.

Prosecutors began presenting evidence to substantiate the charges against Manning.

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Inaccurate background checks: When your criminal past isn't yours

By Jordan Robertson
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A clerical error landed Kathleen Casey on the streets.

Out of work two years, her unemployment benefits exhausted, in danger of losing her apartment, Casey applied for a job in the pharmacy of a Boston drugstore. She was offered $11 an hour. All she had to do was pass a background check.

It turned up a 14-count criminal indictment. Kathleen Casey had been charged with larceny in a scam against an elderly man and woman that involved forged checks and fake credit cards.

There was one technicality: The company that ran the background check, First Advantage, had the wrong woman. The rap sheet belonged to Kathleen A. Casey, who lived in another town nearby and was 18 years younger.

Kathleen Ann Casey, would-be pharmacy technician, was clean.

"It knocked my legs out from under me," she says.

The business of background checks is booming. Employers spend at least $2 billion a year to look into the pasts of their prospective employees. They want to make sure they're not hiring a thief, or worse.

But it is a system weakened by the conversion to digital files and compromised by the welter of private companies that profit by amassing public records and selling them to employers. These flaws have devastating consequences.

It is a system in which the most sensitive information from people's pasts is bought and sold as a commodity.

A system in which computers scrape the public files of court systems around the country to retrieve personal data. But a system in which what they retrieve isn't checked for errors that would be obvious to human eyes.

A system that can damage reputations and, in a time of precious few job opportunities, rob honest workers of a chance at a new start. And a system that can leave the Kathleen Caseys of the world — the innocent ones — living in a car.

Those are the results of an investigation by the Associated Press that included a review of thousands of pages of court filings and interviews with dozens of court officials, data providers, lawyers, victims and regulators.

"It's an entirely new frontier," says Leonard Bennett, a Virginia lawyer who has represented hundreds of plaintiffs alleging they were the victims of inaccurate background checks. "They're making it up as they go along."

Two decades ago, if a county wanted to update someone's criminal record, a clerk had to put a piece of paper in a file. And if you wanted to read about someone's criminal past, you had to walk into a courthouse and thumb through it. Today, half the courts in the United States put criminal records on their public websites.

Digitization was supposed to make criminal records easier to access and easier to update. To protect privacy, laws were passed requiring courts to redact some information, such as birth dates and Social Security numbers, before they put records online. But digitization perpetuates errors.

"There's very little human judgment," says Sharon Dietrich, an attorney with Community Legal Services in Philadelphia, a law firm focused on poorer clients. Dietrich represents victims of inaccurate background checks. "They don't seem to have much incentive to get it right."

Dietrich says her firm fields about twice as many complaints about inaccurate background checks as it did five years ago.

The mix-ups can start with a mistake entered into the logs of a law enforcement agency or a court file. The biggest culprits, though, are companies that compile databases using public information.

In some instances, their automated formulas misinterpret the information provided them. Other times, as Casey discovered, records wind up assigned to the wrong people with a common name.

Another common problem: When a government agency erases a criminal conviction after a designated period of good behavior, many of the commercial databases don't perform the updates required to purge offenses that have been wiped out from public record.

It hasn't helped that dozens of databases are now run by mom-and-pop businesses with limited resources to monitor the accuracy of the records.

The industry of providing background checks has been growing to meet the rising demand for the service. In the 1990s, about half of employers said they checked backgrounds. In the decade since Sept. 11, that figure has grown to more than 90 percent, according to the Society for Human Resource Management.

To take advantage of the growing number of businesses willing to pay for background checks, hundreds of companies have dispatched computer programs to scour the Internet for free court data.

But those data do not always tell the full story.

Gina Marie Haynes had just moved from Philadelphia to Texas with her boyfriend in August 2010 and lined up a job managing apartments. A background check found fraud charges, and Haynes lost the offer.

A year earlier, she had bought a used Saab, and the day she drove it off the lot, smoke started pouring from the hood. The dealer charged $291.48 for repairs. When Haynes refused to pay, the dealer filed fraud charges.

Haynes relented and paid after six months. Anyone looking at Haynes' physical file at the courthouse in Montgomery County, Pa., would have seen that the fraud charge had been removed. But it was still listed in the limited information on the court's website.

The website has since been updated, but Haynes, 40, has no idea how many companies downloaded the outdated data. She has spent hours calling background check companies to see whether she is in their

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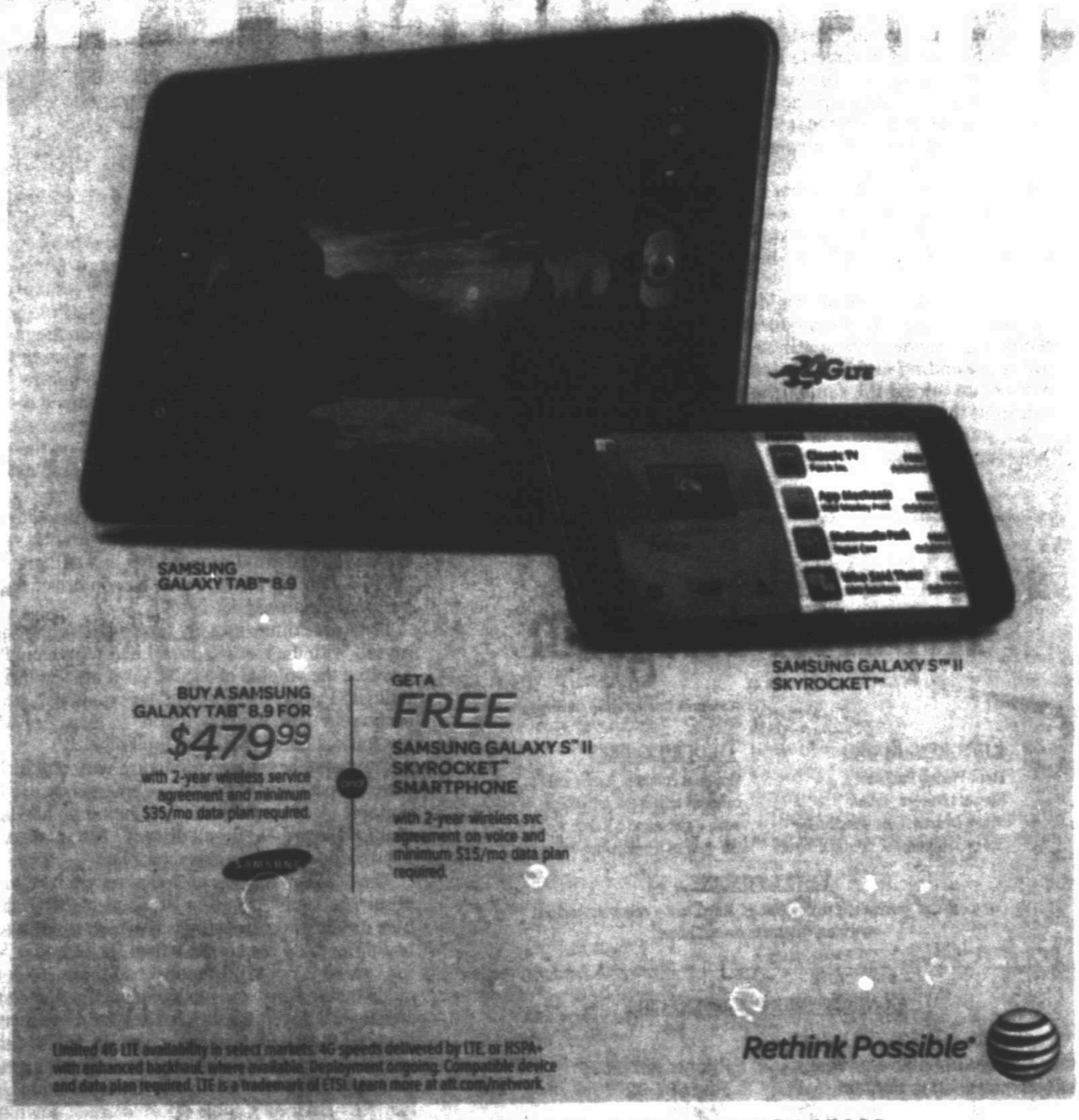

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Opinion

Examining the disadvantage of being Asian

■ When applying for colleges, Asians are dealing with a different discrimination process.

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

To check or not to check the Asian box? That is the pointed choice faced by Asian-American students applying to gain admission to what are supposed to be the most tolerant places on Earth: the nation's colleges.

The Associated Press ran a report on Asian students of mixed parentage checking "white," if possible, on their applications to avoid outing themselves as Asians. The Princeton Review Student Advantage Guide counsels Asian-American students not to check the race box and warns against sending a photo.

In a culture that makes so much of celebrating ethnic heritage, especially of racial minorities, and that values fairness above all, Asian-American students think they need to hide their ethnicity because the college admissions process is so unfair. If African-American motorists fear they will be pulled over by the cops for the phantom offense of "Driving While Black," these kids worry about what will happen to them when "Applying While Asian."

Studies have demonstrated what every Asian parent and kid knows: Asians are discriminated against in the admissions process. They are disadvantaged vis-à-vis other minorities and perhaps vis-à-vis whites. The Center for Equal Opportunity, a think tank opposed to racial preferences in a 2005 study that looked at a male applying to the University of Michigan from in state who had no parental connection to the school. If he had a 1240 SAT score and a 3.2 GPA, he had a 92 percent chance of admission if black and 88 percent if Latino. If white, he had only a 14 percent chance, and if Asian, a 10 percent chance.

Thomas Espenshade, the Princeton University academic and co-author of the book "No Longer Separate, Not Yet Equal," examined applicants to elite private schools with comparable grades, scores, athletic abilities and family histories. He concluded whites were significantly more likely to get admitted than Asians.

This accounts for what must be the first mass effort of a minority group to "pass as white" since Jim Crow. If nothing else, you can see the emotional appeal of favoring black applicants over whites as a tiny, belated step toward making right a grave historical injustice. (Of course, the white applicants did nothing to deserve this mark against them.) But what have Asian-Americans ever done to anyone else? Do the sons and daughters of Asian immigrants immediately arrive on these shores and begin repressing Caucasians with their famously diligent studies and high test scores, such that the panjandrums of higher education must redress the imbalance with pro-white discrimination?

All of this is done in the name of a "diversity" of a crude, bean-counting sort. The private California Institute of Technology doesn't use quotas; its student body is 39 percent Asian. The University of California at Berkeley is forbidden by law from using quotas; its student body is more than 40 percent Asian. Only a bigot would believe these schools are consequently worse learning environments, or that they are places characterized by monochromatic, lock-step thinking because so many students share a broad-brush ethnic designation.

The author of "The Price of Admission," Daniel Golden, calls Asian-Americans "The New Jews," a reference to the 20th-century quotas that once kept Jews out of top schools. The difference then was that Jews collectively didn't stand for the policy, now a watchword for disgraceful bias. Stephen Hsu, a professor of physics at the University of Oregon and an outspoken critic of current admission practices, laments that Asians seem strangely accepting of the unfair treatment of their children. The official Asian-American groups tend to support anti-Asian quotas because they are captives of liberal orthodoxy before all else.

The Obama administration's misnamed Justice Department has joined with its wishfully named Education Department to urge schools to get creative in circumventing Supreme Court limits on affirmative action. It's not quite "Asians need not apply," only that they should expect their ethnicity to be used against them should it become known to the authorities.

OUR VIEW

MISD right to seek different funding solution

We commend the Midland Independent School District's board of trustees for following the recommendation of Superintendent Ryder Warren to join with more than 40 school districts in Thompson & Horton law firm's school finance lawsuit against the state of Texas.

The firm's lawsuit is one of three that have been filed against the state and represents multiple high school districts. A lawsuit, filed by the Equity Center, represents property poor districts, and the Texas School Coalitions lawsuit represents property wealthy districts.

While this step will cost the district somewhere in the neighborhood of $50,000 to $65,000, it is the right move to make. It will send a strong message to the state Legislature that we will not stand for the underfunding of education in our state.

In fact, we hope these lawsuits get a fair and just hearing from the Legislature. We have a broken funding engine for education, and the Legislature needs to fix it.

The problem, as we see it, goes much deeper than trying to balance a budget for a two-year cycle.

Not only has the state failed to properly provide for the basic education needs while forcing teacher layoffs throughout the state, but also the current funding system is broken and will continue to come up short with the money needed for education growth in our state.

Texas continues to host staggering growth, yet we spend less on education. We have less funding while we increase standards that school districts must meet. With state accountability, post-secondary readiness standards, a recommended program for all high school students and new end-of-course and STAAR exams, the state has created a system headed for failure.

Yes, we must do all we can do to keep education costs manageable, but underfunding education by billions of dollars is a recipe for disaster. We continue to hear that the Texas economy is expanding and bringing more money into state coffers, but we are told at the same time it is not enough to fund education at the previous standard.

We stand with MISD in this fight, and we hope this is a voice heard by the Legislature in the next session.

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What's driving this silly ban, NTSB?

■ Never mind the police probably are too busy checking out their phones to enforce the law, the ban of "nonemergency use of portable electronic devices" is an overreaction.

DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

Here in the capital, there is a whole new etiquette at stoplights.

Upon arriving at a red light, drivers apply the brakes, pick up their mobile devices and begin reading and sending emails. The signal to resume driving comes not from the green light but from some motorist in the back tapping politely on the horn.

It is not uncommon to drive up to a green light and discover several vehicles still immobile because none of the operators has noticed the green light. A horn tap will cause the procession slowly to restart, as drivers, one hand on the wheel and one holding their devices, type a few last words. Or paragraphs.

So you can imagine my surprise Wednesday as I was perusing the Twitter feed on my iPhone while driving downtown. I came across this bulletin: "NTSB calls for a nationwide ban on driver use of personal electronic devices."

I spit my coffee onto my laptop and nearly cut myself with the electric razor I had been using. I lowered the volume of MSNBC on my satellite radio so I could focus on the important task at hand: surfing the Web with my iPhone to learn just what the folks at the NTSB were thinking.

Turns out they weren't thinking very much. They were proposing to "ban the nonemergency use of portable electronic devices" — including hands-free mobile phones — "for all drivers." It's an absurd overreaction to an unrelated problem.

The accident investigation that spurred the proposal was a grisly crash in Missouri in 2010 caused by a driver who was texting — which is definitely a bad thing to do behind the wheel — instead of talking, which is not nearly such a bad thing. To conclude that the answer is to ban all cellphone conversations is a government overreach far more invasive than the supposed death-panels of the health care law. If embraced by lawmakers and the administration, this move will jeopardize Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood's noble effort to crack down on distracted driving.

I've never had a distracted-driving related accident, but this is probably a matter of luck. I've downloaded iTunes while driving, made reservations on OpenTable, and done part of a washingtonpost.com webchat. Driving in New Hampshire recently, I found myself playing a conference call on speakerphone and recording it with my digital recorder while changing the destination on my GPS.

Clearly, I need to break this addiction, but the ban on texting — already in effect — is not having much effect. Often, I'll look up to see if the cop stopped next to me at the light can see my lawbreaking, but invariably he's staring at his own device. The likelier solution is what's already happening: awareness campaigns to teach about the dangers of texting behind the wheel, and the spread of technologies in cars to make hands-free conversations easier.

The NTSB could encourage both of those solutions, but instead it went in the other direction completely. Writing in Friday's Washington Post, NTSB Chairman Deborah Hersman claimed: "Studies published in 2008 in the journal Brain Research as well as in the Journal of Experimental Psychology show it is more distracting to engage in a cellphone conversation than it is to talk with a passenger."

Incredibly, the NTSB has no data to support this radical proposal — only some laboratory-based studies, and those aren't conclusive. The Brain Research study speculates cellphone conversations are more distracting than "listening to a radio, eating and drinking, monitoring children or pets, or even conversing with a passenger," but the authors admit: "It is not known exactly how much each of these distractions affects driving."

The Journal of Experimental Psychology study concludes that, while cellphone conversations can be more dangerous than those with a passenger, a passenger who is "constantly commenting and directing attention in an overcontrolling fashion has a potentially negative impact on performance."

So, to be evenhanded, the NTSB also should propose a ban on back-seat driving, a ban on transporting children, a ban on radios and cup-holders, and a ban on GPS devices, so we can go back to those safer times when we blocked the windshield with gas-station maps. The agency also should ban cellphone use by pedestrians to keep them from wandering into intersections.

The absolute ban is the equivalent of defining a drunken driver as any motorist with a blood-alcohol content above 0.00. This would turn us into a nation of lawbreakers and erase the distinction between what is truly dangerous and what is relatively safe.

Disagree? Send me an email. I'm going out for a drive.

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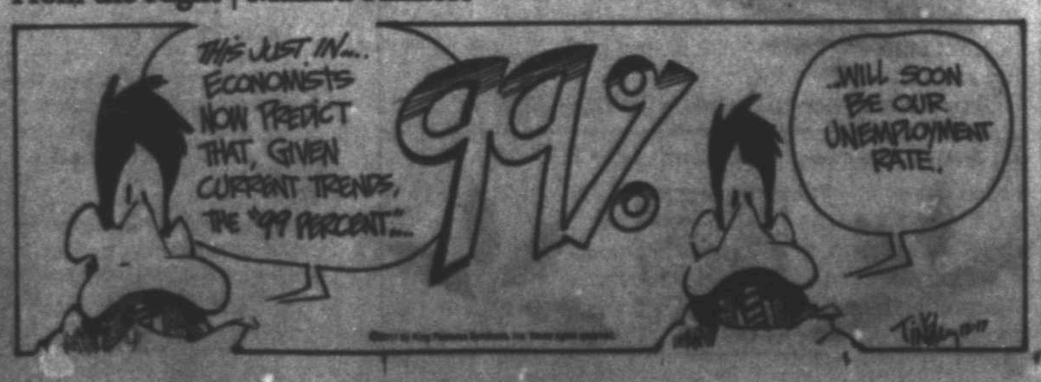

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Restaurant makes right choice during holidays

Walking into Schlotzsky's on Andrews Highway today (Dec. 9) for lunch, my wife and I quickly noticed the painted sign on the window that read: Christ is Christmas. Further, on each table, we noticed a card reminding us of those who fight diligently to ban any mention of Christ for fear of offending anyone. It goes on to remind us it is OK to express the truth of our holy day and, in that day, we should especially rejoice. The card further expresses God's messages of listening, receiving and confessing.

In this day and age, we should not be offended by seeing this; we should be offended by not seeing this. Far too many have removed "Christ" from Christmas and turned it into a commercialized event rather than reflect its true meaning. Call it what you will: season's greetings, happy holidays or whatever fancies you. To those who know, well, we know and we only want to share in the gift. Congrats to Schlotzsky's for going against the masses and doing what it knows is right. It should be commended for its willingness to be politically incorrect, stand its ground and help share the joy of Jesus Christ. I challenge you to try it our way. If it doesn't work out for you, you're always welcome back to your old ways.

Have a very Merry Christmas.

Cody Crossland

Animal organizations could use your help

All animals great and small are created for man's enjoyment. The dog was sent to be our faithful companion and best friend. Is it not our responsibility to look after these animals and keep them safe from harm?

This is what the SPCAs and humane societies are doing. They are keeping the animals sheltered and fed until a home can be found for them. If you never have known the unconditional love and devotion from an animal, you are missing out on one of God's greatest gifts.

During this holiday season, open your hearts, your homes and your purse strings to help these organizations. It will be a true blessing to the animals, and it will be greatly appreciated.

May you have a Merry Christmas and a blessed new year.

Jana Iverson, Midland SPCA

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Because we cannot research and verify all information in letters, by publishing them we neither imply nor guarantee the accuracy of information stated by writers.

Fundraiser promises to deliver school spirit

If you're looking for last-minute gifts for the Lee Rebel in your family, don't forget all the organizations at LHS. Available are 3-inch, 3 D-ring binders with the 2011 Rebel theme, $5 (great for businesses); LHS flags, $40; school-themed T-shirts, $10; and other Rebel spirit items that would be great stocking stuffers.

For many organizations, T-shirt, binder and spirit item sales are the only fundraisers for the year. A few extra sales this time of year are always welcome.

Please call 689-1640 and leave me a message. I will check the messages daily until Christmas.

Thanks, Rebels, and have a happy ho-LEE-day.

Mary Helen Livingston, Student Council sponsor

Opinion headline lacked accuracy

The headline on Kathleen Parker's column on Dec. 8 distresses me: "Let the poor kids clean toilets, says Gingrich."

The column itself says Gingrich recommends only that these kids should work janitorial jobs to learn a work ethic. There is no mention of "toilet cleaning."

Moreover, the column goes on in the last two paragraphs agreeing with Gingrich, adding vouchers as payment.

This headline gives an inaccurate perception of Gingrich's idea. It should have reflected the content of the column. How many of your readers read only the headline?

I had come to expect higher standards from our newspaper. I'm disappointed.

Jim Henderson

Overflow at recycling centers sad to see

I appreciate the fact that Midlanders are recycling, but what I saw (Tuesday) evening was not so good.

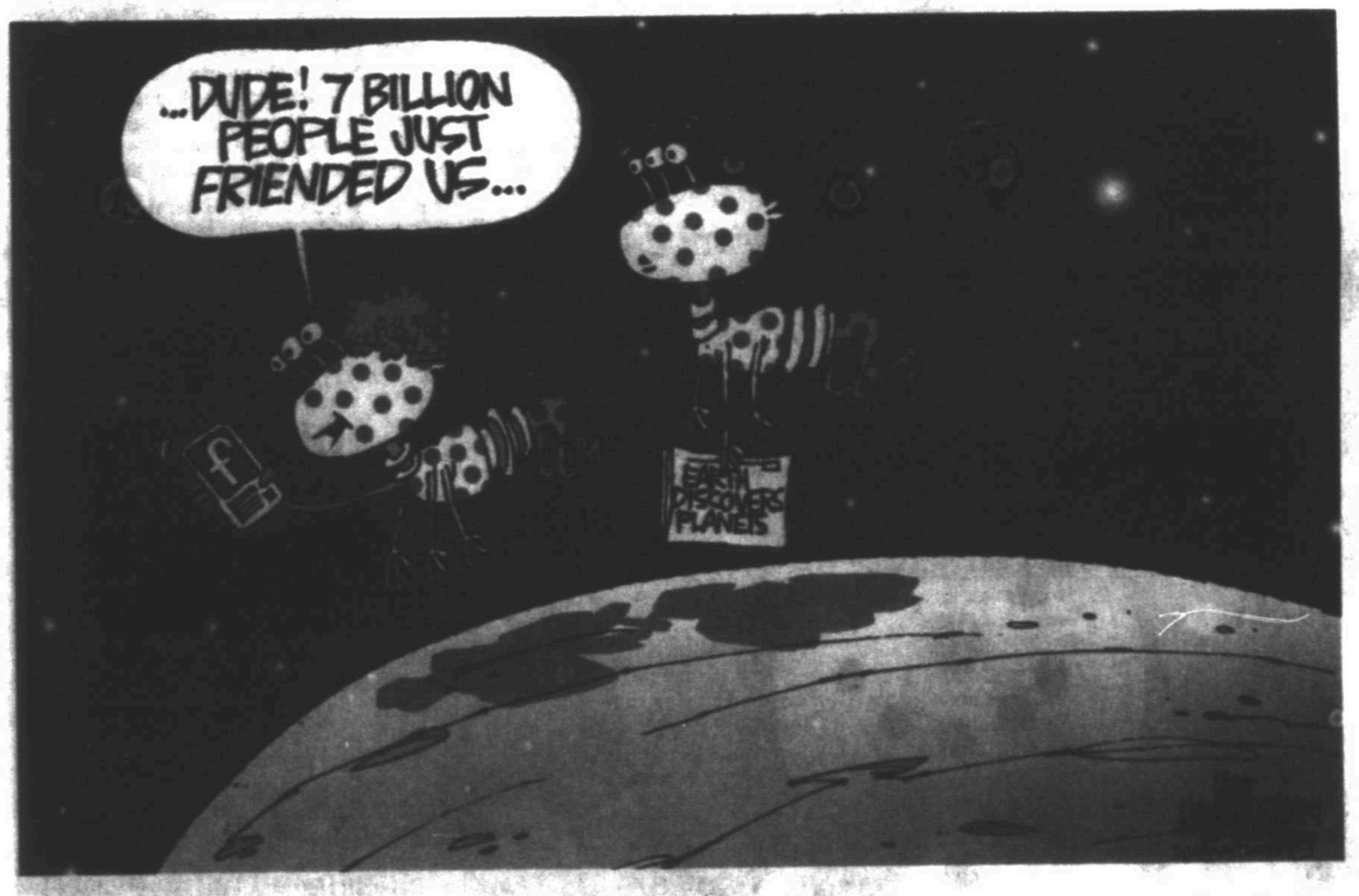
I took some papers and cardboard to the recycling containers on Andrews Highway near Albertsons. The containers were full, and people had just put the overflow on the pavement. There was cardboard blowing around the parking lot, and black trashbags stacked by the paper and the cardboard containers.

This is the third time in the past few weeks I have tried to put paper and cardboard at this location, and the containers have been full. I have then taken my stuff to one of the schools and put it in their containers.

If we are going to recycle — and it's not hard to do — we need the containers to be emptied regularly so this can be done.

So keep recycling, Midland. It's worth it to save a tree.

Davida DeLozier



GUEST VIEWS

Houston Chronicle

Teamsters' anti-NAFTA lawsuit is bad for U.S. jobs

After 14 years of U.S. delays in implementing a cross-border trucking provision of the North American Free Trade Agreement, Mexico exercised its internationally recognized right to impose retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods in 2009. The punitive tariffs eventually covered 99 categories of U.S. exports with an annual value of $2.4 billion.

After months of intense negotiations, the Obama administration finally worked out an agreement for a test program on cross-border trucking that began in October.

In return, Mexico lifted the tariffs, a move that Texas A&M University's Center for North American Studies estimates will restore 12,000 American jobs.

That's a good deal all around. An end to tariffs. More American jobs. The United States complies with the provisions of a trade agreement with one of its most important trading partners, via an agreement that Congress approved.

The reciprocal trucking provision allows U.S. long-haul truckers to operate in Mexico. Mexican truckers who participate in the program must comply with all applicable U.S. laws and regulations, including those related to safety, registration and taxation.

During a brief period in which the Bush administration was able to implement a test program before a Democratic-controlled Congress pulled the plug on funding, long-haul trucks crossed the border 45,000 times without any major incident.

Yet only one month into this test, the Teamsters Union filed a lawsuit in federal court to stop it. In a press release, Teamsters General President Jim Hoffa called the Obama program "an attack on American truckers and warehouse workers, an attack on border security and an attack on our environment."

He forgot to mention motherhood and apple pie.

Curiously, the same concerns don't apply to Canada, with which the United States has had a long-term trucking agreement since 1982. But a three-year test limited to no more than 100 carriers from Mexico is a matter of national security.

The Teamsters and other opponents have done an excellent job of whipping up anti-Mexican hysteria with wild accusations about safety, pollution and security, none of them based on the facts of the actual test programs.

The only American workers who will be hurt are the 12,000 whose jobs would once again be jeopardized if the Teamsters' legal gambit succeeds, the test program is halted and Mexico re-imposes tariffs.

San Antonio Express-News

Time to end Capitol Hill insider trading

If average Americans execute stock trades based on inside information, they're breaking the law. Penalties for buying or selling stock on inside information can reach three times the profit gained or loss avoided as a result of the insider trade.

If members of Congress execute stock trades based on inside information, they're merely turning a profit.

There's never been an insider trading case brought against a member of Congress. But senators and representatives are routinely privy to regulatory, criminal and legislative information that may affect stock prices. And as a recent "60 Minutes" episode and a new book by Peter Schweizer, "Throw Them All Out," demonstrate, some of them trade on that information.

The legal definition of insider trading involves a stock trade based on nonpublic information in breach of confidentiality. The presumption is that members of Congress who obtain profitable information in the course of their official business have no such obligation of confidentiality and therefore aren't violating the law.

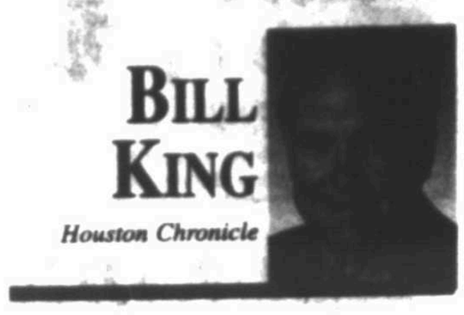
That loophole may be one reason why members of Congress seem to do so much better than everyone else in the stock market. Economist Alan J. Ziobrowski found that during a five-year period, the investment portfolios of senators outperformed the market by an average of 12 points annually, while the investment portfolios of U.S. households underperformed the market by an average of 1.4 percent annually.

House members had similar yet slightly less exaggerated success. Their portfolios beat market returns by about 6 percent annually.

Perhaps members of Congress are just extraordinary stock analysts and aren't capitalizing on insider trading. But, they can put the issue to rest by passing the Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act, which would prohibit members of Congress and their staff members from engaging in the kind of insider trading that is currently permissible.

The STOCK Act has more than 150 bipartisan co-sponsors. A companion bill in the Senate has eight GOP supporters. Sens. John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison are not among them.

Polls show public approval of Congress near historic lows. Subjecting senators and representatives to the same laws as their constituents would help end some negative perceptions that members of Congress are



BILL KING

Houston Chronicle

Johnson Space Center is an inspiration for future greatness

■ Even after the end of the shuttle program, there is still work to do and missions to prepare for.

Many people seem to believe the decision to end the space shuttle program means the Johnson Space Center has been all but boarded up.

I recently had the opportunity to tour the control center at JSC. What I found was, to paraphrase Mark Twain's famous line, the reports of JSC's demise have been greatly exaggerated. While JSC is certainly not the frenetic center of activity it was during the Apollo or shuttle missions, there are still a lot of very cool things going on there.

To start, JSC is still the command center for the International Space Station. Because the ISS does not involve a lot of dramatic launches and is constantly circling above, we tend to downplay its significance and overlook the incredible amount of activity going on there. Just keeping the ISS in the sky is no small feat. JSC daily makes attitude adjustments to avoid space junk and lift the spacecraft out of orbital decay. Controllers at JSC monitor every aspect of this incredibly complex piece of the equipment — andl the health of the crew.

The website maintained by NASA and devoted to the space station lists the scientific experiments that have been performed or currently are being performed on the station. The lists go on for pages and pages. Far more science has been and will be conducted on the ISS than all of NASA's other flights combined.

And, the JSC is controlling all of that activity.

The funding for the continuation of the ISS has been committed through 2020. The engineers at JSC told me the station's useful life could be extended well beyond that date. With the incredible amount of scientific data harvested there, it seems likely the ISS will be flying, and controlled from JSC, for a couple of more decades, at least.

Nor has NASA totally abandoned manned space flight. There is still an astronaut corps because NASA expects to return to manned space flights with the new Orion system. The Orion spacecraft is more reminiscent of the Apollo-type capsules than the airplane-like shuttle. It is designed as a versatile delivery system capable of both earth orbit and deep-space missions. The initial tests are scheduled for early 2014 and, manned flights are expected by 2017. Preparations already were under way in the command center at JSC in anticipation of Orion flights.

Many also believe the loss of the space shuttle flights has devastated the space industry in Houston. But, the effects have turned out to be much less dire than some predicted. According to Bay Area Houston Economic Partners, a local economic development group that closely tracks the space industry in Houston, only about 3,500 of 18,000 NASA-related jobs in Houston have been eliminated since the shuttle stopped flying. Not good, but hardly devastation.

But beyond the unexpected level of activity I saw at JSC, the thing that most stood out in my mind from the tour were the plaques and photographs on the walls of the control rooms commemorating previous flights. There is a plaque hung in each control room for every flight directed from that room. They stretch in double and triple rows across the rooms. I had forgotten how many there had been.

They recall the storied history of American space exploration, from the incomparable successes like landing on the moon to heart breaking failures like the Challenger disaster. They reminded me of those early days when we would all crowd around the television and in unison join in the countdown. They reminded me of a time of boundless American optimism and confidence that we could do anything.

With the fiscal and political mess in which we now find our country, it is hard to imagine America once again doing extraordinary, exceptional things like those recorded in those plaques and photographs. They serve as our reminder that Americans once did such deeds and that they were done by people in Houston at the Johnson Space Center. Those memories and the pioneers still there flying the ISS and preparing to fly the Orion hold out the hope that one day soon we will again.

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LOCAL FORECAST

Expect cloudy skies today with a high around 56 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph with a 20 percent of thunderstorms. Tonight's forecast calls for cloudy conditions with a low around 49 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph with a 60 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Monday, look for partly cloudy skies with a high around 55, a low around 31 and southeast winds between 10 and 20 mph with a 70 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Tuesday, look for partly cloudy skies with a high around 44 and a low around 26.

The high on Saturday reached 54 while the low dropped to 32. The record high for Dec. 17 is 78 set in 2002. The record low is 17 set in 1996.

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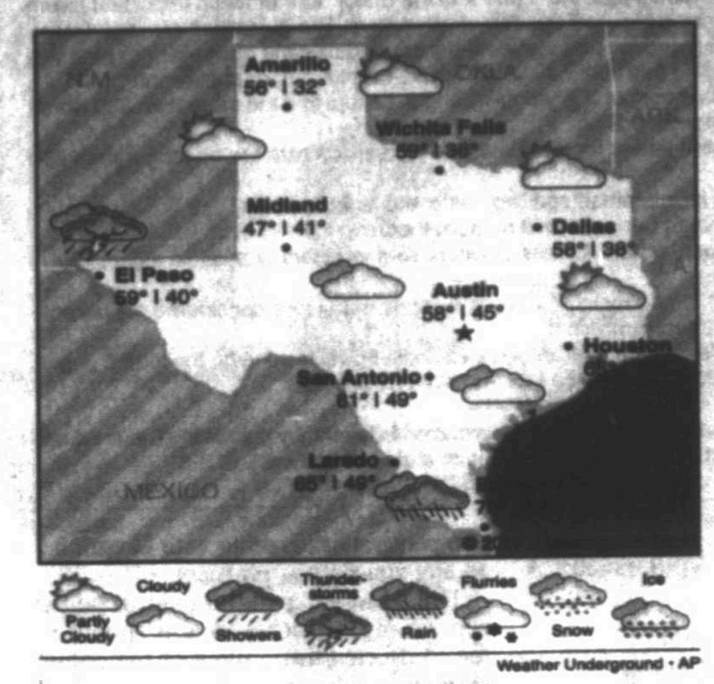
The weekend will end on a quiet note across most of the nation, with little wintry weather expected today. High pressure across the eastern third of the nation will bring dry and partly sunny conditions. Seasonable temperatures will make for a pleasant Sunday in the Southeast, while New England will remain chilly. Snow showers will affect western Pennsylvania in the morning.



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Friday	0.00 in.
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Total for month	0.71 in.
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Normal total (year to date)	14.34 in.

Saturday's temperatures

High	54
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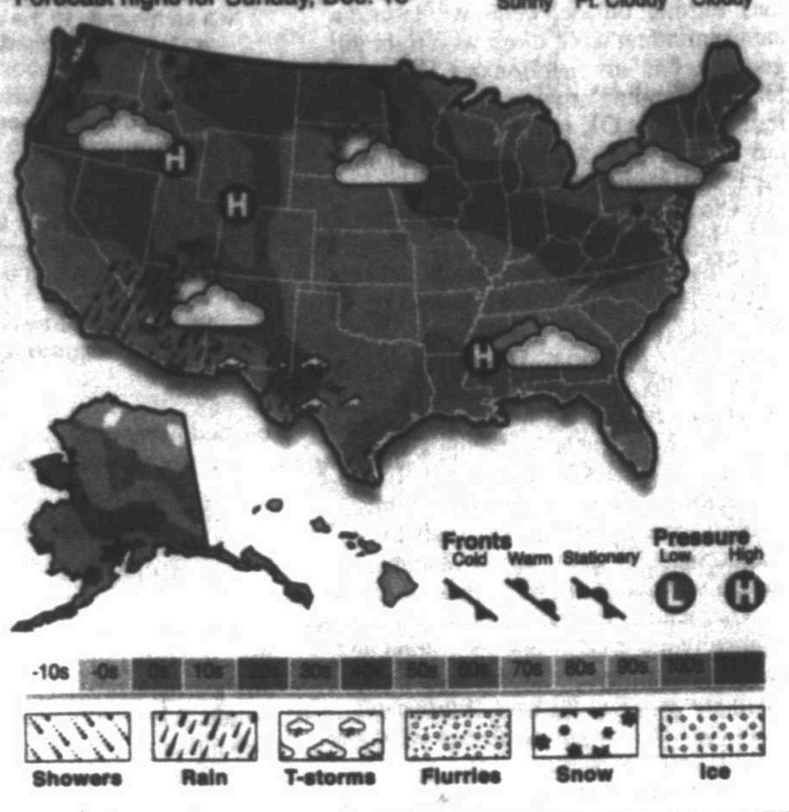
National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, Dec. 18



Flash flooding kills hundreds in southern Philippines

By Floyd Whaley
N.Y. Times News Service

MANILA, Philippines — Flash floods in the southern Philippines on Saturday sent water gushing into homes, killing more than 450 people and surprising families who fled to rooftops clutching children, officials said.

"The rivers flooded and washed through villages," said Col. Leopoldo Galon, a military spokesman. "Soldiers conducting search-and-rescue operations are finding bodies in all areas, in homes, rivers, offshore, in the street. Casualties are everywhere."

The flooding was set off by Tropical Storm Washi, which hit the southern Philippine island of Mindanao on Friday with winds of up to 56 miles per hour and heavy rain. By early Saturday, the storm had caused flooding in Cagayan de Oro and Iligan City, officials said.

The heavy rain sent water pouring down mountains and into already swollen rivers that quickly engulfed areas in the northern part of Mindanao. Fast-rising waters poured into homes after 2 a.m., when most people were sleeping, said Benito Ramos, a civil defense official, during a news briefing in Manila.

By Saturday night, the Philippine Red Cross had counted 436 bodies, including 215 in Cagayan de Oro and 144 in Iligan City, and said 300 still were missing.

Washi is the 19th storm to hit the country this year, but Ramos said typhoons and tropical storms usually strike farther north; this one took a path that officials had never seen before. As a result, many residents were caught off guard by the water's speed and ferocity. Local officials confirmed his assessment.

He noted that soldiers in the area were preparing for Christmas celebrations with their families when they were called in for emergency operations that quickly turned into the grim and grisly task of collecting bodies. "We're not complaining," he said. "It's our job."

Residents in the area expressed similar sentiments, noting that Christmas trees had been erected in parks in Cagayan de Oro, a popular tourist town, and that residents had begun going to church nightly in preparation for the holidays.

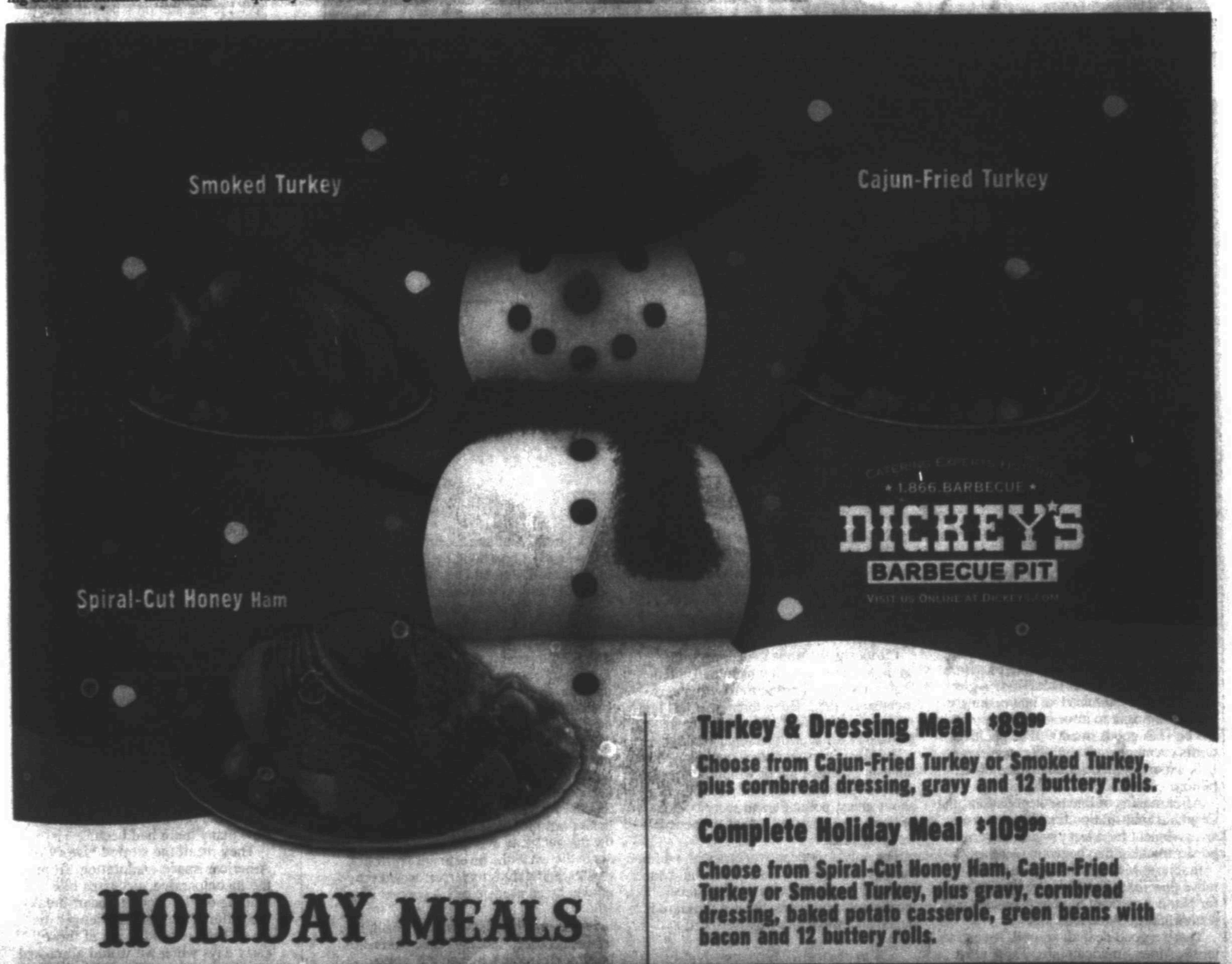
"This Christmas is going to be imprinted in everybody's memories," Stephanie Caragos, 34, said. "We are seeing trucks pass by filled with dead bodies, and people are buying in bulk to give away to those who need it. This will be in our minds for a long time."

Reached by telephone, Caragos, a lifelong resident of the city, said she had lost an uncle in the flooding and found that funeral parlors in the area were busy with many victims.

"We knew there was a storm coming, but we had no idea it would be this bad," she said.

Erwin Mascarinas/AP

Residents are rescued by volunteers following a flash flood that inundated Cagayan de Oro city, Philippines, on Saturday. A tropical storm triggered flash floods in the southern Philippines, killing scores and missing more. Mayor Lawrence Cruz, of nearby Iligan, said the coast guard and other rescuers were scouring the waters off his coastal city for survivors or bodies that may have been swept to the sea by a swollen river.



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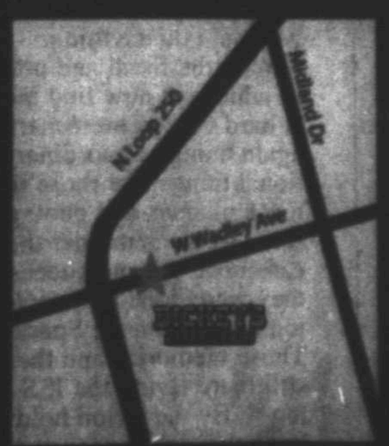

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databases. Getting the information removed and corrected from so many different databases can be a daunting mission. Even if it's right in one place, it can be wrong in another database unknown to an individual until a prospective employer requests information from it. By then, the damage is done.

"I want my life back," Haynes says.

Haynes has since found work as a customer service manager, but she says that is only because her latest employer didn't run a background check.

Hard data on errors in background checks are not public. Most leading background check companies contacted by the AP would not disclose how many of their records need to be corrected each year.

A recent class-action settlement with one major database company, HireRight Solutions Inc., provides a glimpse at the magnitude of the problems.

The settlement, which received tentative approval from a federal judge in Virginia last month, requires HireRight to pay $28.4 million to settle allegations that it didn't properly notify people about background checks and didn't properly respond to complaints about inaccurate files. After covering attorney fees of up to $9.4 million, the fund will be dispersed among nearly 700,000 people for alleged violations that occurred from 2004 to 2010. Individual payments will range from $15 to $20,000.

In an effort to prevent bad information from being spread, some courts are trying to block the computer programs that background check companies deploy to scrape data off court websites. The programs not only can misrepresent the official court record but also can hog network resources, bringing websites to a halt.

Virginia, Arizona and New Mexico have installed security software to block automated programs from getting to their courts' sites. New Mexico's site was once slowed so much by automated data-mining programs that it took minutes for anyone else to complete a basic search. Since New Mexico blocked the data miners, it now takes seconds.

In the digital age, some states have seen an opportunity to cash in by selling their data to companies. Arizona charges $3,000 per year for a bundle of discs containing all its criminal files. The data includes personal identifiers that aren't on the website, including driver's license numbers and partial Social Security numbers.

Other states, exasperated by mounting errors in the data, have stopped offering wholesale subscriptions to their records.

North Carolina, a pioneer in marketing electronic criminal records, made $4 million selling the data last year. But officials discovered that some background check companies were refusing to fix errors pointed out by the state or to update stale information.

State officials say some companies paid $5,105 for the database but refused to pay a mandatory $370 monthly fee for daily updates to the files — or they would pay the fee but fail to run the update. The updates provided critical fixes, such as correcting misspelled names or deleting expunged cases.

North Carolina, which has been among the most aggressive in ferreting out errors in its customers' files, stopped selling its criminal records in bulk. It has moved to a system of selling records one at a time. By switching to a more methodical approach, North Carolina hopes to eliminate the sloppy record-keeping practices that has emerged as more companies have been allowed to vacuum up massive amounts of data in a single sweep.

Virginia ended its subscription program. To get full court files now, you have to go to the courthouse in person. You can get abstracts online, but they lack Social Security numbers and birth dates, and are basically useless for a serious search.

North Carolina told the AP that taxpayers have been "absorbing the expense and ill will generated by the members of the commercial data industry who continue to provide bad information while falsely attributing it to our courts' records."

North Carolina identified some companies misusing the records, but other culprits have gone undetected because the data was resold multiple times.

Some of the biggest data providers were accused of perpetuating errors. North Carolina revoked the licenses of CoreLogic SafeRent, Thomson West, CourtTrax and five others for repeatedly disseminating bad information or failing to download updates.

Thomson West says it was punished for two instances of failing to delete outdated criminal records in a timely manner. Such instances are "extremely rare" and led to improvements in Thomson West's computer systems, the company said.

CoreLogic says its accuracy standards meet the law, and it seemed to blame North Carolina, saying the state's actions "directly contributed to the conditions which resulted in the alleged contract violations," but it would not elaborate. CourtTrax did not respond to requests for comment.

Other background check companies say the errors aren't always their fault.

LexisNexis, a major provider of background checks and criminal data, said in a statement that any errors in its records "stem from inaccuracies in original source material — typically public records such as courthouse documents."

But other problems have arisen with the shift to digital criminal records. Even technical glitches can cause mistakes.

Companies that run background checks sometimes blame weather. Ann Lane says her investigations firm, Carolina Investigative Research, in North Carolina, has endured hurricanes and ice storms that knocked out power to her computers and took them out of sync with court computers.

While computers are offline, critical updates to files can be missed. That can cause one person's records to fall into another person's file, Lane says. She says glitches show up in her database at least once a year.

Lane says she double-checks the physical court filings, a step she says many other companies do not take. She calls her competitors' actions short-sighted.

"A lot of these database companies think it's 'ka-ching ka-ching ka-ching.'" she says.

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Russia oil spills wreak devastation

By Nataliya Vasileva
Associated Press

USINSK, Russia — On the bright yellow tundra outside this oil town near the Arctic Circle, a pitch-black pool of crude stretches toward the horizon. The source: a decommissioned well whose rusty screws ooze with oil, viscous like jam.

This is the face of Russia's oil country, a sprawling, inhospitable zone that experts say represents the world's worst ecological oil catastrophe.

Environmentalists estimate at least 1 percent of Russia's annual oil production, or 5 million tons, is spilled every year. That is equivalent to one Deepwater Horizon-scale leak about every two months. Crumbling infrastructure and a harsh climate combine to spell disaster in the world's largest oil producer, responsible for 13 percent of global output.

Oil, stubbornly seeping through rusty pipelines and old wells, contaminates soil, kills all plants that grow on it and destroys habitats for mammals and birds. Half a million tons every year get into rivers that flow into the Arctic Ocean, the government says, upsetting the delicate environmental balance in those waters.

It's part of a legacy of environmental tragedy that has plagued Russia and the countries of its former Soviet empire for decades, from the nuclear horrors of Chernobyl in Ukraine to lethal chemical waste in the Russian city of Dzerzhinsk and paper mill pollution seeping into Siberia's Lake Baikal, which holds one-fifth of the world's supply of fresh water.

Oil spills in Russia are less dramatic than disasters in the Gulf of Mexico or the North Sea, more the result of a drip-drip of leaked crude than a sudden explosion. But they're more numerous than in any other oil-producing nation including insurgency-hit Nigeria, and combined they spill far more than anywhere else in the world, scientists say.

"Oil and oil products get spilled literally every day," said Dr. Grigory Barenboim, senior researcher at the Russian Academy of Sciences' Institute of Water Problems.

No hard figures on the scope of oil spills in Russia are available, but Greenpeace estimates that at least 5 million tons leak every year in a country producing about 500 million tons a year.

Dr. Irina Ivshina, of the government-financed Institute of the Environment and Genetics of Microorganisms, supports the 5 million ton estimate, as does the World Wildlife Fund.

The figure is derived from two sources: Russian state-funded research that shows 10-15 percent of Russian oil leakage enters rivers; and a 2010 report commissioned by the Natural Resources Ministry that shows nearly 500,000 tons slips into northern Russian rivers every year and flow into the Arctic.

The estimate is considered conservative: The Russian Economic Development Ministry in a report last year estimated spills at up to 20 million tons per year.

That astonishing number, for which the ministry offered no elaboration, appears to be based partly on the fact most small leaks in Russia go unreported. Under Russian law, leaks of less than 8 tons are classified only as "incidents" and carry no penalties.

Russian oil spills also elude detection because most happen in the vast swaths of unpopulated tundra and conifer forestin the north, caused either by ruptured pipes or leakage from decommissioned wells.

Weather conditions in most oil provinces are brutal, with temperatures routinely dropping below minus 40 degrees Celsius (minus 40 Fahrenheit) in winter. That makes pipelines brittle and prone to rupture unless they are regularly replaced and their condition monitored.

Asked by The Associated Press to comment, the Natural Resources Ministry and the Energy Ministry said they have no data on oil spills and referred to the other ministry for further inquiries.

Even counting only the 500,000 tons officially reported to be leaking into northern rivers every year, Russia is by far the worst oil polluter in the world.

■ Nigeria, which produces one-fifth as much oil as Russia, logged 110,000 tons spilled in 2009, much of that due to rebel attacks on pipelines.

■ The U.S., the world's third-largest oil producer, logged 341 pipeline ruptures in 2010 — compared to Russia's 18,000 — with 17,600 tons of oil leaking as a result, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. Spills have averaged 14,900 tons a year between 2001 and 2010.

■ Canada, which produces oil in weather conditions as harsh as Russia's, does not see anything near Russia's scale of disaster. Eleven pipeline accidents were reported to Canada's Transport Safety Board last year, while media reports of leaks, ranging from sizable spills to a tiny leak in a farmer's backyard, come to a total of 7,700 tons a year.

■ In Norway, Russia's northwestern oil neighbor, spills amounted to some 3,000 tons a year in the past few years, said Hanne Marie Oeren, head of the oil and gas section at Norway's Climate and Pollution Agency.

Now that Russian companies are moving to the Arctic to tap vast but hard-to-get oil and gas riches, scientists voice concerns that Russia's outdated technologies and shoddy safety record make for a potential environmental calamity there.

Gazpromneft, an oil subsidiary of the gas giant Gazprom, is preparing to drill for oil in the Arctic's Pechora Sea, even as environmentalists complain that the drilling platform is outdated and the company is not ready to deal with potential accidents.

Government scientists acknowledge that Russia does not currently have the required technology to develop Arctic fields but say it will be years before the country actually starts drilling.

"We must start the work now, do the exploration and develop the technology so that we would be able to ... start pumping oil from the Arctic in the middle of this century," Alexei Kontorovich, chairman of the council on geology, oil and gas fields at the Russian Academy of Sciences, told a recent news conference.

The same academy's Barenboim said, however, that Russian technology is developing too slowly to make it a safe bet for Arctic exploration.

"Over the past years, environmental risks have increased more sharply compared to how far our technologies, funds, equipment and skills to deal with them have advanced," he said.

In 1994, the republic of Komi, where Usinsk lies 60 kilometers (40 miles) south of the Arctic Circle, became the scene of Russia's largest oil spill when an estimated 100,000 tons splashed from an aging pipeline.

It killed plants and animals, and polluted up to 40 kilometers (25 miles) of two local rivers, killing thousands of fish. In villages most affected, respiratory diseases rose by some 28 percent in the year following the leak.

Seen from a helicopter, the oil production area is dotted with pitch-black ponds. Fresh leaks are easy to find once you step into the tundra north of Usinsk. To spot a leak, find a dying tree. Fir trees with drooping gray, dry branches look as though scorched by a wildfire. They are growing insoil polluted by oil.

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Dmitry Lovetsky/AP

A woman plays with her dog Sept. 11 in the Kolva village near the town of Usinsk, 930 miles northeast of Moscow, Russia. Komi is one of Russia's largest and oldest oil provinces, but ruptures in aging pipelines and leaks from decommissioned oil wells make oil spills in the region routine.

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Iran's fortunes in post-US Iraq clouded

By Robert Reid
Associated Press

■ Analysis

CAIRO — The U.S. military's departure from Iraq opens the door to expanded Iranian influence in the Middle East, though that door could close fast if Iran's closest Arab ally Bashar Assad falls from power in Syria.

That's among the uncertainties looming over the Middle East in the wake of President Barack Obama's decision to remove all U.S. troops by the end of this month, fulfilling a campaign promise to end the unpopular war and abandoning efforts to negotiate an extension of the year-end deadline agreed to by the Bush administration in 2008.

At first glance, that would make Iran the big winner, especially if the U.S. move heralds a tectonic shift of power in the strategic Persian Gulf region as the United States shifts its military focus to East Asia and the Pacific. But the tumult from the Arab Spring, on top of the end of the 6-year Iraq War, has made the rivalry between Iran and the U.S.'s Arab allies even trickier and predictions more cloudy.

No longer will tens of thousands of American troops be stationed along Iran's western border. They are leaving behind an Iraqi government dominated by Shiite Muslim parties beholden to the Iranians, who sheltered them for years when Saddam Hussein and his Sunni-dominated Baath regime were in power.

With the American military presence reduced to a few hundred members of an embassy-based liaison mission, Iran is likely to step up infiltration of Iraq's intelligence services — the key to manipulating Iraq's internal politics — and expand its links to both Shiite and Kurdish politicians, to the alarm of the country's Sunni minority.

As the second most populous country in the Gulf, with some of the world's largest proven petroleum reserves, an avowedly pro-Iranian Iraq would be a game changer in the power struggle between Iran and the U.S.-backed, conservative Gulf states led by Saudi Arabia.

Iran already wielded considerable influence in Iraq even when U.S. troop strength approached 170,000. The U.S.-led invasion of 2003 produced a strange alliance between the Americans and religiously based Shiite parties tied simultaneously to both Washington and Tehran. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shiite who had been cool toward Iran, has moved closer to the pro-Iranian groups since a political crisis in 2010 nearly cost him his job.

With the American military gone, Tehran's prospects for bolstering those ties in Iraq look bright.

At closer examination, however, the future appears less certain. Much will depend on how the key players — including the United States — maneuver diplomatically through the new environment created by the end of the Iraq War.

"The United States must succeed in limiting and countering Iranian influence in Iraq and in creating Iraqi forces that can defend the country," wrote analyst Anthony Cordesman of the Center for International and Strategic Studies. "The United States must also restructure a mix of forward-deployed U.S. forces and ties to regional powers that can contain every aspect of Iran's military forces and political ambitions."

Iran's ability to manipulate a post-America Iraq is by no means unlimited, in part because of a flowering of Iraqi nationalism that survived the horrific bloodshed of the Sunni-Shiite sectarian war.

Many ordinary Iraqi Shiites harbor bitter memories of the 1980-1988 war with Iran, when young Shiite soldiers bore the brunt of the casualties. Among the Sunni minority, hostility to Iran runs even deeper, and much of the talk of Iranian domination stems from overblown comments by Sunni politicians seeking to discredit their Shiite political rivals.

"The Iraqis have no desire to be a client state of their Persian neighbor," said Doug Ollivant, senior fellow at the New America Foundation and former director for Iraq on the National Security Council in both the Bush and Obama administrations. "This is a real threat ... but the threat is overstated."

"The Iraqis have no desire to be a client state of their Persian neighbor," he said.

Oil

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Usinsk spokeswoman Tatyana Khimichuk said the city administration had no powers to influence oil company operations.

"Everything that happens at the oil fields is Lukoil's responsibility," she said, referring to Russia's second largest oil company, which owns a network of pipelines in the region.

Komi's environmental protection officials blamed oil companies. The local prosecutor's office said in a report this year the main problem is "that companies that extract hydrocarbons focus on making profits rather than how to use the resources rationally."

Valery Bratenkov works as a foreman at oil fields outside Usinsk.

After hours, he is with a local environmental group. Bratenkov used to point out to his Lukoil bosses that oil spills routinely happen under their noses and asked them to repair the pipelines. "They were offended and said that costs too much money," he said.

Activists like Bratenkov find it hard if not impossible to hold authorities to account in the area because some 90 percent of the local population comprises oil workers and their families who have moved from other regions of Russia, and depend on the industry for their livelihood.

Representatives of Lukoil denied claims that they try to conceal spills and leaks, and said that no more than 2.7 tons leaked last year from its production areas in Komi.

Ivan Blokov, campaign director at Greenpeace Russia, who studies oil spills, said the situation in Komi is replicated across Russia's oil-producing regions, which stretch from the Black Sea in the southwest to the Chinese border in Russia's Far East.

"It is happening everywhere," Blokov said. "It's typical of any oil field in Russia. The system is old and it is not being replaced in time by any oil company in the country."

What also worries scientists and environmentalists is that oil spills are not confined to abandoned or aging fields. Alarmingly, accidents happen at brand new pipelines, said Barenboim.

At least 400 tons leaked from a new pipeline in two separate accidents in Russia's Far East last year, according to media reports and oil companies. Transneft's pipeline that brings Russian oil from Eastern Siberia to China was put into operation just months before the two spills happened.

The oil industry in Komi has been sapping nature for decades, killing or forcing out reindeer and fish Locals like the 63-year-old Bratenkov are afraid that when big oil leaves, there will be only poisoned terrain left in its wake.

"Fishing, hunting — it's all gone," Bratenkov said.

Tunisia fetes town where revolt year began

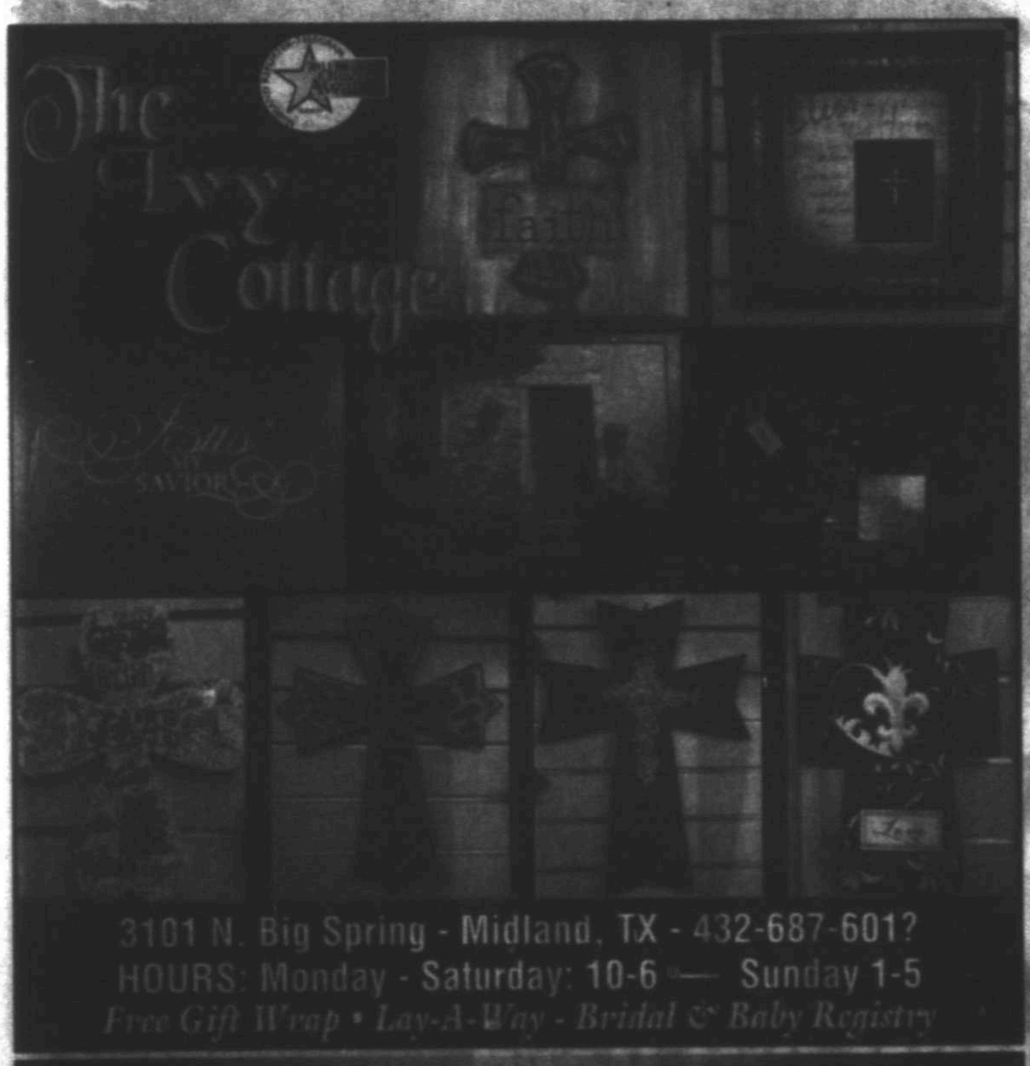
Associated Press

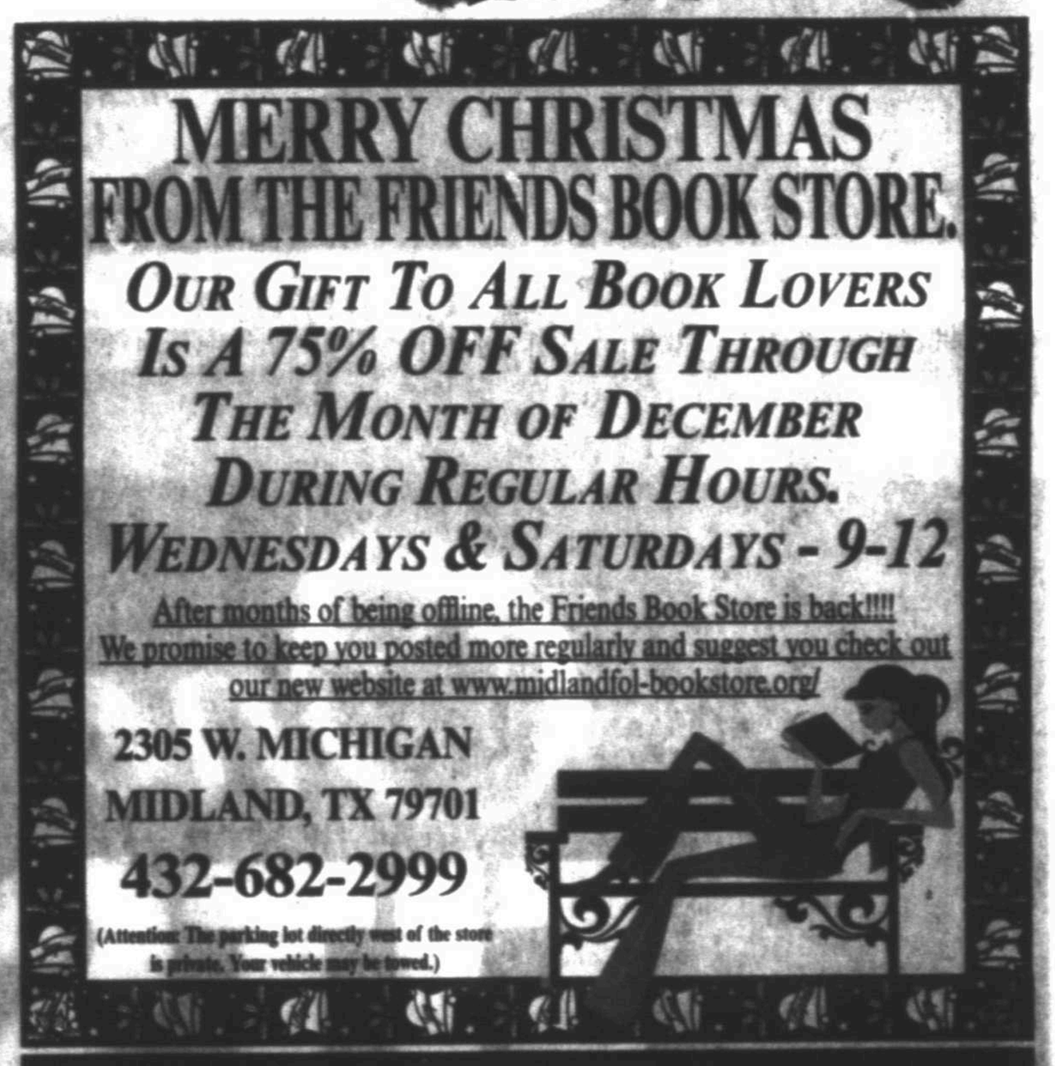
TUNIS, Tunisia — Exactly one year ago, in a hardscrabble town in Tunisia's arid interior, the death knell sounded for the decades-old system of dictatorships across the Arab world.

With a desperate act of self-immolation, a 26-year-old Sidi Bouzid fruit-seller unwittingly unleashed a year of turmoil that toppled at least three autocrats in a region once thought to be immune to democracy.

Tunisia's new leaders together with thousands of others took part in a festival starting Saturday in the town honoring the vendor, the revolution, and the protesters whose anger snowballed into a nationwide and then regionwide phenomenon.

The changes in the Arab world over the past 12 months cannot be overstated. A region synonymous with stagnant authoritarian republics and monarchies is suddenly rife with change — for better or worse.





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MDC focuses on recruiting troops to area

Officials say former servicemen and women are an asset to Midland's employee base

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

With troops leaving Iraq and preparing to re-enter the private sector workforce, Midland Development Corp. officials said they're focusing on military recruitment in hopes of adding to the area's employee base.

"Fort Hood is the largest base in the free world, so their population is like a large city," said Tracy Dau, business retention and workforce development director.

In addition to her regular recruiting activities among military personnel, Dau said the corporation is planning a "Midland Day" at Fort Hood in March, which is the first month many of those preparing to leave the military can move.

As part of the event, Midland companies will be invited to recruit for specific positions. When a similar event was held in previous years, Dau said about 40 employers attended.

Dau said MDC continues to recruit workers to meet Midland's employment needs but is focusing on military personnel because they often have the skills needed for Permian Basin positions.

While the unemployment number dropped again this month — to 4.1 percent for November down from 4.5 percent in October — Dau said the number of people without a job is double what it was in April 2008 when Midland hit its lowest unemployment totals.

Mike Hatley, president of the MDC, said the numbers mean that although the labor market is tight, there still are people available for hire.

"There is some flexibility compared to 2008," he said.

To help fill some of the most needed positions — such as nurses and CDL-licensed drivers — the state launched a program in July called "College Credit for Heroes." The initiative works to help those leaving the military earn certifications for skills they already have. Dau said many troops have worked as EMTs, truck drivers or other professionals while in the military, but because of the the system, they leave the service without any certifications.

Certifications are necessary for employment in the private sector. The state program is meant to help fill the gap, she said.

"Sixteen thousand CDL drivers are needed in the state right now," she said.

Michael Trost, MDC board member and city councilman, said he also would like to connect wounded veterans with positions. Trost spoke to a wounded soldier during the Hunt for Heroes event, and he said

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Cathie and Alan Moravcik and their children Maddie, 8, and Jake, 11, stand outside the Taco Villa where they found one of the clues last year in the Pay It Foward game.

DIGITAL HIDE-AND-SEEK

'Pay It Forward' Facebook game starts today with $2,000

Cathie Moravcik has been waiting all year for today.

For months, she and her kids have been trying to figure out a good hiding spot and the correct wording of the clue they would leave.

Will it be under the Christmas sleigh at Midland College?

What about the ticket gate at Grande Communications Stadium?

Or someplace popular and well-known, such as the George W. Bush Childhood Home, Yucca Theatre or Museum of the Southwest?

That's where the Moravcika hid it last year.

Want to play?

To play the game, visit www.facebook.com, search for the community event "Pay It Forward Treasure Hunt" and like the page to begin receiving updates and clues.

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Last year, Moravcik wanted to start a new family tradition for now 11-year-old Jake and 8-year-old Maddie — something that would teach them a lesson in sharing and paying it forward to others in need and also would get the community involved.

She had thought a treasure hunt around town would be a fun way to spread some holiday cheer and maybe raise funds for someone in need.

So, the family went out to the Museum of the Southwest with an envelope bearing $28 and a note that told those who found it that if they needed the money, to take it. If they didn't need it, then they were to hide it for the next player and post a clue on Facebook as to its location.

At 1:12 p.m. on Dec. 18, 2010, Moravcik pulled out her iPhone and posted this as her Facebook status:

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Story by Audrie Palmer • Photo by Tim Fischer

Rays of Hope will offer photography class in 2012

■ The children's grief center hopes the new skill will help youths express their emotions.

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. For some of the children at Rays of Hope, it's the only words they will share when expressing their emotions.

Starting in January, the children's grief center will offer photography classes as part of the Tools Of Expression program to help junior high and high school students have an avenue for their loss.

"Photography is a very 'in' thing right now," said Rays of Hope staff member Rachel Austin, who is a photographer. "We're hoping they'll be able to use this not only as a coping skill but to have something they can use for the rest of their life."

Local photographers will volunteer to teach the children and teens the basics about photography and give them an outlet for the grief with which they are struggling.

There is a limited number of participants for each class. Staff members said they want to keep the groups small so the children can participate in the healing process while they learn photography skills.

"A lot of times when someone is grieving, words just don't seem adequate enough," Austin said. "This gives them an outlet to express what they're feeling on the inside and express it outwardly. There's a lot of healing work that goes on in the class."

The session is open to seventh- through 12th-graders and is meant to help them learn new coping skills when dealing with a loss from death, divorce, separation or other painful transitions.

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Rays of Hope will offer a new photography class in January for youth coping with grief to create pictures like those above.

Men, some things you need to know about women

TERRY WILLIAMSON
Real-life columnist

I never know when I'm going to hit a nerve with one of these columns, but, evidently, I hit a nerve last week.

Several people approached me this past week, saying I should give equal time to the men. Last week I wrote about "Things Women Should Know About Men." Well, now the men want to find out what they should know about women.

That seems fair to me, but I have to warn the guys. These are things you are probably not going to want to hear. I've got the advice, but when dealing with women, you tread the slippery slope here, and it could disturb your wistful bliss.

But you asked for it, so here goes: Things men should know about women.

1. You've heard it said more than once that men have selective hearing, but women are much worse. They have "defined" hearing. All answers, observations, questions and any other response you can think of must contain the words, "Yes, dear." Otherwise, it will be as if you never opened your mouth. She couldn't possibly understand any other response, unless you say, "I've got money."

2. Heaven forbid if you are so stupid as to forget an anniversary, a birthday or that special song you shared when you started dating. This is a recipe for the world's most common meal — cold shoulder and hot tongue.

3. Women don't really keep secrets, so if you really want to keep a secret, don't tell a woman. She thinks secrets are something you tell to just one person at a time.

4. Never tell a woman she's getting wrinkles on her face. They may be wrinkles to you, but for her they are "character lines."

5. Always notice when she has had her hair done. If you don't, she will keep parading in front of you until you

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Obituaries

Claude Estes Wilson

Claude Estes Wilson, 97, of Midland, passed away on Thursday, December 15, 2011. He was born on May 1, 1914, to the late William and Julie Ann Wilson in Mangum, Oklahoma.

Claude was preceded in death by his parents, five sisters, and two brothers. He is survived by his wife, Ada Elizabeth Wilson of Midland; two sons, Estes Lee Wilson of Houston and Bobby Gilman Wilson of Midland; daughter, Duane "Sally" Castleberry of Midland; eleven grandchildren; twenty-one great grandchildren; seventeen great-great grandchildren; and three great-great-great grandchildren.

Family will be receiving friends Sunday, December 18, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Funeral service is set for Monday, December 19, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel, with Pastor Rudy Jones officiating.

Pallbearers for the service will be Lee Castleberry, Terry Wilson, Gil Wilson, Jim Castleberry, John Castleberry and Tommy Wilson. Honorary pallbearers are Cameron Giacobbe, Keaton Giacobbe, Jaime Castleberry, and El Wilson.

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

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Drue Irene McPeak

Drue Irene McPeak, 82, passed away Friday, December 16, 2011.

She was born on January 29, 1929 in Sweetwater, TX to Joseph and Vera Harwell. She graduated from Midland High School in 1946. She married Chester McPeak in 1947.

Irene is preceded in death by her husband, Chester McPeak, who passed away in 1996. Also preceding her in death is her sister, Kathleen Creech and brother, Joe Harwell.

She is survived by daughters, Sharon McPeak and Shirley Martinez; three grandchildren, Michael Battistoli and wife Leah; Christa Ferguson and husband John; Justin Battistoli and wife Cammie; eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, Margie Hisey and Emma Wheeler and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home, Sunday, December 18, 2011 between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. A graveside service has been scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at Resthaven Memorial Park with Dr. John Gerlach officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfuneralhome.com.

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Kevin Dean O'Hara

Kevin Dean O'Hara, age 48, of McKinney, Texas, passed away December 14, 2011, in Frisco, Texas. Kevin was born June 21, 1963, in Midland, Texas, to Robert and Juanita "Petesie" (Moeller) O'Hara. He married Laura Hnilo on October 7, 2002, in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Kevin was born and raised in Midland and was a graduate of Lee High School. He received a degree in chemistry from the University of Texas – Permian Basin. Kevin loved his family, his dogs, sports, and the outdoors.

He is survived by his wife, Laura O'Hara of McKinney, Texas; daughter, Lindsey O'Hara, also of McKinney; parents, Robert and Juanita O'Hara of Midland, Texas; father-in-law, Bruce Hnilo and wife, Martha of Spring Valley, California; mother-in-law, Patricia McCarthy and husband, Joe of Green Valley, Arizona; sisters, Teresa Jones and husband, Mike of Stanton, Texas, and Carla Spencer and husband, Steve of McKinney, Texas; brothers, Greg O'Hara and wife, Sherri of Midland, Texas, and Gordon O'Hara and girlfriend, Terry, of Austin, Texas; nephews, Brad, Matt, Nick, Braden, Ryan, Nicholas, and Mason; niece, Katelynn; and a host of other loving family and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, December 19, at St. Michael Catholic Church in McKinney, Texas. Interment will follow at Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney. The family will receive friends during a visitation beginning at 6:30 p.m., Sunday evening at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Allen, Texas, with a rosary beginning at 7:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, you may donate to S.P.C.A. or The Heard Museum.

To convey condolences or to sign an online registry, please visit www.tjmfuneral.com.

AnnElise McCoy

AnnElise McCoy, 73, of Midland, Texas, passed away on December 15, 2011, under Hospice care. She was born in Ashdown, Arkansas, on January 22, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Cook. AnnElise married her high school sweetheart, Charlie, a union that lasted 55 years. She was an accomplished portrait artist, focusing on children, with a unique ability to capture those expressions parents loved so dearly. She once said, "I really never painted anyone I didn't enjoy painting, but there is just something about little children. I love to paint portraits and I am so thankful that this is my calling. Portraits of children are cherished by the parents. They treat them special. That is so rewarding.". She continually strived to improve her talent by studying Art at Louisiana Tech and SMU, as well as studying under some of the great portrait artists of our time, such as Dmitri Vail and watercolorist, Warren Taylor. AnnElise was past President of the Midland Art Association, Signature member of the National Water Color Society, Texas Water Color Society, and Midland Pallet Club. She participated annually in Midland's Septemberfest and the Midland Celebration of the Arts, where she received the Distinguished Artist award in 2010. Over the course of her artistic career she received many honors for her beautiful works and her talent. Her paintings and portraits grace the walls of homes and businesses all over the world.

AnnElise was a loving wife, a wonderful caring mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her smile was infectious and her laugh contagious. She is loved dearly by all who have known her, and she will be missed tremendously.

Left behind to cherish and honor her memory are her husband of 55 years, Charlie McCoy; daughter, Melanie Lancaster and husband, Mark of Midland, Texas; son, David McCoy and wife, Lynn of Tyler, Texas; grandchildren: Michelle Matijevich, Elise Rees and husband, Nathan, Gage McCoy and wife, Jerrica, Denise Lancaster-Schiller and husband, Kurt, and Melissa Lancaster-Guest and husband, James; and great-grandchildren: Charley, Davin, Mac, and Jasper.

Family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home on Sunday, December 18, 2011, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Services will be held at First United Methodist Church of Midland on Monday, December 19, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., with Dr. Tim Walker officiating. AnnElise will be laid to rest in Ashdown, Arkansas, at the Ashdown Cemetery on Wednesday, December 21, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. Pallbearers are Jim Henry, Morris Burns, Harry Spannaus, Jerry Hancock, Kenneth Gray, Judy Gant, Judy Devenport, Lavoe Peeler, Beth Barton, Eleanor Robertson, John Key, and Mary Rasmussen.

The family would like to thank Dr. Vogel, Dr. Watkins, Texas Oncology and staff, as well as Hospice of Midland.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to Hospice of Midland. Condolences may be made at: www.ellisfuneral.com.

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TEXAS ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AMARILLO

Pantex contractor to make consolidation bid

The current operator of the Pantex Plant is among bidders for a potential 10-year government contract at the Texas Panhandle nuclear plant and a Tennessee facility.

The National Nuclear Security Administration has officially begun accepting proposal for a single management and operation contract for Pantex and the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

The proposal includes a five-year base period and three optional extension terms for another five years and includes an option to phase in the Savannah River Site Tritium Operations in South Carolina. Babcock & Wilson, through different subsidiaries, manages the three sites on separate government contracts.

The Amarillo Globe-News reported that Babcock & Wilson will be among the bidders for the consolidated contract. Deadline for proposals is March 13.

FORT WORTH

Agency short on space after seizure

The Humane Society doesn't normally encourage holiday pet adoptions without careful consideration but feels it has no choice after many animals were received Friday.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that the Humane Society of North Texas is filled up after taking custody of 142 small dogs, three pygmy goats, three rabbits, two cats and more than a dozen chickens from what authorities called a puppy mill.

The animals were seized from a kennel in Aubrey on Dec. 6 after they were kept in deplorable conditions in a mobile home, two outbuildings and two outdoor enclosures. The owners relinquished the animals in a civil hearing Friday.

The new arrivals have left the Humane Society short on space, but officials said most of the animals are ready for adoption.

FORT WORTH

Dallas man receives prison sentence

A Dallas man has received a 55-year prison sentence for his eighth drunken-driving conviction.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that a jury sentenced 54-year-old Michael Smith to the prison term Friday after convicting him a day earlier. The jury took only about 30 minutes to find him guilty.

Arlington police stopped Smith about 4:45 p.m. Jan. 7 after a 911 call about an erratic driver. Officials said a beer can fell out of his van while officers were questioning Smith, and an open beer was found behind his seat. A test revealed that his blood-alcohol level was 0.24 percent — three times the legal limit.

Authorities said Smith has 12 previous convictions, including seven for DWI from Dallas County.

HOUSTON

Car crashes through roof of business

Police responding to a burglar alarm found a car crashed through the roof of a Santa Fe business.

Investigators said the car was traveling at a high rate of speed about 2 a.m. Saturday when the driver failed to negotiate a turn. KTRK-TV reported that the vehicle left the roadway and traveled up a railroad track embankment, which caused it to go airborne. It flew about 100 feet through the air and crashed through the roof.

The blue sedan landed nose-first inside Gulf Coast Aerobic Services, causing more than $25,000 in damage.

The driver of the car was gone when police arrived. Detectives said they are confident the driver will be found and arrested.

Santa Fe is south of Houston.

Texas inmate paroled after 60 years

By Michael Graczk
Associated Press

TENNESSEE COLONY, — When Harvey Stewart first went to prison 60 years ago, gasoline was 20 cents a gallon, a postage stamp cost three pennies and Harry Truman was president.

Now, as perhaps one of the longest-serving inmates in US history, the convicted killer is looking forward to the perks of freedom when he is released on parole in the coming weeks or months.

An iPod or cell phone perhaps? Not for this 83-year-old. Stewart simply wants a root beer and a good meal.

"Imagine that! Sixty years being down in this damn hole," Stewart recently told The Associated Press from the Beto Unit in East Texas, one of his many stops in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. "I wouldn't recommend it. Man's a damn fool to even stick his foot in here."

Stewart, awaiting his release to a halfway house or nursing home after being granted parole earlier this year, recalled his youthful days of robbing brothels in Southeast Texas for quick $3,000 pay days, of getting shot in the back while holding up a junk yard and murdering a man in what he insists was a self-defense killing.

But the six decades in prison haven't been nearly as eventful. He counts among his highlights his brief escape in 1965 and a recurring headache from a prison van wreck a couple years ago. Besides those short-lived respites from monotony, Stewart has served his time isolated from the outside world. He doesn't recall receiving a single visitor in more than a decade. He's outlived most or all his immediate family.

His parole was approved in April, with the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles considering his recent history of good behavior, his age and declining health.

"I'm too damn old to do any robbing," said Stewart, his blond hair now a balding gray brush cut. "I think I am anyway. My old ticker might kick out on me."

Stewart is the longest-serving inmate among the 155,000 prisoners in the Texas system, though it's unclear if he is the nation's longest-serving inmate now or ever. Prison officials and historians say they're unaware of any agency or organization that keeps track of all inmates' jail time.

Among other states with significant prison populations, convicted murderer James Moore, 78, has been locked up in New York since 1963. In California, 80-year-old Booker Hillery first went to prison in 1955 for rape and was returned in 1962 for a murder earlier that year while on parole. Norman Parker is Florida's longest-serving inmate, arriving in 1967.

Stewart was first sent to prison in spring 1951 after a junk yard heist in Houston got him a 10-year sentence. He was paroled after serving six years but was convicted in 1958 of murdering a man in Beaumont and received a life sentence. Seven years later he broke out of prison for several days, then waited another two decades before being paroled a second time to a halfway house and worked as a dishwasher.

He used his freedom in 1984 to eat a Big Mac for the first time, but by summer 1986 he was back behind bars, busted for a robbery plot.

State corrections officials say he won't be released until a parole plan is completed, and will receive proper supervision in either a halfway house or nursing home. Officials would not estimate how much longer that could take or what kind of restrictions he'd continue to have.

Even under halfway house restrictions or in a nursing home, corrections experts say he could be in for some challenges, noting that even short-time prisoners get indoctrinated to the rigid rules of prison.

"It really is cognitively and emotionally taxing, even though it is simple decisions you and I do every day without thinking," said Gaylene Armstrong, research director of the Correctional Management Institute of Texas at Sam Houston State University. "These folks are not used to making those decisions. ... If you think of just in the last five years what's changed for us: smart phones, not being pay phones, self-checkouts at grocery stores, ATMs, how to do things online. Even folks who have been off the streets for just a few years, that's all new to them."

Stewart, whose last car was a 1958 Ford, maintains he's unfazed by how the world has changed during his confinement.

"I've functioned in a lot of places," he said. "I know what's there and what ain't there."

Stewart was born in Corpus Christi, one of five children whose father worked in the South Texas oil fields. A search for Stewart's relatives was unsuccessful, with records showing most of them deceased.

Associated Press

Harvey Stewart , 83, spent 60 years in prison, and that makes him Texas' longest-serving inmate. He is seen in November from the Beto Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, near Tennessee Colony.

Man allegedly carjacks 2 vehicles, leads police on a chase

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

Watson

A man who allegedly carjacked two different vehicles Friday night and led Midland police on a high-speed chase into Sterling County is being held in Midland County jail on a $275,500 bond.

Midland police responded to a carjacking in progress at the Stripes convenience store at 3200 E. Highway 158, about 11:37 p.m. Friday. Upon arrival, officers learned that a white male, later identified as Justin Watson, 23, got into a dark gray 2004 GMC Envoy and forced the passenger out of the vehicle, said Tasa Watts, Midland police's public information officer.

The suspect headed eastbound on Highway 158 and then the vehicle had a blowout. A white pickup pulling a trailer pulled over to assist. The suspect approached the pickup, and after a confrontation, he took the vehicle with one occupant still in the pickup, Watts said.

Officers located the vehicle near Farm-to-Market 1379. Officers activated emergency lights and sirens, but the suspect failed to stop and led police on a chase with the unwilling passenger still in the vehicle.

The Sterling County Sheriff's Office deployed stop sticks and the vehicle came to a stop a few miles outside of Sterling City, Watts said.

Watson was taken into custody and charged with two second-degree counts of robbery, a third-degree felony of evading detention in a motor vehicle, a third-degree felony charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle and a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana. The passenger in the vehicle was not harmed.

Watts was transported to the Midland County Central Detention Center early Saturday morning. If convicted he could receive up to 20 years in prison for each count of robbery and up to 10 years in prison for each third-degree felony.

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Perry doesn't always sound like governor

■ His calls for change are a 180 from the Perry many know so well.

JASON EMBRY
Cox Newspapers

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa — Gov. Rick Perry is drifting further and further away from his own rhetoric and record in Texas as he seeks a respectable showing in Iowa's Jan. 3 presidential caucuses.

Perry made "states' rights" one of the mantras of his 2010 re-election as governor, arguing repeatedly that states could come up with their own solutions to problems the federal government is trying to solve.

But Perry, who is talking increasingly about religion these days, told Fox News on Sunday that he would push for a constitutional amendment that would "allow" prayer in school. It's unclear exactly what form that would take, but his is undoubtedly a federal approach to an issue that many governors might like to handle themselves, just as Texas lawmakers did in 2003 by passing a law that called for a moment of silence at the start of the school day.

Campaigning later that day in Ames, Iowa, Perry talked about Solyndra, the now-bankrupt energy company that got a $535 million loan guarantee from the Obama administration. Perry-watchers were quick to notice that Perry referred to Solyndra as a country.

But Christy Hoppe, of the Dallas Morning News, was there and caught something more important, which is that Perry said, "We got to get the government out of deciding everything — picking winners and losers." As Hoppe noted, hundreds of millions of Texas taxpayer dollars have flowed to companies through Perry's economic-development funds. Many have called this picking winners and losers.

Then, on Tuesday, Perry released a new ad saying that members of Congress should not become lobbyists.

Perry says in the ad: "Washington is the capital of political correctness, where doublespeak reigns and the truth is frowned upon. You can't say that congressmen becoming lobbyists is a form of legal corruption. ... You and I know it's true — but not politically correct."

If lawmakers becoming lobbyists is a form of legal corruption, Texas is an awfully corrupt place. Legislators regularly become lobbyists, sometimes even quitting in the middle of their terms to do so.

Perry has not moved to stop this in his 11 years as governor. The Center for Public Integrity found in a 2006 report that Texas had more legislators-turned-lobbyists than any other state, although the percentage of lobbyists who had been legislators was higher in some states than in Texas.

More to the point is Perry's willingness to use lobbyists on his own staff.

According to a forthcoming report from the left-leaning watchdog group Texans for Public Justice, 43 people who worked on Perry's gubernatorial staff between December 2000 and August 2011 also worked as lobbyists at other points during Perry's gubernatorial tenure.

Their average income from lobbying work ranged from $1.2 million to $2.3 million. The list includes some of his highest-ranking aides, including former chiefs of staff Mike Toomey and Ray Sullivan.

Asked about the Texas/Washington discrepancy, Perry spokeswoman Catherine Frazier said the system cannot be gamed in Texas the way it is at the federal level. "Unlike Congress, Texas lawmakers are part-time, we don't have earmarks and we must have a balanced budget, so we can only spend what we take in," Frazier said.

On the other hand, I've heard more than one part-time legislator in Texas talk about needing to take a high-paying lobby job because serving in the Legislature had hurt them financially.

Either way, we'll soon see if Perry's message is working. Some polls indicate that he is creeping back up in Iowa, where he began a 42-town bus tour Wednesday, while Newt Gingrich and Mitt Romney show signs of slipping.

Of course, Romney and Gingrich have aimed their fire at each other, taking most of the media attention with them. Perry doesn't appear to be anyone's primary target.

But if Perry makes a comeback, the scrutiny from the national media and his opponents will again intensify. And both groups will have plenty to work with when comparing Rick Perry to Rick Perry.

MPD arrest man in alleged robbery at Masters Nails

From staff reports

Midland police on Saturday arrested the man who allegedly robbed Masters Nails on the 1200 block of Andrews Highway.

Aaron Dustin Perez, 29, is being held on a first-degree felony charge of aggravated robbery.

Perez allegedly entered Master Nails on Friday night asking for money and keys. He did not display a weapon, but police said he told the people inside that they were to wait one minute after he left before notifying police or his friends would come in and shoot, said Tasa Watts, MPD's public information officer.

Perez was located sometime Saturday afternoon. Bond had not been set as of press time.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Daniel Escobar, 34, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Jesus B. Galarza, 59, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of injuring a child.

Billy D. Hernandez, 45, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a third or more charge of driving while intoxicated.

Calvin G. Jones, 45, of Tyler, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Maurice Lampkin, 23, of Midland, was arrested Friday by 441st Judicial District Court officials on a charge of violation of probation.

Joseph A. Mason, 43, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Oscar Moya, 40, of Midland, was arrested Friday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Catarino M. Villa, 53, of Midland, was arrested Friday by 385th Judicial District Court officials on a charge of criminally negligent homicide.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Historic Dallas structure gets a green makeover

By Randy Lee Loftis
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — In a cavernous brick structure in east Oak Cliff, old meets new.

And blue meets green.

The building at the Illinois rail station on DART's Blue Line was once a maintenance shop for the Interurban Railway, which ran between Denison and Waco, along with other routes, until 1948.

Dating to 1914, the shop building has the industrial look of its time and has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 2006.

Inside, however, it has a new role as the headquarters of DART's police department — the officers who patrol the trains, buses and stations; and their support staff.

The conversion was done with homage to the building's past, seamlessly merging original exposed brick walls and steelwork into the modern workspaces of a police force.

Architects and designers worked with the Texas Historical Commission, the Federal Transit Administration and the city of Dallas to make sure the renovation met preservation standards.

The project has another contemporary touch: It was recently declared among the nation's most environmentally sustainable historical renovations.

And planners were tasked with achieving a LEED silver certification, the third-highest level, from the U.S. Green Building Council. LEED — Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design — is a set of international standards for energy-efficient and environmentally friendly methods and materials.

"When the points were added up, the project received not silver, not gold, but platinum," said David Ehrlicher, DART's chief architect. Platinum is the highest level of achievement.

The renovation received credit for its mechanical systems, lighting efficiency, choice of materials and other elements.

Even "Dumpster management," reducing construction waste, counts. The project produced about 95 percent less scrap than a similar renovation might generate.

Other buildings on the national historical register have received LEED platinum certification, but DART believes its police headquarters is the first public-owned example.

With recent rail system expansions, the agency decided its police needed a home on one of the rail lines. The Interurban building, known as the Monroe Shops, was on the Blue Line, and vacant; previous re-use plans hadn't worked out.

Officers and staff moved into the Monroe Shops in March.

The project kept the original building virtually intact by setting the office walls away from the shop walls, essentially putting a smaller new box inside the old structure.

The technique will make future changes easier and helps integrate the past and present.

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Thanks to your generosity, the following financial assistance was given to the poor of Midland last week

Electricity	9 families	$ 1,914.98
Gas	1 family	$ 54.20
Water	1 family	$ 153.46
Rent	26 families	$ 18,105.75
Food for Christmas*		$ 2,005.60
TOTAL		$ 22,313.99

*Money used for food for Christmas food boxes and was donated to Helping Hands to be used for that purpose.

Dear Helping Hands,

We are extremely grateful for your support in helping our Rusk students and families. There is nothing more rewarding than helping a family in need. With your assistance, our efforts to provide for our students will be enhanced. We wish you could see their smiles of appreciation! *Stephanie Brown, Principal and Vickie Shenk, Counselor.*

We were approached by a nurse from Rusk several weeks ago asking for our assistance. Several of the children who attended the school had no coats, mittens or caps. We gave her the "run of our store" to pick out whatever she needed for the children in terms of winter wear. Then we were blessed by several gift cards from an anonymous donor who asked that the cards be used to help those in need. We immediately thought of these children. We gave the nurse two gift cards totaling $200 and asked that she use the money for mittens and caps for the children, and perhaps coats for those still in need. It was a joy to be able to help so many children!

And on another note, the students of Parker Elementary held a coat and warm clothing drive for Helping Hands. Children donated their coats and winter clothing that they can no longer use. It was picked up by our truck Friday and that clothing will be used to help other children in our schools who are in need. We thank the staff at Parker Elementary for their generosity and their concern for children in our city who might be lacking warm clothing.

What makes Midland such a great city in which to live is the spirit that we all have here in taking care of our neighbor. From the school nurse who noticed a need among some of the students in her school, to the school who felt there might be a need elsewhere in Midland...we all work together to help each other. God bless all of you for what you do, and thank you for using Helping Hands as your arms to reach out to the needy.

We always have volunteer opportunities available at Helping Hands. If you have an hour or a day each week to spend in volunteering to work for the poor of Midland, please call Mary at 528-6265 anytime. We're sure that we will be able to find something for you to do, and you will be working with a pretty terrific group of volunteers. We have a lot of fun. Please consider joining us!

Pictures taken by grieving children who have participated in Rays of Hope's photography class hang on the children's grief center's walls.

Tim Fischer Reporter-Telegram

Thousands attend rally for Nativity

Associated Press

ATHENS — Thousands have rallied on an East Texas courthouse lawn in response to an effort to remove a Nativity scene.

The Athens Daily Review estimated about 5,000 people came to Saturday's rally, which a Baptist pastor told the crowd was prompted by "the beginning of persecution of Christianity in our nation."

Henderson County officials this month received a letter from the Freedom From Religion Foundation. The group asked that a Nativity scene be removed from the courthouse square.

PHOTOGRAPHY

From 1B

Throughout the year, the center offers about 35 classes on a rotating basis. A photography class was offered previously, and because of the considerable interest, staff decided to bring it back.

Whether children are participating in a journal-writing workshop or building objects out of Legos, Rays of Hope staff and volunteers use various methods to give them a tool to express their emotions.

Pictures in black frames from past classes are hung on the agency's walls in an art gallery style. There are photos of plants, loved ones and random objects, such as a collection of doors.

Participants are provided with two copies of their pictures after the class is finished — one to take home and one that they can decide to share and have displayed at Rays of Hope.

"There's all different interpretations. Grief affects everyone differently," Austin said. "It's completely up to them. Really, we just leave it to their imagination to express their feelings about the loss or change."

For more information or to sign up for a class, contact Rays of Hope at 684-5437.

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TROOPS

From 1B

there's no reason area companies shouldn't be taking advantage of the skills they have to offer.

"You talk to a veteran who lost his leg for us, and he doesn't know what he's going to do — that hurts," Trost said.

Dau said at Fort Hood, people often are interested in moving to Midland because they have ties here. But, troops also are more willing to relocate for a job because they have become accustomed to that while in the service, she said.

Military personnel often will move to a new town because they're among those suffering most from long-term unemployment, according to statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor. Veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars reported a total unemployment rate of 11.5 percent in 2010. Of those, 36 percent were unemployed for 27 weeks or longer, according to a November report from the Department of Labor.

The report cites a lack of higher education as one reason veterans were more likely to be unemployed.

In the Permian Basin, Dau said employers sometimes prefer troops because they know they have acquired job skills.

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PAY

From 1B

"At Midland's version of the Smithsonian Museum, I am under the eagles wing! If you find me, pay it forward and post clue as to whereabouts on FB! Good luck!"

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Within 30 minutes after Moravcik posted the clue, a Midland father and his children figured out the riddle and went to get the envelope. They took it to the prayer garden across the street from Planned Parenthood in downtown Midland. He posted a clue on Facebook.

No one took the bait. Was the game over already? Would anyone get it and find it and hide it again?

He posted another hint.

For seven days, the game continued. Finders got creative in their clues and hiding places. They wrote posts out in Haiku and rhyming limericks. With some clues, those reading it had to stop and think for a bit.

The envelope made its way all around town — to the old county courthouse, the fire station, a Taco Villa, the Wadley Barron duck pond.

Moravcik lost track of it several times.

No one knew how much money was in it. Every time someone found the envelope, they added a few dollars to it. The player who found it at The Bar on Missouri Avenue told the story of the envelope and collected money from other patrons to add to the mix.

By Christmas Eve, Peggy Kayser and her family were monitoring Facebook religiously. They wanted to be the last ones to find the envelope. She already had decided she wanted to donate the cash to the Make-A-Wish Foundation after the organization had helped a friend's daughter when she had brain cancer. The family thought it would be the best place to pay it forward to someone else.

When a clue led them to the prayer garden again, Kayser and her children found the envelope with $650 inside.

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The game was a success. It became one of the most talked-about subjects around town.

Moravcik knew the game wouldn't be a one-time thing. She had wanted to do it again at Easter, but it didn't work out.

Last month, she and a few friends hosted an art show with 120 pieces featuring paintings, crosses and jewelry. Forty of those pieces sold. A bucket for donations was set out for those attending the art show. All in all, they raised $2,000 — seed money for this year's "Pay It Forward" game.

The rules will be the same this year: Find the envelope and hide it. Post a clue on Facebook.

But instead of having hundreds of dollars in cash floating around town — the idea of it getting lost or stolen worried Moravcik — 50 stamped-and-addressed envelopes will be placed in the main envelope. Those who find the envelope and clue are asked to not leave any cash behind, but to mail their donation in one of the envelopes provided.

The last person to find the envelope on Christmas Eve will get the chance to pick a family to receive the donations. Moravcik hopes that more than $3,000 will be paid forward by the end of the game.

"That much money could help out someone so much. It could really change their lives," she said. "We had a blast last year, and we really want to try and continue it, so it will grow and be a blessing to whoever plays and then whoever receives it at the end."

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figure out it's a great new hairdo.

6. Women absolutely fall for any kind of affection, so be liberal in that area. For instance, reach over and give her a big kiss on the cheek right in the middle of the Super Bowl. She'll go wild for that, and you miss only one commercial.

7. Be smart. Just stay completely away from the weight issue. She will not believe you if you tell her it looks like she lost weight, and if you tell her she has gained weight, she will kill you.

8. Remember: Women can't find anything in their purses when they need it except the credit card. Everything else disappears into the empty black purse hole that even astronomers can't explain.

9. Speaking of credit cards — don't! Giving a woman a credit card is like giving a politician a key to the bank. The real problem here: You probably don't have that kind of money in your bank account.

10. You always must be precise when talking to a woman. You can't kid around, and she wants the facts straight. For instance, if you say there are 4 billion stars, she'll want you to count them.

11. The Bible teaches man that he should never let a woman talk to a snake — or listen to a woman's advice, for that matter. Most of us blame women for the fall of man. I think that's biblical?

12. A lot of kissing will cover most of your daily sins, but not all. There is nothing you can do to stay totally out of the doghouse.

13. C'mon, you've heard it before, "You can't live with 'em and you can't live without 'em." In other words, men are in a real pickle here, so you better learn to cope.

14. A good woman is hard to find, but if you find one, keep her.

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Rafael Aguilera/Courtesy of UTPB

Deer breeder guilty of illegal transport

Associated Press

TYLER — An East Texas man running a deer-breeding facility has pleaded guilty to federal wildlife charges over his acquisition of some animals.

On Friday, prosecutors in Tyler announced Blake Powell, of Cherokee County, pleaded guilty to three counts of negligent transportation of wildlife.

Investigators said Powell, who owned Rockin' P White Tails, illegally imported live whitetail deer three times during 2007. The market value of the animals topped $208,000. Details of the out-of-state sources for the deer were not immediately released.

Powell, who pleaded guilty Monday, faces up to a year in prison. No sentencing date has been set.

Spreading the global warming gospel

Texas Tech professor is evangelical Christian and rising a star among climatologists

By Neela Banerjee
Tribune Washington Bureau

LUBBOCK — When Katharine Hayhoe was faced with telling a group of petroleum engineers in the heart of the Texas oil patch that the main culprit for climate change is humanity's consumption of fossil fuels, she expected pushback.

"Aren't you scientists just in this for the money?" one older man asked — the latest insult after a string of anonymous emails asserting that she and other climatologists were corrupt liars.

Most climatologists refuse to answer skeptics, preferring to let the research speak for itself. Hayhoe is one of a small but growing number of scientists willing to engage climate change doubters face to face. Unlike most of her colleagues, she is driven as much by the tenets of her faith as the urgency of the science.

A rising star among climatologists, Hayhoe, the daughter of missionaries, also is an evangelical Christian. Though the science supporting climate change grows ever more compelling, fewer Americans now accept the scientific consensus than they did three years ago. No group is more resistant than political conservatives, especially white evangelical Christians, who often say that climate change is a hoax.

Besides teaching at Texas Tech in Lubbock, conducting research and writing, Hayhoe meets with Christian colleges, church groups, senior citizens, professional associations and just about anyone else to explain that Earth's climate is changing and that human beings are behind it.

Like any climatologist, she is armed with data. Yet Hayhoe also speaks of climate change in a language to which conservative Christians can relate, about protecting God's creation and loving one's neighbors. Hayhoe is a climate change evangelist here in the West Texas Bible Belt, compelled by her faith to protect the least among us by sharing what she knows, even if it's science that many around her reject.

"People ask me if I believe in global warming. I tell them, 'No, I don't,' because belief is faith; faith is the evidence of things not seen," Hayhoe said. "Science is evidence of things seen. To have an open mind, we have to use the brains that God gave us to look at the science," she said.

Hayhoe, who serves as a reviewer for the main United Nations report on climate change, focuses her work on understanding and communicating the complex effects expected from climate change.

"She is perhaps the best communicator on climate change," said John Abraham, associate professor of thermal sciences at the University of St. Thomas and founder of the Climate Science Rapid Response Team, an information clearinghouse.

One brisk, windy morning recently, Hayhoe took the stage at Wayland Baptist University, a small school about an hour from Lubbock. "We have parents and communities who have a natural tendency to distrust science, and that's unfortunate," said Herbert Grover, dean of Wayland's school of math and science. "We asked Katharine to come because we wanted to take full advantage of her credentials as a scientist and as a Christian."

She tells the 300 students in sweats and Uggs that even if they ignore thermometers, scientists and data, they can still see the impact of climate change beyond their windows. An epic drought has gripped Texas, with climate change likely worsening the low rainfall that comes with the La Nina weather pattern in the region.

"A 1- or 2-degree increase in the world's temperature may not seem like much," she tells the students in the chilly auditorium, most paying attention rather than sleeping or texting. "But think of your own body when your temperature goes up by one and a half degrees. It means you're getting sick."

Hayhoe, 39, moved to Texas six years ago when her husband, Andrew Farley, was hired as a professor of linguistics at Texas Tech and as pastor of Ecclesia, a small evangelical church in Lubbock. Brought in to Tech's geoscience department, Hayhoe now teaches in the political science department, because, she said, "climate change is a very political science in West Texas."

A Canadian, Hayhoe's first efforts as a climate change evangelist focused on her skeptic husband. Like many American evangelicals, Farley grew up thinking that environmentalism was a leftist cause. "I saw climate change as the same as saving the whales, hugging trees and wearing hemp," he said.

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Drought reduces cow numbers by 600K

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — The worst drought in Texas' history has led to the largest-ever one-year decline in the leading cattle-state's cow herd, raising the likelihood of increased beef prices as the number of animals decline and demand remains strong.

Since Jan. 1, the number of cows in Texas has dropped by about 600,000, a 12 percent decline from the roughly 5 million cows the state had at the beginning of the year, said David Anderson, who monitors beef markets for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service. That's likely the largest drop in the number of cows any state has ever seen, though Texas had a larger percentage decline from 1934 to 1935, when ranchers were reeling from the Great Depression and Dust Bowl, Anderson said.

Anderson said many cows were moved "somewhere there's grass," but lots of others were slaughtered. He said that in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana and Arkansas, about 200,000 more cattle were slaughtered this year, a 20 percent increase over last year.

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> — DAVID ANDERSON
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That extra supply could help meet increased demand from China and other countries, but the loss of cows likely will mean fewer cattle in future years.

"Consumers are going to pay more because we're going to have less beef," Anderson said. "Fewer cows, calves, less beef production and increasing exports."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that beef prices will increase up to 5.5 in 2012, in part because the number of cattle has declined. That follows a 9 percent increase in beef prices in the past year.

Oklahoma, the nation's second-largest cattle producer, also saw about a 12 percent drop in cows, Oklahoma State University agriculture economist Derrell Peel said.

Anderson said beef production nationally will be down 4 percent next year.

In Texas, the problem is primarily due to the worst single-year drought in the state's history. From January through November the state got just 46 percent of its normal rainfall of about 26 inches.

The drought was the result of a La Nina weather pattern, which brings drier than normal conditions to the southwestern states. Forecasters have said La Nina is back, meaning another dry year for Texas, Oklahoma and other nearby states.

The lack of rain coupled with blistering summer heat caused pastures to wither, leaving rancher with the choice of buying feed for the cattle or selling them.

Betsy Ross, a 75-year-old rancher from the small central Texas community of Granger, said she sold all but 80 of the 225 grass-fed animals she had in January. With feed costs up 40 percent and her pasture parched, Ross said she didn't have any other option.

"It's not a profitable year, heavens no," she said. "If you can't keep them on grass when they're grass fed you're not going to make any money."

About 200 miles north in Sulphur Springs, part-time rancher Dwyatt Bell said producers in his part of the state sold off up to half their herds. Bell said high prices for cattle have helped offset increases expenses, but many ranchers still are struggling to stay afloat.

"It's been a rough year," he said.

Across Texas, the drought has caused an estimated $5.2 billion in loses to farmers and livestock producers, and that figure is expected to rise

Nationally, the number of cows has dropped by an estimated 617,000 this year, a 2 percent decline from the 30.9 million animals on Jan. 1. That number would be larger, but states in northern plains such as North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska, increased their cow herd.

Anderson said it's unclear whether high beef prices would hurt U.S. sales or limit exports. The U.S. is the world third largest consumer of beef per capita at 85.5 pounds per year. Uruguay is first at 137 pounds per capita.

"Exports have been the strongest part of beef demand all year and they're expected to remain so but higher prices should constrain their growth," he said.

Storms help loosen drought's grip on New Mexico

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Mother Nature has dumped more than two feet of snow in two weeks at some of New Mexico's ski resorts. Schoolchildren have rejoiced at news of cancelled classes, and highway workers have had to pull a couple of all-nighters to keep the state's major roads clear of snow and ice.

And forecasters say there's more winter moisture on the way.

So what happened to that pesky drought that had New Mexico firmly in its grasp for the past year?

Its grip has been loosened on some parts of the state thanks to a series of recent storms, but forecasters with the National Weather Service say New Mexico is far from being out of the woods.

Meteorologist Ed Polasko summed it up in classical technical terms: "It's not as droughty as it was before it started raining and snowing."

In a more serious tone, Polasko explained that New Mexico has a lot of catching up to do after starting the year without any moisture. That was followed up by a dry spring with relentless winds and warm temperatures. The monsoons never really materialized and fall left much to be desired in the moisture department.

Then came December and a flurry of winter storm warnings.

The most recent storm looked impressive as it started to make its way across New Mexico on Monday, with maps showing wide swaths of blue and yellow over much of the state. The colors signified moisture content at above 200 percent.

Predictions showed places like Albuquerque, Socorro and Gallup getting as much precipitation over 72 hours as they would get in an average December.

The predictions were close.

"There was quite a bit of liquid," said Ken Widelski, a weather service meteorologist who tracked the precipitation totals. "The ski areas were definitely the big winners."

The back side of the Sandia Mountains, for example, recorded 18 inches. Red River had 14 and Pajarito near Los Alamos followed with 13.5 inches. Snow also blanketed Santa Fe and Taos, while Albuquerque received a trace of the white stuff along with a day of rain.

It was in fact enough moisture to improve New Mexico's drought situation. A map released Thursday by federal officials shows the severity of the drought had lessened in the western half of the state.

Less than 40 percent of the state is now plagued by the two worst categories of drought — extreme and exceptional. That's a drastic improvement over the summer when it topped out at nearly 80 percent.

If the trend continues, forecasters say there's a good chance New Mexico could record near normal precipitation for December. That would mark the first normal month this year.

Still, the southeast corner of the state has been missed by nearly every moisture-producing storm so far this year.

"That area is just sort of snake bit," Polasko said, noting that the Roswell area received only 0.02 inches of moisture out of the last storm.

This year has been tough for everyone from backyard gardeners and federal water managers to farmers and ranchers. They see the moisture as a blessing now, but for some, it's a little too late.

"It's unfortunate that we didn't get the moisture at the time when it could help us grow grass and provide for our livestock, but that's where we're at," said Leon Porter, a rancher from central New Mexico. "This could help if the moisture stays in the ground and we don't have a lot of wind or hot temperatures between now and spring."

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Craig's GOP connections could help late Senate run

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

ELECTION 2012

AUSTIN — As a television college football analyst for ESPN, Craig James is beamed into living rooms and sports bars across the country every week.

Back home in Texas, he's a polarizing figure who was embroiled in Texas Tech University's decision to fire football coach Mike Leach in 2009 and was a member of the record-setting Southern Methodist University football team in the early 1980s when the program entered a series of scandals that ultimately forced the NCAA to shut it down.

As James weighs whether to run for Senate as a Republican, his football resumé could hurt him as much as help in a state enthralled by the game.

On Friday, ESPN said James asked to be allowed to not work next Tuesday night's Beef O'Brady's bowl, fueling speculation that he will enter the race to fill the seat vacated by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. The deadline to enter the race had been Monday, but a federal court on Friday moved the deadline to Feb. 1.

Telephone and email messages to James were not immediately returned Friday. James' friend, Roy Bailey, a Dallas insurance executive who has been one of Gov. Rick Perry's top fundraisers, said James is still undecided.

"He's very, very seriously contemplating this," Bailey said. "He is just sick, as a lot of people are, at what's going on in Washington D.C. ... If he gets in, I'm all in with him."

James, a former player at Southern Methodist University and in the NFL, is a well-known sports figure both in Texas and around the country. But his name recognition could hurt him, particularly back home.

James played at SMU from 1979-1982 and was a major part of the record-setting "Pony Express" backfield with Eric Dickerson. Though the Mustangs won Southwest Conference championships in 1981 and 1982, the team was also embroiled in several NCAA investigations.

In 1987, the NCAA hit SMU with the so-called "death penalty" for repeated infractions, shutting down the program for a year after finding SMU had continued to pay players after promising in 1985 it would stop. SMU also chose not to play in 1988 because the NCAA would have limited the Mustangs to only seven games, none at home.

The scandal is generally considered among the worst in college sports history. The sanctions leveled by the NCAA decimated the Mustangs program and SMU remains the only school to be given the "death penalty."

James was never directly implicated in the NCAA transgressions and he has consistently denied any involvement.

Two years ago, James was involved in the firing of Leach, the winningest coach in Texas Tech history, after James complained to school administrators that Leach mistreated his son, Adam James, by twice ordering him to stand for hours confined in a dark place after he got a concussion.

Leach denies mistreating the younger James and has said Craig James had called coaches trying to get his son more playing time. Leach also said he suspects an $800,000 bonus he was due on Dec. 31, 2009, was the reason he was fired.

Leach sued the university and named Craig James as a defendant. The case is pending before the Texas Supreme Court.

Many Red Raiders fans remain angry that Leach was fired and some blame James for his ouster.

Austin political consultant and lobbyist Bill Miller said the controversy won't necessarily be bad for James if it keeps him alive in the political conversation.

"It puts him in the middle of the public debate about a pretty important issue," Miller said. "That's good for a candidate."

As a college football analyst and color commentator, part of James' job at ESPN is to take strong positions on which teams deserve top bowl bids or which players deserve national awards.

That can win fans or lose them every week depending on what he says about their favorite teams and players.

James also is a political novice who has never held elected office. He would be joining a primary already crowded with wealthy, powerful and experienced candidates.

"Late starts are just killers," Miller said. "If you want to succeed in this business, you've got to give yourself time to campaign and raise money. He's done neither of those."

But James has friends among key Texas Republicans and could marshal a team of heavyweight fundraisers to help him catch up.

Bailey has worked with former New York mayor and former Republican presidential candidate Rudy Guliani.

Jim Lee, a Houston investor who was Gov. Rick Perry's campaign finance chairman in 2010 and is helping raise money for Perry's presidential campaign, is one of three founding partners on Texans for a Better America, a nonprofit James set up in April to promote conservative policies.

Lee, who did not return telephone messages seeking comment Friday, has already sent potential James supporters an email trying to drum up financial commitments.

James also is a board member at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a conservative think tank that is highly influential with Texas Republicans.

He will need those connections and national fundraising muscle to compete. He will likely find it difficult to raise enough money in Texas alone to effectively compete with Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and his $200 million personal fortune, former Dallas mayor Tom Leppert and former Texas solicitor general Ted Cruz, all of whom have spent months campaigning, raising money and collecting endorsements.

That means James will have bank on his contacts and fans outside the state to finance his campaign, something that his celebrity and name recognition should make easier.

After college, James was drafted by the Washington Federals in the USFL and signed with the Patriots before the 1985 season. He retired from football in 1989.

As a businessman, James has been involved in ventures providing video content for the Internet as well as real estate holdings and development, according to the Texans for a Better America website.

Police charge ex-Bloomfield parks director with embezzlement

Associated Press

FARMINGTON, N.M. — The former parks director in the northwestern New Mexico community of Bloomfield has been charged with embezzlement.

Bob Carman was fired in July and now faces a felony charge. His attorney claimed the charge was made in retaliation for his objections to a Ten Commandments monument a private group wanted installed on the City Hall lawn. Lawyer Eric Morrow also said his client was improperly fired but may enter a diversion program that would keep the case out of the legal system.

City Manager David Fuqua told the Farmington Daily News on Friday that Carman is accused of taking sheets of metal belonging to the city. He allegedly had a city employee use the metal, worth about $500 a sheet, to repair his horse trailer.

On another occasion, Carman had several employees come to his home on city time to install a Jacuzzi, Fuqua said.

"There are more incidents, and some can't be proven," he said. "We do know for a fact that he took over $1,000 worth of city equipment. He was stealing from us and we weren't going to put up with it."

Morrow said the metal incident took place in March 2010, and that Carman believed the metal installed on his horse trailer to be some he had purchased himself.

Even if Carman had taken city property to use on his private trailer and asked another employee to do the work on city time, he still should not be facing a criminal charge, Morrow said.

"If a regular city employee wants to use city property or do private work on city time, he has to ask the director, but the director only has to ask himself," Morrow said. "Bob would have had the authority to do this, so even if he did do what they're alleging, at the very most this would be a case of negligence, not a criminal matter. Nonetheless, our position is that the metal on his trailer is not the same metal he is accused of taking."

Morrow claimed Carman's charge and termination resulted from a toxic climate in Bloomfield's city government, and that many employees are being targeted and unjustly terminated.

"Bloomfield's corrupt, and the city is hiding a lot under the rug," Morrow said. Three more former employees also are suing the city for wrongful termination.

Fuqua denied Carman's termination and investigation for embezzlement had anything to do with his statements about the monument, and said the city started looking at Carman's activities following an anonymous phone tip.

Morrow said he and Carman have expressed interest in an offer from the District Attorney's officer to enter its Pre-Prosecution Diversion program because charges would be dropped. He stressed that acceptance of a PPD is not an admission of guilt.

"Even if someone is innocent, you never can tell what will happen with a trial, so sometimes consideration of a PPD is one option to avoid a trial," he said.

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Las Cruces residents ponder mystery plane

Associated Press

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Residents of a golf course community in Las Cruces are trying to figure out just who has been flying a plane back and forth over their homes for hours a day since early this month.

The mystery plane flies low but not quite low enough for residents to read its registration number. So they can't track down the owner and ask, "What's up?"

The Las Cruces Sun-News reported that Homeland Security checked the plane out and determined it wasn't a threat.

Retired educator Davis Lither said the plane flies over the Sonoma ranch Golf Course every three or four minutes for hours at a time and is a constant distraction.

"It's not like somebody flashing by with a little noise that goes away," said Lither, who has lived in the neighborhood for about five years. "If this had been a car circling and circling and circling and circling day and night, we could have had the police come and just check it out."

The only thing anyone was able to figure out was that the plane has been refueling at the El Paso International Airport, and might belong to a company conducting some kind of cellphone coverage research until the end of the month.

Unfortunately, El Paso International Airport spokesman Jeff Schultes said there's no way to figure out which plane is the one circling Las Cruces.

"Planes land here all the time, and they don't have to say what they're doing or where they're going," said Schultes, who said the plane's described behavior sounds like some kind of mapping activity. "(But) there's no way of really knowing," he said. "We don't keep that kind of information and with the business of the airport. People come and go all the time."

Mayor Ken Miyagishima, who lives in the neighborhood, said he plans to be in touch with the state's FAA liaison.

"I think every time you go anywhere, you have to let them know what you're doing, so we can find out," said Miyagishima, who added he is not home when the plane is being reported. "We can get to the bottom of it. It's definitely got to be not only annoying, but concerning that it's just flying around."

If that doesn't work, Lither said his last option might be to call a friend with a plane and promise him dinner at the Double Eagle, if he could fly up and get the mystery plane's identifying N-number.

"We love Las Cruces," Lither said. "It's just been a great place to retire to and this is just odd. It shouldn't be this hard for citizens of Las Cruces to find out what's flying above them."

REGION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

Rio Rancho passes rules to clean up foreclosures

ALBUQUERQUE — Foreclosed properties in Rio Rancho must be registered with the city and maintained and secured under an ordinance adopted this week.

City leaders said the new ordinance is aimed at keeping hundreds of foreclosed homes scattered throughout the city from becoming prey to vandals, graffiti artists and rodents.

The Albuquerque Journal reported the new rules apply to financial institutions that repossess homes.

City councilor Michael Williams said vacant homes can attract illegal activities and drag down home values.

Owners of foreclosed properties will have to pay a $50 fee to register the property.

A briefing memo written by city staff said Rio Rancho now has more than 600 foreclosures.

OKLAHOMA

Death row inmate hospitalized after suicide effort

McALESTER — A state prison official said a death row inmate scheduled for execution next month is in critical condition after an apparent suicide attempt.

Warden Terry Crenshaw, Oklahoma State Penitentiary assistant, told the McAlester News-Capital that Gary Roland Welch tried to kill himself Friday.

Crenshaw said Welch apparently used a shaving razor to cut himself in the neck area. He said Welch was found bleeding in his cell about 11 p.m. after he was seen alert in the cell less than 15 minutes earlier.

Welch is scheduled to die Jan. 5 for the 1994 stabbing death of Robert Hardcastle in Miami. The state Pardon and Parole Board voted 3-2 on Dec. 5 to reject his clemency request.

Welch maintained that he killed Hardcastle in self-defense.

ARIZONA

Man critical after booking at Maricopa County jail

PHOENIX — A man was hospitalized in critical condition Saturday after he fought with Maricopa County deputies and Phoenix police while he was booked into jail.

Ernest M. Atencio was found in a so-called "safe cell" about 3 a.m. Friday after he fought with officers while they booked him into the county lockup. The Arizona Republic reported that officers found him unresponsive about 15 minutes later.

MCSO Deputy Director Jack MacIntyre said in a statement that officers took the 44-year-old Atencio to the cell in hopes of getting him under control. Medical staff had to start CPR and other revival efforts.

McIntyre said an investigation is ongoing.

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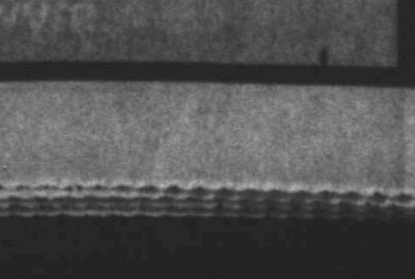

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Southlake Carroll wins 8th state championship

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Will Davis caused and recovered a fumble that set up quarterback Kenny Hill's 7-yard go-ahead scoring run — one of his four touchdowns — in Southlake Carroll's 36-29 victory over Fort Bend Hightower in the Class 5A Division I state championship game Saturday.

Dragons 36
Hurricanes 29

Hill, named the game's most valuable offensive player, scored two rushing touchdowns and two passing and accounted for 345 total yards from scrimmage for the Dragons (16-0), who won the school's eighth state football championship in front of 42,896 at Cowboys Stadium.

Hill, a junior, was 19-of-24 passing for 229 yards. Davis, named the game's most valuable defensive player, had eight tackles and was part of a key sack of Hurricanes quarterback Bralon Addison, forcing a punt on what turned out to be Hightower's last possession.

Sabian Holmes had 138 yards on 11 catches and a touchdown for Carroll.

Addison, with 184 yards rushing, scored two touchdowns — one on an 80-yard run — for Fort Bend Hightower (13-3), which was making its second championship-game appearance.

The Hurricanes held a nine-point lead when Hill found Holmes on a 59-yard touchdown pass over the middle to cut Hightower's edge to 23-21.

The Dragons went ahead for the first time since an early 3-0 lead on Hill's 25-yard scoring strike to Corey Kemp with 2:49 left in the third quarter.

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■ Find results from the Class 4A, Division II and Class 5A, Division II championships.

■ Check out all of the Texas high school football champions since the University Interscholastic League began sanctioning titles.

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Associated Press

Southlake Carroll celebrates defeating Fort Bend Hightower for the Class 5A Division I championship high school football title Saturday at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington. Southlake Carroll won 36-29.

Left in the dust

Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys running back Felix Jones (28) runs past Tampa Bay Buccaneers defensive end Michael Bennett (71), defensive tackle Roy Miller (90) and defensive tackle Frank Okam (98) during the first half Saturday in Tampa, Fla.

Cowboys take early lead, cruise to victory

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Tony Romo was nearly flawless in getting the Dallas Cowboys back on track in the NFC East.

Romo threw for three touchdowns and ran for a fourth score Saturday night, helping the first-place Cowboys beat the struggling Tampa Bay Buccaneers 31-15.

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Buccaneers 15

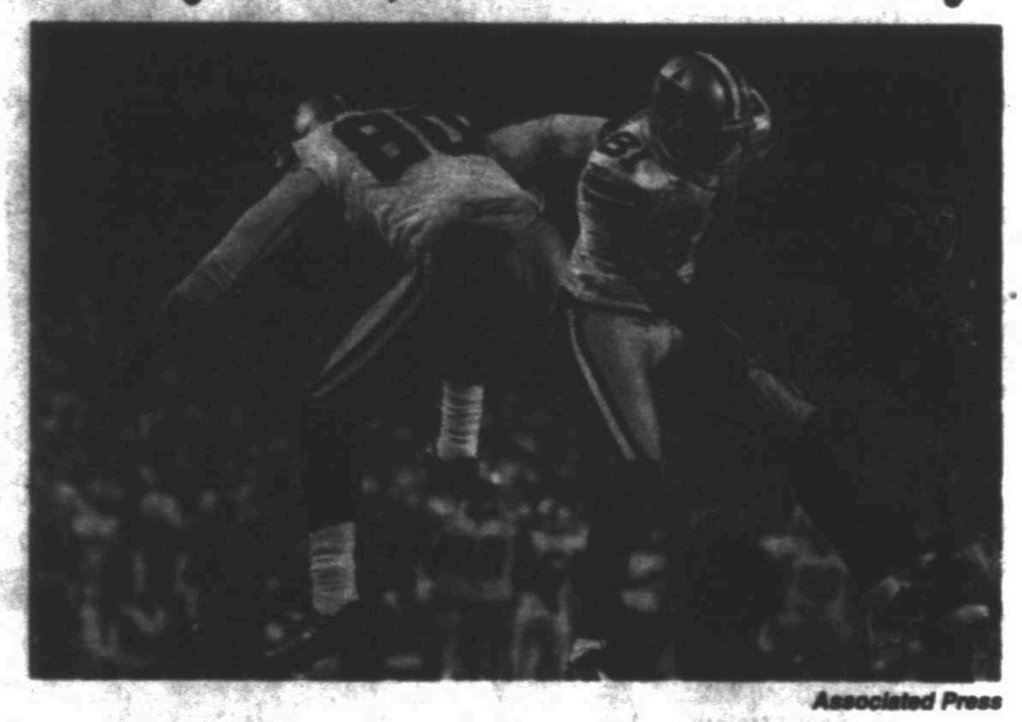
Dallas stopped a two-game losing streak in which it blew fourth-quarter leads to allow a seemingly solid grip on the division lead slip away.

The victory gave the Cowboys (8-6) a half-game lead over New York. Although the Giants hold a tiebreaker advantage after beating Dallas 37-34 last week, the Cowboys can claim the division title and host a playoff game by finishing with wins the next two weeks over Philadelphia at home and the Giants on the road.

The Bucs (4-10) lost for the eighth straight time and played a miserable first half that certainly didn't do anything to help coach Raheem Morris make a case for keeping his job.

Romo threw a pair of 8-yard TD passes to Miles Austin and Dez Bryant in the first quarter, then finished a seven-play, 89-yard drive with a 9-yarder to Laurent Robinson to make it 21-0 with just under 5 minutes remaining in the second quarter. Romo made it 28-0 on a quarterback sneak in the closing seconds of the opening half.

Tampa Bay managed just one first down and was outgained 279 yards to 55 in the first two quarters, but found a way to make it interesting in the second half.



Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys tight end Martellus Bennett (80) and wide receiver Laurent Robinson (81) celebrate a 9-yard touchdown reception by Robinson during the first Saturday.

The Bucs, who had had yielded 69 consecutive points dating to the second quarter of the previous week's 41-14 loss to Jacksonville, finally got on the scoreboard in the third quarter when rookie Adrian Clayborn sacked Romo from behind, forcing a fumble that linebacker Dekoda Watson returned 4 yards for a TD for a much-needed spark.

Josh Freeman's 13-yard TD pass to Dezmon Briscoe and a two-point conversion throw to Kellen Winslow trimmed the Dallas lead to 31-15 heading into the final quarter.

The Cowboys have led in the fourth quarter in five of their six losses, however there wouldn't be a late collapse this time. Tampa Bay turned the ball over on downs twice in the last six minutes, and Sammy Morris picked up a first down inside the Bucs 10 to give the Cowboys an opportunity to run out the clock.

Austin's TD midway through the first quarter was set up by Tampa Bay's NFL-leading 32nd turnover, a fumble by Freeman on the fifth play of the game.

The Tampa Bay quarterback scrambled 25 yards on third-and-5 to march the Bucs near midfield, but the opening possession of the night came to an abrupt halt on the next play when Freeman took off again for a 7-yard gain and was stripped of the ball at the Cowboys 44.

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Decision to groom young QBs proves difficult for NFL teams

New York Times News Service

When David Carr became an NFL quarterback in 2002, he had an unconventional wish for a first pick in the draft.

He wanted to be a backup.

Despite a glittering career at Fresno State, Carr, who was selected to be the cornerstone of the expansion Houston Texans, knew he had to learn how to be a professional, from how to handle the news media to how best to watch game film. In the classic NFL model he embraced, he would sit behind a veteran starter who would help groom him for the job.

It did not work out that way. The best available veteran quarterbacks often eschew expansion teams in favor of playing for contenders, and Carr, forced to start immediately as a rookie, says now that he believes it set his career back just as it was getting started.

Ten years later, after making almost 80 starts, Carr has the job he used to want. He is Eli Manning's backup with the Giants, and he has not taken a single snap this season.

Carr's career, which began too quickly and may have faded too soon because the Texans struggled to manage his position, has made him the ideal at the most dreaded and desperately important job in football: the one that late this season has been pushed into the spotlight like never before. The Texans' former general manager, Charley Casserly, leans on the philosophy of his former boss Joe Gibbs: "The second most important person on the team is the backup quarterback."

Nodding his head toward Manning's locker a few feet away, Carr agreed.

"Around the team, a lot of guys get hurt, young guys go in, they pull guys off the street and they go in and start and it's not magnified as much as when the quarterback goes down," Carr said. "In our situation, Eli goes down, I can go in. I'm just trying to get our team a victory. I'm not trying to steal a guy's position."

The fraught dynamics and intense responsibilities associated with the quarterback position have made this season's numerous quandaries especially compelling. From the Indianapolis Colts' stumbling scramble to find an appropriate replacement for Peyton Manning to playoff contenders like the Texans and the Chicago Bears putting their late-season runs into the hands of backups — and, in the Texans' case, third-teamers — the players who usually wear ball caps during games have instead worn the yoke of their teams' hopes.

More than half the teams in the league have gone to their backups at some point this season because of injury or ineptitude. That list will grow this weekend when the Cleveland Browns and perhaps the Pittsburgh Steelers have to play backups, too, because of injuries to starters.

This weekend's marquee game — the Denver Broncos against the New England Patriots — presents the extremes of

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Sunday Morning Line

LEN HAYWARD
Sports Editor

This and that as two weeks off from filling this space should give me plenty to talk about:

If there's one thing I've learned while writing this column through the years is that even when you take a week, or two, off there is no shortage of topics when you get back to writing.

The one topic that seems to be dominating conversation around has been the performance of the Dallas Cowboys the last two weeks.

Jason Garrett's job status has come into question, even though Jerry Jones has given him a vote of confidence. There was the icing your own kicker incident against Arizona and then last week's partially blocked field goal that helped the Giants beat the Cowboys.

The one thing that was constant in the two losses was defense. Against Arizona, sure the Cowboys probably shouldn't have been in overtime, but you are there and you have to tackle and finish out the game. The defense didn't make a big tackle.

It was similar last week against the Giants when the Cowboys defense struggled to stop Eli Manning late in that game.

Either way, the heat is on for the Cowboys and Garrett but I still think they will win the division and go to the playoffs.

■ I know it's been two weeks but congrats go out to Midland Christian for winning its fifth state championship. The Mustangs had a rough start to the season against two good teams, but rebounded to win the next 12 and earn another ring.

Expect Midland Christian to be in a similar position next year as Christian Whigham returns along with middle linebacker Matt Counts.

■ Kevin Sumlin's hiring at Texas A&M was a bit of a head scratcher for me. Here's why: I was thinking with the Aggies going to the Southeastern Conference school officials would want someone with SEC experience, and I thought Kirby Smart would be that guy. Then I thought they've should've opened the checkbook, which has never seemed to be a problem for the Aggies, and brought Chad Morris home to Texas from Clemson. It's only my opinion, and everyone knows about opinions.

Anyway, Sumlin will have his work cut out for him in a move that is groundbreaking for Texas A&M. One thing Sumlin needs to do is hire a strong defensive coordinator to get the Aggies playing stout defense again, and then worry about the offense later.

It's all about recruiting and Sumlin's Houston-area recruiting will be key to the Aggies' future success along with making sure blue chippers in East Texas make their way to College Station instead of Austin, Baton Rouge or Fayetteville.

The Aggies' first season in the SEC will be interesting, and I want to see Sumlin make his mark both in the SEC and at A&M next year.

■ The recent reassignment of former Midland High girls soccer coach Kent Rivas came as a pretty big surprise, and produced some speculation in our office about what might have happened to precipitate this.

Coaches, successful ones for that matter, are not removed from their position unless something has happened with the season around the corner. MISD is typically tight lipped about everything, only saying they wanted to go in a new direction with the program, but the speculation on what happened will continue through the year.

Rivas is a successful coach, and he is one that does not sugar coat things both to us in the media and to his players, and he even admitted he didn't see eye to eye on some things with the administration.

The program will be fine because it has plenty of talent, but the hard part for interim coach Joe Horne is keeping the team together after such a sudden departure.

■ I'm looking forward to today's game between the Texans and Panthers and will be interested to see Cam Newton live. The highlights I've seen of him have been pretty phenomenal, and I'll be interested to see what he can do against the Texans defense, especially the front seven.

The Texans still have a chance to gain home field advantage in the AFC in the playoffs, but will need to win out to do it.

■ As talk of a bond in Midland ISD begins to heat up, I will be interested to see if any athletic facilities will be included in that package. I do know this much, Wahoo McDaniel dressed in Midland High's football field house, and former Lee baseball coach Ernie Johnson worked in the same coaches office they are using today at Lee. I'll leave it at that.

■ And finally, rest in peace, Tim.

On the air today

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1 p.m.
NBC — Winter Dew Tour, Nike Open, at Breckenridge, Colo.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
4:30 p.m.
FSN — Virginia at Oregon

NFL FOOTBALL
Noon
CBS — Regional coverage, doubleheader
FOX — Regional coverage
3 p.m.
FOX — Regional coverage
3:15 p.m.
CBS — Regional coverage, doubleheader game
7 p.m.
NBC — Baltimore at San Diego

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
2 p.m.
FSN — Southern Cal at Texas A&M
7:30 p.m.
ESPN — UConn at Baylor

Scola, Williams lead Rockets past Spurs

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Luis Scola scored 20 points, Terrence Williams had 14 and the Houston Rockets beat the short-handed San Antonio Spurs 101-87 on Saturday night.

Jordan Hill had 17 points and 13 rebounds for the Rockets, who had a 56-38 edge on the boards. Williams also had nine rebounds.

Manu Ginobili and DeJuan Blair scored 16 points apiece for the Spurs. Tim Duncan and Tony Parker sat out for San Antonio.

Houston led 51-36 at halftime after the Spurs went 8 for 40 from the field in the half. Ginobili went 2 for 10 in the first half.

The Rockets pushed the margin over 20 in the third quarter. The Spurs rallied, but a Houston lineup of reserves led by Williams held on for the victory.

Rockets	101
Spurs	87

BACKUPS

From 1C

a sometimes unwieldy affiliation. Tim Tebow, the Denver phenomenon, was supposed to be a backup this season, to learn behind a veteran like Kyle Orton. But Orton's poor performance, accompanied by an extraordinary groundswell of public pressure, thrust Tebow into the starting role, where he is now 7-1, almost assuring that the Broncos will deal with another uncomfortable backup situation next season.

Orton has since been waived by the Broncos and picked up by the Chiefs, for whom he will start this weekend in place of Tyler Palko, the ineffective backup to the injured Matt Cassel. Tom Brady, a former backup who never relinquished the starting job after Drew Bledsoe was hurt in 2001, is so entrenched that even regular followers of the Patriots might struggle to name his backup. (It is Brian Hoyer, although the Patriots also drafted Ryan Mallett in the third round last spring.)

Carr's situation, though, encapsulated what makes managing the backup quarterback such a vexing job. No position attracts such scrutiny. And no other is complicated by a toxic mix of bloated egos, crushing disappointments, undiscovered talent and overblown expectations.

General managers grapple with whether to groom a young player or bring in a veteran (the Colts), and with whether they can afford a top-flight backup if they have a top-flight starter (also the Colts). Coaches sometimes want to create competition for a less-than-secure starter (the Washington Redskins, among many), while hoping to avoid the friction that develops when having a quarterback-in-waiting behind an established veteran (see the San Francisco 49ers of the Joe Montana-Steve Young era).

Rare are Bob Griese and Earl Morrall, who coexisted seamlessly enough, and were both talented enough that when Griese was hurt early in the 1972 season, Morrall took over for most of the rest of the Miami Dolphins' perfect run, until Griese was ready to take his job back in the Super Bowl. More common is the strained relations that occurred in Green Bay between Brett Favre and Aaron Rodgers.

With the demise of NFL Europe, there is nothing approaching a developmental league. And Rich Gannon, the former quarterback — starter and backup — is surprised by how little coaching of fundamentals quarterbacks receive once they are in the NFL.

"Some teams, the guy coaching the quarterbacks has never played the position or coached the position before," Gannon said. "This is the NFL. How do you do that?"

No team's struggles have been on more glaring display than those of the winless Colts, who hurriedly signed the veteran Kerry Collins during the preseason after the extent of Manning's neck injury became known. With little time to prepare, Collins struggled. But when he got hurt and the job was turned over to Curtis Painter, the bottom fell out. Painter was drafted by the Colts in 2009, presumably to be groomed as Manning's backup.

"It's a crapshoot when you're drafting guys who only play in the preseason," Casserly said. "The Colts probably thought Painter was better than he ended up being."

There are, though, success stories. New England won 11 games with Cassel, a seventh-round draft pick, after Brady was injured in the 2008 season opener, earning Cassel his own starting job in Kansas City. In Green Bay, the backup Matt Flynn, another seventh-rounder, is so well regarded after he filled in for Rodgers last year that he, too, could become a starter elsewhere. In Cincinnati, the backup Bruce Gradkowski has been instrumental in the rapid development of the rookie starter Andy Dalton because he knows the offensive coordinator Jay Gruden's concepts from their shared time in Tampa Bay.

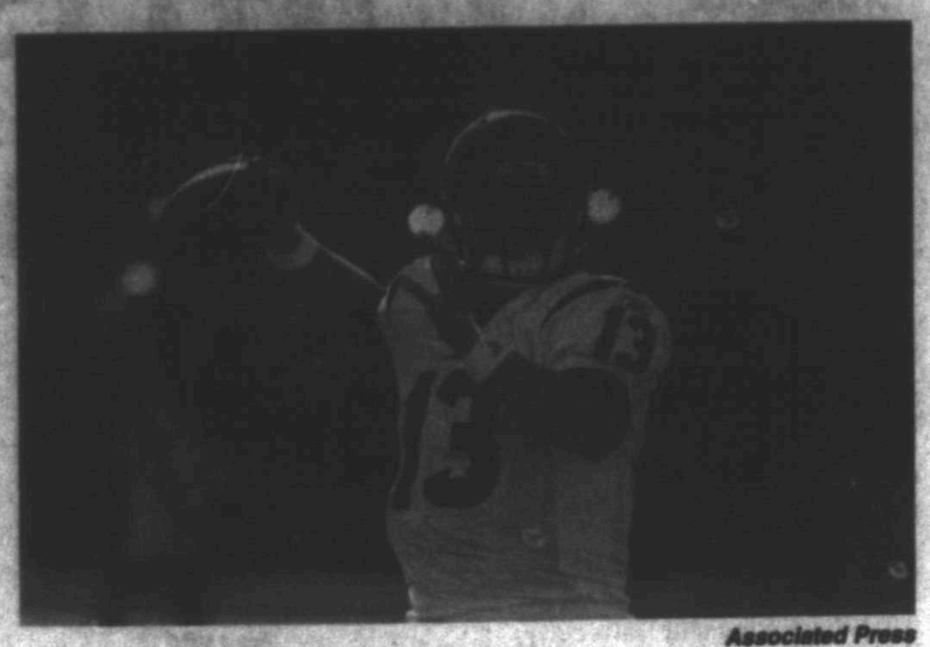
"There has not been animosity," Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said. "He has helped move this thing forward. He's like, 'Hey, Andy, I've got this play at home, I'll show it to you against cover-2, we ran this in Tampa.' He's been an unbelievable liaison."

But the most stunning success is back in Houston. A decade after Casserly was thwarted in finding the backups he wanted to help Carr, the Texans have won their first division title with their third-string quarterback.

When Matt Schaub was put on injured reserve, Matt Leinart, brought in for his veteran expertise, was supposed to take over. But when Leinart broke his collarbone in his first start, it pushed the rookie T.J. Yates — a fifth-round draft pick — into the job. The Texans, with one of the best offensive lines and defenses in the NFL, have won all three games in which Yates has played, giving them hope that their playoff dreams did not go down with Schaub and Leinart.

Yates plays for a former career backup quarterback, Gary Kubiak. Kubiak calls Yates "let's be honest, a blessing" because he worked out over the summer with teammates at Rice University when coaches could not speak to him during the lockout. In Yates, then, Kubiak may have uncovered a quarterback in his own image.

"I knew I had to prepare hard mentally because I wasn't going to get the reps physically," Kubiak said. "I also understood that nobody would know if I was doing my job until I got thrown into the fire. My job was to prepare away from practice. You just know you're taking on a big responsibility when the team loses a leader and starter. You've got to be big enough to handle that."



Associated Press

Houston Texans quarterback T.J. Yates warms up before game against the Cincinnati Bengals on Dec. 11. Yates, a Texans backup quarterback, was put in a starting role this season after Matt Schaub and Matt Leinart were injured.

COWBOYS

From 1C

Linebacker Bradie James recovered and it took Romo seven plays to get Dallas in the end zone for the first time. The Cowboys marched 69 yards in 10 plays on their next possession, with Romo finishing the drive by finding a wide-open Bryant in the back of the end zone to make it 14-0.

In three career games against Tampa Bay — all lopsided victories — Romo has thrown for 908 yards, 11 touchdowns and no interceptions. He was 23 of 30 for 249 yards and was sacked twice.

Felix Jones, back in the starting lineup after DeMarco Murray broke his right ankle last week in a 37-34 loss to the Giants, broke a 38-yard run on the drive leading to Robinson's TD and finished with 108 yards on 22 carries — his second straight 100-yard performance had 67 yards rushing on 12 carries at halftime.

Freeman, making his second start since missing a game because of an injured throwing shoulder, was 17 of 27 for 148 yards and no interceptions. He led the Bucs in rushing with 37 yards on four attempts and was sacked three times, once by DeMarcus Ware, who notched his 16th of the season.

Thanks to a large contingent of Cowboys fans, the Bucs played before a sellout crowd at home for just the second time in two seasons. Judging by all the blue and white jerseys scattered throughout the 65,000-seat stadium, at least half the house appeared to be rooting for Dallas.

The Bucs have lost eight straight following a 4-2 start that included wins over NFC South rivals New Orleans and Atlanta.

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Philadelphia	31	19	8	4	42	97	77
N.Y. Rangers	30	18	8	3	39	87	61
Pittsburgh	32	19	11	4	42	107	96
New Jersey	31	13	11	7	33	67	72
N.Y. Islanders	30	10	14	6	26	67	87
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Northeast Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	31	21	7	3	45	108	71
Toronto	32	18	12	2	38	94	91
Montreal	32	16	13	3	35	84	87
Ottawa	32	15	14	3	33	97	107
Buffalo	32	14	14	4	32	102	110
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Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	32	17	9	6	40	87	82
Washington	32	15	13	4	34	89	94
Winnipeg	32	14	13	5	33	84	90
Tampa Bay	32	13	13	6	32	97	107
Carolina	32	10	18	4	24	84	113

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	32	22	6	4	48	104	73
Detroit	31	20	10	1	41	104	89
St. Louis	31	19	9	4	42	76	66
Nashville	31	14	12	5	33	73	81
Columbus	32	13	12	7	33	76	105

Northwest Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	33	20	8	5	45	94	72
Calgary	32	19	11	2	40	106	90
Minnesota	31	17	11	3	37	81	78
Edmonton	31	14	14	3	31	85	94
Colorado	32	14	17	1	29	86	99

Pacific Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	31	18	12	1	37	93	95
San Jose	30	18	10	2	38	92	77
Phoenix	32	16	13	3	35	84	87
Los Angeles	32	14	14	4	32	69	79
Anaheim	32	8	18	6	22	75	105

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Saturday's Scores
Nashville 2, St. Louis 1, SO
N.Y. Islanders 3, Montreal 1, SO
Boston 6, Philadelphia 3
Vancouver 5, Toronto 3
New Jersey 4, Montreal 3
Pittsburgh 3, Buffalo 2
Winnipeg 5, Anaheim 3
Detroit 6, Los Angeles 2
Tampa Bay 3, Colorado 2
N.Y. Rangers 3, Phoenix 2
Washington at Colorado, late
Edmonton at San Jose, late

Today's Games
Carolina at Florida, 4 pm.
Calgary at Chicago, 6 pm.
Columbus at St. Louis, 6 pm.

Monday's Games
Montreal at Boston, 6 pm.
Los Angeles at Toronto, 6 pm.
Anaheim at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Florida, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY'S SUMMARIES
ISLANDERS 2, RED 1, SO
N.Y. Islanders ....0 0 1 0 — 2
Montreal ....0 1 0 0 — 1
N.Y. Islanders win shootout 1-0
First Period—None.
Second—1, N.Y. Islanders, MacDonald 2 (Tavares, Moulson), 11:13.
Third Period—2, Montreal, Clethorpe 3 (Cohen, Helsley), 6:02.
Overtime—None.
Shootout—N.Y. Islanders 1 (Tavares NG, Nielsen G), Montreal 0 (Cullen NG, Zolotov NG, Healey NG).
Shots on Goal—N.Y. Islanders 9-15-10-0-34. Montreal 5-4-9-0—20.
Goalie—N.Y. Islanders, Montoya. Montreal, Bickstrom. A—16,939 (16,004). T—2:29.

RANGERS 3, COYOTES 2
N.Y. Rangers ....1 0 2 — 3
Phoenix ....1 1 0 — 2
First Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 16 (Del Zotto, Boyes), 6:36 (pp). 2, Phoenix, Ionjakovski 8 (Doan), 12:57 (pp).
Second Period—3, Phoenix, O'Reilly 1 (Doan), 19:09 (pp).
Third Period—4, N.Y. Rangers, Richards 17, 1:00. 5, N.Y. Rangers, Richards 18 (McDonagh, Callahan), 19:58.
Shots on Goal—N.Y. Rangers 9-8-13—30. Phoenix 5-12-6—23.
Goalie—N.Y. Rangers, Biron. Phoenix, Smith. A—12,172 (17,135). T—2:27.

CANUCKS 5, MAPLE LEAFS 3
Vancouver ....1 2 2 — 5
Toronto ....1 1 1 — 3
First Period—1, Vancouver, Higgins 9 (Edler, Bieksa), 1:50. 2, Toronto, Lupul 10 (Kulak, Liles), 3:59 (pp).
Second Period—3, Vancouver, Raymond 3 (Hansen, Higgins), :39. 4, Toronto, Frolov 7 (Kessel), 7:22. 5, Vancouver, O.Sedin 13 (Burrows, Bieksa), 12:16.
Third Period—6, Vancouver, Burrows 11 (O.Sedin, Kesler), 14:06. 7, Toronto, Kessel 10 (Grabovski, Lupul), 17:17. 8, Vancouver, Hansen 10, 18:28.
Shots on Goal—Vancouver 14-19-6—39. Toronto 10-10-10—30.
Goalies—Vancouver, Luongo. Toronto, Gustavsson. A—19,633 (18,819). T—2:33.

JETS 5, DUCKS 3
Anaheim ....2 0 1 — 3
Winnipeg ....2 2 1 — 5
First Period—1, Winnipeg, Bogosian 8 (Antropov, Bogosian), 4:54. 2, Winnipeg, Morris 5 (Kaspitis, Enstrom), 6:19 (pp). 3, Anaheim, Hoffman 6 (Selanne, Beauchemin), 14:34. 4, Anaheim, Perry 13 (Getzlaf, Ellis), 19:26.
Second Period—5, Winnipeg, Burmistrov 7 (Kane, Bogosian), :31. 6, Winnipeg, Ladd 10 (Kaspitis, Kane), 10:28.
Third Period—7, Anaheim, Selanne 2 (Thorburn), 2:49. 8, Anaheim, Perry 14 (Getzlaf, Selanne), 10:28 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Anaheim 10-11-15—36. Winnipeg 10-13-8—31.
Goalie—Anaheim, Ellis. Winnipeg, Mason. A—15,004 (15,015). T—2:33.

LIGHTNING 5, BLUE JACKETS 2
Tampa Bay ....2 1 2 — 5
Columbus ....1 1 0 — 2
First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Jones 2 (Pat. Carli), 7:27. 2, Tampa Bay, Brown 1 (Stamkos, Malone), 18:12.
Second Period—3, Columbus, Umberger 9 (Prospal, Tyutin), 5:40 (pp). 4, Tampa Bay, Malone 7 (Brown, Lecavalier), 12:44 (pp).
Third Period—5, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 10 (Carter, Purbrook), 12:14.
Third Period—None.
Shots on Goal—Tampa Bay 5-11-12—28. Columbus 11-9-4—24.
Goalie—Tampa Bay, Garon. Columbus, Mason. A—18,106 (18,144). T—2:28.

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Los Angeles ....1 1 0 — 2
Detroit ....4 1 1 — 6
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Second Period—6, Los Angeles, Stoll 3 (Williams, Parise), 11:03. 7, Detroit, Zetterberg 6 (Kronwall, Kindl), 12:20. 8, Detroit, Cleary 10 (Franzen, Helm), 19:29.
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Bowls

Saturday's Scores
New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Temple 37, Wyoming 15
Poinsettia Bowl presented by Allstate Potato Bowl
At Dallas, Idaho
Ohio 24, Utah State 21
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
New Orleans Bowl
Louisiana-Lafayette (9-4) vs. San Diego State (9-4), late

Tuesday, Dec. 20
Beef 'O'Brady's Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
Marshall (8-4) vs. FIU (9-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 21
Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
TCU (10-2) vs. Louisiana Tech (9-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 22
MAACO Bowl
At Las Vegas
Boise State (11-1) vs. Arizona State (8-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
Nevada (7-5) vs. Southern Mississippi (11-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 26
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
North Carolina (7-5) vs. Missouri (7-5), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 27
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
At Detroit
Western Michigan (7-5) vs. Purdue (6-6), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
North Carolina State (7-5) vs. Louisville (7-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 28
Military Bowl
At Washington
Air Force (7-5) vs. Toledo (8-4), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Texas (7-5) vs. California (7-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 29
Champs Sports Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Florida State (8-4) vs. Notre Dame (8-4), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Baylor (9-3) vs. Washington (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 30
Armed Forces Bowl
At Dallas
Tulsa (8-4) vs. BYU (9-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Pinstripe Bowl
At Bronx, N.Y.
Rutgers (8-4) vs. Iowa State (6-6), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Mississippi State (6-6) vs. Wake Forest (6-6), 5:40 p.m. (ESPN)

Insight Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Oklahoma (9-3) vs. Iowa (7-5), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 31
Meineke Car Care Bowl
At Houston
Texas A&M (8-4) vs. Northwestern (8-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
At El Paso
Georgia Tech (9-4) vs. Utah (7-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)

Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Vanderbilt (6-6) vs. Cincinnati (9-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Fight Hunger Bowl
At San Francisco
UCLA (8-7) vs. Illinois (6-6), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Chick-fil-A Bowl
At Atlanta
Virginia (9-4) vs. Auburn (7-5), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 2
Ticket City Bowl
At Dallas
Penn State (9-3) vs. Houston (12-1), 11 a.m. (ESPN2)

Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Nebraska (9-3) vs. South Carolina (10-2), Noon (ESPN)

Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Georgia (10-2) vs. Michigan State (10-3), Noon (ABC)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Florida (9-4) vs. Ohio State (9-4), Noon (ESPN)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Oregon (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (11-2), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Stanford (11-1) vs. Oklahoma State (11-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Jan. 3
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Michigan (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (11-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Jan. 4
Orange Bowl
At Miami
West Virginia (9-3) vs. Clemson (10-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 6
Cotton Bowl
At Arlington
Kansas State (10-2) vs. Arkansas (10-2), 7 p.m. (FOX)

Saturday, Jan. 7
BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Pittsburgh (8-4) vs. SMU (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 9
BCS National Championship
At New Orleans
LSU (13-0) vs. Alabama (11-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

SATURDAY'S BOXES
FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO BOWL
OHIO 24, UTAH ST. 21

Ohio	0	7	10	— 24
Utah St.	0	0	14	0 — 21

First Quarter
USU—Gabay, 8:02.
USU—Lloyd 3 pass from Kennedy (J.Thompson kick), 3:36.
Second Quarter
Ohio—Chaney 39 pass from Tettleton (Weller kick), 4:40.
Third Quarter
USU—Smith 53 run (J.Thompson kick), 12:19.
Ohio—FG Weller 32, 9:53.
USU—Smith 51 run (J.Thompson kick), 5:51.
Ohio—Bush 64 pass from Tettleton (Weller kick), 3:45.
Fourth Quarter
Ohio—Tettleton 1 run (Weller kick), :13.
A—28,076.

	Ohio	USU
First downs	22	18
Rushes-yards	42-125	50-345
Passing	220	96
Comp-Att-Int	19-26-0	12-19-0
Return Yards	9	1
Punts-Avg.	6-50.0	5-40.4
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-45	4-40
Time of Possession	26:48	33:12

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Ohio, Blackmarsh 11-47 Harden 15-47, Tettleton 16-31. Utah St. Smith 12-157, Tarkin 20-101, K.Williams 9-62, Kennedy 9-11, Nielsen 1-10, Morrison 1-(-1), Swan 1-(minus 1).
PASSING—Ohio, Tettleton 19-26-0-220. Utah St., Kennedy 11-18-0-83, Morrison 1-1-0-13.
RECEIVING—Ohio, Brazill 6-109, Harden 4-27, Dunlap 3-36, Rideout 1-28, Gross 1-8, Thompson 1-6, Foster 1-2. Utah St., Montgomery 4-25, Moats 2-8, Jacobs 2-8, Van Leeuwen 1-26, Smith 1-10, Tarkin 1-7, Lloyd 1-3, Kennedy 0-6.

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl Winners
Dec. 17, 2011—Ohio 24, Utah State 21
Jan. 18, 2010—Northern Illinois 40, Fresno State 17
Dec. 30, 2009—Idaho 43, Bowling Green 42
Dec. 30, 2008—Maryland 42, Nevada 35
Dec. 31, 2007—Fresno State 40, Georgia Tech 28
Dec. 31, 2006—Miami 21, Nevada 20
Dec. 29, 2005—Boston College 27, Boise State 21
Jan. 3, 2004—Georgia Tech 51, Tulsa 10
Dec. 27, 2003—Fresno State 37, Virginia 34, OT
Dec. 31, 2002—Boise State 54, Iowa State 16
Dec. 31, 2001—Clemson 49, Louisiana Tech 24
Dec. 28, 2000—Boise State 58, UTEP 23
Dec. 30, 1999—Boise State 34, Louisville 10
Dec. 30, 1998—Idaho 42, Southern Miss 35
Dec. 29, 1997—Cincinnati 35, Utah State 16
Note: MPC Computers Bowl (2004-08), Idaho Humanitarian Bowl (1997-2003); 2007-11)

NEW MEXICO BOWL
TEMPLE 37, WYOMING 15

Temple	7	21	3	6 — 37
Wyoming	0	7	0	8 — 15

First Quarter
Tem—Be.Pierce 1 run (McManus kick), 8:41.
Second Quarter
Tem—Be.Pierce 1 run (McManus kick), 14:26.
Tem—Ma.Brown 1 run (McManus kick), 10:21.
Wyo—Dodson 21 pass from B.Smith (D.Sullivan kick), :37.
Tem—Brewster 61 pass from Cayer (McManus kick), :19.
Third Quarter
Tem—FG McManus 34, 1:22.
Fourth Quarter
Tem—FG McManus 37, 12:50.
Tem—FG McManus 34, 3:22.
Wyo—Dutton 14 pass from B.Smith (B.Smith kick), :33.
A—25,762.

	Tem	Wyo
First downs	23	17
Rushes-yards	51-255	35-140
Passing	169	127
Comp-Att-Int	8-12-0	20-30-3
Return Yards	38	5
Punts-Avg.	1-40.0	3-37.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	7-65	5-48
Time of Possession	32:33	27:27

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Temple, Be.Pierce 25-100, Cayer 12-71, Ma.Brown 13-48, J.Jones 1-36. Wyoming, B.Smith 10-65, Sutton 4-33, Miller 5-31, Alexander 7-17, Shelton 1-(minus 6).
PASSING—Temple, Cayer 8-12-0-169. Wyoming, B.Smith 20-30-3-127.
RECEIVING—Temple, J.Jones 3-28, Rodriguez 2-52, Eugene 2-30, Brewster 1-61. Wyoming, Hutton 8-60, Dodson 3-32, Hamm 3-31, Stanton 2-13, Sutton 1-14, Alexander 1-13, Ogbonna 1-0.

New Studio Bowl Winners
Dec. 17, 2011—Temple 37, Wyoming 15
Dec. 18, 2010—BYU 52, UTEP 24
Dec. 19, 2009—Wyoming 35, Fresno State 28, 2OT
Dec. 20, 2008—Colorado State 40, Fresno State 35
Dec. 21, 2007—New Mexico 23, Nevada 0
Dec. 23, 2006—San Jose State 20, New Mexico 12

Playoffs

NCAA Football Championship
Subdivision Playoff Glance
Saturday
Friday's Score
Sam Houston State 31, Montana 28
North Dakota State 35, Georgia Southern 7
Championship
Friday, Jan. 7
At Pizza Hut Park
Frisco
Sam Houston State (13-0) vs. North Dakota State (12-1), Noon

NCAA Division II Football Playoff Glance
Championship
Saturday
At Braly Municipal Stadium
Florence, Ala.
Pittsburg State 35, Wayne State 21

NCAA Division III Football Playoff Glance
Championship
Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl
Friday, Dec. 16
At Salem Stadium
Salem, Va.
Wisconsin-Whitewater 13, Mount Union 10

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	3	0	.769	399	274
N.Y. Jets	8	5	0	.615	337	270
Buffalo	5	8	0	.385	285	341
Miami	4	9	0	.308	239	340
South						
x-Houston	10	3	0	.769	330	309
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	269	251
Jacksonville	4	10	0	.286	207	330
Indianapolis	0	13	0	.000	164	392
North						
Baltimore	10	3	0	.769	320	232
Pittsburgh	10	3	0	.769	282	188
Cincinnati	7	6	0	.538	285	270
Cleveland	4	9	0	.308	178	284
West						
Denver	9	5	0	.643	337	250
Oakland	7	6	0	.538	280	304
San Diego	6	7	0	.462	324	299
Kansas City	5	8	0	.385	230	269

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	9	6	0	.571	348	299
N.Y. Giants	7	6	0	.538	324	349
Philadelphia	5	8	0	.385	297	292
Washington	4	9	0	.308	229	290
South						
x-New Orleans	10	3	0	.769	415	286
Atlanta	9	5	0	.643	341	281
Carolina	4	9	0	.308	313	355
Tampa Bay	4	10	0	.286	247	401
North						
Green Bay	13	0	0	1.000	406	276
Detroit	9	5	0	.643	387	305
Chicago	7	6	0	.538	301	255
Minnesota	2	11	0	.154	274	364
West						
y-San Francisco	10	3	0	.769	307	192
Seattle	6	7	0	.462	248	259
Arizona	6	7	0	.462	232	288
St. Louis	2	11	0	.154	183	326

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Thursday's Score
Atlanta 41, Jacksonville 14
Saturday's Score
Dallas 31, Tampa Bay 15
Today's Games
New Orleans at Minnesota, Noon
Seattle at Chicago, Noon
Cincinnati at St. Louis, Noon
Carolina at Houston, Noon
Green Bay at Kansas City, Noon
Tennessee at Indianapolis, Noon
Miami at Buffalo, Noon
Washington at N.Y. Giants, Noon
Detroit at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
New England at Denver, 3:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 3:15 p.m.
Baltimore at San Diego, 7:20 p.m.

SATURDAY'S BOX
COWBOYS 31, BUCCANEERS 15

Dallas	14	14	3	0 — 31
Tampa Bay	0	0	15	0 — 15

First Quarter
Dal—Austin 8 pass from Romo (Bailey kick), 8:44.
Dal—Bryant 8 pass from Romo (Bailey kick), :18.
Second Quarter
Dal—Robinson 9 pass from Romo (Bailey kick), 4:42.
Dal—Romo 1 run (Bailey kick), :20.
Third Quarter
TB—Watson 7 fumble return (Barth kick), 13:28.
Dal—FG Bailey 30, 6:38.
TB—Briscoe 13 pass from Freeman (Winslow pass from Freeman), :23.
A—65,162.

	Dal	TB
First downs	28	7
Total Net Yards	399	190
Rushes-yards	37-160	13-58
Passing	239	132
Comp-Att-Int	23-30-0	17-27-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-10	3-16
Punts	3-41.0	4-51.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-15	5-46
Time of Possession	37:39	22:21

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Dallas, Jones 22-108, Morris 12-53, Romo 3-minus 1. Tampa Bay, Freeman 4-37, Bryant 9-21.
PASSING—Dallas, Romo 23-30-0-249. Tampa Bay, Freeman 17-27-0-148.
RECEIVING—Dallas, Austin 5-53, Witten 4-77, Bryant 4-40, Robinson 3-26, Bennett 3-23, Jones 3-23, Ogletree 1-4. Tampa Bay, Lumpkin 5-50, Winslow 4-37, Briscoe 3-36, Bailey 2-6, Panaite 1-7, Spurlock 1-6, Stocker 1-4.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

NFL
Today

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
at N.Y. Giants	7 1/2	6 1/2	(48)	Washington
Green Bay	14	13 1/2	(46)	at Kansas City
New Orleans	7	7	(51 1/2)	at Minnesota
at Chicago	4	3 1/2	(35 1/2)	Seattle
at Buffalo	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Miami
at Houston	6 1/2	6	(43)	Carolina
Tennessee	7	6 1/2	(41)	at Indianapolis
Cincinnati	6 1/2	7	(39 1/2)	at St. Louis
Detroit	Pk	1	(47 1/2)	at Oakland
New England	4 1/2	7 1/2	(46)	at Denver
at Philadelphia	2	3	(44)	N.Y. Jets
at Arizona	6 1/2	6 1/2	(37 1/2)	Cleveland
Baltimore	1	2 1/2	(44 1/2)	at San Diego
Monday				
at San Francisco	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Pittsburgh

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Miami QB questionable
Pittsburgh QB questionable

SATURDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas St. 66, Stephen F. Austin 64
Texas 71, North Texas 62
MIDWEST
Bradley 84, Iowa 69
Butler 74,

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Galatians 6:9

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

FBC

NEW MEXICO BOWL
TEMPLE 37, WYOMING 15

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Bernard Pierce ran for two early touchdowns and Chris Coyer threw for 169 yards and a touchdown to help Temple beat Wyoming 37-15 in the New Mexico Bowl on Saturday.

The Owls (9-4) had three interceptions — tying a New Mexico Bowl record — en route to the second bowl victory in school history.

The New Mexico Bowl was Temple's second bowl game in three years, but that 2009 game — a 30-21 loss to UCLA in the EagleBank Bowl in Washington — was the Owls' first bowl in 30 years. The Mid-American Conference East runner-up did not get a bowl invite last year despite going 8-4.

"Our team played real well. We played a team game," first-year Temple coach Steve Addazio said. "Our starting point is playing great defense. That's the starting point of our program. We have a lot of pride in playing great defense."

Sophomore Coyer, who also rushed for 71 yards, was selected the game's offensive MVP.

Coyer said Temple got a little worried at the end of the first half when Wyoming freshman Brett Smith threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Josh Dodson with 28 seconds left. But Coyer responded with a 61-yard touchdown pass to Rod Streater moments later.

"We knew they had swung the momentum their way. It was a big touchdown for them," Coyer said. "We weren't really sure if we were going to go for it or sit on it."

Meanwhile, Smith was held to just 127 yards by a greedy Owls defensive line that preventing the Cowboys from getting anything started.

The loss dropped the Cowboys (8-5) to 6-7 in bowl games. It was a disappointed effort by Wyoming after the Cowboys won the 2009 New Mexico Bowl in double overtime, beating Fresno State 35-28.

"It was disappointing," Cowboys coach Dave Christensen said. "We knew they were going to run the football, which they did."

FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO BOWL
OHIO 24, UTAH STATE 23

BOISE, Idaho — Ohio quarterback Tyler Tettleton scored on a 1-yard run with 13 seconds left to give the Bobcats a 24-23 victory over Utah State on Saturday in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.

Tettleton also threw for 220 yards and two touchdowns. He led a 61-yard drive in the final 2 minutes to give Ohio (10-4) its first ever bowl victory and first 10-win season since 1968.

Tettleton was 3 of 4 on the final drive, and had a 14-yard pass to LaVon Brazill on fourth down to put the Bobcats inside the 1 with 37 seconds left on a play that was initially ruled a touchdown. Tettleton scored two plays later when he rolled out to the right and outran two defenders to the end zone.

Utah State (7-6) dominated most of the game behind a rushing attack that rolled up 345 yards. Michael Smith ran for 157 yards and two touchdowns, including a 63-yard scoring run early in the third quarter. Robert Turbin added for 101 yards on the ground in the Aggies' first bowl appearance since 1997.

The Aggies extended their lead to 23-10 on Smith's11-yard run in the third quarter.

But the Bobcats began the comeback on their next possession when Tettleton fired a 44-yard TD pass to Brazill with 3:45 left in the third quarter.

Brazill led the Bobcats with eight catches for 108 yards.

FCS

SEMIFINAL
NORTH DAKOTA STATE 35, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 7

FARGO, N.D. — Wide receiver Warren Holloway scored twice to help North Dakota State defeat Georgia Southern 35-7 Saturday in a Football Championship Subdivision semifinal.

The Bison (13-1) will face Sam Houston State (14-0) for the FCS championship Jan. 7.

Holloway scored on a 19-yard reception in the first quarter and a 17-yard run in the second quarter. NDSU led 14-7 at the half.

North Dakota State quarterback Brock Jensen accounted for 231 yards of total offense, including a 55-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. Sam Ojuri and D.J. McNorton added touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

NDSU had a 451-333 advantage in total offense. The Bison forced three turnovers.

Dominique Swope scored on a 23-yard run for the Eagles (12-2).

It's the first FCS title game appearance for NDSU, which moved up to Division I in 2004.

DIVISION II

CHAMPIONSHIP
PITTSBURG STATE 35, WAYNE STATE 21

FLORENCE, Ala. — Zac Dickey passed for 190 yards and for 68 to lead Pittsburg State to a 35-21 victory over Wayne State Saturday in the Division II championship game.

The Gorillas (13-1) also turned two blocked kicks into touchdowns to claim their second national title and first since 1991. The Kansas school snapped a streak of three title-game losses.

The Warriors (12-4) had navigated four playoff road games but the team from Detroit fell short of becoming the first unranked team to win the title.

Toney Davis, who rushed for 178 yards and two touchdowns, closed the gap on a 1-yard score with 5:11 left.

Wayne State's defense couldn't keep Dickey & Co. from the end zone.

Dickey fired a 53-yard pass to Andrew Castaneda and Jason Spradling scored on a clinching 4-yarder.

Jeremy Jones returned the kick into Pittsburg State territory but Elijah Ostbode picked off a pass in the end zone.

Dickey, who had more than 2,000 yards passing and 1,000 rushing this season, completed 10 of 18 passes with a touchdown and two interceptions. He also ran 16 times.

John Brown had five catches for 99 yards for the Gorillas.

Wayne State quarterback Mickey Mohner never got going. He completed 7 of 16 passes for 58 yards and was intercepted three times — including picks on his first two attempts.

Davis carried most of the load for the Warriors offense, rushing 28 times. Fellow 1,000-yard rusher Josh Reniel returned the opening kick 93 yards for a touchdown but was on crutches in the second half after sustaining an injury to his lower right leg.

UIL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CLASS 4A, DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP
ALEDO 49, MANVEL 29

ARLINGTON — Aledo's Johnathan Gray capped his high school career with yet another record performance, and quarterback Matthew Bishop accounted for five touchdowns in the Bearcats' 49-29 Class 4A Division II state championship victory over Manvel on Saturday.

Gray rushed for 241 yards and scored one touchdown to break the national record for career touchdowns with 205, eclipsing the total set by Mike Hart of Nedrow Onondaga, N.Y.

The senior, who has committed to Texas, fell 12 points shy of the national all-time points record.

The record "means a lot," Gray said. "It means our team has worked that much harder than any other team. You couldn't do it without our offensive line and others. To break the record is a team effort."

Bishop, the game's offensive MVP, ran for two touchdowns and passed for three others, including two to Parker Bradham. Bishop, a senior, had 186 yards on 14-of-17 passing.

Todd Christian returned an interception 69 yards for another score to help Aledo to its fourth overall title.

Jaylen Hill, who had seven tackles, 1.5 sacks and two tackles-for-loss, was selected the game's defensive MVP.

Quarterback Shane McCarley had 310 total yards, including 250 yards on 14-of-34 passing and two touchdowns for Manvel. He also had a rushing touchdown.

A crowd of 43,369 turned out Saturday, many to see Gray, considered by some to be the best runner in Texas high school history.

In addition to eclipsing the national touchdown record held by Hart, Gray also moved into second place for the most yards rushing in a single season in Texas, passing Rodney Thomas of Groveton (3,701).

Sugar Land's Ken Hall holds the record with 4,045 in 1953. Hall also holds the most cherished of them all, the national record for career yards at 10,648 between 1950 and 1953.

Gray fell 343 yards short.

Manvel had an eye on Gray, too. The Mavericks stacked the line in an attempt to limit him, and they were effective.

— Gray had 134 yards at halftime, and long runs — 63 and 50 yards — set up first-and-goals in the first half.

Associated Press

Aledo's Clayton Lowe celebrates during the second half of the Class 4A Division II high school championship football game against Manvel in Arlington on Saturday. Aledo won 49-28.

CLASS 5A, DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP
SPRING DEKANEY 34, CIBOLO STEELE 14

ARLINGTON — Trey Williams had three touchdowns to lead Spring Dekaney to its first state football title, a 34-14 victory over Cibolo Steele Saturday night in the Class 5A Division II championship game.

Williams, a Texas A&M recruit, finished with 196 yards and scored on runs of 2, 5 and 24 yards for the Wildcats (14-2), who ended Cibolo Steele's 28-game winning streak and dethroned last year's champions.

Tommy Armstrong had two touchdown passes for the Knights (15-1), who scored first. Dekaney struggled early, largely because of false-start penalties — four in five plays at one point — and was stopped another time on four plays at the Steele goal line. But D'Juan Hines threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Austin Garrett to get the Wildcats on the board.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

Texas high school football champions since the University Interscholastic League began sanctioning titles:

2011

5A Division I: Southlake Carroll 36, Fort Bend Hightower 28

5A Division II: Spring Dekaney 34, Cibolo Steele 14
4A Division I: Lake Travis 22, Hewitt-Midway 7
4A Division II: Aledo 49, Manvel 29
3A Division I: Tyler Chapel Hill 20, Alvarado 18
3A Division II: Wimberley 21, Argyle 14
2A Division I: Muleshoe 35, Hempstead 15
2A Division II: Refugio 36, Cisco 16
1A Division I: Marfa 62, Stamford 40
1A Division II: Rankin 52, Munday 28
Six-man Division I: Throckmorton 48, Borden County 36
Six-man Division II: Richland Springs 76, Meador Mobeetie County 28

2010

5A Division I: Pearland 28, Euless Trinity 24
5A Division II: Cibolo Steele 24, Denton Guyer 21
4A Division I: Lake Travis 27, Denton Ryan 7
4A Division II: Aledo 69, La Marque 34
3A Division I: Henderson 28, Tyler Chapel Hill 21
3A Division II: Carthage 47, Cisco-Cathedral 22
2A Division I: Dangerfield 52, Cameron Yoe 27
2A Division II: Idalou 20, Lexington 3
1A Division I: Marfa 28, Goldthwaite 7
1A Division II: Falls City 52, Westbrook 7
Six-man Division I: Garden City 62, Throckmorton 62
Six-man Division II: Richland Springs 48, Sterling City 0

2009

5A Division I: Euless Trinity 41, Austin Westlake 35, OT
5A Division II: Abilene 28, Katy 17
4A Division I: Lake Travis 35, Longview 17
4A Division II: Aledo 35, Bonham 21
3A Division I: Gilmer 43, Hallsville 28
3A Division II: Carthage 13, Graham 12
2A Division I: Pilot Point 35, Kilgoville 16
2A Division II: Dangerfield 62, Bushland 14
1A Division I: Bronte 28, Canadian 25
1A Division II: Cayuga 38, Albany 24
Six-man Division I: Garden City 102, Strawn 68
Six-man Division II: Borden County 28, Roscoe Highland 14

2008

5A Division I: Allen 21, Fort Bend Hightower 14
5A Division II: Katy 17, Waco 7
4A Division I: Lake Travis 48, Longview 23
4A Division II: Sulphur Springs 56, Dayton 49
3A Division I: Pleasant Grove 17, Waco La Vega 10
3A Division II: Carthage 49, Celina 27
2A Division I: Muleshoe 46, Kirbyville 26
2A Division II: Bushland 28, Cisco 6
1A Division I: Canadian 36, Mart 7
1A Division II: Stratford 34, Cayuga 13
Six-man Division I: Strawn 58, Follett 28
Six-man Division II: Borden County 54, Woodson 8

2007

5A Division I: Euless Trinity 13, Converse Judson 10
5A Division II: Katy 38, Pflugerville 7
4A Division I: Lamar Consolidated 20, Cypress Creek 14
4A Division II: Lake Travis 38, Dallas Highland Park 34
3A Division I: Liberty Hill 28, Gilmer 13
3A Division II: Celina 21, China Spring 14
2A Division I: Sweeny 27, Yoakum 24 (OT)
2A Division II: Canadian 40, Elysian Fields 25
1A Division I: Kitrell 32, Seymour 6
1A Division II: Anson 28, Diboll 6
Six-man Division I: Richland Springs 58, Rule 54
Six-man Division II: Motley County 44, Woodson 38

2006

5A Division I: Southlake Carroll 43, Austin Westlake 29
5A Division II: Cedar Hill 31, Conroe Fells 17
4A Division I: Aledo 35, Cypress Creek 29
4A Division II: La Marque 34, Waco 14
3A Division I: Texarkana Liberty-Eylau 35, Robinson 34
3A Division II: Liberty Hill 22, Celina 19
2A Division I: Nixon 32, Littlefield 14
2A Division II: Mart 23, Cisco 12
1A Division I: Alba 62, McCamey 13
1A Division II: Groveton 63, Windthorst 19
Six-man Division I: Richland Springs 78, Rule 58
Six-man Division II: Vernon Northside 60, Jayton 41

2005

5A Division I: Euless Trinity 28, Converse Judson 14
5A Division II: Southlake Carroll 34, Katy 20
4A Division I: Lake Travis 35, Spring Park 28, Marshall 0
4A Division II: Lewisville Hebron 28, CC Calallen 0
3A Division I: Weatherford 14, Gainesville 0
3A Division II: Taylor 38, Nolan 34
2A Division I: Newton 28, Argyle 20
2A Division II: Celina 28, Omaha Paul 12
1A Division I: Bay Sandy 29
1A Division II: Throckmorton 46, Turkey Valley 22
Six-man Division I: Strawn 57, Fort Davis 62

2004

5A Division I: Tyler Lee 28, Spring Westfield 21
5A Division II: Southlake Carroll 27, Smithson Valley 21
4A Division I: Sealy 49, Marshall 21
4A Division II: Klein 35, Dallas Lincoln 27 (2 OT)
3A Division I: Abilene Wylie 17, Cuero 14
3A Division II: Gilmer 49, Jasper 47
2A Division I: Boyd 17, Hamlin 14
2A Division II: Coldspring 28, Troup 14
1A Division I: Stinnett 32, Stratford 19
1A Division II: Richland Springs 58, Turkey Valley 36

2003

5A Division I: Galena Park North Shore 23, The Woodlands 7
5A Division II: Katy 19, Southlake Carroll 16
4A Division I: North Crowley 20, Bay City 6
4A Division II: La Marque 43, Denton Ryan 35 (3OT)
3A Division I: Gainesville 35, Burnet 24
3A Division II: Aledo 34, Marble Falls 0
2A Division I: San Augustine 28, Jim Ned 7
2A Division II: Gorman 27, Bangs 0
1A Division I: Sterling City 42, Strawn 0
Six-man: Strawn 67, Fort Davis 62

2002

5A Division I: Converse Judson 38, Midland High 32
5A Division II: Southlake Carroll 45, Smithson Valley 14
4A Division I: Texarkana 42, New Braunfels 11
4A Division II: Denton Ryan 38, Brenham 6
3A Division I: Bowie 24, Burnet 14
3A Division II: Sanders 27, Greenwood 24 (2 OT)
2A Division I: Quitman-Cumby 33, Bangs 14
2A Division II: Rockdale-Lost 34, Cisco 0
1A Private: Sts. Columba 19
Six-man: Calvert 51, Strawn 49

2001

5A Division I: Mesquite 14, San Antonio Taft 13
5A Division II: Austin 38, Austin Westlake 24
4A Division I: Spring Westfield 42, Smithson Valley 35 (OT)
4A Division II: Ennis 22, Bay City 0
3A Division I: Everman 35, Belton 14
3A Division II: Brownwood 14, La Grange 11
2A Division I: Bishop 16, San Antonio 6
2A Division II: Celina 41, Gunter 20
1A: Bluffdale 21, Coleman 3
Six-man: Whitewright 57, Richland Springs 20

2000

5A Division I: Lake Ray Hubbard 31, Austin Westlake 21
5A Division II: Katy 35, Tyler John Tyler 21
4A Division I: Big City 24, Denton Ryan 7
4A Division II: Kerrville 14, West Orange-Stark 24
3A Division I: Gainesville 14, Hallsville 10
3A Division II: La Grange 30, Ferris 17
2A Division I: Ennis 27, Huron 20
2A Division II: Celina 21, Shiro 17
1A: Shallowater 40, Schulenburg 14
Six-man: Flatonia 42, Hughes 36

1999

5A Division I: Lake Ray Hubbard 21, Kingwood Kingwood 17, Spring 7
5A Division II: Katy 28, Tyler John Tyler 21
4A Division I: Texas City 27, Hereford 14
4A Division II: Stephenville 28, Port Neches-Groves 18
3A Division I: Texarkana Liberty-Eylau 49, Mathis 6
3A Division II: Celina 17, Sealy 10
2A Division I: Mart 40, Dublin 7
2A Division II: Collins 38, Elysian Fields 7
1A: Bartlett 30, Alpine 0
Six-man: Groveton 54, Grover 34

1998

5A Division I: Duncanville 34, Converse Judson 21
5A Division II: Lake Ray Hubbard 24, San Antonio MacArthur 0
4A Division I: Grapevine 22, Bay City 0
4A Division II: Stephenville 34, La Marque 7
3A Division I: Aledo 14, Quitman 7
3A Division II: Newton 21, Dangerfield 0
2A Division I: Omaha Paul Pewitt 28, Brookshire Royal 20
2A Division II: Celina 21, Elysian Fields 0
1A: Tenaha 30, Wheeler 13
Six-man: Trickham 62, Borden County 18

1997

5A Division I: Katy 24, Longview 3
5A Division II: Flower Mound Marcus 52, Alief Hastings 20
4A Division I: Texas City 37, Cooper 24
4A Division II: La Marque 17, Denison 0
3A: Sealy 35, Tatum 27
3A: Stephen City, Rogers 7
3A: Granger 40, Wheeler 0
Six-man: Borden County 48, Panther Creek 36

1996

5A Division I: Duncanville 38, Converse Judson 34
5A Division II: Alief Elsik 56, Rockwall Cooper 15
4A Division I: Grapevine 34, Hays Consolidated 33
4A Division II: La Marque 34, Denison 0
3A: Sealy 34, Tatum 27
2A: Alpine 42, Bremond 7
1A: Whitehouse 41, Tenaha 12
Six-man: Borden County 48, Wolfforth 50

1995

5A Division I: Converse Judson 31, Odessa Permian 28
5A Division II: San Antonio Roosevelt 17, Flower Mound Marcus 10
4A: La Marque 31, Denison 6
3A: Sealy 21, Commerce 20
2A: Celina 35, Alto 28
1A: Thorndale 14, Roscoe 7
Six-man: Amherst 78, Mineola 42

1994

5A Division I: Plano 28, Katy 7
5A Division II: Tyler John Tyler 35, Austin Westlake 34
4A: Sweeny 32, La Marque 17
3A: Sealy 38, Atlanta 10
2A: Goldthwaite 23, Schulenburg 16
1A: Thorndale 42, Bellville 24
Six-man: Ambrose 30, Milford 20

1993

5A Division I: Converse Judson 26, Plano 13
5A Division II: Lewisville 43, Aldine MacArthur 37
4A: Stephenville 28, La Marque 13
3A: Southlake Carroll 14, Cuero 6
2A: Goldthwaite 31, Omaha Paul Pewitt 8
1A: Bufkin 54, Shiner 14
Six-man: Panther Creek 28, Dell City 26

1992

5A Division I: Converse Judson 52, Euless Trinity 0
5A Division II: Temple 38, Houston Waltrip 20
4A: Waxahachie 28, Alief Crowley 24
3A: Southlake Carroll 48, Coldspring 0
2A: Schulenburg 36, Goldthwaite 20
1A: Bufkin 28, Burton 26
Six-man: Panther Creek 54, Fort Hancock 28

1991

5A Division I: Killeen 14, Fort Bend Dulles 10
5A Division II: Odessa Permian 27, San Antonio Brandeis 14
4A: A&M Consolidated 35, Carthage 16
3A: Groesbeck 7, Burnet 0
2A: Schulenburg 21, Albany 0
1A: Memphis 21, Oakwood 14
Six-man: Fort Hancock 64, Christoval 14

1990

5A: Big School Marshall 21, Converse Judson 19
5A: Regular School Aldine 27, Arlington Lamar 10
4A: Wilmer-Hutchins 19, Austin Westlake 7
3A: Wortham 41, Crosbyton 20
2A: Omaha Paul Pewitt 20, Lake 16
1A: Bartlett 36, Munday 28
Six-man: Fort Hancock 60, Christoval 17

1989

5A: Odessa Permian 38, Aldine 14
4A: Tyler Chapel Hill 14, A&M Consolidated 0
3A: Waco 28, Kingsville 0
2A: Gorman 35, Lorenzo 13
1A: Thorndale 42, Bellville 24
Six-man: Fort Hancock 48, Jayton 24

1988

5A: Converse Judson 1, Dallas Carter 0 (UIL ordered Carter to forfeit 31-14 victory)
4A: Port Neches-Groves 13, Austin Westlake 7
3A: Southlake Carroll 45, Navasota 6
2A: Corrigan-Camden 30, Coldspring 14
1A: White Deer 14, Petrolia 13
Six-man: Fort Hancock 70, Zephyr 30

1987

5A: Plano 28, Houston Westfield 21
4A: West Orange-Stark 17, Rockwall 7
3A: Quinn 14, McGregor 6
2A: Lorenzo 6, Refugio 7
1A: Whitehouse 20, Crockett 21
Six-man: Lohn 69, Wellman 30

1986

5A: Plano 24, La Marque 7
4A: West Orange-Stark 21, McKinney 9
3A: Jefferson 36, Cuero 0
2A: Lorenzo 21, Refugio 0
1A: Burkburnett 35, Throckmorton 7
Six-man: Fort Hancock 60, Christoval 34

1985

5A: Houston Yates 27, Odessa Permian 0
4A: Beaumont 17, Rockwall 7
3A: Springtown 47, Quanah 22

5A: Bacon 29, Galveston 13
1A: Guthrie 34, Ruby 7
Six-man: Jayton 64, Christoval 14

1984

5A: Odessa Permian 13, Beaumont French 21 (tie)
4A: Denison 27, Tomball 13
3A: Medina Valley 21, Dangerfield 19
2A: Quitman 35, Perryton 7
1A: Munday 13, Union Hill 0
Six-man: Jayton 44, May 20

1983

5A: Converse Judson 28, Lee 21
4A: Bay City 30, Lubbock Estacado 0
3A: Dangerfield 42, Sweeny 0
2A: Boyd 14, Bowman 7
1A: Knox City 27, Bremond 20
Six-man: Highland 67, Mozelle 50

1982

5A: Beaumont West Brook 21, Hurst Bell 10
4A: Fort Bend Willowridge 22, Corpus Christi 17
3A: Refugio 22, Littlefield 7
2A: Eastland 28, East Bernard 6
1A: Union Hill 13, Roscoe 0
Six-man: Highland 60, Motley 13

1981

5A: Richardson Lake Highlands 19, Houston Yates 6
4A: Brownwood 24, Fort Bend Willowridge 9
3A: Commerce 21, Sweeny 7
2A: Pilot Point 32, Gordon 0
1A: Brazoria 12, Wink 0
Six-man: Whitewright 58, Mullin 36

1980

5A: Odessa Permian 28, Port Arthur Jefferson 19
4A: Huntsville 19, Paris 7
3A: Pittsburg 13, Van Vleck 2
2A: Pilot Point 6, Tolkeheim 0 (tie)
1A: Valley View 7, Rankin 6
Six-man: Milford 38, Highland 16

1979

4A: Temple 28, Houston Memorial 6
3A: McKinney 20, Bay City 7
2A: Van 35, McGregor 0
1A: Hull-Daisetta 28, China Spring 18
B: Hawley 33, Tom Bean 0
Six-man: Milford 30, Cotton Center 24

1978

4A: Houston Stratford 20, Paris 13
3A: Brownwood 21, Gainesville 12
2A: Sealy 42, Hyde 20
1A: China Spring 42, Lexington 3
B: Union Hill 14, Wheeler 7
Six-man: Cherokee 28, Cotton Center 27

1977

4A: Paris 13, Port Neches-Groves 10
3A: Dickinson 40, Brownwood 29
2A: Hyde 32, Bellville 14
1A: East Bernard 21, Grapeland 10
B: Wheeler 35, Lone Oak 13
Six-man: May 42, Hamilton 36

1976

4A: San Antonio Churchill 10, Temple 9
3A: Beaumont Hebert 20, Gainesville 7
2A: Rockdale 20, Perryton 6
1A: Mont Belvieu Barbers Hill 17, Dickson 8
B: Gorman 18, Iola Bob 6
Six-man: Hamilton 62, Jayton 16

1975

4A: Port Neches-Groves 20, Odessa Permian 10
3A: Ennis 33, Cuero 13
2A: La Grange 27, Odessa 7
1A: Dayton 33, Schulenburg 13
B: Big Sandy 29, Groom 3
Eight-man: Forkland 14, Ingram 14
Six-man: Cherokee 43, Hamilton 26

1974

4A: Brownwood 22, Mesquite 12
3A: Cuero 19, Gainesville 7
2A: Hamlin 36, Spurman 26
1A: Grapeland 19, Alanreed 18
B: Big Sandy 6, Colmesneil 0
Eight-man: Forkland 28, La Pryor 22
Six-man: Hamilton 63, Cherokee 58

1973

4A: Tyler John Tyler 21, Austin Reagan 14
3A: Cuero 21, Mount Pleasant 7
2A: Pampa 28, Hooks 15
1A: Troup 20, Vega 7
B: Big Sandy 25, Rule 0
Eight-man: Groom 52, La Pryor 22
Six-man: Cherokee 43, Hamilton 12

1972

4A: Odessa Permian 27, Brighton Sterling 7
3A: Uvalde 33, Lewisville 7
2A: Boling 20, Rockwall 0
1A: Schwertner 14, Clarendon 10
B: Dilley 6, Whitney 0
Eight-man: Groom 28, Harrold 24
Six-man: O'Brien 50, Jewett 14

1971

4A: San Antonio Lee 28, Wichita Falls 27
3A: Pharr 21, Gregory-Portland 20
2A: Jacksonville 14, Rockwall 13
1A: Mont Belvieu Barbers Hill 3, Groom 3 (tie)

1970

4A: Austin Reagan 41, Odessa Permian 14
3A: Brownwood 14, Cuero 0
2A: Refugio 7, New York 7 (tie)
1A: Bronte 45, Pampa 7

1969

4A: Wichita Falls 30, San Antonio Lee 20
3A: Brownwood 34, West Columbia 16
2A: Iola Bob 21, Alvin 14
1A: Mart 26, Groom 0

1968

4A: Austin Reagan 27, Odessa Permian 21
3A: Lubbock Estacado 14, Refugio 0
2A: Dangerfield 7, Lufkin Dunbar 6
1A: Groom 3, Pelham 0

1967

4A: Austin Reagan 30, Jacksonville 19
3A: Brownwood 38, El Campo 13
2A: Sweeny 20, Kingsville Henrietta 0
1A: Tatum 20, Clifton 0

1966

4A: San Angelo 21, Spring Branch 14
3A: Bridge City 30, McKinney 0
2A: Sinton 23, Danbury 7
1A: Doney 10, Schulenburg 14

1965

4A: Odessa Permian 11, San Antonio Lee 6
3A: Brownwood 19, Bridge City 0
2A: Plano 20, Edna 17
1A: Wills Point 14, White Deer 0

1964

4A: Garland 28, Galena Park 21
3A: Palestine 34, San Marcos 15
2A: Palacios 13, Marlin 0
1A: Archer City 13, Ingleside 6

1963

4A: Garland 17, Corpus Christi Miller 0
3A: Cleveland 7, Pharr 0
2A: Rockwall 7, Houston Dulles 6
1A: Petersburg 20, George West 12

1962

4A: San Antonio Brackenridge 30, Borger 26
3A: Dumas 14, Pharr 3
2A: Jacksboro 52, Roddick 0
1A: Ralon 38, Ingleside 6

1961

4A: Wichita Falls 21, Galena Park 14
3A: Dumas 6, Nederland 0
2A: Doniphan 20, Quanah 21
1A: Albany 16, Hull-Daisetta 12

1960

4A: Corpus Christi Miller 13, Wichita Falls 6
3A: Brownwood 20, Port Lavaca 6
2A: Denver City 26, Bellville 21
1A: Albany 20, Crosby 0

1959

4A: Corpus Christi Ray 20, Wichita Falls 6
3A: Breckenridge 20, Gatesville 20 (tie)
2A: Stamford 19, Brady 14
1A: Katy 16, Sudan 0

1958

4A: Wichita Falls 48, Pasadena 6
3A: Breckenridge 42, Kingsville 14
2A: Stamford 33, Angleton 7
1A: White Deer 44, Eagle 22

1957

4A: Dallas Highland Park 21, Port Arthur 9
3A: Nederland 20, Seguin 7
2A: Terrell 41, Brady 6
1A: Mart 7, White Oak 7

1956

4A: Abilene 14, Corpus Christi Ray 0
3A: Garland 3, Nederland 0
2A: Stamford 55, Brady 13
1A: Sherman 20, Hondo 13

1955

4A: Abilene 33, Tyler 13
3A: Corpus Christi Borland 14
2A: Stamford 34, Hillsboro 7
1A: Deer Park 7, Stinnett 0

1954

4A: Abilene 14, Houston Austin 7
3A: Breckenridge 20, Port Neches 7
2A: Phillips 21, Kilgore 13
1A: Deer Park 26, Albany 6

1953

4A: Houston Lamar 20, Odessa High 7
3A: Port Neches 34, Big Spring 19
2A: Huntsville 40, Bellville 7
1A: Ranger 34, Luling 21

1952

4A: Lubbock 12, Baytown 7
3A: Breckenridge 26, Temple 20
2A: Terrell 61, Mineola 13
1A: Wink 26, Deer Park 20

1951

4A: Lubbock 14, Baytown 12
3A: Breckenridge 25, Temple 14
2A: Arlington 7, Waco La Vega 0
1A: Quitman 25, Sonora 14

1950

City: Dallas Sunset 14, Houston Reagan 0
3A: Waco Falls 14, Austin 13
1A: Wharton 13, Kermit 0

1949

City: San Antonio Jefferson 31, Dallas Sunset 13
3A: Wichita Falls 34, Austin 13
1A: Littlefield 13, Menlo 0

1948

City: Fort Worth Arlington Heights 20, Houston Lamar 0
3A: Waco 21, Amarillo 0
1A: Monahans 14, New Braunfels 0

1947

San Antonio Brackenridge 25, Dallas Highland Park 13

1946

Odessa High 21, San Antonio Jefferson 14

1945

Dallas Highland Park 7, Waco 7 (tie)

1944

Port Arthur 20, Dallas Highland Park 7

1943

San Angelo 26, Lufkin 13

1942

Austin 20, Dallas Sunset 7

1941

Wichita Falls 13, Temple 0

1940

Amarillo 20, Temple 7

1939

Lubbock 20, Waco 14

1938

Corpus Christi 20, Lubbock 0

1937

Longview 19, Wichita Falls 12

1936

Amarillo 10, Kerrville 0

1935

Amarillo 13, Greenville 7

1934

Amarillo 48, Corpus Christi 0

1933

Greenville 21, Dallas Tech 0

1932

Cleveland 0, Mineral Wells 0 (tie)

1931

Abilene 13, Beaumont 0

1930

Tyler 25, Amarillo 13

1929

Port Arthur 6, Breckenridge 0 (tie)

1928

Abilene 26, Port Arthur 7

1927

Waco 21, Abilene 14

1926

Waco 20, Dallas Oak Cliff 7

1925

Waco 20, Dallas Forest Avenue 7

1924

Dallas Oak Cliff 31, Waco 0

1923

Abilene 3, Waco 0

1922

Waco 10, Abilene 10

1921

Bryan 20, Dallas Oak Cliff 13

1920

Houston Heights 0, Cleburne 0 (tie)

Area state championship winners

- Odessa Permian: 6 (1991, 1989, 1984, 1980, 1972, 1965)
- Lee: 3 (2000, 1999, 1998)
- Garden City: 2 (2010, 2009)
- Stanton: 1 (1997)
- Monahans: 1 (1948)
- Odessa High: 1 (1946)

Area state championship appearances

- Odessa Permian: 11 (1995, 1991, 1989, 1985, 1984, 1980, 1975, 1972, 1970, 1968, 1965)
- Lee: 4 (2000, 1999, 1998, 1983)
- Odessa High: 2 (1953, 1946)
- Garden City: 2 (2010, 2009)
- Midland High: 1 (2002)
- Greenwood: 1 (2002)
- Stanton: 1 (1997)
- Rankin: 1 (1980)
- Big Spring: 1 (1953)
- Monahans: 1 (1948)

No. 22 Texas A&M falls to No. 13 Florida

Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. — Billy Donovan leaped along the sideline, arms raised and fingers spread, trying to help his Florida Gators get the ball back. "Ten! Ten!" he shouted, lobbying for a 10-second violation.

Donovan's team led by 20 points at the time. But for the high-scoring Gators, there are always more baskets to be made.

Launching 3-pointers early and often, No. 13 Florida built a double-digit lead after 6½ minutes and never let it go, beating No. 22 Texas A&M 84-64 Saturday in the Orange Bowl Classic.

Kenny Boynton sank six 3-pointers, scored 22 points and was voted the game's most valuable player. Erving Walker had 16 points and six assists, and Bradley Beal added 16 points.

Florida (8-2) won for the first time in three games this season against teams in the Top 25. Texas A&M (8-2) had a six-game winning streak snapped.

The Gators came into the game leading the nation in 3-pointers and ranked third in scoring, and they showed why from the start, taking leads of 7-0, 18-2 and 35-14.

Gators.....84
Aggies.....64

"I thought the first half was the best we've played all year," Donovan said. "We shared it. We passed it. We moved it. We had inside-outside action."

At halftime it was 50-25, with Florida outscoring Texas A&M 21-0 from 3-point range. The Gators' scoring spree came against an Aggies team that had been allowing only 51.4 points per game.

"Offensively they're so good, with Walker creating so many opportunities, and with Boynton shooting the ball like that," Texas A&M coach Billy Kennedy said. "They're very difficult to guard, and we couldn't slow them down."

Boynton, a native of nearby Pompano Beach, had plenty of supporters in the crowd of 11,262.

"It's always great to come back home and have this performance," he said. "But I'm happier that we got the win."

Turnovers hurt the Aggies early, and they went eight minutes before making their first basket.

"In the first half we were playing on our heels too much, and playing kind of timid," Aggies guard Elston Turner said. "That's what caused them to throw that first punch and get out to that big lead."

Texas A&M's Khris Middleton, playing in his second game after being sidelined with a knee injury, shot only five for 18. He scored 12 points and added seven rebounds and seven assists.

David Loubeau, a native of nearby Miami, scored 20 points for the Aggies. Turner also had 20.

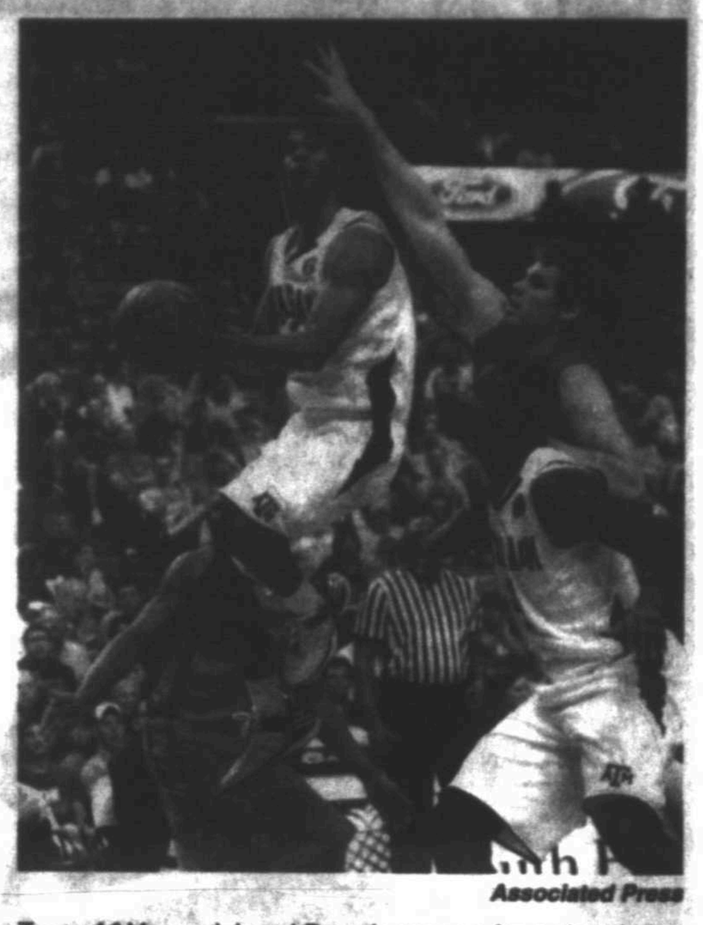
Erik Murphy scored 13 for the Gators, including seven of their first nine points.

The Gators' victory came one day after they announced a three-year extension for Donovan through 2015-16. Florida's only losses have been to No. 1 Syracuse and No. 2 Ohio State.

The Gators finished just under their scoring average of 86.8 points per game. More than half their shots came from 3-point range, and they made 11 of 31.

The margin reached 26 points early in the second half before the Gators cooled off. They shot only 39 percent after halftime, and the Aggies cut the margin to 73-61 with 2:12 left.

Texas A&M's comeback bid ended when Walker sank a 3-pointer, then made two free throws.



Associated Press

Texas A&M guard Jamal Branch goes up for a shot during the first half of a basketball game against Florida on Saturday in Sunrise, Fla. The Aggies lost 84-64.

Jones powers No. 6 Baylor past BYU

Associated Press

PROVO, Utah — With an NBA general manager watching from the front row, Baylor's 6-11 forward Perry Jones III came up huge for the No. 6-ranked Bears on Saturday.

Jones scored a career-high 28 points, including a putback with 20 seconds left after returning from a knee injury. The shot provided the final margin in an 86-83 win over Brigham Young.

"I couldn't let my team down," said Jones, a sophomore. "I didn't want to use my knee as a crutch. I just wanted to go back in and do what I could do to help my team win."

The other star for Baylor was a guy more than a foot shorter.

Point guard Pierre Jackson blocked Brandon Davies' 3-point shot at the buzzer that might have forced overtime.

"You don't expect your 5-9, 5-10 point guard to do that, but Pierre is really athletic," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "And the thing about him is he's a competitor. He didn't want Davies to get a shot to (force) overtime."

Bears.....86
Cougars.....83

The 6-foot-9 Davies, who scored 18 points and dominated the boards (13) for BYU, was as shocked as anyone.

"I had no idea where he came from," Davies said. "I didn't see him at all."

Baylor is off to the third 9-0 start in school history and best under Drew.

It wasn't easy.

BYU (8-3) led by as many as 13 points in the first half thanks to 9-0 and 10-0 runs, and a huge advantage on the boards.

After 8 ½ minutes, BYU held a 14-0 rebounding advantage

"You've got to credit BYU's team for playing outstanding in the first half," Drew said. "They got multiple good shot attempts and that was because of their heart and their toughness.

"A lot of times people talk about BYU's great transition game and great scoring, but they're a tough team. It's a good group of guys then the crowd got them going."

But Drew was proud the way his team showed resilience the final four minutes after the Cougars came charging back.

"We got stops and rebounds," Drew said.

Baylor regained the lead 65-64 after six straight points by Jones, then surged ahead 79-70.

But BYU fought back behind the play of freshman guard Matt Carlino.

Carlino was making his BYU debut after sitting out last year after transferring from UCLA.

J'Covan Brown scores 23; Texas beats Temple

Associated Press

AUSTIN — J'Covan Brown scored 23 points, and a strong second half propelled Texas past Temple 77-65 on Saturday for the Longhorns' seventh straight win.

The Longhorns trailed by as many as eight, but Texas (9-2) outrebounded Temple 48-23 and made 23 free throws to fuel the comeback.

Longhorns.....77
Owls.....65

Khalif Wyatt had 24 points and Ramone Moore scored 13 for the Owls (6-3), who led most of the first half and went ahead 18-10 on a Moore 3-pointer.

But an 8-2 run by Texas closed the gap. Brown hit a driving layup and then assisted Jonathan Holmes on a fast-break play for a 31-31 tie with 1:05 left in the half.

Wyatt converted a 3-pointer as time expired to give Temple a 34-31 halftime lead. The lead changed hands three more times before a layup by Myck Kabongo, who scored 18 points, put Texas ahead for good, 48-47, with 13:31 to play.

Texas shot 62 percent (13 of 21) from the free-throw line after that to ice the game.

Jaylen Bond added 12 points and eight rebounds. The Longhorns freshman had six points in the first half to keep the score close.

NCAABASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TEXAS MEN
WEST VIRGINIA 84, TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI 64

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Kevin Jones led scored 22 points and West Virginia routed Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 84-64 Saturday.

Darryl "Truck" Bryant added 14 points and Deniz Kilicli scored 13 for the Mountaineers (7-2).

Jones and Kilicli were particularly impressive in the second half when Jones scored 18 and Kilicli 11. Jones was held out with two fouls for most of the first half, while Kilicli's first-half bench time was based on a coach's decision.

With Jones and Kilicli combining to play just 11 minutes in the first half, Corpus Christi kept it close. It trailed 32-28 at the break.

Jones, however, was in the lineup as the second half started, and he made the most of it.

Chris Hawkins-Mast had 22 points and Terence Jones added 20 for the Islanders (1-7).

After a 3 by Terrence Jones pulled Texas A&M-Corpus Christi within four, 35-31, with 18:31 remaining, WVU scored 11 straight.

NO. 25 CREIGHTON 97, HOUSTON BAPTIST 62.

OMAHA, Neb. — Doug McDermott scored 25 points, Gregory Echenique had 18 points and 14 rebounds, and No. 25 Creighton overpowered Houston Baptist 97-62 on Saturday night.

McDermott, who came in as the nation's No. 2 scorer at 24 points a game, had his eighth straight 20-point game for the Bluejays (8-1).

The Huskies (4-7) had no answer for the 6-foot-9, 270-pound Echenique, who needed only 15 minutes to record his first double-double of the season. Echenique also blocked five shots and threw down several big dunks.

Art Bernardi and reserve Anthony Hill each had 16 points to lead Houston Baptist.

Creighton went on two 10-0 runs and led by as many as 29 points. The Bluejays took a 46-23 halftime lead and opened the second half on a 12-2 run. They led by 39 points with 10 minutes left.

TULSA 80, UTSA 75

TULSA, Okla. — Steven Idlet scored 15 points and snagged 9 rebounds as Tulsa came back to send the game to overtime in a thrilling victory over UTSA 80-75 Saturday night.

With Tulsa (5-6) trailing UTSA by four with 26 seconds left, Jordan Clarkson nailed a jumper to get the Golden Hurricanes within two points. Following a turnover, Tulsa's Eric McClellan scored on a lay-up to tie the game at 68, ensuring overtime.

Tulsa went 7 for 7 from the free throw line overtime's final minute to turn a one-point deficit into a five-point win.

UTSA (4-4) was undone by poor free throw shooting, making 16 on 26 attempts. LaMarcus Reed of UTSA led all scorers with 20 points.

The Roadrunners shot 82.5 from 3-point range in the second half, enabling them to match Tulsa's balanced offensive attack in which five players scored in double figures.

OKLAHOMA 79, HOUSTON 74

OKLAHOMA CITY — Steven Pledger had a game-high 31 points and Oklahoma beat Houston Saturday at the Chesapeake Arena 79-74 in the first game of the All College Classic.

Pledger was 10 for 13 from the field, including 4 of 5 from 3-point range, rendering an off night from the Sooners' inside tandem of Andrew Fitzgerald and Romero Osby irrelevant. The two combined to go just 6 for 27 from the floor for a combined 15 points.

Oklahoma (8-1) is off to its best start since the 2008-2009 season. After consecutive losing seasons the past two years, OU has improved drastically under first-year coach Lon Kruger.

Houston (4-5) opened the second half on a 12-0 run and led by nine with 15:14 left, but the Sooners scored the next seven points to get back in the game and stage a comeback.

UTEP 87, SOUTHERN 57

EL PASO — Julian Washburn and Gabriel McCulley scored 19 points apiece as UTEP used a balanced effort for an 87-57 victory over Southern on Saturday night at the Don Haskins Center.

Michael Perez added 18 points and John Bohannon grabbed 10 rebounds for the Miners (3-5).

Southern (3-8) was led by Quinton Doggett, who scored 12 points. Mike Celestin scored 11 points, as did Madut Bol, who also had 11 rebounds.

Southern had a difficult night from 3-point range, converting just 5 of 18 attempts.

UTEP scored 21 points off 14 Southern turnovers, and committed just six of its own.

Bol hit a 3-pointer to tie it for Southern early in the game, but the team could not keep up after that. UTEP had an 11-point lead at halftime.

LAMAR 87, RICE 81

HOUSTON — Mike James hit all five 3-pointers he took, scoring 26 points Saturday night as Lamar held off Rice 87-81.

Anthony Miles scored 19 points, going 15-for-18 from the free throw line, and Devon Lamb had 17 points and 11 rebounds as the Cardinals (8-3) won their fourth in a row and seventh of eight.

Arsalan Kazemi had 23 points and 12 rebounds to pace the Owls (7-3), whose four-game winning streak ended.

Tamir Jackson scored 24 points and Connor Frizzelle had 12, becoming the 29th player in Rice history to reach 1,000 points. He has 1,004.

Though outscored 62-50 from the field, Lamar made 37 free throws to 19 for Rice.

With the Cardinals leading 18-17, James fueled a 15-3 run with eight points that put them ahead 33-20 with 6:59 left in the first half.

TOP 25 MEN

NO. 1 SYRACUSE 88, NORTH CAROLINA ST. 72

RALEIGH, N.C. — Dion Waiters scored a career-high 22 points to help No. 1 Syracuse beat North Carolina State 88-72 on Saturday.

Scoop Jardine added 16 points for the Orange (11-0), including a pair of 3-pointers during an 11-2 spurt that finally gave them some cushion after the Wolfpack fought back from a 17-point deficit late in the first half.

Waiters also came up big during that run, starting it by knocking down his own 3-pointer to answer one by Scott Wood that pulled N.C. State (6-4) to within 63-61.

Waiters also jumped a pass and raced in for a dunk, then Jardine closed the spurt with another 3 to push the lead to 74-63 with 8:41 left.

It was a good road test for Syracuse, which was playing for the first time this season as the nation's No. 1 team — as well as its first game outside its home state.

NO. 2 OHIO STATE 74, SOUTH CAROLINA 68

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Deshaun Thomas scored a career-high 30 points and Ohio State overcame the loss of star Jared Sullinger to give Thad Matta his 200th win as Buckeyes coach.

Sullinger left in the first half after getting kicked in the left foot. X-rays showed no fracture, although it wasn't known if Sullinger would play against Lamar on Tuesday night.

Even if he can't, Thomas showed he's more than ready to lead Ohio State (10-1). The 6-foot-7 sophomore hit 13 of 18 shots and surpassed his previous high of 24 points set last season against North Carolina A&T. William Buford added 17 points for Ohio State.

Malik Cooke led South Carolina (4-6) with 21 points.

NO. 4 LOUISVILLE 95, MEMPHIS 87

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Russ Smith set personal bests with 24 points and seven steals as Louisville extended its home winning streak to 16 games.

Gorgui Dieng added 14 points and 14 rebounds in the schools' first meeting since the Cardinals (10-0) beat the Tigers (5-4) by a point to win the Conference USA tournament in 2005 before departing for the Big East.

Will Barton set career highs with 28 points and 16 rebounds for Memphis.

Louisville is off to its best start since the 1996-97 season and on its longest winning streak at home in 22 years.

NO. 5 NORTH CAROLINA 97, APPALACHIAN STATE 62

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Tyler Zeller had 31 points and 10 rebounds, and John Henson added 17 points to lead North Carolina.

The Tar Heels (9-2) never trailed, led by 29 and shot 54.5 percent to claim their third straight win and 22nd in a row at the Dean Smith Center.

Omar Carter had 21 points and Mike Neal scored 15 for the Mountaineers (4-6). They finished 9 of 20 from 3-point range and used a late scoring flurry to cut into North Carolina's big lead, but lost their fourth straight. Second-year Appalachian State coach Jason Capel lost his first matchup against his alma mater. He started for the Tar Heels from 1998-2002.

NO. 11 MARQUETTE 93, NORTHERN COLORADO 72

MILWAUKEE — Freshman Todd Mayo replaced suspended star Darius Johnson-Odom in the starting lineup and scored 22 points to lead Marquette.

Jae Crowder added 19 points and 11 rebounds for Marquette (10-0), which moved to 10-0 for the first time in a decade and seventh time in school history. Vander Blue had 18 points.

Tate Unruh had a career-high 25 points for Northern Colorado (3-7), the defending Big Sky Conference regular-season and tournament champions. Unruh made five 3-pointers.

Johnson-Odom, who is averaging 18.8 points, 3.3 assists and 3.2 points, was suspended for an unspecified violation of team rules. The senior guard will return Monday at LSU.

NO. 15 PITTSBURGH 69, SOUTH CAROLINA STATE 55

PITTSBURGH — Lamar Patterson tied a career high with 16 points and Pittsburgh pulled away in the second half for the victory.

Ashton Gibbs added 14 points and a team-high six assists for the Panthers (10-1), who have won eight straight.

Brandon Riley led the Bulldogs (4-7) with 21 points and Khalif Toombs added 16 while making all four of his 3-point attempts, but South Carolina State wore down in the second half.

Riley hit a jumper to pull South Carolina State within one before Pitt responded with a 13-3 run to build a 48-37 lead.

NO. 16 GEORGETOWN 81, AMERICAN 55

WASHINGTON — Georgetown center Henry Sims took over the game early in the second half, finishing with 17 points and six assists, and Markel Starks scored 18 for the Hoyas.

Sims assisted on back-door baskets on four consecutive possessions in the opening minutes after halftime as Georgetown (9-1) broke open a tight game for its seventh straight win.

Charles Hinkle scored 16 for American (6-4), which has followed an eight-game winning streak with two straight losses.

NO. 17 MISSISSIPPI ST. 80, DETROIT 75

DETROIT — Rodney Hood hit a jumper with 17.7 seconds left to lift Mississippi State to its 10th straight victory.

Hood's shot broke a 75-all tie and Arnett Moultrie blocked a shot seconds later to keep the Bulldogs (11-1) ahead.

Moultrie and Brian Bryant each scored 17 points, and Renardo Sidney added 16 as Mississippi State earned the 1,300th win in school history.

Chase Simon and Ray McCallum both scored 17 points for the Titans (5-8), who rallied to tie it after trailing by as many as 15 points. Detroit lost its second straight game.

NO. 18 INDIANA 69, NOTRE DAME 58

INDIANAPOLIS — Cody Zeller had 21 points and eight rebounds to lead Indiana in the inaugural Crossroads Classic at Conseco Fieldhouse.

The Hoosiers are 10-0 for the first time since 1989-90, protected their first Top 25 ranking in more than three years and are now poised to make their 500th appearance in the next AP poll.

Eric Atkins scored 15 points and Jeran Grant added 14 for Notre Dame (7-5).

The Irish managed only one 2-point basket in the first half, failed to make a field goal over the final 14:33 of the half and didn't hit another 3 until Grant knocked one down with 1:39 left in the game.

UNLV 64, NO. 19 ILLINOIS 48

CHICAGO — Mike Moser had 17 points and 11 rebounds, UNLV went on a 14-2 run to close the first half and the Runnin' Rebels handed Illinois its first loss of the season.

UNLV (11-2), which beat then-No. 1 North Carolina earlier this season, used its quick, switching defense and nine blocked shots to frustrate the Illini.

Quintrell Thomas added 13 points for UNLV, which won despite getting only two points from leading scorer Chace Stanback.

NO. 20 MICHIGAN 87, ALABAMA A&M 57

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Evan Smotrycz had 17 points and 11 rebounds for Michigan, which shot 63 percent from the field in the second half.

Trey Burke led the Wolverines (9-2) with 19 points, and Zack Novak and Tim Hardaway Jr. contributed 13 each.

Casey Carty scored 15 points for the Bulldogs (2-4). Alabama A&M was playing its first game since Dec. 3 because of a break for finals.

NO. 21 MICHIGAN STATE 74, BOWLING GREEN 60.

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Brandon Wood scored 16 points and No. 21 Michigan State overcame a sluggish first half to beat Bowling Green 74-60 on Saturday night.

Derrick Nix added a career-high 14 points to go with seven rebounds and Branden Dawson had 13 points for the Spartans (9-2), who have won nine straight. Draymond Green had 12 points and 10 rebounds, his fifth double-double this season.

Jehvon Clarke had 14 points, A'uston Calhoun 12 and Jordon Crawford 11 for the Falcons (5-5), who outplayed Michigan State for much of the first half before trailing 35-33 at the break.

NO. 24 MURRAY ST. 66, ARKANSAS ST. 53

MURRAY, Ky. — Isaiah Canaan hit six 3-pointers and scored 21 points to lead No. 24 Murray State to a 66-53 win over Arkansas State on Saturday night.

Ivan Aska added 14 points and 11 rebounds, and Donte Poole had 11 points for the Racers (12-0), who are off to their best start since the 1950-51 season.

Canaan had five 3-pointers in the first half for Murray State, which went 8 of 19 from beyond the arc to help offset 15 turnovers.

The Red Wolves (5-6) led for the first 15 minutes before Murray State pulled away for a 41-30 lead early in the second half. The Racers led 35-30 at the break.

Ed Townsel led the Red Wolves with 17 points and Adam Sterrenberg added 10.

INDIANA STATE 81, NO. 25 VANDERBILT 55

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Steve McWhorter hit two free throws with 3:32 left to give Indiana State its first win over a ranked team since 2006.

Indiana State (6-2) is off to its best start since opening 8-1 in 2005-06. The Sycamores' last win over a ranked team came on their own court against No. 14 Butler on Dec. 12, 2005.

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BARTON, KACEY
BATEMAN, ROY
BERRYHILL, KAMI
BLAGRAVE, LYNDSEY
BLAND, MARA
BOILES, ZACHARY
BOONE, CHANDLER
BOYD, GAVIN
BROWN, ALLISON
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EARP, BRAEDEN
EDWARDS, KELSEY
ELLISON, BRADEN
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FIELDS, SAM
FIGEL, MATTHEW
FISHER, ANNIE
FLETCHER, JULES
GOMEZ, KERILYN
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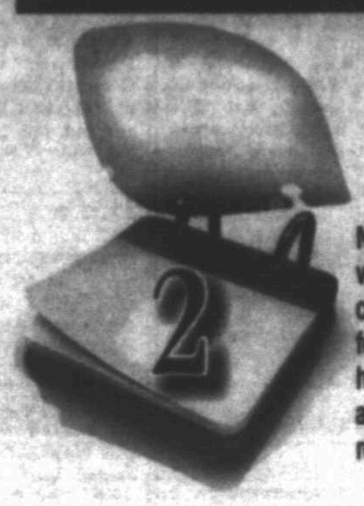

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BRAG A BIT

By PATRICIA RIVERA
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Let's face it: If you don't toot your own horn, it's likely that anyone else will do it, and the decision makers in your company may not know what you have accomplished.

To get noticed, speak up – loudly, says Pamela Jett, a communications consultant in Mesa, Ariz.

"So many people worry that by sharing their accomplishments they're coming across as egomaniacal. But if you're looking to advance your career, it's something you need to do to get the attention, respect and authority that you deserve," Jett says.

Tooting your own horn is even more important in a weak economy.

Tooting your own horn is even more important in a weak economy when companies are cutting back. To enjoy any semblance of job security, you must show the bosses that you're contributing to the company's success.

Jett says you start to do that by thoroughly understanding the company's mission and goals, which are often outlined in annual reports, newsletters, websites and internal correspondence from leadership.

Then, figure out how you can better serve the company. If, for instance, the company is emphasizing cost savings, find a way to cut money in your area. If an exceptional customer service is the push, tell about the times that you went above and beyond to strengthen relations with a client.

Send regular progress report updates that enumerate professional achievements. Jett calls them "I'm great" updates and says they should go out monthly or quarterly. They should be brief and include bullet points that specify how you have saved the company money, what you're working on that is important and which new skills you've acquired, particularly if they resulted from your own initiative.

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Place careful attention to the language that you use, Jett adds. Opt for stronger, more powerful words. Instead of saying you have a suggestion, for example, say you have a solution or a system.

"Sending these updates increases the likelihood that your work will be noticed and it makes it easier for your boss at review time," she says. "Regardless of your content, you will actually stand out from your colleagues, because you take the time to keep your leadership in the loop."

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'TIS THE SEASON

UNEMPLOYED? DISCOURAGED? THERE MAY BE NO BETTER TIME TO LEND A HELPING HAND

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
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There are two times when it's best to give: when you have the resources to do so and when you have none. This holiday season, jobholders and jobseekers alike can experience the joy of giving because it's not only possible, but also constructive, to give generously regardless of income.

That's because the wellspring of meaningful giving isn't your wallet, necessarily, but your sense of gratitude. And gratitude benefits the giver as well as the recipient.

"You can't be sincerely grateful and feel like there's anything wrong or missing in your life in the same moment in time," says psychiatrist and business adviser Dr. Mark Goulston, Xtraordinary Outcomes, Los Angeles.

So if you're jobless, cashless, directionless or hopeless, take out a pen and note card. "Think of someone you're grateful to who stood by you during tough times, who stood up for you when you couldn't defend yourself or who stood up to you and protected you from doing something foolish," Goulston advises.

Thanking people sincerely and specifically may help the jobless.

Your gift to that person, yourself and perhaps the world is a "power thank-you" consisting of three parts: an expression of thanks for something specific he or she did, an acknowledgment of the effort it took and what it meant to you personally.

The third part addresses outcomes as well as your feelings.

"Rarely do people receive a power thank-you. Most people feel pulled instead of thanked," Goulston says.

Therefore, thanking people sincerely and specifically may help the jobless by "deepening their relationships with people who might be in a position to help," he adds. "The key is, you can't go at it with an ulterior motive. If you don't do it from a pure place, the other person will feel manipulated."

Anyone can write a power thank-you, just as anyone can use LinkedIn to write unsolicited and widely broadcast letters of recommendation for a worthy employee or jobseeker.

"When you write a letter of recommendation for someone, it gets published to their LinkedIn network and yours, which may open some doors," says Jodi Glickman, founder of the business communication firm Great on the Job, based in Chicago.

In the spirit of holiday giving, she suggests that you comb through your networks for folks who are out of work or otherwise need help or encouragement.

"Let me know how I can help" is not a thoughtful offer. Instead, Glickman says, "Ask, 'How can I open up my network to you? Who can I introduce you to? What companies are you targeting?'"

Providing a glimmer of hope is good, but offering up the tools to light a fire is better.

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JOB HUNT

RX FOR DROPOUTS

Sometimes, jobseekers disappear – at least statistically speaking. While the unemployment rate declined in November to 8.6 percent, part of the reason was that 315,000 unemployed workers simply left the workforce. These are dropouts, jobseekers so discouraged by the difficult environment that they stop looking for work completely.

The United States has 13.3 million unemployed people; their average length of unemployment is 40.9 weeks, a record high.

I have talked to many people like this. They are tired of rejection. But with practice, it's possible to reduce the anxiety that often accompanies rejection. Try these tips – and keep trying.

EXPECT REJECTION

There are nearly six jobseekers for every opening. This means five will be rejected – likely including you. It's a part of the process. Pick yourself up, dust yourself off and start again.

THINK LIKE A SALESPERSON

I held a commissioned sales job when I was in college. I was reminded daily to expect to hear 'no' many times before I encountered a 'yes.' Like sales, the job search is a numbers game. Salespeople know if they talk to 20 people they will get two sales. They keep positive by knowing a 'yes' will eventually come. Job-hunting works the same way.

PRACTICE WITHOUT PRESSURE

Set up a mock interview with a friend to help ease fear. Make mistakes and correct them on the spot. At first, your friend should be completely positive. Then have him say, "You're not what we are looking for." Practice responding to rejection. With enough practice, the sting of the real thing won't be so bad. – *Bob Lankard*

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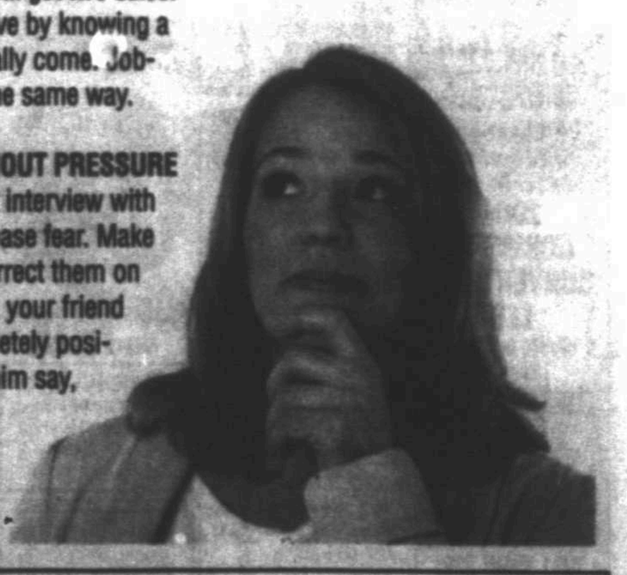

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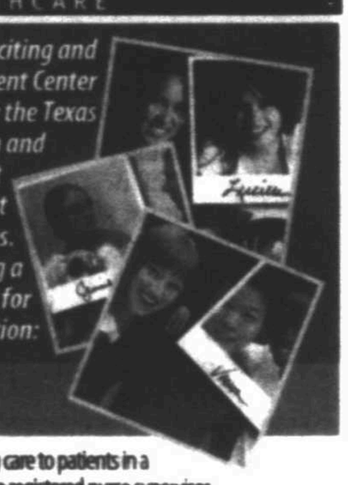

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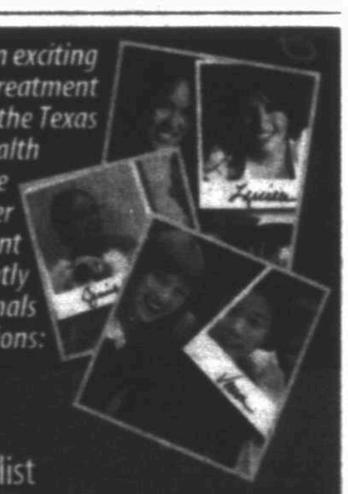

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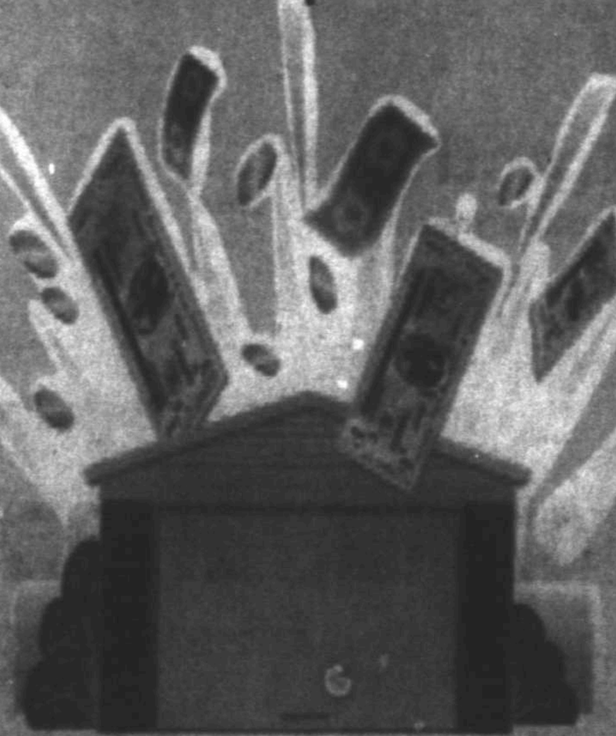

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By Sara Higgins

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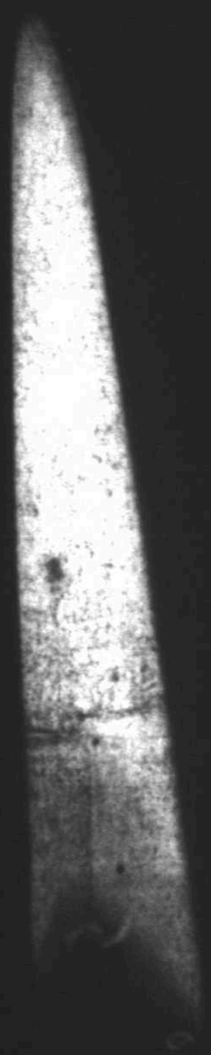

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DEAR FAMILY: I hope you can put this in your column before Christmas. I went to visit my mother in (a nursing home) and the visit went about as well as it ever does for someone with Alzheimer's. While visiting her now is very sad because she is in no way the woman she once was, I still think it's important that I do it. Sometimes I make our children go to because I think it's important for them to learn to make sacrifices for other people like Jesus did.

My point is there were a lot of other people in the home who never or hardly ever have any visitors, the nurses told me. Sometimes I will go and visit with the ones who look at me and want to talk.

I just hope some of your readers might be willing to go and visit their elderly relatives (or anyone) in a nursing home. You can help someone else to have a meaningful Christmas.

Our family are having two friends over for Christmas dinner because their adult children who live right here in Midland haven't invited them. I know from my visits it is really tough spending Christmas without any visitors, but I only can imagine how hard it must be when you have adult children in the same town who are too wrapped up in their own lives to invite you over to at have Christmas dinner with them. — BE A CHRISTMAS VISITOR

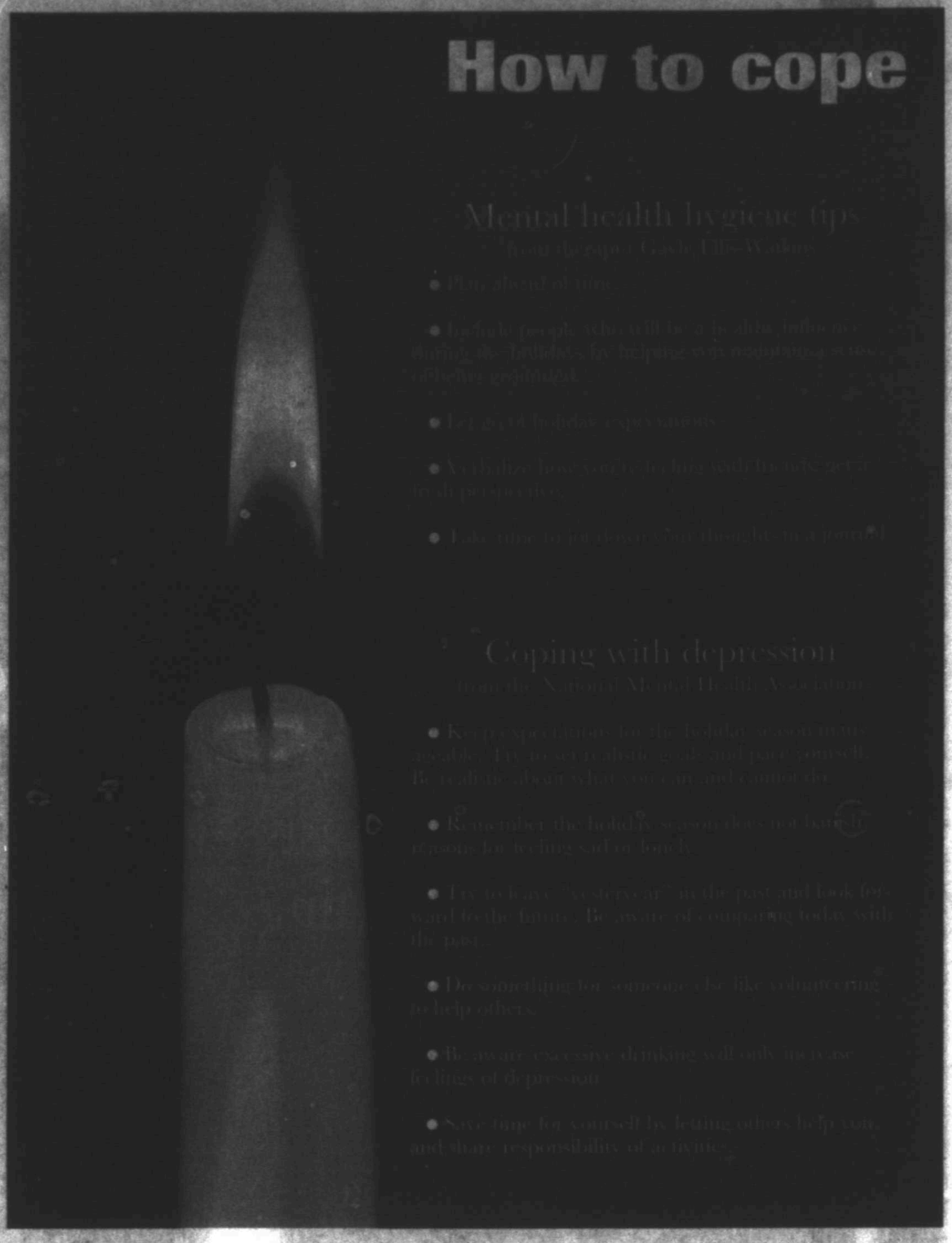
DEAR VISITOR: Fortunately, I was able to get your thoughtful letter in before Christmas. I appreciate your sharing your observations and your thoughts with us on caring for our elderly. These days it seems so little thought is given to the emotional care of the elderly. Because we are living longer, the aging population will continue to grow as will the opportunity for Christian service. In many cultures, the elderly are honored and revered for their wisdom and experiences. In our culture aging is viewed as undesirable and youthfulness is honored.

I would encourage all who read your letter to pause and think about how they might be able to help an aging person who is alone. As far as I know, all major religions emphasize caring for the aged and less fortunate. In the Christian tradition, Christ answers a question about service with, "Inasmuch as you have done it to the least of my brothers, you have done it to me." The gift of self in the service of others is a wonderful gift to give.

I also would encourage our readers to take their children with them if they choose to visit. One of the reasons we do not revere our elders is the nuclear family often no longer is in close proximity to the extended family. The children of the next generation typically do not get the opportunity to know the "grand" generation as real people. Teaching this vital life lesson would be a wonderful gift to your children. When we get to know people on a personal basis, it has the real potential of developing into a genuine ministry and lasting relationship. Taking gifts, homemade goodies and flowers to the elderly to help them celebrate special occasions and holidays is an important component of the ritual of remembrance and service.

I assume there is some story as to why those who have relatives in close proximity are not included in the family's plans. If that reason has more to do with effort, time, convenience or selfishness, then we would hope the adult children would change to be more considerate. Sometimes such exclusions are the result of more complex family reasons based on life experiences within the family. Without knowing the specifics, please remember those within your own extended family who are going to be alone this Christmas season.

I am especially grateful you and those like you remember friends who will be alone and include them in your Christmas. Bless you, may you continue, and may others follow your kindly example. After all, the Magi could have just stayed home and reflected upon the meaning of the star rather than traveling all those dangerous miles to honor the birth of our Lord. Merry Christmas!



SORROW

From 1E

"During the rest of the year, we can feel low-grade depressions and not notice it as much," Ellis-Watkins said. "During holidays, it's a really high level of anticipation that we'll be connected to something or someone, and when we're not it becomes really obvious to us."

The stress of the holidays can be paralyzing for some, according to marriage and family therapist James May, especially for dual career families that lack resources such as time or money.

"The major stresser is not enough time to get enough done, that we've complicated Christmas to the point where there's not enough to satisfy all the demands," he said.

When it comes to dysfunctional family dynamics, May referenced the Serenity Prayer as a good reminder: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Though bringing family together can be a stressful experience for some, holidays can arrive with feelings of isolation for others. The elderly, people who have smaller families and those who may be living far from families because work opportunities are all groups that may feel isolated this season, according to therapist John Sikes Johnson.

The only gift some seniors want at this time of year is a personal visit, according to representatives from Home Instead Senior Care in Midland. Studies by the national network show seniors' need for basic items also is increasing during difficult economic times, and popular and economical gift wishes included blankets, slippers or socks, toiletries, pajamas and food baskets.

Depression can be recognized in family members through three factors, Johnson said: changes in eating, sleeping and desire for isolation.

"Isolation is simply, 'I don't feel like anybody would really want to talk to me; nobody called for the holidays so I'm not going to reach out,'" Johnson said.

Despite the factors contributing to stress and depression during the holidays, the idea more suicides occur during the holiday season actually is a myth, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. According to the CDC's website, suicide rates fall to their lowest in December and tend to spike in the spring and fall.

When it comes to grief during the holidays, the most important thing to remember is people do what feels right for themselves, Cronin Taylor said. It's OK not to put up the Christmas tree for a few years or to take time to be alone.

"It's good to talk to your family and your friends about what your needs are; be honest," she said. "At least let your family know and your friends know that it's OK to talk about the person. People stop using their names around us. Nobody wants to upset us, but we're already upset — they're not going to be the ones to tip the boat."

Cronin Taylor continues to find ways to ritualize for herself and her family a way to remember her son's life throughout the year's events, through something as simple as lighting a candle. At one gathering, her family decided to set an extra place for Ted.

"In time, at least for myself, my joy and my sense of celebration around the holidays did return," she said. "But there's also always the sense of loss and sense of sadness."

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> therapist

Poem echoes mom's legacy of selfless devotion to others

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: My mother, Eleanor, passed away Aug. 30. She spent her long life helping others. During her eulogy, I described her by saying, "Her best lesson, the one she modeled for us, is that a selfless life devoted to family and others, is the highest example of God's work here on Earth."

After the funeral, my brother mentioned the one thing Mom had wanted read during her service was an item she had saved from a column of yours that was published in 1999. It eloquently captures the essence of bigotry and lack of compassion in our society.

Although we have made significant inroads on eradicating prejudice, I found it still timely. Would you please print it again? — ELLIE'S DAUGHTER IN SEATTLE

DEAR DAUGHTER: I am honored your mother found something she saw in my column to be so meaningful. Please accept my sympathy for her passing. I agree the poem, which is attributed to James Patrick Kinney, is worth sharing again.

The Cold Within

Six humans trapped in happenstance
In dark and bitter cold,
Each one possessed a stick of wood,
Or so the story's told.
Their dying fire in need of logs
The first woman held hers back,
For of the faces around the fire,
She noticed one was black.
The next man looking across the way
Saw not one of his church,
And couldn't bring himself to give
The fire his stick of birch.
The third one sat in tattered clothes
He gave his coat a hitch,
Why should his log be put to use,
To warm the idle rich?
The rich man just sat back and thought
Of the wealth he had in store,
And how to keep what he had earned,
From the lazy, shiftless poor.
The black man's face bespoke revenge
As the fire passed from sight,
For all he saw in his stick of wood
Was a chance to spite the white.
The last man of this forlorn group
Did naught except for gain,
Giving only to those who gave,
Was how he played the game.
The logs held tight in death's still hands
Was proof of human sin,
They didn't die from the cold without,
They died from the cold within.

DR. STEPHEN PONDER

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Weight bias creates problems in medical care

Well before the current obesity epidemic and when I was in my medical training, one of my very senior mentors said to me, "Ponder, if a fat kid ever walks into your clinic, stand up and walk in the other direction." His comment was partly made in jest, but it reflected a reality that still is present today: Some doctors carry strong biases about treating obese people.

While being overweight or obese can negatively affect your health or the health of your child, it also can negatively affect how the medical care system treats you. This may be more detrimental to your health than the obesity itself.

The problem is called weight bias. American culture tends to promote negative attitudes about being overweight. Some are indirect — such as in how we glorify thinness in fashion — while others are more direct, yet couched in late-night humor. Obese children long have suffered bullying on account of their weight.

Doctors are not exempt from these kinds of biases. If the doctor carries a negative attitude toward a patient because of weight, that doctor may tend to be less tolerant, inpatient and make more errors in judgments that can result in errors in diagnosis or treatment. It has been estimated doctors make mistakes in diagnosis in up to 15 percent of their non-obese patients. Weight bias drives that figure up higher, and in some of those cases, serious harm may result.

Here is an example of how this bias can affect your care. Because being overweight has many possible signs and symptoms, there is a tendency for some doctors or nurses to blame the obesity for your problems and stop thinking of other possibilities they would consider sooner in a leaner person. Experts call this mistake an error of attribution. The doctor or nurse carries a stereotype of obese people and may unwittingly fit all the symptoms to stereotypical thinking about obesity. The bottom line is the doctor stops thinking of other possibilities. Being too quick to judge or dismissing problems as all related to obesity is a sign of this common error in medical thinking.

Obesity also makes it harder for a doctor to evaluate patients because it's difficult to feel or listen to certain areas of the body during an examination. This could result in some cancers going undetected for longer, or not getting proper preventative care such as an annual pelvic exam and Pap smear. Large patients may not fit into CT or MRI scanners. X-rays and ultrasound studies can be of lower quality because of the obesity. In the case of CT scans, it also takes more radiation to get clearer pictures, but that adds more radiation exposure to the patient.

Having less than ideal information in a seriously overweight patient puts even the best intentioned doctors in a difficult position because lack of quality imaging studies on a patient often forces them to make treatment decisions based more on intuition than solid facts.

Many surgeons also have had to change their surgical procedures in obese children or adults. Often this means more use of laparoscopic procedures. But some doctors may prefer not to operate on obese people at all or delay surgery longer than they would in a thinner patient. Because of high risks of post-operative complications, some obese people are denied kidney and liver transplants until they can get their weight down.

One study showed fat discrimination by doctors can begin when a woman is only 13 pounds over her ideal body weight. In one study, more than half of primary care doctors privately considered obese people unattractive, awkward and noncompliant. About a third of these same doctors also thought obese people were lazy, sloppy and lacked willpower. And another study found as the weight of their patients increased, doctors liked their jobs less, had less patience and had a lower desire to help the obese patient.

It is unlikely this bias will change overnight. Is choosing an overweight doctor one answer to this problem? There is no information about that. Make sure, however, your doctor discusses all the possible diagnostic considerations with you and challenge the doctor if your weight quickly is blamed for all your symptoms. It could be something else. If the doctor seems unwilling, find a new one.

Website provides information on birth control, risks

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Worried about birth control in light of headlines about side effects from Yaz and the patch? Women have a lot of options that are safe and effective, including some that are even more reliable.

You can choose a contraceptive that's used daily, weekly, monthly, once every three months, once every three years, even once a decade.

Yet almost half of U.S. pregnancies are unintended — and experts say confusion and uncertainty despite all the options is a big reason.

"We have a whole generation now of young adults, the vast majority of whom are sexually active, who are in a fog about modern contraception," said Sarah Brown of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. "They don't know enough to make a reasonable choice."

Indeed, in a recent survey, the campaign found 42 percent of unmarried 18- to 29-year-olds said they knew little about birth control pills and two-thirds knew little about even more effective long-lasting contraceptives. A third said they believe there's a good contraceptive for their personal needs but they don't know which one.

To help, her center just opened a novel website — www.bedsider.org — to offer frank answers for all those questions you might be embarrassed to ask.

Wonder how easy it is to use the NuvaRing, or what the once-every-three-months contraceptive shot costs? Can't imagine how to insert the female condom? Want to know if the rhythm method has any chance of working? Or whether your partner could feel your IUD? What are the side effects, and which methods work best?

Those aren't just questions for teens and young adults. Consider half of girls are sexually active by age 17, and menopause hits around 50. To avoid an unplanned pregnancy, the average American woman will have to use contraception for several decades. The right choice when you're 20 might not still be when you're 35 or 40.

And starting in 2013, affording different types may become easier as the new health care law requires insurance to cover contraception with no copays.

Today, sterilization, vasectomy for men and tube-tying for women, surprisingly is the nation's leading form of birth control.

When it comes to reversible contraception, the pill is No. 1, highly effective if you take it correctly although missing doses raises the risk of pregnancy. The pill can bring other benefits as well. Long-term use lowers the risk of ovarian cancer; some types cut menstrual cramps or help clear acne.

But last week focused a lot of attention on birth control. First came the Obama administration's decision to keep the Plan B morning-after pill — which can prevent pregnancy if taken soon enough after unprotected sex — behind pharmacy counters so only those 17 and older can get it without a prescription.

Then came two days of hearings about a rare but serious side effect of the pill and another hormone-containing contraceptive, the Ortho Evra patch. Advisers to the Food and Drug Administration recommended stronger warning labels on Yaz and similar new-generation birth control pills because they're more likely than older, cheaper pills to cause dangerous blood clots. The FDA estimates 10 in 10,000 women a year will get a clot on the newer drugs compared with 6 in 10,000 who take the older pills.

FDA's advisers said the weekly patch may bring a somewhat higher clot risk, too, but called the patch an important option for women who have trouble sticking with a daily pill.

Brown points out the contraceptives are less risky than getting pregnant: About 20 in 10,000 women who are pregnant or have just given birth experience a blood clot.

When it comes to reliability, the most effective contraceptives may be two so-called long-acting products many women haven't heard of:

■ The IUD, a little T-shaped device that sits in the uterus to block sperm.

■ An implant called Implanon, a matchstick-sized hormone-emitting rod implanted in the arm.

You can forget about pregnancy for three years with Implanon and either five or 10 years with the IUD, depending on the brand.

Change your mind about either type, and your doctor simply removes it sooner.

"I texted my boyfriend and said I am baby-free until 2016," Margaret Nupp, 27, said of her quick visit to the gynecologist to get the five-year IUD called Mirena.

Tired of trying to remember to take the pill, Nupp was drawn to an IUD because of "the infallibility of it."

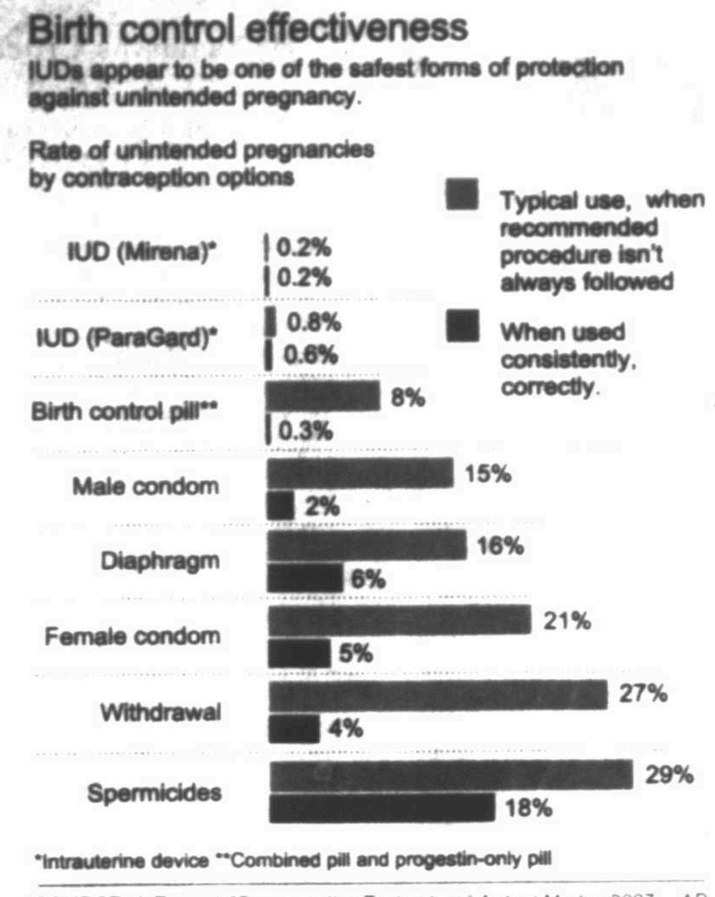
"I've got a bright future ahead of me," said the Saratoga Springs, N.Y., woman. "I don't want to get pregnant right now. Five years, sure. Right now, no thank you."

Some women experience pain with insertion, but not Nupp. She also liked that Mirena, which sends a hormone into the uterus, can end periods. In contrast, periods can become heavier with a different IUD, the Paragard, that lasts longer but works with copper rather than hormones.

But only a fraction of U.S. women use these long-acting contraceptives, 5.6 percent, according to the latest government data. In parts of Europe, they're much more popular.

Why not here? Partly, it's the up-front cost, which can reach $500 or $600 unless your insurance covers it. Partly, it's a long-outdated belief IUDs aren't for young women. Or there may be a holdover effect from fears about the 1970s Dalkon shield, which was blamed for dangerous infections — although today's brands are very safe.

But use of long-lasting contraceptives is inching up — and new recommendations from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists last summer promise to give them more of a boost. The influential group said most women are candidates for IUDs or the implant, and that broader use could cut the nation's high rate of unplanned pregnancies.



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Health, legal authorities warn against 'pox parties'

By Sonja Isger
Cox Newspapers

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A report out of Arizona has alerted the nation's vaccine-fearing parents they are just a Facebook friend away from exposing their child to chickenpox via virus-laced lollipops or "pox parties."

But health and legal authorities want any parent considering infecting their child in this way to step away from the mouse.

For one, the Facebook page that started the controversy offered to mail these parents items contaminated with pathogens. Mailing live viruses is illegal.

Second, it may not work. Contracting the disease is not as simple as a lollipop, a plastic bag and a stamp.

Finally, if parents succeed in getting their kid sick by exposing them to an infected child or things contaminated by one, there may be serious, even deadly, consequences, doctors say.

"It's a really bad idea for a variety of reasons," said Dr. Rafael Harpaz of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. "Doing this is to some degree like playing Russian roulette."

Still, it didn't surprise Dr. Daniel Kraft, a Boynton Beach, Fla., pediatrician, to learn some parents have turned to the Internet and social media to give the chickenpox vaccine the end run.

Those parents question all vaccines, saying they can bring side effects such as neurological disorders and children can have a stronger immunity to the disease by surviving a natural case of it.

"Chickenpox is one of those vaccines they question more because they say, 'How bad can chickenpox really be?'" Kraft said.

"I tell them I've had four cases in 30 years that were really severe. Two had severe scarring. I remember nearly crying. I still remember their names. I had one child who had seizures, and one who had meningitis."

Dr. Tommy Schectman, who has a practice in Palm Beach Gardens and Jupiter, Fla., can count two deaths.

Nationally, before the varicella vaccine was introduced in 1995, about 100 to 150 people died each year from chickenpox, according to the CDC.

"That's about the same range of children who died by meningitis, which is so feared by parents," Harpaz said.

Fewer than 20 died annually between 2003 and 2007, the CDC said.

Catching chickenpox once was a rite of passage through childhood — one that could be more serious if its onset is delayed into adulthood, said Tim O'Connor, spokesman for the Palm Beach County Health Department. For that reason, so-called "pox parties" pre-date both Facebook and the vaccine.

Kraft said that 30 years ago, he rounded up his children, ages 2, 3 and 4, and took them to play with a friend who was sick with the chickenpox.

"You figured your kids are going to get it, maybe you can get it done with all at once," Kraft said. "They caught it three days apart, so it didn't work as planned."

He advises parents: It's better to get the vaccine.

The vaccine builds immunity by exposing the recipient to a weakened version of the virus, but in a few cases it does sometimes induce a mild form of the illness, Harpaz said.

The CDC estimates about 90 percent of preschoolers in the United States are vaccinated against chickenpox. Hospitalizations and deaths have dropped dramatically as a result — about 91 percent in children younger than 10 years old.

But late last month, reporters at a television station in Arizona stumbled across a Facebook page titled "Find a Pox Party in Your Area," which included posts from parents willing to ship infected items across the country.

According to CBS-5 KPHO in Phoenix, "One Facebook post reads: 'I got a Pox Package in mail just moments ago. I have two lollipops and a wet rag and spit.'"

The station went on to report parents boasted about mailing contaminated items from Arizona to California, Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee and Canada.

AARP tax-aide program needs volunteers to help with tax returns

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Alex Rose is a volunteer for AARP Community Service.

Holiday madness is all around us with spiritual music, beautiful decorations and gifts galore. Come Jan.1, 2012, however, thoughts turn to what we owe the government or better yet, what the government owes us.

The AARP Tax-Aide Program started 43 years ago and still is providing this service to the public from Feb. 1 through April 15 of each year.

The program was formed to provide tax preparation assistance to people with low to moderate incomes, giving special attention to those over the age of 60. This is by far the largest program of its kind anywhere in the United States.

More than 32,000 specially trained volunteer tax specialists at more than 7,000 sites nationwide help taxpayers secure all the deductions and credits to which they are entitled at no cost.

Silas Durham, district coordinator for the program in Midland, Odessa and Big Spring, is looking for more volunteers this year. The great thing is you do not have to be an accountant or a CPA to do this job. You will receive the training you need.

It is important the volunteers have computer skills.

You do not need to be an AARP member to provide this service and you do not have to be a senior to get help. Silas says AARP will help anyone who asks for help.

Services to the public do not begin until Feb. 1, 2012; however, training for those who provide this assistance begins Jan. 17, 2012, which is right around the corner. The training lasts for four days, Jan. 17-20, 2012, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce building, 208 S. Marienfeld St. The use of a software program will be included in the training.

This is a short-term job with the reward of helping yourself and others. Typically, this service is offered two days a week during the morning hours at the senior centers in Midland, Odessa and Big Spring. Each volunteer is asked to donate a certain number of hours each week.

The more we give the more we receive. What better way is there to give than to share your talents in accounting and tax information by helping those who cannot afford to pay for these services?

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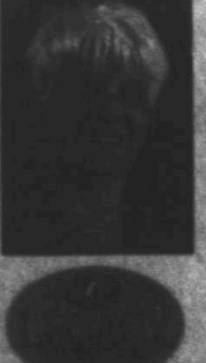
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WEDDINGS

Gibson - Clodfelter

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Hallman are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter, Wendy Raye to Eric Price Clodfelter both of Midland Texas. The couple exchanged vows during an outdoor ceremony with family and friends at the bride's family lake house on Lake Leon at Eastland, Texas on October 29, 2011.

Wendy is the granddaughter of Mrs. Jimmie Dixon and the late N.D. Dixon and Mrs. Jean Hallman and the late Gerald Hallman of Midland, Texas.

Eric is the son of Ms. Debbie Clodfelter and Mr. Kenny Clodfelter, both of Midland. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Buford Parrish of Midland and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Clodfelter of Gainesville, Texas.

The bride was attended by her daughters, Blake, Taylor and McKenzie Gibson, all of Midland. Flowergirls were Kamryn and Kallie Harlin, nieces of the bride; Lylah Brewster, Maggie, Kaylee and Summer Erdwurm, cousins of the bride; Blakely Clodfelter, neice of the groom; and Charlise Moore, cousin of the groom. The groom's cousin, Cross Moore served as the ring bearer.

The bride and groom, along with Blake, Taylor and McKenzie make their home in Midland.

Candles, candy make homes festive

By Samantha Critchell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — You love it when your house is decked out in its holiday finest, reflecting all the good cheer and festive spirit inside. At least, you love it until Dec. 26.

Then you can't stand to look at another candy cane plate.

Smart shopping means choosing items you can use year-round, experts say, then adding little touches and accents to change it up. Think separate colors; lots of candles and see-through glass; and say no to stripes.

This way, you'll end up with items that are usable beyond the season, easily packed away or simply gone.

"With less discretionary income, you have to make your dollars go far, but you want to decorate for the holidays," said Patty Warwick, vice president and general merchandise manager of home at Sears. "What's evolving is a practicality."

At the home of Nicole Sforza, senior home editor at Real Simple, you'll find several clear-glass vases filled with candy, which she likes to separate by color: green in one container, red in another. "You won't have leftovers. It will all be gone," she promised.

The same vases could have been used last month to hold her Thanksgiving centerpiece of clementines, and they'll hold flowers in the summer and colored leaves in early fall.

Colored candles, which are so easy (and inexpensive) to switch out depending on the occasion, add an inviting glow to the house, especially when it's dark and cold outside, said Ralph Snyder, design director of homes for Kohl's Department Stores. He recommends clear glass hurricanes to hold the candles, while Sforza might lay an inexpensive mirror on the dining table and put pillar candles on top, surrounded by greenery for Christmas and confetti on New Year's Eve.

Green glass Perrier bottles as well as wine bottles make easy, elegant candleholders for tapers, adds Rosemary Watson, of Mesa, Ariz., who runs home and garden classes and the Hello There House! blog.

Snyder figures you can get year-round use out of one of this season's hottest trends: a distressed, metallic material called mercury glass that's particularly popular for candleholders. It has the shine you want for the holiday season, but it's not so gleaming and bright that it would look out of place on an everyday basis, he said.

"The most important thing is to buy things you love," Snyder said. "Then you'll want to use them season after season, year after year."

He suggests investing in the trend of bringing nature inside. That means natural fibers, gray pillows and linens, and blond wood — all of which are easily jazzed up with metallics, red or even more novelty motifs such as snowmen. (Red cardinals will last you longer through the winter than reindeer or snowmen, he notes.)

"The bigger the piece, the more neutral it should be. The very seasonal items should be small and easy to store — like red napkins, although you could use those on Valentine's Day again," Snyder said.

Watson is a mother of five and a believer in budget- and eco-friendly holiday decor. She suggests beginning with real-but-cheap wine glasses and clear-glass dinner plates bought at a dollar store. Then, the glasses get ribbons around the stems — maybe even jingle bells — while the plates sit on colorful, cheerful scrapbook paper that shows through the glass.

Sometimes, she'll use brown craft paper as the tablecloth. It gives her flexibility, she said, and because the dishes are glass instead of paper, it seems tasteful and special.

Real Simple's Sforza thinks white dinnerware is a wise buy because it complements any red-and-green or silver-and-gold themes you might have going on, and an all-white theme can be sophisticated. "It's very festive if you use it all across the board — and it's not cliche."

For that touch of "holiday," she'd go with red or gold (note that's not red AND gold) placemats for the pop of color. They're easier to store than dishes or glasses.

Don't limit yourself to the dining room though, said Sears' Warwick.

Sofas in the family room or living room get a quick makeover with decorative pillows or throws, and a guest bedroom is more inviting with a faux-fur comforter. Guests always seem to work their way into the kitchen, where you can line up holiday-themed mugs for coffee or even all-red dessert plates, she suggested. None of these are space hogs in the closet, a problem you might have with giant serving platters.

The consensus seems to be you'll get more mileage out of red than other colors — save white and clear — but that doesn't mean there isn't a place for green.

Sforza likes a wreath on the door, and if you choose one with magnolia leaves, it will look appropriate for weeks to come, she said. Watson buys potted fresh herbs and puts them throughout the house, including the dining table, and then plants them in the spring. "They give the right holiday smell," she said.

Anything broadly wintery, such as birch branches or those cozy throws, should take you through early spring, when you're ready to switch it all over again.

Designers give tips on using purple in home decor

By Melissa Rayworth
Associated Press

Home furnishing catalogs and dicor magazines tell us purple is all the rage, and top designers have been filling clients' homes with everything from purple wallpaper and furniture to purple lampshades and throw pillows.

It can be a tough sell, said Betsy Burnham, founder of Burnham Design in Los Angeles, who has used purple frequently this year. Clients sometimes blanch when they hear "purple," envisioning garish, overpowering hues, she said.

"Sometimes it takes putting the color up on the wall or buying a couple of yards of the fabric to convince them," she said. They're usually thrilled with the elegant results.

"I've done walls in a grey-purple and it's super-sophisticated," Burnham said.

It is true that purple has to be used wisely. "Too much purple can seem Austin Powers-ish or way too juvenile," said Brian Patrick Flynn, founder of decordemon.com.

So how can you choose the right shades of purple and use them well? Burnham, Flynn and Sandra Espinet (who decorated actress Alison Sweeney's home entirely in purple for an HGTV's "Celebrity Holiday Homes" special this month) offer their ideas and advice:

Start slowly

No need to invest much if you're not sure whether purple is for you. Buy several purple candles for your dining room or a purple throw blanket to drape over your sofa.

Espinet suggests bringing in some purple items like these during the holiday season, and then keeping them around after holiday decorations have been put away.

Another low-commitment approach is to bring in a lamp with a lavender lampshade to add a subtle purple hue to a room.

Choose shades wisely

"My rule of thumb is to use vibrant or bold purples strictly as accents, whereas muted purples or ones with lots of gray undertones can be used more generously," Flynn said. "If you get your purples right, they can be warm and cool at the same time. My favorite shade is violet."

Soft lilacs and grayish lavenders can be easier to work with, Burnham agrees. She advises homeowners to stay with very pale purples or dark, regal shades.

Save the boldest shades of purple for one important piece, she said, such as a "beautiful vintage chair in your hallway. Or do just the seats of your dining chairs in a great purple fabric."

Not just a girl thing

All three designers point out purple isn't just for young girls' bedrooms.

"Purples can take on masculine or feminine styles, depending on how they're used," Flynn said. "Plummy tones are usually my go-to shade for women. Blue-violets or dark purples are my first choice for men. A good number of my clients are bachelors. Tired of seeing the same old thing again and again, I often use purples instead of blues. There's a sense of regality to it."

Pale lilac sheets with a white down comforter can look softly feminine. But pair those same sheets with a chocolate brown bedspread and the look is perfect for a bachelor's apartment.

Purple in patterns

A solid purple wall can be overpowering, but Flynn points out wallpaper in shades of purple can have a much different impact.

"Sometimes I will go ahead and do an entire room in a dark violet, but with fabric or textured wall covering, not paint," he said. "Purple textiles seem to immediately evoke a sense of luxury, whereas purple paints can sometimes just be too much saturation with no texture to help warm it up and give it depth."

Burnham says there's a growing selection of beautiful wallpaper and textile patterns that feature shades of purple.

Proper pairings

In the '80s, purple was mixed with other strong colors such as teal and gold, Espinet said. Today, you're more likely to see it combined with neutral shades, or see several shades of purple used together.

Flynn often pairs purple with grays and silvers for a modern feel. "I often use brown-grays with plum to create a moody, earthy feeling," he said. "For modern homes, I love to play up charcoal, gray-beige and lavender."

Get metals

An excellent way to use purples effectively is to pair them with metallic accents. Flynn often pairs shades of purple with silver or bronze.

Purple also works well with gold, he said, but it's important to choose the right shades: "Sometimes a yellow gold that's too yellow can really clash with the purple, whereas brown golds seem to work effortlessly."

A dining table designed by Sandra Espinet, a guest designer on HGTV's "Celebrity Holiday Homes" special, brings purple into the home of actress Alison Sweeney.

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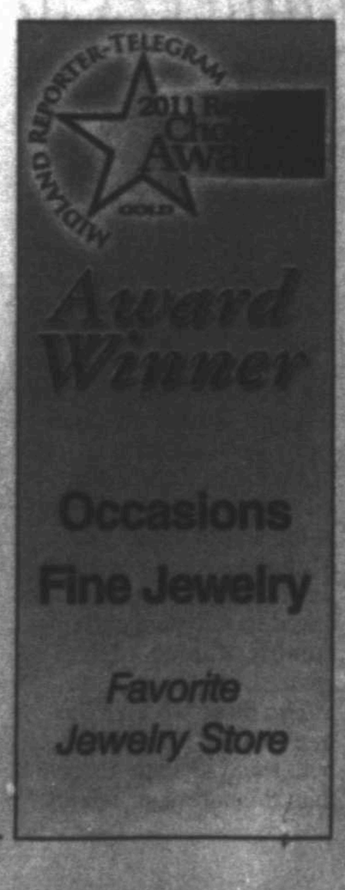
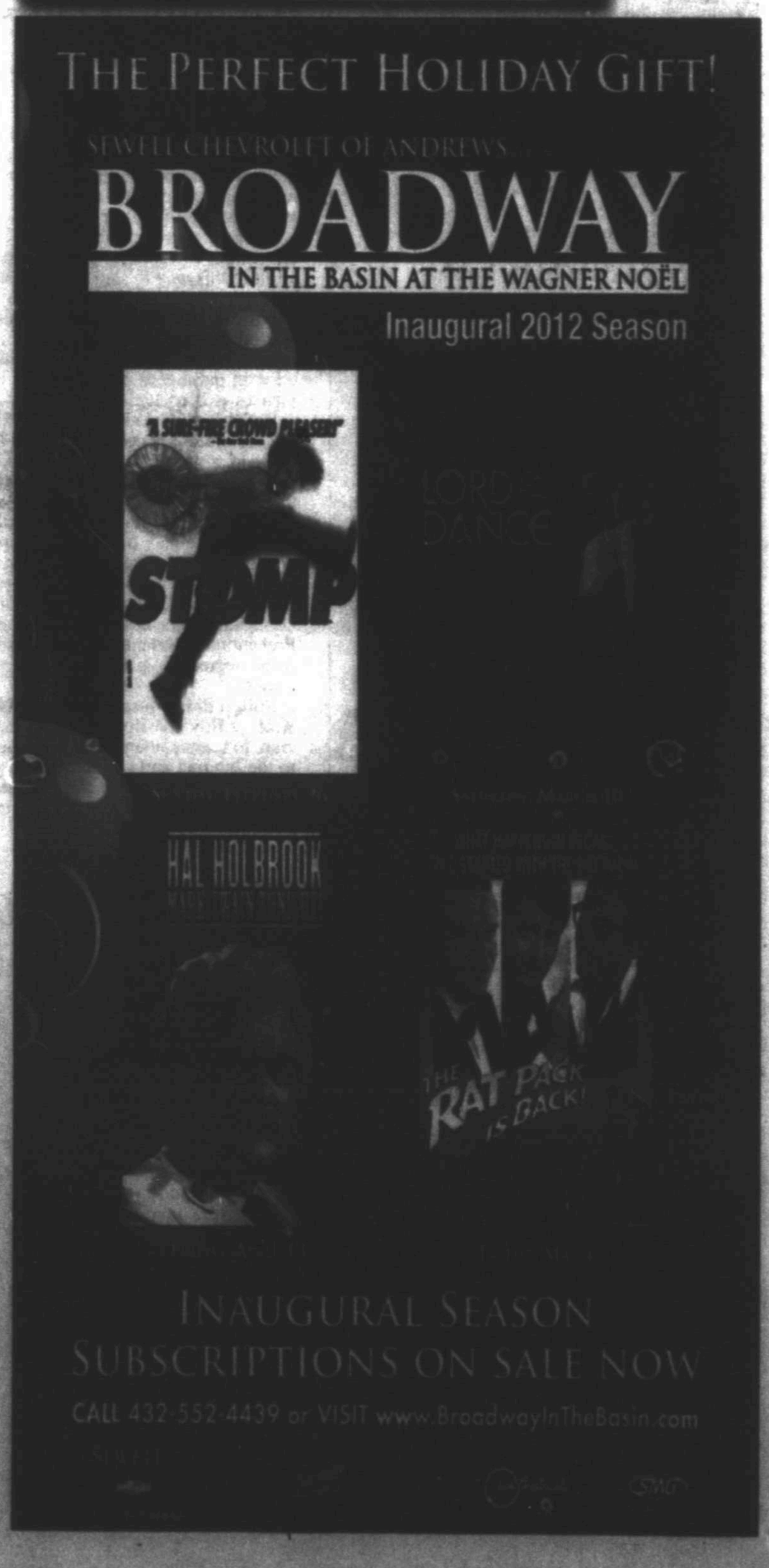




Holiday gift guide: Leaving tech out of the toy bag

By Kim Cook
Associated Press

In Christmas Past, children would find all sorts of simple games under the tree: Tiddlywinks, pickup sticks and board games could amuse young minds for hours.

Batteries and computer chips have made much of kid's play an electronic spectator sport today, but there are signs of some pushback.

Retailers are offering a variety of vintage-style games, and many baby boomers are seeking out the toys they remember fondly — puzzles, board games and the like.

Steven Josephson, owner of The Toy Box store in Mamaroneck, N.Y., said board games are always a big seller "but in the last couple of years, they've really been popular. People remember the old-fashioned games like Monopoly, Stratego, Sorry, and want their own kids to play them. Parcheesi's come way back this year."

At the New York International Gift Fair this fall, gift retailer Wild & Wolf drew crowds to its Ridley's collection of vintage-style games. The line features many old favorites, including marbles, jacks and tumbling blocks. (Available at Burkedecor.com, among other sites.) The package designs are retro too: cardboard or tin boxes, muted colors, early 20th-century-style lithography.

And indeed, the visuals are part of the appeal of these games. There's something charming about a toy that doesn't come in a loud, primary-colored box, or a plastic case.

Hasbro has teamed up with Target this season to offer classic board games in wooden boxes, including Life, Clue, Risk and Scrabble.

"Key words for Christmas 2011 are nostalgia, family, tradition and longevity," said Riann Henckel, a forecaster for Sphere Trending, in Wateriord, Mich.

If you're interested in the actual original board games you played as a kid, you'll find sources online. Prices are often surprisingly modest, in the $20 range.

Los Angeles-based game collector Desi Scarpone has been an aficionado of board games since he was young, and rues the day he let his mom get rid of his old ones. Scarpone, author of "Board Games" and "More Board Games" (Schiffer), sells games from the 1940s through the 1990s at his website, 4gamesgoneby.com. They include some rare ones like 1951's "Space Pilot," 1967's "The Monkees," 1939's "Pinocchio" and a copy of the only Beatles game ever made, "Flip Your Wig."

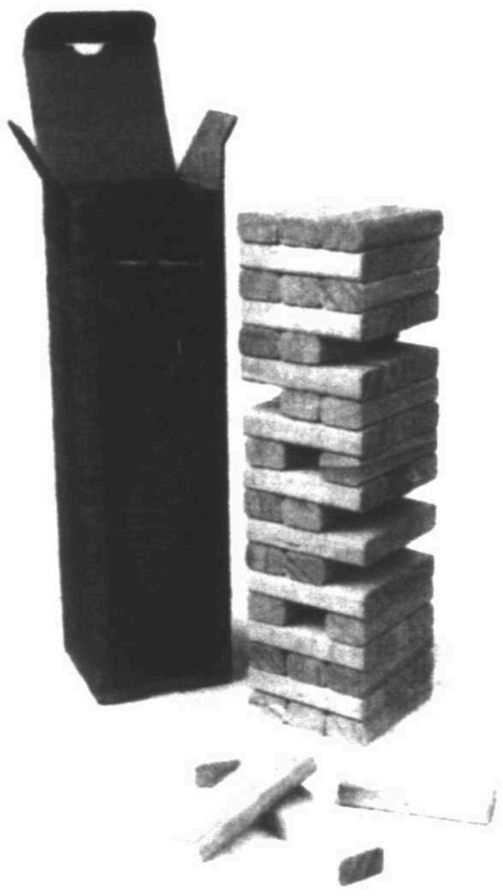
"There's been a steady resurgence in vintage board game popularity for the last several years. The children of my generation have children of their own, and they want them to feel the same joy and excitement they originally felt when playing these games," said Scarpone.

While today's game graphics tend to scream for attention, "People respond to the innocence of the artwork they remember in a vintage game," he said.

At Vintagegameworld.com, there's a comprehensive array of mid-century games, and browsing can be a visit back in time. There are old faves like Aggravation, Monopoly, Hi-Q and Careers, but also Easy Money, Acquire and Stock Market ("Anyone can make a million!"). Before there were Gears of War or Battlefield, you could play "Tobruk," a war strategy game based in World War II North Africa, or "Arab-Israeli Wars," where you re-enact tank battles, or the classic Risk.

The site's also got games that exploited TV culture of the '60s and '70s: Man From U.N.C.L.E., Happy Days, I Spy, Six Million Dollar Man.

If you're lucky enough to still own an old favorite but misplaced some parts, they've got a substantial inventory. And if your instructions are long lost, you may find them here too.



This undated photo, above, courtesy of Desi Scarpone shows "The Monkees," game. Scarpone, a Los Angeles-based game collector and author of "Board Games" and "More Board Games" (Schiffer), sells games from the 1940s through the 1990s at his website, 4gamesgoneby.com. LEFT: This product image courtesy of Ridley's House of Novelties shows tumbling blocks. At the New York International Gift Fair this fall, gift retailer Wild & Wolf showed its Ridley's collection of vintage-style games. The line features many old favorites, including marbles, jacks and tumbling blocks.

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Photo at left by Ridley's House of Novelties/AP

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Buy books for the foodie in your family

By Michele Kayal
Associated Press

Everybody knows at least one — a pretentious foodie who insists on froo-froo ingredients, laborious techniques and over-the-top dishes.

Well, this year they're out of luck. Because 2011 was a year when cookbooks — even those by high-end and celebrity chefs — went all homey and nostalgic. Which is good news for those of us who don't want to garnish a Wednesday night dinner with hand harvested truffle-salmon roe foam.

There were meatball books, tomes of rustic dishes, and reminiscences on cooking your way back to childhood. The result? There are plenty of choices for those of us who must blend the joy of cooking with the sometimes crushing need to feed.

Here are our suggestions:

■ **For the hurried and harried:**

For the busy cook who hates the post-dinner cleanup, "EatingWell One-Pot Meals" (Countryman Press, 2011) offers more than 100 recipes for healthy, comforting food done in a single vessel. From classics such as skillet-roasted chicken and gravy to inventive dishes like fennel-spiked barley risotto from the slow cooker and sweet-and-spicy pork in the wok, the book helps families spend more time at the table than at the sink.

In many places around the world, a pressure cooker may be the only pot a family owns. And it's not such a bad idea. "The Easy Pressure Cooker Cookbook" (Chronicle Books, 2014) serves up more than 300 ready-in-minutes recipes, from bacon and potato soup to barbecued brisket and veal stew with 40 cloves of garlic. It even makes dessert — think chocolate marble cheesecake and tasty bread puddings.

"Cook This Now" (Hyperion, 2011) by James Beard award-winning food writer Melissa Clark features hearty, easy meals with pairings just unusual enough to keep things interesting. Rosemary-scented white beans meet farro, grilled sausages huddle with celery root and hazelnuts, and in the spring curry and coconut make their way into tomato soup.

■ **For the groupies**

Glitz and glamour come home this year as celebrity chefs take to nesting. In his remarkably easy-to-follow "Cooking in Everyday English" (Oxmoor House, 2011), Todd English serves up red snapper and melon ceviche, wild mushroom couscous, tequila-braised short ribs, and, yes, chili. An entire chapter on family cooking offers kid-pleasers, such as butternut mac-and-cheese and classic pizza.

Crab cakes with gingered grapefruit might not sound much like your home cooking, but this is Tuesday night food for Jean-Georges Vongerichten. In "Home cooking with Jean-Georges" (Clarkson Potter, 2011), gorgeous photos illustrate recipes for dishes such as veal scaloppini with broccoli rabe and lavender, and almond caramelized duck breasts with amaretto jus. Maybe not weeknight stuff, but a nice book for leisurely cooking.

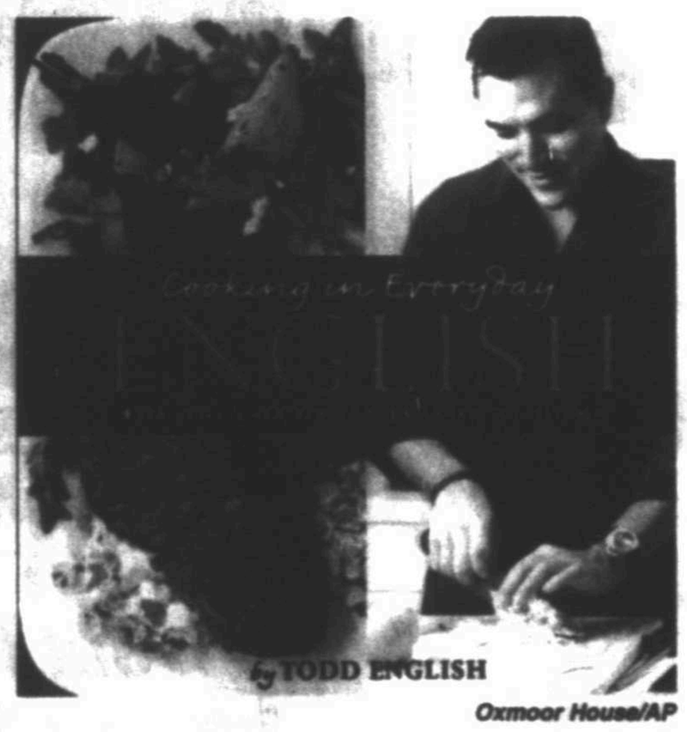
And what gift season would be complete without Jamie Oliver? The peripatetic British chef's "Meals in Minutes" (Hyperion, 2011) offers recipes for 50 full meals designed to take no more than a half-hour. Spinach feta pie with two salads and dessert, mustard chicken with scalloped potatoes, greens and a black forest affogato, and roast beef with baby popovers are all engineered to please busy, hungry families.

For the real chef groupies on your list — the ones who don't even care about the recipes — there's "My Last Supper: The Next Course" (Rodale, 2011), this sequel to the 2007 book, fifty chefs including Joel Robuchon, Marco Pierre White, Heston Blumenthal and David Chang reveal what they would eat for their last meal on earth.

■ **For weekend warriors**

It's cold. It's damp. Maybe it's even snowing. "Sunday Roasts: A Year's Worth of Mouthwatering Roasts" (Chronicle Books, 2011) conjures images of the perfect winter Sunday, with dishes like orange-scented pork roast with fennel and potatoes, and lamb shanks with dates and olives.

"The Apple Lover's Cookbook" (Norton, 2011) may be the best celebration of fall's fruit that we've ever seen. Savory dishes such as pork and apple pie with cheddar sage crust pull together all the flavors of the season, and desserts go from classics like oatmeal-topped apple crisp to spiced apple cupcakes with cinnamon cream cheese frosting.



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Wine gift giving tips for novice vinophiles

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press

Trendy, tasty and one-size-fits-all, wine is a versatile holiday gift, whether you're on your way to a house-warming or looking out for something for the in-laws. But navigating the world of wine can be a trial for the novice vinophile.

Enter wine experts, who have a few tips on how not to send the wrong message in a bottle.

■ **Recon the recipient**

A good starting place when buying wine as a gift is to figure out what you know about the recipient, said Natalie MacLean, editor of the widely read wine website, NatalieMaclean.com. Even if that's only whether they like a full-bodied wine, a light red or a particular region, a little know-how can help to personalize the gift. Interests are another way to personalize the selection, said Jordan Salcito, a sommelier and wine director of Crown Restaurant in New York City. Did the person just come back from a trip to Sicily? A bottle of Sicilian wine might be a nice touch.

■ **Read between the (label) lines**

In general, the front label of a wine bottle should tell you where a wine is from and what grapes it predominantly is made from. So, if you see an Oregon pinot noir labeled "Willamette Valley," then you know the grapes came from that region, which is known for pinots. Words like "reserve" and "vintner's select," can denote higher quality, but that's not a given, especially on New World wines. Ditto for medals and other awards, which have become quite prolific.

The back label is a bit less helpful because it's often rather flowery, but you can pick up clues to the style of the wine. "If they're describing it as zesty, mouth-watering citrus fruit, you know that's going to be a wine that does have a lot of acidity," said MacLean. Alcohol content also is a clue. A white wine such as riesling at 8 percent alcohol is going to be lighter than a big red at 14 to 15 percent.

■ **Don't fall into the money pit**

One piece of information on the bottle that isn't particularly helpful is price. More bucks don't necessarily translate to better bottles, said MacLean, whose second book, "Unquenchable: A Tipsy Search for the World's Best Bargain Wines," recently was released.

Bargain hunters would do well to look at places known for good value, such as Chile. Another thing to look for is a lesser-known grape, like Argentina's malbec, a delicious red wine that doesn't yet have the cachet of a better-known red grape variety like cabernet sauvignon.

Other places to hunt for value are regions that are trying to reinvent themselves, such as Portugal, where producers are working to let consumers know they make more than their famous port wines.

Choose landscape plants tolerant of drought, freeze

BURR WILLIAMS

Burr Williams is executive director of Sibley Nature Center.

With the lack of water in Lake Ivie and without a pipeline from the water field near Jal completed, it is wise to start thinking about your yard.

'We just moved here from Louisiana,' the lady said. "How often does it snow like this?' She clutched her coat a little tighter. Outside, snow still was falling, adding to the three inches already on the ground. We are on the southern edge of the icy tongue of the blizzard banshee. We are blessed by many beautiful warm days during the winter, but sometimes the truth of the old saying, "Nothing between here and the North Pole but barbed wire fences," becomes chillingly obvious.

Usually the snow melts the next day, but sometimes below freezing temperatures stick around even when the clouds leave. Our achingly blue sky contrasts perfectly with the immaculate snow draped on trees and shrubs like regal ermine robes. The splendor makes a person pause, deeply inhale and say, "It is indeed a beautiful world! Yes!"

Do you know the most drought-hardy and freeze-hardy plants for your landscape? Weather experts are predicting the spring and summer to be almost as dry as 2011. With the lack of water in Lake Ivie and without a pipeline from the water field near Jal completed, it is wise to start thinking about your yard. What will happen if no outside watering is allowed for those hooked to the municipal water system?

There are hundreds of beautiful plants that are native to either Texas, New Mexico or northern Mexico, along with plants from the Gobi Desert, other arid reaches of China or the mountains of Afghanistan that have lived through 2011 without any additional irrigation.

You probably already are familiar with some of those plants, such as Texas sage. Did you know there are six different species and five selected varieties of the Leucophyllum genus? Have you grown the one with green leaves and white blooms that Benny Simpson with Texas A&M developed from a mutated specimen in the wild near Del Rio? How about the one with dark purple blooms with white throats that comes from the wild mountain islands of northeastern Chihuahua? How about the angular one from Big Bend with tiny green leaves and sky-blue blossoms? Ask your nursery to order the different varieties.

Do you grow Chinese pistache? Most nurseries have it. It has the best fall foliage of any tree suitable for planting on the Llano Estacado, and the birds love the nuts on the female trees. It survived without any irrigation in 2011 — even 30-foot trees. It was a shock t learn the Texas red oaks were drought susceptible in 2011 — many specimens across town turned brown by August. Many already had died from oak wilt.

Folks have asked us about two great trees from the southern Hill Country — Texas madrone and bigtooth maple. Bigtooth maple survived 2011 with grace and ease, but there are very few grown for the nursery industry, and none are available beyond a 15-gallon pot size. Bigtooth is native to the southern Edwards Plateau, and some small growers around Bandera sell the plants. A grower in southern Colorado has the most, but because its seed source comes from areas with longer and colder winters, it does not turn the brighter colors of the ones from Bandera. Texas madrone is extremely touchy and can die if left to the whims of rainfall. It has to be watered regularly and can quickly desiccate when the southwestern furnace hot winds are gusting.

Staff at the Sibley Nature Center were instrumental in development of the plant list for the Commercial Landscape Ordinance for Midland, which also should be the Home Landscape Ordinance for Midland. The Sibley Nature Center is the go-to place for learning the particulars about the best plants for your home landscape. The best book to learn about xeriscaping on the Llano Estacado is Sally Wasowski's "Landscaping Region by Region, with the Native Plants of Texas" but it does not take in account of all the passalong plants brought by the early settlers, the introduction of foreign species in recent years or some of the species introduced into the nursery trade since its publication.

When you get serious about making your yard beautiful without wasting the most precious resource of all, give us a call at 684-6827 or email me at bwilliams@sibleynaturecenter.org. We will work with you. In March I will start a series of brown-bag luncheons during which I will discuss plants for the landscape. I will discuss a different set of plants every Tuesday, except for the week of spring break. Be the first on your block to grow a screw bean and a cinnamon toast tree.

We currently are writing grants to foundations and corporations seeking funding for a series of television spots about the best landscape plants. Television reaches the most people, but the medium is most efficient when the spots are seen so often the knowledge seeps into the audience, so the cost is the limiting factor. The spots also will be on our website afterward.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

An angler holds up a string of trout at Blanco State Park.

TPWD to release rainbow trout in Big Spring lake

From Staff Reports

West Texans looking for a winter fishing opportunity may want to plan a visit to Big Spring. Texas Parks and Wildlife has partnered with the city of Big Spring to stock the lake at Comanche Trail Park with rainbow trout this winter. The first trout release took place Dec. 13 and TPWD plans to release more trout Jan. 12, 2012 and Feb. 15, 2012. More than 6,000 fish will be released into the lake.

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club will host an educational fishing program and tournament for children March 3, 2012 at the lake.

The TPWD began stocking select Texas lakes with rainbow trout in 1966 in an effort to increase fishing opportunities around the state. More than 8.2 million trout have been released in state lakes. To qualify for the program, lakes must have winter temperatures that will sustain the fish, be open to the public and gain approval from a local TPWD Inland Fisheries biologist.

For more information, call the Big Spring Convention and Visitor Bureau at 432-263-8235

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Little oil goes a long way in healthy latkes

By Rocco DiSpirito
Associated Press

Hanukkah traditions call for eating oil-fried latkes and jelly doughnuts, both of which can pack plenty of fat and calories.

While I'm generally not one to mess with important traditions, I was thinking that perhaps we could lighten the load a little. Because a typical serving of fried latkes can pack around 25 grams of fat and 750 calories — about half as many calories as most adults should have all day.

If that becomes too much for you (and your waistline), I've got a version that delivers the same flavor with a fraction of the fat and calories. Depending on how you make it, this recipe weighs in at between just 87 and 117 calories per serving. I'm still working on downsizing those jelly doughnuts.

I came up with a couple of fat-saving techniques to make that possible. Just a little bit of oil in a nonstick skillet will get you the 117 calorie version. The latkes are easy and delicious. The oil can be heated to a fairly high heat, which minimizes the time the latkes are in it (which means much less oil is absorbed).

Want to cut the fat even further? My oven "fried" method produces equally crisp results using just a few squirts of oil from a can of cooking spray. This version has just 87 calories.

I wanted to offer both methods because I appreciate the importance of oil in the Hanukkah meal. This way, you select the method that makes the most sense for your traditions and healthy eating goals. And either way, you're still saving tons of fat and calories over traditional latkes.

My recipe doesn't include the traditional accompaniment of sour cream, but you won't miss it. I've chosen to accent them with another popular latke mate: homemade applesauce sweetened with nutritious coconut nectar. I've used one of my favorite apples here, the Fuji apple.

What I love about latkes is they can be made from all types of vegetables. Turnips and sweet potatoes are two healthier options I've incorporated into the recipe, along with white potato. Turnips lend a pleasant tang; sweet potatoes offer a gentle sweetness; and regular spuds — well, a latke isn't really a latke without them.

The latkes are held together with the starch in the potato and egg white powder (which further lowers the calories, fat and cholesterol).

As for those jelly doughnuts, I'm working on extracting the calories and fat from those, too. So If you'll excuse me, I'm off to my kitchen to experiment.

TIPS:

■ Grate the vegetables just before preparing the dish so they do not discolor.

Sweet Potato Latkes with Applesauce

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 4

Oil has an important symbolic value in Jewish cooking during Hanukkah. This latke recipe relies on the canola and vegetable oils contained in cooking sprays to help oven-crisp the latkes while minimizing fat and calories. If you prefer to use traditional oil, brush the baking sheet with olive or canola oil before placing the latkes on it, then lightly brush the tops of the latkes with a bit more. If you use 1 tablespoon of oil for this, a three-latke serving will have 117 calories and 4 grams of fat. Using the additional oil, the latkes also can be pan-fried in a nonstick skillet.

1 1/2 cups peeled and grated white turnip
1/2 cup peeled and grated Idaho potato
1/2 cup peeled and grated white sweet potato
1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme, plus 1 sprig fresh thyme
Salt and ground black pepper
2 Fuji apples, peeled, cored and cut into 2-inch pieces
1/2 tablespoon coconut nectar
2 teaspoons egg white powder

Heat the oven to 400 F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and spray it lightly with cooking spray.

In a large microwave-safe bowl, combine the grated turnip and both potatoes. Mix in the 1 teaspoon of thyme leaves, then season with salt and black pepper. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and microwave on high for 3 minutes, or until the vegetables are just tender, stirring twice. Place the bowl in the freezer to cool for about 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, place the apples, thyme sprig and coconut nectar in a separate microwave-safe bowl and cover with plastic wrap. Microwave on high for 3 minutes, or until the apples are just tender, stirring twice. Remove and discard the thyme sprig. Use a potato masher to mash the apples. Or for a smoother consistency, you can use a food processor. Set aside.

Once the vegetables are cooled to room temperature, add the egg white powder and mix thoroughly.

On the prepared baking sheet, make 12 equal piles of the vegetable mixture, then form each into a slightly flattened disk. Spritz the top of each latke with cooking spray. Bake the latkes for 10 minutes, then use a spatula to carefully flip them and bake for another 6 to 7 minutes, or until golden brown.

Place 3 latkes on each serving plate and top with applesauce.

Nutrition information per serving (3 latkes with applesauce) (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 87 calories; 0 g fat (0 percent calories from fat) (0 g saturated); 0 mg cholesterol; 20 g carbohydrate; 3 g protein; 3 g fiber; 214 mg sodium.

Judd Finkelstein looks over a glass of wine at Judd's Hill Winery in Napa, Calif. Pairing wine with the traditional Hanukkah meal can be a challenge thanks to its emphasis on fried and sweet foods, but it's certainly not impossible.

Eric Risberg/AP

Winemaker suggests pairings for Hanukkah

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press

This Hanukkah, Napa Valley winemaker Judd Finkelstein will get out the big frying pan, the one that covers all four burners, and cook latkes the way his dad used to.

And alongside the crisp potato pancakes he'll serve a sparkling wine, just right for cutting through and complementing the fatty goodness. He'll also serve his own Judd's Hill Estate pinot noir, a light-bodied red with enough acidity to keep things fresh-tasting.

There will be brisket on the table, too, and for that he might turn to a cabernet sauvignon, a traditional pairing, or a ripe, juicy zinfandel that will pick up on the heartiness of the meat.

Pairing wine with the traditional Hanukkah meal can be a challenge thanks to its emphasis on fried and sweet foods, but it's certainly not impossible.

Joe Campanale, beverage director and co-owner of several Manhattan restaurants, including L'Artusi, dell' anima and Anfora, sees Hanukkah pairings as being akin to Thanksgiving, with its big mish-mash of flavors, not to mention personalities.

Campanale, who grew up celebrating Hanukkah, says the meals are typically, "a lot of different flavors, different types of foods. It's going to be a lot of family together. I'd try to go for something that is a crowd-pleasing kind of wine that also pairs well with a variety of different foods, wines that are more acid-driven, that are crisp, that are actually going to cleanse your palate."

For red wines, that could mean a barbera, a red wine from northwestern Italy, or a white wine from France's Loire Valley. On the domestic front, he recommends a wine like Sandhi Santa Barbara County Chardonnay that has been aged in neutral oak to give it more acidity and freshness. Another possibility is Yarden Galilee Sauvignon Blanc 2009, imported from Israel.

Crisp, lively wines are a good choice at Hanukkah to go with the fried foods and dairy that are a big part of the holiday.

Hanukkah, which begins Tuesday, celebrates the rededication of the holy temple in Jerusalem, and fried foods mark the story of a small jug of oil that miraculously kept a flame burning for eight days as a part of the ritual.

Latkes, a kind of potato pancake, are a staple. Styles vary from mild to spicy, so that's something to think about before choosing a wine, said Finkelstein. Brisket is another holiday favorite and here, too, the important thing when it comes to wine pairing is paying attention to how it is cooked. At the Finkelsteins', the brisket will be braised with onions, tomato and garlic, hence the cab and zinfandel pairing options.

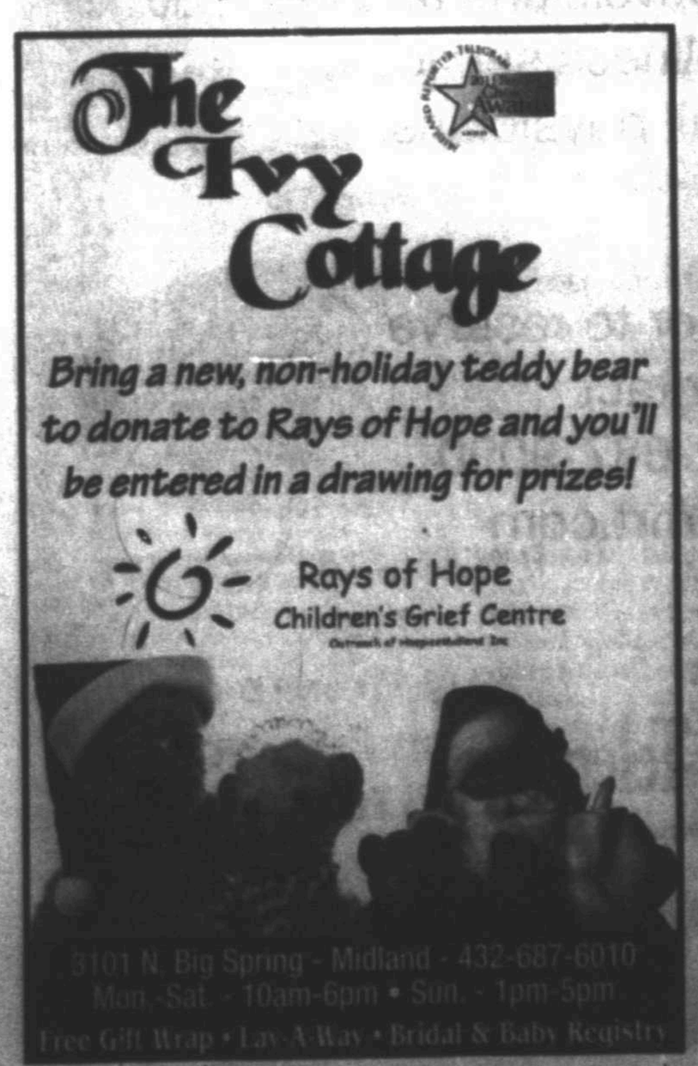
Looking to uy a few cocktails this Hanukkah?

Distillery No. 209 in San Francisco, producer of No. 209 gin, makes a special version of their product, No. 209 Kosher for Passover Gin. It was developed so observant Jews could enjoy gin over Passover, but it works for Hanukkah, too, said Hillesland.

"Gin and red meats like beef are just made for each other," he said.

He's even got a solution for the tricky issue of sufganiyot, the jelly doughnuts that are traditional at Hanukkah.

Try a classic Alexander cocktail, he advises, one part gin, one part creme de cacao and one part heavy cream. "It's a wonderful dessert cocktail," he said.



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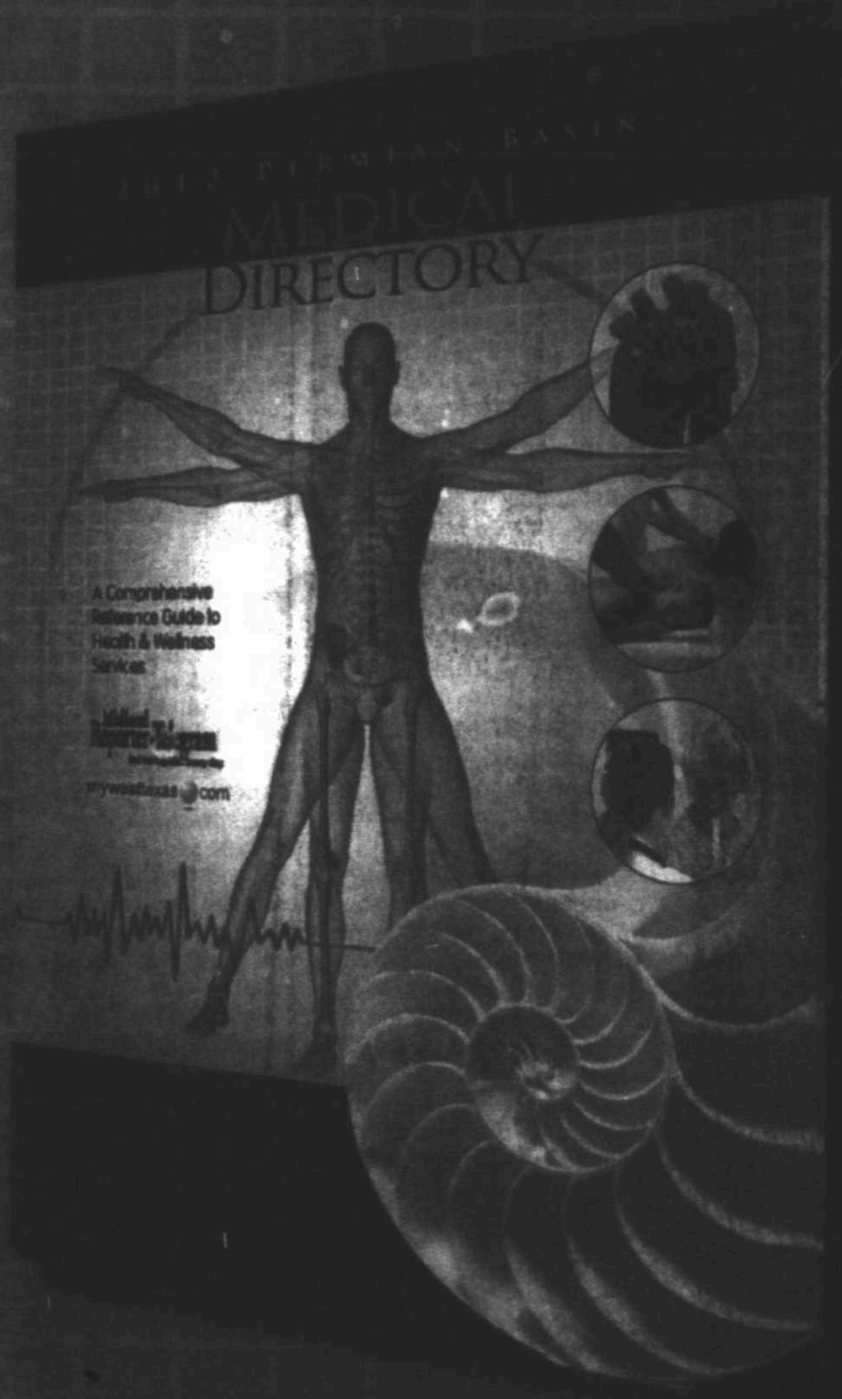

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BUSINESS for FOOD

John Crooks, with the West Texas Food Bank, unloads a donation of 580 cases of cereal that was given last week by H-E-B. Food Bank officials said the donation should create 6,000 meals. H-E-B's is one of several donations from businesses that have helped to keep the food bank stocked this month.

Kathleen Thurber Reporter-Telegram

West Texas Food Bank benefits from generosity of businesses

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

As the need for assistance continues to increase despite the area's strong economy, staff at the West Texas Food Bank say they're grateful businesses are working to fill the gaps.

The food bank last week received 580 cases of cereal from H-E-B. The donation amountS to about 6,000 meals and filled what were empty shelves as all cereal supplies had already been given out.

"We're grateful to get it from them right now," said Earl Graham, food resource coordinator at the West Texas Food Bank. "We have no cereal."

Earlier this month, Jumburrito made a $5,640.80 donation through its "Points Drive to End Hunger" campaign. For every dollar spent through the restaurant's customer rewards program, a portion was donated to the West Texas Food Bank. With the check given this year, about 22,560 meals will be created.

Albertsons, Walmart and various others also have given throughout the year and during the holiday season.

Graham said Albertsons provides food three times each week from its area stores. Walmart provides food regularly and last year gave a truck to the West Texas Food Bank to transport its supplies.

Other businesses have taken part in food drives. The food bank has benefited from more than 20 food drives in recent weeks.

"It really goes up," Graham said, of giving during the holidays. "I wish we could spread it throughout the year."

The food bank provides food to families through 180 partner agencies located throughout the surrounding 22 county area.

Staff at the West Texas Food Bank said throughout its service area, the needs are up this year. It distributed 10 million pounds of food in 2010, up from the 5 million pounds delivered in 2009. This year, it would have delivered about 12 million pounds. But, because it didn't have supplies to meet the demands, it was only able to provide about 10 million pounds, Graham said.

"We could've done more, we just didn't have the food," he said.

Augie Fernandes, executive director of the West Texas Food Bank, said the need is especially great around Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"Local food banks are seeing a significant increase in the need for food among families and individuals, especially during the holidays," he said.

Graham said many of the families in need are those who've moved to West Texas because they heard the economy was strong and then need assistance once they arrive. Others are working minimum wage jobs and are seeking help with food because their pay is going toward increasing rent costs and utilities.

According to Paige Phelps, director of marketing and community relations for the West Texas Food Bank, more than half of the families they serve are led by someone who's working. That person simply isn't making enough to provide for all of their family's basic needs.

Leaders with businesses who've given said they simply wanted to help.

"H-E-B realizes the communities are struggling and this is just our way to give back," said David Dowd, the Odessa store's unit director.

In addition to the West Texas donation, the grocery store chain donated 14 other truckloads of cereal throughout Texas last week.

Jumburrito started its campaign last year after its founders' daughter, Sarah Alvarez, heard the food bank was giving out chickens for Thanksgiving because it didn't have any turkeys.

Graham said donations help them to serve the community.

With every dollar donated, they're able to buy about $4 worth of food because of discounts they have in purchasing and programs they're able to access.

With every donation of food, he added, they're also saving on freight costs, as much of what they order has to be shipped in. If the food bank had purchased a truckload of cereal, for example, it would have paid more than $2,000 in freight costs just to get it to Odessa, Graham said.

"It couldn't come at a better time," he said, of the gifts.

Kathleen Thurber can be reached at kthurber@mrt.com.

NAMES *in the news*

Priority Power Management, LLC, a Texas-based leading independent energy management and consulting services firm with locations in Midland and Grand Prairie, has established The Priority Power Management Endowment at Texas Tech University.

A gift of $50,000 will be focused on The Center for Energy Commerce and providing undergraduate merit-based scholarships to students in the Permian Basin and Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex.

The Center for Energy Commerce reflects the fact that the complexity of the energy industry has expanded far beyond the petroleum land management focus of previous years. While oil and gas operations are still the backbone of the program and many graduates do become in house landmen, the Energy Commerce department is educating students to enter the industry as energy lenders, gas marketers, commodity traders, energy accountants and alternative energy consultants - the list of opportunities is virtually endless.

Both principals of Priority Power Management are graduates from Texas Tech University. John J. Bick, Managing Principal of the firm, earned a bachelor's degree in engineering technology, construction while Padraig "Pat" Ennis, Founding Principal, earned his bachelor's degree in finance.

NEW BRAUNFELS — Renowned economist and policy advisor Ray Perryman has been named Texan of the Year by the Texas Legislative Conference, the well known annual statewide forum that is marking its 46th year. He will receive the award next March at a special reception in his honor in New Braunfels.

According to Conference Chair Sara Tays, Perryman was selected for his tireless efforts in helping to build a better Texas.

The Texas Legislative Conference is a non-partisan organization of Texas business and political leaders who meet annually in New Braunfels to focus on public policy issues. This year's topics on March 23 will include higher education challenges, the EPA vs. Texas jobs, water solutions for Texas and a media panel review of post primary results in the state and nation.

Perryman will be joining an array of prominent past honorees since 1974 including Barbara Jordan, Laura Bush, Herb Kelleher and John B. Connally.

BUSINESS SCENE

Dallas real estate company purchases former Circuit City location

Dallas-based Annandale Real Estate is making its first investment in the Tall City with its purchase of the 29,000 square-foot building at 4110 W. Loop 250. The property, which once housed Circuit City, has sat vacant for over two years.

Noting that the property sits at one of the busiest intersections in Midland, Annandale President Jay Annand commented, "Midland's economy is one of the few in the United States that is booming and this property is located right in the middle of it all. We are excited about our first investment in Midland and plan to continue to pursue opportunities in and around this dynamic community." He went on to predict that as the city continues to lead the way in job development and more people relocate to the area, the demand for high quality retail will continue to rise.

Annandale officials report they are in talks with a furniture retailer for the site and hope to have an announcement soon.

Annandale Real Estate is a privately-owned commercial real estate and advisory company.

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Relocating from Amarillo, the Fisk family has opened an electrical supply house, **FISKIE LIGHTING & TECHNOLOGIES**, at 1105 N. Midkiff Road, next to the Sonic Drive-In.

Charley Fisk, who has 20 years experience in the electrical industry, and his son Chuck operate the full-line electrical and lighting supply house. In the inventory are pipe, wire, boxes and other electric items needed for commercial or residential buildings as well as lighting needs - bulbs, ballast, and fixtures.

Chuck Fisk said most items are in stock but some will have to be ordered. The business targets electricians, home and business owners.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and staff is on call Saturdays. More information is available online at www.fiskielighting.com or by calling 218-7542.

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Just opened in the Cornerstone shopping center at 4400 N. Midland Drive is **CHI-TO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT.**

Owned by the same people who own the Ajuua's restaurants in Midland and Odessa, Chito's is similar to its sister restaurants but is larger than the Ajuua's on Cuthbert, seating 250 and with a large sports bar.

The restaurant offers daily specials. Dine-in and carry-out are available.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Friday, except for Tuesdays and Wednesdays when hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturdays when the restaurant is open until midnight.

More information is available by calling 689-8646.

DAVE SAYS

Making donations responsibly involves time, research

DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Dave,

Our financial situation is pretty good now, and my husband and I feel it is time to start giving something back. There are several organizations we're interested in helping, but how can we know if they're legitimate and will use our money wisely?

Laura

Dear Laura,

I really appreciate your giving spirit, but the truth is you can never be 100 percent certain about this kind of thing. About the best you can do is put in some serious time researching and digging beneath the surface of various organizations to find some that are a comfortable fit for you.

My wife and I give the majority of our donations to Christian ministries. It's not unusual for us to take a tour of the place to see what kind of feel we get while we're there. If they're secretive or not forthcoming with what we consider to be basic information about how they operate, or if we see signs of opulence or super-luxury, you can bet we'll be asking lots of questions.

Talk to the leaders and administrators about what they plan to do with the money from your donation. You have a right to know this. I mean, if they're going to give the money to hurricane victims, you want the victims to get the money, right?

People who work for a charitable organization need to make a decent living just like everyone else. But if they're ultra-rich, it could be a sign they're not being responsible with their donations. Take a look at their administrative costs - what percentage of donations goes directly to the cause - and anything else you feel would help you make the right decision.

Giving is like anything else. It takes time and work to do it responsibly and with excellence!

—Dave

Dear Dave,

What happens to the money that is owed when someone files bankruptcy? Do creditors just have to write it off, or do other people pay the price through taxes or higher interest rates?

Grace

Dear Grace,

In most cases the creditor just loses the money. That's one of the risks businesses face. Of course, any bankruptcy is also a seriously bad mark against the filer's credit record.

Chapter 13 filings may be considered a little less severe than Chapter 7 because you're showing an interest in retiring the debts. They often allow – if you have a regular income and limited debt – to keep some of the property you might otherwise lose. Also, some debt balances may be partially discharged, with the filer agreeing to make monthly payments to the trustee for distribution among remaining creditors.

A Chapter 7 bankruptcy is lots tougher on the one who files. It involves liquidating all assets that aren't exempt. Some of the filer's property may be sold by a court-appointed official – a trustee – or just turned over to creditors.

It's really a lose-lose situation, Grace. The business loses money, and the filer suffers the emotional pain of participating in a shameful process.

—Dave

BUILDING PERMITS

Building Permits November 28-December 2

3301 W. Golf Course Road	Commercial Alteration	$2,800
1209 W. Kentucky Avenue	Residence-Detached	$45,600
315 Sir Barton Parkway	Residence-Detached	$35,000
1803 Bates Street	Residence-Detached	$49,800
201 Skywood Circle	Residential Alteration	$3,000
5502 Sterling Court	Residential Alteration	$50,640
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6501 Saddle Horn Lane	New Residence	$321,280
4200 W. Wall Street	Sign	$7,000
11600 Onyx Drive	Sign	$6,700
3114 Kessler Avenue	Residential Addition	$4,800
5801 Nolan Ryan Drive	New Residence	$128,800
3205 W. Wall Street	Commercial Alteration	$1,130,615
600 N. Marienfeld Street	Commercial Alteration	$265,000
812 Keystone Court	New Residence	$320,080
2714 Hummingbird Lane	Residential Addition	$34,560
3612 Dentcrest Drive	Swimming Pool	$35,000
3709 Coquina Lane	New Residence	$168,560
1005 Sinclair Avenue	Residence-Detached	$1,600
707 W. Indiana Avenue	Commercial Alteration	$150,000

Building Permits December 5-December 9

2310 Wolfcamp Circle	Commercial Alteration	$8,000
309 E. Nobles Avenue	New Residence	$108,080
4105 Cardinal Lane	Residence-Detached	$125,000
5311 W. Wadley Avenue	Commercial Addition	$20,000
3418 W.Michigan Avenu	Fence	$400
5900 Pedernales Drive	New Residence	$145,120
5805 Llano Court	New Residence	$203,840
5305 Mathis Street	Residential Addition	$9,000
106 W. Dengar Avenue	Residence-Detached	$58,000
3814 Gulf Avenue	Residential Alteration	$13,000
3011 Moss Avenue	Residence-Detached	$8,000
307 Dodson Street	Commercial Alteration	$6,500
1400 S. FM 1788	Commercial Alteration	$46,000
1005 Alpine Street	Residence-Detached	$3,200
3310 Bluebird Lane	Swimming Pool	$42,000
5802 Nolan Ryan Drive	New Residence	$143,600
5803 Nolan Ryan Drive	New Residence	$140,880
5804 Nolan Ryan Drive	New Residence	$151,840
5811 Nolan Ryan Drive	New Residence	$140,880
906 Pecan Court	Residence-Detached	$15,000

Source: City of Midland

THE ECONOMIST

S&P fires warning shot over need to address government debt

RAY PERRYMAN

The Perryman Group

Standard & Poor's Ratings Services placed its long-term sovereign debt ratings for 15 eurozone nations on CreditWatch with negative implications earlier this week. As the pre-eminent agency monitoring the default risk associated with debt of various kinds, S&P's action garnered worldwide attention, moved equity markets, and sparked reactions by many European heads of state (despite the lost credibility from the U.S. downgrade in the Fall which financial markets largely ignored).

There are clear parallels to the situation faced by the United States which led to a similar action by S&P. In April, the ratings agency pointed out U.S. strengths such as its high income, highly diversified economy, and track record of supporting growth while containing inflation. However, the lack of agreement among U.S. policymakers on how to reverse fiscal deterioration or deal with longer-term fiscal pressure and the fact the U.S. deficit has risen significantly as a percentage of gross domestic product led S&P to revise its outlook for the United States downward.

In its Dec.5 statement, S&P noted five factors in the eurozone causing "systematic stresses" and putting downward pressure on the credit standing of the eurozone as a whole. These factors include tightening credit conditions, higher risk premiums on a growing number of sovereigns, disagreement among policymakers, high indebtedness, and the risk of an economic recession in 2012.

Reaction to the CreditWatch notice was mixed. Some European leaders said the S&P action would have no bearing on their actions; others seemed to view it as a positive development in that it increases the sense of urgency for the European Union (EU) summit. The importance of the meetings was underscored by U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner's multiple visits to Europe over the past few months.

Given the extent of linkages among economies around the globe, Americans have a vested interest in what goes on in Europe. If debt problems there spiral out of control, export-oriented business will clearly suffer, as will entire industries such as airlines. Financial markets will also deteriorate, of course.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel have proposed a plan which includes provisions such as penalties for euro states with excessive deficits. The idea is to restore confidence and calm markets. Italy appears to have staved off a looming crisis with an austerity plan; rates on Italian bonds dropped notably on news of the prime minister's proposed course of action. The incoming Spanish prime minister appears on board for change as well. However, there are other nations (such as Britain, Ireland, and the Netherlands) which are less inclined to a sweeping move such as an amendment to the EU's charter.

The leaders of the world's largest economies must take effective action toward a long-term solution to the inextricably linked problems of debt and deficits. In many nations, underlying fiscal imbalances are a very real threat to long-term prosperity, and all options (including amending the EU charter) should be on the table. Solutions will not come easily and even after implementing sound policy, it will take time for things to begin to turn around. Debt issues must be dealt with strategically and systematically over an extended period of time, but the consequences of failing to solve these underlying problems are simply too grave to ignore. All signs are pointing to the urgency of action in Europe (and, as a matter of fact, in the United States), and S&P's action is nothing more than a reflection of the fact that it's time for real progress.

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TRISH POWELL

Better Business Bureau

Avoid being 'yo-yoed' back to dealership after purchasing car

Driving off the lot with a brand-new car can be an exhilarating experience, especially if you have just traded in an old clunker. But, for some people, that exhilaration melted into frustration when the dealership called asking for the car back.

After letting customers think they had secured financing, some dealerships have attempted to secure a loan after the sale. When the customer's credit was denied by several different lenders, the dealership demanded the car back or renegotiated the rates without the customer's permission.

If the customers returned the car, the dealership kept their down payment to cover the mileage the customer put on the car. When the customers asked for their trade-ins back, the dealership said they had already been sold.

The practice, dubbed "yo-yoing," is being scrutinized by car buyers and consumer advocacy groups across the nation.

The Center for Responsible Lending shows one in eight car buyers making less than $40,000 have experienced a yo-yo deal. For those making less than $25,000, the incident rate rises to one in four.

Follow these tips from your Better Business Bureau to avoid being yo-yoed:

- Start with trust. Research auto dealers at bbb.org to assure you are working with a reliable, trustworthy company. The BBB Business Review will provide background information and complaint statistics.
- Consider financing through a bank or credit union. You don't have to get your loan through the car dealership. Go directly to a bank or credit union and line up financing before you buy the car to avoid having to go through the dealership.
- Don't leave the dealership until financing is approved. In most cases, it doesn't take very long for a loan to be approved. Wait until you have been given confirmation that your loan is approved before signing off on any paperwork or leaving with your new car. If you're shopping for a car during a time banks are closed, come back on a different day to finalize your purchase.
- Understand what you're signing. Read through all paperwork and make sure you understand and agree with what you're signing. If anything is unclear or you don't agree with the terms of the contract, do not sign anything.

Is a balance transfer right for you?

By Candice Choi
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Holiday shoppers may already be scouting balance transfer offers for the new year.

The lure of transferring a credit card balance is that you're charged 0 percent interest for an introductory period, which can range from six months to almost two years. The idea is that you pay down debt in that time without worrying about interest charges.

It's a particularly attractive offer for anyone looking to manage their post-holiday bills.

But the suspension of interest charges comes with a cost.

To start, banks charge transfer fees that can be as high as 5 percent of the balance. That could outweigh any savings on interest you eventually achieve. Applying for a new credit card can also ding your credit score. The impact is minimal over time for those with strong credit histories, but it's still something to watch if you plan to apply for a mortgage or other big loan in the near future.

The bottom line is that the benefits and drawbacks of a balance transfer can vary significantly depending on your financial situation. That's why it's a move that requires careful consideration.

Keep that in mind in case you run across a Facebook page called Balance Transfer Day in your research. The page is encouraging followers to protest big banks by applying for credit cards with lower interest rates this Sunday. But the page was set up by the editor-in-

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chief of a website that makes money off credit card applications.

If you're evaluating a balance transfer offer, here's what you should know:

The Offer

As you browse the balance transfer offers on the market, it's likely that you're mainly scanning to see which promotion offers the longest introductory period. But there are other variables you'll need to factor into the equation, starting with the transfer fee.

Banks typically charge a fee of 3 percent of the amount that you're transferring, but some charge 4 percent or 5 percent. If you're looking to transfer $10,000, that means your fees could range from $300 to $500.

You also want to make sure that the amount you expect to save in interest will ultimately offset that fee. To do this, assess how quickly you expect to pay off your balance. Then figure out how much you'd pay in interest charges over that time with your current card.

It may turn out the amount is less than the balance transfer fee.

In other cases, your current credit card issuer may try to get you to transfer balances from your other cards. The bank may present you with an option, such as a 0 percent rate for nine months or a 2 percent rate for a year. Again, the key to figuring out the best path is to be realistic about how soon you think you can pay off your debt.

The Approval

Even if you decide that you'd benefit from a balance transfer, you won't necessarily be approved for one.

Banks use balance transfer offers to lure away customers with good to excellent credit. If you're paying an interest rate far above the 16 percent average on cash back cards, according to Bankrate.com, it could be that you don't fall into that category. Or you may be approved for a transfer with a shorter introductory period.

It's also not unusual for a bank to approve only a portion of a requested balance transfer. This can happen for several reasons.

Banks are not as generous with their credit lines as they were before the financial meltdown in 2008, and the amount they're willing to extend will vary. And if you've recently missed credit card payments or maxed out your cards, your credit profile may not be as strong as it was in the past.

"You can gauge what a realistic credit line on a new account would be by looking at what has happened to your financial situation," said Odysseas Papadimitriou, founder of CardHub.com.

After you submit your balance transfer application, note that it can take a few weeks for a transfer to be processed. You'll know it went through when the statement on the old card shows that the balance has been paid off by the new credit card company.

In the meantime, don't ignore your old account since there might be a payment you need to make.

The Terms

Keep in mind that the regular interest rate on the new card — which kicks in once the honeymoon period is over — will still be based on your credit profile. That means the rate you're charged could end up being on par with the one you're paying on your current card.

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A&E 27 32 28 35 47	Parking	★★ The Negotiator ('98, Act) Samuel L. Jackson.					The Sopranos		The Sopranos		The Sopranos	
AMC 40 21 23 42 51	Mad Men		Mad Men		Mad Men		Hell on Wheels		★★★ The Outlaw Josey Wales			
BET 58 26 40	(5:00) BET Inspiration				Jones Gospel (N)		Chris	★ Church	(10:15) Kim Jones' C. Hour		Dr. Dre: Mr. Comp...	
BRAVO 65 63 41	(5:00) ★ The Silence of the Lambs		Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Chef Roblé & Co.		Chef Roblé & Co.		Chef "Higher Steaks"	
CNBC 46 45 39 72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN 43 24 51 30 56	(5:00) News	Sanjay	CNN Sunday		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC 50 20 31 24 42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	World End		F.Wild "Bush Brawl"		Rush "Slippery Slope"		(Almost) Got Away	
DISNEY 56 27 36 25 36	3rd &	Mickey M.	M.Mouse	Jake	Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	Shake Up	Austin	SoRandom	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN 32 29 48 31 30	SportC.	MatchUp	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sunday NFL Countdown (L)					
ESPN2 34 28 49 32 31	SportsCenter		E:60	MatchUp	Football Final		OLine	Report (N)	SportsC.		Fantasy Football Now (L)	
FAMILY 53 54 34 42 33	Chipmunk	★ Santa Buddies ('09, Fam) Craig Anton.					★ The Search for Santa Paw				★ Richie Rich's Christmas Wish	
FNC 45 58 53 23 55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						News HQ	Housecall	America's News HQ		America's News HQ	
FOOD 64 59 27 68 54	Diners, Drive-ins		Pioneer Woman		Dinners	Meals	Hungry	Big Bite	H.Cook	Best	Chopped	
FSSW 37 43 50 45 29	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Cowboys	H.S. Scoreboard	Huddle	Golf Life	Horse	The IT	Garage	
FX 31 31 59 64 69	Smarter	★★ Click ('06, Com) Kate Beckinsale, Adam Sandler.					★★ The Family Stone				★ The Proposal	
HALLMARK 54 49 58 34	(5:00) ★ Gift of the ...		★★ All I Want for Christmas				Jingle All	HoopYoyo	Jingle All	HoopYoyo	★ The Three Gifts	
HGTV 63 50 26 48 44	Holmes on Homes		Income	Income	Property Brothers		Disaster	Disaster	Weekends	Crashers	Househ	House
HISTORY 71 62 29 50 43	Modern Marvels		IRT Deadliest Roads		IRT Deadliest Roads		IRT Deadliest Roads		IRT Deadliest Roads		Roads "Death Race"	
LIFETIME 28 25 25 28 48	In Touch Ministries		The Hour of Power		J.Osteen	Paid	Supernanny		Supernanny		Army Wives	
MSNBC 47 51 49 73	Hardball	Business	Up With Chris Hayes				Weekends With Alex Witt				Vegas Undercover	
NICK 55 34 39 34 37	Parents	Parents	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Victorl.	Victorl.
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	Eureka		Haven "Silent Night"		★★ The Hitcher (07, Hor) Sean Bean.			
TBS 25 11 44 66 41	SaveBell	Saved Bell	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★ Kindergarten Cop Arnold Schwarzenegger.				
TCM 41 61 24 63 66	(5:00) ★ Little Women		★★ All Mine to Give Glynis Johns.				★★ The Shop Around the Corner				Merry Christmas	
TELE 20 8 10 20	Paid	Paid	Sheildon	Willa	Pearlie	Wimzie's	Paid	Paid	Paid	Camara	Enfoque	Deportivo
TLC 51 33 32 38 52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
TNT 24 23 40 26 50	Law & Order		Law & Order "Acid"		LawOrder	"Maritime"	LawOrder	"Excalibur"	★★★ Mrs. Doubtfire Robin Williams			
TVLAND 49 48 35 54 35	Nanny	The Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Hot In	Hot In	Hot In	Hot In	Makeover: Home		Makeover: Home	
USA 26 30 42 27 49	Paid Program		Paid Program		★★ The Break Up Vince Vaughn.				★ ★★ The Wedding Planner Jennifer Lopez.			
VERSUS 38 39	NBC Sports Talk		NFL Turning Point		Instinct	Hank 3-D	Skies	Alaska	Fishing	Hunter	Country	Ammo
WGN 19 18	Armor	Facts	Kay David	Beyond	Matlock	"The Nurse"	In Heat of Night		★★ Moonlight Mile Jake Gyllenhaal.			

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	6	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		Mercury	Mercury	Mercury	Mercury	Mercury	Mercury	Makeover: Home		Makeover: Home		News	Mercury
KOSA CBS 7 7 7 7 7		NFL Football Cincinnati Bengals vs. St. Louis Rams (L)						(1:15) NFL Football New England Patriots vs. Denver Broncos (L)					
KWWT CW 5 14		Hollywd.	★★ Primal Fear ('96, Susp) Laura Linney, Richard Gere.					★★ The Seeker: The Dark is Rising				Troubadour, TX	
KPEJ FOX 8 5 5 8 3		NFL Football Washington Redskins vs. New York Giants Site: MetLife Stadium (L)					Red Boots	Spirit of Christmas				C'nsumer	C'nsumer
KMLM IND 11 11 12 11 11		Laurie	Enarson	Alewine	T.Scrivner	Light of the Southwest				Bible	Super.	Calls	Denis O
KWES NBC 9 9 9 9 9		Storm	Storm	Winter Dew Tour Nike Open (L)				Brian Boitano Skating		Spectacular		Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS 13 13 13 8		Idea/Act	Contrary	Sew It All	Sewing	Knitting	F&Porter	Sewing	Quilts	Lawrence Welk		History Detectives	
KUPB UNI 4 4 4 16		Republica deportiva				Chiapas vive la aventura				Como dice el dicho		F. Diez	Noticiero
KOSA MNT 16 16 16		★★ Flake ('95, Fam) Matthew Modine.				Paid	Business	AmAthlete	Insider	Access Hollywood		Starguide Universe	
FLIX 340 65 165		(2:00) ★★ Blind Horizon Val Kilmer.				★★★★½ La Dolce Vita ('61, Dra) Marcello Mastroianni.						★ Bloody Sunday	
HBO 300 68 14 14		(2:15) ★★ Amelia ('09, Bio) Hilary Swank.				(4:15) ★★ Dinner for Schmucks				(6:15) ★★ Despicable Me Steve Carell.			
HBO2 302 69 15 101 23		(11:00) ★ Clash of th...		★★ The In Crowd			(4:45) ★★ Cradle 2 the Grave Jet Li.				Boardwalk Empire		Movie
HBO5 304 70 16 102		(11:00) ★ Paradise ...		★★★ All the Real Girls Paul Schneider.				Enlight	★★★ The Lovely Bones ('09, Dra) Rachel Weisz.				
MAX 380 71 17 120 24		(11:45) ★★ Mobsters			★★ Waterworld ('95, Act) Kevin Costner.				(4:45) ★★ Green Zone ('10, Act) Yigal Naor.				Movie
MAX2 382 72 18 122		(1:15) ★★ Jonah Hex Josh Brolin.		(4:45) ★★★ Something's Gotta Give Jack Nicholson.					★★ Vampires Suck				Movie
PLEX 96		★★ Bio-Dome Pauly Shore.		(4:45) ★ It Looks Could Kill				(5:15) ★★★ Undercover Angel		(7:30) ★ The Break Up Artist			
SHOW 320 66 19 140 25		(2:15) ★★ The Road ('09, Adv) Robert Duvall.			★★★ The Italian Job Mark Wahlberg.				(5:55) ★★ The Sum of All Fears				
TMC 336 67 22 155 26		(2:15) ★★★ The Burning Plain				(5:50) ★★★½ Charlie Bartlett		(7:30) ★ Lovely, Still				(9:15) ★ Lars & the...	
A&E 27 32 28 35 47		★ Bag of Bones 1/4 cont'd next				★ Bag of Bones Pierce Brosnan. 2/4				Crim. Minds "Jones"		Criminal Minds	
AMC 40 21 23 42 51		(12:00) ★ The Outl...		★★★ Silverado ('85, West) Kevin Costner, Kevin Kline.						★★★ Young Guns Emilio Estevez.			
BET 58 26 40		★ Heaven Ain't Hard to Find Dylan Mooney.				★ Lord All Men Can't Be Dogs ('11, Com) Vivica A.Fox.				★ What My Husband Doesn...			
BRAVO 65 63 41		Top Chef "Game On"		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills	
CNBC 46 45 39 72		Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN 43 24 51 30 56		Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		Your Money		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC 50 20 31 24 42		I Almost "Got Raps"		(Almost) Got Away		(Almost) Got Away		(Almost) Got Away		(Almost) Got Away		Apocalypse 2012	
DISNEY 56 27 36 25 36		GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Shake Up	Shake Up	Jessie	Austin	Phineas	Phineas	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	SoRandom	Shake Up
ESPN 32 29 48 31 30		PBA Bowling World Championship		Football Final (N)		Herbies		Billiards		Billiards			
ESPN2 34 28 49 32 31		STIHL	STIHL	H.S. Heisman (N)		Poker World Series		Poker World Series				Poker World Series	
FAMILY 53 54 34 42 33		Movie	★★ Home Alone 2: Lost in New York...					★★★½ The Polar Express Tom Hanks.				★★★½ Toy Story	
FNC 45 58 53 23 55		(11:00) News HQ		Fox News		Justice Judge Jeanine		America's News HQ				Fox News	
FOOD 64 59 27 68 54		Rest. "Wildcat Cafe"		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Ace of Cakes		Diners	Diners
FSSW 37 43 50 45 29		Football	Phenoms	Xterra	Thunder	NCAA Basketball USC vs. Texas A&M (L)				Sports		NCAA Basketball Vir./Om. (L)	
FX 31 31 59 64 69		★★ The Pursuit Sandra Bullock.				★★★ Night at the Museum ('06, Com) Ben Stiller.				★ Night at the Museum: Bat...			
HALLMARK 54 49 58 34		(11:00) ★ The Tenants		★ Christmas Comes Home to Canaan				★ A Princess for Christmas Katie McGrath.				★ All I Want for C...	
HGTV 63 50 26 48 44		My Place	My First	Property	Property	Property	Property	Househ	House	For Rent	For Rent	Househ	House
HISTORY 71 62 29 50 43		IRT Deadliest Roads		IRT Deadliest Roads		IRT Deadliest Roads		IRT Deadliest Roads		IRT Deadliest Roads		IRT Deadliest Roads	
LIFETIME 28 25 25 28 48		Army Wives		Army Wives		Army Wives		★★ A Different Kind of Christmas				★ A Doll for Chris...	
MSNBC 47 51 49 73		Bomb Patrol		Meet the Press		When Forensics Fail		The Haunting				Caught on Camera	
NICK 55 34 39 34 37		Victorl.	Victorious	iCarly	iCarly	Big Time	Big Time	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Sponge	Sponge
SPIKE 30 22 55 53 58		★★★ Star Wars: Episode II: Attack of the Clones Ewan McGregor.								★★★ Star Wars: Episode III: Revenge of the Sith			
SYFY 66 64 41 57 67		★★ The Hills Have Eyes II Daniela Alonso.				★★ My Bloody Valentine James Achiz.				★ An American Werewolf in London			
TBS 25 11 44 66 41		(2:55) ★★ Joe Dirt David Spade.		(4:45) ★★★ Road Trip Breckin Meyer.				(6:45) ★★ I Love You, Man Paul Rudd.					Movie
TCM 41 61 24 63 66		★★★ Since You Went Away ('44, War) Claudette Colbert.						★★★½ An American in Paris				★★★ Gun Fury	
TELE 20 8 10 20		★ The Spiderwick Chronicles ('08, Adv)			★ Alamo ('04) Antonio Banderas.				Videos asombrosos		Camara	Contes.	
TLC 51 33 32 38 52		Bride	Bride	Fat Gypsy Wedding		Fat Gypsy Wedding		Fat Gypsy Wedding		Fat Gypsy Wedding		Fat Gypsy Wedding	
TNT 24 23 40 26 50		Movie	(2:45) ★★★½ The Wizard of Oz Judy Garland.						(7:05) ★★ Four Christmases Vince Vaughn.				Movie
TVLAND 49 48 35 54 35		(11:00) Makeover		Van Dyke	Van Dyke	Van Dyke	Van Dyke	Van Dyke	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH
USA 26 30 42 27 49		Movie	★ He's Just Not That into You Ginnifer Goodwin.					★★★½ Elf ('03, Com) Will Ferrell.				SVU "Totem"	
VERSUS 38 39		FLW Outdoors		Rugby's	Outdoors	Racing	The Ride	FIS Alpine Skiing		Snowmobiling		Motorsport Hour	
WGN 19 18		★★★½ The Station Agent Peter Dinklage.				★★ Summer Catch Freddie Prinze Jr.				Home Videos		Christine	Christine

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	6	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	Home Videos "Christmas Spectacular"		Once Upon a Time "Snow Falls"		★★ The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause ('2007, Family) Martin Short, Tim Allen.		KMID News		(:35) Ugly Betty		(:35) Sports	
KOSA CBS 7 7 7 7 7	60 Minutes		Survivor: South Pacific New castaways will be joined by two returning ones. (SP) (N)				Survivor: South "Reunion Show" (N)		CBS 7 News		(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer
KWWT CW 5 14	Heart, "The Haunting of Nancy Rain"		★★ Rising Sun ('93, Thriller) Wesley Snipes.				King of Queens	'Til Death	Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	House of Payne	House of Payne
KPEJ FOX 8 5 5 8 3	American Idol "Top 13 Results"	Cleveland Show	The Simpsons	"Marriott" Jeopardy (N)	Family Guy "Road to the North Pole"		Three Wide Life	Tx.Rodhouse	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Consum-er Corner	Consum-er Corner
KMLM IND 11 11 12 11 11	Doorways to Wisdom		Marvin Winkler	Dr. R.Booker	Light of the Southwest				Alan Lee	Jack Van Impe	For the Heart of the City	
KWES NBC 9 9 9 9 9	Football Night in America (L)		NFL Football Baltimore Ravens vs. San Diego Chargers Site: Qualcomm Stadium -- San Diego, Calif. (L)							News-Week 9	Cowboys Post	Red Raider
KPBT PBS 13 13 13 8	Nova "Mystery of the Megaloduon"		Nature "Why We Love Cats and Dogs"		Masterpiece Classic "Return to Cranford"			West. Perspec.	Austin City Limits		Nature "Why We Love Cats and Dogs"	
KUPB UNI 4 4 4 16	Pablo Montero "Una Noche en Bohemia"		La rosa de Guadalupe				Sal y pimienta		13 Miedos	Noticiero Univision	Elias son la alegría del hogar	
KOSA MNT 16 16 16	Without a Trace		Cold Case		The Closer		Law & Order		30 Rock	Sunny	Aspire	Office
FLIX 340 65 165	(5:00) ★ Bloody Su...		★★ Body Call Jesse Metcalfe.		★ A Low Down Dirty Shame		(8:15) ★ Jackie the Movie ('94, Dra)					
HBO 300 68 14 14	First Look (6:15) ★★		Mad Money ('08, Com) Diane Keaton.				★★ Hot Pass ('11, Com) Owen Wilson.			★★★½ The Town ('10, Act) Ben Affleck.		
HBO2 302 69 15 101 23	(5:30) ★ Knight and Day ('10, Act) Cameron Diaz.						The Adjustment Bureau		Making	Every Angels: NHL	★ She's Out of M...	
HBO5 304 70 16 102			★★ The Tourist ('10, Act) Angelina Jolie.								★★ Love and Other Drugs	
MAX 380 71 17 120 24	Movie		★ The Usual Suspects		★ Beatdown Suio Abromit.				★★ Bad Boys II ('03, Act) Will Smith, Martin Lawrence.			Life Top
MAX2 382 72 18 122	(5:00) ★ Cedar Rapids		Strike Back				★ Lottery Ticket Bow Wow.		(10:45) ★ Dark Fantasies (Adult)		★ Big Momma: Like...	
PLEX 96	Movie		★ The Chase Chris Sinn.				★★ Bio-Dome Pauly Shore.		(8:45) ★★ The Deal		(10:45) ★ Lovin' Co...	
SHOW 320 66 19 140 25	Dexter		Homeland "The Vest"		Dexter		Homeland "Marine One"			Dexter		Homeland
TMC 336 67 22 155 26	(5:45) ★ Lars & the R...		★ All Good Things ('11, Dra) Ryan Gosling.				★ Sorcerer ('77, Adv)				(10:15) ★ Hope They Serve Beer...	
A&E 27 32 28 35 47	Criminal Minds		Criminal "Haunted"		Criminal "Reckoner"		Criminal "Parasite"		Criminal "Perpetuation"		Criminal "Haunted"	
AMC 40 21 23 42 51	Movie		★★ Young Guns II ('90, West) Emilio Estevez.				Hell on Wheels (N)		Hell on "Revelations"		Breaking Bad	
BET 58 26 40	(5:00) ★ What My ...		Reed	Reed	★★★½ A.S.A.P. Rocky		Movie		★ Chris Brown		BET Inspiration	
BRAVO 65 63 41	Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atl. (N)		(11:15) Chef Roblé (N)		(11:15) Watch	(11:45) Atlanta	"New Tricks"	
CNBC 46 45 39 72	Diabetes	Wall Street	Apocalypse 2012		Merkin's Drug War		Supermarkets Inc		BMW		American Greed	
CNN 43 24 51 30 56	CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan	
DISC 50 20 31 24 42	2011: Earth/Wild		Alien Invasion		Secret Service		Moonshiners		Secret Service		Moonshiners	
DISNEY 56 27 36 25 36	Austin	SoRandom	★ Good Luck Charlie, It's Ch...		PhinGames		SoRandom	SoRandom	Shake Up	Shake Up	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN 32 29 48 31 30	SportsCenter		NCAA Basketball Connecticut vs. Baylor (L)				SportsCenter				SportsCenter	
ESPN2 34 28 49 32 31	Poker World Series		Poker World Series		Poker World Series		Poker World Series		Poker World Series		Poker World Series	
FAMILY 53 54 34 42 33	★ Toy Story		★★ Toy Story 2		★ Ant Bully ('06, Fam) John Goodman.		★ Ice Age ('02, Fam) Ray Romano.		★ Ice Age: The Meltdown		Lizzie	Ed Young
FNC 45 58 53 23 55	Fox Report Weekend		Special Report		Greta		Geraldo at Large		Nuckles		Hannity	
FOOD 64 59 27 68 54	The Next Iron Chef		Cupcake Wars (N)		Iron Chef "Finale"		Iron Chef "Finale"		Iron Chef Hunter "Quay"		Iron Chef "Finale"	
FSSW 37 43 50 45 29	Swing	Worlds	NCAA Basketball Geor./Ala. Tech (L)				NBA Basketball Mavs/Ls Dallas vs Portland				Spotlight	D.Cowboys
FX 31 31 59 64 69	Movie	★ Wet at the ...	★★ Alvin and the Chipmunks Jason Lee.				★★ Alvin and the Chipmunks Jason Lee.				★ The Family Stone	
HALLMARK 54 49 58 34	★ All I Want F...		★ Christmas Magic ('11, Dra) Lindy Booth.				★ Christmas Magic ('11, Dra) Lindy Booth.				★ A Rodeo Christmas	
HGTV 63 50 26 48 44	Holmes Inspect (N)		Holmes Inspect (N)		Holmes Inspect (N)		Housel	House (N)	Celeb. Homes		Holmes Inspection	
HISTORY 71 62 29 50 43	Roads "Lonelyhill"		American Pickers		Real Deal	Real Deal	Roads "Jail Run" (N)		Big Shrimpin'		American Pickers	
LIFETIME 28 25 25 28 48	★ Bad Girls Club		★ Bad Girls Club		★ Bad Girls Club		★ Bad Girls Club		★ Bad Girls Club		★ Bad Girls Club	
MSNBC 47 51 49 73	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	
NICK 55 34 39 34 37	Sponge	Sponge	Fun	Pet	Wife Kids	Wife Kids	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE 30 22 55 53 58	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
SYFY 66 64 41 57 67	★ Friday the 13th Jared Padalecki.				★★ House of Wax ('05, Hor) Elisha Cuthbert.						★ ★★ The Ring Naomi Watts.	
TBS 25 11 44 66 41	(5:00) ★★ The Hangover II Helms.				★★ Wedding Crashers ('05, Com) Owen Wilson.				(9:30) Best of Conan			Movie
TCM 41 61 24 63 66	(5:00) ★ Susie Bar...		★★★ It Happened on 5th Avenue				★★★½ The Man Who Came to Dinner				★ Bad Boy: A Tribu...	
TELE 20 8 10 20	Pa Lante con Cristina		★ Mirar o Morir ('2011, Com) Eli Roth.				★ El Mas Buscado Luis Chavez.		Universo	Camara	Contes.	
TLC 51 33 32 38 52	1st Gypsy Wedding		1st Gypsy Christmas		Cake Love	Cake Love	All-American Mom		Cake Love	Cake Love	All-American Mom	
TNT 24 23 40 26 50	Movie								(8:45) ★ Dark Fantasies (Adult)			Movie
TVLAND 49 48 35 54 35	MASH	M.A.V.'s'3	MASH	The Ens	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA 26 30 42 27 49	SVU "Sequoia"		Law&O.SVU "Bang"		SVU "Dominoes"		SVU "Smokes"				★★★½ Elf ('03, Com) Will Ferrell.	
VERSUS 38 39	Gun It	Dangerous	Bucks	Treeline			★★ The Rite Anthony Hopkins.					
WGN 19 18	30 Rock	M-Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	News	(:35) Rugby	The Unit		Movie	

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Lessons learned through community service

"Midland College acknowledges that not all learning takes place in the classroom. There are also important life lessons that can be gained through experiences outside of traditional learning environments," noted Midland College President Dr. Steve Thomas at the Fall Midland Legacy Essay Scholarship Luncheon on Tuesday, November 29.

Fall 2011 Legacy Essay Winners. Pictured from left to right are Michael Anderson, Elisa Saenz, Louis Smith and Kelsie Rasure

Each semester students attend Midland College on Legacy Scholarships sponsored by the Abell-Hanger Foundation, the Helen Greathouse Charitable Trust and the Chaparral Foundation. In return for the scholarship that pays their tuition and fees, students contribute 40 hours of community service. During the luncheon, it was announced that the Scharbauer Family Foundation will soon join with the other three foundations in helping to fund the legacy scholarship for Midland County students.

The community service component is the basis for the Legacy Essay Contest, sponsored by the Abell-Hanger Foundation. The purpose of the contest is to honor students' community service and to let the students tell their stories of how the service has enriched their lives. This year, five of those students—Michael Anderson, Kelsie Rasure, Elisa Saenz, Louis Smith and Natalie Tolbert—received additional $500 scholarships for essays written about that community service.

During the November 29 luncheon honoring the students, Abell-Hanger Foundation Executive Director David Smith said, "One of the best things about the Legacy Scholarship is the community service requirement. This was the brainchild of former Abell-Hanger Foundation Board member John Younger. I think John suspected that students would gain as much from this experience as those whom they help, and this has definitely proven to be true."

All five of the students noted the value of the life lessons they learned while fulfilling their service requirements. Michael Anderson delivered meals for Meals on Wheels, a program administered by Community and Senior Services. In his essay Michael wrote, "In communities around the globe people underestimate the power and effect community service has on a person who receives the service or deed done. Community service can affect the volunteer in many ways that seem uninaginable until one actually experiences the feeling received from performing community service."

Perhaps the thoughts of the students were best summarized by Elisa Saenz, who volunteered with Habitat for Humanity: "I learned to give of myself in a way that couldn't be more satisfying. From picking up trash to painting, not a single hour was wasted, and the time spent with other volunteers made my experience even better. I believe that I was given more from the people involved than what I gave through the entire service. I'm truly grateful to be living in a community that continues to give back at every chance."

Criminal Minds

Midland College announces a special course to be offered during the Spring 2012 semester. *Serial Criminals, Serial Crimes* (CJSA 1392) is a study of serial crimes, who commits them and what is known about the crimes and the criminals. The course meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:50 p.m. beginning January 18. Online registration is available through the holidays at *www.midland.edu*. Walk-in registration resumes on January 3. To obtain more information about the course, please send an e-mail to MC Criminal Justice Professor Bob Peetz, ***rpeetz@midland.edu***

Happy Holidays!

Midland College will be closed December 19-January 2. The college will re-open on Tuesday, January 3, at 8:00 a.m. Online registration for the Spring 2012 semester is available throughout the holidays at *www.midland.edu*. Walk-in registration resumes on January 3 in the Scharbauer Student Center on the main campus.

Midland College wishes our students and the community a joyous holiday season!

Bank of America and MC—partners for student success

For the past several years, Bank of America has partnered with MC to award scholarships through the various charitable foundations that Bank of America administers. The foundations in the Midland-Odessa region include the Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust, the Stinson Foundation and the Charles, Lela and Mary Slough Foundation.

Slough Scholarship recipient Thomas Ramos (left) visits with MC Executive Vice President Dr. Richard Jolly and MC Foundation Board member Vangie Lindsey.

On Thursday, November 17, MC and Bank of America recognized recipients of these foundation scholarships at a luncheon. Those students recognized included two who received scholarships from the Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust, fourteen receiving scholarships from the Stinson Foundation and thirty-eight who received scholarships from the Slough Foundation.

Both the Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust and the Stinson Foundation have the goal of supporting arts and education. The grant-making committee of the Proctor and Stinson foundations is comprised of Bank of America officers and Abell-Hanger Foundation Executive Director David Smith. To date, the Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust and the Stinson Foundation have granted $433,500 to Midland College programs. For 2011, the grants for nursing scholarships at MC were $10,000 from the Stinson Foundation and $5,000 from the Proctor Trust.

Charles Gordon Slough established the Charles, Lela and Mary Slough Foundation with the expressed purpose of helping needy Texas students attend college. In an agreement with Bank of America, Midland College reviews and recommends the scholarships for Texas residents entering or enrolled in any college or university in the United States.

Aide Ponce, a former MC student who excelled in science, is now attending Texas Tech University and is receiving assistance through the Slough Foundation. Aide says, "Receiving the Slough Scholarship has tremendously helped me financially by allowing me to be a full-time student, thereby giving my parents relief from worrying over our financial situation."

Seated from left to right are Slough Scholarship recipients Jorge Cruz, Brenda Hernandez, Alyssandra Lujan and Thomas Ramos. Standing from left to right are Bank of America officers Barbara Tynes, Sande Melton, Jeff Petter, Sean Low, Lisa van der Zanden and MC President Dr. Steve Thomas.

Announcing extended evening hours at *Your College*

In an effort to continue to provide accommodating services to the Midland community and Midland College students, the college will be open on Tuesday evenings until 8:00 p.m. beginning January 3, 2012. Services that will be accessible on Tuesday evenings include the Midland College Testing Center, Admissions, Registrar, Student Advising and Financial Aid. These services are located in the Scharbauer Student Center on the main campus, 3600 N. Garfield. Extended evening hours are in addition to regular office hours of 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

GET 'GLEE'KED WITH MC!!

The Midland College Music Department is in the process of bringing a public concert dedicated entirely to music from the hit television series "GLEE" to the MC campus. Midland College's Chaparral Choir, Jazz Orchestra and any others who audition will combine to present the concert.

The performance will be on Thursday, May 3, 2012 in the Allison Fine Arts Building Wagner & Brown Auditorium. The week prior to the performance the group will "tour" around town and give several performances for the community.

The auditions, for those who are not currently in the Music Department, will be held January 9-12, 2012. The auditions are split into two groups: instrumentalists and singers. After the auditions, those who are selected will be required to sign up for either an instrumental or choir course for the spring semester.

Rabon Bewley, MC faculty member and GLEE program co-coordinator, said, "We won't be insane or maniacal about it, but we do want to create as professional an environment as possible."

MC faculty member and GLEE program co-coordinator, Bert Bostick, said, "MC has never done something like this before. Ya'll [students] may set us in a new direction."

Students who wish to audition but feel they might need a little help are encouraged to set up private voice lessons on campus to help with their preparation.

When asked about the performance, Bostick said, "It's going to be first-class all around."

Anyone who wishes to get more information on this exciting program should visit MC's facebook page, *www.facebook.com/MidlandCollegeMusic*, where information will be updated frequently.

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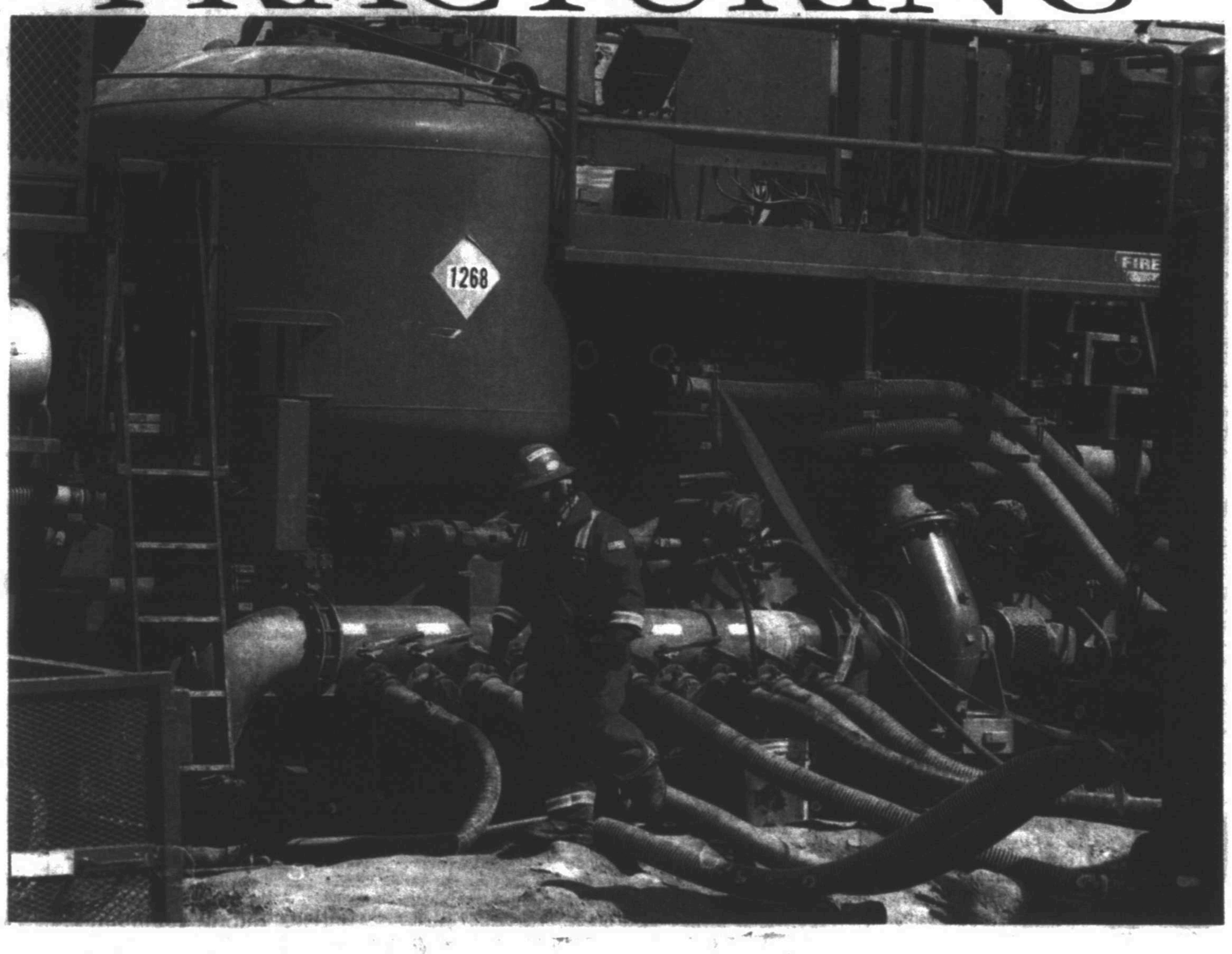

Hydraulic fracturing expected to be significant issue for oil and gas operators

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Water — the oil and gas industry's use of it and the industry's impact on water supplies — could well dominate the industry's list of concerns in the future.

"With all we're fighting now — the dunes sagebrush lizard, the lesser prairie chicken, permit-by-rule from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, I still think hydraulic fracturing will be the most contentious issue facing the industry," said Doug Robison, president of ExL Petroleum and chairman of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

Discussing the issue just days after the Environmental Protection Agency released a report saying hydraulic fracturing had contaminated water at a site in Wyoming, Robison said the announcement raised a lot of questions.

"It seems comparable to our fight here in Texas over Range Resources," he stated. "It seems there's a little science, a little study and a lot of conclusion."

In December 2010, the EPA said natural gas drilling by Range had contaminated ground water near homes in Parker County. "At the end of the day, science proved Range was not at fault," Robison said.

He noted the agency seems to be retreating from its conclusions. "Trace elements don't necessarily point to hydrocarbon contamination nor to contamination from hydraulic fracturing. Groundwater contamination does occur. It's unfortunate, but it does happen. But there is no case where hydraulic fracturing has been the cause."

If hydraulic fracturing operations did contaminate water in the area, he said, "we need a better understanding of what happened." He added that it's "way too early" to conclude hydraulic fracturing contaminated the water.

The EPA's conclusions have been questioned not only by the operator involved, Encana, but other groups who questioned the lack of peer review, Robison pointed out, the quality of the data and conjecture as to the cause of the contamination.

"Whether it's hydraulic fracturing or the industry's impact on the sand dune lizard, the industry stands on fact," Robison said. "If we deal with emotion, opin-

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Strong prices, high activity have Permian Basin oil fields gushing cash

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Crude oil may no longer be gushing from Permian Basin fields, but, thanks to strong crude prices, it is flowing through the region's economy.

Amarillo Economist Karr Ingham estates that through October of this year, the value of the crude produced in the Permian Basin is around $21.2 billion, up 28.2 percent from $16.5 billion during the same 10 months of 2010. It is also more than four times the $5.5 billion seen 15 years ago, in the base year of 1996 used in the Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index prepared by Ingham. Production hit $23 billion in October 2008 as prices were retreating from their record $147 a barrel reached in July 2008.

The index, he reports, is up 13.9 percent from October 2010 and could surpass its peak reached in September 2008, when oil prices were in triple digits, within the coming months.

"The extraordinary expansion of activity in the regional oil and gas economy continues as the combined monthly rig count for Railroad Commission districts 7C, 8 and 8A is now approaching 400, well over 60 percent higher than the top monthly average of 241 reached in 2008," he said.

Drilling activity promises to remain strong as the Railroad Commission has issued 8,849 drilling permits so far this year, up 32.6 percent from 6,673 issued in the same 10 months of 2010 and more than 30 percent higher than in 2008. That number could reach 10,000 drilling permits by the end of the year, needing to average about 5785 permits a month in November and December, Ingham said.

Ingham pointed out that the expansion in activity is almost entirely driven by crude oil activity "with little or no upside support provided by natural gas activity. In fact, the gas side of the equation is pressuring the index downward," he said. Permian Basin producers completed six gas wells in October, down 90.5 percent from the 63 reported in October 2010 and have completed 146 wells so far in 2011, down 26.7 percent from 482 a year earlier. Ingham said 141 gas wells were completed in October 2008, with operators averaging 120 gas well completions a month that year.

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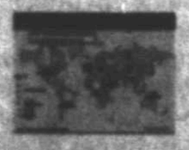

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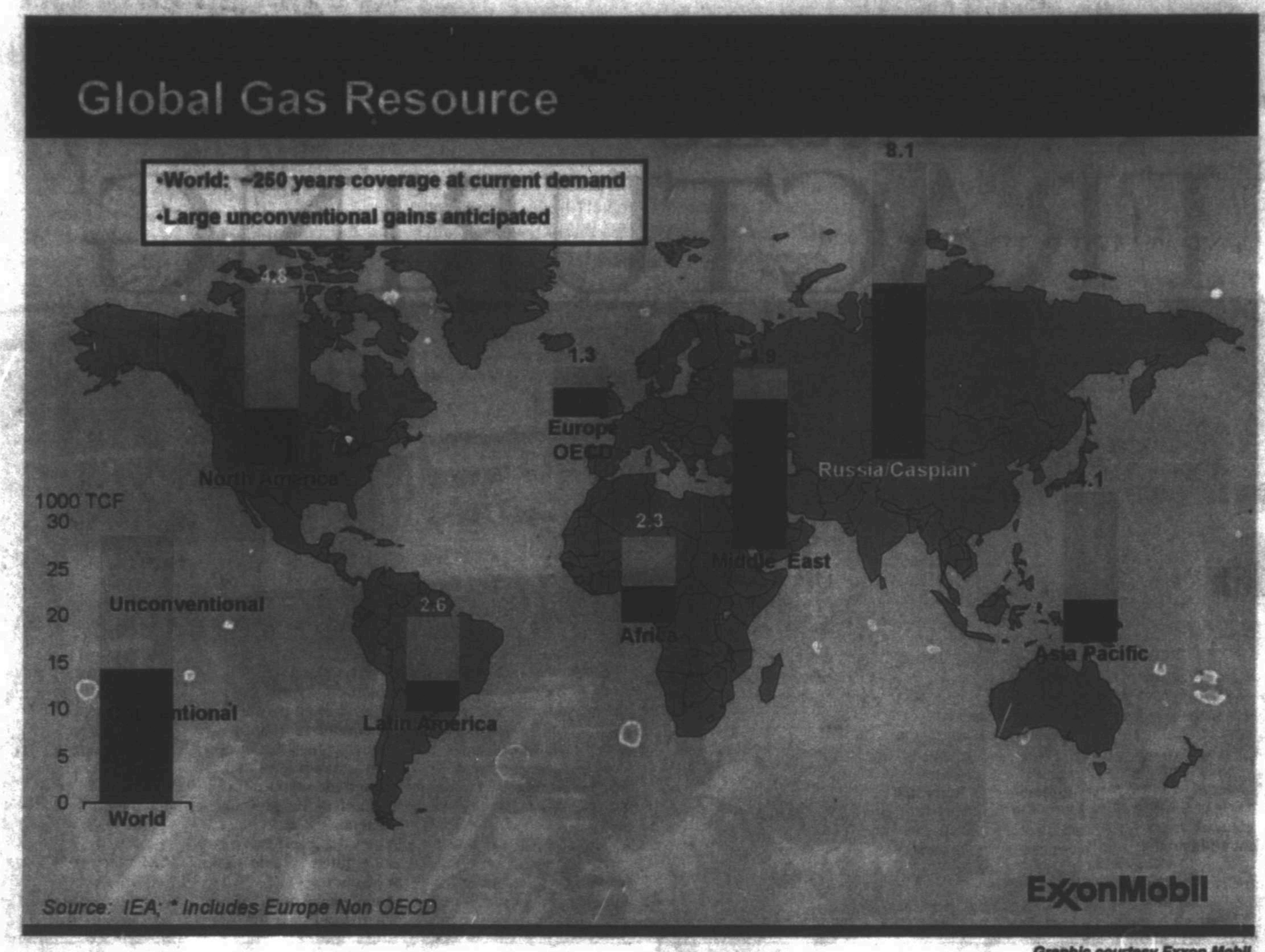

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Exxon Mobil's 2012 outlook sees a 250-year supply of natural gas supplies, with much of that coming from unconventional plays worldwide.

Exxon Mobil sees development, efficiency as keys to energy supply

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

While global energy demands, especially for electricity, are expected to balloon by 2040, greater efficiencies and further resource development should more than cover that need. That is according to Exxon Mobil's 2012 energy outlook, released earlier this month. This report has been prepared annually for more than 50 years and has been released to the public in recent years.

Currently consuming just less than 200 quadrillion BTUs annually, worldwide electric generation is expected to grow to almost 300 quadrillion by 2040, said the report's presenter, William Colton, vice president, Corporate Strategic Planning for Exxon Mobil. "Electricity generation is the fastest growing segment of energy use -- its growth is nonstop," he said. Its growth is followed by that of industrial use, then transportation. Due to energy efficiencies in building codes and practices, the report expects residential use to stay essentially flat during that time period. Most of the growth in energy use for transportation should come from commercial use, said Colton, because governments like that of the U.S. are requiring higher mileage standards for private vehicles, which should reduce fuel usage in that category. Plus, "We expect average miles driven per vehicle will decrease," he said.

Exxon Mobil expects hybrid vehicles to become a much larger segment of the private transportation sector over the next 30 years, at the expense of traditional gasoline and diesel vehicles. "We expect, by 2040, hybrids to account for 40 percent of all light duty vehicles on the road, compared to less than 1 percent today," Colton related.

Other alternatives, such as rechargeable electric vehicles (EV) may grow to only 5 percent of the market, due to their greater expense and the inconvenience of long recharge times. Still, up to 90 percent of vehicle energy use will come from liquid petroleum-based fuels in 30 years.

Overall mileage for new cars in 2040 is expected to be close to 45 mpg worldwide, better than double the 22 mpg available today.

Much of the growth in energy demand is likely to come from the developing world, especially China and India. Energy use in the OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) world, consisting of the U.S., Europe, Japan, South Korea and others of what is commonly called the "developed" world, should stay flat at around 200 trillion BTUs/year by 2040. However, in the non-OECD world, demand should grow from less than 200 trillion to almost triple that during that time frame.

Demand growth in the OECD world will be less than in the developing world for two reasons: First, most of the OECD world already has access to the energy its citizens need, while the growth potential in the non-OECD world is many times greater. Second, Colton noted, the OECD countries are becoming more energy efficient, reducing at least the growth rate of energy use in those countries.

Of great interest is the question of what will fuel the energy needs of these countries and sectors over the next 30 years. Because electricity demand will likely see the greatest growth, Exxon Mobil's report focused on it in great detail.

Currently coal fires half of the electricity generation worldwide because it is cheap and readily available in most parts of the world. However, as Colton pointed out, coal's downside is in its emissions, which include large amounts of CO2 along with sulfur, NO2 and particulate matter. "By 2030 we expect coal's percentage to decline to 33 percent," he stated.

Natural gas will take most of that share because of its smaller footprint in all emission categories, especially CO2.

In truth, the total number of BTUs of coal used will still increase because of the immense growth in demand for electricity. What will decrease is coal's percentage as more new plants will burn natural gas or will utilize renewable or other fuels.

While nuclear energy was expected to see significant growth as recently as a year ago, the 2011 tsunami and resultant nuclear meltdowns in Japan have caused most nations to rethink its safety.

And although wind is expected to shoulder more of the load, Colton pointed out that "the wind doesn't always blow," meaning it cannot be a base fuel - there must be enough system capacity in natural gas, coal or other always-present fuels to supply all the expected demand.

At current and expected use levels, the report stated, the planet has approximately 100 years of coal and 250 years of natural gas supplies underground. Colton explained that these numbers are based on economically recoverable reserves.

Huge growth in reserves has come in recent years from offshore and unconventional shale plays, he noted. However, 2040 will still see conventional recovery supplying the great majority of oil and gas production.

With all the growth in production, it is interesting to realize, as Colton said, that 95 percent of all known reserves were discovered before 2000, and three-fourths were found before 1980. Improved recovery methods have given new life to these older resources.

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$1,695; Out of State, $1,920
Midland College PPDC Building, 105 W. Illinois

Well Control School
Instructor: Larry Chapman
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We can't afford indecision on Keystone pipeline

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON
Senator

At the end of a three-year comprehensive government review process, the president has an opportunity to allow construction to begin immediately on a crucial energy infrastructure project, the Keystone XL Pipeline. Instead, he has decided to fumble away this huge economic development opportunity by postponing his decision until at least 2013. Our country can't afford the president's indecision; it's time for Congress to scoop up the ball and help ensure this project is carried across the goal line.

The Keystone XL Pipeline is a $7 billion privately-funded pipeline that will carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil daily from western Canada to American refineries in Texas and elsewhere. The pipeline will create 20,000 construction jobs and approximately 118,000 related jobs, resulting in more than $20 billion in additional private sector spending and as much as $5 billion in new local, state and federal tax revenues.

In Texas, the pipeline would boost our state economy by an estimated $1.9 billion. For Texas' 26 oil refineries — which account for one-fourth of total U.S. oil refining capacity — the pipeline would result in 700,000 additional barrels of oil refined per day.

The Keystone XL Pipeline is literally shovel-ready. It has been reviewed thoroughly by a host of state and federal agencies, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Once completed, it would lock in access to a stable, secure source of energy from Canada, our friendly neighbor to the north. If the project continues to be blocked by the White House, Canada will simply export crude to China and elsewhere, and the U.S. will remain dependent on — and vulnerable to — unfriendly and/or unstable countries.

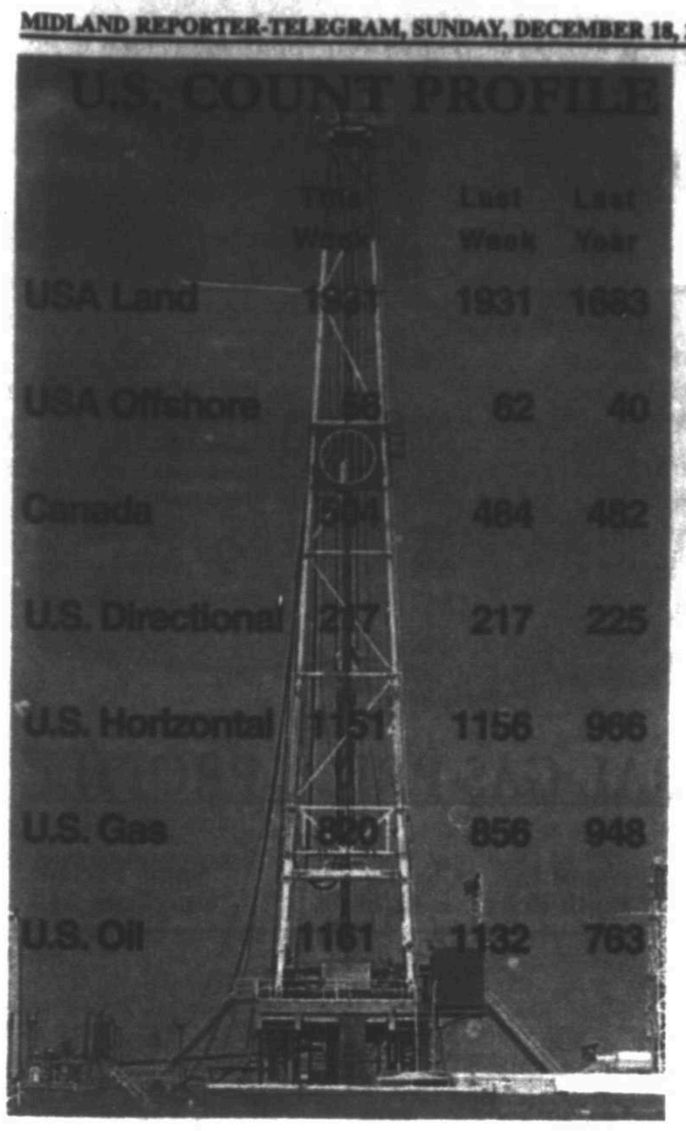
The president seems to be hesitating because, in spite of detailed state and federal reviews, some environmental groups are unalterably opposed. In fact, the Keystone XL project is nothing new. Currently more than 50,000 miles of oil pipelines crisscross America. Its final design incorporates dozens of small and large changes to protect the environment and potentially affected people and communities. Furthermore, if the pipeline is not built, Canada will export its crude across the Pacific on oil-consuming tankers, probably to nations with looser environmental rules than ours.

Blocking the Keystone XL Pipeline will not keep the oil in the ground, nor will it decrease America's consumption of fossil fuels. What it will do is guarantee continuing unemployment for tens of thousands of American construction, manufacturing, transportation and refinery workers. It will also keep America vulnerable to oil supply interruption and high prices from unstable, foreign oil-producing nations.

Because the president can't make the decision to go ahead with this project, I and 39 other senators have introduced the North American Energy Security Act. Our legislation requires the Secretary of State to finalize a decision on the permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline project within 60 days of passage.

It's late in the fourth quarter for millions of unemployed American workers and their families. The Keystone XL Pipeline -- privately funded and environmentally sound -- is on the one-yard line. With a national unemployment rate that continues to hover near 9 percent, we simply can't afford to fumble away so many well-paying new jobs.

Sen. Hutchison, a Republican, is the senior U.S. senator from Texas, and Ranking Member of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.



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Title	Last Week	Last Year
USA Land	1931	1663
USA Offshore	62	40
Canada	484	482
U.S. Directional	217	225
U.S. Horizontal	1156	966
U.S. Gas	856	948
U.S. Oil	1132	763

By Norman Johnson

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Natural gas prices have averaged $4.07 per Mcf so far this year, down 7.3 percent from $4.39 through October 2010. As a result, production values in 2011 fell 13.6 percent to $4.02 billion this year while production volumes are down 6.5 percent compared to last year.

Crude prices have averaged $90.89 so far this year, up 22 percent from $74.50 a year earlier. Oil production volumes are up 7.8 percent compared to the previous year.

"This is clearly a technology-driven expansion in crude oil activity in the Permian Basin and these impressive technological advancements are being financed by the modern price tier, which is to say this would not have occurred with crude oil prices in the $20-30 range," Ingham said. "On the other hand, at that price level, the market would not have suggested through the price system that those advancements were necessary to meet current and future demand."

The cash flow generated by crude production is also flowing into paychecks as Ingham reports employment in the Permian Basin oil and gas industry, at 28,940, is up 9 percent from the previous year.

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ion or conjecture, that's an area we don't feel we can be as successful."

Oil and gas, he pointed out, are parts of the ecosystem and aren't always found where they're expected and can sometimes be found on the surface or in ground water.

"This will all tie into the EPA's hydraulic fracturing study that's ongoing," said Robison, predicting that "we'll see a lot happening in the first quarter next year. I think this will be a major issue," and action by federal agencies like the EPA will affect oil and gas operations throughout the country.

Another issue that will crop up, he said, will be the amount of water used by the industry. He said he and the PBPA will be deeply involved, defending operations and their economic and environmental impact.

The EPA's findings came just days before the Texas Railroad Commission officially adopted new rules for disclosing chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing. Under the new rules, Texas operators will have to disclose the chemical ingredients and water volumes used to hydraulically fracture wells in the state on the national website FracFocus.org.

Beginning Feb. 1, 2012, the disclosures will be required for wells given initial drilling permits by the commission. Suppliers, service companies or operators will not have to disclose trade secret information unless the Attorney General or a court determines the information is not entitled to trade secret protection.

Railroad Commission Chairman Elizabeth Ames Jones said, "Once again the Railroad Commission is taking a lead in helping the public understand the safety of hydraulic fracturing with this rule's adoption. In fact, with this new rule, Texans will know more about what is going in the ground for energy production than about the ingredients that go into their sodas."

Robison said the PBPA supported the new rules, feeling there were safeguards in place to protect trade secrets.

The commission issued the new rules the same day Colorado officials voted to require companies to disclose not only the chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing — including some considered trade secrets — but the concentrations used and give 48 hours notice before pumping the chemicals into the ground.

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DEVELOPMENT WELLS

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Coke County

Katsco Energy, Inc.
Price '309' #6
Arledge (Penn Sand)-D; H & TC RR Co.; A-293, Blk 1A, Sec 309; 701 FSL 770 FEL of lse; 1540 FSL 770 FEL of survey; 11 miles NW of Robert Lee; obj: 6000; permit #728560; API #081-32008

Crockett County

Petrohawk Oper. Co.
University 51-15 #1H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-D; University Land; A-N/A, Blk 51, Sec 15; 2956 FWL 7825 FSL of lse; 2345 FEL 2665 FNL of survey; 20 miles NW of Ozona; obj: 8500; permit #728540; API #105-41356

Irion County

FIML Nat. Res., LLC
Rocker B A #187G
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-629, Blk 1, Sec 187; 2090 FNL 1984 FEL of lse; 2090 FNL 1984 FEL of survey; 25.55 miles SW of Mertzon; obj: 9500; permit #728239; API #235-34911

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Reagan County

JM Cox Res., L.P.
Rocker B 'F' #10
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-497, Sec 1, Sec 49; 671 FEL 660 FSL of lse; 1980 FWL 1980 FNL of survey; 14 miles NE of Big Lake; obj: 10000; permit #728710; API #383-37580

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
University 2-14 #3
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; University Land; A-N/A, Blk 2, Sec 14; 960 FSL 467 FWL of lse; 960 FSL 467 FWL of survey; 14.2 miles NW of Big Lake; obj: 9900; permit #728747; API #383-37582

Runnels County

L.C.S. Prod. Co.
Collom #13WI
Crews, South (Gardner, Up.)-Re-Enter; John W. Harris Subd. Antonio Losoyo; A-345, Blk 4, Sec 515; 1364 FNL 1004 FWL of lse; 1364 FNL 1004 FWL of survey; 11 miles SE of Winters; obj: 3900; permit #728453; API #399-00911

L.C.S. Prod. Co.
Nelson #11WI
Crews, South (Gardner, Up.)-Re-Enter; Losoya, A/BLK 8; A-345, Blk N/A, Sec 515; 1108 FSL 467 FEL of lse; 1300 FNL 467 FEL of survey; 11 miles SE of Winters; obj: 4600; permit #728697; API #399-32858

Schleicher County

Approach Oper. LLC
University 56-6 #1
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Approach Oper. LLC
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Tom Green County

Banner Oper., LLC
Turner Ranch T.D. 43 #1
June Ann (Cisco No 3 SD)-Recompletion; H & TC RR Co.; A-923, Blk 5, Sec 43; 750 FSL 467 FWL of lse; 750 FSL 467 FWL of survey; 19 miles NW of San Angelo; obj: 7500; permit #728624; API #451-32534

Upton County

COG Oper. LLC
TXL '31' #12
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COG Oper. LLC
Lynch52 #2
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Andrews County

Sandridge Expl. & Prod., LLC
Thornberry B #15
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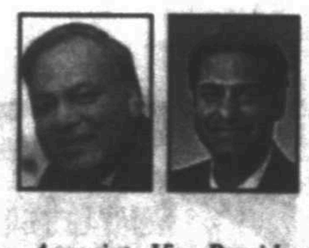

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Remember the big fat "zero" jobs reports back in August? The Pouting Pundits of Pessimism reported it as the end of the world. The U.S. was supposedly teetering on the brink of another recession, or maybe depression. Democrats wanted more government spending "stimulus." Republicans said President Obama was the equivalent of a "zero." With all this negative sentiment, the Dow fell 250 points that day.

But something happened on the way to the bank. One month later, that big fat zero was revised up to a +57,000, the next month it was revised up again to +104,000. All that recession talk in early September was highly misleading.

Private payrolls are up 157,000 per month in the past year and that's happening even though the "labor-intensive" construction industry is still in the doldrums.

Unemployment is now 8.6 percent, way down from 9.8 percent last November. Many are saying that the lower unemployment rate was caused by a 315,000 drop in the labor force (people looking for work).These pessimists say, "Everyone is discouraged, so falling unemployment rates are actually a bad thing." But this is a Chicken Little view of the world.

In the past four months, civilian employment (calculated by canvassing households), has jumped by 1.28 million - an average of 321,000 new jobs each month. During the same four months, the labor force has expanded by an average of 164,000 new entrants per month. In other words, the labor market is getting better, on all fronts, not worse. We may see unemployment tick up next month, but this would be a correction for an exaggerated one month drop.

Meanwhile, reports on consumer spending and manufacturing production keep signaling growth. Auto sales - big-ticket items people shy away from when they anticipate recession - hit 13.6 million in November, the best pace since early 2008 (except for "cash for clunkers," when the government was cutting checks of $4,000 each to buy a vehicle). Industrial production is up 4.5 percent from a year ago.

Even the housing market is starting the long path back to normalcy. So far this year, multi-family builders have started 45 percent more homes than they did in the same time frame in 2010. And permits to build single-family homes are up 5 percent from a year ago.

And yet the stock market is more undervalued today than it was at the very bottom of the panic in March 2009.

We use a capitalized profits model to value stocks, dividing corporate profits by the 10-year Treasury yield. We compare the current level of this index to that from each quarter for the past 60 years to estimate an average fair-value. Not only are 10-year yields low (2.1 percent), but corporate profits are at a record high. As a result, the model says fair value for the Dow is currently 45,000.

But this result is largely due to artificially low interest rates. If we use a more realistic discount rate of 5 percent for the Treasury, we get a fair value of 19,500 on the Dow and 1,980 for the S&P 500.

As we've said before, there are many moving parts to this model. Interest rates could go higher than 5 percent, profits could fall or both could happen. Profits, for example, are now 13 percent of GDP, the highest in measured history (back to 1947) except for one quarter in 1950.

So what does our model say if profits revert to the historical mean of about 9.5 percent of GDP? Even in that scenario, and assuming a 5 percent yield on the 10-year Treasury, fair value is 14,200 for the Dow and 1450 for the S&P 500.

Back at the peak of the stock market in 2000, an ounce of gold could get an investor fewer than 4 shares of Intel (INTC). Today it is trading for about 70 shares. Meanwhile, Intel yields around 3.4 percent and gold yields zilch. Stocks are dirt cheap, relative to bonds and relative to gold.

Of course, it would be great to know the exact moment that all the bad news from Europe finally at long last blows over. But no one knows. Investors have a simple choice. Do they want to own stocks when they are dirt cheap, or will they wait and pay more when the fear disappears?

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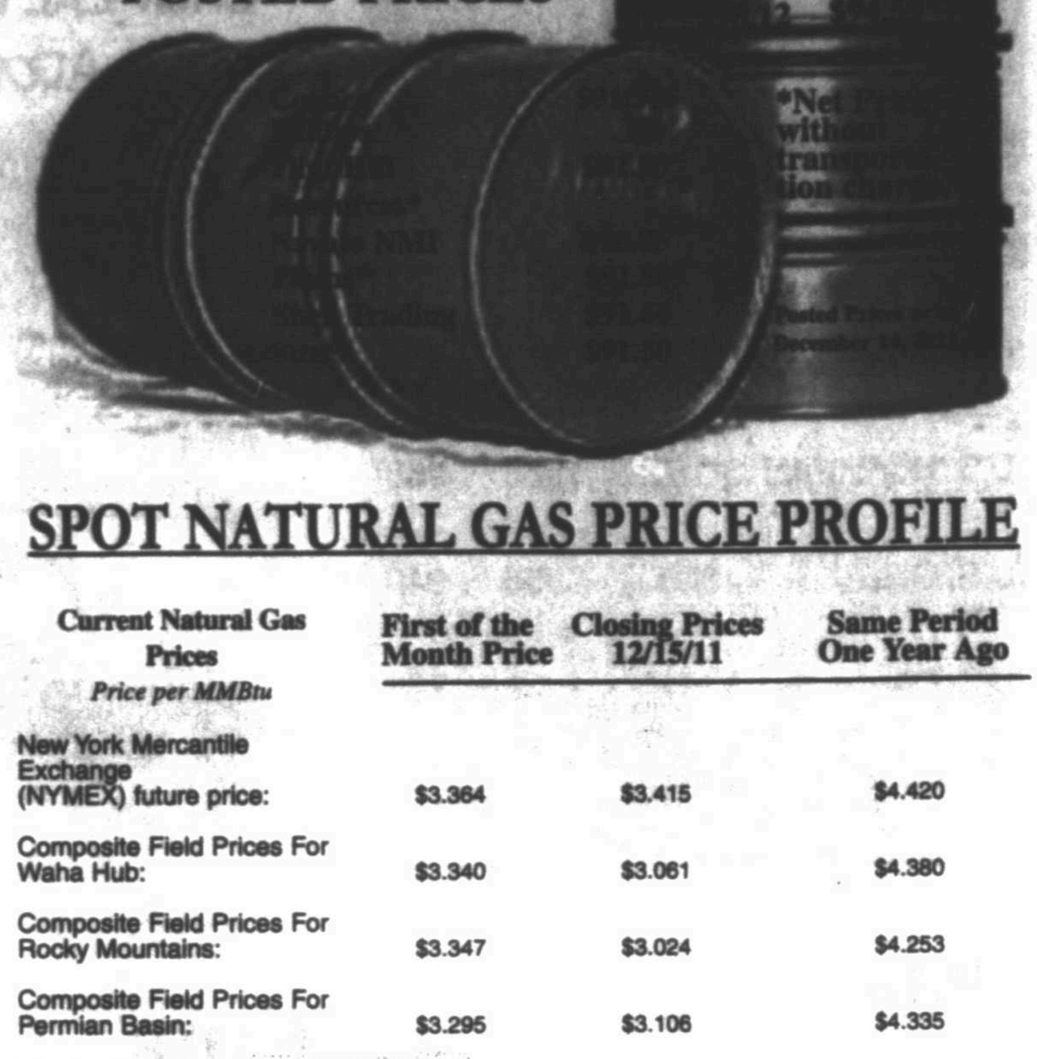

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Terrell	0
Tom Green	0
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Jeff Davis	1
Loving	11
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Mitchell	2
Pecos	4
Presidio	0
Reeves	37
Sterling	4
Ward	19
Winkler	2

DIST. 08A

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Borden	4
Cochran	3
Cottle	0
Crosby	3
Dawson	3
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Gaines	7
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Eddy	40
Lea	23
Roosevelt	0

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SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current Natural Gas Prices *Price per MMBtu*	First of the Month Price	Closing Prices 12/15/11	Same Period One Year Ago
New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) future price:	$3.364	$3.415	$4.420
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub:	$3.340	$3.061	$4.380
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains:	$3.347	$3.024	$4.253
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin:	$3.295	$3.106	$4.335
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin:	$3.2850	$3.109	$4.325
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent:	$3.318	$3.029	$4.399
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast:	$3.319	$3.060	$4.519

WILDCATS

Texas RRCD 7C

Menard County

Paint Rock Oper., LLC
ESPY 'A' #10
Wildcat-D; Hering, J; A-375, Blk N/A, Sec 1467; 7402 FEL 2470 FSL of lse; 642 FWL 2386 FNL of survey; 10 miles NW of Menard; obj: 4000; permit #728687; API #327-31146

Regan County

Laredo Pet. - Dallas, Inc.
SRH -B- #7F
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co.; A-476, Blk 1, Sec 7; 1980 FNL 670 FEL of lse; 1980 FNL 1980 FWL of survey; 18 miles NE of Big Lake; obj: 11000; permit #723467; API #383-37472

Texas RRCD 8

Glasscock County

Laredo Pet., Inc.
Lazy E 19 #1
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co.; A-204, Blk 34, T2S, Sec 19; 660 FSL 660 FWL of lse; 660 FSL 660 FWL of survey; obj: 11000; permit #726597; API #173-34552

Reeves County

ConocoPhillips Co.
Pythian 10 #1H
Wildcat-D; PSL/Hoover, F O; A-5499, Blk 53, Sec 10; 320 FSL 602 FEL of lse; 320 FSL 880 FWL of survey; 18 miles SW of Orla; obj: 11280; permit #728499; API #389-33097

Eagle Oil & Gas Co.
Jessie James 4 #1
Wildcat-D; PSL; A-N/A, Blk C7, Sec 4; 660 FSL 660 FWL of lse; 660 FSL 1980 FWL of survey; 9 miles SE of Pecos; obj: 12000; permit #728583; API #389-33103

Winkler County

Exxon Mobil Corp.
Haley Unit 8 #2H
Wildcat-Recompletion; PSL/Casey, L A; A-1956, Blk 27, Sec 8; 1250 FNL 1175 FWL of lse; 1250 FNL 1175 FWL of survey; 22 miles NW of Wink; obj: 17669; permit #728198; API #495-32816

Texas RRCD 8A

Borden County

Primexx Oper. Corp.
CR 'G' Tract 3A #1410
Wildcat-D;T & P RR Co./Dorward, D; A-1114, Blk 31, T6N, Sec 14; 467 FNL 1761 FWL of lse; 467 FNL 467 FWL of survey; 11.5 miles NW of Gail; obj: 9200; permit #728745; API #033-32183

New Mexico

Lea County

Apache Corp.
High Plains State Com #1
Wildcat; T14S, R34E, Sec 23; 1700 FSL 330 FWL; 10 miles SW of McDonald; Rot 14300 Abo; API #30-025-40334

ConocoPhillips Co.
Wilder 28 Fed #2
Wildcat; T26S, R32E, Sec 28; 330 FNL 2160 FEL; 18 miles SE of Ochoa; Rot 9364 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40329

around the oil patch

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PLSI reintroduces 2-stage plunger lift system

Over the years plunger lift has proven its worth in a large number of wells. Using pressure from the reservoir or injected by compressors, plunger lift helps produce gas and fluids at a fraction of the cost of other types of lift. Sometimes, however, the bottom-hole pressure or gas-liquid-ratio is too low to send one plunger several thousand feet from bottom to surface and deliver the liquid load.

For those situations, Production Lift Systems, Incorporated (PLSI) engineered at 2-stage plunger lift that solved this problem. Essentially, the procedure involves installing a staging tool somewhere near halfway down the hole, with one plunger traveling the lower section of the tubing and the other plunger traveling the upper half. The lower plunger delivers its liquid load to the multistage tool, which holds it with a check valve system, then the upper system delivers the fluid to surface.

The multistage tool is put in place by trained experts using a wireline tool to determine the proper location.

PLSI owner Mike Swihart and his team originally developed the 2-stage plunger in the mid 1990s—right before the $10 per barrel oil bust of the late 90s. Because of low commodity prices and the high cost of wireline tools, the idea was slow to sell. But now, with oil prices high and with further developments in the process including less expensive wireline tools, the oil patch is seeing renewed interest in 2-stage plungers.

By moving the fluid load up the tubing in stages, the gas and pressure requirements are reduced because they are based on the depth of the well and the distance the fluid must travel to the surface. Therefore, many wells that had not been candidates for plunger lift are now well within the parameters needed. As a result, many wells that now require expensive rod pumping may have extended economic life because of plunger lift's low operating costs.

According to patent records, the original 1950s version's purpose was to make plunger lift available to wells with tapered tubing, which is still a viable use. However, its greatest benefit comes for low-pressure wells.

With 2-stage plunger lift from PLSI, the decision is no longer between rod pumping or plugging for many wells. Rising commodity values mean every barrel represents a greater potential profit, and the low cost of a 2-stage plunger lift system means producers can continue squeezing profits out of many more wells.

Call PLSI today to learn more about how 2-stage plunger lift works and how it can help you continue to produce those low-margin wells.

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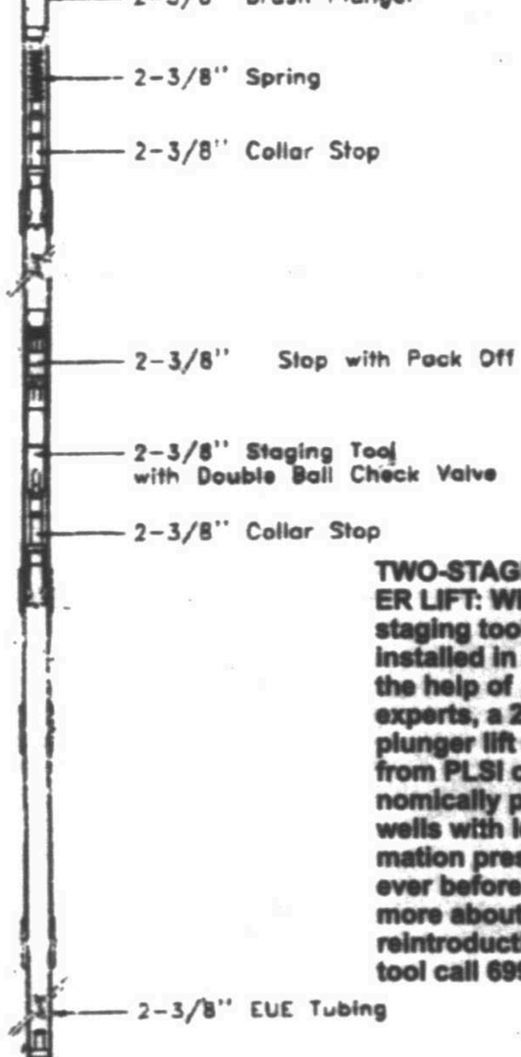

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Texas RRCD 7C

Coke County

Sheridan Production Company LLC
Jameson Reef Unit #1177
Jameson; 2,516 fsl, 1,535 fwl, Sec 16, Abst. 1771, L.R. Mathers, 16.75 nw Robert Lee; TD 6,589; Comp 9-30-11; producing from 6,382-6,476, treated with 9,000 gals. acid, 8,500# rock salt; pump 36 BO, 46 MCF, 290 BW, 45 Oil Gravity; API #42-081-32003

Irion County

Apache Corp.
Ketchum Mountain East Unit #420
Ketchum Mountain (Clearfork); 50 fnl, 1,250 fwl, Sec 4, Blk 14, Abst. 957, H&TC RR, 13.2 w Mertzon; TD 4,833; Comp 10-6-11; producing from 3,710-3,782; pump 27 BO, 24 MCF, 8 BW, 36.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34783

Apache Corp.
Ketchum Mountain East Unit #1431
Ketchum Mountain (Clearfork); 1,140 fsl, 1,320 fel, Sec 14, Blk 14, Abst. 891, H&TC RR, 13.7 w Mertzon; TD 4,400; Comp 10-1-11; producing from 3,594-3,864, treated with 60 bbls. 7.5 percent acid; pump 179 BO, 40 MCF, 201 BW, 36.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34777

Apache Corp.
Ketchum Mountain East Unit #1423
Ketchum Mountain (Clearfork); 1,250 fnl, 1,450 fel, Sec 14, Blk 14, Abst. 891, H&TC RR, 13.8 w Mertzon; TD 4,371; Comp 9-20-11; producing from 3,893-3,930, treated with acid and fractured; pump 73 BO, 230 BW, 36.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34784

Exco Resources Inc.
Clark "10B" #2
Sugg Ranch (Canyon); 670 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 10, Blk 27, Abst. 930, H&TC RR, 21 nw Mertzon; TD 7,791; Comp 10-7-11; producing from 7,480-7,604, treated with 1,000 gals. NeFeHCL, 52,333 gals. gel/foam, 70,000# sand; pump 30 BO, 30 MCF, 61 BW, 42.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34795

Exco Resources Inc.
Sugg "9A" #12
Sugg Ranch (Canyon); 1,880 fsl, 695 fwl, Sec 9, Blk 27, Abst. 181, H&TC RR, 21 nw Mertzon; TD 7,696; Comp 9-23-11; producing from 7,332-7,430, treated with 750 gals. NeFeHCL, 85,760 gals. gel/foam, 119,600# sand; pump 38 BO, 55 MCF, 55 BW, 43.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34740

FIML Natural Resources LLC
Concho "A" #3004L
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,972 fsl, 891 fwl, Sec 3004, Blk 24, Abst. 583, H&TC RR, 26 nw Mertzon; TD 8,677; Comp 9-28-11; producing from 4,775-8,185, treated with 9,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 956,608 gals. gel fluid, 1,019,110# sand; pump 120 BO, 173 MCF, 53 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34653

Three Rivers Operating Co. LLC
Sugg "14" #4
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,950 fsl, 1,930 fel, Sec 14, Blk 6, Abst. 1148, H&TC RR, 13 nw Mertzon; TD 7,020; Comp 8-3-11; producing from 4,623-6,400, treated with 384,350 gals. gel, 575,430# proppant; pump 95 BO, 23 MCF, 153 BW on one-inch choke, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34745

Three Rivers Operating Co. LLC
Sugg "3060 NW" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Recomplete from Lonesome Reef (Wolfcamp); 1,675 fwl, 780 fnl, Sec 3060, Blk 28, Abst. 899, H&TC RR, 12 nw Mertzon; TD 7,520; Comp 5-18-11; producing from 3,602-5,000, treated with 122,555 gals. gel, 249,000# proppant; pump 191 BO, 8 MCF, 17 BW on one-inch choke, 38.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34308

Three Rivers Operating Co. LLC
Sugg "3059" #6
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Recomplete from Lonesome Reef (Wolfcamp); 660 fsl, 660 fnl, Sec 3059, Blk 28, Abst. 203, H&TC RR, 11 nw Mertzon; TD 6,830; Comp 8-24-11; producing from 3,445-4,993, treated with 190,000 gals. gel, 297,700# proppant; pump 68 BO, 14 MCF, 227 BW on one-inch choke, 42.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34125

Three Rivers Operating Co. LLC
Sugg "1897" #4
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Recomplete from Lonesome Reef (Wolfcamp); 1,980 fwl, 2,268 fnl, Sec 1897, Abst. 658, A. Wimann, 11 nw Mertzon; TD 6,940; Comp 7-12-11; producing from 3,085-4,884, treated with 304,244 gals. gel, 341,365# proppant; pump 138 BO, 145 BW on one-inch choke, 41.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34306

Three Rivers Operating Co. LLC
Sugg "1897" #5
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Recomplete from Lonesome Reef (Wolfcamp); 712 fwl, 1,445 fsl, Sec 1897, Abst. 658, A. Wimann, 11 nw Mertzon; TD 7,004; Comp 6-17-11; producing from 3,334-4,931, treated with 266,990 gals. gel, 381,616# proppant; pump 17 BO, 10 MCF, 50 BW on one-inch choke, 41.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34413

Three Rivers Operating Co. LLC
Sugg "30" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Recomplete from Lonesome Reef (Wolfcamp); 1,810 fsl, 760 fwl, Sec 30, Blk 6, Abst. 1517, H&TC RR, 15 nw Mertzon; TD 7,080; Comp 6-14-11; producing from 3,671-4,996, treated with 316,200 gals. gel, 386,900# proppant; pump 62 BO, 31 MCF, 69 BW on one-inch choke, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34369

Three Rivers Operating Co. LLC
Sugg "29 NE" #4
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Recomplete from Lonesome Reef (Wolfcamp); 1,980 fnl, 1,980 fel, Sec 29, Blk 6, Abst. 326, H&TC RR, 16 nw Mertzon; TD 7,410; Comp 6-6-11; producing from 3,767-5,020, treated with 270,599 gals. gel, 328,000# proppant; pump 43 BO, 12 MCF, 175 BW on one-inch choke, 42.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34338

Three Rivers Operating Co. LLC
Sugg "3060" #4
Spraberry (Trend Area); 730 fnl, 3,777 fel, Sec 3060, Blk 28, Abst. 899, H&TC RR, 12 nw Mertzon; TD 7,014; Comp 8-23-11; producing from 3,552-6,578, treated with 12,290 gals. fluid, 580,920# sand; pump 252 BO, 407 MCF, 169 BW on one-inch choke, 40.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-235-34755

Reagan County

Apache Corp.
SRH "17" #1709
Spraberry (Trend Area); 821 fnl, 531 fwl, Sec 17, Blk A, Abst. 439, Mrs. S. Taylor, 17.5 nw Big Lake; TD 9,815; Comp 9-26-11; producing from 5,805-9,580, fracture stimulated; pump 17 BO, 18 MCF, 250 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37119

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Gardner "49" #6
Spraberry (Trend Area); 219 fsl, 546 fel, Sec 14, Blk 41, T-1-S, Abst. 1046, T&P RR, 20.4 nw Big Lake; TD 10,893; Comp 9-21-11; producing from 6,601-10,554, treated with 7,670 gals. acid, 262,516 gals. crosslink, 805,918 gals. crosslink assist, 1,188,389# sand; pump 32 BO, 139 MCF, 157 BW, 43.4 Oil Gravity; API#42-383-37234

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
University "2-26" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,173 fsl, 467 fwl, Sec 26, Blk 2, ULS, 14.8 nw Big Lake; TD 10,280; Comp 8-13-11; producing from 6,349-10,048, treated with 250,374 gals. crosslink gel, 1,193,978 gals. crosslink assist, 18,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 1,499,915# sand; pump 45 BO, 58 MCF, 106 BW, 43.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-37024

Runnels County

OGL Holdings LLC
Rodgers #1
Winters (Cappa)-Reentry; 588 fsl, 1,839 fsl, Sec 328, Abst. 750, H&TC RR, 3 e Winters; TD 4,899; Comp 12-3-10; producing from 3,788-3,798, treated with 2,000 gals. 15 percent NeFe; pump 10 BO, 53 BW, 41 Oil Gravity; API #42-399-03205

Upton County

COG Operating LLC
Railway Ranch "30" #12
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 2,180 fsl, Sec 30, Blk 41, T-5-S, Abst. 1475, T&P RR, 26 nw Rankin; TD 10,512; Comp 10-2-11; producing from 7,760-10,330, treated with 1,207,289 gals. gel, 818,500# sand; pump 105 BO, 120 MCF, 341 BW, 42.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37278

COG Operating LLC
Railway Ranch "18" #16
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fel, 467 fsl, Sec 18, Blk 41, T-5-S, Abst. 1473, T&P RR, 27.4 nw Rankin; TD 10,595; Comp 9-23-11; producing from 7,855-10,270, treated with 1,070,410 gals. gel, 733,500# sand; pump 125 BO, 78 MCF, 317 BW, 42.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37281

COG Operating LLC
Wanda #516
Spraberry (Trend Area); 760 fwl, 660 fsl, Sec 5, Blk 1, Abst. 222, GC&SF RR, 15.5 nw Rankin; TD 10,540; Comp 10-11-11; producing from 7,870-10,320, treated with 1,015,183 gals. gel, 615,052# sand; pump 30 BO, 65 MCF, 194 BW, 42.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37326

COG Operating LLC
Blackwell #6
Pegasus (Consolidated); 1,995 fwl, 2,085 fnl, Sec 45, Blk 41, T-4-S, Abst. 1421, T&P RR, 30 nw Rankin; TD 10,862; Comp 5-3-11; producing from 8,020-10,740, treated with 746,780# sand, 1,161,090 gals. gel; pum 74 BO, 102 MCF, 164 BW, 42.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-36347

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
XBC Giddings Estate "C" #5
Spraberry (Trend Area); 3,500 fnl, 1,735 fwl, Sec 6, Blk 1, Abst. 769, GC&SF RR, 17.4 nw Rankin; TD 10,775; Comp 8-24-11; producing from 7,472-10,552, treated with 16,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 944,548 gals. crosslink assist, 250,272 gals. crosslink, 1,333,527# sand; pump 45 BO, 45 MCF, 257 BW, 43.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37106

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
University"3-1" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fnl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 1, Blk 3, ULS, 6.7 ne Rankin; TD 10,301; Comp 8-11-11; producing from 6,500-10,256, treated with 17,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 256,708 gals. crosslink gel, 845,070 gals. crosslink assist gel, 1,408,539# sand; pump 106 BO, 81 MCF, 210 BW, 43.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-461-37286

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

BVX Operating Inc.
State of Texas "BK" #6
Martin (Consolidated); 1,495 fsl, 1,757 fsl, Sec 26, Blk 11, ULS, 12 nw Goldsmith; TD 6,950; Comp 7-20-11; producing from 5,594-6,880, treated with 9,810 gals. 15 percent HCL, 4,369 bbls. fluid, 264,464# sand; pump 43 BO, 58 MCF, 215 BW, 37.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42913

BVX Operating Inc.
State of Texas "BK" #9
Martin (Consolidated); 1,650 fwl, 2,324 fsl, Sec 26, Blk 11, ULS, 12.5 nw Goldsmith; TD 7,000; Comp 8-12-11; producing from 5,565-6,788, treated with 9,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 250,757# proppant; pump 53 BO, 81 MCF, 261 BW, 37.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42926

COG Operating LLC
Bitter-Lowe Clearfork Unit #33
Fullerton; 660 fsl, 1,980 fsl, Sec 10, Blk A-32, Abst. 2026, PSL, 16.4 nw Andrews; TD 7,304; Comp 9-6-11; producing from 6,272-7,161, treated with 75,000# sand, 60,724 gals. gel; pump 22 BO, 12 MCF, 209 BW, 34.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42840

COG Operating LLC
Bitter-Lowe Clearfork Unit #33
Fullerton; 660 fsl, 1,980 fsl, Sec 10, Blk A-32, Abst. 2026, PSL, 16.4 nw Andrews; TD 7,304; Comp 9-6-11; producing from 6,272-7,161, treated with 75,000# sand, 60,724 gals. gel; pump 22 BO, 12 MCF, 209 BW, 34.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42840

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
ULS "4-33" 31
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 660 fel, Sec 33, Blk 4, ULS, 8.7 ne Andrews; TD 11,308; Comp 9-29-11; producing from 8,782-11,072, treated with 33,750 bbls. fluid, 666,186# proppant; pump 92 BO, 107 MCF, 110 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-41908

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Fee "BM" #1634
Spraberry (Trend Area); 610 fsl, 1,980 fel, Sec 16, Blk 40, T-1-N, Abst. 790, T&P RR, 13 nw Midland; TD 11,185; Comp 9-22-11; producing from 8,372-11,058, treated with 1,598,954 gals. crosslink fluid/acid, 932,044# sand; pump 194 BO, 122 MCF, 243 BW, 40.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42655

Henry Resources LLC
Bohannon "28" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 26, Blk 40, T-1-N, Abst. 811, T&P RR, 22.6 se Andrews; TD 10,950; Comp 6-7-11; producing from 8,310-10,820, treated with 1,184,383 gals. gel, 1,016,820# sand; pump 74 BO, 75 MCF, 79 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42254

Myco Industries Inc.
University "8-5" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 330 fsl, 1,475 fsl, Sec 5, Blk 8, ULS, 12.4 ne Andrews; TD 11,494; Comp 4-17-11; producing from 8,606-11,388, treated with 58,429 gals. acid, 1,347,987 gals. fluid, 1,349,744# sand; pump 135 BO, 92 MCF, 230 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42049

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
University "7-34" #4
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 34, Blk 7, ULS, 18 ne Andrews; TD 11,425; Comp 8-19-11; producing from 8,407-11,176, treated with 16,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 900,9080 gals. linear gel, 427,653 gals. crosslink assist gel, 1,277,334# sand; pump 36 BO, 52 MCF, 256 BW, 42.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42891

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
University "7-6" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fnl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 6, Blk 7, ULS, 17.2 nw Andrews; TD 11,398; Comp 5-31-11; producing from 8,492-11,036, treated with 12,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 343,581 gals. crosslink assist gel, 495,127 gals. crosslink gel, 362,154 gals. linear gel, 1,226,274# sand; pump 44 BO, 46 MCF, 37 BW, 42.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42680

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
University "6-45" #4
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,173 fsl, 1,980 fel, Sec 45, Blk 6, ULS, 21 ne Andrews; TD 11,261; Comp 8-26-11; producing from 8,306-11,119, treated with 15,000 gals. 15 percent HCL, 660,518 gals. crosslink assist, 378,896 gals. crosslink, 1,444,772# sand; pump 37 BO, 62 MCF, 265 BW, 42.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42847

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
University "6-13" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,640 fnl, 2,173 fwl, Sec 13, Blk 6, ULS, 23.5 ne Andrews; TD 11,347; Comp 7-11-11; producing from 8,007-11,244, treated with 16,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 620,536 gals. linear gel, 472,308 gals. crosslink, 1,495,173# sand; pump 28 BO, 15 MCF, 276 BW, 42.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42055

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
University "6-32" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 2,173 fnl, 1,933 fel, Sec 32, Blk 6, ULS, 20.8 ne Andrews; TD 11,610; Comp 9-12-11; producing from 8,466-11,336, treated with 129,150 gals. linear gel, 205,138 gals. crosslink assist gel, 693,292 gals. crosslink, 16,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 1,237,222# sand; pump 75 BO, 65 MCF, 275 BW, 43.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42099

RSP Permian LLC
Cross Bar Ranch #1702
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 467 fwl, Sec 17, Blk 40, T-1-N, T&P RR, 22.2 se Andrews; TD 11,670; Comp 8-7-11; producing from 8,724-11,500, treated with 20,500 gals. 15 percent acid, 13,747 bbls. crosslink, 844,500# sand; pump 82 BO, 58 MCF, 214 BW, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42892

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Olson-Gap #8
Fuhrman-Mascho; 367 fsl, 1,621 fwl, Sec 15, Blk A-42, Abst. 863, PSL, 9 sw Andrews; TD 4,730; Comp 10-2-11; producing from 4,391-4,827, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent acid, 2,188 bbls. fluid, 202,450# proppant; pump 12 BO, 20 MCF, 98 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43218

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Bassel et al #15
Fuhrman-Mascho; 2,102 fsl, 1,195 fwl, Sec 6, Blk A-42, Abst. 1188, PSL, 12 sw Andrews; TD 4,852; Comp 12-19-10; producing from 4,416-4,618, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,667 bbls. fluid, 253,600# proppant; pump 109 BO, 50 MCF, 122 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-41945

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Nix C-L #16
Fuhrman-Mascho; 2,040 fnl, 350 fwl, Sec 20, Blk A-47, Abst. 1999, PSL, 13 nw Andrews; TD 4,875; Comp 8-10-11; producing fro0m 4,361-4,660, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,269 bbls. fluid, 196,105# proppant; pump 75 BO, 54 MCF, 107 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43067

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
C.C. Lockhart & Brown "B" #4
Fuhrman-Mascho; 2,309 fwl, 2,152 fnl, Sec 9, Blk A-41, Abst. 1707, PSL, 14 sw Andrews; TD 4,837; Comp 7-23-11; producing from 4,415-4,674, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent HCL, 2,099 bbls. fluid, 205,230# proppant; pump 51 BO, 44 MCF, 143 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43035

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Brown-Knight et al #6
Fuhrman-Mascho; 450 fsl, 2,540 fsl, Sec 11, Blk A-41, Abst. 860, PSL, 13 sw Andrews; TD 4,877; Comp 9-20-11; producing from 4,378-4,642, treated with 15 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,061 bbls. fluid, 175,000# proppant; pump 91 BO, 45 MCF, 130 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43167

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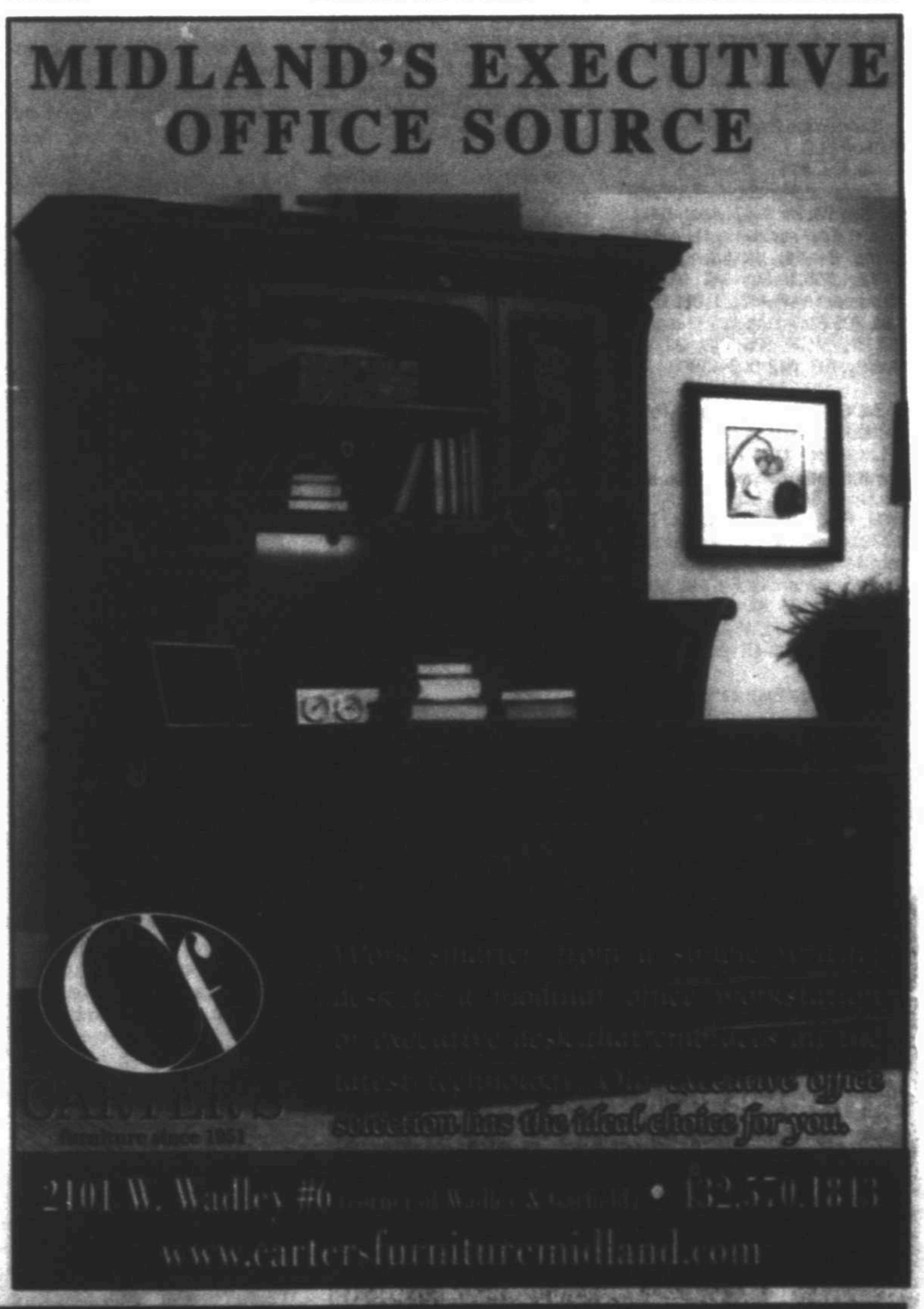

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SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Knight et al #19
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,200 fsl, 1,500 fwl, Sec 11, Blk A-41, Abst. 860, PSL, 13 sw Andrews; TD 4,826; Comp 9-19-11; producing from 4,373-4,665, treated with 17 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 1,918 bbls. fluid, 205,947# proppant; pump 82 BO, 103 MCF, 107 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43194

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Brown et al #6
Fuhrman-Mascho; 150 fnl, 1,650 fel, Sec 11, Blk A-41, Abst. 860, PSL, 13 sw Andrews; TD 4,825; Comp 9-6-11; producing from 4,300-4,550, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,052 bbls. fluid, 192,789# proppant; pump 35 BO, 62 MCF, 97 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43169

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Corrigan #24
Fuhrman-Mascho; 300 fwl, 1,220 fnl, Sec 2, Blk A-42, Abst. 1626, PSL, 8 sw Andrews; TD 4,755; Comp 9-25-11; producing from 4,342-4,592, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,101 bbls. fluid, 201,433# proppant; pump 48 BO, 45 MCF, 208 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43273

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Ashton #19
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,847 fnl, 370 fel, Sec 12, Blk A-42, Abst. 2222, PSL, 11 sw Andrews; TD 4,708; Comp 9-23-11; producing from 4,298-4,592, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 1,982 bbls. fluid, 201,908# proppant; pump 64 BO, 278 MCF, 72 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43137

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
C.C. Cities Service "B" #12
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,920 fsl, 1,540 fwl, Sec 11, Blk A-41, Abst. 860, PSL, 13 sw Andrews; TD 4,865; Comp 9-19-11; producing from 4,434-4,676, treated with 20 bbls. 15 percent acid, 1,965 bbls. fluid, 218,420# proppant; pump 78 BO, 60 MCF, 124 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43235

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Nix C-L #11
Fuhrman-Mascho; 597 fnl, 360 fwl, Sec 20, Blk A-47, Abst. 1999, PSL, 13 nw Andrews; TD 4,825; Comp 8-4-11; producing from 4,412-4,656, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,085 bbls. fluid, 205,610# proppant; pump 46 BO, 55 MCF, 128 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43068

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Lockhart Brown #6
Fuhrman-Mascho; 150 fel, 1,200 fsl, Sec 9, Blk A-41, Abst. 1707, PSL, 11 sw Andrews; TD 4,798; Comp 9-6-11; producing from 4,413-4,684, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFe, 902 bbls. fluid, 146,114# sand; pump 46 BO, 35 MCF, 60 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43165

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Anita #32
Fuhrman-Mascho; 740 fsl, 1,660 fwl, Sec 7, Blk A-42, Abst. 2210, PSL, 12 sw Andrews; TD 4,854; Comp 7-21-11; producing from 4,443-4,669, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,023 bbls. fluid, 201,940# proppant; pump 83 BO, 37 MCF, 122 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42998

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
University "14-16" #12C
Shafter Lake North (San Andres); 1,612 fnl, 1,911 fel, Sec 16, Blk 14, ULS, 8 nw Andrews; TD 4,918; Comp 7-2-11; producing from 4,496-4,693, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,056 bbls. fluid, 201,471# proppant; pump 70 BO, 18 MCF, 182 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42778

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Munger Nix #178
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,400 fsl, 1,840 fwl, Sec 19, Blk A-47, Abst. 1998, PSL, 11 nw Andrews; TD 4,922; Comp 9-23-11; producing from 4,512-4,794, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 1,995 bbls. fluid, 201,843# proppant; pump 62 BO, 12 MCF, 88 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43226

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Bassell et al #36
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,530 fsl, 1,800 fwl, Sec 6, Blk A-42, Abst. 1186, PSL, 12 sw Andrews; TD 4,800; Comp 7-21-11; producing from 4,392-4,616, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,291 bbls. fluid, 202,205# proppant; pump 83 BO, 42 MCF, 141 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42987

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Lockhart & Brown -A- #5
Fuhrman-Mascho; 2,202 fnl, 1,651 fwl, Sec 15, Blk A-42, Abst. 863, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,766; Comp 3-20-11; producing from 4,370-4,633, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent acid, 2,057 bbls. fluid, 167,996# proppant; pump 34 BO, 25 MCF, 136 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42369

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Lockhart Brown #8
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,130 fsl, 1,070 fel, Sec 9, Blk A-41, Abst. 1707, PSL, 11 sw Andrews; TD 4,872; Comp 9-19-11; producing from 4,423-4,673, treated with 18 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 1,902 bbls. fluid, 207,290# proppant; pump 116 BO, 64 MCF, 83 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43251

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Fleming -A- #13
Fuhrman-Mascho; 580 fsl, 1,270 fel, Sec 9, Blk A-42, Abst. 2224, PSL, 9 nw Andrews; TD 4,762; Comp 9-22-11; producing from 4,300-4,566, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent acid, 1,997 bbls. fluid, 20,109# proppant; pump 65 BO, 42 MCF, 77 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43260

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Lockhart & Brown -A- #6
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,900 fwl, 1,365 fnl, Sec 15, Blk A-42, Abst.863, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,785; Comp 9-19-11; producing from 4,376-4,622, treated with 1,935 bbls. fluid, 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 200,108# proppant; pump 39 BO, 47 MCF, 85 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43217

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
C.C. Lockhart & Brown #11
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,290 fwl, 2,100 fsl, Sec 9, Blk A-41, Abst. 1707, PSL, 11 sw Andrews; TD 4,950; Comp 7-3-11; producing from 4,425-4,652, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,038 bbls. fluid, 206,529# proppant; pump 45 BO, 30 MCF, 146 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43076

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Suggett #8
Fuhrman-Mascho; 2,030 fnl, 1,550 fel, Sec 9, Blk A-42, Abst. 2224, PSL, 9 sw Andrews; TD 4,644; Comp 10-1-11; producing from 4,250-4,564, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent acid, 2,498 bbls. fluid, 202,260# proppant; pump 25 BO, 70 MCF, 170 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43265

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Bush-Rasmussen #26
Fuhrman-Mascho; 220 fel, 720 fnl, Sec 3, Blk A-47, Abst. 1551, PSL, 12 sw Andrews; TD 4,912; Comp 8-13-11; producing from 4,514-4,746, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent acid, 2,048 bbls. fluid, 204,326# proppant; pump 28 BO, 13 MCF, 82 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43120

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Ashton-NWS #12
Fuhrman-Mascho-Directional; 2,083 fsl, 1,831 fel, Sec 12, Blk A-42, Abst. 2222, PSL, 9 sw Andrews; TD 4,760; Comp 9-11-11; producing from 4,266-4,586, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,424 bbls. fluid, 200,134# proppant; pump 40 BO, 45 MCF, 180 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42882

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
South Fuhrman-Mascho Unit #998
Fuhrman-Mascho; 2,640 fel, 950 fsl, Sec 9, Blk 10, ULS, 17 sw Andrews; TD 4,728; Comp 9-21-11; producing from 4,364-4,632, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,088 bbls. fluid, 202,507# proppant; pump 26 BO, 34 MCF, 128 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43262

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
C.C. Cities Service "AA" #13
Fuhrman-Mascho; 290 fnl, 237 fel, Sec 11, Blk A-41, Abst. 860, PSL, 13 sw Andrews; TD 4,840; Comp 8-21-11; producing from 4,417-4,660, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 1,943 bbls. fluid, 198,140# proppant; pump 107 BO, 49 MCF, 96 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43103

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Thornberry -H- #16
Fuhrman-Mascho; 480 fsl, 1,400 fsl, Sec 8, Blk A-42, Abst. 2211, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,937; Comp 9-13-11; producing from 4,404-4,670, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,063 bbls. fluid, 200,246# proppant; pump 8 BO, 3 MCF, 193 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43026

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
J.T. Lindley-Lynne #46
Fuhrman-Mascho; 790 fnl, 1,830 fel, Sec 15, Blk A-47, Abst. 1644, PSL, 12 nw Andrews; TD 4,961; Comp 8-14-11; producing from 4,361-4,660, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,287 bbls. fluid, 202,925# proppant; pump 86 BO, 34 MCF, 98 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43086

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
J.T. Lyndley-Lynne #59
Fuhrman-Mascho; 2,590 fsl, 1,853, fel, Sec 15, Blk A-47, Abst. 1644, PSL, 12 nw Andrews; TD 4,950; Comp 8-26-11; producing from 4,540-4,794, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,284 bbls. fluid, 203,910# sand; pump 55 BO, 7 MCF, 155 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43090

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Miles #26
Fuhrman-Mascho; 2,580 fsl, 2,036 fwl, Sec 2, Blk A-47, Abst. 1995, PSL, 10 sw Andrews; TD 4,917; Comp 8-15-11; producing from 4,498-4,740, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,117 bbls. fluid, 199,700# sand; pump 90 BO, 33 MCF, 94 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43061

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
Bush-Rasmussen #27
Fuhrman-Mascho; 2,040 fnl, 2,430 fel, Sec 3, Blk A-47, Abst. 1551, PSL, 12 sw Andrews; TD 4,934; Comp 8-13-11; producing from 4,498-4,770, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 2,138 bbls. fluid, 198,761# proppant; pump 95 BO, 41 MCF, 108 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-43121

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC
W.H. Bush #18
Fuhrman-Mascho; 1,303 fnl, 2,456 fwl, Sec 3, Blk A-47, Abst. 1551, PSL, 13 sw Andrews; TD 4,910; Comp 9-17-11; producing from 4,478-4,710, treated with 48 bbls. 15 percent NeFeHCL, 1,960 bbls. fluid, 201,168# proppant; pump 63 BO, 27 MCF, 98 BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42787

Clayton Williams Energy Inc.
Samson University "6" #6
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fwl, 1,980 fsl, Sec 8, Blk 3, ULS, 6.6 ne Andrews; TD 11,400; Comp 8-12-11; producing from 7,518-11,168, treated with 547 bbls. acid, 36,426 bbls. water/gel, 1,870,629# sand; pump 113 BO, 43 MCF, 137 BW, 35.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42195

Clayton Williams Energy Inc.
Covington "33" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 600 fwl, 660 fnl, Sec 33, B lk 3, Abst. 1469, PSL, 8.5 se Andrews; TD 11,631; Comp 8-12-11; producing from 7,730-11,070, treated with 411 bbls. acid, 22,39 bbls. water/gel, 902,161# sand; pump 55 BO, 192 BW; API #42-003-42566

Clayton Williams Energy Inc.
Samson University "9" #6
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fel, 467 fnl, Sec 9, Blk 3, ULS, 7.3 ne Andrews; TD 11,415; Comp 7-9-11; producing from 7,857-11,067, treated with 510 bbls. acid, 28,163 bbls. water/gel, 1,796,963# sand; pump 37 BO, 28 MCF, 270 BW, 35.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-41921

Clayton Williams Energy Inc.
Orson "27" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 892 fsl, 660 fnl, Sec 27, Blk 3, Abst. 1467, PSL, 7.6 se Andrews; TD 11,615; Comp 8-11-11; producing from 7,888-11,496 MD, treated with 577 bbls. acid, 14,183 bbls. water/gel, 579,476# sand; pump 124 BO, 193 MCF, 76 BW, 37.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42166

Clayton Williams Energy Inc.
Samson University "6" #3
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fwl, 1,980 fnl, Sec 6, Blk 3, ULS, 5.6 ne Andrews; TD 11,335; Comp 8-7-11; producing from 7,356-11,062, treated with 792 bbls. acid, 43,182 bbls. water/gel, 2,177,259# sand; pump 99 BO, 58 MCF, 185 BW, 35.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42199

Clayton Williams Energy Inc.
Andrews University "25" #10
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fel, 1,980 fsl, Sec 28, Blk 5, ULS, 13.8 ne Andrews; TD 11,435; Comp 6-28-11; producing from 7,446-11,159, treated with 384 bbls. acid, 18,087 bbls. water/gel, 906,986# sand; pump 66 BO, 34 MCF, 235 BW, 35.6 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42435

Clayton Williams Energy Inc.
Andrews University "21" #12
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 2,180 fwl, Sec 21, Blk 5, ULS, 14.5 ne Andrews; TD 11,430; Comp 6-9-11; producing from 7,591-11,228, treated with 407 bbls. acid, 17,049 bbls. water/gel, 1,050,613# sand; pump 72 BO, 4 MCF, 110 BW, 34 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-41705

Clayton Williams Energy Inc.
Killian #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fwl, 2,190 fsl, Sec 25, Blk 3, Abst. 2125, PSL, 5.9 se Andrews; TD 11,130; Comp 10-3-11; producing from 7,553-10,950, treated with 31,504 bbls. fluid, 1,387,378# sand; pump 47 BO, 26 MCF, 138 BW, 37.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42719

Clayton Williams Energy Inc.
Andrews University "21" #10
Spraberry (Trend Area); 970 fsl, 2,320 fwl, Sec 21, Blk 5, ULS, 14.5 ne Andrews; TD 11,402; Comp 7-20-11; producing from 7,410-11,203, treated with 361 bbls. acid, 17,661 bbls. water/gel, 824,014# sand; pump 57 BO, 31 MCF, 142 BW, 34.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-41708

W&T Offshore Inc.
University "7-3" #6
Spraberry (Trend Area); 541 fwl, 1,747 fnl, Sec 3, Blk 7, ULS, 21.9 nw Lenorah; TD 11,209; Comp 8-12-11; producing from 8,270-11,075, treated with 13,392 bbls. fluid, 1,090,265# sand; pump 145 BO, 38 MCF, 256 BW on one-inch choke, 35 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-42952

Ector County

Apache Corp.
TXL South Unit #8109
TXL (Tubb); 2,520 fsl, 1,980 fel, Sec 14, Blk 45, T-2-s, Abst. 1324, T&P RR, 6.6 nw Penwell; TD 6,685; Comp 7-26-11; producing from 5,625-6,424, treated with 15,600 gals. 15 percent acid, 519,818# sand, 246,456 gals. crosslink gel; pump 69 BO, 30 MCF, 497 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40889

ConocoPhillips Company
North Penwell Unit #262
Penwell; 2,640 fsl, 1 fwl, Sec 17, Blk B-15, PSL, 19 sw Odessa; TD 4,910; Comp 9-6-11; producing from 3,578-4,675, treated wity 5,362 gals. 15 percent HCL, 190,284 gals. fluid, 310,214# proppant; pump 9 BO, 16 MCF, 696 BW, 36 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40762

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Mille "A" #13
Sallie Ann (Spraberry-Wolfcamp); 660 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 6, Blk 42, T-4-S, Abst. 1271, T&P RR, 13.5 se Odessa; TD 10,229; Comp 7-22-11; producing from 7,871-10,047, treated with 97,810 bbls. fluid, 538,280# proppant; pump 230 BO, 114 MCF, 76 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-40566

Eureka Prospecting Company
S.W. Ratliff -a- #16
Headlee North (Devonian); 2,375 fnl, 2,080 fel, Sec 25, Blk 42, T-1-S, Abst. 96, T&P RR, 4 n Odessa; TD 13,637; Comp 5-20-11; producing from 11,96-12,170, treated with 32,000 gals. 65Q 15 percent NeFe; pump 90 BO, 380 MCF, 148 BW on 7/64 inch choke, 46.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40679

Linn Operating Inc.
Tyler #3708
Spraberry (Trend Area); 655 fsl, 759 fel, Sec 37, Blk 42, T-2-S, Abst. 126, T&P RR, 3.7 se Odessa; TD 11,260; Comp 8-15-11; producing from 10,440-11,060, treated with 11,254 bbls. gel water, 738 bbls. 15 percent HCL, 220,018# proppant; pump 32 BO, 67 MCF, 50 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40211

Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc.
Vaughan-Lenn "42" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fsl, 1,012 fel, Sec 42, Blk 42, T-3-S, Abst 564, T&P RR, 11.3 s Odessa; TD 10,304; Comp 6-14-11; producing from 7,914-9,984, treated with 13,500 gals. 15 percent HCL, 223,292 gals. crosslink, 590,542 gals. crosslink assist, 797,737# sand; pump 95 BO, 50 MCF, 113 BW, 34.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-40877

Glasscock County

Apache Corp.
Weaver "23" #4
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 400 fel, Sec 23, Blk 34, T-4-S, Abst. 252, T&P RR, 2 sw Garden City; TD 10,449; Comp 7-28-11; producing from 7,618-10,116, fracture stimulated; flow 100 BO, 604 BW on 20/64 inch choke, FTP 275 psi, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34101

Apache Corp.
Lucas "45" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 45, Blk 34, T-3-S, Abst. 239, T&P RR, 3.6 nw Garden City; TD 10,853; Comp 7-31-11; producing from 7,918-10,286, fracture stimulated; flow 139 BO, 447 BW on 20/64 inch choke, FTP 410 psi, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34210

Apache Corp.
Walker Glass #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,540 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 15, Blk 34, T-4-S, Abst. 248, T&P RR, 2.4 sw Garden City; TD 10,652; Comp 8-29-11; producing from 7,728-10,181, fracture stimulated; flow 108 BO,345 MCF, 330 BW on 20/64 inch choke, FTP 610 psi, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34238

Apache Corp.
E.D. Books "17" #3
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fnl, 660 fwl, Sec 17, Blk 34, T-4-S, Abst.249, T&P RR, 4 sw Garden City; TD 10,880; Comp 7-23-11; producing from 8,013-10,378, fracture stimulated; flow 136 BO, 64 MCF, 52 BW on 22/64 inch choke, FTP 135 psi, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34143

Apache Corp.
His Blessing "35" #3
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 846 fwl, Sec 35, Blk 34, T-3-S, Abst. 234, T&P RR, 3.6 nw Garden City; TD 10,648; Comp 9-11-11; producing from 7,390-10,252, fracture stimulated; flow 195 BO, 408 MCF, 261 BW on 20/64 inch choke, FTP 550 psi, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34289

Apache Corp.
Walker Farmsr "14" #5
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 1,980 fwl, Sec 14, Blk 34, T-4-S, Abst. 702, T&P RR, 2 sw Garden City; TD 10,594; Comp 9-24-11; producing from 7,754-10,173, fracture stimulated; flow 65 BO, 111 MCF, 285 BW on 22/64 inch choke, FTP 120 psi, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34292

Apache Corp.
Dorado "18" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,452 fnl, 2,253 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 34, T-4-S, Abst. 1185, T&P RR, 5.2 sw Garden City; TD 10,907; Comp 9-9-11; producing from 7,965-10,437, fracture stimulated; flow 50 BO, 157 MCF, 190 BW on 18/64 inch choke, FTP 225 psi, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-33698

Burleson Petroleum Inc.
Glass "22 A" #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 677 fnl, 660 fel, Sec 22, Blk 33, T-5-S, Abst. 1193, T&P RR, 15 a Garden City; TD 9,820; Comp 10-19-11; producing from 5,407-9,682,

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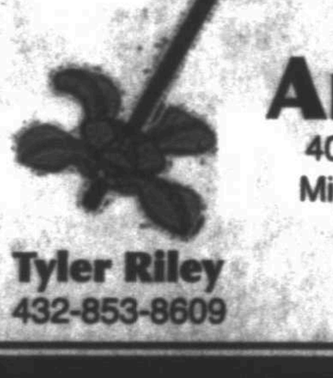

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way; 11 miles SW of Andrews; obj: 4900; permit #728104; API #003-43645

PDC Energy
Sarah S #1065
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Miltanium (Strawn)-D; PSL/Means, R M; A-330, Blk 3, Sec 16; 2000 FSL 1980 FEL of lse; 2000 FSL 1980 FEL of survey; 6.9 miles E of Andrews; obj: 11600; permit #727891; API #003-43649

Crane County

Devon Energy Prod. Co., L.P.
McKnight, M.B. #300H
Running W.N. (Holt)-D; PSL/McKnight, M B; A-1109, Blk B21, Sec 2; 5285 FNL 10187 FWL of lse; 5 FNL 350 FEL of survey; 13.4 miles S of Penwell; obj: 4260; permit #728572; API #103-35909

Devon Energy Prod. Co., L.P.
McKnight, M. B. #456H
Running W (Wichita-Albany)-D; PSL/Mc Knight, M B; A-1109, Blk B21, Sec 2; 5280 FNL 9499 FWL of lse; 1 FNL 1038 FEL of survey; 13.4 miles S of Penwell; obj: 5700; permit #728621; API #103-35911

Devon Energy Prod. Co., L.P.
McKnight, M.B. #438H
Running W (Wichita-Albany)-D; PSL/McKnight, M B; A-1105, Blk B17, Sec 24; 5298 FNL 9529 FWL of lse; 1 FSL 1008 FEL of survey; 13.4 miles S of Penwell; obj: 5700; permit #728630; API #103-35912

Culberson County

Petrohawk Oper. Co.
Cottonwood 52-14 #1H
Ford, West (Wolfcamp)-D; PSL/Hill, E W; A-1274, Blk 52, Sec 14; 165 FNL 1213 FEL of lse; 165 FNL 1213 FEL of survey; 20 miles W of Orla; obj: 10000; permit #728564; API #109-32444

Ector County

RSP Permian, LLC
Clark #2608
Spraberry (Trend Area)&(Trend Area Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Riggs, M J; A-783, Blk 41, T1S, Sec 26; 330 FSL 660 FWL of lse; 330 FSL 660 FWL of survey; 10.42 miles NE of Odessa; obj: 12000; permit #728400; API #135-41401

BC Oper., Inc.
Jason #1
Goldsmith (Clear Fork)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-264, Blk 44, Sec 25; 304 FNL 1122 FEL of lse; 2340 FSL 1489 FWL of survey; 1.9 miles NE of Goldsmith; obj: 7500; permit #727691; API #135-41394

BC Oper., Inc.
Jared #1
Goldsmith (Clear Fork)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-264, Blk 44, Sec 25; 124 FWL 330 FNL of lse; 330 FNL 2513 FEL of survey; 2.5 miles NE of Goldsmith; obj: 7500; permit #727688; API #135-41392

Glasscock County

Laredo Pet., Inc.
Glass 214 #1
Garden City, S. (Wolfcamp)-D; W & NW RR Co./Currie, W B; A-681, Blk 29, Sec 214; 733 FNL 875 FEL of lse; 733 FNL 875 FEL of survey; 13.4 miles NE of Garden City; obj: 11000; permit #728494; API #173-34614

Apache Corp.
Riley #4607
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Jalhouse (Fusselman)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-1013, Blk 34, T3S, Sec 46; 660 FSL 3270 FEL of lse; 660 FSL 1980 FWL of survey; 1.4 miles NW of Garden City; obj: 11000; permit #728240; API #173-34600

Howard County

Apache Corp.
Broughton 6 #1
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Talbot (Canyon)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-1646, Blk 31, T1N, Sec 6; 660 FNL 660 FEL of lse; 660 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 8.3 miles NW of Coahoma; obj: 10000; permit #728762; API #227-36821

Athlon Fe Oper. LLC
Zula 1 #3
Spraberry (Trend Area)&(Trend Area Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-302, Blk 33, T1N, Sec 1; 472 FWL 956 FSL of lse; 1709 FNL 2173 FEL of survey; 7 miles N of Big Spring; obj: 10200; permit #728760; API #227-36823

Loving County

Williams, Clayton Energy, Inc.
Brunson 'B' #2
Slash Ranch (Wolfcamp)-Recompletion; PSL/Brunson, G S; A-1009, Blk C6, Sec 4; 1324 FWL 1601 FSL of lse; 1324 FWL 1601 FSL of survey; 14.96 miles NE of Mentone; obj: 16800; permit #728559; API #301-31141

Chesapeake Oper., Inc.
Wheat 1-63 SWD LOV #1
Mentone, NE (Delaware)-D; W & NW RR Co.; A-188, Blk 1, Sec 63; 485 FSL 2806 FWL of lse; 2606 FWL 485 FSL of survey; 4.7 miles E of Mentone; obj: 7200; permit #728594; API #301-31662

Williams, Clayton Energy, Inc.
Hughes-Talbot '27' #2
Slash Ranch (Wolfcamp) & Two Georges (Bone Spring)-D; PSL/Jones, L M; A-396, Blk 75, Sec 27; 660 FWL 660 FSL of lse; 660 FWL 660 FSL of survey; 14.62 miles NE of Mentone; obj: 13500; permit #728665; API #301-31663

Martin County

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Scharbauer Ranch #51
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Mabee (Strawn)-D; La Salle CSL/LGE 323 Labor 8; A-429, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 2198 FNL 7992 FWL of lse; 660 FSL 470 FEL of survey; 22.2 miles NW of Stanton; obj: 12500; permit #728514; API #317-37344

Pioneer Nat. Res. USA, Inc.
Scharbauer Ranch #63
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Lowe (Atoka)-D; La Salle CSL/LGE 323 Labor 14; A-426, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 6420 FSL 4908 FWL of lse; 660 FSL 660 FEL of survey; 23.4 miles NW of Stanton; obj: 12500; permit #728515; API #317-37345

Endeavor Energy Res. L.P.
Reed '27' #3
Spraberry (Trend Area) & Hill Ranch (Miss)-D; T & P RR Co.; A-28, Blk 34, T3N, Sec 27; 467 FSL 467 FEL of lse; 467 FSL 467 FSL of survey; 3.2 miles NE of Ackerly; obj: 12000; permit #707346; API #317-36513

Midland County

COG Oper. LLC
Haley, J.F. #5
Parks (Consolidated)-D; Daugherty, M/Meeks, I N; A-1448, Blk N/A, Sec 7; 660 FEL 1980 FNL of lse; 660 FEL 1980 FNL of survey; 11 miles SW of Midland; obj: 12000; permit #728493; API #329-37742

COG Oper. LLC
Hall, Florence #6
Parks (Consolidated)-D; T & P RR Co./Sullivan, J H; A-1327, Blk 40, T3S, Sec 4; 637 FNL 702 FEL of lse; 1980 FWL 1980 FSL of survey; 13.3 miles SW of Midland; obj: 12000; permit #728500; API #329-37744

E.G.L. Res., Inc.
STO SEC 10 #1009
Spraberry (Trend Area)&(Trend Area Strawn)-D; T & P RR Co./Babcock, J; A-1116, Blk 40, T2S, Sec 10; 920 FNL 770 FEL of lse; 2290 FNL 770 FEL of survey; 8 miles SW of Midland; obj: 12000; permit #728242; API #329-37745

Mitchell County

Basa Res., Inc.
Foster, Mary Acct. #2 #186
Iatan (San Andres)-Recompletion; T & P RR Co./Otten, J H; A-1459, Blk 29, T1S, Sec 8; 4520 FEL 2492 FNL of lse; 800 FWL 2492 FNL of survey; 9 miles SW of Westbrook; obj: 3490; permit #725712; API #335-33193

Pecos County

Pinnacle Mining Corp.
Sullivan State 64 #3
Lehn-Apco (1600)-D; H & GN RR Co./Breen, F P; A-6546, Blk 10, Sec 64; 330 FNWL 330 FNEL of lse; 330 FNWL 330 FNEL of survey; 8.6 miles SW of Imperial; obj: 2500; permit #728571; API #371-36879

Reeves County

COG Oper. LLC
Rawhide State 4 #3H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-D; T & P RR Co./Texas Pacific Land Trust; A-6057, Blk 50, T7S, Sec 4; 467 FSL 1925 FWL of lse; 467 FSL 1925 FWL of survey; 13.3 miles NW of Pecos; obj: 13500; permit #728431; API #389-33098

Sterling County

Stellar Energy & Investment Corp.
JRS #5H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-D; W & NW RR Co.; A-1171, Blk 29, Sec 204; 766 FNL 2086 FWL of lse; 766 FNL 2086 FWL of survey; 15 miles NW of Sterling City; obj: 7400; permit #728329; API #431-33341

Ward County

Jetta Oper. Co., Inc.
Barstow Unit 14 #7
Scott (Cherry Canyon)-D; H & TC RR Co.; A-255, Blk 34, Sec 155; 780 FNW 376 FNEL of lse; 780 FNWL 2489 FNEL of survey; 29 miles SW of Monahans; obj: 7000; permit #728143; API #475-35938

P.O. & G Oper., LLC
Joe #1
Ward, South-D; H & TC RR Co./Rile, F C; A-1380, Blk 32, Sec 12; 330 FNEL 990 FSWL of lse; 330 FNEL 990 FSEL of survey; 2.8 miles NW of Grandfalls; obj: 3000; permit #728510; API #475-35939

Anadarko Pet. Corp.
APC Fee 1-38 Unit #2H
Two Georges (Bone Spring)-D; W & NW RR Co./Trevey, E; A-791, Blk 1, Sec 38; 500 FNEL 1980 FSEL of lse; 500 FNEL 1980 FSEL of survey; 15 miles NE of Pecos; obj: 16000; permit #727282; API #475-35922

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Crosby County

Sheridan Prod. Co., LLC
Ridge Upper Clearfork Unit #7240
Hoople (Clear Fork)-D; EL & RR RR Co.; A-345, Blk N/A, Sec 1071; 2640 FNL 150 FEL of lse; 2640 FSL 150 FEL of survey; 10.7 miles NE of Slaton; obj: 5000; permit #728228; API #107-31469

Dawson County

OXY USA WTP LP
West Welch Unit #4970
Welch-D; EL & RR RR. Co.; A-302, Blk M, Sec 71; 878 FSL 888 FWL of lse; 878 FSL 888 FWL of survey; 4.2 miles SW of Welch; obj: 5200; permit #728315; API #115-33465

Gaines County

Brady, W. Prod., Inc.
Buck 'A' #1
Homann (San Andres)-D; WT RR Co./Williams, J U; A-888, Blk G, Sec 104; 467 FWL 467 FSL of lse; 2182.9 FNL 2177.9 FEL of survey; 6.5 miles NE of Seminole; obj: 5500; permit #728207; API #165-37498

Garza County

Shenandoah Pet. Corp.
PLK '36' #1
Tate (Strawn)-Recompletion; T & NO RR Co./Slaughter, J B; A-1156, Blk 2, Sec 38; 2450 FSL 1980 FWL of lse; 2450 FSL 1980 FWL of survey; 8 miles S of Post; obj: 9000; permit #728234; API #169-33952

Hockley County

Occidental Permian LTD.
Sundown Mercury #1
Tstar (Abo)-D; Labor 55, League 40, Maverick CSL; A-N/A, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 650 FSL 490 FEL of lse; 650 FSL 818 FWL of survey; 2.2 miles E of Sundown; obj: 8500; permit #728547; API #219-37221

Kent County

Alpine Pet.
Hagar 'B' #6
Wild Turkey (Tannehill)-D; H & GN RR Co.; A-999, Blk 1, Sec 125; 467 FWL 467 FNL of lse; 467 FWL 2173 FSL of survey; 2 miles NE of Girard; obj: 4900; permit #728460; API #263-31998

Lamb County

Infinity Drlg. LLC
Connor #4
Illusion Lake (San Andres)-D; SCL/Taylor, A, Labor 24, League 673; A-348, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 930 FWL 2205 FSL of lse; 930 FWL 2204 FSL of survey; 3.4 miles SW of Littlefield; obj: 4300; permit #728428; API #279-30406

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan Prod Co., LLC
Sacroc Unit #36-D48
Kelly-Snyder-D; H & TC RR Co./Martin, T; A-1762, Blk 97, Sec 384; 24198 FNL 5939 FEL of lse; 1871 FSL 582 FEL of survey; 7.1 miles N of Snyder; obj: 7250; permit #728575; API #415-34756

Yoakum County

Texland Pet., L.P.
Martin, H.C. 'B' #6
Ownby (Clear Fork, Upper)-D; Gibson, J H; A-281, Blk D, Sec 555; 235 FWL 235 FSL of lse; 235 FWL 2407 FNL of survey; 8 miles E of Plains; obj: 7100; permit #728358; API #501-35896

New Mexico

Eddy County

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #543
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 13; 376 FSL 1153 FWL; 3 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/QU/GB/SA; API #30-015-39565

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #670
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 26; 2357 FSL 804 FEL; 4 miles SW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39550

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #620
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 24; 1870 FNL 730 FWL; 3 miles W of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39569

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #555
GB-Jackson; T17S, R30E, Sec 18; 330 FNL 330 FEL; 2 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39566

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #699
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 25; 1308 FNL 600 FEL; 3 miles SW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39551

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #565
GB-Jackson; T17S, R30E, Sec 18; 1650 FNL 990 FEL; 2 miles NW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39568

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #704
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 25; 1660 FNL 1980 FEL; 3 miles SW of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39552

COG Oper. LLC
Burch Keely Unit #643
GB-Jackson; T17S, R30E, Sec 19; 2120 FNL 2310 FWL; 2 miles W of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/SA; API #30-015-39670

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Delaware Ranch 11 Fee #4
Undesignated; T26S, R28E, Sec 11; 330 FSL 1135 FWL; 11 miles S of Malaga; Rot 15,100 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-39555

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Delaware Ranch 22 Fee #5
Undesignated; T26S, R28E, Sec 11; 330 FSL 1650 FWL; 11 miles S of Malaga; Rot 15000 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-39556

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Delaware Ranch 11 Fee #6
Undesignated; T26S, R28E, Sec 11; 330 FSL 1195 FWL; 11 miles S of Malaga; Rot 11400 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-39557

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Delaware Ranch 14 Fee #4
Undesignated; T26S, R28E, Sec 14; 330 FNL 1650 FWL; 12 miles S of Malaga; Rot 15000 Wolfcamp; API# 30-015-39560

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Delaware Ranch 12 Fee #2
Undesignated; T26S, R28E, Sec 12; 150 FSL 330 FWL; 11 miles SE of Malaga; Rot 13800 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-39559

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Delaware Ranch 12 Fee #1
Empire; T26S, R28E, Sec 12; 230 FSL 660 FWL; 11 miles SE of Malaga; Rot 10300 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-39558

Lea County

Denton Expl. NM, Inc.
Ainsworth "DB" #1
Vada; T9S, R33E, Sec 23; 660 FSL 660 FWL; 11.5 miles W of Crossroads; Rot 9700 Penn; Re-Entry of Coastal Oil & Gas Old TD 9700; API #30-025-30052

Three Rivers Oper. Co. LLC
Eagle 2 St #6
Lea; T20S, R34E, Sec 2; 330 FSL 1950 FEL; 13 miles NE of Halfway; Rot 15500 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40330

Three Rivers Oper. Co. LLC
Eagle 2 St #302
Lea; T20S, R34E, Sec 2; 830 FNL 2190 FWL; 13 miles NE of Halfway; Rot 11200 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40333

Three Rivers Oper. Co. LLC
Eagle 2 St #301
Lea; T20S, R34E, Sec 2; 2190 FSL 1980 FWL; 13 miles NE of Halfway; Rot 11200 Bone Spring; API #30-025-40332

COMPLETIONS

From 6G

treated with 21,000 gals. acid, 67,451 bbls. water, 1,279,395# sand; flow 50 BO, 85 MCF, 750 BW on 21/64 inch choke, FTP 450 psi, 43 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34410

Energen Resources Corp.
Cole Ranch -35- #4508
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 45, Blk 35, T-4-S, Abst. 358, T&P RR, 11 sw Garden City; TD 10,593; Comp 8-14-11; producing from 7,578-10,297, acidized and fractured; pump 46 BO, 169 MCF, 53 BW, 60 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-33869

Energen Resources Corp.
Daniel Unit -2- #2
Spraberry (Trend Area); 1,980 fsl, 660 fel, Sec 12, Blk 35, T-5-S, Abst. 894, T&P RR, 10 sw Garden City; TD 10,919; Comp 10-13-11; producing from 6,486-9,911, acidized and fracture stimulated; pump 57 BO, 80 MCF, 148 BW, 60 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34140

Energen Resources Corp.
Cole Ranch -35- #4504
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fsl, 1,980 fel, Sec 45, Blk 35, T-4-S, Abst. 358, T&P RR, 11 sw Garden City; TD 10,689; Comp 6-17-11; producing from 7,461-10,315, acidized and fracture stimulated; pump 30 BO, 143 MCF, 131 BW, 44.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-33867

McClure Oil Company Inc.
Archer #8
Veterans (Upper Leonard); 1,320 fsl, 1,320 fwl, Sec 39, Blk 34, T-4-S, Abst. 260, T&P RR, 6 sw Garden City; TD 5,144; Comp 5-3-11; producing from 4,092-4,956, treated with 225,000# sand; pump 80 BO, 65 MCF, 90 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34031

Sheridan Production Company LLC
Howard W. Glasscock (G-S) Unit #1331
Howard Glasscock; 1,016 fnl, 1,637 fel, Sec 22, Blk 33, T-2-S, Abst. 718, T&P RR, 12.3 n Big Spring; TD 2,700; Comp 9-30-11; producing from 2,067-2,390, treated with 4,222 gals. 15 percent NeFeHCL; pump 1 BO, 1 MCF, 1 BW, 32.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34247

Sheridan Production Company LLC
Howard W. Glasscock (G-S) Unit #1330
Howard Glasscock; 1,033 fnl, 2,271 fel, Sec 22, Blk 33, T-2-S, Abst. 718, T&P RR, 12 n Big Spring; TD 2,711; Comp 9-8-11; producing from 2,063-2,384, treated with 5,314 gals. 15 percent NeFeHCL; pump p19 BO, 2,710 BW, 34.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-173-34245

Howard County

ConocoPhillips Company
B. Overton #43
Howard Glasscock; 2,300 fsl, 675 fel, Sec 5, Blk 32, T-2-S, Abst. 301, T&P RR, 11 se Big Spring; TD 3,225; Comp 1-11-11; producing from 2,105-3,078, treated with 16,200 gals. 15 percent acid, gelled water, 40,000# sand; pump 4 BO, 1 MCF, 3,650 BW, 31.21 Oil Gravity; API #42-227-36486

Linn Operating Inc.
Fryar "4" #3T
Spraberry (Trend Area); 510 fnl, 1,991 fwl, Sec 4, Blk 33, T-1-N, Abst. 1575, T&P RR, 7.5 nw Big Spring; TD 9,965; Comp 8-19-11; producing from 7,450-9,825, treated with 690 bbls. 15 percent HCL, 24,969 bbls. gel water, 980,000# proppant; pump 86 BO, 72 MCF, 200 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-227-36683

Linn Operating Inc.
Coconut "10" #10M
Spraberry (Trend Area); 467 fsl, 467 fwl, Sec 10, Blk 34, T-1-N, Abst. 1340, T&P RR, 11 w Big Spring; TD 10,345; Comp 8-3-11; producing from 6,980-10,010, treated with 26,897 bbls. gel water, 702 bbls. 15 percent HCL, 1,050,000# proppant; pump 15 BO, 271 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-227-36447

Linn Operating Inc.
Sackett Farms "8" #6C
Spraberry (Trend Area); 990 fnl, 1,410 fwl, Sec 6, Blk 34, T-1-N, Abst. 1338, T&P RR, 12 nw Big Spring; TD 10,357; Comp 5-13-11; producing from 7,030-10,200, treated with 833 bbls. 15 percent HCL, 24,478 bbls. gel water, 1,050,000# proppant; pump 65 BO, 111 MCF, 344 BW, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-227-36503

Loving County

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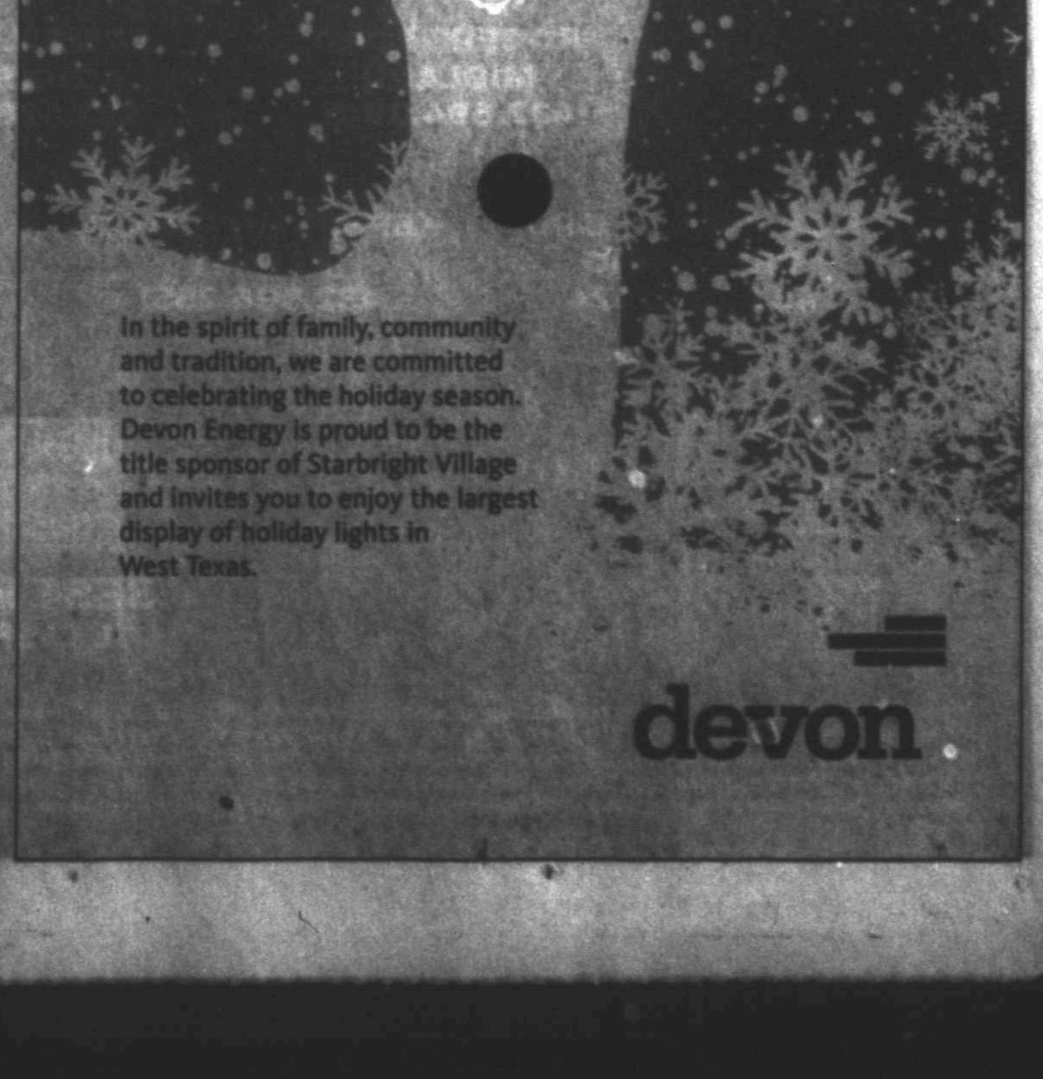

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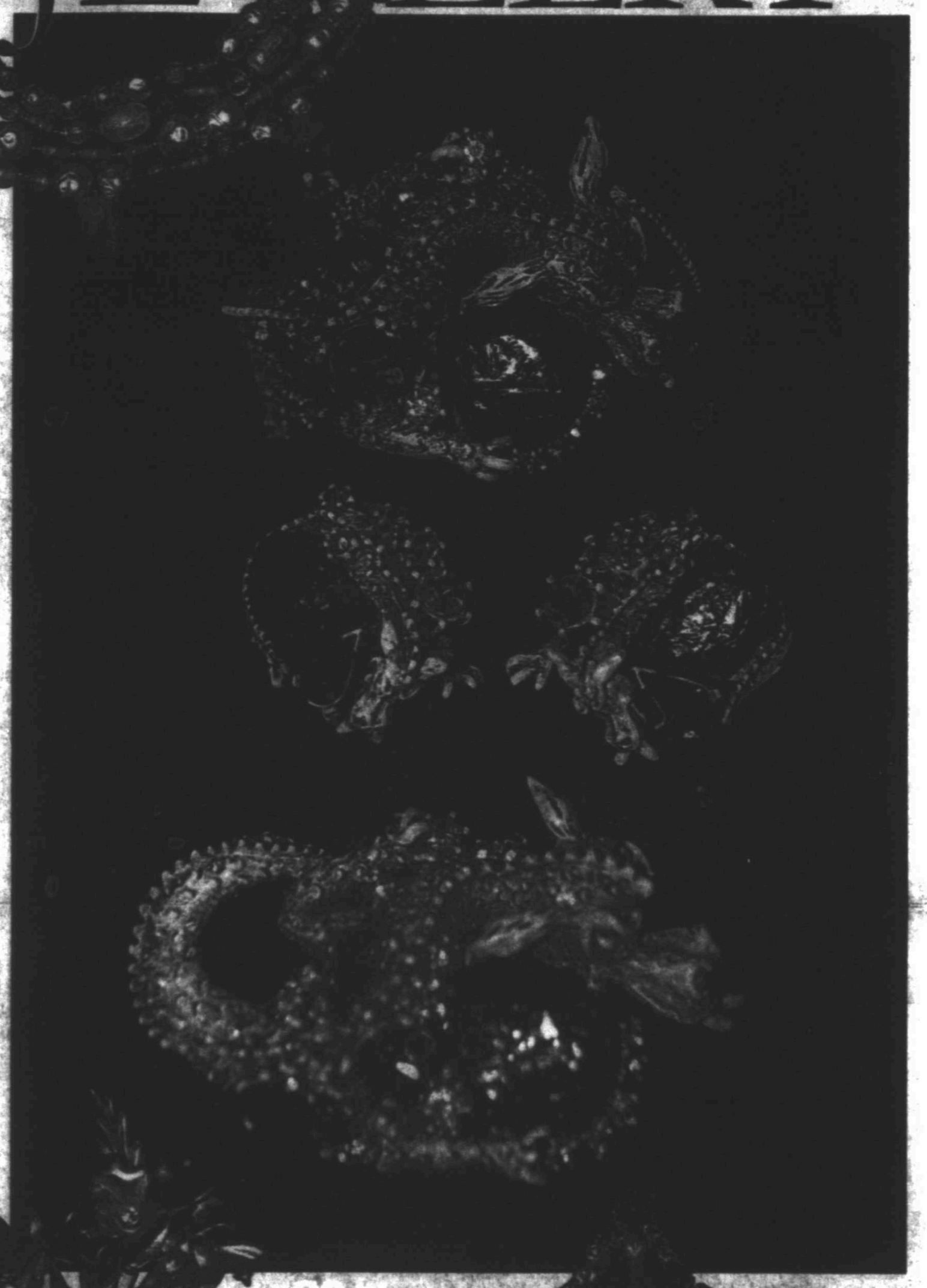

Vintage costume jewelry on display at Ellen Noel

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

A single piece of jewelry started Midland veterinarian Linda Smetak on an unanticipated journey. She became a collector of vintage costume jewelry.

"I saw this bracelet that was gold mesh, two inches wide with glass leaves, flowers and fruit," Smetak said. "It was so cool. Nobody makes jewelry like that any more so I bought it for $20."

"And that was 20 years ago," said Stephen Porterfield, in whose shop, The Cat's Meow, Smetak found the piece of jewelry she could not resist.

The first time she wore the bracelet, it broke.

"I found all the pieces," Smetak recalled. "I had to get somebody to fix it, and it cost more to fix it than it cost to buy it. Now I can fix it myself."

"She makes jewelry," interjected Porterfield.

"I just got hooked," said Smetak, a veterinarian at Mesa Verde Animal Clinic. "I used to only buy jewelry I could pay cash for, but I gave that up a long time ago. If you see something really cool, you can't wait until you have cash or it will be gone."

She may not remember every detail around the items she owns, but Smetak said, "I remember what I didn't buy."

An exhibition of pieces from her collection entitled "A Secret Passion: Vintage Costume Jewelry from the Linda Smetak Collection" is on display at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., through Jan. 15.

The exhibition presents a sampling of the 3,000 piece Smetak collection. The pieces highlight the careers of many of the world's famous jewelry designers, including Miriam Haskell, Eisenberg, DeMario, Robert Trifari, Weiss, Vendome, Regency, Kramer, Hattie Carnegie, Hobé, Chanel, Florenza and Schiaparelli.

"Wealthy women loved (Eisenberg's) jewelry but did not care for his clothing," said

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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 Keef" 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.

Ellen Noël Art Museum: EXHIBIT: "A Secret Passion: Vintage Costume Jewelry from the Linda Smetak Collection, through Jan. 15. EXHIBIT: Paintings by Rene Alvarado, through Jan. 29, 2012. Regular museum gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 4909 East University, Odessa, 432-550-9696 or noelartmuseum.org.

George W. Bush Childhood Home: HISTORIC HOME: Come tour this unique landmark which was home to two Presidents, two Governors, and a First Lady. Listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and restored to the 1950s period when the Bush family lived in the home, this home is truly a unique landmark in the history of Midland and of the country. You'll see a 1950s restoration with period furnishings, learn a little more about Midland in the 1950s and a great deal more about the Bush family and their impact on Midland and the country. You can also visit our gift shop for interesting souvenirs, Christmas ornaments, gifts, 1950s toys, books, clothing, patriotic items and much more, 1412 West Ohio, 685-1112. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged.

Midland College: McCormick Gallery: EXHIBIT: Gallery hours are: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information call 685-4770 or visit www.midland.edu/mccormick. No admission charged.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 North Weatherford, 682-5447. Open by appointment.

Midland Odessa Symphony and Chorale: CHAMBER SERIES: Lone Star Brass. 2 p.m. Greathouse Rea Recital Hall in the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. For more information call 563-0921 or visit www.mosc.org. Admission charged.

The Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: Kent Ullberg: A Retrospective on display in Southwing Gallery, through Jan. 15. EXHIBIT: Contemporary Artist Series presents William Hook paintings which use the American Landscape as inspiration in the Here and Now Gallery, through Dec. 31. 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: Museum hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403. Admission charged.

Scarborough-Linebery House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 South Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Sibley Nature Center: Center for learning about the flora, fauna, and natural and human history of the Southern Llano Estacado, 1307 East Wadley. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Volunteers keep the center open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Call 684-6827 for information on art and photography classes.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Nancy Fyle Cardozier Gallery: 4901 East University, Odessa. Regular hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 2-5 p.m. Call 432-552-2606. Free and open to the public.

White-Pool House Museum: National Register of Historical Places. Texas Historical Landmark Texas Archaeological Landmark. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 East Murphy St., Odessa, 432-333-4072. Free.

MONDAY

The Haley Library and History Center: Permanent collections including paintings, bronzes, firearms and artifacts that exhibit pioneer settlement of the Great Southwest and the cattle industry, 1805 West Indiana. 682-5785. Regular hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

Midland Arts Association: EXHIBIT: Works of Merle Taylor, artist for the month of December. 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 694-7153.

Midland County Public Library: Circulating art prints: hundreds of art prints are available for circulation. 301 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call Diana at 688-4334.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: An exhibit honoring World War II veterans is now in place, in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 West Missouri. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2-5 p.m. Call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland Palette Club: EXHIBIT: Works of Jennifer Talley, artist for the month of December, Chase Bank lobby, 2301 West Wall. Monday-Friday, banking hours.

TUESDAY

Blakemore Planetarium: CHRISTMAS AT THE MANSION: Free Holiday Cartoons every Tuesday during December. 4:15 p.m. Permanent exhibits are open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with admission charged. Closed Sunday and Monday. A Sky Show is playing every Tuesday through Friday at 4:15 p.m. and Friday evenings at 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. with two shows on Saturdays at 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. with admission charged. 1705 West Missouri Avenue. For more information call 683-2882.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBIT: A World of Masks: From the Collection of Jim Collett. This exhibition, on view through Jan. 31, 2012, will look at masks from a variety of cultures and countries. Also featured will be masks created by students of Bowie Fine Arts Academy. There will be an activity area to make your own mask and create a play based on the masks you made. Permanent exhibits include "My Town", "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound". Regular museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1705 West Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged.

Midland Palette Club: PAINT TIME: Join us for painting time each Tuesday from 9 a.m.-12 noon, 907 West Wadley. For more information call 352-8297.

WEDNESDAY

Parker House Ranching Museum: Permanent collection of Tom Lea and his work, also featuring area local history exhibits. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 1118 Maple, Odessa, 432-335-9918. Free.

THURSDAY

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.

Arts Council of Midland maintains a calendar of all known arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 687-1149, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, TX 79702; or email lorri@acmidland.org.

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"E-TAILS" By JIM HOLLAND

ACROSS
1 Grades
6 X3 and ZX
10 Pumped (up)
15 Rice, so to speak
19 Ecuadoran province named for a metal
20 Cream's Clapton
21 New York restaurateur
22 An orchestra tunes to one
23 Hockey legend makes a particular fashion statement?
26 Adds (up)
27 Beatles title critter
28 One may be chartered
29 Water holder
30 Rhein tributary
31 Two-bagger: Abbr.
32 New England senator's winter tools?
35 Olympics chant
37 "Well played"
38 Pampering place
41 Hist. majors' degrees
42 Business abbr.
44 Provençal capers spread
48 Author Thomas loves a tune?
53 Guitar great Paul
54 Concert beginning?
55 According to
56 Connect (with)
57 Car roofs with removable panels
59 Department
60 "So-so" reactions
62 Wyoming tea
63 Mumbai nurse
65 Author Graham's torment?
73 Cybersellers' site
74 Workers' rights assurance, at ads
75 Bill dispenser
76 Sharp relative
77 Put up
80 Talk show host spanning five decades
83 Mel of many voices
84 Fidel's response
85 In back
86 Writer Oscar's principles?
91 Seductive greeting on the docks
94 Caviar, e.g.
95 Like USN volunteers
98 Nan's org.
97 Most idiotic
100 Wields with dough
102 Routines that crack up patriot Thomas?
106 Stand
107 Quarterback Tony
111 One way to think
112 "Say Anything ..." actress Skye
113 Final, maybe
115 Split apart
116 Maintain vital info on actor Rob?
119 Jazz combo
120 Established fact
121 Sit at Realtor's desk
122 Coupe alternative
123 Pre-wedding party
124 Hilger's hound
125 Formerly, once
126 Low Hold 'em pot

DOWN
1 Bombay-born conductor
2 Pacific greeting
3 Darsman
4 Mardi Gras parade group
5 Scotch partner
6 Frat social
7 Enterprise helmsman
8 It's good to keep them about you
9 It may be stem
10 Part of ASAP
11 Zambia's neighbor
12 Take under one's wing
13 Old Tokyo Bay capital
14 Cartoonist Browne
15 Had one's revenge
16 Overhead
17 __ 8
18 Dapper
24 "A pitch in time ..." e.g.
25 Mideast "son of"
29 Texas flag symbol
32 Big bag carrier
33 Ball-balancing performer
34 Cross one's fingers
35 Prefix with mentsch
36 Enthusiastic acceptance, in Acapulco
38 Eastern guru
39 Assume
40 Sierra des Éontras range
43 Surmount
45 Fuss
46 Guacamole, for one
47 Ogle shape
49 Aromatic herb
50 Rick's love
51 Caesar's being
52 "Contact" acronym
58 Bad thing to catch
60 Hr. affected by delays
61 "For"
63 Rep. with a cut
64 Vegas's __ Grand
66 Put one's hands on
67 Canines, e.g.
68 Listless assent, perhaps
69 S.F. Giants' league
70 Spiral-horned antelope
71 '30s V.P. John __ Garner
72 __ Sketch
77 "Phooey!"
78 Memelist Geller
79 Conditions
81 Furry Endor dwellers
82 Yours, in Tours
83 Oil mess.
86 Criticism
87 Nobelist Morrison
89 Call user's problem
90 Mate lovable
92 Canine also called a Kobkaido
93 Come out of the bullpen
96 Sewing pattern
99 Flat fee payer
101 Stands by an alert
102 Romeo and Juliet, e.g.
103 Warn
104 Ancient Samos' region
105 Seminary subj.
107 Send (to) for help
108 Rust, say
109 Asia's __ Peninsula
110 Dark clouds and such
113 Pitcher with a big mouth
114 Baseball's "Walking Man" Eddie
116 Metric wts.
117 Beethoven's A?
118 Pacific st.

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Too many trumps

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A J 10 4
♡ K 9 8 7
◇ K 6
♣ 8 7 5

WEST
♠ K Q 8 7 6
♡ 10 5 3
◇ 10 5
♣ Q 6 2

EAST
♠ Void
♡ A J 6 2
◇ A Q 9 8 3 2
♣ J 10 4

SOUTH
♠ 9 5 3 2
♡ Q 4
◇ J 7 4
♣ A K 9 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	1◇	Dbl	1♠
Pass	3◇	Pass	Pass
Dbl	Pass	3♠	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: Ten of ◇

After South's negative double of the one diamond overcall and another three rounds of bidding, South ended up in two spades, much to West's surprise, and he doubted South's ability to take eight tricks at a spade contract. East won the diamond lead with the queen and shifted to the jack of clubs. Declarer won and returned a diamond to the king and ace. East reverted to a club, won in the closed hand. Declarer continued with a diamond to the king and ace, and East reverted to a club.

Declarer won in hand and led the jack of diamonds. West ruffed low and declarer discarded dummy's remaining club. A low heart to the seven and jack lost to the queen and declarer ruffed a club on the table. The king of hearts was taken with the ace, bringing about this position:

♠ A J 10
♡ 9 8
◇ —
♣ —

♠ K Q 8 7
♡ 10
◇ —
♣ —

♠ —
♡ 6 2
◇ 9 8 3
♣ —

♠ 9 6 3 2
♡ —
◇ —
♣ 9

Declarer needed four of the last five tricks. He ruffed the diamond return and West overruffed with the queen, losing to the ace. Declarer ruffed a heart in hand and led the nine of clubs. No matter what West did, one more trump was all declarer could lose.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011:
You discover that out of the seeds of the unexpected come some special opportunities. If you are single, you could meet someone very special. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy socializing. LIBRA is a good friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Others make it clear they desire your presence. Make sure plans suit you. You don't need to be drained. Tonight: A second wind is likely.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Once more, you need a day dedicated to the tired Bull within. You might not have the luxury of a whole day, yet for everyone's sake, take an hour. Tonight: Live it up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Follow your intuition emotionally. A relationship takes a higher priority. Don't scatter yourself; focus on one person at a time. Tonight: Let the good times begin.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Others will notice that invigorated look. You just might invite someone over to help with a holiday chore. Tonight: Happy where you are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Reach out for others. Maximize the time you have with each person. Others feel more connected, and you feel great swapping jokes and news. Tonight: At a local spot.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Whether off buying a tree, putting in overtime or playing Santa's elf, communication is important. Listen to someone's sharing. Tonight: Treat yourself, too!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ If you are looking for the right time to express a key issue, eye the next few days. Let go of a sense of insecurity. Tonight: Whatever feels right.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Take a hint from Cancer's message: Stay close to home. Make it all right to play the recluse. What actually happens might be another issue. Tonight: Not to be found.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Plans could be tossed to the wayside. You'll replace them with an activity or get-together that feels so much more appropriate. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Let go of what you don't need to do and, if you can, delegate. Choose a holiday happening, and invite a respected friend to come along. Tonight: Share hot cider.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ If a loved one or dear friend snaps, know that this is not the situation all the time. Kick back and relax. Tonight: Play out an imaginative idea.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Go out with a dear friend or partner. Enjoy yourself, even if you cannot get away from the crowds. Let go of holiday stress. Tonight: Togetherness is the unifying theme.

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BORN TODAY
Filmmaker Steven Spielberg (1946), artist Paul Klee (1879), actor Brad Pitt (1963)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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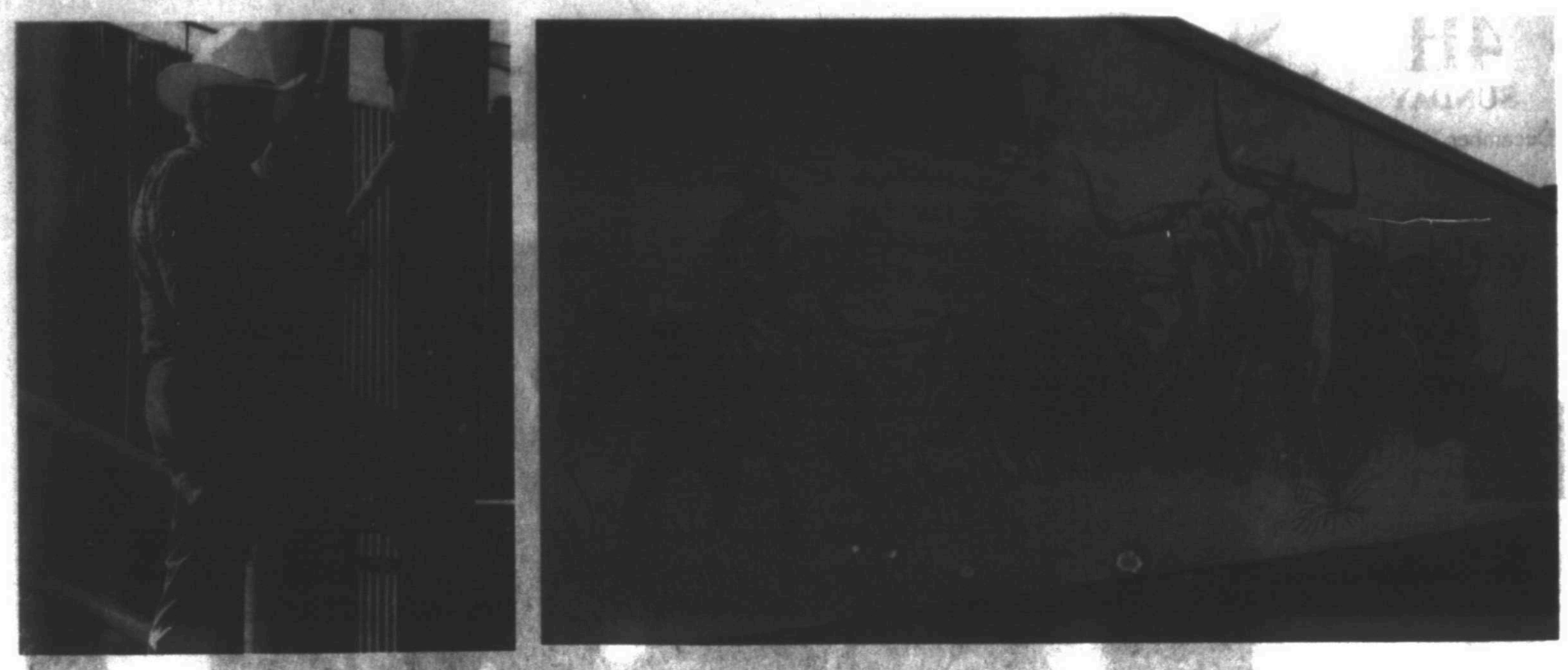

Midlanders say goodbye to Western artist Tom Ryan

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

The longhorns appear to be busting out of the west wall of the Midland County Public Library. The mural, "In the New World," was designed by Tom Ryan, a well known and highly respected Western artist who died Dec. 10 in Phoenix. Ryan was honored in 1996 by the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City (now the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum) with the Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award.

"I couldn't believe it," Ryan, who had lived here since 1982, told the Reporter-Telegram in 1996 when he received the award. "I never expected it, and I guess that's why it made me feel so good."

Ryan had been a frequent exhibitor in the Prix de West shows there, and in 1996 completed "The Remuda," a monumental work of art that depicts 30 galloping ranch horses and two cowhands — one in the lead and the other waving a lasso and riding drag. The silhouette-style work graces the exterior walls of the west wing of the Hall of Fame.

In 1998, Ryan sketched the design for the mural on the west wall of the Midland County Public Library and supervised its execution by Midland artist Peter Himmelberg. Inside the library, visitors can see two limited edition framed prints by Ryan — "Calf Buster" and "Sharing an Apple."

In 2002, Ryan said goodbye to his friends and colleagues here to move to Arizona to be closer to his sons. This month, his Midland friends said goodbye to Ryan. He was 89.

Ryan was born Jan. 12, 1922, in Springfield, Ill., to William Martin Ryan — whose family immigrated to Illinois from Ireland in the 1880s — and Sarah Helen Behrens, whose ancestry predates the Revolutionary War. They had nine children – six boys and three girls.

He began drawing before he went to school.

"I was 4 years old and drawing airplanes, and an older brother was helping me," Ryan told the Reporter-Telegram in a 2002 interview at the Haley Library's going away party held in his honor. "Those were my first art lessons."

He did not decide to be an artist until after his service in World War II. While in the U.S. Navy during the war, he "made quite a bit of money" drawing portraits of his shipmates and other servicemen. After being discharged in 1945, he picked up a Life magazine that carried an article about N.C. Wyeth.

"I read the article, and I liked what I read, and I loved the pictures reproduced from his paintings in the article," Ryan said in 2002. "I decided then and there to be an artist."

Following his graduation from the American Academy of Art, an education made possible through the GI Bill, he returned to Springfield where he married Jacqueline "Jacquie" Harvey, daughter of a local doctor. She died in 1998.

The Ryans moved to New York City, where he continued his studies at the Art Students League. During his second year at the Art Students League, he won a contest. His winning painting became the cover for Western writer Ernest Haycox's novel "The Outlaw."

"Every month after that I also received an assignment from this publisher, and they would be Western novels," Ryan said in 2002. "So that's what I did for the next six or seven years. Then I started exhibiting at the Latendorf Gallery on Madison Avenue. What I sold mainly were the book covers. They would be published and I would get paid by the publisher, and I'd take them to the gallery, and I'd get paid again."

Ryan began making trips west in the late 1950s. He would stay three or four months painting, sketching and photographing scenes he'd need later. At that time, his works centered around historical events and places.

"I particularly liked to do some of the trail drive things that I did, like the old longhorns," Ryan said in 2002.

In the early 1960s, a work by Norman Rockwell and one by Ryan appeared in the same catalog. Rockwell, who was doing the Boy Scouts calendars for Brown and Bigelow, the premiere calendar publishing company in the United States, told the calendar company about Ryan.

"The art director gave me a call and asked if I'd like to do a contemporary cowboy painting for Brown and Bigelow," Ryan said in 2002. "I damn near fell out of the chair. It was unbelievable."

He traveled west to the 6666 Ranch and 'fell in love" with the place. From the material he put together during his three-week stay, he did his first calendar for Brown and Bigelow. He also quit painting historical scenes and "went smack right in on the cowboy contemporary scene."

In the mid-1960s, he was invited to join the Cowboy Artists of America and served as president 1969-1970. He also, during those years, moved to Texas, settling first in Lubbock and then in Stamford.

In 1971, his work was featured in a book by Dean Krakel, "Tom Ryan: A Painter in Four Sixes Country." He was director of the OS Ranch Art Exhibit at the OS Ranch, Post, in 1973, and a year later did the same thing for the Stamford Art Foundation.

In the mid-1970s, Ryan participated in four or five shows annually. In 1977, he added the Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library's Art Show and Sale to his list. In 1987, he was the Arts Assembly (now Council) of Midland's Celebration of the Arts Distinguished Artist. His work hangs in private collections and public facilities across the country.

In 1994, he was honored by his hometown and home state. The Springfield Art Association honored him with an exhibition of 45 paintings on loan from institutions and collections. Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar proclaimed Sept. 10, 1994, Tom Ryan Day in Illinois and the mayor of Springfield issued the same proclamation.

His work was featured in a 2002 book, this time a 250-page coffee table book, "Cowboy Artists of America," that showcases art by 24 artists. Within its covers are seven works by Ryan.

"From the 1960s through the 1990s Ryan exhibited in a wide variety of one-man and group shows and won virtually every honor available to a contemporary Western artist," said the biography of Ryan on the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum website, noting that a 2001 career retrospective at the museum that featured not only Ryan's paintings and drawings, but also many of the 6666 Ranch photographs that served as his source material, demonstrated "the breadth and depth of his artistic legacy."

In her 2001 book on Ryan, Susan McGarry wrote: "His legacy of paintings not only documents 20th century cowboy life, it is also a profound statement about [the] indomitable spirit of men caught up in complex relationships with other men, with animals and with the unpredictable faces of Mother Nature."

Editor's Note: For more information online regarding Tom Ryan's career go to www.nationalcowboymuseum.org, the website for the Dickinson Research Center at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.

JEWELRY

From 1H

Porterfield, noting Eisenberg began as a designer of women's clothing.

The shoppers came up with a surprising solution.

"Wealthy American women began shoplifting the pieces of jewelry off his clothing because he would not sell them separately," Porterfield said. "Eisenberg took the hint and quit designing clothing and became exclusively a costume jewelry designer."

In the exhibition, particular emphasis is given to the artistry, the design and the history of vintage costume jewelry.

"Ninety percent of all early costume jewelry was made here in America," Porterfield said. "The whole costume jewelry craze started because people couldn't afford to buy diamonds and emeralds, and middle-class women wanted to dress like the wealthy. Costume jewelry created a lot of bang for less money.

"Then designers got in the middle of it and very exclusive costume jewelry could be very expensive like Chanel and Dior. Hollywood played a big part in this by creating stunning pieces for the movies.

"Czechoslovakia was one of the earliest countries to get on the bandwagon. The first rhinestones came out of the Rhine Valley and Austrian crystals are still considered the most desirable crystals for costume jewelry."

Every movement, theme and material used in the creation of costume jewelry is presented in the exhibition.

"Figural pins became highly popular in the 1940s, and they could be everything from Walt Disney characters to ballerinas, animals, creatures like dragons," said Porterfield. "As time changes, as fashion changes so does jewelry change. In the '50s through the '60s, the multi-strand necklace became a stable of women's wardrobes.

"One of America's most favorite designers and still one of the highest collectible designers is Miriam Haskell," Porterfield said. "The Japanese absolutely fight over Miriam Haskell. I've actually seen Japanese customers push people out of the way and grab across the table to get a piece out of somebody's hands when they are here shopping in America."

Costume jewelry originally was not intended to last. Pieces were inexpensive to purchase and were designed to accompany each season's new outfits, thus vintage costume jewelry is representative of fashion trends throughout the 20th century.

"Vintage costume jewelry is so collectible now," said Porterfield. "You can find it in any price range. There are many pieces made for Woolworth and dime stores of the day and those pieces tend to range anywhere from $10 to $35 dollars. There are pieces made for women's dress shops and jewelry stores that can range from $50 up to $500 or $600 a set. And then there are major designer pieces that can range from $40 to $50 up to thousands of dollars for a piece. Costume jewelry keeps on going up."

ALL THE DETAILS

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Tickets are $12 for adults, $10 for seniors, $5 for students and free for music students.

Exhibition

The Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., is decorated for the holidays with its annual "Christmas at the Mansion" exhibitions.

The Southwest Express is fully operational for the children and adults to enjoy. The Blakemore Planetarium is hosting this year's Gingerbread Exhibition as well as a free holiday movie at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday.

The remaining Christmas lunch is set for Wednesday. Cost is $30-$35 each. Call 683-2882 for reservations.

The museum will be closed Friday-Dec. 26.

Musical

Midland Community Theatre's final show of the season — "The Sound of Music" — is on stage in Davis Theatre I at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Today is the final performance.

Tickets are $18 for adults; $12 for children 18 or younger; $15 for seniors 65 or older and $10 for 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 before the date on the tickets. All online sales are final.

Curtain is at 2 p.m.

Holiday show

ODESSA — "The Gospel According to Scrooge" closes with its 2:30 p.m. matinee today at the Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St.

Tickets are $14 adults, $12 seniors and students and $7 for ages 12 and younger. They may be purchased at the box office, by calling 550-5456 or at www.permianplayhouse.com.

Lighting display

ODESSA — Heritage Holiday Starbright Village is open nightly from 6 to 11 p.m. until Saturday, Christmas Eve. Visits with Santa are scheduled at 7 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The lighting display is located at McKinney Park, 625 W. Pool Road.

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CHARLOTTE GAINSBOURG
"Stage Whisper"

No one can deny that Charlotte Gainsbourg is an interesting artistic presence in whatever creative endeavor she has going. The French artist has found time between being a fashion muse and shooting a range of quirky films to record some quirky music. She first gave the music thing a go by dueting with her father, Serge, in 1984 on a song called "Lemon Incest" and he produced her first album two years later. After a 20-year break, Gainsbourg launched "5:55," a melancholy pop album, to critical success.

Her fourth album, "Stage Whisper," mixing seven unreleased studio recordings, some from her work with Beck on her third album "IRM" and eleven songs from her live performance on tour, is a somewhat flawed enterprise. Doubtless the album will get her alternative scene street cred, but that won't erase the fact that some of the songs are mismatched to her whispery voice. The fact is particularly clear on the "Got to Let Go" collaboration with Charlie Fink, where Gallic '80s synth accompanies their wails about "a deadly revolver held to your head." A bit like this song.

Not to say that the eclecto-electro lineup is without charm. Gainsbourg shows that she can be a chameleon when it comes to music, too, channeling Alison Goldfrapp successfully on "Terrible Angles."

— Christina Jaleru
Associated Press

THE BLACK KEYS
"El Camino"

There's a moment at the end of "Sister" — a fairly unremarkable track on the Black Keys' latest full-length, "El Camino" — that fully captures what the alt-rock band is doing in this latest (and biggest) stage of their career. At the song's end, drummer Patrick Carney and singer-guitarist Dan Auerbach find a relaxed groove until the jam comes to an abrupt ending.

Most other bands reach that point in the recording studio — having just taped a solid take and not wanting to muck it up — and will hold it still and revel in the silence, letting the tape roll until the engineer says, "OK, we got it." But not the Black Keys.

Immediately after the song is over, Carney somewhat noisily couples his drum sticks and sets them on one of the drum heads.

Sure, the Black Keys have made their name and reputation on the fast-and-loose blues worship that made careers for the White Stripes and the Rolling Stones before them. But while this casual, in-studio inclusion sounds unrehearsed and off-the-cuff — perhaps a second-nature tick of Carney's, something he does without thinking — its prominent appearance here is intentional. It only takes a cursory glance at the Keys' tour schedule in March — 15 dates, almost completely in full-size arenas — to see what's happening.

The Keys are blowing up, and they're jumping on this moment to shine with the most accessible work of their career — a record that was produced by uber-tweaker Danger Mouse (along with the band).

— Ricardo Baca

Guns N' Roses, Chili Peppers in rock hall

By Nekesa Mumbi Moody
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Welcome to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Guns N' Roses.

The seminal rock band of the late 1980s and early '90s, best known for hits like "Welcome to the Jungle," "Sweet Child O' Mine" and "November Rain," leads the 2012 class of inductees announced Dec. 7. Also making the cut is the hip-hop trio Beastie Boys; rockers the Red Hot Chili Peppers; the late singer/songwriter Laura Nyro; Donovan; and influential British rock group The Small Faces/The Faces, which included Rod Stewart and Rolling Stones guitarist Ronnie Wood.

Nyro, who wrote such hits the 5th Dimension's "Wedding Bell Blues" and Blood Sweat & Tears' "And When I Die," is the only female act to make it this time around. The hall passed on Donna Summer, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Heart and Rufus with Chaka Khan, who were on the ballot for 2012.

But it wasn't just women who were denied entry into the rock hall for next year. Voters also passed on hip-hop pioneers Eric B. & Rakim, War, the Cure and the Spinners.

Guns N' Roses blazed on the rock scene in 1987 with their official debut, "Appetite for Destruction." Fronted by siren-voiced singer Axl Rose, with Slash and Izzy Stradlin on guitars, Duff McKagan on bass and Steven Adler on drums, the group dominated music with its aggressive rock grooves. Early in their career, they were criticized for lyrics in the song "One in a Million" deemed as homophobic, misogynistic and racist. They were also defined by their dysfunction, gleefully embodying the mantra of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll.

The band sold millions and millions of albums, providing a sharp contrast to a pop world defined by the likes of Madonna and Michael Jackson. But the group's turmoil, often on display before the whole world, would cause the core to fall apart by 1996. Their induction should lead to talk once again of a possible reunion, at least for the induction ceremony.

Their trajectory was the opposite of the Chili Peppers. Despite troubles that included the drug-related death of guitarist Hillel Slovak and the departure of guitarist John Frusciante, the band, fronted by Anthony Kiedis, with Flea on bass, drummer Chad Smith and guitarist Josh Klinghoffer, released its 10th album, "I'm With You," this year.

In a statement on the band's website, Flea expressed his excitement about the honor.

"I feel an infinite energy from what we are doing and looking forward to taking this togetherness we are forging out on tour ... So hearing this news about the hall of fame really seems like it has extra significance for me. To be recognized this way seems especially full and profound," he said. He also cited the contributions from Slovak and Frusciante.

The Beastie Boys (Adam Yauch, Mike Diamond and Adam Horovitz) are among the pioneers of rap: The first white act to make real inroads in the emerging genre, they were known initially for boorish party music but would develop into a group critically acclaimed for its musicality, experimenting with different soundscapes, even producing an instrumental album.

Both Stewart and Wood will become second-time members of the Rock Hall (Stewart was inducted as a solo artist in 1994 and Wood as part of the Rolling Stones in 1989) for the Small Faces/The Faces, a key rock group that developed as British invasion was peaking. Among their hits was the song "Stay With Me."

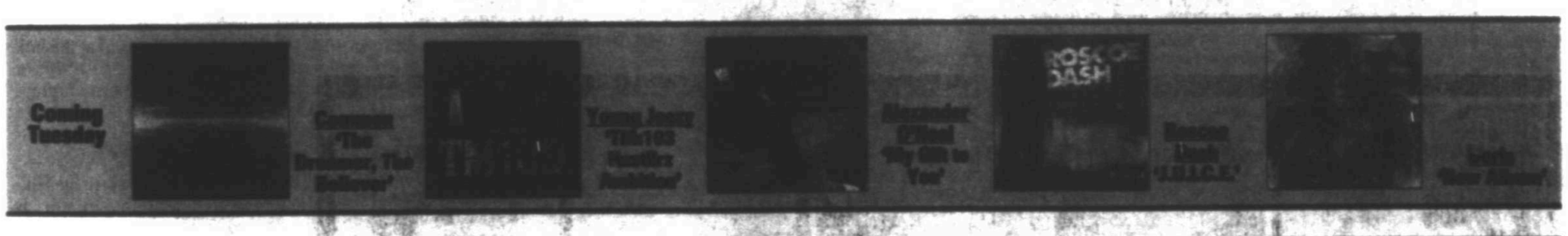
"Well it's quite a thrill and honor to make it in the Hall of Fame a second time," Stewart said in a statement. "We (The Faces) were always synonymous with a good party and with this list of fellow artists being inducted I'm looking forward to (it) ... and it's a hell of a good reason to reunite and celebrate with my old mates."

Donovan is best known for trippy hits like "Mellow Yellow."

Guns N' Roses and the Faces were inducted their first time on the ballot. The Chili Peppers had to wait until their second try, and the Beastie Boys and Nyro were denied twice before making it this time around.

Other inductees include Freddie King for early influence; rock promoter Don Kirshner, who died earlier this year, receives the Ahmet Ertegun award; and Tom Dowd, Glyn Johns and Cosimo Matassa will be honored for musical excellence.

The Rock and Roll Hall of fame induction ceremony will be held in Cleveland, where the rock hall is based, on April 14. It will be shown on HBO in May.



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20 DJ Albert @ Sedona Grill
20 Rob Black, Chris Huff @ TJ Rabbits Texas Music Store
21 DJ Danny G @ Sedona Grill
21 Media Blitz, Filtistic Nun, Kayne East @ Pine Box
21 Cory Yeager @ Zucchi's
21 Bobby Champion @ The Detour
22 DJ Albert @ Sedona Grill
22-23 Chrome Molly @ Marie's Drive Inn
23 Pure Tejano Showband @ Sedona Grill
23 Bill Irvin @ Cigar Frog's
23 Technical Jazz, Alan Childs @ Music City Mall
23 Shane Rogers @ Detour
23 3 Lit Pigz @ Your Place
24 Jeff Williams, Pat Keefer, Ashley Smith @ Music City Mall
27 DJ Albert @ Sedona Grill
27 Illustrations, Tidemouth @ Pine Box
28 Bobby Champion @ The Detour
28 DJ Danny G @ Sedona Grill
29 DJ Albert @ Sedona Grill
29 Stoney LaRue @ Rockin Rodeo
29-31 80 proof @ Marie's Drive Inn
30 Buckshot Bradley @ Lone Star Bar
30 3 Lit Pigz @ Your Place
30 DJ Rob @ Sedona Grill
30 Cory Yeager @ Zucchi's
30 WB Quartet, Ashley Smith @ Music City Mall
30 Cleto Cordero @ Cigar Frog's
31 Justin Langston, Anthony Nieto @ Cigar Frog's
31 Ernesto Calderon, Showdown, Pat Keefer, Ann Russell @ Music City Mall
31 Texas Rain @ Sedona Grill
31 Electric Gypsies @ The Bar
31 Hybrid Child @ Outer Limits
31 Chapaz @ Cabana Sports Bar
31 Negative Offset, Broken Jaw Philosophy, Outlash, Shackled to the Grave @ New Blue Max

January

4 Bobby Champion @ The Detour
6 Eli Young Band @ Dos Amigos
6-7 Kevin Ochs @ Riley's
6-7 Dingo Sanctuary @ Your Place
6-7 Grupo Vida (aka Electric Cowboys) @ The Bar
7 Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys @ Stardust Club
7 2 Steps Back @ Lone Star Bar
7 Brandon Rhyder @ Sandhills Rodeo
10 Ray Price, Gene Watson @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
11 Bobby Champion @ The Detour
14 Casey Donahew Band @ Dos Amigos
15 Graham Lindsey, Stevie Tombstone @ New Blue Max
17 Viva La Fox, Joe Buck Yourself and I @ New Blue Max
18 Bobby Champion @ The Detour
19 Kyle Bennett Band @ Rockin Rodeo
20 Easton Corbin @ Dos Amigos
20 3 Lit Pigz @ Buffalo Wild Wings (Odessa)
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February

3 Blue Midnight @ The Detour
11-12 3 Lit Pigz @ Flash's Cantina
14 Suicide Silence @ Dos Amigos
23 Fred Andrews and Honeybrowne @ Rockin' Rodeo
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March

3 Jeans n Classics — Madmen Across the Water: Elton John Tribute featuring the Midland/Odessa Symphony and Choir @ Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center
6 The Water Coolers @ MHS auditorium
10 The Fab Five @ Ector Theatre
16 Diamond Dust @ The Detour
17-18 3 Lit Pigz @ Flash's Cantina
25 Anna Wilson @ MHS auditorium
27 Take Me Home — Music of John

LUBBOCK

January

16 Supersuckers, Reverend Horton Heat @ Wreckers

February

11 Uncle Lucius @ Blue Light
16 Brad Paisley, The Band Perry, Scotty McCreery @ United Spirit Arena
18 MercyMe, Tenth Avenue North, Leeroe, Hawk Nelson, Disciple, Sidewalk Prophets, Rend Collective Experience @ United Spirit Arena

NEW MEXICO

December

18 Glen Campbell @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

January

14 The Pointer Sisters @ IOMG
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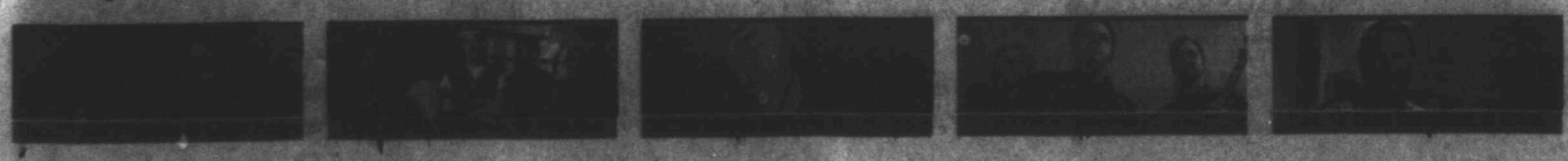
DALLAS-FORT WORTH

December

20 Lyle Lovett @ Bass Performance Hall
22 Tori Amos @ Verizon Theatre at Grand Prairie
26 Mannheim Steamroller @ Meyerson Symphony Center
27 Cowboy Mouth @ House of Blues



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MAKE NEEDED HOME REPAIRS BEFORE THE SALE

"Homeowners should go over their entire home, room by room, before placing it on the market," says Norma Pine.

"Homeowners often don't realize just how many repairs are needed before their homes can be sold," says Pine. "It is necessary to inspect all areas and any repairs. It could mean the difference between days and months on the market."

"Home sellers can expect potential buyers to try all lights and switches; turn all faucets on and off; run showers and flush toilets; turn on the furnace and air conditioning and open and close all windows and doors. Potential buyers may even try the fireplace flue," cautions Pine.

"Homeowners often become accustomed to the problems in their home and don't recognize that they could be a potential turn-off to buyers," she notes. Because of this, our company has developed a list of potential turn-offs home sellers should repair."

The list includes

- Poor physical appearances: dirty and peeling paint, loose railings, broken doorbell, cracked bricks and an unkept lawn.
- Obvious plumbing problems: cracked or chipped fixtures, stained or loose bathroom tiles, mildew, dripping faucets and bathtub rot.
- Water in your basement: water marks on walls, musty odors and mildew.
- Kitchen problems: dirty or broken appliances, worn countertops, stained sinks, bad lighting, and poor flooring.

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Pine & Beckett

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

End-of-the-year holidays are an ideal time to sell your home

With all the activity surrounding the winter holidays, why would you even consider selling a home this time of year? Many consumers think it's not good to list their property in the winter months, but it's not necessarily such a bad idea. Statistics show that the real estate market slows down a bit in October, taking off again in late January. One of the top reasons for this seasonal slowdown is inclement weather. But here in Texas, things can be quite a bit different than other regions of the country. While we may see an occasional snow or ice storm, we fare better than those living north of the Mason-Dixon Line in the winter. If you are thinking about selling your home, take advantage of the holiday season. You might be surprised.

Use the slow season to your advantage

There are several benefits to selling this time of year. Fewer sellers on the market mean you may find the competition among them is less fierce. Your REALTOR® may have more time to devote to you, and the same may be true for home inspectors, appraisers, title companies, and anyone else involved in the home-buying process. There's another perk to selling a home during the off season: Some movers charge less this time of the year than they do during the peak seasons of spring and summer.

Attracting off-season buyers

Many homebuyers looking in the winter months are more serious than those looking to purchase during peak season. It's pretty safe to assume that someone who wants to view your home December 31 is serious about buying. Maybe they didn't have enough money for a down payment earlier in the year or perhaps couldn't get financing. Whatever the case, there's a reason they entered the market during the off-season, and that reason could be meaningful to you. The Internet may add a significant off-season dimension to real estate sales as more and more consumers are shopping for homes online. This can mean good news for sellers. Even in the coldest of winters, prospective buyers will be viewing properties for sale from the comfort of their own living rooms.

Holiday marketing opportunities

If you're planning to sell your home this holiday season, you should consider sitting down with your REALTOR® to discuss holiday marketing. Holiday decorations go a long way in showcasing a home to its fullest potential. Homes that are tastefully decorated for the season seem warm and inviting, and that's appealing to prospective buyers. Holiday lights, autumn wreaths, a crackling fireplace and perhaps some warm cider to greet open-house guests can help buyers imagine their own family in the comfortable environment. Asking price, however, may be more important than staging the home for a holiday sale. Ask your REALTOR® to compare similar homes sold in the winter months. Some homeowners tend to set their asking price too high, basing it on sale prices generated during peak season. Don't let this happen to you. You and your REALTOR® can compare homes that sold quickly during the high season, giving you a chance to adjust your price and terms accordingly.

Don't let the cold weather discourage you from selling your home this winter. As a seller, you can work with your REALTOR® to determine a fair asking price and brainstorm creative marketing ideas to take advantage of the season.

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Third, changing title may set off transfer taxes. However, if you transfer an interest for "good" consideration, such as love and affection, then in some jurisdictions there may be no transfer taxes. Property taxes will continue to be based on local assessments.

Fourth, instead of an all-cash purchase, if you quickly resell a financed home the lender may feel you got low-risk, low-cost residential financing, but you're really a stealth investor. Depending on the facts and circumstances, that might lead to claims of mortgage fraud.

Fifth, you want to use proper paperwork and recording to avoid future liability.

Sixth, the rules may change if you're facing such situations as bankruptcy or divorce.

Seventh, capacity counts. Gifts from older people, for example, are sometimes challenged with claims of diminished mental capacity. You really do have to be sane and sober when giving away a home.

The bottom line: A home is a huge asset. If you want to give real estate to someone, do it right with help from a fee-only financial planner, tax professional and local attorney.

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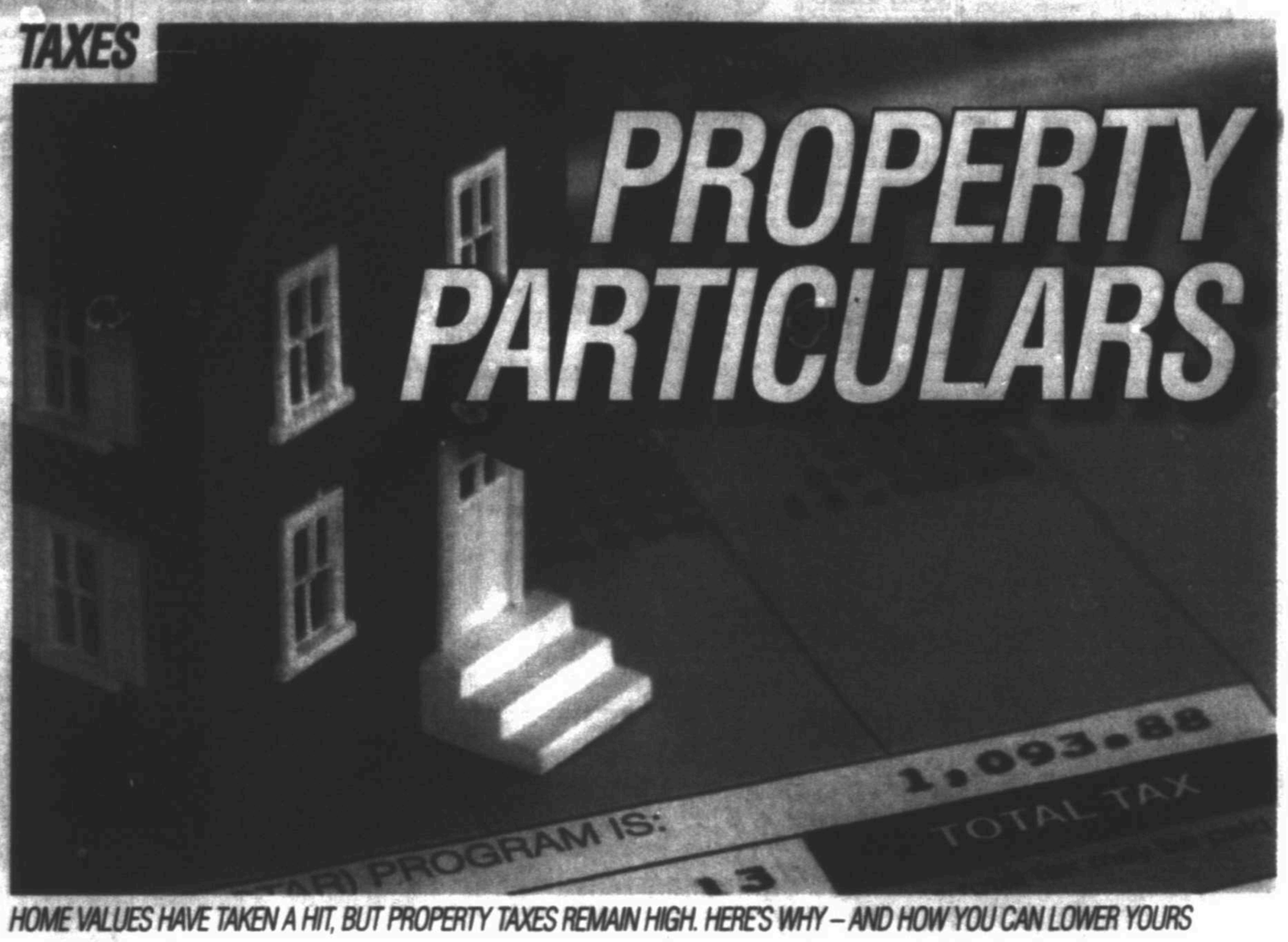

HOME VALUES HAVE TAKEN A HIT, BUT PROPERTY TAXES REMAIN HIGH. HERE'S WHY – AND HOW YOU CAN LOWER YOURS

By ERIK MARTIN
CTW FEATURES

With home values plunging in many markets around the country, it seems only logical that most homeowners today would pay lower property taxes.

Yet, according to the National Association of Home Builders, property taxes across the nation have increased by nearly 20 percent from 2005 to 2009 (the most recent data available). And several experts say those numbers may continue to get worse, especially if the American economy continues its downward trend. What many taxpayers fail to understand is that a decrease in home values has little impact on property tax bills.

"Property taxes don't bear any relation to real property values. Each school district and municipality sets a budget for the coming year, then collects that total amount by dividing it proportionately among all real property in their district," says Charles D. Rubin, president, PropertyTaxDatabase.com, Red Hook, NY.

Adds James Lumley, author of "Challenge Your Taxes (Wiley, 1998): "Property taxes are more a function of how much money a community, municipality, and/or county need to operate. As state and federal dollars previously spent for local needs shrink, communities must often make up the difference with property taxes."

Several factors are considered when determining property taxes. Local governments typically examine a home's previous value, as well as recent sales in the neighborhood and whether any improvements or modifications made to a property or neighborhood add value to a home. The methods that assessors use to arrive at taxable values also can include market averages and replacement cost, and these methods can involve arbitrary conclusions, excessive averaging and human error.

Ultimately, property taxes are usually based on an equation of the mileage rate or levy (the amount of money you pay per $1,000 of value) multiplied by the government's property assessment.

Complicating matters is that many localities reassess properties on a three- or even five-year basis, which means that assessed values in some areas are only now catching up with actual home prices, says Pete Sepp, executive vice president of the National Taxpayers Union.

If you believe your property tax is too high, there are steps you can take to possibly get it lowered.

"First, check over the accuracy of your property assessment. Are the proper features – like bathrooms and garage – recorded?" Sepp asks. "What about the age of the home, or occupiable square footage, or lot size? Human errors can and do occur, and they often boost a tax bill. If you discover an outright error, bring it to your assessor's attention, along with any evidence you need, like photos, blueprints or deeds."

If you find no errors, step two requires examining properties in your neighborhood with comparable features and comparing their assessments to your own. If yours is significantly higher than others, you can file for an appeal—usually with your area assessor's office or a local-level independent review/grievance board that will hear the evidence you gather and decide if an assessment reduction is in order.

To increase your chance of success, ask a local Realtor to conduct a comparative market analysis and consider paying for a property appraisal by an independent professional, says Nadine Lewis, an attorney in Santa Monica, Calif.

If your appeal is rejected, depending on your state laws, you should be able to take your case to a state-level board or court where you can ask for a hearing. The further up the ladder you go, however, the greater the likelihood that you'll need legal representation.

Lastly, don't expect the property tax upward trend to change anytime soon, says Susan Stynes, a Realtor in Midlothian, Va.

"If home values continue to fall, I would predict a higher chance of property taxes increasing," she says. "However, much of that is counting on factors that many can't predict. How will the economy rebound? What will that mean to home values? Can we get rid of the current oversaturation of foreclosed and short sale homes? These will all be trends to watch."

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HOUSING DOWNTURN IS 'HABITAT' FOR GROWTH

The housing market is in a slump, but the basic need for shelter is a constant. Enter Habitat for Humanity International – which placed sixth in Builder magazine's survey of the largest U.S. homebuilders, with 6,032 home closings last year.

Despite the many relatively inexpensive homes for sale Habitat is filling a big gap in affordable housing. Observes Stephen Melman, economist for the National Association of Home Builders: "Affordability is close to an all-time high because of historically low interest rates and home prices rolled back about 10 years or more." But, he adds, the requirement for "near-perfect credit scores and large down payments" are shutting out buyers.

Each of the many HFH affiliates nationwide maintain their own rules on who qualifies to buy a new or refurbished home, notes Mult Sutton, coordinator for the Clarksdale, Miss., affiliate. At the

Clarksdale HFH, buyers "have to demonstrate that their current housing is substandard, that they have the ability to pay [the no interest loan], and that they are willing to be a partner," shares Sutton. Partnering means the buyer and his friends and family must contribute at least 400 hours of labor on the home.

While low-income families are finding shelter, thousands of other Americans also are benefiting from HFH. Efforts have expanded to purchase and renovate vacant foreclosed properties and to provide repairs for existing homeowners, reports Nakia Fowler, a HFH spokesperson.

"These services are critical right now," observes Dan Immergluck, professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology. "We face a glut of vacant homes, and Habitat buyers are one of the few sources of buyers able to purchase in many markets."

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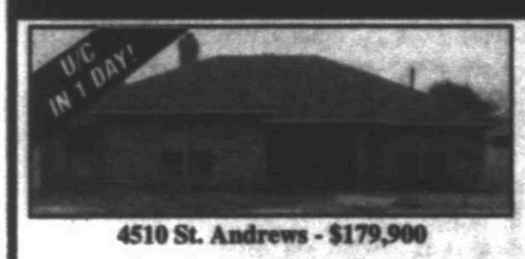

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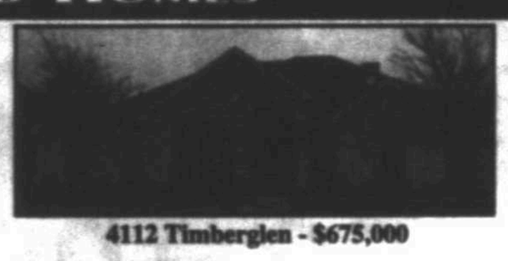
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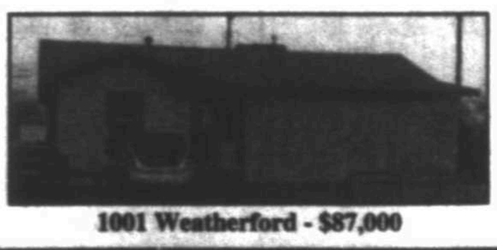
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New and Reduced Listings

2000 N. H Street-Gted/Shutters/3 car garage!	$384,900
2703 Parkin Way-Beautiful new construction by Barrett Homes. 4/3/3	$329,900
3000 S. Co. Rd. 1080-Dst. 2blk. miles of tile, stable facilities, light & bright	$280,000
4014 Westhaven Ct.-Super clean & fresh with large master, 3 car garage	$274,900
2304 Humble-Lovely "Old Midland" 4/2/2, updated, spacious home across from Fasken Park. A Must see!	$257,500
2010 W. Wooden-Remodeled kitchen, pretty floors, 2 car garage, workshop	$229,900
2010 Dell-Fabulous four in Fannin w/3/1/400 w/wsc, master, 2 large walk-in closets. This fantastic home demands your immediate attention!	$217,900
2012 Pargin Dage Tr.-4/2, well maintained	$200,000
2004 N. Garfield-Updated 2BR townhome	$100,000
1001 Weatherford-"Santa Fe Style" a real charmer!	$87,000
4010 St. Andrews-Fantastic 3BR, 2BA, formal/study	U/C IN 1 DAY-$179,900
1918 N. Tyler-Gorgeous designer home. 3bd/2bth/2CG. A must see!	$172,800

Two Bedrooms

2004 N. Garfield-Move in ready townhome, new paint, carpet, updated kitchen	$100,000

Three Bedrooms

2010 Dwellwin-3/2 new construction with RV garage & workshop	$400,000
400 Cameron-Custom One Owner Saddle Club Townhome	U/C-$410,000
2000 Cardinal-Location...Location...3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath on 2+ acres. Enjoy the convenience of country living in the city	U/C-$395,000
4004 Cuthbert-Great kitchen, pretty decor, nice plan, small yard, move-in ready!	SOLD-$387,000
3000 S. Co. Rd. 1080-Dst. 2blk. miles of tile, stable facilities, light & bright	$280,000
4014 Westhaven Ct.-Great cul-de-sac, loads of new & fresh, wonderful storage	$274,900
404 Springwood Ct.-3BR, 2/1/2BA in Westwood Estates, HOA	$269,900
2007 Weatherford-Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 2 bath, open kitchen/den, extended patio, overhead garage	U/C-$259,000
2001 Wooden-3/2 1/2/2 lovely updated townhouse. Don't miss this one! Great price!	$229,000
1918 W. Danger-2 living, 2 dining & large shop	$200,000
1921 Wooden-Tile floors, great drive-up, good plan, nicely maintained	$189,900
3300 Austin-Great home built in 2007 with 16x24 shop	$182,000
4310 St. Andrews-Fantastic 3BR, 2BA, formal/study	U/C IN 1 DAY-$179,900
1918 N. Tyler-Gorgeous Designer Home...Must See!	$172,800
1000E E. Co. Rd. 100-Gorgeous 3BR/2BA in Greenwood with over $40,000 in upgrades	SOLD-$172,000
2000 Holloway-3/1...well kept! Garage/workshop	$129,000
2005 W. Louisiana Ave.-Clean, well maintained 3br, 2ba, spacious Living/dining, garage	U/C-$114,000

Three Bedrooms

1001 S. Weatherford-Std. 2ba	$87,000
4400 Harlowe Dr.-3 bed/1 bath	U/C-$49,000

Four Bedrooms

6000 E. Co. Rd. 100-Fenis Ranch-4BR, 3 1/2BA, 2LA's, 3 garage on 2.5 acres, 30x30 workshop, 10x30 tackroom, and 12,000 stalls. Hurry!	U/C-$410,000
2000 N. H Street-Gted/Shutters/3 car garage!	$384,900
2700 Parkin Way-Beautiful new home construction. 4/3/3, formal dining, gas stove, still time to make selections	$329,900
2220 Patrick-Fabulous new construction in Mayfield Place	$304,000
1210 Goldwood-Gorgeous 4br, 2.5ba, formal dining, granite, newer appliances, so many upgrades.	U/C-$299,900
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2012 Pargin Dage Tr.-4/2/2 maintained home	$200,000

Five or More Bedrooms

2000 Cardinal-Fabulous 5+ BR, 2.7 acres, fabulous guest/pool house, pool, 30x60 steel workshop, beautifully updated, new kitchen March 2011	$1,100,000
200 Bayberry Parkway-Grand 6 BR Home, gourmet kitchen, attached guest suite can also become fantastic game room! Great workshop in Midland	$995,000
2000 Bayberry-Fabulous home in Washington Heights! Game room, guest suite, pool & spa	$799,000

Town Houses and Patio Homes

400 Cameron-Custom One Owner Saddle Club Townhome	U/C-$410,000
1000 W. Pine-Simply fabulous! Totally updated, spacious 3/2 1/2/2 townhouse in Highland Park. Don't miss it!	U/C IN 2 DAYS-$320,000
2001 Wooden-3/2 1/2/2 lovely, updated patio home. Centrally located, next to park	$229,000
2000 Gulf Course-Price bargain, approx. 2000 sqft, super	$200,000
2004 N. Garfield-2BR, 2BA townhome, loads of new & fresh	$100,000

Lots, Land and Acreage

Loop 250 & I-20-approx. 20 acres, call Bill Scott	$600,000
84 Lincoln Park-Can Angelo lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy	$170,000

Lots, Land and Acreage

600 W. Cuthbert-Build new in Old Midland, hard to find location	$125,000
1000 W. Texas-Good downtown lot, loads of possibilities	$60,000

New Construction

6010 Dwellwin-3/3 new construction with RV garage & workshop	$400,000
2703 Parkin Way-Beautiful new construction by Barrett Homes. 4/3/3	$329,900
2100 Patrick Pl.-Beautiful Mike Jackson Const., 4BR, 3BA, 3GA	U/C-$319,000
2220 Patrick-Beautiful 4/3/3, now complete	$304,000

Lease Property

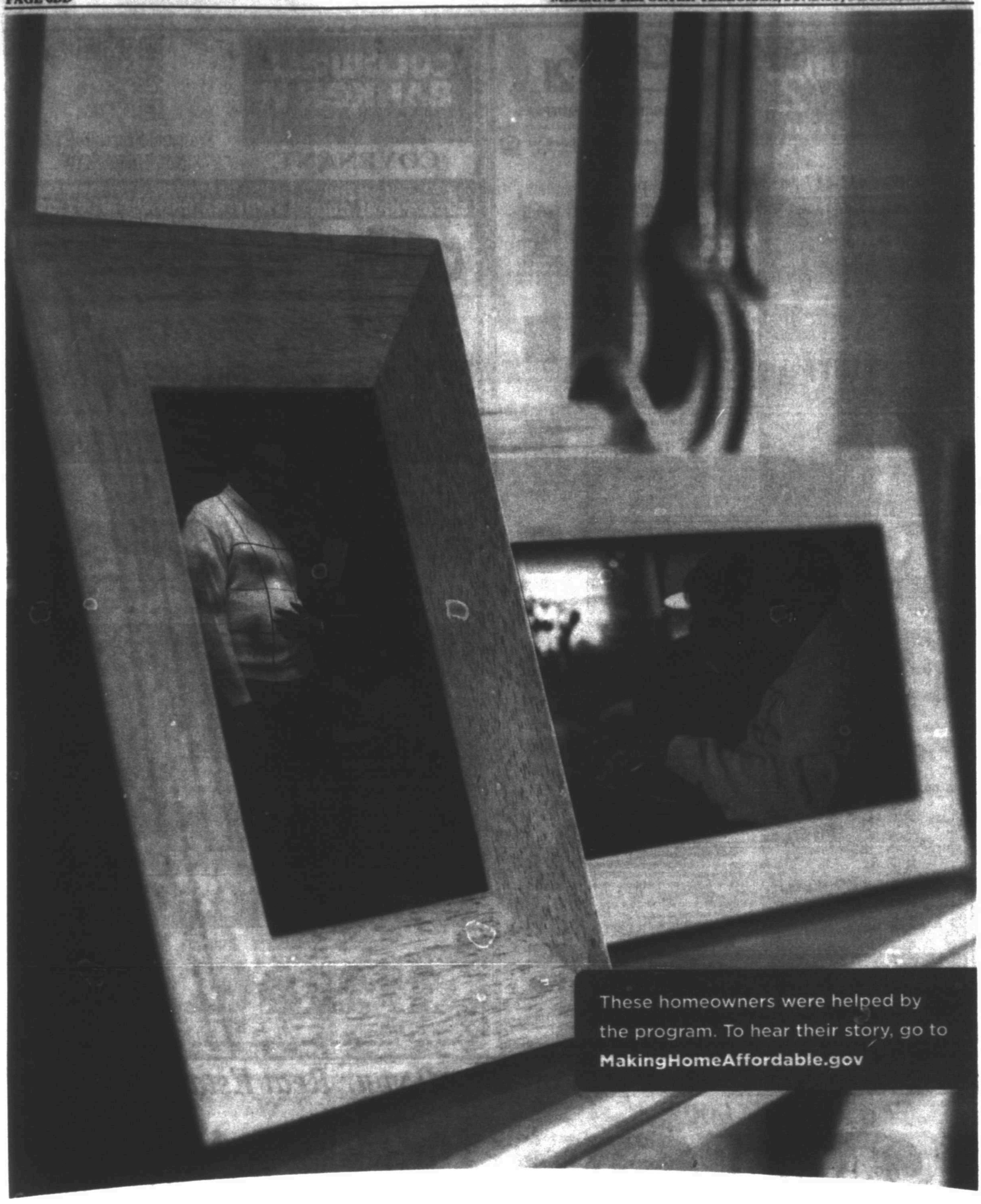
2101 N. Midland Dr., Suite 3-For Lease - 1,500 sq. ft. in Market Manor Shopping Center. Call Bill Scott	$1,500.00/Month
2101 N. Midland Dr., Suite 5-For Lease - 1,100 sq. ft., terrific high traffic location. Call Bill Scott	$1,100.00/Month

Commercial Investment Property

W. Wadley Avenue-1.25 acre vacant lot, just one mile east to new West Texas Rail Park	Call Bill Scott
2000 Commerce Dr.-Fabulous Industrial/Manufacturing facility on 4.9 acres, over 22,000 sq. ft. 3,000 sq. ft. office space & 14,000 sq. ft. shop, has shop crane in it. MUST SEE!!. Call Bill Scott	$2,100,000
2001 E. Schandler Rd., Odessa, Tx.-4.001 acres with over 43,000 sq. ft. Industrial bldg. 34,710 sq. ft. shop & 8,310 sq. ft. office. Call Bill Scott	U/C-$1,000,000
2000 Block of Wadley-Wonderful location in North Midland, zoned for retail. Across from Lowes. Vacant lot with approx. 33,863 sq. ft. Call Bill Scott	$840,000
2220 Wadley Circle-7,500 sq. ft. industrial building with approx. 1,500 sq. ft. of office. Call Bill Scott	$399,000
2121 W. Florida Ave.-Terrific location residential/retail, 3 offices, a showroom, 3BA, 2/3 storage rooms, 2 warehouse areas. Call Bill Scott	$300,000
701-703 W. Indiana-Office building w/4 separate suites, 10,000 sq. ft., great downtown location, partial sale possible. Call Bill Scott	$299,000
2010 W. Industrial-Approx. 8,400 sq. ft. industrial/warehouse building on .798 acres. Terrific location w/2 offices & access to Carter St. Call Bill Scott	$210,000
4010 N. Midkiff-Beautiful custom office building in Stone Oak Plaza w/small warehouse area. Call Cindy Kellough or Bill Scott	U/C-$270,000
Andrews Hwy.-2.0 acre tract of land just East of Loop 250, zoned retail. Call Bill Scott	$125,000

Out of Town Properties

100 Bay Point, Wanachee Bay, TX-Fabulous waterfront home including furnishings!	$3,150,000
2224 Country Club/San Angelo-Fabulous! Lake Front home, Southwestern Dr.	$800,000
84 Lincoln Park-Can Angelo, lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy	$170,000



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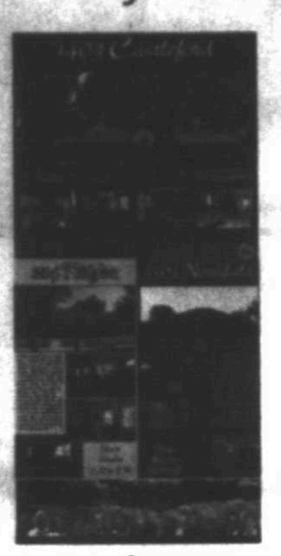

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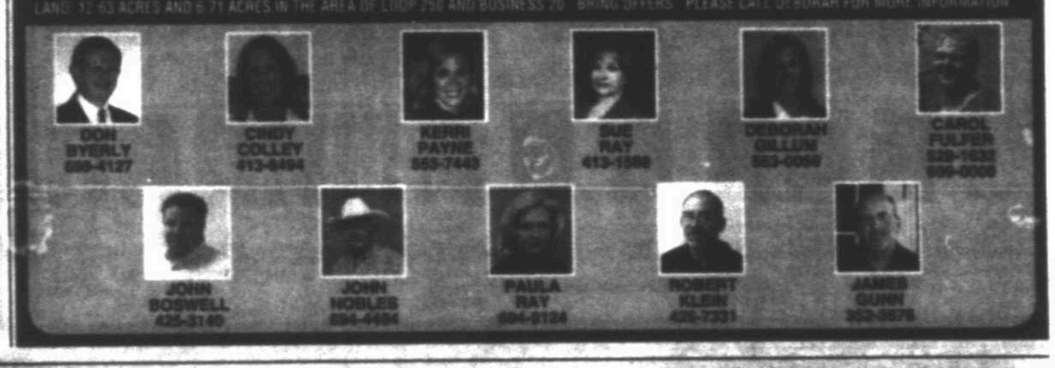

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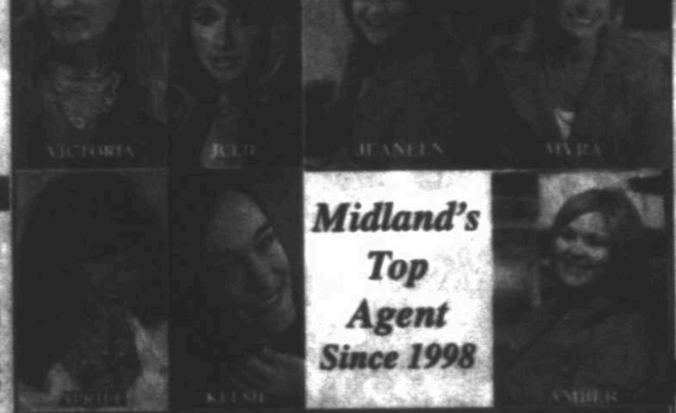

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OPEN 2:00-3:00 ...$207 Alameda-NEW-Adorable 3 bed/2 bath w/ 2 car garage. Decorator tile & hardwood throughout. Big, close kitchen w/ breakfast bar, open living/dining, tile, stone fireplace (2 sides w/gas logs) spacious den w/ french door leading to patio & yard. Seq. Master w/tile floors, jetted tub, dual sinks & walk-in closets. Formal dining w/ hardwood floors, open kitchen w/wood cabinets, st. stainless & 2 ovens. Recent windows, insul (TB). Circle drive w/mature trees. ...$259,000

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2504 Rowland Circle-4 Bedroom + Study, 3.5 Bath, 3 Car Garage, Almost 5,000 sqft. All the Amenities you could ask for! Incredible window treatments, stained concrete flooring, soaring ceilings, Kitchen to dream about, Gourmet Island, Walk-in Pantry, This is a MUST SEE home. Contact Pine & Beckett Realtors for more details. New Listing! $1,250,000

3410 Bluebird Ln.-5 Bedroom + Study, 4.5 Bath, 4,424 Sqft, Lazy One of Kind Design! Gourmet Kitchen, Swimming Pool & Workshop on 4 Acres of Fenced and Improved Property! 3 Living Areas, 3 Car Garage, Home Theater, Wet Bar, Cul-de-Sac! Perfect for entertaining! Sale Pending! $1,150,000

2913 Cheshire Place-4 Bedroom, 4.5 Bath, 4 Car Garage, Million Dollar Designer Home Customized this home! Floor treatments throughout, hand scraped hardwood flooring, Art Deco in hallway, Custom Kitchen, Gourmet Island, Wet Bar, Sky Lounge, Sky Deck to enjoy the Sunset! Sale Pending! $1,100,000

4200 E Cir Dr-5 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 3 Car Garage, Home Built in 2010 Located in Trinity Estates. Granite throughout, Hand Scraped Hardwood Floors, Plantation Shutters, Storage galore, & So Much More! New Listing! $1,000,000

6309 Prairie Ridge-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, Brand New McPherson Design / Builder has Sold out, but is pre-selling in New Phase Grassland, Please Call! Sold! $995,000

6315 Evergreen-4 Bedroom, 4.5 Bath, 3 Living Areas, Rare Gold Level New Carpet & Paint! 20x20 Workshop, 1.7 Acres in Llano Estacado! Sellers will pay $6,000 of Buyers Closing Cost! New Price! $849,900

6320 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! Sold! $899,000

6318 Woodland Park-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Stunning hardwood hardwood floors, open plan, soaring ceilings. Huge patio w/serene water feature & Fabulous view of the park! This home is a MUST SEE! New Price! $749,900

3225 Westchester, Odessa-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3 Car Garage, Another Magnificent Brass New Home in Cambridge Estates! Granite, tumbled marble, stainless appliances, crown molding, plantation shutters, & much more! New Listing! $599,900

4309 E Cir Dr-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 2 Car Garage, 2590 sqft, Just under 1 Acre! Brand NEW Construction!! New Listing! $299,900

5420 Cypress-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, Lower Level Apt. Great Income! HUGE Kitchen with Gourmet Island, Granite, Walk-in Pantry, Stainless Appliances, Wet Bar, Wine Cellar, Sky Lounge, Sky Deck, Sauna, Hot Tub, Sprinkler System, Water & Well, Fire, Blanket, Or Brands, High Ceilings & So Much More!!! New Price! $899,900

1608 Pecan-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Another Beauty from Summit Homes! Stainless appliances, miles of tile, loaded wiparoid! Landscaping package included, in 349 Ranch Estates! New Listing! $347,000

2500 Emerson Pl-4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath, 2,610 sqft! Incredible Home with Gorgeous Decor! Hardwood flooring, beamed ceilings, plantation shutters to enjoy sitting on your Huge Covered Patio in Washington Place! ★★★★Under Contract Less Than 1 Week! Sold! $345,000

1804 Westline-4 Bedroom, 2 Baths in 349 Ranch Estates! On 0.343 Acres, Sec. Master, Miles & Miles of Tile! Huge Open Concept! New Listing! $219,900

4425 Stonegate-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath in Kennedy Park! Dropdated master, new granite countertops in master bath, fewer roof, all new stainless appliances, newly refinished cabinets, fresh roof in back yard. New Price! $179,900

2005 Dunstan-4 Bedroom, 3 Bath, RARE Find in OLD Midland, not Complete! Renovated! New Flooring, Interior & Exterior Paint, New Cabinets, Granite Countertops, Tumbled Marble Backsplash, Stainless Appliances, Vanities, Too Much To Mention! New Price! $299,900

2709 Dell-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage, Great curb appeal! Updated flooring, Kitchen & breakfast area open to living room. New Price! $159,900

1110 S Dewberry-4 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath, Many Updates, recent kitchen, plumbing, electrical, paint, lighting, ceramic tile, furnace New Price! $124,900

3 BEDROOMS

600 Palomino-3 Huge Bedrooms, 2 Bath, 4 Living Areas!!! Gorgeous gated community in Golden Club! Totally no maintenance home, Sequestered master w/Luxurious Gourmet shower! Stainless appliances, Huge Kitchen! Sale Pending! $252,000

10145 N Main Stone-3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, 3 Car Garage, Country Sophistication! 2.8 Acres in Gardendale! Immaculate Condition! Updated Fixtures! Sale Pending! $252,000

2400 W Gail Cypress-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living, 2 Dining, Highest Midland Home! Incredible Location! Stunning! Workshop, Storage Shed! New Price! $179,900

2009 Fairmont-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage, Updated throughout, lite tones, stainless appliances, hardwood flooring, new fixtures! Too To Mention! Sale Pending! $159,900

★★★★Under Contract Less Than 1 Week! Sold! $153,000

1309 Wood-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living Areas in Hipster District! Open Concept, Large workshop/storage! Sale Pending! $150,000

1309 Hazel-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage, Front Courtyard Entry retains cottage charm! Master bath has garden tub, spacious open living area. Great Price Point! New Price! $149,900

910 W. Wadley-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Quaint Charming Cottage! Hardwood flooring, recent paint & texture which looking! Approx 1,800 sqft, plush carpeting & oversized backyard! New Price! $145,900

1709 N Garfield-3 Bedroom, 1 Bath Cottage, Large Living Area, Circle Drive, 1,892 sqft. New Price! $144,900

3011 Ingersoll-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Living, 2 Dining, 2 Car Garage, Super functional plan! Sale Pending! $119,900

4013 Hampshire-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage, 1,331 sqft, Some interior Updating! Sale Pending! $111,900

1304 Woodlawn, Odessa-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, just under 1 Acre! Updated white & hardwood flooring, Island kitchen w/custom cabinets, private mulching, gas cooktop! Lovely home! Seller will pay buyers closing costs!!! ★★★★Under Contract Less Than 1 Week! Sold! $103,000

4402 Stanley-3 Bedroom, 1 Bath Bath, carpet, new ceramic tile in kitchen & dining! Used as a Pre! Great workshop in back! New Price! $99,900

5300 E. Loop 250 W-3 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Great Potential! 2.5 Acres! Call Chris for Additional Info! Loop Frontage Property New Listing! $74,900

2 BEDROOMS

1309 W. Michigan Ave.-2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Totally redone! High paint throughout, new cabinets in kitchen, stainless appliances including refrigerator! New Listing! $122,500

COMMERCIAL/LOTS

2001 E 42 Hwy-Excellent opportunity for the purchase of a Commercial Development. 115+/- Acres, mature pecan orchard, business enterprises, workshop, barn, large storage area, cattle pens, loading chute! Price Reduced! $1,000,000

1601 N. Big Spring-Lots, High Traffic, Highly Profitable Business Opportunity! Call Chris for more info New Listing! $1,250,000

600 Miller, Stanton-Commercial Opportunity! Former ENTIRE Block of land, Church & Warehouse included! New Price! $1,000,000

1002 W Illinois-8 Offices, Board Room, Kitchen, 2 Baths, Updated interior, Plenty of Parking! Call Chris for more details New Listing! $999,900

911 S Main - Great Opportunity! Lots to invest, zoned LR-2. Lots of possibilities here! Will OWNER FINANCE!!! New Price! $99,000

2308 City Wood Rd-Nice size country lot! 1.80 Acres, no known utilities. Great for mobile home! Sale Pending! $8,500

LOOKING IN AUSTIN AREA?

1701 University Club Dr - Prime Montego custom in gated University Club area of Steiner Ranch. Sold! $1,000,000

1000 Great Hills Blvd, Lot 1-1.07 Acres zoning in Kingsland. Will sell in gated pad or by mere footprint! Sold! $425,000

14400 Edge Moth Rock Overall on 4 Acres with In Ground Pool & Spa! Original Springs Schools! Sold! $425,000

1310 Dove Lane-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath in gated Homesteads with access to the Lake! Price Reduced! $399,000

6214 Stonewood-3 Bedroom, 2 Bath off Westgate Blvd in Austin! Rare Overall REO! ★★★★Under Contract in 1 Day! Sold! $375,000

1706 Loop 1050-Rare Overall 14 Acres in Dripping Springs! Great Income! Easy access to 290 New Price! $89,900

404 Emerald Way-Fabulous Cul-de-sac! Lot in Kensington Way West! Ready to Build On! Call 512-796-4348 New Price! $64,900

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4000 Coleman-Stunning, lovely home $495,000
4001 Coleman-Stunning, 1 owner, 3/2, barn, 2.5 acres $399,000
4010 SCR 1147-10 acres ..... REDUCED! $477,000
5813 Highland Blvd.-Stunning! Pool ..... REDUCED! $499,000
6304 Prairie Ridge-Gresham New Construction $498,500
6332 Prairie Ridge-Gresham New Construction ..... UC-$494,475
6320 Prairie Ridge-Gresham New Construction ..... UC-$479,642
4312 Timberwater-4/3.5, Mockingbird Heights $460,000
5200 ICR 1050-4/3.5/2, GISD, 4AC, Pool ..... SOLD-$359,000
4123 Radcliff-4/3 & pool in Trinity West $399,900
4808 Knights Pl.-4/3.5, hardwoods! ..... UC-$322,000
1403 Cashmere-Totally updated, granite, tile, appliance, paint ..... SOLD-$339,000

4 BEDROOMS

5910 Andrews Highway-Great location, .841 Acres ..... SOLD-$334,500
7609 ICR 110-Nice home, 4 1/2BA, 2.39 Acres $279,900
4101 Valley Dr.-Nice, 3ba, close neighborhood $174,900
3024 Northwestern-3bd, 2ba, 2 car ..... UC-$299,000
5000 ICR 1010-2/2, 4AC, barn, GISD ..... SOLD-$259,000
4201 Cambridge Dr.-4 bed/2 2ba, pool ..... SOLD-$245,000
3702 Greenwood-Beautiful home $239,900
2007 Rutcliff-4/2 & 2ba, 30A, 2FP, pool ..... REDUCED! $237,500
12300 ICR 111-2/2, 4AC, new const, 1AC ..... SOLD-$200,000
12305 ICR 111-2/2, new const, 4AC, 1AC ..... SOLD-$200,000
2002 Hancock-4/2, 3CX, 2CR GR ..... REDUCED! $179,900
214 Ridgley-4bd, 2ba, 2 liv, rear deck point $140,500

5+ BEDROOMS

5910 Highland Park-5-4-2-1/2, 4 car $499,900
4212 Dartmouth $249,900
7609 ICR 110-5 BR, 4½ Bath, Office, Barn 2.39 acres $279,900
1601 N. Garfield-5 bed/3 bath, pool ..... UC-$245,500

COUNTRY HOMES

4010 SCR 1147-Spectacular Home on 13 acres ..... SOLD-$599,000
12300 ICR 110-4/2/2, 5/4/3, pool, shop ..... SOLD-$399,000
12300 ICR 110-4/3/2, 4/3/2, Pool, 4AC ..... SOLD-$334,900
15340 N. Hollebush Ave., Gardendale, Tx-3/3 ..... REDUCED! $279,900
7609 ICR 110-Nice home, 4 1/2BA, 2.39 Acres ..... SOLD-$279,900
9686 FM 307-GISD, 4/2/2, barn, 4AC ..... SOLD-$250,000
200 ICR 138-SISD, pool, barn, 4AC, Ridge Hs ..... SOLD-$229,000
6900 SRC 1230-3/2, watered, 0.661 Acres $229,900
12303 ICR 111-GISD, 4/2, New const, 1AC ..... SOLD-$200,000
12305 ICR 111-GISD, New const, 4/2/2, 1AC ..... SOLD-$200,000
12306 WCR 95-SISD, 2 liv, stable, 2.5AC, 3CP ..... SOLD-$197,000
2401 SCR 1050-Greenwood 3/2 on 3.6AC ..... UC-$149,900
5000 ICR 89-Updated 3/2, Greenwood schools, .44 acres $99,900
1706 E. Oak-3bd, 2ba, many updates $79,000

LAND

5910 Andrews Hwy.-Great location, .841 Acres $300,000
4301 E. CR 60-3.82 Acres $122,340
4309 E. CR 60-3.82 Acres $108,340
4306 E. CR 60-3.1 Acres $96,250
4301 E. CR 61-3.08 Acres $96,560
4410 E. CR 60-3.07 Acres $96,340
4410 E. CR 61-3.07 Acres $96,560
4109 E. CR 61-3.03 Acres $96,560
4105 E. CR 61-3.03 Acres $96,560
4101 E. CR 61-3.03 Acres $96,560
4000 E. CR 61-3.03 Acres $96,560
4306 N. CR 1148-2.91 Acres $92,120
4210 E. CR 62-2.86 Acres $92,160
4400 E. CR 62-2.72 Acres $87,040
4310 E. CR 62-2.71 Acres $86,720
3812 Southwood-1.0333 Acres $85,000
4301 E. CR 61-2.49 Acres $79,680
4109 E. CR 61-2.38 Acres $76,160
4009 E. CR 61-2.37 Acres $75,840
4101 E. CR 61-2.37 Acres $75,840
4210 E. CR 62-2.3 Acres $73,600
4100 E. CR 61-2.3 Acres $73,600
4009 E. CR 61-2.28 Acres $72,960
4101 E. CR 61-2.28 Acres $72,960
4109 E. CR 61-2.28 Acres $72,960
4201 E. CR 61-2.28 Acres $72,960
4409 E. CR 61-2.27 Acres $71,360
4801 CR 1147-12 Acres $60,000
4801 CR 1147-8.5 Acres $85,000
4401 E. CR 61-2.01 Acres $64,320
3003-5 SCR 1140-6.7 Acres Approx ..... SOLD-$56,500

COMMERCIAL

1002-250 Service Rd.-3.711 Acres $415,000
2800 Pond ..... SOLD-$415,000
4210 Mariola Dr-Lot, 0.97 Acres Approx Off Wadley $199,000
4301 Mariola Dr-Lot, 0.92 Acres Approx Off Wadley $240,000
4309 Mariola Dr-Lot, 0.78 Acres Approx Off Wadley $200,000
2516 W. Front-Commercial/Industrial ..... REDUCED! $240,000

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Carrasco Homes

5509 Los Conchos Lane

4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, 3 car garage, priced @ $699,000

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS/HOME SITES/ACREAGE

RESIDENTIAL		
5411 Kentucky	3 Bdrm/1 Bath/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
6214 Lenaea Ave	3 Bdrm/1 Bath/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
1109 Register Rd	Colorado City/Lake View/2 Bdrm/2 Bath/Workshop	$85,000
610 S. 20th St	3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	$103,000
5005 Kermit Ave	Odessa/4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	$165,000
3007 Cascade Ave	3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	$165,000
240 Main St	Garden City/4 Bdrm/3 Bath	$275,000
2302 Candle Tree Cove	4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
5002 Opal Ct	3 Bdrm/2.5 Bath/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
5707 Los Patios	4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
NEW CONSTRUCTION		
400 E. Pecan Ave	Midland Gallery Homes/3 Bdrm/1 Bath/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
6010 Los Conchos	Morris Properties/4 Bdrm/3 Bath/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5700 Los Patios	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
3100 Chelsea Pl	Veatch Construction/3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
3105 Chelsea Pl	Veatch Construction/3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
3104 Chelsea Pl	Veatch Construction/3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
5713 Carmel Ct	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	$269,900
4400 Yearwood	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	$276,900
4301 Yearwood	Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	$271,500
4704 Yearwood	Veatch Construction/4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
6015 Llano St	Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
3705 Lee Pollins	Hunter Custom Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	$279,900
5711 Los Patios	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	$278,500
3009 Nightingale St	Hunter Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
6008 Oak Creek	Ashingdon Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Bath/3 Car Garage	Under Contract
4400 Yearwood	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
6001 Cognac	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
3201 Patrick Pl	Home Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Bath/2 Car Garage	$295,500
5710 Los Patios	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
4701 Yearwood	Veatch Construction/4 Bdrm/2.5 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
4007 Gardenia	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
5314 Harlan St	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
3007 Stanford	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
3121 Patrick Pl	Hunter Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	$324,000
403 Pinewood	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	$327,500
4004 Pinewood	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	$309,500
3306 Hilltop Dr	Midland Gallery Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
3317 Hilltop Dr	Carrasco Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Bath/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
6006 Los Conchos	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/4.5 Bath/3 Car Garage	$699,000
4313 Wood Dr	Crystal Homes/3 Bdrm/3 Bath/2 Car Garage	SOLD
4317 Wood Dr	Crystal Homes/3 Bdrm/2.5 Bath/2 Car Garage	Under Contract
SUBURBAN/ACREAGE		
Lone Star Estates	Gardendale/New Homes	Call Gary
14010 N. Ellenberry	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Bath/0.914 Acres	$112,000
4701 E. Buttercup Dr	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Bath/0.795 Acres	$115,000
9017 E. Goldenrod	3 Bdrm/1 Bath/Car Garage/1 Acre	$120,000
7001 E. Goldenrod	4 Bdrm/2 Bath/Car Garage/Gardendale/17.004 Acres	Under Contract
9634 E. Marigold Dr	3 Bdrm/3 Bath/Car Garage/Gardendale/0.56 Acres	$225,000
12044 Goldenrod Dr	Gardendale/30 Acres/Horse Farm	$600,000
RESIDENTIAL HOME SITES		
700 S. Lincoln Ave	0.181 Acres	$3,000
SUBURBAN HOME SITES		
Lone Star Estates	N. Co. Rd. 2011/3-2 Acre Lots	Call Gary
7400 E. Co. Rd. 1297	1.42 Acres	$30,000
7402 E. Co. Rd. 1297	1.022 Acres with barn	$30,000
9400 Buckingham Lane	Los Conchos Estates/0.954 Acres	$65,000
County Rd. 310	20.03 Acres	$110,000
5000 Tumbleweed Trail	3.5 Acres/Horse Barn	$125,000
Parmer County	500 Acre Farm	Under Contract
COMMERCIAL		
2000 Rankin Hwy	9.7 Acres/0.80 Zoning	$975,000

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Maria Mallory

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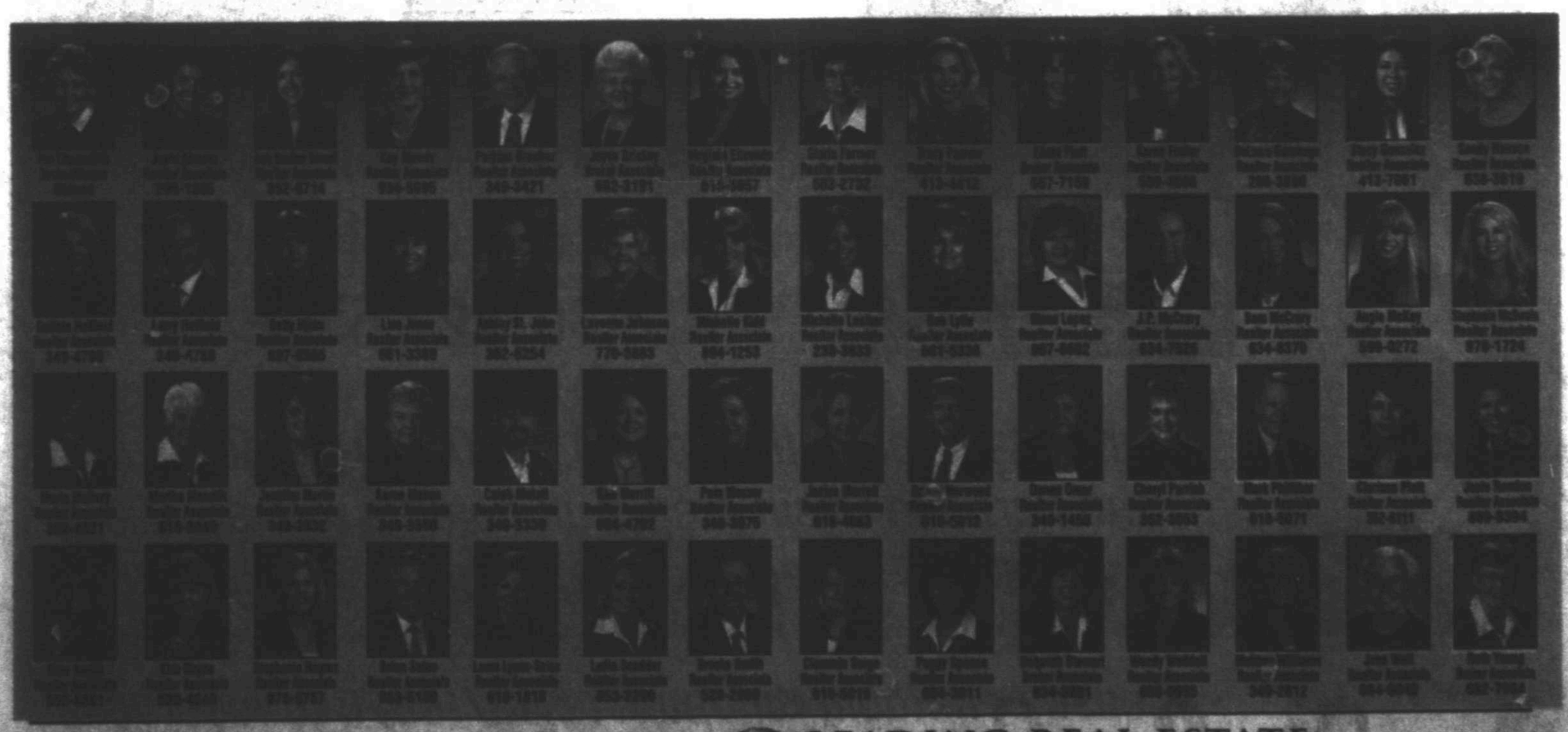
SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES

OPEN 1:00-2:00

705 LANHAM - $115,000
3 bedrooms, 1 bath.
Well maintained home w/many updates.
Shown by Pam Messer

OPEN 1:30-2:30

2817 CALDERA - $249,900
Wonderful 4BR, 3BA home - like new!!
Shown by Deborah Stewart



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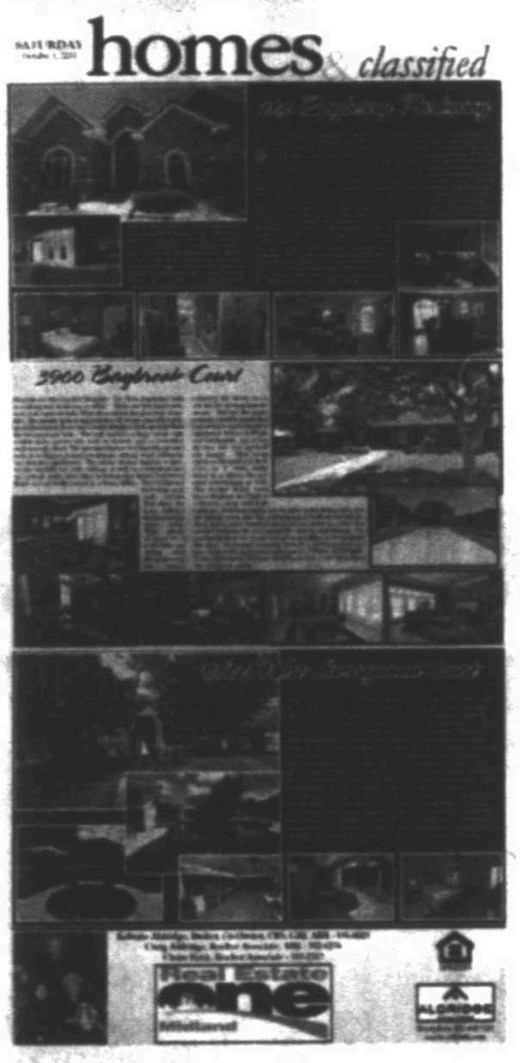

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307 JEFFERSON ST. - REDUCED TO $159,000
YOU MUST SEE THIS HOUSE!
Shows like a model home! Faux paint! Custom details! Living/dining/breakfast nook all open! High ceilings everywhere-even bedrooms! Kitchen is spacious with tons of work space! Sequestered master suite is large & can accomodate big furniture! Private bath with dual sinks with granite countertops & nice closet! Hall bath offers granite too! Roomy bedrooms! Fantastic back patio! 2 Car garage!

3020 IMPERIAL - $165,000
SPACIOUS 4 BEDROOM HOME IN ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOOD!
Great living room with vaulted,beamed ceiling & fireplace is open to the kitchen/breakfast nook! Recent appliances(dbl ovens)& skylight in the kitchen! Spacious sequestered master offers high ceilings,private bath & two closets! Nice utility room! Roomy bedrooms! Great closets! Covered patio! Nice yard! Dog run! Storage bldg! Close to Rusk Elem & LHS!

3811 TUMBLEWEED - $498,000
THIS PROPERTY HAS IT ALL!
Updated 4 bed/4 bath home with unique floorplan! Wonderful pool! Massive shops (6 car garage) plus man cave/gameroom behind the house! Kitchen is loaded with custom cabinetry, granite, island & huge pantry! Open to the dining area with built-in hutch! Living room has soaring ceilings & great fireplace! Master is spacious with his & hers bath! In-law plan! Gameroom! Incredible yards!!

1501 DELMAR - $139,900
NICE 3 BEDROOM HOME ON CORNER LOT!
Great living space! Front living room has tile flooring & big window! Kitchen is open to dining area which is large enough to host a big table & hutch! Inside utility room! Updated master bathroom! Great closet space! Encased patio is perfect office! Nice front porch! Large lot with mature trees & water well! 2 Car garage!

809 ALMONT - $375,000
LOW-MAINTENANCE BEAUTY ON QUIET STREET IN COVETED WOODLAND PARK!
Gourmet kitchen w/granite, island,tons of counterspace,gorgeous cabinetry,pantry & breakfast bar!Nook is surrounded by windows!Sep master suite is spacious!Fabulous master bath w/ sep shower,jetted tub,dual vanities & great closet!Sep in-law plan is huge & can be a gameroom/office/media room/etc! 3rd garage has a/c-great home gym!Wow!

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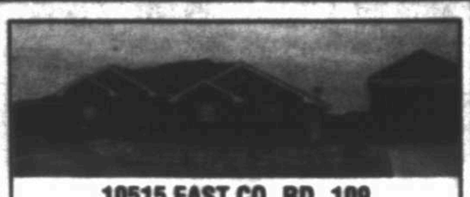
3314 WEST CO. RD. 185
- Pilots Dream with 5500 Sq. Ft hanger
- Spacious home on 1.52 acres
- 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, Office
- Kitchen with Fabulous Island and Pantry
- MLS #88559, $370,000



10515 EAST CO. RD. 109
- Wow, What an amazing set-up on 1 acre.
- Lovely home with 3 bedrooms, 2 bath
- Outside Covered Living room with fireplace,
- Pool with Cabana, shop, Trophy room, Media Room above Shop
- 2 stall barn with turn out pens.
- MSL #88359, $475,000

FEATURED LISTINGS

3314 W. Co. Rd 185		MLS# 88559	$370,000
10515 E. Co. Rd. 109		MLS #88359	$475,000
10 Metz Court	UNDER CONTRACT OPTIONED	MLS #88409	$159,600
4318 Greenbriar	SOLD	MLS #88205	$149,500
2208 Cimmaron	UNDER CONTRACT	MLS #88244	$179,000
1100 Mogford	SOLD	MLS #88170	$156,000
4511 Teakwood Trace		MLS #87743	$279,000
4009 Lehigh Drive		MLS #87120	$263,900
3155 Danley Drive (Lake Colorado City)		MLS #85245	$90,000
9177 Cevalia Drive (Odessa, Tx)		MLS #84152	$395,000
Sunridge Ranch Estates 3+acres lotsPer Lot			$75,000
Oakridge Development 1.59 acre lots to 3.25 acre lots			$38,250 to $81,250
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301 S. MADISON...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #68509 ... $194,000

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6321 PRAIRIE RIDGE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #67425 ... $399,900

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2101 S. CO. RD. 1087...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #66406 ... $360,900

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5707 CARMEL CT...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #68109 ... SALE PENDING

5910 CARMEL CT...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #67945 ... SALE PENDING

GENEZ CONSTRUCTION

410 SPRUCE AVE...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #66363 ... $145,000

CHAVEZ CONSTRUCTION

4600 YEARWOOD...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #66991 ... $305,000

DOUBLE E CONSTRUCTION

1600 WASHITA...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #67136 ... $215,000

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6309 DUNBLANE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #68004 ... $899,900
60 LAKES...Martha Manulik 618-5049 ... MLS #67547 ... $799,000
5713 HILLCREST CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #67774 ... SOLD
4605 RUSTIC TRAIL...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #67549 ... $679,900
6610 FERN...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #67967 ... $600,000
7005 CALEN CT...Amy Barnett 352-6714 ... MLS #67540 ... $579,900
24 LAKES DRIVE...Samantha McCrary 634-6370 ... MLS #68024 ... SALE PENDING
1209 CASTLE ROCK CT...Stephanie Rogers 978-9757 ... MLS #61469 ... $530,000
2609 JADEWOOD...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ... MLS #68567 ... $499,900
4109 FAIRWOOD DR...Michelle Lesikar 230-3633 ... MLS #67362 ... $466,000
3011 TUMBLEWEED...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #68372 ... SALE PENDING
6321 PRAIRIE RIDGE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #67425 ... $399,900
4405 IRVIN DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #68391 ... $399,900
4300 SKYLINE DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #67989 ... $385,000
10010 E. CO. RD. 109...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ... MLS #68487 ... $360,000
4901 RUSTIC TRAIL...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #68386 ... SALE PENDING
2101 S. CO. RD. 1087...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #66406 ... $360,900
3010 KNIFFEN RD...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #68198 ... SALE PENDING
2201 PRINCETON AVE...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #67779 ... $340,000
4606 CHERRYWOOD...Kim Merrill 684-4702 ... MLS #68267 ... $339,000
5209 OAK VALLEY DR...Peggy Spence 684-3011 ... MLS #68302 ... SALE PENDING
5011 BRADSLAND BLVD...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #66967 ... SALE PENDING
10104 E. CO. RD. 103...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #66409 ... $335,900
5604 RIDGEMONT...Kim Merrill 684-4702 ... MLS #68207 ... $329,900
5007 OAK CREEK...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #68250 ... SALE PENDING
4609 GREEN TREE BLVD...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #67225 ... SALE PENDING
4125 FOX HOLLOW CT...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #68030 ... $309,900
4002 YEARWOOD DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #66597 ... $300,000
4011 TEAKWOOD TRACE...Sandy J. Hanson 639-3819 ... MLS #67743 ... $279,000
3007 CRESTLINE AVE...Debbie Hatfield 684-0369 ... MLS #68186 ... SOLD
5412 BASSWOOD CIRCLE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #68032 ... $275,000
5001 CASTLEFORD...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ... MLS #66647 ... $260,000
1210 CO. RD 1120...Mark Phillibar 618-5071 ... MLS #66976 ... $259,900
2402 CULPEPPER DR...Ruth Young 682-7884 ... MLS #67946 ... $254,900
2917 CALDERA BLVD...Deborah Stewart 934-3881 ... MLS #66336 ... $249,900
5010 SHERWOOD...Joyce Brickey 352-4127 ... MLS #67275 ... SALE PENDING
4706 MELVILLE DR...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #68004 ... SALE PENDING
5904 PEDERNALES...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #68245 ... SALE PENDING
4107 GODFREY ST...Perkins Brasher 349-9421 ... MLS #68056 ... $234,900
2025 MAXWELL DR...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... MLS #67061 ... $229,900
3212 FRONTIER DR...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ... MLS #68575 ... $224,000
421 W. SHANDON AVE...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #68131 ... SALE PENDING
5100 E. CO. RD. 90...Ashely St John 352-6254 ... MLS #67629 ... $189,900
3620 IMPERIAL AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #68252 ... $180,000
5304 ALFORD ST...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #66437 ... SOLD
3821 SINCLAIR...Jennifer Martin 349-2632 ... MLS #68410 ... $179,000
1204 KANSAS AVE...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #68461 ... $172,000
10414 FM 307...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #68493 ... SALE PENDING
4307 GREENBRIAR DR...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #68202 ... SOLD
3223 CAMARIE...Lisa Janse 681-3389 ... MLS #67918 ... SALE PENDING
3917 ANETTA DR...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #68132 ... SALE PENDING
1900 PECOS...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #67868 ... SOLD
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2902 MARIE DR...Samantha McCrary 634-6370 ... MLS #68587 ... $329,900
509 W. 53RD ST., ODESSA...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ... MLS #68413 ... 4+ Acres/$299,900
207 SEYWOOD CIRCLE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #67914 ... SALE PENDING
5016 LLANO...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #68251 ... SOLD
5400 LA JOLLA COVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #67923 ... $279,900
5705 CARMEL CT...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #68466 ... SALE PENDING
5609 CARMEL CT...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #68464 ... $279,900
5707 CARMEL CT...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #66109 ... SALE PENDING
1801 WASHITA...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #67070 ... SALE PENDING
2911 CALDERA BLVD...Ruth Young 682-7884 ... MLS #68272 ... $269,900
1301 MISSOURI AVE...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #67699 ... $264,900
1011 WALL ST...Ruth Young 682-7884 ... MLS #68128 ... $264,900
4009 LEHIGH DR...Sandy Hanson 618-5017 ... MLS #67120 ... $263,900
5401 SAN SABA CT...Teri Vestal 556-1632 ... MLS #68317 ... $244,900
3005 BAYRIDGE...Larry Hatfield 684-0369 ... MLS #68213 ... SALE PENDING
5707 RIO GRANDE AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #68199 ... $230,000
5016 PEDERNALES...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #68440 ... SALE PENDING
1101 S. CO. RD. 1129...Joyce Brickey 352-4127 ... MLS #67706 ... SALE PENDING
4309 TUMBLEWEED...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 ... MLS #67679 ... $229,900
1011 DEVONSHIRE CT...Dona Satterfield 689-6241 ... MLS #67944 ... SOLD
3600 BERMUDA CT...Martha Manulik 618-5049 ... MLS #68037 ... SALE PENDING
1603 WASHITA...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #67138 ... $215,000
4300 KNIFFEN...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #66826 ... $214,900
3407 STANOLIND AVE...Kay Rivera 618-5014 ... MLS #68428 ... $209,900
3214 HIGHSKY DR...Larry Hatfield 684-0369 ... MLS #67486 ... SALE PENDING
2211 HUMBLE AVE...Danny Norwood 413-2764 ... MLS #66642 ... SALE PENDING
6325 SE CO. RD. 1000, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #67329 ... SALE PENDING
2222 CHIMARON...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #67445 ... $197,500
3209 LOUISIANA DR...Mark Phillibar 618-5017 ... MLS #68565 ... $197,500
3404 STANOLIND AVE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #68304 ... SALE PENDING
3403 EDGEMONT...Donna Omar 349-1459 ... MLS #68312 ... SALE PENDING
3208 FRONTIER...Jane Wolf 684-6040 ... MLS #68351 ... SALE PENDING
2814 MOSS AVE...Laura Lyons Sales 618-1818 ... MLS #68190 ... SALE PENDING
3001 VERMONT AVE...Lavonne Johnson 770-3883 ... MLS #67153 ... SOLD
3231 SHANDON AVE...Karen Mason 349-3550 ... MLS #66637 ... SALE PENDING
5201 N. MIDKIFF RD...Teri Vestal 556-1632 ... MLS #67935 ... $185,000
4904 SUNDOWN CIRCLE...Kim Rhyne 528-4646 ... MLS #68583 ... $179,000
5225 BRAZOS...Larry Hatfield 684-0369 ... MLS #68214 ... SOLD
2104 LINDORA WAY...Larry Hatfield 684-0675 ... MLS #68018 ... SALE PENDING
801 SHELL AVE...Maria Malpry 352-4021 ... MLS #67422 ... $179,900
2209 CIMMARON...Sandy J. Hanson 639-3819 ... MLS #68244 ... SALE PENDING
4201 FERNCLIFF AVE...Peggy Spence 352-6254 ... MLS #67111 ... $178,000
1709 CULVER...Sam McCrary 634-6370 ... MLS #68261 ... $176,900
3316 WEDGEWOOD ST...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #68414 ... $175,000
2205 PRINCETON AVE...Karen Mason 349-3550 ... MLS #67844 ... SALE PENDING
3607 PERMIAN CT...Lisa Janse 681-3389 ... MLS #67620 ... SALE PENDING
2800 S. CO. RD. 1000...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #66400 ... SALE PENDING
705 AUSTIN...Jane Wolf 684-6040 ... MLS #68334 ... $168,000
413 NEELY...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ... MLS #68364 ... $165,000
1404 TEXAS AVE...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #67798 ... $160,900
10300 CO. RD. 86...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #67074 ... $160,900
10 METZ CT...Sandy J. Hanson 639-3819 ... MLS #68409 ... SALE PENDING
2000 N. D STREET...Jane Wolf 684-6040 ... MLS #67407 ... $159,500
3329 DENGAR AVE...Martha Manulik 557-6744 ... MLS #68406 ... $158,500
2311 TERRACE...Martha Manulik 618-5049 ... MLS #68292 ... SALE PENDING
421 E. DENGAR...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #68249 ... $150,000
4318 GREENBRIAR...Sandy J. Hanson 639-3819 ... MLS #68205 ... SOLD
1109 MOGFORD ST...Sandy Hanson 639-3819 ... MLS #68170 ... SOLD
3007 IMPERIAL AVE...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ... MLS #67300 ... SALE PENDING
1710 A NAVAJO DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #67237 ... $145,900
410 E. SPRUCE...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #66383 ... $145,000
3705 STANOLIND...Jane Wolf 684-6040 ... MLS #67016 ... $145,000
1501 DELMAR DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #68439 ... $136,000
800 W. 16TH, ODESSA...Dona Satterfield 689-6241 ... MLS #67672 ... $130,900
702 SHELL...Jane Wolf 684-6040 ... MLS #68579 ... $127,500
1703 W. CO. RD. 134...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #68399 ... $126,000
4611 PLEASANT...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #68499 ... SALE PENDING
4321 COUNTRY CLUB DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #68320 ... SALE PENDING
302 S. GLENWOOD...Gloria Farmer 563-2732 ... MLS #65043 ... SALE PENDING
2506 FANNIN AVE...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #68296 ... SOLD
12300 CO. RD. 120...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #66979 ... $130,000
5307 SAN ANTONIO...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #68445 ... SALE PENDING
3216 W. LOUISIANA...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #67004 ... $129,900
4014 ANETTA DR...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #68093 ... $125,000
3307 CUNNINGHAM...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #67044 ... $125,000
4730 CUTHBERT AVE...Amy Barnett 352-6714 ... MLS #68160 ... $124,000
705 LANHAM ST...Pamela Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #68588 ... $115,000
3222 MARIANA AVE...Ruth Young 682-7884 ... MLS #68438 ... $113,000
4313 PRINCETON...Angie McKay 599-0272 ... MLS #68488 ... $109,000
1001 TARLETON...Jennifer Martin 349-2632 ... MLS #67352 ... SOLD
4607 PLEASANT DR...Teri Vestal 556-1632 ... MLS #67096 ... SALE PENDING
1207 E. GOLF COURSE...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #66766 ... SALE PENDING
806 BROOKS DR...Ashley St John 352-6254 ... MLS #67973 ... $104,000
301 S. MADISON...Virginia Elizondo 349-7782 ... MLS #68509 ... $104,000
4309 PASADENA...Ruth Young 682-7884 ... MLS #68083 ... SALE PENDING
4724 CROCKETT...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #67242 ... $99,900
3207 ILLINOIS...Gina Reyes 553-6381 ... MLS #66930 ... $95,000
1509 WEATHERFORD ST...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #67950 ... SALE PENDING
4318 MONTY...Ruth Young 682-7884 ... MLS #67726 ... $89,900
600 DEVONIAN...Ruth Young 682-7884 ... MLS #66427 ... SALE PENDING
200 E. PECK...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #67474 ... $79,000
1405 MICHIGAN...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #68453 ... $79,000
4004 CHEROKEE DR...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #68329 ... $79,000
1702 E. OAK AVE...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #68330 ... $75,000

MIDLAND'S BEST 2 BEDROOM & 1 BEDROOM HOMES

4000 & 4002 ANDREWS HWY...Ruth Young 682-7884 ... MLS #68081 & #68082 ... $425,000
2204 CIMMARON...Betty Hicks 553-8194 ... MLS #68509 ... $230,000
4304 CRESTWOOD AVE...Martha Manulik 618-5037 ... MLS #67309 ... SALE PENDING
1403 TENNESSEE AVE...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ... MLS #68362 ... SOLD
105 RIDGLEA DR...Astacy St John 352-6254 ... MLS #67773 ... SOLD
3319 PIEDMONT DR...Martha Manulik 618-5049 ... MLS #68090 ... $129,000
5209 RIO...Joyce Brickey 352-4127 ... MLS #68010 ... SALE PENDING
3009 GASTON...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #68005 ... $64,000
611 W. TAYLOR...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ... MLS #68002 ... SALE PENDING

MIDLAND'S LARGEST SELECTION OF COUNTRY PROPERTY

6000 E. HWY. 80...Amy Brasher 352-6714 ... MLS #65159 ... $1,200,000
10015 CO. RD. 109...Sandy J. Hanson 639-3819 ... MLS #68359 ... $479,900
1004 S. CO. RD. 1121...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #67673 ... $405,000
3314 W. CO. RD. 105...Sandy Hanson 639-3819 ... MLS #68559 ... $379,900
2406 CO. RD. 1121...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #68075 ... $309,000
10010 E. CO. RD. 109...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ... MLS #68487 ... $300,000
2101 RCR 1087...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #66406 ... $360,900
10104 E. CO. RD. 103...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #66409 ... $335,900
3107 C 2150 STANTON...Caleb Malott 349-3330 ... MLS #68177 ... 15 Acres/$324,900
1210 S. CO. RD. 1120...Mark Phillibar 618-5071 ... MLS #66976 ... $259,900
10000 E. CO. RD. 109...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #68036 ... SALE PENDING
1101 S. CO. RD. 1129...Joyce Brickey 352-4127 ... MLS #67706 ... SALE PENDING
6325 CO. RD. 1000, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #67329 ... SALE PENDING
5100 E. CO. RD. 90...Ashely St John 352-6254 ... MLS #67629 ... $189,900
3409 W. CO. RD. 101...Sandy Hanson 639-3819 ... MLS #68101 ... SALE PENDING
10700 CO. RD. 105...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ... MLS #68306 ... SALE PENDING
2800 S. CO. RD. 1000...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #66400 ... SALE PENDING
10000 CO. RD. 86...Pam Messer 349-3075 ... MLS #67074 ... $160,900
6002 W. FM 846 EMOTT...Caleb Malott 349-3330 ... MLS #68060 ... SALE PENDING
1703 W. CO. RD. 134...Josie Rendon 689-6394 ... MLS #68399 ... $126,000
12300 CO. RD. 120...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #66979 ... $130,000
10414 FM 307...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #68493 ... SALE PENDING
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Caleb Malott 349-3330 ... 5 Lots Left...3.5 Acre Lots/$95,000
1000 HWY. 137...Caleb Malott 349-3330 ... MLS #68477 ... $79,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy J. Hanson 639-3819 ... 3+ Acre Lots/Lots $75,000/EA.
FM 2002, BROWNWOOD LAKE...Caleb Malott 349-3330 ... $44,900
10020 CO. RD. 105...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #67162 ... $29,000

OUT OF TOWN, ANDREWS & ODESSA LISTINGS

2200 WESTSIDE DR., STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #67159 ... $415,000
9177 CEVALLA DR., ODESSA, TX...Sandy Hanson 639-3819 ... MLS #64152 ... $300,000
7000 CO. RD. 110, GREENWOOD...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #67829 ... $300,000
4109 FM 818, BIG SPRING, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #67968 ... $270,000
3107 C 2150, STANTON...Caleb Malott 349-3330 ... MLS #68177 ... $324,900
3000 REDBUD, ODESSA, TX...Ashley St John 352-6254 ... MLS #67617 ... $309,900
9201 CEVALLA, ODESSA, TX...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #64955 ... $299,900
509 W. 53RD ST., ODESSA...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ... MLS #68413 ... 4+ Acres/$299,900
1210 LA PAZ, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #64584 ... SALE PENDING
4013 VALLEYBROOK LN., ODESSA, TX...Jane Wolf 684-6040 ... MLS #67546 ... $294,900
6325 SE CO. RD. 1000, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #67329 ... SALE PENDING
3011 LAKEPUR, GARDENDALE, TX...Mark Phillibar 618-5071 ... MLS #66577 ... SOLD
2114 HE CO. RD. 101, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #64472 ... SALE PENDING
401 DEALY, BIG SPRING, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #66040 ... $179,900
1700 E. 21ST., ODESSA, TX...Gloria Velez Farmer 563-2732 ... MLS #65237 ... $100,000
700 ST. BONIFACE, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #68294 ... SOLD
14000 LARIAT TR., GARDENDALE...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #67753 ... $105,000
712 BURLESON, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #64740 ... SALE PENDING
2001 SE CO. RD. 4001, ANDREWS, TX...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #64610 ... $109,000
710 BURLESON, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #64741 ... $104,000
7030 24TH ST., ODESSA, TX...Brian Salas 618-1818 ... MLS #68458 ... $102,000
505 2ND STREET, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #68201 ... SOLD
6002 W. FM 846 EMOTT...Caleb Malott 349-3330 ... MLS #68060 ... SALE PENDING
2014 KEYSTONE DR., ODESSA, TX...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ... MLS #67775 ... SALE PENDING
800 W. 18TH, ODESSA...Dona Satterfield 689-6241 ... MLS #67672 ... $130,900
15300 GARDENDALE RD., GARDENDALE...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #68176 ... $130,000
604 BROADWAY, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #68271 ... $135,000
100 E. FORRESTER, McCAMEY, TX...Danny Norwood 618-5012 ... MLS #66279 ... $124,000
1907 JOHNSON AVE., BIG SPRING, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #66349 ... $119,900
10414 FM 307...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #68493 ... SALE PENDING
217 HENDERSON ST., GOLDSMITH...Mark Phillibar 618-5071 ... MLS #68123 ... SALE PENDING
1712 CRESCENT DR., ODESSA, TX...Lydia Scudder 853-2200 ... MLS #68469 ... SOLD
6001 HARVARD AVE., ODESSA, TX...Danny Norwood 682-5544 ... MLS #64156 ... SALE PENDING
3106 DANLEY DR, COLORADO CITY...Sandy J. Hanson 639-3819 ... MLS #68245 ... $90,000
1207 E. 16TH ST., ODESSA, TX...Danny Norwood 682-5544 ... MLS #64913 ... $79,900
605 ST. PETER, STANTON...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #68653 ... $75,000
2101 LIVE OAK LANE, BROWNWOOD...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #64003 ... $70,000
200 S. BURLESON, McCAMEY...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #67600 ... $65,000
401 ST. JOSEPH, STANTON, TX...Michelle Kidd 894-1253 ... MLS #70043 ... $49,000
HWY. 176, TARZAN...Caleb Malott 349-3330 ... MLS #67257 ... $34,000

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

3900 S. CO. RD. 1200...Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714 ... MLS #74653 ... SALE PENDING
7400 W. I-20, MIDLAND...Sam McCrary 634-6370 ... MLS #67650 ... $3,575,000
2000 ANDREWS HWY., ODESSA, TX...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ... MLS #67818 ... $1,200,000
6000 E. HWY. 80...Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714 ... MLS #65159 ... $1,200,000
11911 CO. RD. 125, ODESSA, TX...Ashley St. John 352-6254 ... MLS #66474 ... $800,000
2112 E. I-20 SERVICE ROAD...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #74075 ... $570,000
1000 N. BIG SPRING...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #65135 ... $425,000
509 W. 53RD ST., ODESSA...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ... MLS #68413 ... 4+ Acres/$299,900
1011 WALL ST...Ruth Young 682-7884 ... MLS #68128 ... $264,900
4301 W. ILLINOIS...Mark Phillibar 618-5071 ... MLS #66366 ... $239,900
1000 FRONT ST...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #66406 ... $210,000
2000 ANDREWS HWY, ODESSA, TX...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #66516 ... $107,900
1000 N. CO. RD. W., ODESSA, TX...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #63058 ... $105,000
3225 KESSLER...Martha Manulik 618-5049 ... MLS #67891 ... SALE PENDING
4030 GLENEAGLES DR...Josie Alvarez 618-5013 ... MLS #64014 ... $179,900
412 N. TERRELL...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #62867 ... $109,000
400 WAKEFIELD...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #64320 ... $105,000
607-609 COLORADO...Jane Wolf 684-6040 ... MLS #67453 ... $125,000
600 E. BROADWAY, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS# 75703 ... $100,000
6707 FM 307...Clemmie Sorge 618-5019 ... MLS #67671 ... $99,900
301 W. OHIO AVE...Jane Wolf 684-6040 ... MLS #67481 ... SALE PENDING
200 S. BURLESON, McCAMEY...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #67600 ... $65,000

LANDS AND LOTS

LOOP 250N...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #68576 ... $1,500,000
CO. RD. 1120 S...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #7810 ... $12,500/ACRE
3000 S. CO. RD. 1200...Amy Brasher Barnett 352-6714 ... MLS #74653 ... SALE PENDING
S. FM 1788...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #63509/4.4 Acres/$944,400
HIGHWAY 191...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #67990 ... $437,500
SINCLAIR...Ruth Young 682-7884 ... 5 ACRES/$425,000
FM 1213...Caleb Malott 647-6500 ... MLS #68415 ... $300,000
509 W. 53RD ST., ODESSA...Maria Mallory 352-4021 ... MLS #68413 ... 4+ Acres/$299,900
0 W. CO. RD. 100...Caleb Malott 349-3330 ... MLS #68500 ... $240,000
HWY. 176, TARZAN...Caleb Malott 349-3330 ... MLS #67255 ... 102 Acres/$306,000
10700 CO. RD. 105...Brooks Smith 618-6030 ... MLS #68306 ... $300,000
2000 ANDREWS HWY, ODESSA, TX...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #66516 ... $107,900
1135 JOHNSTON RD...Lisa Janse 681-3389 ... MLS #67751 ... $149,900
ELKINS RD...Caleb Malott 349-3330 ... MLS #62858...20 Acres/$132,000
CO. RD. 2000...Deborah Stewart 934-3881 ... MLS #68332 ... $103,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Caleb Malott 349-3330 ... 8 Lots Left...3.5 Acre Lots/$95,000
7200 W. CO. RD. 44, SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Caleb Malott 349-3330...MLS #68018...$90,000
7210 W. CO. RD. 44, SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Caleb Malott 349-3330...MLS #68019...$90,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Sandy Hanson 639-3819 ... $78,000
FM 2002, BROWNWOOD LAKE...Caleb Malott 349-3330 ... $44,900
ASTER DRIVE...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #68406 ... $43,000
BLUEBONNET DR...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #68500 ... $43,000
S. CO. RD. 1000...Lisa Janse 681-3389 ... MLS #62191 ... SALE PENDING
C2100 STANTON...Caleb Malott 349-3330 ... MLS #68194 ... $90,000
C2100 STANTON...Caleb Malott 349-3330 ... MLS #68195 ... $90,000
ASTER DRIVE...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #68409 ... $94,320
HWY. 176, TARZAN...Caleb Malott 349-3330...0.49 Acre Lots...MLS #67257...4 Lots Left/$34,900
CO. RD. 90...Lavonne Johnson 618-5002 ... MLS #68180 ... SALE PENDING
FOD & WAREHOUSE RD...Brooks Smith 528-2980 ... MLS #62417...$30,000/PER ACRE
FREELAND ADDITION...Sandy J. Hanson 639-3819 ... 1+ Acre Lots/$20,000/PER ACRE
2001 SE CR 4001, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... $99,000
2001 SE CR 4001, ANDREWS...Cynthia Blocker 266-1448 ... MLS #64609 ... $99,000
OAKRIDGE DEVELOPMENT...Sandy J. Hanson 639-3819...Land & Lots $99,250 - $91,250
1.59 to 3.25 acres ... $99,000 Per Acre
10020 E. CO. RD. 105...DeLaura Gammage 288-3880 ... MLS #67162 ... $29,000

FARMS AND RANCHES

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JEFF DAVIS COUNTY...Caleb Malott 349-3330...Madera Canyon Ranch/The Best of Texas ... 6,401 Acres/$975/Acre
7110 W. CO. RD. 40...Caleb Malott 349-3330 ... 3.5 Acre/$105,000
SUNRIDGE RANCH ESTATES...Caleb Malott 349-3330 ... 8 Lots Left ... 3.5 Acre Lots/$95,000
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412 N. TERRELL, Office Space...Karen Foster 559-4086 ... MLS #62867 ... $1,000/MONTH

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