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HIGH EXPECTATIONS

Energy Tower closer to reality as agreements gain traction

■ Economic study to help facilitate agreement between city, developers

By Joseph Basco
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It has been about five months since plans were made public for Energy Tower, a multi-use skyscraper that has gained national attention and led to contentious local discussion.

The city of Midland has been holding onto the deed for the building's site since March as Energy Tower partners continue to negotiate with prospective tenants. Until this past week, updates have been few and far between for the 53-story skyscraper that is more than double the size of downtown Midland's tallest building.

Information may be more forthcoming, as co-developer Energy Related Properties plans to hold a question-and-answer session Tuesday evening. The meeting comes about in the wake of presentations in Dallas and Houston that revealed preliminary renderings and a study that estimated the Tower's economic impact in the billions.

And now that the economic study has been released, ERP is in a better position to make a finalized agreement with the city and start construction.

Private/public partnership

The City Council voted in March to buy the former Midland County Courthouse from Midland County. County Judge Mike Braddford said in March that the county could not have directly sold the courthouse to ERP because the county wanted to give the city flexibility to use the land in different ways, while City Manager Courtney Sharp said the county would have gone through a bidding process if it sold the property directly to private industry.

After the courthouse sale, city officials said that the Energy Tower developers would have to complete due diligence and make an agreement with the city that the council would vote on before the deed to the land is handed over.

Sharp said back in March that a developer's agreement — that could include incentives but not abatements — would be worked out with ERP within 12 months.

Then in June, William Meyer II, president of ERP, confirmed that the building's initial $350 million cost had increased to between $400 million and $500 million. At that time he said an examination of the tower's economic impact would help drive discussions with the city.

The completed study revealed that Energy Tower could have an economic impact of $2.7 billion, and on Friday Sharp said discussions between ERP and the city

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Start of school also brings return of Education section with new columnists



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Many Midland kids may be disappointed to see summer coming to a close, but hundreds of teachers throughout the county already have faced the reality of summer's end.

For the past few weeks, teachers have worked on everything from curriculum to classroom configuration in hopes of having everything ready to go for students on the first day of school.

I'm excited to announce the Reporter-Telegram will once again publish insight from local teachers in our education section, which returns from summer vacation on Wednesday. Twelve local teachers and two principals will share snippets from the classroom and thoughts on education with readers. Two educators will be featured each week.

The columnists have more than 150 years combined teaching experience and are at different points in their careers. Veteran teacher Bill Coombes starts his 40th year teaching history at Trinity School on Monday, while Milam Elementary resource teacher Kathleen Wilkins enters her third year in the classroom.

Education was not the first career path for many of our columnists. Ashton West, a kindergarten teacher at Milam Elementary, previously worked as a travel agent, and San Jacinto Junior High English teacher Darrell Benton spent 20 years working as a project manager for AT&T before coming into education.

Homeschooling is an experience familiar to both Early College High School @ Midland College teacher Sharon Allison and Alamo Junior High ESL teacher Wende Parsley, who has also worked in private schools.

I've had the pleasure of learning about many of our columnists and believe they'll provide great perspective about teaching and educating Midland's kids.

Aware of the influence J.K. Rowling's seven-book Harry Potter series has had on children's literature, South Elementary

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Coming this week
The Reporter-Telegram is making some changes to our weekly lineup.

First, we are moving our West Texas Living mid-week section to Tuesday.

Second, our Education section is moving to Wednesday. The Education section includes features, Making the Grade, the Extra Credit photo page and expanded teacher columns from a new roster of contributors.

Coming Soon
On Aug. 25, the sports department presents the annual football preview section. Inside readers will find coverage dedicated to the high school football season.

Community Calendar
■ Free GED and ESL classes will be offered beginning Sept. 9 and Sept. 10 at Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane. Registration is set for 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. and 6-8 p.m. Aug. 22 and Aug. 27.

A picture ID is necessary to register, according to a press release from Casa. For more information, call 682-9701.

Online: http://pb.us.mensa.org

■ The fifth annual West Texas Talent Search preliminaries continue 7:30 p.m. Aug. 24 at the Globe Theater, 2308 Shakespeare Road, in Odessa. Semifinals are 7:30 p.m. Sept. 21 at Deadrick Hall at Odessa College and the finals are 7:30p.m. Oct. 5, also at Deadrick Hall. The guest judge is Mary Wilson, founding member of the Supremes. A VIP meet and greet with Wilson is planned for 7:30-9 p.m. Oct. 4 at White Pool House, 112 E. Murphy in Odessa.

For more information contact Daniel Ryan at 978-7405 or visit www.westtexastalent.com.

New court judge is named
Odessa's Tracey Scown has been appointed associate judge of the newly created West Texas Child Protection Court, according to Judge Dean Rucker, presiding judge of the Seventh Administrative Judicial Region of Texas.

Scown, former Ector County attorney, will preside over child protection lawsuits filed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. The new court covers Crane, Ector, Loving, Ward and Winkler counties and will be based in Ector County. She will assume her duties Sept. 1.

MISD's sports for seniors
Senior citizens, age 65 and older, are eligible to attend all Midland ISD sporting events for free with a MISD Senior Citizen Gold Card.

The cards are free and can be picked up from the MISD Athletics Office, located in the district's Mashburn Building at 300 N. Carrizo St. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Proof of age is required to receive card.

Gold Card members are allowed to sit wherever they like at sporting events without reserved seats, except the general admission student section during football games.

New program for veterans
ODESSA — A new program has been established for West Texas veterans struggling with post-traumatic stress syndrome who need help securing disability benefits.

West Texas Justice for Veterans Campaign, based in Odessa, is part of the nonprofit Texas Civil Rights Project. In additon to helping veterans get federal disability benefits for their PTSD, the program will work to make Veterans Court – which helps veterans get mental health treatment instead of punishment – more widely available, according to Cassandra Champion, a veterans' rights attorney with TCRP.

The Odessa office will help veterans in Midland, Odessa, San Angelo, Abilene, Lubbock and the surrounding area.

For more information call Champion at 432-334-8500 or 512-853-0374 or Cynthia Lucero at 432-334-8500.

GIVING & GIVING THANKS





ABOVE: Riders4Fighter, friends, family and members of the mounted Sheriff's Department gathered Friday near the intersection of Midland Drive and Tanforan Avenue, north of Loop 250, to greet veterans who are leaving on a Reel Thanx-sponsored fishing trip.

RIGHT: Kaitlin Hendrick, of the Trinity volleyball team, conducts a "pass the hat" style fundraiser Tuesday before the start of the match against Midland Christian to raise money for Payton Hrncir, a Wink athlete who was paralyzed in an ATV accident this summer.

Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Club meetings, support group meetings this week
■ Bariatric Support Group, 11:30 a.m. third Wednesday, ACT Counseling Center, 2445 E. 11th St., Odessa; 272-4333.

■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays, First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.

■ Overeaters Anonymous; noon Wednesdays and 4:30 p.m. Sundays; B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

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

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.

■ Stroke Support Group meets noon fourth Friday at Midland Memorial Hospital, West Campus private dining room. For more information, call 221-1677 for any questions.

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

Hobbies and activities

■ Midland Gem and Mineral Society, 7 p.m. fourth Thursday at Sibley Nature Center; 687-6467.

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

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Tuesdays, Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St.; 687-1671.

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

■ Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club, 5 p.m. third Sunday, First Presbyterian Church; 687-2588.

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■ Midland Optimist Club, noon Tuesdays, Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield St.; 685-7486.

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave.; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. 694-8643

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■ Sons of Confederate Veterans, Dunn-Holt-Midkiff Camp No. 1441, 7 p.m. third Tuesday, Fairmont Park Church of Christ Activities Annex; Tom Owens, tmowens44@juno.com or 697-6955.

■ American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 19, 6:30 p.m. third Tuesday, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.

■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays.

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Toastmasters Clubs

■ Slyker's Professional Toastmasters Club, 10 a.m. second and fourth Saturdays, Texas Tech University Health Science Building, Room 1C12 (west side), 800 W. Fourthth St., Odessa; 522-2716, marken1986-slykers1@yahoo.com, http://slykersprofessionaltoastmastersclub.blogspot.com.

■ Pop-Up Toasters Toastmasters Club., 6:30 a.m. Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center - Room 228, 800 W. Texas Ave.; 432-242-2061 or popuptoasters@gmail.com.

■ Permian Toastmasters 1509, noon Fridays at Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 208 S. Marienfeld; Celeste Perez, 682-2960 or celeste@midlandhcc.com.

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Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Serenity Group, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. A St., Building C; 685-3100.

■ 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.

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

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays; 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

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

■ CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

Club meetings, support group meetings this week
Midland County Tax Assessor/Collector
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432-688-4810

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432-685-7314

Midland Central Appraisal District
4631 Andrews Highway
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
432-699-4991

Sales tax report for August
August 2013 collection: $3,658,552
August 2012 collection: $3,308,124
Percent increase: 10.60
August 2011 collection: $2,891,872
August 2010: $2,373,812
August 2009: $2,183,057

Fiscal year-to-date total: $35,342,482
Percent increase from last year: 12.45
Amount dedicated in August to pay off sports complex and fund the Midland Development Corp.: $914,638
Amount dedicated in this fiscal year to pay off sports complex and fund the Midland Development Corp.: $8.83 million
Note: Sales tax collection is generated by sales tax income from two months before.

Source: City of Midland reports

Midland International Airport report
Enplanements
(people boarding an airplane)
July 2013: 45,052
July 2012: 45,866
Percent difference: -1.8
Year to date: 414,552 (2.5 percent increase from 2011-12)
June 2011: 42,963
June 2010: 40,979
June 2009: 39,618

Total Passengers
July 2013: 90,451
July 2012: 92,007
Percent difference: -1.7
Year to date: 822,673 (2.7 percent increase from 2011-12)

Fuel Sales
(in gallons)
July 2013: 654,832
July 2012: 609,695
Percent difference: 7.4
Year to date: 5,863,126 (1.3 percent decrease from 2011-12)
June 2011: 505,182
June 2010: 518,361
June 2009: 430,860

Parking Revenues
July 2013: $224,468
July 2012: $219,773
Percent difference: 2.1
Year to date: $1,968,233 (6.1 percent increase from 2011-12)
June 2011: $184,459
June 2010: $168,019
June 2009: $158,815

Source: City of Midland reports

Unemployment report
The following are the lowest unemployment figures in the nation in June, according to the Bureau of Labort Statistics.

Bismarck, N.D.	2.8
Sioux Falls, S.D.	3.4
Fargo, N.D.	3.6
Midland	**3.7**
Rapid City, S.D.	3.8
Iowa City, Iowa	3.8
Lincoln, Neb.	4.0
Grand Forks, N.D.	4.1
Ames, Iowa	4.2
Burlington, Vt.	4.2
Also	
Odessa	**4.5**

Lowest in May
Bismarck, N.D.: 2.4, Fargo, N.D.: 3.1, Iowa City, Iowa: 3.2, Also: **Midland: 3.4**

Lowest in April
Midland: 3.0; Iowa City, Iowa: 3.1; Bismarck, N.D. : 3.1; Ames, Iowa: 3.2;

Lowest in March
Midland: 3.1; Iowa City, Iowa: 3.5;, Lincoln, Neb.: 3.5

Lowest in February
Midland: 3.2; Burlington, Vt.: 3.6; Iowa City, Iowa: 3.7; Bismarck, N.D:. 3.7;

Lowest in January
Midland: 3.4; Odessa: 4.1; Bismarck, N.D.: 4.1

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AP-NORC Poll: Parents back high-stakes testing

By Philip Elliott and Jennifer Agiesta
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Often criticized as too prescriptive and all-consuming, standardized tests have support among parents, who view them as a useful way to measure both students' and schools' performances, according to an Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll.

Most parents also say their own children are given about the right number of standardized tests, according to the AP-NORC poll.

They'd like to see student performance on statewide exams used in evaluating teachers, and almost three-quarters said they favored changes that would make it easier for schools to fire poorly performing teachers.

"The tests are good because they show us where students are at, if they need help with anything," said Vicky Nevarez, whose son Jesse just graduated from high school in Murrieta, Calif. "His teachers were great and if there were problems, the tests let me know."

The polling results are good news for states looking to implement increased accountability standards and for those who want to hold teachers responsible for students' slipping standing against other countries' scores. Teachers' unions have objected to linking educators' evaluations to student performance.

As students prepare to return to classrooms, the AP-NORC Center surveyed parents of students at all grade levels and found:

■ Sixty-one percent of parents think their children take an appropriate number of standardized tests, and 26 percent think their children take too many tests.

■ Teachers' fates shouldn't rest solely on test results, according to a majority of parents. Fifty-six percent said classroom observations should be part of teachers' evaluations, and 74 percent of all parents said they wanted districts to help struggling teachers.

■ Despite many Republicans' unrelenting criticism of the Common Core State Standards, in various stages of implementation in 45 states and the District of Columbia, 52 percent parents have heard little or nothing about the academic benchmarks, and a third are unsure if they live in a state using them. Still, when given a brief description of what the standards do, about half of parents say educational quality will improve once the standards are implemented, 11 percent think it will get worse, and 27 percent say they'll have no effect.

■ Seventy-five percent of parents say standardized tests are a solid measure of their children's abilities, and 69 percent say such exams are a good measure of the schools' quality.

"We know when the tests are coming up. They spend a lot of time getting ready for them," said Rodney Land, of Lansing, Mich.

His daughter, Selena, will be in eighth grade at a charter school this fall. The weights-and-measures inspector supports the testing because "it shows what they know, and what they should know."

"We need some way to keep track of whether the teachers are spending enough time educating," Land said.

Education union leaders have stood opposed to linking teacher evaluations with these tests, arguing it is unfair to punish teachers for students' shortcomings. They also say teachers have not had sufficient time to rewrite their lessons to reflect new academic benchmarks, such as those found in the Common Core.

When states have adopted the Common Core State Standards, which aim to provide consistent requirements across all states for math and English, test results often falter and the standards can make schools and teachers appear to be faring worse than they did the previous year.

Then, what to do with those test results?

A full 93 percent of parents say standardized tests should be used to identify areas where students need extra help. Smaller majorities think such tests should be used to measure school quality, evaluate teachers or determine whether or not students are promoted or can graduate.

At the same time, 72 percent of all parents said they want to make it easier for school districts to fire teachers who aren't getting the job done. That position had the strongest showing among white parents, 80 percent of whom favored the idea. About 6 in 10 Hispanic or black parents agreed.

That's not to say, though, that parents want to dismiss teachers immediately or leave them without a safety net, especially not new educators. Eighty-seven percent of all parents said they wanted districts to spend money to help new teachers.

For Julie Dorwart, a behavior therapist from Wilmington, N.C., making sure students do well with the material that's taught is important. Her son Matt, who is starting his freshman year of high school this fall, "really stressed out" about standardized tests but nonetheless performed well. She would prefer school officials evaluate students and teachers based on grades, not just universal tests.

"The schools make such a big deal about them and put so much emphasis on the (tests) that the kids freak out," she said.

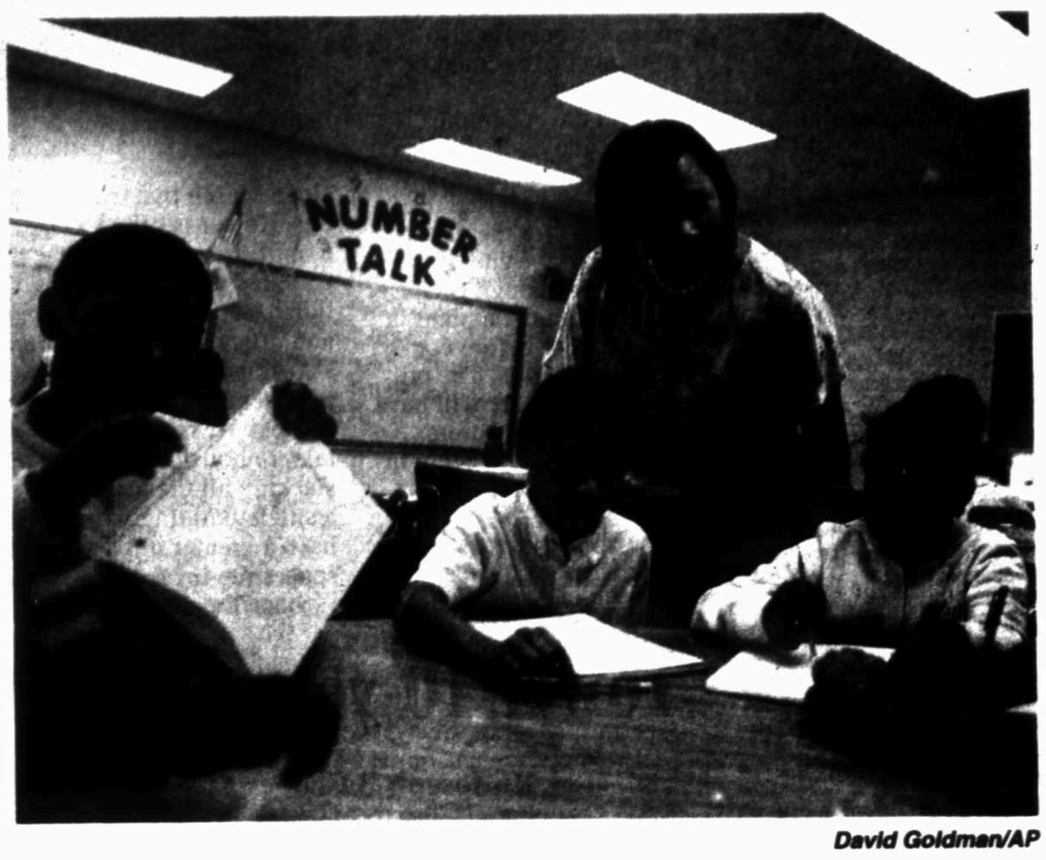
Among parents who are also teachers or share a household with a teacher, the opinions shifted. Only about 3 in 10 in that group think changes in students' test scores should count in teacher evaluations. And 55 percent of households with teachers said standardized test scores in general should not be used to evaluate teachers.

"I think the biggest crime is that teaching has turned to focus on the tests, rather than the tests being a tool that help you understand. All the teaching and learning is on the subject being tested," said Abby Cohen, a 50-year-old teacher from Newton, Mass., a Boston suburb.

Her daughter, Isabel Snyder, is starting her senior year, and Cohen worries Isabel didn't get as much as she could have from the teachers because of the focus on testing.

"You have to ask how much you're straightjacketing the teachers," Cohen said.

The survey was sponsored by the Joyce Foundation, which works to promote policies that improve the quality of teachers, including the development of new teacher evaluation systems, enhance early reading reforms and encourage innovation in public schools.



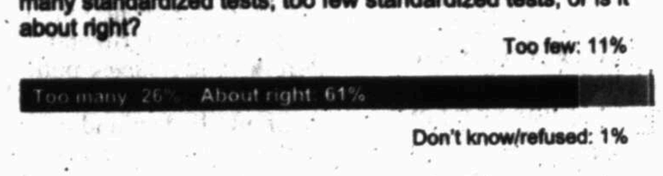
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In this April 18 photo, Burgess-Peterson Elementary School Principal Robin Robbins, center, meets with students during an after-school study program in Atlanta, in preparation for state standardized testing, soon to begin. A new poll from the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds parents of school-age children view standardized tests as a useful way to track student progress and school quality.

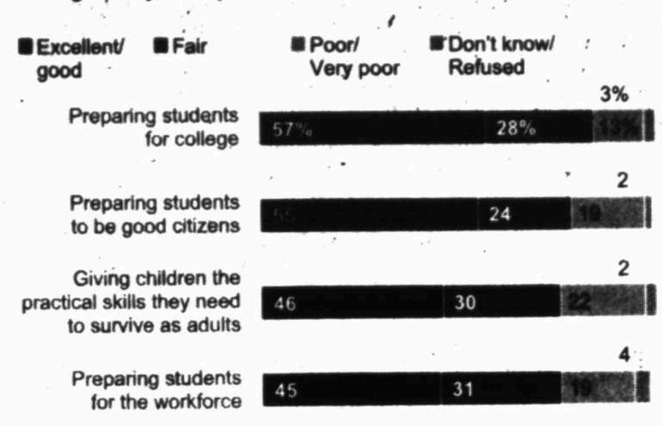
Too many tests? Parents say no

An AP-NORC Center poll finds just a quarter of parents think their children are overtested. Many are skeptical public schools prepare students for work and life.

Overall, do you think students in your child's school take too many standardized tests, too few standardized tests, or is it about right?



How good a job do your local public schools do in ...?



NOTE: Poll of 1,025 parents of children enrolled in grades K-12 in the last school year; conducted June 21-July 22, 2013; margin of error ±4.1 percentage points.

SOURCE: AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research AP

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fifth-grade teacher Shanna Klutts uses the house system as a way promote self-discipline within her classroom.

"Harry Potter has been such a big influence on literature for the past decade, and I really believe some of the things she had included in Hogwarts would make an ideal school," she said.

Klutts said sorting the students into different houses and allowing them to earn points for things such as good behavior and completing assignments. As a result, it is self-directed has created a student-led behavior management system in her classroom.

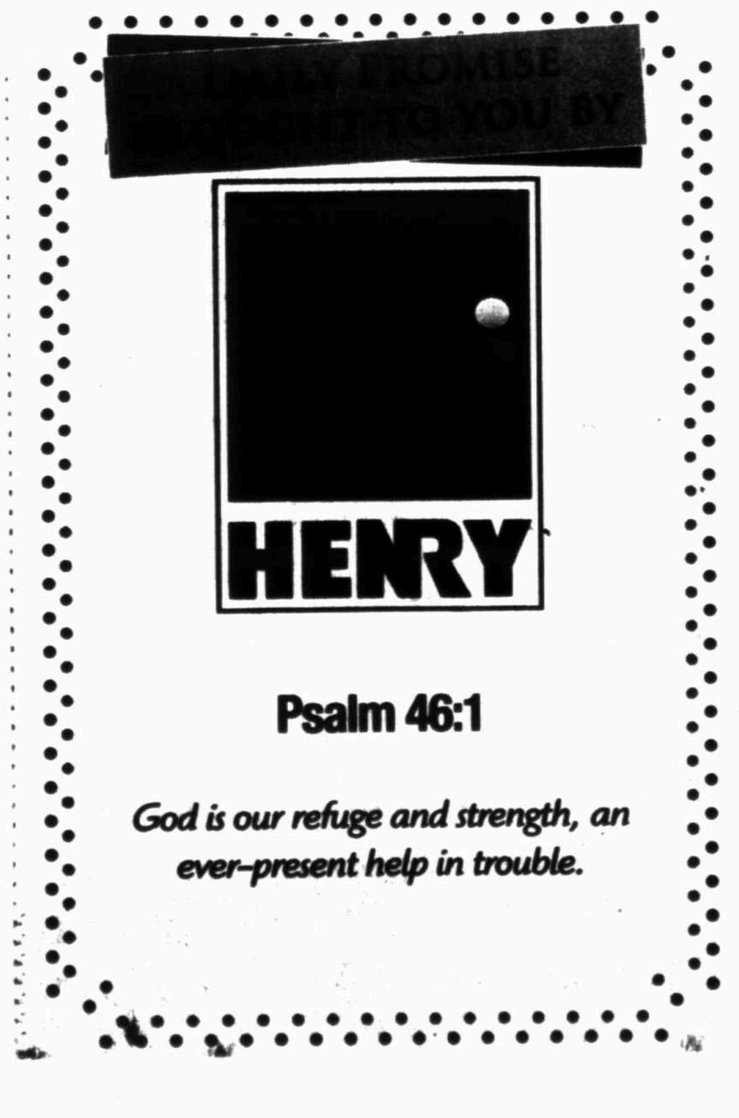
"I love the method and think it works so well because it helps keep kids accountable to each other and to me. I don't normally have a lot of discipline problems in the classroom and I think it's because of self-directed behavior management system the houses have created," she said.

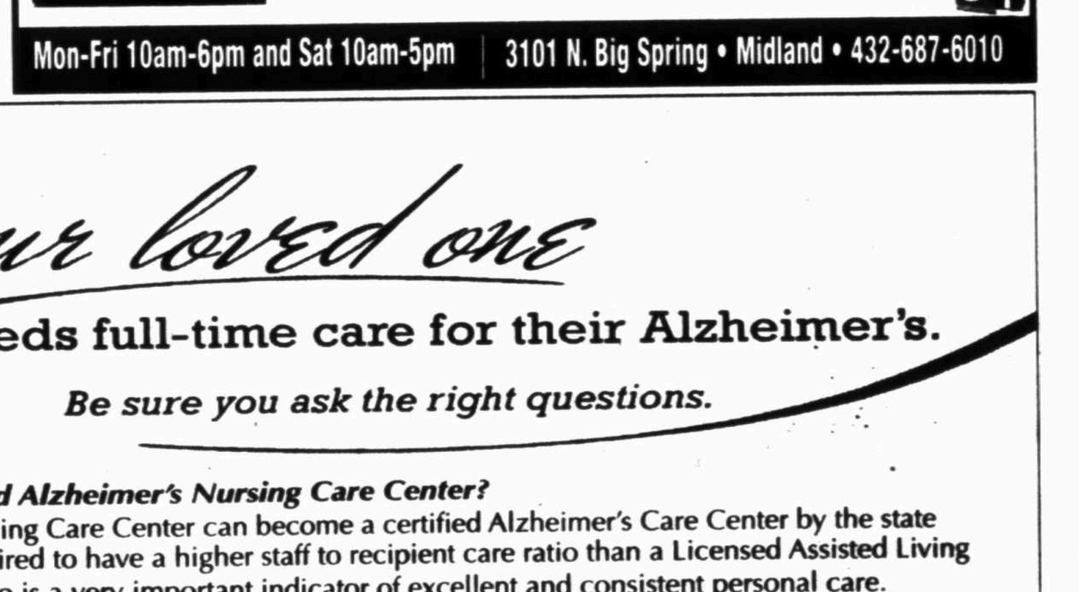
The house with the greatest number of points earned at the end of each semester earns bragging rights and gets to help Klutts decorate the room in house colors. The winning house is celebrated during the winter break and end-of-the-year class parties.

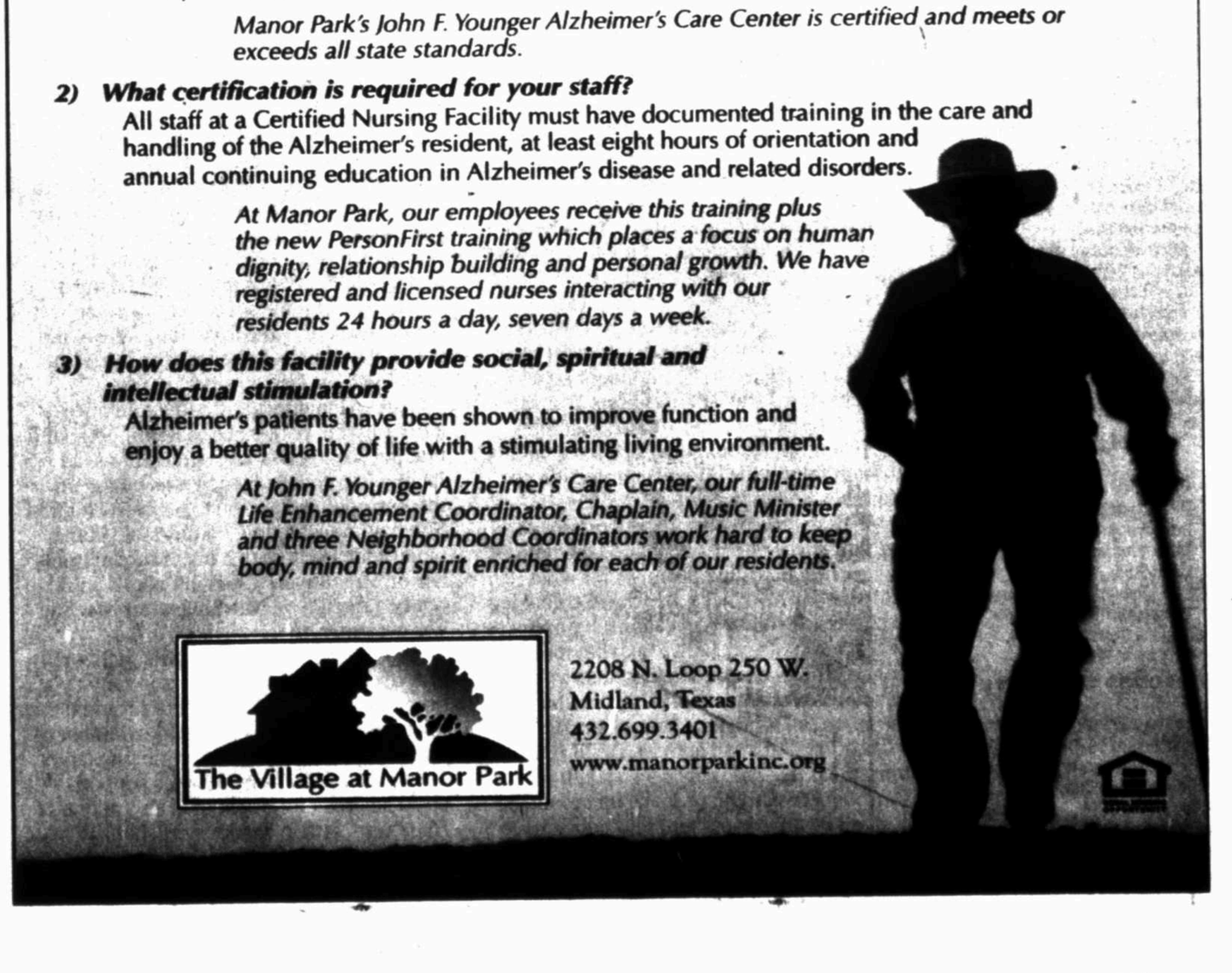
Klutts reads to her students each Friday during the school year and will start with "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," the first book in the series.

"It shows Harry coming into a new school in an entirely different culture that he's not used to, but it becomes home and everyone becomes a family to him. That is the kind of environment I want to showcase for my kids and to create within my classroom," Klutts said.

Students at Trinity School, Midland Christian School, Midland Academy Charter School and St. Ann's School all head back to the books this week. Students enrolled at Midland ISD, Greenwood ISD, Midland Classical Academy, Hillander, Hillcrest, Texas Leadership Charter Academy, UT Permian Basin and Midland College have one week left before classes begin Aug. 26.







TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

Thursday

■ Concert, Gary Allan, The Departed, Alyssa Bagley, 7 p.m., Citibank Ballpark. Info: Tickets at midlandrockhounds.org.

■ Concert, Loretta Lynn, 8 p.m., Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. Tickets: Sold out

Thursday through Aug. 25

Midland County Fair at the Horseshoe. Info: www.midlandcofair.com

Friday

■ Kidz Bop at Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. Info: Family-friendly concert of Top 40'hits. Tickets range from $17.50-$27.50 and are available at www.etix.com.

■ O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw Nationals, 7 p.m., Ector County Coliseum, Odessa. Info: Tickets are $12-$22 at www.boxofficesolutions.net

Saturday

■ Vince King Elvis tribute, 8 p.m., Ector Theatre, 500 N Texas Ave., Odessa. Info: ectortheatre.com.

Meetings this week

Planning and Zoning Commission
3:30 p.m. Monday
City Hall council chambers
300 N. Loraine St.

MOTOR MPO
5 p.m. Monday
MOTOR office
9601 Wright Drive

Public meeting on proposed city of Midland budget
9 a.m. Tuesday
City Hall council chambers
300 N. Loraine St.

Airport board meeting
9 a.m. Tuesday
Midland International Airport Media Room
9506 La Force Boulevard

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

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

TxDOT public meeting
5 p.m. Tuesday
UTPB CEED Building
1400 North FM 1788

Energy Tower Q&A
6 p.m. Tuesday
Midland Center

Community calendar

■ The Midland Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting is 11 a.m. Thursday at Midland Center, 105 N. Main St.

Featured speakers include Midland College President Stephen Thomas, chairman of the chamber board. Jay Edwards, firm principal for Parkhill, Smith & Cooper and the chair-elect for the chamber, is also scheduled to speak.

Tickets are $55 for members and $75 for non-members.

Contact 683-3381 for more information.

■ Free GED and ESL classes will be offered beginning Sept. 9 and Sept. 10 at Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane. Registration is set for 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday and Aug. 27.

A picture ID is necessary to register, according to a press release from Casa. For more information, call 682-9701.

Who's filed?

■ **For mayor**
Dan Anderson
John James
Keith McLelland
Jerry Morales
Kathy White

■ **For District 3**
Sharla Hotchkiss
Spencer Robnett

■ **For District 4**
J. Ross Lacy
Michael Trost

Note: The filing period continues through Aug. 26.

Back to school this week

The following schools start this week.

Monday: Trinity School, Midland Christian School, Midland Academy Charter

Tuesday: St. Ann's School

Meal program

Texas Leadership Charter Academy is now accepting applications for the free and reduced-price meal program.

Students from households whose income is at or below poverty guidelines or receive TANF or SNAP benefits are eligible.

Applications can be obtained by calling Kim Turney at 242-7117, ext. 7137, or by visiting the school at 3300 Thomas Ave. One application per household should be completed by a parent or guardian.

Program enrollment is open year round.

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 0-6-5
Pick 3 night: 4-9-3
Daily 4 day: 2-1-1-6
Daily 4 night: 6-8-1-1
Cash Five: 3-4-11-19-20
Lotto Texas: 7-18-27-33-36-39
Powerball: 18-21-46-54-56 PB: 23

Today in history

Today is Sunday, Aug. 18, the 230th day of 2013. There are 135 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Aug. 18, 1963, James Meredith became the first black student to graduate from the University of Mississippi.

TOWER

From 1A

with the Midland Development Corp. can become more serious. He also said incentives could be considered.

With the economic study catalyzing the lead up to a formal agreement, Sharp revised the timeframe for the deed's transfer to the end of the year, even though ERP has yet to submit site plans, a requirement before construction begins. The utility infrastructure will have to be examined before demolition could begin in January, he said.

Promotion and reaction

Midlanders have known since March that Energy Tower is billed as a multi-use facility that contains hotel, convention, retail, residential and office space all in one skyscraper. Joseph Jacobs, president of tower co-developer Wexford Capital, previously said that stacking all the uses into a single building would have a greater impact than separating them.

Since the announcement in March, ERP has partnered with Colliers International to seek tenants, Turner Construction for building services and PKF Consulting for hotel advisory.

In July, Colliers and Energy Related Properties traveled to Dallas and Houston to promote the high-rise to real estate brokers. Reactions during the Dallas presentation ranged from enthusiastic to skeptical, as previously reported.

Back in Midland, the reactions have remained mixed as well. Letters submitted to the Reporter-Telegram since March have indicated both negative and positive feelings toward the tower.

Opposition to the project has also appeared in online petition form and more recently during public meetings for the city's upcoming budget and tax rate. One person opposed to the project distributed an email dated Nov. 20, 2012, that revealed Meyer's proposals for city incentives that ranged in the tens of millions of dollars.

Meyer told the Reporter-Telegram that the initial proposals were a "Christmas wish list" that subsequently was ignored by the city. Addressing the email's distribution, Meyer said it was done to create an unfounded impression and was "cruel to the core of what this project represents."

"EnergyTower at City Center is a private venture and, more importantly, a long-term investment in downtown Midland," Meyer said.

Energy Related Properties will hold a question and answer session from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday. ERP partners Meyer and Scooter Brown will be present to answer questions.

Energy Tower Q&A

■ Event: A Conversation About Energy Tower With Energy Tower Developers William Meyer and W. Scooter Brown. Facilitated by Stewart Dorsey, editor, Midland Reporter-Telegram

When: 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday
Where: Midland Center

Tower 10-year economic impact estimated in the billions

By Joseph Basco
jbaasco@mrt.com

Energy Tower's economic contributions to the city could range in the billions, a number estimated in a report released Friday by an Austin-based consulting form.

AngelouEconomics found that Energy Tower could generate an estimated $2.7 billion over a 10-year period spanning from January 2014 to December 2023. When estimating the tower's total economic impact, the firm considered factors such as new jobs, worker income and additional consumer spending. The firm also estimated total tax revenues to be $125 million. Out of that total, $53 million is from sales tax revenue, and $47 million is from property tax revenue.

"You don't see this type of economic impact from traditional projects," said City Mananger Courtney Sharp.

William Mellor, associate project manager for AngelouEconomics, said the numbers were conservative estimates and could fluctuate if occupancy rates or the construction cost differs from what was assumed. The study used assumptions based on interviews with tower co-developer Energy Related Properties and trend data the firm has compiled.

For the sake of the study, Angelou Economics assumed the office and retail space occupancy rate would be at 60 percent for 2016-2017, 80 percent for 2018, and 90 percent from 2019 through 2023. Another assumption was a construction cost of $450 million.

"This is the largest project in Midland's history," Mellor said.

The study also listed additional, qualitative, benefits that Energy Tower could bring to Midland, such as increased downtown pedestrian traffic, which could lead to more opportunities for retailers to set up shop in the area. Another benefit could be the increased property values and redevelopment of downtown properties, a statement echoed in the past by proponents of Energy Tower.

But one limitation, as stated in the study's concluding thoughts section, was the reliance on assumptions. The study calls for another analysis to be completed after Energy Tower is in operation for one full calendar year.

"By using the actual number of direct jobs and the actual dollar amounts of direct impacts from construction and operations, a more pinpointed analysis will be possible," the report states.

The study was commissioned by the Midland Development Corp. for $20,000. Pam Welch, executive director of the MDC, said this objective third-party study was meant for anybody who wants to know how Energy Tower will impact Midland. Laura Roman, chairwoman of the MDC board, said that the more educated the community is about Energy Tower, the better it will be.

Despite the community's negative perceptions about the building, Roman said the study is not meant to sway opinions.

"It's an effort to be more proactive," said Regan Latham, the MDC's marketing coordinator.

The complete economic impact study is available at midlandtxedc.com.

Egypt: Islamists target Christian churches

By Hamza Hendawi
Associated Press

More on Egypt

■ Analysis: Egypt enters uncharted territory.
■ Key events in Egypt's uprising.

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CAIRO — After torching a Franciscan school, Islamists paraded three nuns on the streets like "prisoners of war" before a Muslim woman offered them refuge. Two other women working at the school were sexually harassed and abused as they fought their way through a mob.

In the four days since security forces cleared two sit-in camps by supporters of Egypt's ousted president, Islamists have attacked dozens of Coptic churches along with homes and businesses owned by the Christian minority. The campaign of intimidation appears to be a warning to Christians outside Cairo to stand down from political activism.

Christians have long suffered from discrimination and violence in Muslim majority Egypt, where they make up 10 percent of the population of 90 million. Attacks increased after the Islamists rose to power in the wake of the 2011 Arab Spring uprising that drove Hosni Mubarak from power, emboldening extremists. But Christians have come further under fire since President Mohammed Morsi was ousted on July 3, sparking a wave of Islamist anger led by Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood.

Nearly 40 churches have been looted and torched, while 23 others have been attacked and heavily damaged since Wednesday, when chaos erupted after Egypt's military-backed interim administration moved in to clear two camps packed with protesters calling for Morsi's reinstatement, killing scores of protesters and sparking deadly clashes nationwide.

One of the world's oldest Christian communities has generally kept a low-profile, but has become more politically active since Mubarak was ousted and Christians sought to ensure fair treatment in the aftermath.

Many Morsi supporters say Christians played a disproportionately large role in the days of mass rallies, with millions demanding that he step down ahead of the coup.

Despite the violence, Egypt's Coptic Christian church renewed its commitment to the new political order Friday, saying in a statement that it stood by the army and the police in their fight against "the armed violent groups and black terrorism."

While the Christians of Egypt have endured attacks by extremists, they have drawn closer to moderate Muslims in some places, in a rare show of solidarity.

Hundreds from both communities thronged two monasteries in the province of Bani Suef south of Cairo to thwart what they had expected to be imminent attacks on Saturday, local activist Girgis Waheeb said. Activists reported similar examples elsewhere in regions south of Cairo, but not enough to provide effective protection of churches and monasteries.

Waheeb, other activists and victims of the latest wave of attacks blame the police as much as hard-line Islamists for what happened. The attacks, they said, coincided with assaults on police stations in provinces like Bani Suef and Minya, leaving most police pinned down to defend their stations or reinforcing others rather than rushing to the rescue of Christians under attack.

Another Christian activist, Ezzat Ibrahim of Minya, a province also south of Cairo where Christians make up around 35 percent of the population, said police have melted away from seven of the region's nine districts, leaving the extremists to act with near impunity.

Two Christians have been killed since Wednesday, including a taxi driver who strayed into a protest by Morsi supporters in Alexandria and another man who was shot to death by Islamists in the southern province of Sohag, according to security officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to release the information.

The attacks served as a reminder that Islamists, while on the defensive in Cairo, maintain influence and the ability to stage violence in provincial strongholds with a large minority of Christians.

Gamaa Islamiya, the hard-line Islamist group that wields considerable influence in provinces south of Cairo, denied any link to the attacks. The Muslim Brotherhood, which has led the defiant protest against Morsi's ouster, has condemned the attacks, spokesman Mourad Ali said.

Sister Manal is the principal of the Franciscan school in Bani Suef. She was having breakfast with two visiting nuns when news broke of the clearance of the two sit-in camps by police, killing hundreds. In an ordeal that lasted about six hours, she, sisters Abeer and Demiana and a handful of school employees saw a mob break into the school through the wall and windows, loot its contents, knock off the cross on the street gate and replace it with a black banner resembling the flag of al-Qaida.

By the time the Islamists ordered them out, fire was raging at every corner of the 115-year-old main building and two recent additions. Money saved for a new school was gone, said Manal, and every computer, projector, desk and chair was hauled away. Frantic SOS calls to the police, including senior officers with children at the school, produced promises of quick response but no one came.

The Islamists gave her just enough time to grab some clothes.

In an hourlong telephone interview with The Associated Press, Manal, 47, recounted her ordeal while trapped at the school with others as the fire raged in the ground floor and a battle between police and Islamists went on out on the street. At times she was overwhelmed by the toxic fumes from the fire in the library or the whiffs of tears gas used by the police outside.

Sister Manal recalled being told a week earlier by the policeman father of one pupil that her school was targeted by hard-line Islamists convinced that it was giving an inappropriate education to Muslim children. She paid no attention, comfortable in the belief that a school that had an equal number of Muslim and Christian pupils could not be targeted by Muslim extremists. She was wrong.

The school has a high-profile location. It is across the road from the main railway station and adjacent to a busy bus terminal that in recent weeks attracted a large number of Islamists headed to Cairo to join the larger of two sit-in camps by Morsi's supporters. The area of the school is also in one of Bani Suef's main bastions of Islamists from Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood and ultraconservative Salafis.

Financing puts hold on uranium deconversion plant near Hobbs, NM

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — An Idaho-based company that plans to build a facility in southeastern New Mexico to make uranium waste safe for long-term disposal has put its plans on hold because of a funding shortage.

The president and CEO of International Isotopes Inc., Steve Laflin, said the company remains committed to building the $125 million uranium deconversion plant near Hobbs. Once it's complete, the company would use a two-step process to extract fluorine gas from uranium waste that could be sold and used in manufacturing solar panels, computer screens and medical equipment.

The company had planned to complete construction by the end of 2012, but the need for additional funding has extended the timeline.

Laflin told the Albuquerque Journal that construction could begin four to six months after the company receives the necessary funding, which is a mix of equity and debt financing.

"We're absolutely convinced the need will be there, if not today, not tomorrow, a couple of years from now," he said. "We are as committed to this project as we ever have been."

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission approved a 40-year license for the plant in October.

International Isotopes plans to deconvert the depleted uranium tails produced by Louisiana Energy Services' National Enrichment Facility in nearby Eunice. Laflin said his company has an agreement with Louisiana Energy Services to acquire 50 percent of the raw materials it's seeking for its patented depleted uranium deconversion process. But he said it's not enough to get favorable terms for financing.

"Rather than going forward, we're going to string things out a bit here because we have several prospects we're working with to fill up that capacity," he said.

International Isotopes' plant would employ 300 people during construction and create up to 150 permanent jobs at the 640-acre site, about 15 miles west of Hobbs.

NTSB: No problem with controls in fatal UPS crash

Associaated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Federal investigators said Saturday they haven't found any problems with the controls in a UPS cargo jet that crashed while landing in Alabama, killing the two pilots.

National Transportation Safety Board member Robert Sumwalt said the cockpit controls in the A300 aircraft appeared to be working before the crash, and they matched the positions of the airplane's flaps and rudder.

Sumwalt's comments came during a news conference Saturday at Birmingham's airport, where investigators are still sifting through the wreckage of the twin-engine aircraft.

Investigators previously said they did not see any problems with the plane's engines, but that a cockpit warning went off seconds before the crash.

2 dead include Ruidoso man after ATV collision

Associated Press

WHITE OAKS, N.M. — State police say two men driving all-terrain vehicles in southern New Mexico have died after the vehicles collided.

Authorities said alcohol likely was involved in the collision early Saturday morning near White Oaks. Toxicology tests are pending.

State police said 49-year-old Grant Dean, of Capitan, and 53-year-old William Huband, of Ruidoso, were approaching each other from opposite directions on the vehicles when they collided.

Ga. man faces trial in killing of baby in stroller

By Russ Bynum
Associated Press



Associated Press

This photo provided by Sherry West on March 22 shows her son, Antonio Santiago, in his first Christmas in December 2012 in Brunswick, Ga. Antonio was killed March 21, six weeks after his first birthday. He was strapped in his stroller, out for a walk with his mother a few blocks from their apartment near the Georgia coast, when someone shot the boy.

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — It was a tiny bullet that took the short life of Antonio Santiago.

He had learned to walk, but not yet talk, when he was killed March 21, six weeks after his first birthday. He was strapped in his stroller, out for a walk with his mother a few blocks from their apartment near the Georgia coast, when someone shot the boy between the eyes with a .22-caliber bullet the size of a garden pea.

The teenager charged as the shooter is scheduled to stand trial next week in a courthouse far from the scene of the crime. Because of public outrage and news coverage, a judge has moved 18-year-old De'Marquise Elkins' trial 325 miles away, to the suburbs outside Atlanta. Jury selection starts Monday at the Cobb County courthouse in Marietta. Superior Court Judge Stephen Kelley has set aside two weeks for the trial.

Elkins faces life in prison if convicted of murder. His youth spared him a possible death sentence. At the time of the shooting he was 17, too young to face capital charges in Georgia.

Police say the motive was as banal as the slaying of a toddler was shocking. Investigators concluded that Antonio was killed during an attempted street robbery as his mother, Sherry West, was strolling home with the child from the post office. West said a gunman demanding cash shot her baby in the face after she told him she had no money.

"He kept asking, and I just said 'I don't have it,'" West told The Associated Press the day after the slaying. "And he said, 'Do you want me to kill your baby?' And I said, 'No, don't kill my baby!'"

West was shot in the leg, and another bullet grazed her ear. Witnesses called 911 and rushed to her aid. None saw the shooting, but they watched as West tried to revive her son using CPR. "No, the baby's not breathing," one caller told a 911 operator.

Police say Elkins had an accomplice, 15-year-old Dominique Lang, who has told investigators Elkins fired the gun. Lang also is charged with murder but will be tried later. He's expected to be a key witness against Elkins.

Both prosecutors and Elkins' defense attorneys declined to comment before the trial, citing a gag order by the judge. The boy's mother also declined to talk.

Kevin Gough, a public defender who is Elkins' lead attorney, has strongly suggested in pretrial motions that the real killers are the child's own parents.

"Other evidence of record suggests Sherry West is mentally unstable, gave several inconsistent accounts of how the crime transpired, and had a financial interest in the death of her son in the form of an insurance policy," Gough said in a court motion filed Aug. 5.

Defense attorneys have said in court filings they have audio recordings and documents showing the child's mother had dealings with Gerber Life Insurance Co. According to its website, Gerber Life sells life insurance policies for children starting as early as infancy. Coverage runs from $5,000 to $50,000.

Ashley Glassey, West's 21-year-old daughter, told television station WTLV of Jacksonville, Fla., soon after the shooting that her mother called her after Antonio was killed and asked, "How soon do you think the life insurance policy will send me a check?"

One of Elkins' lawyers interviewed Glassey on July 30 in Woodstown, N.J., where she was in jail for failing to appear in court in an unrelated case. According to a transcript, Glassey declined to confirm the story. "I don't want to incriminate anyone," she said.

Defense attorneys also point to lab tests by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation that found traces of gunshot residue on swabs taken from the hands of West and the boy's father, Louis Santiago. Reports filed in court say the GBI found a single microscopic particle of gunshot residue swabbed from the father's hands, while more than five particles showed up in swabs from West's hands.

The GBI report cautioned that gunshot victims can end up with residue on them. During a preliminary court hearing, Santiago said he touched the bullet wound on West's leg before his hands were swabbed.

In a court filing Wednesday, District Attorney Jackie Johnson argued that Elkins' defense lawyers have made "false, inflammatory and misleading statements" about the case.

While the toddler's mother identified Elkins as the shooter in a photo lineup, police say much of their evidence against the teenager came from his own family and the younger teen charged as his accomplice.

Investigators have testified that Lang told police he and Elkins were trying to rob a woman pushing a baby in a stroller when Elkins pulled a gun and shot them both.

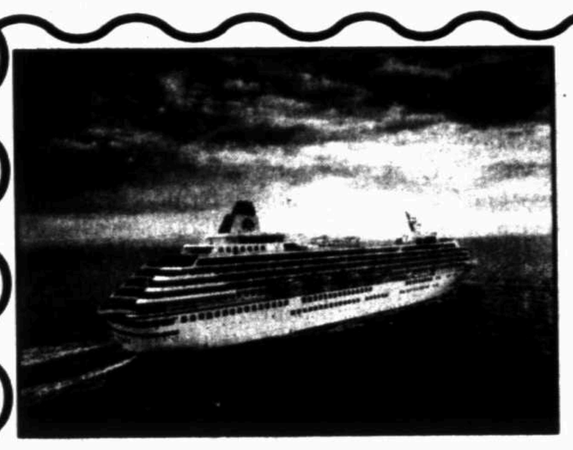
Lang's aunt, Debra Obey, told police her nephew and Elkins came to her for a ride the day of the slaying. She said Elkins ducked down in the back seat of her car, as if he was hiding.

Four days after the shooting, police said information from Elkins' mother and sister helped lead investigators to a pond where they found a .22-caliber revolver. Both women were charged with evidence tampering. Elkins' mother, Karimah Elkins, also was charged with lying to police. Prosecutors say Elkins' mother and an aunt gave police conflicting alibis for his whereabouts at the time of the shooting. Karimah Elkins is scheduled to stand trial alongside her son.

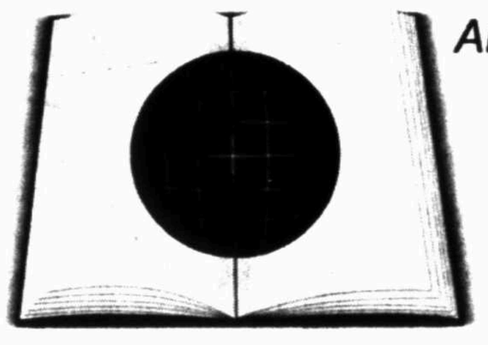
Meanwhile, prosecutors say Elkins shot somebody else 10 days before the toddler was killed. Wilfredo Calix Flores has identified Elkins as the man who shot him in the arm during an attempted street robbery March 11. Police say Flores was shot with a .22-caliber bullet.

The judge has ruled that jurors can hear about a statement police say Elkins made the day after the killing. Police investigator Roderic Nohilly testified at a pretrial hearing that he and officer Cody Blades were escorting a handcuffed Elkins when the suspect said, "Y'all ain't got no gun. Y'all ain't got no fingerprints." He then referenced an acquittal.

The investigator said Blades just smiled at Elkins, who responded: "Oh, y'all got the gun?"



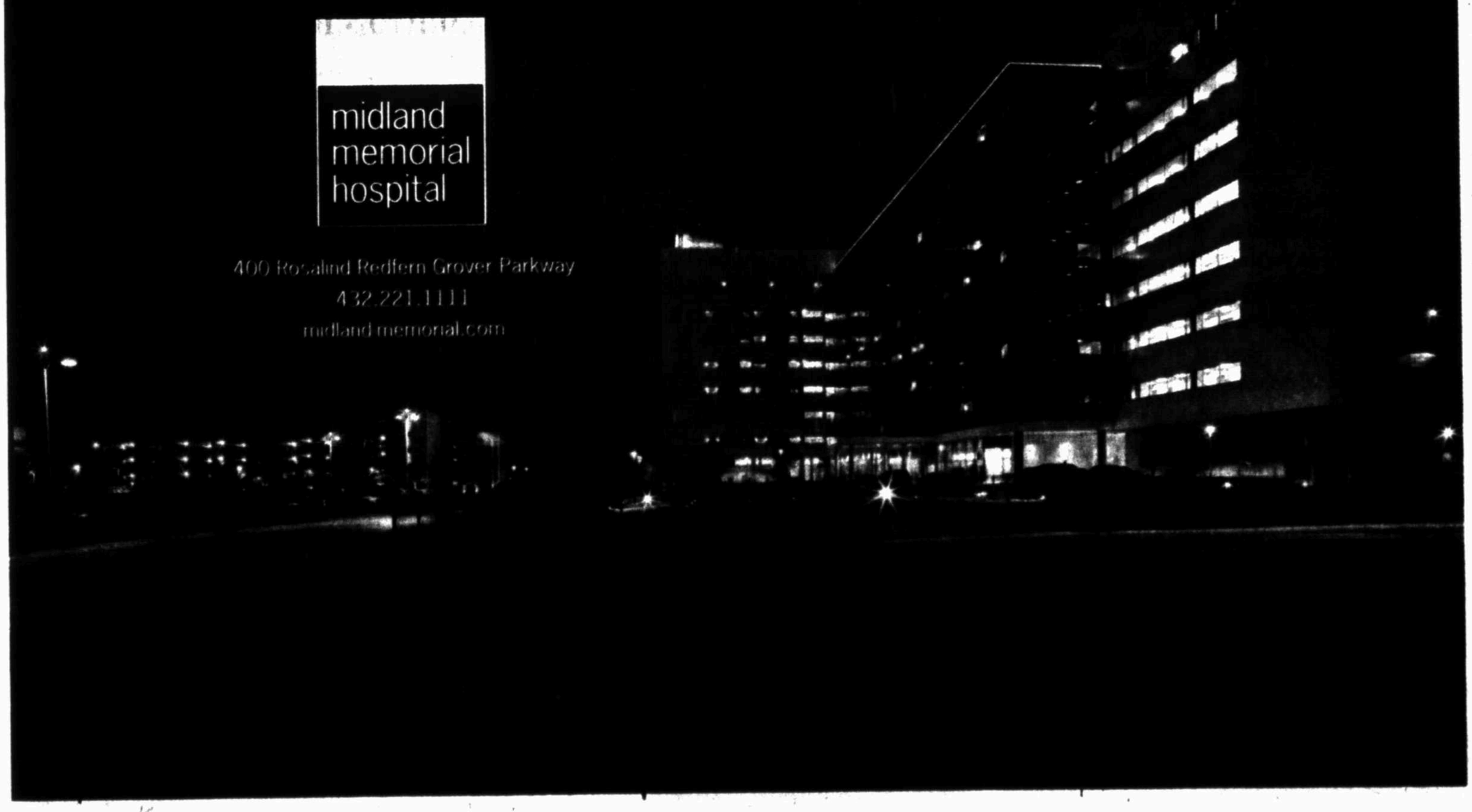
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VIRGINIA

Navy changes how alcohol is sold on-base

NAVAL STATION NORFOLK, Va. — On the world's largest naval base, sailors can pull into a gas station and buy a bottle of liquor before sunrise.

But as the Navy works to curb alcohol abuse in a push reduce sexual assaults and other crimes, the days of picking up a bottle of Kahlua along with a cup of coffee are coming to an end.

The Navy's top admiral has ordered a series of changes to the way the Navy sells booze. Chief among them, the Navy will stop selling liquor at its mini marts and prohibit the sale of alcohol at any of its stores from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

"It's not going to fix everything, but it is a real step in the right direction," said David Jernigan, Johns Hopkins University's director of the Center on Alcohol Marketing and Youth. "Historically, the military, as elsewhere, has viewed these problems as individual problems to be dealt with by identifying the individual with the problem. While that's important, the research shows it's much more effective actually to look at it as a population problem and to deal with things that are affecting everybody across the population."

The changes are the latest addition to a broader, long-standing alcohol education and awareness program that appears to have had some success. Throughout the Navy, the number of alcohol-related criminal offenses dropped from 5,950 in the 2007 fiscal year to 4,216 in the 2012 fiscal year. The number of DUI offenses dropped from 2,025 to 1,218 during that same period.

PENNSYLVANIA

'Duck Dynasty' star greets camo couple

MARS — A camouflage-clad bride and groom got a little advice from a bewhiskered witness on their wedding day: "Duck Dynasty" star Willie Robertson.

WTAE-TV reported Robertson told the couple to always love and forgive one another as they were wed Saturday morning at a Field & Stream store near Pittsburgh.

Robertson popped in for the nuptials of Mehgan Cook, who sported a camouflage sash on her dress, and Charlie Miller, who was completely clad in camo gear.

The two hadn't planned on marrying at the store but Cook said they were eager to meet Robertson.

"I was going to cancel the wedding 'cause I heard Willie was coming," Cook told KDKA-TV.

Instead, Cook said, her mother came up with the idea of a wedding at the store — and they got a surprise when Robertson appeared during the ceremony.

"That's a first for me, it's good to be a part of that," Robertson said. "They look like my kind of folks with the camouflage. that was cool."

On the "Duck Dynasty" Season 4 premiere, which aired Wednesday, family members threw a surprise wedding for patriarch Phil Robertson, wearing a black jacket over camouflage garb, and his wife, Miss Kay. They could only afford a justice of the peace when they married 48 years ago.

The show drew 11.8 million viewers on the A&E channel, making it the No. 1 non-fiction series telecast in U.S. cable television history in total viewers, as well as all key demographic groups.

Cook said she had been engaged to another man, but he died in a car crash four years ago. But she met Miller at the scene and eventually the two started dating.

"I never thought it would happen again," Cook said, tearing up.

ILLINOIS

Rock bands' plane makes emergency landing

MOLINE — A private jet carrying rock bands Ratt and Dokken had to make an emergency landing in northwestern Illinois after smoke was detected in the cabin Saturday afternoon.

Chuck Brennan, a friend of the bands who chartered the flight, told The Associated Press that the plane took off from the Moline airport but pilots had to turn it around when smoke appeared in the front of the plane at about 7,000 feet.

Brennan said the pilots donned oxygen masks and landed the Challenger 601 with no incident. There were no injuries reported by the pilot or the 13 passengers.

"The cabin didn't fill with smoke," said Brennan, the owner of short-term lender Dollar Loan Center.

Brennan, a former promoter who opened the Brennan Rock & Roll Academy in his hometown of Sioux Falls, S.D., said he had chartered the plane out of Santa Ana, Calif., for a four-city tour.

Farmers try alternative label to organic

By Mary Esch
Associated Press

SCHAGHTICOKE, N.Y. — Justine and Brian Denison say they adhere to all the growing practices required for organic certification, yet if they label their beans and tomatoes "organic" at the farmer's market, they could face federal charges and $20,000 or more in fines.

Because the Denisons chose not to seek organic certification by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Denison Farm, which has been under organic management for more than 20 years, is banned from using that term. So they and hundreds of other small direct-marketing farms across the country have adopted an alternative label: Certified Naturally Grown.

Started by a group of organic farmers in New York's mid-Hudson Valley as a backlash against federal takeover of the organic program in 2002, Certified Naturally Grown has expanded over the past decade to include more than 700 farms in 47 states, executive director Alice Varon said.

"Certified Naturally Grown is tailored for direct-market farmers producing food without any synthetic chemicals specifically for their local communities," Varon said. "It's a particular niche of the agricultural world. It's not in direct competition with the national organic program."

Many small farmers previously certified organic by an independent organization have declined to participate in the federal program. They voice a variety of objections: extensive record-keeping requirements; fees that can amount to 6 percent of a small farm's gross sales; and philosophical objections to joining a monolithic government-run program that also certifies huge operations that ship produce across the country.

"We have noticed over time that more and more farmers — often, younger farmers — who appear to be following organic practices don't bother to get certified," said Jack Kittredge, co-owner of a certified organic farm in Barre, Mass., and editor of "The Natural Farmer," journal of the Northeast Organic Farming Association. "My major concern is that sometimes, unless you're certified you're not even aware of some of the problems," such as calling livestock organic even though the animals eat feed containing genetically modified crops.



Mike Groll/AP

Justine Denison poses with fresh produce at Denison Farm on Aug. 12 in Schaghticoke, N.Y. Justine and Brian Denison adhere to all the growing practices required for organic certification, but if they label their beans and tomatoes "organically grown," they could face federal charges and $20,000 or more in fines. That's why they and hundreds of other small direct-marketing farms across the country have adopted an alternative label: Certified Naturally Grown. Certified farms pledge to follow organic practices, while avoiding the high fee and extensive paperwork required for the federal organic label.

Atina Diffley, an organic farming consultant and author in Farmington, Minn., said alternative labels create confusion for customers. She said there are only about 13,000 USDA certified organic farms out of 2.2 million farms, and more organic farms are needed to bolster the movement's impact on national farm policy. "When farms have an alternative certification, they're not counted," she said.

Sam Jones, spokesman for USDA's organic certification program, said the agency doesn't comment on guidelines other than its own and doesn't take a position on whether alternative labels cause confusion. But he noted that growers are required by law to get federal certification if they want to sell their product as organic. Jones said USDA has a new program called "Sound and Sensible," aimed at reducing paperwork and other burdensome aspects of certification.

Ryan Voilland, co-owner of the certified organic Red Fire Farm in Granby, Mass., said the certification fees and paperwork aren't a big burden. He grows 100 acres of produce and has gross sales of about $2 million, and pays $2,000 a year for certification, of which $750 is returned in a federal rebate program. The premium price for organic produce far outweighs the fee, he said.

But farmers who opt for labels like Certified Naturally Grown and The Farmer's Pledge, sponsored by the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York, say there's room for all the labels; some farms even boast several alternative labels in addition to USDA organic.

"The Farmer's Pledge is a better program for direct-sales farmers like me, who find the national organic program too burdensome," said Mark Dunau, who farms five acres in the Delaware County town of Hancock.

About 130 farmers in New York and Connecticut have signed The Farmers Pledge, a commitment to a broad set of farming principles that address labor issues, organic production practices, community values and marketing.

Farmers who participate in Certified Naturally Grown rely on peer inspection by other farmers to ensure they follow organic practices, such as avoiding synthetic pesticides and fertilizers and using cover crops and rotation for healthy soil. While critics say peer review rather than USDA-certified inspectors could lead to cutting corners, Varon said that's unlikely.

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Digital era threatens tenuous future of drive-ins

By Mitch Stacy
Associated Press

LANCASTER, Ohio — Through 80 summers, drive-in theaters have managed to remain a part of the American fabric, surviving technological advances and changing tastes that put thousands out of business. Now the industry says a good chunk of the 350 or so left could be forced to turn out the lights because they can't afford to adapt to the digital age.

Movie studios are phasing out 35 mm film prints, and the switch to an eventually all-digital distribution system is pushing the outdoor theaters to make the expensive change to digital projectors.

The $70,000-plus investment required per screen is significant, especially for what is in most places a summertime business kept alive by mom-and-pop operators.

The United Drive-In Theatre Owners Association figures 50 to 60 theaters have already converted. At least one operator decided to close instead of switch, but it's not clear how many more might bite the dust.

"Everyone knows eventually that you'll be digital or you'll close your doors," said Walt Effinger, whose Skyvue Drive-In in the central Ohio town of Lancaster has been showing movies on an 80-foot screen since 1948. "Some will. If you're not doing enough business to justify the expense, you're just going to have to close up."

Effinger worked at the Skyvue off and on for 30 years before he and his wife, Cathie, bought it two decades ago. They converted to digital last year, the first of the state's 29 drive-ins to do so. Because the films now come on a device the size of a portable hard drive and are uploaded to his projector, it's less hassle for him on movie nights and gives viewers a stunningly brighter, clearer image.

The transformation has been underway in the film industry for more than a decade because of the better picture and sound quality and the ease of delivery — no more huge reels of film. The time frame isn't clear, but production companies are already phasing out 35 mm film, and it's expected to disappear completely over the next few years.

"We know fewer and fewer prints are being struck," said D. Edward Vogel, who runs the historic Bengies Drive-In in Baltimore and is spokesman for the United Drive-In Theatre Owners Association.

An industry incentive program will reimburse theater owners 80 percent of the cost of conversion over time, Vogel said, but because most drive-ins are small, family-run businesses, it's hard for many to find the money, period. And the reimbursement doesn't cover the tens of thousands of dollars more that many will have to spend renovating projection rooms to create the climate-controlled conditions needed for the high-tech equipment.

It's a dilemma also faced by the nation's small independent theaters, many of them struggling to pay for conversion to digital years after corporate-owned multiplexes already did it.

Darci and Bill Wemple, owners of two drive-ins in upstate New York, hope an online competition will help them with the $225,000 to $250,000 they figure it will cost to switch their three screens. The American Honda Motor Co. is compiling online votes for the nation's favorite drive-ins and is going to pay the digital conversion costs for the top five vote-getters. The Wemples say that if they don't get help, they'll have to consider closing up.

"To make this kind of conversion with three screens is like trying to buy another drive-in all over again," said Darci Wemple, whose El Rancho theater in Palatine Bridge is among dozens of drive-ins featured in the Honda ad promotion.

The number of drive-ins peaked at more than 4,000 in the late 1950s. Now there are 357.

Robyn Deal and Dave Foraker have been going to the Skyvue in Lancaster since they were both in school in the 1960s and early '70s. On a recent weekend night, they sat together in folding chairs outside their car, blankets on their laps and their 12-year-old dachshund, Wilson, getting lots of attention just before a double feature of "Turbo" and "The Wolverine."

"So much of our heritage is going away, and this is one of them," said the 60-year-old Foraker, who figures his first movie at the Skyvue was "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" around 1966.

"A lot of the things I did when I was kid are gone," he said. "I think they're trying to keep what's left."



Associated Press

Maddie Essig, left, 10, watches a movie with her sister, Claire, age 6, from the tailgate of their parents' car July 26 at Bengies Drive-In Theatre in Middle River, Md. The latest threat to the existence of drive-in theaters is the film industry's conversion from 35 mm film to digital prints, and the expense involved in converting projectors to the digital age.

What about Big Sky?

Big Sky Drive-In hasn't reported a slowdown in its business. In fact, operators say Big Sky plans to add a fourth screen to the lot in the future to meet the growing demands of Midland and Odessa.

"We don't sell (the) movie. For example, 'Man of Steel' sells itself. What we sell is the experience you get going to the drive-ins as opposed to an indoor theater," said Lamont Furlow, Big Sky's general manager. "One reason we have done so well is that unique experience. Baby-boomers like myself who grew up with drive-ins bring their children and grandchildren here and make it part of their lives, as well."

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ENERGY TOWER REBUTTAL

Bill Meyer President of ERP wrote in the 8/14/2013 MRT that my asking the City Council at the recent tax hearing about the nature and effects of the "Memorandum of Understanding" that he sent Mayor Perry 11/20/2012 and that I received from the City under the Freedom of Information Act was done "to create an impression that is unfounded and cruel to the core of what this project represents".

If the letter was a request only and my questioning it "unfounded", then why was it titled "**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**"? Why does the first sentence state, "It is our pleasure to submit to your OUR UNDERSTANDING of the proposed downtown project DISCUSSED during OUR meetings on November 1, 2012?

Cruel? Not cruel so much as a constitutional citizen looking for TRUTH about what our city is getting us involved in with our tax money! How about paying off some of those bonds or starting a rainy-day fund for the next bust rather than giving to a special interest group?

Meyer stated that this is "private venture". Well that seems questionable. Why did he request a tax abatement and $30M for his underground garage and other things if it is a "private" venture? In the same 8/14/2013 article Meyer states, "Right now we are in discussion with the city to work on a successful public and private partnership". IT IS NOT PRIVATE and he just admitted it. It's a partnership with our city government with OUR MONEY for a tower that we did not ask for but is being FORCED on us like many other zoning issues in this city, that will congest downtown and the arteries feeding it. This public private collaboration is one of the concerns brought up by several people at the tax hearing. The issue is this: There is much money involved and it makes the participants look questionable as to conflict of interest. I am not accusing anyone, I simply stating as everyone knows that when you get involved in a deal like this people will question whose interest you are favoring. Should not our city Our government be OBJECTIVE and favor its citizens regarding all development rather than developers? government will answer that this project is meant to create a "better Midland". Let's look at that.

Meyer also stated in the same article that they seek to add "**social vibrancy to the Midland community**". What is "social vibrancy"? The term "vibrant" is used a great deal in the MIDLAND SMART DOWNTOWN PLAN (http://www.midlandtexas.gov/pdf/MidlandDowntownPlan.pdf) also. Structures of this type are typically found in large cities that are flooded with gangs, drugs, prostitution, and cold unfriendly people. Is that what "vibrancy" is? **Will not this project stimulate more of the same growth and lead us to that type of city?**

Now that this "MEMO" has been determined to be not binding, do we not wonder then how much of our money WILL be given to this project? Please check this quote out in the 6/13/2013 MRT, "Courtney Sharp, city manager, said ERP has not approached the city for grants or other assistance, but the ***possibility for assistance is there.*** One recent example is the Midland Development Corp's agreement to provide $5M for the Wall Street Loft's downtown parking garage, which will provide some public parking for retail establishments in the area. But like the Wall Street Lofts, ***we do anything*** we can do as a city to assist with ***downtown revitalization***. For that matter since this "MEMO" was sent 11/ 20/2012 and Sharp's quote above was 6/13/2013, why did Sharp state that the city had NOT been approached by ERP? Perhaps he had not seen it but remember Meyer stated it summarized the discussions of the ERP/COM 11/1/2012 meeting. Additionally, where is this market demand for downtown living here in West Texas?

This tower is also part of the "Downtown Revitalization" promoted by our city. Did you know that the MIDLAND SMART DOWNTOWN PLAN http://www.midlandtexas.gov/pdf/MidlandDowntownPlan.pdf) written in 2007? On page 36 it describes a **"Big Bang Scenario"** that SPECIFICALLY PLANS a tower downtown EXACTLY at Centennial Plaza whose goal is, "Like a drop of water falling into a still pool of water, the impact of a major downtown development has the potential to reverberate onto the surrounding blocks."? The city has PLANNED 6 years ago to not only build such a tower but hopes it will cause change throughout downtown and they specifically planned it at Centennial Plaza. Please check it out.

After the citizens of Midland have paid for part of this project with our historic buildings and millions of tax dollars, will we still have to pay for parking at this tower? How about the Lofts?

Much of this evidence is cited on my website **www.midlanddefender.com. Please go to "Petition 1 details"** and find 15 links as to what this tower is appears to be about with many quotes as evidence. These petitions have not yet been started as they cannot be voted on till next May, but we are working on the evidence of this tower and other issues for the citizens of Midland.

How much commerce or money is worth sacrificing all of the endearing qualities of our community that can never be repaired? Again, this is NOT progress when it harms a good and unique community.

JOEL T. ROGERS

Free flow of racy content a headache for parents

By Martha Irvine
Associated Press



AP file photo

Robin Thicke performs July 30 on NBC's "Today" show in New York. The video for his song "Blurred Lines," where topless models playfully dance around him, has stirred a debate, with detractors complaining that it's too racy and degrading to women.

Until this summer, few people outside the R&B music scene knew who Robin Thicke was. Then came his new song "Blurred Lines" and an unrated online video to promote it.

"You the hottest b—— in this place!" Thicke sings, as topless models playfully dance around him.

The video has stirred a debate, with detractors complaining that it's too racy and degrading to women.

Thicke insists he meant no offense — and the song, meanwhile, has become the No. 1 hit of the summer.

Certainly in pop culture, pushing the limits of what's considered appropriate is hardly new. Back in the roaring 1920s, young women of the "flapper" generation raised eyebrows. In the 1950s, Elvis gyrated and caused a ruckus.

In the 1970s, comedian George Carlin joked about "The Seven Words You Can Never Say on Television," quickly listing them in a social commentary about the pitfalls of censorship.

Singling out those few words seems almost quaint in an era when just about any kind of uncensored content is easily accessible from a mobile phone, a tablet or on less regulated cable and Internet TV or satellite radio. Media experts say broadcast TV and mainstream radio have, in turn, tried to keep up by airing saucier content to try to retain dwindling audiences. Many see this free flow of content as progress — a victory for freedom of expression in an uptight society.

But for many parents, it also can be difficult to try to keep their kids from pop culture offerings they don't consider age appropriate.

Do they filter it as best they can? Laugh it off? Use it as a teachable moment? Demand more limits?

And if they do the latter, who gets to decide what those limits are, anyway — because what's appropriate to one person might not be to another.

"It's a conundrum," said Kirsten Bischoff, a mom in Springfield, N.J., who's also co-founder of HatchedIt.com, an online social network for families.

Bischoff recalls wincing during a car ride last year as her then 13-year-old daughter and a young friend belted out the song "Whistle" by rapper Flo Rida. The girls had no idea the song was about fellatio.

Mom decided to say nothing so they wouldn't ask questions. But she later fretted about her decision on her online blog, where other parents told her they'd faced similar dilemmas.

"Lord, I'm turning into Tipper Gore," Bischoff later joked, fearing people would compare her to the former second lady, who campaigned to get the music industry to put warning labels on content with explicit lyrics.

Gore got some support but became the object of ridicule and a few protest songs, including rapper Ice T's 1989 song "Freedom of Speech" in which he, too, used the b-word to refer to Gore and other profanities to make his point.

It's true that those who question any kind of content risk being called a prude or a censor. That's partly because history has shown that efforts to curb allegedly "indecent" content can fail, or look misguided in hindsight, said Susan Mackey-Kallis, an associate professor of communication at Villanova University.

In 1930, Hollywood adopted the Motion Picture Production Code, a list of moral standards for the film industry.

Among other things, the code — which was abandoned in the 1960s for the current rating system — forbade showing interracial sexual relationships, scenes of childbirth, "in fact or in silhouette," or anything about sexual hygiene or sexually transmitted diseases. It also was implied that gay content should not be shown.

"Looking at a list like this today, it is amazing to think how far we have come," Mackey-Kallis said.

While religious or political figures have often weighed in with moral arguments, today a decision to limit content is as likely to be a business decision.

Credit card companies and the banks that oversee their transactions use web-crawling and other investigative techniques to search for questionable content. They do not, for instance, allow payments for goods or services that are related to any illegal sexual acts — or that might even depict rape or exploitation of a minor. But beyond clearly illegal acts, they also reserve the right to steer clear of any content they feel reflects poorly on their brands.

Ultimately, however, it is the courts that determine what is obscene, a term reserved in the legal system for sexually explicit content that meets certain criteria.

The U.S. Supreme Court has based its definition of obscenity on "community standards" and these three factors:

- Does the work appeal to "prurient," or excessively sexual, interests?
- Does it "depict or describe, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct specifically defined by the applicable state law?"
- And does the work lack "serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value?"

"It's clearly very tough to prove. What's obscene to some may be artful dancing to others," said Robert Pondillo, a professor of mass media history and American culture at Middle Tennessee State University who wrote the book "America's First Network TV Censor."

And, he notes, the courts have not tended to limit language, which generally falls under free speech protection. Media that is broadcast on the airwaves — network television and radio, for instance — is still somewhat limited, though not as much as some parents would like.

Determining what's acceptable is further complicated by the fact that online life has changed the notion of the "community standard."

"We're an increasingly connected society, so we're no longer divided by our (physical) communities," said David Gudelunas, a communication professor at Fairfield University in Connecticut.

Therein is the dilemma. Should society err on the side of free access, even if it means children might encounter inappropriate content? Or do you set limits on online access to pornography, for instance, unless a household requests that access, as British Prime Minister David Cameron plans to do?

Should radio stations err on the side of a playing "clean" versions of songs? Should cable companies be more careful about airing age-appropriate content during daytime hours?

And for that matter, should an artist such as Nicki Minaj worry if an 8-year-old learns the words to a song that talks about selling cocaine and "panties comin' off"? A couple years ago, the parents of Sophia Grace Brownlee, a young British girl, made a video of her rapping and singing Minaj's song "Super Bass."

Deemed "cute" and "adorable" by the video's many viewers on YouTube, Sophia Grace later performed the song on Ellen DeGeneres' talk show, where she has since become a regular.

Minaj herself seemed a tad uncomfortable when she appeared on the show with Sophia Grace and urged the girl to sing a tamer part of the song.

But Jeffrey McCall, a media studies professor at DePauw University in Indiana, said he's not surprised that few others questioned whether a kid this age should perform the song, or even have access to it.

"The entertainment industry has a huge role in deciding what is culturally OK, and society will often take (its) lead," said McCall, author of the book "Viewer Discretion Advised: Taking Control of Mass Media Influence."

Jeanne Achille, who heads a New Jersey public relations firm, cites a recent story as another example of this problem: the media's summer obsession with New York politician Anthony Weiner and his habit of sending lewd photos of himself to women.

"Sadly," she said, the coverage "validates ... our society's tolerance for ingesting everything and anything with no sense of what to filter and no ability to put boundaries in place — whether sensationalistic news delivered 24/7, huge quantities of bad food also available 24/7, or horrible television programs featuring stupid, foul-mouthed people."

But she's found her way to deal with it and suggests others do the same.

"Not to sound like Nancy Reagan, but, 'Just say no.,'" Achille said. "I'm at a point in life where I've finally learned that I can shut it out and don't need to participate when it doesn't suit me."

For an individual decision, that can work fine. But, again, what about when it comes to raising a teen today?

Bischoff, the mom in New Jersey, feels powerless to filter out all the inappropriate content.

"There's no way to shelter a kid anymore, unless we home-school her and go live in the woods somewhere," she said. "The only thing I can think of to do as a mom is to try to stay ahead of it. with talk, talk and more talk."

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Tuesday, look for sunny skies during the day with a high around 94 and mostly clear conditions at night with a low around 68.

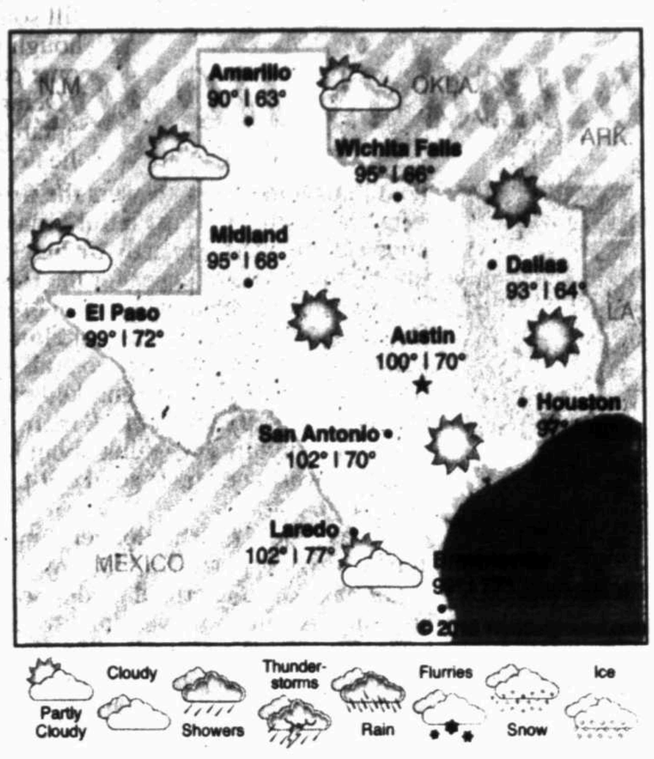
The high on Saturday reached 96 while the low dropped to 70. The record high for Aug. 17 is 106 set in 1969. The record low is 60 set in 1972.

National forecast

A stationary front over the Southeast will bring another round of showers and thunderstorms to the region today. It will also bring a steadier rain in the mid-Atlantic.

An area of low pressure in the Gulf of Mexico will meet up with the stalled front, delivering tropical moisture that will help fuel the showers and storms.

Flash flooding may occur in areas that receive significant rainfall.



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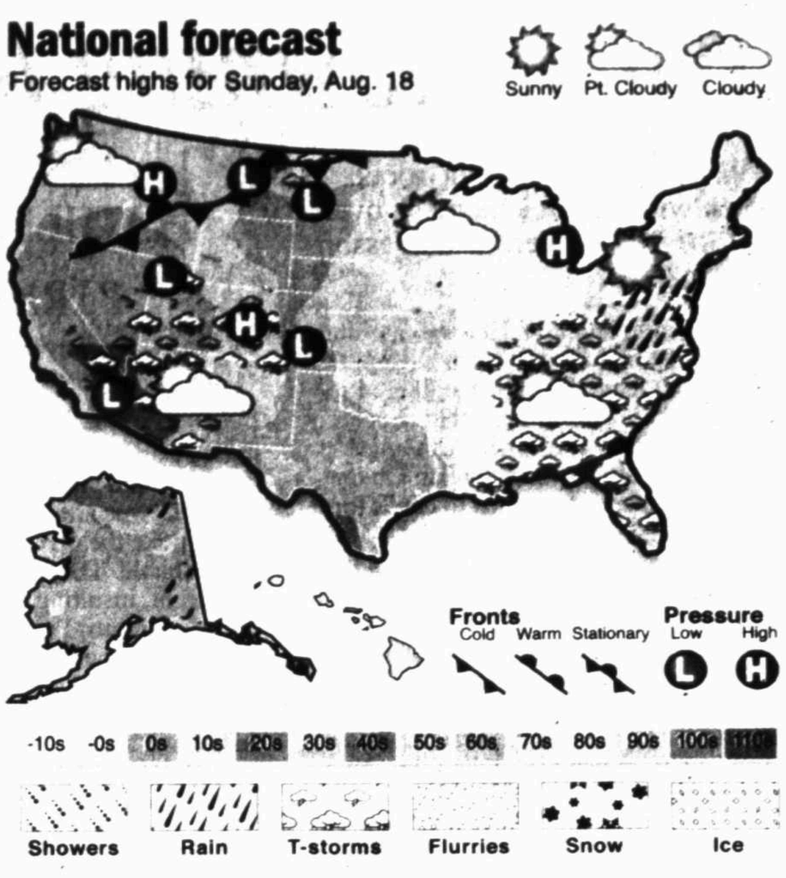
Friday	0.00 in.
Saturday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.17 in.
Year total	4.56 in.
Normal total (year to date)	8.82 in.

Saturday's temperatures

High	96
Low	70
Normal high	94
Normal low	69
Sunrise	7:15 a.m.
Sunset	8:29 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, Aug. 18



Winds stoke Idaho wildfire

Associated Press

HAILEY, Idaho — A wildfire stoked by strong winds made a push to the north Saturday and forced more people from their homes outside the posh central Idaho ski town of Ketchum, bringing the number of residences evacuated by the blaze to more than 2,300.

Despite the adverse conditions and extreme fire behavior, some progress was made on the Beaver Creek Fire's south end, where crews conducted mop-up along the borders of blackened foothills west of the Hailey.

Lightning ignited the blaze Aug. 7. Fire officials estimated it grew to 144 square miles Friday night, fed by dry timber and underbrush. But they expect a more accurate size assessment after a plane with infrared cameras flies over the burn Saturday night.

The fire is 6 percent contained.

More than 700 firefighters have been deployed to the mountains west of this affluent region, where celebrities like Arnold Schwarzenneger, Tom Hanks and Bruce Willis own pricey getaways. Five more hotshot crews arrived Saturday, and more are expected to arrive this weekend to continue focusing on protecting homes in a sparsely populated county that boasts more than $8 billion in taxable property.

"It was a good day from the standpoint that we had no injuries, no lives lost, and no homes and property burned," fire spokeswoman Lucie Bond said. "Firefighters have been going house-to-house to decrease the risk."

DIVORCE Care
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When clowning around is no laughing matter

■ Was the reaction to the rodeo clown with the Obama mask over the top? Yes. Is there still a lesson to learn? Yes.



KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

Children, children. Here we are in the midst of a bloody clash in Egypt, more than 100,000 slaughtered in Syria, another looming debt crisis at home, and we're consumed with angst over a rodeo clown who wore an Obama mask and invited the crowd to cheer for the bulls.

There's more. The clown has been fired. The president of the Missouri Rodeo Cowboy Association has stepped down. The Missouri State Fair is forcing clowns to undergo sensitivity training. The NAACP wants a Justice Department investigation into the clown act as a hate crime. And a Texas congressman has invited the clown to come on down.

It seems impossible to take this seriously, yet seriously we must take it. Here we go. The clown act was offensive for one reason only: The president is black. No peep would have been made otherwise. But therein lies a difference and a distinction that deserves our unbiased scrutiny.

A word about my own biases: I don't like rodeos and I don't like clowns. The former involve animals performing involuntarily and the latter are creepy. (I don't like zoos and circuses, either.)

But clowns are ... *clowns*! It's their job to poke the precious and touch the untouchable. They are inherently rude, irreverent, insulting, insensitive and sometimes salacious. Presidents, obviously, are fair game and every modern president's face has been made into a mask.

Still. There's something wrong with this clown act. It isn't a hate crime, which is a ridiculous charge, but it is something we need to wrap our minds around. First, let's correct a popular mischaracterization. Wearing an Obama mask is not tantamount to "blackface," which is implicitly racist. When the president's face is "black," then the president's mask is necessarily "black."

Unless, apparently, the person wearing the mask is white, as was the rodeo clown.

Question: If a black person wears a George W. Bush mask, is he racist? The next logical question answers the first: What if the clown wears a Bush mask at an event attended primarily by blacks and invites the crowd to cheer for the bulls?

This unlikely event would feel offensive for the same reasons the recent clown event did. The Missouri rodeo audience was mostly white and the masked man in the ring was depicting a black man. This changes everything we think about humor, about clowns, and about good old-fashioned fun.

Just as N-jokes are no longer funny to almost anyone, placing a black man in the arena like an unarmed gladiator isn't amusing. As much as we aspire to racial harmony, we have centuries of history to overcome, including the mob-inspired lynching of black men, and this is what so many saw in the clown skit. Memory conquers humor.

To be honest, my first reaction was: What a lot of bull. But then, as one must, I put myself in the other's shoes. How would I feel if my face were on the clown's mask and the arena were filled with men who cheered the beast who would trample and destroy me?

This is where political commentary becomes something else. Frightening. We all know what happens when the mob is empowered, especially when further emboldened by the excuse of humor. Few statements are more dishonest than "It's just a joke."

I am the last person who would suggest that irreverence be censored or punished — or that clowns be sensitized. The excessively reverent are far scarier to me than those who would die laughing. Political satire is, in fact, a public service inasmuch as it channels aggression that otherwise might find bloody expression.

But a civil society should find reprehensible even mock violence against a president, especially one who belongs to a minority that was once targeted for state-sanctioned violence.

I sincerely doubt that the rodeo clown was motivated by racial hatred. I also doubt that President Obama much cared, except for how his daughters might feel about it. Or, to be cynical, about the degree to which public outrage accrued to his political advantage. I even give the benefit of the doubt to those who cheered the bulls as being inspired by political rather than racial animus.

And, yes, reaction has been overblown to the point of silliness, but there are lessons, nonetheless. We could stand to tone down our political expression for the sake of all our daughters and sons, who bear witness to these events and must make sense of their world. Perhaps more to the point, we might try to take ourselves more lightly.

OUR VIEW

Time for Energy Tower conversation to take constructive turn

The developers of Energy Tower at City Center have heard Midlanders' concerns and are ready to answer our questions about the proposed 50-plus-story project that promises to change the skyline as we know it.

On Thursday, Energy Tower officials contacted the Reporter-Telegram announcing their intention to conduct "a conversation about Energy Tower with tower developers William Meyer and W. Scooter Brown."

They asked what we thought about the idea. We replied, "how can we complain about any attempt to communicate with the residents of Midland on one of the hot-button issues of the day."

Energy Tower offers plenty to talk about, and developers have said no topic about the project is off-limits. They will provide an update on the project from their end and then answer our questions, questions submitted by you through our digital properties and also take questions from those who attend the event at Midland Center.

Are there any ground rules?

Sure.

First, this is an opportunity to have a constructive conversation about the project. Midlanders have said they want more information, and tower officials are obliging.

Second, while there are bound to be disagreements even after a question is answered, we expect a civil discussion.

Lastly, this is not a place for grandstanding by persons attending the discussion. Whether someone is for or against the proposed tower — based on what is a known about the project — lengthy commentaries or questions only take away from the overall time to talk about the Energy Tower. Keep questions and comments concise so more people will be able to get involved.

Again, the Reporter-Telegram is pleased that this opportunity has presented itself. While we will be facilitating the discussion and even provide an online forum for those wanting to follow the event, this night is about the information Meyer and Brown will provide to the residents of Midland.

In today's edition, city reporter Joseph Basco presented a report about what we know about the project and what we can expect over the next few months until the City Council decides whether to turn over the property to Energy Tower developers.

But there will be more questions, and Energy Tower officials have stepped forward to bring the discussion to Midland residents. We appreciate that. While we called for increased dialogue, there was no guarantee it was going to happen.

We plan to go into the event ready to learn about a project as grand as any in our community's history.

In our view, this could be a defining day in efforts to get the word out about the project and what's next. Is there a responsibility for tower officials to be even more forthcoming? Sure. There's also a responsibility for the rest of us. Come willing to listen. At the end of the day, you still might not be a proponent of Energy Tower, but that doesn't mean our conversation can't be a respectful and beneficial one.

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Extended year can fight 'brain drain'

■ Not all parents can afford to provide summertime educational experiences.



ESTHER CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

It's mid-August and parents across the country are breathing a sigh of relief that their tours of duty as surrogate educators finally will end.

It's a burden that many parents bear because they know that the only effective prevention against what's commonly known as "summer learning loss" — the erosion of academic skills, particularly in reading and math, that happens when kids veg out all summer — is to keep kids actively engaged in mind-sharpening recreation. Yet it is mostly those parents who are middle-class or wealthy who can plow money into making this happen.

For children whose parents can afford it, there really isn't the kind of lazy, relaxed summer you and I might remember from our childhoods -- back when getting into a good college was not a goal set at birth. Kids from families with resources effectively go to school year-round because their summers are filled to the brim with enrichment activities.

This year, with one son going into the treacherous, teachers-take-the-gloves-off seventh grade and my oldest entering the college-prep track at our public high school, "summer" at my house has been a whirlwind of activity.

There were multiple book-reading projects, crafts for rainy days, a few week-long day camps for each boy and some half-day activities — archery, Lego engineering, leadership skills — plus a month-long academic institute for our soon-to-be-freshman, not to mention the year-round commitments to boxing classes and music lessons.

Oh, and we went on a family vacation specifically chosen to expose the boys to a part of the country they'd previously only read about in textbooks. This was on top of our regular summer trips to visit extended family and enjoy local cultural events.

It was wonderful, but though the kids were near home and not at elite, private sleep-away camps, it was still pricey. Even though we bought used books, took advantage of discounted resident-only rates at our local school, park district and community college, used frequent-flier miles and clipped many coupons, it was a stretch.

Not to mention exhausting. My husband, a teacher on summer "vacation," had a day where, between ferrying one kid here and another there, he spent almost six hours in the car.

These aren't complaints but, rather, an illustration of the crucial, little-talked-about, months-long experience that helps drive the academic achievement gap between the haves and the have-nots: summer vacation.

It's the time when parents who aren't lucky enough to be home during summer — or can't afford to provide learning experiences for their kids — spend what little energy they have just making sure their kids get fed during the day and hoping they stay safe.

This must change. And one actionable way to do it is to keep in school those kids who would otherwise spend summer watching TV or hanging around all day.

In a thought-provoking research piece titled "Ending Summer Vacation Is Long Overdue — Here's How to Pay for It" on the Brookings Institution blog, "The Brown Center Chalkboard," education researcher Matthew M. Chingos lays it out for us.

Chingos suggests that, at least for schools with high-risk populations, increasing class sizes and then having those classes run for a longer amount of time throughout the year could result in meaningful increases in academic achievement. His linchpin is that larger classrooms can serve as the variable that keeps total teacher salaries constant.

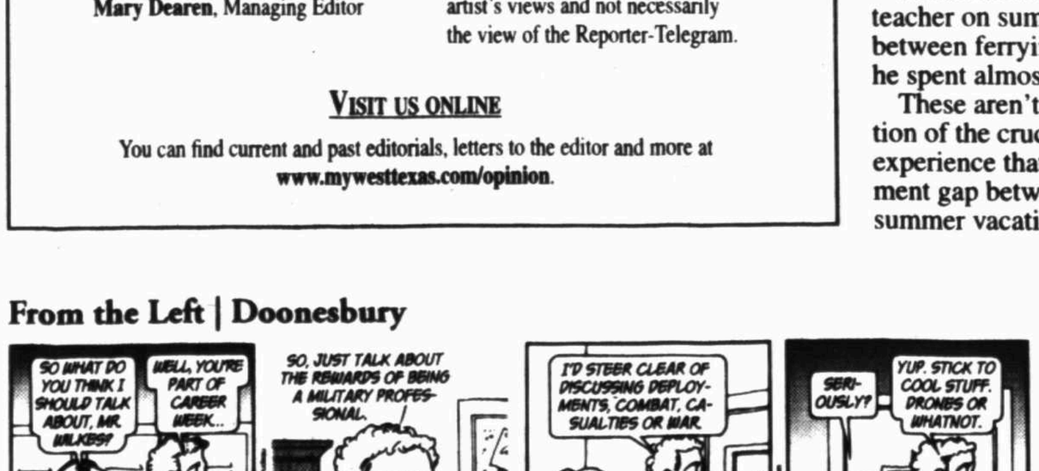
"I've done a bunch of research on class size and it's really pretty mixed. Folks think larger classes are bad, but some studies show outcomes from smaller classes are not much different than from larger ones," Chingos told me. "So if smaller classes don't seem to produce a big benefit, maybe we can redeploy those resources in more productive ways."

His back-of-the-envelope estimates didn't take into account the ultra-thorny issues of the "non-salary costs of lengthening the school year, such as (certain) teacher benefits, administrator compensation, and facilities costs (including air conditioning)," which might make his premise seem like a non-starter to some.

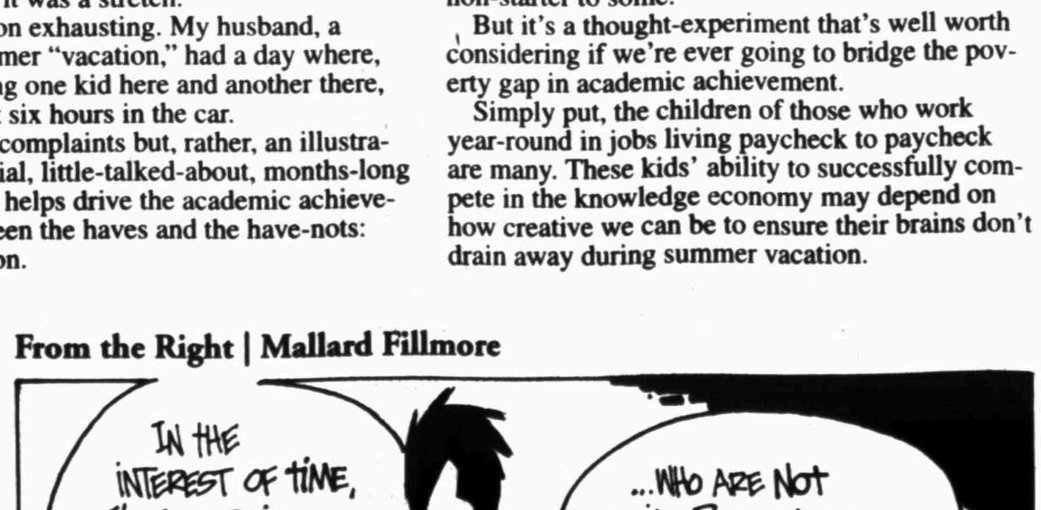
But it's a thought-experiment that's well worth considering if we're ever going to bridge the poverty gap in academic achievement.

Simply put, the children of those who work year-round in jobs living paycheck to paycheck are many. These kids' ability to successfully compete in the knowledge economy may depend on how creative we can be to ensure their brains don't drain away during summer vacation.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Traffic problems remain on loop service road

Twice I've complained using this forum about the intersection of Loop 250 service road and Business 20 West. Nothing has been done, even though an expensive "study" that was completed some months ago identified more problems along Loop 250 at Thomason, for example. Actually, that study discovered the situation is in much worse shape than I had expected — much, much worse.

Cinergy Theater nears completion right now. Another apartment complex was approved this past week by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the intersection of Tradewinds and Deauville boulevards, and another apartment complex has already been approved for that same general area but closer to Business 20. Theater traffic for Big Sky Drive-In already is horrible many Friday and Saturday nights.

Not one shovel of dirt has been moved to extend Tradewinds from Thomason to the current section leading to an existing apartment complex.

Now TxDOT is all up and going on "problems" along Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

Let's address speed limits for a moment. Interstate 20: 75 mph; Highway 191: 75 mph; Highway 158 south to Garden City: 75 mph; Loop 250, 60 mph. Does anyone see a problem here? It's little wonder speeding on Loop 250 is a fact of life. And pray tell me, why 75 mph on 158 south to Garden City when not one of those enormous oilfield trucks can hit 65 mph. I don't even want to address speed limits on the train tracks through Midland.

By the way, I use the Loop 250/Business 20 West intersection twice daily and have for basically 17 years. Betcha not one member of the TxDOT staff can make that claim.

Count on it, I will attend the meeting with TxDOT (5-7 p.m. Tuesday) at the CEED building and present my list of complaints.

Bob Miller

Founder of March for Life remembered

We know of the abortion debate, but how many of you know of a feisty woman from Big Spring who, when Roe v. Wade was decided, wouldn't take it lying down? Nellie Gray put aside what could have been a very successful career as an attorney and founded the March for Life Educational Fund. One of the fund's main activities was organizing the March for Life in Washington, D.C., held every Jan. 22 since 1974.

Nellie, like many of us, was determined to see Roe v. Wade overturned and protection to the unborn restored. We learned from her that there is no exception, no compromise as an advocate for the unborn. Nellie stood up for the unborn, but she also was an advocate for women.

Nellie Gray died Aug. 13 of last year at the age of 88. Thank you, Nellie, for your vision and determination. Thank you, Nellie, for embracing the Silent No More Awareness Ministry. And thank you, Nellie, for giving us the determination to fight the fight to bring abortion to an end.

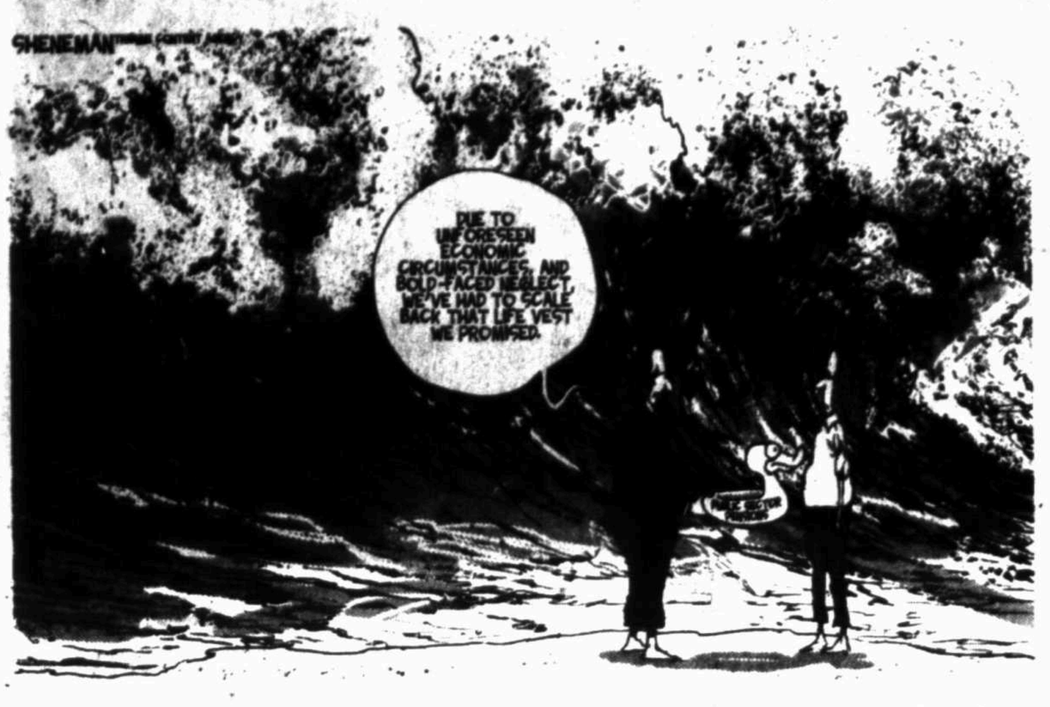
As the late Henry Hyde suggested, "When the time comes, as it surely will, when we all face that awesome moment of standing before the Lord to give an account of our living, we must feel a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates, there alone standing before God. Terror rips your soul like nothing you can imagine."

But we really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. We think there'll be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world, pleading for everyone who has been in this movement, saying to God our Father, "Look upon them in mercy, because they loved us!" Certainly that chorus of voices was raised for Nellie Gray.

Nellie, we do not forget you, we will not compromise and we will march on until the Lord ends abortion.

Rest in peace, dear Nellie.

Charles Hodges, director of Pro-Life Ministries at St. Stephen's Catholic Church



Trinity volleyball team 'great group of kids'

I read on the front page of the Aug. 14 sports section where the Trinity School volleyball team held a fundraiser for an injured opponent from Wink High School. What made this so special is the girls did all the work themselves. They went into the crowd before a match against Midland Classical and "passed the hat" for injured Payton Hrncir.

They raised a whopping $2,400. I have seen the Trinity gym. It is not that big; the girls must have really "worked the crowed."

Perhaps one of our local oil companies could match those funds? Hats off to what must be a great group of kids. Please keep Miss Hrncir in your prayers.

Marty Cory

TV's 'Highway Patrol' offers driving truths

While watching the old TV series, "Highway Patrol" the other day, Broderick Crawford signed off at the end of the show with, "Remember: It isn't what you drive but how you drive that counts." I thought, "Wow, isn't that the truth."

Maybe Midland and Odessa law enforcement agencies can start a PA campaign with the above quote for the drivers in West Texas. Another good quote from "Highway Patrol" was, "Reckless driving doesn't determine who is right, only who is left."

Midland still has a lot of good drivers, but from what I have seen lately while out in traffic are rude, inconsiderate drivers in a hurry who are beginning to outnumber the good drivers.

One last quote from "Highway Patrol": "It isn't the car that kills — it's the driver."

Kathy Whitaker

Prairie Lee School students still gather

I grew up in Midland and graduated in the class of 1944. World War II was on. However, I attended Prairie Lee County School in grade school years. It's almost time for the Prairie Lee reunion held at Greenwood. Greenwood was a church at that time, and I attended it.

I have not attended the reunion in a number of years due to the distance from my home in Oneida, Tenn. My heart always remembers the dear friends and good times we had.

I've learned that descendants of the old gang still meet the last Saturday in August to celebrate. I think that is wonderful. I would like to hear from anyone who remembers me and my sisters, Mary Beth (Preston) Flowers (deceased) and Mabel Jean (Preston) Henshaw. You can write me at 475 Atomic Lane, Oneida, Tenn., 37841.

Doris Preston Queener

Individuals with knowledge of tower events were 'absent'

I do solemnly swear that Mount Sinai Publishing has received an order for 625,000 Bibles from the city of Midland in anticipation of demand from residents who may need a stack of Bibles to swear on. It is calculated that 625,000 Bibles, converted to bricks, would support a 58-story building.

It is rumored that many individuals connected to city government will find them useful in describing their participation or pertinent knowledge of the events leading up to the disclosure that the city was asked or requested to contribute various services, funds, lands, air space and other stuff — lots of it. Individuals involved who would have substantive knowledge of events relating to this subject were reported to be absent during the relevant period by being in the Antarctic, swimming the Hellespont, looking for dinosaur eggs in the Gobi Desert and in one instance, acting as an oarsman on a re-creation of Washington crossing the Delaware.

Bill Heck

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SPEAKING OUT

Expanding legal immigration is a must for Texas business

■ The politics complicate the issue, but bold steps are needed to meet the needs of employers



BILL HAMMOND
President and CEO, Texas Association of Business

Texas is on the front line of the current immigration debate. We have seen firsthand the cost of a broken border and the toll it can have on citizens and immigrants alike. There also has been a toll on Texas businesses that can only be removed by Congress and the president putting into place comprehensive immigration reform.

Sealing the border is essential, but loading up the border with more border patrol officers is only part of the answer. Those officers need to focus on criminal activity, such as drug smuggling and human trafficking. Focusing on people who are simply looking for a way to feed their families takes away valuable resources from fighting violent crimes that plague this country.

The real answer to our immigration problem is allowing enough legal immigration to meet the needs of employers. If employers' needs are met, there will be an expanded avenue for people to enter legally and allow for greater focus on those who enter illegally.

Piecemeal plans won't fix the issue. Border security and additional avenues for legal immigration must work in tandem. Border security will never be adequate unless legal immigration is put in place. This is more than a "boots on the ground" problem. It is a supply and demand issue, too. As long as jobs are available, there are immigrants who will access this country by legal or illegal means if it is the only way to support their families.

If there is one major flaw in current immigration reform plans, it is that they don't offer enough legal immigration flexibility. There should be an ebb and flow as the economy and job markets dictate, not hard and fast numbers.

To those who argue that allowing more legal immigration will take away jobs from citizens, that view is inaccurate at best. It has never been the case, for example, that there were no Texans willing to take jobs in the hospitality, construction and agriculture fields — there certainly are. The problem is there are not enough. Supplementing with legal immigrants is the only way to meet the economic demands of these industries.

Then there is the question of how to deal with the undocumented people already here. In many cases these are people who have homes, pay taxes and abide by the same laws that citizens like you and I do. They should be allowed to apply for legal status or apply for a "green card," for lack of a better term. That is not amnesty. They would still have to go through a lengthy process, first to gain legal status in this country and then to pursue citizenship if they so choose.

There is also the issue of students, who come to this country and get advanced degrees in science and engineering, and are then sent back home. They should be given the option of staying here and using their talents that we have helped them gain to benefit our economy. These students have the potential to not only make great discoveries and breakthroughs, but they also have the potential to create new jobs and even new industries.

These solutions seem simple, but in politics simple is complicated. We urge Congress to take bold steps to deal with this issue as a whole, to remember that this is more about people than policy and should be handled with compassion, and take a good look into how expanding legal immigration will benefit this country for years to come.

Want more houses? Get government out of the way

Editor's note: In an effort to get the voters the best information possible, the Reporter-Telegram is asking candidates to address important topics that we will run as special op-eds leading up to early voting and Election Day.

Jerry Morales and John James already addressed housing in a previous edition. Dan Anderson, who filed this past week, offers this op-ed on the topic.

We have still not received op-eds on housing from Kathy White or Keith McLelland. The Reporter-Telegram will run their submissions and those from other mayoral candidates willing to participate at a future date.



DAN ANDERSON
Mayoral candidate

■ Waiving the permit and approval process for all single family homes can help get homes up quicker

Let me get a few of the more popular questions out of the way right off the bat: "Why does this guy think he's qualified to govern us? Where would he get the first idea how to spend our money? How can he possibly think he knows one thing about my business, my money or my life?"

I want to make it as clear as I can. I don't.

If you're looking for someone to tell you how to spend your money, I'm not your man. If you're wanting someone to tell you how to run your business, I'm not your man. If you want to be governed, there are plenty of other candidates happy to do that for you.

I'm here to tell you that you know better than me. You know how to spend your money better than the people at city hall, so I want to let you keep it. You know how to build a house better than the people at city hall, so I want to let you build it. You know how to live your life better than any person or government on this planet, so I want to let you live it.

Our current housing crisis is a perfect example of a government doing more harm than good. We need more houses, and there are people working day and night to build them. Why would we want to hold them back? We should be doing everything we can to move out of the way and let them get to work getting this city back on track. That's why I propose we waive the permit and approval process for all single family homes. I suggest this not only as a matter of economy but as a matter of the very freedoms that make this country great. How can we call ourselves free when Americans must ask permission to build themselves a home?

As a result of this supply deficit, the cost of living has spiraled out of control. My next priority would be to reduce taxes to the bare minimum, while trimming unnecessary programs and making sure the city gets debt-free. Taxes increase the cost of living across the board, so it makes sense that we should be reducing those prices as much as possible. When it comes to rates, we should be in a race to the bottom with places like Tyler, a city similar in size to Midland but with a property tax rate of $0.20 per $100 of valuation, less than half that of Midland. But unlike Tyler, we are in a boom. Our tax base is increasing every minute. Why are we not in direct competition with Tyler, for the honor of having the lowest tax rate in the state?

I believe that taxation hurts every sector of the economy. When businesses pay more in taxes, their prices rise and you are left with less money to spend on things that are now more expensive. I also believe that the free market is the best decision maker we have. If it's a bad idea to build a new high rise downtown, then the city should not be incentivizing anyone to make a bad decision. If it's a good idea to build one, it will be built with or without city help. This is just one example, but it's a good one. Subsidies hurt business, and the taxes imposed to pay for those subsidies hurt everyone. In spite of this, our city government wants to raise taxes, inevitably forcing prices even higher. With a tax base that is growing every second, why shouldn't our city be lowering rates? This is a message that has been directed at the federal government since Ronald Reagan. If it works there, why not at the state, and if it works at the state, why not here? Do socialist policies suddenly become viable on a smaller scale?

I want you to know, I decided to run not because I thought I was worthy to be Midland's leader, but because I thought the people of Midland were worthy of leading themselves. There's a great quote from one of my personal heroes, Thomas Paine. "Lead, follow, or get out of the way." The people of Midland don't need someone to lead them. They need someone to get out of their way.



The National Security Agency building at Fort Meade, Md. is seen in this 2007 file photo. The U.S. National Security Agency has broken privacy rules or overstepped its legal authority thousands of times each year since Congress granted the intelligence agency broad new powers in 2008, The Washington Post reports. In one case, telephone calls from Washington were intercepted when the city's area code was confused with the dialing code for Egypt.

AP file photo

Report: NSA spying broke privacy rules many times

By Kimberly Dozier
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The National Security Agency has broken privacy rules or overstepped its legal authority thousands of times each year since Congress granted the agency broad new powers in 2008.

Most of the infractions involve unauthorized surveillance of Americans or foreign intelligence targets in the United States, both of which are restricted by law and executive order, according to documents leaked by former NSA analyst Edward Snowden and first published Thursday in The Washington Post. They range from significant violations of law to typographical errors that resulted in unintended interception of U.S. emails and telephone calls, the Post said, citing a May 3, 2012, internal audit and other top-secret documents provided it earlier this summer.

In one of the documents, agency personnel are instructed to remove details and substitute more generic language in reports to the Justice Department and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

The Post cited a 2008 example of the collection of a "large number" of phone records from Washington, D.C.-based phone numbers when a programming error confused the U.S. area code for the capital of 202 for 20-2, the international dialing code for Egypt and the city code for Cairo, according to a "quality assurance" review that was not distributed to the NSA's oversight staff.

The NSA also saw a large spike in the number of "roamers," or overseas, phone calls wrongly tracked in the first quarter of 2012, when those roamers traveled into the United States territory, which is outside NSA's authority. The May 2012 compliance report said the errors may have been due to tracking Chinese targets who were visiting friends and relatives for the Chinese lunar new year.

In another case, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which has authority over some NSA operations, did not learn about a new collection method until it had been in operation for many months. The court ruled it unconstitutional.

The NSA audit obtained by the Post, counted 2,776 incidents in the preceding 12 months of unauthorized collection, storage, access to or distribution of legally protected communicatjons. Most were unintended. Many involved failures of due diligence or violations of standard operating procedure. The most serious incidents included a violation of a court order and unauthorized use of data about more than 3,000 Americans and green-card holders.

"The number of 'compliance incidents' is jaw-dropping," Jameel Jaffer, ACLU deputy legal director, said in a statement emailed late Thursday. "At least some of these incidents seem to have implicated the privacy of thousands or millions of innocent people."

The White House on Friday declined to comment on the latest revelations about surveillance of Americans and foreigners by the NSA. It directed questions to the National Security Council, and NSC spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden directed questions to the NSA.

In a statement emailed to The Associated Press late Thursday, NSA spokeswoman Vanee Vines said the number of incidents in the first quarter of 2012 was higher than normal, and that the number has ranged from 372 to 1,162 in the past three years, because of factors like "implementation of new procedures or guidance with respect to our authorities that prompt a spike that requires 'fine tuning,' changes to the technology or software in the targeted environment for which we had no prior knowledge, unforeseen shortcomings in our systems, new or expanded access, and 'roaming' by foreign targets into the U.S., some of which NSA cannot anticipate in advance but each instance of which is reported as an incident."

"When NSA makes a mistake in carrying out its foreign intelligence mission, the agency reports the issue internally and to federal overseers — and aggressively gets to the bottom of it," Vines said.

The NSA also offered a statement from John DeLong, NSA's director of compliance, who said, "We want people to report if they have made a mistake or even if they believe that an NSA activity is not consistent with the rules. NSA, like other regulated organizations, also has a 'hotline' for people to report — and no adverse action or reprisal can be taken for the simple act of reporting. We take each report seriously, investigate the matter, address the issue, constantly look for trends and address them as well — all as a part of NSA's internal oversight and compliance efforts. What's more, we keep our overseers informed through both immediate reporting and periodic reporting."

CIA acknowledges Area 51 — but not UFOs or aliens

By Hannah Dreier
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The CIA is acknowledging in the clearest terms yet the existence of Area 51, the top-secret Cold War test site that has been the subject of elaborate conspiracy theories about aliens and flying saucers for decades.

The recently declassified documents have set Area 51 buffs abuzz, though there's no mention of UFO crashes, black-eyed extraterrestrials or staged moon landings.

The CIA history released Thursday not only refers to Area 51 by name and describes some of the activities that took place there, but places the Air Force base on a map, along the dry Groom Lake bed.

It also describes some cool planes, though none of them are saucer-shaped.

George Washington University's National Security Archive used a public records request to obtain a CIA history of one of Area 51's most secret Cold War projects, the high-flying U-2 spy plane program.

National Security Archive senior fellow Jeffrey Richelson first reviewed the history in 2002, but all mentions of Area 51 had been redacted. So he requested the history again in 2005, hoping for more information, and sure enough, he received a version a few weeks ago with the mentions of Area 51 restored.

It's not the first time the government has acknowledged the super-secretive, 8,000-square-mile installation. Former Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush acknowledged the "location near Groom Lake" in insisting on continued secrecy, and other government references date to the 1960s.

But those who are convinced "the truth is out there" are taking the document as a sign of loosening secrecy about the government's activities in the Nevada desert.

Barbara Mervine, who describes herself as part of the "UFO community," said the declassification of the documents is "quite important."

The site is known as Area 51 among UFO aficionados because that was the base's designation on old Nevada test site maps.

Beginning with the U-2 in the 1950s, the base has been the testing ground for a host of top-secret aircraft, including the SR-71 Blackbird, F-117A stealth fighter and B-2 stealth bomber. Some believe the base is also a storage site for alien vehicles, evidence from the "Roswell incident" and extraterrestrial corpses.

Even for those who do not believe, the mystery surrounding the site, situated about 100 miles northwest of Las Vegas, across miles of empty desert speckled with Joshua trees and sagebrush, has been a boon.

One Nevada bicycle event company produces an "X Rides" event that incorporates mountain and road biking near a certain heavily guarded patch of Nevada desert. Las Vegas' minor league baseball team is called "the 51s."

Small-town restaurants along State Route 375, officially designated the Extraterrestrial Highway, sell souvenir T-shirts to tourists making their way to the boundary of Area 51, which consists of a no-trespassing sign, a surveillance camera and an armed guard on a hill.

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The damaged interior of the Saint Moussa Church is seen a day after it was torched in sectarian violence following the dispersal of two Cairo sit-ins of supporters of the ousted Islamist President Mohammed Morsi, in Minya, south of Cairo on Thursday.

Egypt enters uncharted territory

By Hamza Hendawi
Associated Press

■ ANALYSIS

CAIRO — With astonishing speed, Egypt has moved from a nation in crisis to a nation in real danger of slipping into a prolonged bout of violence or even civil war.

Egypt has become increasingly polarized since the Islamists rose to power following the 2011 revolution that ousted autocrat Hosni Mubarak. Fault lines touching key and potentially explosive issues like identity, the rights of Christians and other minorities, and democratic values have never been greater.

The Muslim Brotherhood and their hard-line allies stand at one end of a bitter standoff with secularists, liberals, moderate Muslims and Christians.

That schism grew after President Mohammed Morsi, Egypt's first democratically elected leader, was ousted in a July 3 military coup. But it was Wednesday's deadly police raids — with armored bulldozers and security forces plowing through two protest camps — that will be remembered as a turning point when what had been primarily a political standoff erupted into bloodshed.

"The spark of civil war is out," wrote Islamist columnist and author Fahmy Howeidy in Thursday's edition of the independent al-Shorouk daily. "The nation is on the edge of an abyss."

Adding to the mix is the branding by the state media of Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood and allies as "terrorists" and growing calls for authorities to take a tougher approach on the Islamists.

In a glimpse of what may be in store for the most populous Arab state, dozens of revenge attacks and clashes spilled over into a second day Thursday in Cairo and other cities — showing the capability of Islamists to strike and laying bare the depth of their anger over Morsi's ouster and the crackdown that left hundreds dead.

Angry young men attacked government and security buildings, setting some ablaze, cut off roads, damaged or torched dozens of churches and stormed more than 20 police stations.

In one particularly gruesome attack, four officers in a police station just outside Cairo were killed after the building was shelled with rocket-propelled grenades. The assailants then slit the police chief's throat, a brutality reminiscent of an Islamist, anti-government insurgency that raged in Egypt in the 1990s before Mubarak used force to suppress it, killing and jailing thousands of Islamists.

In response, the government authorized police Thursday to use deadly force against anyone attacking security forces or government installations.

While the international community largely condemned the overwhelming use of force to clear out the camps on Wednesday, the military-backed administration's fight against the Brotherhood so far has been supported by many Egyptians, who are mainly Muslim but object to hard-liners.

"The army and the police will strike hard and ordinary people will be supportive," prominent rights lawyer and activist Gamal Eid said.

To such observers, it is beyond doubt that a majority of Egyptians supports going after the Brotherhood and its hard-line allies.

Millions took to the streets for days before the July 3 coup to call on Morsi to step down, angry over what they saw as efforts to monopolize power for himself and the Brotherhood, failure to implement crucial social and economic reforms and his public quarrels with the judiciary, the media, the military and police.

The mass protests morphed into celebrations on the day of his ouster. And a similar number responded to a call by military chief Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi to take to the streets on July 26 to show support for his moves to tackle "violence and potential terrorism."

The military and police also have gone after the Muslim Brotherhood and like-minded groups on the legal front, arresting dozens including senior leaders.

State-run TV and newspapers, meanwhile, are filled with commentators and other content full of anti-Brotherhood sentiment, often portraying Islamists as enemies of the people and tapping into nationalistic fervor by alleging that the Brotherhood is a violent group that is secretly enlisting foreign help against the rest of Egyptians and that views Egypt as just a part in a greater Muslim nation that transcends borders.

A backlash against Mohammed ElBaradei's decision to resign as interim vice president to protest the violence illustrated how widespread is the antipathy to the Brotherhood and its allies. The Nobel Peace Prize laureate and former director of the U.N. nuclear agency said he quit because he did not want to be held responsible for bloodshed.

Key events in Egypt's uprising

Here are some key events from more than two years of turmoil and transition in Egypt:

2011

Jan. 25-Feb. 11, 2011: Egyptians stage nationwide demonstrations against nearly 30 years of Mubarak's rule. Hundreds of protesters are killed as Mubarak and his allies try to crush the uprising.

Feb. 11: Mubarak steps down and the military takes over. The military dissolves parliament and suspends the constitution, meeting two key demands of protesters.

2012

Nov. 28, 2011-Feb 15, 2012: Egypt holds multistage, weeklong parliamentary elections. In the lawmaking lower house, the Muslim Brotherhood wins nearly half the seats, and ultraconservative Salafis take another quarter. The remainder goes to liberal, independent and secular politicians. In the largely powerless upper house, Islamists take nearly 90 percent of the seats.

May 23-24, 2012: The first round of voting in presidential elections has a field of 13 candidates. The Brotherhood's Mohammed Morsi and Ahmed Shafiq, the last prime minister under Mubarak, emerge as the top two finishers, to face each other in a runoff.

June 14: The Supreme Constitutional Court orders the dissolving of the lower house of parliament.

June 16-17: Egyptians vote in the presidential runoff between Morsi and Shafiq. Morsi wins with 51.7 percent of the vote.

June 30: Morsi takes his oath of office.

Nov. 19: Members of liberal parties and representatives of Egypt's churches withdraw from the 100-member assembly writing the constitution, protesting attempts by Islamists to impose their will.

Nov. 22: Morsi unilaterally decrees greater powers for himself, giving his decisions immunity from judicial review and barring the courts from dissolving the constituent assembly and the upper house of parliament. The move sparks days of protests.

Nov. 30: Islamists in the constituent assembly rush to complete the draft of the constitution. Morsi sets a Dec. 15 date for a referendum.

Dec. 4: More than 100,000 protesters march on the presidential palace, demanding the cancellation of the referendum and the writing of a new constitution. The next day, Islamists attack an anti-Morsi sit-in, sparking street battles that leave at least 10 dead.

Dec. 15, Dec. 22: In the two-round referendum, Egyptians approve the constitution, with 63.8 percent voting in favor. Turnout is low.

2013

Jan. 25: Hundreds of thousands hold protests against Morsi on the 2-year anniversary of the start of the revolt against Mubarak, and clashes erupt in many places.

April 7: A Muslim mob attacks the main cathedral of the Coptic Orthodox Church as Christians hold a funeral and protest there over four Christians killed in sectarian violence the day before. Pope Tawadros II publicly blames Morsi for failing to protect the building.

June 23: A mob beats to death four Egyptian Shiites in a village on the outskirts of Cairo.

June 30: Millions of Egyptians demonstrate on Morsi's first anniversary in office, calling on him to step down. Eight people are killed in clashes outside the Muslim Brotherhood's Cairo headquarters.

July 1: Huge demonstrations continue, and Egypt's powerful military gives the president and the opposition 48 hours to resolve their disputes, or it will impose its own solution.

July 2: Military officials disclose main details of the army's plan if no agreement is reached: replacing Morsi with an interim administration, canceling the Islamist-based constitution and calling elections in a year. Morsi delivers a late-night speech in which he pledges to defend his legitimacy and vows not to step down.

July 3: Egypt's military chief announces that Morsi has been deposed, to be replaced by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Constitutional Court until new presidential elections. No time frame is given. Muslim Brotherhood leaders are arrested. Tens of thousands of Morsi supporters remain camped out in two mass sit-ins in Cairo's streets.

July 4: Supreme Constitutional Court Chief Justice Adly Mansour is sworn in as Egypt's interim president.

July 8: Mansour dissolves the Islamist-dominated upper house of parliament as Morsi's supporters stage mass protests demanding his return. Clashes between pro- and anti-Morsi groups in Cairo and Alexandria, and violence elsewhere leave at least 36 dead. A Brotherhood strongman, deputy head Khairat el-Shater, is arrested.

July 8: Egyptian soldiers open fire on pro-Morsi demonstrators in front of a military base in Cairo, killing more than 50. Each side blames the other for starting the clash near the larger of the two sit-ins, near east Cairo's Rabaah al-Adawiya mosque. Mansour puts forward a time line for amending the constitution and electing a new president and parliament by mid-February. The Brotherhood refuses to participate in the process.

July 9: Mansour appoints economist Hazem el-Beblawi as prime minister and opposition leader Mohamed ElBaradei as vice president. A military announcement backs up the appointments.

July 26: Millions pour into the streets of Egypt after a call by the country's military chief for protesters to give him a mandate to stop "potential terrorism" by supporters of Morsi. Five people are killed in clashes.

July 27: Security forces and armed men in civilian clothes clash with Morsi supporters outside the larger of the two major sit-ins in Cairo, killing at least 80 people.

Aug. 7: Egypt's presidency says that diplomatic efforts to peacefully resolve the standoff between the country's military-backed interim leadership and the Muslim Brotherhood have failed.

Aug. 11: Egyptian security forces announce that they will besiege the two sit-ins within 24 hours to bar people from entering.

Aug. 14: Riot police backed by armored vehicles and bulldozers clear two sprawling encampments of supporters of ousted President Mohammed Morsi, sparking clashes that kill at least 638 people.

Aug. 15: The Interior Ministry authorizes police to use deadly force against protesters targeting police and state institutions after Islamists torch government buildings, churches and police stations in retaliation against the crackdown on their encampments.

Aug. 16: Heavy gunfire rings out throughout Cairo as tens of thousands of Muslim Brotherhood supporters clash with armed vigilantes in the fiercest street battles to engulf the capital since the country's Arab Spring uprising. The clashes kill at least 60 people nationwide, including police officers.

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Other crises overshadow growing violence in Iraq

By Lara Jakes
Associated Press



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Children inspect the aftermath of a car bomb attack in Baghdad on Thursday. A wave of car bombs in the Iraqi capital on Wednesday killed and wounded dozens of people, the latest attacks in a months-long surge in violence. More than 3,000 people have been killed in violence during the past few months, raising fears Iraq could see a new round of widespread sectarian bloodshed similar to that which brought the country to the edge of civil war in 2006 and 2007.

WASHINGTON — Security crises in Egypt, Syria and other countries are overshadowing rising death tolls and new fears of civil war in Iraq, once the top U.S. priority in the Mideast. However, the prospect that sectarian violence could fuel instability beyond Iraq's borders remains a concern for the Obama administration.

Officials and experts say the White House's attention is focused elsewhere — even as more than 1,000 people were killed in Iraq in July, the deadliest month since 2008. At Thursday's meeting between Secretary of State John Kerry and his Iraqi counterpart, Hoshyar Zebari, one of the main topics was flights of weapons from Iran across Iraqi airspace into Syria and back as well as the threat from al-Qaida fighters along the Iraqi-Syrian border.

Surveys show a majority of Americans favor President Barack Obama's hands-off approach toward Iraq after withdrawing the U.S. military from the country in 2011 after nearly nine years of war, at least $767 billion spent in taxpayer funds and nearly 4,500 U.S. troops killed.

But after hitting a low, if grim, level of violence immediately before the U.S. troops left, attacks have resurged in Iraq at a rate reminiscent of its darkest days. A wave of car bombs killed 33 people and wounded dozens others in Baghdad on Thursday, just the latest assault against a fearful public and a government staggering from sectarian political infighting.

"The security situation in Iraq is deteriorating rapidly and is of significant concern," Sen. Bob Corker, top Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Thursday, a day after meeting Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and other senior Iraqi officials during a trip to Baghdad and Irbil, the Kurdish capital in Iraq's north.

"A United States foreign policy that does not recognize this will be very problematic," said Corker, R-Tenn.

In the 20 months since the troop withdrawal, the U.S. has sought to stay out of Iraqi affairs and engage with its government as Washington would with any other nation. A majority of Americans agreed with that approach, and 58 percent of U.S. adults said in a Washington Post-ABC poll taken in March that the Iraq war had not been worth the fight.

Distracted by a civil war in Syria, a policy pivot to Asia, growing extremism in North Africa and Iran's nuclear ambitions, the White House turned its attention elsewhere.

Egypt, once reliably stable, has disintegrated over deadly street riots and attacks that killed more than 600 people Wednesday during protests over the ouster of Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi. Jordan, a key U.S. ally, is threatening to collapse under financial strain caused, in large part, by more than 1 million refugees who have crossed into the country from Syria. The U.S. is also leading peace talks between Israel and Palestinian authorities, and watching a growing threat from al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula in Yemen. A threat from al-Qaida led to the closing of 19 diplomatic posts across the region last week.

"That's a pretty large agenda," said Jon Alterman, a Mideast expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. "Iraq is no longer viewed as central to everything the U.S. cares about in the Middle East. But Iraq is still relevant to a wide range that the U.S. cares about."

U.S. officials say they remain actively involved in Iraq, and have quietly stepped up diplomatic efforts over the last six months. The efforts have included helping Iraq smooth over longstanding disputes it has had with some of its neighbors, including Kuwait and Turkey.

But much of the focus has centered on making sure Baghdad's Shiite-led government remains independent from the Shiite government in Iran and staying out of the civil war in Syria, where Sunni Muslim rebels are seeking to overthrow Syrian President Bashar Assad, an Alawite. Alawites are an offshoot of Shiite Islam.

Washington has repeatedly chastised Baghdad for allowing Iranian planes to fly weapons over Iraqi airspace to Assad's forces, a violation of U.N. sanctions. A senior Obama administration official said Thursday those flights have been greatly diminished since March, but the official could not say immediately how many Iranian planes have been stopped and inspected. The official wasn't authorized to discuss the diplomacy publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Iraq and the U.S. also are discussing how to curb the new rise of al-Qaida in Iraq, an issue that remains one of the most problematic for the region. Intelligence experts have described the terror group's footing in Iraq and Syria as a new al-Qaida hub in the Mideast, one that has sought for years to underscore Baghdad's inability to protect its people.

Most of the attacks in Iraq target government officials, security forces and Shiite pilgrims and neighborhoods. The administration official said the number of suicide bombings in Iraq has more than tripled over the last months, and it's believed that most of the attackers are coming from Syria.

"Iraq sits at the intersection of regional currents of increasingly turbulent, violent and unpredictable actions," Kerry said Thursday in remarks with Zebari, the Iraqi foreign minister. Kerry said sectarian tensions across the Mideast could "threaten Iraq's stability" if left unchecked.

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Job skills that will outlast the boom in Texas

Despite the productivity and good fortune, an end to the boom is inevitable

By L.M. Sixel
Houston Chronicle

One of my most memorable interviews after moving to Texas in 1986 was with a geologist who had lost his energy job and couldn't find another one. He was selling cars to support his family.

He recalled the heady days when he had the power to buy expensive equipment and supplies with his corporate checkbook; in his new job selling cars, he had to ask the manager for permission to throw in a set of $40 floor mats to seal a deal.

When the bottom fell out of the Texas economy, thousands of petro experts lost their jobs. The geologists, geophysicists and petroleum engineers struggled to reinvent themselves, with many vowing to find industries that weren't so volatile.

The image problem of booms followed by busts persisted for decades and made the energy industry unattractive to many promising students.

But as the price of oil started rising, and then kept going up, memories of the tough times began to fade.

Fast-forward to 2013, and oil is once again king. At the moment, there is no hotter degree in Texas than petroleum engineering. It's probably not hard to figure out why, given the price of oil hovering around $107 a barrel.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board puts the 2011 average starting salary at $84,298 for petroleum engineers.

But every Texan of at least a certain age knows that the price of a barrel won't stay high forever.

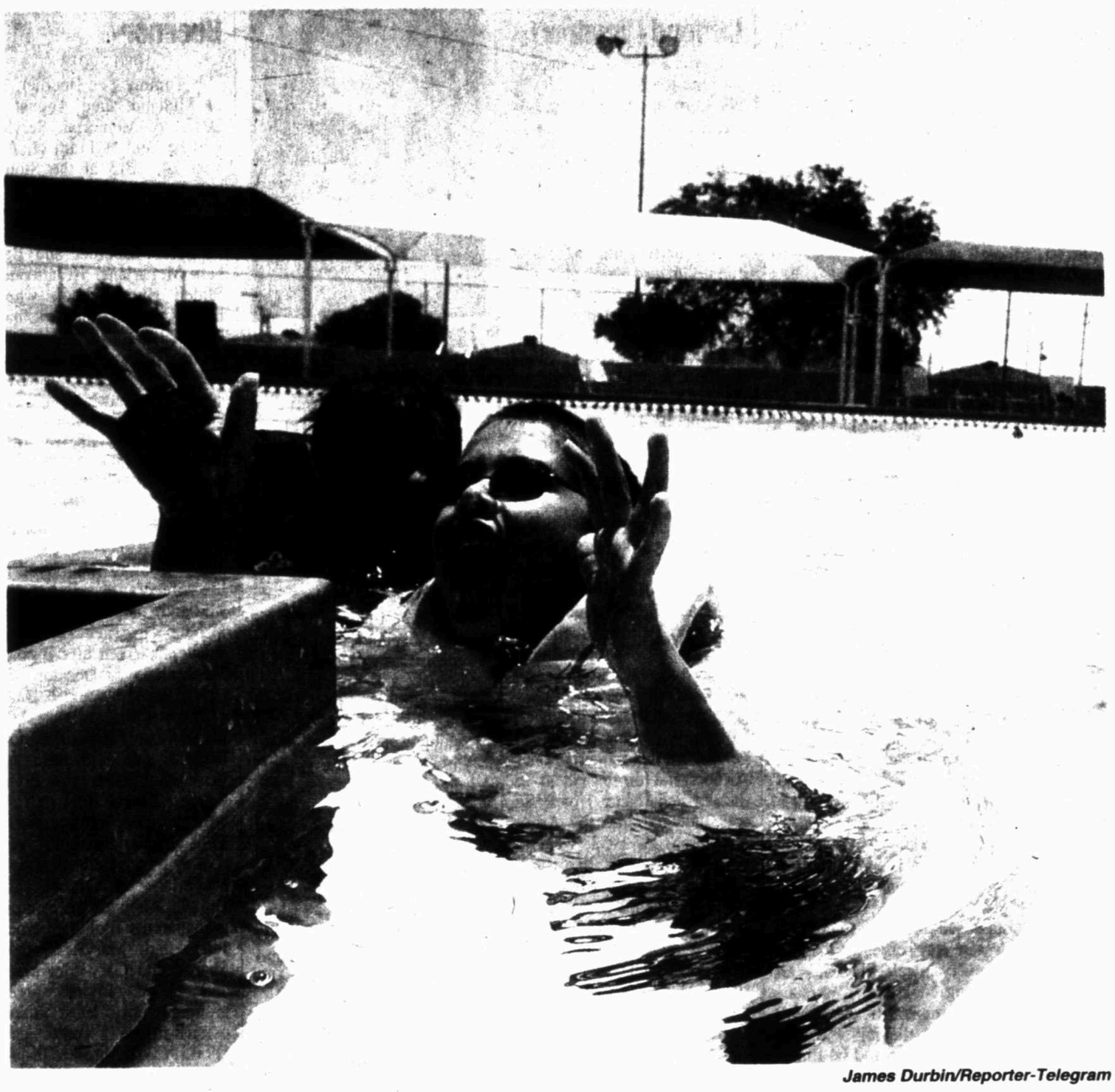
At some point, today's hottest degree could be worth about as much as some of the historically lower-paying degrees such as psychology and fine arts.

"I enjoyed the booms," said Stan S. Thurber, who graduated with a master's degree in petroleum engineering from the University of Texas in 1968.

Thurber, who got about 10 job offers as he finished his degree, kept delaying the start of his new position in California. The company couldn't have been more

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End of the summer



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Rylee Hignojos and Salvador Amparan, both 6, swim at Doug Russell Pool, which is closed for the season Saturday. For more photos of Doug Russell Pool's final summer days, go to www.mywesttexas.com.

Midland tax rates set for considerable change

From staff reports

Local taxing entities are busy preparing budgets for the fiscal year, set to begin Oct. 1, and now is the time for taxpayers to provide feedback on rates at public hearings.

Most Midland County taxing entities have proposed rates below both last year's rate and the effective rate. Because Midland's tax base is growing rapidly each year, entities will still collect more taxes than in previous years while setting lower rates.

Though tax rates are projected to decrease, homeowners aren't likely to see their tax bills decrease because their home values have most likely increased, said Jerry Bundick, chief appraiser for the Midland Central Appraisal District.

"If the city decides they want to set the tax rate to hire more firefighters, that's fine, but it's up to citizens to decide the degree of growth," Bundick said.

For instance, the average market value on a residence taxed by Midland ISD increased from $178,034 last year to $195,092 this year. Even though MISD trustees have proposed a tax rate 0.01001 per $100 valuation lower than last year, the taxes due on an average residence are expected to increase by $146.

Taxes will increase significantly for Greenwood ISD residents who passed a $51.5 million bond for the construction of new campuses for third through eighth grade students this May.

With the average market value on a residence taxed by Greenwood ISD increased from $180,210 last year to $214,428 this year and the proposed tax rate to increase 0.35995 per $100 valuation, taxes due on an average residence are expected to increase by $903.31.

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Midland women reflect on 40 years of sharing the lap lanes

By Rachael Gleason
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For Midlanders taking Em Carnett's ladies swim class, signing up — just like the swimming itself — became a lesson in patience.

That was back in the late 1960s and early 1970s, when short hairstyles, polka dot bathing suits and big round sunglasses were in fashion, and the community pool was the place to be in the summer.

"It used to be you had to enroll early," said Peggy Jacobs Case, 69. "When it got to 100, they closed it. Virginia would call me, and we would have to be in the first 100."

More than 40 years later, Peggy still swims daily at Doug Russell Pool with the same group of ladies, who met Tuesday for the last time as city pools closed this week for the summer.

The city will winterize — or drain pipes and cover — its 350,000-gallon Washington Pool, said Laurie Williams, the city's Parks and Recreation manager.

And she said renovations are in store for the 500,000-gallon Doug Russell Pool, which is drained for the winter.

"We have a consultant on board making some recommendations. We were given funding for upgrades," Williams said. "The shell, the lining of the pool, is constantly leaking water. We have to get that taken care of. The mechanics and pipes all need to be upgraded."

Swim therapy

After their usual one-hour swim that day, the ladies in Em's former swim class — now all in their 60s, 70s and 80s — reflected on 40 years of sharing the lap lanes.

The former swim instructor and city parks and recreation superintendent said spending time at the community pool was much more common back then because nobody had a personal pool.

"We had women from all different areas of town. We swam from noon to 1 p.m., and the pool didn't open until 2 p.m., so we had an hour to ourselves," said Em, 86. "This is how we first started out."

The ladies would bring their lunch every day, and once a week, one person would bring lunch for everyone, Em said.

"We had gorgeous luncheons," she said. "We would try to outdo each other."

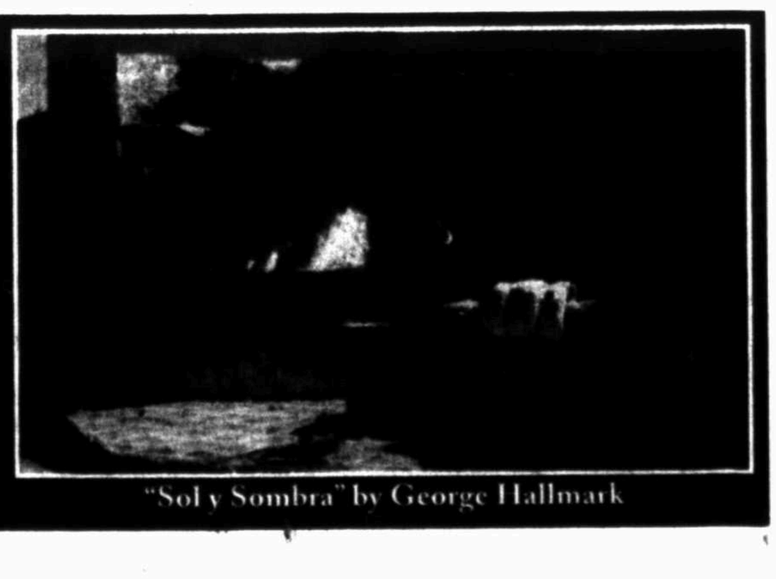
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Em Carnett leads a group of women in swimming at Doug Russell Pool.

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"Sol y Sombra" by George Hallmark

Ruth Asawa, artist who wove wire, dies at 87

New York Times News Service

Ruth Asawa, an artist who learned to draw in an internment camp for Japanese-Americans during World War II and later earned renown weaving wire into intricate, flowing, fanciful abstract sculptures, died Aug. 6 at her home in San Francisco, where many of her works now dot the cityscape. She was 87.

Her daughter Aiko Cuneo confirmed the death.

Asawa had been shunted from one detention camp to another as a child before blossoming under the tutelage of artists Buckminster Fuller, John Cage, Franz Kline and Josef Albers. Gaining notice in the art world while still a student, she soon began building a wider following with abstract wire sculptures that expressed both the craftsmanship she had learned from Mexican basket makers as well as her ambition to extend line drawings into a third dimension. Many of these were hanging mobiles.

In 1968 she startled her admirers by creating her first representational work, a fountain in Ghirardelli Square on San Francisco's waterfront. It had two mermaids — one nursing a "merbaby" — frogs, turtles, splashing water and a recording of frogs croaking.

Lawrence Halprin, the distinguished landscape architect who designed the waterfront space, had planned to install an abstract fountain. But after a long, unexplained delay, the developer chose Asawa for the job. Her creation set off a freewheeling debate about aesthetics, feminism and public art. Halprin, who had been a fan of Asawa's abstractions, complained that the mermaids looked like a suburban lawn ornament.

Asawa countered with old-fashioned sentiment. "For the old, it would bring back the fantasy of their childhood," she said, "and for the young, it would give them something to remember when they grow old."

By and large, San Franciscans loved it. Asawa went on to design other public fountains and became known in San Francisco as the "fountain lady." For a work in a plaza near Union Square, she mobilized 200 schoolchildren to mold hundreds of images of the city in dough, which were then cast in iron.

The work became the locus of a dispute this summer with Apple Inc., which wanted to remove the sculpture to make way for a plaza adjacent to a store it is building. After a public outcry, the company and the city promised to protect the sculpture, but the final disposition of the piece remains unresolved.

Asawa's wire sculptures are in the collections of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum and the Whitney Museum of American Art. In May, one of her pieces sold at auction at Christie's for $1.4 million, four times its appraised value.

After the M.H. de Young Museum in San Francisco opened a new building in 2005, it installed 15 of Asawa's most significant hanging wire sculptures at the base of its tower. As they drift with air currents, her large organic forms have been said to resemble a giant, eerie kelp forest.

Her work is inextricably linked to her life. "Glimpses of my childhood" inspired her, she once said. One memory, of sunlight pouring through a dragonfly's translucent wing, was transmuted into the crocheted wire sculptures for which she first became known. In 1958, The New York Times wrote of their "gossamer lightness" and the way "the circular and oval shapes seem like magic lanterns, one within the other."

Drug lord's release painful for victims' relatives

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — On a sunny winter morning in 1984, two young American couples dressed in their Sunday best walked door to door in the western Mexican city of Guadalajara, trying to spread their faith as Jehovah's Witnesses. A few hours later they disappeared.

The next month an American journalist went out with a friend at the end of a yearlong sabbatical writing a mystery novel. The two men also vanished.

Within 10 days, Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena was kidnapped too, then tortured and killed by Mexico's most powerful drug cartel, setting off one of the worst episodes of U.S.-Mexico tension in recent decades. As DEA agents hunted for Camarena's killers, some witnesses told them that the cartel had mistaken the other six Americans for undercover agents and killed them just like Camarena.

Cartel leader Rafael Caro Quintero walked free this month, 12 years early, after a local appeals court overturned his sentence for three of the murders. For the U.S. and Mexico, Caro Quintero's secretive, predawn release has set off a frantic effort to get the drug lord back behind bars. For the families of the six Americans slain before Camarena, the decision has awakened bitter memories of the brutality that ushered in the modern era of Mexican drug trafficking.

"I just never imagined that this would happen, that Caro Quintero would be walking around free at the age of 60," said journalist John Clay Walker's widow, Eve, who lives in Atlanta. "There's probably not been a day in the last 30 years that I haven't missed my husband and wished that he was here to see the girls grow up.

"It was tough to do it alone, but I kind of had the consolation of knowing that the responsible people were in prison and that they would stay there."

The systematic killing of seven Americans in three months stands out even in the long and bloody history of the U.S.-backed effort to quash Mexican drug trafficking. Tens of thousands of Mexicans have died, and dozens of Americans have been killed in cartel-related violence, often because of ties to people involved in drug trafficking. But assassinating U.S. law-enforcement agents remains a taboo for most Mexican organized crime, as does the deliberate targeting of Americans with no ties to the drug war.

Walker was 37 when, according to some witnesses, he and his friend Alberto Radelat, a dentist from Fort Worth, walked into "The Lobster," a high-end Guadalajara seafood restaurant where Caro Quintero and his companions were holding a private party. Others have said Walker and Radelat were kidnapped off the street by Caro Quintero's men as the cartel frantically hunted for the DEA agents behind an aggressive U.S. push against large marijuana-growing and smuggling operations.

Walker and Radelat's tortured bodies were found a little more than five months later in a park outside Guadalajara.

Obituaries



Billie Jean Moore (Gran)

Billie Jean Moore (Gran) went to be with our Lord on August 14, 2013 while holding her granddaughters hand in her loving, devoted home. Gran gallantly battled Cancer and Dementia under the watchful eye of her granddaughter Kim and husband Tyler. What noble and steadfast caretakers they were while never once wavering on their decision to care for her until the day she passed. Gran was an example of Christ in every aspect of her life, as we are all called to be. There is no doubt she is spreading love and laughter in Heaven now.

She was born on August 22, 1924 in Sayre, OK to Virginia Irene and Johnny B. Myers. Gran never met a stranger and was so full of life and love for other people. She was a hero to her granddaughters and her undying love and care for them impacted their lives forever. She was employed at M System Food's for over 33 years with her final position being Drug Manager. Her isles were pristine perfect and her smiles were abundant. Gran was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday school and was a member of the choir alongside her husband of late, William Frederick Young III. There was always a soda, snack, special surprise and a smile waiting for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Tea was supposed to have sugar and dessert was served at the end of every meal. She was an amazing cook and an immaculate gardener. If she wasn't at work or playing with the grandkids she could be found working in the yard as it brought her peace. Gran's most famous talent was bedtime stories. Among the favorites were "Jack and the Bean Stalk," "Goldie Locks and the Three Bears", and "The Three Little Pigs." If you were fortunate enough to have heard them you would have sworn you were in the story yourself. Her granddaughters spent many a night in her loving arms while falling peacefully to sleep to such fairy tales.

She is survived by her sister Claudette Johnson of Athens Texas, daughter Lana Young Reynolds, granddaughters Kimberly Rene' Riley and husband William Tyler Riley, Lyneia Jean Vitello and husband Michael Perry Vitello and great grandchildren Kirsten Louise Graham, Logan Perry Vitello, Brinson Michael Vitello and Cason Patrick Vitello of Midland, Texas.

There will be a viewing on Sunday, August 18, 2013 at Ellis Funeral Home between the hours of 6:00pm and 8:00pm. Graveside service has been scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2013 at 10:00am at Fairview Cemetery. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

The pallbearers will be: Tyler Riley, Mike Vitello, Tony Graham, Logan Vitello, Brinson Vitello and Cason Vitello.

The family would like to especially thank Hospice of Midland for their compassionate and loving care.

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Clifford Woodruff

Clifford Woodruff stepped into the loving arms of Jesus, his Lord and Savior on July 30, 2013.

Memorial services were held in Las Vegas, Nevada on August 5, 2013. Clifford was born in Fisher County, Texas July 12, 1929. He was the 4th of 10 children born to John Clifford and Margaret Irene Wilson Woodruff.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara; his parents and his sister, Susie Stafford. He is survived by his children: Diane Swanson, Tammy Bear, Echo Anderson, Eric Woodruff and John Eben Woodruff; 14 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; brothers: Jack, J.B., Wayne, Jeston and Carl Woodruff; sisters: Ruth Ferrell, Juanita Woodruff Salsich and Betty Hutcheson; numerous nieces and nephews; who all loved their Uncle Cliff.

Prior to going into the service, Clifford drove a limousine for Midland Limousine Company, picking up passengers at Midland International Airport and driving them to the old Scharbauer Hotel. He was inducted into the Army on March 25, 1952, went to basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, service school at SWRTC Camp at San Luis Obispo, CA, then to Korea. He was awarded the Korean Service Medal, two bronze stars, UN Service Medal and the National Defense and Good Conduct Medal. After being discharged from active duty on February 25, 1954, Cliff served 8 more years in the Army Reserve under UMT and Service Act. Cliff was a hero to his children and his integrity and willingness to help others preceded him. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Doris Jacqueline (Jackie) Richman

June, 1922 ~ August, 2013

Doris Jacqueline (Jackie) Richman, age 91, of Valley Mills, Texas, formerly of Midland passed away Friday, Aug. 16, 2013, in a Waco Hospital. Funeral service will be 11 A.M. Monday, August 19th at the First Baptist Church in Valley Mills, Texas. Interment will be 1 P.M. Tuesday at Resthaven Cemetery in Midland, Texas, under the direction of Foss Funeral Home.

Mrs. Richman was born in June of 1922, in Whitehouse, Texas. She was the daughter of Perry and Eva (Terry) Crawley. She graduated from Midland High School in 1940. Jackie married Wilbur Renfro Richman in July of 1939, in Midland, Texas. She was a past member of Cotton Flat Baptist Church of Midland, Tx., and a member of the First Baptist Church of Valley Mills, Tx. She retired from West Texas Reproduction Company of Midland. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two sister and a brother.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law: Eva and Paul Rannefeld of Irving, a son and daughter-in-law: Jim and Dana Richman of Valley Mills, Texas; granddaughter and husband: Sorrel and Andrew Peterson of San Antonio; great grandson: A. C. Peterson of San Antonio; numerous nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers are: Paul Rannefeld, Richard Crawley, Bud Munroe, Doug Denny, Glenn Norman, and Andrew Peterson.

Memorials may be made to a food pantry of your choice.

Please join us in remembering Jackie by visiting our memorial at www.fossfuneralhome.com



James Ralph Wigzell

Born: August 15, 1951 -
Died: August 13, 2013

PRECEDED IN DEATH - Parents - Ralph and Lottie Wigzell, of San Angelo, Texas
Sister - Faye Roberts, of Midland, Texas

SURVIVED BY - Sisters - Linda Buck and husband Roger Buck, of Chesapeake, Virginia, and Sharon Sliger, of Brownwood, Texas and Niece's - Brenda Sprague, of Midland, TX., Tracy, and Chrissy, of Chesapeake Virginia, and a Nephew Monty Buck of Chesapeake, Virginia.

Also by numerous great nephews, and nieces, and many, many, friends in San Angelo, Texas, Midland, Texas and Chesapeake, Virginia.

EMPLOYED BY AND RETIRED FROM - Midland County Road and Bridge Department

Cremation, and a private service will be held on August 15, 2013 in Chesapeake, Virginia, to celebrate James's birthday, as well as his wonderful and full life that he always felt the need to include each and every one of his family members and numerous friend's across the United States that he loved and cared for dearly. James was a person that would always put his family and friends first before ever consjdering doing for himself, and he will be dearly missed by all. As written in one of his favorite songs - "Happy trails to you, until we meet again!"

Randell B. Amos Jr.

Randell B. Amos Jr., 78, of Midland, passed away Friday, August 16, 2013. Private services are planned. He served our country with courage and honor in the Navy for 10 years and in the Army for 17. He was a decorated service member including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Survivors include his three daughters, Donna Amos, Peggy Picciano, and Patricia Reich and her husband Patrick, son, Randell D. Amos and his wife Cindy; six grandchildren, Tiffany Faulk, Jeremy Reich, Ryan Reich, Robert Picciano, Jennifer Picciano, and Sam Amos; and 1 great grandchild, Trey Faulk.

The family suggests memorials be made to Arthritis Foundation, PO Box 7669, Atlanta, Georgia, 30357-0669.

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



Tommy Lee Boerner

1980 - 2013

Tommy Lee Boerner, 33 of Midland, died August 2, 2013. A Memorial Service will be held at 11am on August 24, 2013 at the Stonegate Fellowship Church.

Tommy was born February 5, 1980 in Denton County to Gerald Boerner and Barbara McFarlane. He attended Slidell High School, where he was involved in track, basketball and FFA, winning serveral first-place ribbons for showmanship of livestock. He graduated as salutatorian and went on to earn his associates degree from Midland College. He enjoyed coed softball, hunting, outfitting and charity hunts for children. He married Vanessa Cody Octobe 6, 2007. Tommy is survived by his wife, Vanessa Boerner of Midland; parents Gerald and Debbie Boerner of Pilot Point; and Tom and Barbara McFaralane of Decatur; sisters Christy and Halee Boerner of Piolot Point, Ashley Norton of Dallas, Amber Samples of Coppell and April Norton of Pilot Point; brothers Joey Boerner and wife Jessica, of Krugerville, Thor McFarlane and wife Ashley of Hurst, Shawn McFarlane of Decatur and Douglas Gammill of Denton; grandparents Polly Boerner, Jerry and MaryAnn Pels, Sharon and Gary McFarlane and Helen Taylor; great-grandmother Pearl Cox; parents-in-law Tony and Gloria Cody; brother-in-law Nathan Cody and wife, Lety; three nephews; six nieces; and other extended family members.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warriors at www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

Death Notices

Joyce A. Rosser

Joyce A. Rosser, 56, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, August 10, 2013 in Lubbock.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am, Monday, August 19, 2013 at Mt. Rose Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Midland.

Survivors include her 2 daughters, Tswana Brown and Brittany Black and 1 brother, James Rosser. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Ex-Mexican governor's condo sold for $640K

Associated Press

MCALLEN — Federal authorities have received $640,000 for a South Padre Island luxury condominium linked to a former Mexican governor who's accused of money laundering.

The 1,946-square-foot, 3-bedroom, 3-bathroom oceanfront condo that federal officials say was linked to former Tamaulipas Gov. Tomas Yarrington was auctioned off Friday. About 50 people attended, The Monitor of McAllen reported.

Yarrington is accused of money laundering in the U.S. through entities that were not in his name, but no criminal charges have been filed. He is also under investigation in Mexico for corruption allegations and is a fugitive.

Yarrington was governor of the state of Tamaulipas, bordering south Texas, between 1999 and 2005. The charges in Mexico follow allegations by U.S. prosecutors that Yarrington accepted millions of dollars in bribes from Gulf and Zetas drug cartels while in public office "and from various extortion or bribery schemes," and invested the money in Texas real estate.

Civil actions filed by U.S. authorities allege that Yarrington used various front men and businesses "to become a major real estate investor through various money laundering mechanisms," according to court documents.

U.S. authorities won civil forfeiture claims on the fully furnished apartment, a private plane, a $2 million house in McAllen and cash in a Bermuda account. Proceeds from seizures routinely go to law enforcement agencies involved in the cases.

People linked to Yarrington were barred from taking part in the auction.

The auctioneer started bids at $1 million, but had to lower the starting price to $250,000 for anyone to bite. It quickly progressed to about half a million dollars, and eventually, a woman who said she was working for a client in San Antonio placed the winning $640,000 bid.

The auction price is about $2,000 more than the appraised value; an identical unit on the same floor is priced $80,000 higher.

TAX RATES

From 1B

All taxing entities must adopt tax rates before Sept. 30, but the majority of Midland's taxing entities plan to do so by the end of August.

Tax bills based off of Jan. 1, 2013 assessed values will be mailed to homeowners at the beginning of October, Bundick said.

The deadline for paying the majority of property taxes is Jan. 31, 2014, and taxes that remain unpaid on Feb. 1 are considered delinquent and accrue penalty and interest charges.

Glossary of terms

Effective tax rate: The effective tax rate is a calculated rate that would provide the taxing unit with about the same amount of revenue it received in the year before on properties taxed in both years. If property values rise, the effective tax rate will go down and vice versa.

Rollback tax rate: The rollback rate is a calculated maximum rate allowed by law without voter approval. The rollback rate provides the taxing unit with about the same amount of tax revenue it spent the previous year for day-to-day operations, plus an extra eight percent increase for those operations, in addition to sufficient funds to pay debts in the coming year. If a taxing unit adopts a tax rate higher than the rollback rate, voters in the taxing unit can circulate a petition calling for an election to limit the size of the tax increase.

2013 statistics and hearing dates

Estimated Total Taxable Values for 2013
City of Midland
$8,762,208,981
Midland County
$18,542,133,382
Midland County Hospital District
$18,903,137,294
Midland College District
$17,839,861,174
Midland ISD
$16,584,564,719
Greenwood ISD
$1,100,502,567
Source: Midland Central Appraisal District

2012 Total Tax Rate
City of Midland
$0.461088 per $100 valuation
Midland County
$0.155250 per $100 valuation
Midland County Hospital District
$0.139730 per $100 valuation
Midland College District
$0.144180 per $100 valuation
Midland ISD
$1.140050 per $100 valuation
Greenwood ISD
$1.151390 per $100 valuation

2013 Effective Tax Rate
City of Midland
$0.420227 per $100 valuation
Midland County
$0.140178 per $100 valuation
Midland County Hospital District
$0.127270 per $100 valuation
Midland College District
$0.130994 per $100 valuation
Midland ISD
$1.332700 per $100 valuation
Greenwood ISD
$1.635350 per $100 valuation

2013 Rollback Tax Rate
City of Midland
$0.443225 per $100 valuation
Midland County
$0.166417 per $100 valuation
Midland County Hospital District
$0.131716 per $100 valuation
Midland College District
$0.139682 per $100 valuation
Midland ISD
$1.150005 per $100 valuation
Greenwood ISD
$1.511340 per $100 valuation

2013 Proposed Tax Rate
City of Midland
$0.431927 per $100 valuation
(above effective rate by 0.0117)
Midland County
$0.140178 per $100 valuation
(effective rate)
Midland County Hospital District
$0.1257 per $100 valuation (below effective rate by 0.00157)
Midland College District
"N/A" Rate will be proposed at Tuesday's board meeting
Midland ISD
$1.1301 per $100 valuation (below effective rate by 0.2026)
Greenwood ISD
$1.511340 per $100 valuation (at the rollback rate)

Public hearings dates
City of Midland
9 a.m. Tuesday, Midland City Hall, 300 N. Loraine St.
Midland ISD
5:30 p.m. Aug. 26, Lee High School, 3500 Neely Ave.
Greenwood ISD
6 p.m. Aug. 28, Greenwood Distance Learning Center, 2700 FM 1379

Midland County and the Midland County Hospital District are not required to hold public hearings because they plan to adopt tax rates at or below the effective rate. Midland College trustees will not propose a tax rate or call for public hearings until 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Weather decimates West Texas' cotton acres

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — West Texas cotton producer Doug Hlavaty has no plans to ditch his trade despite another tough growing season in the South Plains, replete with drought, hail and blowing sand.

Those weather conditions have robbed the world's largest contiguous cotton-growing patch of 50 percent of its acreage this year, according to recent estimates.

Preliminary numbers released this week by the U.S. Department of Agriculture show that cotton producers in the area — stretching from the Texas Panhandle at the Oklahoma border southward to the Midland-Odessa area — are forecast to harvest 1.86 million acres, a far cry from the 3.7 million acres they planted in the spring.

Texas is the nation's leading cotton-producing state and the South Plains typically produces two-thirds of the state total. But don't worry blue-jean and cotton-clothing enthusiasts, there's plenty of the fluffy fiber left to go around, thanks to carry-over from prior years' harvests worldwide.

The multi-year drought in these West Texas cotton-growing fields shows little sign of slowing, and this summer's hail storms have only served to damage what was growing.

Hlavaty abandoned about 1,000 acres of his dryland cotton about a couple of months ago. The water needed for Hlavaty's seed to germinate never fell, and there was little subsoil moisture to begin with. In fact, most of the acreage wiped out in the South Plains was dryland cotton.

The 59-year-old said he lost 40 percent of his 4,700 total planted cotton acres. Some of the crop in his irrigated fields was destroyed by earlier hail storms.

But most of the area's irrigated cotton fields are developing well, due in part to good rains during the past six weeks, though hail this week may have taken out some of those acres.

Hlavaty and many other producers see drought as a cyclical phenomenon and aren't overly worried.

"It'll start raining again," he said. "This is just cotton country. We'll get out of this drought."

Last year, the state produced 5 million bales, with 2.93 million bales coming from West Texas. This year, the region is forecast to harvest 2.57 million of the state's 4.1 million bales, a 12 percent drop from 2012. Nationally, 12.5 million bales are expected to be harvested, down 25 percent from 2012's production of 16.5 million bales.

It's been worse in the Lone Star State. 2011 was Texas' hottest summer and driest year ever, leading to growers bringing in their smallest crop since 1998 — 3.5 million bales. The South Plains produced just 1.8 million bales then, the area's smallest harvest since the early 1990s.



AP file photo

In 2007, the sun sets on a cotton field south of Lubbock. Drought, hail and many windy days with blowing sand have robbed the world's largest contiguous cotton-growing patch of 50 percent of its acreage this year. Dryland cotton has been hit the most.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

Feds sue Luminant over power plant pollution

The Justice Department has filed a clean-air lawsuit against Dallas-based Luminant Generation over pollution from two coal-fired East Texas power plants.

The Big Brown plant near Fairfield and the Martin Lake plant near Tyler are at the center of the lawsuit. It alleges Luminant made changes to the two plants without permits or needed improvements, resulting in increased air pollution.

Luminant is the electric power generating subsidiary of the financially troubled Dallas-based Energy Future Holdings, which bought out TXU in 2007.

DALLAS

Texas plans urban highway upkeep shift to cities

State transportation officials are discussing a shift of responsibility for maintaining nearly 1,900 miles of urban highways in 59 cities to those cities' governments.

The Dallas Morning News reported the Texas Transportation Commission will discuss the proposal on Aug. 29. The newspaper reports the shift would force the city governments to absorb $165 million each year in new costs.

The legislature passed a bill this month that requires the commission to cut state highway spending by $100 million.

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Anna Marie J. Arsiaga, 35, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of theft less than $1,500 with two previous theft convictions.

Ty K. Banks, 30, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of assault of a family or household member by impeding breath.

Malcolm T. Clark, 36, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Alfredo C. Elizandro, 22, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Richard A. Ellison, 38, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of aggravated robbery.

Oscar D. Estrada, 34, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Hector J. Garcia, 29, of Hobbs, N.M., was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Alonso Garcia-Martinez, 28, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Antonio A. Hernandez, 23, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Freddie R. Jordan Jr., 27, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of violating probation.

Lorenzo Perez Jr., 21, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Audra V. Tavarez, 40, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of violating probation.

Krysten M. Yanez, 21, of Midland, was arrested Friday on a charge of theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Crime of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland County Sheriff's Office need help solving a theft.

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Because we feel it is important that you know how and where your donations to Helping Hands are spent, here is what was done last week:

Electricity	7 families	$ 1,618.24
Gas	4 families	$ 257.42
Water	2 families	$ 319.08
Rent	19 families	$19,641.89
Medical	3 families	$ 1,145.89
Misc	3 families	$ 2,148.00
TOTAL		$25,130.52

It still comes as a surprise to us that there are people in Midland who believe that, with the abundance of jobs here (and lack of people to fill them) that there are people needing financial assistance. Surely, they must be "deadbeats" who have no interest in working. And if they are that lazy then they deserve their fate - they should be left to sleep in the streets! Cruel words such as these sting us when we hear them, because we work one-on-one with the people needing the assistance. It is very easy to make sweeping assumptions about an issue when one does not have all of the facts. It pains us deeply to hear them.

The majority of those people we help suffer the effects of medical expenses. They have no insurance - not because they do not want it, but because it is not offered to them through their places of employment, and they do not have the income to purchase it on their own. This week we helped pay the rent of a woman who recently suffered a stroke, a man who suffered a heart attack, and a man who had emergency leg surgery. While they all hold jobs, they do not have medical insurance nor are they paid for their time off from work. They have not yet been released to go back to work and yet the rent is due.

The second situation is the flood of people coming to Midland hoping to make a new start. They quickly find jobs, however they quickly run out of money waiting for that first paycheck to come in. Many of these people end up living in their cars. We met this week with a man who has been here two weeks. He has a job, but does not receive his first paycheck for another week. Because he has a night job, he cannot stay at the Salvation Army (residents there must be in by early evening). He has been trying to sleep in his truck in our hot West Texas afternoons, and his frustration was evident as he begged us for shelter. We were so happy to be able to get him out of that hot sun!

The third situation is when a partner has abandoned his/her family. Two incomes are reduced to one, and yet costs for daycare, rent and day-to-day living remain the same. Temporary help is needed until the single parent can make adjustments to compensate for the loss of income.

These are the most common situations that we run into in helping those needing financial assistance. But there are as many reasons for helping as there are people out there with legitimate needs. We do whatever we can to keep these people in their homes and apartments, and to provide shelter for the homeless. No, they are not deadbeats - they are people in need of a compassionate helping hand. We are blessed that your donations make helping them possible. Thanks to all of you for helping us help them. You are truly their guardian angels!

We thank Apache Corporation for inviting us to its volunteer fair, which gave its employees the opportunity to find out more about non-profit organizations needing volunteers. And special thanks to Vicki Wright and Mark Stephens and his wife Teresa who are not only employees of Apache, but are very enthusiastic volunteers for Helping Hands for manning our booth for the event. You are all wonderful! Thank you, thank you very much!

40 YEARS

From 1B

Over time, the ladies in Em's swim class became good friends.

"We talked about everything: our kids, our problems, our marriages. We confided in each other," said Em, as she and about seven others joked and laughed during Tuesday's unofficial reunion at Taco Villa.

The jokers turned to Norma Patterson as she later joined the group, which included 72-year-old Jayce Early, 89-year-old Peggy Jones and their "manager," Eli Southern.

"Why didn't you swim today?" asked Peggy, noting the daily swims provide an opportunity to check up on each other.

Norma, 85, said she was tired after visiting Lake Whitney the weekend before.

"That's no excuse," quipped Peggy.

Norma, a Pecos native, was one of Em's first students.

"She could teach anybody to swim," Norma said. "If they wanted to learn, she could teach anyone."

Betty Moore, 69, agreed: "It was her who got me to swim like I always wanted to. A lot of us learn to swim incorrectly. If you learn to swim correctly, you'll never have a pain. Period."

Em, who made a career out of her lifelong love of swimming, tennis and other outdoor activities, offered up the secret to success in the water.

"Patience. Lots of patience — for the student and the teacher," she said. "I told them not to rush themselves. They really want to get into swimming, and then they would start choking when they got in the water.

"What I would do is not even talk about swimming. We would just talk about feeling good in the water. Don't worry about any strokes."

Em, whose nieces followed in her footsteps and swam at the college level, also taught the city's first water aerobics class after attending a class at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Mismatched suits

The ladies always stuck to the lap lanes, but their bathing suit fashions evolved over the years.

Em was always fond of two-piece bathing wear and said she was the first to sport a leopard-print suit. Norma said Em kept her bathing suits in the trunk of her car.

"She didn't look at them," Norma said. "She just dug out two pieces."

Em later learned mismatched bathing suits were fashionable.

"I was known because I never had a top or bottom that matched. Then one day I read in Time magazine that was in style," she said with a laugh.

One time, Peggy said the ladies all wore the oldest suits they could find. And the former Summer Mummers actress mentioned another swimming requirement: painted toenails.



Courtesy photo

Em Carnett, former swim instructor and parks and recreation superintendent for the city, poses at top with her ladies swim class in the late 1960s.

Mae Davison, who was also involved in Midland Community Theatre, said she showed up once without them painted because she couldn't reach them.

"They said, 'Well, we'll paint them for you,'" Mae said.

Serious swimming

As the city pools close for the summer, many of the ladies will pay to get their swim fix at the local YMCA or COM Aquatics.

"You feel like you're falling apart," said Em, who doesn't like missing her daily swims. "I'm still going strong at 86."

Betty said Em's motivation keeps her going.

"She's hyper. That's why I run around with her," she said, joking.

The ladies look forward to what they called "much-needed renovations" and recalled a time when they marched on City Hall to protest the pool closing early for the summer.

Em tried to convince the city to keep it open longer, but without any luck.

"They were very upset. They kept coming to me and saying, 'You need to do something about this,'" Em said later after lunch, while showing off her scrapbook at her home on Terrace Avenue. "So they said, OK, they we'll go down and talk to the city manager. I said, 'Fine, but don't tell them I sent you.'"

The ladies marched to City Hall in their bathing suits and sunglasses, much to the surprise of the city manager, she said.

"He was very kind. … He was fascinated by all of this and said, 'These ladies are really determined, and I give them credit for sticking up for that, and we'll just have to keep the pool open,'" Em said.

"He said, 'They're serious, you know. They take this swimming thing serious.'"

Prison pig barns cooled while inmates, staff sweat

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas prison system is paying $750,000 for six climate-controlled barns for use in its pig farming program. At the same time, the system faces lawsuits, criticism and complaints by inmates and guards about extreme heat.

The state's prison system uses inmate labor to raise pigs for prison consumption. The pig barns feature large fans with misters and exhaust fans to guarantee constant air movement, reducing the temperature by as much as 20 degrees in hot weather, The Austin American-Statesman reported. The barns also have air preheating elements to ensure the pigs stay warm during the winter.

Bryan Collie, the deputy director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said the barns don't have "air conditioning ... it's a climate-controlled environment." He added that the barns "are consistent with the industry standard for swine operations."

But in the past six years, at least 14 inmate deaths have been blamed on extreme heat — averaging 120 degrees during the summer in some areas inside prisons. Almost none of the inmate living areas have air conditioning.

Collier called comparing the overheated conditions inside the prisons and the climate-controlled conditions for the hogs "ridiculous and outrageous."

Scott Medlock, an Austin civil rights attorney who is suing the prison system over several heat-related deaths, and Lance Lowry, president of a Huntsville local of a union that represents correctional officers, disagreed.

"TDCJ has literally made the decision that protecting its bacon is more important than protecting human lives," Medlock said.

Lowry called for the state's prison to get the same climate control systems as the pig barns.

"Right now, there's just fans blowing around very hot air — if there's fans at all," he said. "It's incredibly hot and dangerous, especially when you consider the officers and inmates who are on heat-sensitive medication."

Collier explained misters and fans are nothing new for the state's prison pigs, as the earlier swine facilities also had them.

At least five lawsuits have been filed against Texas prison officials over heat in the lockups, including one involving the August 2012 death of Rodney Adams at the Gurney Unit near Palestine in East Texas. Adams was in prison for drunken-driving offenses and was being administered medication that made him more sensitive to heat, Medlock said, and his body temperature was 109.9 degrees when he was found.

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Confederate veterans group appeals case over license plate

By David Barer
Dallas Morning News

AUSTIN — A Southern heritage group has rekindled its fight with Texas over Confederate license plates.

Snubbed by a federal judge, the Sons of Confederate Veterans last month appealed a ruling that upheld the state's ban of a plate that features a rebel battle flag.

It sued after the Department of Motor Vehicles twice rejected the plate in 2011. DMV board members called the slavery-era flag offensive, often linked to racist organizations.

Supporters say the banner is meant to honor Confederate soldiers, not cause controversy. They say emails disclosed in the court case show that state officials, wary of a public backlash, twisted agency rules to block their license tag emblem.

It's a marquee legal showdown between a state government that says it has authority to outlaw derogatory symbols and flag advocates who say displaying it is protected free speech.

The politically charged debate also has roots in the emerging campaign for Texas lieutenant governor, where the candidates are split over the Confederate-inspired plate.

A top contender, Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, has long pushed for approval of the plates, which the veterans group wants to sell to raise money for Civil War memorials.

Other Republicans running for that post — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples and Sen. Dan Patrick — have indicated they oppose the idea or say the issue has been settled.

But, responding to The Dallas Morning News, none was as direct as Gov. Rick Perry.

Perry, during his short-lived bid for president, said in late 2011 that Texas shouldn't allow it.

"We don't need to be scraping old wounds," he said.

Several state legislators, mainly Democrats, and other groups, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, have voiced similar objections. They say the battle flag is symbol of a hateful past the state should condemn, not embrace.

After Perry made clear his views, the DMV voted a second time against the specialty plate, with tags containing the words "Sons of Confederate Veterans 1896" and the red battle flag, crossed by blue bars and stars.

If the group prevails, Texas would be the largest state with the plates. Nine others have them, but Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina were forced to do so after the Tennessee-based group sued and won.

Its Texas division could have asked the Legislature to accept the plates. Instead, it sued the DMV in federal court in Austin to overturn the ban.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks then ruled in April that the state didn't have to release a tag that its deems derogatory or inflammatory.

Drivers "can paint their car in the image of the Confederate flag," he said, but "they just can't force the state to put it on their license plate."

The appeal of Sparks' decision is pending in the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

The group's lawyers said Texas officials shouldn't stamp out a point of view simply because some people may not like it. Doing so amounts to "government censorship" and "arbitrary discrimination," said the appeal, filed by John McConnell, of Austin.

"There is almost no speech that does not offend someone," it said. Even vegetarians could be upset by the state-issued plate for Mighty Fine Burgers, an Austin fast food chain.

But the roiling debate over the meaning of the Confederate flag "is exactly (what) the First Amendment was designed to protect," it said.

The Texas attorney general's office, representing the DMV, said the agency has "complete editorial control" over plate designs.

Freedom of speech, it said, does "not give anyone a right to commandeer the machinery of government to support their desired message."

"It is rational for the state to disassociate from a symbol that many citizens will find racially offensive," said the state's response by the solicitor general, Jonathan Mitchell.

Independent legal experts say the outcome has been mixed in similar cases in state and federal courts.

The question about vanity plates is whether they're a form of private speech or government speech. That's the distinction judges look for to apply First Amendment protections, said Gene Policinski, of the First Amendment Center in Nashville.

As for GOP matchup for lieutenant governor, Patterson, a member of the veterans group, sponsored the Confederate plate on behalf of the land commission. He said the DMV overreacted.

He admonished critics who seem to believe "if it's Southern, it's bad." He complained that the DMV "picks and chooses controversies, and does not apply" its approval policy equally.

Dewhurst indicated in a statement that he agreed with the anti-plate vote.

"While Texas' history and heritage should obviously be celebrated, steps are taken to ensure such tributes are conducted in an inclusive manner," he said.

Patrick, the Houston senator, and Staples, the agriculture chief, both declined to say outright that they opposed the Confederate tag.

Patrick said he respected "the passion on both sides" but that the dispute has been decided. He said he's focusing on other issues.

A Staples spokesman said only that he "wants to see the Lone Star flag proudly displayed on license plates as he drives across Texas."

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REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

Detective hits pedestrian in car on way home

ALBUQUERQUE — A woman has been treated for injuries that were not life-threatening after she was struck by a detective's vehicle while crossing an Albuquerque street.

Bernalillo County sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Aaron Williamson said Saturday that alcohol and speed were not factors.

Williamson said 55-year-old Suzanna Windsor suffered a cut to her head and a dislocated left knee on Friday night.

He said an undercover detective identified as Luke Edwards had been making a turn when he hit Windsor.

The Albuquerque Journal reported that the detective was headed home after finishing up paperwork from a warrant service when he struck the woman. The newspaper said the detective called in the accident.

NEW MEXICO

Crews called to house fire find man dead inside

ALBUQUERQUE — Crews responding to a fire in northwest Albuquerque have found a 60-year-old man dead inside.

The fire happened early Saturday morning.

Albuquerque Fire Department spokesman Tim Smith said the man's 82-year-old mother left the home after a smoke detector went off. She told crews that her son was still inside.

ARIZONA

South Tucson officer on leave following shooting

SOUTH TUCSON — A South Tucson police officer is on administrative leave after he shot a man.

Lt. Jeff Inorio said the patrol officer spotted a man carrying what looked like a shotgun Saturday. Inorio says the man ran off a short distance then turned toward the officer in a threatening manner.

Inorio said the officer shot the man multiple times. The man was taken to a Tucson hospital where he underwent surgery.

PHOENIX

Temperatures soar in Arizona's desert region

Arizona saw a mix of scorching hot temperatures and heavy rain Saturday, with the desert region breaking records.

The National Weather Service said Phoenix hit 114 degrees and Tucson hit 108 degrees, topping records set in 1992 for the two cities. Yuma was hot as well at 112 degrees but was 3 degrees shy of its record for the day..

ARIZONA

Man facing sexual assault charges denied bond

FLAGSTAFF — A Flagstaff man charged with two counts of sexual assault won't be allowed out of jail while his case makes its way through the courts.

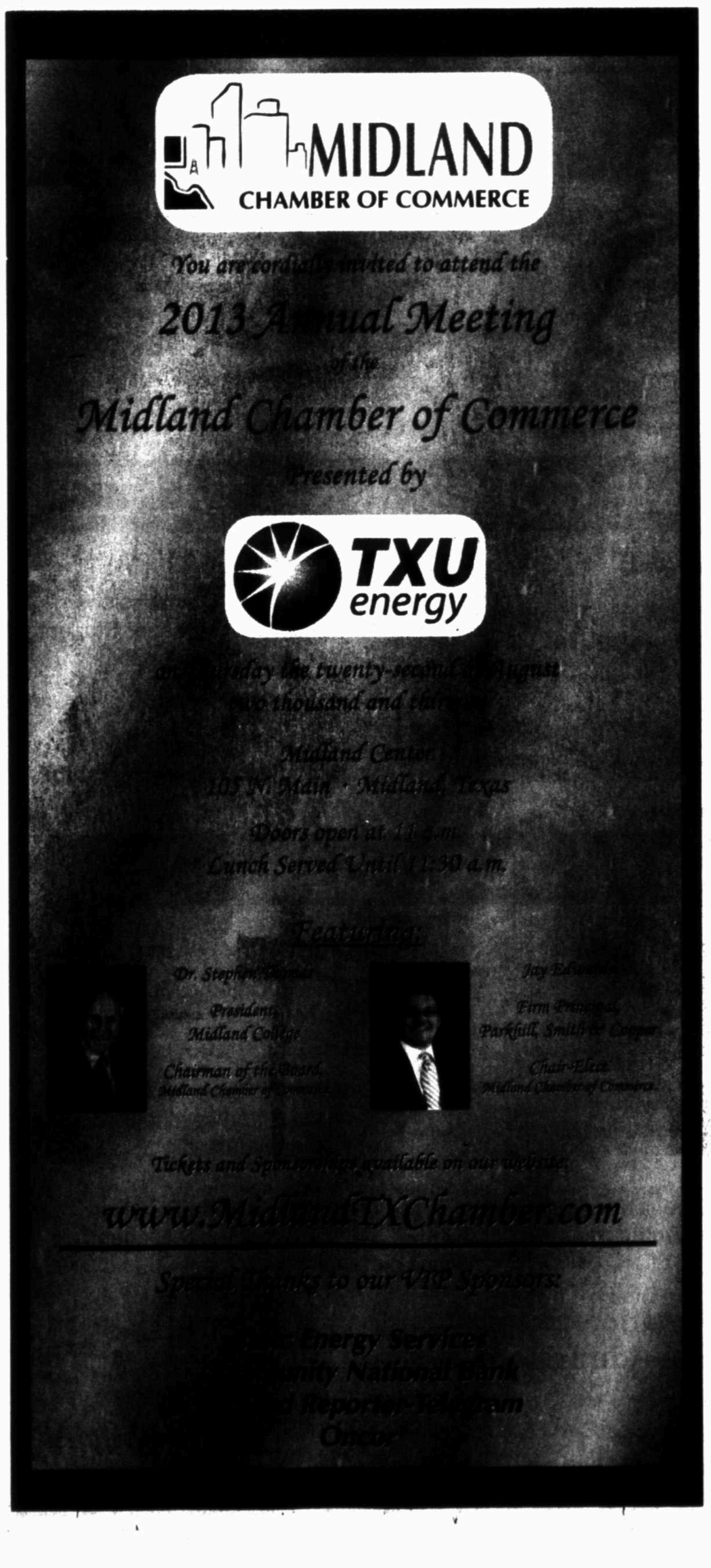
Flagstaff Justice of the Peace Howard Grodman denied bond Friday for 22-year-old Gregory Woody Jr.

Police said that Woody raped, beat and choked two women in Flagstaff, and that DNA linked him to the crimes that happened six months apart.

When the judge asked Woody in court Friday whether he understood the nature of the crimes, Woody said he didn't remember what happened.

The Arizona Daily Sun reports that the attacks had created an environment of fear in the community. Fliers with a composite sketch went up in businesses, bars, taxis and on public buses.

Female police officers went undercover downtown and baited Woody.



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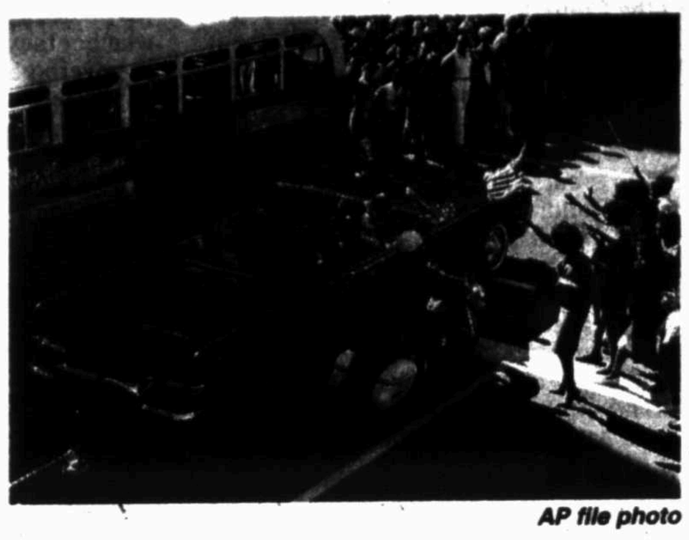
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5 decades later, some JFK probe files still sealed

Associated Press



AP file photo

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy and first lady Jacqueline Kennedy ride in the backseat of an open limousine on Main Street at Ervay Street in Dallas as the presidential motorcade approaches Dealey Plaza. Texas Gov. John Connally, and his wife Nellie are seated in the limousine's jump seats. Five decades after President John F. Kennedy was fatally shot and long after official inquiries ended, thousands of pages of investigative documents remain withheld from public view.

Five decades after President John F. Kennedy was fatally shot and long after official inquiries ended, thousands of pages of investigative documents remain withheld from public view. The contents of these files are partially known — and intriguing — and conspiracy buffs are not the only ones seeking to open them for a closer look.

Some serious researchers believe the off-limits files could shed valuable new light on nagging mysteries of the assassination — including what U.S. intelligence agencies knew about accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald before Nov. 22, 1963.

It turns out that several hundred of the still-classified pages concern a deceased CIA agent, George Joannides, whose activities just before the assassination and, fascinatingly, during a government investigation years later, have tantalized researchers for years.

"This is not about conspiracy, this is about transparency," said Jefferson Morley, a former Washington Post reporter and author embroiled in a decade-long lawsuit against the CIA, seeking release of the closed documents. "I think the CIA should obey the law. I don't think most people think that's a crazy idea."

Morley's effort has been joined by others, including G. Robert Blakey, chief counsel for a House investigation into the JFK assassination in the 1970s. But so far, the Joannides files and thousands more pages primarily from the CIA remain off-limits at a National Archives center in College Park, Md.

Others say the continued sealing of 50-year-old documents raises needless questions in the public's mind and encourages conspiracy theories.

"There is no question that in various ways the CIA obfuscated, but it may be they were covering up operations that were justifiable, benign CIA operations that had absolutely nothing to do with the Kennedy assassination," said Anthony Summers, a British author whose sequel to his JFK book "Not In Your Lifetime" will be released this year.

"But after 50 years, there is no reason that I can think of why such operations should still be concealed," Summers said. "By withholding Joannides material, the agency continues to encourage the public to believe they're covering up something more sinister."

To understand the attention to the Joannides files, it's necessary to go back to 1963 and to review what's known about Oswald that put him on the CIA's radar.

It's also important to recall the differing conclusions of the two official investigations of the JFK killing — one denying any conspiracy, the other suspecting one — and how much or how little cooperation investigators received from CIA officials, including Joannides himself.

Oswald was a loner and an enigma even to those closest to him. He was "as difficult to understand as anyone I've studied in 35 years as a professional historian," said David Kaiser, whose 2008 book, "The Road To Dallas: The Assassination of John F. Kennedy," drew on tens of thousands of documents released in the 1990s.

Still, plenty was learned about Oswald after the shooting in Dallas. And, it's now clear, he was not unknown to the U.S. government before that.

Assassination investigators learned that Oswald had formed a group in New Orleans in the summer of 1963 that ostensibly supported Cuban leader Fidel Castro (Oswald was the only local member) and had been involved in a street altercation with anti-Castro demonstrators that was captured by a local television station.

Pamphlets Oswald had in his possession bore an address of a local anti-Castro operation connected to a former FBI agent with ties to organized crime, investigators discovered. That and other information has led researchers to believe that Oswald may have been part of a counterintelligence operation to discredit the group he had joined, the Fair Play For Cuba Committee, and that the street scene was a setup.

If so, who would have overseen such an operation?

Declassified documents show that Joannides, while based in Miami, was the CIA case officer for the anti-Castro Student Revolutionary Directorate (DRE), the group involved in the street fracas with Oswald.

What did this all add up to, if anything? Official investigations of the Kennedy assassination were not able to provide complete answers.

The Warren Commission, which concluded in 1964 that Oswald acted alone and was not part of a conspiracy, was never told about the CIA's possibly relevant anti-Castro activities, despite the fact that former CIA director Allen Dulles was a Warren Commission member.

Warren Commission staff counsel Burt Griffin, now a retired judge, calls it "an act of bad faith" by the CIA.

"I think they had an obligation to tell the chief justice (Earl Warren, commission chairman) about that, and then that decision would have been his and the commission's to make," Griffin said.

In separate interviews with The Associated Press, Griffin and fellow staff counsel David Slawson stood by the Warren Commission's conclusions.

Each pointed to a series of personal rejections behind Oswald's deadly action: Weeks after he made an unsuccessful attempt in Mexico City to get a visa to Cuba, his wife Marina rejected his attempts to reconcile their rocky marriage. It was during Oswald's visit, the night before the shooting, to the suburban Dallas home where his wife and two young daughters were staying that he packed up his disassembled Mannlicher-Carcano rifle to take to work the next day, the Warren Commission determined. That next morning, he removed his wedding ring, left his money with his wife, and departed to carry out the assassination.

More complex and sinister theories about his motivation have been offered, of course, some flowing from the release in the 1990s of previously classified documents.

Kaiser, the historian, has postulated that Oswald, long seen as a devout leftist, was in fact being manipulated by right-wing and mob elements in his final months and that his visit to the Cuban and Soviet embassies in Mexico City in the fall of 1963 was part of an attempt to reach Cuba and kill Castro.

SKILLS

From 1B

accommodating, he said, and kept boosting his starting salary to keep up with the wages of other new petroleum engineers.

'The busts were tough'

"But the busts were tough," said Thurber, recalling how he didn't work much between 1989 and 1991. He ended up going back overseas, that time to Qatar.

"If you have enough financial resources built up to ride between the busts, you'll do OK," he said.

And make sure you have health insurance, because buying it on the open market is so expensive.

Over his career, Thurber has spent many years working abroad as well as in the United States, which he continues to do as an independent consultant.

While he has enjoyed petroleum engineering, Thurber said he isn't sure he'd recommend it today as a career.

First, study what you enjoy, he said. If that's engineering, consider studying chemical or mechanical engineering, which can be applied to a wider range of industries.

The ups and downs

Engineering itself — not just petroleum engineering — has had a fairly regular pattern of ups and downs, said Barton Smith, professor emeritus of economics at the University of Houston.

When demand is high and salaries are good, everyone rushes into the field, he said. But when the market settles down, demand and salaries dip, too.

It doesn't have to be a bust like the one Texas experienced in the mid-1980s, he said.

"You just have to have the labor market go back to normal. But then you have this huge supply of engineers who were attracted by high salaries five to six years earlier."

It's not just engineering

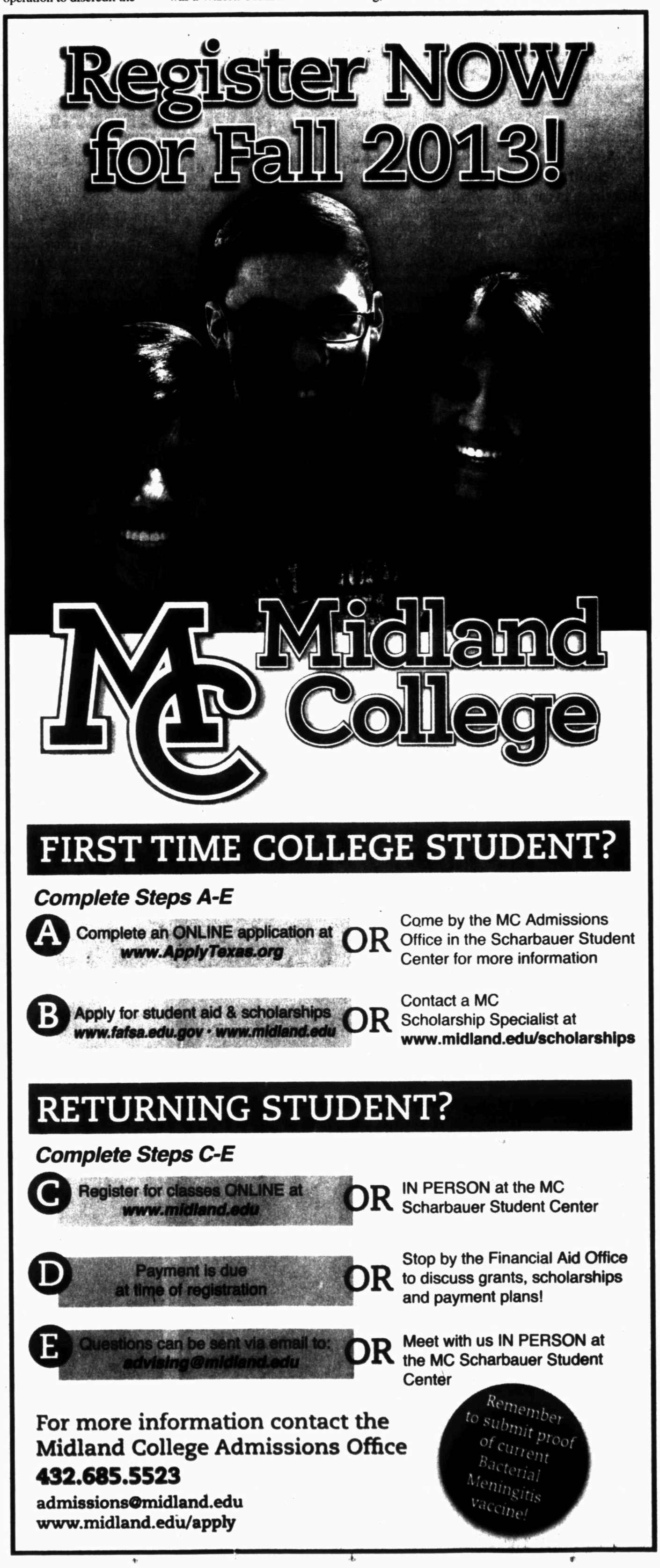
Think back to 2006, when Wall Street was humming and the financial markets were on fire. If you started college that year and got a master's of business administration with a focus on finance, by 2012 the entire landscape had changed.

Demand had dropped, and yet there were thousands of other graduates looking for MBA finance openings, he said.

Smith's advice is "try to look forward as much as you can."

As you try to gauge what is likely to be hot by the time you graduate, keep a close eye on another factor: the supply of others with the same expertise.

"If everyone and their dog is getting an MBA in finance, pause and think about whether it will be a crowded market when (you) get out," Smith said.





Sean Steffen/Amarillo Globe News

Artist Kenneth Wyatt works on a painting at his easel in his studio in Tulia on Aug. 1. Wyatt, whose hands once painted airplanes, cars and a woman in a bathing suit 70 years ago on the ceiling of his basement bedroom, is still eager to grasp a brush and palette in his studio. Time and age have not smudged his enthusiasm nor his talent.

Panhandle artist thrives with passion for painting

Associated Press

AMARILLO — The hands that once painted airplanes, cars, and a woman in a bathing suit 70 years ago on the ceiling of his basement bedroom in Stephenville are still eager to grasp a brush and palette in his Tulia studio. Time and age have not smudged his enthusiasm nor his talent.

There were years, decades even, when he could paint for 14 to 15 hours a day. Now it's a mere 10 hours, but his eyes remain clear and his hand steady.

"Every day I wake up wanting to get to the easel," Kenneth Wyatt told the Amarillo Globe-News.

"I'm jealous of that time not doing it. I've heard it said, 'Isn't it nice to know that if you like what you do, you'll never work a day in your life?' That's the way I feel," Wyatt said.

The 83-year-old has long been one of the country's, if not the world's, premier artists of western and religious paintings. For more than 40 years, he's been a Texas Panhandle treasure, likely the most renowned from the area to ever put brush to canvas.

"If he didn't paint," said son, Mark Wyatt, "I don't know what he would do. He loves the creation of something new. Sometimes when he starts a painting, it seems like he wants to finish so badly just so he can start another one."

Wyatt was in Amarillo last week, speaking to a group of Kiwanians. If it weren't for his nearly 9,000 paintings, Wyatt might be more known as a witty public speaker.

After all, he spent 30 years as an ordained Methodist minister before, he said, he felt uncalled to preach and called to paint.

He spent a couple of years speaking around the region with the Knife and Fork Club, speaking as much as 130 times a year.

Even when full-time painting consumed his hours, he still spoke as much as 80 times a year with humor and a message. Now, maybe 10 times a year.

"I can't remember the punch lines like I used to," he joked.

But his skill to bring beauty and meaning from a blank canvas remains unparalleled. His impact is almost immeasurable.

Wyatt's portraits of the Apostles and Jesus are to Wyatt what the Mona Lisa was to da Vinci. They lead his religious works that are in what is thought to be several thousand churches in 90 countries.

His portrait of baseball great Mickey Mantle hangs in the rotunda of the Oklahoma capitol.

He was commissioned to do a painting, "Father's Prelude to Prayer," for former president George W. Bush, which was given to him at a 2001 gala.

Queen Elizabeth and the king of Dubai own Wyatt originals.

Several thousand people a year stop by his impressive Tulia studio, one of three with the others at Red River and Ruidoso.

"We must be on a bus tour or something," he said.

His reproductions and originals decorate the walls of offices and homes from hither to yon — and beyond.

That's pretty tall cotton for the son of a roofer who first painted on his bedroom basement ceiling before getting permission to draw on the walls.

Wyatt later helped the Stephenville cheerleaders with their signs. In college at Tarleton, he made some money selling cartoon drawings to Collier's magazine.

But the Methodist ministry was his calling from age 14. He spent 30 years in country churches around the region, but it was in the middle of a sermon in Morton in the 1960s that he sensed that was enough.

"Now I'm not a nut," he said, "but it was like in my mind, I was hearing that this wasn't what God wanted me to do anymore."

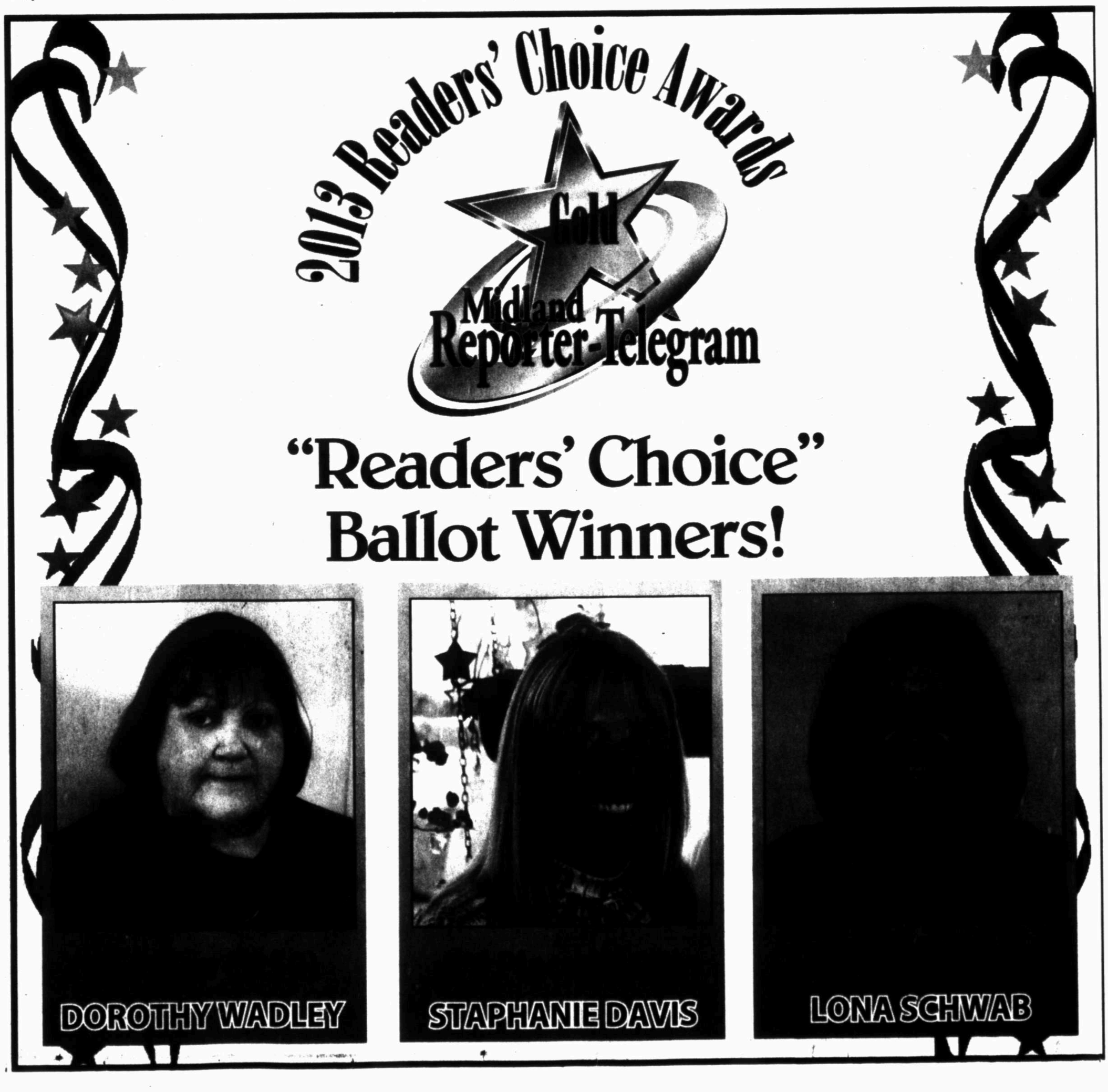
He took a sabbatical while wife, Veda, took a teaching job in Tulia. He did some professional speaking, but devoted more time to his passion of painting. With his sabbatical over, he decided to give painting full-time a stab.

He went into anxiety overdrive when some of his work went into an auction at High Plains Art Gallery in Amarillo, but when they made more money than he could have imagined, Wyatt believed he could make a go of it.

"I never was a starving artist," he said.

"Now I was a starving preacher, but not a starving artist."

His art has been too much in demand. About 70 percent of his work is religious and western. Wyatt is the Norman Rockwell of cowboy art, and his biblical paintings may be without peer.




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Sputtering Arizona beats mistake-prone Dallas

By Bob Baum
Associated Press

Cardinals 12
Cowboys 7

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The Dallas Cowboys had a gift for Bruce Arians in his first home game as Arizona coach.

Six of them, actually.

The Cowboys committed six turnovers, five in the first half, and the Cardinals sputtered to a 12-7 preseason victory Saturday.

Arizona's Jay Feely kicked field goals of 25, 53, 40 and 22 yards. He missed one from 30.

Dallas' Tony Romo completed 7 of 10 passes for 142 yards but was undone by two fumbles by his receivers. He also overthrew a wide-open Terrance Williams for what looked to be a sure touchdown.

"Obviously, turnovers are going to get you beat in this league. It is paramount that we don't let that happen again," Romo said. "We are going to have some hard teaching sessions going over this tape, and it will be good for guys."

The Cowboys scored on a 5-yard pass from fourth-string quarterback Alex Tanney to Gavin Escobar with 10:55 to play, the first points allowed by Arizona (2-0) in the preseason. The Cardinals won at Green Bay 17-0 last week.

"I think special teams is exactly where it needs to be and defensively I like where we're at," Arians said. "Offensively, we're a work in progress."

Arizona's Carson Palmer was 7 of 15 for 66 yards.

Dallas, which entered the game with two turnovers total in its first two preseason contests, fumbled the ball away three times, then backup Kyle Orton threw two interceptions, all before the half came to an end. Arizona got another interception with 1:40 to play.

Arizona managed just nine points despite Dallas' five first-half turnovers.

"It's not anything we were physically beat on or beat with speed," Palmer said, "it was silly, sloppy things. I put that on my shoulders and it's unacceptable to have nine

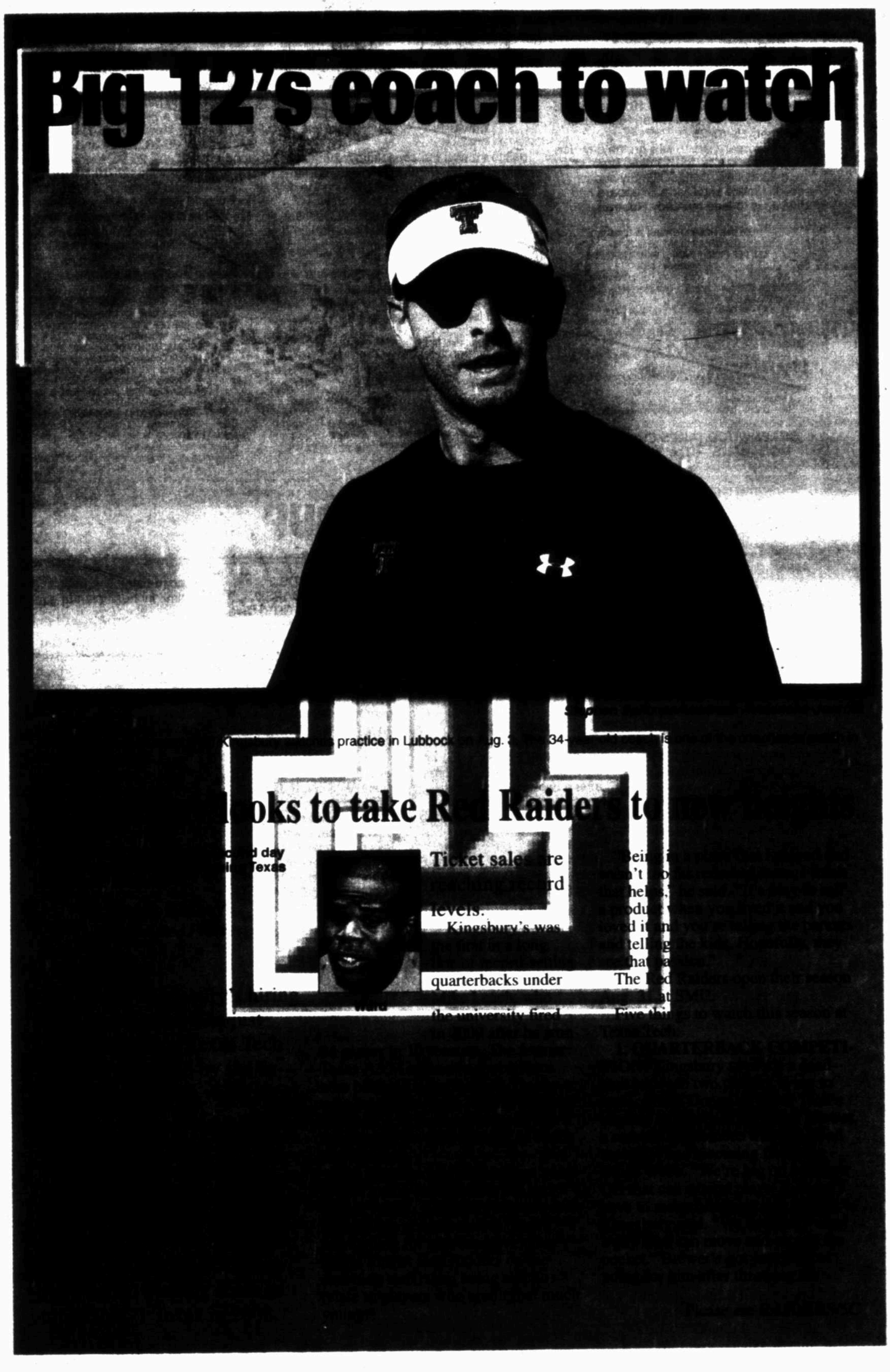
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Ross D. Franklin/AP

Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Kerry Taylor (18) gains yards as teammate Larry Fitzgerald blocks Dallas Cowboys cornerback Brandon Carr (39) during the first half of Saturday's preseason game in Glendale, Ariz.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PREVIEWS



Oklahoma State looks to focus, avoid early hype

Alex Abrams
Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Oklahoma State's players certainly appreciate that the media thinks highly enough of the Cowboys to pick them to win the Big 12 Conference this season.

But they don't want to buy into the hype, especially after an 8-5 season in which Oklahoma State started three different quarterbacks and settled for a trip to the Heart of Dallas Bowl.

Coach Mike Gundy said preseason expectations are often based on who's returning at quarterback, and that remains a tightly guarded secret in Stillwater. Oklahoma State must also shore up its defense if it hopes to earn its second Big 12 championship in three years.

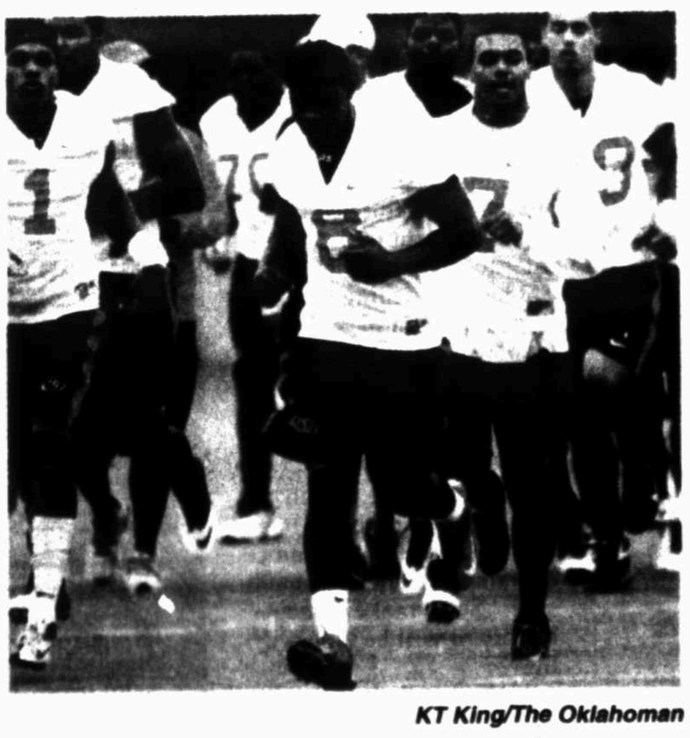
"It's all about what you do once you get on that field, so Aug. 31 and on we've got to prove every day, every game, that we're really No. 1 (in the Big 12)," Oklahoma State wide receiver Josh Stewart said. "And that's what we plan on doing."

Five things to watch as the Cowboys try to live up to the expectations:

1. NAME THE STARTER: Gundy has been tight-lipped about his quarterback situation this fall, and he has kept the two candidates for the starting job from speaking to reporters. It's created plenty of intrigue as the Aug. 31 season opener against Mississippi State approaches. Senior Clint Chelf is considered the favorite to start over sophomore J.W. Walsh, though both quarterbacks started at least three games last season. "We all know how important quality quarterback play is to winning games," Gundy said.

2. NEW FACES: Oklahoma

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KT King/The Oklahoman

Oklahoma State safety Daytawion Lowe, center, leads the defense while running across the field during practice Aug. 2, in Stillwater, Okla.

Schaub helps Texans to win over Miami

Texans 24
Dolphins 17

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — By the time Houston's Matt Schaub got going Saturday night against the Miami Dolphins, it was time for him to sit down.

Schaub was 8 of 11 for 92 yards and a touchdown and the Texans got a 24-17 win over the Dolphins.

Schaub played most of the first quarter for Houston (2-0) and got off to a rough start, throwing an interception on his first series and being sacked on third down on the second. He and the offense got going on the next drive, and he found tight end Owen Daniels wide open in the end zone for a 15-yard touchdown play to put Houston up 7-0.



Schaub

Case Keenum took over after that and was 11 of 18 for 150 yards with a 38-yard touchdown pass. T.J. Yates finished the game, and was seven of nine for 84 yards including a 33-yard touchdown throw to Garrett Graham in the third quarter. The solid performance by both players didn't bring any clarity in the battle to backup Schaub.

Coach Gary Kubiak said he isn't closer to a decision and he'll continue to evaluate the pair in the upcoming week.

"TJ's solid again, Case makes some really nice throws in there," Kubiak said. "The easy way for me to answer

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RockHounds win with run in 9th

RockHounds 11
Cardinals 10

From staff reports

Tyler Ladendorf's RBI single with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning helped the Midland RockHounds defeat the Springfield Cardinals, 11-10, in a wild game at Citibank Ballpark on Saturday night.

The RockHounds had blown a 10-5 lead going into the ninth when the Cardinals scored five in the frame to tie it up.

Midland also had a 6-1 lead after the first inning of what turned out to be an almost four-hour game.

Josh Whitaker led off the bottom of the ninth with a single against Springfield reliever Kevin Thomas (6-4) and then moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Dusty Coleman. Whitaker then moved to third base on a wild pitch before Ladendorf delivered with the single to left field.

Midland out-hit Springfield, 16-15, but also committed four errors. Of the 10 runs Springfield had, five were unearned.

Whitaker and Jefrey Marte each had three hits, Ladendorf was 2 for 4 with a triple and four RBI, while Conner Crumbliss and Max Muncy each added two hits.

Brett Hunter (1-1) got the win in relief.

The RockHounds go for a rare sweep this season when they host the Cardinals in the final game of a three-game series at 6 p.m. today at Citibank Ballpark.

D'Arby Myers, who has a Texas League and minor league baseball-best 25-game hitting streak for the RockHounds, did not play on Saturday night.

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Sunday Morning Line



LEN HAYWARD
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This and that as this column was started on a different apparatus for today:

■ This time of August is always interesting for football teams. The pads are on and teams are beginning to hit teams other than themselves as scrimmages started this weekend in earnest across Texas.

This week, though, the news came out from the University Interscholastic League that all of its state championship football games will be at AT&T Stadium — formerly known as Cowboys Stadium but better known as Jerry's World.

The move puts both six-man title games in the huge venue. There was certainly some debate amongst six-man coaches and fans about whether to move the games, but from talking to the coaches I talked to this week, they are ecstatic with the move.

The games will have their own weekend as its the weekend before all the 11-man games, and I'm certain the first year there will be some curiosity seekers wanting to watch. But the key for the games will be the succeeding years, and how it will continue to have fans.

Why it worked in Abilene was because Abilene was centrally located for a lot of six-man schools, and it drew fans beyond the two schools participating in each game because it was within a decent driving distance. Now, nearly all of the schools could travel 2 1/2 to 3 hours; at least, to get to Arlington.

But if there's a chance to play on the Star, then it looks like the six-man folks are ready to take the leap.

■ The UIL's biennial realignment is more than six months away, but I'm sure numbers are already being discussed at schools around the state. Another realignment to keep an eye on is in TAPPS.

TAPPS has its schools turn in numbers in September and usually announces it before the UIL does.

I've discussed before about the possibility of Midland Christian being moved up in the future, and it's going to be close. But who also will be watching closely is Trinity.

In a chat with Trinity athletic director Jeff Young this week, it looks likes the private school will be close in staying as a six-man football school in the organization. Trinity got in last time because TAPPS used a formula that took into account the number of boys enrolled at each school, and Trinity barely had six-man numbers.

There will certainly be some anxious moments.

■ Speaking of Trinity, kudos to their volleyball team, led by some great parents and coach Ann Stroup, who wanted to raise money for injured Wink volleyball player Payton Hrncir.

The team raised more than $2,400 for Hrncir in their match against Midland Christian last Tuesday.

■ As "The A-Rod Turns" took another interesting twist this week with the news coming out that Alex Rodriguez's camp possibly leaked other names to a reporter in the Biogenesis scandal.

Rodriguez then denied it, but I'll be glad when the Yankees are either eliminated from playoff contention or eliminated in the playoffs, so the focus can return to the field.

■ Speaking of baseball, the Texas Rangers have found their groove as the season hits the stretch run, but still can't shake Oakland in the American League West. Like I said earlier, this race is going to be one to watch.

■ The preseason Associated Press college football poll was announced on Saturday, and my question is: Who are the two guys who didn't vote for Alabama No. 1? The other two first-place votes went to Ohio State and Georgia, and one can only guess they were from those two schools' hometown papers.

I understand the votes, but I don't see another team unseating Alabama this year.

■ Now that NBC has shown it has the ability to promote the English Premier League, I wonder if they will do the same when they take over NASCAR in 2015? The last time NASCAR was on NBC, it wasn't pretty.

■ And finally, a happy belated 51st anniversary to my parents.

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On the air

WHAT'S ON TV TODAY

ATHLETICS

World Championships (same-day tape), 1:30 p.m., NBC

AUTO RACING

NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Pure Michigan 400, Noon, Noon, ESPN

NHRA, Lucas Oil Nationals (same-day tape), 8 p.m., ESPN2

GOLF

PGA Tour, Wyndham Championship, final round, Noon, TGC

LPGA, The Solheim Cup, final round matches, 1:30 p.m., TGC

PGA Tour, Wyndham Championship, final round, 2 p.m., CBS

USGA, U.S. Amateur Championship, championship match, 3 p.m., NBC

Champions Tour, Dick's Sporting Goods Open, final round (same-day tape), 8 p.m., TGC

GYMNASTICS

P&G Championships (same-day tape), Noon, NBC

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

World Series, double elimination, 11 a.m., ESPN2

World Series, double elimination, 1 p.m., ABC

World Series, double elimination,4 p.m., ESPN

World Series, double elimination, 6 p.m., ESPN2

MLB

L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia, 12:30 p.m., TBS

St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 1:10 p.m., WGN

Seattle at Texas, 2 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 7 p.m., ESPN

MOTORSPORTS

MotoGP Moto3, at Indianapolis, 10 a.m., FS1

MotoGP Moto2, at Indianapolis, 11 a.m., FS1

MotoGP World Championship, at Indianapolis, 1 p.m., FS1

NFL

Preseason, Indianapolis at N.Y. Giants, 6 p.m., Fox

SAILING

Louis Vuitton Cup, finals, races 3 and 4, (same-day tape), 5 p.m., NBC Sports Network

SOCCER

Premier League, Crystal Palace vs. Tottenham, 7:25 a.m., NBC Sports Network

Premier League, Hull at Chelsea, 9:55 a.m., NBC Sports Network

TENNIS

ATP World Tour, Western & Southern Open, championship, 11:30 a.m., CBS

WTA, Western & Southern Open, championship, 3 p.m., ESPN2

HSVOLLEYBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MHS TAKES MONAHANS TOURNAMENT

MONAHANS — The Midland High volleyball team defeated Odessa Permian in three sets to win the Monahans Sandhills Tournament on Saturday.

The Lady Bulldogs (8-1) beat Permian, 25-21, 21-25, 25-23. They also defeated Seminole, 25-11, 25-16 and Midland Christian 25-19, 25-23 earlier in the day.

Leading MHS was tournament MVP Channing Burleson with 36 kills and 34 digs on the day. The Outstanding Setter for the tournament was Kyndal Cowan, who had 48 assists on Saturday. Also making the all-tournament team was Jenna Gillean, who had 18 kills, five aces and four blocks.

Allyson Gordon added 46 digs for the Lady Bulldogs.

Midland High, who has won seven straight matches since losing the season opener against El Paso Franklin on Aug. 12, will take on Wolfforth Frenship at 5 p.m. Mohday in a non-district match.

MIDLAND HIGH DEF. SEMINOLE 25-11, 25-16
MIDLAND HIGH DEF. MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 25-19, 25-23
MIDLAND HIGH DEF. ODESSA PERMIAN 25-21, 21-25, 25-23
Midland High cumulative statistics

Kills — Channing Burleson 36, Jenna Gillean 18, Erin Robbins 13, Kaydee Strickland 11, Hannah Bertelson 7, Katie Fullen 5, Claire Lancaster 5, Shelby Neatherlin 4, Kyndal Cowan 1, Konner Wood 1

Digs — Allyson Gordon 46, Burleson 34, Wood 22, Emily Wickman 15, Cowan 12, Claire Lancaster 8, Gillean 8, Bertelson 5, Strickland 3, Robbins 2, Neatherlin 2, Fullen 1

Assists — Cowan 48, Wickman 27, Burleson 2, Wood 2, Fullen 1, Gillean 1

Blocks — Strickland 4, Lancaster 4, Gillean 4, Burleson 3, Bertelson 2, Fullen 2, Robbins 1, Neatherlin 1

Aces — Gillean 5, Wickman 5, Burleson 2, Gordon 2, Cowan 1

Record: Midland High 8-1

Next: Wolfforth Frenship at Midland High, 5 p.m. Monday.

LEE WINS SILVER BRACKET AT GARLAND

GARLAND — The Lee volleyball team went 3-0 on Saturday to win the Silver Bracket of the Garland Tournament.

The Lady Rebels (5-4) defeated Mesquite Horn, 25-10, 25-18; Garland, 25-13, 25-18; and then downed Richardson Berkner, 25-10, 25-8.

Tori Jordan had 15 kills on the day, Jen Jeter had 14 kills and 16 digs, Bree Jeter had 33 assists, Darby O'Grady added seven blocks and Ciarra Sheppard had five aces to lead the Lady Rebels.

LEE DEF. MESQUITE HORN 25-10, 25-18
LEE DEF. GARLAND 25-13,25-18
LEE DEF. RICHARDSON BERKNER 25-10,25-8
Lee cumulative stats

Kills — Tori Jordan 15, Jen Jeter 14, Darby O'Grady 10, Bentleigh Dunavan 10, Haley Sparks 5. Ciarra Sheppard 3, Janae Bechner 3, Taylor Bane 2, Bree Jeter 1

Assists — B. Jeter 33, Kaylee Power 25, Jordan 5

Digs — Sheppard 29, Bechner 16, B. Jeter 16, J. Jeter 14, Ashley Carter 12, Justus Tarin 10, Power 7, O'Grady 3, Jordan 3, Dunavan 2

Blocks — O'Grady 7, Jordan 4, Bane 3, Sparks 3, Carter 2, Dunavan 1, J. Jeter 1

Aces — Sheppard 5, J. Jeter 4, Jordan 3, Carter 2, O'Grady 1, Bechner 1

Record: Lee 5-4

Next: Lee vs. TBA at San Angelo tournament, Friday

GREENWOOD TAKES CONSOLATION

MONAHANS — The Greenwood volleyball team won the consolation championship of the Monahans Sandhills Tournament on Saturday by going 2-1 on the day.



Burleson



Ashton



Stroup



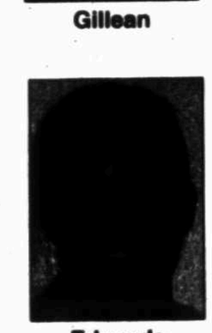
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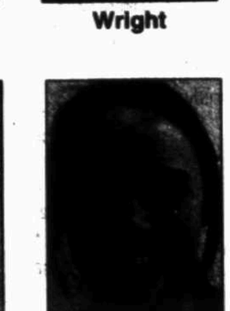
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Wright



Edwards



Hendrick

Greenwood (2-6) lost to Andrews, 25-18, 25-14, but then defeated Odessa High 25-20, 25-18, and El Paso Parkland 25-23, 14-25, 25-22 to win the consolation title.

Grace Sunderland had 12 kills and 5 1/2 blocks on the day, Marissa Brewer had 39 digs and Shawnda Price added 39 assists to lead the Rangerettes.

ANDREWS DEF. GREENWOOD 25-18, 25-14
GREENWOOD DEF. ODESSA HIGH 25-20, 25-18
GREENWOOD DEF. EL PASO PARKLAND 25-23, 14-25, 25-22
Greenwood cumulative stats

Kills — Grace Sunderland 12, Regan Shockley 10, Cylie Mebane 11, Layne Banks 7, Krista Somers 2, Marissa Brewer 1, Shawnda Price 1

Digs — Brewer 39, Shockley 21, Mebane 14, Price 13, Somers 8, Sunderland 8, Banks 3, Gilbert 2

Assists — Price 31, Callie Gilbert 14, Mebane 9, Maddie Grace Campbell 4

Blocks — Sunderland 5.5, Mebane 4.5 Banks 4.0, Gilbert 0.5, Campbell 0.5

Aces: Shockley 3, Sunderland 2, Mebane 2, Banks 1, Marissa Martin 1

Record: Greenwood 2-6

Next: Trinity and San Angelo Lake View at Greenwood, 2 p.m. Tuesday

TRINITY WINS TOURNEY TITLE

WINK — The Trinity volleyball team won the Best of the West Tournament by defeating Colorado City in the championship match on Saturday.

The Lady Chargers (8-1) went 4-0 on the day as they defeated Marfa, 25-8, 25-9; Van Horn, 25-19, 25-15; Midland High JV, 25-23, 25-22; and then beat Colorado City, 18-25, 25-15, 25-18, 25-15 for the title.

Ashley Stroup was named the tournament MVP while fellow Lady Chargers Kaitlin Hendrick and Margo Edwards were named to the all-tournament team.

For the day, Stroup led Trinity with 44 kills and six service aces, Hendrick had 104 digs, Edwards had 78 assists and Mykelti Ball added 19 kills and 10 blocks.

TRINITY DEF. MARFA 25-8, 25-9
TRINITY DEF. VAN HORN 25-19, 25-15
TRINITY DEF. MIDLAND HIGH JV 25-23, 25-22
CHAMPIONSHIP
TRINITY DEF. COLORADO CITY 18-25, 25-15, 25-18, 25-15
Trinity cumulative stats

Kills — Ashley Stroup 44, Mykelti Ball 19, Avery Watson 15, Alex Beggs 7, India Lewis 6, Greer Baiano 2, Mylyns Ball 2, Mady Walker 2, Annette Mayne 1

Digs — Kaitlin Hendrick 104, Lewis 52, Watson 34, Baiano 18, Beggs 15, Mykelti Ball 15, Mylyns Ball 12, Mayne 11, Margo Edwards 11, Stroup 8, Walker 5, Hillary Lanier 3, Claudia Ziesmon 2

Assists — Edwards 78

Blocks — Mykelti Ball 10, Stroup 9, Edwards 1, Morgan Pruett 1, Maddie Fryer 1

Aces — Stroup 6, Myl. Ball 4, Myk. Ball 4, Edwards 4, Baiano 3, Watson 3, Lewis 2

Record: Trinity 8-1

Next: Trinity vs. Greenwood and San Angelo Lake View at Greenwood, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday

MCS TAKES 3RD IN MONAHANS

MONAHANS — The Midland Christian volleyball team took third place in the Gold Bracket at the Monahans Sandhills Tournament after a 2-1 showing on Saturday.

The Lady Mustangs (6-1) defeated host Monahans, 25-23, 26-24 and lost to Midland High 25-19, 25-23, before defeating El Paso Montwood, 25-18, 27-29, 25-18.

For Midland Christian, Laycie Duncan led with 13 kills for the day, Carleigh Moore had 12 kills, Megan McClendon had 25 digs, Bailey Wright had 29 assists and Morgan Ashton added 12 kills and 27 assists.

Ashton and Wright also made the all-tournament team.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN DEF. MONAHANS 25-23, 26-24
MIDLAND HIGH DEF. MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 25-19, 25-23
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN
DEF. EL PASO MONTWOOD 25-18, 27-29, 25-18
Midland Christian cumulative statistics

Kills — Laycie Duncan 13, Carleigh Moore 12, Morgan Ashton 12 Annie Fryer 11, Bailey Wright 6

Digs — Megan McClendon 25, Madi Blanchard 15, Megan Ashton 13

Assists — Bailey Wright 29, Morgan Ashton 27

Blocks — Bailey Weawer 7, Carleigh Moore 7, Morgan Ashton 4

Aces — Bailey Wright 1

Record: Midland Christian 6-1

Next: Monahans at Midland Christian, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

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DYNAMO 3
SOUNDERS 1

HOUSTON — Giles Barnes scored twice in the first half and Will Bruin added a goal in the second half to lead Houston over Seattle.

The win was the second in three games for the Dynamo (10-7-6), while Seattle (10-8-4) saw its four-game unbeaten streak end in U.S. national team captain Clint Dempsey's his first start for the Sounders.

Barnes had his first multi-goal game in the MLS, giving the Dynamo a 1-0 lead in the 17th minute and upped it to 2-0 five minutes later with a blast from 30 yards out.

IMPACT 2
UNITED 1

MONTREAL — Marco Di Vaio scored twice and Montreal snapped a two game skid by beating D.C. United..

Montreal (11-7-5) won for the second time in its last nine matches.

REVOLUTION 2
FIRE 0

FOXBORO, Mass. — Juan Agudelo returned to the lineup after a two-month injury absence and scored a dazzling goal in the 54th minute to lead New England over Chicago.

Kelyn Rowe banged in a rebound of a Saer Sene drive in 1st minute of injury time for New England's second goal.

RAPIDS 2
WHITECAPS 0

COMMERCE CITY, Colo. — Deshorn Brown scored in the 36th minute to lead surging Colorado past Vancouver.

Edson Buddle added a goal for the Rapids, who extended their unbeaten streak to nine games. They are 5-0-4 since an 0-3-1 stretch.

UNION 0
RED BULLS 0

HARRISON, N.J. — Zac MacMath came up with the big saves that allowed Philadelphia to escape with a scoreless draw against New York.

The goalkeeper had a strong game from beginning to end, saving Dax McCarty's point-blank header in injury time inches from the goal line.

CREW 2
TORONTO FC 0

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Federico Higuain scored two goals for the second straight match, lifting the Columbus Crew to a 2-0 victory over Toronto FC on Saturday night.

The Argentinean forward gave the Crew (8-11-5) the lead in the 19th minute, then for the second straight game had an exquisite chip for the second tally in the 67th. Higuain perfectly placed a looping ball from 23 yards over the futile effort of goalkeeper Joe Bendik, who was only a few yards off the goal line.

A teenager shines as Europe on cusp of Solheim Cup

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PARKER, Colo. — Everywhere she turned, U.S. captain Meg Mallon saw one great shot after another Saturday in the Solheim Cup.

Almost all of them were by the other team.

Mallon was standing behind the tee on the par-3 17th when Anna Nordqvist hit 7-iron into the mile-high air to a back pin, never leaving its target until it bounced into the cup for an ace and an abrupt end to a foursomes match. Nearly eight hours later, she was behind the 18th green and hopeful of getting a half-point out of the last match to at least salvage some momentum going into the last day.

Karine Icher rolled in a 45-foot birdie putt from just off the green and yet another European point.

That was the final blow for a European team that stunned the Americans with a shutout in the afternoon for a 10 1/2-5 1/2 lead, matching the largest margin in Solheim Cup history and leaving the Europeans on the verge of their first victory away from home.

"It's obviously my dream to be able to win this cup over here for the first time," European captain Liselotte Neumann said. "So to make some history, it will be amazing."

Mallon still managed a smile when she sat down to go over the Sunday singles lineup. She removed her sunglasses and said, "Can you see the shock on my face?"

Europe owned the day.

Neumann rested her three top players. She sent out five rookies for fourballs, starting with Jodi Ewart-Shadoff and 17-year-old Charley Hull who combined for nine birdies in a 2-up win over 18-year-old Lexi Thompson and Paula Creamer. Carlota Ciganda was spraying the ball all over Colorado Golf Club until meeting up with assistant captain Annika Sorenstam on the range. She ended her match with a 12-foot birdie putt for another European point.

"Today for the Europeans, it was a magical day for that team," Mallon said.

The star for Europe has been Caroline Hedwall of Sweden. She is the only player on either team who will play all five matches, with a chance to become the first player in Solheim Cup history to go 5-0.

Mallon can only hope for some history of her own, and it's a long shot.

No team has ever rallied from more than two points behind going into the Sunday singles. The Europeans only need to win three matches and halve another out of 12 singles to capture the cup away from home for the first time, and retain the cup for the first time since this event began in 1990.

"It's a wonderful feeling," Neumann said. "These girls played their hearts out. It's awesome. It was a fantastic afternoon."

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NFL Preseason

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	64	36
New England	2	0	0	1.000	56	43
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	54	39
Miami	1	2	0	.333	64	51
South						
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	51	30
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	20	44
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	16	64
Tennessee	0	2	0	.000	40	49
North						
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	71	39
Cleveland	2	0	0	1.000	51	25
Cincinnati	2	0	0	1.000	61	29
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	13	18
West						
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	10	6
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	39	45
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	26	32
San Diego	0	2	0	.000	38	64

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	18	13
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	22	21
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	36	40
Dallas	1	2	0	.333	48	51
South						
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	45	33
Carolina	1	1	0	.500	33	31
Atlanta	0	2	0	.000	33	61
Tampa Bay	0	2	0	.000	37	69
North						
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	50	52
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	32	41
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	19	24
Minnesota	0	2	0	.000	29	47
West						
Arizona	2	0	0	1.000	29	7
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	31	10
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	21	23
St. Louis	0	2	0	.000	26	46

Saturday's Scores
Arizona 12, Dallas 7
Cincinnati 27, Tennessee 19
N.Y. Jets 37, Jacksonville 13
Green Bay 19, St. Louis 7
Houston 24, Miami 17
Denver at Seattle, late

Today's Game
Indianapolis at N.Y. Giants, 6 p.m.

Texas League

North Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	28	27	.509	—
Springfield	28	27	.509	—
Northwest Arkansas	27	28	.491	1
x-Tulsa	27	28	.491	1
South Division				
San Antonio	34	21	.618	—
x-Corpus Christi	32	23	.582	2
Frisco	22	33	.400	12
Midland	**22**	**33**	**.400**	**12**

x-clinched first half

Saturday's Scores
San Antonio 2, Northwest Arkansas 0
Midland 11, Springfield 10
Frisco 6, Tulsa 5
Arkansas 9, Corpus Christi 3

Today's Games
Springfield at Midland, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Northwest Arkansas, 6 p.m.
Tulsa at Frisco, 6:05 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Arkansas, 6:10 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	16	8	.667	—
Atlanta	12	9	.571	2 1/2
Washington	12	13	.480	4 1/2
Indiana	11	13	.458	5
New York	10	14	.417	6
Connecticut	7	16	.304	8 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Minnesota	17	6	.739	—
Los Angeles	18	7	.720	—
Phoenix	13	12	.520	5
Seattle	10	13	.435	7
San Antonio	9	15	.375	8 1/2
Tulsa	8	17	.320	10

Saturday's Scores
San Antonio 88, Phoenix 82
Indiana at Seattle, late

Today's Games
Washington at Atlanta, 2 p.m.
Connecticut at Chicago, 5 p.m.
New York at Minnesota, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY'S TEXAS BOX
SILVER STARS 88, MERCURY 82

PHOENIX (82): Dupree 4-8 2-2 10, Bonner 3-6 0-0 7, Griner 4-11 3-4 11, Taurasi 8-16 4-5 23, Gilbreath 1-2 1-2 3, Hornbuckle 2-5 2-2 7, Kizer 2-3 0-0 4, Thomas 1-1 0-0 2, Houston 6-9 3-3 15. Totals 31-61 15-18 82.

SAN ANTONIO (88): Johnson 5-9 4-4 15, Adams 8-15 2-2 20, Appel 2-2 1-1 5, Perkins 7-16 1-2 17, Robinson 5-12 10-11 20, Christon 2-7 0-0 6, Kraayeveld 2-4 0-0 5, Whyte 0-2 0-0 0, Alexander 0-1 0-0 0, Poppens 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-68 18-20 88.

Phoenix	13	24	15	30	—	82
San Antonio	23	22	21	22	—	88

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 5-13 (Taurasi 3-7, Bonner 1-3, Hornbuckle 1-3), San Antonio 8-19 (Adams 2-3, Christon 2-5, Perkins 2-5, Johnson 1-2, Kraayeveld 1-3, Whyte 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 41 (Gilbreath 6), San Antonio 31 (Appel 8). Assists—Phoenix 17 (Taurasi 7), San Antonio 21 (Robinson 8). Total Fouls—Phoenix 20, San Antonio 14. A—10,906 (9,839).

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting Kansas City	11	7	6	39	36	24
New York	11	8	6	39	36	31
Philadelphia	10	7	8	38	36	32
Montreal	11	7	5	38	36	35
Houston	10	7	6	36	29	23
New England	9	9	6	33	29	23
Chicago	9	10	4	31	29	34
Columbus	8	11	5	29	29	30
Toronto FC	4	12	8	20	21	33
D.C.	3	17	4	13	14	40
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Real Salt Lake	12	7	5	41	39	26
Vancouver	10	7	6	36	36	30
Colorado	9	7	9	36	31	27
Portland	8	3	11	35	32	21
Los Angeles	10	9	4	34	35	30
Seattle	10	8	4	34	30	26
FC Dallas	8	6	9	33	30	33
San Jose	8	10	6	30	25	35
Chivas USA	4	13	6	18	20	40

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Saturday's Scores
Montreal 2, D.C. United 1
New England 2, Chicago 0
Columbus 2, Toronto FC 0
New York 0, Philadelphia 0, tie
Houston 3, Seattle FC 1
Vancouver at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at Portland, 10 p.m.

Today's Game
Sporting Kansas City at San Jose, 9 p.m.

Little League

World Series
At South Williamsport, Pa.
Double Elimination
Saturday's Scores

San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico 4, Perth, Australia 0, Perth eliminated
Nashville, Tenn. 10, Corpus Christi 2, Corpus Christi eliminated
Ottawa, Ontario 4, Brno, Czech Republic 3, Brno eliminated
Urbandale, Iowa 6, Grosse Pointe, Mich. 5, Grosse Pointe eliminated

Today's Games
Game 13 — Aguadulce, Panama vs. Tijuana, Mexico, 11 a.m.
Game 14 — Sammamish, Wash. vs. Westport, Conn., 1 p.m.
Game 15 — Chula Vista, Calif. vs. Newark, Del., 4 p.m.
Game 16 — Taoyuan, Taiwan vs. Tokyo, 6 p.m.

Tennis

Western & Southern Open Results
A U.S. Open Series event
Saturday
At The Lindner Family Tennis Center
Mason, Ohio
Purse: Men, $3.73 million (Masters 1000); Women, $2.37 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Semifinals

John Isner, United States, def. Juan Martin del Potro (7), Argentina, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (9), 6-3.
Rafael Nadal (4), Spain, def. Tomas Berdych (6), Czech Republic, 7-5, 7-6 (4).

Women
Semifinals

Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Li Na (5), China, 7-5, 7-5.
Victoria Azarenka (2), Belarus, def. Jelena Jankovic (14), Serbia, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Doubles
Men
Semifinals

Marcel Granollers and Marc Lopez (2), Spain, def. Rohan Bopanna, India, and Edouard Roger-Vasselin (8), France, 7-5, 6-2.
Bob and Mike Bryan (1), United States, def. Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, and Scott Lipsky, United States, 4-6, 7-6 (6), 10-6.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	73	52	.584	—
Tampa Bay	69	52	.570	2
Baltimore	66	56	.541	5 1/2
New York	63	59	.516	8 1/2
Toronto	57	66	.463	15
Central Division				
Detroit	72	51	.585	—
Cleveland	66	57	.537	6
Kansas City	64	58	.525	7 1/2
Minnesota	54	67	.446	17
Chicago	48	74	.393	23 1/2
West Division				
Texas	71	52	.577	—
Oakland	69	53	.566	1 1/2
Seattle	56	66	.459	14 1/2
Los Angeles	54	67	.446	16
Houston	40	81	.331	30

Saturday's Scores
Boston 6, N.Y. Yankees 1
Baltimore 8, Colorado 4
Detroit 6, Kansas City 5
Chicago White Sox 8, Minnesota 5
Toronto 6, Tampa Bay 2
Texas 15, Seattle 3
Cleveland 7, Oakland 1
Houston at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games
Kansas City (B.Chen 5-0) at Detroit (Scherzer 17-1), 12:08 p.m.
Colorado (Chacin 11-6) at Baltimore (Feldman 2-3), 12:35 p.m.
Toronto (Redmond 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Archer 6-5), 12:40 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (H.Santiago 3-7) at Minnesota (Deduno 7-6), 1:10 p.m.
Seattle (E.Ramirez 4-0) at Texas (Darvish 12-5), 2:05 p.m.
Houston (Oberholtzer 2-1) at L.A. Angels (Vargas 6-5), 2:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Kazmir 7-5) at Oakland (Milone 9-9), 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 10-10) at Boston (Dempster 6-8), 7:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	75	47	.615	—
Washington	59	62	.488	15 1/2
New York	56	65	.463	18 1/2
Philadelphia	53	69	.434	22
Miami	46	75	.380	28 1/2
Central Division				
Pittsburgh	72	50	.590	—
St. Louis	70	52	.574	2
Cincinnati	69	54	.561	3 1/2
Milwaukee	54	69	.439	18 1/2
Chicago	53	69	.434	19
West Division				
Los Angeles	72	50	.590	—
Arizona	63	58	.521	8 1/2
Colorado	58	66	.468	15
San Francisco	55	67	.451	17
San Diego	55	68	.447	17 1/2

Saturday's Scores
Arizona 15, Pittsburgh 5
St. Louis 4, Chicago Cubs 0
Baltimore 8, Colorado 4
L.A. Dodgers 5, Philadelphia 0
Milwaukee 2, Cincinnati 0
San Francisco 6, Miami 4
Washington at Atlanta, late
San Diego 8, N.Y. Mets 2

Today's Games
San Francisco (Bumgarner 11-7) at Miami (Koehler 3-8), 12:10 p.m.
Arizona (Miley 9-8) at Pittsburgh (Morton 4-3), 12:35 p.m.
Colorado (Chacin 11-6) at Baltimore (Feldman 2-3), 12:35 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Nolasco 9-9) at Philadelphia (Hamels 5-13), 12:35 p.m.
Washington (G.Gonzalez 7-5) at Atlanta (Teheran 9-6), 12:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (H.Bailey 7-10) at Milwaukee (W.Peralta 8-12), 1:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 13-7) at Chicago Cubs (E.Jackson 7-12), 1:20 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Harvey 9-4) at San Diego (Stults 8-10), 3:10 p.m.

AL WEST BOXES
RANGERS 15, MARINERS 3

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
BMiller 2b	4	1	2	0	LMartn cf	4	1	1	2
Seager 3b	4	1	2	2	Andrus ss	4	1	1	1
KMorls dh	4	0	0	0	Rosales ph-ss	1	0	0	1
Morse rf	4	0	0	0	Kinsler 2b	5	1	2	1
Ibanez lf	4	0	1	0	ABeltre 3b	4	2	2	1
Smoak 1b	4	0	1	0	JeBakr ph-3b	1	0	0	0
Ackley cf	4	1	3	0	Rios rf	6	2	2	0
Ryan ss	4	0	1	1	Morlnd 1b	2	3	1	1
HBlanc c	2	0	0	0	G.Soto c	4	1	0	0
					Profar dh	4	2	2	2
					DvMrp lf	3	1	2	2
					Gentry ph-lf	2	1	1	3
Totals	34	3	10	3	Totals	40	15	14	14

Seattle .... 111 000 000 — 3
Texas .... 050 000 28x — 15

E—Ryan 2 (11). DP—Texas 2. LOB—Seattle 5, Texas 11. 2B—B.Miller (9), Ibanez (15), Kinsler (23), Dav.Murphy (22), Gentry (9). HR—Seager (19). SB—Ackley (2), Andrus (31), Profar (1). CS—Kinsler (8). S—L.Martin.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
F.Hernandez L,12-6	5	5	5	5	5	4
Luetge	0	1	0	0	0	0
Capps	1 2-3	1	2	2	1	0
O.Perez	2-3	5	6	6	2	1
Furbush	2-3	2	2	1	0	1
Texas						
M.Perez W,6-3	7	8	3	3	1	5
Cotts	1	0	0	0	0	1
Wolf	1	2	0	0	0	0

M.Perez pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
Luetge pitched to 3 batters in the 6th.
HBP—by Luetge (L.Martin). WP—Capps. PB—G.Soto.
T—3:25. A—44,247 (48,114).

INDIANS 7, ATHLETICS 1

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
Bourn cf	5	2	2	1	Callasp 2b	3	0	0	0
Swisher 1b	4	2	2	2	Lowrie dh	4	0	0	0
Kipnis 2b	5	0	1	2	Reddck rf	3	1	0	0
CSantn c	4	1	0	0	Cespds cf-lf	3	0	1	0
Brantly lf	3	1	2	0	Moss 1b	3	0	0	0
ACarer ss	4	0	2	2	Dnldsn 3b	3	0	2	1
Giambi dh	4	0	0	0	S.Smith lf	1	0	0	0
Chenhll 3b	2	0	0	0	CYoung ph-cf	1	0	0	0
Aviles ph-3b	2	0	0	0	Crisp ph-cf	1	0	0	0
Stubbs rf	3	1	2	0	Vogt c	2	0	0	0
					DNorrs ph-c	2	0	0	0
					Sogard ss	4	0	0	0
Totals	36	7	11	7	Totals	30	1	3	1

Cleveland .... 200 001 103 — 7
Oakland .... 000 001 000 — 1

DP—Oakland 1. LOB—Cleveland 6, Oakland 9. 2B—Brantley 2 (22), A.Cabrera (27), Stubbs (19). HR—Bourn (5), Swisher (13). CS—Stubbs (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
U.Jimenez W,9-7	5 2-3	1	1	1	5	8
R.Hill	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Shaw H,8	1	0	0	0	1	0
J.Smith H,18	1	2	0	0	0	1
M.Albers	1	0	0	0	0	1
Oakland						
Straily L,6-7	5 2-3	6	3	3	4	7
Blevins	1 1-3	1	1	1	0	2
J.Chavez	1 2-3	3	3	3	0	1
Neshek	1-3	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by U.Jimenez (Reddick).
T—3:09. A—35,067 (35,067).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LINESCORES

RED SOX 6, YANKEES 1
New York .... 000 010 000 — 1 8 2
Boston .... 000 302 10x — 6 14 0
Kuroda, Warren (6), Logan (8) and C.Stewart; Lackey, Breslow (7), Tazawa (8), Uehara (9) and Saltalamacchia. W—Lackey 8-10. L—Kuroda 11-8. HRs—Boston, D.Ortiz (24).

WHITE SOX 8, TWINS 5
Chicago .... 100 400 012 — 8 12 0
Minnesota .... 003 000 020 — 5 11 0
Sale, N.Jones (8), A.Reed (9) and Phegley; A.Albers, Roenicke (8), Thielbar (8), Fien (8) and C.Herrmann. W—Sale 9-11. L—A.Albers 2-1. Sv—A.Reed (30). HRs—Chicago, Viciedo (10), De Aza (14). Minnesota, Doumit (10).

BLUE JAYS 6, RAYS 2
Toronto .... 102 002 010 — 6 10 1
Tampa Bay .... 000 200 000 — 2 7 1
Happ, Wagner (6), Lincoln (8), Oliver (9) and Arencibia; Ro.Hernandez, Al.Torres (6), B.Gomes (8), C.Ramos (9) and J.Molina. W—Happ 3-2. L—Ro.Hernandez 6-13. HRs—Toronto, Bautista (28), Lind 2 (16).

TIGERS 6, ROYALS 5
Kansas City .... 002 100 110 — 5 14 0
Detroit .... 210 100 101 — 6 12 2
W.Davis, W.Smith (4), K.Herrera (7), Crow (9) and S.Perez; Fister, Smyly (7), Veras (8), Benoit (9) and B.Pena, Holaday. W—Benoit 3-0. L—Crow 7-4. HRs—Kansas City, S.Perez (5). Detroit, Fielder (19), Mi.Cabrera (39).

INTERLEAGUE LINESCORE
ORIOLES 8, ROCKIES 4
Colorado .... 100 102 000 — 4 12 1
Baltimore .... 107 000 00x — 8 10 0
Bettis, Ottavino (3), Escalona (5), W.Lopez (7), R.Betancourt (8) and W.Rosario; B.Norris, Patton (6), Stinson (6), Matusz (8), Tom.Hunter (9) and Wieters. W—B.Norris 9-10. L—Bettis 0-2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE LINESCORES

St. Louis .... 000 112 000 — 4 5 0
Chicago .... 000 000 000 — 0 5 0
J.Kelly, Maness (7), Choate (8), Wacha (9) and Y.Molina; Tr.Wood, B.Parker (6), Bowden (7), H.Rondon (8) and Castillo. W—J.Kelly 4-3. L—Tr.Wood 7-10. HRs—St. Louis, Y.Molina (9).

DIAMONDBACKS 15, PIRATES 5
Arizona .... 206 000 043 — 15 20 1
Pittsburgh .... 004 001 000 — 5 11 1
Cahill, W.Harris (6), Thatcher (6), Putz (7), Bell (8), E.De La Rosa (9) and Nieves; Locke, J.Hughes (3), Mazzaro (5), Ju.Wilson (7), J.Gomez (8), Morris (8) and R.Martin, T.Sanchez. W—Cahill 4-10. L—Locke 9-4. HRs—Arizona, Prado (11), Goldschmidt (30). Pittsburgh, S.Marte (11), P.Alvarez (30).

DODGERS 5, PHILLIES 0
Los Angeles .... 100 010 003 — 5 9 0
Philadelphia .... 000 000 000 — 0 3 3
Kershaw, League (9) and A.Ellis; K.Kendrick, Rosenberg (7), Diekman (8), Lu.Garcia (9) and Kratz. W—Kershaw 12-7. L—K.Kendrick 10-10. HRs—Los Angeles, Uribe (7).

BREWERS 2, REDS 0
Cincinnati .... 000 000 000 — 0 5 0
Milwaukee .... 000 200 00x — 2 6 0
Latos, Ondrusek (8) and Mesoraco; Gallardo, Kintzler (7), Henderson (9) and Lucroy. W—Gallardo 9-9. L—Latos 12-4. Sv—Henderson (18).

GIANTS 6, MARLINS 4
San Francisco .... 000 400 020 — 6 5 1
Miami .... 000 002 020 — 4 5 0
M.Cain, S.Casilla (8), Romo (9) and Posey; H.Alvarez, A.Ramos (8), M.Dunn (8) and K.Hill. W—M.Cain 8-8. L—H.Alvarez 2-2. Sv—Romo (30). HRs—Miami, Stanton (14).

PADRES 8, METS 2
New York .... 001 010 000 — 2 7 0
San Diego .... 100 310 03x — 8 15 0
Mejia, Aardsma (4), Feliciano (6), C.Torres (6) and T.d'Arnaud; Volquez, Thayer (6), Vincent (7), Gregerson (8), Street (9) and Hundley. W—Volquez 9-10. L—Aardsma 2-2. HRs—San Diego, Hundley (10), Gyorko (13).

FRIDAY'S LATE LINESCORES

ASTROS 8, ANGELS 2
Houston .... 000 030 104 — 8 13 2
Los Angeles .... 000 010 100 — 2 6 1
Peacock, Zeid (7), K.Chapman (8), Lo (9) and J.Castro; Williams, J.Gutierrez (5), Boshers (7), Jepsen (7), Blanton (7) and Conger. W—Peacock 2-4. L—Williams 5-9. HRs—Houston, Carter (23), M.Dominguez (15).

ATHLETICS 3, INDIANS 2
Cleveland .... 001 000 100 — 2 8 0
Oakland .... 200 000 10x — 3 7 1
Masterson, Allen (8) and Y.Gomes; Griffin, Otero (6), Doolittle (7), Cook (8), Balfour (9) and Vogt. W—Doolittle 4-4. L—Masterson 13-9. Sv—Balfour (31). HRs—Oakland, Cespedes (20).

METS 5, PADRES 2
New York .... 012 200 000 — 5 12 0
San Diego .... 001 000 010 — 2 9 0
Niese, Rice (7), C.Torres (8), Hawkins (9) and Recker; Kennedy, Hynes (5), O'Sullivan (7), Thayer (9) and R.Rivera. W—Niese 5-6. L—Kennedy 4-9. Sv—Hawkins (4). HRs—New York, Byrd (19), I.Davis (7), Dan.Murphy (10). San Diego, Venable (16).

LEADERS
AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—MiCabrera, Detroit, .358; Trout, Los Angeles, .330; ABeltre, Texas, .326; DOrtiz, Boston, .325; Mauer, Minnesota, .323; Loney, Tampa Bay, .310; TorHunter, Detroit, .306.
RUNS—MiCabrera, Detroit, 88; CDavis, Baltimore, 86; Trout, Los Angeles, 85; AJones, Baltimore, 83; Bautista, Toronto, 82; Encarnacion, Toronto, 75; AJackson, Detroit, 74.
RBI—MiCabrera, Detroit, 117; CDavis, Baltimore, 113; Encarnacion, Toronto, 91; AJones, Baltimore, 87; Fielder, Detroit, 85; Trout, Los Angeles, 78; DOrtiz, Boston, 77.
HITS—MiCabrera, Detroit, 158; ABeltre, Texas, 157; Machado, Baltimore, 156; Trout, Los Angeles, 153; AJones, Baltimore, 150; Ellsbury, Boston, 148; Pedroia, Boston, 144.
TRIPLES—Ellsbury, Boston, 8; Trout, Los Angeles, 8; Drew, Boston, 6; Gardner, New York, 6; AGordon, Kansas City, 5; DeJennings, Tampa Bay, 5; LMartin, Texas, 5; BMiller, Seattle, 5.
HOME RUNS—CDavis, Baltimore, 44; MiCabrera, Detroit, 39; Encarnacion, Toronto, 30; Bautista, Toronto, 28; ADunn, Chicago, 28; NCruz, Texas, 27; Trumbo, Los Angeles, 26.
PITCHING—Scherzer, Detroit, 17-1; MMoore, Tampa Bay, 14-3; Tillman, Baltimore, 14-3; Colon, Oakland, 14-5; CWilson, Los Angeles, 13-6; Masterson, Cleveland, 13-9; Darvish, Texas, 12-5; FHernandez, Seattle, 12-6; Verlander, Detroit, 12-9; Guthrie, Kansas City, 12-9.
ERA—Kuroda, New York, 2.41; FHernandez, Seattle, 2.47; AniSanchez, Detroit, 2.50; Darvish, Texas, 2.64; Sale, Chicago, 2.78; Scherzer, Detroit, 2.85; Iwakuma, Seattle, 2.95; DHolland, Texas, 2.95.
STRIKEOUTS—Darvish, Texas, 207; FHernandez, Seattle, 182; Scherzer, Detroit, 181; Sale, Chicago, 175; Masterson, Cleveland, 175; Verlander, Detroit, 160; DHolland, Texas, 157.
SAVES—JiJohnson, Baltimore, 39; Nathan, Texas, 36; MRivera, New York, 35; GHolland, Kansas City, 34; GHolland, Kansas City, 34; Balfour, Oakland, 31; AReed, Chicago, 30.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—CJohnson, Atlanta, .336; YMolina, St. Louis, .327; Cuddyer, Colorado, .323; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, .318; Votto, Cincinnati, .316; MCarpenter, St. Louis, .313; Segura, Milwaukee, .312.
RUNS—MCarpenter, St. Louis, 91; Votto, Cincinnati, 83; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 80; Choo, Cincinnati, 79; JUpton, Atlanta, 79; Holliday, St. Louis, 78; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 78.
RBI—Goldschmidt, Arizona, 96; Phillips, Cincinnati, 90; Craig, St. Louis, 88; PAlvarez, Pittsburgh, 81; Bruce, Cincinnati, 80; FFreeman, Atlanta, 80; DBrown, Philadelphia, 78.
HITS—Segura, Milwaukee, 149; MCarpenter, St. Louis, 148; McCutchen, Pittsburgh, 143; Votto, Cincinnati, 142; Craig, St. Louis, 140; DanMurphy, New York, 137; Pence, San Francisco, 135.
TRIPLES—SMarte, Pittsburgh, 10; CGomez, Milwaukee, 9; Segura, Milwaukee, 9; Span, Washington, 7; CGonzalez, Colorado, 6; Hechavarria, Miami, 6; Venable, San Diego, 6; DWright, New York, 6.
HOME RUNS—PAlvarez, Pittsburgh, 30; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 30; DBrown, Philadelphia, 27; CGonzalez, Colorado, 26; Bruce, Cincinnati, 24; JUpton, Atlanta, 23; Uggla, Atlanta, 21.
PITCHING—Zimmermann, Washington, 14-6; Liriano, Pittsburgh, 13-5; Lynn, St. Louis, 13-6; Wainwright, St. Louis, 13-7; Corbin, Arizona, 12-3; Ryu, Los Angeles, 12-3; Latos, Cincinnati, 12-4; Minor, Atlanta, 12-5; JDe La Rosa, Colorado, 12-6; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 12-7.
ERA—Kershaw, Los Angeles, 1.80; Harvey, New York, 2.23; Fernandez, Miami, 2.45; Corbin, Arizona, 2.48; Wainwright, St. Louis, 2.71; Bumgarner, San Francisco, 2.73; Strasburg, Washington, 2.83.
STRIKEOUTS—Kershaw, Los Angeles, 182; Harvey, New York, 181; Samardzija, Chicago, 163; Wainwright, St. Louis, 162; Latos, Cincinnati, 160; Bumgarner, San Francisco, 154; AJBurnett, Pittsburgh, 153; HBailey, Cincinnati, 153; Lincecum, San Francisco, 153; Strasburg, Washington, 153.
SAVES—Kimbrel, Atlanta, 38; Mujica, St. Louis, 31; RSoriano, Washington, 31; Grilli, Pittsburgh, 30; Romo, San Francisco, 30; AChapman, Cincinnati, 30; Cishek, Miami, 26.

PGA

Wyndham Championship
Saturday
At Sedgefield Country Club Course
Greensboro, N.C.
Purse: $5.3 million
Yardage: 7,127; Par: 70
Third Round

Patrick Reed	65-64-71 — 200
John Huh	68-62-70 — 200
Zach Johnson	67-68-66 — 201
Bob Estes	67-66-68 — 201
Jordan Spieth	65-66-70 — 201
Robert Garrigus	65-69-68 — 202
Matt Every	67-67-68 — 202
Brian Harman	67-66-69 — 202
Brendan Steele	71-67-66 — 204
Charlie Beljan	69-67-69 — 205
Sergio Garcia	65-70-70 — 205
Alistair Presnell	67-71-67 — 205
Rory Sabbatini	67-66-72 — 205
Jim Herman	67-66-72 — 205
Andres Gonzales	69-67-70 — 206
Jin Park	67-69-70 — 206
Trevor Immelman	65-71-70 — 206
Bryce Molder	66-69-71 — 206
Bill Haas	69-66-71 — 206
Hideki Matsuyama	70-65-71 — 206
Nick O'Hern	68-71-67 — 206
Scott Gardiner	67-72-67 — 206
Jeff Maggert	69-68-70 — 207
Shawn Stefani	67-70-70 — 207
Matt Jones	65-71-71 — 207
Ricky Barnes	69-69-69 — 207
Will Claxton	68-67-72 — 207
Henrik Norlander	67-68-72 — 207
Jerry Kelly	68-71-68 — 207
Ross Fisher	64-69-74 — 207
Geoff Ogilvy	67-70-71 — 208
John Senden	66-70-72 — 208
Robert Streb	68-70-70 — 208
Colt Knost	69-67-72 — 208
Webb Simpson	71-67-70 — 208
Chris DiMarco	70-68-70 — 208
Brendon de Jonge	70-68-70 — 208
Andrew Svoboda	65-69-74 — 208
Ryo Ishikawa	70-69-69 — 208
Charlie Wi	68-65-75 — 208
Chris Kirk	66-71-72 — 209
K.J. Choi	69-68-72 — 209
Camilo Villegas	69-68-72 — 209
Paul Haley II	69-68-72 — 209
Steven Bowditch	71-66-72 — 209
Boo Weekley	69-67-73 — 209
Chris Stroud	64-72-73 — 209
Greg Chalmers	69-69-71 — 209
J.J. Henry	68-70-71 — 209
Morgan Hoffmann	65-69-75 — 209
Ernie Els	71-68-70 — 209
Tommy Gainey	68-69-73 — 210
Tom Gillis	69-68-73 — 210
Cameron Percy	68-68-74 — 210
Steve LeBrun	68-70-72 — 210
Sang-Moon Bae	68-70-72 — 210
Justin Leonard	69-70-71 — 210
Martin Flores	67-72-71 — 210
Doug LaBelle II	67-72-71 — 210
Martin Kaymer	70-68-73 — 211
Brendon Todd	68-68-75 — 211
David Toms	72-66-73 — 211
Robert Karlsson	70-66-75 — 211
William McGirt	70-68-73 — 211
Tim Clark	69-70-72 — 211
Jeff Overton	68-71-72 — 211
George McNeill	69-68-75 — 212
Greg Owen	68-69-75 — 212
Stuart Appleby	66-70-76 — 212
David Mathis	71-68-73 — 212
Kevin Chappell	69-69-75 — 213
Nicholas Thompson	70-69-75 — 214
Arjun Atwal	69-70-78 — 217
Charles Howell III	66-68 — DQ

LPGA

Solheim Cup Results
At Colorado Golf Club
Parker, Colo.
Yardage: 7,068; Par: 72

GOLF

EUROPE 10 1/2, UNITED STATES 5 1/2
Saturday
Foursomes
United States 2 1/2, Europe 1 1/2

Anna Nordqvist and Caroline Hedwall, Europe, def. Morgan Pressel and Jessica Korda, United States, 2 and 1.
Stacy Lewis and Paula Creamer, United States, def. Azahara Munoz and Karine Icher, Europe, 1 up.
Catriona Matthew and Caroline Masson, Europe, halved with Brittany Lincicome and Lizette Salas, United States.
Michelle Wie and Brittany Lang, United States, def. Suzann Pettersen and Beatriz Recari, Europe, 2 and 1.

Fourball
Europe 4, United States 0

Jodi Ewart-Shadoff and Charley Hull, Europe, def. Paula Creamer and Lexi Thompson, United States, 2 up.
Azahara Munoz and Carlota Ciganda, Europe, def. Gerina Piller and Angela Stanford, United States, 1 up.
Caroline Hedwall and Caroline Masson, Europe, def. Michelle Wie and Jessica Korda, United States, 2 and 1.
Beatriz Recari and Karine Icher, Europe, def. Cristie Kerr and Morgan Pressel, United States, 1 up.

Friday
Foursomes
Europe 3, United States 1

Anna Nordqvist and Caroline Hedwall, Europe, def. Stacy Lewis and Lizette Salas, United States, 4 and 2.
Suzann Pettersen and Beatriz Recari, Europe, def. Brittany Lang and Angela Stanford, United States, 2 and 1.
Morgan Pressel and Jessica Korda, United States, def. Catriona Matthew and Jodi Ewart-Shadoff, Europe, 3 and 2.
Azahara Munoz and Karine Icher, Europe, def. Cristie Kerr and Paula Creamer, United States, 2 and 1.

Fourball
Europe 2, United States 2

Suzann Pettersen and Carlota Ciganda, Europe, def. Stacy Lewis and Lexi Thompson, United States, 1 up.
Caroline Hedwall and Caroline Masson, Europe, def. Angela Stanford and Gerina Piller, United States, 2 and 1.
Brittany Lincicome and Brittany Lang, United States, def. Anna Nordqvist and Giulia Sergas, Europe, 4 and 3.
Cristie Kerr and Michelle Wie, United States, def. Catriona Matthew and Charley Hull, Europe, 2 and 1.

Solheim Cup Pairings
At Colorado Golf Club
Parker, Colo.
Yardage: 7,068; Par: 72
Today
Singles

1:40 p.m. — Anna Nordqvist, Europe, vs. Stacy Lewis, United States.
1:50 p.m. — Charley Hull, Europe, vs. Paula Creamer, United States.
2 p.m. — Azahara Munoz, Europe, vs. Brittany Lang, United States.
2:10 p.m. — Carlota Ciganda, Europe, vs. Morgan Pressel, United States.
2:20 p.m. — Caroline Hedwall, Europe, vs. Michelle Wie, United States.
2:30 p.m. — Catriona Matthew, Europe, vs. Gerina Piller, United States.
2:40 p.m. — Suzann Pettersen, Europe, vs. Lizette Salas, United States.
2:50 p.m. — Giulia Sergas, Europe, vs. Jessica Korda, United States.
3 p.m. — Caroline Masson, Europe, vs. Lexi Thompson, United States.
3:10 p.m. — Jodi Ewart-Shadoff, Europe, vs. Brittany Lincicome, United States.
3:20 p.m. — Beatriz Recari, Europe, vs. Angela Stanford, United States.
3:30 p.m. — Karine Icher, Europe, vs. Cristie Kerr, United States.

Champions

Dick's Sporting Goods Open
Saturday
At En-Joie Golf Club
Endicott, N.Y.
Purse: $1.8 million
Yardage: 6,974; Par: 72
Second Round

Bart Bryant	66-62 — 128
Corey Pavin	68-64 — 132
Duffy Waldorf	68-65 — 133
Russ Cochran	67-67 — 134
Rick Fehr	67-67 — 134
Rod Spittle	69-66 — 135
Gene Sauers	69-66 — 135
Esteban Toledo	67-68 — 135
Scott Hoch	73-63 — 136
David Frost	70-66 — 136
Kenny Perry	65-71 — 136
Michael Allen	71-66 — 137
Peter Senior	68-69 — 137
Joe Daley	68-69 — 137
Jeff Freeman	67-70 — 137
Joel Edwards	66-71 — 137
Mark Wiebe	72-66 — 138
Chien Soon Lu	72-66 — 138
Fred Funk	71-67 — 138
Jeff Hart	68-70 — 138
Larry Nelson	68-70 — 138
Brad Bryant	66-72 — 138
Bernhard Langer	73-66 — 139
Mark McNulty	73-66 — 139
Don Pooley	72-67 — 139
Gary Hallberg	71-68 — 139
Loren Roberts	70-69 — 139
John Cook	70-69 — 139
Mike Goodes	70-69 — 139
Jeff Sluman	70-69 — 139
Mark Brooks	74-66 — 140
Tom Kite	72-68 — 140
Steve Elkington	72-68 — 140
Jeff Brehaut	71-69 — 140
Joey Sindelar	70-70 — 140
Chip Beck	70-70 — 140
Gil Morgan	70-70 — 140
Tom Pernice Jr.	69-71 — 140
Steve Jones	68-72 — 140
John Inman	72-69 — 141
John Huston	70-71 — 141
Dan Forsman	70-71 — 141
Colin Montgomerie	75-67 — 142
Roger Chapman	74-68 — 142
Craig Stadler	73-69 — 142
Peter Jacobsen	72-70 — 142
Nick Price	75-68 — 143
Bob Tway	75-68 — 143
Brad Faxon	73-70 — 143
Jim Thorpe	72-71 — 143
Scott Simpson	71-72 — 143
Steve Lowery	71-72 — 143
Bill Glasson	74-70 — 144
Jay Don Blake	73-71 — 144
Mark Mouland	73-71 — 144
Steve Pate	72-72 — 144
Brian Henninger	71-73 — 144
Sonny Skinner	71-73 — 144
David Eger	70-74 — 144
Gene Jones	70-74 — 144
Fuzzy Zoeller	69-75 — 144
Dick Mast	77-68 — 145
Jim Rutledge	77-68 — 145
Mark Calcavecchia	75-70 — 145
Hale Irwin	75-70 — 145
Danny Edwards	75-70 — 145
Hal Sutton	73-72 — 145
Andrew Magee	72-73 — 145
Jim Carter	75-71 — 146
Tom Byrum	71-75 — 146
Ted Schulz	70-76 — 146
Willie Wood	77-70 — 147
Jay Haas	74-73 — 147
Bobby Wadkins	74-73 — 147
Jim Gallagher, Jr.	72-75 — 147
John Riegger	79-70 — 149
Bob Gilder	79-70 — 149
Bobby Clampett	78-73 — 151
Allen Doyle	75-76 — 151
Wayne Levi	76-78 — 154

HOUNDSWATCH

SATURDAY'S SCORE
Midland 11, Springfield 10

TODAY'S GAME
Springfield at Midland
6 p.m.
Citibank Ballpark

RADIO/INTERNET
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RECORDS
Midland 22-33, Springfield 28-27

Friday	Saturday	Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
Midland 7, Springfield 2	Midland 11, Springfield 10		Midland at Corpus Christi 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Corpus Christi 7:05 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

LOCAL SPORTS

RESULTS FROM WGA CHAMPIONSHIP
at Ranchland Hills Golf Club
Saturday

1. Barbara Hester 85-87-79--251; 2. Polly Martin 97-93-89--279; 3. Sally Roberts 96-94-90--280; 4. Sarah Lands 95-97-97--289; 5. Donna Winborn 97-98-95--290

WHAT'S ON DECK

BASEBALL

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended Kansas City 3B Miguel Tejada 105 games for testing positive for an amphetamine.

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned OF Henry Urrutia to Norfolk (IL). Recalled RHP Josh Stinson from Norfolk (IL).
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed RHP Ramon Troncoso on the 15-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Jake Petricka.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Sent RHP Josh Tomlin to Akron (EL) for a rehab assignment.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Placed OF Justin Maxwell on the bereavement list. Recalled LHP Will Smith from Omaha (PCL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Agreed to terms with 1B Mark Reynolds. Optioned RHP Preston Claiborne to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Designated 3B Luis Cruz for assignment.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Assigned SS Hiroyuki Nakajima outright to Sacramento (PCL). Sent LHP Brett Anderson to Sacramento (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Reinstated C Jesus Sucre from the 15-day DL and optioned him to Tacoma (PCL).
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed DH Luke Scott on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Thursday. Reinstated RHP Brandon Gomes from the 60-day DL. Transferred RHP Jesse Crain to the 60-day DL.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Sent LHP Luis Perez to Dunedin (FSL) for a rehab assignment.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned RHP Chaz Roe to Reno (PCL). Reinstated RHP Trevor Cahill from the 15-day DL. Sent C Miguel Montero to the AZL Diamondbacks for a rehab assignment.
ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with 2B Tyler Greene on a minor league contract and assigned him to Gwinnett (IL).
CHICAGO CUBS — Sent OF Brian Bogusevic to Iowa (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Optioned RHP Manny Corpas to Colorado Springs (PCL). Reinstated RHP Rafael Betancourt from the 15-day DL.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned RHPs Donovan Hand and Alfredo Figaro to Nashville (PCL). Recalled 1B Sean Halton from Nashville. Reinstated RHP Yovani Gallardo from the 15-day DL.
NEW YORK METS — Placed C John Buck on paternity leave. Recalled C Travis d'Arnaud from Las Vegas (PCL).
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned LHP Sam Freeman to Memphis (PCL). Recalled LHP Tyler Lyons from Memphis.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Reinstated C Nick Hundley from paternity leave. Optioned C Chris Robinson to Tucson (PCL).
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Sent OF Angel Pagan to the AZL Giants for a rehab assignment.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Placed RHP Taylor Jordan on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Tyler Moore from Syracuse (IL).

American Association

GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS — Signed INF Jorge Jimenez.

Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed RHP Chris McCoy. Placed LHP Matt Way on the inactive list.

Can-Am League

NEWARK BEARS — Released LHP Steve Merslich. Signed RHP Omar Javier.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS — Released DT Aaron Tipoti.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed OT J'Marcus Webb, QB Jordan Palmer and DT Eric Foster. Released DL Jamaal Anderson and LB Andrew Starks.
DETROIT LIONS — Released LB Adrian Moten and S Trevor Coston. Signed LB Rocky McIntosh and CB Rashean Mathis.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed LS John Denney.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released OT Kevin Haslem.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Released PK Danny Hrapmann. Reached an injury settlement with RB Curtis McNeal.

COLLEGE

AUBURN — Dismissed S Demetruce McNeal from the football team.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Nationwide
Nationwide Children's Hospital 200 Saturday
At Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
Lexington, Ohio
Lap length: 2.258 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (2) A J Allmendinger, Ford, 94 laps, 150 rating, 0 points, $49,350.
2. (1) Michael McDowell, Toyota, 94, 122.5, 0, $47,450.
3. (8) Sam Hornish Jr., Ford, 94, 120.2, 42, $32,500.
4. (10) Max Papis, Chevrolet, 94, 107.5, 41, $30,900.
5. (7) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 94, 100.6, 39, $28,000.
6. (14) Elliott Sadler, Toyota, 94, 89.7, 38, $23,500.
7. (19) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 94, 97.7, 0, $15,250.
8. (15) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 94, 92.9, 37, $21,125.
9. (20) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 94, 74.9, 35, $20,250.
10. (23) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 94, 70.1, 34, $21,200.
11. (17) Alex Bowman, Toyota, 94, 79.2, 33, $20,900.
12. (12) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 94, 88.5, 32, $19,825.
13. (9) Parker Kligerman, Toyota, 94, 98.6, 31, $19,725.
14. (4) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 94, 85.5, 30, $19,600.
15. (6) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 94, 83.8, 29, $20,500.
16. (16) Andrew Ranger, Dodge, 94, 77.1, 0, $13,650.
17. (30) Mike Bliss, Toyota, 94, 55.3, 27, $19,350.
18. (37) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Ford, 94, 55.2, 26, $19,225.
19. (38) Tomy Drissi, Toyota, 94, 45.8, 0, $19,150.
20. (39) Kevin Lepage, Chevrolet, 94, 43.5, 24, $19,775.
21. (13) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 94, 72.3, 24, $19,025.
22. (21) Michael Annett, Ford, 94, 67.3, 22, $18,985.
23. (3) Owen Kelly, Toyota, 94, 101.1, 21, $18,950.
24. (24) Jeff Green, Toyota, 94, 58.6, 20, $18,890.
25. (11) Ron Fellows, Chevrolet, 93, 71.3, 0, $19,295.
26. (29) Kenny Habul, Toyota, 93, 44, 18, $12,785.
27. (5) Nelson Piquet Jr., Chevrolet, accident, 92, 93.6, 17, $20,750.
28. (34) Anthony Gandon, Ford, 91, 33.2, 16, $18,720.
29. (22) Alex Kennedy, Toyota, 90, 38.8, 0, $18,685.
30. (28) Chad Hackenbracht, Toyota, suspension, 85, 55.3, 0, $18,940.
31. (18) Travis Pastrana, Ford, 85, 63.4, 13, $18,595.
32. (27) Kyle Kelley, Chevrolet, engine, 78, 49.6, 12, $18,550.
33. (32) Mike Wallace, Chevrolet, 77, 40.3, 11, $18,520.
34. (36) Kevin O'Connell, Chevrolet, engine, 69, 31.4, 10, $12,500.
35. (25) Stanton Barrett, Ford, engine, 67, 46.9, 9, $12,468.
36. (26) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, engine, 62, 54.1, 8, $17,655.
37. (31) Alx Danielsson, Chevrolet, suspension, 35, 35.4, 7, $11,635.
38. (33) Ryan Ellis, Chevrolet, brakes, 29, 30.5, 6, $11,616.
39. (35) Chase Miller, Toyota, vibration, 3, 30.8, 5, $11,475.
40. (40) Blake Koch, Toyota, vibration, 2, 29.2, 4, $11,338.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 77.724 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 43 minutes, 51 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 1.164 seconds.
Caution Flags: 7 for 18 laps.
Lead Changes: 8 among 7 drivers.
Lap Leaders: M.McDowell 1-8; A.Allmendinger 9-21; M.Papis 22-26; S.Hornish Jr. 27-29; A.Allmendinger 30-58; A.Dillon 59-60; J.Allgaier 61-62; C.Hackenbracht 63; A.Allmendinger 64-94.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): A.Allmendinger, 3 times for 73 laps; M.McDowell, 1 time for 8 laps; M.Papis, 1 time for 5 laps; S.Hornish Jr., 1 time for 3 laps; J.Allgaier, 1 time for 2 laps; A.Dillon, 1 time for 2 laps; C.Hackenbracht, 1 time for 1 lap.
Top 10 in Points: 1. S.Hornish Jr., 769; 2. E.Sadler, 756; 3. R.Smith, 754; 4. A.Dillon, 754; 5. B.Vickers, 751; 6. J.Allgaier, 722; 7. B.Scott, 706; 8. T.Bayne, 696; 9. K.Larson, 695; 10. P.Kligerman, 687.

NASCAR Camping World Truck
Michigan National Guard 200
Saturday
At Michigan International Speedway
Brooklyn, Mich.
Lap length: 2 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (3) James Buescher, Chevrolet, 100 laps, 110.1 rating, 47 points, $41,335.
2. (7) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 100, 135, 0, $25,375.
3. (5) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 100, 113.1, 41, $19,220.
4. (20) Joey Logano, Ford, 100, 105.1, 0, $13,435.
5. (8) Miguel Paludo, Chevrolet, 100, 102.3, 40, $12,910.
6. (12) Timothy Peters, Toyota, 100, 112.4, 38, $11,685.
7. (17) John Wes Townley, Toyota, 100, 87, 37, $11,535.
8. (2) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 100, 87.9, 36, $11,460.
9. (6) Matt Crafton, Toyota, 100, 107.1, 35, $11,410.
10. (1) Jeb Burton, Chevrolet, 100, 110.3, 36, $15,960.
11. (10) Ron Hornaday Jr., Chevrolet, 100, 70.7, 33, $11,335.
12. (18) Brennan Newberry, Chevrolet, 100, 76.2, 32, $11,185.
13. (13) Dakoda Armstrong, Chevrolet, 100, 75.1, 31, $11,110.
14. (9) Joey Coulter, Toyota, 100, 77.3, 30, $11,060.
15. (22) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 100, 57.7, 29, $12,085.
16. (21) Bryan Silas, Ford, 100, 52.6, 28, $10,985.
17. (14) Brett Moffitt, Toyota, 99, 62.8, 27, $8,635.
18. (4) Max Gresham, Chevrolet, 92, 60.4, 26, $10,860.
19. (16) German Quiroga, Toyota, 89, 68.7, 25, $10,810.
20. (11) Johnny Sauter, Toyota, 67, 60.8, 24, $11,410.
21. (15) Darrell Wallace Jr., Toyota, accident, 52, 53.1, 23, $10,760.
22. (31) Norm Benning, Chevrolet, handling, 43, 40.5, 22, $9,460.
23. (25) Mike Harmon, Chevrolet, electrical, 35, 43.3, 0, $8,435.
24. (23) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, radiator, 23, 47.7, 0, $8,410.
25. (29) Jennifer Jo Cobb, Ford, engine, 12, 40, 19, $8,535.
26. (30) Chris Lafferty, Ram, rear gear, 9, 43.7, 18, $8,360.
27. (27) Chris Jones, Chevrolet, clutch, 9, 41.7, 17, $8,310.
28. (24) Jake Crum, Chevrolet, axle, 9, 44.8, 16, $9,285.
29. (28) Scott Riggs, Chevrolet, engine, 7, 39.3, 0, $8,235.
30. (26) Danny Efland, Chevrolet, electrical, 4, 37, 0, $8,710.
31. (32) Todd Peck, Chevrolet, overheating, 3, 35.1, 0, $8,185.
32. (19) Ryan Blaney, Ford, accident, 0, 33.1, 12, $8,160.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 120.240 mph.
Time of Race: 1 hour, 39 minutes, 48 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.546 seconds.
Caution Flags: 7 for 29 laps.
Lead Changes: 10 among 5 drivers.
Lap Leaders: J.Burton 1-16; J.Yeley 17-18; J.Burton 19-32; K.Busch 33; J.Burton 34-44; K.Busch 45-57; M.Paludo 58-60; K.Busch 61; M.Paludo 62-78; K.Busch 79-96; J.Buescher 97-100.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): J.Burton, 3 times for 41 laps; K.Busch, 4 times for 33 laps; M.Paludo, 2 times for 20 laps; J.Buescher, 1 time for 4 laps; J.Yeley, 1 time for 2 laps.
Top 10 in Points: 1. M.Crafton, 464; 2. J.Burton, 413; 3. J.Buescher, 412; 4. T.Dillon, 402; 5. M.Paludo, 391; 6. B.Gaughan, 390; 7. T.Peters, 382; 8. R.Blaney, 379; 9. D.Wallace Jr., 370; 10. J.Sauter, 369.

Grand-Am Rolex Results
Saturday
At Kansas Speedway
Kansas City, Kan.
Lap Length 2.37 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)

1. (5) Max Angelelli/Jordan Taylor, Corvette DP, 123 laps completed.
2. (01) Scott Pruett/Memo Rojas, BMW-Riley, 123.
3. (10) John Pew/Ozz Negri, Ford-Riley, 123.
4. (3) Christian Fittipaldi/Joao Barbosa, Corvette DP, 123.
5. (4) Brian Frisselle/Burt Frisselle, Corvette DP, 123.
6. (13) Brendon Hartley/Scott Mayer, BMW-Riley, 123.
7. (9) Dane Cameron/Wayne Nonnamaker, BMW-Riley, 123.
8. (7) Jon Fogarty/Alex Gurney, Corvette DP, 122.
9. (11) Enzo Potolicchio/Stephane Sarrazin/Michael Valiante, Corvette DP, 122.
10. (14) Joe Nonnamaker/Will Nonnamaker, BMW-Riley, 121.
11. x-(2) Leh Keen/Alessandro Balzan, Ferrari 458, 118.
12. (5) Patrick Lindsey/Patrick Long, Porsche GT3, 117.
13. (3) Emil Assentato/Anthony Lazzaro, Ferrari 458, 117.
14. (4) Robin Liddell/John Edwards, Chevrolet Camaro, 117.
15. (10) Bryan Sellers/Mark Boden, Audi R8, 117.
16. (1) Jeff Segal/Alex Tagliani, Ferrari 458, 116.
17. (7) Bill Auberlen/Paul Dalla Lana, BMW M3, 115.
18. (8) John Potter/Andy Lally, Porsche GT3, 112.
19. (9) Michael Marsal/Billy Johnson, BMW M3, 111.
20. y-(2) Joel Miller/Tristan Nunez, Mazda 6, 109.
21. (3) Jim Norman/Spencer Pumpelly, Porsche Cayman, 103.
22. (8) Ryan Dalziel/Alex Popow, BMW-Riley, 102.
23. (6) Richard Westbrook/Ricky Taylor, Corvette DP, 100.
24. (12) Sebastien Bourdais/Emilio DiGuida, Corvette DP, 92, mechanical.
25. (2) Gustavo Yacaman/Justin Wilson, Ford-Riley, 91.
26. (1) Sylvain Tremblay/Tom Long, Mazda 6, 45.
27. (6) Boris Said/Eric Curran, Chevrolet Corvette, 24.

x-GT class winners
y-GX class winners

Race Statistics
Winners' average speed: 105.943 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 45 minutes, 15.713 seconds.

Royals INF Tejada suspended 105 games for PED use

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The scourge of drugs and baseball claimed its third former MVP in a month when Miguel Tejada was suspended Saturday for 105 games after testing positive for an amphetamine.

The Kansas City Royals infielder drew one of the longest penalties handed down by Major League Baseball. His ban came after Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez was suspended for 211 games and Brewers star Ryan Braun got a 65-game penalty that will keep him off the field for the rest of the season.

All three stars have been dogged by doping allegations in the past.

A person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press that Tejada tested positive for Adderall, a substance the 39-year-old has used to treat Attention Deficit Disorder. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because those details were not made public.

"I apologize to my teammates, the Royals organization and to the Kansas City fans," Tejada said in a statement released by the players' association. "I have a medical condition that requires medication to treat. I took that medication while re-applying for a Therapeutic Use Exemption. Under the requirements of the Joint Drug Program, I made a mistake in doing so."

MLB's medical staff grants therapeutic-use exemptions that allow players to use drugs such as Adderall to treat ADD. But the substance has become a popular performance-enhancer, accounting for 10 of the 11 positive stimulant tests in the major league program in the year ending with the 2012 World Series, according to the annual report of the Independent Program Administrator.


Tejada

The report, which was released in November, said that medication for ADD accounted for 116 of 119 therapeutic-use exemptions granted by Major League Baseball.

Tejada, who was already on the 60-day disabled list with a calf injury, previously tested positive under the league's amphetamine policy. That subjected him to a 25-game ban for a second test and an 80-game suspension for a third. He is not challenging the penalties.

Tejada will miss the remainder of this season, which exhausts his contract with Kansas City. If he signs for next season, he would miss about two months before becoming eligible to play.

"It doesn't matter if you're MVP or king of the world. If you're going to do things that are illegal, you're going to get caught for it and you're going to get suspended," Royals pitcher James Shields said. "It's a shame because I really like him a lot as a teammate."

Tejada's suspension is one of the longest non-lifetime bans in baseball history. Along with Rodriguez's suspension, Pascual Perez was banned for the 1992 season for a positive cocaine test and Dwight Gooden barred for the '95 season for violating his drug after-care program.

Rodriguez and Braun received their penalties for their connection to the Biogenesis clinic in Florida that has been accused of dispensing banned drugs. A-Rod was among 13 players suspended 12 days ago by MLB, while Braun was penalized earlier this year.

"I think it's another positive sign that the testing continues to work and that those players who commit infractions against the drug policy are being penalized accordingly," Royals pitcher Jeremy Guthrie said. "It's unfortunate when it's a friend of yours and a teammate but the testing is there for a purpose, and this is another indication that it's working and serving its purpose."

Royals shortstop Alcides Escobar said that many of Tejada's teammates learned of the suspension while watching TV in the clubhouse before their game Saturday night in Detroit.

"Maybe he made a mistake. I don't know," Escobar said. "That's a good guy, a really good teammate. That's one of the best guys in here. Yeah, I was surprised."

A six-time All-Star and the AL MVP in 2002, Tejada's prodigious talent has been called into question more than once by doping allegations that have cropped up throughout his career.

The first significant mention of his name came in the Mitchell Report on steroids use in baseball. Then in February 2009, he was charged with lying to Congress about performance-enhancing drugs in the game. Tejada pleaded guilty to the charge and received one year of probation.

Tejada made his big league debut in 2003 with the Athletics, where he spent the best years of his career. He hit .308 with 34 homers and 131 RBIs during his MVP season, and then was even better in 2004 with Baltimore, when he .311 with 34 home runs and a career-best 150 RBI.

Rangers pound Hernandez, Mariners

Rangers	15
Mariners	3

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press


Tony Gutierrez/AP

Texas' Jurickson Profar sprints toward the plate as Seattle's Henry Blanco attempts the tag in the second inning Saturday in Arlington. Profar scored on the bunt single by Leonys Martin, rear.

ARLINGTON — Jurickson Profar hit an RBI single before scoring on a suicide squeeze in Texas' five-run inning off Felix Hernandez, and the Rangers went on to a 15-3 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Saturday night.

The AL West-leading Rangers, who have won 15 of 18 games, finished with a season high in runs after an eight-run eighth in which Profar had another RBI single.

Profar had a nifty slide to score on the bunt by Leonys Martin that dribbled only a few feet in front of the plate in that second-inning outburst. Seattle catcher Henry Blanco pounced on the ball and reached back trying to tag Profar, who made an elusive move to slide around and slap the back tip of the plate.

Rookie left-hander Martin Perez (6-3) pitched into the eighth to win his third consecutive start in August, even after giving up single runs in each of the first three innings.

Hernandez (12-6) had a season-high five walks and allowed five runs and five hits in five innings. The big right-hander, who threw eight shutout innings last Sunday against Milwaukee, came in as the American League ERA leader, but that mark went from 2.28 to 2.47 — higher than the 2.41 for Hiroki Kuroda of the New York Yankees.

Adrian Beltre led off the Rangers second with an eight-pitch plate appearance. Beltre shouted out to Hernandez, his former teammate and good friend, while running to first base on his sharp single to center.

Texas loaded the bases with another hit and a walk before Profar blooped an RBI single and David Murphy hit a two-run double to deep center. Elvis Andrus added an RBI single after Martin's bunt for a 5-2 lead.

Hernandez hadn't allowed more than three earned runs in his previous nine starts since June 20. He is 0-3 with a 5.55 ERA in four starts against Texas this season.

Kyle Seager homered and had an RBI single for the Mariners, who have lost 13 of 20. He extended his hitting streak at Rangers Ballpark to 13 games since May 2012.

Perez had allowed exactly four hits in each of his previous three starts, including his first career complete game six days earlier.

The Mariners had four hits in the first two innings, when they built a 2-0 lead — usually plenty for Hernandez. He was 103-25 with a 2.80 ERA in his previous 170 career starts when getting at least two runs scored for him.

Brad Miller led off the game with a double and scored on a single by Seager, who was picked off second base by Perez. Dustin Ackley had a single and stolen base in the second before scoring on Brendan Ryan's single. Seager's 19th homer, a 409-foot shot into the second deck in right field, came in the third.

NOTES: It was Texas' highest-scoring game at Rangers Ballpark without hitting a home run. The stadium is in its 20th season. ... Murphy's 16 career RBIs vs. Hernandez are more than any other player. ... Craig Gentry pinch-hit for the Rangers for the fourth game in a row, and reached each time. He had a pinch two-run double in the seventh, and added an RBI fielder's choice in the eighth in the No. 9 spot where Murphy started. ... Beltre is 6 for 12 this season against Hernandez. The Rangers third baseman, who played five seasons in Seattle, was 3 for 15 previously. Beltre almost had another hit, but 2B Miller made a nice backhanded play to finally end the second with runners at second and third. ... For the second night in a row, the Rangers had a runner thrown out for over-sliding second base. Ian Kinsler was out on what would have been a stolen base in the fifth.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

TIGERS 6
ROYALS 5

DETROIT — A hobbled Miguel Cabrera led off the bottom of the ninth inning with his 39th home run, lifting the Detroit Tigers over the Kansas City Royals 6-5 on Saturday night.

Cabrera has been slowed by a strained lower abdomen, injured hip and banged-up left leg, but he was healthy enough to take a victory lap.

Joaquin Benoit (3-0) pitched a scoreless ninth. Aaron Crow (7-4) threw five pitches, with Cabrera hitting a 3-1 offering for an opposite-field homer to right.

Prince Fielder hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the Detroit seventh and made a good defensive play at first base in the ninth.

Hours earlier, Royals infielder Miguel Tejada was suspended 105 games by Major League Baseball after testing positive for an amphetamine. The 2002 AL MVP was already on the 60-day disabled list.

RED SOX 6
YANKEES 1

BOSTON — Jacoby Ellsbury had three hits, David Ortiz homered and John Lackey held down New York's resurgent offense as the Boston Red Sox broke a three-game skid by beating the Yankees.

Ortiz, Shane Victorino, Will Middlebrooks, Mike Carp and Daniel Nava each had two hits for the AL East leaders, who won for only the third time in nine games.

Alfonso Soriano singled twice for the Yankees, but was held without an RBI after matching a major league record with 18 over his previous four games. He is 15 for 22 (.682) in his last five games with five homers.

Lackey (8-10) gave up one run and six hits over 6 2-3 innings, ending a career-worst four-game losing streak.

Hiroki Kuroda (11-8) matched a season high by giving up five runs — three earned — and 11 hits in 5 2-3 innings.

ORIOLES 8
ROCKIES 4

BALTIMORE — Brian Roberts and Manny Machado both hit two-run doubles during a seven-run third inning fueled by Colorado miscues, and the Baltimore Orioles ended a four-game losing streak.

Adam Jones had two hits in Baltimore's highest-scoring inning of the season, which featured an error by shortstop Troy Tulowitzki, two walks, a passed ball and a wild pitch. Six of the seven runs were unearned.

Most of the damage came against rookie Chad Bettis (0-2), who allowed seven hits, four walks and eight runs in 2 2-3 innings.

BLUE JAYS 6
RAYS 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — J.A. Happ won in his first game at Tropicana Field since a scary injury three months ago and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Tampa Bay Rays.

Happ (3-2) suffered a skull fracture and sprained right knee when he fell to the ground after getting hit with a liner by Desmond Jennings on May 7.

INDIANS 7
ATHLETICS 1

OAKLAND, Calif. — Ubaldo Jimenez carried a no-hit bid into the sixth, Nick Swisher and Michael Bourn homered, and the Cleveland Indians beat the Oakland Athletics 7-1 on Saturday night.

Jimenez (9-7) didn't allow a hit until Josh Donaldson lined a run-scoring single to shallow center with two out in the sixth, ending the pitcher's night after 105 pitches. He struck out eight and walked five.

WHITE SOX 8
TWINS 5

MINNEAPOLIS — Dayan Viciedo hit a three-run homer and Alejandro De Aza added a two-run shot as the Chicago White Sox topped the Minnesota Twins.

Chris Sale (9-11) gave up four consecutive two-out hits in the third inning as the Twins scored three times.

National League

DODGERS 5
PHILLIES 0

PHILADELPHIA — Clayton Kershaw pitched eight dominant innings and the seemingly unstoppable Los Angeles Dodgers won their 10th straight Saturday night, beating Philadelphia 5-0 to keep the Phillies scoreless in two games under new manager Ryne Sandberg.

Juan Uribe hit a three-run homer, Kershaw had an RBI double and the NL West-leading Dodgers improved to 25-3 after the All-Star break. They have won 19 of their last 20 road games and are 42-8 overall since June 22, the best 50-game stretch in the majors since the 1942 St. Louis Cardinals had the same record.

DIAMONDBACKS 15
PIRATES 5

PITTSBURGH — Martin Prado went 4 for 5 with a three-run homer, Paul Goldschmidt added a three-run shot and Arizona routed Pittsburgh.

Prado's 11th homer of the season capped a six-run third inning against All-Star lefty Jeff Locke (9-4) and put the Diamondbacks ahead 8-0. Prado has driven in 13 runs in his past 10 games.

CARDINALS 4
CUBS 0

CHICAGO — Yadier Molina hit a two-run homer, Joe Kelly threw six spotless innings and St. Louis beat Chicago.

Cubs shortstop Starlin Castro was pulled shortly after making a mental mistake that let the Cardinals score in the fifth.

BREWERS 2
REDS 0

MILWAUKEE — Yovani Gallardo gave up three hits in 6 1-3 innings and Logan Schafer had a two-run double to snap an 0-for-21 slump and lead Milwaukee over Cincinnati.

Gallardo (9-9), who came off the disabled list Friday, struck out three to help the Brewers to their second straight win over the Reds.

GIANTS 6
MARLINS 4

MIAMI — Matt Cain pitched seven innings and Gregor Blanco hit a two-run triple to lift San Francisco over Miami.

Pablo Sandoval also drove in two runs for the Giants, a day after they outslugged the Marlins 14-10.

Interleague

ORIOLES 8
ROCKIES 4

BALTIMORE — Brian Roberts and Manny Machado both hit two-run doubles during a seven-run third inning fueled by Colorado miscues, and the Baltimore Orioles defeated the Rockies 8-4 Saturday night to end a four-game losing streak.

Adam Jones had two hits in Baltimore's highest-scoring inning of the season, which featured an error by shortstop Troy Tulowitzki, two walks, a passed ball and a wild pitch. Six of the seven runs were unearned.

LLWORLDSERIES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NASHVILLE 10
CORPUS CHRISTI 2

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Trae McLemore hit a grand slam and drove in six runs to lead Nashville, Tenn., to a 10-2 victory over Corpus Christi, Texas, on Saturday in an elimination game at the Little League World Series.

Ben Pickman struck out 10 and allowed three hits over five innings for Nashville (1-1), which stayed in contention in the double-elimination tournament.

McLemore had a two-run single in the fourth inning, in helping Nashville build a 3-0 lead. With two outs and the bases loaded in the sixth, the 5-foot-11, 209-pound cleanup batter hit a 1-1 pitch over the fence in center off Jared Cruz.

Cruz responded with a solo home run in the bottom of the sixth off McLemore, who relieved Pickman. Juan Jasso singled and scored in the fifth for the Southwest champion.

Corpus Christi (0-2) will face Perth, Australia (0-2), in a consolation game Monday.

URBANDALE, IOWA, 6
GROSSE POINTE, MICH. 5

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Grant Garwood struck out 13 and allowed one hit, and Urbandale, Iowa, avoided a final-inning meltdown to eke out a 6-5 win over Grosse Pointe, Mich., in a Little League World Series elimination game Saturday night.

Alex Augustine gave up a two-run single to Ryan Duffy and a three-run home run to Thomas Maxey before striking out Louis Cardinale to end the game. Garwood reached his 85-pitch limit, and had to be pulled with Urbandale ahead 6-0.

Brook Heinen hit a three-run home run for Iowa (1-1) in the fourth inning. Brady Roberts drove in two runs and Carter Troncin hit a solo shot in the fifth.

It was a near dramatic comeback for Grosse Pointe (0-2), which had not managed a hit in the tournament until Maxey opened the fifth-inning with a double.

The Great Lakes champions were no-hit in a 3-0, seven-inning loss to Chula Vista, Calif., on Friday.

Grosse Pointe will face Brno, Czech Republic, in a consolation game Tuesday.

PUERTO RICO 4
AUSTRALIA 0

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Pitcher Tommylee Sierra shut out Australia for 5 2-3 innings and San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico beat Perth, Australia, 4-0 in a Little League World Series loser's bracket game Saturday.

Sierra fell one out short of a complete game because he reached the Little League limit of 88 pitches per game when he recorded his 10thstrikeout of the game in the top of the sixth inning.

Leonardo Lizardi got the final out for Puerto Rico, which scored three times in the fourth inning to break a scoreless tie.

Australia, which was making its first LLWS appearance, was eliminated from title contention. Maverick Hamilton pitched a five-inning complete game for Australia and gave up seven hits.

CANADA 4
CZECH REPUBLIC 3

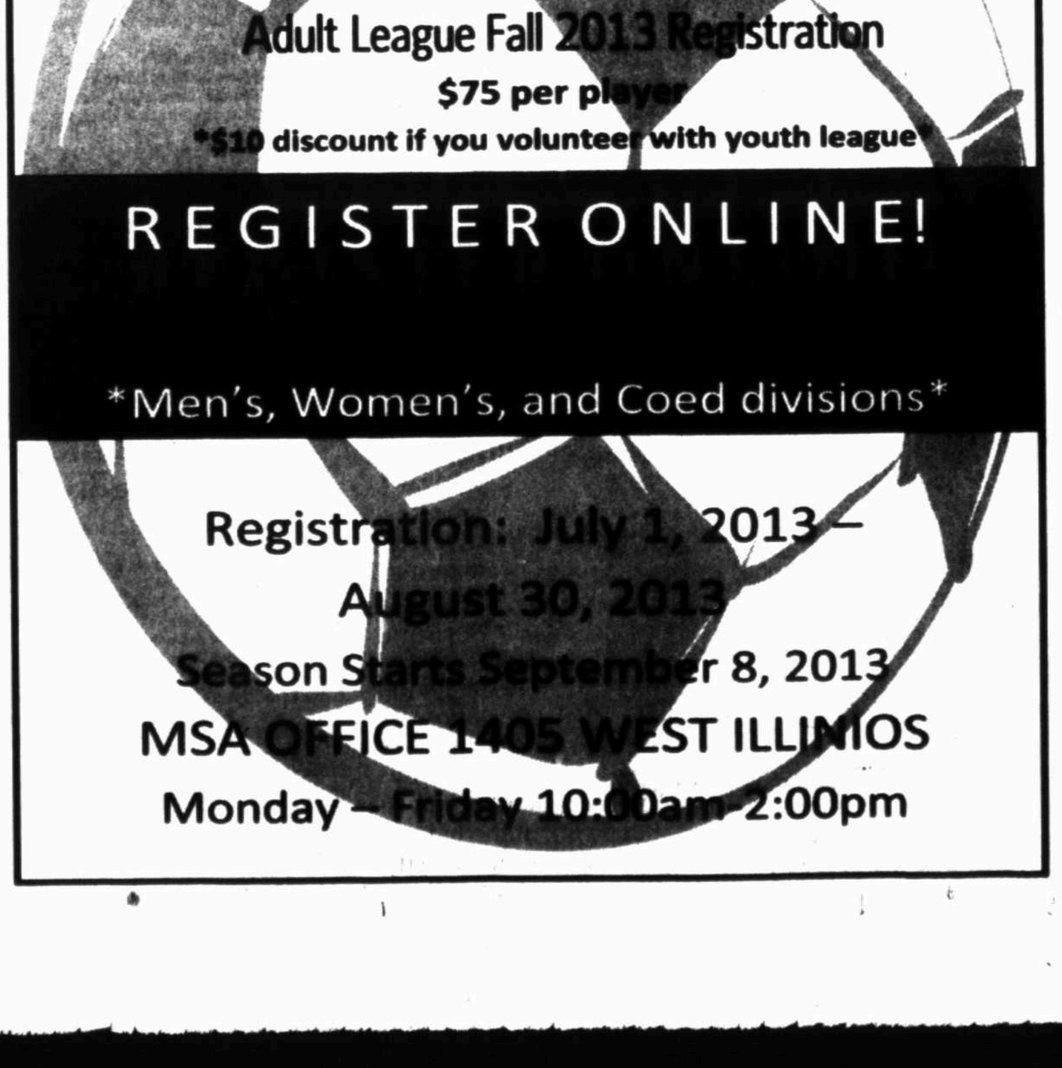
SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Angus Adams homered to help Ottawa beat Brno, Czech Republic, 4-3 on Saturday night in an elimination game in the Little League World Series.

Adams connected in the first inning, and Daniel Stoudek tied it with a home run in the third.

The Canadians regained the lead with a three-run third.

The Czech Republic elected to walk Adams to load the bases with one out in the third, and an error gave Canada a 2-1 advantage. David Legault was then called out trying to score on a wild pitch, but the call was overturned on replay. Two pitches later, Adams attempted a delayed steal of home. Adams also was called out, but that play was overturned by replay as well, giving Canada a 4-1 lead.

Legault earned the save by getting a groundout to end the game with runners on first and second.



Alabama No. 1 in AP preseason poll

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alabama will begin this season the way it ended the last two — No. 1.

Nick Saban's two-time defending national champions are top-ranked in The Associated Press preseason college football poll, with the Crimson Tide trying to become the first team to win three straight national titles.

Much like the BCS championship game against Notre Dame, the vote was an Alabama landslide. The Tide received 58 of 60 first-place votes from the media panel to easily outdistance No. 2 Ohio State and match Florida in 2009 for the highest percentage of first-place votes received in the 63-year history of the preseason rankings.

The Buckeyes received one first-place vote.

Oregon is No. 3, followed by Stanford and Georgia, which received the other first-place vote.

Notre Dame, coming off a 42-14 loss in the BCS championship game to Alabama, is No. 14.

Alabama won its record ninth AP national championship last season, third BCS title in the last four years under Saban, and became the first team to win back-to-back BCS championships.

The Tide is AP preseason No. 1 for the fourth time, and first since 2010. The only time has Alabama started and finished No. 1 was 1978, when Bear Bryant led the Crimson Tide to the fourth of its five national championships with him as coach. Now Saban's Tide is trying to accomplish something Bear's boys never could. Twice Alabama won back-to-back championships under Bryant, but couldn't get the third.

Saban is hoping senior stars such as quarterback AJ McCarron, linebacker C.J. Mosley, defensive end Ed Stinson and guard Anthony Steen have enough memories of what went wrong for the 2010 Alabama team to avoid it happening in 2013.

"You're in a position here where we have a lot of players that really haven't lost much," Saban said earlier this week. "They have to really want to be good for the sake of being good.

Alabama is 49-5 over the past four seasons, with three of those losses coming in '10.

"Most other teams are out there saying we've got something to prove," Saban said. "Well, this team has something to prove. It's a lot more difficult not to be a little bit complacent, not to keep the same accountability to being successful that's necessary. You've got to challenge yourself every day. You've got to challenge each other."

Since the poll started in 1936, 10 times has a school won consecutive AP championships.

The Tide's task: complete the hat trick.

Alabama will also be trying to run the Southeastern Conference's streak of national championships to eight. For the second straight year, half the top five teams to start the season are from the SEC. Joining Alabama and Georgia are South Carolina at No. 6, Texas A&M at No. 7 and Florida at No. 10.

The Tide and Aggies meet Sept. 14 in College Station, Texas. A&M and Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel handed Alabama its only loss last year. Whether Manziel will be eligible for the rematch remains in question while the NCAA investigates the Aggies' quarterback. ESPN has reported Manziel is under investigation for being paid to sign autographs.

No. 8 Clemson and No. 9 Louisville, led by two other Heisman-contender quarterbacks, round out the top 10. Tajh Boyd and Clemson take on Georgia at home in Week 1 and are the favorites to win the Atlantic Coast Conference. Teddy Bridgewater and the Cardinals are the heavy favorites to get back to the BCS for the second straight year out of the newly renamed American Athletic Conference.

McCarron also makes most of the preseason Heisman contender lists. He passed for 2,933 yards and 30 touchdowns with only three interceptions last season. Now in his third season as a starter, McCarron is the face of the Tide.

"Last year there were other people on the offense that had a lot of leadership qualities about them. So it really wasn't quite as important for (McCarron) to always be that guy, even though his position lends itself to that," Saban said. "I think that's a role he can be very good at and it will be important for our team that he is good at it."

The second 10 in the preseason rankings starts with No. 11 Florida State. No. 12 LSU gives the SEC six teams in the rankings, more than any other conference. The Big Ten and Pac-12 both have five.

The Big 12 has four teams ranked, all between Nos. 13-20, starting with Oklahoma State. Texas is No. 15, Oklahoma is No. 16 and TCU is No. 20.

Michigan is No. 17 and Big Ten rival Nebraska is No. 18.

Boise State is No. 19, the only team from a BCS non-automatic qualifying conference to make the preseason rankings.

The final five are No. 21 UCLA from the Pac-12; No. 22 Northwestern and No. 23 Wisconsin from the Big Ten; last year's preseason No. 1 Southern California is No. 24; and Oregon State from the Pac-12 at No. 25.

AP Poll

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Alabama (58)	13-1	1,498	1
2. Ohio St. (1)	12-0	1,386	3
3. Oregon	12-1	1,336	2
4. Stanford	12-2	1,294	7
5. Georgia (1)	12-2	1,249	5
6. South Carolina	11-2	1,154	8
7. Texas A&M	11-2	1,104	6
8. Clemson	11-2	1,083	11
9. Louisville	11-2	1,042	13
10. Florida	11-2	894	9
11. Florida St.	12-2	845	10
12. LSU	10-3	802	14
13. Oklahoma St.	8-5	755	NR
14. Notre Dame	12-1	746	4
15. Texas	9-4	677	19
16. Oklahoma	10-3	579	15
17. Michigan	8-5	531	24
18. Nebraska	10-4	382	25
19. Boise St.	11-2	328	18
20. TCU	7-6	323	NR
21. UCLA	9-5	288	NR
22. Northwestern	10-3	199	NR
23. Wisconsin	8-6	185	NR
24. Southern Cal	7-6	134	NR
25. Oregon St.	9-4	129	20

Others receiving votes: Michigan St. 95, Baylor 92, Virginia Tech 86, Miami 85, Arizona St. 53, Kansas St. 43, Fresno St. 36, Vanderbilt 19, Washington 17, N. Illinois 16, Mississippi 11, Utah St. 8, Georgia Tech 6, Arizona 3, Cincinnati 3, North Carolina 3, Penn St. 2, BYU 1.

RAIDERS

From 1C

four touchdowns and 375 yards with no interceptions as Doege's backup last season. Webb threw for 23 TDS and 2,658 yards as a high school senior last year.

2. HIGH-TEMPO PLAY: Kingsbury was part of some of college football's most prolific offenses as a quarterback at Texas Tech under coach Mike Leach from 2000-2002 and as a coach with Texas A&M and Houston. Last season, the Red Raiders averaged about 76 plays a game, while the Aggies averaged about 79. Alabama coach Nick Saban and Arkansas coach Bret Bielema are among those who've suggested the NCAA consider tweaking the rules to limit how quickly offenses can run plays and allow defenses more time to substitute players. Kingsbury responded that teams should stop recruiting "beasts up front" and maybe he wouldn't run as many plays. "There will be times where we're going superfast, and times not as fast," he said. "But it's all going to be trying to keep constant pressure on the defense."

3. ANOTHER NEW DEFENSE: A defense that forced just 11 turnovers in 13 games last season to rank near the bottom nationally is without veteran defensive backs D.J. Johnson and Cody Davis. Kingsbury has brought in Matt Wallerstedt from Texas A&M (he's the fifth defensive coordinator in five years at Texas Tech) to get the Red Raiders to bring more pressure in the Big 12. "With this many great offenses, you've got to be able to take a few away and slow them down in the red zone," Kingsbury said. Kerry Hyder, who led Big 12 defensive tackles in sacks and tackles for loss last season, will lead a front seven that could be a strength this season. Senior Tre' Porter and sophomore J.J. Gaines are expected to step into the vacancies left by Johnson and Davis.

4. OFFENSIVE LINE: The most glaring question mark for the Red Raiders is the offensive line, which will rely heavily on sophomores and freshman as starters. How well they hold back pass rushers or hold up physically could make or break Texas Tech's ability to pass effectively — something the Red Raiders have done consistently well the past decade. Junior Beau Carpenter will line up beside sophomores Le'Raven Clark, Tony Morales and Jared Kaster, and redshirt freshman Trey Keenan.

5. RECEIVING CORPS: Whoever starts at quarterback will have some prime targets this season in senior Eric Ward, who had 12 touchdowns and 1,053 yards last year, and 6-foot-5 speedster Jace Amaro, who was out with an injured spleen for about half of last season. Ward says players are getting plenty of reminders of why the team lost games lost last season: all the monitors in the workout room replay last season's games, a new wrinkle under Kingsbury.

Predicted finish in Big 12: Seventh

STATE

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State's players should have worn name tags in the spring to make things easier for all the new assistant coaches on Gundy's staff. Gundy had to hire four new assistants, including both of his coordinators. Gundy caught many by surprise when he hired Mike Yurcich from Division II Shippensburg to run his high-powered offense. Yurcich had proven that he could generate points and his stock will rise even more if Oklahoma State can again lead the Big 12 in scoring offense. "I think he's very comfortable with our system now, and I see him being much more aggressive in practice and it seems to be going very well at this time," Gundy said.

3. KEEP RUNNING: Oklahoma State has produced a 1,000-yard rusher every year since 2007, and Jeremy Smith could be next on the list. The fifth-year senior has shown he's capable of breaking long runs when he's healthy, evident by his career average of 6.2 yards per carry. Smith has never been the featured back at Oklahoma State, but he'll get his chance after Joseph Randle decided to leave after his junior season to enter the NFL draft. Smith has insisted that the Cowboys will again lead the Big 12 in rushing. "It's going to be a big year this year, and I can't wait," Smith said. "There's not going to be any drop-off."

4. KICKING IT: Quarterback isn't the only position battle that has gained plenty of attention this fall. The Cowboys are looking for a strong leg to replace the versatile Quinn Sharp, who handled both the kicking and punting duties last season. He made 28 of 34 field goal attempts as a senior to finish as the most accurate kicker in Oklahoma State history with an 84.7 field-goal percentage. That's not easy to replace, but Gundy hopes to come close with freshman Ben Grogan, who was named the starting kicker following a scrimmage last week. "Everybody around here that's watched Oklahoma State football has been spoiled with Quinn, and he brought so much to the table," Gundy said. "But we'll have new guys in there, and it creates uncertainty."

5. ON THE DEFENSIVE: The Big 12 doesn't have a reputation for being a defensive-minded conference, but Oklahoma State must do a better job at slowing down opposing offenses. The Cowboys allowed an average of 47.2 points in their five losses last season, including 59 points to Arizona and 51 to Oklahoma in a wild Bedlam game. New defensive coordinator Glenn Spencer, who was promoted after serving as Oklahoma State's linebackers coach, gets the task of fixing the problem. "It's a process," Spencer said. "And now is the time in camp when a lot people are floating around, and we just keep pressing on the guys that yesterday is over and to win tomorrow."

Predicted finish in the Big 12: First.

Usain Bolt wins 3rd straight world title in 200

By Raf Casert
Associated Press

MOSCOW — When Usain Bolt means business, he is still all alone out there.

Bolt coasted to his third straight 200-meter world title Saturday, with the race basically wrapped as soon as he entered the finishing straight.

Jamaican teammate Warren Weir never got close to Bolt's world-leading mark of 19.66 seconds, but crossing .13 seconds later for silver still left him enough time to join him in a reggae dance to Bob Marley's "Three Little Birds."

"The energy was great tonight," Bolt said. "The crowd was into it."

Curtis Mitchell of the United States took bronze in 20.24 but was never in the hunt for gold.

Now Bolt will go for his fourth triple gold at a major championship when he joins the Jamaican team for the 4x100 relay Sunday.

"It should be even better," Bolt said.

The wealth of Jamaican sprinting is such that they might well sweep their American rivals in unprecedented fashion, after Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce clinched a similar 100-200 double and also has her final relay late on the closing day of the championships.

The opposition could hardly touch Bolt on Saturday, and once it was clear his right foot was OK after he dropped a starting block on it early in the week, everything was as good as gold.

Even his start was strong as he quickly gained a decisive edge. And then in the finishing straight, Bolt fully let loose his giant stride, the one that has dumbfounded rivals since he won three gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

His seventh world title leaves him one shy of American greats Carl Lewis and Michael Johnson, who lead the overall gold medal standings in the 30-year history of the event. On Sunday, Bolt can pull alongside them, even though he is only 26.

His maturity showed Saturday, though, as the wild hot-dogging of the Beijing Games gave way to a sense of near-seriousness.

His Lightning Bolt stance came late, and besides the dance steps, his celebration was subdued.

"I got to face the fact that I am getting older so I have to try not getting injured during the season," Bolt said.

The only thing that never changes is the gold.

And that is what the Americans are missing, overtaken by Russia in the gold medal standings on two great performances Saturday.

While the Russians were beating the heavily favored U.S. women's 4x400 relay team, Svetlana Shkolina edged Brigetta Barrett in the high jump.

The Russian won by 1 1/4 inches, clearing 6 feet, 8 inches. Defending world champion Anna Chicherova, who is also the Olympic champion, had to settle for bronze at 6-5 1/2.

"The crowd's roar for the 4x400 relay really put me up for my last attempt," Shkolina said.

Emma Green Tregaro of Sweden, who wore rainbow-colored fingernails during qualifying to show support for Russian gays and lesbians in the face of an anti-gay law, finished fifth in the final with red nails after track officials said the gesture may violate the meet's code of conduct.

"It was harder to not paint them in the rainbow than it was to choose to paint them," Green Tregaro said. "I'm surprised by the big reactions, but I'm happy about the big reaction because it's mostly been very positive."

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NFL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PACKERS 19
RAMS 7

ST. LOUIS — Aaron Rodgers got the Green Bay Packers on the scoreboard for the first time in the preseason, but settled for six points after three productive drives in a 19-7 victory over the St. Louis Rams on Saturday night.

Sam Bradford had only himself to blame for putting up nice numbers, going 8 for 12 for 156 yards, with nothing to show for four possessions. His highlight throw was a 57-yarder that hit Chris Givens in stride to the Packers 4, but Bradford fumbled away the snap on fourth-and-goal from the 1 late in the first quarter.

JETS 37, JAGUARS 13

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Mark Sanchez led New York on five scoring drives in three quarters in an up-and down performance in a victory over Jacksonville.

Sanchez, trying to fend off rookie Geno Smith to keep his starting job, threw a touchdown pass to Jeff Cumberland, but also was intercepted at the goal line and cost New York (1-1) an early scoring opportunity. Smith sat out with a sprained ankle suffered in the preseason opener at Detroit.

BENGALS 27
TITANS 19

CINCINNATI — With All-Pro receiver A.J. Green watching again, Cincinnati's offense had an impressive first half in a victory over Tennessee.

Rookie running back Giovani Bernard carried seven times for 37 yards and a touchdown, and turned a short pass into a 22-yard gain, giving the Bengals (2-0) the diversity they're seeking out of the backfield.

AUTO RACING ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ALLMENDINGER HANGS ON, WINS NATIONWIDE AT MID-OHIO: At Lexington, Ohio, AJ Allmendinger led 73 of the 84 laps and survived a late challenge after a restart to win the inaugural Nationwide Children's Hospital 200 at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.

Allmendinger improved his record to 2 for 2 this year in the Nationwide Series, adding a victory to the one he picked up for Penske Racing in his only previous start at Road America.

The 31-year-old Allmendinger, rebounding after being suspended a year ago for failing a random drug test, took the lead for good on the 64th lap, then had to weather a late sprint when a car spun out just before his final lap on the twisting road course.

BUESCHER PASSES BUSCH LATE TO WIN TRUCKS RACE: At Brooklyn, Mich., defending champion James Buescher raced to his first NASCAR Trucks Series victory of the season Saturday, passing Kyle Busch to take the lead with three laps remaining at Michigan International Speedway.

Busch led out of a restart with six laps to go in the 200-mile, 100-lap race. Brendan Gaughan was pressuring Busch at the front when Buescher was able to pass to the inside of both. Buescher, the Trucks Series champion last year, hadn't finished higher than third this season.

When Buescher crossed the finish in his No. 31 Chevrolet, he was a half-second ahead of Busch, who barely held off Ty Dillon for second.

JACK BECKMAN TOPS FUNNY CAR QUALIFYING: At Brainerd, Minn., defending Funny Car series champion Jack Beckman raced to his second consecutive No. 1 qualifying position at Brainerd International Raceway, topping the field Saturday in the Lucas Oil NHRA Nationals.

Beckman earned his second straight No. 1 qualifying position of the season with a pass of 4.038 seconds at 313.37 mph in his Dodge Charger.

Clay Millican led the Top Fuel field, and Vincent Nobile topped the Pro Stock qualifiers.

Millican earned his second qualifying position of the season with his pass of 3.773 at 326.63. Nobile retained the top spot from Friday night with a 6.580 at 209.43.

TEXANS

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that is to say they're both doing their jobs. They're making it really hard on me, and that's a good thing for our team."

Ryan Tannehill looked sharp, completing 10 of 15 passes for 141 yards and a touchdown in just under a half of work for the Dolphins (1-2).

"I don't think we played as clean as have to," coach Joe Philbin said. "Offensively, it took us a while to get going. We did some good things, but there's a lot of room for improvement."

Tannehill wanted to use this game to develop chemistry with Wallace, who joined the Dolphins in the off-season after four years in Pittsburgh. He did that, connecting with Wallace three times for 58 yards, including a nine-yard touchdown pass that tied it at 7 in the first quarter.

"It was great for us," Tannehill said. "I think our relationship continues to grow; we continue to be more on the same page the more reps we can practice. It was exciting to get a couple of balls to him and hopefully get his ball rolling."

But the offense took a blow when new tight end Dustin Keller sustained what appeared to be a serious right knee injury. Keller's leg bent unnaturally when he was tackled on the right knee by D.J. Swearinger on an incomplete pass Saturday night. He immediately grabbed his right knee and was soon carted off the field.

Philbin said he didn't have a diagnosis on Keller's injury, but Wallace was preparing for the worst.

"It looked pretty bad, and I'm pretty sure he's going to be out for a while," Wallace said, adding that he hadn't heard anything official on Keller's status.

Houston first-round pick receiver DeAndre Hopkins was also injured; leaving in the second quarter with a concussion. Hopkins, the 27th overall pick this year out of Clemson, had two receptions for 22 yards before the injury.

Kubiak said he wasn't sure how Hopkins was injured, but saw him looking disoriented on the field.

"He didn't run the route, didn't get his depth, was just stumbling all over the place," Kubiak said. "So we got him out.

Andre Johnson saw his first action of the preseason and had one reception for 20 yards.

Texans star linebacker Brian Cushing returned on Saturday for the first time since a knee injury ended his season in Week 5 last season and played 10 snaps. He had a tackle and came close to a sacking Tannehill, lunging at him and grabbing his midsection before the quarterback wriggled away on Cushing's final play.

"I'm proud of him," Kubiak said. "For him to go out there and get hit on and stuff like that was a big step."

J.J. Watt, last year's defensive player of the year, saw limited action after sitting out in Houston's first preseason game. Houston defensive end Antonio Smith had a good night, finishing with a sack and a tackle for a loss.

Daniel Thomas took a short pass from Tannehill and turned it into a 27-yard gain that got Miami down to the 4-yard line in the second quarter. A 4-yard run by Lamar Miller two plays later tied it at 14-14.

Houston's Randy Bullock, who missed all of last season with a groin injury, gave Houston a 17-14 lead just before halftime with a 46-yard field goal.

TEXANS 24, DOLPHINS 17

Miami	7	7	3	0 —17
Houston	7	10	7	0 —24

First Quarter

Hou—Daniels 15 pass from Schaub (Bullock kick), 3:48.

Mia—Wallace 9 pass from Tannehill (Sturgis kick), :43.

Second Quarter

Hou—Jean 38 pass from Keenum (Bullock kick), 8:45.

Mia—L.Miller 4 run (Sturgis kick), 3:59.

Hou—FG Bullock 46, :01.

Third Quarter

Hou—G.Graham 33 pass from Yates (Bullock kick), 6:16.

Mia—FG Sturgis 43, 2:19.

A—71,401.

	Mia	Hou
First downs	15	23
Total Net Yards	208	415
Rushes-yards	24-81	28-112
Passing	127	303
Comp-Att-Int	15-30-0	26-38-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	6-52	2-23
Punts	8-54.9	6-39.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-46	9-91
Time of Possession	28:06	31:54

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Miami, Dan Thomas 4-25, Gray 4-14, Tannehill 2-11, L.Miller 5-10, Gillislee 3-9, Thigpen 2-6, Moore 3-5, Corp 1-1. Houston, Karim 9-55, Wood 5-20, Tate 4-12, Den.Johnson 4-8, McGee 3-8, R.Graham 2-6, Keenum 1-3.

PASSING—Miami, Tannehill 10-15-0-141, Corp 2-4-0-23, Moore 3-11-0-15. Houston, Keenum 11-18-0-150, Schaub 8-11-1-92, Yates 7-9-0-84.

RECEIVING—Miami, Wallace 3-58, Gibson 2-32, L.Miller 2-3, Dan Thomas 1-27, Egnew 1-14, Keller 1-14, Pruitt 1-9, Thigpen 1-8, Matthews 1-7, McNutt 1-7, Gillislee 1-0. Houston, G.Graham 4-54, Martin 4-46, Griffin 3-32, Jean 2-57, Lemon 2-31, Daniels 2-26, Hopkins 2-22, Clutts 2-18, Den.Johnson 2-11, Tate 2-9, A.Johnson 1-20.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

DALLAS

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points off the opportunities that we had."

Arizona has had red-zone issues in both of its games.

"Just like last week, we play extremely well all over the field until we get inside the 20, and then we have a ton of mental errors," Arians said. "It baffles me."

Dallas coach Jason Garrett called the six turnovers "inexcusable" but he praised the defense for its response to that adversity.

"To have six turnovers and give up 12 points is pretty darn good," he said.

Cardinals cornerback Jerraud Powers recovered two fumbles and intercepted a pass. Rookie Tony Jefferson had two interceptions.

The first Dallas turnover came after Arizona went three-and-out in its first possession.

Dwayne Harris gathered in Dave Zastudil's 56-yard punt and was in immediate distress. Justin Bethel stripped Harris of the ball, then Stepfan Taylor jumped on it for Arizona at the Dallas 22. The Cardinals made it to the 7, but Palmer threw incomplete short to Andre Roberts on third-and-6, although Michael Floyd appeared to be open in the back of the end zone. Feely's 25-yard field goal made it 3-0.

The first offensive series for Dallas ended when, on third-and-one from the Arizona 47, the rookie Williams broke open down the sideline but Romo overthrew him.

Arizona took the punt and drove from its 11 to the Dallas 7 on its next possession, but on fourth-and-2 Palmer underthrew Mendenhall.

"It was a bad throw," Palmer said. "He did a good job, he was open. I've got to give him the chance to make a play, and I didn't."

On the first series of the second quarter, Romo threw short to Lance Dunbar, who evaded tacklers at the line of scrimmage and raced downfield to the Arizona 7, with the ball coming loose as the receiver went down. The ruling was he was down by contact, but Arians challenged and was successful, with Powers recovering at the Cardinals 4.

The next time the Cowboys had the ball, Romo threw long to Dez Bryant at the Arizona 28. But Bryant fumbled as he went down and Jasper Brinkley recovered for the Cardinals at their 24. Arizona moved to the Dallas 36, and Feely's 53-yard field goal made it 6-0.

Orton's second pass of the game was picked off by Powers at the Cowboys 30, but Feely's subsequent 30-yard field goal try was wide ride.

Before the ugly half came to an end, Orton threw one more interception. Jefferson picked it off at the 31 and Feely's 40-yard field goal as the half ended put the Cardinals up 9-0.

Tanney completed 11 straight passes in one stretch, eight of them on Dallas' touchdown drive. Jefferson's pick of Tanney's pass came with 1:40 to play to clinch the victory.

CARDINALS 12, COWBOYS 7

Dallas	0	0	0	7 —7
Arizona	3	6	0	3 —12

First Quarter

Ari—FG Feely 25, 11:09.

Second Quarter

Ari—FG Feely 53, 6:34.

Ari—FG Feely 40, :00.

Fourth Quarter

Dal—Escobar 5 pass from Tanney (Bailey kick), 10:55.

Ari—FG Feely 22, 5:07.

A—59,698.

	Dal	Ari
First downs	15	19
Total Net Yards	342	365
Rushes-yards	16-44	31-105
Passing	298	260
Comp-Att-Int	25-37-3	21-40-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-16	2-10
Punts	4-40.8	4-47.3
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	2-0
Penalties-Yards	5-40	4-40
Time of Possession	26:15	33:45

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Dallas, Randle 8-16, Murray 5-14, Tanney 2-12, Dunbar 1-2. Arizona, Mendenhall 7-32, Ellington 10-24, S.Taylor 6-20, Smith 5-17, Peterson 1-6, Roberts 1-6, Stanton 1-0.

PASSING—Dallas, Romo 7-10-0-142, Tanney 14-19-1-136, Orton 4-8-2-36. Arizona, Stanton 10-19-1-152, Palmer 7-15-0-68, Lindley 4-6-0-52.

RECEIVING—Dallas, Harris 6-57, Escobar 5-32, Bryant 4-74, Dunbar 2-61, Benford 2-29, Austin 2-25, Rosario 1-23, Amos 1-9, Williams 1-5, Randle 1-(minus 1). Arizona, K.Taylor 4-85, Fitzgerald 3-44, Hawkins 2-55, J.Brown 2-28, Dray 2-20, Ellington 2-15, Roberts 2-10, Buckner 1-4, S.Taylor 1-4, D.Jefferson 1-3, Floyd 1-2.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Arizona, Feely 30 (WR).

Rattlers beat Soul in ArenaBowl

Associated Press

Rattlers	**48**
Soul	39

ORLANDO, Fla. — After winning their second straight ArenaBowl title in their third consecutive championship game, Arizona quarterback Nick Davila and coach Kevin Guy shied away from dynasty talk.

"I don't want to throw that word around now," Davila said after throwing six touchdown passes in the Rattlers' 48-39 victory over the Philadelphia Soul on Saturday. "I just want to enjoy this one. We'll focus on winning another next year."

Guy looked back to the Rattlers' last-play loss to Jacksonville in 2010.

"I'm going to think more about the one that got away than the two we've won," Guy said. "I'll the fans and the media talk about dynasties."

Arizona beat Philadelphia for the second straight year to become the first team since Tampa Bay in 1996 to successfully defend an Arena Football League title. The Rattlers also won in 1994 and 1997.

Davila completed 20 of 29 passes for 315 yards. Rod Windsor had 10 catches for 145 yards and two touchdowns, and Maurice Purify caught four passes for 83 yards and two scores.

Garrett Lindholm was 6 for 6 on extra points and made both field-goal attempts.

Philadelphia, which trailed 45-33 with 9:30 remaining, had a chance to win the game in the final minute.

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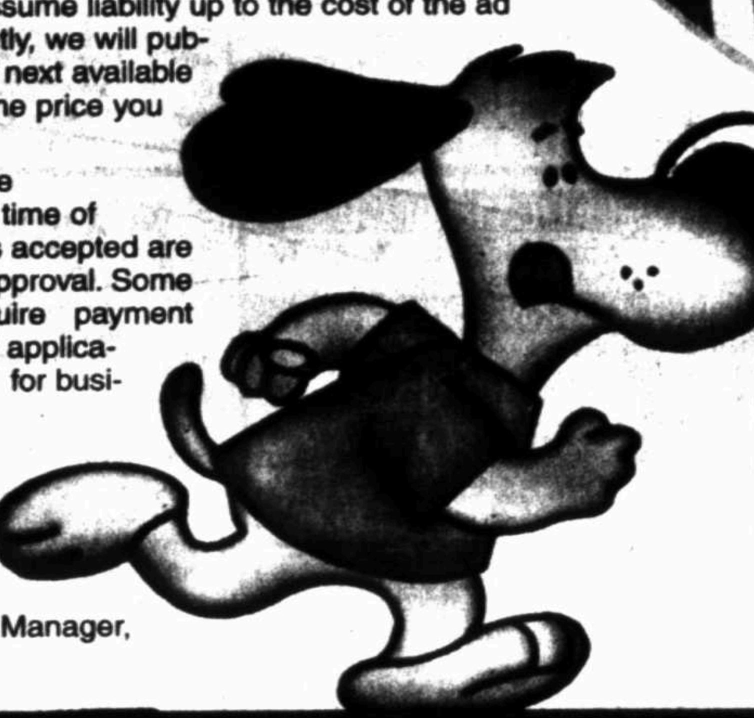
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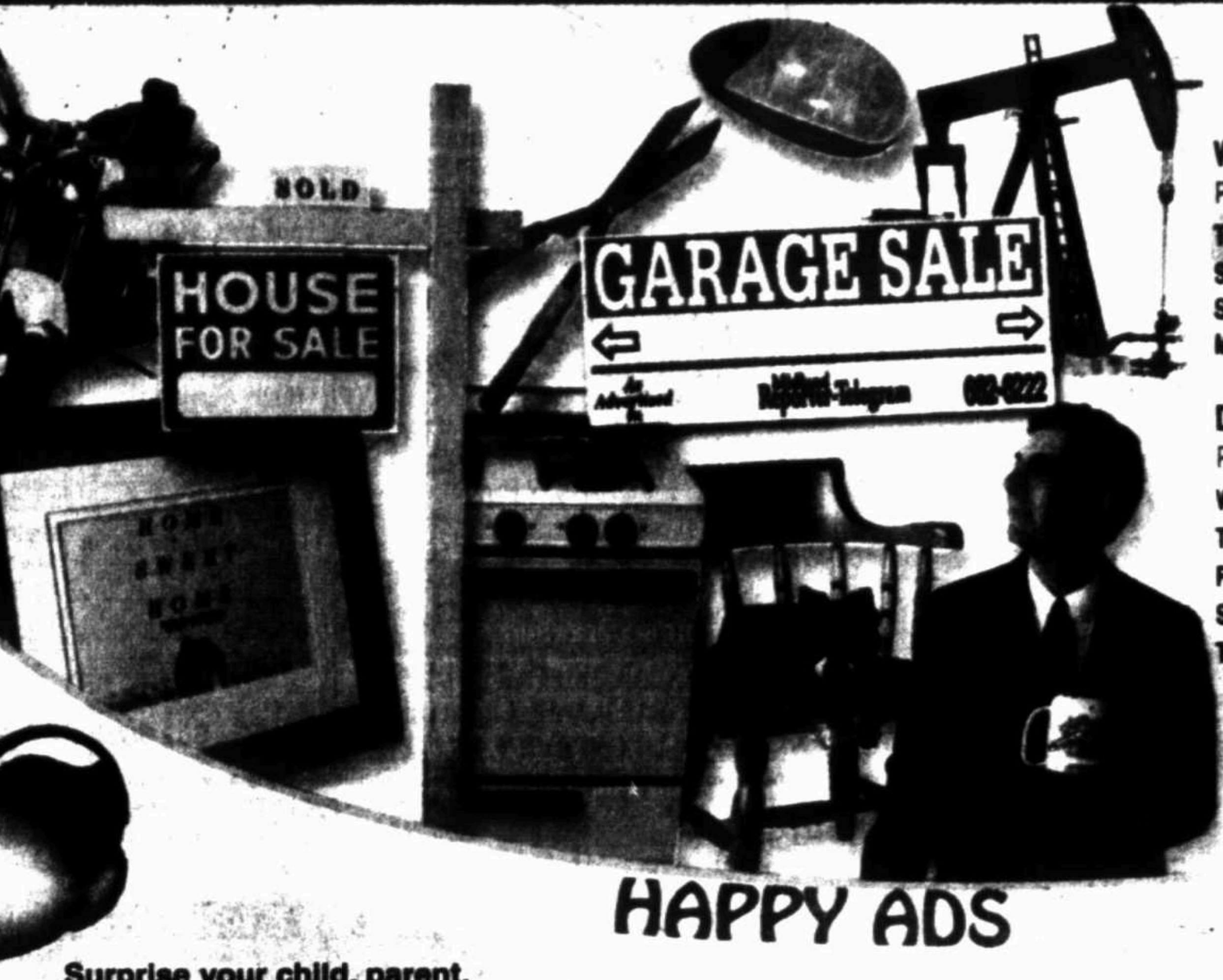
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting competitive sealed Request for Proposals, Proposal 14-09-0001 to enhance and maintain the current Legal Framework for the Child-Centered Special Education Process (http://framework.esc18.net/) for the period of **September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014**. Project enhancements will include, but are not limited to adding operating guidelines to the authoring system and public site. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained beginning July 31, 2013 at Region 18 ESC, by download from the "Public Information- Request for Proposals" page of the Region 18 ESC website at www.esc18.net or by contacting John Burdsal, Purchasing Specialist, at 432-561-4335 or jburdsal@esc18.net. Please address any questions regarding the specifics of this RFP to Lee Lentz-Edwards at 432-561-4356. Address sealed Proposal 14-09-0001 to John Burdsal, Region 18 Education Service Center, P. O. Box 60580, Midland, Texas 79711. **Proposals will be received at the above address until 1:30 p.m., August 26, 2013**. Region 18 ESC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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Public Notice
Proposal #2014-003

Midland College District is accepting competitive sealed proposals for the purchase of plumbing supplies that may be needed throughout the year for the period of September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2015. Proposal packets may be picked up Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., in the Purchasing Office, located at 3600 N Garfield, Midland, Texas. **Proposals will be accepted until 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 27, 2013** in the Purchasing Office, at which time they will be opened and vendor names read into record. For proposal packet information contact Barbara Fennell, Purchasing Agent, (432)686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. A final determination may be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids submitted.

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., August 30, 2013 to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the Office of the City Secretary City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 6871-14

For: Center Pivots

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

Lost & Found

FOUND (NORTH) Wal-Mart very small gray striped cat. Green eyes. Very loving & affectionate. Needs good home. Jimmy 853-9120

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REWARD: LOST female long hair Dachshund on 829 and South service Rd. in Stanton. Wearing purple collar. 967-1798.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting competitive sealed Request for Proposals. The Proposal 14-09-0002 is for an HVAC Comprehensive Maintenance Program for the period of September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained beginning July 31, 2013 at Region 18 ESC, by download from the "Public Information- Request for Proposals" page of the Region 18 ESC website at www.esc18.net or by contacting John Burdsal, Purchasing Specialist, at 432-561-4335 or jburdsal@esc18.net. Please address any questions regarding the specifics of this RFP to Arthur Balderrama at 432-567-3264. Address sealed Proposal 14-09-0002 to John Burdsal, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580, Midland, Texas 79711. Proposals will be received at the above address until 1:30 p.m., August 27, 2013. Region 18 ESC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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U12509A......2010 CHRY SEBRING 2DR CONV TOURING R..$11,500

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U12510......2012 CHEV SILVERADO 2WD CREW CA......$25,884
U12541......2013 CHEV SILVERADO 4WD CREW CAB......$30,881
U12458A......2008 CHEV SUBURBAN 4WD 4DR 1500 LTZ...$23,881
U12492A......2004 CHEV TAHOE 4DR 1500 LS WHITE......$8,995
U12522......2007 CHEV TAHOE 2WD 4DR 1500 LTZ TAN...$19,881
M12386A......2008 CHEV TAHOE 2WD 4DR 1500 LS WHITE......$21,700
U12493......2012 CHEV TAHOE 4WD 4DR 1500 LT WHITE...$34,995
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M12343......2012 DODG CHARGER 4DR SDN RT RWD WHITE......$25,995
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U12501......2012 FORD FUSION 4DR SDN SEL FWD RED......$17,750
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U12528A......2005 HUMM H2 4DR WGN SUV GOLD......$19,995

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U12449A......2010 NISS PATHFINDER 2WD 4DR V6 SE......$17,995
U12497......2010 NISS TITAN 2WD KING CAB SWB SE......$18,884

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for the construction project entitled: **MISCELLANEOUS LANDSCAPING AND PARKING RENOVATIONS** at Midland Memorial Hospital - Main Campus, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas, 79701.

Bidders may secure bid documents from Parkhill, Smith and Cooper at 1700 West Wall, Suite 100, Midland, TX. 79701. Please contact Ty Sisco at 432-697-1447 or tsisco@team-psc.com for more information. Bid documents are available on or after Wednesday, August 14, 2013.

Pre-Bid conferences will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 1:00 PM and Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 1:00 PM in the Facilities Services Department of Midland Memorial Hospital - Main Campus. Attendance is mandatory for one (1) conference.

A Bid Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) will be required for all bids.
A Performance Bond and Payment Bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price will be required by the Owner.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a general contract with the Midland County Hospital District.

Three (3) copies of all bids must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital - Main Campus, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas, 79701, by **12:00 PM, Noon, Tuesday, September 10, 2013. Under no circumstances will bids received beyond September 10, 2013, 12:00 PM be accepted.**

All bids must be sealed and labeled **"BID #1105-081413 Enclosed".**

Faxed or emailed bids from bidders will not be accepted.

All bids must be price protected until November 30, 2013.

All bids will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the bids in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Bids shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway
Midland, Texas 79701

Legal & Public Notices

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 3:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 3, 2013** in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by D. R. Horton and Curt Alvin for approval of a Residential Replat on: Lots 1 - 58, Block 1, Lots 1 - 13, Block 2, Lots 2 - 10, Block 3, Lots 1 - 7, Block 4, and Lots 1 -27, Block 5, Adobe Meadows; of Tract "A" and Lots 10 - 16, Block 8, Adobe Meadows, Section 3; Lots 1 - 14, Block 9, and Lots 33 - 56, Block 5, Adobe Meadows, Section 4; Lots 11-21 Block 3, Lots 8 - 16, Block 4, Lots 28 - 32, Block 5, Lots 1 - 12 and Lots 14 - 25, Block 6, Lots 1 - 32, Block 7, and Lots 1 - 9, Block 8, Adobe Meadows, Section 5; City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the east side of State Hwy 349, north of east extension of Mockingbird Lane.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7247. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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2013 BMW 535i
Dark Graphite / Blk M sport , Tech, Prem , heated , head up display 6k miles, Service loaner

2013 BMW 528xi
Space Gray/Oyster Prem, Heated seats, rear view camera , Nav, 4k miles, Demo

2007 GMC Yukon
Gray/Blk Sat, Rear Seat Ent, 3rd row, 125k Super Clean

2012 BMW 535i
Space Gray/Oyster Prem sound, Sport , Prem. 11k miles, CPO

2012 Mercedes CLS550
Blk/Blk Harman Kardon, Nav., 20k miles

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2013 BMW 328i
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2004 FORD F-250 Crew-cab, FX-4, 4wd, blue/silver, diesel, automatic, short bed, good condition, nice tires & wheels Clean title. $13,500. Call: 915-549-4728.

2010 F-150 Lariat Super Crew Cab. 66,700 Miles. Good condition. Leather seats w/ heat and cool, back up camera, microsoft sync. $26,000 or best offer. Call 432-352-6442

CHEVY 1990 454ss truck. Great shape. New tires, new transmission, 185K miles, runs great. All stock, won't find a better SS for my price $9250.00 firm. Serious inqiries only! call 432-967-1795

CHEVY 2006 2500HD crew cab, LT diesel, $19,599. Financing. B&B Auto 683-6180

CHEVY 2006 Z71 Colorado, 4x2, Green. 1 owner, 70,966 all in town miles. current tags and up keep. new battery, tires and radio/CD, $14,000. 432-520-8356

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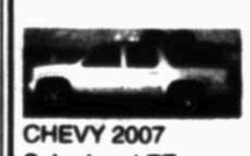
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If a web camera interview requires acting like a polished anchor, phone interviews are the radio personality equivalent.

And like a radio personality, it's important to be confident and assertive enough to engage a prospective employee. The key word here is engage.

"Our research indicates that if you do not connect with your interviewer in the first 15 seconds, it's highly unlikely that you're actually going to get a face-to-face interview," says Paul J. Bailo, author of "The Essential Phone Interview Handbook" (Career Press 2011). He is also currently working on a book to be released in late 2013 called "The Essential Digital Interview Handbook: Lights, Camera, Interview" (Career Press 2013).

The use of a web camera calls for a whole new set of skills and equipment, so it's crucial to develop a confident voice and strong phone presence, as these skills are later used on the job.

Creating a flow of conversation is essential. Bailo likens it to dancing together. "Both people involved on the phone interview must be on the same page, moving at the same speed," he says. "Each must bring relevant information to the table for the conversation to flow smoothly."

Take note on how the interviewer is moving. Is she hurried? Does she want to talk more or does he prefer to hear your stories? Respond to her in a graceful way.

One of the best ways to prepare for a phone interview is by listening to talk radio. This task allows you to hone your listening skills and provides an effective way to present yourself using only speech. Some talented public radio personalities are particularly gifted at connecting quickly with their subjects. Listen for how they do this.

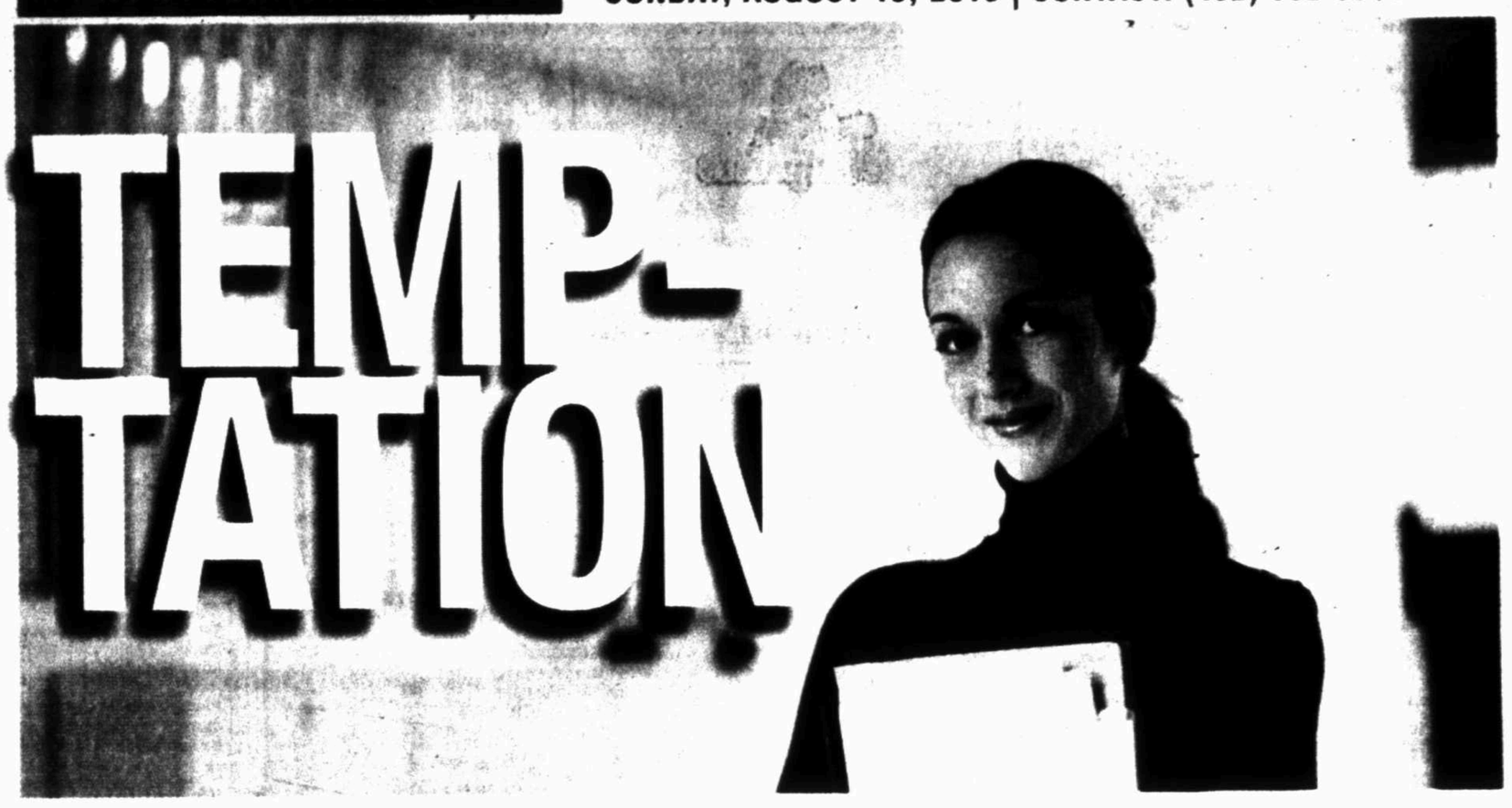
Just as you prepare for an interview with facts and questions about the company, you should also plan to greet the interviewer with a natural enthusiasm that will facilitate an easier conversation between the two of you. Remember, you'll do best when there is a genuine connection. Other tips to keep in mind:

* Dress in business attire during phone interviews to remind yourself that you are on a job interview and should behave accordingly.

* Never use a cell phone, and don't take the call as you are driving or doing anything else. Again, this is a job interview. Use a landline and wait until the second or third ring before taking a call.

* Keep your résumé and cover letter within reach, and have the company website open on the computer. The advantage of a phone interview is that it's like an open book test. . "

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TEMPTATION

THE JUMP FROM CONTRACT TO FULL-TIME WORK ISN'T ALWAYS THE NORM.

By DAWN KLINGENSMITH
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For a professional in between jobs, contract work can provide a source of income, valuable experience and résumé fodder. Also, it can provide real and false hopes, as contract assignments sometimes leads to a job offer and permanent position – a happy circumstance that staffing pros call a "conversion."

Some contract jobs are clearly stated "contract to hire" or "temp to perm" opportunities, offering temps a chance to try out for, and possibly clinch, a permanent full-time position, says Steven Raz, co-founder and managing partner of Cornerstone Search Group in Parsippany, N.J.

Other contract jobs offer no such opportunity at the onset – but that doesn't mean a high-performing temp cannot parlay an assignment with an expiration date into a permanent position at the company. This happens to about 15 percent of workers who land contract gigs through the staffing firm WinterWyman, according to Stu Coleman, a partner and senior general manager.

Candidates being considered for a "contract to hire" opportunity should reinforce in the interview their eagerness to audition for and earn full-time employee status, Coleman says.

Then, throughout the contract period, workers who went through a recruiter or staffing agency should communicate "early and often" with their agent. "Ask how you're doing – do they like me? Is there anything I should be working on? These answers will help you to gauge the potential for long-term work," Coleman says. "It's in your recruiter's best interest to do what they can to make it a lasting fit."

Contract workers hoping for a conversion where no job awaits at the end of the contract period should be upfront about their goals from the start, says Raz: "Let them know in the interview that you're in between jobs and ideally looking for a full-time position, but the contract opportunity looks great and you're happy to do it."

Be clear about wanting to stay on with the company should a permanent position become available, he adds.

Securing contract work should not be seen as a respite from job-seeking. "The contract can be terminated at any time so you have to protect yourself and keep your options open," Raz says.

Keeping up the job search may even lead to an offer and some negotiating leverage. "You can say, 'As you know, my ideal goal is a full-time position and I've received an opportunity that looks promising, but before I accept I wanted to see if there's anything available for me here,'" Raz suggests.

Whether there's a permanent position available or a worker is hoping one will materialize, he or she should solicit feedback after hitting project milestones. These conversations should center on performance and improvement. Eventually, though, a contract worker needs information to make career decisions. "Initiate a dialog in advance of the contract expiration," Coleman suggests, "and emphasize how much you like the company. Thank them for all the feedback and say you'll continue to do this and work on that, and to that end, if there's a permanent position, you'd like the job. And then you have to add, 'So what do you think?' That's the scary part because you may not like what you hear."

If the answer is yes, happy day! Try to get a time commitment for a start date. "Express your gratitude at the decision and ask when they were hoping to make the transition," Coleman says.

If the answer is no, keep in mind that there are reasons contract gigs don't convert to full-time positions. A lot of contract work is project-based so when the project is complete, the extra help is no longer needed. Or, the company may not be able to afford to increase headcount.

However, if the job was "contract to hire" or "temp to perm" and the contract worker is sent packing, it's instructive to find out why. "Ask, 'Is there anything I could have done differently or better?'" Raz suggests.

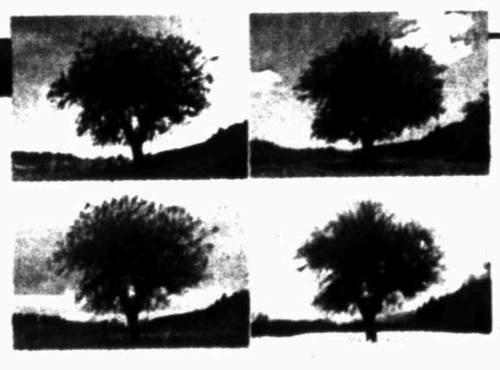
While contract workers often face unrelenting deadline pressure, keep in mind that they are also being evaluated on how well they fit in with the existing team and corporate culture. So balance nose-to-the-grindstone perseverance with efforts to form relationships.

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HIRING

IT'S THE TIME FOR THE SEASON OF HIRING

Peak times for company hiring come in seasons.



These seasons can vary by industry, and also by when a company's fiscal year begins and ends, but generally, "mid-August through October is the busiest hiring season," says Kathleen Brady, author of "Get A Job! 10 Steps to Career Success."

Brady doesn't have statistics to confirm this, but she spent the last 25 years working with recruiting or counseling job seekers, and has seen evidence of strong seasonality in hiring.

Many companies have reviewed the financial results of the first half of the year, and are focusing on achieving yearly objectives, perhaps by beefing up staffing.

Sudy Bharadwaj, co-founder of JackalopeJobs.com, agrees with that assessment and adds that companies offering high-priced products often hire salespeople in autumn so that they have staffing in place to "have a running start in the new year."

Job seekers can use seasonality to their advantage by making sure they're available for interviews in August, and scouting the more plentiful postings on the Internet.

The second busiest hiring season, asserts Brady, is the first quarter of the calendar year, with employers ramping up to meet more anticipated demand. The period from Thanksgiving until year-end marks reduced business activity, including hiring.

But Brady advises: "I would use the holiday season to reach out to people. Attend parties and social events. Plant a few seeds and make plans to connect after the holidays."

Not all businesses follow the popular seasonal patterns, however, says Bharadwaj, since firms can operate on different calendars for their fiscal year, or respond to their unique busy times.

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Midland, TX
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Dishwasher

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Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

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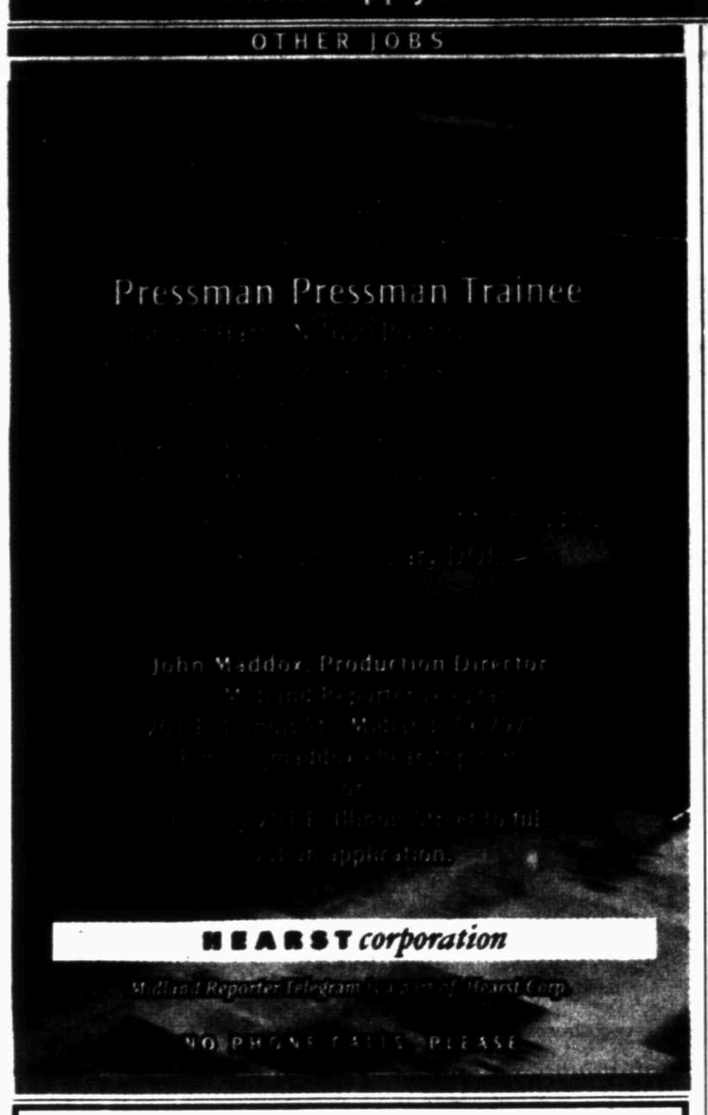
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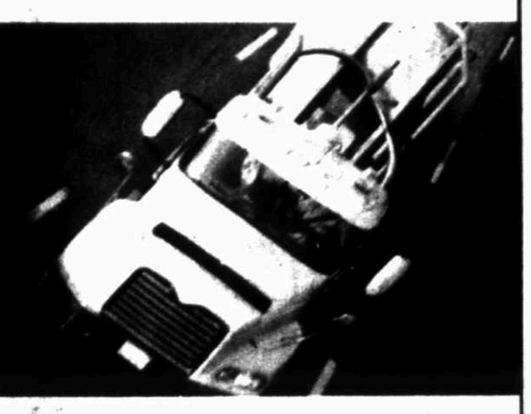
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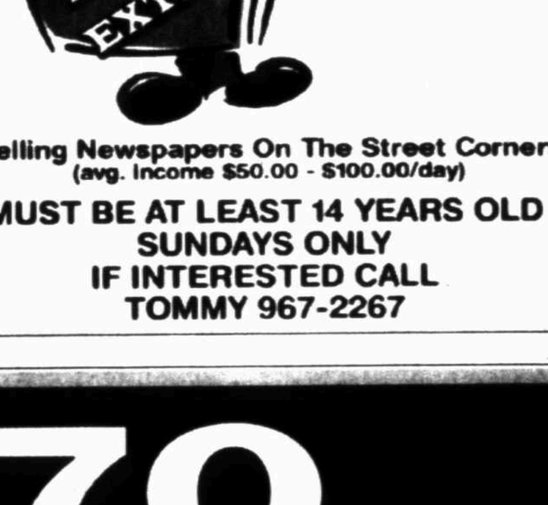
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You must take lock-in deadlines seriously. Be certain to respond to lender document requests immediately, keep records showing when items have been requested and when they were sent. Check with lenders to assure materials have been received.

Why? If closing is delayed – or you do not lock in your rate – you could face different loan costs. The interest rate, some loan origination expenses and the monthly payment could all change.

Should you lock in rates? If you think rates are rising, the answer is yes.

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6 MYTHS ABOUT SHORT SALES

By ALEXANDRA GALLUCCI
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Short sales have become increasingly common since the mortgage crisis of 2008. In fact, they accounted for 22 percent of all residential sales in 2012, according to the 2012 U.S. Foreclosure and Short Sales Report by RealtyTrac, an online marketplace for foreclosure properties.

But how do you know if a short sale is the best option for you? Experts share their insights on the six most common misconceptions about short sales to help you make the right choice.

1 Your mortgage debt will be forgiven

In some short sales, lenders may hold the borrower responsible for the unpaid balance of the mortgage debt. To protect yourself, confirm with your lender that a deficiency judgment will not be sought afterwards, says Kellye Clarke, counsel to Hometown Title and Escrow in Alexandria, Va.

"They should receive that in writing from the lender, if possible, and have it be a part of the short sale approval letter," Clarke says.

Banks have specific parameters that must be met in order to be approved for a short sale. Even if you are approved, you may still be taxed on the forgiven debt. Each state has its own laws regarding taxation of which homeowners should be aware.

2 You don't need help to short sell your home

"Nobody should really try to do it without seeking professional help and somebody who really will be able to analyze the unique situation and take into consideration the different state laws and tax code," says Mike Skolnick, a certified public accountant and personal financial specialist with Axiom Advisory Services in San Francisco.

Seek the help of a financial planner, CPA, real estate attorney or broker to discuss your financial situation and long-term goals.

3 Short sales have short time frames

Almost always, short sales will take longer than typical sales because they have to go through an extensive approval process with the bank and other stakeholders.

Since they have become more common, though, the length of short sales have decreased, Clarke says. "Many of them can happen in a normal time frame now of 30 to 45 days."

But, it's not uncommon for potential buyers to become tired of waiting for the bank to approve a sale and withdraw their offer, says Melissa King, a real estate agent with RE/MAX in Clarksburg, Md. If this happens, the seller must start the process over. Mortgage lenders require a new application with each new prospective buyer, and this process can continue for months and months, King says.

4 A short sale is a good deal for the buyer

Many buyers assume that if they look for short sales, they are looking for a bargain, King says.

That is not necessarily true, since "the bank is going to get a comparative market analysis," Clarke says. This helps lenders ensure that the property is appropriately priced.

5 Your credit won't be harmed

When it comes to saving your credit, a short sale is a safer option than foreclosure in most cases. But there's also no guarantee that a short sale will not harm your credit.

"There are tax consequences and credit consequences that could come to them as a result of the short sale," King says. "Sometimes it can have a very negative affect on people's credit score, but not always."

The credit score depends on how the mortgage has been structured with the bank, King says. Consult an expert to help review the particulars of your mortgage to determine the potential effect on your credit first.

6 My house is underwater, so I need a short sale

Experts agree that a short sale should only be pursued when a homeowner can no longer afford their mortgage.

But just because your house is worth less than what it would take to pay off the mortgage doesn't mean you need to go through with a short sale.

In addition, a homeowner has to be able to prove that there are special circumstances or a financial hardship for lenders to consider approving a property for a short sale," says Clarke.

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RETIREMENT SPOTS RIPE FOR INVESTMENT

Top retirement spots provide variety of opportunities for investors



As more Baby Boomers head into retirement, cities that attract retirees could be opportune spots for real estate investors, according to a recent report from RealtyTrac, real estate data source.

From a list of 40 cities with a population of 33 percent or more retirees, RealtyTrac identified the "Top 15 Retirement Hot Spots for Real Estate Investing" by looking at various data, including annual percent change in home prices as of May 2013.

Other factors included average temperature, annual chance of sunshine and the "cap rate," which shows whether or not rentals in the market generally have a positive cash flow.

Of the top 15 cities, seven are in Florida: Dunnellon, Naples, North Fort Myers, Punta Gorda, Sun City Center, Venice and Orange City.

Other popular states are Arizona (Sun City and Green Valley) and California (Ranch Mirage and Seal Beach). The remaining cities listed are Hot Springs Village, Ark.; Douglassville, Pa.; Florence, Ore.; and East Hampton, N.Y.

Daren Blomquist, vice president of RealtyTrac, says, "Even if you're not retiring in the immediate future, they're good places to invest and eventually live in yourself."

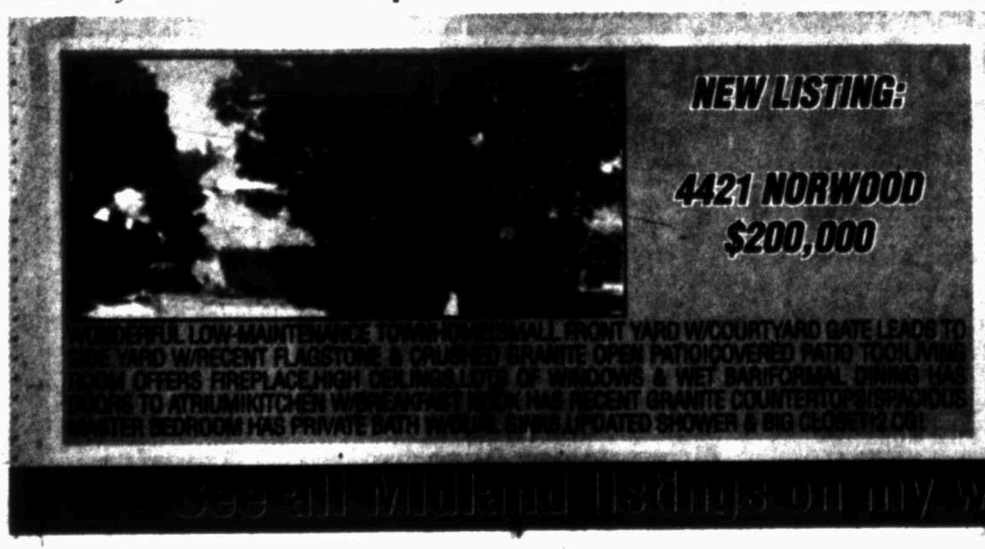
In some locations, especially Florida where home prices dropped very low during the recession, "[These homes] are good for long-term investment rather than the 'fix and flip.' Over time, that home is going to appreciate in value, especially in markets where the population is going to increase over the next 15 years," Blomquist says.

He points out that since many Baby Boomers were born between 1946 and 1954, adding 65 years to that means most will retire between 2011 and 2019 – suggesting strong future growth in retiree-friendly communities.

Those who are looking for a faster return on investment might consider Seal Beach, Calif., or East Hampton, N.Y., Blomquist says. "[They are] not as good for rental property but more appropriate for investors looking to fix and flip. You get a bigger profit with a single flip," because home prices are higher.

Overall, Blomquist says the report shows there are "different types of investing opportunities" in retirement hot spots that are suitable for different types of investors. — *Bettina Chang*

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Maintain job security. If possible, you should stay at your current job while building up your credit and zeroing in on that mortgage. Your lender will want to analyze your work history, and make sure you are reliable and have a steady stream of income. If you know you need to switch jobs soon, put off your home purchase until you are securely in your new position.

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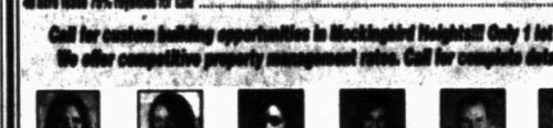
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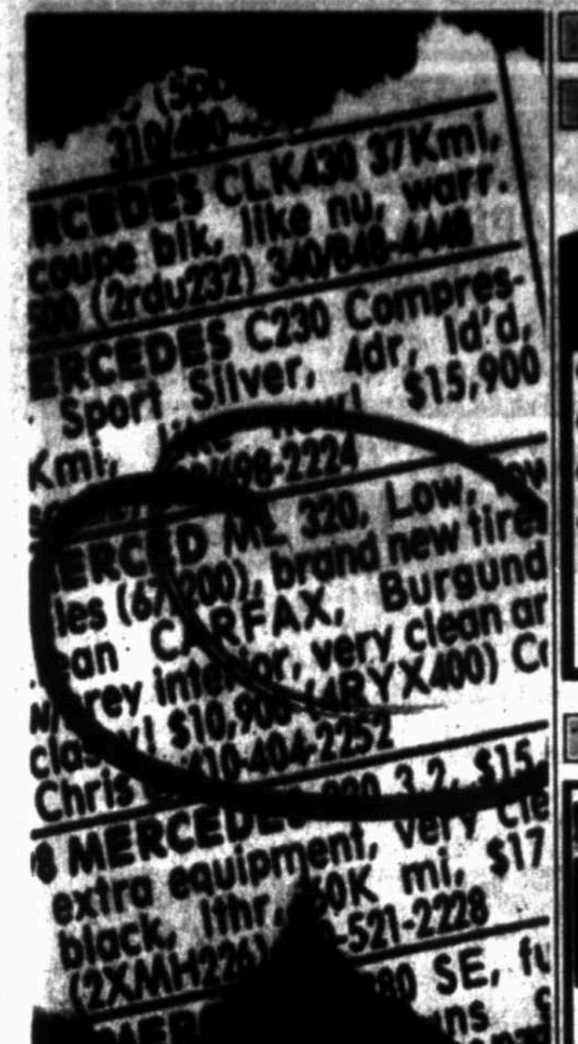
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1301 TODD DRIVE - $269,900
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5114 GREATHOUSE AVE	FACT ID #1029	$362,000
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1301 TODD DR	FACT ID #1088	$269,900
302 SANTA ROSA	FACT ID #1038	$162,000

3 BEDROOM

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1101 S. CO. RD. 1129	FACT ID #1009	$326,500
5708 SAN SABA	FACT ID #1031	$318,500
5602 CARMEL CT		$315,000

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6000 N. CO. RD. 1216 10 ACRES	FACT ID #100	$300,000
1508 [illegible] TEXAS AVE	[illegible]	[illegible]

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1002 I-20-5.71 AC $695,000
6708 NCR 1150-4br, 2.5ba, aprox. 33 acres $525,000
FM 715-28 AC MORE OR LESS LAND! $525,000
1920 Fringewood Dr.-4bd, 3ba, 2liv, 2din $449,990
2804 Garfield St.-Stunning townhome with pool $398,500
11809 FM 307-Greenwood, 4/3/2, new constr., wood floors, 1.5 AC $384,900
3531 & 3533 Wadley Duplex -2bd, 2 1/2 ba both $365,000
3312 Andrews Hwy.-.841 AC $349,900
4409 Rosewood Dr 4bd, 3ba, 2 car garage $332,500
2815 Lockheed-3bd, 3 1/2ba, 3liv, 2din, RV Port/Shop, Plus Garage .... *SOLD* ... $325,000
2705 SCR 1114-4bd, 2.5ba, 3.13 AC, 2 gar, Greenwood .... *REDUCED* ... $299,900
5801 ECR 110-5/2/3, shop, 2AC, 2760 sqft, Greenwood $299,900
4210 Downing Ave.-4 bdr, 2 bath, Workshop $295,000
4404 Dalton Dr.-Spacious low maintenance, 3bd, 2.5ba, 2 dining, lrg liv, ... *REDUCED* ... $279,900
2600 Shandon-4bd, 2ba, 2liv, 2din, recent tile, carpet & paint $278,000
4004 Godfrey-3+ study. Move-in $269,900
2320 Bobwhite Dr.-Odessa-3/2/2, bonus room $245,900
4416 WCR 116-1/2 acre 3bd, 2liv or 4bd, 1liv $245,500
2814 Maxwell-4bd, 2ba, 2 liv, 2 din, new carpet $239,000
4100 Lehigh-Neat 4br, 2ba, near schools/shopping .... *REDUCED* ... $224,000
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4506 Ruidoso-3/2. Immaculate! $187,500
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4881 ECR 130-10 AC LAND! $160,000
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1705 E. 13th-2bd, 2ba $139,900
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4905 NCR 1147-1 Acre $32,000
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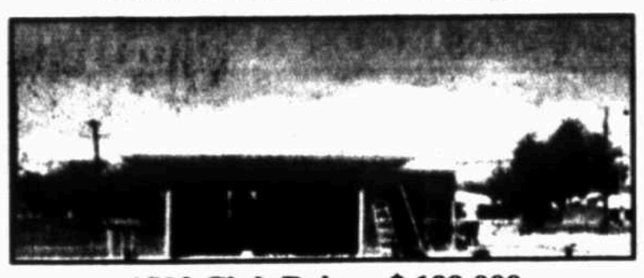
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6802 Island Circle-Wonderfull 5/4/3 on the water - gorgeous view $779,500
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2313 Fannin Ave.-This isa a cool 4bdr/3bth home w/open plan, updated kitchen, pool and hot tub $325,000
4417 Lanham St.-immaculate, totally remodeled, low maintenance townhome. Amazing!! $320,000
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2209 Bedford Ct.-Great old Midland home, lots of space, lots of light $285,000
1211 W. Illinois Ave.-Great 2bdr/1bth in Old Midland. Ideal to make an office or cozy cottage $243,000
3202 Apperson Dr.-Spacious 3bdr/2bth clean and well cared for home in Kimberlea. A must see! $212,000
1503 Club Drive.-Low maintenance high efficiency, new construction, 2Bd/2BA townhomes near duck pond! $199,000
1607 N. I St.-Charming 3bdr/2bth in Old Midland $185,000
3800 Cimmaron Ave.-Great location! 3bdrm/2bth home w/Morgan storage bldg. plus workhop on large corner lot $179,000

Two Bedrooms

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1502 N. "A" Street-Low maintenance, high efficiency new construction, 2bdr/2bth townhomes near duckpond! $189,900
1504 N. "A" Street-Low maintenance, high efficiency new construction, 2bdr/2bth townhomes near duckpond! $189,000
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Three Bedrooms

7100 E. Co. Rd. 110-3/2.5/3 on 155.29 Acres, totally irrigated, perfect for development "ABUNDANT WATER!!" $2,750,000
1910 Crescent Pl.-Fantastic townhome! High ceilings and open living spaces $525,000
2901-C ECR 120 -3BR/4BA/3.5 AC. Pool! .... U/C $399,000
5102 Hilltop-Wonderful 3bdr/2.5 bath home in Greathouse. Upgrades to the max! .... U/C $395,000
4400 Hackberry Ct.-Nicely updated home w/3BR/2.5BA/2 living areas in Green Tree overlooking the 5th fairway .... U/C $330,900
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4417 Lanham St.-Immaculate, totally remodeled, low maintenance townhome. Amazing!! $320,000
2410 Seaboard Ave.-Lovely traditional 3bdr/2bth home in Fannin Elementary district w/many great updates, improvement and tasteful additions that it feels like a much newer home .... U/C $315,000
3216 Patrick-3 yr. old Custom 3/2.5/3 gar. Immaculate & beautiful .... U/C $305,000
2209 Bedford Ct.-Great old Midland home, lots of space, lots of light $285,000
3209 Chelsea Place-Fabulous Mike Jackson, 3/2 w/many upgrades! Move in condition! Granite counters, great patio and yard on corner lot, beautiful .... U/C $277,900
1407 W. Golf Course-Nice town house in central Midland w/3bdr, 2bth, high ceilings, saltillo tile floors and pool! .... U/C $249,000
3209 Whittle Way-Fantastic 3/2.5/2 Bernal Townhome w/granite throughout .... U/C $225,000
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2305 Wydewood-Gorgeously updated one-owner Parade of Homes. 3BR, 2BA, 2 garage, granite, beautiful laminate, tons of storage. WOW! .... U/C $220,000

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4513 Wilshire Dr.-Spacious 3bdr/2bth home with versatile plan $159,000
3504 W. Louisiana-Spacious rooms, lots of new tile, good kitchen & bathrooms .... U/C $154,900
504 Broadway/Stanton-Wonderful Historic home w/3 bedrooms, ready for move-in! $142,500
3316 W. Michigan-Spacious open den/kitchen w/fireplace. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, study, utility room, 1 garage plus storage. Must see! .... U/C $135,000

Four Bedrooms

4 Willow Ct.-Racket Club at its finest. Perfect location, fantastic space, gorgeous amenities. Must see! $3,500,000
4107 Tanforan Ave.-Perfect home in Mockingbird Heights w/4BR/3.5BA. See the many amenities, gorgeous custom decor plus pool and much more $1,700,000
4505 Bent Tree-Lovely home in Green Tree North with pool! $849,000
812 Keystone-Beautifully appointed executive home in Woodland Park 4/3.5/2 living. 4 car garage, pool sized yard on quiet cul-de-sac .... U/C $765,000
2810 Inwood-Beautifully updated 4bdr/3.5bths/3 car gar w/2LA and 2FP. A must see property $819,900
4612 Hilltop-Pool! 4BR/3BA/2LA/3GAR, wood flooring, shutters, gorgeous .... U/C $440,000
4109 Baybrook Dr.-Fabulous in Mockingbird - great grounds $435,000
5006 Oak Creek-Fantastic Kahler in Heritage Oaks 4/3 w/granite, tile and wood floors! Media room and the only workshop in the area! Upgrades throughout!! $400,000
2000 N. H St.-Rare find in "Old Midland"! Features 4BR, 3BA, 2LA, pool, large yard plus 3 car garage w/shop $399,900
2313 Fannin Ave.-This isa a cool 4bdr/3bth home w/open plan, updated kitchen, pool and hot tub $325,000
5001 Diamond-Wonderful 4BR/3BA, 3 car garage in Rockpoint. This one is a beauty .... U/C $310,000
5615 Highland Blvd.-Four bedroom in Grassland! Lots of updating - great plan! .... U/C $300,000
4707 Knights Place-Gorgeous 4/2.5/2/3 gar in Polo w/beautiful backyard, fish pond, covered patio and deck .... U/C $299,900
4008 Aspen-4 Bdrm, spacious townhouse - great neighborhood $232,000

Five or More Bedrooms

5611 N. Midland Dr.-This spacious home has it all! Contemporary style great guest house, beautiful grounds, horse lovers dream includes an indoor arena! $2,400,000
808 Crested Butte Court-Woodland Park beauty with pool and spa, 5BR/5BA, game room, open kitchen/breakfast/family room, gourmet island kitchen w/viking appliances $849,500
4037 Rustic Trail-Must see 5/5/4 golf course property in Green Tree North. Stunning! $799,900
6802 Island Circle-Wonderful 5/4/3 on the water - gorgeous views $779,500
4001 Baybrook Ct.-Lovely 5bdr/3 full baths/2 half baths home in Mockingbird Heights $564,000
2004 Gladewood- Gorgeoues 5Bd/ 305 Ba/ 2 Living, 2 dining, study, 4 car garage, great yard, 3 fireplaces $535,000
3205 Maxwell Dr.-Tons of space, versatile plan, new roof, great kitchen, game room, more! .... SOLD $355,000

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For Lease

2403 S. Co. Rd. 1110-Beautiful well maintained home in Greenwood school district $3,000/Month

New Construction

3312 Verona Dr., Odessa $382,000
7806 Sienna Dr., Odessa-Beautiful Bernal Homes - New construction $377,000
7805 Sienna Dr., Odessa-Hurry and select brick, stone, granite, paint, tile, stain, etc $360,000
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E. I-20-660+ acres just East of Midland on Interstate 20. Call Bill Scott for details .... U/C $1,200,000
Loop 250 & I-20-approx. 20 acres, call Bill Scott .... U/C $650,000
#4 Lincoln Park-San Angelo lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy $179,000
Mockingbird Oaks-1 Acre lot $131,000

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5000 Block of N. Midkiff-2.0+/- acres for development, great for office complex. Call Bill Scott $575,000
701-703 W. Indiana-Office building w/4 separate suites, 10,000 sq. ft., great downtown location, partial sale possible. Call Bill Scott .... SOLD $325,000
2013 W. Industrial-Approx. 8,458 sq. ft. industrial/warehouse building on .788 acres. Terrific location w/2 offices & access to Carter St. Call Bill Scott .... SOLD $310,000
0 Cotton Flat Rd.-Zoned Industrial Park $100,000

Out of Town Properties

3625 Country Club, San Angelo-Fabulous! Lake front home, Southwestern Style $850,000
#4 Lincoln Park, San Angelo-Lot & boat house, Lake Nasworthy $179,000



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OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 1:30 TO 2:30

5303 Greathouse Ave.-Fabulous 4 bed/3 bath home in Greathouse w/in walking distance to the school and club house! Granite, miles of tile, walls of windows, soaring ceilings, and crown molding throughout! Gourmet kitchen w/breakfast bar, island, skylight, gas range, and pantry! Seq. master suite has dual vanities, jetted tub, separate shower, and huge wrap around closet! $374,900

5700 Sabine Dr. - NEW! – Fabulous 3 bed/2 bath home in Holiday Hill Village! High ceilings throughout! Spacious open living area w/stone fireplace overlooks beautifully landscaped backyard! Custom kitchen w/gas cook top, island bar, and pantry! Sequestered master suite has dual sinks, large closet, garden tub, and tiled shower! $300,000

4+ BEDROOMS

3300 Fairwood-This stunning 5 bed/4.5 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac in Mockingbird Heights! Some of its' incredible features include a gourmet kitchen, a beautiful wrought iron railed staircase, hand-scraped hardwood floors, gorgeous granite and a fabulous 1420 sq. ft. guesthouse! $1,100,000

4604 Island Dr.-NEW!-Spacious 5 bed/4.5 bath home in Green Tree North sits on the lake! Den boasts a towering fireplace and built-ins! Breakfast dining is open to the living and has a private patio! Sequestered master has dual vanities, separate shower, and jetted tub! Low maintenance backyard features a dazzling swimming pool, hot tub, and sweeping views of the lake! $799,000

4100 Fairwood-This immaculate 5 bedroom home features too many spectacular updates to list! Some of which include granite throughout, gleaming hardwood floors, water well, plantation shutters, and leaded glass front door! ....SOLD...$799,000

3822 PR C 2201, Tarzan-NEW!-Fantastic 5 bed/3.5 bath home sits on 5.5 acres in Tarzan! Some of its' fabulous features include hardwood floors, granite, tile, soaring ceilings, walls of windows, and oversized closets! Open floor plan! Gorgeous sequestered master suite w/dual vanities, walk-in shower, and huge closet! This home is complete w/a dazzling pool, 3 outdoor living areas, 2 plane hangars, workshop, and lush landscaping! $925,000

4601 Tealwood Trace-NEW!-Absolutely fabulous 5 bed/4 bath home in Green Tree! Some of its' incredible features include, soaring ceilings, hardwood floors, miles of tile, granite, and plantation shutters! Gorgeous formal dining w/beautiful chandelier and designer paint! Sequestered master suite has dual vanities and separate large closets! This home is complete w/a swimming pool, hot tub, and lovely backyard! $645,000

6103 Los Alamitos Ct.-Absolutely stunning one of a kind, 4,105 sq ft, 2 story 4 bed/3.5 bath home in Saddle Club South! Light & bright w/walls of windows! Great room, formal living, study, and breakfast room! Hardwood and Italian look flooring! ....SOLD...$429,900

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905 Almont Pl.-Stunning 4 bed/2.5 bath home in Woodland Park! Open floor plan! Kahler build w/spacious great room! Soaring ceilings & walls of bright windows! Custom molding & trim throughout! ....SOLD...$360,000

4407 Kari Ct. - Spacious 2 story, 4 bed/4 bath home, sits at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac on a large lot! Light and bright! Hardwood look floors, soaring ceilings, wall of windows, and skylights throughout! Lovely kitchen w/abundant cabinetry, pantry, and breakfast bar! ....SOLD...$299,900

2300 Hermitage-This wonderful home sits on a cul-de-sac and features a partially flag stoned backyard, lush landscaping, lovely covered patio, galley-style kitchen, parking pad, miles of tile and bright windows throughout! ....SOLD...$299,900

4702 Cindy Pl.-Spacious 4 bed/2 bath home sits on a quiet cul-de-sac in Wydewood Estates! Cozy den boasts a large stone fireplace and opens to the dining! Galley kitchen has new expanded cabinets, dishwasher, and huge pantry! Loft perfect for a second living or game room! Updated baths! $294,900

2307 Auburn Pl. - NEW! – Spacious 4 bed/2.5 bath home sits on a quiet tree lined cul-de-sac! Hardwood floors in the formal dining, living, den and master! Kitchen boasts granite, stainless appliance and gas cook top! Den features a towering brick fireplace, wet bar and soaring beamed ceiling! Master bed has dual sinks, wood shutters and patio access! $280,000

5000 S County Rd 1130-Country living only 8 miles from town! This lovely 4 bed/2 bath home sits on over one acre and has an appealing open floor plan w/spacious bedrooms and closets! The kitchen features an island and all black appliances! ....SOLD...$162,000

1, 2 & 3 BEDROOMS

1102 E. L-Absolutely stunning over-the-top show stopper in the heart of Warwick! Gleaming hand-scraped hardwood floors, soaring ceilings, walls of windows, and granite throughout! Completely updated! Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appliances! Grand master suite w/Jacuzzi tub & tumbled marble! $500,000

2010 E FM 1212 STANTON-Fabulous county property on 12.800 acres w/2 water wells, 60X25 workshop, 3 storage buildings and over 100 trees! Trailer is completely remodeled w/new floors, roof, outlets, windows, A/C, paint, and fixtures! All 12.8 acres fenced! Easy access to the interstate! 2 mobile home hookups! $365,000

5700 Sabine Dr. - NEW! – Fabulous 3 bed/2 bath home in Holiday Hill Village! High ceilings throughout! Spacious open living area w/stone fireplace overlooks beautifully landscaped backyard! Custom kitchen w/gas cook top, island bar, and pantry! Sequestered master suite has dual sinks, large closet, garden tub, and tiled shower! $300,000

5403 La Jolla-This fabulous 3 bed/2 bath/2 living is located on a quiet cul-de-sac in Las Palmas! The kitchen opens to the cozy living area, which has bright windows viewing the backyard! The "bonus room" would make a terrific study or hobby/workout room! ....SOLD...$279,900

2705 Caldera Dr.-NEW!-Cute! Cute! Cute! 3 bed/2 bath home in Vista West! Spacious den has a cozy fireplace and is open to the formal dining! Lovely kitchen has abundant cabinetry, island, and desk nook! Crown molding and high ceilings throughout! $239,900

3325 Whittle Way-Great find in Fairmont Park! Spectacular 3 bed/2 bath home sits on a corner lot across the street from a park! Kitchen w/ abundant cabinetry & large island! Spacious living features a towering brick fireplace & vaulted ceiling! ....SOLD...$225,000

3210 Franklin-This darling 3 bed/2 bath home features 3 spacious living areas (den, formal living, and "man cave"/playroom!), bright breakfast dining, and wonderful backyard with shady trees and a play set! All in the Fannin school district! ....SOLD...$169,900

423 Elm Ave.-Move in ready 3 bed/2 bath energy efficient home! Home was built using structural insulated panes, providing a high level of insulation! Light and bright kitchen opens to the living area and features granite countertops and beautiful maple cabinets! ....U/C...$139,900

3001 W. Illinois Ave.-Charming 3 bed/2 bath home w/a 24X24 workshop & 7ft metal privacy fence! This nice well-maintained open has an open floor plan! Kitchen is open to the dining & living areas! Energy efficient windows! Nice landscaping in front & private backyard! ....SOLD...$144,900

3800 W. Illinois #10- Immaculately clean 2 bed/1.5 bath condo! Den features gleaming hardwood floors & beautiful brick wall! Walls of windows! Recent updates throughout include kitchen w/granite countertops, sink, dishwasher, & microwave! ....SOLD...$74,900

3219A Storey Ave.-2 bed/1 bath duplex in Golden Park! Great investment property! Sits within walking distances to shopping and restaurants! Monthly HOA fee pays for parking, lawn maintenance, and insurance! Owner will finance! ....SOLD...$65,000

LAND AND LOTS

2221 Timber Wolf Lane-Build in Midland's newest subdivisions, Timber Wolf Estates! Huge 5 acres in Martin County! Roads will be paved by developer! 25 LOTS! $75,000

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New Listings

5315 Greathouse Ave.....Call Kay Sutton 416-0289 ....$376,000
4 Bd/ 2Ba, Amazingly high ceilings, built in shelving in living room w/tile flooring. Open floor plan w/granite throughout!

4600 Fairbanks Dr.....Call Bill Lanier 682-1144 / Raquel Dixon 638-4321 ....$275,000
4 bed/2 bath. This home is light and bright thru-out w/tile, plantation shutters, high ceilings, and spacious rooms! Seq. master, covered patio, and granite kitchen counter tops.

2510 Neely Ave.... Call Kendi Bagwell 352-4134 ....$227,500
3 bed/ 2 bath. Wonderful open floor plan w/ circle drive. Remodeled kitchen w/ granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, and double ovens. Stained concrete floors.

4027 Stillwood Ln...Odessa.....Call Natthen Reeves 631-9857 ....$220,000
4 bed/2 bath. Huge landscaped lot in great neighborhood, updated master bath, 2 living areas, 2 dining areas, covered patio, and water well.

2202 E 12th St., Odessa.... Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298 ....$165,000
So much space! Open loving area, kitchen w/ ample cabinet space, and spacious master. Office/study could be a 4th bedroom! Must see!

4+ Bedrooms

5300 Hyalsaba.....Call Bill Lanier 682-1144/Raquel Calvin Dixon 638-4321 ....REDUCED...$1,250,000
5bed/5 full baths/2 1/2 baths, 6700 sq ft amazing Mason Trendsetters home! Patterned tile floors, high ceilings, and extensive amenities makes this a must have!

217 Blackberry Court.....Call Kay Sutton 416-0289 ....$865,000
4 bed/3 bath. One of a kind, country living in town! Located on app. 3 acres, fenced, w/extensive updating. Granite countertops, large utility room and large shop!

765 Riviera Ct.....Call Bill Lanier 682-1144/Raquel Calvin Dixon 638-4321 ....$775,000
5 bed/3 full/2 1/2 baths. Luxurious low maint. in Saddle Club East! Has walk-in closets, high ceilings, granite countertops, wood & tile floors, open floorplan & 6 car gar!

2511 Colonial Dr.....Call Kay Sutton 416-0289 ....$669,500
4 bed/4 1/2 bath w/gourmet cook's kitchen w/lots of counter space, granite countertops, and stainless steel appliances. Wood flooring.

6305 Haywood Ave.....Call Leann Heller 349-3883 ....$630,000
4 bed/3 full/ 1 1/2 bath w/hardwood floors, wood shutters, soaring ceilings & custom cabinets. Kitchen w/granite countertops.

6704 E. County Rd. 107.....Call Kendi Bagwell 352-4134 ....$570,000
4 bed/3 1/2 bath. Gorgeous new home in the fabulous Oakridge development and in time to put in finishing touches of your choice! Plus 2 acres.

1401 Castleford Rd.....Call Renee Salas 638-0083 ....$460,000
4 bed/3 bath. Stunning home in fab location! Swimming pool, double sided fireplace, high ceilings, club house and private east patio.

4112 Fox Hollow Court.....Call Bill Lanier 682-1144/Raquel Calvin Dixon 638-4321 ....$445,000
Gorgeous 5 bed/4 bath/3 car w/3753 sq ft! High ceilings, crown molding, open spacious rooms, and huge kitchen! In-law suite off den.

5200 Oak Valley Dr.....Call Kay Sutton 682-1144 ....$374,000
4bed/3bath. Amazing sequestered master w/dual vanities and 8x10 master closet! Open floor plan w/granite kitchen. Must see home!

4802 Illinois Ave.....Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298 ....$185,000
4 bed/3 bath. All bathrooms remodeled and entire house boasts of crown molding! Kitchen has granite countertops, plenty of cabinet space and covered patio.

3 Bedrooms

804 Canonero.....Call Kay Sutton 416-0289 ....$570,000
3 bed/3 1/2 bath. Fabulous updated townhome! Granite countertops, stainless appliances, patio area and every bathroom is private.

1100 Co. Rd. 120.....Call Bill Lanier 682-1144/Raquel Calvin Dixon 638-4321 ....$325,000
3 bed/2 1/2bath. Fabulous country home! Has workshop on 2.6 acres! High ceilings, patio doors, and double sided fireplace. Master suite is HUGE!

30 Capistrano Court.....Call Bill Lanier 682-1144/Raquel Calvin Dixon 638-4321 ....$318,000
3 bed/3 bath. On golf course in Mission Dorado! Has high ceilings, wood burning FP, wood floors & beautiful view! Balcony views from masters.

2507 Kennick Rd.....Call Cherith Hamilton 556-0306 ....$302,000
3 bed/ 2 1/2 bath. Fabulous home in Plantation Hills. Large open kitchen, double sided fireplace, high ceilings and a seq. master.

2700 Caldera Blvd.....Call Lillian Iniguez 349-7965 ....$242,000
3 bed/2 bath w/huge living room located in a convenient part of town. His/her walk-in closets in master bedroom.

5211 Austin Dr.....Call Kay Sutton 416-0289 ....$219,500
3 bed/2 bath w/custom cabinets in kitchen and tile floors. Seq. master bedroom w/open floor plan in living area.

3200 Wadley Ave.....Call Kay Sutton 416-0289 ....$205,000
3 bed/2 1/2 bath. Great low main. home w/very private patio and room for storage building in the back. Large bedrooms w/walk-in closets. Neutral paint & carpet.

2000 Haynes Dr.....Call Bill Lanier 682-1144/Dale Lookabaugh 553-0766 ....$174,000
3 bed/2 1/2 bath, low maintenance home! Spacious living area w/fireplace, kitchen w/tile floors, and master suite w/his/her closets.

3700 Springdale Dr., Odessa.....Call Kay Sutton 416-0289 ....$159,500
3 bed/2 bath. Very nice, neutral colors, living, dining and family area open to kitchen. Large backyard.

3 Bedrooms

4821 Pasadena Dr.....Call Natthen Reeves 631-9857 ....$159,000
Spacious 3 bedroom/2 bath w/2 living areas. Could make a great playroom, den or man cave.

309 S. Madison.....Call Natthen Reeves 631-9857 ....$145,000
3 bed/2 bath wonderful NEW starter home! Lots of kitchen cabinets, granite countertops, and walk-in close in master. Big backyard & huge patio!

10000 Bates Road.....Call Bill Lanier 682-1144/Dale Lookabaugh 553-0766 ....$135,000
3 bed/2 bath. 2470 sq. ft. w/3 car workshop! Wood burning fireplace, open dining/living area, and kitchen w/ample cabinet/counter space. Seq. master.

7100 #459 Airline Dr.....Call Leann Heller 349-3883 ....$59,500
3 bed/2 bath mobile home, 16x76. Large kitchen, large living area w/new carpet. $250 per month lot fee.

5113 Ric Dr.....Call Leann Heller 349-3883 ....$1,700/Month
3 bed/2 bath/1 car garage w/workshop. Central heat/air. $38 app. fee. No smoking! No pets!

2 Bedrooms

3403 Storey Ave.....Call Vicki Barton 528-4717 ....$215,000
2 bed/2 bath. Beautiful main house w/gorgeous views of pool & outdoor living area plus a terrific guest house w/living, bath & bdrm.

For Lease

5113 Ric Dr.....Call Leann Heller 349-3883 ....$1,700/Month
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Odessa & Surrounding Areas

1000 St. Hwy. 115, Pyote, Tx.....Call Lillian Iniguez 349-7965 ....$350,000
3 bed/3 bath amazing home w/underground, heated pool and wrap around porch. 15 acres.

64 Oak Canyon on Lake Allen Henry.....Call Taylor Looney 889-6482 ....$275,000
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3300 FM 3113, Stanton.....Call Charlotte Dalton 352-7298 ....$225,000
3 bed/2 bath. Great country living, close to town. Sequestered master bedroom. Updated bathrooms, insulated garage, large shop, and water well.

2923 Chicago Ave in Odessa.....Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298 ....$179,500
*2139 sq ft, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, beautifully remodeled mid century home.

5000 Conley Ave., Odessa.....Call Renee Salas 638-0083 ....$175,500
3 bed/2 bath. New flooring throughout (carpets, ceramic tile) new stove, new ceiling fans and new paint throughout! Seq. master, lots of storage and covered patio!

Land & Lots

000 Hwy 173 E300 Bandera, TX.....Call Cameron Willmann 978-4298 ....$1,250,000
202 acres - Own a piece of the Hill Country!!! Just a few miles outside of Bandera, TX!

County Rd. 2001, Stanton.....Call MJ Jeaner 557-3306 ....$39,000
2.77 acres in Martin County. No deed restrictions.

2631 County Rd.....Call Leann Heller 349-3883 ....$15,000
1 acre. Home site in Martin County

(* = approximately)

Under Contract

1 La Paz Circle	U/C...$1,390,000	2218 Seaboard	U/C...$250,000
509 Allbread Lane	U/C...$675,000	1903 Hughes St	U/C...$243,000
7900 Co. Rd. 110	U/C...$455,000	106 Ridglea Dr	U/C...$225,000
3300 Northfield Ct.	U/C...$339,500	4513 St. Andrews	U/C...$225,000
14200 Lariat Trail, Gardendale	U/C...$335,000	2504 Neely Ave	U/C...$219,000
5517 Carmel Ct.	U/C...$329,000	2607 Whittle Way	U/C...$176,000
4011 King Richards Row	U/C...$317,500	3228 Whittle Way	U/C...$139,000
1002 Ward St	U/C...$315,000	2711 Barkley Ave	U/C...$118,500
2823 Stutz Dr	U/C...$302,000	410 Hickory Ave	U/C...$75,000
2410 Dartmouth Dr	U/C...$275,000	403 4th, Stanton	U/C...$59,900
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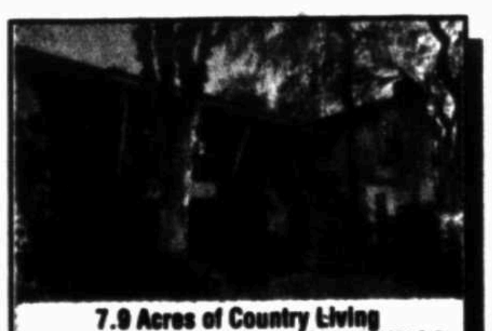
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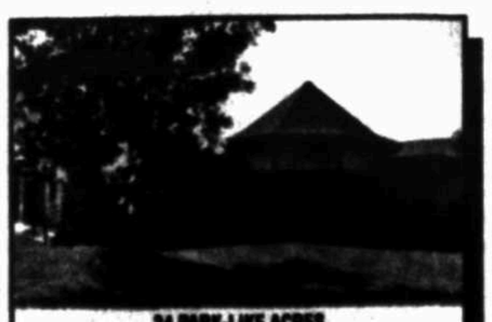
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5016 Whitman-REDUCED-Nicely updated 4 bed/2.5 Ba/3 living areas + 3 car garage (1 detached) gorgeous kitchen w/granite, travertine tile, stainless appliances, island + breakfast bar. Open floor plan w/miles of porcelain tile! Den has lovely travertine fireplace. Recent hvac, front door, carpet, fixtures, tankless water heater, RO & softener. Large backyard w/patio **$325,000**

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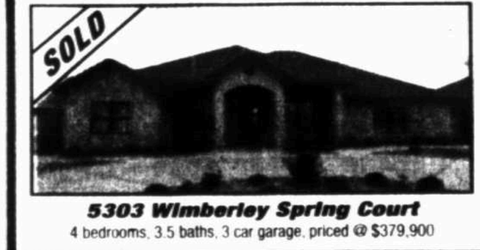
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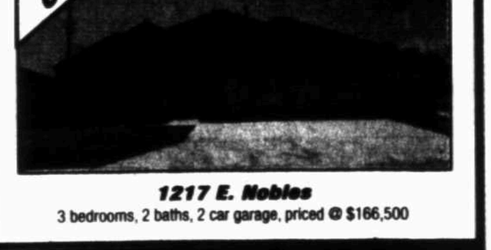
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5710 San Sabo	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Car Garage	U/C
3306 W. Louisiana	3 Bdrm/2 Ba/Shop	U/C
1307 E. Jax St	6 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/2 Living Areas	$309,900
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3204 Fairfield	Saenz Signature Homes/4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
5808 Dunbarton Oaks	Houston Chalmers Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
6505 Mosswood	Diamond Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
2503 Legacy Oaks	Ashingdon Homes/4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3 Car Garage	SOLD
506 Affirmed Ln	4 Bdrm/4.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	U/C
2509 Regency Oaks	Carrasco Homes/4 Bdrm/3.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$536,500
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10705 E. Drake Rd.	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2 Ba	$167,000
2002 S. Hwy. 137	Lamesa/4 Bdrm/2 Ba/2 Acres	$200,500
7951 E. Goldenrod Ave	4 Bdrm/3 Ba/3.264 Acres	U/C
Goldenrod Drive	14.04 Acres/Lighted Roping Arena	$225,000
5586 E. Daisy Gold	Gardendale/3 Bdrm/2.5 Ba	$240,000
8411 E. Co. Rd. 90	4 Bdrm/2.5 Ba/3 Car Garage	$330,000
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2113 S. Co. Rd. 1128	Greenwood/4Bdrm/3Ba/3 ACRES/POOL	$487,500
12944 E. Goldenrod	27.17 Acres/Horse Training & Stable Barn	$575,000
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SUBURBAN HOME SITES

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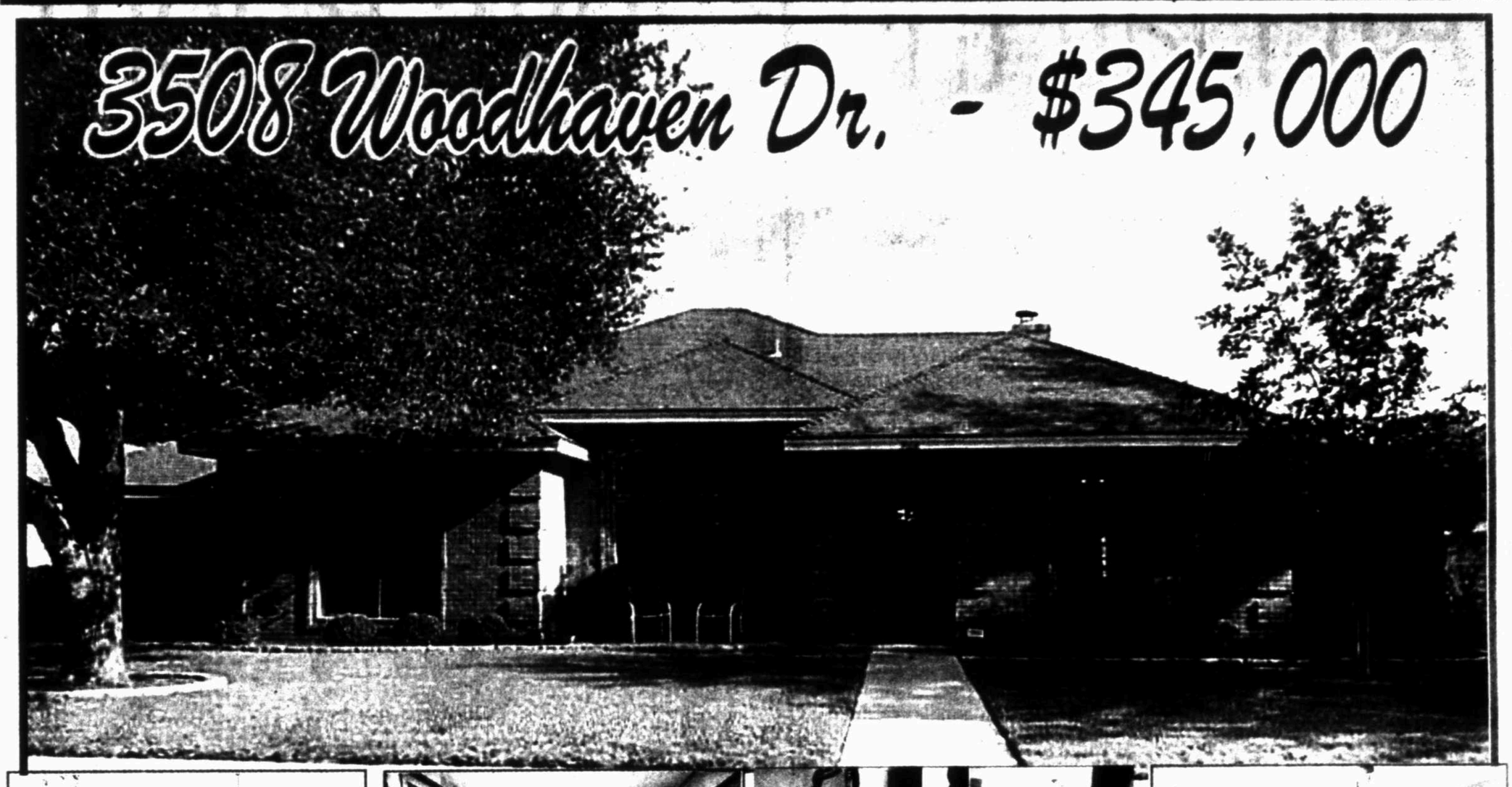
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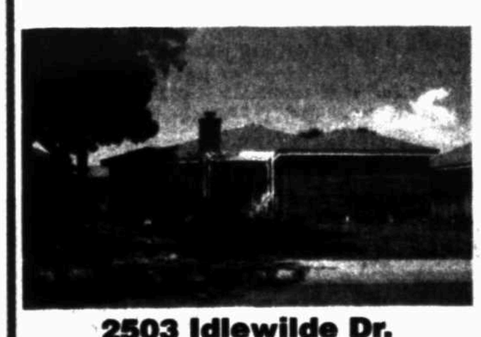
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All Hail the Baby's Room

Royal Baby fever is long gone, but the taste for luxurious nursery furniture is timeless. Get the look

By ALYSSA KARAS | CTW Features

Even if the new addition to your family isn't expected to one day wear a crown and reign over sovereign states, that doesn't mean he or she shouldn't grow up surrounded by a bit of luxury. Even a few simple touches can add elegance and transform a nursery into a space that's fit for a little prince or princess.

"Everyone is in the mood to make something a little more regal and elegant now that the royal baby has been born," says Samantha Winch, co-owner of Petit Tresor, a luxury children's boutique in West Hollywood that boasts celebrity clientele. Still, she recommends making sure that the decor in the nursery fits in with the aesthetic of the rest of the house and your personal tastes. "To make a really traditional-looking nursery in a modern house doesn't work really well."

Go Luxe

Every new parent's nursery checklist should include a crib, a changing table and a glider. "The crib ultimately sets the tone, and the linen you put on the crib," says Michelle Freedberg Bellini, owner of Bellini Baby & Teen Furniture in Stamford, Conn., and New York City.

Bassinets, cradles with long skirts and fabric puddling on the floor, bows and ornate carvings lend themselves to lavish rooms. "I think most of us think grand when we think royal," says Ali Wing, CEO and founder of Giggle, an online baby store. "To that end, cribs with stature feel more regal. Whether it's higher ends, a bigger footprint or a dramatic design, regal feels exaggerated."

Look to the Past

Heirloom furniture pieces are one way to achieve the royal look. Whether you spend big to acquire a hand-carved crib with silver leaf to pass on to future generations, or if you repurpose your grandmother's rocking chair for a timeless touch. Family heirlooms and even garage sale finds are more economical ways to add elegance. However, be sure to check the paint before adding anything to the nursery, and don't purchase a vintage crib, as safety standards have evolved considerably.

"Sometimes the pieces that have a little heritage to them, although they may not be in the most absolute perfect condition, that history lends itself to the real opulent royal design," says Gerri Panebianco, co-owner of Little Crown Interiors, which serves the Los Angeles and Orange County areas and designs for clients including celebrities. "Getting good furniture refurbished is very effective."

Add Embellishments

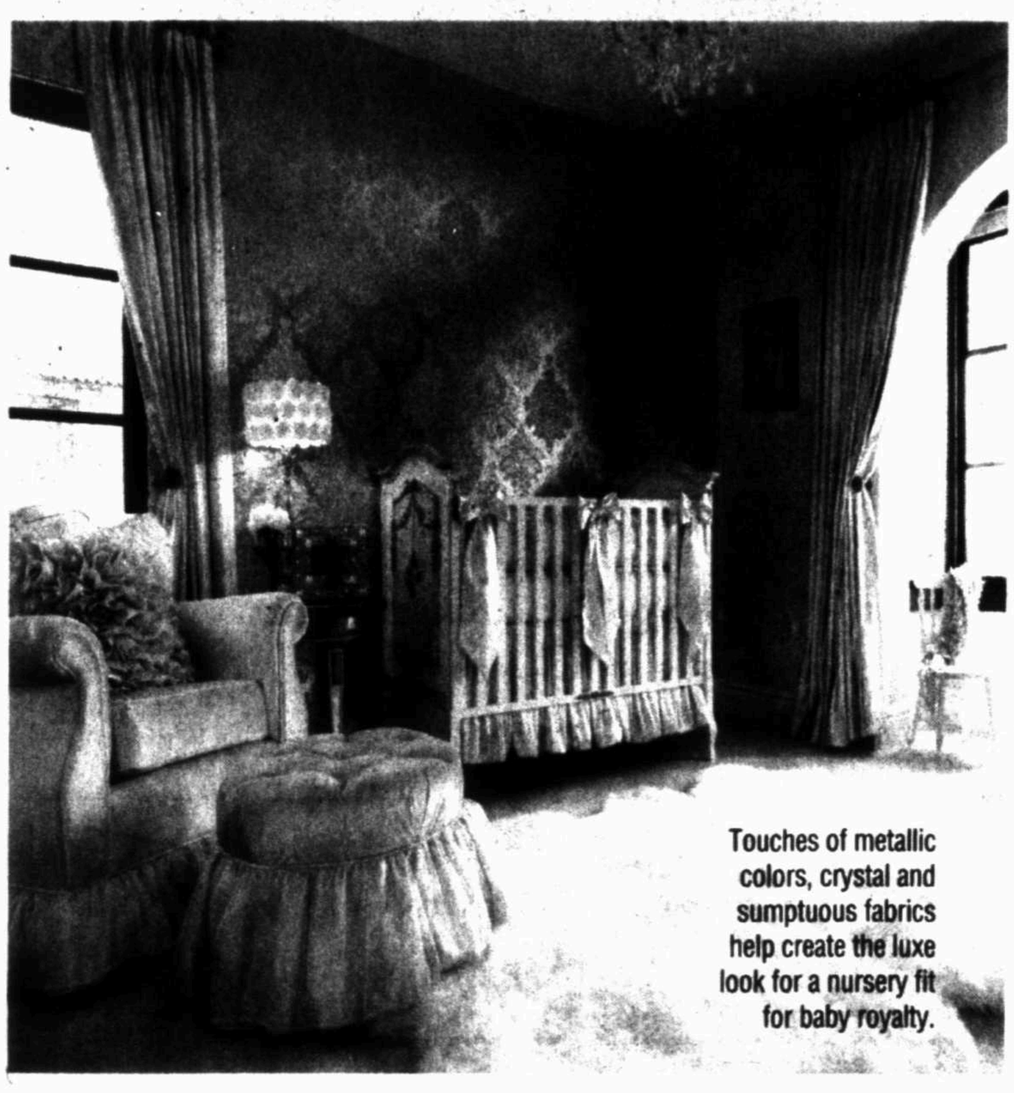
Pops of metallic and mirrored elements also up the sophistication of a nursery. Wallpaper, Venetian mirrors, fabrics and lighting are good places to splash the trend. For example, a crystal chandelier can double as a functional light source and an elegant statement. "One of the very simple elements that often exudes a level of luxury is to choose metallic finishes when possible," Panebianco says. "If you have a choice of getting some great knobs on your changing table, go with something that's going to be a little more opulent, something crystal."

Fabrics play an important role as well. A soft rug is another statement piece, as well as a great spot to play with your baby on the floor.

"Regardless of gender, white is a beautiful color, very soft, innocent," Winch says. "When we can, we like to suggest silks, which are very soft, and you can put those on [the baby] and they stay in place because of the texture. That makes a very regal look as well. Even a good-quality cotton can be good too, as long as it's soft and not too busy."

But no matter the style of the nursery, a little extra attention goes a long way. "Everybody sort of grows together there, so create a space that is comfortable and wonderful not only for the baby but also for the parents. Whatever compels the parents to spend a little extra time there, it's good for the baby," Panebianco says.

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Touches of metallic colors, crystal and sumptuous fabrics help create the luxe look for a nursery fit for baby royalty.



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Midcentury Remake



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For midcentury-modern fanatics, only original pieces will do. Choose the sturdiest pieces to ensure an easy restoration

By DAN RAFTER | CTW Features

Adrienne Faulkner knew that the set of three midcentury-style wooden Asian doors would be perfect for the entrance to her master bedroom. She knew, too, that they needed work.

As with most midcentury modern furniture – furniture that first hit American homes in the 1950s and is known for its clean lines, light colors and simplicity – the wooden doors needed some TLC.

Midcentury modern furniture has become so popular in recent years that most major furniture-makers are creating brand new pieces that echo the style.

Still, many furniture buyers want original pieces. And while it's easy to find old chairs, sofas and tables dating from the 1950s and 1960s, it's harder to determine which pieces are worth buying and restoring.

Faulkner, CEO of interior and architectural design firm Faulkner Design Group in Dallas, decided the doors were worth it. Even then, rescuing them wasn't an easy task. It took two months, 11 sandings and four coats of stain.

Daniel Braski, manager of Quaboag Antiques in Palmer, Mass., says that learning which pieces are better than others takes time and research.

"If you look at enough, you can [determine the] quality," Braski says. "You might not know the designer, but if you are looking at two lounge chairs side by side, you can take an educated guess as to which one is higher quality."

Chairs or tables made out of solid teak wood, walnut or rosewood are of a higher quality than those made out of birch. Leather upholstery is better than fabric, he says.

Then there's the construction of the piece. Look for cushions on sofas that are still springy, Braski recommends. Make sure the arms or legs of chairs don't wobble. If the piece feels sturdy, that's a sign that care went into its construction.

Braski says that the best way to restore these pieces is to use vinegar and oil to remove dirt, grime and build-up. But for some tasks – Braski points to damaged Danish cord seats – it's best to hire a professional.

Some people may be tempted to sand the flat surfaces of furniture down to bare wood. This can be a challenge: Many pieces of midcentury modern furniture are made out of birch with color added to make the wood look like walnut or some other more expensive material. After it's sanded down, it's hard to match the color of the wood, Braski says.

Braski expects the popularity of midcentury modern furniture to stay strong. "People want what their grandparents had," he says. "This era is antique to today's young buying market."

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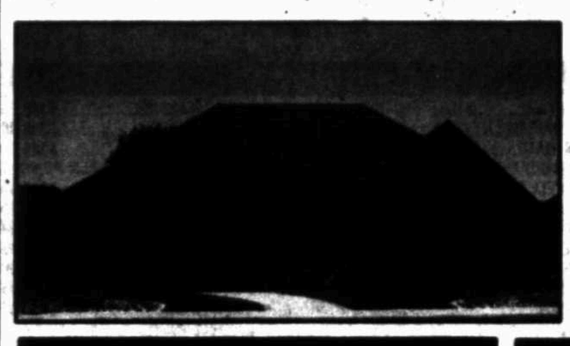


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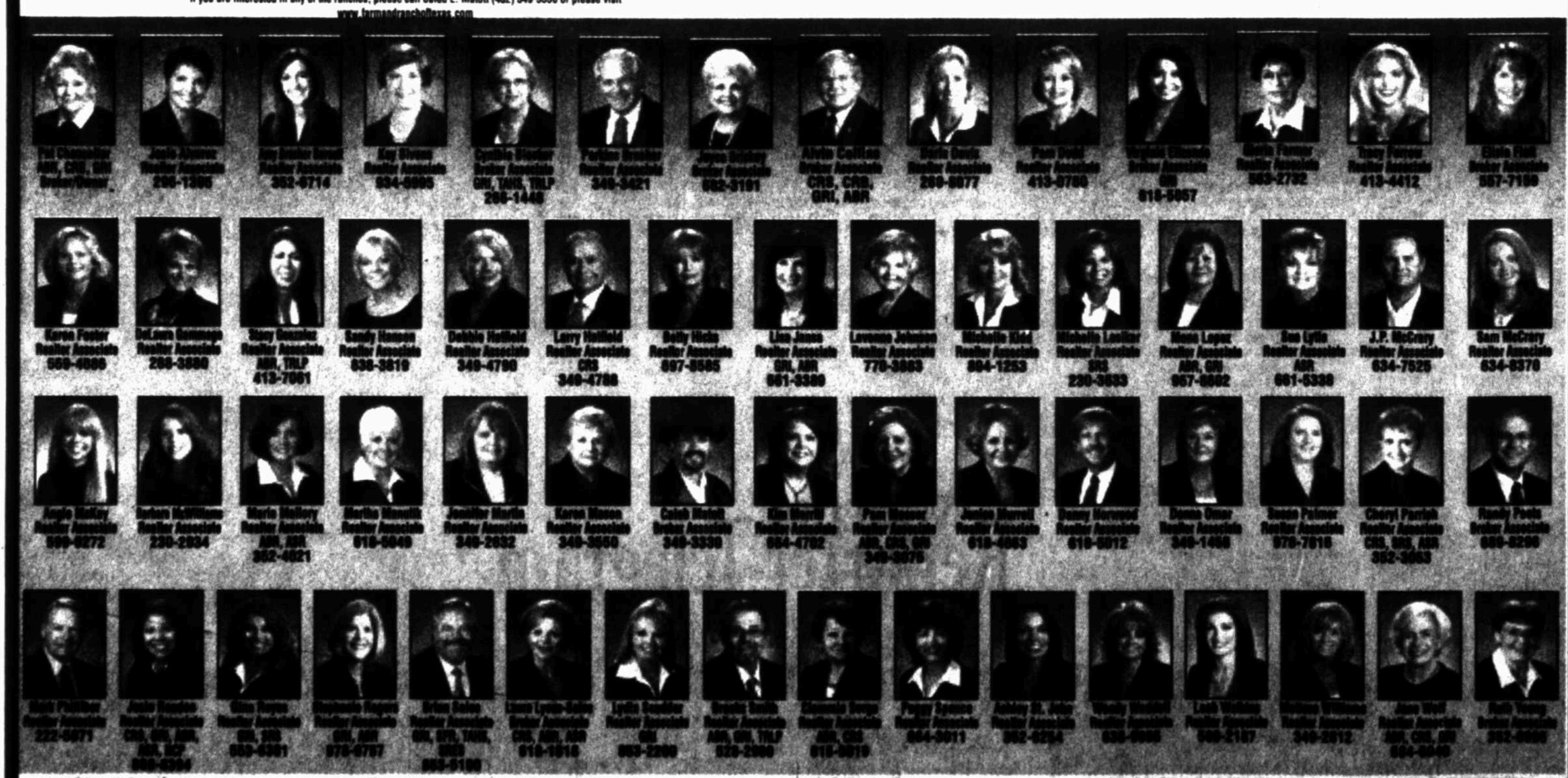
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An orchestra performs for Ashika Angirekula's dance graduation Aug. 10.

BELOW
Ashika Angirekula performs during her dance graduation Aug. 10.

Photos by James Durbin

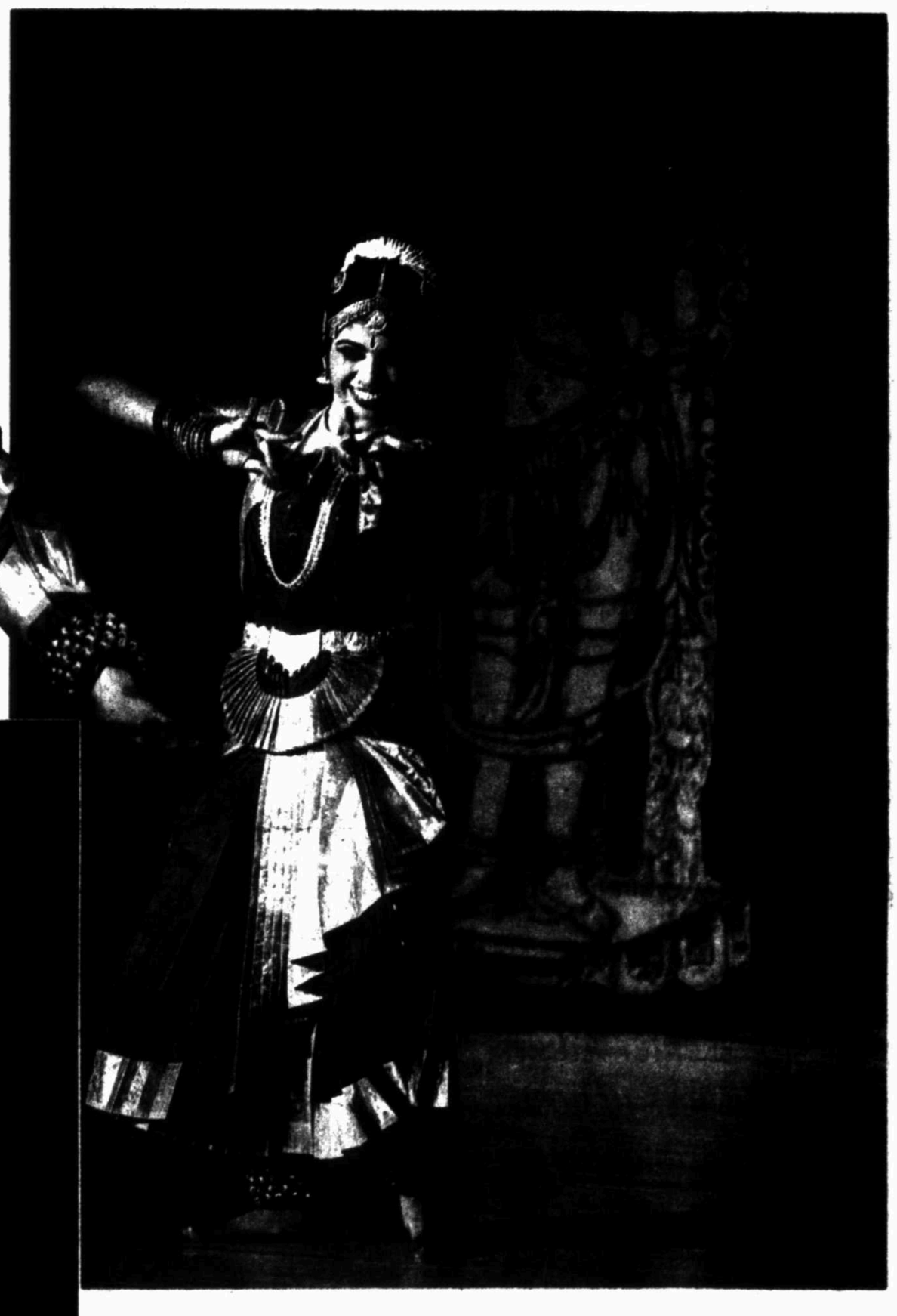
BELOW LEFT
Pooja Singh performs during her graduation in July.

BOTTOM LEFT
Palvasha Deme performs during her gradation in June.

Photos by Kirit Patel

INDIAN *dance*







West Texas teens feel cultural connection through classical Indian dance

By Ragini Venkatasubban
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As 16-year-old Ashika Angirekula finished her solo Indian classical dance performance last weekend, the audience leapt to its feet and exploded in applause. For the past three hours, Ashika had danced nearly nonstop — pausing only to change costumes.

"Building up stamina was the hardest part," she said. "In the middle, you get tired, but then the adrenaline kicks in."

Ashika's performance was called an "arangetram" and it is the dance graduation of a student studying Bharata Natyam, a form of Indian classical dance. Arangetrams require many years of dance training and usually include eight to 10 separate routines, performed in a three-hour solo show.

Ashika's arangetram was one of three this summer, all conducted by Bharata Natyam teacher Madhu Manjunath, formerly of Midland. The three girls — Ashika, Pooja Singh and Palvasha Deme — have learned

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American inclusivity: Classical Indian dance tradition lives on in West Texas



GEORGE JACOB
executive director of the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin

The 1,700-year-old classical Indian dance tradition called Bharata Natyam continues to find voice, vigor and verve in the Permian Basin.

In the last four weeks, one after another, stellar dance performances held packed audiences spell-bound at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center and the Midland College Auditorium. Young dancers who learned this living tradition for 10 years debuted on stage with traditional orchestra of flute, cymbals and mridangam (double sided skin-drum) to standing ovations.

Performed as a Hindu temple devotional dance with celestial origins presented to please the divinity invoked in deities, the dance form is known for its sculptural statuesque poses, foot movements and rhythm combined with a semaphore of hand, eye, body gestures and facial expressions that narrate devotion and drama of mysticism and mythology.

Intertwined with devotional music and poetic prayer, Bharata natyam has elements of expressive moods, mime, drama and linear upper-body movement, woven into a performance that takes on the notion of a ceremony and synchronicity. Rendered solo, the dance hinges on two fundamental principles of aesthetics — lasya, the graceful feminine lines and movements, and tandava, the dance of Shiva and the masculine aspect — akin to the concept of Yin and Yang in the Chinese culture.

Dance for the initiated young becomes more than a mere performance after school hours. The 10 years or more spent learning this dance form becomes part of their lives. It permeates their being, their interactions, their spirituality, their creativity and their sense of respect for their elders and teachers. In its meditative dedication to the craft, it also fosters a symbiosis with earth, a unison with environment and the elemental cosmic essence within a dancer. Many of these sensibilities are seldom articulated, but the initiated young dancers experience an awareness of life and the intrinsic path of wisdom that it reveals with every movement learned under the watchful tutelage of their guru-teacher.

What is remarkable is the way in which the Indian diaspora in the Permian Basin has kept some of these traditions alive. Their often high achievement in academics is anchored in deep humility, perseverance and respect for their elders and teachers. Yet very few in the mainstream are even aware of the depth and breadth of international talent that exists in West Texas. The incredible diversity, complexity and balance of the traditional with the modern seem to flow naturally as these young adults go on to become the future voices of this great nation.

While Pierre Trudeau propounded multi-culturalism north of the border in Canada as an alternate to the American societal construct, he went so far as to incorporate it in the Canadian constitution.

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Pooja Singh

By Kirit Patel



Ashika Angirekula

By James Durbin



Palvasha Deme

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dance together for the past 11 years and performed their arangetrams within a month of each other.

"Three in one summer is hectic and crazy just because it takes so long to prepare," Palvasha said. "There's so much planning that goes behind each one. But I'm so glad that all three of us could share this experience together."

Preparation for an arangetram starts a year before the performance, Ashika said. The girls took classes every week until Manjunath moved to Dallas last year, after which they took classes during her once-a-month visits. In the weeks leading up to the arangetram, the practices increased to every day.

"(Pooja) would dance three to four hours a day leading up to her arangetram," said Kirti Singh, Pooja's mother. "Her pain was hard to see."

The practices build up stamina for the three-hour solo arangetram, Palvasha said. She started full rehearsals three months before her arangetram.

"It's difficult," she said. "If you let your body get tired, then it's over for you. It takes a lot of training and practicing and rehearsal to be able to keep up that kind of posture and commitment for that long — especially on one night under the hot lights."

Mohana Angirekula, Ashika's mother, said she made sure Ashika drank nutritional drinks such as Ensure between her routines.

The dancing is only one part of the arangetram, however. Between the pre-arangetram photoshoot, save-the-dates, invitations, brochures, displays, stage decoration, lighting, sound, video, photography and post-arangetram reception and dinner, planning for an arangetram can take more than six months, Mohana said. Some dancers even travel to India to have new dance costumes sewn.

All three of the arangetrams included live musicians flown in from India to provide vocals and play the flute and mridangam (drums).

Haritha Deme, Palvasha's mother, said her daughter is the first in their family to perform her arangetram. She said she "can't even put in words" how much this meant to her.

"Here in Midland, we don't have many Indian things," she said. "We wanted her to learn Indian dance."

Kirti Singh said the hardest part throughout Pooja's 11-year dance career were the times when she wanted to give up.

"There were many times throughout her younger years when she wanted to give up," she said. "That was hard, as a mom, because you don't want to feel like you're pushing her."

Ashika said performing her arangetram made her feel a tie to her Indian roots and culture. Her mother learned Bharata Natyam as a child, but stopped short of completing her arangetram.

"I was hoping Ashika would stick with it and complete it," Mohana Angirekula said. "It meant the world to me. I was so emotional."

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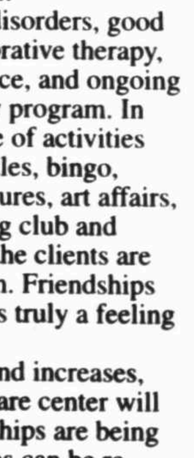
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America has long been known as a melting pot of inclusive traditions where the common denominator is freedom, liberty and pursuit of happiness. While the melting pot metaphor has been in usage in one form or another since the 1780s, over the years it has assumed different connotations, both positive and negative. It has been branded as degenerate conformism or assimilation, and has also seen the revival of classical traditions and preservation of the purists. It is the positive within the melting pot that exemplifies e pluribus unum (Latin: out of many one) — the strength of many voices into a unified national fabric.

George Jacob is a Canadian Commonwealth Fellow, author of books on the future of museum practice and the executive director of the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin.

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Mission Center Adult Day Services to host event for Grandparents of the Year

Once again, Mission Center Adult Day Services is getting ready for their annual fundraiser, the Grandparents of the Year event. This year the honorees from Midland are Fred and Chris Newman and Baird and Betty Green from Odessa. We are thrilled to present these couples to you as exemplary examples of grandparenting.

The event will be held at Green Tree Country Club, 4900 Green Tree Blvd. The patron party for sponsors will begin at 6:15 p.m. and dinner will begin at 7:15 p.m. Along with all the program and food, there will be a silent auction.

Mission Center Adult Day Services provides an appreciated and needed service in our community. Presently it is located at 4500 Illinois Ave., Suite 112 and awaiting a move to Shared Spaces located on "A" Street.

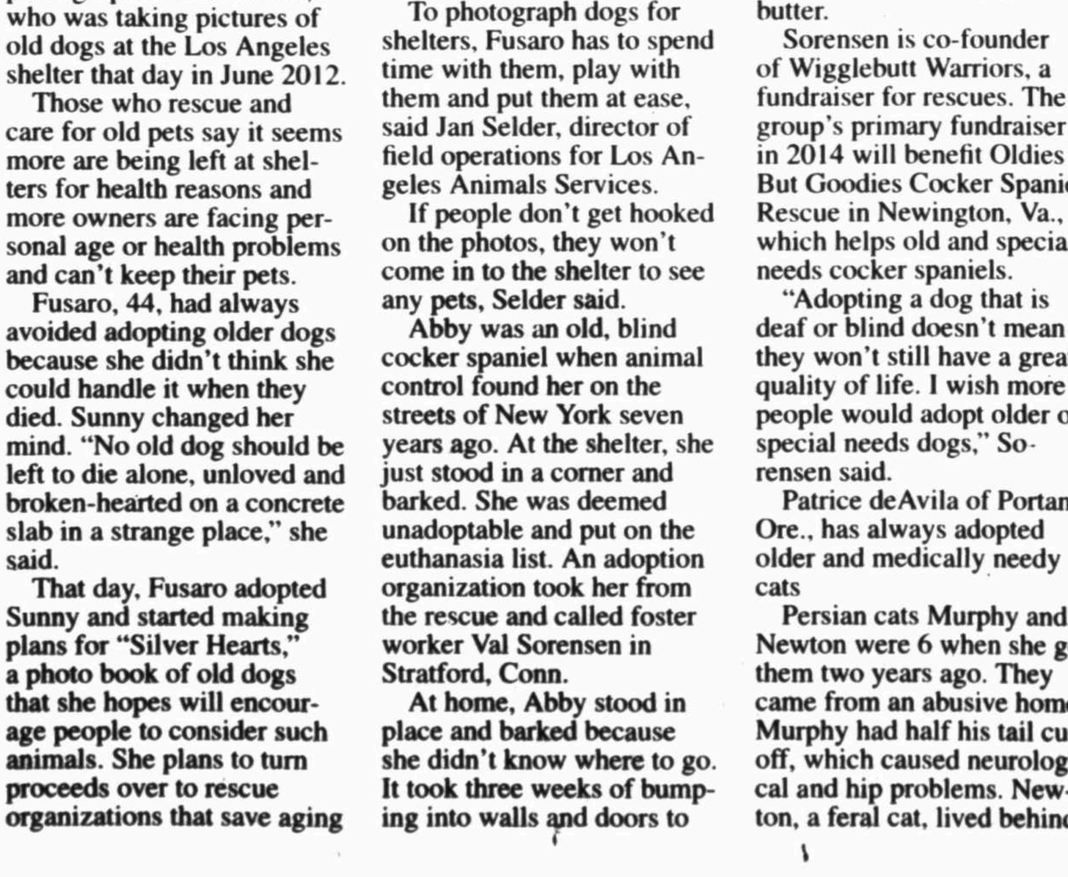
What does this service provide? Not only does it assist the elderly and disabled in our community, it allows caregivers to bring their loved ones to this safe environment while they continue to work. The center provides quality health care and activity programs that enrich the lives of their clients.

Treatment for disease and disorders, good nutrition, transportation, restorative therapy, family counseling and guidance, and ongoing education are part of the daily program. In addition, there is a wide range of activities such as coupon clippers, puzzles, bingo, dominoes, Bible study, manicures, art affairs, table games, craft time, baking club and exercise classes. In addition, the clients are with staff that care about them. Friendships are formed every day. There is truly a feeling of love, sharing and safety.

As our population in Midland increases, the mission of the adult day care center will be more in demand. Sponsorships are being offered for the event and tables can be reserved for up to 10 people. Call the center at 432-522-1221 to make reservations. Deadline for sponsorship is Sept. 3.

Michelle Seghier is the very active executive director of the center. She too can be contacted with questions or concerns you may have. It is highly recommended that every family in Midland who has an elderly or disabled relative living with them see what a great place this is.

See you at the fundraiser, Sept. 10, at Green Tree Country Club.



Photographer Lori Fusaro hugs her two dogs, Gabby, 10, left, and Sunny, 17, at Playa del Rey in Los Angeles. Fusaro is is working on "Silver Hearts," a photo book of old dogs. She plans to turn proceeds over to rescues that save old dogs and also hopes the book will encourage others to adopt old dogs.

Lori Fusaro/AP

Pet adopters urged to consider old, needy animals

By Sue Manning
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Sunny was 16 when she was left at an animal shelter by the family she had lived with all her life. The 75-pound bulldog-pit bull mix had cancer and infected eyes, and shelter workers figured the family probably couldn't handle medical costs.

"She was so sad and depressed, lethargic, sick looking. She wouldn't even lift her head for a treat," said photographer Lori Fusaro, who was taking pictures of old dogs at the Los Angeles shelter that day in June 2012.

Those who rescue and care for old pets say it seems more are being left at shelters for health reasons and more owners are facing personal age or health problems and can't keep their pets.

Fusaro, 44, had always avoided adopting older dogs because she didn't think she could handle it when they died. Sunny changed her mind. "No old dog should be left to die alone, unloved and broken-hearted on a concrete slab in a strange place," she said.

That day, Fusaro adopted Sunny and started making plans for "Silver Hearts," a photo book of old dogs that she hopes will encourage people to consider such animals. She plans to turn proceeds over to rescue organizations that save aging dogs.

When she took Sunny home, Fusaro figured she had a couple weeks, perhaps months at most. She never imagined Sunny would live long enough to be part of "Silver Hearts."

But Sunny rebounded and was soon eating, playing and loving trips to the beach. It's been over a year and Sunny is 17 now.

Fusaro's book is about 80 percent finished. She used shelter dogs, dogs of friends, Facebook, Sunny and her other dog Gabby.

To photograph dogs for shelters, Fusaro has to spend time with them, play with them and put them at ease, said Jan Selder, director of field operations for Los Angeles Animals Services.

If people don't get hooked on the photos, they won't come in to the shelter to see any pets, Selder said.

Abby was an old, blind cocker spaniel when animal control found her on the streets of New York seven years ago. At the shelter, she just stood in a corner and barked. She was deemed unadoptable and put on the euthanasia list. An adoption organization took her from the rescue and called foster worker Val Sorensen in Stratford, Conn.

At home, Abby stood in place and barked because she didn't know where to go. It took three weeks of bumping into walls and doors to learn her way around, find her food, how to get to the backyard and how to get petted. Sorensen said she had to remember not to leave anything in her path.

"After three weeks, she started wagging her tail. If you open a jar of peanut butter she will come running from the other room," Sorensen said.

Sorensen jokingly refers to the dog these days as Ancient Abby since she's between 16 and 17 now. She's slowly going deaf but she's yet to miss any peanut butter.

Sorensen is co-founder of Wigglebutt Warriors, a fundraiser for rescues. The group's primary fundraiser in 2014 will benefit Oldies But Goodies Cocker Spaniel Rescue in Newington, Va., which helps old and special needs cocker spaniels.

"Adopting a dog that is deaf or blind doesn't mean they won't still have a great quality of life. I wish more people would adopt older or special needs dogs," Sorensen said.

Patrice deAvila of Portland, Ore., has always adopted older and medically needy cats

Persian cats Murphy and Newton were 6 when she got them two years ago. They came from an abusive home. Murphy had half his tail cut off, which caused neurological and hip problems. Newton, a feral cat, lived behind the stove for nearly three months before he decided to come out. "We are still taking baby steps, but last week, he allowed me to pet him. I hope he can be a lap cat in six months," she said.

It's hard to say goodbye to any of them, but every once in a while, you lose a soulmate, she said. For deAvila, that was Oliver, who was with her nearly five years.

"He met me at the door every single time I came home. If I was crying, he would reach up with his paw and touch my tears. He always slept on my shoulder. He had respiratory issues and would snore and snort all the time. For a long time, I couldn't sleep because it was so quiet without him," deAvila said.

She does it because it is the right thing to do, she explained. A kitten will likely get adopted, but the older cats will be put down.

Fusaro agreed, even though the time will come soon when Sunny will break her heart. "I want her time here to be as happy as it can be. I didn't want to open my heart for that kind of pain but how much sadder and more horrible for me would it be to leave her at the shelter. It will be terrible to lose her but much worse to leave her to die alone."

Online:
— www.fusarophotography.com
— www.laanimalservices.com

Couple seeks separation agreement



FAMILY MATTERS

Jim May, Ph.D., is director of the Family Wellness Center

DEAR FAMILY: I am sick and tired of putting up with my husband's constant criticism and complaints about me and everything I do (or don't do). I have a good job, friends I can count on and our youngest is a junior in high school. She's sick of him too and ready for him to leave. He just constantly complains and no matter what I've ever done it's not enough. Since we argue about everything and I am apparently not what he has wanted for these past 22 years, I talked to an attorney and had the divorce papers drawn up. When I told my husband the news, he got really mad at first and then turned into a slobbering idiot. He has begged me constantly to not divorce him and has even offered to go to marriage counseling, which he wanted to schedule.

It's too late, but I finally told him I would agree to a separation and give him a chance to go to counseling and really change his ways. When we started discussing the details of the separation, I realized that I didn't know enough to really do it. I talked to my attorney and he said Texas doesn't have such a thing. Can you recommend a book or a resource to help us? — OVER AND DONE

DEAR OVER: I have never had very good luck with trial separations but they certainly are done. Although Texas does not have such an animal, you and your husband can certainly draw up a separation contract explicitly stating the rules for you both to follow. Dr. Bruce Fisher in his book, "Rebuilding: When Your Relationship Ends," describes what he calls a "healing separation" as "a structured time apart which can help a couple heal a relationship that is not working." To me, a critical component of that definition is "structured." In my experience, all too often if a couple does separate it is only a step toward divorce when they have no goals, rules or structure for the separation.

Fisher offers the following potential goals or purposes of a healing separation that you and your husband might consider:

- To take the pressure off the troubled relationship while the couple works at least individually on emotional, social, physical or spiritual problems.
- To enhance your personal growth so you can learn to work better as a couple; for example, communicate better.
- To transform your relationship into something more beautiful and loving than you thought possible.

In my experience, I have found it vital for the couple to agree on the goals of the separation so all their efforts will be constructive. I prefer for the couple to agree to meet at least once a week for a set amount of time to discuss a problem in the marriage. I also prefer for both to be in marital counseling while this is going on so the couple can learn better communication and problem-solving skills. Often when a couple meets under these controlled circumstances the real problems surface without the historical angry interactions. The more the couple can meet productively and safely the better; however, I like to start off conservatively. When possible, I also like for the couple to go out one night a week for dinner and pleasant conversation without any discussion of any problems.

There is a lot more to this subject so I would encourage you to take a look at Fisher's book and his discussion on healing separation. He even includes a separation agreement that spells out suggested terms of the separation. I also would encourage you to seek spiritual and professional counseling at once to help you with this proposal.

Contact Jim May at drjimmay@sbcglobal.net or P.O. Box 51638, Midland, 79710-1638.

Nanny's bad habits threaten to outweigh good ones



DEAR ABBY

Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR ABBY: My children's nanny, "Daisy," has been with us for more than two years. She's not the best, but I know I could do a lot worse. The most important thing is my children adore her and she is used to our routine. By and large, I'm happy to have her. However, I have two pet peeves I don't know how to address.

Daisy is always late. Not by much, mind you — but it is consistent. She's at least five minutes late every single day. Maybe it shouldn't bother me so much, but it does. I never dock her pay for tardiness, and I always pay her on time.

To me, it's a reflection of how important she views her job. I feel it is disrespectful. The kicker is, Daisy is studying to be a nurse. I have told her unless she breaks this bad habit, she'll be fired from a future nursing job.

The second thing is, on hot, humid days, Daisy has the worst body odor imaginable. When the weather is cool, she doesn't smell, but once sticky weather arrives, the wall of stench is enough to make my nose hairs curl. One day it made me physically ill and I had to excuse her for the day without explaining why.

How should I address these problems? Or am I making too big a deal out of this? — HAVING ISSUES IN VIRGINIA

DEAR HAVING ISSUES: Daisy may not be the best employee, but a good employer makes clear what the ground rules are when someone is hired. Because you're a stickler for punctuality, remind Daisy about what her hours are and stress that you expect her to be on time or risk having her pay docked. (If she uses public transportation, there should be some flexibility, but because she's late every day she should be told she needs to leave home a few minutes earlier.)

As to her personal hygiene issue, address it directly. Tell her you expect her to have showered, used deodorant and put on fresh clothes before coming to work — especially in the summer.

Helpful hint: When you hire someone, have a list of written rules prepared for the individual to read and sign so there will be no misunderstandings. Doing that is being an effective boss.

DEAR ABBY: I am going to a concert by a popular band. My brother and my cousin always make fun of this band. People commenting online also post mean things about them. I know they have a right to their own opinions, but I don't get the same reactions when I talk about or listen to other popular music.

Did people do this 10 or 20 years ago? Do they think it's cool to express hatred about mainstream musicians? Maybe the more popular something is, the more people there are having negative feelings toward it. — FREE TO LISTEN AT 13

DEAR FREE TO LISTEN: There is always a degree of backlash against hugely popular entertainers because some people think it's more "cool" to be a fan of a new, upcoming band. Years ago, some people loved the Beatles and hated the Rolling Stones, and vice versa. The behavior you describe has been going on ever since the music business began.

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In this July 21 photo, The Wiggles, from left, Lachy, Anthony, Emma and Simon, dance on stage during a performance in Canberra, Australia. The Wiggles are touring the world introducing the new members following the retirement of Jeff, Murray, and Greg in 2012. Emma Watkins, the first woman to join The Wiggles, is making her U.S. debut, kicking off a nationwide tour in Philadelphia and debuting new episodes of "Ready, Steady, Wiggle!" on Sprout on Monday.

Rob Griffith/AP

Newest Wiggle inspires an army of mini-mes

By Lisa Tolin
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A little girl growing up today has no shortage of strong female role models — senators and presidential candidates, CEOs and astronauts, governors and secretaries of state.

And now, a female Wiggle.

Emma Watkins, the first woman to join The Wiggles — a sort of Australian fab four of the preschool set — is making her U.S. debut, kicking off a nationwide tour in Philadelphia on Saturday and starring in new episodes of "Ready, Steady, Wiggle!" on Sprout on Monday.

In the Crayola-coded Wiggles world, Emma is the Yellow Wiggle, and on early portions of the tour in Australia and Canada, she attracted enough tiny yellow clones with enormous bows on their heads that they called it the Mini-Emma Army.

"We've seen so many children arrive at the show dressed like me, head to toe with the big yellow bow, but they're not changing the size of the bow so it's bigger than their heads," Watkins said by phone from Australia.

Watkins is joined in the new version of the group by original Blue Wiggle Anthony Field and two fellow newbies: Red Wiggle Simon Pryce and Purple Wiggle Lachlan Gillespie. But she's clearly a fan favorite: Tiny groupies have given her so many bows — yellow and pink, made from pipe cleaners and cardboard — that she quips she'll need an extra room on her house to hold them.

"Essentially we're all role models for boys AND girls, but it's really nice that girls have a choice, I guess," she says.

With their peppy dancing, waggling fingers, exaggerated facial expressions and maniacally catchy songs like "Hot Potato" and "Fruit Salad," The Wiggles emerged 22 years ago and seemed scientifically engineered to make a toddler, well, wiggle.

The new members were announced last year and joined the retiring original Wiggles — Greg Page, Jeff Fatt and Murray Cook — on a farewell tour as "Wiggles in Training."

Watkins, 23, grew up with The Wiggles and sharing the stage with Page, the original Yellow Wiggle, she says, "I just felt like I was 6 years old again." The first time Gillespie sang "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" with Page, he cried.

Each new member came from the touring cast of backup dancers and understudies, but there was much Wiggly wisdom to impart — Wiggly fingers, Wiggly dancing, Wiggly songs and instruments. And there was the mentoring offstage, where the new Wiggles hosted meet-and-greets with children with special needs.

"There were no reality TV cameras rolling at the time — it sort of sounds like it — but no one was going to be eliminated. It was just a lovely year," Field said.

Field was studying childhood education with Cook and Page when he formed the group back in 1991, hoping to combine what he was learning with his other passion, music. The Wiggles became a sensation in Australia and made their biggest splash across the pond about a decade later, helping launch "Playhouse Disney" on the Disney Channel.

They helped popularize children's music on TV and ushered in an era of arena-packing kiddie concerts — at their peak, they sold out 12 shows at the Theater at Madison Square Garden.

"I think The Wiggles were the ones who said, this is going to be a show. It's going to be a rock concert of sorts, and I think just like the TV show, they were doing these sorts of big, energetic pop concerts," says Stefan Shepherd, who writes about children's music at Zooglobble.com and reviews it for NPR's "All Things Considered."

All told, The Wiggles sold more than 23 million DVDs and videos, 7 million CDs and 8 million books. They have been broadcast in more than 100 countries and performed more concerts than the Rolling Stones.

But all that touring took its toll. In 2006, Page left the group because of a rare nervous system disorder. Fatt briefly left the tour to be fitted with a pacemaker. Page rejoined in 2012, but soon he, Fatt and Cook announced their retirement.

Field, who documented his own struggles with depression in a book, "How I Got My Wiggle Back," says it was an easy decision for him to stay on and be joined by new members.

"The first month or so, it was very strange but it was still exciting," he says. "I think one of the reasons I love being on the road and continuing on is I get a routine going, I keep myself healthy, I eat well and have a really, really healthy lifestyle and I exercise all the time. I'm 50 now but I'm in the best shape of my life."

The Wiggles may not be quite the phenomenon they used to be — when they stop in New York on this tour, they'll be playing just one show at the Best Buy Theater. Seen as a refreshing alternative to Barney when they debuted, they predated the revolution in more parent-friendly "kindie" music led by the likes of Dan Zanes, Laurie Berkner, Elizabeth Mitchell and They Might Be Giants.

But parents aren't The Wiggles' target audience, and there's no doubt they can inspire a room of toddlers.

"If parents come away saying that wasn't nearly as bad as I expected, then that's just gravy for them. Because they're not playing for the parents," Shepherd says.

Some songs impart a lesson — new song "Peanut Butter" is about food allergies, for example — while others are meant to get children up and dancing. (The group is conscious of the dangers of screen time, even if they are creatures of television.)

And for a new generation of fans, these are The Wiggles — yellow bows and all.

"I think that Wiggly music is so well known and it's so dancey and catchy that the children — it doesn't really matter who's wearing the skivvies, as long as the music continues on," Watkins says.

Having a girl in the group "means the world" to the young girls in the audience, Field says.

"They turn up and all they do is look at Emma the whole time," he says. "A lot of these 2-year-olds and 3-year-olds have never seen The Wiggles before. This is their first ever Wiggles, so Emma's their superstar."

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Sides 65th Anniversary

Jerry and Martha Sides, of Midland, celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on August 10, 2013.

Jerry grew up in Ranger and Odessa and Martha in Sweetwater. After meeting at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, in 1946, they were married in 1948, and upon graduation moved to Midland, where Jerry began his career as a geologist with Superior Oil Company for 32 years. He subsequently worked for Laguna Oil Company and then Paul Page, Sr. and Paul Page, Jr. for 30 years, where he continues to consult as a geologist.

Martha was a homemaker for 20 years, raising their four children, and then worked as a Teacher's Aide for 23 years with MISD. She was also active in volunteering for Meals on Wheels and Midland Memorial Hospital for many years.

Jerry and Martha are charter members of Memorial Christian Church in Midland, where they continue to volunteer and minister in many ways. They have a special place in their heart for the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado, where they have vacationed for 50 years, passing on the tradition to their children, Kay Clemmer of Conroe, John Sides of Katy, Jill Groves of Midland, and Steve Sides of Cedar Park, as well as their 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Congratulations Jerry and Martha, and thanks for being wonderful parents, friends, and an inspiration to all!



Holtzclaw 50th Anniversary

Long time residents of Midland, Carrol Wayne and Cherie Holtzclaw celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married August 12, 1963, in Midland, Texas.

Carrol worked as a brick mason in the West Texas area for 9 years before being employed by Drilco Industrial for 18 years. He was employed by Dresser-Rand for several years, before retiring in 2012, after 23 years with Cameron International.

Cherie retired from Enserch Exploration, after 35 years and also retired from CMS Oil and Gas. She currently works for Elephant Oil and Gas, LLC.

They celebrated their anniversary with a special dinner with friends, Mark and Linda Greene, who were also celebrating their 46th Wedding Anniversary.

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Liedtke - Arnot

Miss Claire Smith Liedtke and Mr. Robert Bates Arnot, Jr. were united in marriage on Saturday, August 17, 2013, at seven o'clock in the evening, at First Presbyterian Church in Midland, Texas. The double ring ceremony was officiated by Father Luke Back, cousin of the groom. The ceremony was followed by a reception at The Racquet Club.

On the eve of the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Midland Country Club.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cadell Smith Liedtke of Midland and the granddaughter of Mrs. William C. Liedtke, Jr. of Houston and the late Mr. Liedtke and Mrs. Wynne Franklin Perryman of Houston and the late Mr. Perryman.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bates Arnot of Breckenridge, Texas, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William Moran Hickey of Midland, and the late Mr. and Mrs. William Guy Arnot, Jr. of Breckenridge, Texas.

Leslie Liedtke Fertitta of Houston, Wynne Liedtke Brown of Dallas, and Bessie Liedtke Doffermyre of Washington D.C., served their sister as Matrons of Honor. The Bridesmaids were the groom's sisters, Carrie Lyn Arnot and Margaret Louise Arnot of Dallas and Andrée Arnot Halpin of Houston. Also serving as Bridesmaids were Sara Frances Berry of Columbus, Georgia; Lindsey Elisabeth Armstrong, Pippin Meador Clifton, Jane Lake Soneson and Paige Nichols Primos, all of Dallas; Marie Nicholas Curtis of St. Louis, Missouri; Olivia Kaigler Smitherman of Birmingham, Alabama; Hallie Huchel Yarbrough of Atlanta, Georgia; Emily Kay O'Shaughnessy of Denver, Colorado; Christin Kelly Ford and Molly Green Musselman, both of Midland; and Casey Dale Smith of Fort Worth. Adele Marie Pitzer of Dallas was the Reader. Honor attendants included Courtland Adelaide Crosswell of Houston; Nancy Powers Johnson of Greenwood, Mississippi; Whitney Boone Klinke of Washington D.C.; Melissa Murray Lacy of Atlanta; Abigail Traub Smith of Fort Worth; and Rebekah Gannaway Sudduth of Memphis, Tennessee.

Robert Bates Arnot served as his son's Best Man. The Groomsmen were William Moran Hickey III, Coleman Randolph Brown, Robert Wilson Brown, Jeffrey Leary Brown, and David Greer Oxford, all of Dallas; William Marshall Hickey, Grant Wade Ballew, Carl August Detering III, Robert Thornberry Halpin III, William Cheever Harvey, John Patrick Howell III, Charles Michael Nettles III, and Wright Taggart Wommack, all of Houston; James Matthew Lucas and Paul Michael Pitzer, both of Midland; Walter Keen Linscott Ferguson IV of Austin; and John Patrick McBroom III of Fort Worth. Serving as Ushers were Jordan Way Davis of Midland; and Andrew Conner Wood, Nicholas Robert Mesec, and Phillip Clark Pitzer of Dallas; Charles Joseph Keith, Jr.of Birmingham, Alabama; Patrick Scott Pitzer of Fort Worth; and Joseph Luke McClymond of Breckenridge, Texas.

The nieces and nephews of the bride and groom carried a garland of greenery. Marion, Nancy Claire, Annie and John Fertitta, and Robbie Halpin, all from Houston; Bessie, Cadell ,Margaret, and Henry Brown, from Dallas; and William and Perry Doffermyre from Washington, D.C., led the bride and her father down the aisle.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Mississippi. She is a member of Chi Omega sorority.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Following a honeymoon in Hawaii, Mr. and Mrs. Arnot will reside in Dallas, Texas.



West - Herington

The West family is pleased to announce the engagement of Monica Brooke to Trevor Wayne Herington. Trevor is the son of Altha Herington and the late Jerry Herington of Farwell, Texas. Monica is the daughter of Karen West and the late James West of Midland, Texas.

The bride is a graduate of Midland Christian School and after two years at Midland College, transferred to Texas Tech University. She graduated in 2004 with her BS in Human Development/Family Studies and then with her M.Ed. in Counselor Education. She is currently employed with Midland Independent School District.

The groom is a graduate of Farwell High School. He attended Texas Tech University, studying business. He explored several career paths, knowing he always wanted to own his own business. In 2008, he moved to Midland to start working toward that dream. November 2012, his goal was finally reached when he opened his own company. TWH Industries services the oil field anywhere in the United States.

The couple will be married on September 7, 2013, in Midland, Texas.



Grella - Mitchell

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Joseph Grella of Midland, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Alexandra Grella to Sterling Scott Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Mitchell of Midland, Texas. The bride elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riggs of Midland, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Grella of New York, New York. The groom elect is the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Marshall Mace, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Oldham, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Newcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Mitchell, and the great grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bob Evans of Midland, Texas.

The bride elect is a 2005 graduate of Trinity High School and a 2009 graduate of Texas Christian University, with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and English. She is employed by Centers for Children and Families.

The groom elect is a 2005 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and a 2010 graduate of Texas Tech University, with a Bachelor of Science in Energy Commerce. He is currently Vice President of Dynamic Fishing and Rentals.

Elizabeth and Sterling plan to unite in marriage on October 5, 2013, in Glen Rose, Texas.



Turner - Hellums

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Turner of Houston are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Marykate, to Jacob Jordan Hellums, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hellums of Midland.

Marykate is the granddaughter of Eva Turner and the late Harold Turner of San Antonio and the late Mr. and Mrs. Garth Jones of Austin.

Jordan is the grandson of Marilyn Brown and the late Hugh M. Brown of Dallas and Joy Litton and the late Robert F. Hellums of Bridge City.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Nacogdoches High School. She earned a Master of Science degree in Speech Language Pathology in 2010, from Stephen F. Austin State University.

The groom-elect is a 2004 graduate of Midland Christian High School. In 2009, he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree fromTexas Tech University .

A wedding ceremony is planned for 5:00 p.m., Saturday, November 9, 2013, at Classic Oaks Ranch in Mansfield.

The bride and groom will reside in Fort Worth, Texas.

Makeup for menswear: Be a girlie girl or a tomboy

By Lisa Flam
Associated Press

If you're slipping into a tweed blazer, an oversized cardigan or a sleek women's tux this fall, the right beauty look is the perfect accessory to complete your menswear-inspired outfit. The choice is yours to do a 180-degree turn and go with hyper-girlie, or stay strictly tomboy: Either can complement the more masculine clothing silhouettes.

Makeup with menswear is a little more important than other styles because with a neutral, muted palette of grays, blacks and browns, "you want to have a little life to your face, a little health and vigor," says Linda Wells, Allure magazine's editor-in-chief.

When suiting up in this fall trend, women have choices for their beauty look, she says. "Are you going to exaggerate the menswear look and play it up fully, or are you going to offset it with something feminine?" Wells says.

To soften menswear staples like gray flannel and houndstooth, which are so often fashioned into tailored items, add femininity by playing up the eyes or lips, experts advise, but not both at the same time so your features don't compete.

"You want to add feminine flair throughout the face if you can't have it on the body through the clothing," says Myiesha Sewell, a Sephora Pro makeup artist.

For a ladylike touch, Wells envisions soft hair with a little wave to it falling over the forehead along with a rich burgundy lipstick, or dark, smoky eyes featuring gray eye shadow, eyeliner and lots of mascara. "Who doesn't want to be a femme fatale?" she says of the "sexy androgyny" combination of feminine makeup and menswear.

If you want to keep the menswear feeling consistent from head to toe, Wells recommends a simpler style that doesn't draw attention to the face: Hair is slick to the head and parted on the side "so it looks boyish," and styled in a low ponytail or bun. Keep makeup natural looking, with clear or pale lip gloss, taupe eye shadow, mascara and a darkened brow to give strength and definition to the face.

However, Wells prefers the feminine face: "It's taking men's style and making it feminine. It's the masculine-feminine — that conflict is always interesting. That tension is what makes it exciting."

Sewell likes to add a shot of bold color while keeping the rest of it neutral to help soften the straight lines and sometimes boxy shapes of the clothing. For the eyes, try a bold blue liner along with a neutral brown or peach eye shadow. After mastering blue, Sewell says move on to experimenting with emerald or eggplant liner. "One of the easiest looks and colors to wear with a neutral eye is navy blue or a cobalt eye liner," Sewell says. "It really pops the whites of your eyes."

On the runway, man-tailored suits often are paired with classic red lipstick, but Sewell likes purples and magentas and berry shades, largely because she thinks they're an easier color range to pull off. "It's very feminine and it's going to make the lips look shapely and the eyes will gravitate toward them. It's a modern Technicolor, Marilyn Monroe."

With so much power to the menswear-inspired clothing, why not bring that strength up to the face as well? Says MAC senior artist John Stapleton, who helped bring to life the Victoria Beckham fall catwalk that turned tuxedos and trenchcoats into seductive silhouettes.

He favors a minimalist tomboy makeup look featuring strong eyebrows and cheekbones, which is what he did on the Beckham models.

"If you're going to go for it, you might as well go all the way," Stapleton says. Adding color to the faces would have distracted from the fashion. (If you really want that girlie contrast, do it through accessories, he suggests.)

This more masculine face features eyebrows that are brushed up and over and set with gel; natural-looking, contoured cheeks with an ashy or taupe blush; and muted, nude lips in a shade close to your own lip color or created through concealer and lip balm. Mascara darkens the root of the lash line but does not get applied to the ends to lengthen them.

"It's very chic looking," he says. "It's strong. It's commanding. Showing up to a meeting like that, it looks like someone who is going to take over the room and be in control and garner a lot of respect."

Read more about living in and around Midland in Tuesday's WEST TEXAS LIVING



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A married couple holds hands in Lewisville on May 6, 2010. Despite a boom in the use of pregnancy-aiding medical techniques, a new government study released Wednesday suggests the percentage of married couples having trouble conceiving has actually dropped slightly in recent years.

FERTILE COUPLES

Infertility down slightly among married US women

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

ATLANTA — American couples are not as infertile as it might seem.

Despite a boom in the use of fertility treatments, a new government study shows the percentage of married couples having trouble conceiving has actually dropped slightly in recent years.

About 6 percent of married women under 45 failed to get pregnant after at least a year of sex without contraception, according to the report. That's down from less than 9 percent some three decades ago.

That may seem surprising given how many women seek help to get pregnant; the use of fertility treatments, including in vitro fertilization, has doubled in the last decade. But that increase is driven by larger numbers of women trying to have children in their 30s and 40s, when female fertility declines.

So while infertility clinics may be more common and used more — particularly by more affluent women trying to have their first child at older ages — that's driven by a change in the market, not biology, said Anjani Chandra, lead author of the study.

"This runs counter to what a lot of people think," said Chandra, a researcher at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The study released Wednesday focused on married women. It was based on in-person interviews of more than 12,000 women and more than 10,000 men, ages 15 to 44.

The researchers did not ask why the couple was infertile — whether there was a problem with the woman's fertility or with the man's sperm. They did not include pregnancies that ended with miscarriage or stillbirth.

The results of the interviews conducted in 2006 through 2010 were compared to four similar surveys done since 1982. The trend was relatively flat, but overall, there was a slight decline.

"Despite years of doing these reports, people still think infertility has increased," Chandra said.

The researchers don't know what's behind the dip, but at least part of the reason may be a shift in how many women were trying to get pregnant. Since 1982, the proportion of couples who used contraception grew from less than 53 percent to more than 57 percent.

The study did not find any significant infertility difference between white, black and Hispanic women. Nor was there any difference by education or household income.

Infertility was more common in women in their late 30s and early 40s, but that hasn't changed over the last 20 to 30 years, Chandra said.

What did change is there are more options for women who want to get pregnant and aren't conceiving. In the United States, fertility treatments, including in vitro fertilization, became generally available in the 1980s, and have become very common in the last 10 years.

"I don't think people wait as long" as they did decades ago to get help if they're having trouble conceiving, said Dr. Jessica Spencer, a fertility specialist with Emory University in Atlanta.

Another expert agreed with the CDC study's conclusion.

Today, "people are free to try to have babies when they want to, but the biology doesn't change," said Dr. Godfrey Oakley Jr., an Emory epidemiologist who studies birth defects.

Online:
CDC report: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/

Study suggests inducing labor may be tied to autism

Lindsey Tanner
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — The biggest study of its kind suggests autism might be linked with inducing and speeding up labor, preliminary findings that need investigating because labor is induced in increasing numbers of U.S. women, the authors and other autism experts say.

It's possible that labor-inducing drugs might increase the risk — or that the problems that lead doctors to start labor explain the results. These include mothers' diabetes and fetal complications, which have previously been linked with autism.

Like most research into autism causes, the study doesn't provide conclusive answers, and the authors say the results shouldn't lead doctors to avoid inducing labor or speeding it up since it can be life-saving for mothers and babies.

Simon Gregory, lead author and an associate professor of medicine and medical genetics at Duke University, emphasized, "We haven't found a connection for cause and effect. One of the things we need to look at is why they were being induced in the first place."

Government data suggest 1 in 5 U.S. women have labor induced — twice as many as in 1990.

Smaller studies suggested a possible tie between induced labor and autism, but the new research is the largest to date, involving more than 600,000 births. The government-funded study was published online Monday in JAMA Pediatrics.

The researchers examined eight years of North Carolina birth records, and matched 625,042 births with public school data from the late 1990s through 2008. Information on autism diagnoses didn't specify whether cases were mild or severe. Labor was induced or hastened in more than 170,000 births.

Overall, 5,648 children developed autism — three times as many boys as girls. Among autistic boys, almost one-third of the mothers had labor started or hastened, versus almost 29 percent of the boys without autism. The differences were less pronounced among girls.

Oxytocin and prostaglandins are used to start or speed up labor but the study doesn't identify specific medications.

The strongest risks were in boys whose mothers had labor started and hastened. They were 35 percent more likely to have autism.

Among girls, autism was not tied to induced labor; it was only more common in those born after labor was accelerated; they were 18 percent more likely to have the developmental disorder than girls whose mothers had neither treatment.

Autism affects about 1 in 88 U.S. children. Symptoms may involve communication problems including avoiding eye contact and unusual repetitive behavior including arm-flapping. Causes are uncertain but experts believe it probably results from a combination of genetics and other factors. These may include mothers' illnesses and medication use while pregnant, fathers' age at conception, and problems affecting the fetus during childbirth — all suggested but not proven in previous research.

The study's biggest strength is bolstering the growing consensus that risks for autism occur before birth or soon after, said Dr. Byron King, director of Seattle Children's Hospital's autism center. He was not involved in the study.

Online:
JAMA Pediatrics: http://www.jamapediatrics.com
Autism: http://tinyurl.com/m979ft

HEALTHYLIVINGBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Spin-a-thon raises money for MS society

The second Bike MS Spin-A-Thon will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. today at Midland Sams Club. Participants will raise money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. For more information, call 528-2891.

Yoga class held at Grafa park

Each Saturday Vertex Complete offers Yoga in Grafa Park at 9 a.m. Cost is $10. The class meets on the north side of Ma Mar Court. Participants should bring a mat or blanket.

Upcoming races/runs

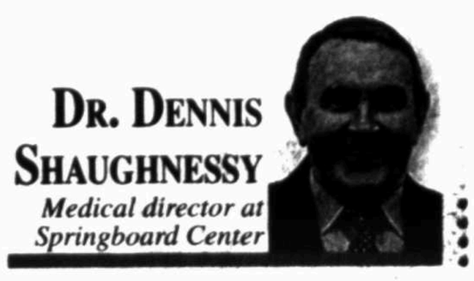
■ Red Shoe Run, Saturday @ Midland College. Registration at 7 a.m., race at 8:30 a.m. Benefits Ronald McDonald House Charities.

■ Martin County EMS Labor Day 4-mile Run/Walk, Sept. 2 @ Martin County EMS Building, Stanton. Registration at 8 a.m., race starts at 9 a.m.

■ H2Oh! Family Fun Run hosted by Lemi Shine, Sept. 7 @ Scharbauer Sports Complex. Registration at 8: 30 a.m. Benefits Living Water International.

■ Noggin Roundup 5K, Sept. 7 @ Midland College. Race starts at 9 a.m. Benefits Plagiocephaly Awareness and Support.

To include information in this calendar, email Megan Buck at mbuck@mrt.com.



Dr. Dennis Shaughnessy
Medical director at Springboard Center

Alcohol use is an often-ignored factor in health problems

It is estimated that about half of the American population uses alcohol. Various estimates of the frequency of heavy alcohol use may be as high at 6.8 percent of current use — defined as five or more drinks on the same occasion, on at least five of the last 30 days. Binge drinking, especially among younger individuals ages 18-25, is steadily increasing, especially on college campuses. This is frequently reflected in the number of reported motor vehicle accidents, many of which result in tragic deaths in this age group. The estimates of the cost of alcohol-related problems to society in terms of work time lost, associated medical illness and injuries, ranges somewhere between $184 to $200 billion annually. Alcoholism, along with cardiovascular disease and cancer, are the top three causes of death and disability in the United States.

Although these facts are well documented and frequently cited, it is not uncommon for problems with alcohol use to be minimized or even ignored by many individuals, including health care providers. Often, because of the fear of the stigma associated with alcohol problems, drinking may become secretive. This is especially true among elderly individuals. This is well known to be the cause of frequent injury because of falling and other accidents at home. Combinations of alcohol with other drugs, such as sedatives, increase the risk of damaging side effects. It is often for this reason that medical help is sought. In addition, many general health problems are either caused by or aggravated by the use of alcohol. For this reason, a careful and accurate medical history is essential. It is very important to note that it is not necessarily how much or how often one uses alcohol, but rather what happens to an individual when they do drink.

It is recognized and often suggested that moderate use of alcohol may have beneficial effects in reducing risks of heart, kidney and cerebrovascular disease. However, in our chemically oriented society, it becomes a working hypothesis that if one is good, two ought to be better. Consequently, the notion of moderate use frequently becomes heavy, and higher rates of mortality and medical morbidity are seen. Among the many and myriad health complications of alcoholism are such entities as hypertension, increased risk of oral, gastrointestinal and breast cancer, pancreatitis and of course, liver problems, such as cirrhosis. For this reason, alcohol use has been labeled "the great mimicker" in that it often is the cause of, or in the least an aggravating factor in many disease entities. It is suggested that because of the great number of concurrent complications associated with alcohol use, review of individual drinking patterns should become paramount importance in an individual's historical medical review. The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) recommends that every medical specialty should have experience and training in recognition of alcohol use, and brief intervention techniques to assist in diagnosis.

All too often concern about regulation of other drugs has resulted in minimization of the problems associated with alcohol use. It is imperative to note that alcohol is a drug and the arbitrary distinction of alcohol and drugs should be abandoned. Anyone who uses alcohol and other drugs that target the reward system of the brain ought to be aware that he or she stands the risk of becoming addicted. This is independent of age, race or religious affiliation. Addiction is an equal opportunity disorder and it must be a consideration when one is undergoing evaluation for specific illness, and more importantly, as a preventive measure to ensure good health.

Finding the right treatment for a person's specific needs is essential. Substance abuse is not one size fits all. At The Springboard Center, a community nonprofit organization, all programs use treatments backed by scientific evidence. These may include behavioral, as well as holistic (yoga, meditation and equine) therapies, individual and family counseling and the 12-step model. The staff is available to answer any questions 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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A grilled BLT pizza with summer tomato-basil sauce is seen July 22 in Concord, N.H.

Taking a BLT from sandwich to pizza via the grill

By Elizabeth Karmel
Associated Press

BLT sandwiches are synonymous with summer. And the only thing better than a BLT sandwich is a grilled BLT pizza!

Once you've had grilled pizza, you'll never want to eat pizza any other way. Grilling solves the age-old problem of a soggy pizza crust. This is because the toppings go on after the crust is already grilled, so every slice will always be crispy, crunchy and slightly smoky.

In summer, I love to create lighter pizzas that highlight my favorite produce, and tomatoes top the list. In my BLT pizza, I like to use an assortment of red and yellow cherry tomatoes for the "sauce." You cut the garden-ripe tomatoes and mix them with olive oil, balsamic vinegar, garlic and basil for a classic "crudo," or uncooked tomato sauce. This keeps the brightness of the tomatoes intact and brings out the best of the season.

Because I quick grill the lettuce before cutting it into confetti like ribbons, the lettuce has a lot more flavor than the stuff than lands on an average BLT, and will be able to stand up to a combination of cheeses. I like to use both a stronger blue cheese or a ripe brie, as well as a mild grated mozzarella to complement the fresh tomatoes, smoky bacon and grilled lettuce.

There are a few tricks that will help you perfect pizza on the grill. It is not essential that you make your own dough; you can buy it from the grocer or from your favorite pizzeria. But it is essential that you take the dough out of the refrigerator an hour before you want to use it. This will warm the dough and allow it to relax, making it much easier to work with.

And don't worry about rolling the dough into a perfect circle. In fact, I prefer a more organic and odd shape. It goes with the rustic nature of grilled pizza. When rolling out the dough, dust your surface with grits or polenta (not cornmeal) to keep things from sticking. And keep the crust thin, about 1/4 inch. It will puff up plenty as it rises and puffs on the grill.

Finally, the key to grilled pizza is using a combination of direct and indirect heat. You start by grilling the crust on one side over medium direct heat. Then you flip the dough, add the toppings to the grilled side, then continue cooking everything over indirect heat. This prevents the bottom from burning while the cheese melts.

GRILLED BLT PIZZA

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 4

When grilling pizza, it is important to have all of your toppings prepped and nearby before grilling the crust. Once the crust is on the grill, the pizza comes together very quickly. You'll need a rimless baking sheet to help transfer the pizza during cooking. Don't have one? Use a rimmed sheet turned upside down.

1 heart of romaine lettuce
Olive oil
Kosher salt
1/4 cup uncooked grits or polenta, for rolling the dough
1 ball prepared pizza dough, at room temperature
1 cup summer tomato-basil sauce (see recipe below)
8 strips center-cut bacon, cooked and crumbled
3 ounces blue cheese or brie, sliced or cubed
4 ounces grated mozzarella cheese
Ground black pepper

Heat a grill to high. Once the grill is hot, reduce it to medium. If desired, place a ceramic or cast-iron grill pan on the grates and let it heat before making pizza. You also can grill the pizza directly on the grates.

Cut the romaine heart in half lengthwise, keeping the core intact. Using 1 tablespoon of oil, brush both halves with oil on all sides, then sprinkle with salt. Grill over direct heat until the outer leaves are charred but the inside is still crisp, about 2 to 3 minutes per side. Transfer to a cutting board and let cool. Trim off and discard the tough end/core of each half, then slice crosswise into 1/2-inch-wide ribbons. Set aside.

Dust a work surface lightly with grits or polenta, then roll out the dough over it. Aim for the dough to be about 1/4 inch thick. Brush the dough liberally on both sides with olive oil, using about 2 tablespoons.

Place the dough on the grill grates or grill pan and immediately close the lid. Cook for 3 to 4 minutes, or until the bottom of the crust is marked and golden brown. Use tongs to transfer the dough to a rimless baking sheet, flipping it grilled side up as you do so. Turn off one side of the grill or bank the charcoals to one side to prepare for cooking with indirect heat.

Drizzle olive oil over the grilled side of the dough. Spoon the sauce over the surface of the pizza, then sprinkle with bacon and both cheeses. Using tongs to guide it, slide the pizza off the baking sheet and onto the cooler side of the grill. Cover and cook for 7 to 10 minutes, or until the cheese is melted and the tomatoes are warmed through.

Use tongs to return the pizza to the baking sheet. Top the pizza with the romaine, then season with salt and pepper. Slice and serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving: 450 calories; 290 calories from fat (64 percent of total calories); 33 g fat (12 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 50 mg cholesterol; 20 g carbohydrate; 2 g fiber; 3 g sugar; 21 g protein; 1,120 mg sodium.

SUMMER TOMATO-BASIL SAUCE

Start to finish: 10 minutes active
Makes 1 3/4 cups

1 pint cherry tomatoes, quartered (or 1 pound vine-ripened or heirloom tomatoes, diced)
1 to 2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
2 cloves garlic, minced
3 large fresh basil leaves

In a medium nonreactive metal or glass bowl, mix together all ingredients except the basil. If serving within 1 to 2 hours, let stand at room temperature so the tomatoes release their juices. Otherwise, cover and refrigerate for up to 24 hours. When ready to use, mix, then drain through a mesh strainer to remove excess liquid. Just before using, chop and mix in the basil.

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Mix it up for a chilly homemade flurries

By Alision Ladman
Associated Press

Need a fresh way to chill out this summer? How about DIY flurries?

A flurry is simple — and it isn't something you can only get at the ice cream shop. You start off with ice cream, usually a basic flavor, then you stir or mix or blend all kinds of things into it. It's not a float; no liquid is added. It's like an ice cream sundae, but with the toppings blended in instead of piled on top.

Most ice cream shops start with soft serve because it mixes so easily. Since most of us don't have soft serve machines in our kitchens (If only!!!), we suggest using a machine you probably do have — a microwave.

Start with a pint of ice cream. Remove the lid and microwave it for about 10 seconds. Test it with a spoon. The ice cream should still be frozen, but should give when pressed with the back of the spoon. If it's not ready, continue microwaving in 5-second bursts, testing in between.

Now you're ready to mix. You can keep it simple and just use a spoon to mix the ice cream and toppings in a bowl. But where's the fun in that? Ice cream shops often use a stick blender, another item you may not have. So instead, toss everything into the food processor and pulse a few times.

As for what to use to flavor your flurries? Anything goes. And pile in as many as you can. The more you add, the more delicious it becomes. To help you get started, we've come up with a bunch of ideas for delicious, chilly flurries.

SNOWSTORM: vanilla ice cream, Peppermint Pattie candies, crushed peppermint sticks, a few drops of mint extract

COCOA BEACH: chocolate ice cream, toasted macadamia nuts, toasted coconut, hot fudge sauce

SATISFACTION: sweet cream ice cream, crushed salted peanuts, caramel sauce, chopped Snickers candy

BERRY BASKET: black raspberry ice cream, chopped fresh strawberries, blueberries, raspberries

CONCESSION STAND: vanilla ice cream, chocolate sandwich cookies, crushed pretzels, gummy bears, M&M's, caramel sauce, malted milk balls

SILVER SCREEN: vanilla ice cream, caramel popcorn, chocolate-covered peanuts

CAMPFIRE: vanilla ice cream, crushed chocolate covered graham crackers, chopped smoked almonds, chopped marshmallows, hot fudge sauce

ULTIMATE PEANUT: chocolate ice cream, peanut butter sauce, chopped Butterfinger candy bar, chopped Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, salted peanuts, peanut butter M&M's

MELBA: raspberry swirl ice cream, chopped peaches, fresh raspberries, finely chopped candied ginger

TRAIL MIX: sweet cream ice cream, toasted pecans, granola, dried cranberries, mini chocolate chips

HINTS FROM HELOISE

King Features Syndicate

Season cast-iron cookware with vegetable shortening

Dear Heloise: Several years ago, I bought my wife a new cast-iron frying pan that is now starting to develop small rust spots on the cooking surface. I later learned that cast-iron pans are supposed to be seasoned to prevent this from happening. Can this pan be fixed, or should we just buy a new one? And what is the proper care of cast-iron cookware? — Jim T., via email

Don't throw out the pan! Rust can develop when the pan is air-dried or even scrubbed with steel wool. The pan should be washed and dried immediately. Many cooks (me included) put the pan back on the still-hot stove burner to dry.

To season or re-season, use hot water, only a drop of soap and a nylon scrubbie or plastic brush to clean (never place the pan in the dishwasher). Rinse and dry well. Then, to season, use melted vegetable shortening. Wipe it all around the pan until the entire surface is covered. Place in a 375-degree oven, upside down on a cookie sheet. Bake for an hour. Turn the oven off and let the pan cool completely before taking it out. — Heloise

P.S.: Wipe the pan with a little vegetable oil on a paper towel every time you clean it to prevent rust.

DON'T WASH

Dear Readers: Are there certain foods you should never wash before cooking? According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, raw meats and poultry should not be washed because of possible cross-contamination from the juices spreading to the sink, counters, dishes and utensils. Cooking meats thoroughly will kill all the bacteria that may be present.

People sometimes soak meat, like country ham, because they think it reduces the salt content. But the USDA advises that this does not remove much salt anyway, so don't. — Heloise

NO-STICK S'MORES

Dear Heloise: I have a hint that I wanted to share. We love making s'mores around the campfire but don't like the mess the sticky marshmallows make on our hands.

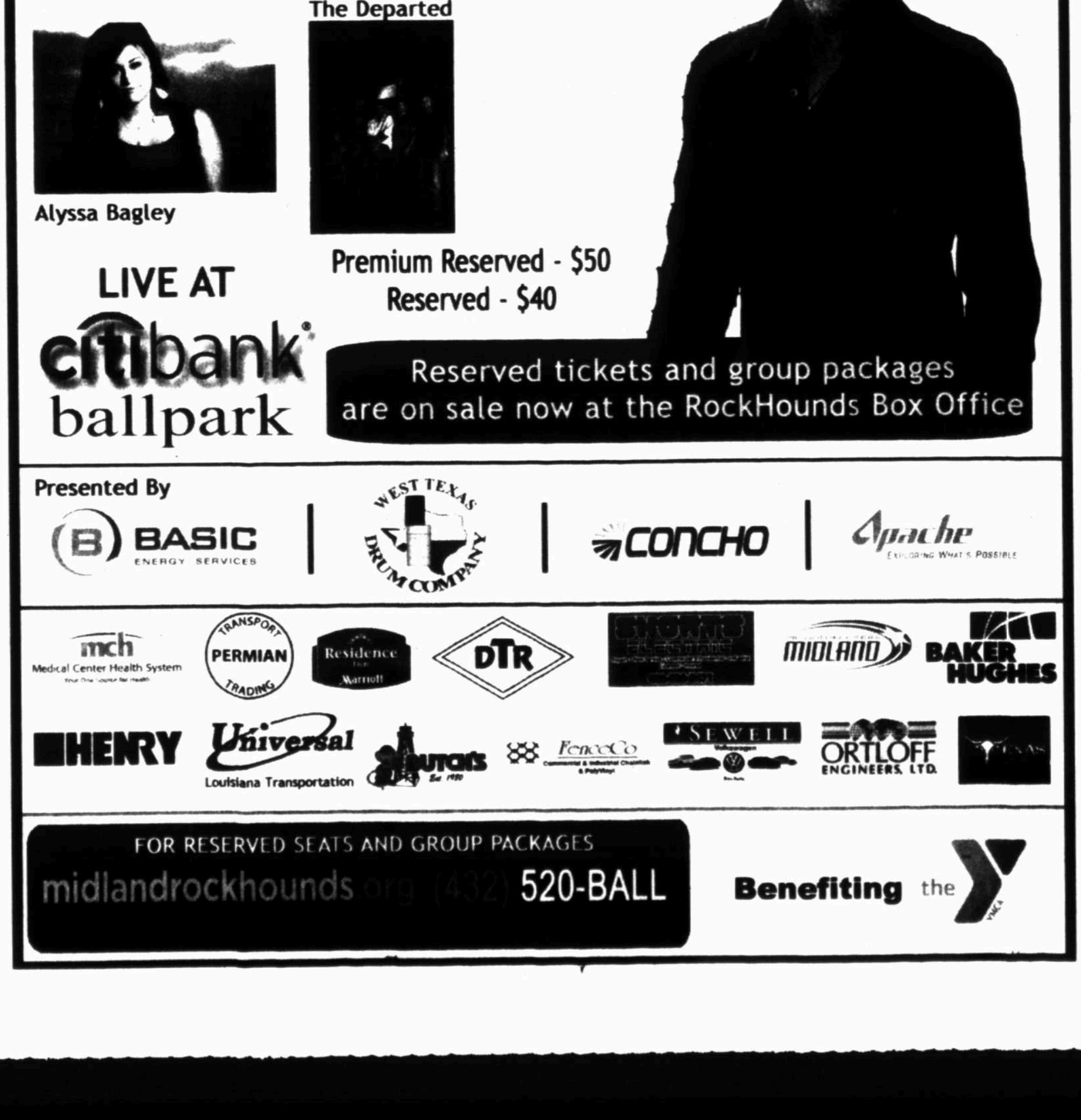
Instead of taking the marshmallow off the stick with our hands, I make the s'more while the marshmallow is still on the stick. I have someone else hold the stick while I use two pieces of graham cracker to sandwich the marshmallow, and then just pull the stick out. No more sticky marshmallow all over your hands. — Julie Kane, Shippensburg, Pa.

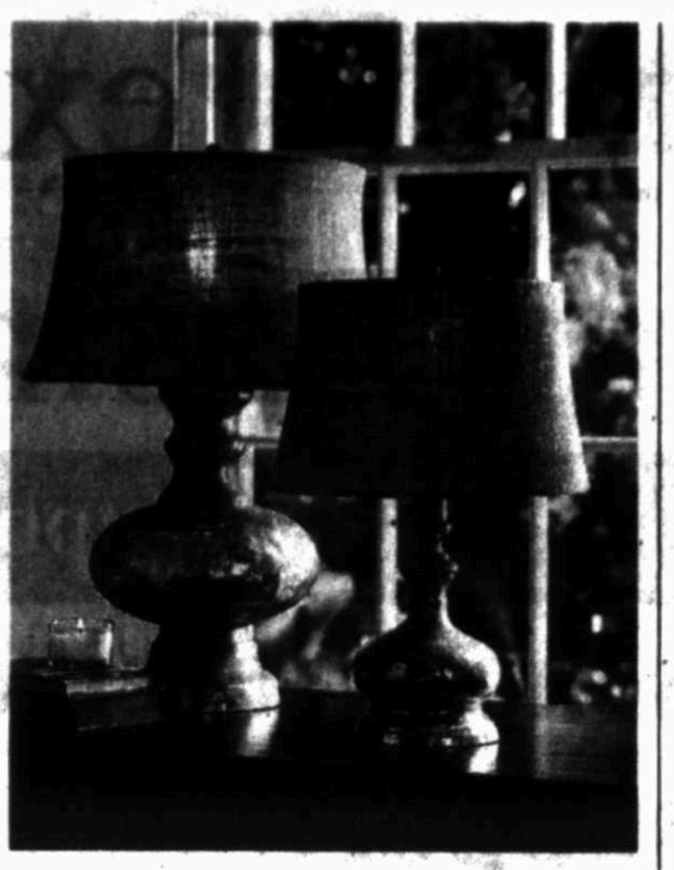
STORING PIE

Dear Heloise: My family loves eating pies, both store-bought and homemade. My question is, do all pies have to be refrigerated? — Gayle L., via email

No, not all pies need to go in the refrigerator. Pies that contain eggs (for example: pumpkin, cream or custard pies) should be refrigerated. Fruit pies, however, don't have to be refrigerated (unless your kitchen is on the warm side) and can be kept at room temperature for about two days, if they last that long. Most people prefer to keep all types of pies in the refrigerator. — Heloise

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A pair of antique mercury glass lamps are shown. Mercury glass, antiqued or in new hues like copper, grey or slate blue, continues to hold strong for fall. You'll see it in wall panels, vases, boxes and lamps like these from Pottery Barn.com.

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Fall decor forecast: eclectic, with personality

By Kim Cook
Associated Press

The era of specific decor trends is on the wane. Rooms full of traditional or modern furniture have been replaced by a more eclectic sensibility, interior decorators and designers agree.

Mid-century sofas on a Swedish-country, flat-weave rug. Vintage lighting and a concrete coffee table. An antique Indian sari coverlet on a sleek, lacquered bed frame.

Mixing and matching has become a trend in itself.

And this trend's more liberating than limiting.

"The look is about combining decorative elements and mementos from your personal history — the places you've been, where you're at and where you're going — and arranging them artfully to create a stylish, beautiful, lived-in space," says New York interior designer Elaine Griffin.

The explosion of inspirational media has helped drive the shift, she thinks; amateur decorators now get ideas and confidence from design blogs, TV shows and shelter magazines.

"Homeowners are at last masters of their own ships," says Griffin. "We've revolutionized the term 'eclectic' as a design style."

If you're updating a room this fall, here's a sampler of ideas to get the creative wheels turning:

Sizing things up (or down)

At the International Contemporary Furniture Fair this spring in New York, which presented a first look at what retailers will be offering for fall, designers were playing with scale, in lighting particularly.

California lighting company Cerno showed Silva Giant, a 7-foot-tall floor lamp with a slanted walnut base and barrel shade. The company's Valeo model had a crane-like walnut base that extended 9 feet, with an aluminum rod suspending a large linen shade. Despite its size, the fixture seemed to frame the space rather than loom over it. (www.olighting.com)

Moooi's Raimond chandelier was a sphere of LED lights that evoked a fireworks burst, while Mio-Culture showed whimsical, glowing LED-lit, floor-lamp cones. Tango Lighting's Memory Floor Light has a 3-foot black, brown or white shade with a choice of dramatic interior colors. (www.mioculture.com; www.tangolighting.com)

Big was big, but the show also featured lighting that occupied as little space as possible. Patrick Townsend's SuperString series played with naturally occurring patterns in science and astronomy. CP Lighting showed its new Growth collection of brushed aluminum branch-like fixtures. (www.patricktownsend.com; www.cplighting.com)

Retailers will also be offering slivers of table lamps with a slim profile.

Material world

For its textile collection this fall, Crate & Barrel is putting linen front and center, but not the old-fashioned kind, says Sandy Kortright, a senior buyer at the retailer.

"For the fall collection, we hung our hat on linen that's casual and soft. The idea is not to iron linen but keep it lovely, organic and casual, with a few soft wrinkles spread throughout," she says. "The linen feels easy, welcoming and inviting to use." (www.crateandbarrel.com)

Indian-inspired soft cotton prints are also in vogue. West Elm and Crate & Barrel are offering pin-tucked, hand-blocked and embroidered textiles for beds and lounges. (www.westelm.com)

You'll see a range of throws in various textures, from cashmere to quilted motifs to nubby wools. There are thick, chunky knitted weaves on blankets, ottomans and rugs, but luxe wool and silk blankets as well.

Designer James de Wulff is turning concrete into small tables; concrete and stone — either real or faux — are being incorporated into many pieces this fall, including tables, lamps, and accessories such as vases and outdoor planters. (www.2modern.com)

Look for warm metallics, too.

"Yellow metals — gold, brass and bronze — are turning up everywhere, as posts on bookcases, shelves, cutlery, edging and details of china, decorative objects, picture frames, furniture legs and feet," says Griffin.

Lighting designer Tom Dixon has a collection of gleaming copper shades on iron bases, a cylindrical web of etched stainless steel, and a cool collection of angular gem-shaped fixtures done in sand casted nickel-plated aluminum. (www.tomdixon.net)

Rustic modern

Several retailers are combining rustic elements — such as wood slabs, industrial metals and rougher textiles — with chrome, plastics or luxe fabrics for a style tagged "rustic modern." These are versatile pieces that could sit well in a lot of living spaces.

You'll find pickled or washed grainy woods in furniture from Bernhardt and others, replacing some of the deeper ebony woods of past seasons. Crate and Barrel's Jeremiah rocker is a chalet-ready chair with a woodsy fabric cover. The Fonda rug incorporates slivers of rocky hues in a graphic floor covering.

West Elm's got a desk that's a mango wood slab on an iron base. There's a shaggy wool rug here too, that adds texture and dimension.

Pottery Barn has a collection of chunky, silvered-glass lamp bases with character, especially when paired with burlap lampshades. (www.potterybarn.com)

Pattern and color

A wide range of neutrals are strong colors for fall. Think deeper hues of graphite, chocolate and slate balanced by lighter tones of ash and stone — a mix of rock and woodland hues.

There's still a lot of punch in the palette, however. Citron and mustard work well with the neutrals. At the modern end of the spectrum, neons and deep pink provide counterpoint to muted naturals like vanilla and soft white. Saturated hues like oxblood, orange and ruby add heat and energy, and blues are big — sapphire, teal and navy play well with deeper tones as well as the whites and creams.

Accent pieces like pillows and rugs are a good way to incorporate new color; look for examples in small furnishings, tabletop items, and towels and rugs at CB2, Target and other retailers.

Jacquard, ikat, paisley, tile and hand-block motifs are all over bedding and throw pillows, as well as rugs. Graphic modern patterns are also strong.

Right at Home: the art of vacuuming

By Kim Cook
Associated Press

Housekeeping, drudgery? Not to us members of the unofficial "clean club."

You know if you belong: You enthusiastically discuss your favorite cleaning tools, staying loyal to equipment and techniques that have served you well over the years. You understand the difference between a crevice tool and an upholstery nozzle. Vacuuming? You see it as an art.

But what if you don't love to clean? Well, chances are you still need to suck it up. Here are some tips on methods and machines to help make the chore of vacuuming less of a challenge:

Vacuuming how-to

Kit Selzer, senior editor at Better Homes & Gardens magazine, says you shouldn't begin cleaning by vacuuming.

"Vacuum after you've dusted. Pick up every possible thing from the floor, and move dining chairs and side tables out of the way so you have as much open space as possible," she says.

Professional house cleaners call this "top down cleaning" — you start at the top of the room, so particulates settle. Tackle ceiling corners, window treatments, furniture and finally the floors.

Selzer also suggests keeping the attachments — crevice tools and small brushes — handy as you get started.

"They're invaluable for getting dust, dirt and pet hair while you already have the vacuum out. Use the crevice tool in corners and along the baseboards, the upholstery brush on anything made of fabric, and the dusting brush on blinds, books and lampshades," she advises.

How often should you vacuum? Frequently, especially in high-traffic areas. It keeps dirt from getting ground in and keeps carpet fibers from getting matted. Selzer says vacuuming once a week is good for the average carpet.

Other tips:

■ Small rugs act like mini mops, gathering up a lot of debris. Take them outdoors if possible for a good shake before vacuuming. If you can't do that, vacuum the rug thoroughly on both sides, roll it up and put it aside until the floor's been dealt with.

■ For big rugs, the Dalton, Ga.,-based Carpet and Rug Institute recommends slow, overlapping motions front to back. Start from the center of the rug and move out to the edges to prevent fraying. Don't go over one spot too many times; make three or four passes. Shaw Floors, makers of carpet, wood, tile and laminate flooring, has advice on their website, www.shawfloors.com: Use a rotating brush or comb beater brush attachment to agitate and loosen deep dirt. But thick wool pile rugs, shags and cabled weaves can get fuzzy or tangled with this brush, so stick to the suction-only attachment for them.

■ Change the direction of your vacuum passes frequently.

■ For bare floors, use a good, soft brush to protect the floor. Brushes will harden over time so need to be replaced.

■ Replace your machine when it no longer sucks like it used to. But make sure it's not just suffering from a clogged hose, filter or intake. Resist the fun of slurping up coins or small objects, as they can jam up the hose or, worse, the motor.

■ Empty the canister or vacuum bag when it's a half to three-quarters full; don't wait until it's stuffed. By then, you haven't been sucking up anything, just dispersing dirt by moving the vacuum around.

■ Got pets? Use crevice tools and upholstery nozzles to remove hair from tiny corners and baseboards as well as furniture. Vacuum throw pillows, mattresses and curtains weekly, to remove pet dander and fur.

Choose your weapon

There are two camps when it comes to regular vacuum models: uprights and canisters.

Canister fans tout the tote-ability of a lightweight machine that can be easily carried up stairs and maneuvered from room to room, and has a wand that gets under furniture. Upright lovers prefer to push than pull; these models tend to glide easily across floors and carpeting, and the dirt receptacle generally has a larger capacity than can vacs.

Canister faves include Eureka's Mighty Mite, Miele's Olympus and Delphi models, the Bissell Zing and Panasonic's Opti Flow. Well-rated uprights include the Shark Navigator Elite, the Dyson DC41 Animal, Hoover Wind Tunnel, Miele Cat & Dog and Bissell Clean View.

Oreck's line of uprights and canisters are light-weight and low-profile, with long-lasting belts and room-friendly bumpers and wheels.

Electrolux's Precision Brushroll Clean upright has a switch that gathers up tangled hair on the brush and shoots it into the dust compartment — great for families with teenage daughters and golden retrievers. A lightweight, cordless stick vac from Electrolux, designed just for bare floors, comes in color accents that might appeal to college-bound kids.

Dyson's line is certified by the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America. Its multi-floor model has a long, 16-foot cord and a large-capacity dust bin. All of Dyson's vacuums are bagless. The company recently introduced a cordless machine that's a kind of hybrid vacuum/ Swiffer. The Dyson Hard has a double-edged cleaner head that sucks up dirt, and also has a wet wipe to remove dust and grime in one action.

Many people swear by hand vacuums. Since Black and Decker introduced the Dust Buster in 1979, portable vacuums have been the go-to tool for quick cleaning of cars, baby chairs or little dumps of crumbs. Other handheld machines include the Dirt Devil Extreme Power and the Filter Stream Dirt Tamer — the latter a kind of mini wet-vac; it'll deal with dry or damp messes.

Roomba is the market leader in robot vacuum cleaners, those little round gadgets that clean on their own and have a rechargeable battery. Their top-end model has not one but two HEPA (high efficiency particulate air) filters. Moneual's Rydis robot cleaner has a lot of different cleaning modes, and an optional microfiber mop attachment. Neato Robotics' XV Signature Pro creates a vertical map of the room before it gets to work.

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Texas' first entirely virtual early college high school – a partnership between University of Texas of the Permian Basin and Presidio Independent School District – has been awarded a $215,000 grant from The Meadows Foundation.

Early college high school programs give st udents the opportunity to earn up to 60 hours of college credit while earning a high school diploma at the same time. College courses are free to students.

Presidio High School's William Soza Early College High School is not the state's first early college high school, but it is the first 100 percent online program, UT Permian Basin President W. David Watts said.

The Texas Education Agency requires early college high schools to be located on or near an institution of higher education, but Pesidio High School is in a remote area along the west Texas border, roughly 270 miles from UT Permian Basin, Watts said.

"It's impossible to bus students to a UTPB campus or community college," Watts said. "And it's not possible for faculty to commute every day."

That's why leaders from both Presidio ISD and UT Permian Basin pursued the creation of the first online early high school program in fall 2012, Watts said. Students have their own classroom at Presidio High School, and receive support and supervision from school staff, he said.

"We're delighted with the relationship with Presidio ISD," Watts said. "We hope to turn this into a model that would serve all of rural Texas. This is an enormous opportunity for young people in Texas."

About 45 freshmen enrolled last fall, and 100 percent of them passed their college courses, he said.

The leadership of Presidio ISD Superintendent Dennis McEntire and School Board President Carlos Nieto as well as Educate Texas Executive Director John Fitzpatrick has been critical to the success of the program, Watts said.

The grant money from The Meadows Foundation, a private philanthropic institution based in Dallas, will be used to defray travel costs for Presidio students and teachers who will attend a summer "bridge" program on the UT Permian Basin campus, Watts said. "We are very grateful and appreciative to The Meadows Foundation for their financial support, and it will have a direct impact on student success," Watts said.

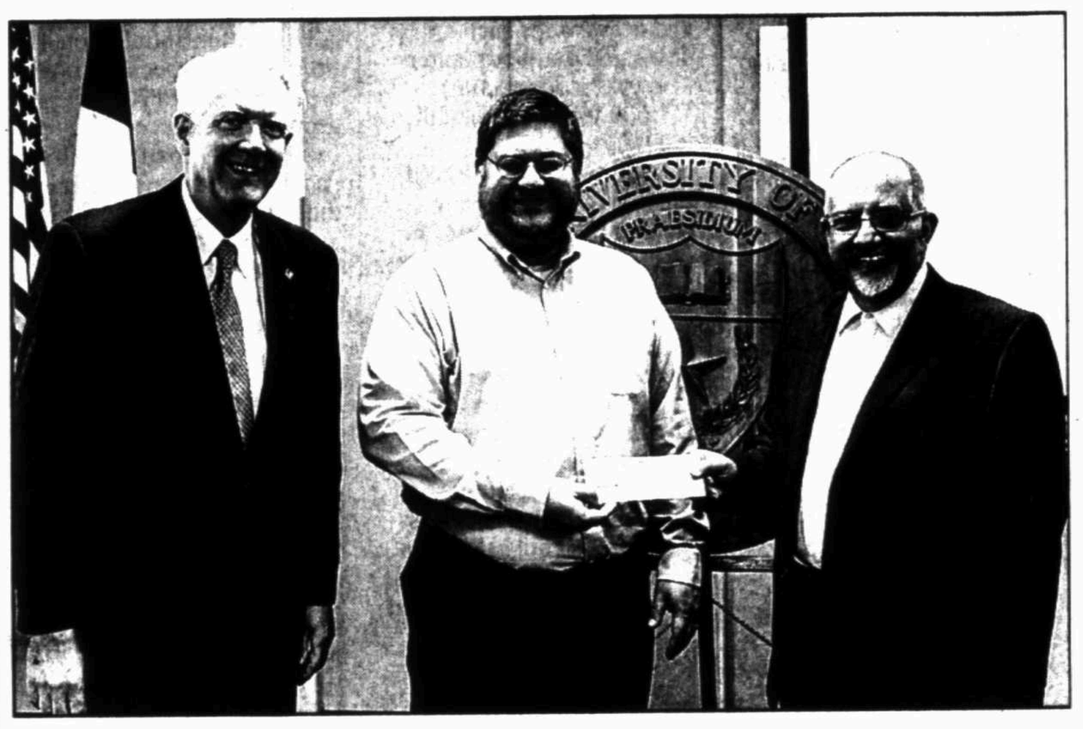
Linda Perryman Evans, president and CEO of The Meadows Foundation, said she was impressed by unique partnership between UT Permian Basin and Presidio ISD.

"A K-12 school district and an institution of higher education that are a four-hour drive away from each other joined together to think outside the box for the good of students," she said. "We think it's an important effort worth supporting."

Gene Powell, chairman of the UT System Board of Regents, said reducing the cost of a college education and increasing access, particularly for underserved students, is one of the top missions of the UT System.

"I applaud UT Permian Basin's willingness to embrace innovative solutions to benefit students who would not otherwise have the opportunity to earn college credit simply because of where they live," Powell said. "We hope this program serves as a model to expand higher education and improve the high school experience in rural Texas."

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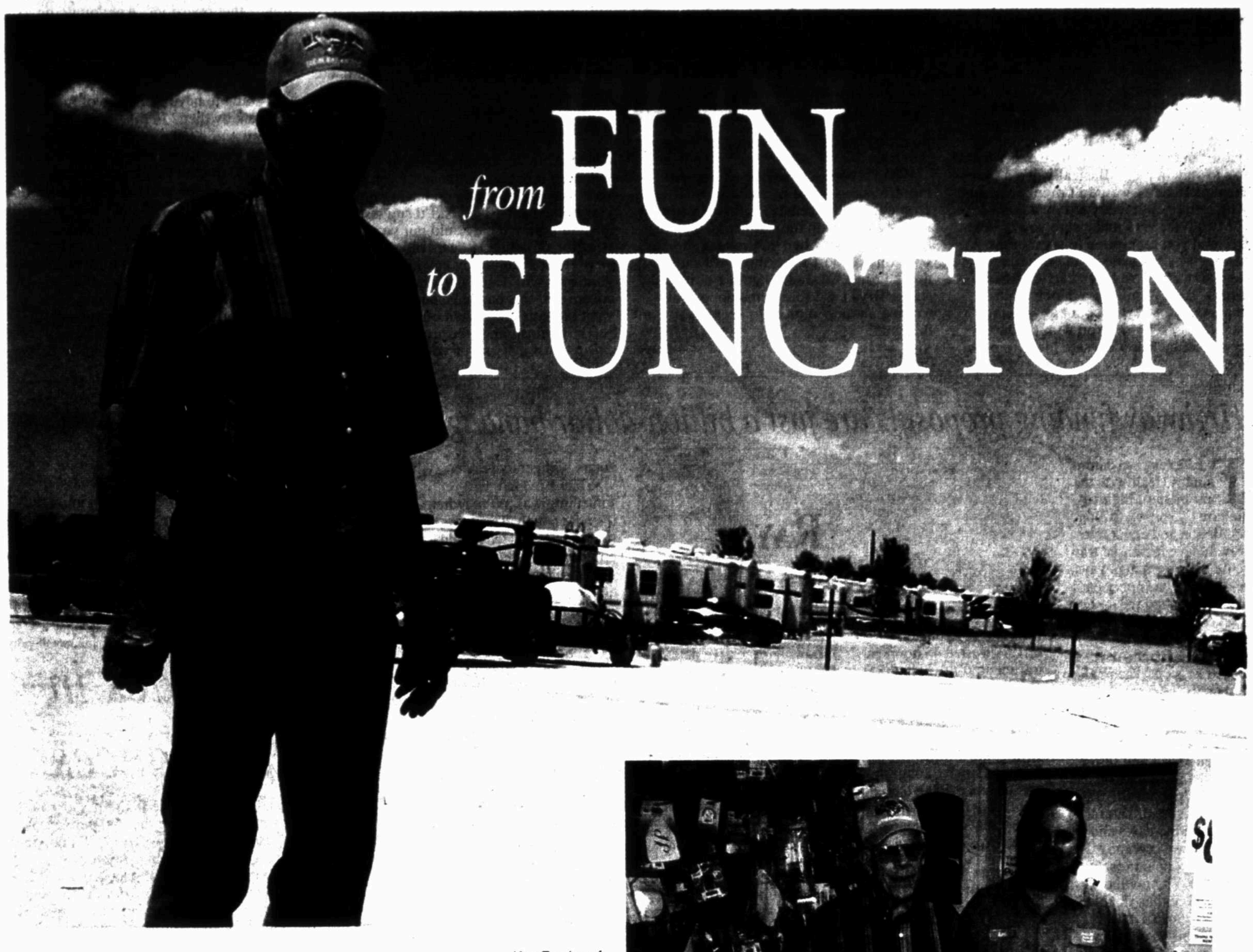
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Ken Franks, of Ken's RV, has shifted focus from selling RVs for recreational use to selling them for alternative housing. At right, Ken Franks stands with his son Kent Franks.

Courtesy photos

NAMES IN THE NEWS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Allison Webb has joined OTA Compression LLC as sales representative, focusing on West Texas and Southeast New Mexico.

OTA Compression offers wellhead compression, vapor recovery solutions and testing to customers nationwide.

Allison can be reached at Allison@ota-compression.com or 432-270-4157.

GeoTek gets DOE award

DALLAS — GeoTek Energy LLC, specializing in geothermal power and downhole pump technology, has received approval from the Department of Energy for reimbursement of up to $1.08 million for the fabrication and initial testing of its Gravity Head Energy System.

Dave Marshall, chief executive officer, explained that "GeoTek completed last year the first of three phases in the DOE program, under budget."

The third phase of this $2.85 million DOE research award is expected to commence next year with an additional $1.32 million in potential funding for GHES field tests.

RRC awards IT contract

AUSTIN — Railroad Commissioners approved awarding a contract to CGI Technologies and Solutions, Inc. to implement the Railroad Commission's Information Technology modernization program.

The $13.9 million contract requires CGI to complete Phase 1, the planning and analysis portion of the project by May 2014. Phase II — the implementation will be split into two parts, the first completed by February 2015 and the second completed by June 2015. CGI represents clients in the energy sector and has implemented regulatory products in several states, including Texas, where the company completed IT modernization activities for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

AT&T invests $1 billion in Texas networks

DALLAS — In the first half of 2013, AT&T invested more than $1 billion in its wireless and wired networks in Texas. The investments included deployment of new macro cell sites, small cells and Distributed Antenna Systems across the state as a part of AT&T's Project Velocity IP, a three-year investment plan announced last fall to expand and enhance its IP broadband networks. The company also expanded and enhanced its 4G LTE network, which provides ultra-fast mobile Internet speeds, and deployed new Wi-Fi hot spots.

As part of Project VIP, AT&T also deployed advanced wired IP broadband connections for consumers, including AT&T U-verse® services for more than 138,300 customer locations in Texas, in just the first six months of 2013.

Highlights this year include LTE launches in Athens, Beaumont, Brownsville-Harlingen, Corsicana, Frisco, Hillsborough, Huntsville, Laredo, Lubbock, Lufkin, Marble Falls, McAllen, Midland, Nacogdoches, Odessa, Palestine, Paris, Sherman-Denison, Temple-Killeen, Victoria and Wichita Falls.

RV business shifts focus

By David Wiseman
Special to the Reporter-Telegram

Ken Franks began operating Ken's RVs, located on Business 20 west of Midland, in 2000. In the beginning, Franks' sales revolved entirely around Midlanders intending to use RVs for recreation. Since the start of the oil boom, though, the focus of his business has changed.

"We do recreational, but it's not a big part of the business as it once was. We still have people buy them for recreational use, but it used to be 100 percent. Now it's less than 20 percent," said Franks.

Rather than primarily selling to recreational users, Franks now sells most of his units as alternative housing for new Midland residents. He explained, "My business has changed from almost totally recreational to almost totally people buying for living purposes. It's a whole other world, a whole other clientele. I see people from all over the United States weekly, looking for housing."

With rapid growth in the oilfield, the availability of housing in Midland has fallen far behind demand. People moving to the area for jobs in a variety of industries are unable to find traditional housing, and many of them are turning to RVs as an alternative. According to Franks, this trend shows no sign of slowing.

"We're not seeing any decrease. It helps our ability to take care of these people because now we've got much better financing. We have national financing instead of local financing. Business has almost tripled in the last six months because we're able to get people financed when we weren't before."

Franks has found it necessary to expand and change his business in more ways than one to meet this new demand. "We've added four or five positions this year, to handle the business we're doing. We're also expanding our parts department, stocking a lot more for the RV needs."

In addition to hiring more employees and stocking more parts, Franks has had to adapt his repair services to the fact that people are now living out of RVs. In the past, owners would leave their RVs at Ken's RVs until they were repaired. Now that many of his customers are living in RVs full-time, this service has changed. "People used to leave things here for two or three weeks. Now people need it fixed immediately, and we're having to go to the people because it's their residence ...A lot of the business is mobile now," Franks said.

Many of the repairs that Franks has seen are the result of connecting trailers to outlets with low voltage, for which they were not designed to use. He explained, "Some people bought a new trailer for their daughter and hooked it up to their house, and it's having to do double work. They're thinking the trailers are not proper, but it's just low voltage we find in most cases."

Because RV parks in the vicinity are filled to capacity, many people are now parking their trailers in unorthodox places. Franks described the situation: "We rent spaces also, and we have a waiting list for our spaces. You drive out to Greenwood, seems like all the places you go have RVs sitting around them. The whole county-side is plastered with RVs. You'll be amazed at how many are sitting around, not in organized parks: By houses, in backyards and everywhere else."

As this pattern continues, Franks said that he will continue to work to meet the new requirements of the market. While he is optimistic about continued growth in Midland, he is not taking growth for granted. "Everybody's pretty optimistic. I've been here 30 years, seen it come and go a couple times...Nobody knows but the good Lord."

Angela Free moves Studio 1401 to downtown lofts



MELLA MCEWEN
Reporter-Telegram oil editor

Unpacked and settling into her new location is Angela Free, owner of the Studio 1401 By Angela Free photography studio.

Free, formerly located at 1401 W. Illinois Ave., has purchased the three loft spaces at 218 N. Main St. next to Cigar Frogs and moved her studio into larger quarters in one of the lofts. She reports that she is preleasing the other two to four local businesses, creating a business hub at the corner of Main and Illinois.

"Every seven to 10 years, artists need to reinvent themselves and this is part of that," She explained, adding that "I love this building and have for five years. It has a really cool character."

The configuration of her new space has let her set up a much larger studio for photography sessions for families, couples, children, high school seniors or even corporate photos. It will also allow her to do more contemporary photography, she said. There are also smaller sitting areas in the space.

She is adding affiliates like hair and make-up artists to her team to offer modeling or boudoir sessions.

"We still do outdoor photography," she said, posting photos from a wedding she photographed in Corpus Christi on the studio's Facebook page. "But to do something fresh nowadays you almost have to go back indoors."

She is planning a "reinvention celebration" in September.

Studio hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday with Saturday appointments available.

More information is available by calling 695-4666, by email at info@studio1401.com, on the studio's website at http://www.studio1401.com or its Facebook page.

LOFT will be celebrating the opening of its new concept store in The Commons at Northpark, 2900 W. Loop 250 North, on Thursday, Aug. 22 from 5 to 8 p.m.

As part of the celebration, shoppers can enjoy refreshments. LOFT will donate 10 percent of its sales to The Junior League of Midland. Shoppers can also enter to win a $250 LOFT shopping spree, a $100 gift card to Bellisimo Salon and they can receive a free gift with the purchase of $75 or more.

Founded in 1998, LOFT carries fashions and accessories at affordable prices. It is division of Ann Taylor and operates 500 stores across the nation.

Don't withdraw from retirement plan to buy a house

DAVE RAMSEY



Dear Dave,

Should I take advantage of a 403(b) withdrawal in order to buy a house?

Bryan

Dear Bryan,

I wouldn't do that because it really doesn't accomplish anything. The only money you can take out is what you've put in, and any growth you've experienced has to stay in there. Basically, it's a retirement plan, and I wouldn't monkey around with retirement money to buy a home.

My advice is to make sure you're debt-free and you have three to six months of expenses set aside in an emergency fund. Once you've taken care of those issues, you can pile up a bunch of cash in a money market account toward the purchase of a home. You won't earn a lot of money, but it's a safe place to park your cash when you're saving up for a big purchase.

When it comes to saving and investing, I'm a big fan of mutual funds. The problem in this scenario is that if you start sticking money in mutual funds, then the market is down when you're ready to buy, you could've lost some money. That's not the route I'd want to go if I'm in your shoes, Bryan. I'd forego the opportunity to make money in order to keep it safe for this goal.

—Dave

Dear Dave,

I'm 24 years old, and I have a wife and child. We've been following your plan, and I'm about to buy life insurance. Should I get a 20- or 30-year term policy?

Derek

Dear Derek,

I think the big question is how long will you need this life insurance. If you and your wife are planning on having more kids in the next 10 years, I'd suggest a 30-year policy. That could put you in a situation of being 34 years old with a new baby. That's not old by any means, but your wife will need 20 years' worth of coverage if this happens, because you'd want the kids grown and out of the house before the insurance term runs out.

But that's just one of your financial goals at this point. You also want to be debt-free. And you need to ask yourself some other questions. Are you going to have your house paid for 15 years from now? I sure hope you didn't take out more than a 15-year mortgage. Are your kids going to be grown and gone by then? Are you going to have a big pile of money in the bank by then? In other words, where are you going to be at the end of the term?

If 15 years from now you have $700,000 in your retirement account, your house is paid for, and the kids are out on their own, then, if you die, your wife will be fine, financially speaking. But at that time, if you still have kids in the house and your home isn't paid off, then you'd probably need a 20-year policy.

That's how I would look at it. How much longer are you going to need life insurance?

—Dave

Highway funding proposals are just a billion-dollar bandage

RAY PERRYMAN



The Texas Legislature finally dealt with the problem of highway funding — sort of. Strong population and economic growth have increased traffic on the state's highways, but funding has not risen accordingly and the system is severely strained. Despite much debate through the regular session and a trio of special sessions, the final deal punts the issue to voters and doesn't really solve the problem in any case.

The population of Texas has been expanding faster than most areas due to (1) a relatively high fertility rate (and, thus, rate of natural population increase) and (2) a growing economy attracting people in from elsewhere. The number of Texans more than doubled from 1970 to 2010 (to 25.1 million) and is now approaching 27 million. Depending on the assumed rate of people moving into the state, by 2050, this number could well double again.

Texas added more new residents than any other state over the past 10 years, with growth concentrated in urban areas. Congestion has grown apace, both in the largest metropolitan areas and in smaller ones. The Texas A&M Transportation Institute's 2012 Urban Mobility Report indicates the yearly hours of delay for commuters is up dramatically since the early 1980s, with notable increases in the past decade alone. In Houston, such delays totaled 52 hours in 2011, up from 40 in 2000. Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington drivers wasted 45 hours in traffic, up from 39 in 2000. In every other Texas city tracked in the report (Austin, San Antonio, El Paso, McAllen, Brownsville, Beaumont, Laredo and Corpus Christi), congestion was up since 2000, though significant infrastructure investments have improved some areas over the past few years.

It's not just an urban problem, of course. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) maintains more than 80,000 miles of highways, and 480 million miles are driven on these roads every day. Adding to the problem in some areas is the boom in oil and gas activity, which has dramatically increased truck and other traffic well beyond the ability of aging roads to absorb it. In fact, in a great twist of irony, many of the very roads that are supporting the prosperity in the energy industry are being allowed to revert to gravel due to the lack of political will to fund needed repairs and upgrades.

Given all of these factors, the need for investing in new capacity is clear. At the same time, it is crucial to maintain what we have already in place, because preventive maintenance is far more cost effective than allowing excessive deterioration, and insufficient maintenance now will lead to even larger problems in the future.

In an ideal world, as traffic growth generates a need for highway construction, the funds for expansion also need to be generated. This is not the case in Texas, where revenues are dwindling even as needs rise. The state's portion of the gasoline tax, the major funding source, is 20 cents per gallon. The rate hasn't changed since 1991 (even though construction and maintenance costs have risen sharply), and more fuel efficient vehicles mean more miles can be driven with less tax paid.

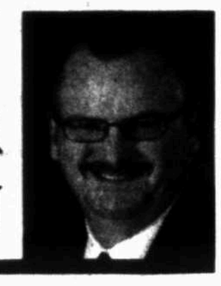
A number of potential new revenue sources were considered by legislators such as increasing fees for various licenses and permits or earmarking vehicle sales taxes. None of these options passed, even though some had very nice properties of letting those who use the roads pay more for their construction and maintenance. Instead, legislators passed a proposed constitutional amendment that diverts some oil and gas revenue from the rainy day fund to the state highway fund. In November of 2014, voters will get to decide.

While I'm glad that something was put together, it's not enough. The extra funds are estimated to add up to about $1 billion per year, while transportation experts put the funds needed at $4 or $5 billion per year. Moreover, it's shifting finite funds from one account to another, which leaves open the question of what to do about other priorities (such as education). No one wants an overly burdensome tax system, but this bandage solution is not going to fix the wound (even Speaker Strauss called it a "Band-Aid on a pot hole").

A real solution is essential to long-term prosperity; revenue generated must be linked to funds needed. Our latest forecasts indicate that by 2040, there will be about 15 million more Texans than there are today and that the economy will have more than doubled. Obviously, our highways will not be up to that level of traffic without a consistent program of maintenance and expansion. Productivity and quality of life will suffer, as will economic development. We can only eat our seed corn for so long!!

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TYLER PATTON



Don't let drought put a crack in your finances

If you have a lawn, chances are it's pretty crispy, assuming it's still alive. More than 90 percent of Texas is in a drought right now, about 30 percent is in extreme drought. It has been this way for the past three years, according to a State Impact report.

If you are a homeowner, keeping your grass green is the least of your worries. Drought can seriously damage your foundation — and your pocketbook.

When soil becomes too dry, foundations can expand and shrink, leaving cracks in the soil and putting a strain on your foundation. If you find yourself looking for foundation repair services, Better Business Bureau encourages you to take the time to find a professional and avoid a major shift in your finances.

According to the Foundation Repair Network, cracks in the soil often turn up in July, August and September. In times of excessive moisture changes, you should inspect your foundation and look for signs of movement that might indicate a problem. If you do have a problem it might not be disastrous; it may be something that can be corrected.

BBB recommends the following tips for consumers in need of foundation repair services:

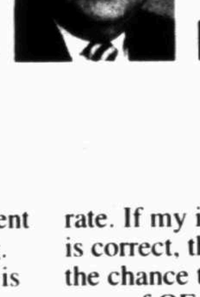
- Check your coverage. Some homeowner's policies will cover foundation repair, so check with your insurance coverage before signing a repair contract.
- Do your homework. Check with BBB at bbb.org or through BBB's free mobile app before choosing a contractor. Get referrals and compare several price quotes using BBB's Request a Quote.
- Request an on-site inspection. So that you can be given an accurate estimate, have the company come to your house to inspect the damage.
- Beware of red flags. High pressure sales tactics, full upfront payment or low estimates that may potentially balloon over time are all red flags to look out for.
- Ask about warranties. Most businesses will offer information about how they plan to handle any repairs covered under a warranty.
- Review your contract. Be sure to read, understand and agree with everything listed in your contract. Do not sign a contract that has blank lines or items you don't agree with.

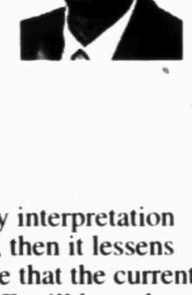
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MARKET WATCH

Deciphering 'Fed-speak' one word at a time





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Strategists and economists often tend to get bogged down in the minutia of what the Federal Reserve (Fed) says or is trying to say in written statements and press releases. Speeches by the Fed chairman or any Fed governor are taken apart word by word in the hopes of discovering some hidden meaning. The financial markets, historically, can and do react with volatile moves in either direction based on just a word or two, and how those words are interpreted by investors.

Knowing this, and telling myself over the years that I was never going to overanalyze statements from our central bankers, I am now going to allow myself to be dragged into the fray by trying to decipher "Fed-speak." Admittedly, this can quickly turn into an exercise in futility. Put five analysts in a room, give each of them the latest post-meeting press release from the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC), and the result could easily be five different interpretations of what the Fed might do next. You can drive yourself nuts reading too much into these statements.

But this strategist is a glutton for punishment, so I am going to try anyway. The key to this exercise is looking at what language changed from one post-meeting press release to the next. Placing the two statements side-by-side works best (yellow highlighter required). Let's consider the language used in the July 31 FOMC statement that was released in the wake of the most recent monetary policy meeting.

Right now, the market is trying to divine when the Fed might begin to reduce or "taper" the pace of the current quantitative easing (QE) program. The most recent FOMC statement gives us a hint. We are going to focus on a single word change in the most recent FOMC statement compared to the previous one. After the prior June 19 monetary policy meeting, the committee described the economy as expanding at a "moderate" pace. But after the most recent meeting, the economy was instead described as having expanded at just a "modest" pace, a downgrade from the previous statement, at least in this strategist's opinion.

By now, you are probably thinking: "This guy is a total geek; he needs to get a life." While that may very well be true, there is something to gain from pondering this nominal change in language. The FOMC never prints anything — not one word — without a specific purpose. In this strategist's mind, the Fed is telling market participants that the economy is not moving ahead at an acceptable rate. If my interpretation is correct, then it lessens the chance that the current pace of QE will be reduced in the near term.

The stock market appears to have drawn the same conclusion, as the S&P 500 moved ahead and closed at a new record high on Aug. 2, despite a disappointing July jobs report. The thought process is simple: Any hint that the U.S. central bank is not going to take its foot off the monetary accelerator to any great extent is a positive for stocks. And let"s face it, a big factor in this multi-year rally in stocks has been the easy money policies of the Fed.

Interpreting the meaning of any Fed statement is always more art than science. Most of the time, it does not require splitting hairs to understand the message our central bankers are trying to send us.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. This article was produced on Aug. 7 by Scott Wren, Wells Fargo Advisors senior equity strategist, and provided courtesy of Bhupen Agrawal, managing director - Branch Manager of Wells Fargo Advisors' Midland office, at 684-7335. Additional information is available upon request. The material contained herein has been prepared from sources and data we believe to be reliable, but we make no guarantee as to its accuracy or completeness. The material is published solely for informational purposes and is not an offer to buy or sell or solicitation of an offer to buy or sell any

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616 DiMaggio Court	Residential Addition	$750
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1501 Mulberry Land	MH-Single Lot	$4,000
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6208 Crosley Drive	New Residence	$231,000
6205 Crosley Drive	New Residence	$195,000
6213 Crosley Drive	New Residence	$158,000
6507 Saddle Horn Lane	Swimming Pool	$17,534
813 Candlestick Drive	New Residence	$199,000
811 Candlestick Drive	New Residence	$172,000
6301 Deauville Blvd	New Commercial	$130,000,000
508 W. Wall St.	Commercial Alteration	$125,000
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1407 E. Jax Ave.	New Residence	$75,000
1201 Orchard Lane	New Residence	$121,047
3209 Courtyard Drive	Sign	$5,229
419 Charismatic Drive	Swimming Pool	$105,936
2105 Ironwood Drive	New Residence	$430,000
3001 W. Loop 250 N.	Commercial Alteration	$10,000
300 N. Marienfeld St.	Commercial Alteration	$400,000
5216 Alysheba	New Residence	$479,000
400 W. Loop 250 N.	New Commercial	$230,000
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600 W. Illinois Ave.	Commercial Alteration	$2,500
412 E. Shandon Ave.	Residential Addition	$5,000
301 W. Front St.	Sign	$20,000
900 N. Terrell St.	MH-Single Lot	$110,000
2104 W. Louisiana Ave.	Commercial-Detached	$12,310
1121 Andrews Highway	Commercial-Detached	$2,780

Source: City of Midland

Class act? 'Downton Abbey' enters merchandise fray

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press

LONDON — Forget "Mad Men" modernism. This season's style is all about "Downton Abbey"'s Edwardian opulence.

Millions around the world have been seduced by the strait-laced but stylish world of the British historical drama. Soon they'll be able to take some of that style home, getting lips as soft as Lady Mary's, wine inspired by Lord Grantham's favorite tipple — and even walls as gray as Mrs. Patmore's kitchen.

Since it premiered in 2010, the series about the family and servants of a grand English house in the 1910s and 1920s has become a television juggernaut, sold to 220 territories around the world.

The program's makers have arguably been slow to exploit the commercial potential of that popularity through merchandising, selling little more than DVD sets, wall calendars and desk diaries. But that is about to change. Along with the fourth season starting on British TV next month, and on PBS in January, comes a range of merchandise that includes a board game, homewares, clothes, beauty products, and even "Downton" wine.

All in the best possible taste, of course.

"We haven't rushed into it," executive producer Gareth Neame told The Associated Press this week. "We don't want to carpet bomb the retail sector."

In keeping with the program's posh-frothy image, the products being rolled out aim to be quirky rather than kitschy.

This fall, British retail chain Marks & Spencer will be selling a "Downton Abbey" beauty line, including soap, nail polish, lip gloss, lotion and scented candles. The items are whimsically packaged and adorned with quotations from the series, including the advice offered by Maggie Smith's Dowager Countess of Grantham in the first episode: "No one wants to kiss a girl in black."

"Downton" merchandising in the U.S. and Canada is handled by Knockout Licensing, which has struck deals for a jewelry range from Danbury Mint and "Downton"-themed Christmas ornaments from Kurt Adler — both going on sale later this year.

It also has a licensing agreement with figurine manufacturer Bradford Exchange, raising fans' hopes for a range of "Downton" dolls — Scheming Thomas and Admirable Bates, perhaps.

North American fans also can soon drink "Downton Abbey" wine, marketed by Wines That Rock, the California company behind Rolling Stones' 40 Licks Merlot and Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon Cabernet Sauvignon. The "Downton" red is a genteel departure for the firm, a French claret reminiscent of those favored by the early 20th-century British aristocracy.

Cele Otnes, a professor of marketing at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, says the richly detailed world of "Downton Abbey" is key to viewers' intense bond with the show.

She likens it to "Mad Men" — "It's not just a television program, it's really an aesthetic" — and cites reported rises in sales of cravats, waistcoats and sherry as evidence of a "Downton"-driven appetite for Edwardian elegance.

"It's that whole thing about presenting a lifestyle," she said. "We get in the house, we get inside these characters' lives. We see inside their bedrooms, their bathrooms, their kitchens. We can absorb ourselves not only in the story, which is compelling, but in the details of their lives."

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	J.Jones	This Week (N)		Church	Sports	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Hunt	Rain	M. Lyon	CBS Sunday Morning			FaceNat.	First Baptist Church		First Baptist Odessa	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Kingdom	In Search	Tomorr.	In Touch Ministries		Key David	Paid Program		Animal	Stanton	Live Life	Hollywd.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Support	Consumer	F.Hardin	Consumer	Fox News Sunday		Odessa	FaithAve	Rain	J.Jones	Consumer	Consumer
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	(5:00) Light of south		Dr. Will	LifeBynd	In Touch Ministries		Zion	Day Disc.	Dr.Wadge	Sal.	Shepherd's Heart	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	TBA	Secrets	TBA	TBA	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press		First Baptist Church		W.America	TBA
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	C.George	Cat/ Hat	SuperWI	DinoTrain	D.Tiger	Sid	Speaks	Arthur	Wild K.	WordGirl	Cyberch.	Company
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Concha	Concha	Mercury	Conexion	Para volver a amar		Al punto		Republica deportiva			
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		JTV	JTV Direct	Bob Vila	Homeown.	Faith	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	Thinks	Game	Paid	Tennis
FLIX	340	65		165		(4:55) Once Around		★★★ How to Kill Your Neighbor's Dog				★★ Vanity Fair ('04, Dra) Reese Witherspoon.					Movie
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:40) Grace	Boardwalk /H.Knocks		(:45) Boxing After Dark						★★★★ Crazy, Stupid, Love.		
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	McFerrin	(:15) ★★ Napoleon Dynamite Jon Heder.				(:55) The Cheshire Murders				(:55) Won't Back ...	
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Movie	(:50) ★★★ Mr. Popper's Penguins				The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel				(:40) ★★ Rock of Ages		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:45) J. Edgar ('11, Cri) Josh Hamilton, Leonardo DiCaprio.					(:05) ★★★ Flight of the Phoenix				StrikeBk	Movie
MAX2	382	72	18	122		Movie	★ Scorcher Mark Dacascos.			(:05) ★★★★ Reversal of Fortune				★★ New Year's Eve Sarah Jessica Parker.			
PLEX			96			(:10) Warren Miller's Playgr...			(:50) ★★ The Newcomers				★★★ Forget Paris			(:15) Fatal Instinct	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:30) ★★★★ My Left Foot			(:25) Legally Blonde 2: Red, ...			★★ Shakespeare in Love Joseph Fiennes.				(:15) 50/ 50	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	★★ But I'm a Cheerleader			The Love We Make			(:05) See Girl Run			(:35) Blackthorn Sam Shepard.		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Glades "Civil War"		Longmire		★★★ Groundhog Day Bill Murray.			
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	★★★★ Mean Streets ('73, Cri) Robert De Niro.					★★★★ Scarface (1983, Crime Story) Michelle Pfeiffer, Steven Bauer, Al Pacino.						
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration				Bobby Jones Gospel		Lift Voice	Heaven Ain't Hard to Find Dylan Mooney.				Movie
BRAVO	65	63		41		Below Deck		Top Chef Masters		Million Dollar List		Listing "Last Laugh"		Eat, Drink, Love		Housewives NJ	
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) New Day				State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Gold Rush S.A.		Airplane Repo		Airplane Repo		Tickle	Porter
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	M.Mouse	McStuffins	Jake	Sofia 1st	Jessie	Jessie	Shake Up	Shake Up	Jessie		Austin	Austin
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		OLines	Report	SportsCenter				NASCAR Count. (L)	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	SportsCenter Special		Bassmaster Elite (N)		NASCAR Now (L)		Baseball Junior League World Series				Baseball	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★★ Dennis the Menace Walter Matthau.				★★★ Richie Rich Macaulay Culkin.				★★ Home Alone 2: Lost in New York			
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						News HQ	Housecall	America's News HQ		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	69	27	68	54	Ray's... "Fresh Start"		Giada	Barefoot	Pioneer	Southern	Dinner (N)	Big Bite	Sandwich	BBQ (N)	Chef Wanted	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Outdoors	Paid	OSSAA "Baseball"		Paid	Paid	The Sub	Huddle	BoysHall	Mavricks	Game365	Polaris
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★ What Women Want ('00, Com) Mel Gibson.					★★ Jumping the Broom ('11, Com) Paula Patton.					Something Borr...	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Lucy	Lucy	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	This Magic Mo...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Income Property		Income Property		Income Property		Catastr.	Catastr.	Property Brothers		Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Heavy Metal		God, Gun	God, Gun	God, Gun	God, Gun	God, Gun	God, Gun	SwampMn	SwampMn	Restore	Restore
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Paid	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	Unsolved Mysteries		We Have Your Husband Teri Polo.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball	Business	Up With Steve Kornacki				Melissa Harris-Perry				Weekends-Alex Witt	
NBCSN	38	39				Match Pack		Live	(:25) EPL Soccer C. Palace vs Tottenham (N)				Live	(:55) EPL Soccer Hull City vs. Chelsea (N)			
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Parents	Parents	Mega	Ninja	Rabbids	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sam, Cat	Sam, Cat	Hathaway
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Xtr. 4x4	Horsep.	Trucks!	Muscle..	Bar Rescue		Bar Res. "Chumps"	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	★ Leprechaun ('93, Hor) Warwick Davis.				Leprechaun's Revenge Billy Zane.			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Sullivan	Deal/It	Queens	Queens	★★ Valentine's Day Kathy Bates.			
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	Movie	A Cry in the Night			★★★★ West Side Story ('61, Mus) Natalie Wood.					(:45) ★★★ The Searchers		
TELE	20	8	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Raggs	Raggs	Noodle	LazyTown	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Op. Repo	Enfoque	Videos
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	LawOrder "Passion"		Law & Order		LawOrder "Terminal"		Franklin & Bash		Law & Order "Thrill"		LawOrder "Denial"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:10) 3's Co.	(:50) 3's Co.	(:25) 3's Company		3's Co.	3's Co.	The Exes	The Exes	Hot In	Hot In	Roseanne	(:35) Rose.
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid Program		Paid Program		Summer Camp		Necessary Rough		Covert Affairs		G.I. Joe: The Ris...	
WGN	19	18				Paid	Facts	Key David	Beyond	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	★★ Stick It ('06, Com) Jeff Bridges.			

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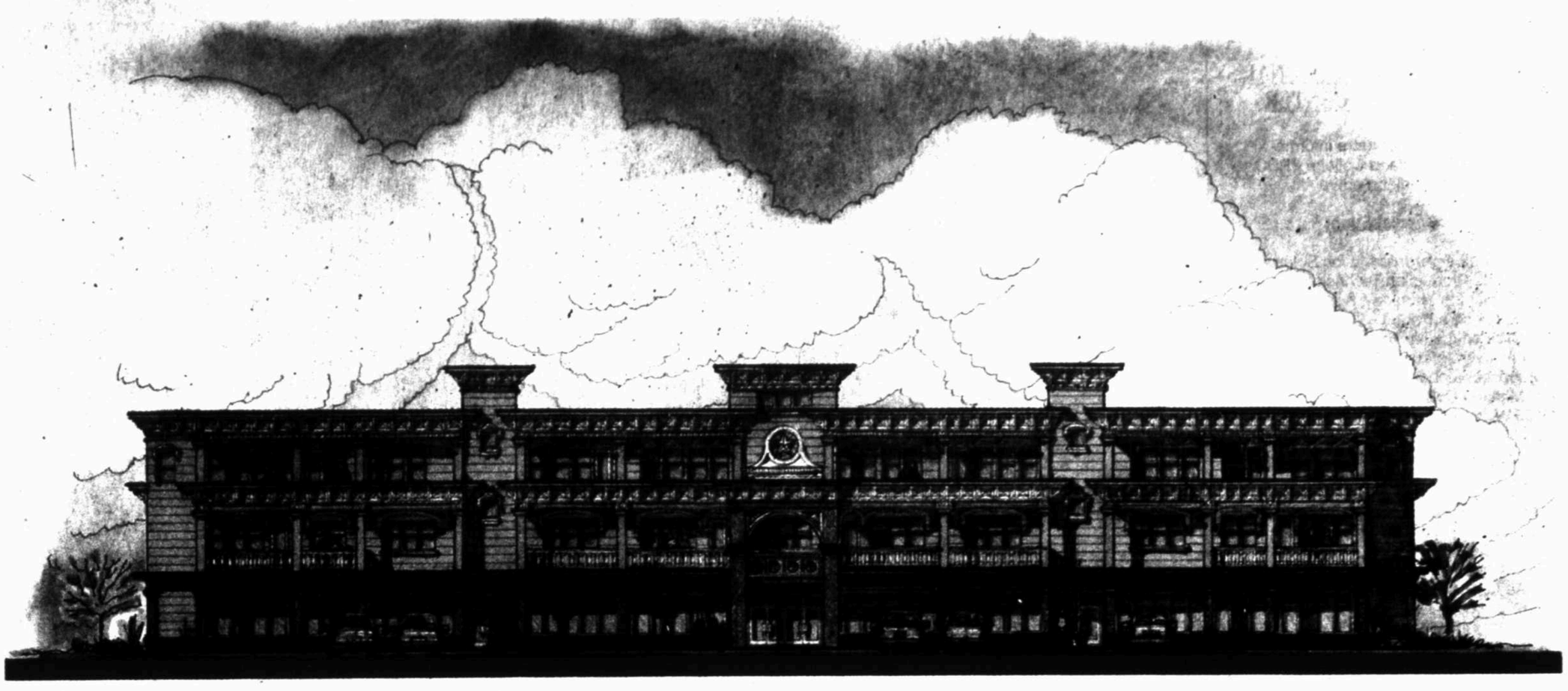
	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Paid	Paid	Baseball Little League World Series (L)					Paid	Paid	Paid	News	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	ATP Tennis Western and Southern Open (L)				PGA Golf Wyndham Championship Site: Sedgefield Country Club (L)						FaceNat.	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Made in Hollywood		★★ Slackers ('02, Com) Devon Sawa.				★★ Hotel for Dogs Emma Roberts.				ThereYet	ThereYet
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	★ Beautiful ('00, Com/Dra) Minnie Driver.				★★ Riding in Cars With Boys Drew Barrymore.				Consumer		Consumer	Consumer
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Biblical	Mani Erfan	T.Scrivner	Dr. R.B.	Light of the Southwest Best of Week				J.McGee	Dollars	House Call	Alewine
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Gymnastics P&G Championships			IAAF Track & Field			USGA Golf U.S. Amateur Championships (L)				Inside Ed.	News
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Passport	Travel Kids	Daytrip	GED	Quilt Arts	F&Porter	Sewing	Knitting	Generation	E.Smith	Nature	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Fabrica de Risas				Salsa Giants		El Chavo Animado		Como dice el dicho		Humor es	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Business	Homes	CARS.TV	AmAthlete	Thinks	OMG	Access Hollywood		Ent. Tonight		Private Practice	
FLIX	340	65		165		(11:30) Melvin & ...	(:05) How to Kill Your Neighbor's Dog					★★ Captain Corelli's Mandolin				(:10) ★★★ Oscar	
HBO	300	68	14	14		Movie	Making of /(:45) Clear History Eva Mendes.				Beasts of the Southern Wild			(:15) ★★ Alien vs. Predator Sanaa Lathan.			
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(10:55) Won't Bac...		★★★ Cowboys and Aliens Daniel Craig.				True Blood		Boxing After Dark			
HBOS	304	70	16	102		Movie	(:45) ★★ Patch Adams Robin Williams.				(:40) ★★ EdTV Matthew McConaughey.				(:45) The Newsroom		Movie
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(11:50) ★★★ Kiss the Girls			(:45) ★★ Doctor Dolittle			(:10) ★★★ Outbreak Dustin Hoffman.				(:20) Snake Eyes	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		★★ Horrible Bosses			(:50) ★★ The Grudge				★★ Office Space			Courage Under ...	
PLEX			96			Movie	(:50) ★★ Kindergarten Cop				(:50) ★★ The Newcomers				★ Worth Winning		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(11:15) 50/ 50		Save the Date Geoffrey Arend.			(:45) Step Up Revolution				(:25) Every Day Skyler Fortgang.		
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	Movie	The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1				Big Easy Express		(:40) Peace, Love & Misund...			(:15) My Week ...	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Barter Kings		Barter Kings		Barter "For Sail"		Barter "Puppy Love"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Movie	★★★ Pulp Fiction ('94, Cri) Uma Thurman, John Travolta.						★★★ The Departed ('06, Thril) Leonardo DiCaprio.				
BET	58	26		40		(11:30) ★★ I Think I Love My Wife				★★ Friday After Next Ice Cube.				★★ Love and Basketball Sanaa Lathan.			
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives NJ		House Miami		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Housewives NJ	
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	Amish Mafia		Amish "Holy War"		Amish Mafia		Amish Mafia		Gold Rush S.A.		Gold Rush S.A.	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Phineas and Ferb		Jessie	Shake Up	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Austin	Jessie
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NASCAR Auto Racing Pure Michigan 400 Site: Michigan International Speedway (L)							SportsC.	Baseball Little League World Series (L)			
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(11:00) Baseball		Baseball Little League World Series				WTA Tennis Western and Southern Open (L)				SportsCenter	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Movie	★★★ A Bug's Life ('98, Ani) Dave Foley.				★★★ Toy Story ('95, Ani) Tom Hanks.				★★★ Toy Story 2		
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(11:00) News HQ		Fox News		Journal E.	Fox News	America's News HQ				Fox News	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Restaurant		Food Court Wars		Restaurant Stakeout		Food Network Star		Diners	Diners	The Shed	The Shed
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Lunch With Rangers		Spotlight	Pre-game	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners vs. Texas Rangers (L)						Rangers	BoysHall
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(11:00) Something Borrowed			★★ Forgetting Sarah Marshall ('08, Com) Jason Segel.						★★★ Just Go With It		
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(11:00) This Magi...	Elevator Girl ('10, Fam) Lacey Chabert.					Accidentally in Love Jennie Garth.				The Lost Valenti...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	HouseH	HouseH	HouseH	HouseH	HouseH	HouseH	HouseH	HouseH	HouseH	HouseH	HouseH	House
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore	Restore
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Bringing Ashley Home Patricia Richardson.				Adopting Terror ('11, Dra) Sean Astin.				Ticket Out ('10, Thril) Ray Liotta.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	(11:00) Alex Witt		Meet the Press		MSNBC News Live		Disrupt		The Ed Show		CaughtCam "Fury"	
NBCSN	38	39				GoalZone	Auctions	Track & Field World Championship -- Moscow, Russia					Pro Cycling		F. Drift	Yachting	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Fred 3: Camp Fred			Sponge	SanjayCr	Rabbids	Parents	Parents	Sam, Cat	Sam, Cat	Sam, Cat	Hathaway
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Res. "Bar Fight"		Bar Res. "Tiki Curse"		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★★ Daybreakers ('09, Act) Jay Laga'aia.				Cirque Du Freak: The Vampire's Assis...				A Nightmare on Elm Street 3: Dream ...			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Movie	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Philadelphia Phillies (L)						★★★ The Wedding Date			Ghosts of Girlfr...	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	Movie	(:45) ★★★★ Rebel Without a Cause				(:45) ★★★ Splendor in the Grass Natalie Wood.					Sex & the Singl...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Premios Tu Mundo				Black Dragon					Op. Repo	Ant Bully: Las ...	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Think You Are		Think You Are		Think You Are		Think You Are	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	★★ The Firm ('93, Dra) Gene Hackman, Hal Holbrook, Tom Cruise.						★★ 1408 ('07, Hor) John Cusack.				★★ Disturbia	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:10) Rose.	(:50) Rose.	(:25) Roseanne		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
USA	26	30	42	27	49	(11:00) G.I. Joe: T...		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS "Recruited"		NCIS		NCIS "Defiance"	
WGN	19	18				Home Videos		Lead Off /(:10) MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals vs. Chicago Cubs (L)						(:15) 10th..	Home Videos		Bloopers

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos		Secret Millionaire (N)		Whodunnit? "Golden Cuffs" (SF) (N)		Castle "Target"		KMID News	(:35) Crook and Chase		(:35) Paid Program
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Big Brother (N)		Unforgettable "Memory Kings" (N)		The Mentalist "Red Letter Day"		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Wire	(:05) The Closer	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	King of Queens	First Fall Look	Fist 2 Fist (2011, Action) Bill Duff, Michael Bauld, Jino Kang.				Sein. "The Opera"	Sein. "The Virgin"	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	'Til Death	'Til Death
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	NFL Football Pre-season Indianapolis Colts vs. New York Giants Site: MetLife Stadium -- East Rutherford, N.J. (L)						Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Odessa Christian	Tx.Roadhouse	Jack Van Impe	Consumer Corner
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Doorways to Wisdom		Walking	Dr. Rik Wadge	Light of the Southwest				Jean-Claude	Update News	Day of Discovery	Dollars & Sense
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	America's Got Talent				XLine "New Scars/ Old Wounds - Part 1" (N)		XLine "New Scars/ Old Wounds - Part 2" (N)		News-West 9	Country Reporter	TBA	Whacked Out
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Nova "Kings of Camouflage"		Churchill "Destiny" 1/3 cont'd Aug 25		Masterpiece Mystery! "The Lady Vanishes" (N)			Michael Graves	Austin City Limits		Woodsongs	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Aqui y Ahora		Parodiando 2				Sal y pimienta		Perspectiva	Noticiero Univision	Mexico suena "Pesado"	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Burn Notice		Cold Case		The Closer		Law & Order		30 Rock	Sunny	Office	Game
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:10) ★★★ Oscar		★★ Judge Dredd			(:40) ★★ Paradise Alley Sylvester Stallone.				★★ Eye See You		
HBO	300	68	14	14		★★ Dark Shadows Johnny Depp.				True Blood (N)		The Newsroom (N)		True Blood		The Newsroom	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Boxing	(:45) 1stLook	True Blood		Rise of the Guardians			Boardwa.	★★ Mr. and Mrs. Smith Brad Pitt.			
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(5:45) Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Sha...				★★ Rock of Ages ('12, Com) Tom Cruise.				(:05) ★★★★ Casino Robert De Niro.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:20) Snake Eyes		Chasing Mavericks Gerard Butler.				★★ White Men Can't Jump				Hypnotika (Adult)	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:00) Courage Un...		Strike Back		Freeloaders		(:20) ★★★ The Terminator				(:10) Shame	
PLEX			96			(:15) ★★★ Forget Paris Billy Crystal.				★★ Kindergarten Cop				★★ The Newcomers			Movie
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Dexter "Dress Code"		Ray Donovan		Dexter		Ray Donovan (N)		Donovan "Bridget"		Dexter	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:15) My Week ...		The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Pa...				V/H/S ('12, Hor) Calvin Reeder.				A Guide to Rec...	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dy	Duck Dynasty		Bad Ink	Bad Ink	Bad Ink	Bad Ink	Duck Dy	Duck Dy
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(3:30) The Departed		(:55) Breaking Bad		Br. Bad "Buried" (N)		(:05) Winter (N)		Talking	(:35) Br. Bad "Buried"		(:40) Winter
BET	58	26		40		(4:00) Love & Bask...		Sunday Best (N)		Sunday Best		Sunday Best		Sunday Best		BET Inspiration	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ (N)		Eat, Drink, Love (N)		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		House Miami	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	'Til Debt	On/Money	60 Minutes		Mexico's Drug War		American Greed		60 Minutes		#TwitterRevolution	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	A. Bourdain "Congo"		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Inside Man		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Gold Rush S.A.		Jungle Gold		Jungle Gold		Jungle Gold (N)		Jungle Gold		Jungle Gold	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Austin	Teen Beach Movie			(:45) Austin	(:15) Austin	Mickey	Shake Up	Shake Up	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Baseball Tonight (L)		MLB Baseball New York Yankees vs. Boston Red Sox (L)						SportsCenter			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Baseball Little League World Series (L)				NHRA Drag Racing Lucas Oil Nationals						ESPNFC PressPass (L)	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Movie	★★★ Toy Story 3 ('10, Ani) Tom Hanks.				(:45) ★★★ Toy Story 3 ('10, Ani) Tom Hanks.					J.Osteen	K. Shook
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report Sunday		Huckabee		Your Secret's Out!		On the Record		Huckabee		Your Secret's Out!	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped (N)		Food Truck Race (N)		Cutthroat (N)		Chopped	The Shed	Food Truck Race	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Bull Riding		MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners vs. Texas Rangers Site: Rangers Ballpark						The Sub	Spotlight	WPT Poker	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(4:30) Just Go Wit...		★★ Step Brothers ('08, Com) Will Ferrell.				★★ Step Brothers ('08, Com) Will Ferrell.				Mother	Anger M.
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(5:00) The Lost V...		Cedar Cove		This Magic Moment Diane Neal.				Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	HouseH	House	Alaska	Alaska	HH Internat. Reno.		Brother vs. (N)		HouseH	House	HH Internat. Reno.	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Mountain "Thin Ice"		Mountain Men		Ice Road Truckers		Hatfield	Hatfield	Mountain "Thin Ice"	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Baby Sellers ('13, Dra) Kirstie Alley.				Devious Maids		Devious Maids (N)		Baby Sellers ('13, Dra) Kirstie Alley.			
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	39				(5:00) Yachting		Hunter	Alaska	Wild	Deer TV	Babe W.	Hunter	Match of the Day (N)		EPL Soccer (N)	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Hathaway	Hathaway	See Dad	WendVinn	★★ Rugrats in Paris: The Movie				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue (N)		Tattoo Rescue (N)		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★★ Freddy's Dead: The Final Nightmare				★★ Freddy vs. Jason Robert Englund.				★★ Daybreakers ('09, Act) Jay Laga'aia.			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(5:00) Ghosts of ...		★★ Valentine's Day ('10, Com) Kathy Bates.					★★ Failure to Launch				Movie
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) Sex & the S...		Great Air Race						★★★ Gypsy ('62, Mus) Rosalind Russell.			
TELE	20	8	10	20		(5:00) Ant Bully: ...		Karate Kid ('84, Adv) Pat Morita, Elisabeth Shue, Ralph Macchio.						Titulares	Op. Repo	Sangre y Choco...	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Breaking Amish: LA		Sister Wives		Sister Wives (N)		Amish/LA "Exile" (N)		Sister Wives		Break. Amish "Exile"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(5:00) ★★ Disturbia		★★★ A Time to Kill ('96, Dra) Matthew McConaughey.						★★★ A Time to Kill			
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(:05) Hot In	(:45) G. Girls	(:20) Golden Girls		G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	(:35) G.Girls	(:10) G.Girls	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Kill Screen"		NCIS "One Last Score"		NCIS "Tell-All"		NCIS "Secrets"		Burn "Things Unseen"		G.I. Joe: The Ris...	
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Western LLC has created Permian Point, a 600-acre development that lies on both sides of Farm to Market 1788. The development will have residences and office space. Amenities will include property management and housekeeping, a fitness center, on-site concierge services, conference rooms, a community rooftop skyline lounge and a bistro-cafe on the first floor.

Western LLC expansion goes beyond larger offices

■ Colorado company plans Permian Point development with executive housing, industrial facilities

By Mella McEwen
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Like most companies active in the Permian Basin, Western LLC has seen its operations expand.

The Colorado-based company, a development and design/build company specializing in facility development for the oil and gas and aviation industries, recently relocated its Western Regional Midland office to larger quarters in the Petroleum Building downtown.

Brad Henderson, Western's managing member and president, said the move was necessary because the company had hired more people to serve its Permian Basin operations as well as the emerging Cline Shale activity.

He cited construction of oil and gas facilities for customers like Bison Drilling, FIML Natural Resources and Concho Resources as among its projects. Those facilities range from saltwater disposal to trucking, warehouses to field offices.

Under contract with the city of Midland, the company has also designed and built hangers near Midland International Airport at 9700 Airways Drive to meet demand from private companies.

"Our bread and butter has been real estate development," explained Henderson.

The response to the hangers as well as the company's own experience commuting to and from Midland for work prompted Western to create Permian Point, a 600-acre development that lies on both sides of Farm to Market 1788 near the airport.

"The amount of money we were spending on hotels was mind-blowing," said Henderson, adding that the property owner came to Western asking about developing places to live during the week so they could return to their homes on the weekend.

On the east side of FM 1788, where Western has built its series of hangers, will be residences and office space in the form of executive residences and office space. The residences are designed to house offices from 900 to 11,000 square feet on the first floor with residential space on the second and third floors. Amenities will include property management and housekeeping, a fitness center, on-site concierge services, conference rooms, a community rooftop skyline lounge and a bistro-cafe on the first floor. Henderson said he expects they will be sold primarily to corporate executives who spend weekdays working in the Permian Basin, but "We know it's a small niche, but we also know there's a huge need for this product," he said.

Duane Owens, the company's director of business development, said it will also include covered parking with gated entry so tenants can park cars or have rental cars dropped off for their use.

Because Permian Point is in its early stages, Henderson said interested parties can have their units built to suit. That, he said, will be more difficult as more units are sold. One client, he said, is interested in four units, one for his company executives, one for use by his crews and two for clients.

The same is true of the industrial park, which lies on the west side of FM 1788, said Owens. This por-

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Permian Basin oil and gas economy gaining some momentum

■ After being flat for months, activity appears to be picking up

By Mella McEwen
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Halfway through 2013, Permian Basin oil and gas activity appears to gaining momentum after seeing flat growth rates since late last year.

Amarillo Economist Karr Ingham reported that the Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index rose again in June, coming in 4.9 percent above June 2012 levels.

Ingham said activity levels, which had remained high despite flat growth, appear to be gaining momentum from higher oil prices, a rising rig count and recovery in the natural gas sector.

Crude oil prices, which are now above $100 a barrel, averaged $92.08 a barrel in June, up 16.4 percent from $79.08 last June. For the year, prices have averaged $90.77 a barrel, down 4.1 percent from $94.66 in the first half of 2012.

Natural gas prices rebounded in June, averaging $4.13 per Mcf, up 59.5 percent from $2.59 last June. To date in 2013, prices have averaged $3.64 per Mcf, a 49.8 percent gain from $2.43 a year ago.

Ingham said the rig count in the West Texas portion of the Permian Basin has been slowly on the rise, but the June average of 397 rigs was down 10.2 percent from 442 last June and the year-to-date average of 394 rigs is down 5.6 percent from 417 rigs averaged in the first six months of 2012.

The Railroad Commission also issued fewer drilling permits, 880 in June, down 10.8 percent from 986 last June, and the agency has issued 5,488 permits so far this year, down 3.3 percent from 5,657 issued in the same timeframe last year.

Operators reported 1,327 oil completions in June, 153.7 percent more than the 523 oil completions reported last June. Operators have completed 6,264 oil wells so far this year, up 124.5 percent from 2,790 a year ago.

Stronger natural gas prices gave a boost to natural gas completions in June, with operators reporting 27 gas completions, up 237.5 percent eight last June. For the year, however, operators have completed 65 natural gas wells, down 46.7 percent from 122 a year earlier.

High drilling activity continued to lift Permian Basin oil production volumes, which were up 2.1 percent in June over the previous June and are up 4 percent so far this year compared to last year. Strong prices also improved the value of June oil production to $2.62 billion, up 18.9 percent from $2.2 billion last June. For the year, the value of oil production slipped 0.2 percent to $15.233 billion from $15.26 billion last year.

Despite weak natural gas prices, Ingham noted that Permian Basin natural gas production remains relatively high due to gas being produced alongside crude oil. Still, a lack of drilling for natural gas sent production volumes down 3 percent in June compared to the previous June and volumes are 1 percent lower in 2013 compared to the first six months of 2012.

Rising gas prices raised the value of that production, however. June gas production was val-

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With the help of a $2,500 Doug Damron scholarship, Odessan DeKwaan Wynn is headed to Baylor this fall. The Damron scholarship comes from Chapter 35 of the International Right of Way Association. Chapter 35 includes most of west Texas. The Damron scholarship gave $54,500 to area students this year. Its main fundraising event, a charity golf tournament, will be held at Nueva Vista this year on Sept. 27.

Photo by Paul Wiseman

SCHOLARSHIPFUND

Damron scholarship golf tourney moved to Sept. 27 this year

By Paul Wiseman
Special to the Oil Report

This year the Doug Damron Memorial Scholarship gave a record $54,500 to area students headed to Texas universities, according to Michael "Doc" Weathers, who heads the scholarship work for the International Right of Way Association Chapter 35. Chapter 35 covers all of West Texas.

The golf tournament, set for Sept. 27 at Nueva Vista, is the main fundraiser for the fund. In 2011 the tournament raised $34,000, of which the scholarship committee disbursed $27,000. This year the fund totals $79,000. Weathers noted that the committee always holds back some money in case the economy weakens before the next year's tournament.

Here is how this year's money was spread: There were 10 who received the top award, which is $2,500, 16 who received $1,000 awards and 26 who were given $500. IRWA Chapter 35 received 61 applications this year (up considerably from the 44 submitted in 2012) and gave awards to all but nine. Of those nine, eight failed to completely fill out the four-page application form and one was headed to Harvard. The Damron scholarship is only for those planning to attend Texas schools. Last year there was only one $2,500 winner.

Applicants came from 15 area high schools, with Kermit, Odessa Permian, Wink and Crane leading the list. Top colleges to which they are headed include, in order, Angelo State, UTPB and Texas Tech.

In evaluating the amount of money given to each recipient, Weathers has said that need is one of the top criteria, along with academics and community involvement.

One of the $2,500 recipients, DeKwaan Wynn, fits all catetegories, especially the need. Just the fact that he is headed for Baylor means his schooling will be expensive, but Baylor itself has offered much assistance and Wynn has secured other scholarships to help along the way as well.

With a mother who has spent most of his growing-up years in prison, being raised by a great aunt who has four other mouths to feed, Wynn has been no stranger to adversity. "The only thing saving me right now is my independent status (not being counted as a dependent by any family member for tax purposes) and scholarships," Wynn said. With so many scholarship applications out, "I even forgot that I applied for this one," he admitted. Between scholarships and the job he plans to get in Waco, everything should be paid for.

When asked about his major, he said, "Economics, with a pre-law track." On the debate team at OHS, Wynn hopes to debate for Baylor, and possibly to run track.

An A student and a volunteer tutor, Wynn has fully met the other scholarship criteria as well.

The late Doug Damron, for whom the scholarship is named, took 17 years to get his own college degree, alternating school with work in order to pay for his education as he went along.

That Chapter 35 of the IRWA is able to give this level of award is amazing in light of the fact that its membership is less than 60. The golf tournament does attract participants from all around the area each year.

The IRWA is a professional organization made up of those who buy right-of-way for pipelines, highways, inundation projects and other land needs. Weathers, who works for the University of Texas Lands program, is a member because UT Lands owns so much property that it is a major seller of rights.

To be a sponsor or to sign up for a tournament slot, email Doc Weathers at dweathers@utsystem.edu.

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Chesapeake Energy has never been afraid of plowing new ground

ALEX MILLS
President of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers

Chesapeake Energy has not been afraid to plow new ground, to think outside the box, to take unusual risks in hope of achieving success for its stockholders, its employees, consumers and the environment.

Former Chairman of the Board Aubrey McClendon set the tone of the company several years ago when he took on the coal industry. The ads created by Chesapeake — "Dirty Coal" — triggered a public relations war between natural gas producers and coal and promoted "clean burning natural gas."

Chesapeake and XTO, an independent exploration company based in Fort Worth, and several other companies became very involved in bidding against each other for acreage in the Barnett Shale from about 2000 to 2008. Mineral rights were being leased for several hundred dollars per acre escalated to several thousand dollars per acre. Industry insiders gasped when it was announced Chesapeake had been awarded the lease at DFW Airport for $10,000 per acre. The bidding continued to grow and some acreage was leased for as high as $25,000 per acre.

Natural gas prices declined from $13 per mmBtu in 2008 to $3.50 per mmBtu today and a lot of those expensive leases became uneconomic.

McClendon is no longer CEO, but the unconventional thinking at Chesapeake continues under new CEO Robert Douglas Lawler.

Evidence comes from a presentation by Debby Yost at the Ground Water Stray Gas Incidence and Response Forum on July 10 in Grapevine. A lot of allegations have been made about the industry polluting groundwater and water wells from Texas to Pennsylvania to Wyoming. It makes a very visual presentation for the owner of a water well to hold up a glass of cloudy, murky water and claim that it was free of contamination before drilling for natural gas began. The most dramatic allegation comes when a landowner turns on the kitchen faucet and water runs out but when the landowner sticks a match close to the water, it ignites.

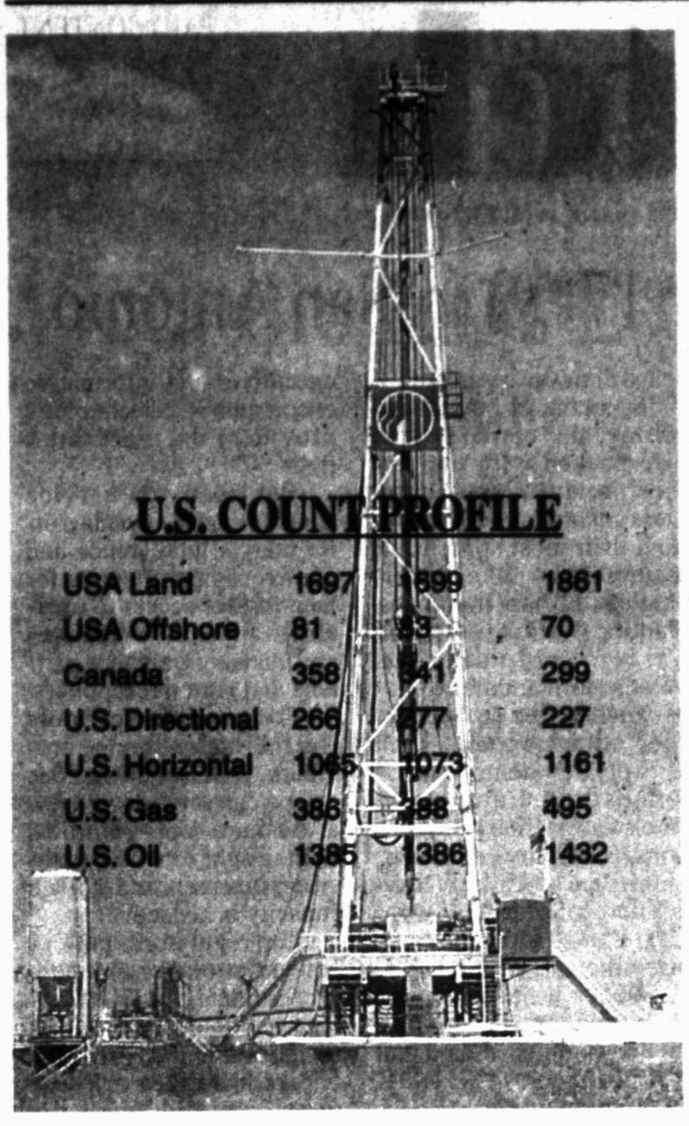
Chesapeake, like many other companies, saw the need to begin conducting pre-drilling samples as a measure to protect drinking water supplies and as a risk management tool.

Ms. Yost said Chesapeake has pre-tested more than 37,000 samples and it has found:

- Dissolved methane has been detected in 25 percent and Colorado had the highest level at 40 percent.
- Methane detections have been found in Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Colorado, Wyoming, Texas and North Dakota.

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TEXAS

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Concho	0
Crockett	8
Irion	16
Kimble	0
McCulloch	0
Menard	0
Reagan	16
Runnels	3
Schleicher	2
Sutton	0
Terrell	0
Tom Green	1
Upton	31

DIST. #8

Andrews	33
Brewster	0
Crane	7
Culberson	7
Ector	24
Glasscock	27
Howard	22
Hudspeth	0
Jeff Davis	0
Loving	16
Martin	33
Midland	23
Mitchell	2
Pecos	7
Presidio	0
Reeves	39
Sterling	3
Ward	17
Winkler	4

DIST. #8A

Bailey	0
Borden	1
Cochran	3
Cottle	0
Crosby	1
Dawson	4
Dickens	1
Floyd	0
Gaines	7
Garza	3
Hale	0
Hockley	1
Kent	1
King	1
Lamb	0
Lubbock	0
Lynn	1
Motley	0
Scurry	9
Terry	3
Yoakum	5
TEXAS TOTAL	382

NEW MEXICO

Chaves	1
Eddy	36
Lea	31
Roosevelt	0
N.M. TOTAL	68

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current Natural Gas Prices Price per MMBtu	First of the Month Price	Closing Prices 8/14/13	Same Period One Year Ago
New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) future price:...	$3.459	$3.342	$2.834
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub:.....	$3.470	$3.265	$2.775
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains:.....	$3.335	$3.190	$2.703
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin:.....	$3.420	$3.235	$2.765
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin:.....	$3.420	$3.230	$2.740
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent:.....	$3.353	$3.162	$2.701
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast:.....	$3.396	$3.272	$2.751

EXPANSION

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tion of Permian Point, he said, can be used for office space, warehouses, storage, yards, maintenance facilities or support facilities like tank batteries or salt water disposal facilities. For now, he said, lots can be purchased in sizes ranging from three to 50 acres. They are filling up, he noted, from the southeast corner moving northwest. One client is interested in acquiring 10 acres and building a warehouse.

"We can see demand in Midland, the Cline Shale, the Eagle Ford," Owens said. "Our clients have acreage in those three areas, they have offices, yards. We're matching their workflow. We won't go where they're not working."

Future developments, the two men said, could include restaurants and retail.

Henderson and Owens say Permian Point could help fill the area's need for a transportation corridor, putting executives and industrial facilities in a central area near both Midland International, Interstate 20, FM 1788 and Highway 191.

In addition to Midland and the Cline Shale, Western is also active in Sweetwater, San Angelo, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Denver, Nashville and Artesia, N.M.

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occurring or non-related methane exists before drilling.

Chesapeake uses independent consultants to conduct the testing. Ms. Yost said it is very important for the residents, landowners and the public in general to be informed of the testing results and that photo documentation is critical. Some owners of the water wells know very little about their water wells.

She said Chesapeake conducts town hall meeting to discuss their operation and testing results, and it documents landowners' knowledge of their water wells.

Chesapeake also provides resident packets and landowner reports.

Obviously, all of this testing and recordkeeping is very expensive, but Chesapeake has never been afraid of plowing new ground.

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Calif. panel launches probe into offshore fracturing

By Alicia Chang
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — California regulators have launched an investigation into offshore hydraulic fracturing after revelations that the practice had quietly occurred off the coast for the past two decades.

The California Coastal Commission promised to look into the extent of so-called fracking in federal and state waters and any potential risks.

"We take our obligation to protect the marine environment very seriously and we're going to be looking at this very carefully," executive director Charles Lester said Thursday during the commission meeting.

As a first step, the coastal panel planned to ask oil companies proposing new offshore drilling jobs if they will be using fracking and require them to submit an environmental review. It will determine further action after completing its fact-finding mission.

A recent report by The Associated Press documented at least a dozen instances of fracking since the late 1990s in the Santa Barbara Channel, site of a disastrous 1969 oil platform blowout that spurred the modern environmental movement. Earlier this year, federal regulators approved a new project, but work has not yet begun.

Fracking involves pumping huge quantities of water, sand and a mixture of chemicals at high pressures to break up rock formations to recover oil and gas. Offshore fracking typically uses less water compared with fracking on land, where the practice has led to various efforts to ban or curtail it.

The Coastal Commission, which is charged with protecting the shoreline and marine resources, was not aware until recently that fracking was occurring, mainly because of the complicated web of agencies involved, said Alison Dettmer, a deputy director.

For fracking that occurs more than three miles offshore, oversight falls to various federal agencies. If the work happens closer to land, state oil regulators get involved. The Coastal Commission has a say when an operation endangers marine mammals or water quality.

Besides fracking in federal waters, the practice has occurred a dozen times in state waters in recent years, according to FracFocus.org, a website formed by industry and intergovernmental groups in 2011. Since disclosure on the website is voluntary, statistics are not complete.

Dettmer said federal and state agencies have not routinely notified the Coastal Commission of fracking jobs in the past.

During Thursday's hearing, an audience member held a sign that read: "Ban All Fracking." Several residents urged the coastal panel to do everything in its power to stop the practice offshore.

The meeting comes after a band of state lawmakers last week called on the federal government to investigate.

The federal agency that oversees offshore drilling, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement or BSEE, initially counted only two fracks off California in the past two decades, according to internal emails obtained by the AP through the Freedom of Information Act. It later revised the figure to 12, but said it cannot be certain just how often fracking has been allowed.

ECONOMY

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ued at $380.9 million, up 54.6 percent from $246.3 million last June. For the year, gas production is valued at just over $2 billion, up 47.6 percent from $1.36 billion last year.

The Permian Basin oil and gas industry continues to create jobs at a fast pace, with Ingham reporting employment averaging 30,795 in June, up 12 percent from 27,500 last June and 30,160 so far in 2013, up 14.7 percent from 26,300 in the same period last year.

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World's largest shale conference set for September 17-19 in San Antonio

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DUG EAGLE FORD

The fourth annual DUG *Eagle Ford* Conference will be September 17-19 in San Antonio's Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

DUG Eagle Ford, the world's largest unconventional resources conference, has grown almost as fast as the production from the Eagle Ford shale! Hart Energy's DUG *Eagle Ford* (Developing Unconventionals) conference hosted 4,000 attendees in 2012, a number that has increased by more than 1,500 attendees since the start just four years ago.

According to the Texas Railroad Commission, which oversees the state's oil and gas activities, Eagle Ford production grew nearly 300 percent in 2012, increasing from an average 128,993 barrels per day (bpd) in 2011 to 386,727 bpd in in 2012 – and that trend continues this year. By June the daily average production from this prolific region had reached 564,432 bpd! The annual UTSA (University of Texas San Antonio) economic study estimated oil and natural gas development in the Eagle Ford Shale added more than $61 billion in total economic impact across a 20-county region in Central and South Texas during 2012. The exciting new possibilities in the Eagle Ford have industry professionals hungry for more information and for networking opportunities—and the DUG *Eagle Ford* conference offers all that and more.

On the information side, the conference offers two tracks: one for upstream, one for midstream. Speakers for both tracks represent the best minds in the business and range from industry specialists to government officials to C-level executives.

The opening keynote address will be delivered by Rod Skaufel, president of BHP Billiton Petroleum's North American Shale Production Division. The liquids-rich Eagle Ford is now BHP Billiton's largest producing field as more than 100 new wells were brought online in the second quarter this year.

Conference delegate attending the September 18 luncheon will hear highly-trained Navy SEAL, Robert O'Neill, one of the U.S.'s most decorated veterans, a Team Leader, Naval Special Warfare Development Group, and member of famed SEAL Team Six. With most of his career shrouded in a classified cloak, O'Neill was the man on the ground whom few have heard of but all have benefitted from his actions in the war against terror.

Start the morning on Thursday, September 19 with Scott Sheffield, chairman and CEO of Pioneer Natural Resources, whose production in the liquids-rich Eagle Ford is growing substantially. Sheffield will discuss how they are boosting drilling, cutting costs and managing this rapid pace.

Throughout the conference you will hear presentations from the region's most active producers, explaining their plans and forecasts. Regular networking opportunities are set throughout the day as well. Attendees at DUG conferences come from E&P companies, pipeline operators, financial investors, service companies, regulators, policy makers, attorneys and other professional services firms. With thousands of like-minded people in one facility, your opportunity to meet, buy and sell will never be greater.

Speaking of buying and selling, the conference is also packed with top service providers and equipment manufacturers exhibiting their most appropriate technologies, like Baker-Hughes, Lufkin Industries, Nabors, National Oilwell Varco, Schlumberger, Weatherford and more.

There will also be more specialized experts such as Protek Systems, Odessa Pumps and Equipment, Rockwater Energy Solutions, Saulsbury Industries, Smith Pipe of Abilene, Spirit Energy Solutions, Core Lab, Flotek Industries and many more.

What's in it for whom? Here is a short list:

For landmen and oil and gas producers, the DUG program agenda offers ideas and feedback from peers about what's working and what lies ahead for gas, tight oil and NGLs from this hybrid unconventional reservoir.

For finance professionals and investors, the DUG experience combines data-rich presentations from key executives and informative encounters with technology providers on the exhibit floor.

For upstream service companies, DUG venues offer market intelligence and numerous opportunities for face-to-face access to operating company executives and managers, alliance partners and regional suppliers.

For pipeline operators and midstream service providers, DUG presentations offer a comprehensive view at business opportunities, with insight to where gathering, treatment and storage capacity is needed.

For regulators, policymakers, attorneys and other professionals, a DUG environment, from exhibits to the audience, provides unparalleled means to ask questions and 'take the pulse' of industry experts.

Reasons to attend are almost endless. Reserve your place at this conference today.

To get more information and to register for the conference, go to http://www.dugeagleford.com/.

Cardinal Surveys' Madden Systems tools log in high temperatures and in horizontal wells

With any well there are questions, with the main one, "How much will we make" being contingent on others such as, "Where are the pay zones—do they match the frac locations?" and "Where is all that water coming from?"

By letting you "see" downhole up close, Cardinal Surveys can get you those answers. For almost 20 years they have used time-proven Madden Systems tools to log in particularly difficult situations, such as horizontal wells and extreme heat. Logs such as temperature, pressure, spinner, capacitance gamma ray and casing collar location can be done in real time or in memory mode.

Logging collar locations and formation gamma ray gives you a clear "road map" as to the location of the collars and downhole equipment and the relative location of various sections of the formation. This makes it easy to determine the location of pay zones, water zones and more.

Madden tools acquire all data simultaneously, so everything can be done in one trip, saving you time and money. Plus, they can be conveyed by tractor, electric line, slick line, coil tubing or sand line, so there is no need for a special rig to log your well.

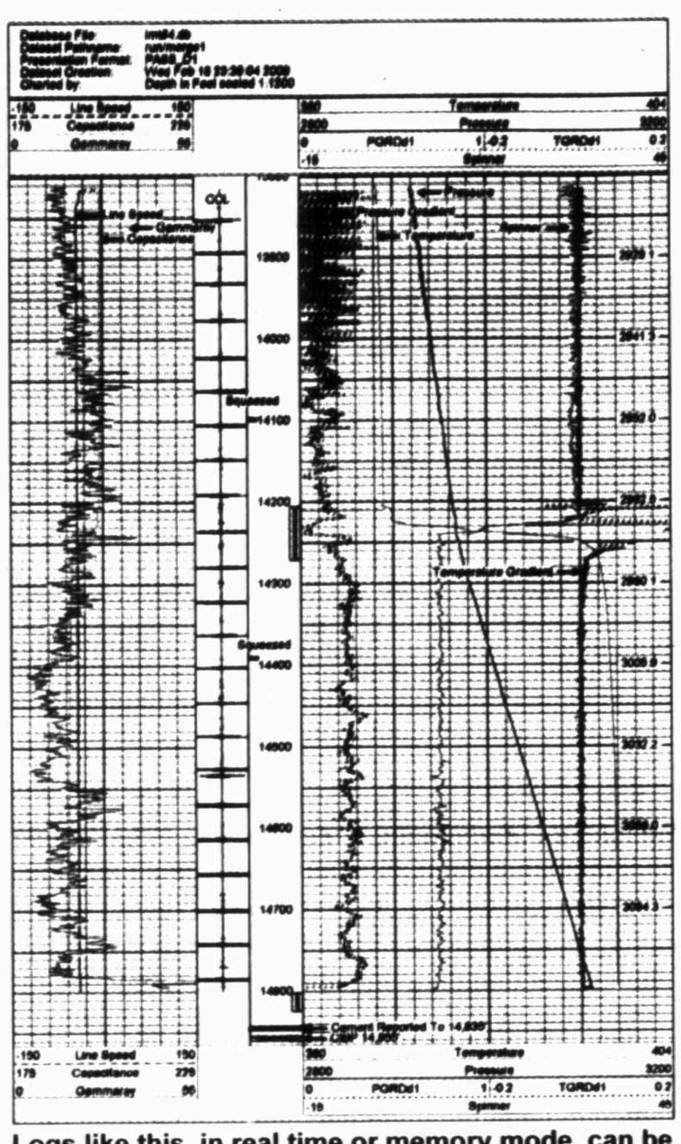
The most hostile environments are no problem, including temperatures of up to 650° F, pressures of up to 20K PSI and highly corrosive fluids. Extreme conditions can include remoteness of location: its "suitcase" size means the tools can travel to any well anywhere and deliver the needed information in real time or in memory mode.

With all this, it is still only half the story. The rest is that Cardinal's veteran analysts put their 175 years of combined experience to work giving you the most accurate and comprehensive interpretation available for your well.

The answers? By increasing production of oil and gas and minimizing water, your Cardinal survey will pay for itself many times over, in most cases, very quickly. Why spend days or weeks feeling your way about the well when you can get a clear picture with the proper log and interpretation from Cardinal Surveys? Even at $90 a barrel, can you afford to lose that much time? Considering today's economics, can you afford to have that much downtime on your producing wells?

Call Cardinal Surveys and ask about their Madden Systems tools and how they can help you maximize production from your wells.

Cardinal Surveys can be reached at (432) 580-8061. Their website is at www.cardinalsurveys.com.



Logs like this, in real time or memory mode, can be done in horizontal wells and in harsh conditions. For almost 20 years Cardinal Surveys has used Madden Systems tools to let producers see what's going on downhole. Call Cardinal at 580-8061 to learn more.

Diggers does dirt work exactly right

It is not often that someone takes pictures of dirt work to use as examples of perfection. But that is exactly what happened to Diggers Oilfield Services recently. At a drilling pad site Diggers had done, the rig company took pictures and sent them to the producer declaring that this was the best dirt work they had ever seen.

Additionally, that was a rush job on which Diggers not only did the job right, they did it fast and on time.

Others have seen Diggers excellence particularly after a rain—when Diggers' work held up, and others washed out. Some may say, "You can't do anything about rain," but Diggers owner Jason Hunt knows otherwise. There are ways to accommodate runoff and make other preparations for rain and weather—all of which is vital to drillers who are on a tight schedule.

Jason himself goes to every job—often running one of the company's big earth movers. He trains everyone to his own exquisite standards so that, even as the company expands, clients know exactly what to expect from every job.

Jason's presence also means he himself is available to answer questions, make suggestions about especially challenging jobs and to make sure everything is done to your exact specifications.

Dirt work of any sort—road work, drill pads, frac pits, right-of-ways—is at a premium here these days. If you're used to waiting for days or weeks for dirt work, call Diggers. They can get to most jobs in about 48 hours.

This is especially true for commercial pads, where the waits can reach into months and beyond. Wait time is lost revenue, so get into business faster by calling Diggers.



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Victaulic HDPE pipe joining system beats heat fusing

When installing HDPE pipe, the top priorities are to do it in a timely manner and to get secure connections. The Victaulic plain end HDPE pipe joining system excels at both.

Victaulic saves tremendous amounts of time with its process, which entails only three steps, as opposed to the eight steps involved in traditional heat fusing methods. With Victaulic, you: order pipe; deliver pipe to the job site; and mechanically join the pipe—no pipe end preparation is needed.

Traditional heat fusing involves these seven steps: Order pipe; deliver to job site; procure equipment for heat fusion and pull-through; position pipe in fusing machine; prepare and heat the pipe; cool the pipe; pull pipe through the machine. Not only does Victaulic save you all those time-consuming steps, it eliminates the cost of buying or renting the heat fusion equipment.

Instead, the Victaulic system involves a series of mechanical couplings, flange adapters, HDPE-to-metal transition couplings, outlets and fittings. Products are designed to mechanically (and quickly) join HDPE pipe conforming to ASTM D-2447, D-3000, D-3035 or F-714 (at ambient temperatures) in thicknesses of SDR 32.5 to 7.3 (depending on size and pipe material). Victaulic HDPE couplings and fittings have integral rows of teeth that grip the HDPE pipe, eliminating the need for heat fusion or special adapters.

The Victaulic method has been used successfully for over 80 years, combining the advantages of fast installation, design integrity and reliable operation. Disassembly is just as fast as assembly, facilitating rapid pipe rotation and redeployment time.

This system also permits more accurate estimates, and it assures on-time modification and future retrofit. Maintenance and operation are easier, and its unique mechanical features permit a wide variety of applications for most HDPE piping systems.

Certain Victaulic products are rated for FM approved KWH, Drisco Series 1000 and Plexco blue/red stripe HDPE pipe, SDR 11 and 9. Your Victaulic representative can give you more details.

The process is so simple. First, you align the marked pipe ends, slide on the pressure-responsive gasket and place both sections of the coupling over the pipe ends.

Next, you simply match the tongue-and-recess mating system for proper alignment, then tighten the track bolts. There is no threading, grooving or fusing involved.

That's it! Sharp gripping teeth in each half of the housing hold the pipe securely so there's no slipping or leaking. Couples are laboratory and field tested to verify that their working pressure exceeds that of the pipe itself.

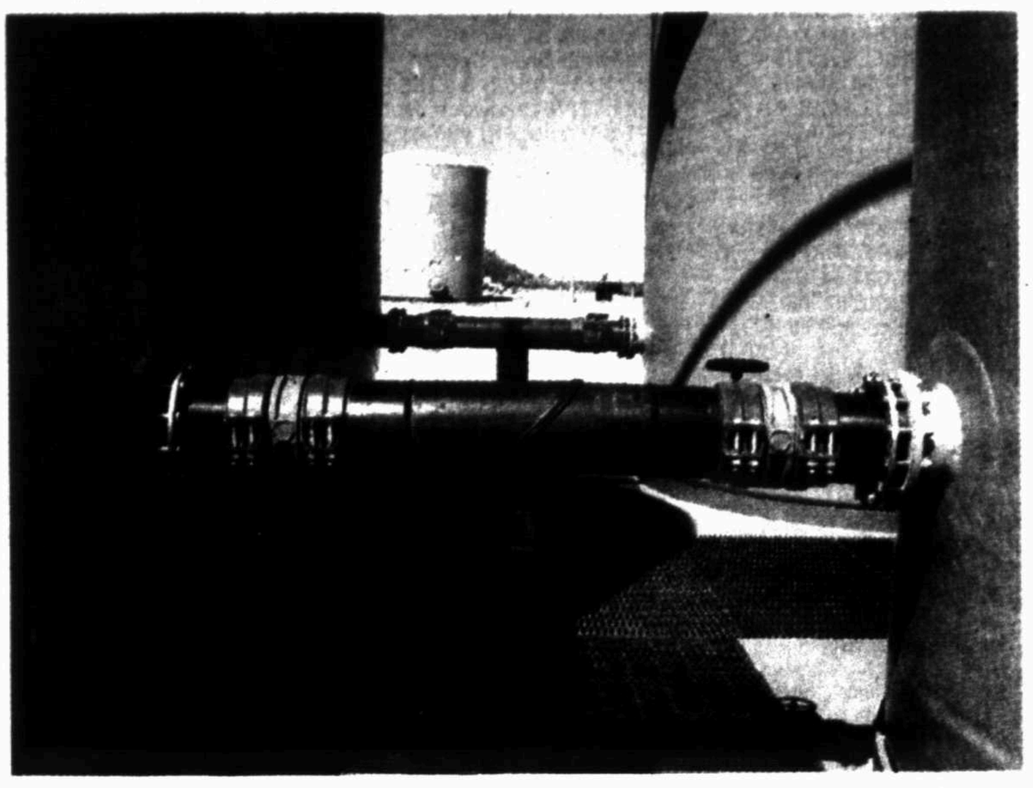
You can count on Victaulic couplings. They're solidly made with a durable ductile iron body, ready for the harshest service conditions, due also to the standard-feature dipped enamel finish. For particularly aggressive environments, special coatings are also available. Integral gripping teeth provide a direct connection to the pipe.

The elastomer gasket's triple-seal design provides a leak free seal for a wide variety of uses. The Grade "E" gasket is ideal for water services. A Grade "T" gasket suited for petroleum services or air with oil vapors is also available.

As vital as all these aspects are, it is just as important for the bolts and nuts to hold everything together through all conditions. To that end, Victaulic's bolts are zinc plated as a standard supply. Stainless steel nuts are available as an option, to protect against external corrosion in aggressive environments. The four-bolt assembly that is part of most Victaulic HDPE products speeds installation, as opposed to heat fusion butt welding or the multiple bolts required for flanged connections. These bolts have a minimum tensile strength of 110,000 psi.

The Victaulic HDPE pipe joining system is readily available in the Permian Basin, and has been since the 1960s. Support and training are as close as your phone, for quick service.

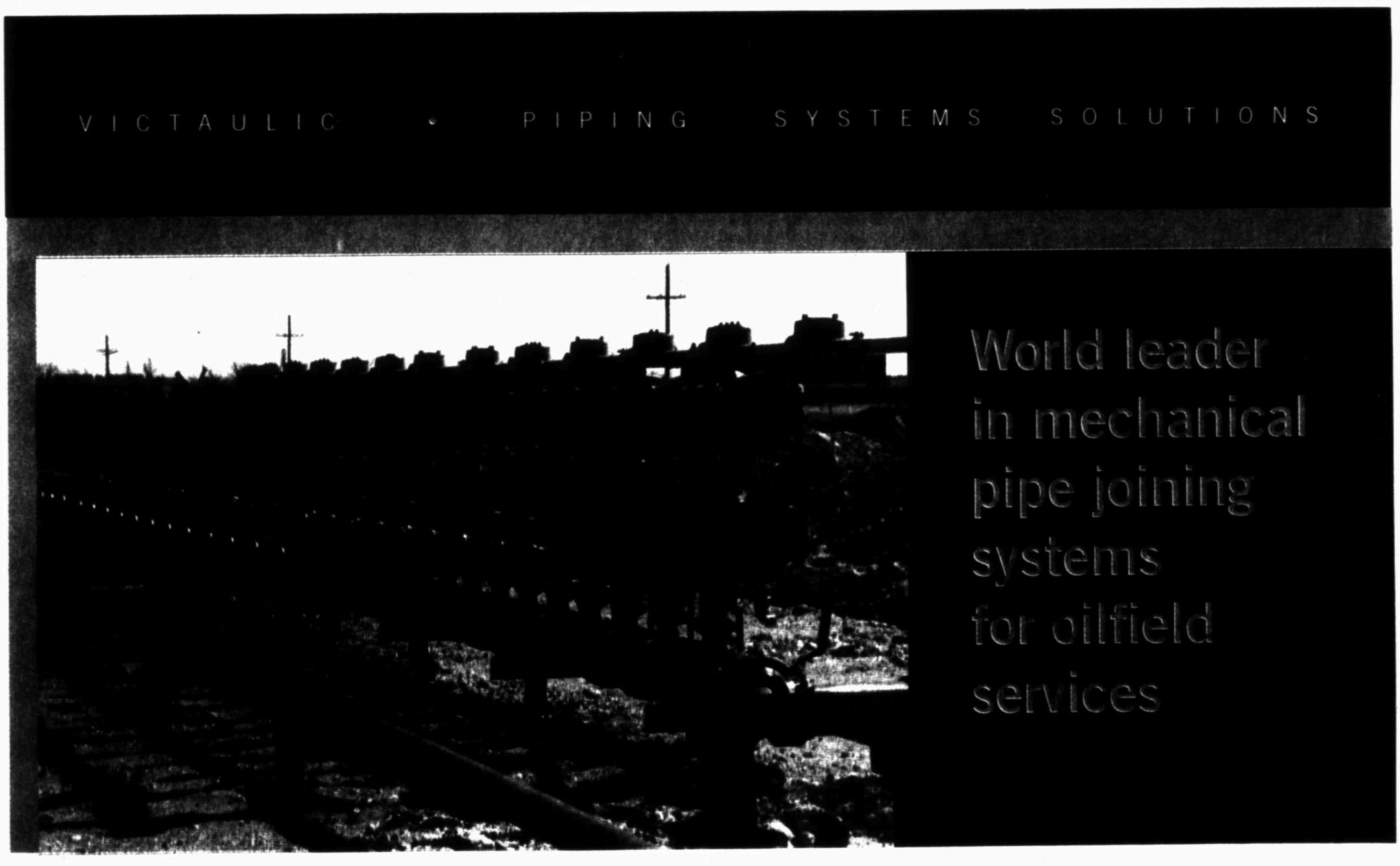
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The Victaulic plain end HDPE joining system joins pipe quickly and securely.



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COG OPERATING, LLC WOLFBONE (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ)) Well# 2401H GIPPER STATE WEST, 1643 FNL 2563 FWL, SEC 25 BLK C7, PSL/ MRS MA PERCY SUR., A-3040 11200', 8 NW PECOS

COG OPERATING, LLC HOEFS T-K (WOLFCAMP) (O) (HORZ) (RECOMP) Well# 4715H BIG CHIEF, 240 FWL 1076 FSL, SEC 147 BLK 1, H&TC SUR., A-952 12000', 26 N PECOS

COG OPERATING, LLC WOLFBONE (TREND) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2503H GIPPER STATE EAST, 336 FWL 392 FSL, SEC 25 BLK C7, PSL/O MATTOCKS SUR., A-5143 11200', 9 NW PECOS

EOG RESOURCES, INC. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1102 APACHE STATE 57, 1525 FNL 1900 FWL, SEC 11 BLK 57, PSL/BG SMITH SUR., A-2469 6000', 16 S ORLA

OXY USA WTP LP WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 CHEVRON MINERALS 37, 660 FSL 660 FWL, SEC 37 BLK 51 T7S, T&P SUR., A-749 13000', 16 SE PECOS

OXY USA WTP LP WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 HOUSER STATE 36, 660 FNL 1980 FWL, SEC 36 BLK 51 T7S, T&P/TB LEWIS SUR., A-2281 13000', 16 SE PECOS

OXY USA WTP LP WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3 WEINERT STATE 34, 660 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 34 BLK 51 T7S, T&P/TB LEWIS SUR., A-2280 12500', 16 S PECOS

OXY USA WTP LP WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 4 WEINERT STATE 34, 660 FSL 1980 FWL, SEC 34 BLK 51 T7S, T&P/ TB LEWIS SUR., A-2280 12500', 16 S PECOS

Sterling County

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP S GARDEN CITY(WLFCMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H ANGELA MEADOWS, 513 FNL 612 FWL, SEC 37 BLK W, T&P SUR., A-673 9000', 9 E STERLING

FIML NATURAL RESOURCES, LLC ROBLE GRANDE (STRWN) (O/G) DRILL (WDFRD) Well# 42M BETTY GLASS 42, 1223 FSL 1049 FWL, SEC 42 BLK 2, T&P/TS BARTON SUR., A-1123 10000', 21 SW STERLING CITY

PPC OPER. CO. LLC PASSOUT (STRAWN) (O/G) (RECOMP) Well# 1 ATECA 72, 467 FNL 664 FEL, SEC 72 BLK 17, SP/JM COLEMAN SUR., A-868 8105', 16 NW STERLING CITY

Ward County

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H WIGGO 34-177, 310 FSWL 600 FSEL, SEC 177 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-267 14000', 12 NE PECOS

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H LOBO 34-147, 200 FSWL 1980 FNWL, SEC 147 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-251 11255', 8 NW PYOTE

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 4H JV WILSON 146, 200 FNEL 1980 FNWL, SEC 146 BLK 34, H&TC/ AH HILL SUR., A-864 12000', 7 W PYOTE

DEVON ENERGY PROD. CO., LP PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H DALMATIAN 101, 330 FNEL 467 FNWL, SEC 101 BLK 34, H&TC SUR., A-228 12800', 16 W PYOTE

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Borden County

SM ENERGY COMPANY MESQUITE CRK (MISS) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1802H NITA, 344 FNL 1951 FEL, SEC 18 BLK 31 T5N, T&P/ RD HUNTER JR SUR., A-1163 10000', 6 NW GAIL

Crosby County

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 1176 CLARK WOOD RANCH, 660 FSL 1315 FEL, SEC 11 BLK D19, D&SE SUR., A-379 4400', 9 NE SLATON

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1062 CLARK WOOD RANCH, 1320 FSL 1320 FWL, SEC 10 BLK D19, D&SE/JJ SPIKES SUR., A-1049 4400', 9 NE SLATON

JUNO OPER. CO. II, LLC HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) (O) DRILL Well# 1066 CLARK WOOD RANCH, 1325 FSL 1315 FEL, SEC 10 BLK D19, D&SE/JJ SPIKES SUR., A-1049 4400', 9 NE SLATON

Gaines County

HESS CORPORATION SEMINOLE (SAN ANDRES) (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 4209 SEMINOLE SAN ANDRES UNIT, 187 FNL 2499 FWL, SEC 196 BLK G, WT/R MALONE SUR., A-2406 6000', 4 NW SEMINOLE

LIME ROCK RESOURCES II-A, LP SE TEX-MEX (WICH ALB) (O) DRILL Well# 5 TEX-MEX 14, 2130 FNL 2318 FEL, SEC 14 BLK A12, PSL/ AJ KUYKENDALL & CH HAMLEN SUR., A-1476 8100', 24 SW SEMINOLE

XTO ENERGY INC. RUSSELL (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 621 RUSSELL CLEARFORK UNIT, 660 FNL 2660 FEL, SEC 459 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG SUR., A-39 8100', 9 SW DENVER CITY

XTO ENERGY INC. RUSSELL (CLEARFORK) (O) DRILL Well# 477 RUSSELL CLEARFORK UNIT, 625 FSL 2620 FWL, SEC 418 BLK G, CCSD&RGNG/ JL LOFTIS SUR., A-768 8100', 7 SW DENVER CITY

Hockley County

BC OPERATING, INC. NE LEVELLAND (WC) (O) (HORZ) (RECOMP) (ST) Well# 1 TALL COTTON 18, 620 FNL 1209 FEL, 18 LAB 729 LGE ABNER TAYLOR SUR., A-228 8250', 6 NE LEVELLAND

Kent County

SHARP IMAGE ENERGY, INC. SHARP SPUR (CNYN RF) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 5 SPUR C, 2080 FNL 1030 FWL, SEC 11 BLK B, PSL/JW MCCOMMIS SUR., A-1518 6800', 28 W JAYTON

Scurry County

APACHE CORPORATION SHARON RIDGE (CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 3 MINOR, 2040 FSL 1970 FEL, SEC 131 BLK 97, H&TC/MJ DAVIS SUR., A-1958 3600', 12 SW SNYDER

PARALLEL PETROLEUM LLC DIAMOND M (CNYN LIME) (O) DRILL Well# I 6AR LION DIAMOND M UNIT, 1200 FSL 2235 FEL, SEC 197 BLK 97, H&TC/FD SEARS SUR., A-2735 7500', 10 SW SNYDER

Terry County

XTO ENERGY INC. PRENTICE (CLR FRK LO) (O) DRILL Well# 20 ELLA COVINGTON B, 474 FSL 1494 FWL, SEC 21 BLK D14, C&M SUR., A-88 8700', 18 NW BROWNFIELD

XTO ENERGY INC. PRENTICE (O) DRILL Well# 1904 PRENTICE NORTHEAST UNIT, 1068 FNL 2353 FEL, SEC 21 BLK D14, C&M SUR., A-88 7600', 18 NW BROWNFIELD

Yoakum County

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON (O) (RECMP) (DIREC) Well# 788 WASSON ODC UNIT, 1355 FNL 1195 FEL, SEC 805 BLK D, JH GIBSON SUR., A-18 5500', 6 NE DENVER CITY

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON 72 (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 3714 YOAKUM WASSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 2272 FNL 1651 FEL, SEC 866 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ W WILKERSON SUR., A-659 8000', 2 NE DENVER CITY

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON 72 DRILL (DIREC) (INJ) Well# 3715 YOAKUM WASSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 246 FNL 1380 FEL, SEC 866 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ W WILKERSON SUR., A-659 8000', 2 NE DENVER CITY

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON 72 DRILL (DIREC) (INJ) Well# 3716 YOAKUM WASSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 248 FNL 2124 FWL, SEC 866 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ W WILKERSON SUR., A-659 8000', 2 E DENVER CITY

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. WASSON 72 DRILL (DIREC) (INJ) Well# 3717 YOAKUM WASSON CLEARFORK UNIT, 853 FNL 1001 FEL, SEC 866 BLK D, JH GIBSON/ W WILKERSON SUR., A-659 8000', 2 NE DENVER CITY

New Mexico

Chaves County

Jalapeno Corp.
Aciete Negra #4
S Wolf Lake-Re-Entry of Cibola Corp Orig TD 6996; Sec 12 T9S R27S; 330/S & 940/E; 9 1/2 mi SW Elkins; Rot 2300 San Andres; API #30-005-62245

Eddy County

Oxy USA WTP LP
Yeso Viking Fed #5
NE Red Lake; Sec 23 T17S R27E; 1670/S & 860/E; 8 1/2 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5100 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41260

Oxy USA WTP LP
Yeso Viking Fed #9
NE Red Lake; Sec 23 T17S R27E; 1150/S & 1150/E; 8 1/2 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5100 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41261

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Eagle 33 J Fed #25
Red Lake; Sec 33 T17S R27E; 1650/S & 2310/E; 7 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4800 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41264

Apache Corp.
Lee Federal #72
Cedar Lake; Sec 20 T17S R31E; 1585/S & 1650/E; 5 mi E Loco Hills; Rot 6500 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41253

COG Operating LLC
Falabella 31 Fed #3
Penasco Draw; Sec 31 T18S R26E; 150/S & 2256/E; 5 1/2 mi NW Lakewood; Rot 7491 SA/Yeso; API #30-015-41265

Lime Rock Resources II-A LP
Falcon 3 C Fed #31
NE Red Lake; Sec 3 T18S R27E; 805/N & 2155/W; 8 1/2 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4650 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41255

COG Operating LLC
Roy Batty Fed Com #1
Bell Lake; Sec 11 T24S R33E; 330/S & 660/W; 6 1/2 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 11105 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41099

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Davinci 7 Red Com#2
Cottonwood Draw; Sec 7 T25S R27E; 330/S & 580/E; 4 mi SE Black River; Rot 12422 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41259

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit #352
NE Corral Canyon; Sec 7 T25S R31E; 55/S & 350/E; 16 mi SE Malaga; Rot 13427 Delaware; API #30-015-41254

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Federal 9 #6
E Brushy Draw; Sec 9 T26S R30E; 580/N & 790/E; 16 mi SE Malaga; Rot 7550 Delaware; API #30-015-41257

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Federal 19 #13
W Ross Draw; Sec 19 T26S R30E; 430/N & 2310/E; 16 mi SE Malaga; Rot 7450 Delaware; API #30-015-41268

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Federal 19 #14
E Brushy Draw; Sec 19 T26S R30E; 430/N & 940/E; 16 mi SE Malaga; Rot 7450 Delaware; API #30-015-41256

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Federal 21 #21
E Brushy Draw; Sec 21 T26S R30E; 1650/N & 990/W; 18 mi SE Malaga; Rot 7533 Delaware; API #30-015-41267

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Federal 21 #31
E Brushy Draw; Sec 21 T26S R30E; 2310/S & 1400/W; 18 mi SE Malaga; Rot 7587 Delaware; API #30-015-41266

RKI Exploration & Production LLC
RDX Federal 21 #41
E Brushy Draw; Sec 21 T26S R30E; 600/S & 990/W; 18 mi SE Malaga; Rot 7536 Delaware; API #30-015-41269

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Jackson B #59
Cedar Lake; Sec 1 T17S R30E; 330/S & 2190/W; 4 1/2 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-41278

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Jackson B #64
Cedar Lake; Sec 1 T17S R30E; 1650S & 1070/W; 4 1/2 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-41277

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Gissler B #97
Loco Hills; Sec 11 T17S R30E; 330/S & 820/W; 3 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41276

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Jackson A #46
Cedar Lake; Sec 12 T17S R30E; 2310/S & 1060/E; 4 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41282

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Jackson A #48
Cedar Lake; Sec 12 T27S R30E; 1650/S & 480/E; 4 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41280

Burnett Oil Co. Inc.
Jackson B #62
Cedar Lake; Sec 12 T17S R30E; 990/N & 330/E; 4 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6100 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41279

COG Operating LLC
McIntyre DK Fed #16
Loco Hills; Sec 17 T17S R30E; 465/S & 285/W; 1 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 9392 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41273

COG Operating LLC
Tex Mack 11 Federal #118
E Fren; Sec 11 T17S R31E; 785/S & 290/W; 4 1/2 mi W Maljamar; Rot 10958 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41272

Cimarex Energy Co.
Taos Federal #4
W Willow Lake; Sec 31 T24S R27E; 275/S & 630/E; 2 mi SE Black River; Rot 12054 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41270

BOPCO LP
Poker Lake Unit #441
Nash Draw; Sec 18 T24S R30E; 1281/S & 2401/E; 8 1/2 mi E Malaga; Rot 15114 Delaware; API #30-015-41281

COG Operating LLC
Barn Owl Federal #3
Welch; Sec 18 T26S R27E; 380/S & 1890/W; 11 mi SE Black River; Rot 11915 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41283

COG Operating LLC
SRO State Unit #20
S Red Bluff; Sec 3 T26S R28E; 190/N & 1090/E; 10 1/2 mi SW Malaga; Rot 15319 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41274

Mewbourne Oil Company
Delaware Ranch 13 EH Federal Com #1
S Red Bluff; Sec 13 T26S R28E; 2100/N & 95/W; 12 mi SE Malaga; Rot 12972 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41271

Oxy USA WTP LP
Yeso Viking Fed #2
NE Red Lake; Sec 23 T17S R27E; 2230/S & 360/W; 9 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5100 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41339

LRE Operating LLC
Enron Federal #19
Red Lake; Sec 25 T17S R27E; 330/S & 2100/W; 10 mi SE Artesia; Rot 3161 Qu/GB/ SA; API #30-015-41321

Oxy USA WTP LP
Artesia Yeso Fed Ut #15
Artesia; Sec 21 T17S R28E; 2447/N & 2500/E; 12 1/2 mi E Artesia; Rot 5100 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-41329

Oxy USA WTP LP
Artesia Yeso Fed Ut #16
Artesia; Sec 21 T17S R28E; 952/N & 801/W; 12 1/2 mi E Artesia; Rot 5100 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41330

Oxy USA WTP LP
Artesia Yeso Fed Ut #17
Artesia; Sec 21 T17S R28E; 350/N & 2120/W; 121/2 mi E Artesia; Rot 5100 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41331

Oxy USA WTP LP
Artesia Yeso Fed Ut #19
Artesia; Sec 21 T17S R28E; 1830/N & 1590/W; 12 1/2 mi E Artesia; Rot 5100 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-41332

Oxy USA WTP LP
Artesia Yeso Fed Ut #20
Artesia; Sec 21 T17S R28E; 932/N & 1786/E; 12 1/2 mi E Artesia; Rot 5100 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41335

Oxy USA WTP LP
Artesia Yeso Fed Ut #21
Artesia; Sec 21 T17S R28E; 553/N & 1207/E; 12 1/2 mi E Artesia; Rot 5100 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41333

Oxy USA WTP LP
Artesia Yeso Fed Ut #23
Artesia; Sec 20 T17S R28E; 929/N & 974/E; 11 1/2 mi E Artesia; Rot 5100 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41334

Oxy USA WTP LP
Artesia Yeso Fed Ut #22
Artesia; Sec 21 T17S R28E; 1500/N & 2083/E; 12 1/2 mi E Artesia; Rot 5100 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-41328

Oxy USA WTP LP
Artesia Yeso Fed UT #26
Artesia; Sec 20 T17S R28E; 965/N & 1966/E; 11 1/2 mi E Artesia; Rot 5100 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41336

Oxy USA WTP LP
Artesia Yeso Federal Ut #27
Artesia; Sec 20 T17S R28E; 514/N & 1716/W; 11 1/2 mi E Artesia; Rot 5100 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-41337

Oxy USA WTP LP
Artesia Yeso Fed Ut #29
Artesia; Sec 20 T17S R28E; 522/N & 431/W; 11 1/2 mi E Artesia; Rot 5100 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41338

Apache Corp.
Tony Federal #41
Cedar Lake; Sec 18 T17S R31E; 330/S & 860/E; 4 mi NE Loco Hills; Rot 6500 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41320

Apache Corp.
Tony Federal #55
Cedar Lake; Sec 19 T17S R31E; 905/N & 935/E; 4 mi E Loco Hills; Rot 6500 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41319

Apache Corp.
Tony Federal #58
Cedar Lake; Sec 19 T17S R31E; 1795/N & 2315/W; 4 mi E Loco Hills; Rot 6500 Glo/ Yeso; API #30-015-41323

COG Olperating LLC
Shoeless Joe 32 St #4
Parkway; Sec 32 T19S R30E; 600/S & 190/W; 15 mi NW Halfway; Rot 12915 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41242

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Stonewall EP St #9
Burton Flat; Sec 19 T20S R28E; 1980/S 660/E; 8 mi N Carlsbad; Rot 11500 Morrow; API #30-015-41325

RKI Exploration and Production LLC
Saragossa 4 Federal #12
Happy Valley; Sec 4 T21S R26E; 830/N & 2110/W; 5 mi SE Carlsbad; Rot 5300 Delaware; API #30-015-41314

RKI Exploration and Production LLC
Saragossa 4 Federal #13
Happy Valley; Sec 4 T23S R26E; 610/N & 2310/E; 5 mi SE Carlsbad; Rot 5300 Delaware; API #30-015-41316

RKI Exploration and Production LLC
Saragossa 4 Federal #23
Happy Valley; Sec 4 T23S R26E; 1880/N & 2510/E; 5 mi SE Carlsbad; Rot 5300 Delaware; API #30-015-41317

RKI Exploration and Productin LLC
Saragossa 4 Federal #34
Happy Valley; Sec 4 T23S R26E; 1650/S & 990/E; 5 mi SE Carlsbad; Rot 5300 Delaware; API #30-015-41318

RKI Exploration and Production LLC
Saragossa 4 Federal #44
Happy Valley; Sec 4 T23S R26E; 660/S & 990/E; 5 mi SE Carlsbad; Rot 5300 Delaware; API #30-015-41315

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Loving AIB St #14
S Loving; Sec 16 T23S R28E; 2310/S & 990/E; 1 mi N Loving; Rot 6300 Delaware; API #30-015-41326

Oxy USA Inc.
Cedar Canyon 16 SWD #3
SWD; Sec 16 T24S R29E; 725/N & 600/W; 4 1/2 mi E Malaga; Rot 4400 Delaware; API #30-015-41324

Oxy USA Inc.
Cedar Canyon 22 #2
E Pierce Crossing; Sec 22 T24S R29E; 990/N & 690/W; 6 mi SE Malaga; Rot 12725 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41327

Lea County

COG Operating LLC
Wild Cobra 1 State #1
Scharb; Sec 1 T19S R34E; 500/N & 330/W; 9 mi SW Arkansas Junction; Rot 15084 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41110

Apache Corp.
North Monument G/SA Unit #1
Eunice Monument; Sec 18 T19S R37E; 805/S & 10/E; 2 1/2 mi NW Monument; Rot 4263 GB/SA; API #30-025-41111

Apache Corp.
North Monument G/SA Unit #2
Eunice Monument; Sec 26 T19S R36E; 1330/S & 10/E; 3 1/2 mi W Monument; Rot 4223 GB/SA; API #30-025-41112

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Belfast BSL State Com #1Y
N Berry; Sec 6 T21S R34E; 2750/S & 660/W; 14 mi SE Halfway; Rot 15380 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41121

ConocoPhillips Company
State F 1 #34
Hardy; Sec 1 T21S R36E; 3710/S & 2515/W; 3 mi E Oil Center; Rot 7234 Drinkard; API #30-025-41115

ConocoPhillips Company
State F 1 #35
Hardy; Sec 1 T21S R36E; 2910/S & 2465/W; 3 mi E Oil Center; Rot 7224 Drinkard; API #30-025-41116

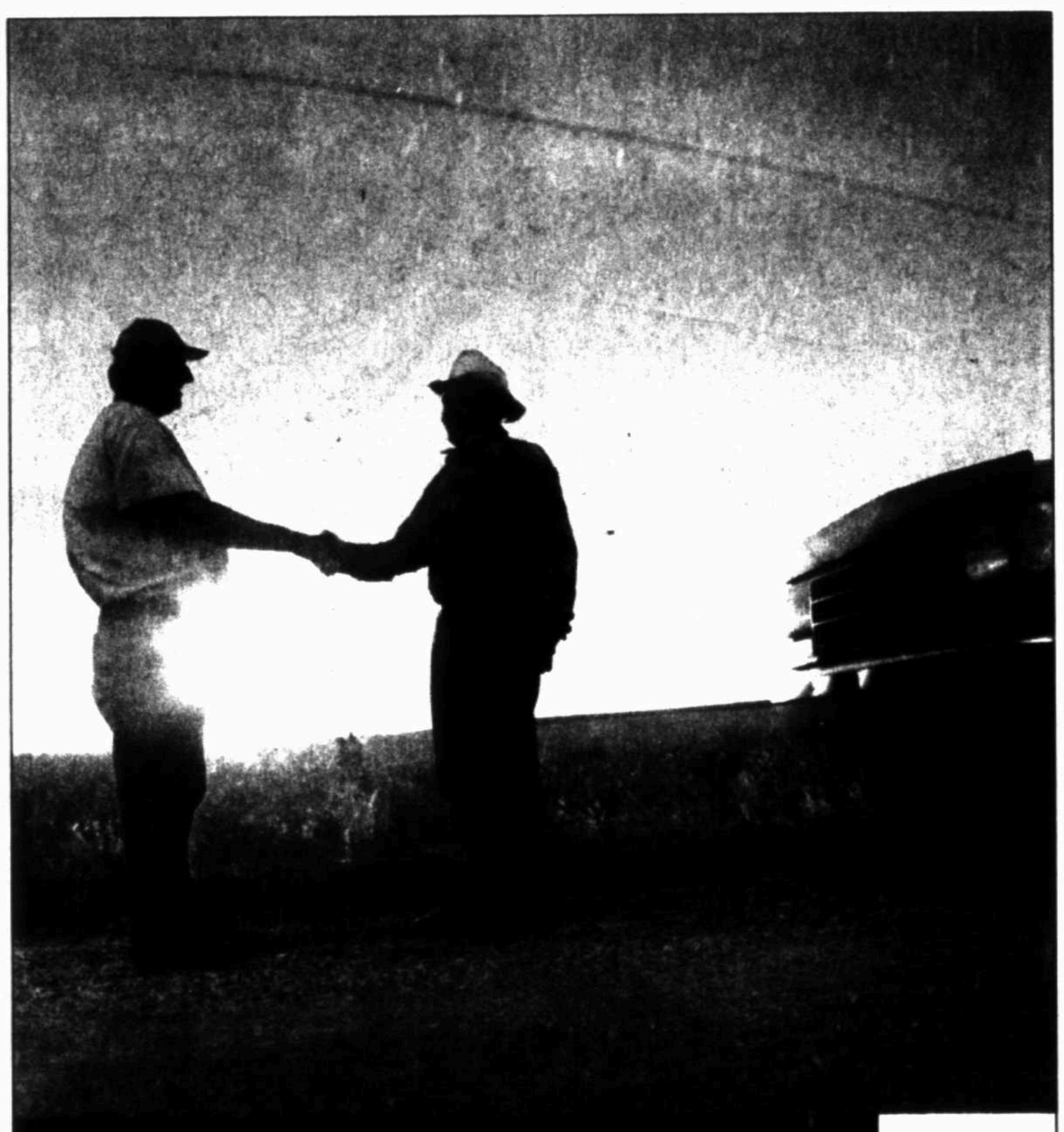
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Hardy; Sec 1 T21S R36E; 2820/S & 1475/E; 3 mi E Oil Center; Rot 7238 Drinkard; API #30-025-41117

Devon Energy Production Company LP
Tiger Snake 33 State #3
Triple X; Sec 33 T22S R33E; 350/S & 2080/W; 17 SE Halfway; Rot 16301 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41118

Murchisoon Oil & Gas Inc.
Jackson Unit #11

W Triple X; Sec 16 T24S R33E; 200/N & 1980/E; 8 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 11164 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41122

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Hallertau 4 Fed #2
Jennings; Sec 4 T26S R32E; 330/N & 1650/W; 11 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 9085 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41119


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Texas RRCD 7C

Crockett County

Warren American Oil Company
University of Texas "245" #3
Farmer (San Andres); 330 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 4, Blk 46, Abst. 438U, ULS, 14 se Big Lake; TD 2488; Comp 7/23/2013; producing from 1966-2229, treated with acid; pump 20 BO, 60 BW, 34.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-105-41666

Texas RRCD 8

Crane County

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Co.-Midland
W.N. Waddell et al #1406
Sand Hills (Tubb); 6238 fsl, 13340 fel, Sec 20, Blk B-26, Abst. 1267, PSL, 18 nw Crane; TD 4800; Comp 7/17/2013; producing from 3156-4686, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 1 BO, 5 MCF, 1328 BW, 34.7 Oil Gravity; API #42-103-34198

Ector County

XTO Energy Inc.
C.A. Goldsmith et al #2323
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 20659 fsl, 3752 fel, Sec 27, Blk 44, T-1-S, Abst. 283, T&P RR, 4.2 s Goldsmith; TD 6675; Comp 7/17/2013; producing from 5463-5767, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 77 BO, 160 MCF, 1630 BW, 37.68 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-42474

BC Operating Inc.
Pate #10
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 1002 fnl, 349 fel, Sec 24, Blk 44, T-1-N, Abst. 653, T&P RR, 3 ne Goldsmith; TD 7248; Comp 7/30/2013; producing from 6116-7024, fracture stimulated; pump 4 BO, 19 MCF, 376 BW, 41.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-42495

BC Operating Inc.
Samantha #2
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 905 fnl, 364 fel, Sec 23, Blk 44, T-1-N, Abst. 283, T&P RR, 3 ne Goldsmith; TD 7245; Comp 7/19/2013; producing from 6108-7026, fracture stimulated; pump 228 BO, 1 MCF, 212 BW, 35 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-42534

Howard County

Sheridan Production Company LLC
Dora Roberts #53
Howard Glasscock (Consolidated); 330 fsl, 307 fwl, Sec 136, Blk 29, Abst. 1318, W&NW RR, 14 se Big Spring; TD 3104; Comp 7/18/2013; producing from 1688-2932, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 250 BO, 1139 BW, 27.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-227-37453

Athlon Fe Operating LLC
Ringener "44" #1
Spraberry (Trend Area); 658 fsl, 657 fel, Sec 44, Blk 32, T-2-N, Abst. 1294, T&P RR, 8.2 n Big Spring; TD 9920; Comp 7/15/2013; producing from 7579-9837, pump 139 BO, 505 MCF, 661 BW, 38 Oil Gravity; API #42-227-37435

Martin County

Energen Resources Corporation
Jones-Holton #56
Spraberry (Trend Area); 502 fsl, 2027 fel, Sec 130, Blk A, Abst. 456, R.E. Montgomery, 19 nw Stanton; TD 11800; Comp 7/14/2013; producing from 7982-11463, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 56 BO, 18 MCF, 11 BW, 43.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-317-37797

Midland County

Henry Resources LLC
Casselman16 #14
Spraberry (Trend Area); 660 fwl, 1980 fnl, Sec 16, Blk 40, T-1-S, Abst. 1394, T&P RR, 9.3 nw Midland; TD 11180; Comp 7/15/2013; producing from 8213-11107, fracture stimulated; pump 8 BO, 20 MCF, 374 BW, 41.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-38498

Mitchell County

Basa Resources Inc.
Mary Foster Acct. #2 #611
Iatan (San Andres); 2375 fwl, 1808 fnl, Sec 7, Blk 29, T-1-S, Abst. 654, T&P RR, 3 sw Westbrook; TD 2140; Comp 7/29/2013; producing from 1836-1944, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 13 BO, 30 BW, 27 Oil Gravity; API #42-335-35805

Pecos County

L.E. Jones Operating Inc.
Collins "31" #1
Rojo Caballos South (Wolfcamp); 1500 fnl, 1980 fel, Sec 31, Blk 48, T-8-S, Abst. 889, T&P RR, 21 nw Fort Stockton; TD 12751; Comp 8/4/2013; producing from 9316-11443, fracture stimulated; flow 101 BW, 241 MCF, 854 BW on 16/64 inch choke, FTP 760 psi, 43.2 Oil Gravity; API #42-371-38960

Reeves County

Oxy USA Inc.
Amanda "14" #3
Wolfbone (Trend Area); 1959 fnl, 491 fwl, Sec 14, Blk C-6, Abst. 4891, PSL, 11.6 se Pecos; TD 11970; Comp 7/14/2013; producing from 10640-11404, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 157 BO, 765 MCF, 880 BW, 42 Oil Gravity; API #42-389-33524

Ward County

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation
Hutchings Stock Association #615
Ward-Estes North; 6830 fnl, 1700 fwl, Sec 7, Blk O, Abst. 125, G&MMB&A, 2 se Wickett; TD 3221; Comp 8/1/2013; producing from 2573-2706, treated with acid; flow 0.5 BO, 1 MCF, 235 BW on open choke, FTP 165 psi, 37 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-10218

Seaboard Operating Co.
Coyote #2
Quito South (Olds Delaware); 990 fswl, 1650 fsel, Sec 195, Blk 34, Abst. 277, H&TC RR, 6 nne Barstow; TD 5115; Comp 7/23/2013; producing from 4896-4916, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 17.6 BO, 358 BW, 39 Oil Gravity; API #42-475-36466

New Mexico

Eddy County

EOG Resources Inc.
Rhine 13 Federal #1
Collins Ranch.; Sec 13 T17S R24E; 1680/S & 150/E; EL 3668 GL, TD 5400, PBTD 5096; Spud 7-21-05, Comp 10-07-06; production is through treated perfs: 5010-5022. Treat: Frac w/72 bbls 15% HCL, 2520 bbls slick wate5r, 116865# 20/40 white sd, 98970# 30/70 brown sd, 17598# 16/30 white sd. IP: 10-10-06 Flow 24 hrs 0 BO, 14 BW, 118 MCF, Open Ch, TP 180, CP 320. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 911 w/450 sx, 7 @ 5398 w/950 sx, 2 3/8 @ 4976; API #30-015-34184

LRE Operating LLC
Aid 24 State #18
Empire; Sec 24 T17S R28E; 990/S & 2310/E; EL 3692 GR, TD 5335, PBTD 5286; Spud 1-7-13, Comp 1-30-13; production is through treated perfs: 3680-3976, 4024-4270, 4336-4552. Treat: 8835 gals 15% HCL, Frac w/191,092# 16/30 & 73263# 16/30 siber prop sd in xlinked gel. IP: 2-12-13 Pump 24 hrs 101 BO, 415 BW, 130 MCF. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 486 w/325 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5333 w/1025 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5192; API #30-015-40048

Alamo Permian Resources LLC
Delhi B State #4
Red Lake; Sec 28 T17S R28E; 260/S & 330/W; EL 3688 GR, TD 3194, PBTD 3144; Spud 2-20-13, Comp 4-11-13; production is through treated perfs: 2089-2406, 2459-2744, 2811-3126. Treat: Acdz w/6502 gals 15% NEFE, Frac w/213,328 prop. IP: 4-12-13 Pump 24 hrs 43 BO, 90 BW, O MCF. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 498 w/325 sx, 5 1/2 @ 3186 w/550 sx, 2 7/8 @ 2815; API #30-015-40832

Apache Corp.
Washington 33 State #56
Artesia; Sec 33 T17S R28E; 1550/S & 2130/W; EL 3674 GL, TD 5154, PBTD 5110; Spud 10-10-12, Comp 12-1-12; production is through treated perfs: 3561-4480, 4683-5079. Treat: 9224 gals acid, 390,583 gals 20#, 462495 # sd, 7757 gals gel. IP: 12-17-12 Pump 24 hrs 30 BO, 530 BW, 45 MCF, GOR 1500, Gty 39.6. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 508 w/340 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5154 w/760 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4998; API #30-015-40110

Occidental Permian Ltd.
McHam 34 State #2
Artesia; Sec 34 T17S R28E; 1725/N & 1749/E; EL 3670 GL, TD 5122, PBTD 5077; Spud 8-14-12, Comp 9-15-12; production is through treated perfs: 5045-50, 4873-78, 4731-36, 4609-14, 69-73, 4084-4089, 4017-4022, 3856-3861, 5030-35, 4865-4870, 4718-4723, 4621-26, 4074-4079, 4035-4040, 3861-3866. Treat: Frac w/71.452 gals linear gel, 510,423 gals cross-linked gel, 7000 gals 15% HCL acid, 15,400# 100 mesh Sd, 736,199# 16/30 resin coated sd. IP: 10-28-12 Pump 24 hrs 200 BO, 1914 BW, 266 MCF, GOR 1330, Gty 39. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 417 w/350 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5122 w/1310 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3700; API #30-015-40248

Oxy USA WTP LP
Tigger 9 State #4
GB-Jackson; Sec 9 T17S

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COMPLETIONS

From 7G

R29E; 680/S & 828/E; EL 3566 GL, TD 5262, PBTD 5210; Spud 1-20-13, Comp 2-17-13; production is through treated perfs: 4022-5110. Treat: 110,738 gals linear gel, 521,092 gals crosslink gel, 9500 gals 15% HCL, 23,315# 100 mesh, 1,149,516# 16/30 brown sd. IP: 3-17-12 Pump 24 hrs 158 BO, 720 BW, 296 MCF, GOR 1873.42, Gty 39. Csg: 11 7 @ 463 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5250 w/1610 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4714; API #30-015-40075

COG Operating LLC
Burch Keely Unit #621
Burch Keely; Sec 24 T17S R29E; 2042/N & 1531/W. BHL: 1982/N & 1308/W; EL 3597 GL, TD 4712 MD, 4701 TVD, PBTD 4627 MD, 4627 TVD; Spud 8-5-12, Comp 9-10-12; production is through treated perfs: 4100-4350. Treat: Acdz w/2000 gals 15% acid, Frac w/107,363 gals gel, 119,058# 16/30 brown sd, 20,358# 16/30 siberprop. IP: 9-23-12 Pump 24 hrs 101 BO, 132 BW, 238 MCF, GOR 2358, Gty 37.9. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 264 w/400 sx, 8 5/8 @ 991 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4712 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4510; API #30-015-40325

COG Operating LLC
Skelly Unit #645
Fren; Sec 14 T17S R31E; 384/N & 2313/W; EL 3925 GL, TD 6748, PBTD 6689; Spud 12-31-12, Comp 1-28-13; production is through perfs: 5250-6450. IP: 3-13-13 Pump 24 hrs 90 BO, 170 BW, 94 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 658 w/550 sx, 8 5/8 @ 2033 w/650 sx, 5 1/2 @ 6735 w/1050 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5634; API #30-015-40727

COG Operating LLC
Arabian 6 Fee #1
Penasco Draw; Sec 6 T18S R26E; 545/S & 380/W; EL 3387 GL, TD 4214, PBTD 4135; Spud 3-1-12, Comp 6-15-12; production is through treated perfs: 3440-3450, 3830-3840. Treat: Acdz w/4500 gals 15%, Frac w/130,793 gals gel, 288,698# 20/40 white + 58,402# SP. IP: 8-1-12 Pump 24 hrs 8 BO, 110 BW, 0 MCF, Gty 40. Csg: 9 5/8 @ 1225 w/1150 sx, 7 5/8 @ 4212 w/900 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3569; API #30-015-39405

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Bradley 30 Federal #3
Santo Nino; Sec 30 T18S R30E; 1830/N & 150/W. BHL: 1728/N & 343/E; EL 3455 GL, TD 12599 MD, 8116 TVD, PBTD 12560 MD, 8115 TVD; Spud 10-7-12, Comp 12-1-12; production is through treated perfs: 8057-8115 TVD, 8346-12560 MD. Treat: Frac w/101,694 gals slickwater, 191,885 gals 20# linear gel, 1,204,022# XL gel carrying 1,671,480# 20/40 sd & 372,700# SB excel sd. IP: 12-4-12 Flow 24 hrs 286 BO, 1146 BW, 215 MCF, TP 120, CP 1120, GOT 752, Gty 42. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 320 w/350 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1430 w/500 sx, 7 @ 8292 w/1150 sx, 4 1/2 @ 8061-12560, 2 7/8 @ 7758; API #30-015-40168

Mack Energy Corp.
Razorback Federal #2
Tamano; Sec 3 T18S R31E; 330/N & 330/W; EL 3752 GL, TD 5524, PBTD 5484; Spud 9-13-12, Comp 11-9-12; production is through treated perfs: 4185-4226. Treat: 111 bbls linear, 225 bbls 20# borate, 224,597# white sd 16/30, 42137# Siper LC 16/30, 47 bbls 15% acid. IP: 12-5-12 Pump 24 hrs 35 BO, 575 BW, 64 MCF,GOR 1828, Gty 38. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 795 w/754 sx, 8 5/8 @ 2036 w/1075 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5524 w/1003 sx, 2 7/8 @ 4267; API #30-015-40639

Devon Energy Productin Company LP
Spica 25 Federal #3
West Lusk; Sec 25 T19S R31E; 1700/S & 340/W. BHL: 1727/S & 344/E; EL 3499 GL, TD 13,930 MD, 9351 TVD, PBTD 13,86 MD; Spud 9-16-12, Comp 12-29-12; production is through treated perfs: 9550-13,589. Treat: Acdz w/18.740 gals HCL, 83,712# 100 mesh white sd, 2,200,058# 40/70 Ottawa sd. IP: 10-16-12 Pump 24 hrs 669 BO, 1515 BW, 520 MCF. Csg: 12-19-12, EL 3499 GL, TD 13930 MD, 9351 TVD, PBTD 13,868, Top Pay (Bone Spring) 9550. Perfs: 9550-13589. Treat: Acdz w/18,740 gals 7.5% HCL, 83,712# 100 mesh white sd, 2,200,058# 40/70 Ottawa white. IP: 10-16-12 Pump 24 hrs 669 BO, 1515 BW, 520 MCF. Csg: 20 @ 900 w/1660 sx, 13 3/8 @ 2635 w/1215 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4312 w/1560 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13930 w/2210 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8200; API #30-015-40220

Oxy USA Inc.
Goodnight 27 Federal #5
NE Harroun Ranch; Sec 27 T23S R29E; 906/S & 459/W. BHL: 354/N & 647/W; EL 3010.9 GL, TD 10409 MD, 6661 TVD, PBTD 10271 MD, 6660 TVD; Spud 9-3-12, Comp 1-14-13; production is through treated perfs: 7400-10200. Treat: 96726 gals treated wtr + 12096 gals 15% HCl + 428274 gals 18# BXL fluid w/665670# sd. IP: 1-7-13 Pump 24 hrs 920 BO, 1392 BW, 720 MCF, GOR 783, Gty 42.7. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 290 w/430 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3031 w/1110 sx, 5 1/2 @ 10380 w/1980 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6060; API #30-015-39431

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Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Cascade 29 Federal #1
Wildcat; Sec 29 T25S R33E; 330/N & 350/W, BHL: 4927/N & 438/W; EL 3423 GL, TD 14296, PBTD 14240; Spud 6-29-12, Comp 9-16-12; production is through perfs: 9651-14186. IP: 10-3-12 Flow 24 hrs 442 BO, 895 BW, 787 MCF, 37 Ch, TP 420, CP 925 Csg: 13 3/8 @ 995 w/835 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4813 w2855 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14289 w/2550 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9315; API #30-025-40346

EOG Resources Inc.
Black Bear 36 State #1
Red Hills; Sec 36 T25S R33E; 300/S & 2190/E. BHL: 5060/S & 2282/E; EL 3321 GL, TD 14335 MD, 9438 TVD, PBTD 14320; Spud 8-11-12, Comp 11-9-12; production is through perfs: 9896-14189. IP: 12-8-12 Flow 24 hrs 358 BO, 1565 BW, 1246 MCF, Open Ch, TP 300, CP 1000. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1046 w/800 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5085 w/1325 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14329 w/375 sx; API #30-025-40368

COG Producing LLC
Pintail 3 Federal #2
Wildcat; Sec 3 T26S R32E; 330/S & 480/E. BHL: 350/N & 429/E; EL 3246 GL, TD 14000 MD, 9522 TVD; PBTD 13945 MD, 9522 TVD; Spud 10-5-12, Comp 1-1-13; production is through treated perfs: 9684-13840, 13904-13914. Treat: 31645 gals 7.5% acid, 4102209# sd, 2576140 gals fluid. IP: 1-19-12 Flow 24 hrs 617 BO, 1742 BW, 1296 MCF, 48/64" Ch, CP 560. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 925 w/800 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4479 w/1550 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13997 w/2000 sx; API #30-025-40685

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Chaparral 33 Federal Com #3
Quail Ridge; Sec 33 T19S R34E; 200/N & 810/E. BHL: 330/S & 649/E; EL 3696 GL, TD 15302 MD, 10851 TVD, PBTD 15243; Spud 10-5-12, Comp 12-18-12; production is through treated perfs: 11100-15225. Treat: 1639944 gals fluid, 2426969# Sd. IP: 12-30-12 Pump 24 hrs 874 BO, 438 BW, 568 MCF, Gty 40.1. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1775 w/1575 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5480 w/1820 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15256 w/2640 sx, 2 7/8 @ 10270; API # 30-025-40253

COG Operating LLC
Stratojet 31 State Com #1
North Berry; Sec 31 T20S R35E; 330/S & 660/E. BHL: 336/N & 760/E; EL 3732 GL, TD 15315, PBTD 15269; Spud 11-10-12, Comp 1-29-13; production is through treated perfs: 10980-15132. Treat: Acdz w/32983 gals 7.5%, Frac w/343857# sd & 3020422 gals fluid. IP: 2-7-13 Flow 24 hrs 726 BO, 867 BW, 511 MCF, Open Ch, CP 140. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1900 w/1205 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5755 w/2200 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15313 w/2220 sx; API #30-025-40616

OGX Resources LLC
Gadwell "35" Federal #1
Wildcat; Sec 35 T24S R32E; 180/N & 990/E. BHL: 324/S & 977/E; EL 3564 GL, TD 14134 MD, 9625 TVD, PBTD 14098 MD, 9629 TVD; Spud 9-11-12, Comp 1-4-13; production is through treatdd perfs: 9809-13951, 14030-14040. Treat: 33413 gals 7.5% acid, 4457004# sd, 3279289 gals fluid. IP: 1-31-13 Flow 24 hrs 261 BO, 1048 BW, 350 MCF, CP 450. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1105 w/950 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4850 w/1750 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14134 w/2000 sx; API #30-025-40364

Yates Petroleum Corp.
Rider BRQ Federal #2
Fairview Mills; Sec 13 T25S R34E; 330/S & 660/W. BHL: 362/N & 677/W; EL 3364 GL, TD 14205, PBTD 14118; Spud 10-18-12, Comp 2-11-13; production is through treated perfs: 10375-14102. Treat: Acdz w/57500 gals 20% HCL, Frac w/2609765# 100 mesh. IP: 2-14-13 Flow 24 hrs 97 BO, 1410 BW, 250 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1012 w/940 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5472 w/1370 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14199 w/2020 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9079; API #30-025-40558

ICA Energy Operating LLC
Kizer Ranch 5 #2
CLR; Sec 5 T9S R34E; 1980/N & 660/W; EL 4307 GL, TD 4820, PBTD 4780; Spud 2-11-13, Comp 3-1-13; production is through treated perfs: 4598-4608, 4524-4626, 4630-4635, 4650-4654, 4656-4662, 4664-4669. Treat: 15000 gals 15% HCL. IP: 3-8-13 Pump 24 hrs 4 BO, 94 BW, 5 MCF, Gty 25. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 362 w/375 sx, 8 5/8 @ 2618 w/645 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4820 w/550 sx, 2 3/8 @ 4554; API #30-025-40973

ConocoPhillips Co.
Emerald Federal #7
West Maljamar; Sec 17 T17S R32E; 990/N & 330/E; EL 4039 GL, TD 7032, PBTD 6980; Spud 1-20-13, Comp 2-21-13; production is through treated perfs: 5550-5650, 5800-6650. Treat: 13,00 gals 15% propants= 664,700#. IP: 2-25-13 Pump 24 hrs 13 BO, 301 BW, 2 MCF, Gty 39.8. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 839 w/500 sx, 5 1/2 @ 7022 w/1550 sx, 2 7/8 @ 6696; API #30-025-40893

Devon Energy Production Company LP
Ironhouse 19 State Com #1
NE Airstrip; Sec 19 T18S R35E; 200/S & 1800/W; EL 3951 GR, TD 14,214, PBTD 14,160; Spud 10-9-12, Comp 1-4-13; production is through treated perfs: 9934-14,152. Treat: 8 stage frac: 1,268.290# 30/50 WS, 25,083 gals 15% HCL, 871,393# 20/40 SLC 5,359 bbls slickwater. IP: 1-10-13 Pump 24 hrs 603 BO, 513 BW, 286 MCF, GOR 494. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1835 w/1570 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3202 w/900 sx, 5 1/2 @ 14214 w/3058 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9329; API #30-025-40676

COG Operating LLC
Lusk Deep Unit A #24
Lusk; Sec 19 T19S R32E; 330/N & 660/W. BHL: 4928/N & 704/W; EL 3569 GL, TD 13660 MD, 9276 TVD, PBTD 13600 MD, 9274 TVD; Spud 12-19-12, Comp 2-28-13; production is through treated perfs: 9400-9717, 9820-10136, 10239-10556, 10658-10975, 11078-11395, 11497-11814, 11917-12234, 12336-12653, 12756-13073, 13175-13492. Treat: 30161 gals 7.5% acid, 2991727# sd, 2386404 gals fluid. IP: 4-1-13 Pump 24 hrs 570 BO, 1242 BW, 235 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 770 w/675 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4455 w/1575 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13660 w/1875 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8553; API #30-025-40863

Fasken Oil and Ranch Ltd.
Laguna 16 State #2
Salt Lake; Sec 16 T20S R32E; 475/S & 609/E. BHL: 4913/S & 439/E; EL 3516 GL, TD 13910 MD, 9631 TVD, PBTD 13,859 MD, 9630 TVD; Spud 7-28-12, Comp 1-29-13; production is through treated perfs: 10052-13,837. Treat: Frac w/2,552,334 gals crosslink fluid & acid, 2,899,600# sd. IP: 4-3-13 Pump 24 hrs 281 BO, 1063 BW, 264 MCF, GOR 940, Gty 39.7. Csg: 20 @ 1025 w/1550 sx, 13 3/8 @ 2560 w/1750 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4579 w/1400 sx, 5 1/2 @ 13898 w/2410 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9144; API #30-025-40680

COG Operating LLC
Corazon State Unit #1
Wildcat; Sec 3 T21S R33E; 100/S & 330/E. BHL: 7563/S & 509/E; EL 3818 GL, TD 18931, PBTD 18883; Spud 11-15-12, Comp 2-28-13; production is through treated perfs: 11748-18800. Treat: Acdz w/56189 gals 7.5%, Frac w/5693334# sd & 4238108 gals fluid. IP: 3-23-13 Flow 24 hrs 833 BO, 1596 BW, 725 MCF, 2" Ch, TP 355. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1760 w/1350 sx, 9 5/8 @ 5511 w/1800 sx, 5 1/2 @ 18931 w/2700 sx, 2 7/8 @ 11096; API #30-025-40714

Roosevelt County

ICA Energy Operating LLC
Watson 31 #1
CLR; Sec 31 T8S R34E; 1980/S & 500/E; EL 4309 GL, TD 4805, PBTD 4759; Spud 11-27-12, Comp 1-12-13; production is through treated perfs: 4600-4614, 4622-4625, 4670-4680. Treat: 7750 gals 15% NEFE. IP: 1-27-13 Pump 24 hrs 6 BO, 30 BW, 0 MCF, Gty 25.7. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 388 w/375 sx, 8 5/8 @ 2126 w/350 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4805 w/430 sx, 2 3/8 @ 4536; API #30-041-2095

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Gas for $1.52 in the heart of Houston

By Zain Shauk
Houston Chronicle

Apache Corp. has opened a new compressed natural gas fueling station in Houston, near the Galleria mall.

In the heart of Houston's Galleria area, behind high-rises and within a block of one of the region's largest malls, is a station where a gallon of gas costs $1.52.

Unfortunately for most drivers, it's compressed natural gas.

But as the newly abundant American fuel gains popularity, stations are popping up in dense areas like the Galleria, making it a more realistic option for consumers.

This one is located on the corner of McCue Road and Gulford Court, behind the headquarters of oil and natural gas producer Apache Corp., which owns the station.

It opened this summer and serves a handful of customers daily, with visitors loading up tanks for puny sums reminiscent of a long-lost era of cheap gas.

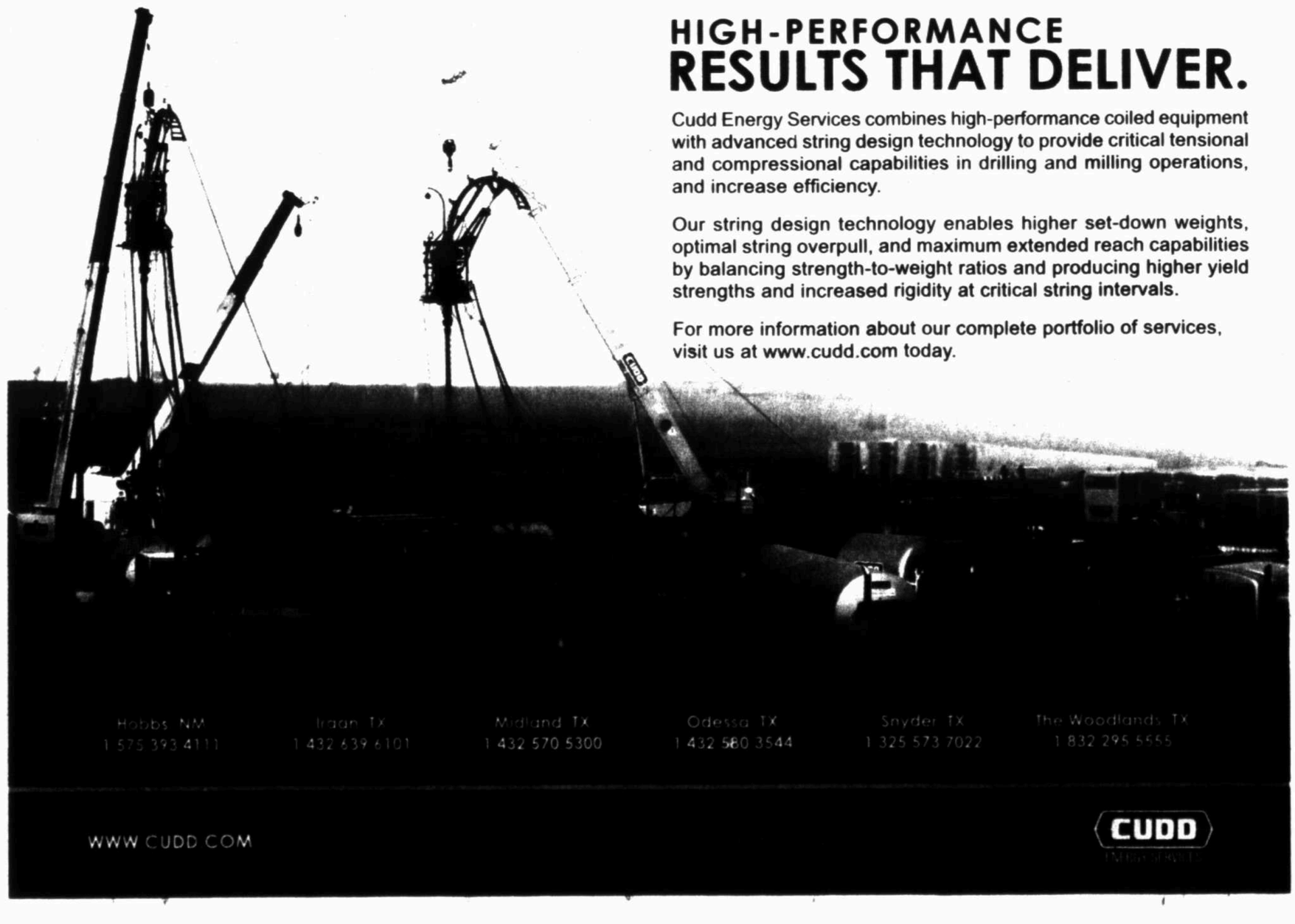
A recent fill-up at the Apache station pumped the energy equivalent of 11.6 gallons of gasoline for a total of $17.66.

"This one's very convenient because I work the Galleria area," said Anthony Carcamo, a field technician for AT&T who was refueling at the site on Tuesday afternoon. Many AT&T fleet vehicles run on natural gas.

Carcamo said the vehicle drives no different than gasoline-powered vehicles. He said he was considering getting his own natural gas vehicle and wasn't concerned about station availability.

"I'm doing more research into the output in horsepower because I drive an F-250," Carcamo said.

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KARAOKE

Singers look forward to Midland County Fair's karaoke contest

By Nick Wendel
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John Wojtkun doesn't care who is watching.

He sings Neil Diamond's "Cracklin' Rosie" to an empty courtyard behind the Horseshoe, not realizing a reporter has slunk around the corner to eavesdrop while the deejay serenades his karaoke machine.

His ponytail dances on his shoulders from underneath a red, white and blue "The Price of Freedom Isn't Free" hat.

"I've been behind a microphone since 1978," Wojtkun said. "I learned to sing when I was 15, working as a line cook."

His worn skin and sunken eyes tell tales of hard labor. But now, karaoke is his work. More specifically, WesTexasKaraoke, DJ, which is the company in charge of the Midland County Fair Karaoke Contest.

"This competition at the fair is unlike any other," Wojtkun said. "When we judge contestants, it's not just about voice. We have seven different categories. We don't just want to know how good a voice was. We want to know if they felt the song. I hate the other karaoke organizations around here. I hate them with a passion because if you don't feel like a winner, you feel like a loser."

Wojtkun hands out certificates of participation to all contestants, and the winners in each age division win a trophy and blue ribbon. The deejay picks judges randomly from the crowd.

"I ask everyone who listens to the radio to raise their hands. Then I point to three of them and say, 'You, you and you. Judges.' Then I hand them the grading packet. That way it's fair. Fair for the fair," he chuckled.

The grading criteria allows for 70 possible points and includes much more than musical prowess with categories for elements like dancing and energy. Wojtkun said no one has ever earned a perfect score.

"We've had some come within a couple of points. But they earned it," he said.

The fair begins Thursday, but signups and a practice night for the karaoke competition will be held at the Horseshoe Arena at 6 p.m. Monday. The contest is free to enter and is open to anyone over the age of 5.

That's what Wojtkun really cares about.

"There has never, ever been a karaoke contest like this in West Texas," he said. "It's for the singers that sing in the car on the way to the grocery store. The singers in the showers. People who only sing in church. The moms that sing to their children."

Moms like Kelle Underhill.

"My oldest son has won his age division every year for three years," Underhill said, glowing with pride. "All three of my kids love summer because they know when summer starts, there's only two months to

Please see **KARAOKE**/2H

Midland County Fair

Thursday through Aug. 25

$5 per ticket

Thursday: 5-11 p.m. (karaoke 5-7 p.m.)

Friday: 5 p.m. to midnight (karaoke 5-6:45 p.m.)

Saturday: 10 a.m. to midnight (karaoke 5-6:30 p.m.)

Sunday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (karaoke 12-2 p.m.)

Other attractions include: carnival, steer roping, bull riding, car show, petting zoo, vendors and live music

AMC's 'Breaking Bad' returns with intelligent characters, timeless story



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The road to hell, as Saint Bernard famously suggested, is paved with good intentions.

This is the theme of "Breaking Bad," AMC's award-winning drama that returned to our screens last weekend.

This drama features the most unlikely villain — a cancer-ridden, ex high-school chemistry teacher who becomes, by slow yet steady steps, a ruthless meth manufacturer. In many senses it is a very traditional story. Walter White starts as an innocent — think Michael Corleone in "The Godfather" telling his fiancée "that's my family, Kay, it's not me" and ends up, again like Michael, more ruthless than he could have ever dreamed, or feared.

Over the five seasons of "Breaking Bad" we witness, with a methodical, scientific precision White would appreciate, his descent into depravity.

It is comfortable to think that evil people are simply born that way — but what if they are

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"Breaking Bad" airs Sundays at 8 p.m. on AMC.



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SUNDAY

Ellen Noel Art Museum: "Chicanitas: Small Paintings from the Cheech Marin Collection" closing today. Exhibits: Danville Chadbourne, sculptor, through Aug. 31. Bryant Holsenbeck: environmental artist through Sept. 8. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 550-9696 or visit www.noelartmuseum.

George Bush Childhood Home: HISTORIC HOME: Tour unique landmark 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. Gift shop features 1950s toys, books, clothing and patriotic items. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 685-1112. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBIT: "Musical Instruments" through Aug. 25. Permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Regular museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882. Admission charged.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: Myths and Legends presents Andrew Hancock, photography "Chasing Greatness" through Aug. 25. EXHIBIT: Danville Chadbourne, sculptor, ceramics and paintings through Aug. 25. EXHIBIT: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection on view all year. EXHIBIT: MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Pick up a walking guide with descriptions of all sculptures. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Admission charged.

The Palette Club: Featured artist Don McSparrin at Chase Bank, at Wall and Garfield streets, through August. For more information contact Dee Kemp at 599-0566.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame: Museum hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403.

MONDAY

Haley Library and History Center: 1805 W. Indiana Ave. 682-5785. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free.

Midland Arts Association: MAA is featuring the artwork of Mary Tucci at Community National Bank, 401 W. Texas Ave., through the month of August.

Midland Community Symphonic Band: Weekly meeting. New members always welcome. 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. For more information call Walter McClure at 260-7136.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: Exhibit honoring World War II veterans 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 W. Missouri Ave. Open 2-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 682-2931or 688-8947. Free.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 N. Weatherford St., 682-5447. Open by appointment.

Odessa College: 201 W. University Blvd. Call 432-335-6640 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

Scarborough-Lineberry House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 South Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Tall City Cloggers: Dances every Monday at M-Squarena. Information about clogging can be obtained by contacting Lynn Myers, 697-6416 or danznfool@grandecom.net

TUESDAY

Blakemore Planetarium: Permanent exhibits are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Sky shows 4:15 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 7:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Friday and 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Saturday. Admission charged. 1705 W. Missouri Ave. 683-2882.

The Palette Club: Summer Paint Time 9 a.m. to noon through Aug. 28 at 907 W. Wadley Ave. For more information contact Dee Kemp at 599-0566.

Sibley Nature Center: Located at 1307 E. Wadley Ave. Call 684-6827 for more information.

White-Pool House Museum: National Register of Historical Places. Texas Historical Landmark Texas Archaeological Landmark. Museum hours 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 East Murphy St., Odessa, 432-333-4072. Free.

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 St., Odessa, 432-335-9918. Free.

The Palette Club: Summer Paint Time 9 a.m. to noon through Aug. 28 at 907 W. Wadley Ave. For more information contact Dee Kemp at 599-0566.

THURSDAY

The city of Midland: Outdoor Movie Nights. 9 p.m. Movie night featuring "Rise of the Guardians" at Hogan Park, 3600 N. Fairgrounds Road. Bring chairs, sleeping bags and comfy clothes. Children 14 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information please email shiggins@midlandtexas.gov.

FRIDAY

Midland Community Theatre/Summer Mummers: "Magical Malevolence in Midland" through Aug. 30. Friday and Saturdays only. 8 p.m. at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. Tickets at 570-4111. Recommended for adult audiences only.

Museum of the Southwest: Family Friday: family activities at the Francis and Jack Brown Science Center at the Blakemore Planetarium Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Program free for members. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., for more information call 683-2882 or info@MuseumSW.org.

SATURDAY

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KARAOKE

From 1H

karaoke."

Wojtkun greets each of Underhill's children familiarly. He knows what songs each one wants to sing. And he encourages them to do it differently, not to care who is watching.

"The music and words are right there on the screen. Don't do it the way the artist did it. Everyone's heard that. Do it your way," Wojtkun said, encouraging them.

"I never wanted to be famous," the music man muses, "I'm just the deejay. That's how I like it. If I can make someone happy, then by all means, I'm going to do it. That's why I encourage these kids to do it their way and enjoy every second of it. Don't worry what the audience is thinking."

John Wojtkun doesn't care who is watching. Why should they?

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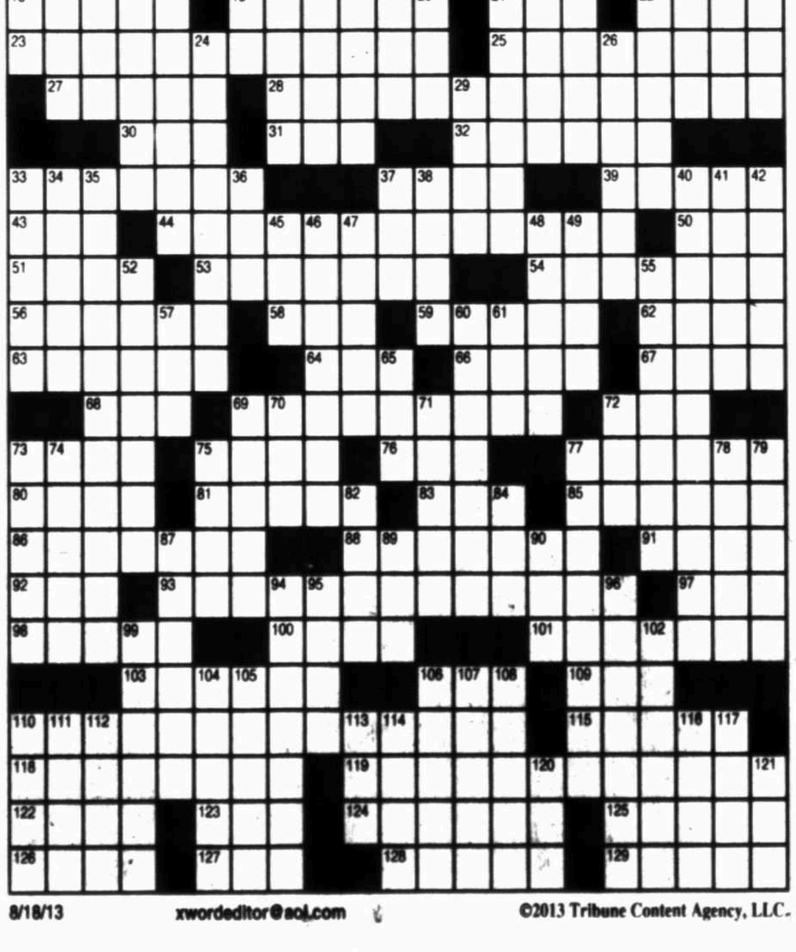
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6 Engaged in battle
11 99 on tags, often: Abbr.
14 ___ and Buster Bunny: "Tiny Toons" stars
18 Disco era star Summer
19 Buzzed
21 Scoot
22 Zeno's town
23 Newspaper for vsionaries?
25 Said over
27 Golfer Watson
28 Newspaper for convicts?
30 Shirt part
31 ___ candy
32 Gp. with a Creative Cities Network project
33 Attribute
37 What some lie in
39 Open, as a vitamin bottle
43 Classic roadster
44 Newspaper for settlers?
50 Harem chamber
51 Jack-in-the-pulpit family
53 1982 Grammy winner for Record of the Year
54 "Cool!"
56 Kindle
58 911 respondent
59 In again
62 Barely manages, with "out"
63 Chose not to pursue, as an issue
64 Morning deity
66 Oil filter accumulation
67 Golfer's back
68 Dietary no.
69 Newspaper for skiers?
72 "The Bells" poet
73 Country poem
75 Ready for business
76 Tyke
77 Tweeted
80 Jazzman Allison
81 Order to a boxer
83 Old PC monitor
85 Pied-___: temporary home
86 Egocentric
88 Museum offering
91 Blacken
92 Baja bear
93 Newspaper for hams?
97 Complex bus office
98 Not inclined to go on
100 1990s game console release, initially
101 "No sweat"
103 Heckle
106 "Have You Seen ...": 1971 hit
109 Old cosmonauts' destination
110 Newspaper for demons?
115 Greet the day
118 Tiramisu flavoring, perhaps
119 Newspaper for wedding planners?
122 Scrabble piece
123 Canal site
124 Dieter's statistic
125 Extract with a solvent
126 Belligerent Olympian
127 Cape Town's country: Abbr.
128 Ring leader?
129 Painter Nieman

DOWN
1 Put in
2 Ending for ab or ad
3 Tire in Toulouse
4 Where many jokes are set
5 Fabric used in lace
6 "Without further ___"
7 Start of a postwar period
8 Fret
9 Potts of "Designing Women"
10 Paper unit
11 Italian red
12 Best-seller list datum
13 Tarot readers
14 Major Boston street
15 Like some saxes
16 Craft
17 DUI-fighting org.
20 Sixth-century year
24 Big Scouts meeting
26 Dismiss, as a potential juror
29 Jour's opposite
33 Thin as ___
34 Suit material
35 Newspaper for bumpkins?
36 "Evil Woman" rockers, familiarly
37 Colorless
38 Banned fruit spray
40 Newspaper for bakers?
41 Jingle writers
42 Bel ___ creamy cheese
45 Suffix with lact-
46 "I bet you don't know any!"
47 Being pulled
48 River to the Seine
49 Dweller on the forest moon of Endor
52 Good note for beginners to start on
55 Three amigos, e.g.
57 Aunt, to 55-Down
61 Place for a soak
65 Pvt.'s boss
69 Saw
70 Tokyo-based electronics giant
71 Rannoch and Tummel
72 Square in a breadbasket
73 "___ making this up"
74 Put out
75 Greek mount
77 Guard
78 Pindar's Muse
79 Two-time Oliver Award winner Jacobi
82 Ancient Persian
84 "We really don't know yet," on a sched.
87 Ring of color
89 Omicron preceders
90 Addams family member
94 Dancing Duncan
95 Being broadcast
96 Stylist's supply
99 British counties
102 Hit that clears the bases
104 Blender brand
105 Casual goodbyes
106 Come out of one's shell
107 Sketch
108 Adjust the length of
110 Much input
111 Kuwaiti ruler
112 Depressed area
113 "___ just can't wait to be king": "The Lion King" lyric
114 Prez's title
116 Whiskey drink
117 This, to 55-Down
120 www access
121 Mystery writer Josephine



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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Who Needs Winners?

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A
♥ 10 3
♦ J 10 6 4 2
♣ Q J 10 8 2

WEST
♠ Q J 8 7
♥ 2
♦ 9 8 5 3
♣ K 9 6 4

EAST
♠ 10 9 3
♥ Q J 9 7
♦ A K Q 7
♣ 7 3

SOUTH
♠ K 6 5 4 2
♥ A K 8 6 5 4
♦ Void
♣ A 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Two of ♦

Tommy's jump to four hearts was an overbid once his partner showed minor-suit length and strength.

Against the heart game West found the best opening lead of a low trump, and Tommy captured East's nine with the king. He crossed to the ace of spades, returned to hand with a diamond ruff to cash the king of spades and ruffed a spade with the table's remaining trump. A diamond ruff shortened declarer's trumps to the same length as East's, and Tommy exited with a spade to West's queen as East discarded a club.

West led a diamond, and Tommy ruffed to bring his trick total to seven. Now he cashed the ace of clubs and continued with his remaining club.

If East ruffed and returned a trump, Tommy would win and force out East's last trump with the good spade, and the eight of hearts would be the fulfilling trick. So East discarded the ace of diamonds. When East ruffed the club return with the jack, Tommy discarded his spade winner, and A 8 of hearts over East's Q 7 won the last two tricks.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013:

This year you move into a period of completion. You are ending a 12-year life cycle. You will assess your day-to-day life, making needed adjustments. CAPRICORN knows how to rain on your parade.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You might want to understand why someone is blowing his or her top. Perhaps you are the other party in the dilemma. Tonight: In the swing of the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ A call could activate you or send you into a tizzy. How you handle this type of combustion is really up to you. Tonight: Hopefully having a talk.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Handle a financial upset as if you are a role model. How you handle a sudden change could be a very important factor. Tonight: A long overdue talk.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ How diplomatically you state what you perceive could be the difference between a very difficult situation and a resolution. Tonight: Be smart. Defer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You could be angrier than you think. Without intending to, you could be the match that lights an explosive set of communications. Tonight: You can try to kiss and make up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Just when you thought you had various matters settled and problems resolved, you see a problem turn volatile. Tonight: Spend time with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Pressure builds. You might feel pushed or another person might be pushing you too hard. Investigate alternatives. Tonight: Stay close to home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You could discover you are in the middle of a conversation with someone who is hot under the collar, not necessarily at you. Tonight: Make peace, not war.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You will certainly get the message that another party feels a little disconcerted with a situation. The implications might be financial. Tonight: Dote on a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might not have realized the impact of a decision you made, but you certainly are likely to find out at this present moment. Tonight: A cozy dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You might decide to go to the gym or take up a new sport. Be careful, because you could be accident-prone at present. Tonight: Think tomorrow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by the many opportunities that might be heading your way. Tonight: Lightening up the mood.

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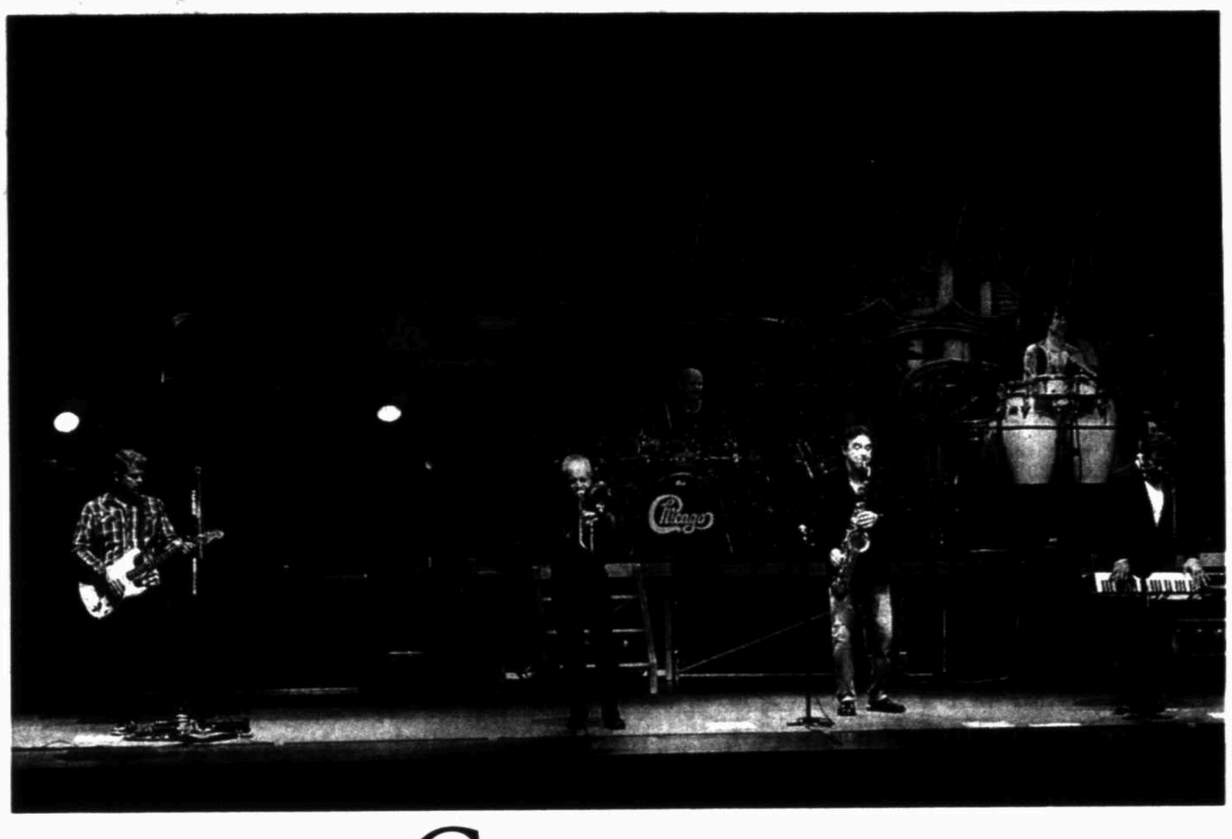
Comedian Andy Samberg (1978), actor Robert Redford (1936), actor Patrick Swayze (1952)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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CHICAGO

The band Chicago performed Tuesday at Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. Upcoming shows at Wagner Noel include Joe Satriani, ZZ Top and Charlie Daniels Band.

Photos by James Durbin

WEEK AHEAD

Arts & Entertainment opportunities for Aug. 18-24

TUESDAY

MOSC rehearsals

The Midland-Odessa Symphony Chorale has begun rehearsals for the 2013-2014 season. The Chorale, which meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the MOSC rehearsal hall at 3100 LaForce Blvd., is open to all adult singers. Season highlights include Orff's "Carmina Burana," a fully staged production of "Les Miserables" in conjunction with Midland Community Theatre, and a tour of Austria and Germany in June 2014. For more information, please email chorale@mosc.org, or call 563-0921.

THURSDAY

Concert at ballpark

Gary Allan will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday at Citibank Ballpark for the RockHounds' annual summer concert series. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the YMCA. Also performing are Alyssa Bagley and Cody Canada and The Departed. Individual tickets range from $40-$50 and are available at www.midlandrockhounds.org or by calling 520-2255.

Concert

Loretta Lynn will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday at Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. This show is sold out.

FRIDAY

Mummers

Summer Mummers runs every Friday and Saturday through Aug. 31. This year's production is "Magical Malevolence in Midland" or "You Wanna Pull a Rabbit Outta My What?" by Mummers' veteran Justin B. Tate. The show starts at 8 p.m. at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave.

Tickets are $24 for pit seats, $18 for house seats, $12 for the balcony and $6 for the gallery seats.

For reservations call 570-4111. Recommended for those 16 and older due to adult content.

Kids concert

Kidz Bop will be at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center 6:30 p.m. Friday. The family-friendly show features youth performing Top 40 hits. Tickets range from $17.50-$27.50 and are available at www.etix.com.

SATURDAY

Tribute concert

ODESSA — Ector Theatre, 500 N Texas Ave., will host Vince King's Elvis Tribute at 8 p.m. Saturday. For more information, go to ectortheatre.com.

UPCOMING

Theater

"The Adventures of Fred Brown and His Amazing Pandimensional Multi-ship" by Dominic Lopez will be on stage Aug. 30-31, Sept. 6-7 and Sept. 13-14 at the Black Box next to the Globe Theatre in Odessa. For more information, go to mark10theatricals.com.

Opera

Midland Opera Theater is hosting Susan Graham Day at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 29 at the Blakemore Planetarium. Verdi's "Falstaff" featuring Graham will be shown. The event is free and open to the public.

Volunteer sign-up

ODESSA — The Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., is hosting a Volunteer Wine and Sign Party 5:30-6:30 p.m. Aug. 29 in the George & Milly Rhodus Sculpture and Sensory Garden. Snacks and wine will be provided. Those who attend can sign up to volunteer for upcoming receptions, educational programs and events at the museum.

AROUND TEXAS

Concert

LUBBOCK — Tickets are on sale now for Miranda Lambert and Dierks Bentley with special guests Charlie Worsham and Jukebox Mafia on Sept. 26 at United Spirit Arena in Lubbock. Tickets are available at selectatlubbock.com and 806-770-2000.

Festival

BEDFORD — Buddy Guy, Jimmie Vaughan and John Mayall will perform at the Bedford Blues & BBQ Festival, Aug. 30-Sept. 1. Event includes music and a barbecue cook-off. More information at www.bedfordbluesbbq.com.

Concert

DALLAS — The MegaFest Woman of Purpose Concert is scheduled for 8 p.m. Aug. 31 at American Airlines Center in Dallas. Performers include Holly Robinson Peete, Tisha Campbell Martin, Mary Mary, Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, Kim Burrell and American Idol music director Ray Chew. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to families affected by autism and to Autism Speaks. For tickets, go to www.americanairlinescenter.com.

Concert

ANDREWS — Switchfoot, Thousand Foot Krutch and Plumb will perform Sept. 18 at the Andrews County Expo in Andrews.

DIXON

From 1H

slowly evolved by their environment? What if they mean well, but just lose their way? That is more frightening. Brian Cranston is pitch-perfect in his performance of a man who remains, despite dozens of murders, rather likable.

There are other interesting characters — White's delightfully unlikely henchman Jesse Pinkman is played by Aaron Paul as a deer-in-the-headlights persona who enjoys/suffers the one character flaw that White lacks — a conscience. Last week's episode showed Pinkman throwing bundles of cash out of his car window into poor neighborhoods because he cannot decide what to do with so much money. The scene echoes the fact that Pinkman is basically still the teenage dropout who failed White's class. The fact that he continues calling him "Mr. White" is one of the lovely, subtle touches of this work of art.

Anna Gunn plays White's wife, Skyler. Her supposedly sympathetic role as the unknowing wife was compromised by her affair with her boss in the third series. She cheats on her husband after discovering he is dying from cancer. Eventually she discovers the secret of their new-found wealth, and then, taking everything in her stride, uses a small portion of the money to buy a car wash. Their drug money is quite literally laundered.

The half-bright, but well-meaning local DEA Chief is Hank Schrader, played with understated skill by Dean Norris. In a typical ironic twist, Schrader happens to be White's brother-in-law. His plodding march toward the truth contrasts with White's improvisational brilliance.

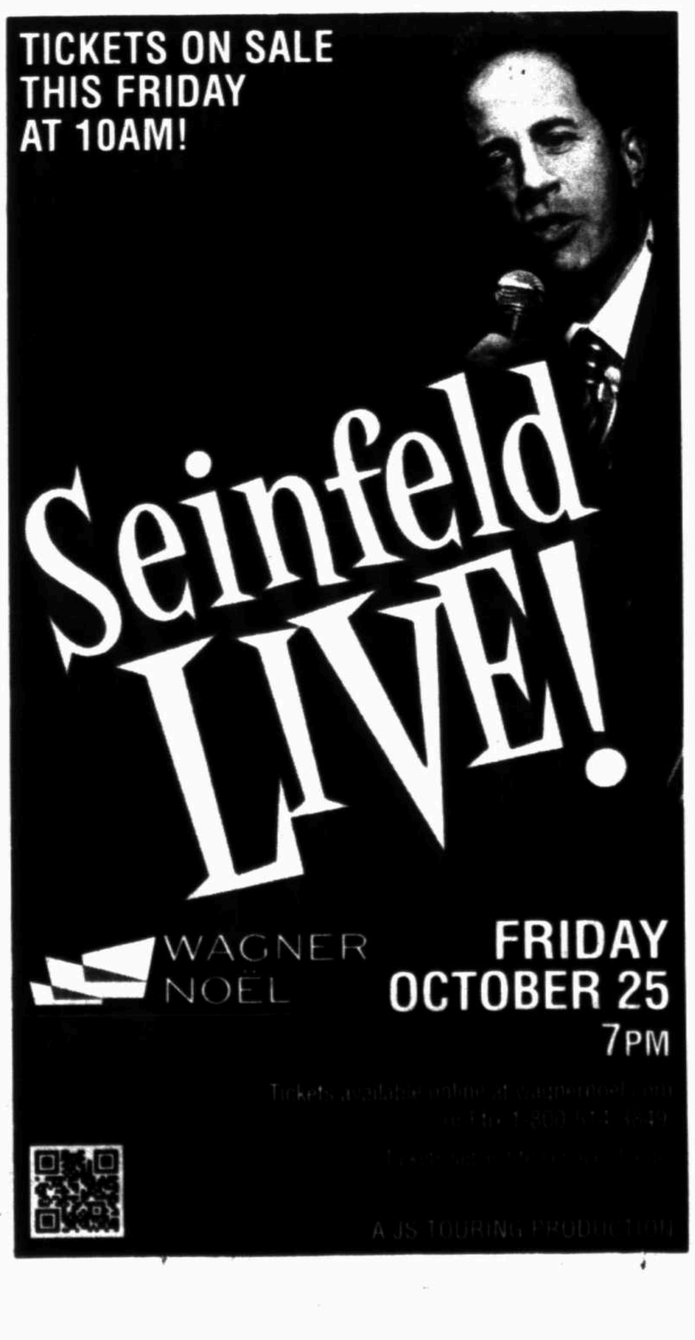
But for all his genius and murderous ways, White remains human. He is a man facing impossible circumstances who stumbles on a way to make a lot of money, very quickly — the prerequisite for someone with terminal cancer who wants to leave his family secure and comfortable. He then discovers that it is far easier getting into such a lifestyle than it is breaking out. Eventually he actually enjoys the intellectual challenge and gamesmanship that he brings to a sub-culture of thugs in which his intelligence gives him a deadly edge.

After all, how many meth king-pins read Walt Whitman? Or even know who he was?

Anyone not watching "Breaking Bad" should treat themselves and start with the first season, available in several formats.

If you do so, you will be drawn into a strange but compelling world.

Yes, at times it is shockingly violent — all the more so because you will find yourself laughing, along with the characters, at the absurdity of dissolving not one, not two, but three bodies in drums of acid; you will admire the work-ethos of men brewing misery one batch at a time; and eventually you will realize that anyone could be drawn into such a life by the best of intentions — love of family.



SOUNDBITES

Reviews of recent CDs

'REBELLIOUS SOUL'
K. Michelle

On the docu-soap "Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta," which just completed its second season on VH1, K. Michelle is reliably pugnacious and routinely aggrieved. On a cast full of fighters — after all, these sorts of shows are nouveau soaps, modern pop operas — she stands out for her quick temper and willingness to rumble. It can be tough to remember behind all that pique is a boatload of genuine talent, looking for a way to break through.

The story of why K. Michelle has never capitalized on that tremendous promise has been partly told on the show — an earlier record deal was derailed by what she's described as an abusive relationship with an ex, who was also in control of her career. Echoes of that story carom across "Rebellious Soul," her debut album, a milestone it seems she might never have reached had she not been willing to put her dirty laundry up for public scrutiny on reality television.

The men on "Rebellious Soul" are lame, emotionally brutal and unaffectionate. On "Can't Raise a Man," she wails, "You wonder why he acts like a boy/ it's 'cause he wasn't raised right before you." On "Hate on Her," she finds camaraderie in an unexpected place, another woman who's been ruined by the same man: "I can't even hate on her/ 'cause I know you got no heart."

K. Michelle's early singles from her prior record deal — songs like "Self Made" and "Fakin' It" — were raw and sassy, sung by someone not yet deflated by life's sharp corners. "Rebellious Soul" has no such swagger. Instead, it has the confidence of survival. K. Michelle's aiming for the sweaty pathos of Mary J. Blige, and sometimes, as on "Sometimes" and "Damn," she comes close.

What she's missing is restraint. Just as she has no filter on the show, she ignores boundaries here, too, whether it's the amusing and determined sprinkling of foul language throughout the album, or a song like "Pay My Bills," a gauche number about sex and money. And then there are the songs that sacrifice some elegance in favor of disarmingly straightforward confessionals like "I Don't Like Me," on which K. Michelle sings, "All that I can see is she's prettier than me/ Damn I wish I had her body." It's not artful, but it is affecting.

The same is true of "My Life," the album opener, which begins, like many of the best songs here, with urgent piano. It's a catalog of mistreatment and dark pathways, and also K. Michelle's testament about besting them: "All my life I been struggling and stressing/ That's why I come up in this bitch with aggression." Fortunately she didn't waste it all on a TV show.

Jon Caramanica/N.Y. Times



Guitarist reunites with band, releases signature axe

"Somehow, Sevendust grow stronger with each successive album. Their personal bond not only strengthens, but the music tends to get tougher and tighter as well. Their ninth full-length offering, 'Black Out the Sun,' staunchly upholds that tradition. They don't stray from the bruising hallmarks of their patented style, but they also don't stick to a script either. They deliver what their diehard fan base has loved since day one, but they continue to challenge themselves in the process. As a result, 'Black Out the Sun' sees Sevendust at their most uncompromising, unwavering, and undeniable.

— From Sevendust's official biography

By Nancy Adamson
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"Black Out the Sun," released on March 9, also made history for the Atlanta-based quintet in a couple of other ways. After a near three year hiatus from recording, several of the members had embarked on solo projects, causing speculation the band might be calling it quits. But by the end of 2012, all came back into the fold and headed into the studio to record their most critically acclaimed album to date.

Sevendust will appear with Three Days Grace and Trapt on Tuesday at the La Hacienda.

Clint Lowery, the band's prolific lead guitarist, has been a member several successful side projects, including Dark New Day, Still Rain, Call Me No One and Hello Demons Meet Skeletons, a project he started with his brother, Corey Lowery, that yielded a six-track EP. Lowery also spent most of 2007 as the touring guitarist for Korn.

He also unveiled in June a signature guitar for Paul Reed Smith, the PRS SE Clint Lowery

Lowery recently spoke with the Reporter-Telegram about his career, a few of his personal foibles and his love of music.

MRT: You left Sevendust for several years starting in 2004. What prompted your departure?

Lowery: A combination of things. I was in a bad spot on some personal issues I had going on back then. I was trying to find a different environment to exist. I thought leaving the band and joining another band with my brother would probably be the best decision. And I really wanted to play with my brother. We grew up playing music together. At that point, I needed to get sober and I thought that would be the best scenario to be able to still play music and live a healthier life. I found out that no matter where I went, the problem was still there. It was me. I needed to work on me.

MRT: What made you come back?

Lowery: I got into a position where I felt healthy enough, mentally healthy enough, to go back on the road in this particular situation. I missed the music, I missed the guys, I missed the friendship, I missed the fans. I started conversations with (drummer) Morgan (Rose) at first and we just thought it was the thing to do.

MRT: How do you think those side projects you were involved with strengthened your relationship with Sevendust?

Lowery: I think it's been good just because it was different than what I do in Sevendust. It's like this little creative itch that I'll have every now and then. I don't like waiting two and a half years between record cycles to record music. Every time I go into the recording process, I learn a little bit more about the engineering aspect to strengthen that creative muscle. I think it's strengthened me overall so when I do Sevendust stuff, I use different skill sets that I learn along the way that I can throw into the pot for Sevendust. Plus I don't have anything built up creatively. I have these other things I can explore so when I do Sevendust, I'm really comfortable again because we have a certain formula we use, so there's a sense of security in that familiar territory.

MRT: Are you leaning more and more toward the producing aspect?

Lowery: I love producing. I've done maybe 10 bands the last few years. I love it because it's a challenge in a different kind of way. It's a way to stay involved in music. I'll always have a job in music and I think co-writing and producing is a natural progression for me.

MRT: What do you want your legacy to be?

Lowery: I hope to just be remembered as a good person. There's not a lot of people in this business that truly care about the fans and care about the people they connect with. I would like to be known as a good songwriter and a person who appreciated the people that supported the band.

MRT: You've always played PRS guitars, but how did you get your own signature model?

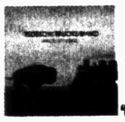
Lowery: It was kind of a 'it was time' kind of thing. I've been with them a long time (playing and endorsing their guitars) and seen other guitar players get signature models, so I think it was me who said I thought it was time for it and they were all about it. I think it was one of those squeaky wheel type things where they were just waiting for me to complain about not having one. I think they're looking for a certain profile, and I felt like I'd earned my stripes, so they were ready to do it. I'm so excited about it. It's something any guitar player could only dream to have, especially from Paul Reed Smith.

Tickets for Tuesday's show are $27.50 and available at www.frontgatetickets.com or at the La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. The show starts at 8 p.m.

Coming Tuesday



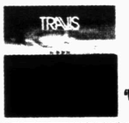
John Mayer 'Paradise Valley'



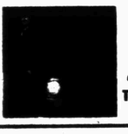
Tedeschi Trucks Band 'Made Up Mind'



Earl Sweatshirt 'Doris'



Travis 'Where You Stand'



Tracy Lawrence 'Headlights, Taillights and Radios'

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MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

August

18 **Rotting Out, Take Offense, Minus, Relentless, Calloused** @ Pine Box
18 **Goodtimers, Padlock, Matthew Figel, Ann Russell** @ Music City Mall
18 **Jennifer B and the Groove** @ Riley's
19 **Daylight, Ivy League TX, Statuette, Ruptures, Convenient** @ Pine Box
20 **Three Days Grace, Sevendust, Trapt** @ La Hacienda
21 **Rockin' Jake Band** @ Shack in the Back
21 **Violent Vendetta,** King Conquer, Betrayal, **Cicada, Dimensions** @ Club Patron
22 **Loretta Lynn** @ Wagner Noel
22 **Whiskey Myers** @ Rockin Rodeo
22 **Gary Allan, Cody Canada and the Departed** @ Citibank Ballpark
22 **Whiskey Myers** @ Rockin Rodeo
22 **Three OGs** @ Basin Burger House
22 **Blue Cats, Southbound 35** @ Midland County Fair
23 **Judah Company, Matt Rios, Kenneth Knotts** @ Music City Mall
23 **Casey Berry** @ Lone Star Bar
23 **Junk, Cobra Smiles, Rico** @ Blue Max
23 **Jim Dixon** @ Cigar Frog's
23 **The Texas Treetop Flyers, Charla Corn, The Unsweet Ts, Cory Yeager, Kristi Worley** @ Midland County Fair
23 **Brown Sneakers** @ Basin Burger House
23-24 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
23-24 **3 Lit Pigz** @ Your Place
24 **Cory Yeager Band** @ Lone Star Bar
24 **Marley Prase, Chad McBride and the Drifters** @ Redneck's
24 **Dimitri's Rail, Rustic Circle** @ Blue Max
24 **The Tiques, Tech Jazz, Mike Leonard, Ty Miller, Martha Elliott, Bolum Liang** @ Music City Mall
24 **The Texas Treetop Flyers, Wolf 359, Global Warming, Jumping Giants, Jennifer Nickerson** @ Midland County Fair
25 **The Triggers, Dice For Lights** @ Blue Max
25 **Tom Jean Jerry, WB Quartet, Matthew Figuel, Ann Russell, Mary Mitchell** @ Music City Mall
25 **Justin Langston, The Texas Treetop Flyers** @ Midland County Fair
26 **Hemlock, The Midnight Ghost Train, Nightmare Canvas** @ Blue Max
26 **Seeker** @ Pine Box
27 **Justin Langston** @ Basin Burger House
28 **Creed Fisher** @ Shack in the Back
29 **Wood and Wire** @ Basin Burger House
29 **Rosehill** @ Rockin Rodeo
30 **Cody Jinks, Rehme Sutton** @ The Lone Star Bar
30 **Dean Seltzer** @ Redneck's
30-31 **Money Shot** @ The Bar
30 **Bolun Liang** @ Music City Mall
30-31 **Bobby Champion & The New Revolution Band** @ Your Place
31 **Stewart Mann & The Statesboro Revue, Washington Revival** @ The Lone Star Bar
31 **All Stars, Mike Leonard, Kenneth Knotts, Matt Rios** @ Music City Mall
31 **Unsweet Ts** @ basin Burger House
31 **Cowboys From Hellpaso, Kilter, Broken Jaw Philosophy, Nightmare Canvas** @ Blue Max

September

3 **Donna Dean** @ Basin Burger House
5 **Joe Satriani, Steve Morse Band** @ Wagner Noel
6 **Aaron Watson** @ Graham Central Station
6 **Kelton Moore & The Clever Few** @ Redneck's
6 **No Dry County** @ Lone Star Bar
6 **The Unsweet Ts** @ Cigar Frog's
6 **Smoke & Mirrors, The Plateros** @ Permian Basin Fair
6-7 **Aces Over Eights** @ Your Place
6-7 **Cory Dutton** @ The Bar
7 **Shane Rogers Band** @ Lone Star Bar
7 **Ernesto Calderon** @ Wine Rack
7 **Doug Moreland** @ Basin Burger House
7 **Tommy Tarango, Karleigh Porterfield** @ Permian Basin Fair

LUBBOCK

August

25 **The Acacia Strain, Within The Ruins, Xibalba, Fit For An Autopsy, American Me** @ Jake's

NEW MEXICO

August

28 **Rick Springfield** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

August

24 **Bell Biv Devoe** @ Verizon Theatre
24 **Icona Pop, K. Flay** @ House lof Blues
28 **Alice in Chains, Jane's Addiction, Coheed and Cambria, Circa Survive, Walking Papers, Middle Class Rut, New Politics, Danko Jones, Chuck Shaffer Picture Show, The Dead Daisies, Beware of Darkness, Charming Liars** @ Gexa Energy Pavilion
30 **Backstreet Boys, DJ Pauly D** @ Verizon Theatre
30 **Better Than Ezra, Graham Colton** @ House of Blues
30 **The English Beat** @ The Kessler Theater
31 **Jennifer Hudson, Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds, Mary Mary, Brandy, Joe, Kim Burrell, Holly Robinson Peete** @ American Airlines Canter
31 **Steely Dan** @ Verizon Theatre

